

COMING UP ... **NOV 10** 2 Sam 11-12 **NOV 17** 2 Sam 13-14 **NOV 24** 2 Sam 15-19 **DEC 1** NO CLASS (Thanksgiving)

A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

David is walking in faith, victory and blessing
 He's establishing the peace, safety and security of Israel by conquering her enemies on every front
 He's a man of integrity, keeping his word to Jonathan through Mephibosheth
 He's using his power and influence for good
 David is a man after God's Own heart

LESSON THEME: Walking as a man or woman after God's Own heart

David Pursued God's Promises

God's promises for David (context for 2 Sam 8)

David desired every bit of God's covenant inheritance for himself and his country (Gen 15:18-21; Deut 7:22; Josh 13:1-7; 2 Sam 7:25)

He stepped out "on tiptoe," expectant for what God would do; God said it, David believed it and he acted on it

He reclaimed lost land & secured Israel's borders

He extended the kingdom's influence farther than it had ever been before

Expectantly Pursue God's Promises

God's promises for David (context for 2 Sam 8)

God's promises for us (just some examples)

His provision (Matthew 6:31-33)

His "all things together" power (Romans 8:28)

Every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3)

His transforming work (Philippians 1:6)

His companionship (Hebrews 13:5-6)

His constant prayer (Hebrews 7:25)

His wisdom (James 1:5-8)

David Dealt Decisively With Enemies

The enemies of David's country (2 Sam 8, 10)

Some were old

the Philistines

the Amalekites

the Ammonites

the Edomites

Some were new

the Arameans

He dealt with them one at a time

He dealt with them on every front (N, S, E, W)

Though he had the help of Joab and the entire army, he eventually had to engage the enemy personally (2 Sam 10)

Where in the world ...



Deal Decisively With Your Enemies

The enemies of David's country (2 Sam 8, 10)

The enemies of "man soul"

Are you dealing with your old enemies (approval, popularity, significance, anger, impatience, etc.)?
Are you dealing with your new enemies? (busyness, distractions, unforgiveness, etc.)
Have you learned that making “treaties” with your enemies only leads to humiliation and betrayal?
Are you coming against them one at a time personally and intentionally in the Spirit?

David Dealt Justly And Fairly

How David dealt with all men (2 Sam 8:15)
Justly and fairly (Psalm 33:5; Micah 6:8)
Lived to please God first and then men accordingly
Properly used his power and influence for good and for godliness
His “God first” lifestyle was recognized by men and honored by God

Deal Justly And Fairly With All Men

How David dealt with all men (2 Sam 8:15)
How we deal with all men
Do we deal with ALL men justly and fairly without favoritism (e.g. in our allegiance to the absent)?
Do we live to please God or to please men?
Do we use our power and influence for good?
Do we live without ... or with ... pretense?
Are our lives above reproach in *private* as well as in public?

David Treated Men With Kindness

How David treated Mephibosheth (2 Sam 9)
David pursued Mephibosheth in mercy and grace for his father Jonathan’s sake
David called Mephibosheth from a place of no inheritance and living in fear to living in the palace with him
David took Mephibosheth into his own family, provided for him, protected him and treated him as one of his own sons

Treat All Men With God’s Kindness

How David treated Mephibosheth (2 Sam 9)
How God treats us
The Son of David pursued us in mercy and grace for His Father’s sake (2 Tim 1:9)
The Son of David called us from a place of no inheritance (Phil 3) and living in fear (Heb 2:15) to living in his palace (Jn 14:1-3)
The Son of David has taken us into His Own family, providing for us and protecting us as one of His adopted brothers (Rom 5-8)
How we should treat others
With love, undeserved mercy and grace
Romans 12:9-21

Are You Following Hard After God’s Own Heart?

Are you looking toward faith’s horizon “on tiptoe,” expectantly pursuing God’s promises for yourself each day?
Are you dealing decisively with your past and present enemies one at a time?
Are you dealing justly and fairly with all men?
Are you treating all men with God’s kindness ... with which He’s always treated you?

FOR NEXT TIME: _____

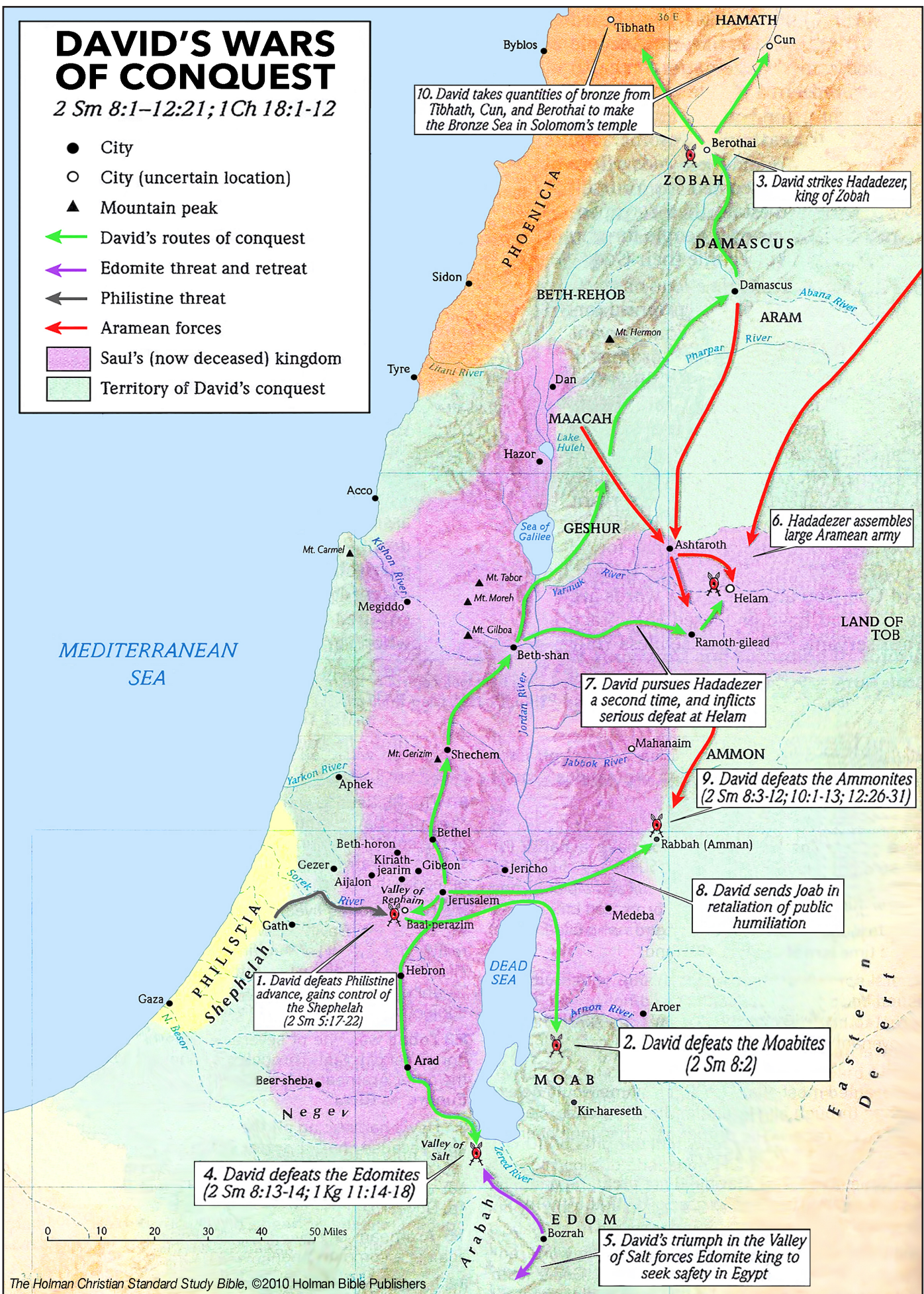
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DAVID'S WARS OF CONQUEST

2 Sm 8:1-12:21; 1Ch 18:1-12

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- ▲ Mountain peak
- ← Green arrow: David's routes of conquest
- ← Purple arrow: Edomite threat and retreat
- ← Black arrow: Philistine threat
- ← Red arrow: Aramean forces
- Saul's (now deceased) kingdom
- Territory of David's conquest



1. David defeats Philistine advance, gains control of the Shephelah (2 Sm 5:17-22)

4. David defeats the Edomites (2 Sm 8:13-14; 1 Kg 11:14-18)

2. David defeats the Moabites (2 Sm 8:2)

5. David's triumph in the Valley of Salt forces Edomite king to seek safety in Egypt

8. David sends Joab in retaliation of public humiliation

9. David defeats the Ammonites (2 Sm 8:3-12; 10:1-13; 12:26-31)

7. David pursues Hadadezer a second time, and inflicts serious defeat at Helam

6. Hadadezer assembles large Aramean army

3. David strikes Hadadezer, king of Zobah

10. David takes quantities of bronze from Tibhath, Cun, and Berothai to make the Bronze Sea in Solomon's temple

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

EASTERN DESERT

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