

## 2 Samuel 5:1-12 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “We are your own flesh and blood. <sup>2</sup> In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.’”

<sup>3</sup> When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

<sup>4</sup> David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. <sup>5</sup> In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

<sup>6</sup> The king and his men marched to Jerusalem to attack the Jebusites, who lived there. The Jebusites said to David, “You will not get in here; even the blind and the lame can ward you off.” They thought, “David cannot get in here.”

<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion—which is the City of David.

<sup>8</sup> On that day David had said, “Anyone who conquers the Jebusites will have to use the water shaft to reach those ‘lame and blind’ who are David’s enemies.<sup>[a]</sup>” That is why they say, “The ‘blind and lame’ will not enter the palace.”

<sup>9</sup> David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the terraces<sup>[b]</sup> inward. <sup>10</sup> And he became more and more powerful, because the LORD God Almighty was with him.

<sup>11</sup> Now Hiram king of Tyre sent envoys to David, along with cedar logs and carpenters and stonemasons, and they built a palace for David. <sup>12</sup> Then David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

## Psalm 21 (ESV)

21 O LORD, in your strength the king rejoices,  
and in your salvation how greatly he exults!

<sup>2</sup> You have given him his heart's desire  
and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah

<sup>3</sup> For you meet him with rich blessings;  
you set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

<sup>4</sup> He asked life of you; you gave it to him,  
length of days forever and ever.

<sup>5</sup> His glory is great through your salvation;  
splendor and majesty you bestow on him.

<sup>6</sup> For you make him most blessed forever;<sup>[a]</sup>  
you make him glad with the joy of your presence.

<sup>7</sup> For the king trusts in the LORD,  
and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.

<sup>8</sup> Your hand will find out all your enemies;  
your right hand will find out those who hate you.

<sup>9</sup> You will make them as a blazing oven  
when you appear.

The LORD will swallow them up in his wrath,  
and fire will consume them.

<sup>10</sup> You will destroy their descendants from the earth,  
and their offspring from among the children of man.

<sup>11</sup> Though they plan evil against you,  
though they devise mischief, they will not succeed.

<sup>12</sup> For you will put them to flight;  
you will aim at their faces with your bows.

<sup>13</sup> Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength!  
We will sing and praise your power.