

¹And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies;²That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.³And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the LORD is with thee.⁴And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying,⁵Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?⁶Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.⁷In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar?⁸Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:⁹And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.¹⁰Moreover 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; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,¹¹And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have

¹وَكَانَ لَمَّا سَكَنَ الْمَلِكُ فِي بَيْتِهِ وَأَرَاهُ الرَّبُّ مِنْ كُلِّ الْجِهَاتِ مِنْ جَمِيعِ أَعْدَائِهِ²أَنَّ الْمَلِكَ قَالَ لِنָثَانَ النَّبِيِّ، أَنْظِرْ. إِنِّي سَاكِنٌ فِي بَيْتٍ مِنْ أَرُزٍ، وَتَابُوتُ اللَّهِ سَاكِنٌ دَاخِلَ الشَّقَقِ.³فَقَالَ نָثَانَ لِلْمَلِكِ، اذْهَبِ افْعَلْ كُلَّ مَا يَقْلِبُكَ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ مَعَكَ.⁴وَفِي تِلْكَ اللَّيْلَةِ كَانَ كَلَامُ الرَّبِّ إِلَى نָثَانَ،⁵اِذْهَبْ وَقُلْ لِعَبْدِي دَاوُدَ، هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ، أَنْتَ تَقِي لِي بَيْتًا لِسُكْنَايَ.⁶لَئِي لَمْ أَسْكُنْ فِي بَيْتٍ مُنْذُ يَوْمٍ أَصْعَدْتُ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ مِنْ مِصْرَ إِلَى هَذَا الْيَوْمِ، بَلْ كُنْتُ أَسِيرٌ فِي خِيْمَةٍ وَفِي مَسْكَنٍ.⁷فِي كُلِّ مَا سِيرْتُ مَعَ جَمِيعِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ، هَلْ قُلْتُ لِأَحَدٍ قُضَاةَ إِسْرَائِيلَ الَّذِينَ أَمَرْتُهُمْ أَنْ يَرْعَوْا شَعْبِي إِسْرَائِيلَ، لِمَاذَا لَمْ تَبْنُوا لِي بَيْتًا مِنَ الْأَرُزِ.⁸وَالآنَ فَهَكَذَا تَقُولُ لِعَبْدِي دَاوُدَ، هَكَذَا قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ، أَنَا أَحَدْتُكَ مِنَ الْمَرِيضِ مِنْ وَرَاءِ الْعَتَمِ لِتَكُونَ رَئِيسًا عَلَى شَعْبِي إِسْرَائِيلَ.⁹وَكُنْتُ مَعَكَ خِيْمًا تَوَجَّهْتُ، وَقَرَضْتُ جَمِيعَ أَعْدَائِكَ مِنْ أَمَامِكَ، وَعَمِلْتُ لَكَ اسْمًا عَظِيمًا كَاسْمِ الْعُظَمَاءِ الَّذِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ.¹⁰وَعَيَّنْتُ مَكَانًا لِسَعْبِي إِسْرَائِيلَ وَغَرَسْتُهُ، فَسَكَنَ فِي مَكَانِهِ، وَلَا يَصْطَلِبُ بَعْدُ وَلَا يَعُودُ بَنُو الْإِنْمِ يُدْلِّلُونَهُ كَمَا فِي الْأَوَّلِ.¹¹وَمُنْذُ يَوْمٍ أَقَمْتُ فِيهِ قُضَاةَ عَلَى شَعْبِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. وَقَدْ أَرْحُكُ مِنْ جَمِيعِ أَعْدَائِكَ. وَالرَّبُّ يُخَبِّرُكَ أَنَّ الرَّبَّ يَصْنَعُ لَكَ بَيْتًا.¹²مَتَى كَمَلْتُ أَبَاؤُكَ وَاصْطَلَجْتُ مَعَ آبَائِكَ أَقِيمُ بَعْدَكَ تَسْلَكَ الَّذِي يَخْرُجُ مِنْ أَحْشَائِكَ وَأَتْبِثُ مَمْلَكَتَهُ.¹³هُوَ يَبْنِي بَيْتًا لِاسْمِي، وَأَنَا أَتْبِثُ كُرْسِيَّ مَمْلَكَتِهِ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ.¹⁴أَنَا أَكُونُ لَهُ أَبًا وَهُوَ يَكُونُ لِي ابْنًا. إِنْ تَعَوَّجَ أَوْدَبْتُهُ بِقَضِيبِ النَّاسِ وَبِصُرَتَاتِ بَنِي آدَمَ.¹⁵وَلَكِنْ رَحْمَتِي لَا تُنْرَعُ مِنْهُ كَمَا تَرَعَتْهَا مِنْ سَاوُلَ الَّذِي أَرَلْتُهُ مِنْ أَمَامِكَ.¹⁶وَبَأْمَرُ بَيْتِكَ وَمَمْلَكَتِكَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ الْإِبْدِ. فَحَسَبَ جَمِيعَ هَذَا الْكَلَامِ كُرْسِيَّكَ يَكُونُ ثَابِتًا إِلَى الْأَبَدِ.¹⁷فَحَسَبَ كُلِّ هَذِهِ الرُّؤْيَا كَذَلِكَ نָثَانَ دَاوُدَ.¹⁸فَدَخَلَ الْمَلِكُ دَاوُدَ وَجَلَسَ أَمَامَ الرَّبِّ وَقَالَ، مَنْ أَنَا يَا سَيِّدِي الرَّبِّ، وَمَا هُوَ بَيْتِي حَتَّى أَوْصَلْتَنِي إِلَى هَهُنَا.¹⁹وَقُلْ هَذَا أَيْضًا فِي عَيْتِكَ يَا سَيِّدِي الرَّبِّ فَتَكَلَّمْتُ أَيْضًا مِنْ جِهَةِ بَيْتِ عَبْدِكَ إِلَى زَمَانٍ طَوِيلٍ. وَهَذِهِ عَادَةُ الْإِنْسَانِ يَا سَيِّدِي الرَّبِّ.²⁰وَبِمَاذَا يَعُودُ دَاوُدُ يَكَلِّمُكَ وَأَنْتَ قَدْ عَرَفْتَ عَبْدَكَ يَا سَيِّدِي الرَّبِّ.²¹فَمِنْ أَجْلِ كَلِمَتِكَ وَحَسَبَ قَلْبِكَ فَعَلْتُ هَذِهِ الْعُظَايِمَ كُلَّهَا لِتُعَرِّفَ عَبْدَكَ. لِذَلِكَ قَدْ عَظُمْتُ أَبْنَا الرَّبِّ الْإِلَهَ، لِأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ مِثْلَكَ وَلَيْسَ إِلَهَ غَيْرِكَ حَسَبَ كُلِّ مَا سَمِعْتَاهُ بِأَدَانِيَا.²³وَأَيَّهَ أُمِّهِ عَلَى

caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house.¹² And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.¹³ He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.¹⁴ I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:¹⁵ But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.¹⁶ And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.¹⁷ According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.¹⁸ Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?¹⁹ And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD?²⁰ And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy servant.²¹ For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them.²² Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.²³ And what one nation in the earth is like thy people,

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والخاويص لأرضك أمام شعبك الذي اقتديته لنفسك
من مصر من الشعوب والهيثم.²⁴ وثبتت شعبك إسرائيل
شعباً لنفسك إلى الأبد، وأنت يا رب صرت لهم
إلهاً.²⁵ والآن أيها الرب الإله أفم إلى الأبد الكلام الذي
تكلمت به عن عبدك وعن بيتي، وافعل كما
تطقت.²⁶ وليعظم اسمك إلى الأبد، فيقال، رب الجنود
إله على إسرائيل. وليكن بيت عبدك داود ثابتاً
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لعبدك قائلاً إني أبني لك بيتاً. لذلك وجد عبدك في قلبه
أن يصلي لك هذه الصلاة.²⁸ والآن يا سيدي الرب أنت
هو الله وكلامك هو حق، وقد كلمت عبدك بهذا
الخبر.²⁹ فالآن ارتض وبارك بيت عبدك ليكون إلى الأبد
أمامك، لأنك أنت يا سيدي الرب قد تكلمت. فليبارك
بيت عبدك ببركتك إلى الأبد.

even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?²⁴ For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God.²⁵ And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said.²⁶ And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.²⁷ For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.²⁸ And now, O Lord GOD, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:²⁹ Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it : and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.