

May 9/Day 129

2 Samuel 8

Verse 1

- If you just picked the Bible up and started reading here, how would you find out what the phrase “now after this” means? After what?
- Of what did David take control from the hand of the Philistines?

Verse 2

- What did he do in Moab?

Verses 3-8

- What did David capture from Rehob?
- What people group is mentioned from Damascus?
- Who helped David wherever he went?

Verses 9-12

- Who sent gifts to David for defeating his enemy?
- What did David do with the gifts?

Verses 13-14

- Where did David make a name for himself?
- What did he do in Edom?
- A “garrison” is a body of troops placed in a town in order to defend it.
- Who helped David wherever he went?

Verses 15-18

- What did David administer for all his people?
- Observe the chief ministers (or David’s cabinet).

2 Samuel 9

Verses 1-8

- Do you remember how close David and Jonathan were? Scripture said they were “knit together”. Do you remember how they exchanged robes in covenant signifying *what is mine*

is yours, and what is yours is mine? Do you remember how they promised to look out for each other and their descendants forever?

- What was wrong with Jonathan's son? Do you remember why? When Saul and Jonathan were killed the boy was 5 years old. His nurse fled with him, tripped and fell and the injury crippled his feet.
- "Lodebar" means "no pasture". It was a wasteland and it was considered a ghetto town. Remember, this child was an heir to the throne.
- What was his name? It means "dispeller (to do away with) of shame".
- What did Mephibosheth do when he came before the king?
- Why did David say Mephibosheth should not fear? Think about it. Mephibosheth was heir to the throne and the nurse fled with him for fear he would be killed. Would he have been afraid to show himself before this king?
- What would David do for him?
- Where would he eat? Do you picture a covenant meal?
- So, Mephibosheth came from his wasteland to the palace, humbled himself in his crippled condition before the king and received mercy and grace, an inheritance, and communion at the king's table. Does this beautiful picture remind you of anything?

Verses 9-13

- Why would Mephibosheth need someone to cultivate the land for him? Do the king made provision for Mephibosheth.
- How was Mephibosheth received at David's table? Adoption as a son?

1 Chronicles 18

Verses 1-17

- This is the parallel passage for 2 Samuel 8 which was written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings.

See you tomorrow.