

# 2 Samuel 5:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.

## Analysis

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**And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.**

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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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## 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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וָקַח	לְדָוִד	עַד	פְּלִגְשָׁיִם	וְנָשִׁים	מִירֹשֶׁלַיִם
took	And David	H5750	him more concubines	and wives	out of Jerusalem
H3947	H1732		H6370	H802	H3389

אַחֲרַי	בָּא	מִחֶבְרוֹן	וְנִלְדָּו	עַד	לְדָוִד
after	he was come	from Hebron	born	H5750	And David
H310	H935	H2275	H3205		H1732

בְּנֵי יִם	וּבָנוֹת:
and there were yet sons	and daughters
H1121	H1323

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Chronicles 3:9** (References David): These were all the sons of David, beside the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister.

**Deuteronomy 17:17** (Parallel theme): Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

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