

Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

The Davidic Covenant

- David makes plans to build a temple for the Ark of God [2 Sam 7:1-7].
 - The time frame for this is uncertain, but it was a time of relative peace [v. 1] and David had lived in the palace Hiram had built for him long enough to become well established [v. 2; 2 Sam 5:11].
 - David told Nathan the prophet about his desire to build a house for the Ark of God [v. 2].
 - Nathan initially encouraged David because he knew David was walking with the Lord and his desire was a godly one [v. 3].
 - A message from the Lord came to Nathan that very night instructing him to tell David that building a temple would not be his to do [vv. 4-5].
 - The Lord wanted Nathan to explain to David that He had never asked anyone in Israel to build a house for Him [vv. 6-7].
 - Although the specifics of David's desire were not in line with God's perfect will, his heart was in the right place [1 Kgs 8:17-18].
- The Lord then instructed Nathan to deliver a message to David containing unconditional promises regarding his future [2 Sam 7:8-17].
 - The Lord reminded David that He had promoted him from shepherd to king of Israel [v. 8] and had been behind all of his military victories [v. 9a].
 - The Lord promised that He would make David known as one of the greatest rulers [v. 9b].
 - The Lord promised to plant Israel in its own land and bring them peace [vv. 10-11a].
 - The Lord promised that this land would be ruled by the house of David forever [vv. 11b-13].
 - David's son Solomon would be the short-term fulfillment of this promise [vv. 14-15].
 - David's descendant Jesus Christ would be the long-term fulfillment of this promise [v. 16].
 - Nathan faithfully delivered the message [v. 17].
- Notes regarding the Davidic Covenant...
 - The Davidic Covenant confirms the land promise and extends the "seed" promise given in the Abrahamic Covenant [Gen 15:18-21; 22:15-18].
 - The Seed of the Woman promise [Gen 3:14-15] is now traced through Shem [Gen 9:26], Abraham [Gen 12:3], Isaac [Gen 26:4], Jacob [Gen 28:14], Judah [Gen 49:10] and David [2 Sam 7:12, 16].
- David responded to the Lord's message with humility, gratitude and praise [2 Sam 8:18-29].
 - David expressed his humility with the question, "Who am I?" [v. 18 cf. 1 Sam 18:18].
 - David acknowledged Almighty God's sovereignty and greatness in dealing with David and His people Israel [vv. 19-24].
 - David courageously claimed the promises in his prayer because he knew God is faithful to fulfill His promises [vv. 25-29].