

## 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 Later David defeated the Philistines and subdued them. David took Metheg Ammah from the Philistines.

21:15 Another battle was fought between the Philistines and Israel. So David went down with his soldiers and fought the Philistines. David became exhausted.

16 Now Ishbi-Benob, one of the descendants of Rapha, had a spear that weighed three hundred bronze shekels, and he was armed with a new weapon. He had said that he would kill David.

17 But Abishai the son of Zeruah came to David's aid, striking the Philistine down and killing him. Then David's men took an oath saying, "You will not go out to battle with us again! You must not extinguish the lamp of Israel!"

18 Later there was another battle with the Philistines, this time in Gob.

On that occasion Sibbekai the Hushathite killed Saph, who was one of the descendants of Rapha.

19 Yet another battle occurred with the Philistines in Gob.

On that occasion Elhanan the son of Jair the Bethlehemite killed the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

20 Yet another battle occurred in Gath.

On that occasion there was a large man who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in all! He too was a descendant of Rapha.

21 When he taunted Israel, Jonathan, the son of David's brother Shimeah, killed him.

22 These four were the descendants of Rapha who lived in Gath; they were killed by David and his soldiers.

### The Moabites

8:2 He defeated the Moabites.

He made them lie on the ground and then used a rope to measure them off. He put two-thirds of them to death and spared the other third.

The Moabites became David's subjects and brought tribute.

### The Arameans (Syrians)

3 David defeated King Hadadezer son of Rehob of Zobah when he came to reestablish his authority over the Euphrates River.

4 David seized from him 1,700 charioteers and 20,000 infantrymen. David cut the hamstrings of all but a hundred of the chariot horses.

5 The Arameans of Damascus came to help King Hadadezer of Zobah, but David killed 22,000 of the Arameans.

6 David placed garrisons in the territory of the Arameans of Damascus; the Arameans became David's subjects and brought tribute. The LORD protected David wherever he campaigned.

7 David took the golden shields that belonged to Hadadezer's servants and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 From Tebah and Berothai, Hadadezer's cities, King David took a great deal of bronze.

1 Chronicles 18:1–17; 20:4–8

18:1 Later David defeated the Philistines and subdued them. He took Gath and its surrounding towns away from the Philistines.

20:4 Later there was a battle with the Philistines in Gezer.

At that time Sibbekai the Hushathite killed Sippai, one of the descendants of the Rephaim, and the Philistines were subdued.

5 There was another battle with the Philistines in which Elhanan son of Jair the Bethlehemite killed the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear had a shaft as big as the crossbeam of a weaver's loom.

6 In a battle in Gath

there was a large man who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot—twenty-four in all! He too was a descendant of Rapha.

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

8 These were the descendants of Rapha who lived in Gath; they were killed by the hand of David and his soldiers.

18:2 He defeated the Moabites;

the Moabites became David's subjects and brought tribute.

3 David defeated King Hadadezer of Zobah as far as Hamath, when he went to extend his authority to the Euphrates River.

4 David seized from him 1,000 chariots, 7,000 charioteers, and 20,000 infantrymen. David cut the hamstrings of all but a hundred of Hadadezer's chariot horses.

5 The Arameans of Damascus came to help King Hadadezer of Zobah, but David killed 22,000 of the Arameans.

6 David placed garrisons in the territory of the Arameans of Damascus; the Arameans became David's subjects and brought tribute. The LORD protected David wherever he campaigned.

7 David took the golden shields which Hadadezer's servants had carried and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 From Tibhath and Kun, Hadadezer's cities, David took a great deal of bronze.

(Solomon used it to make the big bronze basin called "The Sea," the pillars, and other bronze items.)

9 When King Toi of Hamath heard that David had defeated the entire army of Hadadezer,  
 10 he sent his son Joram to King David to extend his best wishes and to pronounce a blessing on him for his victory over Hadadezer, for Toi had been at war with Hadadezer. He brought with him various items made of silver, gold, and bronze.  
 11 King David dedicated these things to the LORD, along with the dedicated silver and gold that he had taken from all the nations that he had subdued,  
 12 including Aram, Moab, the Ammonites, the Philistines, and Amalek.  
 This also included some of the plunder taken from King Hadadezer son of Rehob of Zobah.

#### The Edomites

13 David became famous when he returned from defeating the Arameans in the Valley of Salt, he defeated 18,000 in all.  
 14 He placed garrisons throughout Edom, and all the Edomites became David's subjects. The LORD protected David wherever he campaigned.

#### David's Administration

15 David reigned over all Israel; he guaranteed justice for all his people.  
 16 Joab son of Zeruiah was general in command of the army; Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was secretary;  
 17 Zadok son of Ahitub and Ahimelech son of Abiathar were priests; Seraiah was scribe;  
 18 Benaiah son of Jehoida supervised the Kerithites and Pelethites; and David's sons were priests.

9 When King Tou of Hamath heard that David had defeated the entire army of King Hadadezer of Zobah,  
 10 he sent his son Hadoram to King David to extend his best wishes and to pronounce a blessing on him for his victory over Hadadezer, for Tou had been at war with Hadadezer. He also sent various items made of gold, silver, and bronze.  
 11 King David dedicated these things to the LORD, along with the silver and gold which he had carried off from all the nations,  
 including Edom, Moab, the Ammonites, the Philistines, and Amalek.

12 Abishai son of Zeruiah killed 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt.  
 13 He placed garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became David's subjects. The LORD protected David wherever he campaigned.

14 David reigned over all Israel; he guaranteed justice for all his people.  
 15 Joab son of Zeruiah was commanding general of the army; Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was secretary;  
 16 Zadok son of Ahitub and Abimelech son of Abiathar were priests; Shavsha was scribe;  
 17 Benaiah son of Jehoiada supervised the Kerethites and Pelethites; and David's sons were the king's leading officials.

### 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, a descendant of the Edomite king.  
 15 During David's campaign against Edom, Joab, the commander of the army, while on a mission to bury the dead, killed every male in Edom.  
 16 For six months Joab and the entire Israelite army stayed there until they had exterminated every male in Edom.  
 17 Hadad, who was only a small boy at the time, escaped with some of his father's Edomite servants and headed for Egypt.  
 18 They went from Midian to Paran; they took some men from Paran and went to Egypt. Pharaoh, king of Egypt, supplied him with a house and food and even assigned him some land.

#### Rezon the Aramean

23b Rezon son of Eliada who had run away from his master, King Hadadezer of Zobah.  
 24 He gathered some men and organized a raiding band. When David tried to kill them, they went to Damascus, where they settled down and gained control of the city.

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

Psalms 60

*For the music director; according to the shushan-eduth style;*

**A prayer of David written to instruct others. It was written when he fought against Aram Naharaim and Aram-Zobah. That was when Joab turned back and struck down 12,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt.**

- 1 O God, you have rejected us.  
 You suddenly turned on us in your anger.  
 Please restore us!
- 2 You made the earth quake; you split it open.

	Repair its breaches, for it is ready to fall.
3	You have made your people experience hard times; you have made us drink intoxicating wine.
4	You have given your loyal followers a rallying flag, so that they might seek safety from the bow. (Selah)
5	Deliver by your power and answer me, so that the ones you love may be safe.
6	God has spoken in his sanctuary: “I will triumph! I will parcel out Shechem; the Valley of Succoth I will measure off.
7	Gilead belongs to me, as does Manasseh! Ephraim is my helmet, Judah my royal scepter.
8	Moab is my washbasin. I will make Edom serve me. I will shout in triumph over Philistia.”
9	Who will lead me into the fortified city? Who will bring me to Edom?
10	Have you not rejected us, O God? O God, you do not go into battle with our armies.
11	Give us help against the enemy, for any help men might offer is futile.
12	By God’s power we will conquer; he will trample down our enemies.

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

2 Samuel 22	Psalm 18
1 David sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD rescued him from the power of all his enemies, including Saul.	<i>For the music director;</i> <b>By the LORD’s servant David, who sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD rescued him from the power of all his enemies, including Saul.</b>
2 He said:	1 He said:
“The LORD is my high ridge, my stronghold, my deliverer.	“I love you, LORD, my source of strength!
3 My God is my rocky summit where I take shelter, my shield, the horn that saves me, my stronghold, my refuge, my savior. You save me from violence!	2 The LORD is my high ridge, my stronghold, my deliverer. My God is my rocky summit where I take shelter, my shield, the horn that saves me, and my refuge.
4 I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I was delivered from my enemies.	3 I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I was delivered from my enemies.
5 The waves of death engulfed me; the currents of chaos overwhelmed me.	4 The waves of death engulfed me, the currents of chaos overwhelmed me.
6 The ropes of Sheol tightened around me; the snares of death trapped me.	5 The ropes of Sheol tightened around me, the snares of death trapped me.
7 In my distress I called to the LORD; I called to my God. From his heavenly temple he heard my voice; he listened to my cry for help.	6 In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried out to my God. From his heavenly temple he heard my voice; he listened to my cry for help.
8 The earth heaved and shook; the foundations of the sky trembled. They heaved because he was angry.	7 The earth heaved and shook; the roots of the mountains trembled; they heaved because he was angry.
9 Smoke ascended from his nose; fire devoured as it came from his mouth; he hurled down fiery coals.	8 Smoke ascended from his nose; fire devoured as it came from his mouth; he hurled down fiery coals.
10 He made the sky sink as he descended; a thick cloud was under his feet.	9 He made the sky sink as he descended; a thick cloud was under his feet.

11	He mounted a winged angel and flew; he glided on the wings of the wind.	10	He mounted a winged angel and flew; he glided on the wings of the wind.
12	He shrouded himself in darkness, in thick rain clouds.	11	He shrouded himself in darkness, in thick rain clouds.
13	From the brightness in front of him came coals of fire.	12	From the brightness in front of him came hail and fiery coals.
14	The LORD thundered from the sky; the sovereign One shouted loudly.	13	The LORD thundered in the sky; the sovereign One shouted.
15	He shot arrows and scattered them, lightning and routed them.	14	He shot his arrows and scattered them, many lightning bolts and routed them.
16	The depths of the sea were exposed; the inner regions of the world were uncovered by the LORD's battle cry, by the powerful breath from his nose.	15	The depths of the sea were exposed; the inner regions of the world were uncovered by your battle cry, LORD, by the powerful breath from your nose.
17	He reached down from above and grabbed me; he pulled me from the surging water.	16	He reached down from above and took hold of me; he pulled me from the surging water.
18	He rescued me from my strong enemy, from those who hate me, for they were too strong for me.	17	He rescued me from my strong enemy, from those who hate me, for they were too strong for me.
19	They confronted me in my day of calamity, but the LORD helped me.	18	They confronted me in my day of calamity, but the LORD helped me.
20	He brought me out into a wide open place; he delivered me because he was pleased with me.	19	He brought me out into a wide open place; he delivered me because he was pleased with me.
21	The LORD repaid me for my godly deeds; he rewarded my blameless behavior.	20	The LORD repaid me for my godly deeds; he rewarded my blameless behavior.
22	For I have obeyed the LORD's commands; I have not rebelled against my God.	21	For I have obeyed the LORD's commands; I have not rebelled against my God.
23	For I am aware of all his regulations, and I do not reject his rules.	22	For I am aware of all his regulations, and I do not reject his rules.
24	I was blameless before him; I kept myself from sinning.	23	I was innocent before him, and kept myself from sinning.
25	The LORD rewarded me for my godly deeds; he took notice of my blameless behavior.	24	The LORD rewarded me for my godly deeds; he took notice of my blameless behavior.
26	You prove to be loyal to one who is faithful; you prove to be trustworthy to one who is innocent.	25	You prove to be loyal to one who is faithful; you prove to be trustworthy to one who is innocent.
27	You prove to be reliable to one who is blameless, but you prove to be deceptive to one who is perverse.	26	You prove to be reliable to one who is blameless, but you prove to be deceptive to one who is perverse.
28	You deliver oppressed people, but you watch the proud and bring them down.	27	For you deliver oppressed people, but you bring down those who have a proud look.
29	Indeed, you are my lamp, LORD. The LORD illumines the darkness around me.	28	Indeed, you are my lamp, LORD. My God illuminates the darkness around me.
30	Indeed, with your help I can charge against an army; by my God's power I can jump over a wall.	29	Indeed, with your help I can charge against an army; by my God's power I can jump over a wall.
31	The one true God acts in a faithful manner; the LORD's promise is reliable; he is a shield to all who take shelter in him.	30	The one true God acts in a faithful manner; the LORD's promise is reliable; he is a shield to all who take shelter in him.
32	Indeed, who is God besides the LORD? Who is a protector besides our God?	31	Indeed, who is God besides the LORD? Who is a protector besides our God?
33	The one true God is my mighty refuge; he removes the obstacles in my way.	32	The one true God gives me strength; he removes the obstacles in my way.
34	He gives me the agility of a deer; he enables me to negotiate the rugged terrain.	33	He gives me the agility of a deer; he enables me to negotiate the rugged terrain.
35	He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend even the strongest bow.	34	He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend even the strongest bow.
36	You give me your protective shield;  your willingness to help enables me to prevail.	35	You give me your protective shield;  your right hand supports me; your willingness to help enables me to prevail.
37	You widen my path;	36	You widen my path;

<p>my feet do not slip.</p> <p>38 I chase my enemies and destroy them; I do not turn back until I wipe them out.</p> <p>39 I wipe them out and beat them to death; they cannot get up; they fall at my feet.</p> <p>40 You give me strength for battle; you make my foes kneel before me.</p> <p>41 You make my enemies retreat; I destroy those who hate me.</p> <p>42 They cry out, but there is no one to help them; they cry out to the LORD, but he does not answer them.</p> <p>43 I grind them as fine as the dust of the ground; I crush them and stomp on them like clay in the streets.</p> <p>44 You rescue me from a hostile army; you preserve me as a leader of nations; people over whom I had no authority are now my subjects.</p> <p>45 Foreigners are powerless before me; when they hear of my exploits, they submit to me.</p> <p>46 Foreigners lose their courage; they shake with fear as they leave their strongholds.</p> <p>47 The LORD is alive! My protector is praiseworthy! The God who delivers me is exalted as king!</p> <p>48 The one true God completely vindicates me; he makes nations submit to me.</p> <p>49 He delivers me from my enemies; you snatch me away from those who attack me; you rescue me from violent men.</p> <p>50 So I will give you thanks, O LORD, before the nations! I will sing praises to you. <a href="#">[Rom 15:9]</a></p> <p>51 He gives his chosen king magnificent victories; he is faithful to his chosen ruler, to David and to his descendants forever!"</p>	<p>my feet do not slip.</p> <p>37 I chase my enemies and catch them; I do not turn back until I wipe them out.</p> <p>38 I beat them to death; they fall at my feet.</p> <p>39 You give me strength for battle; you make my foes kneel before me.</p> <p>40 You make my enemies retreat; I destroy those who hate me.</p> <p>41 They cry out, but there is no one to help them; they cry out to the LORD, but he does not answer them.</p> <p>42 I grind them as fine windblown dust; I beat them underfoot like clay in the streets.</p> <p>43 You rescue me from a hostile army; you make me a leader of nations; people over whom I had no authority are now my subjects.</p> <p>44 When they hear of my exploits, they submit to me. Foreigners are powerless before me;</p> <p>45 foreigners lose their courage; they shake with fear as they leave their strongholds.</p> <p>46 The LORD is alive! My protector is praiseworthy! The God who delivers me is exalted as king!</p> <p>47 The one true God completely vindicates me; he makes nations submit to me.</p> <p>48 He delivers me from my enemies; you snatch me away from those who attack me; you rescue me from violent men.</p> <p>49 So I will give you thanks before the nations, O LORD! I will sing praises to you!</p> <p>50 He gives his chosen king magnificent victories; he is faithful to his chosen ruler, to David and his descendants forever."</p>
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