

## Selected verses from 2 Samuel 7

*Read the words in bold the first time through, Replace them with the words in italics when you read it the second time.*

<sup>1</sup>King David was settled into his palace, and the **Lord** (*Philistines*) kept him safe from all his enemies. <sup>2</sup>Then the king said to the prophet, Nathan, “Here I am living in a house built of cedar, but God’s Covenant Box is kept in a **tent** (*truck*).”

<sup>3</sup>Nathan answered, “Do whatever you have in mind, because the Lord is with you.”

<sup>4</sup>But that night, the Lord said to Nathan, <sup>5</sup> “Go and tell my servant David that I say to him, ‘You are not the one to build a **temple** (*teapot*) for me to live in.’

<sup>7</sup>In all my travelling with the people of Israel I have never asked any of the **leaders** (*butchers*) that I appointed why they had not built me a temple made of cedar.

<sup>8</sup>“So tell my servant David that I, the Lord Almighty, say to him, ‘I took you from looking after **sheep** (*donkeys*) in the fields and made you the ruler of my people Israel.

<sup>10-11</sup>I have chosen a place for my people Israel and have settled them there, where they will live without being oppressed. Ever since they entered this land, they have been attacked by violent people, but this will not happen again. I promise to keep you safe from all your enemies and to give you descendants. <sup>12</sup>When you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will make one of your sons **king** (*killed*) and keep his kingdom strong. <sup>13</sup>He will be the one to build a **temple** (*tomb*) for me, and I will be sure that his dynasty continues for ever.

<sup>16</sup>You will always have descendants, and I will make your kingdom last for ever. Your dynasty will never end.”

<sup>17</sup>Nathan told David everything that God had revealed to him.

*PAUSE first time through. See ‘Bible story with deliberate mistakes’ for details.*

<sup>18</sup>Then King David went into the Tent of the Lord’s presence, sat down and **prayed** (*cried*), “I am not worthy of what you have already done for me, Sovereign Lord, nor is my family. <sup>19</sup>Yet you are now doing even more, Sovereign Lord; you have made promises about my descendants in the years to come. And you let a man see this, Sovereign Lord.

<sup>22</sup>How great you are Sovereign Lord! There **is none** (*are not many*) like you; we have always known that you alone are God.

<sup>28</sup> And now, Sovereign Lord, you are God; you always keep your promises, and you have made this **wonderful** (*horrible*) promise to me. <sup>29</sup>I asked you to bless my descendants so that they will continue to enjoy your favour. You, Sovereign Lord, have promised this, and your blessing will rest on my descendants **for ever** (*for a while*).

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