

II SAMUEL 5; April 20; David Anointed King Over Israel

ANALYSIS:

1. What did the tribes of Israel say to David as they made him their king? (Several brief thoughts) _____
2. How old was David when he began to reign, and how many years did he reign? _____, _____
3. Which city boasted that David could not capture it, and who was first to get inside the walls (1 Chron 11:6)? _____, _____
4. How many sons were born to David during his years in Jerusalem, and which one do we know best? _____, _____
5. In the two battles with the Philistines, how did the LORD lead David to victory each time? _____, _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

When all the tribes of Israel came to anoint David as their king, they remembered the LORD had said of him, "Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel" (v 2). What a wonderful noble reputation David had; he would feed his people Israel. This was the expectation of the nation which looked to David for spiritual, moral and national leadership. By his righteous judgments, kind treatment of all men and heart-exposing Psalms, he was their shepherd. Thus we read that the LORD "chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds: from following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance. So He fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands" (Ps 78:70-72).

Do our words, whether spoken or written, feed and bless those we touch? We can likely improve by prayerfully considering what we ought to say, so our words are a "tree of life" to all others (Pro 15:4).

HELP:

1. Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. Thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel. Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel. (vs 1-2).
2. David was 30 when he began to reign; and he reigned 40 years (v 4).
3. Jerusalem (v 6); Joab (1 Chron 11:6).
4. Eleven sons, Solomon (vs 13-16).
5. First battle: the LORD directed David to go directly at the Philistines and he would win (vs 19-20). Second battle: David was to maneuver his troops behind the enemy in the mulberry trees and wait until "thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees" and then attack and win the battle (vs 23-24).