

I. Introduction and review.

II. David crushes his enemies. 8:1-14

A. David defeats his foes in every direction. v. 1-6

1. He subdues Israel's longtime nemesis the Philistines to the west. v. 1 I Chr. 18:1
2. He defeats Moab to the east. v. 2 Deut. 2:9,19 I Sam. 22:3-4 Ruth 4:21
 - a. Was David cruel to execute two thirds of the Moabite warriors? Num. 24:17
 - b. The other way to look at it is that David was a merciful king who allowed one third of his enemies (all of whom deserved to die) to live.
3. He smites his enemies to the North and the South. v. 3-6,13-14

B. David enjoys the spoils of war. v. 7-14

1. He takes treasure from those whom he defeated. v. 4,7-8.
2. He receives tribute from neighboring kingdoms. v. 9-10 Ps. 2:10-12 72:10-11 Deut. 20:10-15 I Ki. 4:21 II Ki. 3:4
3. David dedicates all he receives to the LORD. v. 11-12
4. These materials are later used in building the temple. 7:13 I Chr. 18:8 22:14ff
5. When Israel is unfaithful they lose all they had gained. I Ki. 14:26 II Ki. 25:13f

C. David wisely and righteously administers God's kingdom. v. 15-18 Ps. 72:1ff

D. What is the significance of David's victories?

1. David's acts on the LORD's behalf in judgment: Holy war. Gen. 12:3 Ex. 15:3 Deut. 7:1-6,23-26 20:15-18 Ps. 2
2. God's covenant promises are being fulfilled through His anointed king. 7:9-11 8:13 Num. 24:17ff Gen. 15:18 Deut. 1:7 11:24 Josh 1:4 I Ki. 4:21
3. The LORD Himself gives David victory. v. 6b,14b Ps. 20:7 Deut. 20:1-9
4. This chapter sets forth David and his kingdom as a kind of ideal. Jer. 22:1ff
5. David is a type of his Son, the true King of Israel. Acts 13:22-23 Lu. 1:32-33,67ff

III. Jesus is the LORD's Anointed Warrior King, of Whom David is but a type

A. Our LORD Jesus came to conquer God's wicked enemies. Gen. 3:15 Isa. 11:4b I John 3:8b Col. 2:15 Joel 3:9ff

1. Jesus came in fulfillment of God's covenant. Am. 9:11
2. God is with Him. Lu. 10:22 22:29 Jo. 8:54
3. He decisively defeated Satan, sin and death through the cross. Gen. 3:15 I Co. 15:26,55-57
4. He takes the spoils of war from his enemy and made a public display of them. Mt. 12:22-30 Col. 2:15
5. Jesus is building a temple from the spoils of His war (us!). I Pe. 2:5 Eph. 2:21-22 I Chr. 18:8 22:14ff
6. The territory He has conquered extends beyond the borders of Canaan to the whole world. Rom. 4:13 Acts 1:8 Mt. 28:18ff Ps. 72:8 Micah 4:1-4 Isa. 66:18ff Jer. 3:17-18 Zeph. 3:9-10 Zech. 2:11 8:20-23
7. In the end the wealth of the nations will belong to the LORD. Isa. 60:1ff 60:5 Haggai 2:6-9 Rev. 21:24,26

- B. Jesus Christ administers His Kingdom with righteousness. v. 15 Is. 9:7 11:1-5
Jer. 23:5-6 Dt. 32:4 Ps. 72:1ff 89:14**
1. When He returns He will utterly destroy those who oppose Him. I Co. 15:24-25
II Thess. 1:7-8
 2. His kingdom is forever. Rev. 11:15
- C. You must make a choice whether to fight Jesus or to submit to Him. Ps. 2:10-12**
1. The destiny of individuals and nations hinges upon how they treat the LORD's anointed and His people. Ps. 2 Gen. 12:3
 2. Some, like the Philistines, make war against the LORD's anointed and are crushed.
 3. Others, like king Toi, lay down their arms and seek peace, submitting to the rule of God's king.
 4. Turn to Him and be saved. Isa. 45:22-23 Phil. 2:10 Ps. 72:12-13

IV. How does this passage apply to us today?

- A. This passage is not meant to set an example for national foreign policy. John 18:36**
1. The United States of America is not in covenant relationship with God.
 2. What about the modern State of Israel? Mt. 21:33-44
 3. The government for which we long will not be implemented by any earthly ruler or politician.
- B. We too are engaged in warfare. Eph. 6:10-20**
1. Not literal warfare, but spiritual warfare. II Co. 10:4 Eph. 6:10-20
 2. We too are surrounded by hostile enemies: the world, the flesh and the devil.
Eph. 6:10-12 John 15:19 Mt. 10:34-36
 3. We battle against our own sin and unbelief.
 4. We seek to conquer people from every nation. Acts 1:8 Mt. 28:18ff
 5. We fight in God's strength. v. 6,14 Phil. 4:13 Ps. 55:22 18:1-2 Heb. 13:5-6
Acts 1:8 Eph. 3:17 John 15:5 II Pe. 1:3-4 Luke 22:31-34
 6. Though the battle belongs to the LORD, we are responsible to exert effort and to use wisdom in our endeavors. Phil. 2:12-13 Eph. 6:10ff
 7. We must put on the armor of God. Eph. 6:13-18 Prov. 3:5-6 Phil. 3:4-9 Col. 3:2
II Co. 5:7 4:17-18 I Co. 10:13 Heb. 2:18 4:14-16 11:1
 8. Our ultimate victory is assured. Mt. 16:18 Rom. 8:37
- C. We honor the LORD in our victories. v. 11 I Co. 1:31**
- D. On which side are you fighting?**

Discussion questions

1. Was David guilty of "war crimes"? Explain your answer.
Does any nation today have the right to do what David did?
2. Is there such a thing as holy war in this age? Explain your answer.
3. How do David's actions in II Samuel 8 point us to Christ?
4. What is the nature of the warfare in which we are engaged?
5. Does the fact that God is with us mean that effort is not necessary in spiritual warfare?
6. Go through the armor of God in Ephesians 6. How does each piece help you in the fight?