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## What We’re Learning in This Series:

1. A leader is humble before his God and before his people. (Ps. 131:1)
2. Because of his faith, a leader finds peace within himself and then offers peace to others. (Ps. 131:2)

## The Background to this Chapter . . .

- Saul had become a king that couldn’t be trusted.
- Saul was killed and his son was in shame. (*Ish-bosheth*)
- The Philistines had conquered Israel and were living there.

## A New CROWN — (2 Samuel 5:1-5)

- All the tribes and all the elders have crowned a new king. Unity!
- This new king has shown great integrity. Trust!

*This king will be a “shepherd king.”*

*“And the LORD said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.’”*  
- 2 Samuel 5:2

- They make a covenant with this new young king who is a military hero. Hope!

## A New CAPITAL — (2 Samuel 5:6-10)

- A short history of Jerusalem:

*“Judah could not dislodge the Jebusites, who were living in Jerusalem; to this day the Jebusites live there with the people of Judah.”*  
- Joshua 15:63

*“The Benjamites, however, failed to dislodge the Jebusites, who were living in Jerusalem; to this day the Jebusites live there with the Benjamites.”*  
- Judges 1:21

*“David and all the Israelites marched to Jerusalem (that is, Jebus). The Jebusites who lived there said to David, ‘You will not get in here.’”*  
- 1 Chronicles 11:4

- David believed that God gave all of Israel to the Jewish people and so he removes those who would not side with them.
- The Jebusites believed that their fortress was invincible.  
*“The Jebusites said to David, ‘You will not get in here; even the blind and the lame can ward you off.’ They thought, ‘David cannot get in here.’ Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion, the City of David.”*  
- 2 Samuel 5:6-7
- David gave a challenge and plan for taking the city.  
*“David had said, ‘Whoever leads the attack on the Jebusites will become commander-in-chief.’ Joab son of Zeruiah went up first, and so he received the command.”*

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*“On that day, David said, ‘Anyone who conquers the Jebusites will have to use the water shaft to reach those ‘lame and blind’ who are David’s enemies. ‘That is why they say, ‘The ‘blind and lame’ will not enter the palace.’”*  
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- David turned the “lame and blind” phrase to his own advantage.
- Jesus took that phrase a step further.  
*“The blind and the lame came to Him at the temple, and He healed them. But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things He did and the children shouting in the temple area, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David,’ they were indignant.”* - Mt. 21:14,15

- David made Jerusalem his capital city and fortified it.

And all of this happened because of his relationship with his God.

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## A New CASTLE — (2 Samuel 5:11-16)

- A great palace was built to show permanence.
- David understood the Lord’s hand was in all of this.

*“And David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.”*  
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- David strengthened his position with more family.

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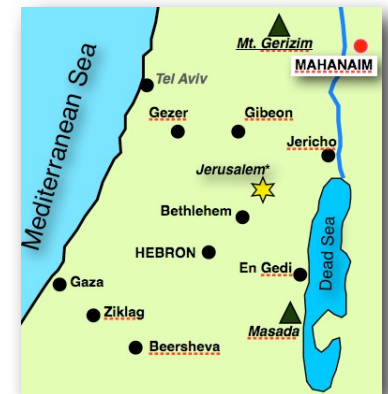
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- David removed the Philistines from Israel.

*“So David did as the LORD commanded him, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon to Gezer.”*  
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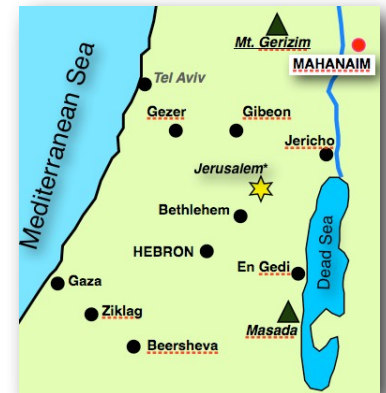
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