

King David - Faith in action



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Previous Lesson

- **2 Samuel 5:10-12 (NKJV)**

¹⁰ So David went on and became great, and the LORD God of hosts *was* with him.

¹¹ Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters and masons. And they built David a house.

¹² So David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.

- This lesson will show the value of trusting the Lord and seeking his direction and way.

THE BUILDING OF A NEW HOME—[5:11](#)

- What if you received word that you have won a new home and it is going to be built for you free of charge. All the material and labor will be donated. That is what Hiram king of Tyre did for David when he recognized him as king of Israel. David needed a home, supplies, and workers. There was a famine of trade people in the land because of Philistine suppression. We can learn from Hiram the importance of being alert to the needs of others. Hiram saw that David had a need and he met it.
- David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel. All he had and was came from the Lord's hands.

David's Weakness

- **2 Samuel 5:13-16 (NKJV)**

¹³ And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he had come from Hebron. Also more sons and daughters were born to David.

¹⁴ Now these *are* the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem:

- Shammua (heard, obeyed),
- Shobab (deliver from the enemy),
- Nathan (given of God),
- Solomon (peace),
- Ibhar (The Lord chooses),
- Elishua (My God is Salvation),
- Nepheg (growth),
- Japhia (glorious),
- Elishama (my God hears),
- Eliada (Whom God knoweth),and
- Eliphelet (My God is Escape).

- David's great weakness was his lust for women. He followed the customs of heathen nations by acquiring many wives. God's design was given in Genesis is for one man for one woman as was illustrated in the marriage of Adam and Eve. David was disobedient to the Word of God ([Deuteronomy 17:14 -17](#)).
- **Deuteronomy 17:14-17 (NKJV)**

¹⁴ "When you come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that *are* around me,'
¹⁵ you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses; *one* from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who *is* not your brother.
¹⁶ But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the LORD has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.'
¹⁷ Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.

Prosperity

- Things are going great for David and the nation.
- David has a new home built by Hiram.
- He has acquired many wives and concubines.
- Children are being born to him.
- Perhaps words like Psalm 21:1-4 were in his thoughts.
The king shall have joy in Your strength, O LORD; And
in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
You have given him his heart's desire, And have not
withheld the request of his lips. Selah
For You meet him with the blessings of goodness; You
set a crown of pure gold upon his head.
He asked life from You, *and* You gave *it* to him-- Length
of days forever and ever.
- But then.... When things seem to be going great Satan
begins his attack.

Satan at work

- **2 Samuel 5:17-21 (NKJV)**

¹⁷ Now when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. And David heard *of it* and went down to the stronghold.

¹⁸ The Philistines also went and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim.

¹⁹ So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?" And the LORD said to David, "Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand."

²⁰ So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim.

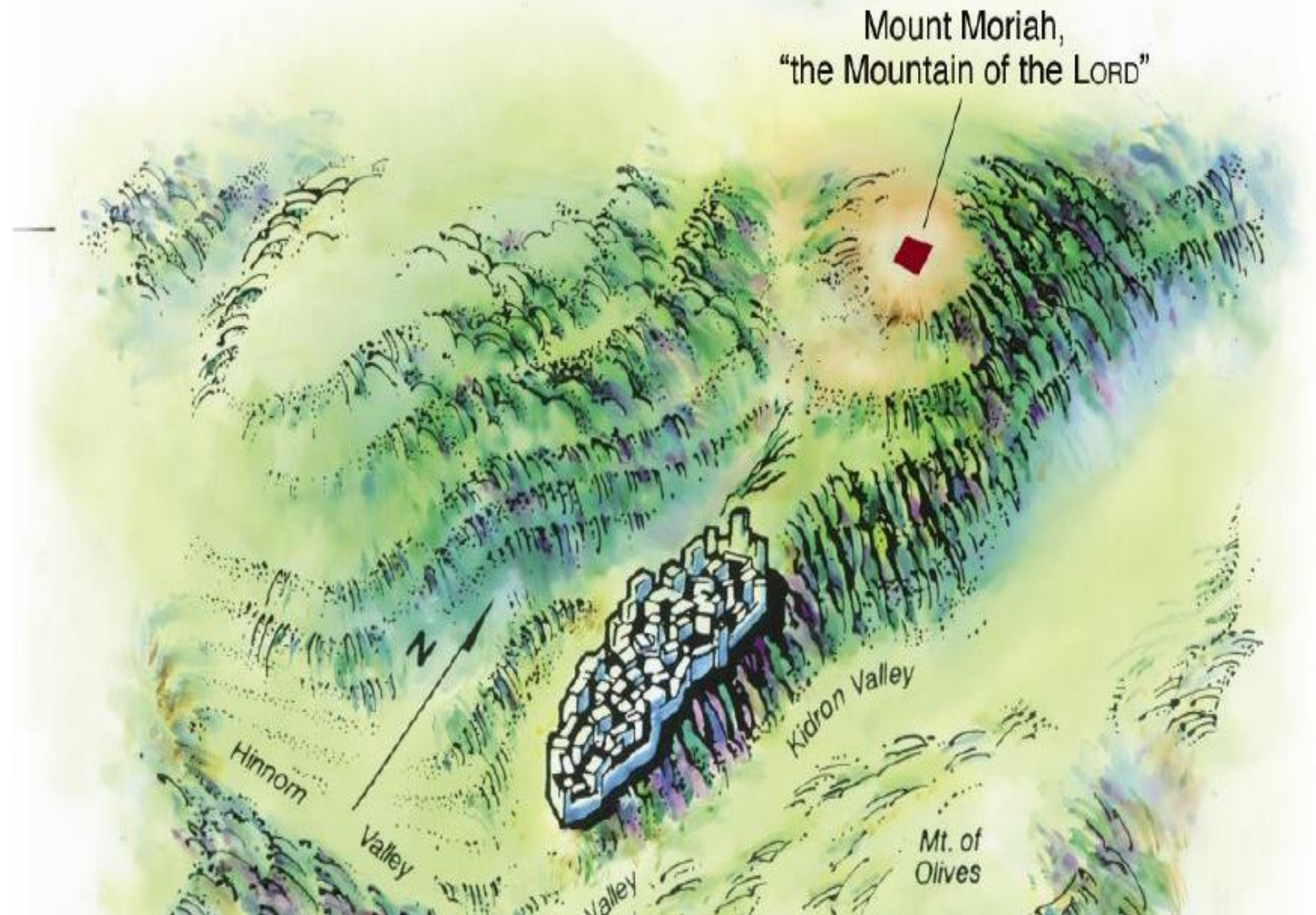
²¹ And they left their images there, and David and his men carried them away.

Valley of Rephaim to the west and southwest of Jerusalem

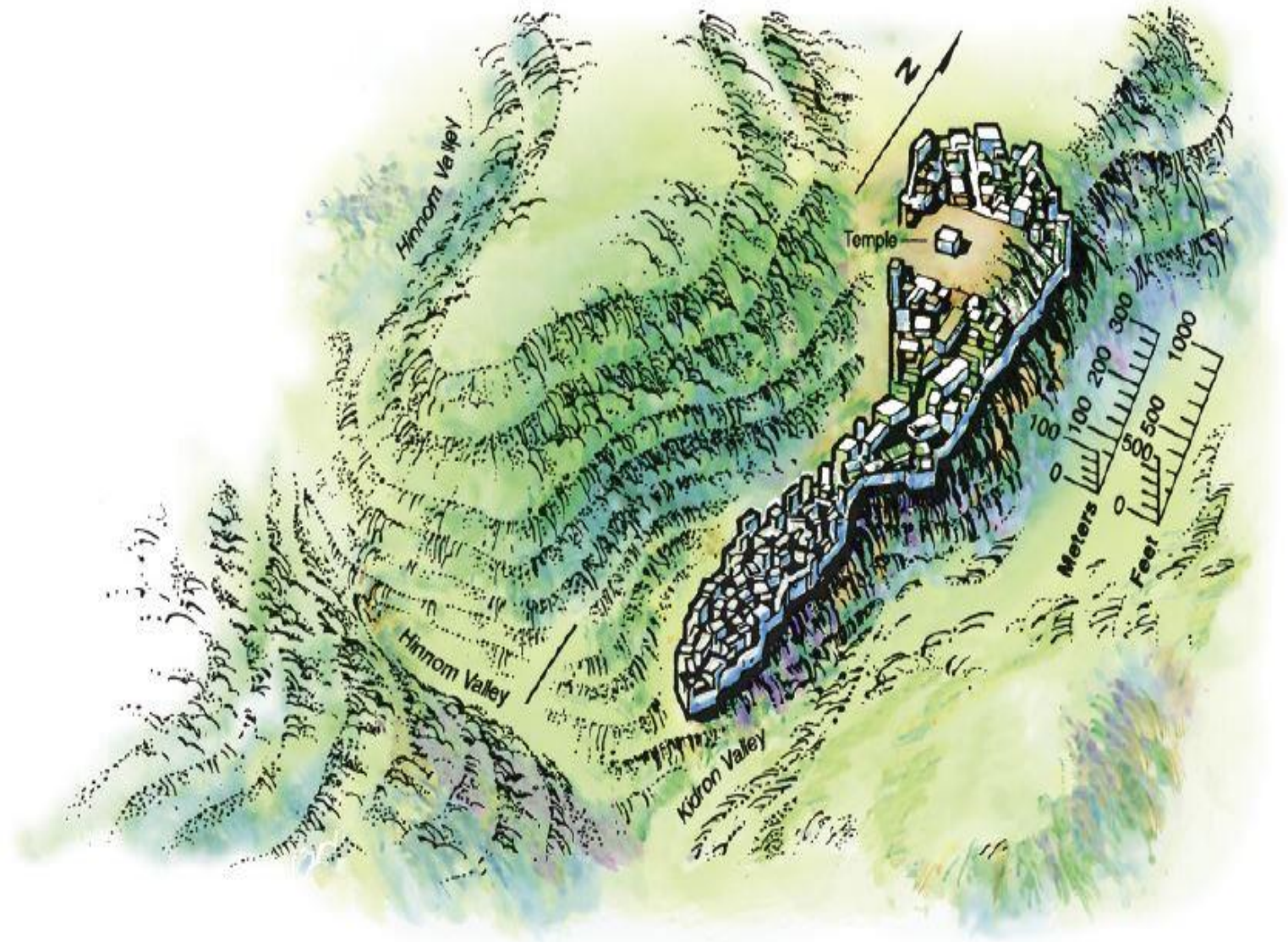


King David's Jerusalem (c. 1000 BC)

Barely 12 acres in size, Jebus, a Canaanite city, could well defend itself against attack, with walls atop steep canyons and shafts reaching an underground water source. David captured the stronghold, c.1000 BC, and made it his capital.



Solomon extended Jerusalem and built the Temple



Jerusalem is shown from above and at an angle; and therefore wall shapes appear different from those on flat maps. Wall locations have been determined from limited archaeological evidence; houses are artist's concept.

- David began his career in the valley fighting a giant (Goliath). Now he is in the valley of the giants. Rephaim means "giants." This valley was practically under the walls of Jerusalem. It was almost at the front door, under their nose. Before David can get stable and settled, the enemy tries to capture the stronghold with great force. They "spread or deployed" themselves which means "a large force."
- The lesson here is this. **When you trust Christ as your Savior and make Him the Lord of your life, expect Satan's counter attacks.**
- David enquires of the Lord on what to do. What a blessing in knowing that God will lead you wherever you are and whatever your circumstance.
- [Psalm 139:9, 10](#)—*If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.*

- David needs guidance concerning his enemies. God tells him to “Go”.
- [Psalm 27:11](#)—*Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.*
- The Philistines are defeated, just as God promised. God keeps His word. They left their idols that they thought they would give them victory. God helped David to to have victory over the Philistines. David calls the place ***Baal-perazim*** which means “*Baal is broken*” or “*Master of the Breakthroughs.*” God has a way of coming through when the storms are the darkest and when we don't know what to do or what direction to take.
- [Isaiah 43:2, 3](#)—*When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior:*

- God broke through and brought victory.....
- For Israel at the Red Sea.
- For the three Hebrews in the fiery furnace.
- For Daniel in the lion's den.
- For Esther and the Jews against Haman and the Persian Law.
- For the Apostles that were imprisoned.
- The **images** which the Philistines abandoned were seized by **David** ([v. 21](#)) and burned so as not to become stumbling blocks to future generations.
- **1 Chronicles 14:11-12 (NKJV)**
¹¹ So they went up to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there. Then David said, "God has broken through my enemies by my hand like a breakthrough of water." Therefore they called the name of that place Baal Perazim. And when they left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.

Once Again

- **2 Samuel 5:22-25 (NKJV)**

²² Then the Philistines went up once again and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim.

²³ Therefore David inquired of the LORD, and He said, "You shall not go up; circle around behind them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees.

²⁴ And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. For then the LORD will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines."

²⁵ And David did so, as the LORD commanded him; and he drove back the Philistines from Geba as far as Gezer.

- **1 Chronicles 14:16-17 (NKJV)**

¹⁶ So David did as God commanded him, and they drove back the army of the Philistines from Gibeon as far as Gezer.

¹⁷ Then the fame of David went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

- This time the LORD told David to circle around behind the enemy forces, opposite some mulberry trees. When he heard the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, he would know that the LORD was marching against the Philistines. The result was that David destroyed the foe from Geba (*Gibeon*) to Gezer. David did not assume that God's guidance for one battle would be the same for the next. We must constantly seek God's will in everything. God's strategy in the first battle was direct assault; in the second, ambush.

Believer's Bible Commentary

- He enquires of the Lord again. This time God gives him a different answer demonstrating that God works in different ways. The first time He told him to go and attack. The second time He tells David to wait for His signal and timing.

- Waiting for God's signal takes patience, alertness, and faith. The Lord told Moses at the Red Sea to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord while the Egyptians were breathing down their necks. The virgins of Matt. 25 missed the coming of the bridegroom because they slept instead of watching, while waiting for his coming. It took faith for David to wait for the sound.
- He was to wait for the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees as it is rendered in the Hebrew. Imagine David as he tries to explain this to his army. **God's commands may not make sense at times, but we are to go ahead and obey them anyway.** He waited on God's timing and acted when it was time to act. May we too learn to do this and to wait and move forward at the rustling of the mulberry trees, the Lord's leading.

- We live in an impatient society. Learning to wait for His guidance and direction is vital whether it's a decision about marriage, a job, moving, going to a school, or making a financial purchase. Learn to wait for the rustling of the mulberry trees, for God's signal and will. The Lord will give direction through His Spirit, the Word of God, through godly counsel from parents, pastors, and other godly believers. David fought his battles and problems God's way. He followed God's instructions. He solved the problem God's way. He waited on God's timing and acted when it was time to act.
- May we too learn to do this and to wait and move forward at the rustling of the mulberry trees.

Treasures From the Scriptures