

1 Chronicles 18

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David's Military Victories

¹ Now after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines.

² And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

³ And David smote Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to stablsh his dominion by the river Euphrates.

⁴ And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: David also houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them an hundred chariots.

⁵ And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

⁶ Then David put garrisons in Syria-damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought gifts. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

⁷ And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

⁸ Likewise from Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, brought David very much brass, wherewith Solomon made the brasen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.

⁹ Now when Tou king of Hamath heard how David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah;

¹⁰ He sent Hadoram his son to king David, to enquire of his welfare, and to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him; (for

Hadarezer had war with Tou;) and with him all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass.

11 Them also king David dedicated unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all these nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

12 Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in the valley of salt eighteen thousand.

13 And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

David's Officials

14 So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people.

15 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, recorder.

16 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Shavsha was scribe;

17 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief about the king.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Priest — כֹהֵן (Kohen)

Priest

The Hebrew **kohen** (כֹהֵן) denotes a priest—one who mediates between God and people through sacrifices and intercession. Aaron and his descendants served as Israel's priests, foreshadowing Christ the Great High Priest.

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Chronicles 18:3 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 60:1. **Kingdom:** 2 Samuel 8:3

1 Chronicles 18:4 **References David:** 2 Samuel 8:4

1 Chronicles 18:5 **References David:** 1 Chronicles 19:6

1 Chronicles 18:8 **References David:** 2 Samuel 8:8

1 Chronicles 18:9 **Kingdom:** 2 Samuel 8:9

1 Chronicles 18:10

Kingdom: 2 Samuel 8:10; Isaiah 39:1. **Parallel theme:** 2 Chronicles 9:1

1 Chronicles 18:12 **Parallel theme:** 1 Chronicles 2:16; 11:20; 19:11; 1 Samuel 26:6; 2 Samuel 10:10; 2 Chronicles 25:11; Psalms 60:1

1 Chronicles 18:13 **References Lord:** 1 Chronicles 18:6; Genesis 27:37

1 Chronicles 18:15 **Parallel theme:** 1 Chronicles 11:6

1 Chronicles 18:16 **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 8:17; 20:25; 1 Kings 4:3

1 Chronicles 18:17 **References David:** 2 Samuel 8:18. **Kingdom:** 2 Samuel 15:18