

1 Chronicles 17

King James Version (KJV)

(This part of Chronicles is out of order, chronologically. David fought wars in Chapters-18, 19, 20, before this peace)

17 Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD remaineth under curtains. **2Samuel-7:1 (God gave David peace all around. David thinks he needs to reward God, as we would reward a friend who helped us.)**

²Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thine heart; for God is with thee. **(Nathan is guessing. He will later be told what God thinks)**

³And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

⁴Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in: **(God created the universe. That is His kingdom. He doesn't need David to build Him a house)**

⁵For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another. **(Since HE freed Israel from Egypt) (One tent that moved with the 12 tribes from place to place as they migrated out of Egypt through the wilderness – better translation)**

⁶Wheresoever I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedars? **(HE didn't. God needs nothing. He created the universe. HE only wants our love) (God expected the judges, the priests and the rulers to feed the people spiritually with His Word; not to rule over them and get rich and powerful. Same with the churches of today that are so ornate – loaded with gold and silver)**

⁷Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, even from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel:

⁸And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are in the earth. **(God made David king. God made David great and successful)**

⁹ Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning, (moved= to quiver, to be afraid – better translation) (children of wickedness = Kenites - Cain murdered Abel – in the beginning) see 1John's Epistles-3:12

¹⁰ And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee that the LORD will build thee an house. (Not a building, but rather a family and a nation, and a progeny)

¹¹ And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. (This speaks of Jesus- God in the flesh; a descendant of David through his son Nathan; this is not about Solomon, who went rogue in his later years. Solomon's kingdom didn't even last 40 years)

¹² He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for ever. (Jesus built God's kingdom on Earth. That is God's house)

¹³ I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee: (That was Saul. Saul abandoned God after he became king, so God rejected him) 2Samuel-7:15

¹⁴ But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore. (Jesus, upon resurrection, established God's temple for ever) Isaiah-7:14, Luke-1:30-33, John-2:19

¹⁵ According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David. (Message delivered)

¹⁶ And David the king came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who am I, O LORD God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? (David is feeling a little humbled)

¹⁷ And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast also spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God.

¹⁸ What can David speak more to thee for the honour of thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant. (God honored David greatly by blessing him and elevating him. David is thankful to God)

¹⁹ O LORD, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all this greatness, in making known all these great things.

²⁰ O LORD, there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. (Unlike the other kings of Israel, David never fell away from God. He remained loyal his whole life)

²¹ And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt? (terribleness= awesomeness – bad translation; in old English, terrible also meant awesome)

²² For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, LORD, becamest their God. (Referring to God's covenant with Abraham. Through Abraham came Jesus Christ. Through Jesus came Christianity and Christians)

²³ Therefore now, LORD, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant and concerning his house be established for ever, and do as thou hast said. (David is asserting that this will come to pass. He trusts God)

²⁴ Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel: and let the house of David thy servant be established before thee. (Christianity – the following of Christ cannot be eliminated or defeated by pagans, atheists, muslims or Satan)

²⁵ For thou, O my God, hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy servant hath found in his heart to pray before thee. (Always remember to thank God for His blessings)

²⁶ And now, LORD, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:

²⁷ Now therefore let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever: for thou blessest, O LORD, and it shall be blessed for ever. (It's also a good idea for Christians to ask God to bless their house in the name of Jesus Christ)