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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1507 ~ David talks with God.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

The building program for the new capital city of Israel and Judah, Jerusalem, included a new palace for King David. David had become greater and greater in his reign as the Lord God blessed and guided him. News of Israel's increasing strength had spread far and wide. In a supportive gesture, the king of Tyre sent David gifts of cedar wood, carpenters and stone masons to Jerusalem to build David a stately home.

But while David found himself living in a royal mansion, his conscience troubled him that God's place of worship was just a tent. King David really wanted to build a magnificent structure of worship to show his love and honour to God and where the Ark of the Covenant could be housed in rightful splendour.

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Because God was so evidently blessing David in all that he did, the High Priest Nathan told David to go ahead with whatever plans he had for building God's Tabernacle. But overnight, God spoke to Nathan, saying David was **not** to build a house for Him to dwell in. In I Chronicles, Chapter 22, the reason God gave was that David was a man of war and had shed much blood.

God explained to Nathan that He had not lived in a house or temple after the Israelites had left Egypt, and He had not asked any judge or king for a house of cedar. It was He who had given the people this good land and rest from their enemies. God also told Nathan some future events, saying one of David's descendents on the throne would be the man to build Him a house.

Nathan told David this message from God. In response, David went and prayed to God. He praised and worshipped Him, and accepted that God had said "no". At some point, we all have to learn to submit our hopes and plans to God and look then for His leading. While in his old age, David gathered a huge amount of wealth and precious stones together for his son Solomon to build God a magnificent temple.

History tells us that the temple Solomon built was indeed grand and that it lasted 400 years before being destroyed by the Babylonians. At this time, God had no house again until the Israelite captives returned from Babylon and under the leaders Ezra and Nehemiah, rebuilt Jerusalem and a new temple, which was known as Zerubbabel's Temple.

Later, in 19BC, Herod the Great rebuilt the falling down structure of Zerubbabel's Temple, renaming it Herod's Temple. Herod's magnificent temple stood for 100 years and was the place that Jesus taught in while on earth. Herod's Temple was destroyed in 70AD by Roman soldiers called in to stop a Jewish revolt.

Herod's Temple was the last Jewish temple to stand on this sacred site in Jerusalem. In 638AD, Muslims conquered Palestine and built their mosque called the Dome of the Rock in the centre of the Temple Mount. They still control this site and this is a source of much unhappiness to the Jewish people.

The Jews believe, however, that another temple will be built on that site for them and have already had craftsmen make in advance, temple implements, priestly garments and even an altar.

Archaeologists have dug up many sites of ruined cities around the world but it was not until 2009 that an archaeologist found the buried remains of David's palace, just outside the north wall of Jerusalem.

After Jesus rose from the dead and returned to heaven, God sent His Holy Spirit to earth to live and direct disciples of the Lord Jesus. This occurred at a time known as the Feast of Pentecost. Now, God's temple is within each person who believes in Christ for forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation. God's Holy Spirit dwells in His temple within believers, directing the hearts of Christian believers to know and embrace God's truth and assuring them of salvation.

In the New Testament book of 2 Corinthians, Chapter 7, the Apostle Paul wrote: “We are the temple of the living God. As God Himself has said, “I will make my home with my people and live among them; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

He also said: “Have nothing to do with what is unclean, and I will accept you. I will be your father, and you shall be my sons and daughters.”

In 1 Corinthians, Chapter 6, the Apostle Paul wrote: “Don’t you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and who was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourselves but to God; He bought you for a price. So use your bodies for God’s glory.”

One of the ministries of the Holy Spirit living in Christians is to spread the Good News of Christ’s salvation by belief in the Lord Jesus. It is He who suffered the punishment of the whole world’s sins on the cross. When people hear this message, they react in different ways. How do you react to this message?

Some people reject the need to come humbly to Jesus and confess their sin. Others believe they can choose themselves how they will come to God. But the Scriptures say there is no other way to God but through the Lord Jesus Christ. Some of those who reject such good news get angry and object loudly.

They try to stop the message of free salvation in Jesus. In some parts of the world, people who oppose the Good News message bring physical harm against God's messengers and followers.

There is a third group of hearers who neglect to take action on the message they have received. They find themselves too busy with other things right now to change their ways or think carefully about God's purpose for their lives. Such people put off considering the claims Christ made, excusing and delaying this for another convenient time. In Hebrews, Chapter 2, it says: "How, then, shall we escape if we pay no attention to such a great salvation? The Lord Himself first announced this salvation, and those who heard Him proved to us that it is true."

None of us can count on living tomorrow. A young man walked into a bank. He held up a gun and demanded money. But an off-duty security officer wrestled with him. The gun went off, sending a bullet into the robber's body. By the next day, he had died. When that young man stepped into the bank, he had no thoughts about that particular day being the end of his life. Death comes swiftly and unexpectedly to many people. We all need to be prepared for this time, yet not in fear. If today was your last day, would you be prepared to meet Him?

Back in the days when communism ruled Russia, a communist official was lecturing an elderly Christian. The communist made a very persuasive case for there being no God. He spoke at length on atheistic views and socialist dogma. Eventually he paused and asked the Christian to defend his beliefs.

The old Christian responded by saying that he could not compete with the communist's ability to express himself. However, he did have one thing over the communist in a most important area of life. The Christian is assured of his future whereas the atheist is not. Do you have that assurance that the Lord Jesus loves you and wants you to be with Him in heaven for ever? If not, you need to settle the matter with Christ today.

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That was Rick Riso singing "Praise the Lord all you nations."

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