

# 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* (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

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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

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וְשָׁלַח	דָּוִד	מַלְאָכָיו	אֶל	אֲנָשֵׁי	יָבִישׁ	גִּלְעָד
sent	And David	messengers	H413	H376	of Jabeshgilead	H1568
H7971	H1732	H4397			H3003	
וַיֹּאמֶר	אֵלָיו	בְּרָכָיו	אֲתֶם	לִיהוָה	אֱשֶׁר	
and said	H413	unto them Blessed	H859	be ye of the LORD	H834	
H559		H1288		H3068		
עָשִׂיתָ	הַחֶסֶד	הַזֶּה	עִמָּ	אֲדֹנֶיךָ	עִמָּ	
that ye have shewed	this kindness	H2088	H5973	unto your lord	H5973	
H6213	H2617			H113		
וְעַד	וַתִּקְבְּרוּ	אֹתוֹ:				
even unto Saul	and have buried	H853				
H7586	H6912					

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.