

2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 5

¹ And all the tribes of Israel came to David to Hebron, and they said to him, "Behold, we *are* your bone and your flesh." ² And before, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the Lord said to you, 'You shall feed My people Israel, and you shall be for a leader to My people Israel.'" ³ And all the elders of Israel come to the king at Hebron. And King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord; and they anointed David king over all Israel. ⁴ David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵ Seven years and six months he reigned in Hebron over Judah, and thirty-three years he reigned over all Israel and Judah in Jerusalem.

⁶ And David and his men departed to Jerusalem, to the Jebusites that inhabited the land. And it was said to David, "You shall not come in here (for the blind and the lame withstood him, saying, 'David shall not come in here).'" ⁷ And David first took hold of Zion (that *is*, the City of David). ⁸ And David said on that day, "Everyone that attacks the Jebusites, let him attack with the dagger both the lame and the blind, and those that hate the soul of David." Therefore they said, "The lame and the blind shall not enter into the house of the Lord." ⁹ And David dwelt in the stronghold, and it was called the City of David, and he built the city itself round about from the citadel, and *he built* his own house. ¹⁰ And David advanced and became great, and the Lord Almighty *was* with him.

¹¹ And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar wood, and carpenters, and stone masons; and they built a house for David. ¹² And David knew that the Lord had prepared him to be king over Israel, and that his kingdom was exalted for the sake of His people Israel. ¹³ And David took again wives and concubines out of Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron: and David had still more sons and daughters born to him. ¹⁴ And these *are* the names of those that were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, ¹⁵ Ibhara, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, ¹⁶ Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.

¹⁷ And the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over Israel; and all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard of it, and went down to the stronghold. ¹⁸ And the Philistines came, and assembled in the Valley of Giants. ¹⁹ And David inquired of the Lord, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? And will You deliver them into my hands?" And the Lord said to David, "Go up, for I will surely deliver the Philistines into your hands." ²⁰ And David came from the Upper Breaches, and attacked the Philistines there. And David said, "The Lord has destroyed the hostile Philistines from before me, as water is dispersed." Therefore the name of that place was called Over Breaches. ²¹ And they left their gods there, and David and his men took them.

²² And the Philistines came up yet again, and assembled in the Valley of Giants. ²³ And David inquired of the Lord. And the Lord said, "You shall not go up to meet them: turn from them, and you shall meet them near the Place of Weeping." ²⁴ And it shall come to pass when you hear the sound of a clashing together from the Grove of Weeping, then you shall go down to them, for then the Lord shall go forth before you to create havoc in the battle with the

Philistines." ²⁵ And David did as the Lord commanded him, and struck the Philistines from Gibeon as far as the land of Gezer.