

# 2 Samuel 8:14

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

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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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## 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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שָׁם	אֶדֹם	נִצְבֵּי יָם	בְּכָל	אֶדֹם	שָׁם	
And he put	and all they of Edom	garrisons	H3605	and all they of Edom	And he put	
H7760	H123	H5333		H123	H7760	
יָם	נִצְבֵּי יָם	כָּל	אֶדֹם	עֲבָדֵי יָם	וַיִּשְׁעַר	
garrisons	H1961	H3605	and all they of Edom	servants	David	preserved
H5333			H123	H5650	H1732	H3467
יְהוָה	אֶת	דָּוִד	בְּכָל	אֲשֶׁר	הָלַךְ:	
And the LORD	H853	David	H3605	H834	whithersoever he went	
H3068		H1732			H1980	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 27:29** (References Lord): Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

**Genesis 25:23** (References Lord): And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

**2 Samuel 8:6** (References Lord): 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.

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