

2 Samuel 5:12

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 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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

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

וַיֵּדַע	וְדָוִד	כִּי	הָכִין	יְהוָה	לָהּ	עַל
perceived	And David	H3588	had established	that the LORD	him king	H5921
H3045	H1732		H3559	H3068	H4428	
יִשְׂרָאֵל:	וְכִי	נִשָּׂא	מַמְלָכָתוֹ	בְּעֵבֹר	עַמּוֹ	
Israel's	H3588	and that he had exalted	his kingdom	H5668	for his people	
H3478		H5375	H4467		H5971	
יִשְׂרָאֵל:						
Israel's						
H3478						

Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 7:16 (Kingdom): And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

1 Kings 10:9 (Kingdom): Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

1 Chronicles 14:2 (Kingdom): And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.

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