

DAVID ACQUIRES AN EMPIRE FOR ISRAEL
(II Samuel 8 Summarizes David's Military Activities)

OVERALL OUTCOME: David has control over all the major trade routes through the lands in the area.

ENEMY NATION

-Philistines

-1st major conquest of Philistines by David making Philistines a part of Israel

SOURCE

-II Sam. 8

-II Sam. 5:17

REASON FOR THE MILITARY ACTION

-A weak enemy poses no threat to them. Israel and Judah had previously been too busy fighting among themselves.

-After 7 years and 6 months of rule over Judah, David now becomes King over Israel. A united Kingdom causes Philistine unrest and attack.

-Within David's capital in Hebron, the Philistines attack near Jerusalem to split the two kingdoms apart once again.

RESULT
-II Sam 8:1 The Philistines are subdued. David exercises loose control over them.

Not absorbed or exiled

-Moab

-II Sam 8:2

-I Chron 11:2

1. David's parents were in exile in Moab while David was fleeing from Saul. Perhaps the Moabite King had surrendered David's parents to Saul. -David would have been very upset at their betrayal. This would explain the cruelty David showed.
Moabite King showed David the cruelty David showed.
An offensive battle in order for David to gain control of all of the "King's Highway." Moab sits on major portion of King's Highway

Two SPECULATIVE Reasons - No reason given why?

-Moab becomes David's vassal. (I Chron. 18:2)

2/3 of Moab exterminated

-Ammon

II Sam. 10: vs. 1-14

I Chron. 19 vs. 1-15

II Sam. 8:12

-David's Ambassadors were shamed. (heads showed dishonor because of suspicion of princes - David thinks David's stress) - what you did to an emissary was equivalent to doing it to the leader of the nation

-Hadadzezar King of Rehob and Zoba (Most dangerous: A huge empire)

II Sam. 10: vs. 6-13

1st Confrontation (at Rabbath-Ammon)

Three Confrontations

II Sam 10: vs. 15-19

2nd Confrontation (at Helam in Gilead)

*unspecific city in territory

II Sam. 8: vs. 3-8

3rd Confrontation when Hadadzezar was preoccupied with Assyrian threat against his border at the Euphrates. David becomes an opponent - takes advantage of preoccupation - Termination on other side of Euphrates taken by Assyria. This might have been one of the only offensive battle David engaged in. Possibly to gain the Southern part of the "King's Highway."

-Edom

II Sam 8:13, 14

-David absorbed Ammon into his empire. David becomes King of Ammon. (II Sam. 12: vs. 29-30)

Hadadzezar calls upon his vassals beyond the Euphrates. (II Sam. 10:16-18)

David inherits vassal kingdoms in southern Syria. (II Sam. 10:19)

David's reign extends all the way to the Euphrates.

-Edom becomes a vassal state.

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ISRAEL AND THE ARAMEANS OF DAMASCUS

ISRAEL/JUDAH

ARAM

DAVID-----^{-Defeats-->}-----HADADEZER, son of Rehob, King
II Samuel 8:30 of Zobah.

SOLOMON-----REZIN establishes himself as (Northern King's Highway taken)
king in Damascus (late in Solomon's reign).

BAASHA/ASA-----"BEN-HADAD" (I)
at war Asa bribes "Ben-Hadad" of
(I Kings 15:16) Damascus to attack Israel
(I Kings 15:18-20).

Omri
AHAB-----"BEN-HADAD" (II)
o Ahab defeats "Ben-Hadad," I Kings 20:29-30.
o Ahab grants alliance to "Ben-Hadad," I Kings 20:34.
o For 3 years, no war between Israel and Syria.
Secular sources indicate this is the time of Ahab and "Ben-Hadad's" allied victory over the Assyrians.
o When the Assyrian threat is removed the alliance between Israel and Syria is dissolved, since Ahab focuses his attention on the return of Ramoth Gilead from "Ben-Hadad." Ahab is killed in his attempt to defeat the Syrians.

SONS OF AHAB-----"BEN-HADAD" (II)
Hazael-Commander-in-Chief Elisha had such reputation that
(or Chief Minister) Aram's king turned to him - also, since Elisha had beaten Aram
o Elisha informs Hazael that God intends to replace his master, II Kings 8:10. Pagan's felt Elisha's god stronger -
o Elisha sends his assistant to anoint Jehu to replace Ahab's son, Joram (II Kings 9:1-10).

JEHU--(II Kings 9:13-10:36)----HAZAEEL (II Kings 8:15)

- o Kills Joram (King of Israel).
- o Kills Ahaziah (King of Judah).
- o Kills Jezebel.
- o Kills the sons of Ahab.
- o Kills the Baal worshippers.

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