

2 Samuel 8

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David's Military Victories

¹ And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took Metheg-ammah out of the hand of the Philistines.

² And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And so the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

³ David smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Euphrates.

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

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

⁶ Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought gifts. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

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

⁸ And from Betah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

⁹ When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer,

¹⁰ Then Toi sent Joram his son unto king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: for Hadadezer had wars

with Toi. And Joram brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass:

11 Which also king David did dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued;

12 Of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

13 And David gat him a name when he returned from smiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt, being eighteen thousand men.

14 And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all they of Edom became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

David's Officials

15 And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his people.

16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;

17 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Seraiah was the scribe;

18 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief rulers.

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.

Priest — כֹּהֵן (Kohen)

Priest

The Hebrew **kohen** (כֹּהֵן) 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.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

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

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Samuel 8:2 **Parallel theme:** Numbers 24:17; 1 Samuel 10:27; Psalms 60:8. **References David:** 2 Samuel 8:6

2 Samuel 8:3 **Kingdom:** 2 Samuel 10:6; 10:19; 1 Samuel 14:47; 1 Chronicles 18:3. **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 10:16

2 Samuel 8:4 **Parallel theme:** Joshua 11:6; 11:9

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References Lord: 2 Samuel 8:14; Psalms 140:7. **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 7:9; 2 Chronicles 17:2

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

2 Samuel 8:9 **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 8:65

2 Samuel 8:10 **Blessing:** Psalms 129:8. **Kingdom:** 1 Kings 1:47; 1 Chronicles 18:10; Isaiah 39:1. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 43:27; 1 Samuel 13:10

2 Samuel 8:11 **Kingdom:** 1 Kings 7:51

2 Samuel 8:12 **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 8:2; 10:14. **Kingdom:** 1 Chronicles 18:11

2 Samuel 8:13 **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 7:9; 2 Kings 14:7; 1 Chronicles 18:12

2 Samuel 8:14 **References Lord:** 2 Samuel 8:6; Genesis 25:23; 27:29

2 Samuel 8:15 **Judgment:** Amos 5:15. **Righteousness:** Psalms 72:2; 89:14

2 Samuel 8:16 **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 19:13; 1 Kings 4:3; 1 Chronicles 11:6

2 Samuel 8:17 **Parallel theme:** 1 Chronicles 6:8; 16:39; 18:16

2 Samuel 8:18 **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 15:18; 20:7; 20:23; 1 Samuel 30:14; 1 Kings 1:44. **References David:** 1 Kings 1:38; 1 Chronicles 18:17

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