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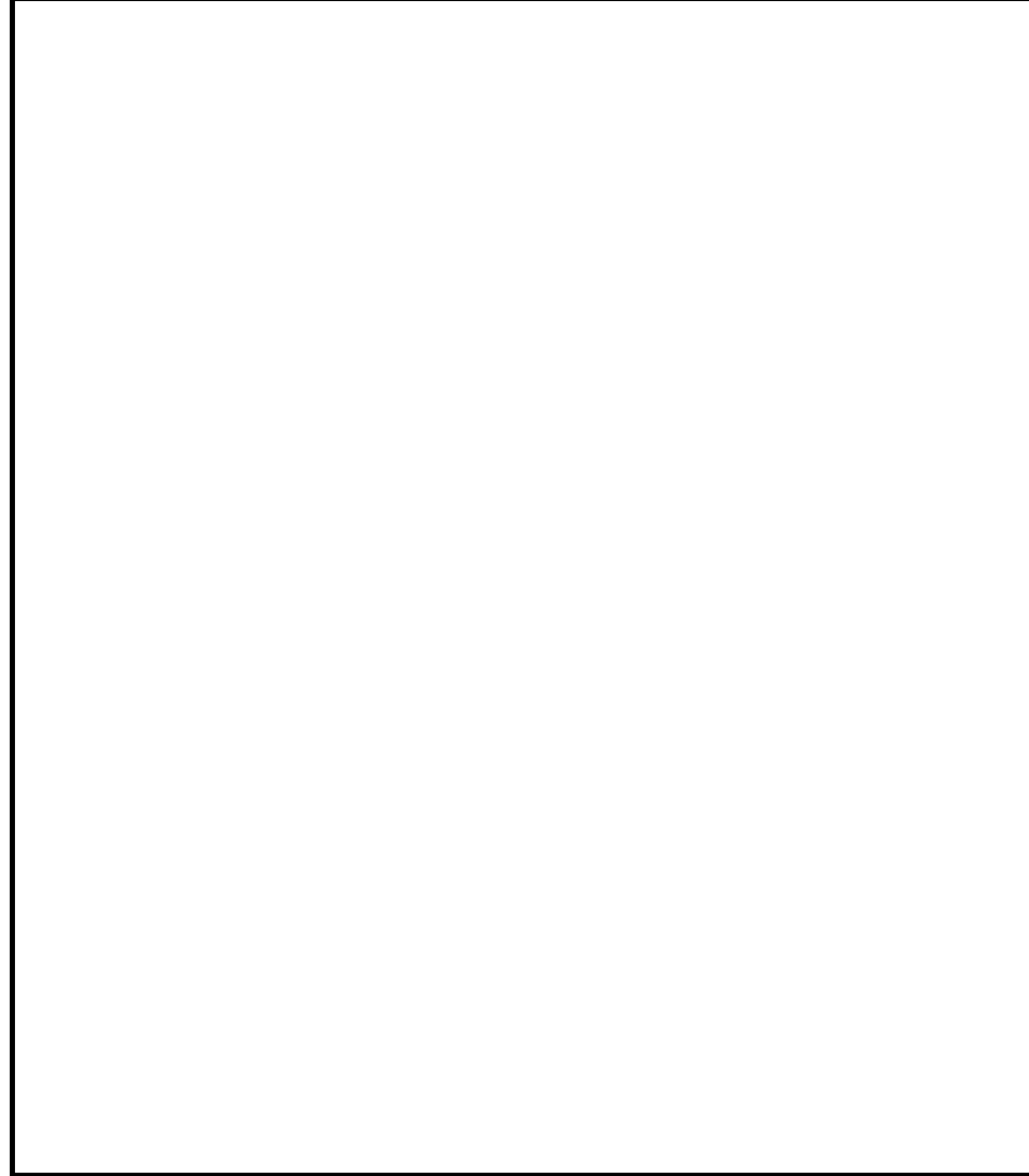


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Read 2 Samuel 7:11-16

This passage promises that "He is the one who will build a house for my Name and I will establish his throne forever."

If you were alive in David's time how might you interpret this?

If you were alive in the time of the Exile or just before Jesus was born how might you interpret this? What would your expectations be for the Messiah?

How does Jesus both fulfill what is promised and overturn what is expected of the Messiah?

Read Isaiah 9:1-7

What does this passage teach us about the Messiah?

Consider the names used in vs 6, what does each tell us about the Christ?

What would it look like for a king to rule in "justice and righteousness"?

Read Isaiah 11:1-16

What does this passage teach us about the Messiah?

Write out a list of the qualities/characteristics of what life under the Christ's kingship looks like?

Does such a reality seem possible to you? Why or why not?

What is significant about vs 12? How does this inform our understanding of Jesus' mission to both Jews and Gentiles? What implications does this have for us as we join in Jesus' mission?

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