

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. He was a good man, but a man nonetheless. Human nature seems to cause us to stray when we are successful)

Ezekiel-28 (Ego was also Satan's downfall. He wanted to be our savior. That title belongs to God <as Jesus>. Satan rebelled against God in the First Age. God ended the Age and sentenced Satan to death for his rebellion. We are now in the Second Age – to be born innocent, with no memory of the First Age. We are here to choose to follow God, or the ways of the world <Satan>. THAT is the meaning of this life; that so many "scholars" try so hard to discover. It's all written for them in the Bible, but they never read it with understanding)

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. The Philistines believed that they were superior to Israel in battle. 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 deploy for war) (Rephaim- from Rafa = fallen; a descendant of the fallen angels. So – the valley of the giants)

(The fallen angels <Nephilim> mated with women to produce giant offspring <Geeber>. God pronounced a death sentence on them for that. They will all die the instant that Messiah's feet touch the Mount of Olives at the end of this Age. God ordered all the Canaanite tribes to be destroyed by Israel for the same reason)

¹⁰And 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. He asked God through the high priest)

¹¹So 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>; the same word as in chapter-13:11 – when God struck Uzza for having touched the Ark of the Covenant) (Baalperazim - God broke the Baal worshippers)

¹²And 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)

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

¹⁴Therefore 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; so he could attack from the rear. Meanwhile God's army will attack them on the front)

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 that, not David)