

God, His People & the Messiah: A Survey of Old Testament

20 – DAVID & THE NATIONS (2 SAMUEL 8:1-10:19; 1 CHRONICLES 18:1-19:19)

I. David's Campaigns (2 Samuel 8:1-18; 1 Chronicles 18:1-17)

A. The Philistines Defeated (2 Samuel 8:1; 1 Chronicles 18:1)

- David attacked the Philistines and completely subdued them.

B. Moab Subdued (2 Samuel 8:2; 1 Chronicles 18:2)

- David defeated Moab, making them his servants as they brought him tribute.
- In defeating them, David had every two out of three prisoners killed and enslaved the third.

C. The Defeat of the Arameans (2 Samuel 8:3-14; 1 Chronicles 18:3-13)

- David defeated the Aramean kingdom of Zobah to the north of Damascus.
- He took many prisoners and hamstringed the horses with the exception of 100 chariots.
- David defeated the Syrians when they came to aid the kingdom of Zobah.
- The Syrians became David's servants and he placed garrisons in Syria.
- David also took shields of gold and a large amount of bronze from their cities.
- The king of Aramean kingdom of Tol sent tribute through his son and became David's vassal.
- All of the treasures that David received from the nations were dedicated to the Lord.
- David made a name for himself when he killed 18,000 Syrians in the Valley of Salt.
- He placed garrisons throughout all Edom as they also became David's servants.

D. David's Administration (2 Samuel 8:15-18; 1 Chronicles 18:14-17)

- The writer lists all those who served David in administering the kingdom.

II. David's Kindness to Saul's House (2 Samuel 9:1-13)

A. David's Inquiry (2 Samuel 9:1-4)

- David inquired if there was anyone left in Saul's house that he could show kindness to.
- He wanted to do this because of his covenant with Jonathan.
- David made the inquiry of Saul's servant Ziba concerning the house of Saul.

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- Ziba informed David of a son of Jonathan named Mephibosheth who was lame.

B. Mephibosheth Honored (2 Samuel 9:5-13)

- David had Mephibosheth brought to him.
- Mephibosheth prostrated himself before David.
- He told Mephibosheth not to fear and that all of his grandfather's land will be restored to him.
- Mephibosheth humbled himself and considered himself not worthy.
- David then made Ziba and his household servants to Mephibosheth and his family.
- Mephibosheth was also to continually eat at the king's table.

III. The War with Ammon (2 Samuel 10:1-19; 1 Chronicles 19:1-19)

A. The Messengers to Ammon (2 Samuel 10:1-5; 1 Chronicles 19:1-5)

- When Nahash, king of Ammon, died, David wanted to show kindness to his son, Hanun.
- David sent messengers to comfort the son in the death of his father.
- The new king was stirred to humiliate David's servants and sent them away.
- When David heard, he had the men wait in Jericho until their beards returned.

B. Ammon Seeks Help (2 Samuel 10:6-8; 1 Chronicles 19:6-9)

- When the people of Ammon saw they had angered Israel, they hired the Syrians.
- When David heard that Ammon hired the Syrians, he sent Joab with the army of Israel.
- Ammon with their Syrian allies arranged themselves to battle Israel.

C. The Battle Against Ammon and Syria (2 Samuel 10:9-19; 1 Chronicles 19:10-19)

- Joab saw that the battle line was against Israel, so he arranged the best of Israel against Syria.
- He placed the rest of the troops under his brother's command against Ammon.
- When they engaged in battle, the Syrians fled, which in turn caused Ammon to flee.
- The Syrians regrouped and David met them in battle and destroyed them.
- This caused the Syrian kings to make peace with Israel and they did not help Ammon again.