



Introduction

David is settled as king and he turns his attention to more spiritual matters. As a result God makes some important promises to him.



Questions

1. How is David's life described and how does he contrast where he lives with where God's ark is?
2. Who does the LORD say will build a house for his name?
3. How does David describe the long-term relationship between the LORD and the nation of Israel?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 3** David tells Nathan the prophet that he wants to build a house for the God of Israel to house the ark
- **v 4 to 11** God then tells Nathan to tell David that he has not asked to have a permanent dwelling place. He has chosen David to rule Israel and will make him a house
- **v 12 to 17** Nathan tells David that after his death, a special offspring of his will reign on David's throne for ever (see theme)
- **v 18 to 29** David is overawed by the greatness of this far-reaching promise about his future family and kingdom to come. He offers a prayer of gratitude to the Lord GOD

Timeline 1050 BC (see below)



Theme

God's promised special person

A selection of verses showing that God promised that a special person will be at the centre of his master plan.

Because he obeys God, Abraham the father of the Jews is told that all nations will benefit through his offspring:

Genesis 22 verse 18

Abraham's grandson Jacob is also promised a special offspring who will benefit all nations:

Genesis 28 verse 14

God promises Moses that he will send a special person who will speak on God's behalf:

Deuteronomy 18 verse 18



The prophet Isaiah speaks of a special descendant of Jesse, the father of king David:

Isaiah 11 verses 1 and 2

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of a special descendant of king David who will be king:

Jeremiah 23 verse 5

Jesus Christ explains to his disciples that he is this special person spoken of in the Old Testament:

Luke 24 verse 27

He repeats the same message to them a little later:

Luke 24 verse 44

? **Answers to questions**

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 1 and 2, Q 2: v 12 to 14, Q 3: v 24



Bible timeline

