
of the Israelites were also of one mind to make David king.³⁹ The men spent three days there with David, eating and drinking, for their families had supplied provisions for them.⁴⁰ Also, their neighbors from as far away as Issachar, Zebulun and Naphtali came bringing food on donkeys, camels, mules and oxen. There were plentiful supplies of flour, fig cakes, raisin cakes, wine, oil, cattle and sheep, for there was joy in Israel.

Psalm 18

“For the director of music. Of David the servant of the Lord. He sang to the Lord the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said:”

Psalms 18:1 I love you, O LORD, my strength.

Psalms 18:2 The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalms 18:28 You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.

²⁹ With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.

³⁰ As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.

³¹ For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God?

³² It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.

³³ He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights.

David Becomes King

Life of David—part 6

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1 Samuel 31; 2 Samuel 1-5

David mourns over the death of King Saul

2 Samuel 1:11 Then David and all the men with him took hold of their clothes and tore them.

¹² They mourned and wept and fasted till evening for Saul and his son Jonathan, and for the army of the LORD and the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

2 Samuel 1:22 From the blood of the slain, from the flesh of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, the sword of Saul did not return unsatisfied.²³ Saul and Jonathan-- in life they were loved and gracious, and in death they were not parted. They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.²⁴ O daughters of Israel, weep for Saul, who clothed you in scarlet and finery, who adorned your garments with ornaments of gold.²⁵ How the mighty have fallen in battle! Jonathan lies slain on your heights.

David Anointed king of Judah

2 Samuel 2:1 In the course of time, David inquired of the LORD. 'Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?' he asked. The LORD said, 'Go up.' David asked, 'Where shall I

go?"To Hebron,"the LORD answered.

2 Samuel 2:2 So David went up there with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel.

2 Samuel 2:4 Then the men of Judah came to Hebron and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

2 Samuel 2:8 Meanwhile, Abner son of Ner, the commander of Saul's army, had taken Ish-Bosheth son of Saul and brought him over to Mahanaim. ⁹ He made him king over Gilead, Ashuri and Jezreel, and also over Ephraim, Benjamin and all Israel.

David tested

2 Samuel 3:1 The war between the house of Saul and the house of David lasted a long time. David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.

2 Samuel 3:2 Sons were born to David in Hebron: His firstborn was Amnon the son of Ahinoam of Jezreel; ³ his second, Kileab the son of Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel; the third, Absalom the son of Maacah daughter of Talmi king of Geshur; ⁴ the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; ⁵ and the sixth, Ithream the son of David's wife Eglah. These were born to David in Hebron.

David anointed king over all Israel

2 Samuel 5:1 All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, We are your own flesh and blood. ² In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'"

2 Samuel 5:3 When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a compact with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

1 Chronicles 12:38 All these were fighting men who volunteered to serve in the ranks. They came to Hebron fully determined to make David king over all Israel. All the rest
