

## Chapter 17

*Dauid determining to build a Temple, 11. is admonished by Nathan the prophet, that not he, but his sonne, shall build it; and be established in the kingdom. 16. Dauid extolleth Gods benigntie towards him, and the people.*

**A**nd when Dauid dwelt in his house, he sayd to Nathan the prophete: Behold I dwel in a house of cedar: and the Arke of the couenant of our Lord is vnder skines. <sup>2</sup> And Nathan sayd to Dauid: Al thinges, that are in thy hart doe: for God is with thee. <sup>3</sup> Therefore that night the word of God came to Nathan, saying: <sup>4</sup> Goe, and speake to Dauid my seruant: Thus sayth our Lord: Thou shalt not build me a house to dwel in. <sup>5</sup> For neither haue I remayned in house from the time, that I brought out Ifrael, vntil this day: but I haue bene alwaies changing places of tabernacle, and in tent <sup>6</sup> abyding with al Ifrael. Did I speake to one, at the least, of al the iudges of Ifrael, whom I commanded to feede my people, and did I say: Why haue you not built me a house of cedar? <sup>7</sup> Now therefore so shalt thou speake to my seruant Dauid: Thus sayeth the Lord of hostes: I tooke thee, when in the pastures thou didest follow the flocke, that thou shouldest be prince of my people Ifrael. <sup>8</sup> And I haue bene with thee whither foeuer thou wentest: and I haue slayne al thine enemies before thee, and haue made thee a name as of one of the great ones, that are renowned in the earth. <sup>9</sup> And I haue geuen a place to my people Ifrael: it shall be planted, and shall dwel therein, and shall be moued no more, neither shall the children of iniquitie confume them, as from the beginning, <sup>10</sup> since the dayes that I gaue Iudges to my people Ifrael, and humbled al thine enimies. I therefore tel thee, that our Lord wil build thee <sup>a</sup>) a house. <sup>11</sup> And when thou shalt haue accomplished thy daies to goe to

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<sup>a</sup> That is continew and preferue thy feede, and familie as we see it performed euen to the B. virgin Marie, and Chrif of the house of Dauid. *Mat. 1. Luc. 2. 3.*

thy fathers, I wil rayfe vp thy feede after thee, which shal be of thy children: and I wil establiſh his kingdom. <sup>12</sup> He shal build me a house, and I wil confirme his throne for euer. <sup>13</sup> I wil be to him for a father, and he shal be to me for a sonne: and my mercie I wil not take from him, as I tooke from him, that was before thee. <sup>14</sup> And I wil establiſh him in my house, and in my kingdom for euer: and his throne shal be moſt firme for euer. <sup>15</sup> According to al these wordes, and according to al this vision, so spake Nathan to Dauid. <sup>16</sup> And when king Dauid came, and fate before our Lord, he sayd: Who am I Lord God, and what is my house, that thou shouldest geue me such thinges? <sup>17</sup> But this also hath ſemed little in thy sight, and therefore thou haſt spoken concerning the house of thy ſeruant for time to come also: and haſt made me renowned aboute al men Lord God. <sup>18</sup> What can Dauid adde farther, wheras thou haſt ſo glorified thy ſeruant, and knowen him? <sup>19</sup> Lord for thy ſeruant according to thy hart thou haſt done al this magnificence, and would haue al thy great wonders to be knowen. <sup>20</sup> Lord, there is not the like to thee: and there is none other beſide thee, of al whom we haue heard with our eares. <sup>21</sup> For what other is there, as thy people Ifrael, one nation in the earth, to the which God went, to deliuer it and make it his people, and with his greateneſſe and terrours caſt out the nations before the face of it, which he deliuered out of Ægypt? <sup>22</sup> And thou haſt made thy people Ifrael to be thy people for euer, and thou Lord art made the God therof. <sup>23</sup> Now therefore Lord, the word, which thou haſt spoken to thy ſeruant, and concerning his house, be in confirmed for euer, and do as thou haſt spoken. <sup>24</sup> And let thy name remayne and be magnified for euer: and let it be sayd: The Lord of hoſtes is God of Ifrael, and the house of Dauid his ſeruant permanent before him. <sup>25</sup> For thou Lord my God haſt reueled the eare of thy ſeruant, to build him a house: and therefore thy ſeruant hath found confidence, to pray before thee. <sup>26</sup> Now therefore Lord thou art God: and thou haſt spoken to thy ſeruant ſo great benefittes. <sup>27</sup> And thou haſt begunne to bleſſe

the houe of thy feruant, that it be alwaies before thee:  
for thee ô Lord bleffing it, it fhall be bleffed for euer.