



A NEW DAY IN JERUSALEM

New Year's Day

1-1-2023

Previous Lesson

- David crowned King
- Hiram builds David a new home
- The Philistines defeated
- 1 Chronicles 14:17 (NKJV) Then the fame of David went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.
- My hope is that this lesson will be an inspiration for us as we exit the Old Year and enter a New One.

A New Year's Desire

- **2 Samuel 7:1 (NKJV)**

¹ Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies all around,

- Jeremiah wrote in Lamentations 3:21-23 - This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. *Through* the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. *They are* new every morning; Great *is* Your faithfulness.
- David knew of the Lord's mercy and compassion. They are new every morning and every year also.

- **The author of Psalm 118:1-29 wrote:**

¹ Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!* For His mercy *endures* forever,

¹⁴ The LORD *is* my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, *And* I will praise the LORD.

²⁴ This *is* the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁹ Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!* For His mercy *endures* forever.

- **Isaiah 32:17-18 (NKJV)**

¹⁷ The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

¹⁸ My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, In secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places,

- **1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)**

¹ I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--

² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

- Those verses express our desire for the New Year
 - live peaceful and quiet lives
 - dwell in a peaceful habitation,
 - In secure dwellings, and
 - in quiet resting places
 - But most of all to realize God's compassion
 - and faithfulness

David's Desire

- **2 Samuel 7:2-3 (NKJV)**

² that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains." (2 Sam.6 - The ark brought was from Abinadab's to the tabernacle in Jerusalem.)

³ Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that *is* in your heart, for the LORD *is* with you."

- Nathan tells David to "Go ... the Lord is with you" without first asking the Lord.
- **David** felt that it was unsuitable for him to be **dwelling in his** fine home while **the ark of God** was kept **inside tent curtains**. So he notified **Nathan the prophet** of his intention to **build a house** for the ark. Nathan at first approved, apparently because he acted without consulting the Lord.

Believer's Bible Commentary

- David loves the Lord dearly. He begins to contemplate all that his God has done for him. He looks at his home and where the Ark is housed and feels God deserves better. God deserves the best from us. David wants to build a house for the Lord. His attitude of gratitude should be ours too.
- This is the first time we are introduced to Nathan the prophet. God will use him to record many events in David's life ([1 Chronicles 29:29](#)). Nathan is David's friend, counselor, and also a prophet who will one day point the finger in David's face and say "You are the man who has sinned in killing Uriah and committing adultery with Bathsheba." David tells Nathan what is on his heart and Nathan says, "Go for it! Great! The Lord is with thee!"

Treasures From the Scriptures

The Lord's Answer

- **2 Samuel 7:4-7 (NASB)**

⁴ But in the same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying,

⁵ "Go and say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD, "Are you the one who should build Me a house to dwell in?"

⁶ "For I have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the sons of Israel from Egypt, even to this day; but I have been moving about in a tent, even in a tabernacle.

⁷ "Wherever I have gone with all the sons of Israel, did I speak a word with one of the tribes of Israel, which I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'"

- **2 Samuel 7:8-11 (NASB)**

⁸ "Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel. "I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like the names of the great men who are on the earth. "I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly, even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also declares to you that the LORD will make a house for you.

- **2 Samuel 7:12-13 (NASB)**

"When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. "I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took *it* away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. "Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.""" In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

- The Lord's answer is "NO! Not yet and not by you."
- Nathan gives his approval without knowing the mind of the Lord. How does Nathan know God approved? He doesn't pray about the matter. It just sounded Ok. Don't base your decisions on what sounds OK. Now Nathan has to do something very humbling and very embarrassing. He has to tell David he was wrong and made a mistake.
- **The revelation of the Lord involved six things.**
 - A. The PAST [vs. 4-7](#)
 - B. The PROMOTION [vs. 8](#)
 - C. The PROTECTION of God [vs. 9](#)
 - D. The PLACE to Live [vs. 10](#)
 - E. The PROSPERITY of David's Family [vs. 11](#)
 - F. The POSTERITY of David [vs. 12-17](#)

- **A. The PAST (v4-7)** "Go and say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD, "Are you the one who should build Me a house to dwell in?"
1 Chronicles 22:7-8 (NKJV) And David said to Solomon: "My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the name of the LORD my God; but the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight.
- **B. The PROMOTION (v8)** God says, "I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel.
- **C. The PROTECTION of God (v9)** "I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you;

- **D. The PLACE to Live (v10)** Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously,
E. The PROSPERITY of David's Family (v11) since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house.
- **F. The POSTERITY of David (vs 12-17)** "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.
¹³ He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever ...
¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."
Treasures From the Scriptures

David humbles himself before God

- **2 Samuel 7:18-21 (NASB)**

¹⁸ Then David the king went in and sat before the LORD, and he said, "Who am I, O Lord GOD, (NIV uses "Who am I, O Sovereign LORD in place of "O Lord GOD") and what is my house, that You have brought me this far?

¹⁹ "And yet this was insignificant in Your eyes, O Lord GOD, for You have spoken also of the house of Your servant concerning the distant future. And this is the custom of man, O Lord GOD.

²⁰ "Again what more can David say to You? For You know Your servant, O Lord GOD!

²¹ "For the sake of Your word, and according to Your own heart, You have done all this greatness to let Your servant know.

- **2 Samuel 7:22-25 (NASB)**

²² "For this reason You are great, O Lord GOD; for there is none like You, and there is no God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

²³ "And what one nation on the earth is like Your people Israel, whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people and to make a name for Himself, and to do a great thing for You and awesome things for Your land, before Your people whom You have redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, *from* nations and their gods?

²⁴ "For You have established for Yourself Your people Israel as Your own people forever, and You, O LORD, have become their God.

²⁵ "Now therefore, O LORD God, the word that You have spoken concerning Your servant and his house, confirm *it* forever, and do as You have spoken,

- **2 Samuel 7:26-29 (NASB)**

²⁶ that Your name may be magnified forever, by saying, 'The LORD of hosts is God over Israel'; and may the house of Your servant David be established before You. ²⁷ "For You, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have made a revelation to Your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house'; therefore Your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to You.

²⁸ "Now, O Lord GOD, You are God, and Your words are truth, and You have promised this good thing to Your servant.

²⁹ "Now therefore, may it please You to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue forever before You. For You, O Lord GOD, have spoken; and with Your blessing may the house of Your servant be blessed forever."

If God says “NO!”

- **David was not to be the one to build the Lord’s house. So he uses his life to make preparations for its construction.**
- He is not pouting or pitying himself.
- He gathers supplies and materials, and makes patterns and plans for Solomon ([1 Chronicles 22:5; 28:10-12,19; 29:2](#)) and trains him to do the task.
- He gives him the tools to do the work. You may have wanted to go to the mission field, be a preacher or some other work but could not because for some reason the doors would not open for you. If you can't go, you can do what David did and supply someone else. You can send someone who can go and give them the financial tools they need to get the job done. Who knows, the Lord may open the door for you at a later time. When God says "No" trust Him with your life. Treasures From the Scriptures

- God promised that David's **house**, his **kingdom**, and his **throne** would **be established forever**, and that his own descendants would sit upon the **throne**. David's dynasty has been interrupted since the Babylonian captivity, but it will be restored when Christ, the Seed of David, returns to reign over all the earth.
- Solomon erected the temple from materials which David had prepared. David represents Christ in His suffering and victory over the great enemy. Solomon represents Christ in His glory after the suffering and the conflicts are finished.

Believer's Bible Commentary

- We don't know what doors will open or close in this New Year but we can trust the Lord for the future.