

The Book of Second Samuel: 2 Samuel 8 - 10

Sunday, May 5 and Wednesday, May 8

2 Samuel 8: Sunday, May 5

(1 – 2) What action did David take against the Moabites? Considering his history with the people of Moab, why would David have treated them so harshly? (*1 Samuel 22: 3 – 4*)

(3 – 8) How many prisoners did the Israelites take as a result of the battle against Hadadezer (king of Zobah), and what action did David take regarding the chariot horses that had been captured? What resources did David bring back to Jerusalem from his conquests, and why was Israel successful in battle? (*Deuteronomy 17: 15 – 16*)

(9 – 14) What action did Toi (king of Hamath) take in response to David's victories? How did David respond, and what was the strategic result of the victories that God had given the Israelites?

(15 – 18) Describe the situation that is articulated in this passage. What actions did David take to establish his government, and what situation enabled him to accomplish this? (*Exodus 23: 22 – 24*)

2 Samuel 9: Sunday, May 5 – Wednesday, May 8

(1 – 5) Why did David seek to show kindness to Saul's descendants, and why was this an appropriate time to do so? To whom did Ziba refer when answering David's question? (*1 Samuel 20: 12 – 16; 2 Samuel 4: 4*)

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(6 – 8) What pledge did David make to Mephibosheth, and how did Mephibosheth respond?

(9 – 13) What commands did David give to Ziba, and how did Ziba respond? How does Ziba's response serve as an example to us regarding our willingness to faithfully and obediently serve the Lord? (*John 14: 15; Romans 6: 16*)

2 Samuel 10: Wednesday, May 8

(1 – 3) Given the history of the Ammonites' aggression against the Israelites during Saul's reign, why would David seek to show them kindness? What accusations did the Ammonite leaders make in response to David's envoys? (*1 Samuel 11: 1 – 2*)

(4 – 5) What was the intent of the actions that the Ammonites took against David's messengers? How did David respond?

(6 – 8) What did the Ammonites do when they realized the potential impact of their disrespectful actions directed toward David and the Israelites? How did David respond when he learned of the Ammonites' actions?

(9 – 12) What realization did Joab make regarding the array of the Ammonites and the Syrians deployed against the Israelites? What battle plan did Joab develop to respond to this situation, and what encouragement did he give to his brother Abishai? (*Joshua 1: 9*)

(13 – 14) What was the result of the battle against the Ammonites and their Syrian allies?

(15 – 19) How did the Syrians respond to the news of the outcome of the battle against Israel? How did David react to the Syrians' actions, and what was the strategic result of the ensuing battle?