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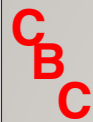
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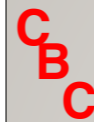
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- v. 1 “Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.
- v. 2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the Lord said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel.
- v. 3 **So 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.**
- v. 4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.”



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- v. 5 “In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.
- v. 6 And 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.
- v. 7 **Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David.”**

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v. 8 “And 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.

v. 9 So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward.

v. 10 And David went on, and grew great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him.”

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After the death of King Saul, there was a power vacuum in Israel, a scenario not unusual in a new monarchy or when there is any change of government. Life at that time was very chaotic in Israel. There was a **power play** for Saul's throne; not everyone agreed that it rightfully belonged to David despite God's decree and Samuel's anointing of him as Saul's eventual replacement. David was made king of **Judah**, but Abner, Saul's Military Commander, made **Saul's son, Ishbosheth** king of most of the other tribes. For a time, the nation of Israel was divided, but the house of Judah followed David.

For the next 7 years, there was civil war in Israel, accompanied by a significant amount of violence, including the murder of Ish- bosheth, Israel's, new king. As **II Samuel 3:1** tells us “ Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and

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stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.” After seven years of war, the nation was **ready for peace**. All the tribes of Israel means that representatives from the tribes gathered. They were there to speak on behalf of all the people. At this time David was in **Hebron**, 20 miles south of Jerusalem, which was the highest city in that part of Israel.

The tribal leaders of Israel recognized their **kinship** with David (as all Israelites descended from Jacob's twelve sons), and were well aware of his accomplishments as a military hero. They made it clear that they wanted someone like him when they voiced their concerns to the Prophet Samuel

I Samuel 8: 19-20 They remembered that **David** was the one who, led in battle when Saul was king, and they finally recognized **God's calling** on David's life to be the leader of his people.

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But like any nation, Israel needed more than a military leader. Recognizing that David could **'feed'** v.2 God's people was critical. The word ' feed' means **to Shepherd**. Shepherd was a common designation for both religious and political leaders in ancient Israel. The people wanted someone who could lead them like a shepherd leads a flock. The figure of the shepherd was associated with **gentleness, watchfulness and concern**. Since it is the shepherd's task to lead, feed and heed his flock, the shepherd metaphor becomes the paradigm of the shepherd- king. (Of course in Israel, the Lord was their Shepherd. **Ps. 23:1**

David was also to be their 'captain' a word that can be translated prince or ruler. Of course, David had already been selected for this role many years before **I Samuel 16: 1-13** Verse 3 of our lesson states that David made a 'league' with them. The word **league** is usually translated **covenant in the Old**

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Testament. This was done **before the Lord** which meant it was a solemn ceremony where God was both a witness and a participant, suggesting that the ceremony was as religious in nature as it was political.

As customary, David was anointed with oil to symbolize his selection for this office by the Lord Himself. This was actually the third time David was anointed king. The first time was when he was a boy **I Samuel 16: 13** then he was anointed King over Judah **II Samuel 2:4** Now he was being anointed **king over all Israel**. David was **selected king** long before he assumed the role of king over all Israel- perhaps 25 years. God may have already chosen us for certain tasks yet to be performed. Even now, He may be **preparing us** for works of service. **Ephesians 2:10** reminds us “ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

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After the people came to terms with this new arrangement, David was anointed king of all Israel. His reign would last a total of 40 years. Beginning at age 30 he reigned 7 1/2 years as king of Judah and then 33 years as king over all of Israel and Judah.

King David finds an interesting parallel in the ‘ son of David’ **Matthew 1:1** in Jesus Christ. **Jesus** began His Ministry at about 30 years of age **Luke 3:23** When Christ was revealed to Israel, “ He came preaching the Gospel of the kingdom of God and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye and believe the Gospel” **Mark 1:14-15** Sadly, “ He came unto His own and His own received Him not” **John 1:11**. While David was acknowledged as the rightful king of Israel, Jesus was not. Whether acknowledged or not, Christ is the “only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords”

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Now that David was **king over all Israel**, he needed a more centralized capital, perhaps that is why he looked to move the capital to the north. **Jerusalem** was a natural choice because it was not controlled by any of the twelve tribes which means that none of the tribes could claim superior status for being home of the capital. **However the Jebusites** , descendants of Noah’s son Ham, who now controlled the city, were not eager to give it up. The Jebusites were among those who were not dislodged when the armies of Israel conquered Canaan. **Joshua 15:63** says “ as for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out”. Part of the reason was because the city was situated on a hill.

The Jebusites were extremely confident in their fortification of Jerusalem. They were confident that the city could not be penetrated, that David and his

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army would not be able to break through. But their **overconfidence** would be their undoing. (As is often the case for anyone) They were **boastful**, haughty and started to engage in what we call ‘ **trash talking**’. The Jebusites claimed that even their **disabled inhabitants** that could not see or walk well could defend Jerusalem and stop David’s army from entering in. David responded by saying that **all the Jebusites** were lame and blind and would be easily defeated despite their belief that their fortress was impossible to break into.

David showed military genius. On the day the battle began, he made a promise that whoever got up to the ‘gutter’ or water shaft, first would be made commander (chief and captain). David’s army was filled with mighty men of valor. The **impossible assignments** were what they thrived on. Joab was the first to climb up the steep climb to the water shaft and presumably others followed until they were inside.

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To say that the Jebusites were hated of David’s soul meant that they were his **enemies**. David said in **Psalms 139: 21** “ Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee? “

The bravado of the Jebusites was short lived. **The fortress that was supposed to protect them failed to do so**. One of the most important facts in Israeli history is that **David took Zion**. He did what the earlier Israelis was unable to do. He completed their task.

Once in possession of the city, David strengthened its fortifications and named it ‘**The City of David**’ . He improved Jerusalem.

As a summary of David’s reign, the writer says David “ went on and grew great, meaning that his power and influence continued to increase. This however, was not due to human effort or expertise, although it is clear David

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was a very capable leader. Indeed, **it was because the Lord of hosts was with him**.

Whether we are considering an ancient king like David or modern believers, it is essential that we **acknowledge the Lord** as the One who brings about success in any venture. Of course, this does not mean that we can sit on our hands and expect God to do for us what we can do for ourselves. While we are responsible to walk in obedience and faith, **we need His blessings upon all our endeavors, large or small**. We must remember that God always keeps His promises. He never fails us at any time.

If we are worshipping God in spirit and in truth, we can claim the same confidence in the Lord’s resources as David. **Romans 8:31** states “ If God be for us, who can be against us?”

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Practical Points

1. II Samuel 5: 1, 2 God’s promises made to His anointed leaders shall be fulfilled in His timing.
2. God will honor His people who obey His Word. vs. 3-4
3. People of faith who wait on the Lord shall be rewarded for their patience. v.5
4. The unsaved will try to stop or hinder God’s people from doing His will. vs.6,7
5. Believers cannot do everything, but they can accomplish impossible tasks when God calls them. vs. 8-9
6. God is always with His people and honors those who obey Him. v. 10

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For Further Reflection

1. What happens when people attempt to do the work of God without the guidance of the Holy Spirit?
2. How can prayer prepare believers to do God’s will?
3. How have contemporary believers benefitted from David’s reign?
4. Consider memorizing Romans 8:31(any version) “ What shall we say then to these things? **If God be for us, who can be against us? ”**

Mephibosheth
II Samuel 4:4 and II Samuel 9:1,7

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