

*I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a 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 forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.*

2 Samuel 7:9b-16

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### **Some history revision...**

- Creation, The Fall, The Flood, The Tower of Babel (Genesis 1-11)
  - God's Covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Genesis 12ff)
  - Moses and the Exodus...
    - o then Joshua and entering into the Promised Land
  - Judges - *In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in their own eyes.*
  - Ruth – a seemingly small, but hugely significant part of God's great plan of redemption
  - The Book of Samuel... - and the request for a king
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### **“Kings shall come from you...”**

- Israel was always meant to have a king. God had made provision for this in his covenant with Abraham (Genesis 17:6), and he had given instruction for the king in his covenant with Moses (Deut 17:14-20).
  - But NOT 'like the other nations.'
    - o *Be careful what you ask for! (Cf. 1 Samuel 8:10-18)*
  - Take, take, take it all... vs. The Lord God who gives, gives, gives it all.
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### **A man after God's own heart...**

- Faithful and patient
- Fulfilling his role as king
- David wants to build a house for the Lord. But no!
  - 1) The Lord does want, nor need a place to dwell.
  - 2) David will not be the one to build a temple for the Lord – too much blood on his hands.
  - 3) It's the Lord who will build David a house!

### **A Covenant with a King (2 Samuel 7:8-17)**

- a great name (v9); a place to dwell (v10); rest (v11)
  - a house – a kingdom forever (v11-13)
  - a father and his son (v14-16)
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### **The King's Response (2 Samuel 7:18-29)**

- Worship
    - o ...a charter! (v19)
  - Proclamation and Prayer – with courage and confidence
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### **“For the sake of David...”**

- Despite Israel's unfaithfulness the Lord remains faithful to his promises to David. Even when all seems lost and forsaken, God 'remembers' his promise to David, just as he remembers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
    - o Cf. Jeremiah 33:14-26; also Isaiah 6:8-13; 11:1-9.
  - Jesus Christ is David's 'greater son' in whom all God's covenant promises to David are fulfilled. Cf. Luke 1:31-33; Acts 13:35-39; 15:14-18; Romans 1:3 and others.
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*“The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.” Psalm 110:1*