

Ascension

2 Samuel 2:1–5:25

Key Verse: 5:4

1. How did David become king over Judah? (2:1–4) What does this show about him? What does this show about God?
2. Although David became king of Judah peacefully, what happened with the rest of Israel? (2:8–9) How did the war start? (2:12–28) Describe Abner. Why did Abner go over to David? (3:6–11) Though Abner had been an enemy (2:8–9, 22–23), how did David's acceptance of him define his kingship? (3:21)
3. How did Joab react to knowing that Abner had come to Hebron? (3:22–27) What did his mourning for Abner show, and what effect did it have? (3:28–39) In what ways had David won the allegiance of the elders of all Israel? (3:36–37; 4:1–12; 5:1–3) How did David become king over all Israel and Judah?
4. Why did David capture Jerusalem? (5:6–10) Read 5:11–12. What does this realization show us about David and his kingdom's character? What can we learn from David who repeatedly inquired of the Lord in the midst of Philistine attacks? (5:19, 23, 25)
5. How is David's rise to power and eventually the throne a prelude to God preparing the world for Jesus? (1 Peter 1:18–20, Genesis 3:15, 2 Samuel 7:11b–13, Isaiah 53, Acts 2:22–24, Romans 3:22–26)