

2 Samuel 5

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5 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. (Reason 1 for David to be king) (They were all descendents of Jacob)

²Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel. (Reasons 2 & 3) (During Saul's reign, David was already a leader in the Army. Also God told David – thou shalt feed my people – as in a shepherd with a flock)

³So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel. (Chronicles states that they anointed David in the name of God and also by Samuel's word. David was 17 when Samuel anointed him; he became king over all 12 tribes at 37 – 20 years later)

⁴David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. (30 years old when he began to reign over Judah; 7.5 years over Judah; he reigned 33 years over all of Israel)

⁵In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

⁶And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither. (Israel had taken the city, but not the citadel. The Jebusites are saying that even the lame and the blind could defend the citadel against David)

⁷Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David. (This is the first occurrence in the Bible of the word – Zion)

⁸And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind that are hated of David's soul, he shall be chief and captain. Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house. (David took it and renamed the whole city Jerusalem – the City of Peace) (David's answer to the insult from the Jebusites)

⁹ So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward. (David fortified the entire city with walls and towers. Jerusalem was only attackable on one side. The other three were naturally defended by steep hills)

¹⁰ And David went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him. (Because David stayed loyal to God and obeyed Him)

¹¹ And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house.

¹² And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake. (David gave God the credit for his success. He was a wise man and a good king)

¹³ And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David. (In Deuteronomy-17:17 - God warned Israel not to multiply wives unto themselves. This will cause David a lot of trouble in his later years)

¹⁴ And these be the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shammuah, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, (Nathan would be the bloodline through whom Jesus would come – see Luke-3) (These were David's children through Bathsheba)

¹⁵ Ibhar also, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

¹⁶ And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphalet.

¹⁷ But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold. (This is back in time, before David took Jerusalem. He would not have left a well defended city to go into a cave)

(The Philistines saw David's power growing. They wanted to stop him before he became too powerful for them)

¹⁸ The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. (Rafa- was one of the descendants of the hybrid children of the fallen angels)

¹⁹ And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand. (Through Abiathar the priest – and the Urum & Thumum)

²⁰ And David came to Baalperazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baalperazim. (Baalperazim= lord of the breach or the divisions)

²¹ And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them. (Their idols; they had brought them there to try to get the victory over Israel)

²² And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. (Raphaim from the word Rafa – the fallen angels)

(These tribes had mated with the fallen angels and begat giants for offspring. Goliath was one)

²³ And when David enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

²⁴ And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines. (God sent His army before David's army to fight the Philistines. In 2Kings, God did the same for Elisha and his armor bearer)

²⁵ And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer. (Geba- probably an abbreviation for Gibeon)