

Can you find **2 Samuel 7** in your Bible? It describes a VERY important moment in David's life and in the overall story of the Bible. As David dreams of building a "house" for the ark of God, the LORD promises to build David a different kind of "house."

"When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom \_\_\_\_\_\_. I will be to

him a father, and he shall be to me a \_\_\_\_\_... And your house and your kingdom shall

be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever." (2 Samuel 7:12-16)

Isn't this the sort of thing ANY king would want? To know that his "house"—his royal family line—would thrive and endure. But

"forever"? Could that REALLY happen? And if so, how?

The very first verse of the New Testament connects to God's promise in 2 Samuel 7.

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of \_\_\_\_\_, the son of Abraham. (Matthew I:I)

In fact, throughout Matthew's Gospel, notice how Jesus of Nazareth is repeatedly described:

And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." (9:27)

And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the \_\_\_\_\_ of David?" (12:23)

**"Son of David"** was a VERY special phrase that reached all the way back to God's promises to King David in 2 Samuel 7. It was used throughout the rest of the New Testament (Rom 1:1-4; 2 Tim. 2:8) to describe Jesus Christ. But what does it **MEAN**? Why does it matter? **Let's talk about it...** 

## **FOUNDATION STONES**

We heard Nathan say to David in 2 Samuel 7:3, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you." Was that good advice?



If not, what can we learn from this example? Just because I have a NEW idea, does that mean it's a GOOD idea? How can we know what God wants us to do?

## FAMILY TREE Building Blocks:

We're continuing to learn more about the special family tree that starts with Abraham and leads all the way to Jesus, our King. Do you remember God promising Abraham: "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great" (Gen 12:2)? Today, we heard God promise David: "I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth" (2 Sam 7:9). Let's work together to fill in the branches of the family tree...

