

# 2 Samuel 2:5

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 (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

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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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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## 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

אֲשֶׁר	לִיהְיוֹן	הַתָּמִים	בָּרוּכִים	אֶלָּיכֶם	אָנָשִׁים	יְהִי שֵׁם	גָּלַע ד
<b>sent</b>	<b>And David</b>	<b>messengers</b>	H413	H376	<b>of Jabeshgilead</b>	H3003	H1568
H7971	H1732	H4397					
<b>and said</b>	H413	<b>unto them Blessed</b>	H1288	H859	<b>be ye of the LORD</b>	H3068	H834
H559							
עַמְּךָ	אֶלְנִיכֶם	עַמְּךָ	בָּרוּכִים	אֶלָּיכֶם	אָנָשִׁים	יְהִי אָמֵר	אֲשֶׁר
<b>that ye have shewed</b>	<b>this kindness</b>	H2088	H5973	<b>unto your lord</b>	H5973	H113	H6213
H6213	H2617						
<b>even unto Saul</b>	<b>and have buried</b>	H853					H6912
H7586							

## Additional Cross-References

**1 Samuel 23:21** (Blessing): And Saul said, Blessed be ye of the LORD; for ye have compassion on me.

**Psalms 115:15** (Blessing): Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.

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