

2Samuel 5:1–16

“The Promised Kingdom of the Desperately-Needed Christ-King”

What holds together these accounts of the establishing and strengthening of God’s anointed king?
Pastor leads his family in today’s “Hopewell @Home” passage. In these sixteen verses, we find that each description recalls promises of the Satan-crushing, forever-reigning, all-nations-blessing Christ-King, Whom even David desperately needs.

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Questions from the Scripture text: Who came to whom where (v1)? What did they say they are? What had David done when Saul was king (v2)? What did they know Yahweh had said to David? Whose arrival at Hebron does v3 specifically mention? What did David make with them? Before Whom? What did they do to David? How old was David when he began to reign (v4)? How long did he reign? How long in Hebron (v5)? How long in Jerusalem? Who went to Jerusalem in v6? Against whom? Whom did the Jebusites say would repel David? What did they think? Nevertheless, what did David do (v7)? What way did David say to climb up there (v8)? What did he say would be done for the one who defeated the Jebusites that way? What did David call the hill when it was taken (v9)? What did he build? What did he become (v10)? Who was with him? Who sent messengers in v11? With what three gifts? For what purpose? What did David know (v12)? What had Yahweh done to David? To His kingdom? For whose sake? What did David take to himself in v13? With what result? Where were these born to him (v14)? How many sons total in Jerusalem (v14–16)? What were their names?

The Lord’s own purposes stand behind the rise and advance of His kingdom, even against all opposition external and internal.

It’s been seven years of the eleven tribes *not acknowledging* David as king (v5). Were they not his bone and flesh all that time (v1)? Had they had military history amnesia for seven years, somehow forgetting the exploits that they now recall in v2a? What the Spirit presents to us, even on the people’s lips, is that it is not the people’s relationship with David or recognition of David that is in control here. Yahweh had said “You shall shepherd My people Israel and be ruler over Israel” (v2b).

So all the opposition of Saul and sluggishness of homage of the eleven tribes could not stop 2Sam 5:3–5 from coming. They may have anointed David king over Israel in v3, but the anointing that sealed it all took place all the way back in 1Sam 16:13—and really, even further back in the eternal purpose and plan of God Himself.

We have the same message in vv6–14, where the nations come to bow to God’s anointed king—one way or another. Based upon the historical timing of the taking of Jerusalem and the rise of Hiram to the throne of Tyre, these events are much later than anything else in the chapter. So why are they here? To illustrate, again, that the kingdom is not merely a sequence of historical events with various political and military causes, but the fulfillment of God’s purposes and promises.

The Jebusites were a tiny little clan (with an overinflated ego, v6) inhabiting one hill in the entire land of Canaan, but they were included in a more prestigious list in Gen 15:21. Why? So that when we come to 2Sam 5:7–8, we don’t say so much, “Ah, what an ingenious military plan by David!” But more, “Ah, what a faithful fulfillment of promise by Yahweh!”

Hiram came to power around 25 years after v3, but with Abrahamic promises in the background, the international acclaim of David in v11–12 hearkens back to Gen 12:3—God cursing those who curse His people, and blessing those who bless His people, and David’s recognizing in v12 not only that it was Yahweh who had established and exalted His kingdom in David, but especially that this was “For the sake of His people Israel.”

Genesis 15. Genesis 12. Promises that come from the eternal, saving purpose of God and will not rest until Christ has come to save His people. And come again, with His saved people finally all gathered in and perfected. Promises that control the rise to power in 2Sam 5. Promises that control what is going on in the world today, and in your life this week, dear believer.

Promises that overcome even our folly and sin. vv13–14 resume (“more,” v13) list that began in 3:2–5. And just in case we hadn’t caught the wickedness of it, the one who really stands out in this list is, “Solomon.” Many point to the fact that the birth of so many sons is a strengthening of David, building upon the theme of the rest of the chapter, and use this fact to justify the multiplication of concubines and wives.

But isn’t the point just the opposite? Can you really read the rest of 2Samuel with a “positive” view of the morality and consequences of the Bathsheba incident? The point here is not that David was justified in what he did, but rather that God is glorified in extending mercy and in accomplishing good, even in such folly and wickedness as v13a. There is no glory unto David in the glory of David. There is only glory unto God!

Such a God whose mercy and power overrule the sin of those who belong to Him in Christ is surely worthy not of carelessness that presumes outcomes but rather love and zeal in obedience and service that respond to Him and to His promised outcomes! Shall we not also trust Him and respond with such love and zeal in obedience and service?

What promises did God make to Abraham and David that have already come true? What promises did God make that have not yet come true? How are they coming true in today’s world and in your life?

Suggested songs: ARP2 “Why Do Gentile Nations Rage?” or TPH459 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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Alright second Samuel 5 verses 1 through 16, these are God's words. Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and spoke saying indeed we are your bone and your flesh. Also in time past when Saul was king Everest you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in and he always said to you you shall shepherd my people Israel and be ruler over Israel therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron.

And King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before y'all way and they anointed David King over Israel. David was 30 years old when he began terrain and he reigned 40 years. And Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months and in Jerusalem, he reigned 33 years overall.

Israel and Judah. And the king in his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites the inhabitants of the land who spoke to David saying. You shall not come in here, but the blind and the lame will repel you thinking. David cannot come in here. Nevertheless. David took the stronghold of Zion that is the city of David.

Now David said on that day, whoever climbs up by way of the watershaft and defeats the Jebusites the lame and the blind who are hated by David Sol. He shall be chief and captain. Therefore, they say the blind and the lame shall not come into the house. Then David dwelt in the stronghold and called it the city of David and David built all around from the millo and inward.

So David went on became great and he always got of hosts was with him. Then here him king of tire sent messengers to David and Cedar trees and carpenters and masons and they built David a house. Said David knew that Yahweh had established him as King over Israel. And that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people.

Israel. And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem after he had come from Ebron. Also, more sons and daughters were born today, but now these are the names of those were born to him in Jerusalem at Nathan Solomon, Ibarelli. Shuah nephew Elishama, Eliada and Elifelect. So far the reading of God's inspired and inherent word.

Well, we know that David. Reigned six years in Hebron and over just Judah. Which means a year and a half over all of Israel from Hebron. So the taking of.

Jerusalem from the Jebusites isn't exactly the same time as what's going on in verses 1 through 5. And verses 11 through 12 Hiram was only king of Tyre for the last 10 years or so of David's reign. So, The Holy Spirit is giving us here little snippets from several different times.

All of them, however showing God strengthening. David's kingship and David's kingdom and especially God keeping promises that he has made. And not sure we can go back all the way to Genesis 2, but this language of we are your bone and we are your flush sounds a lot like Adam and Eve and the son of the woman that we're waiting for and who is going to come through King David and second Samuel is going there pretty quickly after David's victories and the bringing back of the ark, we're gonna go into second Samuel 7 where?

David tells Nathan that he wants to build God a house. Nathan says do whatever is in your heart and then Nathan goes home and I think it's Nathan or is it Samuel what might be Samuel?

No it's Nathan do it and they think goes home and God's like nope go back and tell him you're not gonna build the house. I'm gonna build you a house and he makes David the promise that from his household will come the forever king who's the forever king Ezekiel Jesus Jesus is the forever king that's right and said the promises of Jesus the forever king are really I was gonna say in the background, but it really comes into the foreground in second saying the seven.

And so it's not surprising that he that they might be referring to the woman and the seed of the woman and looking forward to Christ in verse one. Although it is certainly something that the Lord is doing for David for seven years 11 tribes had not acknowledged. David is king they were his bone and his flesh the whole time.

They didn't just now suddenly remember that when Saul was king he was the one who had led Israel out and brought them in and they didn't just now remember that God had anointed him to be shepherd over Israel seemed to be something that everybody knew. Even Malachites who were resident aliens in Israel, so the things that that they're giving as the reasons aren't really the reasons God has brought them by his providence to the place where they are accepting David and as their king after seven years of trying not to God is solidifying the kingship the kingdom of David because God is bringing into the world another thousand years from this this time God is bringing into the world the kingship.

Done of his son our Lord Jesus, that's also what's behind verse six and the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites. Now the job you sites thought that Jerusalem was so naturally protected and it is it's got these very steep ravines down on on multiple sides very very difficult to attack very easy to defend and so they said the blind and the lame will repel you and so David nicknamed the Jebusites the blind on the lane for for the rest of their existence and he was able to take it anyway and we learned here of course not.

To be proud but the name Jebusite pricks up our ears because if we go back to Genesis chapter 12, I believe. My vision is not good right now. No, no, no Genesis 15 Genesis 12, of course, is that all the families of the Earth will talk about Genesis 12 when we get to hear them King of Tara but.

If you remember back to Genesis 15 and verse. Well really verse 19 and following I think or 18 and following on the same day you always made a covenant with Abraham's Abram saying to your descendants. I've given your land and then the key the land of the K9 Kennesight's cabinets headlights Parasites reframe MRIs Canonics or Canadianites Joker sites and this tiny little clan that lives on one hill.

The Jebusites. Why would the tiny little clan that lives on one hill be named among the other major Canaanite Nations there in Genesis 15. It's because that client happened to be sitting on the hill that is going to become the stronghold of Zion the city of David Jerusalem. And there not only will the Davidic Kingdom be established but there outside the city the king of kings would give himself for our sins.

And so when we finally come and meet the Jebusites in second Samuel 5:6, we say aha. This is progressing from the promise in Genesis 15 to the fulfillment of the promise at the cross of Calvary when Jesus the Great King would die for us. Well, having mentioned chapter 12 Genesis chapter 12, you remember that God told Abraham that our Abram at that time that in him all the nations of the earth would be blessed Genesis 12 beginning in Genesis 12 verses 2.

Verse 3. I will make you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and I will curse him who curses you and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed and this is part of the golden age of Israel starting

now.

Israel has not been that powerful. They've cleared the land but they come into great prominence during the reign of David and that's part of or hear them king of tire and his service of them as part of it he was blessing being blessed by blessing the reign of David and then later even the rain of Solomon as well.

But there are you know, great big promises about Christ in Genesis 2 and Genesis 15 and Genesis 12 that are behind all of this and we see why he's so needed because even David even the man after God's own heart our.

You know, our hearts sink within us when we read verse 13 and David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem after he had come from Hebron we remember back to chapter 3 and he had already taken multiple wives when he was in heaven and he moves to Jerusalem and he takes even more and that says, these are the names of the sons.

Sons and daughters were born to him now these are the names of those who are born to him in Jerusalem in the gives us a list and right in the middle of the list of Solomon and we know that Solomon was the son of Bathsheba and we and we are starting to think now about how yes God is going to establish David's kingdom and there are these great big promises about the coming of the Lord Jesus that are coming in the next few chapters, but very quickly after that it's going to be the time when the King's go out to war and David is going to be at home in his palace and he's going to get up from a nap.

And the afternoon and he's going to commit adultery and he's going to give it commit murder and then the rest of second Samuel is the whole horrible consequences of Davidson and so we see in that even David could commit sin like that and bring consequences like those how badly we need.

Jesus to come how badly we need the seed of the woman to come crush the serpent said how badly? We need the one who is going to establish his kingdom by dying and rising again in Jerusalem how badly we need him to come in whom all the families of the earth will be blessed including our own family as he is our king who crossed the serpent's head in our place how badly we need.

Jesus. Let's pray. Our father in heaven we. Dare not trust ourselves the way the Jebusites trusted themselves. Especially for fighting against sin or the removal of guilt. For both of which we really can do nothing ourselves. And we dare not trust in anyone else but Christ however good they may be for even one like David has the capacity for adultery and murder even late in his walk of faith with you.

And so we thank you that we see behind this chapter the promise and the fulfillment of the Lord Jesus destroying the devil. And establishing his kingdom. And winning blessing for all who are his from all over from every nation and earth and. We desperately need him and so we thank you that you loved us that you planned to send him that you did send him he finished his earthly work but he's raining right now in glory and we pray that you would bless to us to our trusting in him by your spirit that he would stir up our faith and that he would give us all that you have provided for us in Christ and whose name we ask him.

Amen.