

2 Samuel 8:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of David's Military Victories, emphasizing God granting victory and expansion. David's military campaigns demonstrate God's promise-keeping (Genesis 15:18-21) regarding territorial boundaries. The Hebrew emphasizes that "the LORD gave David victory wherever he went," attributing success to divine enablement rather than mere military prowess. Theological themes include God's sovereignty over nations, the legitimacy of defensive/offensive warfare under certain circumstances, and proper use of conquered wealth for God's purposes.

Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 8 occurs during David's reign (circa 1010-970 BCE) over Israel's united monarchy. Archaeological discoveries, including the Tel Dan inscription mentioning the 'House of David,' corroborate biblical historicity.

Ancient Near Eastern customs regarding God granting victory and expansion provide crucial background. The geopolitical situation involved regional powers—Philistines, Ammonites, Arameans, Moabites, Edomites—as David consolidated and expanded Israel's territory. Cultural practices concerning kingship, warfare, covenant relationships, family dynamics, and religious observance differed significantly from modern Western contexts, requiring careful attention to avoid anachronistic interpretation while extracting timeless theological principles applicable across cultures and eras.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of God granting victory and expansion?
2. What does this verse reveal about God's character, and how should that shape your worship and obedience?
3. In what specific ways can you apply this truth to your current circumstances and relationships this week?

Interlinear Text

לְשַׁאֵל דָּוִד מֶלֶךְ אֶל בֶּן יוֹרָם אֶת תְּעִי וְשָׁלַח
sent Then Toi H853 Joram his son H413 unto king David to salute
H7971 H8583 H3141 H1121 H4428 H1732 H7592

נֵלַח מֵאֲשֶׁר עָלָיו וּלְבָרְכָהוּ וְלִשְׁלֹא מִלִּפְנֵי
H0 H7965 him and to bless H5921 H834 him because he had fought
H1288 H3898

כִּי יָשָׁה מִלְחָמָה עִי תְּעִי הָיָה עָלָיו הִדְדָּעַזַּר
against Hadadezer and smitten H3588 had wars H4421 Then Toi H1961
H1909 H5221 H376 H8583

וּבָרַךְ עִי וְכָל כֵּלָּה וְכָל כֵּלָּה
against Hadadezer And Joram brought with him H1961 and vessels of silver
H1909 H3027 H3627 H3701

וְכָל כֵּלָּה וְכָל כֵּלָּה וְכָל כֵּלָּה
and vessels of gold and vessels of brass
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 129:8 (Blessing): Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the LORD be upon you: we bless you in the name of the LORD.

1 Chronicles 18:10 (Kingdom): 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.

1 Samuel 13:10 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.

Isaiah 39:1 (Kingdom): At that time Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered.

Genesis 43:27 (Parallel theme): And he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? Is he yet alive?

1 Kings 1:47 (Kingdom): And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed.

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