

## 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 It happened afterwards *that* David attacked *the* Philistines and subdued them, and he took Metheg Ammah from the hands of *the* Philistines.

21:15 There *was* war again for *the* Philistines with Israel, and David and his servants with him went down, and they fought *the* Philistines, and David grew weary.

16 Now Yishbi in Nob, who *was* among the descendants of Raphah (now the weight of his spearhead *was* three hundredweight of bronze, and he *was* newly armed), said that he would kill David.

17 But Abishai the son of Zeruah helped him, and he attacked the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, “You shall not go out with us any longer to the battle, so that you do not quench the lamp of Israel.”

18 It happened afterward that there *was* again battle at Gob with *the* Philistines. Then Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Saph who *was* among the descendants of the Raphah.

19 There *was* again a battle with *the* Philistines at Gob. And Elhanan the son of Jaare-Oregim, the Bethlehemite, killed Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear *was* like the beam of a weaver.

20 Once again there *was* battle at Gath, and there *was* a man of great size. The fingers of his hand and the toes of his feet *were* six and six, twenty-four in number. He *was* also born to the Raphah.

21 He taunted Israel but Jonathan the son of Shimei, the brother of David, killed him.

22 These four *were* born for the Raphah in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

### The Moabites

8:2 When he defeated Moab, he measured them with the cord, making them lie on the ground. He measured two cords to kill and the third cord to let live.

So Moab became servants of David, bringing tribute.

### The Arameans (Syrians)

3 Then David struck down Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, when he went to restore his monument at the Euphrates River.

4 David captured from him one thousand and seven hundred horsemen and twenty thousand foot soldiers. David hamstringed all the chariot horses, but from them he spared a hundred chariot horses.

5 When Aram of Damascus came to help Hadadezer, the king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand men of Aram.

6 David placed garrisons in Aram of Damascus, so Aram became servants of David, bringing tribute. Yahweh protected David everywhere he went.

7 David took the small round gold shields which had belonged to the servants of Hadadezer, and he brought them *to* Jerusalem.

8 From Betah and from Berothai, the towns of Hadadezer, King David took very many bronze *items*.

1 Chronicles 18:1–17; 20:4–8

18:1 And it happened *that* after David struck the Philistines and subdued them, he captured Gath and its villages out of the hand of the Philistines.

20:4 And after this there arose a war in Gezer with the Philistines. Then Sibbecai the Hushathite struck down Sippai, one of the descendants of the Rephaim. And they were subdued.

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

6 And again there was war in Gath. And there was a very tall man *there*, and he had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in all.

He himself *was* also a descendant of the Rephaim.

7 And he taunted Israel, but Jehonathan son of Shimea, brother of David, struck him down.

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

18:2 And he struck Moab,

and the Moabites became servants to David, bearing tribute.

3 And David struck Hadadezer, king of Zobah-Hamath, as he set up his monument at the Euphrates River.

4 And David captured from him one thousand chariots, seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand foot soldiers. And David hamstringed all the chariot horses but left one hundred of them *to* remain *for* chariots.

5 And when the Arameans of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah-Hamath, David struck down twenty-two thousand men of Aram.

6 Then David set up *garrisons* in Aram of Damascus, and the Arameans became servants to David, bearing tribute. And Yahweh delivered David wherever he went.

7 And David took small round shields of gold that were upon the servants of Hadadezer and brought them *to* Jerusalem.

8 And from Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David captured very much bronze.

<p>9 When Toi, the king of Hamath, heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer,</p> <p>10 Toi sent Joram his son to King David to greet him and to congratulate him because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him; for Hadadezer had often been at war with Toi. He brought with him objects of silver and objects of gold and objects of bronze.</p> <p>11 King David dedicated them also to Yahweh <i>along</i> with the silver and the gold that he had dedicated from all of the nations which he had subdued;</p> <p>12 from Aram and from Moab and from the Ammonites and from <i>the</i> Philistines and from Amalek and from the plunder of Hadadezer the son of Rehob, the king of Zobah.</p> <p><b>The Edomites</b></p> <p>13 So David made a name for himself when he returned from defeating Aram in the Valley of Salt, eighteen thousand.</p> <p>14 He put garrisons in Edom; all over Edom he put garrisons, and all of Edom became servants of David. Yahweh protected David wherever he went.</p> <p><b>David's Administration</b></p> <p>15 David reigned over all of Israel, and he was administering justice and righteousness for all his people.</p> <p>16 Joab the son of Zeruiah <i>was</i> over the army, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud <i>was</i> secretary.</p> <p>17 Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar <i>were</i> priests and Seraiah <i>was</i> scribe.</p> <p>18 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada <i>was</i> over the Kerethites and the Pelethites, and the sons of David <i>were</i> priests.</p>	<p>Solomon made the bronze sea with it along with the columns and objects of bronze.</p> <p>9 And when Tou the king of Hamath heard that David had defeated the whole army of Hadadezer the king of Zobah,</p> <p>10 he sent Hadoram his son to King David to ask him for peace and to bless him because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him, for Tou had been at war with Hadadezer. And <i>he brought with him</i> all the objects of gold, silver, and bronze.</p> <p>11 King David dedicated these also to Yahweh, along with the silver and gold that he had taken from all the nations,</p> <p>from Edom, Moab, the sons of Ammon, the Philistines, and Amalek.</p> <p>12 And Abishai son of Zeruiah defeated eighteen thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.</p> <p>13 And he put garrisons in Edom, and all Edom became servants to David. And Yahweh delivered David wherever he went.</p> <p>14 So David reigned over all Israel, and he administered justice and righteousness to all his people.</p> <p>15 And Joab son of Zeruiah <i>was</i> over the army, and Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud <i>was</i> recorder.</p> <p>16 And Zadok son of Ahitub and Abimelech son of Abiathar <i>were</i> priests, and Shavsha <i>was</i> secretary.</p> <p>17 And Benaiah son of Jehoiada <i>was</i> over the Kerethites and the Pelethites. And the sons of David <i>were</i> chief officials under the hand of 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, from the descendants of that king in Edom.

15 It had happened that when David was at Edom, Joab the commander of the army went up to bury the slain, and he killed every male in Edom.

16 For Joab and all Israel had stayed there six months until he exterminated every male in Edom.

17 But Hadad himself had fled, and some Edomite men from the servants of his father with him, to go to Egypt, when Hadad *was* a young boy.

18 They had set out from Midian until they came to Paran where they took men from Paran with them and came *to* Egypt, *to* Pharaoh king of Egypt. He gave to him a house and assigned food for him and gave him land.

#### Rezon the Aramean

23b Rezon the son of Eliada who had fled from Hadadezer the king of Zobah, his master.

24 He gathered men around him and he became the commander of bandits. When David killed *some of* them, they went to Damascus and settled there, and they reigned in Damascus.

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

Psalm 60

*For the music director, according to Shushan Eduth.*

**A miktam of David. To teach. When he fought Mesopotamia and Aram Zobah, and Joab returned and struck Edom in the Valley of Salt, twelve thousand persons.**

- 1 O God, you have rejected us. You have broken us.  
You have been angry. Restore us!
- 2 You have made *the* land quake. You have split it open.  
Heal its fissures, because it totters.
- 3 You have shown your people hard *things*;  
You have given us wine that staggers.
- 4 You have rallied those who fear you round a banner  
out of bowshot, *Selah*
- 5 so that your beloved ones may be rescued.  
Save by your right hand and answer us.
- 6 God has spoken in his holiness,  
“I will rejoice;  
I will divide up Shechem,  
and portion out the valley of Succoth.
- 7 Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine,  
and Ephraim *is* the helmet for my head;  
Judah *is* my scepter.
- 8 Moab *is* my washing pot;  
over Edom, I will cast my sandal.  
On account of me, O Philistia, raise a shout.”
- 9 Who will bring me to *the* fortified city?  
Who will lead me to Edom?
- 10 Have not you yourself rejected us, O God,  
and not gone out with our armies, O God?
- 11 Give us help against *the* adversary,  
for the help of humankind *is* futile.
- 12 Through God we will do valiantly,  
and *it is* he *who* will tread down our enemies.

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

2 Samuel 22

Psalm 18

1 Then David spoke to Yahweh the words of this song, on the day Yahweh delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

2 And he said:

- “Yahweh *is* my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.
- 3 I take refuge in God, my rock,  
my shield, and the strength of my salvation.  
My stronghold and my refuge, O my savior,  
you will save me from violence!
  - 4 I call *upon* Yahweh who is praiseworthy,  
and I *am* saved from those who hate me.
  - 5 For the breaker waves of death engulfed me;  
the currents of chaos overwhelmed me.
  - 6 The ropes of Sheol entangled me;  
the snares of death confronted me.
  - 7 In my distress I called *upon* Yahweh,  
and to my God I called.  
He heard my voice from his temple,

*For the music director.*

**Of David, the servant of Yahweh, who spoke to Yahweh the words of this song when Yahweh delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.**

1 And he said:

- “I love you, O Yahweh, my strength.”
- 2 Yahweh *is* my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock in whom I have taken refuge,  
my shield and the horn of my deliverance,  
my stronghold.
  - 3 I called upon Yahweh, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I was saved from my enemies.
  - 4 The ropes of death encircled me,  
and streams of ruin overwhelmed me.
  - 5 The ropes of Sheol surrounded me;  
*the* snares of death confronted me.
  - 6 In my trouble I called on Yahweh,  
and to my God I cried for help.  
He heard my voice from his temple,

	and my cry for help <i>was</i> to his ears.		and my cry for help came up before his presence into his ears.
8	The earth heaved and shook, the foundations of heaven trembled and heaved because he was angry.	7	Then the earth shook and quaked, and <i>the</i> foundations of <i>the</i> mountains trembled, and they staggered because he was angry.
9	Smoke went up from his nostrils and fire from his mouth. Burning coals devoured, they burned from him.	8	Smoke went forth from his nose, and fire from his mouth consumed. Burning coals blazed from him.
10	He bowed the heavens and came down; a very thick cloud <i>was</i> under his feet.	9	So he bowed <i>the</i> heavens and came down with a thick cloud under his feet.
11	He rode upon a cherub and flew; he was seen on the wings of the wind.	10	And he mounted a cherub and flew, and he swooped down on wings of wind.
12	He put darkness <i>as</i> a canopy all around him, a collection of thick rain clouds.	11	He made darkness his hiding place; all about him his covering <i>was</i> a darkness of waters, thick clouds.
13	From the brightness before him  flamed burning coals of fire.	12	From the brightness before him his clouds passed over <i>with</i> hail and coals of fire.
14	Yahweh thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered his voice.	13	And Yahweh thundered from the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice <i>with</i> hail and coals of fire.
15	He sent arrows and he scattered them, lightning, and he directed them.	14	And he shot his arrows and scattered them, and many lightning bolts and routed them.
16	Then the channels of water of the sea were exposed, the foundations of the world, at the rebuke of Yahweh, from the blast of the breath of his nostrils.	15	Then the channels of <i>the</i> sea became visible, and <i>the</i> foundations of <i>the</i> world were uncovered by your rebuke, O Yahweh, by the blast of the wind of your nose.
17	He sent from a high position <i>and</i> took me; he drew me from mighty waters.	16	He reached from on high; he seized me. He drew me from many waters.
18	He delivered me from my strong enemies, from those who hate me, for they <i>were</i> mightier than I.	17	He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from <i>those who</i> hated me because they were stronger than I.
19	They approached me on the day of my disaster, but Yahweh <i>was</i> my support.	18	They confronted me on the day of disaster, but Yahweh was my support.
20	He brought me out to a spacious place. He delivered me because he delighted in me.	19	So he brought me out to a spacious place. He delivered me because he delighted in me.
21	Yahweh rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands he recompensed me.	20	Yahweh has rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands he has repaid me.
22	For I have kept the ways of Yahweh; I have not acted wickedly against my God.	21	Because I have kept the ways of Yahweh, and have not acted wickedly against my God,
23	For all of his ordinances <i>were</i> before me, and I did not turn aside from his statutes.	22	because all his ordinances <i>are</i> before me, and his statutes I have not removed from me,
24	I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from my iniquity.	23	and I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from my guilt.
25	Yahweh has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness before his eyes.	24	Therefore Yahweh has repaid me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.
26	With the loyal, you act as loyal, and with the blameless, you show yourself blameless.	25	To <i>the</i> loyal you show yourself loyal. To <i>the</i> blameless you show yourself blameless.
27	With the pure, you show yourself pure, but with the crooked, you appear as a fool.	26	To <i>the</i> pure you show yourself pure; but to <i>the</i> wicked you show yourself shrewd.
28	Humble people you will deliver, but your eyes <i>are</i> on the haughty, <i>whom</i> you bring down.	27	For you deliver humble people, but haughty eyes you humiliate.
29	For you, O Yahweh <i>are</i> my lamp, and Yahweh lightens my darkness.	28	For you light my lamp; Yahweh, my God, lights up my darkness.
30	For by you I can run a raid; by my God I can leap over a wall.	29	For with you I can charge a troop, and with my God I can scale a wall.

31	This God, his way <i>is</i> blameless; the promise of Yahweh <i>is</i> flawless. He <i>is</i> a shield to all who take refuge in him.	30	This God—his way <i>is</i> blameless. The word of Yahweh <i>is</i> flawless. He <i>is</i> a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
32	For who <i>is</i> God apart from Yahweh? And who <i>is</i> a rock apart from our God?	31	For who <i>is</i> God apart from Yahweh, and who <i>is</i> a rock except our God?
33	God <i>is</i> my strong refuge, he has fully opened my way.	32	The God who girded me <i>with</i> strength, and made safe my way,
34	He makes my feet like a doe deer, and on my high places he has set me.	33	he made my feet like the deer's, and on my high places he makes me stand.
35	He trains my hands for the war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.	34	<i>He</i> trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
36	You have given me the shield of your salvation;  your willingness to help has made me great.	35	You also gave me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me, and your humility made me great.
37	You have broadened my steps beneath me; my ankles have not wobbled.	36	You enlarged my step under me, and my ankles did not slip.
38	I pursued those who hate me, and I destroyed them. I did not turn back until finishing them.	37	I chased my enemies and overtook them; I did not turn back until they were finished <i>off</i> .
39	I wiped them out and I smashed them; they did not get up; they fell under my feet.	38	I struck them and they were not able to stand up; they fell under my feet.
40	You have girded me with physical strength for the battle; you caused those who rose up against me to kneel under me.	39	And you girded me <i>with</i> strength for the battle; <i>those</i> rising against me you made to kneel under me.
41	My enemies you cause to retreat from me; I destroy those who hate me.	40	And you made my enemies turn their backs, then I destroyed those <i>who</i> hated me.
42	They looked out, but there was no deliverer, <i>even</i> to Yahweh, but he did not answer them.	41	They cried out but there was no rescuer, <i>even</i> to Yahweh, but he did not answer them.
43	I beat them fine, like the dust of the earth; like the mire of the streets, I crushed them, I stamped them down.	42	And I ground them like dust in the wind, I emptied them out like mud of <i>the</i> streets.
44	You delivered me from the strife of my people; you preserved me as the head of the nations. A people I had not known served me.	43	You rescued me from strife with people; you set me as head (over) nations. People I did not know served me;
45	Children of a foreign land came cringing to me; when they heard of me, they became obedient to me.	44	as soon as they heard, they obeyed me. <i>The</i> children of a foreign land feigned obedience before me.
46	Children of a foreign land lost heart and came trembling from their strongholds.	45	<i>The</i> children of a foreign land lost heart, and they came trembling from their strongholds.
47	Yahweh lives! Blessed be my rock! May God, the rock of my salvation, be exalted!	46	Yahweh lives, and blessed <i>be</i> my rock, and may the God of my salvation be exalted—
48	God does vengeance for me, bringing down peoples under me.	47	the God who executed vengeance for me, and subdued peoples under me,
49	He brings me out from my enemies, and from those who rose up against me you lift me up, and from men of violence you rescue me.	48	who delivered me from my enemies. Indeed, you exalted me higher than <i>those who</i> rose against me. You delivered me from the man of violence.
50	Therefore I will extol you, Yahweh, among the nations! I will sing praises to your name! [ <a href="#">Rom 15:9</a> ]	49	Therefore I will give thanks to you among the nations, O Yahweh, and I will sing <i>the praise</i> of your name:
51	He makes great salvation <i>for</i> his king and shows loyal love to his anointed one, David and to his descendants forever.”	50	the one who makes great victories for his king, and <i>who</i> shows loyal love for his anointed, to David and to his descendants forever.