



## Ketouvim (hagiographies) - Chroniques I

### Chapter 17

- 17,1 And it came to pass, when David dwelt in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet: 'Lo, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord dwelleth under curtains.'
- 17,2 And Nathan said unto David: 'Do all that is in thy heart; for God is with thee.'
- 17,3 And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying:
- 17,4 'Go and tell David My servant: Thus saith the Lord: Thou shalt not build Me a house to dwell in;
- 17,5 for I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel, unto this day; but have [gone] from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle [to another].
- 17,6 In all places wherein I have walked among all Israel, spoke I a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed My people, saying: Why have ye not built Me a house of cedar?
- 17,7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto My servant David:
- 17,8 and I have been with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee; and I will make thee a name, like unto the name of the great ones that are in the earth.
- 17,9 And I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be disquieted no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the first, {S} Thus saith the Lord of hosts: I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be prince over My people Israel;
- 17,10 even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and I will subdue all thine enemies. Moreover I tell thee that the Lord will build thee a house.
- 17,11 And it shall come to pass, when thy days are fulfilled that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will set up thy seed after thee, who shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom.
- 17,12 He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne for ever.
- 17,13 I will be to him for a father, and he shall be to Me for a son; and I will not take My mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee;
- 17,14 but I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom for ever; and his throne shall be established for ever.'
- 17,15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.
- 17,16 Then David the king went 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 thus far?
- 17,17 And this was a small thing in Thine eyes, O God; but Thou hast spoken of Thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me after the manner of a man of high degree, O Lord God.
- 17,18 What can David say yet more unto Thee concerning the honour which is done to Thy servant? for Thou knowest Thy servant.
- 17,19 O Lord, for Thy servant's sake, and according to Thine own heart, hast Thou wrought all this greatness, to make known all these great things.
- 17,20 O Lord, there is none like Thee, neither is there any God beside Thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.
- 17,21 And who is like Thy people Israel, a nation one in the earth, whom God went to redeem unto Himself for a people, to make Thee a name by great and tremendous things, in driving out nations from before Thy people, whom Thou didst redeem out of Egypt.



- 17,22 For Thy people Israel didst Thou make Thine own people for ever; and Thou, Lord, becamest their God.
- 17,23 And now, O Lord, let the word that Thou hast spoken concerning Thy servant, and concerning his house, be established for ever, and do as Thou hast spoken.
- 17,24 Yea, let it be established, and let Thy name be magnified for ever, that it may be said: The Lord of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel; and the house of David Thy servant shall be established before Thee.
- 17,25 For Thou, O my God, hast revealed to Thy servant that Thou wilt build him a house; therefore hath Thy servant taken heart to pray before Thee.
- 17,26 And now, O Lord, Thou alone art God, and hast promised this good thing unto Thy servant;
- 17,27 and now it hath pleased Thee to bless the house of Thy servant, that it may continue for ever before Thee; for Thou, O Lord, hast blessed, and so let [Thy servant] be blessed for ever.'