

2 Samuel 5:19

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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

וַשָּׂא ל	דָּוִד	יְהוָה ה	וַיֹּאמֶר	עַל ה	אֵל	הַפְּלִשְׁתִּים יִם	
enquired	And David	And the LORD	said	Go up	H413	the Philistines	
H7592	H1732	H3068	H559	H5927		H6430	
אֶת־	בְּיָדְךָ:	וַיֹּאמֶר	יְהוָה ה	אֵל	דָּוִד	עַל ה	כִּי
deliver	into thine hand	said	And the LORD	H413	And David	Go up	H3588
H5414	H3027	H559	H3068		H1732	H5927	
אֶת־	אֶת־	אֶת	הַפְּלִשְׁתִּים יִם	בְּיָדְךָ:			
deliver	deliver	H853	the Philistines	into thine hand			
H5414	H5414		H6430	H3027			

Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 2:1 (References Lord): And it came to pass after this, that David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.

1 Samuel 23:2 (References Lord): Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah.

Judges 20:28 (References Lord): And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Go up; for to morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

Proverbs 3:6 (Parallel theme): In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.