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## God's Promises in 2 Samuel

The book of 2 Samuel is a continuation of the history of Israel, and it records God's promises and fulfillment of those promises to King David.

In 2 Samuel 2:4, God promised to establish David's kingdom and to make him the king of Israel: "Then the men of Judah came to Hebron, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, 'The men of Jabesh Gilead were the ones who buried Saul.' So David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh Gilead, and said to them, 'You are blessed of the Lord, for you have shown this kindness to your lord, to Saul, and have buried him. And now may the Lord show kindness and truth to you. I also will repay you this kindness, because you have done this thing. Therefore, let your hands be strengthened, and be valiant; for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah has anointed me king over them.'"

1. In 2 Samuel 3:18, God promised to establish David's throne forever: "Now then, do it! For the Lord has spoken of David, saying, 'By the hand of My servant David, I will save My people Israel from the hand of the Philistines and the hand of all their enemies.'"
2. In 2 Samuel 5:10, God promised to be with David and to make his kingdom great: "So David went on and became great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him."
3. In 2 Samuel 5:12, God promised to give David wisdom and understanding: "And David perceived that the Lord had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel."
4. In 2 Samuel 5:19, God promised to deliver David's enemies into his hand: "So David inquired of the Lord, saying, 'Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?' And the Lord said to David, 'Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand.'"
5. In 2 Samuel 7:8-16, God promised to establish David's dynasty and to bless his descendants forever: "And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. Moreover, I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, since the time that I commanded judges to be over My

- people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also, the Lord tells you that He will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will 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 his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.”
6. In 2 Samuel 7:26-27, God promised to bless David's descendants and to make his name great: "And let Your name be magnified forever, saying, ‘The Lord of hosts is the God over Israel.’ And let the house of Your servant David be established before You. For You, O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, have revealed this to Your servant, saying, ‘I will build you a house.’ Therefore, Your servant has found it in his heart to pray this prayer to You."
  7. In 2 Samuel 8:14, God promised to give David victory over his enemies: "And he [David] put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became David’s servants. And the Lord preserved David wherever he went."
  8. In 2 Samuel 9:7, God promised to show kindness to David's descendants: "So David said to him [Mephibosheth], 'Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father’s sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually.'"
  9. In 2 Samuel 10:12, God promised to help David defeat his enemies: "Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the Lord do what is good in His sight."
  10. In 2 Samuel 12:7-15, God promised to forgive David's sins when he repented: "Then Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more! Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' Thus says the Lord: 'Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.'" However, God also promised to preserve David's dynasty and to continue to bless his descendants despite his sin.
  11. In 2 Samuel 14:14, God promised to provide a way for the estranged to be reconciled: "For we will surely die and become like water spilled on the ground,

- which cannot be gathered up again. Yet God does not take away a life; but He devises means, so that His banished ones are not expelled from Him."
12. In 2 Samuel 15:25-26, God promised to be with David even in times of trouble: "Then the king said to Zadok, 'Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the Lord, He will bring me back and show me both it and His dwelling place. But if He says thus: 'I have no delight in you,' here I am, let Him do to me as seems good to Him.'"
  13. In 2 Samuel 15:31, God promised to turn the counsel of David's enemies into foolishness: "Then someone told David, saying, 'Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom.' And David said, 'O Lord, I pray, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness!'"
  14. In 2 Samuel 17:14, God promised to protect David from the schemes of his enemies: "So Absalom and all the men of Israel said, 'The advice of Hushai the Archite is better than the advice of Ahithophel.' For the Lord had purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel, to the intent that the Lord might bring disaster on Absalom."
  15. In 2 Samuel 18:5, God promised to deliver David's army from the hand of their enemies: "Now the king had commanded Joab, Abishai, and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains orders concerning Absalom."
  16. In 2 Samuel 19:7, God promised to restore peace and order to Israel: "Now therefore, arise, go out and speak comfort to your servants. For I swear by the Lord, if you do not go out, not one will stay with you this night. And that will be worse for you than all the evil that has befallen you from your youth until now."
  17. In 2 Samuel 20:6, God promised to protect His chosen people and preserve their unity: "And David said to Abishai, 'Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom. Take your lord's servants and pursue him, lest he find for himself fortified cities, and escape us.'"
  18. In 2 Samuel 22:2-4, David praised God for being his rock, fortress, deliverer, and shield: "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies."
  19. In 2 Samuel 22:28-29, David acknowledged God's justice and mercy: "You will save the humble people; But Your eyes are on the haughty, that You may bring them down. For You are my lamp, O Lord; The Lord shall enlighten my darkness."
  20. In 2 Samuel 23:5, David expressed confidence in God's everlasting covenant: "Although my house is not so with God, Yet He has made with me an everlasting covenant, Ordered in all things and secure. For this is all my salvation and all my desire; Will He not make it increase?"
  21. In 2 Samuel 24:25, God promised to accept David's sacrifice and end the plague that had afflicted Israel: "And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord heeded the prayers for the land, and the plague was withdrawn

These promises demonstrate God's faithfulness to His people and His commitment to protecting and providing for them, even in times of conflict and strife. They also show God's willingness to work through human agents such as Joab and Abishai to accomplish His purposes and bring about His plans for His people.