

The Life of David – Lesson 9

Establishing the Kingdom

44. Israel United Under David

II Samuel 5:5, I Chronicles 29:26, 1048 B.C., Age 37

- We enter now the 33 years reign of David over both Judah and Israel.

♪ **Psalm 61**

- *neginah* – stringed instrument, plural is *neginoth*.
- Spurgeon: “This Psalm is a pearl. It is little, but precious. To many a mourner it has furnished utterance when the mind could not have devised a speech for itself. It was evidently composed by David after he had come to the throne,—see Ps 61:6.”

♪ **Psalm 101**

- Adam Clarke – “It shows us the resolutions he formed when he came to the throne; and it is a perfect model according to which a wise prince should regulate his conduct and his government.”

♪ **Psalm 133**

- What a wonderful picture of the state of Israel when David was made king!
- B.H. Carroll – “It is one of the finest expressions of the blessings that issue when God’s people dwell together in unity.”

45. Jerusalem Established as Capital

II Samuel 5:6-10, I Chronicles 11:4-9, 1048 B.C., Age 37

- The new capital unattached to a singular tribe and taken by united efforts.
- The Jebusites mocked David saying the “blind and lame” could defend their fortress and keep him out. Those words are turned against them as a proverb when David and his men succeed in taking their position.
- Joab is solidified as David’s general when he conquered the Jebusite fortress.

46. The Palace of David

II Samuel 5:11-12, I Chronicles 14:1-2, 1048 B.C., Age 37

- The house was built of imported cedars of Lebanon and craftsmen from Tyre.

♪ **Psalm 30**

- Some think the house (Hebrew = *bayith*, a generic word for dwelling) in the title is the Temple that David anticipated building (I Chronicles 22:1). I think the contents better fit it being David’s personal palace, as it continually stressed God’s goodness towards him.

47. David's Growing Family

II Samuel 5:13-16, I Chronicles 3:5-9 and 14:3-7, 1047 B.C., Age 38

- David has 20+ children. 6 sons were born in Hebron, 13 more sons recorded here, and one named daughter Tamar.
- The two accounts in I Chronicles have two names (Elpalet and Nogah) not found in II Samuel which are presumed to have died in infancy.

48. Philistine Invasion

II Samuel 5:17-18, I Chronicles 14:8-9, 1047 B.C., Age 38

- This appears to be the first major incursion by them since the death of Saul.

49. Bravery of David's Mighty Men

II Samuel 23:13-17, II Chronicles 11:15-19, 1047 B.C., Age 38

- The Philistines are said to be in the valley of Rephaim which is where our next events take place.

50. Battle of Baalperazim

II Samuel 5:19-21, I Chronicles 14:10-12, 1047 B.C., Age 38

- *Baalperazim* – “the master of breaches”
- The rout is such that they left behind their idols and David burned them instead of keeping them as war trophies.

48. Another Victory at Rephaim

II Samuel 5:22-25, I Chronicles 14:13-17, 1047 B.C., Age 38

- David is instructed by God to attack them from the rear at God's signal of rustling in the treetops.