

2 Samuel 2:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of David Becomes King of Judah, emphasizing divine timing, patience in promises. The Hebrew *vayyimloch* (וַיֵּלֶךְ, '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

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

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

וַתִּקְבְּצוּ וְ	בְּנֵי	בִּנְיָמִן	אַחֲרַי	אַבְנֵר		
gathered themselves together	And the children	of Benjamin	after	Abner		
H6908	H1121	H1144	H310	H74		
וְהָיָה וְ	לְאֶגֶד הַ	אֶחָד:	וַיַּעֲמֵד וְ	עַל	רֹאשׁ	גִּבְעָה
H1961	troop	and became one	and stood	H5921	on the top	of an hill
	H92	H259	H5975		H7218	H1389
אֶחָד:						
and became one						
H259						