

# 2 Samuel 8:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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

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

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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

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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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

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גַּם	אֶת־	יֵשׁ	הַמֶּלֶךְ	דָּוִד	לַיהוָה	עַם
H1571	H853	did dedicate	Which also king	David	unto the LORD	H5973
		H6942	H4428	H1732	H3068	
הַכֶּסֶף	וְהַזָּהָב	אֲשֶׁר	יֵשׁ	מִכָּל	הַגּוֹיִם	אֲשֶׁר
with the silver	and gold	H834	did dedicate	H3605	of all nations	H834
H3701	H2091		H6942		H1471	
כַּבֵּשׁ:						
which he subdued						
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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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