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Success and Failure



2 Samuel 2 - 5

¹In the course of time, David inquired of the Lord. “Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?” he asked.

The Lord said, “Go up.”

David asked, “Where shall I go?”

“To Hebron,” the Lord answered.



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²So David went up there with his two wives,
Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of
Nabal of Carmel.



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³David also took the men who were with him,
each with his family, and they settled in
Hebron and its towns.



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⁴Then the men of Judah came to Hebron, and there they anointed David king over the tribe of Judah.

When David was told that it was the men from Jabesh Gilead who had buried Saul,



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⁵he sent messengers to them to say to them,
“The Lord bless you for showing this kindness
to Saul your master by burying him.



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³his second, Kileab the son of Abigail the widow
of Nabal of Carmel;
the third, Absalom the son of Maakah daughter
of Talmai king of Geshur;



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⁶May the Lord now show you kindness and faithfulness, and I too will show you the same favor because you have done this.



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⁷Now then, be strong and brave, for Saul your master is dead, and the people of Judah have anointed me king over them.”

2 Samuel 2:1-7



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¹The war between the house of Saul and the house of David lasted a long time. David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.

2 Samuel 3:1-1



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²Sons were born to David in Hebron:
His firstborn was Amnon the son of Ahinoam of
Jezreel;



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⁴the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith;
the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;



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⁵and the sixth, Ithream the son of David's wife
Eglah.

These were born to David in Hebron.

2 Samuel 3:2-5



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¹⁴When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, “Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us,”



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¹⁵be sure to appoint over you a king the Lord
your God chooses. He must be from among
your fellow Israelites. Do not place a foreigner
over you, one who is not an Israelite.



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¹⁶The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the Lord has told you, “You are not to go back that way again.”



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¹⁷He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold.



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¹⁸When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the Levitical priests.



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¹⁹It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees



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²⁰and not consider himself better than his fellow Israelites and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.

Deuteronomy 17:14-20



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²⁴That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Genesis 2:24-24



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