

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S  
GOD'S AWESOME POWER

2 SAMUEL 7:18–29; PSALM 89:5–10

**What the Bible Teaches  
About  
*The Davidic Covenant***



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*2 Sam. 7:12–16*

*Psa. 89*

*1 Chron. 17:11–14*

## ETERNAL HOUSE

*2 Sam. 7:11, 13a, 16*

*1 Chron. 17:10*

## ETERNAL KINGDOM

*2 Sam. 7:12c*

*1 Chron. 17:14*

## ETERNAL THRONE

*2 Sam. 7:13b*

*1 Chron. 17:12b, 14*

# Psalm 89

**Psa. 89:0, “A Contemplation of Ethan the Ezrahite.”**

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- 1A. God's love and faithfulness are praised, Psa. 89:1–18.**
- 2A. God's promise to David is the foundation of the psalmist's petition, Psa. 89:19–37.**
- 3A. God is petitioned to remain faithful to His promises to David even though sin and divine discipline made it appear that the covenant was cancelled, Psa. 89:38–52.**

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  - 2C The Lord will be praised for His unique and awesome power over the angelic hosts, Psa. 89:6–8.**
  - 3C The Lord is praised for His omnipotence and His sovereign rule over creation, including Satan, Psa. 89:9–14.**
  - 4C The Lord blesses those who walk with Him and glory in His righteousness and strength, Psa. 89:15–18.**

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# The Faith-Rest Drill

**STEP ONE: Claim a promise; mix faith with a promise, principle, or rationale.**

**STEP TWO: Think through the doctrinal rationales embedded in the promise.**

**STEP THREE: Appropriate the doctrinal conclusions.**

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**NET note: 9 tn Hebrew “in the assembly of the holy ones.” The phrase “holy ones” sometimes refers to God’s people (Psa. 34:9) or to their priestly leaders (2 Chron. 35:3), but here it refers to God’s heavenly assembly and the angels that surround His throne (see vv. 6–7).**

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פֶּלֵא' *pele'*

**comm masc**

**sing constr**

**wonder, cfr.,**

**Isa. 9:6**



**1 Kings 8:23, “and he said: ‘LORD God of Israel, there is no God in heaven above or on earth below like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts.’ ”**

**2 Chron. 6:14, “and he said: ‘LORD God of Israel, there is no God in heaven or on earth like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts.**

**2 Chron. 6:15, “You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day.”**

**Psa. 89:6, “For who **in the heavens** can be compared to the LORD?”**

**Who among **the sons of the mighty** can be likened to the LORD?”**

**Psa. 89:7, “God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints [‘holy ones’],  
And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.”**

**Ex. 15:11, “Who is like You, O LORD,  
among the gods [*elim*]?  
Who is like You, glorious in holiness,  
Fearful in praises, doing wonders?”**

**Isa. 46:5, “To whom will you liken Me, and make Me equal**

**And compare Me, that we should be alike?”**

**Isa. 46:9, “Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me,**

**Isa. 46:10, “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, ‘My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure’;”**

**Deut. 33:26, “There is no one like the God  
of Jeshurun,  
Who rides the heavens to help you,  
And in His excellency on the clouds.”**

**Psa. 77:13, “Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary;**

**Who is so great a God as our God?**

**Psa. 77:14, “You are the God who does wonders;**

**You have declared Your strength among the peoples.**

**Psa. 77:15, “You have with Your arm redeemed Your people,**

**The sons of Jacob and Joseph.”**

**Psa. 86:8, “Among the gods there is none  
like You, O Lord;  
Nor are there any works like Your works.”**

**Psa. 113:5, “Who is like the LORD our God,  
Who dwells on high,”**



**Isa. 46:5, “To whom will you liken Me, and make Me equal**

**And compare Me, that we should be alike?”**

**Jer. 10:6, “Inasmuch as there is none like You, O LORD**

**(You are great, and Your name is great in might),”**

**Psa. 89:7, “God is greatly to be feared in  
the assembly of the saints,  
And to be held in reverence by all those  
around Him.”**

**עָרַץ *tzaratz***

**nif part masc sing abs  
“to dread, tremble”**

**Psa. 89:8, “O LORD God of hosts,  
Who is mighty like You, O LORD?  
Your faithfulness also surrounds You.”**

**Psa. 89:9, “You rule the raging of the sea;  
When its waves rise, You still them.”**

**יָם *yam***

**comm**

**masc sing**

**abs sea**

**Psa. 89:10, “You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain;**

**You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.”**

**רַהַב comm masc sing abs *Rahab, Rahav***

**רַחַב proper *Rahab, literally, Rachav, name***

**This term shows up in in Job 9:13; Job 26:12; Psalm 89:10; Isaiah 51:9. TWOT describes the verbal form in this manner:**

***The verb occurs only four times in the OT and signifies storming at or against something. The fundamental idea of rahab appears in the proverb, 'Make sure thy friend' (Prov. 6:3 KJV), literally, storm him; ... It denotes a tempestuous, and then arrogant, attitude. ~TWOT***

**Prov. 6:3, “So do this, my son, and deliver yourself;**

**For you have come into the hand of your friend:**

**Go and humble yourself;**

**Plead with your friend**

**Prov. 6:3 NET, “then, my child, do this in order to deliver yourself,**

**because you have fallen into your neighbor’s power:**

**go, humble yourself,**

**and appeal firmly to your neighbor.”**

**12    tn Hebrew “be bold.” The verb רָהַב (rahav) means “to act stormily; to act boisterously; to act arrogantly.” The idea here is a strong one: storm against (beset, importune) your neighbor. The meaning is that he should be bold and not take no for an answer. Cf. NIV “press your plea”; TEV “beg him to release you.”**