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House of David follows the, 'once-mighty King Saul as he falls victim to his own pride,' while, 'a prophet prepares to overthrow him — anointing the outcast shepherd boy David as a second king.'



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The description adds, 'As Saul's fury grows, David navigates love, violence and politics in the court of the very man he's destined to replace. Two kings. One Kingdom. The outcome is war.'

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'When we met with Jon, Kelly and Dallas, their clear and passionate vision for The Wonder Project and their ambition to nurture universal stories of love, triumph and spirituality moved us,' Amazon MGM Studios' head of TV Vernon Sanders said in a statement.

'We are very excited about the scope, scale and storytelling involved with *House of David* and look forward to sharing this epic and many others with our global Prime Video customers,' Sanders added.

'Our goal at The Wonder Project is to tell stories that restore faith in things worth believing in, and to do this at scale,' Merryman Hoogstraten added in her statement.

'We've been blown away by Amazon's commitment to help us do this — both through the significant resources they are dedicating and their trust in us to tell these stories authentically to our audience,' she added.

'With House of David being the first project under this new deal, we're setting the stage for a series of compelling, values-driven movies, and TV shows,' added Erwin.

'This is a milestone for The Wonder Project, and we're thrilled to be working with a company that understands and supports our mission and our audience in such a groundbreaking way,' he stated.



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The first project - House of David - is based on an idea by Erwin, who will executive produce with Chad Oaks, Mike Frislev and Jonathan Walker.

Justin Rosenblatt will serve as the executive in charge of production on behalf of The Wonder Project.

The series is also produced by Nomadic Pictures and Argonauts, along with Kingdom Story Company and Lionsgate Television.

No production schedule was given at this time, and it's unclear when casting may begin for the faith-based project.