



DAVID

“Heartly Perfect”

David and Israel

2 Samuel 5-7

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Pascal

Let each of us examine his thoughts; he will find them wholly concerned with the past or the future. We almost never think of the present, and if we do think of it, it is only to see what light it throws on our plans for the future. The present is never our end. The past and the present are our means, the future alone our end. Thus we never actually live, but hope to live, and since we are always planning how to be happy, it is inevitable that we should never be so.

God of the Past

I was once young,
now I am old.
I have never seen
the godly abandoned
Psalm 37:25

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron saying, “Look, we are your very flesh and blood! In the past, when Saul was our king, you were the real leader in Israel. The Lord said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel; you will rule over Israel.’” When all the leaders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, King David made an agreement with them in Hebron before the Lord. They designated David as king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned for thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

2 Samuel 5:1-5



Jerusalem

The City of God

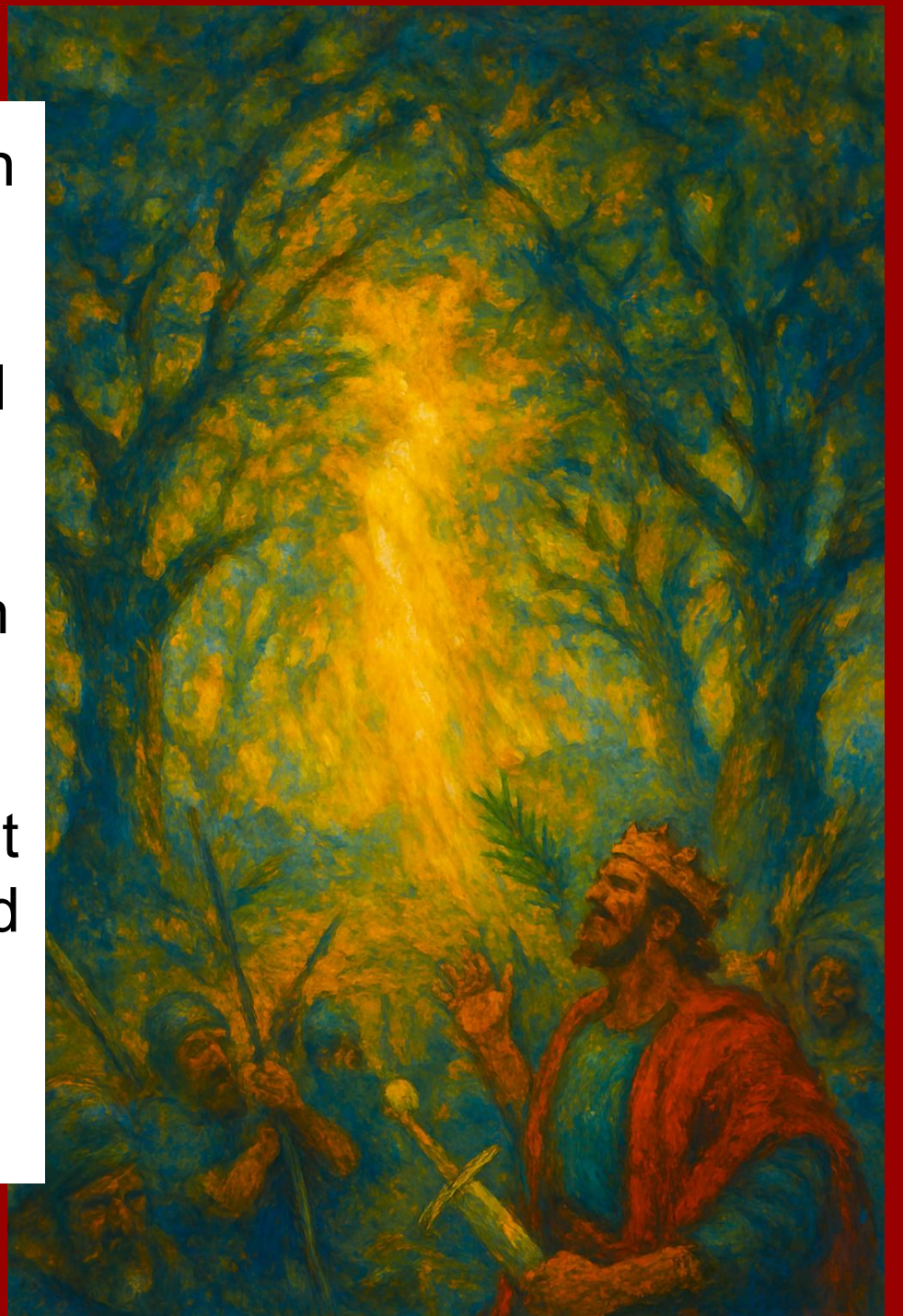
So David lived in the fortress and called it the City of David. David built all around it, from the terrace inwards. David's power grew steadily, for the Lord God of Heaven's Armies was with him.

2 Samuel 5:9-10



When the Philistines heard that David had been designated king over Israel, they all went up to search for David. . . So David asked the Lord, “Should I march up against the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?” The Lord said to David, “March up, for I will indeed hand the Philistines over to you.” . . The Philistines again came up and spread out in the valley of Rephaim. So David asked the Lord what he should do. This time the Lord said to him, “Don’t march straight up” . . . David did just as the Lord commanded him. . .

2 Samuel 5:19-25



God of the Present

Wait patiently for the Lord!
Wait confidently for him! Do
not fret over the apparent
success of a sinner . . . Do
not be angry and frustrated.
Do not fret. That only leads
to trouble. . .

but those who rely on the
Lord are the ones who will
possess the land.

Psalm 37:7-9

David again assembled all the best men in Israel, 30,000 in number. ² David and all the men who were with him traveled to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God which is called by the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies, who sits enthroned between the cherubim that are on it.

2 Samuel 6:1-2



1 Samuel 4

The Philistines
A Fish God
And
Hemorrhoids



Now David, wearing a linen ephod, was dancing with all his strength before the Lord. David and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord, shouting and blowing trumpets. . . “It was before the Lord! I was celebrating before the Lord, who chose me
2 Samuel 6:14-15,21



God of the Future

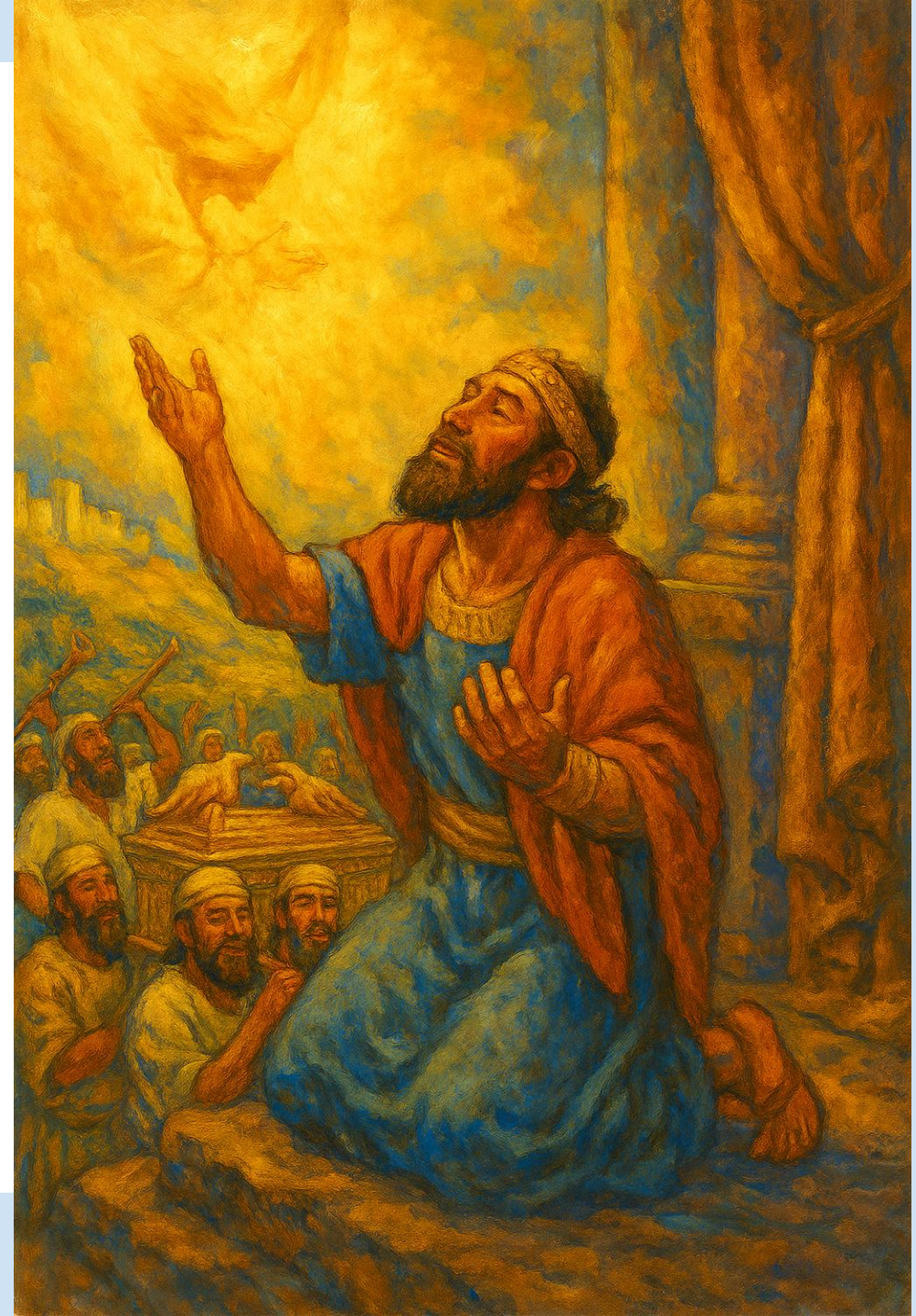
Trust in the Lord and do what is right.

Settle in the land and maintain your integrity. Then you will take delight in the Lord, and he will answer your prayers. Commit your future to the Lord. Trust in him, and he will act on your behalf.

Psalm 37:3-5

The king settled into his palace, for the Lord gave him relief from all his enemies on all sides. The king said to Nathan the prophet, “Look! I am living in a palace made from cedar, while the ark of God sits in the middle of a tent.” Nathan replied to the king, “You should go and do whatever you have in mind, for the Lord is with you.”

2 Samuel 7:1-3



God's Covenant with David



I WILL MAKE
I WILL PROVIDE
I WILL PLANT
I WILL GIVE
I WILL ESTABLISH



For the sake of your promise
and according to your
purpose you have done this
great thing. . . So now, O
Lord God, make this promise
you have made about your
servant and his family a
permanent reality. Do as you
promised

2 Samuel 7:21,25

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What else does this craving, and this helplessness,
proclaim but that there was once in man a true
happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty
print and trace?

This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him,
seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot
find in those that are, though none can help, since this
infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and
immutable object; in other words by God himself.