

## 2 SAMUEL 5:17-25 – DAVID INQUIRES OF THE LORD – PHILISTINES DEFEATED!

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### ZION, THE CITY OF OUR GOD – PSALM 48

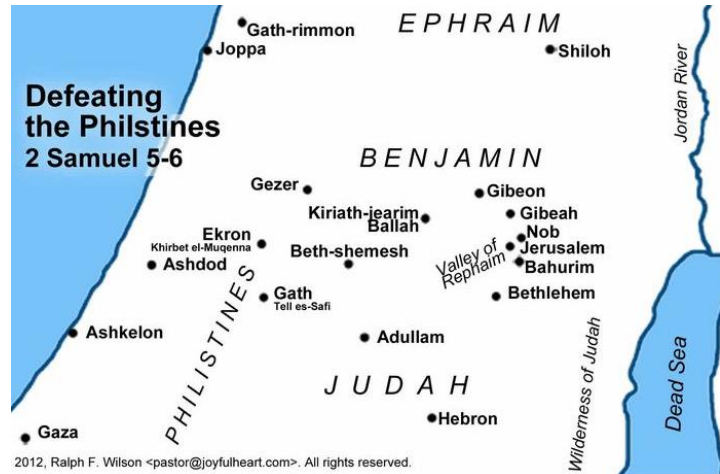
*Psa 48:1-2 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.*

*[2] Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.*

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### Chapter 5– David Begins Reign Over All Israel – The Philistines Decide to Attack!

David had reigned seven years in Hebron over the tribe of Judah; now he was to reign over the entire nation for thirty-three years, making a total of forty years. This was David's third anointing — Samuel had anointed him at home in Bethlehem, and the men of Judah had anointed him at Hebron (*2Sa 2:4*). The **king now needed a capital city, and he chose Jerusalem**. This stronghold had not been captured previously (*Jos 15:63; Jdg 1:21*) and the Jebusites were arrogant and defied David to attack. "The lame and the blind could defeat you!" they taunted, but David and his men turned their taunts into cries of defeat. Then we read, "**And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem**" – willful disobedience against God's command to Israel's kings! This flaw will come up again! The Philistines came up to seek David - Ever since the defeat of the Israelites and the fall of Saul and his sons, the Philistines seem to have been in undisturbed possession of the principal places in the land of Israel; now, **finding that David was chosen king by the whole nation**, the Philistines were threatened. They thought best to attack him before his army got too numerous, and the affairs of the kingdom were properly settled. We too, need to be alert to attack from the enemy, every time something great is done in our life spiritually!



### David Defeats the Philistines

**2Sa 5:17-18** *Now when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. And David heard of it and went down to the stronghold. [18] The Philistines also went and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim.*

- *The Philistines also went and deployed themselves:* David's success brought new challenges from the outside. As God worked mightily in David's life, the devil also got to work and brought opposition against David.
- *The Philistines...went up to search for David (2Sa 5:17),* because they heard that he was anointed king over Israel. He that under Saul had slain his ten thousands, what would he do when he himself came to be king! They therefore thought it was time to look about them, and try to crush his government in its infancy, before it was well settled.

**2Sa 5:19** *So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?" And the LORD said to David, "Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand."*

- *David inquired of the LORD:* As David seeks God and looks to Him for guidance he is blessed. God honored David's dependence on Him and gave him the promise of victory.

**2Sa 5:20** *So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim.*

- *The LORD has broken through my enemies before me:* At the battle of Baal Perazim David defeated the Philistines with an overwhelming force, like a breakthrough of water.

**2Sa 5:21** *And they left their images there, and David and his men carried them away.*

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14:13). The Philistines brought their idols to the battle, thinking they would help defeat the Israelites. Because David inquired of God and obeyed God, they carried away the Philistine idols.

**2Sa 5:22-23** *Then the Philistines went up once again and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. [3] Therefore David inquired of the LORD, and He said, "You shall not go up; circle around behind them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees.*

- *David inquired of the LORD:* After the first victory over the Philistines, David was wise enough to wait on the LORD before the second battle. It is easy for many in the same situation to say, "I've fought this battle before. I know how to win. This will be easy." David always triumphed when he sought and obeyed God.
- *You shall not go up; circle around them:* God directed David differently in this battle. Even against the same enemy, not every battle is the same.

**2Sa 5:24** *And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. For then the LORD will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines."*

- *when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly.* Upon hearing the sound, David was to move quickly towards the camp of the Philistines, and fall upon them in the rear. The enemy likely would not hear the noise of Israel's advance because of the sound from the trees. Or, if they heard it, would take it to be no other than the motion of the trees. Or possibly they would take the sound they heard for the motion of the enemy in the front, and give way, and so fall into the hands of the Israelites in their rear, throwing them into confusion.
- *The LORD will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines:* At the previous battle of Rephaim, David waited for the LORD to strike the camp of the enemy first. This time it was the sign of the LORD's work in the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees.
- At the signal that the LORD was at work, David and his troops rushed forward to victory. This principle is true in our every-day walk with God. When we sense that the Lord is at work, **we must advance quickly** and we will see a great victory won.

**2Sa 5:25** *And David did so, as the LORD commanded him; and he drove back the Philistines from Geba (Gibeon) as far as Gezer.*

- **Summary of Success:** David observed his orders, waited till God moved, and stirred them, but not till then. He was trained up in a dependence on God and His providence. God performed His promise, went before him, and routed all the enemies' force. David, in gaining the advantages, drove the Philistines, even to the borders of their own country. When the kingdom of the Messiah was to be set up, the apostles that were to beat down the devil's kingdom must not attempt anything till they received the promise of the Spirit, who came with a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind (*Act\_2:2*), which was typified by this sound of the going on the tops of the mulberry trees. When they heard that, they were to advance quickly! They did so, going forth conquering and to conquer. ***We too, are more than conquerors (Rom. 8:37)!***

#### **SUMMARY:**

- **David's character was tested repeatedly!**
- **Initially reigning 7 years as king in Hebron, after death of Ishbosheth, the 11 other tribes chose him king too. David chose Jebus (Jerusalem) to be his new headquarters.**
- **David took more concubines and wives breaking God's commandment to His kings. Willful disobedience! *Deu\_17:17 Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away.***
- **A precursor to the Bathsheba incident? Continuing in willful disobedience is like a timebomb!**
- **Almost immediately, after becoming king over all Israel, the enemy Philistines attack! We too can expect enemy attacks as and when the Lord works!**
- **David demonstrates again, his reliance on the Lord, inquiring of Him twice, for the two battles!**
- **Note very different ways the Lord delivers Israel in the two battles – frontal assault, then to circle around!**
- **David's pattern - He was trained up in a dependence on God and His providence. God performed His promise, went before him, and routed all the enemies' force.**

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