

2 Samuel 5 keywords

Then all the tribes of **Israel** came to **David** at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was **king** over us, it was you who led out **Israel** and brought it in. **YHWH** said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people **Israel**, you who shall be ruler over **Israel**." So all the elders of **Israel** came to the **king** at Hebron; and **King David** made a covenant with them at Hebron before **YHWH**, and they anointed **David king** over **Israel**. **David** was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all **Israel** and Judah thirty-three years.

The **king** and his men marched to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who said to **David**, "You will not come in here, even the blind and the lame will turn you back"--thinking, "**David** cannot come in here." Nevertheless **David** took the stronghold of Zion, which is now the city of **David**. **David** had said on that day, "Whoever would strike down the Jebusites, let him get up the water shaft to attack the lame and the blind, those whom **David** hates." Therefore it is said, "The blind and the lame shall not come into the house." **David** occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of **David**. **David** built the city all around from the Millo inward. And **David** became greater and greater, for **YHWH**, the God of hosts, was with him.

King Hiram of Tyre sent messengers to **David**, along with cedar trees, and carpenters and masons who built **David** a house. **David** then perceived that **YHWH** had established him **king** over **Israel**, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people **Israel**.

In Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron, **David** took more concubines and wives; and more sons and daughters were born to **David**. These are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.

When the **Philistines** heard that **David** had been anointed **king** over **Israel**, all the **Philistines** went up in search of **David**; but **David** heard about it and went down to the stronghold. Now the **Philistines** had come and spread out in the valley of Rephaim. **David** inquired of **YHWH**, "Shall I go up against the **Philistines**? Will you give them into my hand?" **YHWH** said to **David**, "Go up; for I will certainly give the **Philistines** into your hand." So **David** came to Baal-perazim, and **David** defeated them there. He said, "**YHWH** has burst forth against my enemies before me, like a bursting flood." Therefore that place is called Baal-perazim. The **Philistines** abandoned their idols there, and **David** and his men carried them away. Once again the **Philistines** came up, and were spread out in the valley of Rephaim. When **David** inquired of **YHWH**, he said, "You shall not go up; go around to their rear, and come upon them opposite the balsam trees. When you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then be on the alert; for then **YHWH** has gone out before you to strike down the army of the **Philistines**." **David** did just as **YHWH** had commanded him; and he struck down the **Philistines** from Geba all the way to Gezer.