

King David – Established by the Lord



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Previous Lessons

- David came to Saul from shepherding sheep.
- All Israel loved David.
- David was envied and hated by Saul.
- David was pursued and attempted to be killed by Saul.
- Saul and his sons were slain in battle with the Philistines.
- David was made king.
- We will see David made king over Judah and Israel, his prosperity as a new king and his being established by the Lord .

David anointed king of Israel

- **2 Samuel 5:1-5 (NKJV)**

¹ Then all the tribes of **Israel** came to David at Hebron and spoke, saying, "Indeed we *are* your bone and your flesh.

² Also, in time past, 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 shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over Israel.' "

³ Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel.

⁴ David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign, *and* he reigned forty years.

- ⁵ In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

David conquers Zion

- **2 Samuel 5:6-8 (NKJV)**
- 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."

Joab leads the attack

- **1 Chronicles 11:6-9 (NKJV)**

⁶ Now David said, "Whoever attacks the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain." And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and became chief.

⁷ Then David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore they called it the City of David.

⁸ And he built the city around it, from the Millo to the surrounding area. Joab repaired the rest of the city.

⁹ Then David went on and became great, and the LORD of hosts *was* with him.

Believer's Bible Commentary

- One of King David's first military acts was to capture the fortress on Mount **Zion** from **the Jebusites**. These heathen warriors considered their city so invincible that it could be defended by **the lame and the blind**. David detected a weak point in the city's **water** system; he ordered his men to climb up through an underground watercourse which the Jebusites used to bring water to the city from a fountain below.
- The strategy was successful, and Jebus became **Jerusalem**, also called **the City of David**, the capital of the nation of Israel. The latter part of verse [8](#) looks back to the Jebusite taunt in verse [6](#), which later became a common saying: "**The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.** "

Treasures From the Scriptures

- Jerusalem was considered neutral turf located on the border of Benjamin and Judah. It was still occupied by the Jebusites, a Canaanite tribe. None of the tribes could drive them out of their fortress which was surrounded on three sides by deep valleys and had an abundant water supplies. David wants this centrally located, strategic area for his capital. He needs one with easy access for all the tribes.
- David conquers the city. His challenge is whoever climbs the gutter and conquers the Jebusites will be chief or captain. The details of the battle are given in [1 Chronicles 11:6](#)—*And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zeruiah went first up, and was chief.*

- Joab goes first and is successful. What did he do? The gutter was a water tunnel. At the north end of the pool of Siloam is an arched passage, gradually narrowing down from a considerable height to fourteen inches. This passage has ten inches of water leaving four inches of air. A man can struggle through this tunnel after four hours of labor. At the end of the tunnel you reach the light of day and a place called Virgins Fount. You then follow a 67 foot passage that leads to a vertical shaft going straight up through the mountain stones into the city. The passage has to be scaled and climbed in order to get into the city. This is evidently what Joab did to win the battle.

Layman's Bible Commentary

- When the Israelites took over the promised land, they failed to completely drive out the Canaanites from Jebus ([Joshua 15:63](#)). This leads to a kind of coexistence, which results in the Israelites embracing the sins of the Jebusites and oppression from their neighbors as a divine chastening ([Judges 3:1-8](#)).
- David recognizes that no kingdom can be viewed with fear (or even respect) if it is not able to expel its enemies from its midst. The Jebusites need to be dealt with, and David knows it. It is time for these enemies of God to be defeated.
The possession of Jebus as David's new capital will unite Israel. The city is virtually on the border of Judah and Benjamin. It is a city that neither the sons of Judah nor the sons of Benjamin have been able to capture.

Jerusalem's history

- **Genesis 10:1 (NKJV)**

¹ Now this *is* the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

- **Genesis 10:6 (NKJV)**

⁶ The sons of Ham *were* Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

- **Genesis 10:15-16 (NKJV)**

¹⁵ Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn, and Heth;

¹⁶ the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite;

- **Joshua 15:63 (NKJV)**

⁶³ As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

- **Joshua 18:28 (NKJV)**

²⁸ Zelah, Eleph, Jebus (which *is* Jerusalem), Gibeath, *and* Kirjath: fourteen cities with their villages. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

- **Judges 1:21 (NKJV)**

²¹ But the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem; so the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.

Jebus – Jerusalem - Zion

- What others failed to do in driving out the heathen nations in their midst, David did.
- Jebus and the Jebusites are done away with and Jerusalem and Zion are the given names.
- Both names take on special meaning as we look ahead in time and to the future.
- **Zechariah 9:9 (NKJV) (Prophecy of Jesus' coming)**
⁹ "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He *is* just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zion / Jerusalem's Importance

- **Matthew 21:5 (NKJV) (Jesus the King has come)**
⁵ *"Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.' "*
- **Romans 9:33 (NKJV)**
³³ *As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."*
- **1 Peter 2:6 (NKJV)**
⁶ *Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.*
- **Psalms 125:1 (NKJV)**
¹ *Those who trust in the LORD Are like Mount Zion, Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.*

Zion - The Day of the Lord

- **Isaiah 24:23 (NKJV)**

²³ Then the moon will be disgraced And the sun
ashamed; For the LORD of hosts will reign On Mount
Zion and in Jerusalem And before His elders,
gloriously.

- **Joel 2:1 (NKJV)**

¹ Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in
My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land
tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is
at hand:

- **Joel 2:32 (NKJV)**

³² And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the
name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion
and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the
LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD
calls.

- **Joel 3:16 (NKJV)**

¹⁶ The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.

- **Isaiah 2:3 (NKJV)**

³ Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

- **Micah 4:2 (NKJV)**

² Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

- **Zechariah 8:3 (NKJV)**

³ "Thus says the LORD: 'I will return to Zion, And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, The Mountain of the LORD of hosts, The Holy Mountain.'

- **Revelation 14:1 (NKJV)**

¹ Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred *and* forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

Psalms 48

- A Psalm of the sons of Korah.
- A foreign invader had come up to the very gates of Jerusalem. Inside, the people were expecting the agonies of a long siege. Humanly speaking, the prospects were bleak. Then the Lord worked a miracle. The enemy saw something that threw them into utter panic. It may be that the curtain between them and the invisible world was drawn back, and they saw an army of angels poised to defend the city, or the mountain filled with horses and chariots of fire, or they see the angel of the Lord—the Lord Jesus Christ in one of His preincarnate appearances. Frankly, we do not know. But whatever it was, it was an apparition of such terrifying nature that the stout-hearted warriors lost their courage. The sight threw them into panic. They retreated in terror. Jerusalem was preserved from destruction, and a great wave of praise went up to God. [Psalm 48](#) captures something of the ecstasy of that moment. Believer's Bible Commentary

Psalm 48:2 (NKJV)

- ² Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the whole earth, *Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, The city of the great King.*
- The people speak of God and **the city of God** in the same breath. They associate the city with the God who dwelt there in the inner shrine of the temple. To them Jerusalem is the most **beautiful** city in the world, situated on the summit **of His holy mountain**. Like a gem in a handsome crown, it is **beautiful in its elevation**—the **jewel of the whole earth**.
 - Sometimes known as **Mount Zion**, Jerusalem is described as being "in the far north" or "**on the sides of the north.**" Translated as "the true pole of the earth." Jerusalem is truly this in the eyes of God's ancient people; it is the center of magnetic attraction, the place toward which they gravitate as the religious, political and cultural capital of the world. And it is **the city of the great King**, the future capital of the Lord Jesus Christ when He returns to earth to reign as King of kings. Believer's Bible Commentary

Hebrews 12:22 (NKJV)

²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

- Law has its Mount Sinai but faith has its **Mount Zion**. This heavenly mountain symbolizes the combined blessings of grace—all that is ours through the redeeming work of Christ Jesus.
- Law has its earthly Jerusalem but faith has its **heavenly** capital above. **The city of the living God** is in heaven, the city which has the foundations, whose Architect and Builder is God.

Believer's Bible Commentary

David's prosperity

- **2 Samuel 5:9-12 (NKJV)**
- ⁹ Then David dwelt in the stronghold, and called it the City of David. And David built all around from the Millo (a part of the fortification of the ancient city) and inward.
- ¹⁰ *So David went on and became great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.*
 - 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.