



## 2 Samuel 5:6-21

David then led his men to Jerusalem to fight against the Jebusites, the original inhabitants of the land who were living there. The Jebusites taunted David, saying, “You’ll never get in here! Even the blind and lame could keep you out!” For the Jebusites thought they were safe. But David captured the fortress of Zion, which is now called the City of David.

On the day of the attack, David said to his troops, “I hate those ‘lame’ and ‘blind’ Jebusites. Whoever attacks them should strike by going into the city through the water tunnel.” That is the origin of the saying, “The blind and the lame may not enter the house.”

So David made the fortress his home, and he called it the City of David. He extended the city, starting at the supporting terraces and working inward. And David became more and more powerful, because the LORD God of Heaven’s Armies was with him.

Then King Hiram of Tyre sent messengers to David, along with cedar timber and carpenters and stonemasons, and they built David a palace. And David realized that the LORD had confirmed him as king over Israel and had blessed his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel...

When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king of Israel, they mobilized all their forces to capture him. But David was told they were coming, so he went into the stronghold. The Philistines arrived and spread out across the valley of Rephaim. So David asked the LORD, “Should I go out to fight the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?”

The LORD replied to David, “Yes, go ahead. I will certainly hand them over to you.”

So David went to Baal-perazim and defeated the Philistines there. “The LORD did it!” David exclaimed. “He burst through my enemies like a raging flood!” So he named that place Baal-perazim (which means “the Lord who bursts through”). The Philistines had abandoned their idols there, so David and his men confiscated them.

# Overcoming Great Odds For God

## 1. Make God’s Honor My Priority

“David then **led** his men to Jerusalem to **fight** against the Jebusites, the original inhabitants of the land who were living there.” (5:6)

Am I actively defeating God’s enemies?

Am I uniting and protecting God’s people?

## 2. To Beat Great Odds, Take Great Risks

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## 3. Reduce The Risk By Innovative Planning

(David) “Whoever attacks them should strike by going into the city through the water tunnel.” (5:8)

## 4. Stay Alert For Continued Opposition

“When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king of Israel, they mobilized all their forces to capture him. But David was told they were coming, so **he went into the stronghold.**” (5:17)

## 5. Give God The Credit

“The LORD did it!” David exclaimed. “He burst through my enemies like a raging flood!” (5:20)

### ▮ Our victories for God earn respect

“Then King Hiram of Tyre sent messengers to David...and they built him a palace” (5:11)

### ▮ Our victories for God strengthen us spiritually

“So David asked the LORD, ‘Should I go out to fight the Philistines?’ The LORD replied to David, “Yes, go ahead.” (5:19)

“And David became **more and more powerful**, because the LORD God of Heaven’s Armies **was with him.**” (5:10)

### ▮ Our victories for God set people free

“The Philistines had **abandoned their idols** there” (5:21)