

# 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

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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

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עַל לֹּא יְהִי הַכִּינָה בְּנֵי יִצְחָק  
perceived And David H3588 had confirmed that the LORD him king H5921  
H3045 H1732 H3559 H3068 H4428

בָּעֵב וּרְמִלְכּוֹת וּלְמִלְכָה נִשְׁאָת פִּי יִשְׂרָאֵל  
Israel H3588 was lifted up H5375 on high H4605 for his kingdom H5668  
H3478 H3478 H4438

עַמְּךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל  
because of his people Israel H5971 H3478

## Additional Cross-References

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**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 Huram 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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