

# 2 Samuel 5:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.

## Analysis

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**And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.**

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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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## 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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<b>did so</b>	<b>And David</b>			<b>had commanded</b>	<b>as the LORD</b>	<b>him and smote</b>
H6213	H1732	H3651	H834	H6680	H3068	H5221
אֶת	פְּלִשְׁתֵּי יָם	מִגֵּבָה	עַד	בְּאֵר	גָּזֵר:	
H853	<b>the Philistines</b>	<b>from Geba</b>		<b>until thou come</b>	<b>to Gazer</b>	
	H6430	H1387	H5704	H935	H1507	

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Chronicles 14:16** (References David): David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer.