## **Sermon from 2 Samuel (Bilingual)**

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[0:00] It's nice to be back among you. Don't mind me while I move this forward a little bit. I especially enjoyed singing Hosanna with you all.

I've never sung that song in this context. And I just kept thinking to myself. Which is good for us, of course.

Now, today's passage is from the books of Samuel. Now, this is my favorite book of the Old Testament. It's actually the book that we named our son after.

So, as Samuel, my son, grows up, I often wonder what his life will be like. I wonder whether the same stereotypes that I grew up with will still be around when he grows up.

I remember in the third grade, I had an Italian friend, and he said this.

[1:20] I remember I was born that way, right? You should teach me.

You should teach me to play soccer first, and then I'll try. Now, there's a stereotype for the successful Asian as well, I think.

They should be neatly but fashionably dressed. They should be neatly but fashionably dressed. They've probably gone to or will go to a big university.

They've probably studied commerce or IT. They should at least drive a Honda or Toyota.

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[2:20] Now, we have stereotypes for even the way that a successful church should look as well. Usually, it's what our first experience of church was.

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When I think about church service to another person, They might think about drums or guitars or just their friends.

church service to people in the Sumatran jungle, **MANDERSON**, Followed by at least three or four hours of preaching.

So, don't think that the Mandarin congregation goes for too long.

Especially if we start insisting that other people should do things the way that we do them. 

So, keep some of those things in mind as we look at today's passage.

words.

Amen. Amen. We put ourselves in your hands. We will be a Amen. Amen. Amen. What's interesting is that you can read up there that it says, the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him.

marker. But actually, that term the Lord had given him rest is a marker. But actually, that term the Lord had given him rest is a marker. But actually, bow, 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. 

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So, it sounds pretty much the same.

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

And God has fulfilled that promise.

nation, which is Israel. **\*\*Example 10.0** So that he would be the father of a great flowing with milk and honey, a good land.

two promises.

they're promises that God made to Abraham and to Moses. 

Now, it might have taken500 years or so.

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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.

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

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

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

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. of things. **EXECUTE:** Kings build buildings. **EXECUTE:** So, we look on at verse 2 there. **EXECUTE:** David, he looks around at his own palace, his house of cedar. And he sees it's very beautiful. man after God's own heart, he thinks to himself that, no, this isn't right. And Salar Barrier and Salar Barrier God is greater than I am. [10:27] surely his house should be greater than my house. So, he asks Nathan the prophet. 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. 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. Nathan probably would have told them off. But if we understand how important the temple is in [11:41]Israel's history, Now, David believes that he is wanting to glorify God. But both David and Nathan, they get it wrong. Are you the one who's going to build my house? And just to summarize that, **IDENTIFY**, **IDENTIFY**, **IDENTIFY**? He says no. Look at verse 8. ■■■■■,■■■■ He says thus says the Lord. This is like when your parents really want you to listen. The Cantonese equivalent is sort of ■■■■■■,■■■■ Listen up. [13:44] this is the height of Israel's history, as we said. And it's at this point that God reveals what his kingdom is all about. He's telling them that this place and this time on earth isn't all that there is. **BELLEY, BELLEVILLE SOLUTION** Solution 11. **BELLEVILLE**. He's telling them that there is still a place where Israel will find peace.

**BELLEVISION** Now, the question is, what does a king do to mark this special

occasion?

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■■■■,■■■■■■■■■■■■,■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ It's a place where they will be disturbed no more. And it's not the kingdom that you're in now. sorry, in verse 12, he says, it will be after the days, after your days are fulfilled. ■■■,■■■,■■■■■■■■. But it will be one of David's offspring. [14:51] And verse 13. He will build a house for my name. 

HELLE STATES STATES STATES STATES AND THE STATES his kingdom will last forever. ■■■■■■■■ Now there's more, verse 14. **IDENTIFY** I, God, will be his father. **IDENTIFY** And he will be a son to me. ■■■■■■. And in verse 16. 16. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever. **THE STATE OF THE STATE OF THE** Now, if you've been to church for a while. [15:50] obvious to us what he's talking about. And we remember why Jesus is so important. THE STATE OF THE S about all of this, \_\_,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

