

# 2 Samuel 5:6

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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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**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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וַיִּלָּךְ H1980	וְהָמֶלֶךְ H4428	וְאֲנָשָׁיו H376	יְרֵךְ וְיִשְׁלַם H3389	אֶל H413	הַיְבֻסִים H2983
	<b>And the king</b>		<b>to Jerusalem</b>		<b>unto the Jebusites</b>
וְיֹשְׁבֵי	הָאָרֶץ H776	לֵאמֹר H559	דָּוִד H1732	לֵאמֹר H559	לֹא H3808
<b>the inhabitants</b>	<b>of the land</b>	<b>hither thinking</b>	<b>David</b>	<b>hither thinking</b>	
יָבֹאוּ H935	הַנֵּה H2008	כִּי H3588	אִם H518	הַסִּירֶנָּה H5493	הָעִוְרִים H5787
<b>cannot come in</b>			<b>Except thou take away</b>	<b>the blind</b>	
וְהַפְּסָחִים H6455	לֵאמֹר H559	לֹא H3808	יָבֹאוּ H935	דָּוִד H1732	הַנֵּה: H2008
<b>and the lame</b>	<b>hither thinking</b>		<b>cannot come in</b>	<b>David</b>	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Judges 1:8** (References Jerusalem): Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire.

**Jeremiah 37:10** (Parallel theme): For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained but wounded men among them, yet should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

**Joshua 18:28** (References Jerusalem): And Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi, which is Jerusalem, Gibeath, and Kirjath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

**Joshua 15:63** (References Jerusalem): As for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

**Judges 1:21** (References Jerusalem): And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

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