

## 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 Now after this it came about that David defeated the Philistines and subdued them; 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 Zeruah 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.

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

1 Chronicles 18:1–17; 20:4–8

18:1 Now after this it came about that David defeated the Philistines and subdued them 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 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

<p>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 <i>Joram</i> 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.</p> <p><b>The Edomites</b> 13 So David made a name <i>for himself</i> when he returned from killing 18,000 Arameans in the Valley of Salt. 14 He put garrisons in Edom. In all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became servants to David. And the LORD helped David wherever he went.</p> <p><b>David's Administration</b> 15 So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered justice and righteousness for all his people. 16 Joab the son of Zeruiah <i>was</i> over the army, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud <i>was</i> recorder. 17 Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar <i>were</i> priests, and Seraiah <i>was</i> secretary. 18 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada <i>was</i> over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief ministers.</p>	<p>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 <i>Hadoram brought</i> 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.</p> <p>12 Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah defeated 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt. 13 Then he put garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became servants to David. And the LORD helped David wherever he went.</p> <p>14 So David reigned over all Israel; and he administered justice and righteousness for all his people. 15 Joab the son of Zeruiah <i>was</i> over the army, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud <i>was</i> recorder; 16 and Zadok the son of Ahitub and Abimelech the son of Abiathar <i>were</i> priests, and Shavsha <i>was</i> secretary; 17 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada <i>was</i> over the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and the sons of David <i>were</i> chiefs at the king's side.</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 royal line in Edom.  
15 For it came about, when David was in Edom, and Joab the commander of the army had gone up to bury the slain, and had struck down every male in Edom  
16 (for Joab and all Israel stayed there six months, until he had cut off every male in Edom),  
17 that Hadad fled to Egypt, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, while Hadad *was* a young boy.  
18 They arose from Midian and came to Paran; and they took men with them from Paran and came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house and assigned him food and gave him land.

#### Rezon the Aramean

23b Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah.  
24 He gathered men to himself and became leader of a marauding band, after David slew them of *Zobah*; and they went to Damascus and stayed there, and reigned in Damascus.

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

Psalms 60

*For the choir director; according to Shushan Eduth.*

**A Mikhtam of David, to teach; when he struggled with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and Joab returned, and smote twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.**

- 1 O God, You have rejected us. You have broken us;  
You have been angry; O, restore us.
- 2 You have made the land quake, You have split it open;  
Heal its breaches, for it totters.

- 3 You have made Your people experience hardship;  
You have given us wine to drink that makes us stagger.
- 4 You have given a banner to those who fear You,  
That it may be displayed because of the truth. *Selah*.
- 5 That Your beloved may be delivered,  
Save with Your right hand, and answer us!
- 6 God has spoken in His holiness:  
“I will exult, I will portion out Shechem and measure out the valley of Succoth.
- 7 “Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine;  
Ephraim also is the helmet of My head;  
Judah is My scepter.
- 8 “Moab is My washbowl;  
Over Edom I shall throw My shoe;  
Shout loud, O Philistia, because of Me!”
- 9 Who will bring me into the besieged city?  
Who will lead me to Edom?
- 10 Have not You Yourself, O God, rejected us?  
And will You not go forth with our armies, O God?
- 11 O give us help against the adversary,  
For deliverance by man is in vain.
- 12 Through God we shall do valiantly,  
And it is He who will tread down our adversaries.

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

#### 2 Samuel 22

#### Psalm 18

- 1 And David  
spoke the words of this song to the LORD in the day that  
the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and  
from the hand of Saul.
- 2 He said,
- “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;  
3 My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
My shield and the horn of my salvation,  
my stronghold and my refuge;  
My savior, You save me from violence.
- 4 “I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
And I am saved from my enemies.
- 5 “For the waves of death encompassed me;  
The torrents of destruction overwhelmed me;  
6 The cords of Sheol surrounded me;  
The snares of death confronted me.
- 7 “In my distress I called upon the LORD,  
Yes, I cried to my God;  
And from His temple He heard my voice,  
And my cry for help *came* into His ears.
- 8 “Then the earth shook and quaked,  
The foundations of heaven were trembling  
And were shaken, because He was angry.
- 9 “Smoke went up out of His nostrils,  
Fire from His mouth devoured;  
Coals were kindled by it.
- 10 “He bowed the heavens also, and came down  
With thick darkness under His feet.
- 11 “And He rode on a cherub and flew;

*For the choir director.*

**A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD,  
who spoke to 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 love You, O LORD, my strength.”
- 2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;  
My shield and the horn of my salvation,  
my stronghold.
- 3 I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
And I am saved from my enemies.
- 4 The cords of death encompassed me,  
And the torrents of ungodliness terrified me.
- 5 The cords of Sheol surrounded me;  
The snares of death confronted me.
- 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD,  
And cried to my God for help;  
He heard my voice out of His temple,  
And my cry for help before Him came into His ears.
- 7 Then the earth shook and quaked;  
And the foundations of the mountains were trembling  
And were shaken, because He was angry.
- 8 Smoke went up out of His nostrils,  
And fire from His mouth devoured;  
Coals were kindled by it.
- 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down  
With thick darkness under His feet.
- 10 He rode upon a cherub and flew;

And He appeared on the wings of the wind.	And He sped upon the wings of the wind.
12 “And He made darkness canopies around Him, A mass of waters, thick clouds of the sky.	11 He made darkness His hiding place, His canopy around Him, Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
13 “From the brightness before Him Coals of fire were kindled.	12 From the brightness before Him passed His thick clouds, Hailstones and coals of fire.
14 “The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice.	13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, And the Most High uttered His voice, Hailstones and coals of fire.
15 “And He sent out arrows, and scattered them, Lightning, and routed them.	14 He sent out His arrows, and scattered them, And lightning flashes in abundance, and routed them.
16 “Then the channels of the sea appeared, The foundations of the world were laid bare By the rebuke of the LORD, At the blast of the breath of His nostrils.	15 Then the channels of water appeared, And the foundations of the world were laid bare At Your rebuke, O LORD, At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.
17 “He sent from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.	16 He sent from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.
18 “He delivered me from my strong enemy, From those who hated me, for they were too strong for me.	17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, And from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.
19 “They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But the LORD was my support.	18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But the LORD was my stay.
20 “He also brought me forth into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me.	19 He brought me forth also into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me.
21 “The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.	20 The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.
22 “For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not acted wickedly against my God.	21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not wickedly departed from my God.
23 “For all His ordinances <i>were</i> before me, And <i>as for</i> His statutes, I did not depart from them.	22 For all His ordinances were before me, And I did not put away His statutes from me.
24 “I was also blameless toward Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity.	23 I was also blameless with Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity.
25 “Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to my cleanness before His eyes.	24 Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands in His eyes.
26 “With the kind You show Yourself kind, With the blameless You show Yourself blameless;	25 With the kind You show Yourself kind; With the blameless You show Yourself blameless;
27 With the pure You show Yourself pure, And with the perverted You show Yourself astute.	26 With the pure You show Yourself pure, And with the crooked You show Yourself astute.
28 “And You save an afflicted people; But Your eyes are on the haughty <i>whom</i> You abase.	27 For You save an afflicted people, But haughty eyes You abase.
29 “For You are my lamp, O LORD; And the LORD illumines my darkness.	28 For You light my lamp; The LORD my God illumines my darkness.
30 “For by You I can run upon a troop; By my God I can leap over a wall.	29 For by You I can run upon a troop; And by my God I can leap over a wall.
31 “As for God, His way is blameless; The word of the LORD is tested; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.	30 As for God, His way is blameless; The word of the LORD is tried; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.
32 “For who is God, besides the LORD? And who is a rock, besides our God?	31 For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God,
33 “God is my strong fortress; And He sets the blameless in His way.	32 The God who girds me with strength And makes my way blameless?
34 “He makes my feet like hinds’ <i>feet</i> , And sets me on my high places.	33 He makes my feet like hinds’ <i>feet</i> , And sets me upon my high places.
35 “He trains my hands for battle, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.	34 He trains my hands for battle, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
36 “You have also given me the shield of Your salvation,	35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation,

<p>And Your help makes me great.</p> <p>37 “You enlarge my steps under me, And my feet have not slipped.</p> <p>38 “I pursued my enemies and destroyed them, And I did not turn back until they were consumed.</p> <p>39 “And I have devoured them and shattered them, so that they did not rise; And they fell under my feet.</p> <p>40 “For You have girded me with strength for battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.</p> <p>41 “You have also made my enemies turn <i>their</i> backs to me, And I destroyed those who hated me.</p> <p>42 “They looked, but there was none to save; <i>Even</i> to the LORD, but He did not answer them.</p> <p>43 “Then I pulverized them as the dust of the earth; I crushed <i>and</i> stamped them as the mire of the streets.</p> <p>44 “You have also delivered me from the contentions of my people; You have kept me as head of the nations; A people whom I have not known serve me.</p> <p>45 “Foreigners pretend obedience to me; As soon as they hear, they obey me.</p> <p>46 “Foreigners lose heart, And come trembling out of their fortresses.</p> <p>47 “The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock; And exalted be God, the rock of my salvation,</p> <p>48 The God who executes vengeance for me, And brings down peoples under me,</p> <p>49 Who also brings me out from my enemies; You even lift me above those who rise up against me; You rescue me from the violent man.</p> <p>50 “Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the nations, And I will sing praises to Your name.</p> <p>51 “<i>He</i> is a tower of deliverance to His king, And shows lovingkindness to His anointed, To David and his descendants forever.”</p>	<p>And Your right hand upholds me; And Your gentleness makes me great.</p> <p>36 You enlarge my steps under me, And my feet have not slipped.</p> <p>37 I pursued my enemies and overtook them, And I did not turn back until they were consumed.</p> <p>38 I shattered them, so that they were not able to rise; They fell under my feet.</p> <p>39 For You have girded me with strength for battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.</p> <p>40 You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me, And I destroyed those who hated me.</p> <p>41 They cried for help, but there was none to save, <i>Even</i> to the LORD, but He did not answer them.</p> <p>42 Then I beat them fine as the dust before the wind; I emptied them out as the mire of the streets.</p> <p>43 You have delivered me from the contentions of the people; You have placed me as head of the nations; A people whom I have not known serve me.</p> <p>44 As soon as they hear, they obey me; Foreigners submit to me.</p> <p>45 Foreigners fade away, And come trembling out of their fortresses.</p> <p>46 The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock; And exalted be the God of my salvation,</p> <p>47 The God who executes vengeance for me, And subdues peoples under me.</p> <p>48 He delivers me from my enemies; Surely You lift me above those who rise up against me; You rescue me from the violent man.</p> <p>49 Therefore I will give thanks to You among the nations, O LORD, And I will sing praises to Your name.</p> <p>50 He gives great deliverance to His king, And shows lovingkindness to His anointed, To David and his descendants forever.</p>
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