

Life of David

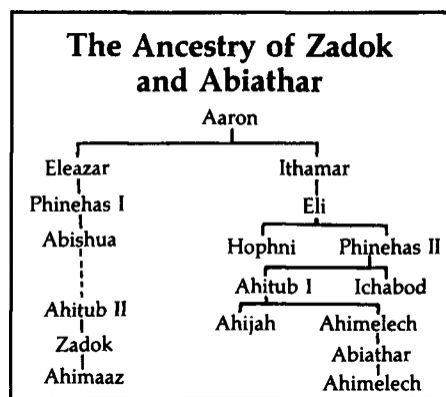
A Man After God's Own Heart

David's Triumphs

- David was walking with the Lord and rejoicing in whatever the Lord had granted him.
 - The Lord had granted David many military victories [2 Sam 7:9].
 - However, because David was a king of war (he would not become a king of peace until the end of his reign), the Lord did not permit him to build the temple [1 Kgs 5:3-4; 8:16-19].
 - After a brief period of rest, David once again engaged in warfare, this time on multiple battlefronts [2 Sam 7:1 cf. 2 Sam 8:1].
- David achieved military victories over many different opposing forces [2 Sam 8:1-14].
 - David defeated the Philistine army and took control of their chief city [v. 1].
 - David defeated the Moabite army and took 1/3 of the prisoners as servants [v. 2].
 - David defeated the Aramean army at Zobah, an area just north of Damascus [v. 3].



- David gathered prisoners, chariots and horses from Hadadezer's defeated army [v. 4].
- David defeated an Aramean army from Damascus that came to help Hadadezer at Zobah [v. 5].
- David established an occupation force in Damascus which became a client state [v. 6].
- David gathered shields of gold and bronze and brought the plunder back to Jerusalem [vv. 7-8].
- David was blessed with silver, gold and bronze from Toi, king of the Aramean city-state of Hamath, who was grateful that Hadadezer had been defeated [vv. 9-10].
- David dedicated to the Lord the spoils of victory from the nations he had defeated [vv. 11-12]...
 - ✦ Arameans
 - ✦ Moabites
 - ✦ Ammonites (not mentioned in this narrative)
 - ✦ Philistines
 - ✦ Amalekites (not mentioned in this narrative)
- These spoils would end up in the treasuries of the temple built by Solomon [1 Kgs 7:51].
- David placed garrisons in Edom after he defeated the army of the Edomites who became servants of Israel [vv. 13-14].
- David established his administration over the people of Israel [2 Sam 8:15-18].
 - David ruled with righteousness and justice [v. 15].
 - Joab led the army of Israel [v. 16].
 - Jehoshaphat was the recorder (scribe) [v. 16].
 - Zadok and Ahimelech were the priests [v. 17].
 - Seraiah was the secretary [v. 17].
 - Benaiah led the elite Cherethite and Pelethite warfighters [v. 18].
 - David's own sons were chief officials at David's side [v. 18 cp. 1 Chron 18:17].



- The mention of both Zadok and Ahimelech as priests under David indicates a change was taking place in the office of priest.
 - Both men were descendants of Aaron.
 - Ahimelech was a descendant of Eli whose priestly line would come to an end [1 Sam 3:10-14].
 - Zadok was a descendant of Eleazar and his line of priests continued to serve throughout the O.T.