

~NATHAN 2 (478)

(Na'than) [God Has Given]

- A prophet of Yehowah during David's reign, possibly of the tribe of Levi. When the king revealed to **Nathan** his desire to build a temple for Yehowah's worship, the prophet replied;
- And it came about that, when the king dwelt in his own house and Yehowah himself had given him rest from all his enemies round about. (2 Samuel 7:1)
- Then the king said to **Nathan** the prophet; See, now, I am dwelling in a house of cedars while the ark of the true God is dwelling in the middle of tent cloths. (2 Samuel 7:2)
- Upon that **Nathan** said to the king; Everything that is in your heart, go, do, because Yehowah is with you. (2 Samuel 7:3)
- And it came about that as soon as David had begun dwelling in his own house, David proceeded to say to **Nathan** the prophet; Here I am dwelling in a house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of Yehowah is under tent cloths. (1 Chronicles 17:1)
- Upon that **Nathan** said to David; Everything that is in your heart do, for the true God is with you. (1 Chronicles 17:2)
- However, that night Yehowah informed **Nathan** that instead of David's building a temple, Yehowah would build for David a lasting house, and that later on David's descendant would build the house of Yehowah. Thus through **Nathan**, Yehowah announced to David a covenant for a kingdom to time indefinite in David's line.
- And it came about on that night that the word of Yehowah came to **Nathan**, saying; (2 Samuel 7:4)
- Go, and you must say to my servant David; This is what Yehowah has said; Should you yourself build me a house for me to dwell in? (2 Samuel 7:5)
- For I have not dwelt in a house from the day of my bringing the sons of Israel up out of Egypt to this day, but I was continually walking about in a tent and in a tabernacle. (2 Samuel 7:6)

- **During all the time that I have walked about among all the sons of Israel, was there a word that I spoke with one of the tribes of Israel that I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying; Why did you people not build me a house of cedars? (2 Samuel 7:7)**
- **And now this is what you will say to my servant David; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; I myself took you from the pasture ground from following the flock to become a leader over my people Israel. (2 Samuel 7:8)**
- **And I shall prove to be with you wherever you do go, and I will cut off all your enemies from before you, and I shall certainly make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones that are in the earth. (2 Samuel 7:9)**
- **And I shall certainly appoint a place for my people Israel and plant them, and they will indeed reside where they are, and no more will they be disturbed, and the sons of unrighteousness will not afflict them again as they did at the first. (2 Samuel 7:10)**
- **Even from the day that I put judges in command over my people Israel, and I will give you rest from all your enemies. And Yehowah has told you that a house is what Yehowah will make for you. (2 Samuel 7:11)**
- **When your days come to the full, and you must lie down with your forefathers, then I shall certainly raise up your seed after you, which will come out of your inward parts, and I shall indeed firmly establish his kingdom. (2 Samuel 7:12)**
- **He is the one that will build a house for my name, and I shall certainly establish the throne of his kingdom firmly to time indefinite. (2 Samuel 7:13)**
- **I myself shall become his father, and he himself will become my son. When he does wrong, I will also reprove him with the rod of men and with the strokes of the sons of Adam. (2 Samuel 7:14)**
- **As for my loving-kindness, it will not depart from him the way I removed it from Saul, whom I removed on account of you. (2 Samuel 7:15)**

- And your house and your kingdom will certainly be steadfast to time indefinite before you, your very throne will become one firmly established to time indefinite. (2 Samuel 7:16)
- According to all these words and according to all this vision was the way that **Nathan** spoke to David. (2 Samuel 7:17)
- And it came about on that night that the word of God came to **Nathan**, saying; (1 Chronicles 17:3)
- Go, and you must say to David my servant; This is what Yehowah has said; It will not be you that will build me the house in which to dwell. (1 Chronicles 17:4)
- For I have not dwelt in a house from the day that I brought Israel up until this day, but I continued from tent to tent and from one tabernacle to another. (1 Chronicles 17:5)
- During all the time that I walked about in all Israel, did I speak a single word with one of the judges of Israel whom I commanded to shepherd my people, saying; Why have you men not built me a house of cedars? (1 Chronicles 17:6)
- And now this is what you will say to my servant David; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; I myself took you from the pasture ground from following the flock to become a leader over my people Israel. (1 Chronicles 17:7)
- And I shall prove to be with you wherever you do walk, and I shall cut off all your enemies from before you, and I shall certainly make for you a name like the name of the great ones that are upon the earth. (1 Chronicles 17:8)
- And I shall certainly appoint a place for my people Israel and plant them, and they will indeed reside where they are and no more will they be disturbed, and the sons of unrighteousness will not wear them out again, just as they did at the first. (1 Chronicles 17:9)
- Even since the days that I put judges in command over my people Israel. And I shall certainly humble all your enemies. And I tell you, Also a house Yehowah will build for you. (1 Chronicles 17:10)

- And it must occur that when your days have come to the full for you to go to be with your forefathers, I shall certainly raise up your seed after you that will come to be one of your sons, and I shall indeed firmly establish his kingship. (**1 Chronicles 17:11**)
- He is the one that will build me a house, and I shall certainly establish his throne firmly to time indefinite. (**1 Chronicles 17:12**)
- I myself shall become his father, and he himself will become my son, and my loving-kindness I shall not remove from him the way I removed it from the one that happened to be prior to you. (**1 Chronicles 17:13**)
- And I will cause him to stand in my house and in my kingship to time indefinite, and his throne will itself become one lasting to time indefinite. (**1 Chronicles 17:14**)
- According to all these words and according to all this vision was the way that **Nathan** spoke to David. (**1 Chronicles 17:15**)
- **Nathan** was later sent by Yehowah to point out both the magnitude of David's sin against Uriah the Hittite respecting Bathsheba and the divine penalty imposed because of it.
- This he did tactfully but forcefully, using an illustration. David was thereby maneuvered into expressing, unwittingly and without personal prejudice, his own judgment on such an act. **Nathan** then informed him; You yourself are the man! And expressed Yehowah's judgment upon David and his house.
- And Yehowah proceeded to send **Nathan** to David. So he came in to him and said to him; There were two men that happened to be in one city, the one rich and the other of little means. (**2 Samuel 12:1**)
- The rich man happened to have very many sheep and cattle. (**2 Samuel 12:2**)
- But the man of little means had nothing but one female lamb, a small one, that he had bought. And he was preserving it alive, and it was growing up with him and with his sons, all together. From his morsel it would eat, and from his cup it would drink, and in his bosom it would lie, and it came to be as a daughter to him. (**2 Samuel 12:3**)

- After a while a visitor came to the rich man, but he spared taking some from his own sheep and his own cattle to get such ready for the traveler that had come in to him. So he took the female lamb of the man of little means and got it ready for the man that had come in to him. (2 Samuel 12:4)
- At this David's anger grew very hot against the man, so that he said to **Nathan**; As Yehowah is living, the man doing this deserves to die! (2 Samuel 12:5)
- And for the female lamb he should make compensation with four, as a consequence of the fact that he has done this thing and because he did not have compassion. (2 Samuel 12:6)
- Then **Nathan** said to David; You yourself are the man! This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; I myself anointed you as king over Israel, and I myself delivered you out of the hand of Saul. (2 Samuel 12:7)
- And I was willing to give you the house of your lord and the wives of your lord into your bosom, and to give you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if it were not enough, I was willing to add to you things like these as well as other things. (2 Samuel 12:8)
- Why did you despise the word of Yehowah by doing what is bad in his eyes? Uriah the Hittite you struck down with the sword, and his wife you took as your wife, and him you killed by the sword of the sons of Ammon. (2 Samuel 12:9)
- And now a sword will not depart from your own house to time indefinite, as a consequence of the fact that you despised me so that you took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to become your wife. (2 Samuel 12:10)
- This is what Yehowah has said; Here I am raising up against you calamity out of your own house, and I will take your wives under your own eyes and give them to your fellowman, and he will certainly lie down with your wives under the eyes of this sun. (2 Samuel 12:11)
- Whereas you yourself acted in secret, I, for my part, shall do this thing in front of all Israel and in front of the sun. (2 Samuel

12:12)

- David now said to **Nathan**; I have sinned against Yehowah. At this Nathan said to David; Yehowah, in turn, does let your sin pass by. You will not die. (2 Samuel 12:13)
- Notwithstanding this, because you have unquestionably treated Yehowah with disrespect by this thing, also the son himself, just born to you, will positively die. (2 Samuel 12:14)
- Then **Nathan** went to his own house. And Yehowah proceeded to deal a blow to the child that the wife of Uriah had borne to David so that it took sick. (2 Samuel 12:15)
- And David began to seek the true God in behalf of the boy, and David went on a strict fast and came in and spent the night and lay down on the earth. (2 Samuel 12:16)
- So the older men of his house stood up over him to raise him up from the earth, but he did not consent and did not take bread in company with them. (2 Samuel 12:17)
- And it came about on the seventh day that the child gradually died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child had died, for they said; Look! While the child continued alive we did speak to him, and he did not listen to our voice, so how can we say to him; The child has died? Then he will certainly do something bad. (2 Samuel 12:18)
- In time a second son, named Solomon, was born to David by Bath-sheba. This child Yehowah loved, so he sent his prophet **Nathan**, who, for the sake of Yehowah, named the boy Jedidiah, meaning, **Beloved of Yah**.
- And David began to comfort Bath-sheba his wife. Further, he came in to her and lay down with her. In time she bore a son, and his name came to be called Solomon. And Yehowah himself did love him. (2 Samuel 12:24)
- So he sent by means of Nathan the prophet and called his name Jedidiah, for the sake of Yehowah. (2 Samuel 12:25)
- During the closing days of David's life when Adonijah attempted to seize the throne, **Nathan** took appropriate measures to bring the

matter to David's attention. **Nathan** then shared in the anointing and installing of Solomon as king.

- All the while Adonijah the son of Haggith was lifting himself up, saying; I myself am going to rule as king! And he proceeded to have a chariot made for himself with horsemen and fifty men running before him. (**1 Kings 1:5**)
- And his father did not hurt his feelings at any time by saying; Why is this the way you have done? And he was also very good-looking in form, and his mother had borne him after Absalom. (**1 Kings 1:6**)
- And he came to have dealings with Joab the son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest, and they began offering help as followers of Adonijah. (**1 Kings 1:7**)
- As for Zadok the priest and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and **Nathan** the prophet and Shimei and Rei and the mighty men that belonged to David, they did not become involved with Adonijah. (**1 Kings 1:8**)
- Eventually Adonijah held a sacrifice of sheep and cattle and fatlings close by the stone of Zoheleth, which is beside En-rogel, and he proceeded to invite all his brothers the king's sons and all the men of Judah the king's servants. (**1 Kings 1:9**)
- And **Nathan** the prophet and Benaiah and the mighty men and Solomon his brother he did not invite. (**1 Kings 1:10**)
- **Nathan** now said to Bath-sheba, Solomon's mother; Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith has become king, and our lord David does not know of it at all? (**1 Kings 1:11**)
- So now come, let me, please, solemnly counsel you. And provide escape for your own soul and for the soul of your son Solomon. (**1 Kings 1:12**)
- Go and enter in to King David, and you must say to him; Was it not you, my lord the king, that swore to your slave girl, saying; Solomon your son is the one that will become king after me, and he is the one that will sit upon my throne? So why has Adonijah become king? (**1 Kings 1:13**)

- **Look! While you are yet speaking there with the king, then I myself shall come in after you, and I shall certainly confirm your words. (1 Kings 1:14)**
- **Accordingly Bath-sheba went in to the king in the interior room, and the king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was waiting upon the king. (1 Kings 1:15)**
- **Then Bath-sheba bowed low and prostrated herself to the king, upon which the king said; What do you have to ask? (1 Kings 1:16)**
- **At this she said to him; My lord, it was you that swore by Yehowah your God to your slave girl, Solomon your son is the one that will become king after me, and he is the one that will sit upon my throne. (1 Kings 1:17)**
- **And now, look! Adonijah himself has become king, and now my lord the king himself does not know of it at all. (1 Kings 1:18)**
- **So he sacrificed bulls and fatlings and sheep in great quantity and invited all the sons of the king and Abiathar the priest and Joab the chief of the army, but Solomon your servant he has not invited. (1 Kings 1:19)**
- **And you my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are upon you, to tell them who is going to sit upon the throne of my lord the king after him. (1 Kings 1:20)**
- **And it will certainly occur that as soon as my lord the king lies down with his forefathers, I myself and also my son Solomon shall certainly become offenders. (1 Kings 1:21)**
- **And, look! While she was yet speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet himself came in. (1 Kings 1:22)**
- **At once they told the king, saying; Here is Nathan the prophet! After that he came in before the king and prostrated himself to the king with his face to the earth. (1 Kings 1:23)**
- **Then Nathan said; My lord the king, did you yourself say; Adonijah is the one that will become king after me, and he is the one that will sit upon my throne? (1 Kings 1:24)**

- For he has today gone down that he might sacrifice bulls and fatlings and sheep in great quantity and might invite all the sons of the king and the chiefs of the army and Abiathar the priest, and there they are eating and drinking before him and they keep saying; Let King Adonijah live! (**1 Kings 1:25**)
- But as for me your servant, me and Zadok the priest and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and Solomon your servant he has not invited. (**1 Kings 1:26**)
- If it is from my lord the king that this thing has been brought about, then you have not caused your servant to know who should sit upon the throne of my lord the king after him. (**1 Kings 1:27**)
- King David now answered and said; You men, call Bath-sheba for me. At that she came in before the king and stood before the king. (**1 Kings 1:28**)
- And the king proceeded to swear and say; As Yehowah is living who redeemed my soul out of all distress. (**1 Kings 1:29**)
- Just as I have sworn to you by Yehowah the God of Israel, saying; Solomon your son is the one that will become king after me, and he is the one that will sit upon my throne in place of me! that is the way I shall do this day. (**1 Kings 1:30**)
- Then Bath-sheba bowed low with her face to the earth and prostrated herself to the king and said; Let my lord King David live to time indefinite! (**1 Kings 1:31**)
- Immediately King David said; You men, call for me Zadok the priest and **Nathan** the prophet and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. So they came in before the king. (**1 Kings 1:32**)
- And the king went on to say to them; Take with you the servants of your lord, and you must make Solomon my son ride upon the she-mule that belongs to me and lead him down to Gihon. (**1 Kings 1:33**)
- And Zadok the priest and **Nathan** the prophet must anoint him there as king over Israel, and you must blow the horn and say; Let King Solomon live! (**1 Kings 1:34**)

- And you must come up following him, and he must come in and sit upon my throne, and he himself will be king in place of me, and him I shall have to commission to become leader over Israel and over Judah. (**1 Kings 1:35**)
- At once Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said; Amen! Thus may Yehowah the God of my lord the king say. (**1 Kings 1:36**)
- Just as Yehowah proved to be with my lord the king, so let him prove to be with Solomon, and may he make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David. (**1 Kings 1:37**)
- And Zadok the priest and **Nathan** the prophet and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and the Cherethites and the Pelethites proceeded to go down and make Solomon ride upon the she-mule of King David, and then brought him to Gihon. (**1 Kings 1:38**)
- Zadok the priest now took the horn of oil out of the tent and anointed Solomon, and they began to blow the horn, and all the people broke out saying; Let King Solomon live! (**1 Kings 1:39**)
- After that all the people came on up following him, and the people were playing on flutes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth was split by the noise of them. (**1 Kings 1:40**)
- It appears that **Nathan**, together with Gad, advised David on the proper deployment of musical instruments in connection with the sanctuary.
- Meantime, he had the Levites stationed at the house of Yehowah, with cymbals, with stringed instruments and with harps, by the commandment of David and of Gad the king's visionary and of **Nathan** the prophet, for it was by the hand of Yehowah that the commandment was by means of his prophets. (**2 Chronicles 29:25**)
- **Nathan** and Gad were evidently the ones used to record the information contained in the concluding chapters of First Samuel and all of Second Samuel.
- As for the affairs of David the king, the first ones and the last, there they are written among the words of Samuel the seer and

among the words of **Nathan** the prophet and among the words of Gad the visionary. (**1 Chronicles 29:29**)

- Among the words of **Nathan** the prophet were also recorded the affairs of Solomon.
- As for the rest of the affairs of Solomon, the first and the last, are they not written among the words of **Nathan** the prophet and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite and in the record of visions of Iddo the visionary concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat? (**2 Chronicles 9:29**)
- This **Nathan** may have been the father of Azariah and Zabud, both of whom held important positions during the reign of Solomon. Azariah was a princely overseer of the deputies, while Zabud served as a priest and close friend and adviser to the king.
- And King Solomon continued king over all Israel. (**1 Kings 4:1**)
- And Azariah the son of **Nathan** was over the deputies, and Zabud the son of **Nathan** was a priest, the friend of the king. (**1 Kings 4:5**)