

# 2 Samuel 5:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.**

This verse contributes to the narrative of David Becomes King of Israel, emphasizing God establishing His chosen king. David's anointing as king over all Israel fulfills promises made years earlier (1 Samuel 16:13). The conquest of Jerusalem and establishment of it as capital demonstrates God's blessing. Military victories over Philistines show divine enablement. Theological themes include God's faithfulness to promises, the importance of proper locations for worship, and divine empowerment for tasks God assigns.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting of 2 Samuel 5 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 God establishing His chosen king 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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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of God establishing His chosen king?
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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סִבְרָה וְנָהָרָה אֶל דָּוִיד עַל שְׁבָטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כֹּל יִבְּרָא אֱלֹהִים  
Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron  
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אָנָּחָנוּ וּבְשָׁרֶב עַצְמָב הַבָּן וְלֹאָמָר לֹאָמָר  
and spake and spake Behold we are thy bone and thy flesh  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Ephesians 5:30** (Parallel theme): For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.