

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: January 4, 2023
2 Samuel 5:6-25; 1 Chronicles 11:4-9

1. What happened in our last Bible Study in 2 Samuel 4:1-5:4?
 - a. When Ish-Bosheth heard about the death of Abner, he lost courage, and all Israel became alarmed.
 - b. Two leaders of of Ish-Bosheth's raiding bands murdered him in his inner room while he napped.
 - c. They brought his head to David, thinking he would be thankful.
 - d. David had them killed and hung by the pool.
 - e. All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron to make him king over all Israel.

2. What is happening now, in 5:6-8?
 - a. David and his men marched to Jerusalem (also called Jebus) to attack the Jebusites (at this time, Jerusalem was occupied by the Jebusites because they had not entirely been driven out. See Judges 1:21).
 - b. The Jebusites seemed to be taunting David. They said "You will not get in here; even the blind and the lame can ward you off." The city was well fortified and in a good position, making it an excellent capital. That (and the fact that Israel had not driven them out before) may have been the source of the Jebusites' arrogance.
 - c. The only way in was through a water shaft...and David taunted back a little, suggesting that it would be the blind and the lame who would be trying to fight him off.

3. What was the result according to 5:9-10 (and 1 Chronicles 11:5, 7-8)?
 - a. David captured "the fortress of Zion" which was the oldest part of the city and the most fortified.
 - b. David took up residence in the fortress and so it was called the City of David.
 - c. David built up the area around the fortress.
 - d. David became more powerful.

4. What happened next in 5:11-12? _____

5. What do we learn about David in 5:13-16? _____

6. What happens in 5:17-19?
 - a. The Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel.
 - b. David went down to the stronghold.
 - c. The Philistines spread out in the Valley of Rephaim.
 - d. David inquired of the Lord "Shall I go and attack the Philistines?"
 - e. God answered "Go, for I will surely deliver the Philistines into your hands."What was the result of this battle, according to 5:20-21? _____

7. What happened next in 5:22-25? _____

8. Why is all of this significant? _____