

**JULY 7, 2024 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**FIRST READING BY KAREN HASLAM**

**A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL**

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh.

For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel."

So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward.

And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

**2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10**

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