

1 Chronicles 14

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(An inserted chapter, describing David's house and family)

14 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him an house. (By now, David had many wives and children) (Hiram is also the man that David dealt with to provide the materials that Solomon would use later, to build the Temple)

²And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel. (David's ego grew with his power)

³And David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters. Deuteronomy-17:17 (God commanded that the men of Israel not multiply wives unto themselves) (His son, Solomon was far worse – 600 wives, 300 concubines)

⁴Now these are the names of his children which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, (Nathan- Mary's ancestor; Solomon- Joseph's ancestor; both were sons of Bathsheba)

⁵And Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet,

⁶And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

⁷And Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

⁸And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard of it, and went out against them. (seek= seek a life or seek blood – to kill) (Under Saul, Israel wasn't very successful because Saul was no longer blessed by God. Under David, things will change in favor of Israel)

⁹And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. (spread – to deploy in a hostile array, to make war) (Rephaim- from Rafa = fallen; the fallen angels. They mated with women to produce giant offspring <Geeber>. God pronounced a death sentence on that for that. They will all die the instant that Messiah's feet touch the Mount of Olives)

¹⁰ And David enquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? And wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand. (He is doing the right thing – asking God's blessing)

¹¹ So they came up to Baalperazim; and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place Baalperazim. (breaking = peretz <Hebrew) (Baalperazim - God broke the Baal worshippers)

¹² And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire. 2Samuel-5:21 (David destroyed the idols and false gods of the Philistines)

¹³ And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley. (spread – to deploy in a hostile array) (They regrouped and are looking for another battle)

¹⁴ Therefore David enquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. (God is giving David a strategy for battle. God will deal with the Philistines, Himself. God told David to get his army behind the enemy)

¹⁵ And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines. (God did this tactic again for Elisha, when he and his armor bearer went up against 180,000 Syrians. God created so much confusion that the Syrians turned against each other)

¹⁶ David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer. (David always followed God's commands. He was a wise king)

¹⁷ And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations. (God did it, not David)