

The God of David

David Rules with Justice and Kindness

2 Samuel 8-10

Lesson 14

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Understanding the Old Testament

- ▶ Seemingly without enduring significance
 - Battles against nations long lost in history
 - Battles without long term impact on the history of Israel
 - A description of David's reign, without demonstration
 - An act of a kindness by David
 - War with Ammon and Syria arising out of a personal insult to David
- ▶ Prior chapter – the Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7)
- ▶ Subsequent chapters – David's shame!

Understanding the Old Testament

- ▶ Divine perspective of history
- ▶ Christ and His Kingdom – Work of Salvation
- ▶ Footnotes to Genesis 3:15
- ▶ Presentation of Jesus Christ – John 5:39
- ▶ “Study the Scriptures as the message of the Lord God that has to do with the Lord Jesus Christ.” (S. Lewis Johnson)

2 Samuel 8-10

- ▶ David's victories over Philistia, Moab, Zobah, Syria, Hamath, Edom (8:1-14)
- ▶ David's reign with justice and righteousness (8:15-18)
- ▶ David's kindness to Mephibosheth (9:1-13)
- ▶ David's kindness to Hanun (10:1-5)
- ▶ David's victories over Ammon and Syria (10:6-19)

Understanding 1&2 Samuel

- ▶ Hannah's song (1 Samuel 2:1-10)
- ▶ "Theological center of 1 & 2 Samuel" (2 Samuel 7)
 - "Instruction for mankind" (2 Samuel 7:19)
- ▶ David teaches of Christ
 - He positively prefigures the eternal King and Kingdom
 - He also negatively prefigures the King and the Kingdom
- ▶ The enemy nations appear again in prophecy

David's Victories

► Philistines (8:1)

Metheg-Ammah – “Gath and its villages” (1 Chronicles 18:1)

- Jeremiah 47 – prophecy of destruction by Egypt
- Ezekiel 25:15-17; Amos 1:6-8; Zephaniah 2:4-5

► Moab (8:2)

- Killed 2/3
- Rules of warfare - Deuteronomy 20
 - Foreign city which does not surrender – destroy all men; plunder the city
 - David showed mercy – typical of Messiah
- Tribute v. plunder for Israel
- Balaam's prophecy of the final Kingdom – Numbers 24:17
- Isa 15-16, Jer 48 (v. 47); Ezekiel 25:8-10; Zeph 2:8-9

David's Victories

► Syrians (8:3-8)

- Hadadezer's Syrians (Zobah) + Syrians of Damascus
- Extended David's dominion to Euphrates
 - Zobah – 60 miles north of Sea of Galilee
 - Gen. 15:18 – territory from Euphrates to Nile
- Hadadezer lived to fight another day (10:16)
- Syrians of Damascus defeated when came to aid of Hadadezer
- Plunder: horses/chariots, shields of gold (7-8)
- Garrisons set in Syria – permanent occupation

David's Victories

- ▶ Toi (Tou), king of Hamath (9-10)
 - Joram (YAH is exalted) or Hadoram (Hadad is exalted) – 1 Chron 18:10
 - Bless David + articles of gold, silver, bronze
- ▶ Dedicated spoils of war to the LORD (11-12)
 - Edom, Moab, Ammon, Philistia, Amalek, spoil of Hadadezer, king of Zobah (same as Saul in 1 Samuel 14:47)
 - Wealth of nations: Isaiah 60:5, 11; 61:6; Zechariah 14:14
- ▶ Edom (13-14)
 - Valley of Salt – victory + occupation
 - Isaiah 34:5-17; Jeremiah 49:7-22; Ezekiel 25:12-14; Amos 1:11-12; Obadiah; Mal 1:4
- ▶ The LORD gave victory to David . . . (6, 16)

BATTLES DURING DAVID'S REIGN

- City
- ◉ City with an uncertain location
- Orange arrow: Philistines attack David in the Valley of Rephaim, near Baal-perazim (2 Sam. 5:17ff)
- Blue arrow: David repels Philistine attacks (2 Sam. 5:25)
- Purple arrow: David attacks Hadadezer, king of Zobah (2 Sam. 8:3ff)
- Pink arrow: Edomites threaten David at Valley of Salt (2 Sam. 8:13)
- Light blue arrow: David decisively defeats the Edomites (2 Sam. 8:14)
- Green arrow: Ammonites, aided by the Aramean mercenary forces of Zobah, Beth-rehob, Maacah and Tob, challenge David near Rabbah (Amman) (2 Sam. 10:1ff)
- Yellow arrow: David's forces defeat the Ammonite-Aramean confederation (2 Sam. 10:7ff)
- Yellow arrow: Hadadezer, king of Zobah, leads an Aramean army against David at Helam (2 Sam. 10:15ff)
- Orange arrow: David defeats Hadadezer's Aramean confederation at Helam (2 Sam. 10:17ff)
- Purple arrow: David is expelled from Jerusalem by his son Absalom (2 Sam. 17:21ff)
- Red arrow: David dispatches a census team throughout his realm (2 Sam. 24:1ff)
- Star: Battle scene

0 10 20 Miles
0 10 20 Kilometers

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David's Kingdom (8:15-18)

- ▶ All Israel
- ▶ Justice and equity – justice and righteousness
 - Character of God – Psalm 33:5; 99:4; Jer 9:24; Isa 9:7
 - Character of God's people – Ps 106:3; Prov 21:3
 - Character of God's leaders: Gen 18:19; Jer 22:15-16; 1 Kings 10:9
 - Coming Branch: Jer 23:5; 33:15

David's Kingdom (8:15-18)

- ▶ Joab – Commander of the army
- ▶ Jehoshaphat – Recorder
- ▶ Zadok and Ahimelech Cf. 1 Chr 24:6
 - Zadok was a descendant of Eleazar (cf. 1 Chr 6:3–9)
 - Abiathar was a descendant of Ithamar, son of Eli (cf. 1 Sam 2:31)
- ▶ Seraiah – secretary
- ▶ Benaiah over the Cherethites and Pelethites
- ▶ David's sons were priests

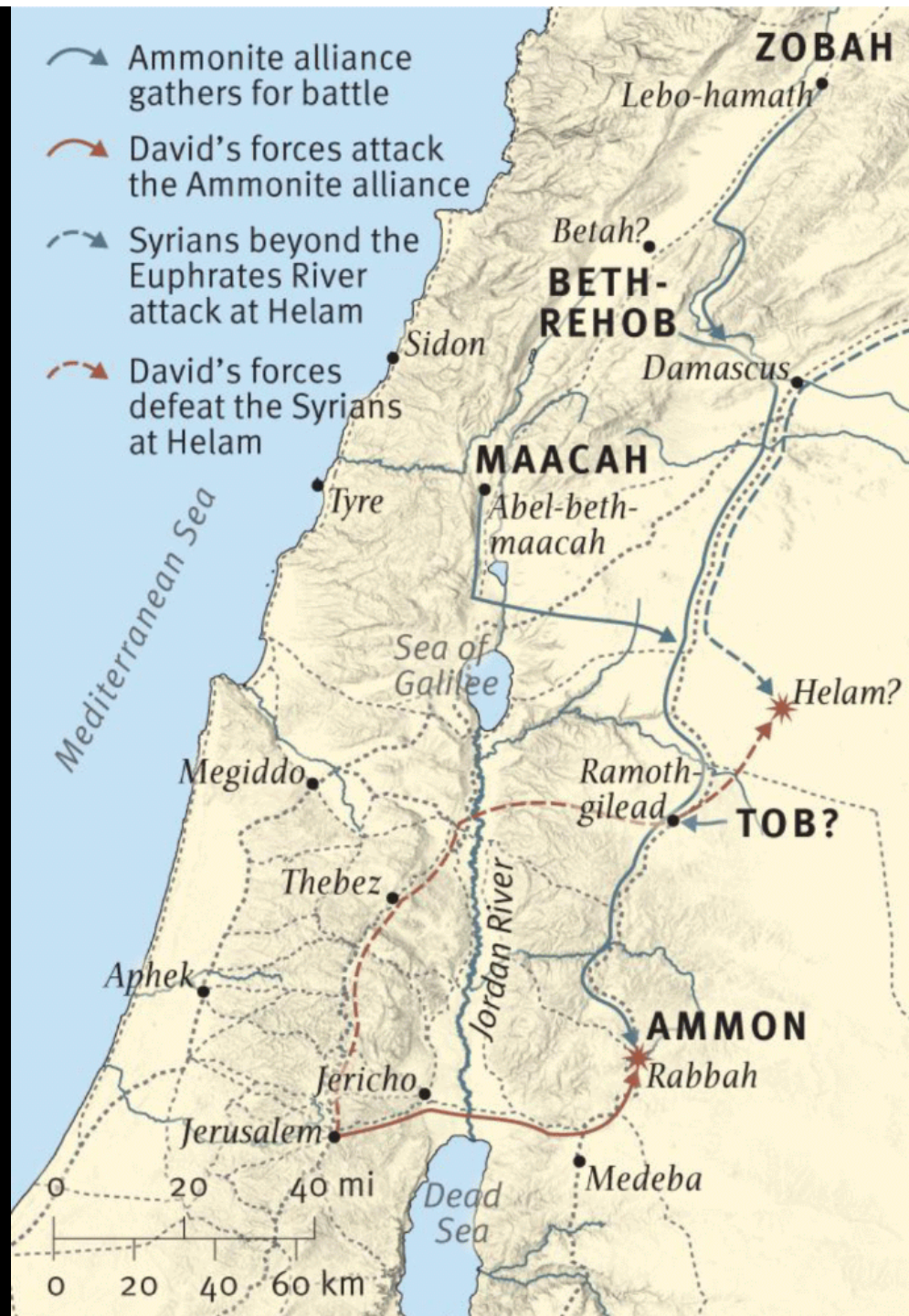
David's Kindness to Mephibosheth (9)

- ▶ Mephibosheth (Merib-baal in 1 Chr 8:34; 9:40)
 - HESED (Hebrew), “loving-kindness; steadfast love; grace; mercy; faithfulness; goodness; devotion.”
 - Micah 6:8 – God desires justice mercy/kindness and walk humbly with God
 - Hosea 6:6 - God desires mercy and not sacrifice
 - Pledge to Jonathan: 1 Sam 18:3; 20:42; 23:18; 24:21–22
 - House of Machir (17:27)
 - Crippled in his feet
 - Disqualified from priestly service (Lev 21:18; Deut 15:21)
 - David excluded them from Zion (5:6-9) – kindness over-ruled decree
 - Messiah to minister to such (Zeph 3:19)
 - Note Mephibosheth's response to David

Ammon & Syria (10:1-14)

- ▶ David's kindness to Hanun, King of Ammon
- ▶ Hanun despises and dishonors David
- ▶ David's kindness to his servants
- ▶ War with Ammon
 - Ammon hires Syrians
 - Joab walks into a trap
 - Syrians driven from the field
 - Ammonites defeated

- Ammonite alliance gathers for battle
- David's forces attack the Ammonite alliance
- Syrians beyond the Euphrates River attack at Helam
- David's forces defeat the Syrians at Helam



Syria (10:15-19)

- ▶ Syrian counter-attack (10:15-19)
 - Hadadezer recruited from beyond the Euphrates
 - David defeated the Syrians and their commander was killed
 - Peace with Hadadezer's kingdom (Syrians)
 - Syrians' fear

Ammon & Syria (10:1-19)

- ▶ Syria – Isaiah 17; Amos 1:3-5; Jeremiah 49:23-27
- ▶ Ammon – Ezekiel 25:1-7; Jer. 9:25-26; Zeph 2:8-11

The Promise

- ▶ David's Kingdom predicts Christ's Kingdom
- ▶ David cannot produce the Kingdom
- ▶ David's rule calls out for a Greater Son