

Lesson 17
David Subdues His Enemies
(2 Samuel 8:1 – 10:19; 1 Chronicles 18:1 – 19:19)

Questions

1. What nations did David subdue (8:1-14; 1 Chron. 18:1-13)?

2. Who gave victory to David wherever he went and what did David do with the spoils of war (8:1-14; 1 Chron. 18:1-13)?

3. How did David reign over all Israel and who were the members of his administration (8:15-18; 1 Chron. 18:14-17)?

4. How did David show kindness to the house of Saul for Jonathan's sake (9:1-8)?

5. What were Ziba and his sons to do for Mephibosheth (9:9-13)?

6. Why did David send messengers to Hanun and what did Hanun do to them (10:1-5; 1 Chron. 19:1-5)?

7. Who fought with Israel and why (10:6-8; 1 Chron. 19:6-9)?

8. What plan did Joab and Abishai have to fight this particular battle (10:9-14; 1 Chron. 19:10-15)?

9. What happened when the Syrians fought with David and his army (10:15-19; 1 Chron. 19:16-19)?

Digging Deeper

1. Why was David not allowed to build the temple (see 1 K. 5:3; 1 Chron. 22:8; and 28:3)? How does this reason relate to our lesson here in 2 Samuel 8?
2. What does it mean to “hock” the horses (8:4; 1 Chron. 18:4)?
3. Locate the following on a map: Damascus (8:6), Hamath (8:9), Syria, Moab, Ammon, Philistines, Amalekites, Zobah, and Edom (10:12-14), Medeba (1 Chron. 19:7), and Helam (10:16).
4. Summarize what David wrote in Psalm 60 and Psalm 108 concerning the battles he had with his enemies (8:1-14). (Psalm 108 is a combination of Psalm 57:7-11 and Psalm 60:5-12.)
5. Who were the Cherethites and Pelethites (8:18; 1 Chron. 18:17)?
6. What promise (covenant) had David made earlier in his life with Jonathan that he is now wanting to fulfill (9:1) and how did Mephibosheth become lame in his feet (9:3, 13)?
7. When did Nahash show kindness to David (10:2; 1 Chron. 19:2)?

Applications for Today

1. The Lord gives victory to those who fight for his cause (8:6, 14; 1 Chron. 18:13; Prov. 21:31; 1 Jn. 4:5).
2. Trust in the Lord to win your battles, not man (8:6, 14; Psa. 60:11-12; 108:12-13).
3. Lead others with justice and righteousness (8:15; 1 Chron. 18:14; Prov. 2:9; 21:3).

4. Don't be forced to be kind. Seek out opportunities on your own to show kindness to others (9:1-3; Gal. 5:22; Col. 3:12; 1 Pet. 1:7).
5. Be careful who you listen to. Listening to the wrong counsel can lead to needless wars (10:1-5; 1 Chron. 19:1-5; Prov. 12:5; Jn. 11:53).
6. Bad ideas often lead to other bad ideas (1 Chron. 10:1-19; 1 Chron. 19:1-19; Psa. 1:1; Prov. 13:20; Jer. 7:24; 2 Tim. 3:13)
7. Courage, maturity, loyalty, sacrifice, and the acceptance of the Lord's will are all needed in any battle (10:12; 1 Chron. 19:13; 1 Cor. 16:13).