**2 Samuel 8** (https://www.esv.org/2+Samuel+8/)

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**David's Victories**

8 After this

 David defeated the Philistines

 and

 subdued them,

 and

 David took Metheg-ammah out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And

 he defeated Moab

 and

 he measured them with a line,

 making them lie down on the ground.

 Two lines he measured

 to be put to death,

 and

 one full line to be spared.

(NIV: He made them lie down on the ground and measured them off with a length of cord. Every two lengths of them were put to death, and the third length was allowed to live.

KJV: He measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive.

中文和合本: 使他們躺臥在地上，用繩量一量：量二繩的殺了，量一繩的存留。

Direct translation from Hebrew Bible: 使他們躺臥在地上，用繩子量：二繩長的(都)殺了，(留下)滿一繩的讓(他們)存活。(https://bkbible.fhl.net/NUI/#/bible/2Sa/8/2))

 And

 the Moabites became servants to David

 and

 brought tribute.

3 David also defeated Hadadezer the son of Rehob,

 king of Zobah,

 as he went to restore his power at the river Euphrates.

4 And

 David took from him 1,700 horsemen,

 and

 20,000 foot soldiers.

 And

 David hamstrung all the chariot horses

 but

 left enough for 100 chariots.

5 And

 when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah,

 David struck down 22,000 men of the Syrians.

6 Then David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus,

 and

 the Syrians became servants to David

 and

 brought tribute.

 And

 the Lord gave victory to David

 wherever he went.

7 And

 David took the shields of gold

 that were carried by the servants of Hadadezer

 and

 brought them to Jerusalem.

8 And from Betah

 and

 from Berothai,

 cities of Hadadezer,

 King David took very much bronze.

9 When Toi king of Hamath heard

 that David had defeated the whole army of Hadadezer,

10 Toi sent his son Joram to King David,

 to ask about his health

 and

 to bless him

 because he had fought against Hadadezer

 and

 defeated him,

 for Hadadezer had often been at war with Toi.

 And

 Joram brought with him articles of silver,

 of gold,

 and

 of bronze.

11 These also King David dedicated to the Lord,

 together with the silver

 and

 gold

 that he dedicated from all the nations

 he subdued,

12 from Edom,

 Moab,

 the Ammonites,

 the Philistines,

 Amalek,

 and

 from the spoil of Hadadezer the son of Rehob,

 king of Zobah.

13 And

 David made a name for himself

 when he returned from striking down 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt.

14 Then he put garrisons in Edom;

 throughout all Edom

 he put garrisons,

 and

 all the Edomites became David's servants.

 And

 the Lord gave victory to David

 wherever he went.

**David's Officials**

15 So David reigned over all Israel.

 And

 David administered justice

 and

 equity to all his people.

16 Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army,

 and

 Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder,

17 and

 Zadok the son of Ahitub

 and

 Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were priests,

 and

 Seraiah was secretary,

18 and

 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites

 and

 the Pelethites,

 and

 David's sons were priests.