

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

הָהּ וְאֵל	בַּיּוֹם	דָּוִד	יֹאמַר וְ
H1931	on that day	And David	he shall be chief and captain Wherefore they said
	H3117	H1732	H559
וְאֵת	בִּצְנֹר	וְיִגַּע	יְבֻסִי
H853	to the gutter	Whosoever getteth up	the Jebusites
	H6794	H5060	H2983
כֵּן	עַל	דָּוִד	נֶפֶשׁ
H3651	H5921	And David	soul
		H1732	H5315
לֹא	וְכַפֵּי	עִוְרִים	יֹאמַר וְ
H3808	and the lame	The blind	he shall be chief and captain Wherefore they said
	H6455	H5787	H559
הַבַּיִת:	אֶל	יָבֹא	וְאֵל
H1004	into the house	shall not come	
		H935	