

# 2 Samuel 5:3

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

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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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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## 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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וַיָּבֹאוּ	כָּל	זִקְנֵי י	יִשְׂרָאֵל:	אֶל	לְמֶלֶךְ	בְּחֶבְרוֹן	וַיַּכֵּר ת
came	H3605	So all the elders	of Israel	H413	and king	to Hebron	made
H935		H2205	H3478		H4428	H2275	H3772
לְהִמָּלֵךְ	לְמֶלֶךְ	דָּוִד	בֶּרֶךְ ית	בְּחֶבְרוֹן	לִפְנֵי י	יְהוָה	
H0	and king	David	a league	to Hebron	before	the LORD	
	H4428	H1732	H1285	H2275	H6440	H3068	
וַיִּמְשְׁחוּ	אֶת	דָּוִד	לְמֶלֶךְ	עַל	יִשְׂרָאֵל:		
and they anointed	H853	David	and king	H5921	of Israel		
H4886		H1732	H4428		H3478		

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Samuel 2:4** (Kingdom): And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, That the men of Jabesh-gilead were they that buried Saul.

**1 Samuel 16:13** (References Lord): Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

**1 Samuel 23:18** (Creation): And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

**2 Kings 11:17** (Kingdom): And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD'S people; between the king also and the people.

**2 Samuel 3:21** (Kingdom): And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

**Judges 11:11** (Creation): Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them: and Jephthah uttered all his words before the LORD in Mizpeh.