

LONG TIME COMING 2 SAMUEL 5:3-5

2 Samuel 5 is a summary of events of David's early reign and not a chronology.

1. A taste of loyalty

2 Samuel 5:1 Then came **all** the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh. **2 Samuel 5:2** 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. **2 Samuel 5:3** 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.

2 Samuel 5:4 David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned **forty years**.

2 Samuel 5:5 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.

Loyalty for David was tough:

- It took 15 – 22 years to attain
- Took a war between Israel & Judah
- Took the death of Ishbosheth
- Took the death of Abner
- And in David's case – **everyone knew he was the anointed king**

1 Samuel 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 13:13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. **1 Samuel 13:14** **But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart**, and the LORD hath commanded him *to be* captain over his people, because thou hast not kept *that* which the LORD commanded thee.

1 Samuel 18:8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *but* thousands: **and what can he have more but the kingdom?** **1 Samuel 18:9** And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

1 Samuel 24:20 And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand. **1 Samuel 24:21** Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house.

1 Samuel 26:25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed *be* thou, my son David: **thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail**. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

1 Samuel 23:16 And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. **1 Samuel 23:17** And he said unto him, **Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth**.

1 Samuel 25:30 And it shall come to pass, **when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel;** **1 Samuel 25:31** That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

2 Samuel 3:9 So do God to Abner, and more also, except, **as the LORD hath sworn to David**, even so I do to him; **2 Samuel 3:10** To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba. **2 Samuel 3:18** Now then do *it*: **for the LORD hath spoken of David**, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.

Thoughts about loyalty:

- Takes time
- Takes too much time
- Can't be demanded / forced
- Requires conclusions from other people
- Requires a track record
- Can be given too quickly

- **Can be given to the wrong people**

2. A taste of **victory**

2 Samuel 5:6 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. **2 Samuel 5:7** **Nevertheless** David took the strong hold of Zion: the same *is* the city of David. **2 Samuel 5:8** **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. **2 Samuel 5:9** So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward. **2 Samuel 5:10** And David went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts *was* with him.

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Thoughts:

- **There are (thank God!) victories but never final victory this side of heaven**
- **Victory never happens without a fight**
- **Victory never happens without the possibility of failure**
- **Mocking / ridicule is always part and parcel of victory**
- **God gives victory through many different & strange means**

3. A taste of **another kind of loyalty**

2 Samuel 5:11 And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house. **2 Samuel 5:12** 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.

Hiram is well known from history:

- **Probably / possibly a dynastic name**
- **Ruler of an area of Phoenicia / modern day Lebanon**
- **Location of the cedar trees**
- **Builder of most of the temples and large structure of the ANE**
- **Great mercantile empire – an empire of merchants**
- **Builder of ships**
- **Founders of Carthage (daughter > mother)**
- **Known as the Punic people**

Acts 28:1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called **Melita**. **Acts 28:2** And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

- **Were “friends” of David and every other monarch with money & power**

4. A strong taste of **fallibility**

2 Samuel 5:13 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. **2 Samuel 5:14** And these *be* the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, **2 Samuel 5:15** Ibhar also, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

When reading a historical narrative Scripture / The Lord:

- **Assumes you know the Pentateuch / the Law**
- **Assumes you know / will come to know the rest of the story**

5. A taste of **hostility**

2 Samuel 5:17 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.

John 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you. **John 15:19** If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. **John 15:20** Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. **John 15:21** But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.