

2 Samuel 2:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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

וְעַתָּה הִיא		תְּחַזֵּק קִנְיָהּ		יְדֵיכֶם		וְהִיוּ		לְבָנֵי	
H6258		be strengthened		Therefore now let your hands		H1961		and be ye valiant	
		H2388		H3027				H1121	
לְ		כִּי		מָתָה		אֲדֹנֶיכֶם		נִשָּׂא וְלֹא	
H2428		H3588		is dead		for your master		Saul	
				H4191		H113		H7586	
								H1571	
								H853	
								have anointed	
								H4886	
בֵּית		יְהוּדָה		לִּי		מֶלֶךְ		עָלֵיהֶם:	
and also the house		of Judah		me king				H5921	
H1004		H3063		H4428					