

# NOON BIBLE STUDY: 2 SAMUEL 8-9

2 SAMUEL 8:1-14 - DAVID'S VICTORIES AND CONQUESTS.

VICTORIOUS OVER: PHILISTINES (V. 1), MOAB (V. 2), ZOBAB (V. 3-4, 7-8), ARAMEANS OF DAMASCUS (V. 5-6)

OTHERS BECOME TRIBUTARIES: EX: HAMATH BRINGS TRIBUTE (V. 9-10) AS A RESULT OF DAVID'S VICTORY

THROUGH THESE VICTORIES, DAVID AMASSES A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF RESOURCES - GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE, WEAPONS, CHARIOTS, SERVANTS. HE DEDICATES THESE ITEMS "TO THE LORD" (V. 11). THEY WILL EVENTUALLY BE USED BY SOLOMON'S TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION.

V. 1 - PHILISTINES: "AFTER THE TIME OF DAVID, THERE ARE NO REFERENCES TO BATTLES WITH THE PHILISTINES UNTIL THE TIME OF HEZEKIAH (SEE 2 KINGS 18:8)." (ESV STUDY BIBLE 2 SAMUEL 8:1)

V. 4 - "DAVID HAMSTRUNG THE CHARIOT HORSES": FOR SOME REASON DAVID CRIPPLED THE HORSES HE GAINED OUT OF HIS VICTORY OVER HADADEZER, EXCEPT FOR 100 WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR MILITARY CHARIOTS. IT IS UNKNOWN SPECIFICALLY WHY HE DID THIS, HOWEVER IT IS POSSIBLE HE WAS MINDFUL OF THE LORD'S COMMAND REGARDING KINGS AND THEIR AMASSING OF HORSES:

DEUTERONOMY 17:16 - "MOREOVER, HE SHALL NOT MULTIPLY HORSES FOR HIMSELF, NOR SHALL HE CAUSE THE PEOPLE TO RETURN TO EGYPT TO MULTIPLY HORSES, SINCE THE LORD HAS SAID TO YOU, 'YOU SHALL NEVER AGAIN RETURN THAT WAY.'"

V. 13 - "DAVID MADE A NAME FOR HIMSELF": WHILE THIS APPEARS TO CONTRADICT THE PRINCIPLE IN 2 SAMUEL 7 THAT GOD WOULD MAKE DAVID'S NAME GREAT (RATHER THAN DAVID MAKING IT GREAT HIMSELF), WE KNOW FROM V. 6 & 14 THAT "THE LORD HELPED DAVID WHEREVER HE WENT" - THIS WAS THE REASON FOR DAVID'S SUCCESS. WHILE DAVID'S FAME GREW IN THE REGION, IT WAS DUE TO THE LORD'S PRESENCE AND FAVOR.

IN FACT, DAVID WROTE A PSALM CONNECTED WITH THIS VICTORY IN THE "VALLEY OF SALT", GIVING US INSIGHT INTO DAVID'S HEART:

## PSALM 60

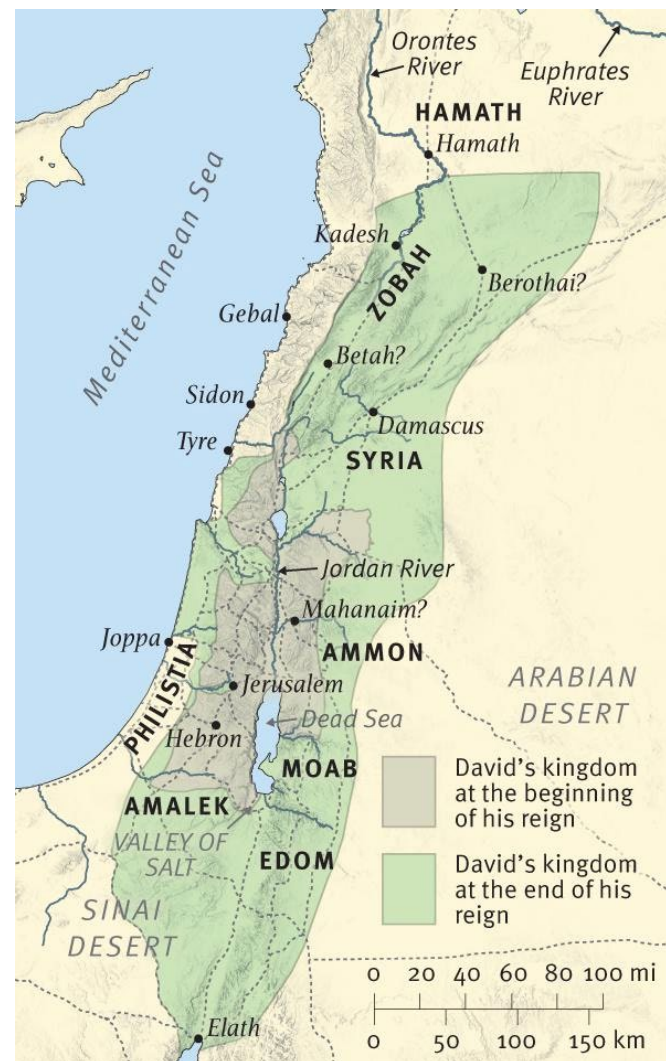
V. 1-4 - IT APPEARS THAT THE BATTLE MAY HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT FOR ISRAEL/DAVID AT FIRST.

V. 5 - A PRAYER FOR GOD TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE

V. 6-8 - THE LORD GIVES A MESSAGE THAT THE LAND BELONGS TO HIM AND THE NATIONS ARE UNDER HIS CONTROL

V. 9-10 - RHETORICAL QUESTIONS: THE ANSWER IS THE LORD WILL BRING VICTORY, HE HAS NOT REJECTED ISRAEL.

V. 11-12 - THE LORD WILL (AND DOES) BRING VICTORY



## 2 SAMUEL 8:15-18 - SUMMARY OF DAVID'S REIGN AND ADMINISTRATION

- JOAB (SON OF ZERUIAH) WAS LEADING GENERAL
- JEHOSEPHAT (SON OF AHILUD) WAS RECORDER (ROYAL HISTORIAN)
- ZADOK & AHIMELECH WERE LEADING PRIESTS
- SERAIAH WAS SECRETARY
- BENAIAH (SON OF JEHOIADA) WAS OVER THE CHERETHITES AND THE PELETHITES, ELITE FIGHTING FORCE OF DAVID
- DAVID'S SONS WERE CHIEF MINISTERS (SAME WORD FOR "PRIESTS") —
  - WHILE DAVID'S SONS WERE NOT OF PRIESTLY DESCENT, THEY WERE INVOLVED IN THE WORSHIP ON DAVID'S BEHALF.

## 2 SAMUEL 9:1-8 - DAVID'S KINDNESS TO JONATHAN'S SON, MEPHIBOSHETH

V. 1 - DAVID & JONATHAN HAD MADE A COVENANT. DAVID HAD PROMISED TO CARE FOR THE FAMILY OF JONATHAN

### 1 SAMUEL 20:14-17, 42 - DAVID & JONATHAN'S COVENANT

V. 4-5 - THOUGH SCHOLARS ARE UNSURE EXACTLY WHERE "LO-DEBAR" WAS LOCATED, IT'S LIKELY THAT IT WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE JORDAN RIVER, IN THE REGION WHERE SAUL'S SON, ISHBOSHETH WAS RULING.

V. 7 - DAVID'S PROMISES: (1) I WILL SURELY SHOW KINDNESS TO YOU FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR FATHER JONATHAN, (2) I WILL RESTORE TO YOU ALL THE LAND OF YOUR GRANDFATHER SAUL; (3) YOU SHALL EAT AT MY TABLE REGULARLY."

V. 3, 13 - MEPHIBOSHETH WAS CRIPPLED IN BOTH FEET:

2 SAMUEL 4:4 - NOW JONATHAN, SAUL'S SON, HAD A SON CRIPPLED IN HIS FEET. HE WAS FIVE YEARS OLD WHEN THE REPORT OF SAUL AND JONATHAN CAME FROM JEZREEL, AND HIS NURSE TOOK HIM UP AND FLED. AND IT HAPPENED THAT IN HER HURRY TO FLEE, HE FELL AND BECAME LAME. AND HIS NAME WAS MEPHIBOSHETH.

THAT IS WHAT MAKES V. 8 SO POWERFUL - "AGAIN HE PROSTRATED HIMSELF". THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A MUCH MORE DIFFICULT AND PERHAPS PAINFUL TASK FOR MEPHIBOSHETH. THIS HUMBLE ACT OF REVERENCE AND THANKSGIVING SPEAKS TO HOW GRATEFUL HE WAS TO DAVID.

## 2 SAMUEL 9:9-13 - DAVID'S PROVISION FOR MEPHIBOSHETH

V. 9-10 - DAVID COMMANDS ZIBA, MEPHIBOSHETH'S SERVANT TO CARE FOR MEPHIBOSHETH'S NEEDS. ZIBA WILL CARE FOR HIM, AND CULTIVATE SAUL'S LAND, BRINGING THE PRODUCE TO MEPHIBOSHETH. (ZIBA SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM DOING THIS, SINCE HE HAS 15 SONS AND 20 SERVANTS). BEYOND THIS, MEPHIBOSHETH WILL HAVE A PLACE SET AT THE KING'S TABLE. DAVID GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND MEPHIBOSHETH'S NEEDS. DAVID IS BEING A FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS.

DAVID IS A MAN OF HIS WORD, A MAN OF INTEGRITY. HE HAD MADE HIS COVENANT WITH JONATHAN, AND EVEN THOUGH JONATHAN HAD DIED, AND WAS NOT THERE TO HOLD DAVID ACCOUNTABLE TO HIS WORD, DAVID FOLLOWS THROUGH BECAUSE HE WAS ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD. HIS LOVE AND HONOR FOR JONATHAN IS NOW EXPRESSED THROUGH THE CARE HE WILL GIVE TO JONATHAN'S SURVIVING CHILD.