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David Rules Judah & Israel; the Ark Comes Home  
2 Samuel 5-6

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# 5:1-5 David Rules Israel

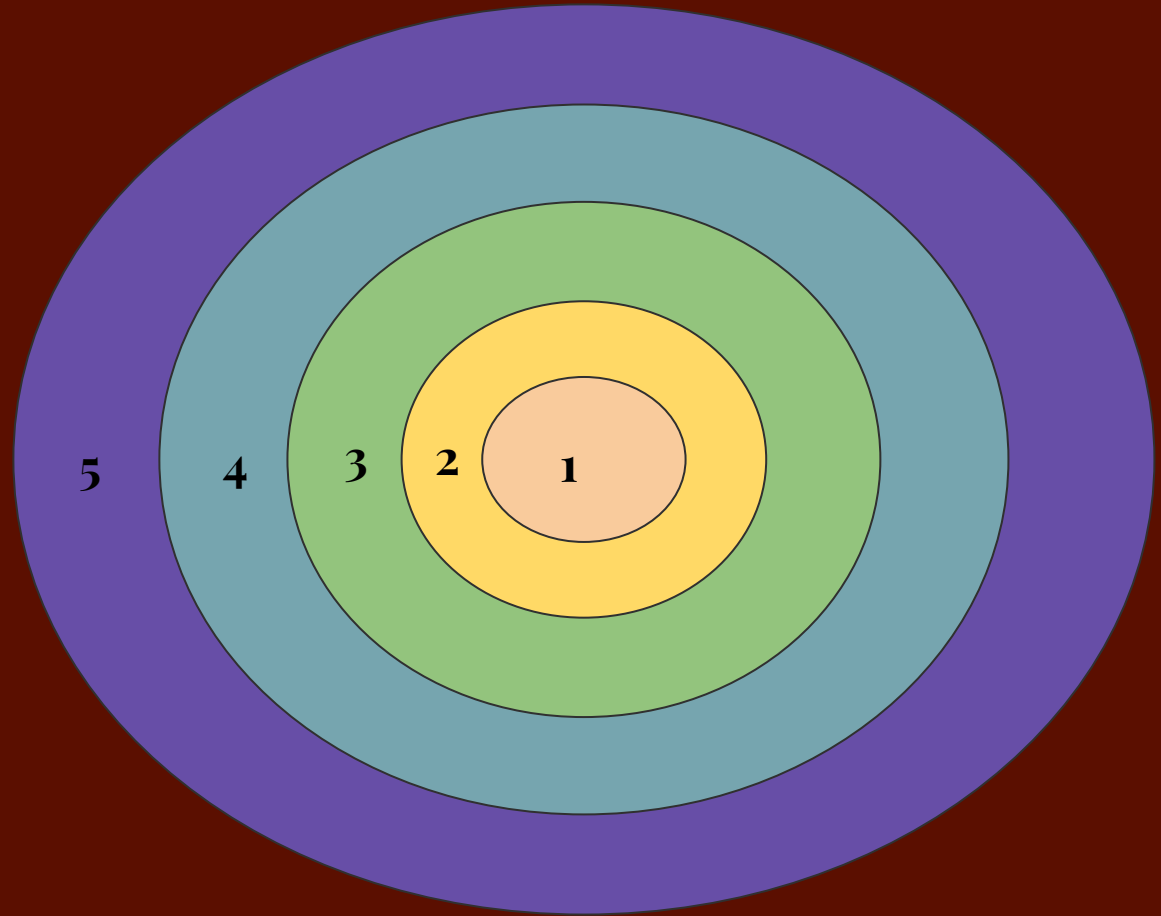
- Much of the story remains a mystery
  - Remember, this isn't a history textbook
  - Focus on ultimate cause: God chose David
- *Historically* – Abner paves the way (2 Sam 3)
- *Sociologically* – David covenants with the north (2 Sam 3)
- *Psychologically* – David has earned trust, respect, & loyalty
- *Theologically* – God chose David

# 5:1-5 David Rules Israel

- The northern tribes cite three reasons:
- ONE - “we are your bone and flesh”
- TWO - “In time past, when Saul was king over us, it was *you* who led out and brought in Israel”
- THREE - “And the Lord said to you, ‘You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.’”

# David's Grand Strategy

1. Tribal Kingdom
2. National Kingdom
3. Consolidated Territorial State
4. Multinational State
5. Empire



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## 5:6-10 David Captures Jerusalem

- Hebron is an insufficient base of governance
- Jerusalem
  - Central
  - Natural defenses
  - Fortified
  - Neutral to Israel before this



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5:11-12

## David's Palace

- Hiram, king of Tyre, aids in construction
- Hiram later will help Solomon build the temple (1 Kings 5)



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## 5:13-16 “concubines and wives”

- At Hebron, David had sons by six women
- At Jerusalem, David takes more concubines and wives, and fathers eleven more sons
  - The expression is almost always “wives and concubines”
  - It may be that the historian is foreshadowing trouble
    - Deuteronomy 17:17 *“And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold.”*

# 5:17-25 Victories over Philistia

- At Baal-perazim (*lord of bursting through*)
  - Inquired of the Lord; great victory
  - Carried off the idols, abandoned by the Philistines
    - A reversal of fortune from the capture of the ark
- At Rephaim
  - Inquired of the Lord; went to the rear
  - the Lord defeated the Philistines
  - David chased them “from Geba to Gezer”



# The Ark in Jerusalem

- Politically, Jerusalem is the center of Israel
- Bringing the ark makes Jerusalem the spiritual center as well
  - Israel has been without a spiritual center since Shiloh fell in 1 Samuel 4
  - The ark in Jerusalem will be an important symbol of unity and God's approval

# Zion Theology

- **NOT** the same as modern Zionism
- *the conviction that Yahweh is the great king and has chosen Jerusalem as his dwelling place*
  - “The Lord will **reign** forever and ever” (Ex 15:18)
  - “The Lord their God is with them, and the shout of a **king** is among them.” (Num 23:21)
  - “Thus the Lord became **king** in Jeshurun...” (Deut 33:5)
- The belief that Yahweh is king may explain why Israel was so late to install an earthly king

# Zion Theology

- Through David's conquests, God shows supreme and sovereign over both Philistia and Israel
  - And later will show sovereign over all Israel neighbors
- God dwells on a mountain
  - Mt. Sinai (Ex 3:1, 18:5, 24:13)
  - Mt. Paran (Deut 33:2)
  - Mt. Zion [READ Ps 78:67-69]

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In the midst of great achievement and favor from God

- A stark reminder of God's holiness
- "Because you did not carry it the first time, the Lord our God broke out against us, because we did not seek him according to the rule" - 1 Chronicles 15:13

# 6:14-23 David & Michal

- Yes. David danced in a linen ephod
- Also
  - Sacrificed an ox and a “fattened animal”
  - Celebrated with shouting and horns
  - Made burnt offerings, peace offerings
  - Gave to the “whole multitude of Israel”
- “...shamelessly uncovers himself”
  - Not naked

# 6:20-23 Michal's Contempt

- “But Michal the daughter of Saul...” (v.16 and 20)
  - NOTE she is not identified as David's wife
  - She's acting much more like her father Saul
    - Saul was told his lineage would not rule in Israel
    - Saul is dead
    - Saul's sons Jonathan and Ish-Bosheth are dead
    - Saul's grandson Mephibosheth is crippled (2 Sam 4:4)
    - Saul's daughter will now be barren (2 Sam 6:23)