

## **David's Victories**

2 Samuel 7 – 8

2 Samuel 22

1 Chronicles 17 - 18

Psalm 2

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The Lord said to David, "You are my chosen king. I have placed you on the throne in Jerusalem. You are my son. Today I have become your Father."

David defeated and subdued the Philistines. He also conquered the land of Moab. He made the Moabites lie down on the ground and measured them off in groups with a length of rope. For every group that was allowed to live, he measured off two groups to be executed.

An army came from the east and was joined by an army from the north. David destroyed them and took everything they had: chariots and horses, silver, gold, and bronze. He dedicated all the spoils of war to the Lord. Nation after nation rose up against the Lord's anointed. But the Lord made David victorious wherever he went.

One day, David said to the prophet Nathan, "I am living in a beautiful palace, but the Ark of God is still in a tent. That just doesn't seem right."

That night the Lord gave Nathan a message for David, "I took you from shepherding sheep and made you shepherd of my people Israel. I have been with you and have given you victory over all your enemies. I will establish your house; your offspring will be kings forever. But you may not build a house for me. Your mission is to fight the enemies of Israel. The task of building my house will go to your son. I will be his father, and he will be my son. My love will never be taken away from him."

David prayed, "How great you are, O Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you."

David's fame grew. He reigned over Israel and did what was just and right for his people.