Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends,

and they will put some of you to death.

You will be hated by all because of my name,
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.

By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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FIRST READING

A reading from the second Book of Samuel 5:1-3

In those days, all the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron and said:

"Here we are, your bone and your flesh.

In days past, when Saul was our king, it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back.

And the LORD said to you,

'You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.'"

When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron,
King David made an agreement with them there before
the LORD,

and they anointed him king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.