

2 Samuel 5:8

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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

וַיֹּאמֶר וְ	בַּיּוֹם	בַּיּוֹם	בַּיּוֹם	בַּיּוֹם	בַּיּוֹם
he shall be chief and captain	Wherfore they said	And David	on that day		H1931
H559		H1732	H3117		
וְיִבּוּשִׁי	מִכְּה הַ	מִכְּה הַ	מִכְּה הַ	מִכְּה הַ	מִכְּה הַ
and smiteth	the Jebusites	Whosoever getteth up	to the gutter		H853
H5221	H2983	H5060	H6794		
וְאֶת בָּאֵב וְ	וְאֶת בָּאֵב וְ	וְאֶת בָּאֵב וְ	וְאֶת בָּאֵב וְ	וְאֶת בָּאֵב וְ	וְאֶת בָּאֵב וְ
and the lame	The blind	that are hated	soul	And David	H5921 H3651
H6455	H5787	H8130	H5315	H1732	
וַיֹּאמֶר וְ	עִזָּה	שְׁנָא אֶת	דְּבָשָׁה	בְּנֵי דָבָשָׁה	בְּנֵי דָבָשָׁה
he shall be chief and captain	Wherfore they said	The blind	and the lame		H3808
H559		H5787	H6455		
בְּבַיִת	אֶל	עִזָּה	עִזָּה	עִזָּה	עִזָּה
shall not come	into the house				
H935	H413	H1004			

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