

THE KINGDOM – NOW?! 2 Samuel 8:1-14

What do we find in this text?

1. There are **always** enemies!

If by hard / difficult – do we mean we will have enemies till we see Jesus? The answer is YES!

The greatest one is the one looking back at me in the mirror.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. **Ephesians 6:11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against **the wiles of the devil**. **Ephesians 6:12** For we wrestle **not** against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

1 John 2:15 Love **not** the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **1 John 2:16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. **1 John 2:17** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, **know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

World

Flesh

Devil

2. Enemies new & old!

2 Samuel 8:1 And after this it came to pass, that David smote **the Philistines**, and subdued them: and David took Methegammah out of the hand of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 4:10 And **the Philistines** fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: **and there was a very great slaughter**; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen. **1 Samuel 4:11** **And the ark of God was taken**; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

1 Samuel 5:1 And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Ebenezer unto Ashdod. **1 Samuel 5:2** When the Philistines took the ark of God, **they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.**

1 Samuel 31:1 **Now the Philistines fought against Israel**: and the men of Israel fled from before **the Philistines**, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. **1 Samuel 31:2** And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and **the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons.**

1 Samuel 31:5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him. **1 Samuel 31:6** So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together.

2 Samuel 8:2 And he smote **Moab**, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. **And so the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.**

1 Samuel 22:3 And David went thence to **Mizpeh of Moab**: and he said unto **the king of Moab**, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me. **1 Samuel 22:4** And he brought them before **the king of Moab**: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold.

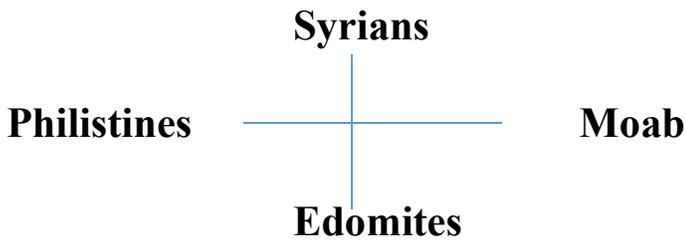
Ruth 1:22 So Naomi returned, and **Ruth the Moabitess**, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

During the era of the Judges, Samuel, Saul, & David the Philistines were a primary enemy.

Moab: David descended from Ruth, the Moabites protected David's family and now the Moabites are the enemies.

3. Enemies of God and therefore enemies of ours!

Zobah



4. Enemies of great variety!

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2 Samuel 8:3 David smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Euphrates.

2 Samuel 8:5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

2 Samuel 8:13 And David gat him a name when he returned from smiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt, being eighteen thousand men. **2 Samuel 8:14** And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all they of Edom became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

1 Chronicles 18:12 Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in the valley of salt eighteen thousand. **1**

Chronicles 18:13 And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

Psalms 60:title To the chief Musician upon Shushaneduth, Michtam of David, to teach; when he strove with Aramnaharaim and with Aramzobah, when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the valley of salt twelve thousand.

5. Enemies that must be fought!

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1 Timothy 6:11 But thou, O man of God, **flee** these things; and **follow after** righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. **1 Timothy 6:12** **Fight** the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

2 Timothy 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

“Life wouldn't be so hard if we didn't think it was going to be so easy!”

6. Enemies that allow God to show **Himself** strong!

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2 Samuel 8:7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 8:10 Then Toi sent Joram his son unto king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. **And Joram brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass:**

2 Samuel 8:11 Which also **king David did dedicate unto the LORD,** with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued;