

Background

- Ark is back in Israel; David has rest from his enemies
- Thematic not Chronological
- David wanted to build a house;
- God says “No. That’s not what I want. But here”

2 Samuel 7:18-29

Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said:

“Who am I, Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign Lord, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign Lord, is for a mere human!

2 Samuel 7:18-29

- ²⁰ “What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign Lord. ²¹ For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant. ²² “How great you are, Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.

2 Samuel 7:18-29

- ²³ And who is like your people Israel—the one nation on earth that God went out to redeem as a people for himself, and to make a name for himself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations and their gods from before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt?

2 Samuel 7:18-29

- ²⁴ You have established your people Israel as your very own forever, and you, Lord, have become their God.

2 Samuel 7:18-29

- ²⁵ “And now, Lord God, keep forever the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house. Do as you promised, ²⁶ so that your name will be great forever. Then people will say, ‘The Lord Almighty is God over Israel!’ And the house of your servant David will be established in your sight.

2 Samuel 7:18-29

- ²⁷ “Lord Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you.’ So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. ²⁸ Sovereign Lord, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant.

2 Samuel 7:18-29

- ²⁹ Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, Sovereign Lord, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.”

The Charter of Humanity

Abraham Covenant

- “I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and **you will be a blessing...**
and **all peoples on earth**
will be blessed through you.”



The Charter of Humanity

Davidic Covenant

- I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.



The Charter of Humanity

The New Covenant

- ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation**: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And **he has committed to us the message of reconciliation**. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. (2 Cor 5:18-20)

Abdication #1: Embrace the world's version of a side

- The real problem is “them.”
- Denies what we are redeemed **from**
- We lose our “saltiness” and are good for nothing except to be thrown out and trampled.-
Matthew 5:13

Abdication #2: We pull back and hide

- Verbally or actually
- Denies what we are redeemed **for**
- We become a hidden city or a light under a bowl.
No one can see the goodness of God -Matthew
5:14-16

How do we embrace God's bigger plans?

- Let go of our smaller ones (at least as primary)
- Small movements can have major impacts (especially listening)
- Don't worry so much about being wrong. Focus on moving deeper in

Response

- Where have you let being wrong slow you down from your greatest calling?
 - Personally shamed or devastated
 - Hurt by or disgusted with Christians
 - Fearful