

## A Summary of David's Wars and His Administration (c. 1003 – c. 995 BC)

2 Samuel 8:1–18; 21:15–22

### The Philistines

8:1 And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took Methegammah out of the hand of the Philistines.

21:15 Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint.

16 And Ishbibenob, which *was* of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear *weighed* three hundred *shekels* of brass in weight, he being girded with a new *sword*, thought to have slain David.

17 But Abishai the son of Zeruah succored him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David sware unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel.

18 And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which *was* of the sons of the giant.

19 And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew *the brother of Goliath* the Gittite, the staff of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam.

20 And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant.

21 And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea the brother of David slew him.

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

### The Moabites

8:2 And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive.

And so the Moabites became David's servants, *and* brought gifts.

### The Arameans (Syrians)

3 David smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Euphrates.

4 And David took from him a thousand *chariots*, and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David hamstrung all the chariot *horses*, but reserved of them *for* an hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succor Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

6 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.

7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 And from Betah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer,

1 Chronicles 18:1–17; 20:4–8

18:1 Now after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines.

20:4 And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines; at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Sippai, *that was* of the children of the giant: and they were subdued.

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

6 And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, whose fingers and toes *were* four and twenty, six *on each hand*, and six *on each foot*: and he also was the son of the giant.

7 But when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him.

8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

18:2 And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became David's servants, *and* brought gifts.

3 And David smote Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to stablish his dominion by the river Euphrates.

4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: David also hamstrung all the chariot *horses*, but reserved of them an hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

6 Then David put *garrisons* in Syriadamascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, *and* brought gifts. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 Likewise from Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer,

<p>king David took exceeding much brass.</p> <p>9 When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer,  10 Then Toi sent Joram his son unto king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. And <i>Joram</i> brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass:  11 Which also king David did dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued;  12 Of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.</p> <p><b>The Edomites</b>  13 And David gat <i>him</i> a name when he returned from smiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt, <i>being</i> eighteen thousand <i>men</i>.  14 And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all they of Edom became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.</p> <p><b>David's Administration</b>  15 And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his people.  16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah <i>was</i> over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud <i>was</i> recorder;  17 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, <i>were</i> the priests; and Seraiah <i>was</i> the scribe;  18 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada <i>was</i> over both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief rulers.</p>	<p>brought David very much brass, wherewith Solomon made the brazen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.</p> <p>9 Now when Tou king of Hamath heard how David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah;  10 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 <i>with him</i> all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass.  11 Them also king David dedicated unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all <i>these</i> nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.</p> <p>12 Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in the valley of salt eighteen thousand.  13 And he put garrisons in Edom;</p> <p>and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.</p> <p>14 So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people.  15 And Joab the son of Zeruiah <i>was</i> over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, recorder.  16 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, <i>were</i> the priests; and Shavsha was scribe;  17 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada <i>was</i> over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David <i>were</i> chief about the king.</p>
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### David's Wars Produce Two Future Foes of Solomon (c. 995 BC)

1 Kings 11:14b–18, 23b–24

#### Hadad the Edomite

14b Hadad the Edomite: he *was* of the king's seed in Edom.

15 For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom;

16 (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom:)

17 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad *being* yet a little child.

18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.

#### Rezon the Aramean

23b Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them *of Zobah*: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

## He Will Tread Down Our Foes (c. 995 BC)

Psalm 60

*To the chief Musician upon Shushaneduth,*

**Michtam of David, to teach; when he strove with Aramnaharaim and with Aramzobah, when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the valley of salt twelve thousand.**

- 1 O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.
- 2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.
- 3 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.
- 4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.
- 5 That thy beloved may be delivered; save *with* thy right hand, and hear me.
- 6 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
- 7 Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; Judah *is* my lawgiver;
- 8 Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou because of me.
- 9 Who will bring me *into* the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?
- 10 *Wilt* not thou, O God, *which* hadst cast us off? and *thou*, O God, *which* didst not go out with our armies?
- 11 Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man.
- 12 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

## David Praises God for Delivering Him from All His Enemies (c. 995 BC)

2 Samuel 22

Psalm 18

- 1 And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day *that* the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:
- 2 And he said,  
  
The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
- 3 The God of my rock; in him will I trust: *he is* my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my savior; thou savest me from violence.
- 4 I will call on the LORD, *who is* worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.
- 5 When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid;
- 6 The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;
- 7 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry *did enter* into his ears.
- 8 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth.
- 9 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.
- 10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness *was* under his feet.
- 11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.
- 12 And he made darkness pavilions round about him, dark waters, *and* thick clouds of the skies.
- 13 Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled.
- 14 The LORD thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice.

*To the chief Musician,*

**A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul:**

- 1 And he said,  
I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.
- 2 The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.
- 3 I will call upon the LORD, *who is* worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.
- 4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.
- 5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.
- 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.
- 7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.
- 8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.
- 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness *was* under his feet.
- 10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.
- 11 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him *were* dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies.
- 12 At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds passed, hail *stones* and coals of fire.
- 13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail *stones* and coals of fire.

15 And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them.  
 16 And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.  
 17 He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters;  
 18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, *and* from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me.  
 19 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.  
 20 He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.  
 21 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.  
 22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.  
 23 For all his judgments *were* before me: and *as for* his statutes, I did not depart from them.  
 24 I was also upright before him, and have kept myself from mine iniquity.  
 25 Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness in his eye sight.  
 26 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, *and* with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright.  
 27 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself unsavoury.  
 28 And the afflicted people thou wilt save: but thine eyes *are* upon the haughty, *that* thou mayest bring *them* down.  
 29 For thou *art* my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness.  
 30 For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.  
 31 *As for* God, his way *is* perfect; the word of the LORD *is* tried: he *is* a buckler to all them that trust in him.  
 32 For who *is* God, save the LORD? and who *is* a rock, save our God?  
 33 God *is* my strength *and* power: and he maketh my way perfect.  
 34 He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*: and setteth me upon my high places.  
 35 He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.  
 36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation:  
 and thy gentleness hath made me great.  
 37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip.  
 38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them.  
 39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet.  
 40 For thou hast girded me with strength to battle:

14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.  
 15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.  
 16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.  
 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.  
 18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.  
 19 He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.  
 20 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.  
 21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.  
 22 For all his judgments *were* before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.  
 23 I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.  
 24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.  
 25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;  
 26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.  
 27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.  
 28 For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.  
 29 For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.  
 30 *As for* God, his way *is* perfect: the word of the LORD *is* tried: he *is* a buckler to all those that trust in him.  
 31 For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God?  
 32 *It is* God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.  
 33 He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*, and setteth me upon my high places.  
 34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.  
 35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.  
 36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.  
 37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.  
 38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.  
 39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle:

<p>them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me.  41 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies,  that I might destroy them that hate me.  42 They looked, but <i>there was</i> none to save;  <i>even</i> unto the LORD, but he answered them not.  43 Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth,  I did stamp them as the mire of the street,  <i>and</i> did spread them abroad.  44 Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people,  thou hast kept me <i>to be</i> head of the heathen:  a people <i>which</i> I knew not shall serve me.  45 Strangers shall submit themselves unto me:  as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.  46 Strangers shall fade away,  and they shall be afraid out of their close places.  47 The LORD liveth; and blessed <i>be</i> my rock;  and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.  48 <i>It is</i> God that avengeth me,  and that bringeth down the people under me,  49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies:  thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up  against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.  50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the  heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.  51 <i>He is</i> the tower of salvation for his king:  and sheweth mercy to his anointed,  unto David, and to his seed for evermore.</p>	<p>thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.  40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies;  that I might destroy them that hate me.  41 They cried, but <i>there was</i> none to save <i>them</i>:  <i>even</i> unto the LORD, but he answered them not.  42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind:  I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.    43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people;  <i>and</i> thou hast made me the head of the heathen:  a people <i>whom</i> I have not known shall serve me.  44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me:  the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.  45 The strangers shall fade away,  and be afraid out of their close places.  46 The LORD liveth; and blessed <i>be</i> my rock;  and let the God of my salvation be exalted.  47 <i>It is</i> God that avengeth me,  and subdueth the people under me.  48 He delivereth me from mine enemies:  yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up  against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.  49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the  heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.  50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king;  and sheweth mercy to his anointed,  to David, and to his seed for evermore.</p>
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