



But actually, that term the Lord had given him rest is a marker. Now, this actually happened at the very end of the book of Joshua as well.

And what happens there is that Israel has just entered the promised land. And that's after forty years of wandering in the desert.

So, it sounds pretty much the same.

The point is that God had given a promise to Moses. And God has fulfilled that promise.

[ 6 : 54 ] So, back to God's promises to Abraham in Genesis 15 and 17.

So that he would be the father of a great nation, which is Israel. They would enter a land flowing with milk and honey, a good land.

So what we can see here are two promises.

Which are actually the same promise. But they're promises that God made to Abraham and to Moses. Now, it might have taken 500 years or so.

500. But finally they have become a great nation. And they waited another 200 years. But now they have a king.

[ 8 : 11 ] So God has kept his promises. Now, when we see the words, as I said again, the Lord had given him rest.

We should always remember that first thing that God has kept his promise.

But it also tells us that something big is about to happen next.

Now, this is what might be going on in David's mind.

This point in history, this point in Israel's history.

This is actually the climax of their history as a nation.

So, they are in the land.

And they have established their nations and their cities and their towns.

And they have one king who's ruling over all of them.

[ 9 : 16 ] Now, the question is, what does a king do to mark this special occasion?

Now, sometimes when we want to have a special occasion, we mark it with things that we might do or things that we might buy. Guys sometimes buy Rubik's cubes or iPads or things like that.

iPad. Women sometimes buy diamonds or clothes or those sorts of things. Now, kings.

? Kings build buildings. So, we look on at verse 2 there. David, he looks around at his own palace, his house of cedar.

And he sees it's very beautiful. Now, being a man after God's own heart, he thinks to himself that, no, this isn't right.

[ 10 : 27 ] God is greater than I am. And surely his house should be greater than my house.

Now, he wants to be sure of what he's thinking. So, he asks Nathan the prophet. Now, as we know, the prophet's role is to hold the king accountable to God.

So, he's God's representative on earth. Now, even Nathan responds that this is a good idea.

And that's what he says in verse 3. Basically, he says go for it. Now, I don't think David is looking to actually just build himself something big.

I don't think David's trying to say, look at me, I've built God's temple. Now, if he was thinking that, Nathan probably



