

1CHRONICLES 17: 1 When David lived in his house, David said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under curtains."

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David consults Nathan about building a temple for God, 1Chr 17:1, 1Chr 17:2. God sends him an answer by Nathan, informing him that Solomon shall build the house, 1Chr 17:3-14. David receives the Divine purpose with humility and joy, and gives God praise, 1Chr 17:15-27.

Verse 1

Now it came to pass - See every thing recorded in this chapter amply detailed in the notes on 2Sam 7:1 (note), etc.

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1CHRONICLES 17: 2 Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your heart; for God is with you."

1CHRONICLES 17: 3 That same night, the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

1CHRONICLES 17: 4 "Go and tell David my servant, 'Thus says the LORD, "You shall not build me a house to dwell in;

1CHRONICLES 17: 5 for I have not lived in a house since the day that I brought up Israel, to this day, but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tent to another.

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Verse 5

But have gone from tent to tent - "I have transferred my tabernacle from Gilgal to Nob, from Nob to Shiloh, and from Shiloh to Gibeon." - Targum and Jarchi.

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1CHRONICLES 17: 6 In all places in which I have walked with all Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to be shepherd of my people, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'"

1CHRONICLES 17: 7 "Now therefore, you shall tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of Armies, "I took you from the sheep pen, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel.

1CHRONICLES 17: 8 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you. I will make you a name, like the name of the great ones who are in the earth.

1CHRONICLES 17: 9 I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the first,

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Verse 9

Neither shall the children of wickedness - They shall no more be brought into servitude as they were in the time they sojourned in Egypt. This is what is here referred to.

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1CHRONICLES 17: 10 and from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel; and I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover I tell you that the LORD will build you a house.

1CHRONICLES 17: 11 It shall happen, when your days are fulfilled that you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your seed after you, who shall be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

1CHRONICLES 17: 12 He shall build me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.

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#### Verse 12

I will establish his throne for ever - David was a type of Christ; and concerning him the prophecy is literally true. See Isa 9:7, where there is evidently the same reference.

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1CHRONICLES 17: 13 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. I will not take my loving kindness away from him, as I took it from him that was before you;

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#### Verse 13

I will not take my mercy away from him - I will not cut off his family from the throne, as I did that of his predecessor Saul.

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1CHRONICLES 17: 14 but I will settle him in my house and in my kingdom forever. His throne shall be established forever.”””

1CHRONICLES 17: 15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

1CHRONICLES 17: 16 Then David the king went in, and sat before the LORD; and he said, “Who am I, LORD God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far?”

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#### Verse 16

And what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? - I am not of any regal family, and have no natural right to the throne.

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1CHRONICLES 17: 17 This was a small thing in your eyes, God; but you have spoken of your servant’s house for a great while to come, and have respected me according to the estate of a man of high degree, LORD God.

1CHRONICLES 17: 18 What can David say yet more to you concerning the honour which is done to your servant? For you know your servant.

1CHRONICLES 17: 19 LORD, for your servant's sake, and according to your own heart, you have worked all this greatness, to make known all these great things.

1CHRONICLES 17: 20 LORD, there is no one like you, neither is there any God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

1CHRONICLES 17: 21 What one nation in the earth is like your people Israel, whom God went to redeem to himself for a people, to make you a name by great and awesome things, in driving out nations from before your people, whom you redeem out of Egypt?

1CHRONICLES 17: 22 For your people Israel you made your own people forever; and you, LORD, became their God.

1CHRONICLES 17: 23 Now, LORD, let the word that you have spoken concerning your servant, and concerning his house, be established forever, and do as you have spoken.

1CHRONICLES 17: 24 Let your name be established and magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of Armies is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel. The house of David your servant is established before you.'

1CHRONICLES 17: 25 For you, my God, have revealed to your servant that you will build him a house. Therefore your servant has found courage to pray before you.

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Verse 25

Hath found in his heart to pray - The Targum expresses a full sense: "Therefore thy servant hath found an opening of mouth, that he might pray before Thee."

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1CHRONICLES 17: 26 Now, LORD, you are God, and have promised this good thing to your servant.

1CHRONICLES 17: 27 Now it has pleased you to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever before you; for you, LORD, have blessed, and it is blessed forever."

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Verse 27

For thou blessest, O Lord - "Thou beginnest to bless the house of thy servant, therefore it shall be blessed for ever." - T.

The reader is requested to refer to 2 Samuel 7 (note), and the notes there for many particulars that belong to the parallel places here, and which it should answer no good purpose to repeat in this place.