

2 Samuel 8:11

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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

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

עַם	לִיהְיוֹת	הָ	בְּ	לְגַ	בְּמַ	לְגַ	הַקְדֵּשׁ	וְשָׁ	אַתָּה	מִ	גָּמָ
H1571	H853										
did dedicate		which also king		David		unto the LORD					
	H6942		H4428		H1732			H3068			H5973
with the silver	and gold			מִכְלָ	הַקְדֵּשׁ	וְשָׁ	רְ	גָּנוֹן	אֲשֶׁר		
H3701	H2091		H834		H3605			H1471			H834
כִּבְשָׁ				did dedicate		of all nations					
which he subdued											

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 7:51 (Kingdom): So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

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