

1 Chronicles 14:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.

Analysis

David's recognition that 'the LORD had confirmed him king' demonstrates the covenant certainty underlying his reign. The Hebrew verb *kun* (confirmed/established) appears throughout Chronicles describing God's establishing work - kingdoms, throne, covenant, temple. This isn't democratic election but divine appointment. The purpose clause 'for his people Israel's sake' reveals that even monarchy in Israel is instrumental, serving God's redemptive purposes for the covenant community. This theocentric view of leadership prefigures Christ, whose kingship exists entirely for his people's salvation and God's glory, not self-aggrandizement.

Historical Context

Hiram of Tyre's recognition and support (sending cedar, carpenters, masons) demonstrated David's growing international prestige (c. 1003 BCE). Such diplomatic relationships with Phoenicia provided resources for building projects while signaling God's blessing making David's kingdom a light to the nations.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How should leaders in the church today understand their roles as existing 'for the people's sake' rather than personal glory?
2. What evidence confirms in your life that God has established you in your current calling and responsibilities?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּדַע	וַדָּא יֵד	כִּי	הֶכִּיִּן ו	יְהוָה	לִמֶּלֶךְ	עַל
perceived	And David	H3588	had confirmed	that the LORD	him king	H5921
H3045	H1732		H3559	H3068	H4428	
יִשְׂרָאֵל:	כִּי	נִשָּׂא אֶת	לִמַּעְלָה	מַלְכוּת ו	בְּעֵב ור	
Israel	H3588	was lifted up	on high	for his kingdom	H5668	
H3478		H5375	H4605	H4438		
עַמ ו	יִשְׂרָאֵל:					
because of his people	Israel					
H5971	H3478					

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 24:7 (Kingdom): He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.

1 Kings 10:9 (Kingdom): Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

2 Chronicles 2:11 (Kingdom): Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them.

Daniel 2:30 (Kingdom): But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known

the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

2 Samuel 7:16 (Kingdom): And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

Esther 4:14 (Kingdom): For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

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