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**Sons of David**

2 Samuel 7:1-17

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**Let us Pray:**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, Son of Man, Son of the Most High God; we pray to You now, as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the glory and the lifter of our heads; Please bless this reading of Your Word, as well as the words of my mouth; may Your will be done in this time, in this place; may You be glorified and lifted up, and may each person hearing this message be drawn closer to You, the Ancient of Days and the great lover of humanity. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Today we are going to dive into the first seventeen verses of the book of 2 Samuel Chapter 7. We are in the thick of it in terms of studying David, the most famous of Israel's kings, and the forbear to Jesus Christ. As you may have noticed, we have the privilege of having some of our own parishioners, Rachel Freund, and Deanna Matzen, organize the front of the sanctuary

to reflect some of the primary pieces to the life of King David. As Deanna and Rachel have said, “Every week or two we're adding a new color of fabric (or piece) to indicate the season we're in as we walk through David's life. We've reached a point now where the altarpiece is getting a little cluttered looking, which reflects the growing complexity of David and his life. As he grows through each season, he becomes a more complicated person that has been formed by his experiences, and as his responsibilities increase so does the challenge of walking rightly with God.” I wanted to include these comments from Rachel and Deanna because they point out not only David’s complex life, but also remind us that our lives can be complicated too. And while none of us are kings or queens, living on this place called Planet Earth is not an easy task!

Now, before we read our passage today, I would like to set the stage briefly by introducing to you the concept of historical telescoping:

**Historical telescoping, also known as Biblical or "prophetic telescoping," is an interpretive method that suggests some biblical prophecies, particularly those in the Old Testament, are fulfilled in stages over a long period of time. These prophecies may appear to describe a single event, but when viewed through a "telescope", are actually fulfilled in multiple stages, with some fulfillments occurring closer to the time of the prophecy and others much later. Keep this concept in mind as we read God's Word this morning:**

**This is the Word of the Lord from 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel Chapter 7, verses 1-17:**

**7 After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup> he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent." <sup>3</sup> Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you."**

**<sup>4</sup> But that night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying:<sup>5</sup> "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord says: Are you the**

one to build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup> I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as My dwelling. <sup>7</sup> Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”

<sup>8</sup> “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup> I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning <sup>11</sup> and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders<sup>[a]</sup> over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.”

**“The Lord declares to you that the Lord Himself will establish a house for you: <sup>12</sup> When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He is the one who will build a house for My Name, and I will establish the throne of His Kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup> I will be His Father, and He will be My Son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. <sup>15</sup> But My love will never be taken away from Him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. <sup>16</sup> Your House and Your Kingdom will endure forever before Me<sup>[b]</sup>; Your throne will be established forever.”**

**<sup>17</sup> Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.**

So, let's start out this most interesting of passages by noting three things up front: First-

**“Nathan the Prophet” is first mentioned in 2 Samuel Chapter 7, verse 2.** This Nathan is a key character in King David's life, had a

tremendously positive influence on him, and is quite likely one of the authors of 2 Samuel.

Second, as we study God's Word, it is always important to look at the parts as well as the whole of a passage, taking special note of how a writer put things together and what they emphasized.

**Starting with verse 6 we see that all of the movement here comes from God's side of the equation, with 15 separate actions attributed to God regarding the Israelites and David in particular;**

I brought the Israelites out of Egypt

I have moved with the Israelites (been with them)

I took you from the pasture

I appointed you ruler over My people Israel

I have been with you

I have cut off all your enemies before you

I will make your name great

I will provide a place for my people

I will plant them

I will give you rest from your enemies

I, the Lord, will establish a house for you

I will raise up your offspring to succeed you

I will establish His kingdom

I will establish His kingdom forever

I will be His Father, and He will be My Son

God says He is intimately acquainted with each one of us, and with every part of our life; Look at what He did for David...a despised youngest brother of a shepherd father, in a backwater nobody gave a second thought to! Bethlehem. At the time of David's birth it really was like being from nowhere. Yet, like David, we can have a life in God, through His Son Jesus Christ. And, essentially, it is God Who desires this...

Third, do take notice here that many historical events in the history of David and Israel occurred after Chapter 7. This is not uncommon in Ancient Hebrew writing, and shows that the two most pressing issues the writer wants you to focus on in Chapter 7 are;

**1<sup>st</sup>; what is the future of the Jerusalem Shrine (The Ark of the Covenant)? and 2<sup>nd</sup>; who will be David's successor on the throne of Israel?**

So, taking a closer look at the second part of verse 11, "The Lord declares to you that the Lord Himself will establish a house for you;" Verse 12; When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom."

So, verses 11 and 12 show us that God will establish David's future earthly kingdom. In verse 13 it says that this son will build a house for God's Name. **This in fact happened under King Solomon. Solomon became King, reigning after David, and he did build the very first Israelite Temple in Jerusalem, as detailed in 1<sup>st</sup> Kings and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles, around 957BC.**

Now watch how the telescoping happens in the second part of verse 13; **"I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever."** This is a reference, as we shall see, to **God's own Son**. In verse 14 the Word says, "I will be His Father, and He will be My Son." This is another



clear reference to God's Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ. **Then the script flips back in the second part of verse 14; "When he does wrong, I will punish him".** The ancient Hebrew word here is **AV AH'.** It means to distort, twist, or bend the truth; to commit iniquity, or turn to wickedness. The Son of David, Son of God, did not sin, so the reference is to the son of David, Solomon, who indeed did sin greatly against God, so much so towards the latter part of his life that God promised to tear the Kingdom of Israel in two, causing Solomon's son to lose most of the country. So, the prophecy bounces back and forth. At one point referring to the Son of David, Jesus, and at another the son of David, Solomon. **And it goes back again. For, in the third part of verse 14 it says, "I will punish Him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands."** The Hebrew word is **NE GA', meaning blows or stripes.** This is the part of the prophecy that references God's Son, Jesus. He indeed was flogged by human hands, becoming sin on our behalf (2 Corinthians 5:21). By the way, Solomon, during his reign, was one of the richest, wisest and most powerful leaders of his day, and was never punished, tortured or flogged, so this is

a clear indication of telescoping again. **Now, back to 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7: verse 15, “But My love will never be taken away from Him...” This, again, is a reference to God’s Holy Son Jesus.**

**And the prophecy finishes in verse 16 with the ultimate foretelling, “Your House and Your Kingdom will endure forever before Me; Your Throne will be established forever.” This is the Son of David, THE SON of DAVID! Jesus the Christ!**

So, as you have read or heard someone preach from the Gospels, have you ever thought about the people of Jesus’ day calling out, “Son of David?” This is where this phrase comes from. David was promised that a descendent of his would sit on his throne forever. Matthew has 6 references to this “Son of David”, and there are 14 additional references to Jesus as the Son of David in other parts of the New Testament. In fact, Matthew begins his Gospel by laying out the genealogical record showing that Jesus is “The Son of David”. There was an expectation from Scripture and Jewish history that a Messiah was coming!

**So, what do we do with this information?** We can read from ancient Hebrew writings that are nearly three thousand years old and see

the foretelling of the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. We can read the stories from over 1900 years ago, telling of this Son of David and all He did while on earth. **Everything in the ancient Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, all of it points to the fact of Jesus Christ.** That His arrival and life and death were all foretold or foreshadowed hundreds of years before He arrived, in every book of the Old Testament. But not only does everything in the Scriptures tell us this. Everything in the universe and beyond points to and leads to Jesus Christ. **He is it, folks. There is no other name under Heaven by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12). This Son of David is the one specifically foretold of in the Ancient Scriptures from both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament saying; <sup>9</sup>“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him (Jesus) and given Him the Name, which is above every Name, <sup>10</sup> that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in Heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”**

**(See Philippians 2:9-11, Romans 14:11, Isaiah 45:23).**

Earthly kingdoms come and go

Presidents too

Famous rock stars and other musicians

The richest people in the world

And the poorest and most helpless

Despots

Dictators

And David's famed son, Solomon, said to be the wisest and possibly richest person to ever live; They all have come and gone; For we all, as humans, are but dust.

But God said 3,000 years ago that He would put His Son on the Throne that would last forever. That His Kingdom would be an everlasting Kingdom.

So, believe Him or not. Believe me or not. Jesus Christ is the undisputed Heavy Weight Champion of the world! Of everything. And He is coming back. He shall return for His people.

**Folks, so what we do with Jesus Christ today is the most important action you or I can take in all the history of our life here on earth! Nothing matters more friends, than who Jesus Christ is in your life.** Do you think that this information is worth pondering, looking into, thinking about, and exploring? Because, you see, if I am up here telling you all this, and if I am wrong...if...then what do I lose today? Absolutely nothing. I, by God's grace, gave my life to Jesus Christ...yielded everything to Him when I was a wee lad of 18. That decision forever changed my life. But you might say, "you, Pastor Rob, could be wrong!" Okay, so for the sake of argument, what if I am? My walk of faith has really never failed me. My life has been really good. No, not worry free. Not a walk in the park by any means. But, if I pass away this afternoon, I die a man who walked it out and left nothing on the table. I have been truly blessed in my faith. On the other hand, if you

here with us today or listening online...if you decide to take me up on my challenge to turn toward Jesus Christ, not away, and ask Him to come into your heart and take over...if you do...you will be making the biggest, most drastic change in your life...with repercussions you cannot imagine, for good. On the other hand, if you look at what I am saying and say, “No thank you. I don’t want any of that stuff.” The Spirit of God allows us to make that choice...The Old Testament leader Joshua said, “Choose this day whom you will follow”. **You get to decide. But, and this is huge...if you turn and walk away from Jesus’ offer of freedom and salvation and light and life...If you do that, and you are wrong, and I am right...Wow! You lose everything.** Turning away from God’s offer of real life forever...wow, that is a lot to risk. Because who we will be with in forever and where we will be...those are huge prices is to pay for missing the boat. If I am wrong, like I said, I have had a marvelous life. And then I die and that is it. If you are wrong, you risk it all...

**So friends, who will you live for today? Who will you  
surrender to? The real Son of David, Who loves you and adores you  
and longs to be gracious to you? Or will you live only for  
yourself...forever?**

Let's pray: