

Joab Captures Rabbah in Ammon (c. 996 BC)

2 Samuel 12:26–28	1 Chronicles 20:1b
<p>26 Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the sons of Ammon and captured the royal city.</p> <p>27 Joab sent messengers to David and said, “I have fought against Rabbah, I have even captured the city of waters.</p> <p>28 Now therefore, gather the rest of the people together and camp against the city and capture it, or I will capture the city myself and it will be named after me.”</p>	<p>1b And Joab struck Rabbah and overthrew it.</p>

Trust in the Name of the LORD Our God (c. 996 BC)

Psalm 20
<p><i>For the choir director.</i></p> <p>A Psalm of David.</p> <p>1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob set you <i>securely</i> on high!</p> <p>2 May He send you help from the sanctuary And support you from Zion!</p> <p>3 May He remember all your meal offerings And find your burnt offering acceptable! <i>Selah.</i></p> <p>4 May He grant you your heart’s desire And fulfill all your counsel!</p> <p>5 We will sing for joy over your victory, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.</p> <p>6 Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven With the saving strength of His right hand.</p> <p>7 Some <i>boast</i> in chariots and some in horses, But we will boast in the name of the LORD, our God.</p> <p>8 They have bowed down and fallen, But we have risen and stood upright.</p> <p>9 Save, O LORD; May the King answer us in the day we call.</p>

David Destroys the Cities of the Ammonites (c. 996 BC)

2 Samuel 12:29–31	1 Chronicles 20:2–3
<p>29 So David gathered all the people and went to Rabbah, fought against it and captured it.</p> <p>30 Then he took the crown of their king from his head; and its weight <i>was</i> a talent of gold, and <i>in it was</i> a precious stone; and it <i>was placed</i> on David’s head. And he brought out the spoil of the city in great amounts.</p>	<p>2 David took the crown of their king from his head, and he found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there was a precious stone in it; and it was placed on David’s head. And he brought out the spoil of the city, a very great amount.</p>

31 He also brought out the people who were in it, and set *them* under saws, sharp iron instruments, and iron axes, and made them pass through the brick-kiln. And thus he did to all the cities of the sons of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

3 He brought out the people who *were* in it, and cut *them* with saws and with sharp instruments and with axes.

And thus David did to all the cities of the sons of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

The King Rejoices in the LORD's Strength (c. 996 BC)

Psalm 21

For the choir director.

A Psalm of David.

- 1 O LORD, in Your strength the king will be glad,
And in Your salvation how greatly he will rejoice!
- 2 You have given him his heart's desire,
And You have not withheld the request of his lips. *Selah.*
- 3 For You meet him with the blessings of good things;
You set a crown of fine gold on his head.
- 4 He asked life of You,
You gave it to him,
Length of days forever and ever.
- 5 His glory is great through Your salvation,
Splendor and majesty You place upon him.
- 6 For You make him most blessed forever;
You make him joyful with gladness in Your presence.
- 7 For the king trusts in the LORD,
And through the lovingkindness of the Most High he will not be shaken.
- 8 Your hand will find out all your enemies;
Your right hand will find out those who hate you.
- 9 You will make them as a fiery oven in the time of your anger;
The LORD will swallow them up in His wrath,
And fire will devour them.
- 10 Their offspring You will destroy from the earth,
And their descendants from among the sons of men.
- 11 Though they intended evil against You
And devised a plot,
They will not succeed.
- 12 For You will make them turn their back;
You will aim with Your bowstrings at their faces.
- 13 Be exalted, O LORD, in Your strength;
We will sing and praise Your power.

David's Wars — Part 1 (c. 1003 – c. 995 BC)

2 Samuel 8:1–12; 21:15–22

1 Chronicles 18:1–11; 20:4–8

The Philistines

8:1 Now after this it came about that David defeated the Philistines and subdued them;

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and David took control of the chief city from the hand of the Philistines.

21:15 Now when the Philistines were at war again with Israel, David went down and his servants with him; and as they fought against the Philistines, David became weary.

16 Then Ishbi-benob, who was among the descendants of the giant, the weight of whose spear was three hundred *shekels* of bronze in weight, was girded with a new *sword*, and he intended to kill David.

17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah helped him, and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, “You shall not go out again with us to battle, so that you do not extinguish the lamp of Israel.”

18 Now it came about after this that there was war again with the Philistines at Gob; then Sibbecai the Hushathite struck down Saph, who was among the descendants of the giant.

19 There was war with the Philistines again at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Bethlehemite killed Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam.

20 There was war at Gath again, where there was a man of *great* stature who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also had been born to the giant.

21 When he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimei, David’s brother, struck him down.

22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

The Moabites

8:2 He defeated Moab, and measured them with the line, making them lie down on the ground; and he measured two lines to put to death and one full line to keep alive.

And the Moabites became servants to David, bringing tribute.

The Arameans (Syrians)

3 Then David defeated Hadadezer, the son of Rehob king of Zobah, as he went to restore his rule at the River.

and took Gath and its towns from the hand of the Philistines.

20:4 Now it came about after this, that war broke out at Gezer with the Philistines; then Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Sippai, one of the descendants of the giants, and they were subdued.

5 And there was war with the Philistines again, and Elhanan the son of Jair killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear *was* like a weaver’s beam.

6 Again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of *great* stature who had twenty-four fingers and toes, *six fingers on each hand* and *six toes on each foot*; and he also was descended from the giants.

7 When he taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David’s brother, killed him.

8 These were descended from the giants in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

18:2 He defeated Moab,

and the Moabites became servants to David, bringing tribute.

3 David also defeated Hadadezer king of Zobah *as far as* Hamath, as he went to establish his rule to the Euphrates River.

4 David captured from him 1,700 horsemen and 20,000 foot soldiers; and David hamstrung the chariot horses, but reserved *enough* of them for 100 chariots.

5 When the Arameans of Damascus came to help Hadadezer, king of Zobah, David killed 22,000 Arameans.

6 Then David put garrisons among the Arameans of Damascus, and the Arameans became servants to David, bringing tribute. And the LORD helped David wherever he went.

7 David took the shields of gold which were carried by the servants of Hadadezer and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 From Bethah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took a very large amount of bronze.

9 Now when Toi king of Hamath heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer,

10 Toi sent Joram his son to King David to greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him; for Hadadezer had been at war with Toi. And *Joram* brought with him articles of silver, of gold and of bronze.

11 King David also dedicated these to the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated from all the nations which he had subdued:

12 from Aram and Moab and the sons of Ammon and the Philistines and Amalek, and from the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

4 David took from him 1,000 chariots and 7,000 horsemen and 20,000 foot soldiers, and David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved *enough* of them for 100 chariots.

5 When the Arameans of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed 22,000 men of the Arameans.

6 Then David put *garrisons* among the Arameans of Damascus; and the Arameans became servants to David, bringing tribute. And the LORD helped David wherever he went.

7 David took the shields of gold which were carried by the servants of Hadadezer and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 Also from Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David took a very large amount of bronze, with which Solomon made the bronze sea and the pillars and the bronze utensils.

9 Now when Tou king of Hamath heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer king of Zobah,

10 he sent Hadoram his son to King David to greet him and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and had defeated him; for Hadadezer had been at war with Tou. And *Hadoram brought* all kinds of articles of gold and silver and bronze.

11 King David also dedicated these to the LORD with the silver and the gold which he had carried away from all the nations:
from Edom, Moab, the sons of Ammon, the Philistines, and from Amalek.