

A Palace of Cedar vs A Tent

2 Samuel 7:2 & 1 Kings 8:18

1 Chronicles 17:1 & 2 Chronicles 6:8

It is important to reflect on your situation and your relationship with God

2 Sam 7:2; 1 Chron 17:1; 1 Cor 11:28, 31

Godly people sometimes get God's plan wrong

1 Chron 17:3-4; 2 Sam 7:4-5; cf Acts 15:37-39; 16:7

Violence is a (sometimes necessary) evil

1 Kings 5:3; Gen 6:13; Psa 11:5; 1 Tim 3:2-3; cf Tit 1:7; Deut 7:1-6; Rom 13:4

God vindicated the principle but not the plan

1 Kings 8:17-19; 2 Chron 6:7-9; 2 Sam 7:11-16; 1 Chron 17:10-14

The principle is that God's dwelling place should reflect Him and also His people's dwelling places, but be better than those

1 Chron 22:5; Hag 2:9; Mal 1:11, 14b

In our time, the people of God are the Temple of God and should be holy and beautiful

1 Cor 3:16; 6:19-20; 1 Pet 1:15-16; Col 3:15

Nevertheless, the building in which we worship should reflect our God and our dwellings, but better