

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

1. When David finally settled into the place, and YHWH gave him rest from enemies on every side,
2. he said to the prophet Nathan, “Here I am living in this house of cedar while the Ark of God sits in a tent!”
3. Nathan replied to David, “Go, do whatever you have in mind, for YHWH is with you.”
4. That night the word of YHWH came to Nathan and said,
5. “Go and tell my servant David that this is what YHWH wants: ‘Are you the one to build me a Temple?
6. I have been without a Temple from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a Tent as my dwelling place.
7. Wherever I traveled with the people of Israel, did I ever say to the governors whom I commanded to shepherd my people of Israel, “Why have you not built me a Temple made out of cedar?” ‘
8. “Now then tell my servant, David, ‘This is what YHWH Omnipotent says: I took you from the pastures and from following sheep to be the ruler of my people Israel.
9. I have been with you wherever you went, and destroyed all your enemies in your path. I will give you fame like the fame of the great ones on the earth.
10. I will provide a place for my people of Israel. I will plant them where they will have a home of their own – a place where they will never be disturbed. Never again will the sinners oppress them as they did in the past.
11. ever since the time I appointed judges to lead my people Israel. I will give you security from all your enemies.
16. Your family and your dynasty will last forever.

Romans 16:25-27

25. To God – who is able to strengthen you in the Good News that I proclaim when I proclaim Jesus Christ, The Good News that reveals the mystery hidden for many ages,
26. but has now been manifested through the writings of the prophets, and at the command of the eternal God made known to all the Gentiles, that they may believe and obey – to God
27. who alone is wise, may glory be given through Jesus Christ to endless ages. Amen!

Luke 1:26-38

26. Six months later, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth
27. to a young woman named Mary; she was engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David.
28. Upon arriving, the angel said to Mary, “Rejoice, highly favoured one! God is with you! Blessed are you among women!”
29. Mary was deeply troubled by these words and wondered what the angel’s greeting meant.
30. The angel went on to say to her, “Don’t be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God.
31. You’ll conceive and bear a son, and give him the name Jesus – ‘Deliverance.’
32. His dignity will be great, and he will be called the Only Begotten of God. God will give Jesus the judgement seat of David, his ancestor,
33. to rule over the house of Jacob forever, and his reign will never end.”
34. Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have never been with a man?”
35. The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you - hence the offspring to be born will be called the Holy One of God.
36. Know too that Elizabeth, your kinswoman, has conceived a child in her old age; she was thought to be infertile is now in her sixth month.
37. Nothing is impossible with God.”
38. Mary said, “I am the servant of God. Let it be done to me as you say.” With that, the angel left her.

