

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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This is one of the greatest chapters in the Bible because it shows the touching relationship between **a man after God's heart** and the God he loves. The chapter begins with David's contemplation of how much God has done for him and how little he has honored God. **"Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies all around, that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains." Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you."** (vv.1-3) After Nathan put his word of approval on David's thoughts, God spoke to Nathan and told him to go back to David and tell him that he, David, will not be allowed to build God a house. God was going to build David a house and not a house made with hands, but one that will last forever; an everlasting dynasty that will conclude with the promised anointed one, Jesus the Messiah, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords! God rehearsed with David how he had taken him from the sheepfolds and guided

him, protected him, allowed him to lead His people. God reminded him of the great battles fought and how He had given him victory over all his enemies and had given him rest and peace. God promised David that when his days on earth are fulfilled and has been gathered to his fathers, that God Himself would raise up from David's seed one who would rule with an everlasting rule and that David's dynasty would be an eternal dynasty that would never end. This of course was a reference to the Messiah that we know as Jesus of Nazareth; LORD of all! When Nathan finished with the Words of God, David sat before the Lord and began to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving for God's lovingkindness toward him all the days of his life. David graciously accepted God's promises. This is the second of the unconditional covenants, the first being with Abraham. God told both men what He would do, and it was not based upon them, but upon Him.

### Prayer and Action Steps

*Pause and thank God for His mercy and lovingkindness toward you and your family today.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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