

THE HOUSE
Week 1 – Make A Bet With God
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Q – Have you made a bet with God?

(2 SAMUEL 7:1-17) – After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.” ³ Nathan replied to the king, “Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you.”

⁴ That night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: ⁵ “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me **a house** to dwell in? ⁶ I have not dwelt in **a house** 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. ⁷ Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, “Why have you not built me **a house** of cedar?”’ ⁸ “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have **a home** of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. “ ‘The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish **a house** for you:

²² “How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.

- **(House) – bayith** – Over 2000 times in the Old Testament
- This term (bayith) is often transliterated as **BETH...or...BET** – (*2nd Hebrew letter*)
- **BETHEL** – meant house of God; (EL = GOD)

(GENESIS 28:16) – ¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than **the house of God**; this is the gate of heaven.” ¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place **Bethel**, though the city used to be called Luz. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear ²¹ so that I return safely to my father’s house, then the LORD will be my God ²² and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.”

BAYITH (Bet / Beth) also came to mean things like: _____ or _____.

(PSALM 52:8) – But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God...

(PSALM 92:13) – The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; ¹³ planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

- **“Dwell in the house” – (from the Psalms 23:6, 27:4, 84:4)**

ALSO READ: 2 KINGS 22:3-11, JEREMIAH 31:33, 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20