

THE GREAT PROMISES OF GOD TO DAVID: GOD'S GREAT PROMISE OF HOPE, THE COMING SON OF DAVID, CHRIST JESUS 2 SAMUEL 07:01–17

Introduction

This is one of the greatest chapters in all the Bible, one of the greatest promises ever given by God, covering the greatest hope ever given to the human race. This chapter covers the wonderful promises of God given to David and, through him, to the whole human race. J. Vernon McGee gives an excellent introduction to this chapter, an introduction that is well worth quoting in its entirety.

Frankly, it is very difficult to understand the prophets from this point on without knowing about this covenant. One of the reasons many people find themselves so hopelessly confused in the study of prophecy is because they do not pay attention to a chapter like this. Second Samuel 7 is by far the most significant chapter thus far in the Old Testament. The New Testament opens with: “The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David....” That is important because the promises God made to David are to be fulfilled in prophecy.

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, he said, “...Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him JESUS. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The LORD God will give him the throne of his father David” (Luke 1:30-32). You see, God is fulfilling His promise to David.

Peter began in 2 Samuel 7 when he preached on the day of Pentecost: “Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne” (Acts 2:29-30; see also Acts 2:25-31, 34-36). Peter is making reference to that which God promised to David.

Paul, in the Book of Romans, says, “Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God — the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David” (Rom 1:1-3).

The New Testament closes with the Lord Jesus Christ saying, “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.” (Rev 22:16). These are only a few of the fifty-nine references to David in the New Testament.

*The Old Testament prophets based their message of the kingdom on the promise God gave to David in 2 Samuel 7. You will find that each of the Old Testament prophets goes back to David and God's promises to him concerning the kingdom. After all, what is the kingdom of heaven but the kingdom that God vouchsafed [bequeathed, endowed] to David? For example, listen to Jeremiah 23:5, "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land." The kingdom became the theme song of the prophets. (J. Vernon McGee. *Thru the Bible*, Vol. 2. p. 202.)*

The theme of this chapter is: *The Great Promises of God Given to David (The Davidic Covenant): God's Great Promise of Hope, the Coming Son of David, Christ Himself, 2 Samuel 7:1-17.*

- I. The burning desire of David to build a temple to God's honour: a heart set on honouring God (vv. 1-3).
- II. The blessings and promises of God during David's lifetime: a picture of God's blessings (vv. 4-11a).
- III. The blessings and promises of God to be fulfilled after David's death: promises predicting and pointing to both Solomon and Christ (vv. 11b-17).

I. *2 Samuel 07:01–03 The Burning Desire of David to Build a Temple to God's Honour*

There was the burning desire of David to build a temple to God's honour.

Throughout the years God had richly blessed David, giving him victory over all his enemies, empowering him to conquer Jerusalem and to establish it as the capital of Israel, and giving him the wealth to build a palace fit for a king and his household. For some time David had been settled in his palace and the LORD had given peace to the nation, rest from all the enemies that surrounded Israel. But David was not satisfied, for he had a burning desire to build a temple for the LORD. The LORD had provided a wonderful rest for him, but he had a fervent zeal to provide a place where the presence of the LORD could rest (Heb 4:1-11). Because the LORD had blessed him so richly, David wanted to show his gratitude by building a temple for the Ark of God. Remember that the Ark was a symbol of God's very own presence, His presence that dwelt between the two cherubim or angelic beings. David was obviously disturbed, troubled over the fact that he was living in a palace while the Ark, the very symbol of God's holy presence, was being housed in a tent.

At some point in time, David shared his burning desire to build the temple with Nathan the prophet (v. 3). And Nathan immediately encouraged David because the LORD had always been with David in whatever he did. But note, Nathan was only encouraging David as a personal advisor, expressing his own feelings, not sharing specific instructions that had been given by the LORD.

This is the first mention of Nathan the prophet in Scripture. As a prophet in the royal court of the king, his task was to give spiritual and religious advice to David. Nathan was the prophet who corrected David when the king committed adultery with Bathsheba and had her husband killed (12:1-15). At the end of David's life, he also helped Solomon secure the throne in obedience to David's wishes (1 Kng 1:10-45). Along with David and Gad, he helped arrange the music for the worship services in the temple (2 Chr 29:25); he also recorded a history on the reign of David (1 Chr 29:29) and on the reign of Solomon (2 Chr 9:29).

Thought 1. Above all things, we must honour and glorify the LORD just as King David wished to do. It is the LORD who has created and who sustains the universe, who holds the earth and heavenly bodies together and keeps them functioning in an orderly fashion — all by the power of His Word. As the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, the LORD is to be honoured and praised. But there are other reasons for honouring and praising the LORD.

=> It is the LORD who saves us from sin, death and hell.

=> It is the LORD who strengthens us either to conquer the trials and temptations of life or to walk through them victoriously and triumphantly. It is the LORD who helps us when we face some need or difficult circumstance.

=> It is the LORD who enables us to face hardship and misfortune such as severe disease or disabling accident.

=> It is the LORD who loves us when we are unlovely and who forgives us when we confess our sins and wickedness.

=> It is the LORD who stands by our side in moments of loneliness and in facing death.

For all these reasons and so many more, the LORD is to be honoured and praised. This is the clear instruction of God's Holy Word:

Mat 5:16 *“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”*

John 15:8 *“This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”*

Rom 15:5-6 *May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus. So that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Cor 6:19-20 *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own. You were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body.*

Rev 19:7 *Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.*

Psa 22:23 *You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honour him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!*

Psa 29:2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness.

Psa 34:3 Glorify the LORD with me; let us exult his name together.

Psa 57:5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

Psa 107:32 Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

Isa 25:1 O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvellous things, things planned long ago.

II. 2 Samuel 07:04–11a The Blessings and Promises of God During David's Lifetime

There were the blessings and promises of God during David's lifetime. The very night that David shared with Nathan his dream of building a temple for the LORD, the LORD gave Nathan a message for David, one of the most important messages ever given by God to a man. This particular message is also the longest recorded speech by God since the days of Moses, which to some degree indicates its importance. Note the subject of God's message to David: it was...

- first, the blessings and promises of God to David *during* David's lifetime
- second, His blessings and promises that were to be fulfilled *after* David's death

Because of the importance of God's message, it is being divided into these two sections. Note the blessings and promises of God *during* David's lifetime:

1. Remember, Nathan had encouraged David to build the temple, but that very night God corrected Nathan, reversing his counsel to David (v. 5). The LORD's message to Nathan was to change the life of David and make a dramatic impact upon the world forever. Note that God did not speak to David directly, but rather sent His message to David through the prophet Nathan. By doing this, God was honouring the *office* of the prophet and teaching His people, including the kings, to hold the prophets of God in the highest esteem. The prophets of God were to be more highly esteemed than even the king himself.
2. God's instructions to David were clear: he was not the one who was to build the temple (vv. 5-7). Actually God conveyed this fact by asking a question of David: "Are you the one chosen to build me a temple to live in?" God answered the question Himself by stating that He had never had a house built for His Presence. Since the LORD had brought the Israelites up out of Egypt, the LORD's dwelling place had always been a tent or the Tabernacle. And during all this time, God had never complained nor asked His shepherds [leaders] to build Him a temple or permanent sanctuary.
3. Having made it clear that David was not the person chosen to build the temple, the LORD now covered the blessings he was going to pour out upon David and gave him

several significant promises — all of which were to take place *during* his life. Six blessings and promises were given by God:

- a. First, God had given David an astounding position of royalty and power throughout Israel (v. 8). The LORD had called David from the life of a shepherd to the life of a king, from overseeing sheep in a pasture to ruling over “God’s people.” Throughout Scripture rulers are sometimes referred to as the “shepherds” of their people; but, of course, the LORD Himself is the *Supreme Shepherd* who oversees and looks after His people, all those who trust and follow after Him.

John 10:11 *“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”*

Heb 13:20 *May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep.*

1 Pet 2:25 *For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

1 Pet 5:4 *And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.*

Psa 23:1-4 *The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

Isa 40:11 *He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.*

- b. Second, the LORD had blessed David with His presence and guidance throughout the years (v. 9). The LORD had been with David wherever he went, through the dark and difficult places of life as well as the clear and easy places.

John 16:13 *“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”*

Gen. 28:15 *I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.*

Exo 33:14 *The LORD replied, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”*

Deu 20:1 *When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you.*

Psa 27:11 *Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.*

Psa 48:14 *For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.*

Psa 73:24 *You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.*

Isa 43:2 *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.*

- c. Third, the LORD had blessed David by giving him the power to conquer all his enemies (v. 9). When the enemies surrounding Israel invaded the land, the LORD enabled David and his army to defeat the invaders. And when David set out to conquer more of the promised land, the LORD gave him victory over the enemies who stood in his way. By the power of God, David was able to conquer all enemies who opposed and attempted to destroy him and God's people. And now David and the Israelites had peace with all their surrounding neighbours, experiencing a God-given rest, both *physical* and *spiritual* rest.

John 16:33 *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

Rom 16:20 *The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.*

1 Cor 10:13 *No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.*

2 Cor 10:4 *The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.*

Eph 6:10-13 *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.*

1 John 5:4-5 *For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.*

- d. Fourth, the LORD promised to give David an honourable name and reputation (v. 9). David was to become famous, as famous as any ruler throughout the earth.

Rev 3:12 *Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.*

Isa 56:5 *to them I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will endure forever.*

- e. Fifth, the LORD repeated the wonderful promise of the promised land that was to be given to Israel, His people (v. 10). Throughout history, the LORD had promised that the day was coming when His people would no longer be pilgrims and sojourners upon earth, wandering about from place to place, always living as foreigners in a strange land. The day was coming when they would have a settled, permanent home and could live in peace, no longer being disturbed and threatened by enemies. Wicked people and nations would no longer oppress them as they had always done (v. 10). The day was coming when they would receive the inheritance of the promised land, and they would possess the promised land forever.

Heb 11:8-10 *By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.*

Heb 11:13-14 *All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country — a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.*

Heb 13:14 *For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.*

2 Pet 3:10-13 *But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.*

Rev 21:2-4 *I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God." He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."*

- f. Sixth, the LORD promised David a future rest from all his enemies, meaning both military rest and spiritual rest (v. 11). The day was coming when both David and God's people would be given permanent peace and rest from all their enemies. God's people would live in a state of permanent peace and rest, experiencing an unbroken sense of security and fullness of life.

The *rest of God* means peace of heart and mind, assurance and protection, purpose and meaning, fulfilment and satisfaction in life. Simply stated, God's rest means that we live *the victorious life* over all the enemies that try to defeat and destroy us day by day; that we know the security of God's presence, provision, guidance, and His victorious power over all the enemies in this life.

Mat 11:28-29 *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*

Heb 4:1-3 *Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"*

Heb 4:9-11 *There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.*

Rev 14:13 *Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labour, for their deeds will follow them."*

Psa 116:7 *Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.*

Isa 28:12 *To whom he said, "This is the resting place, let the weary rest"; and, "This is the place of repose" — but they would not listen.*

Isa 30:15 *This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it."*

III. 2 Samuel 07:11b–17 The Blessings and Promises of God to Be Fulfilled After David's Death

There were the blessings and promises of God to be fulfilled *after* David's death. Of all the promises ever made by the LORD, these are some of the most important. For these promises have a double meaning, pointing to both Solomon and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Note how clear and evident this is throughout this Scripture:

1. God promised to establish a house or dynasty, a kingdom for David (v. 11).

2 Sam 7:11 *“And have done ever since the time I appointed leaders 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.*

David longed to build a house or temple for the LORD, but instead the LORD would build a house (dynasty) for David (7:1-3, 11). God had just promised to make David's name great (v. 9); now God explains that David's name would become great because of the dynasty or kingdom God was going to establish for David.

2. God promised to give David a seed, a descendant or offspring who was to be raised up by God Himself (v. 12).

2 Sam 7:12 *When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom.*

Note that the promised son was to come from David's own body; that is, He was to be the direct descendant of David. After David's death, his son Solomon was raised up to succeed him as king. But this is also a clear reference to “Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham” (Mat 1:1). Jesus Christ was the ultimate son (seed) of David who was raised up by God Himself to be the Messiah, the Saviour of His people.

Mat 1:1 *This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

Acts 2:30 *But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.*

Acts 13:23 *From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Saviour Jesus, as he promised.*

Rom 1:3 *Regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David.*

2 Tim 2:8 *Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel.*

Rev 22:16 *“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”*

3. God promised to give David a kingdom that was to be established by God Himself (v. 12b).

2 Sam 7:12 *When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom.*

The uniqueness of David's kingdom was just this: it was not established by man but by God Himself. The promised seed or descendant of David was to rule a kingdom founded and built by God. Again, this is a reference to Solomon but especially to Christ who is the primary descendant of David.

Mat 19:27-29 *Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life."*

Luke 1:31-32 *"You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David."*

Luke 22:28-30 *"And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."*

John 18:36 *Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."*

1 Cor 15:24-25 *Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.*

Eph 5:5 *For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person — such a man is an idolater — has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.*

Heb 3:3-4 *Jesus has been found worthy of greater honour than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honour than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.*

4. God promised that this descendant would build a spiritual house of worship (v. 13a).

2 Sam 7:13 *He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*

This is a clear reference to Solomon's building the temple in the city of Jerusalem (1 Kng 6:1-38). But this is also a clear reference to Christ's building the spiritual house of worship for God and His people.

Eph 2:20-22 *Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and*

rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Eph 6:19-20 *Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.*

1 Chr 22:6-10 *Then he called for his son Solomon and charged him to build a house for the LORD, the God of Israel. David said to Solomon: "My son, I had it in my heart to build a house for the Name of the LORD my God. But this word of the LORD came to me: 'You have shed much blood and have fought many wars. You are not to build a house for my Name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight. But you will have a son who will be a man of peace and rest, and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side. His name will be Solomon, and I will grant Israel peace and quiet during his reign. He is the one who will build a house for my Name. He will be my son, and I will be his father. And I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'"*

Zec 6:12-13 *Tell him this is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD. It is he who will build the temple of the LORD, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.'*

5. God made a most unique promise to David: namely, that He would establish his throne or kingdom forever (v. 13b).

2 Sam 7:13 *He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*

But note this fact: David's descendants are not ruling Israel today. Solomon's kingdom did not last forever. Immediately after Solomon's death, his kingdom was torn apart, being split into two nations. Thus this reference to an eternal throne must be a reference to the eternal kingdom established by the ultimate Son of David, Christ Himself.

Heb 1:8 *But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the sceptre of your kingdom."*

2 Pet 1:11 *For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

1 Chr 22:6-10 *Then he called for his son Solomon and charged him to build a house for the LORD, the God of Israel. David said to Solomon: "My son, I had it in my heart to build a house for the Name of the LORD my God. But this word of the LORD came to me: 'You have shed much blood and have fought many wars. You are not to build a house for my Name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight. But you will have a son who will be a man of peace and rest, and I will give him rest from*

all his enemies on every side. His name will be Solomon, and I will grant Israel peace and quiet during his reign. He is the one who will build a house for my Name. He will be my son, and I will be his father. And I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'"

6. God promised David a descendant who would be God's very own Son (v. 14).

2 Sam 7:14 *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.*

God would be the Father, and the descendant would be the Son of God. There is no question about the ultimate fulfilment of this promise: it definitely points to the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. He is the Son of God.

Mat 27:43 *"He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"*

Mark 1:1 *The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

Luke 1:31-32 *"You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David."*

Luke 22:70 *They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied, "You say that I am."*

John 20:31 *But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

Acts 9:20 *At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.*

Heb 1:5 *For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father?" Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son?"*

Heb 4:15 *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

Rev 2:18 *To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.*

Isa 9:6 *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

7. God made an unusual promise to David: that He would chastise, punish the descendant for sin (v. 14b-15).

2 Sam 7:14 *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.*

2 Sam 7:15 *But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.*

When Solomon did wrong, God did chastise and punish him (1 Kng 11:1-13; 31-38). In fact, it was because of Solomon's sin that the kingdom was tom from his hand and split into two nations (1 Kng 11:31-38). But this is also a reference to Christ who bore the punishment of sin in behalf of the human race. Note that David's descendant was to be inflicted with pain by men (Acts 2:22-23). But God's mercy and love for His Son would be unfailing (Mat 12:18; 17:5; Mark 1:11; Eph 1:6; Col 1:13; Heb 5:5).

Rom 5:8 *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

1 Pet 2:24 *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.*

Heb 5:8-9 *Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered. And, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.*

1 Kng 11:1-13 *King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter — Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. They were from nations about which the LORD had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been. He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD; he did not follow the LORD completely, as David his father had done. On a hill east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable god of Moab, and for Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. He did the same for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and offered sacrifices to their gods. The LORD became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. Although he had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods, Solomon did not keep the LORD's command. So the LORD said to Solomon, "Since this is your attitude and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your subordinates. Nevertheless, for the sake of David your father, I will not do it during your lifetime. I will tear it out of the hand of your son. Yet I will not tear the whole kingdom from him, but will give him one tribe for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."*

8. Nathan concluded God's great revelation by simply repeating the promise of the eternal throne and kingdom that was to be established by God Himself (v. 16-17).

2 Sam 7:16 *Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.*

Note that the prophet shared the entire revelation with David, reporting word for word exactly what God had said. But the major point to see is God's promise of an eternal throne and kingdom that He Himself was to establish.

Isa 11:1-9 *A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him — the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD — and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

Jer 23:5 *"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land."*

Zec 3:8 *'Listen, High Priest Joshua, you and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch. ■*