

# 2 Samuel 2:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.**

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

## James 2:17 — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## 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

א יש	זא ד	הָעֵל הַעַם וְאֲשֶׁר אָשָׁר	every man	H834	H5973	bring up	that were with him did David	H1732	every man	H376	
הַבַּיִת וְבַּיִת	בְּעָרָה וְיִשְׁבָּה וְ	בְּעָרָה וְיִשְׁבָּה וְ	סְבִּירָה וְ	with his household	and they dwelt	in the cities	of Hebron	H1004	H3427	H5892	H2275

## Additional Cross-References

**1 Samuel 30:1** (References David): And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;

