

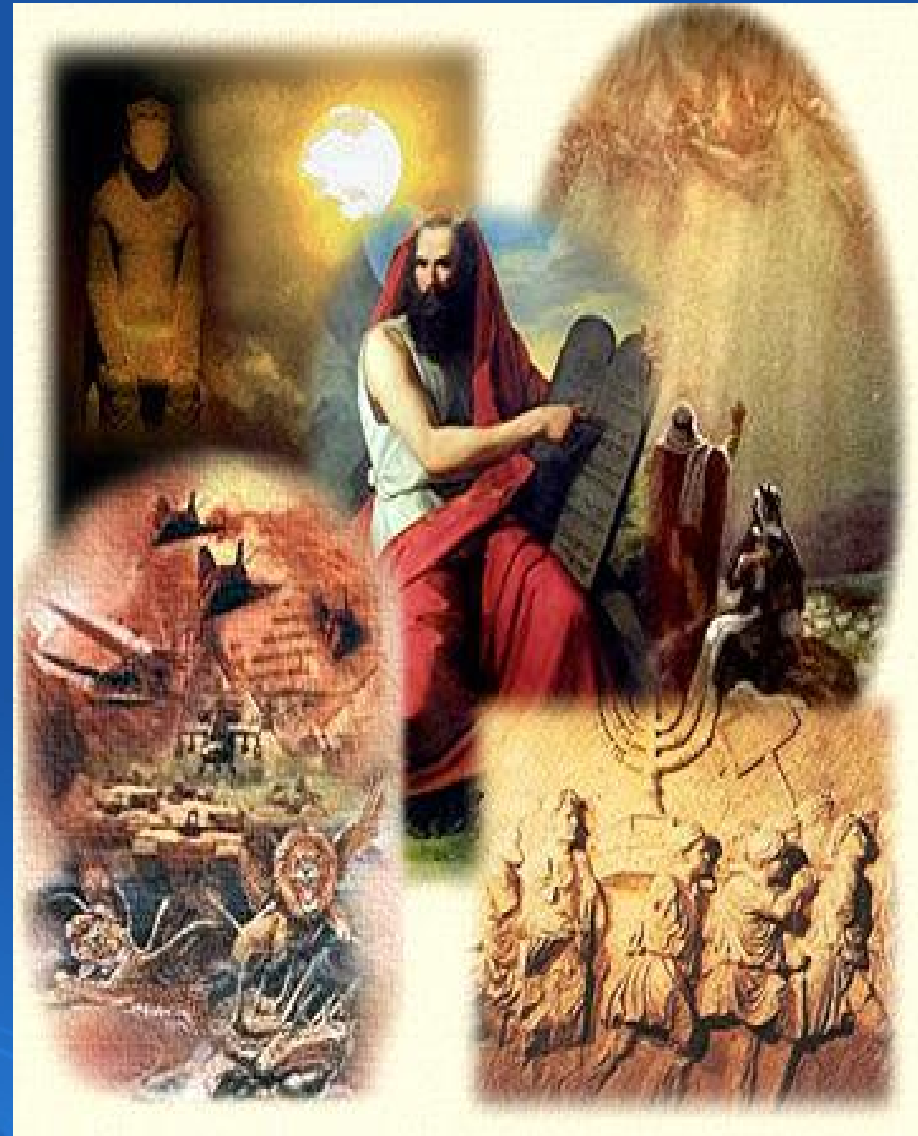
# 2<sup>ND</sup> SAMUEL CHAPTER 7: A THEOLOGICAL PANORAMA



- A canon within a canon
- A pause to reflect about the long path of redemption
- The Torah is the lofty heights where God's principles are laid out
- After that is the history of the development of Israel
- We move from forest maze, to mountaintop panorama!

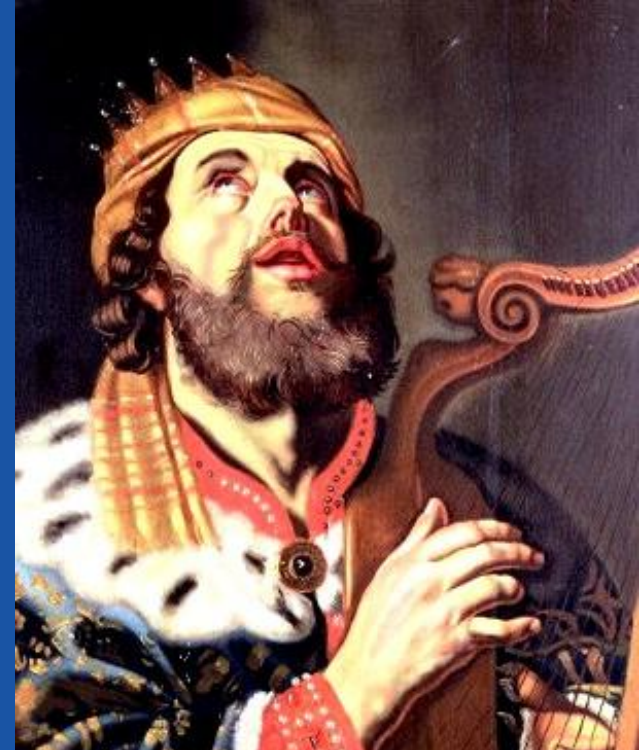
# MESSIANIC OVERTONES

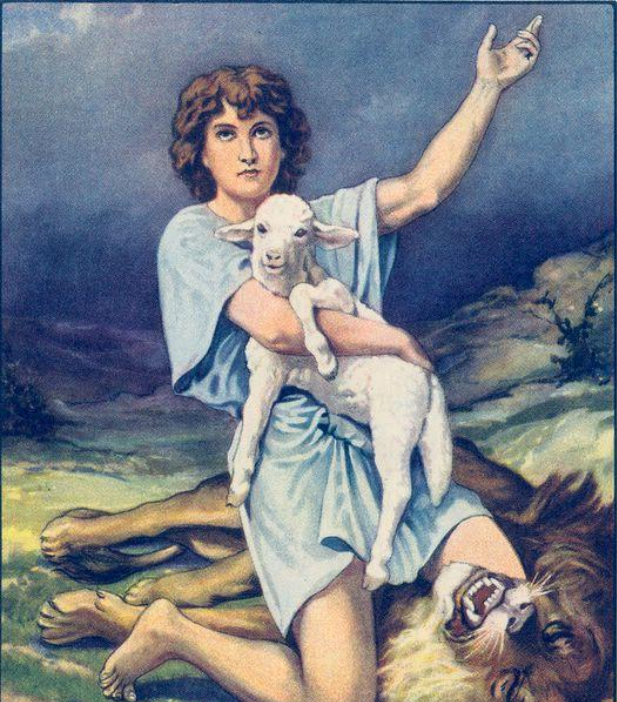
- Jewish Sages & Christian Scholars agree on the Messianic nature of 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7
- Literary Critical Bible Scholars see this as not reliable because (for them) prophecy is impossible
- Most books of the Bible were written in retrospect and after-the-fact (NT and OT)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7 is NOT chronologically connected to chapters 6 or 8



# PARALLELS BETWEEN DAVID'S KINGDOM AND THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

- 1) Judah and Israel are reunited
- 2) Ark rests in Yerushalayim
- 3) A time of “rest”
- 4) Secure from enemies
- 5) A time of general peace
- 6) God's anointed in on his earthly throne
- 7) Palace built for God's anointed king by foreigners





# FROM SHEPHERD TO KING OF ISRAEL

- David now lives in a lavish Cedar-wood palace
- This scene with Nathan took place sometime AFTER the first ½ of David's reign
- David longs to build a Temple for YHWH
- Deut.12:10 – 11 ***“..when you cross the Jordan...live in the land...he gives you rest...”***



# DWELLING IN CURTAINS

- God had NEVER given instructions to build a Cedar-wood Temple
- Cedar used as paneling to beautify, and as logs to support a roof structure
- *Yeriy'ah* = curtains
- *Ohel* = tent
- *Mishkan* = Tabernacle
- This was NOT the 1<sup>st</sup> Temple
- There IS a real, literal 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple to come in the future



# THE TENT OF MOSES

## EXODUS 33



- Moses' tent was an earlier example of David's tent
- Ex. 33:7 – 11
- Moses' tent built after Golden Calf incident, but before the Wilderness Tabernacle was built
- It was called an *ohel*
- Moses and David's tents were located apart from the people

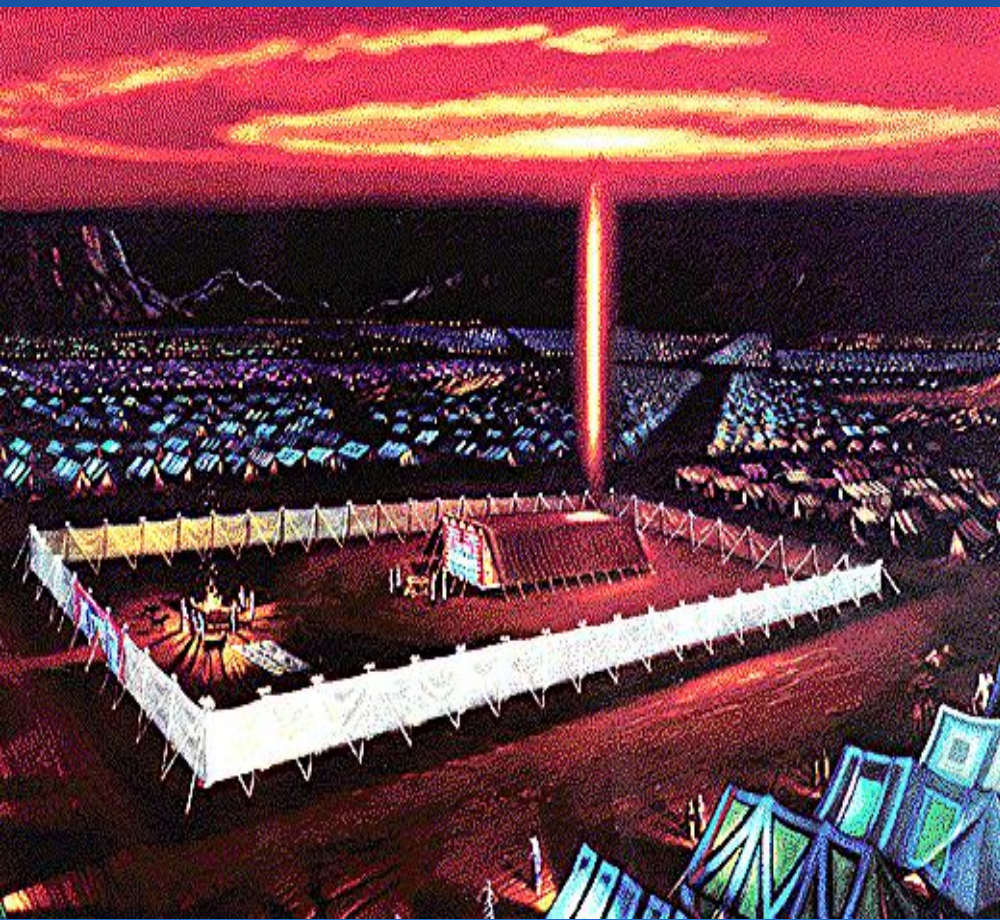
# ***“Go, do everything that is in your heart...”***



- The night of the same day, the Lord chastises Nathan for telling David to build the Temple
- Prophets are Infallible ONLY when they are delivering God’s direct oracle
- A Prophet is NOT a great thinker or without sin
- We are NOT to rely on our hearts for direction!
- Jer. 17:7 – 10 ***“The heart is more deceitful than anything else....”***
- Nathan assumed that as God’s Prophet, anything that he thought or felt was of God.....WRONG!



# THE LORD “TRAVELED” WITH ISRAEL IN A TABERNACLE & TENT



- Nathan experienced God's oracle NOT in a dream, rather a vision
- God has no need for anything greater than a tent or Tabernacle
- Vs. 7 The Lord says that He has never issued instructions for a Cedar-wood dwelling
- David and the Israelites had a distorted view of God and His attributes



# PAGAN IDEAS ABOUT THE NATURE OF GOD

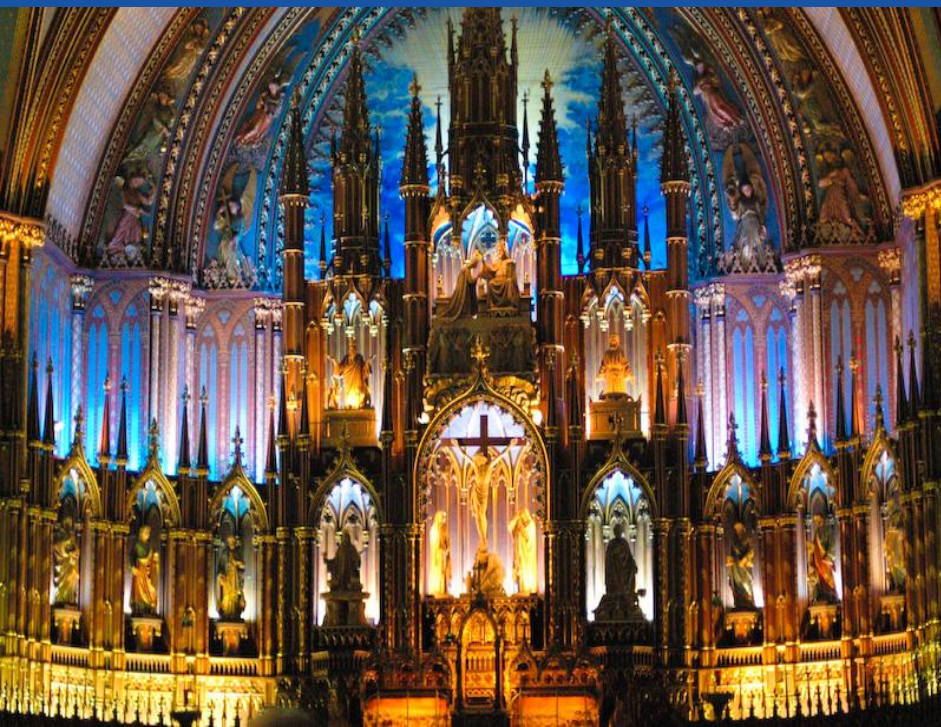
- Pagans built houses for their gods to keep them out of the sun and rain
- Brought the gods food to eat
- Carried their gods so that they could move around
- David and the Israelites thought that God need a house on earth or He couldn't come





# GRAND “HOUSES OF GOD”

- “God’s house” is seen as the place where God shows up
- Believers have always felt that the more elaborate and expensive, the better God likes it
- “YOU are going to build for ME a house ???!!!”



# *“I have been with you where ever you went....”*

- Temples were to confine gods
- The God of Israel comes and goes by His own will
- 2Cor. 6:16 – 18
- Vss. 7 -8 You do NOT do for Me, I do for you!
- David’s chief concern is that God is always near to him
- A Temple guarantees Gods presence (in David’s mind)
- God points out that there was no Ark present, no Tabernacle, no tent of meeting but He was still with David where ever he went
- A Temple is not needed for God’s presence !!



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PHYSICAL REALITY

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- Vs 10 and onward, literal and symbolic simultaneously
- 1) God will assign a place for His people
- 2) The wicked will no longer oppress His people
- 3) Israel will achieve its rest
- All of these were already occurring, but would occur again in the future more fully