

A Promised Preserver

2 Samuel 7:1-29

Ch. 5-10 – 7 Major Events [Willis] (this chapter in **bold**)

1. Conquest of Jerusalem – Ch. 5
2. 2 victories over Philistines – Ch. 5
3. Bringing Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem – Ch. 6
- 4. God's prophecy that of D's posterity one would arise to build God a 'house'**
5. D's victories
6. D's kindness to the son of Jonathan
7. Victories over Ammonites & Syrians

"A milestone of Old Testament revelation."

2 promises and 1 prayer:

1. Promised House – v. 1-11
2. Promised Savior – v. 12-17
3. David's Prayer – v. 18-29

1. Promised House – v. 1-11

- 1: D's conscience began to get to him
- 2: 1st mention of Nathan the prophet; he understood what was on D's mind
- 3: speaking as a friend of the king not prophet. Approval from God?
- 4: a negative; Willis:
 - 1] leave impression God limited to physical location;
 - 2] D man of war & bloodshed;
 - 3] D did not have time 1K 5:3-4
- 8: D's mind was on worldly successes
- 9: enemies God had already defeated
- 11: future enemies [not a contradiction]
- 10: disturbances and afflictions not as intense
- 11: house: not to a palace or physical residence; a promise to est. Davidic dynasty
- Not a conditional promise based on merit!

2. Promised Savior – v. 12-17

- Not applied to Solomon
- 12: Solomon not 'raised up' after D but during his reign
- 14: not even said to angels, Heb. 1:5-7
- Iniquities: Solomon never punished
- 15,16: this throne established forever – not Earthly dynasty. Throne of D only lasted over all of Israel through Solomon; cf. Ps. 89:35-37

3. David's Prayer – v. 18-29

- Interesting features of this prayer:
 - 18: sat: unusual posture
 - 19,20,22,24,25,28,29: O Lord God: 2 different words used for God here
 - 19: future generations: many gen. later when Jeconiah the last of D's earthly house sat on throne
 - 23: God replaced Canaanites with Israelites
 - 24: D could never see the full scope of this
 - 29: plea of D's physical posterity
1. Continued until Jesus came, Mt. 1:16 (Joseph)
 2. Continued through Nathan until Jesus came, Luke 3:23 (Mary)

Lessons:

1. We worship God the way He commands today – in Spirit and in Truth, John 4:24. Anything else is not acceptable.
2. The entire Bible contains the beautiful story of Jesus Christ. Nathan gives us some great insight of the prophesied Messiah a millennia before He came into this world.
3. We need to maintain a very active prayer life. Even looking at all his faults, D was a man that lived a life of frequent, fervent prayer. Let us increase our prayers.

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