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The Heart of
God

01

2 Samuel

7:1-17

David - Nathan - YHWH



A dark night sky with a cityscape silhouette in the background. Three large, golden fireworks are exploding in the sky. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

2 Samuel 7:1-3

Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” And Nathan said to the king. “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

The background of the slide is a dark night sky filled with small white stars. Three large, golden-yellow fireworks are exploding in the upper half of the frame. Below the fireworks, a dark silhouette of a city skyline is visible against a slightly lighter, brownish-gold background. The text is centered in the lower half of the slide.

2 Samuel 7:4-7

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus Says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. In all places I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word to any of the judges of Israel whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’



2 Samuel 7:8-11a

Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant, David, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall not afflict them as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel.

The background features a dark night sky with several golden fireworks exploding. Below the sky is a silhouette of a city skyline with various buildings and domes. The text is centered in white.

2 Samuel 7: 11b-14

And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men ..



2 Samuel 7:15-17

but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT



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A stylized illustration of a city skyline at night. The background is dark with a starry sky. Three large, golden fireworks burst in the upper left and center. In the foreground, a golden silhouette of a church with two towers and arched windows is prominent. The rest of the skyline is represented by dark, blocky shapes.

02

Nathan

A gutsy prophet

03 David

A good heart



04

YHWH

What do we learn about God?





makes
Covenant

Freely, of his own choosing

A dark night cityscape with silhouettes of buildings and three large, glowing fireworks exploding in the sky. The background is a deep black with scattered white stars.

Jeremiah 30:22

“And you shall be my
people, and I will be
your God”



Gives far
more than
we deserve

A dark night sky with a cityscape silhouette in the background. Three large, starburst fireworks are exploding in the sky. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

Jeremiah 31:33

“I will put my law
within them, and I will
write it on their
hearts”



motivated
by hesed

GOD's own faithful, loving
kindness

The image features a dark background with a city skyline silhouette at the bottom. Three white fireworks are exploding in the sky. The text is centered and reads: Jeremiah 31:3
“I have loved you with
an everlasting love;
therefore I have
continued my
faithfulness to you”

Jeremiah 31:3

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A night cityscape with fireworks, the Eiffel Tower, and a cathedral silhouette.

God of
Covenant:
We enter 2024
realistically but
confidently