



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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2 Samuel 5:1–12 Scripture Handout New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.

(2 Samuel 5:1) All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood.

(2 Samuel 5:2) In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'"

(2 Samuel 5:3) When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

(2 Samuel 5:4) David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years.

(2 Samuel 5:5) In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

(2 Samuel 5:6) The king and his men marched to Jerusalem to attack the Jebusites, who lived there. 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."

(2 Samuel 5:7) Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion--which is the City of David.

(2 Samuel 5:8) On that day David had 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."

(2 Samuel 5:9) David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the terraces inward.

(2 Samuel 5:10) And he became more and more powerful, because the LORD God Almighty was with him.

(2 Samuel 5:11) Now Hiram king of Tyre sent envoys to David, along with cedar logs and carpenters and stonemasons, and they built a palace for David.

(2 Samuel 5:12) Then David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?