

# 2 Samuel 2:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.**

This verse contributes to the narrative of David Becomes King of Judah, emphasizing divine timing, patience in promises. The Hebrew *vayyimloch* (וַיֵּמְלֹךְ, 'and he reigned') marks David's official royal status over Judah at Hebron. The seven-year period before ruling all Israel demonstrates patient trust in God's timing. Theological themes include divine election, the gradual unfolding of God's promises through historical process, and the reality that human resistance to God's plans produces genuine suffering.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting of 2 Samuel 2 occurs during David's reign (circa 1010-970 BCE) over Israel's united monarchy. Archaeological discoveries, including the Tel Dan inscription mentioning the 'House of David,' corroborate biblical historicity. Ancient Near Eastern customs regarding divine timing, patience in promises provide crucial background. The geopolitical situation involved regional powers—Philistines, Ammonites, Arameans, Moabites, Edomites—as David consolidated and expanded Israel's territory. Cultural practices concerning kingship, warfare, covenant relationships, family dynamics, and religious observance differed significantly from modern Western contexts, requiring careful attention to avoid

anachronistic interpretation while extracting timeless theological principles applicable across cultures and eras.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of divine timing, patience in promises?
2. What does this verse reveal about God's character, and how should that shape your worship and obedience?
3. In what specific ways can you apply this truth to your current circumstances and relationships this week?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיְהִי	מִסְפַּר	הַיָּמִים	אֲשֶׁר	הָיָה	דָּוִד	מֶלֶךְ	בְּחֶבְרוֹן
H1961	And the time	H3117	H834	H1961	that David	was king	in Hebron
	H4557				H1732	H4428	H2275

עַל	בֵּית	יְהוּדָה	שֶׁבַע	שָׁנִים	וְשֵׁשׁ	חֳדָשִׁים
H5921	over the house	of Judah	was seven	years	and six	months
	H1004	H3063	H7651	H8141	H8337	H2320

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 2:11** (Kingdom): And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

