1 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. They said to him, “Look, we are your own family! 2 In the past, Saul was king over us, but YOU were the one leading us out in battle and bringing in Israel. Yahweh said to you, ‘You will be like a shepherd for My people, Israel. You will become the ruler over them.’ ”

3 All the elders of Israel came to King David at Hebron. Then he made a covenant with them in Hebron in the presence of Yahweh. Then they poured oil on David to make him king over Israel.

4 David was 30 years old when he became king. He ruled for 40 years. 5 In Hebron, he was king over Judah for 7 years and 6 months. Then, in Jerusalem, he was king over all Israel AND Judah for 33 years.