

David's Patient Activity

David becomes King over Judah, 2 Sam 2:1-7

After 15+ years of waiting, David does not rush to the throne.

He seeks divine guidance, 2:1

What does God have to say about the matter?

He is patient

He follows divine guidance, 2:3

He burns bridges behind him, 2:2

He moves to Hebron

Hebron is a town rich with covenant memories (Gen 23:17; 25:9-10; 49:29-32; 50:13). It was the most important town of Judah.¹

Hebron was an ideal place for the capital in Judah since it was situated near the center of the tribe. It was well protected, located in the mountains and had a long sacred history. David was no stranger to his area, for on a number of occasions he was forced to hide in the caves and valleys in the Hebron vicinity as Saul attempted to capture him. David sent gifts to the elders of Hebron after the defeat of the Amalekites (1 Sam 30:31).²

He is anointed king over this southern tribe, 2:4

15-17 years later, David is King

This is not the end, only the beginning

God keeps his promises

David is at peace with his family...

He seeks alliance with a northern community

Jabesh-Gilead

Saul rescued the people of Jabesh Gilead, 1 Sam 11.

¹ Dale Ralph Davis, *Out of Every Adversity*.

² John J. Davis, *The Birth of a Kingdom*.

The people of Jabesh Gilead never forgot what Saul did to for them, 1 Sam 31:11.

They took part in a daring night raid.

They fasted 7 days.

David appeals to them to become part of his new kingdom, 2:5b-7.

His sincere gratitude, he too grieved over the death of Saul, 2:5b

His sincere benediction, 2:6

His sincere invitation, 2:7

It is a bold invitation.

They would be in the far extreme of alien land

He waits and works for God's timing, 2 Sam 5:1—5.

God wants you to be patient...

But patience does not equal inactivity.