

2 Samuel 5:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house.

Analysis

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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

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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

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

עַזְלָח	לְדוֹדָן	אַל	מֶלֶאכִים	צָר	מֶלֶךְ	חִיכָם	וְיִשְׁלַח
sent	David	and	messengers	of Tyre	king	And Hiram	I sent
H7971	H1732		H413	H6865	H4428	H2438	

אַכְזִים	וְתַרְשֵׁי	עַזְלָח	אַבְנֵי	לְדוֹדָן	אַרְבָּנָה
and masons	and carpenters	trees	and carpenters	David	cedar
H7023	H68	H2796	H6086	H1732	H730

לְדוֹדָן:	בְּיַהֲוָה:	וְיִבְנֵו
David	an house	and they built
H1732	H1004	H1129

Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 14:1 (Kingdom): Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him an house.

1 Kings 5:18 (Parallel theme): And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

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