

## 2 Samuel 5:6-16 **David – King of Israel in Jerusalem**

### The Conquest of Jerusalem [1 Chron 11:4-9]

6 And the king and 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." 7 Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David).

8 Now David said on that day, "Whoever climbs up by way of the water shaft and defeats the Jebusites (the lame and the blind, who are hated by David's soul), he shall be chief and captain." Therefore they say, "The blind and the lame shall not come into the house."

9 Then David dwelt in the stronghold, and called it the City of David. And David built all around from the Millo and inward. 10 So David went on and became great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him.

### Hiram king of Tyre built David a house in Jerusalem [1 Chronicles 14:1-7]

11 Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters and masons. And they built David a house. 12 So David knew that the Lord had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.

### David increased wives and concubines in Jerusalem – Sons and Daughters born in Jerusalem

13 And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he had come from Hebron. Also more sons and daughters were born to David. 14 Now these are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, 15 Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, 16 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.

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#### Facts Revealed:

#### The Conquest of Jerusalem [2 Samuel 5:6-10, 1 Chron 11:4-9]

- ✧ David brought his men to Jerusalem against the Jebusites who thought their city was impregnable and scoffed at David and his army saying the city could be defended by the lame and the blind. [2 Samuel 5:6-7]
- ✧ David knew their weak spot was the water shaft, and offered the office of commander to anyone brave enough to climb the water shaft and breach their security. [2 Samuel 5:8]
- ✧ Joab, the son of David's sister Zeruah took the challenge, went up first, and became chief. [1 Chronicles 11:6]
- ✧ Joab was among David's men while David was fleeing from Saul and the years David was king of Judah. Saul had been after all of David's family who came to him in the wilderness at the cave of Adullam. [1 Samuel 22:1-2, 1 Chronicles 2:13-17]
- ✧ David dwelt in the Stronghold and called it the City of David. He built all around Jerusalem from the Millo (citadel, part of the fortification of Jerusalem) and inward. [2 Samuel 5:9, 1 Chronicles 11:7-8]
- ✧ David became great, and Yahweh Elohey Tsebvta (the Lord God of Hosts) was with him. [2 Samuel 5:10, 1 Chronicles 11:9]

#### Hiram king of Tyre built David a house in Jerusalem [2 Samuel 5:11-12, 1 Chronicles 14:1-7]

✧ David knew that the Lord had established him as king over Israel and had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel, when Hiram king of Tyre sent to David messengers, cedar trees, carpenters, and masons, who built David a house.

✧ At least David knew the reason God had exalted him in His kingdom over His people Israel.

✧ David then became the model after which all following kings were compared.

### David increased wives and concubines in Jerusalem – Sons and Daughters born in Jerusalem

✧ Secure as king over all of Israel in Jerusalem, David took more concubines and wives, and sons and daughters were born to him.

✧ Those born to David in Jerusalem:

- ✧ Shammua,
- ✧ Shobab,
- ✧ Nathan,
- ✧ Solomon,
- ✧ Ibhaz,
- ✧ Elishua,
- ✧ Nepheg,
- ✧ Japhia,
- ✧ Elishama,
- ✧ Eliada,
- ✧ Eliphelet

The law God had given for a king stated:

Deuteronomy 17:14-17

<sup>14</sup> "When you come to the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,' <sup>15</sup> you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.

<sup>16</sup> But **he shall not multiply horses** for himself,

**nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses**, for the Lord has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.'

<sup>17</sup> **Neither shall he multiply wives for himself**, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.

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It is very difficult for even the best and godliest man in position of power to obey the commandments of God. David was identified as a man after God's own heart. [[1 Samuel 13:14](#)]

All following kings of Israel and of Judah were compared with David.