

1 Chronicles 14 - David Established in Jerusalem; Philistines Twice Defeated

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- God blessed David and his kingdom because David honored God by seeking to bring the Ark to Jerusalem

— There are three instances of divine blessing in this chapter:

(1) God gave David favor in the eyes of his neighbors (v1-2)

(2) God increased David's personal fertility by giving him many children (v3-7)

(3) God gave David victory over the Philistines (v8-17)

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2 David realized that the LORD was affirming him as king over Israel, and that his government was being exalted in order to benefit his people Israel.

2 And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.

- At about the time David was arranging for the arrival of the ark (1 Chr 13) he was also undertaking several building projects (15:1)

— Chief among these was the construction of his own royal palace, a task that was considered essential to authenticate the reign of a new king

— Having entered into a friendly alliance with the Phoenician King Hiram, David engaged him and his artisans in the project of providing cedar logs and doing the work of construction, using skills for which the Phoenicians were famous (Cf. 2 Chr 2:8-9)

(c) David's many children (14:3-7) (Cf. 2 Sam 5:13-16)

3 Then David took more wives in Jerusalem, and David fathered more sons and daughters.

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3 But while he was living in Jerusalem, David married more wives and fathered more sons and daughters.

3 And David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters.

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4 Here's a list of the children whom he fathered while in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

4 Now these are the names of his children which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,

5 Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet,

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5 And Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet,

6 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,

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- David recognized that he had been elevated by the Lord to great prominence

- Another symbol of regal splendor was the accumulation of a large harem of wives and concubines. Though the Lord forbade polygamy (Cf. Deut 17:17), David succumbed to the custom of the day.

— The list of 13 sons here, those born in Jerusalem, differs from the list in 2 Sam 5:14-16 by adding Elpelet (spelled Eliphelet in 1 Chr 3:6) and Nogah

David's Family

Wives	Sons	
Michal (Saul's daughter)		
Ahinoam	Ammon	Ibhar
Abigail (Nabal's widow)	Kileab	Elishua
Macaah (daughter of king of Geshur)	Absalom	Elphelet
Haggith	Adonijah	Nogah
Abital	Sephetiah	Nepheg
Eglah	Ithream	Japhia
Bathsheba	Solomon	Elishama
	Nathan	Eliada
		Eliphelt
		+ others by concubines

(d) David's victory over the Philistines (14:8-16) (Cf. 2 Sam 5:17-25)

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8 When the Philistines learned that David had been anointed king over all of Israel, all of the Philistines invaded to look for David. David heard about it and went out to fight them.

8 And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard of it, and went out against them.

- Since Saul's death, the Philistines had dominated Canaan...

9 Now the Philistines had come and carried out a raid in the Valley of Rephaim.
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9 Meanwhile, the Philistines had invaded and raided the Rephaim Valley.
9 And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.
- Another evidence of David's newly found power and grandeur was his successful encounter with Israel's perennial enemies, the Philistines
— At one time, during the time of David's rejection, the Philistines thought he had become their ally (1 Sam 27)
— Now that he has returned to his own people and has been crowned as their king, the Philistines are out to get him. The Philistines attacked Israel in the Valley of Rephaim, 3-4 miles southwest of Jerusalem.

10 David inquired of God, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? And will You hand them over to me?" Then the LORD said to him, "Go up, for I will hand them over to you."

10 David inquired of God, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? And will You give them into my hand?" Then the LORD said to him, "Go up, for I will give them into your hand."

10 So David asked God, "Am I to go out against the Philistines? Will you give me victory over them?"

"Go out," the LORD replied to him, "and I'll put them right into your hand."

10 And David enquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand.

- Israel circled behind the Philistines and when they heard a marching-like rustle in the balsam trees they attacked and drove the Philistines from Gibeon (Cf. 1 Chr 14:16) to Gezer, a distance of 15 miles

— Thus, both friend and foe could see the evidence of God's protection and power on David and his kingdom

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11 So David went out to Baal-perazim and defeated the Philistines there. David observed, "Like an overwhelming flood, God has overwhelmed my enemies, using me to do it." That's why that place is called Baal-perazim.

11 So they came up to Baal-perazim; and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place Baal-perazim.

- "...Baal-perazim" - "the Lord who breaks out"; also called "Mount Perazim"

— God gave Israel victory by breaking out against the enemy like a flood

— Ironically, more than a century earlier the Philistines had captured the Ark of the Lord (1 Sam 4:11), but now in panic they left their own idols

12 They abandoned their gods there; so David gave the order and they were burned with fire.

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12 The Philistines abandoned their gods there, so David ordered that their idols be incinerated.

12 And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.

The Second Battle (Cf. 2 Sam 5:22-25)

13 The Philistines carried out yet another raid in the valley.

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13 Later the Philistines invaded the Rephaim Valley again.

13 And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley.

14 David inquired again of God, and God said to him, "You shall not go up after them; circle around behind them and come at them in front of the baka-shrubs.

14 David inquired again of God, and God said to him, "You shall not go up after them; circle around behind them and come at them in front of the balsam trees.

14 When David asked God about it, God told him, "Don't directly attack them. Instead, go around them and come up against them opposite those balsam trees.

14 Therefore David enquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

- After the Philistines were defeated by David the first time, they did not lose heart altogether; they returned again to Rephaim. This time the Lord instructed David to set an ambush.

Faith vs. Presumption?

There are a great many Christians who actually tempt the Lord. They don't trust Him; they actually tempt Him. They enter into some sort of a business, or an agreement, or they try

to do something and, as the saying goes, they bite off more than they can chew. They claim to be doing it because they "trust the Lord." What makes them think the Lord told them to do it that way? They say they are acting on faith, but it is not faith, it's presumption. They call it trusting the Lord but actually they do these things when the Lord never indicated to them that they should.

There are times when we are simply to wait until there is no doubt that God is preparing the way for us. "Stepping out on faith" may not be faith at all: it may be presumption. Instead of trusting God, we may be tempting God. We need to wait for the Lord to give the signal, for that sound in the tops of the mulberry trees. Sometimes we are tempting God instead of trusting Him.

15 When you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the baka-shrubs, then you shall go out to battle, for God will have gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines."

15 It shall be when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then you shall go out to battle, for God will have gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines."

15 When you hear the sound of marching coming from the tops of the balsam trees, then go out to battle, because God will have gone out ahead of you to destroy the Philistine army."

15 And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.

16 David did just as God had commanded him, and they defeated the army of the Philistines from Gibeon even as far as Gezer.

16 David did just as God had commanded him, and they struck down the army of the Philistines from Gibeon even as far as Gezer.

16 So David did just as God had ordered, and they struck down the Philistine army from Gibeon to Gezer.

16 David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer.

(e) David's international fame (14:17)

17 Then the fame of David spread in all the lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him on all the nations.

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17 Then David's reputation spread through all of the neighboring countries, and the LORD caused all nations to be afraid of David.

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