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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

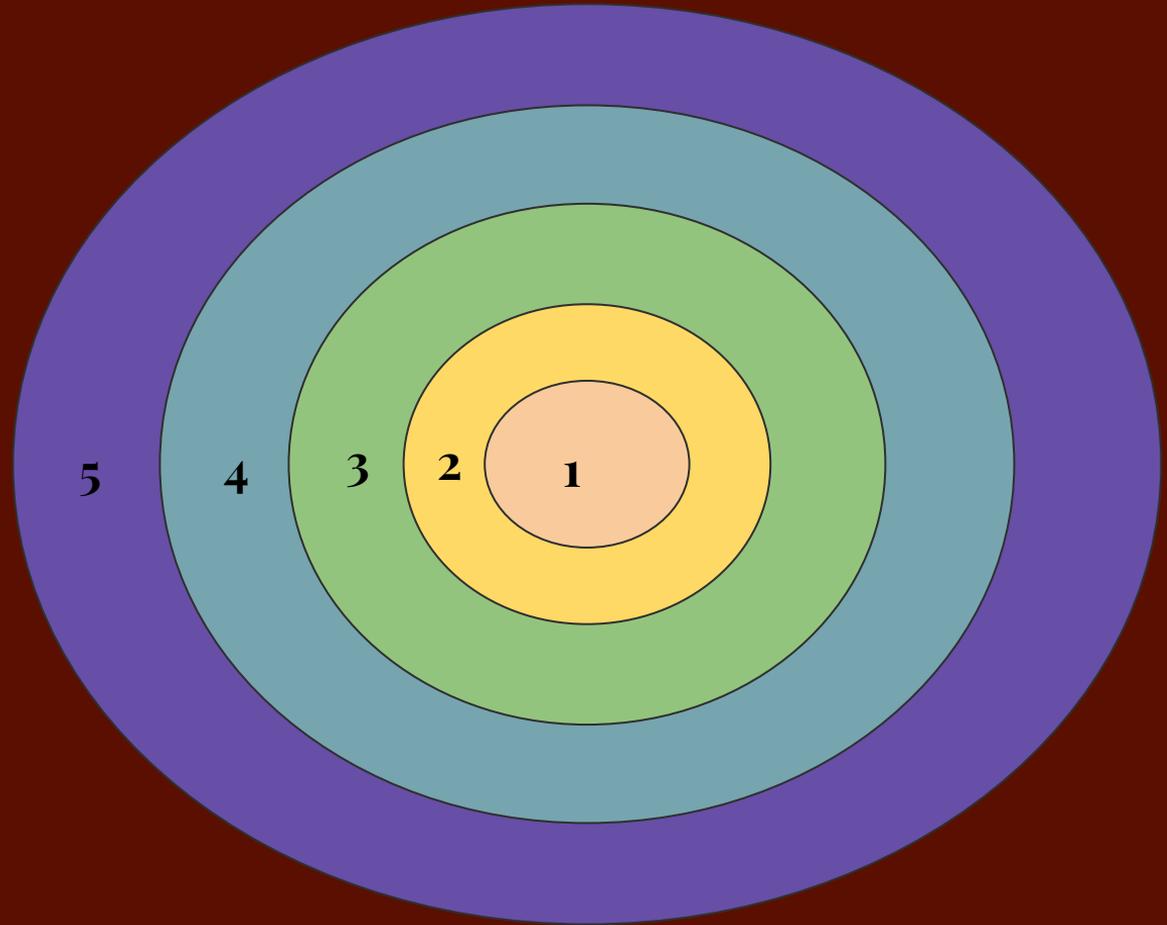
- Much of the story remains a mystery
 - Remember, this isn't a history textbook
 - Focus on ultimate cause: God chose David
- *Historically* – Abner paves the way (2 Sam 3)
- *Sociologically* – David covenants with the north (2 Sam 3)
- *Psychologically* – David has earned trust, respect, & loyalty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

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- 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]

6:1-4 David brings the ark to Jerusalem



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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)