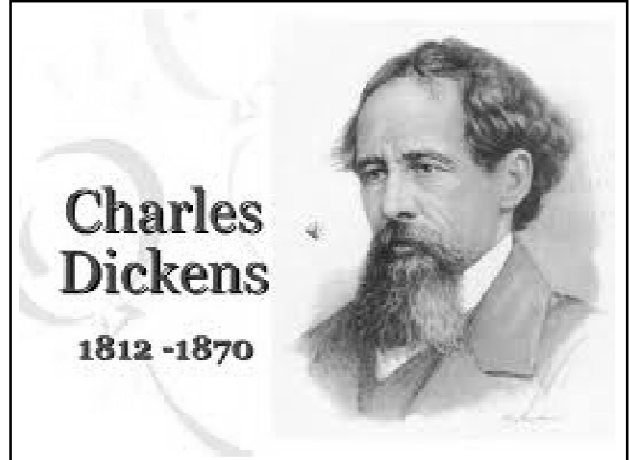


**GREAT  
EXPECTATIONS:  
THE ORIGINAL  
CHRISTMAS STORY**

11 Samuel 7:1-11,16



**CHARLES  
DICKENS**

- A Tale of Two Cities;
- David copperfield;
- Oliver TWist;
- a CHRISTmas story;

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***Great Expectations***

Story of "pip"  
the country boy who has "great  
Expectations" of a better life & future!

"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,"

**II Samuel 7:1**

"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' "

**II Samuel 7:2**

“Then Nathan said  
to the king,  
‘Go, do all  
that *is* in your heart,  
for the Lord *is* with you.’ ”

**II Samuel 7:3**

“But it happened  
that night  
that the word  
of the Lord came  
to Nathan, saying,”

**II Samuel 7:4**

“Go and tell  
MY servant David,  
Thus says the Lord:  
‘Would you build a **house**  
for ME to dwell in?’”

**II Samuel 7:5**

“For I have not dwelt in a  
**house** since the time that I  
brought the children of Israel  
up from Egypt, even to this  
day, but have moved about in  
a tent and in a tabernacle.”

**II Samuel 7:6**

“Wherever I have moved about with  
all the children of Israel, have I ever  
spoken a word to anyone from the  
tribes of Israel, whom I commanded  
to shepherd My people Israel,  
saying,  
‘Why have you not built Me  
a **house** of cedar?’”

**II Samuel 7:7**

“Now therefore, thus shall you say  
to My servant David, ‘Thus says the  
Lord of hosts: “I took you from the  
sheepfold, from following the sheep,  
to be ruler over My people, over  
Israel.”’”

**II Samuel 7:8**

“And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who *are* on the earth.”

**II Samuel 7:9**

“Moreover I will appoint a ***place*** for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a ***place*** of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously,”

**II Samuel 7:10**

“...since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over MY people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also THE LORD tells you that HE will make you a ***house***.”

**II Samuel 7:11**

“And your ***house*** and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.’ ”

**II Samuel 7:16**

### **SERMON POINTS:**

**[#1]....TIMely**

**[#2]...TIMEFUL**

**[#3]...TIMELESS**

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**“HOUSE:”**

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