



DAVID BECAME KING



2 Samuel 5:1-4; 7

All the tribes of Israel came to David and said, “Even while Saul was king, you were our true leader in battle. We know that the Lord said you would be king over Israel.” So, they anointed David king over Israel.

When King David made himself at home in his palace and there were no more battles to fight, he said to the prophet Nathan, “Look, I am living in this amazing palace, while the ark of God sits inside a tent.” He wanted to build a permanent house or temple for God.

That night, the Lord said to Nathan, “Go to my servant David and say, ‘You want to build me a house? But from the time I rescued the Israelites from Egypt until now, I have been living with a tent as My dwelling. I have never once asked anyone to build Me a permanent house.

“So now tell David, ‘Instead of you building Me a house, I will build you a house. I will give My people a permanent place to live and will keep their enemies away from them. I will raise up a descendant from your family, and I will establish his kingdom. He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

When David heard these words, he went and sat in the Lord’s presence and said, “Who am I that You have brought me this far, God? You have done great things, but they are nothing compared to what You will do in the future.

“You are great, and there is no one like You. You rescued Israel to make a great name for Yourself and performed great and awesome acts to show Your power and love for Your people. May Your words to me come true, just as You have promised, so that Your name will be exalted forever.”



Christ Connection: *God promised to build a forever kingdom through David’s family. This promise is fulfilled in Jesus, a descendant of David. Jesus is King over everything, and anyone who trusts in Him is welcomed into His forever kingdom.*