

MAY 3

Read 1 Chronicles 12-14

CHAPTER 12

NOW these *are* they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they *were* among the mighty men, helpers of the war.

2 They *were* armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in *hurling* stones and *shooting* arrows out of a bow, *even* of Saul's brethren of Benjamin.

3 The chief *was* Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Antothite,

4 And Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Josabad the Gederathite,

5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite,

6 Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites,

7 And Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

8 And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness men of might, *and* men of war *fit* for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces *were like* the faces of lions, and *were* as swift as the roes upon the mountains;

9 Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,

10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,

12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh.

14 These *were* of the sons of Gad, captains of the host: one of the least *was* over an hundred, and the greatest over a thousand.

15 These *are* they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all his banks; and they put to flight all *them* of the valleys, *both* toward the east, and toward the west.

16 And there came of the chil-

dren of Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David.

17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you: but if *ye be come* to betray me to mine enemies, seeing *there is* no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look *thereon*, and rebuke *it*.

18 Then the spirit came upon Amasai, *who was* chief of the captains, *and he said*, Thine *are we*, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace *be* unto thee, and peace *be* to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

19 And there fell *some* of Manasseh to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they helped them not: for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul to *the jeopardy* of our heads.

20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thousands that *were* of Manasseh.

21 And they helped David against the band *of the rovers*: for they *were* all mighty men of valour, and were captains in the host.

22 For at *that* time day by day there came to David to help him, until *it was* a great host, like the host of God.

23 ¶ And these *are* the numbers of the bands *that were* ready armed to the war, *and* came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD.

24 The children of Judah that bare shield and spear *were* six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed to the war.

25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred.

26 Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred.

27 And Jehoiada *was* the leader of the Aaronites, and with him *were* three thousand and seven hundred;

28 And Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's house twenty and two captains.

29 And of the children of Benjamin, the kindred of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul.

30 And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, famous throughout the house of their fathers.

31 And of the half tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, which were expressed by name, to come and make David king.

32 And of the children of Issachar, *which were men* that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them *were* two hundred; and all their brethren *were* at their commandment.

33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank: *they were* not of double heart.

34 And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty and seven thousand.

35 And of the Danites expert in war twenty and eight thousand and six hundred.

36 And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand.

37 And on the other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of

Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand.

38 All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel *were* of one heart to make David king.

39 And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them.

40 Moreover they that were nigh them, *even* unto Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, *and* meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for *there was* joy in Israel.

CHAPTER 13

AND David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, *and* with every leader.

2 And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If *it seem* good unto you, and *that it be* of the LORD our God, let us send abroad unto our brethren every where, *that are* left in all the land of Israel, and with them *also* to the priests and Levites *which are* in

their cities *and* suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us:

3 And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul.

4 And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

5 So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim.

6 And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, *that is*, to Kirjathjearim, which *belonged* to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, that dwelleth *between* the cherubims, whose name is called *on it*.

7 And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drave the cart.

8 And David and all Israel played before God with all *their* might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 ¶ And when they came unto the threshingfloor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled.

10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.

11 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called Perezuzza to this day.

12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God *home* to me?

13 So David brought not the ark *home* to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obedom the Gittite.

14 And the ark of God remained with the family of Obedom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the house of Obedom, and all that he had.

CHAPTER 14

NOW Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him an house.

2 And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.

3 ¶ And David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters.

4 Now these *are* the names of *his* children which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,

5 And Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet,

6 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

7 And Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

8 ¶ And 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.

9 And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

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.

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.

12 And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.

13 And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley.

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.

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.

16 David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer.

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

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

In Genesis 12:1-3 God promised to make Abraham's name great, if he would carefully follow the Lord. Abraham did follow the Lord; and now, after 4,000 years, every Monday school child knows about Abraham.

First Chronicles 14:16 says, "David therefore did as God commanded him." I believe that was the reason for David's success, the reason for his prosperity. God has a blueprint for successful living. Joshua 1:8 tells us, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make they way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

The Bible contains everything we need for success in our Christian lives. The program for both the successful family and church is found in the Word of God. That is why we invite you and others to read with us through the Bible each year. I trust your reading is proving to be a blessing in your life and home.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it" (Proverbs 2:22).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 14: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 9.

HYMN FOR TODAY

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

by Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226

English Translation by

William Draper, 1855-1933

All the magnificent wonders of nature reveal the majesty of God and glorify Him. From the grateful heart of a devoted Italian monk in the year of 1225 came this beautiful message. As a great lover of nature, Saint Francis saw the hand of God in all creation, and he urged men to respond with expressions of praise and alleluia.

Giovanni Bernardone, the real name of Saint Francis, demonstrated through his own life all the tender, humble, forgiving spirit and absolute trust in God that this hymn urges others to have. At the age of 25 Bernardone left an indulgent life as a soldier, renounced his inherited wealth, and determined to live meagerly and to imitate the selfless life of Christ.

Throughout his life Saint Francis appreciated the

importance of church music and encouraged singing in his monastery. He wrote more than 60 hymns for this purpose. The beautiful expressions of praise in "All Creatures of Our God and King" have endured throughout the centuries. A prayer written by Saint Francis has also become familiar and well-loved:

"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is error, truth.

Where there is despair, hope. Where there is sadness, joy.

Where there is darkness, light.

For it is in giving, that we receive.

It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned.

It is in dying, that we are born to eternal life."

*All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him!*

*Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
ye lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise Him!
Alleluia! The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow,
let them His glory also show;
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness—
O praise Him!
Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father,
praise the Son, and praise the Spirit,
Three in One: O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

TRADITION SAYS THAT THIS IS THE DATE OF THE INVENTION OF THE CROSS.

By that we mean the cross was invented as a means of execution. Let us thank God today for the Cross and for Jesus' paying the debt for our sins.

1675

A LAW WAS PASSED REQUIRING THE LOCKING OF CHURCH DOORS DURING SERVICES.

It seems that too many people were leaving the services before they were over. I'm sure that many pastors would think positively toward the law. Certainly, it is a rude thing for a person to leave a church service unless it is for an emergency or a good reason. This law was passed in Massachusetts in 1675.

1850

CHARLES SPURGEON MADE HIS PUBLIC PROFESSION IN CHRIST.

This was the day that Charles Spurgeon made his public profession of faith and was baptized. What a day this was in the history of the church! You will recall, I'm sure, that Spurgeon was won to Christ on a snowy night by a lay preacher. Oh, for some Spurgeons today!

1856

THE DATE THAT DWIGHT MOODY JOINED THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN BOSTON.

It is said that before he was taken in he needed extra doctrinal instructions. It is interesting how

many men are used of God who at first did not seem to catch on very well. Such is the case with Charles G. Finney, Billy Monday, Dwight Moody, and others.

It is also interesting that it was the same month and the same day of the month that Spurgeon made his profession and was baptized, and that Moody joined the church. After a person is saved, the first thing he should do is be baptized. This is the first command of our Lord. A new convert should be obedient from the start.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1845

MACON B. ALLEN, FIRST BLACK LAWYER ADMITTED TO THE BAR, passed examination at Worcester, Massachusetts.

1948

SUPREME COURT RULED IN SHELLEY V. KRAEMER that federal and state courts could not enforce restrictive covenants which barred persons from owning or occupying property because of their race.

1967

BLACK STUDENTS SEIZED FINANCE BUILDING at Northwestern University and demanded black-oriented curriculum and campus reforms.

THE STORY OF THE PSALMS

Psalm 37

AUTHOR: Probably Solomon.

Some will dispute this, but there appears to be so much like Solomon in verses 10, 12, 13, 18, 23, 25, 37 and 38. Read these verses carefully and see if there is not a proverb flavor in them.

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM

As was the case in Psalm 1, no doubt the author, probably Solomon, is teaching his son, probably Rehoboam, some things about life, righteousness, sin and God's will and plan. As the Psalm is read, it is not difficult to picture a wise father talking to his son instructing him about life. We have one boy. He is now grown and a preacher, Dr. David Hyles. When he was growing up, I taught him every night that I was home. I taught him about life, about manners, about girls, about athletics, about honesty, about integrity, about decency, about propriety. Hundreds and hundreds of hours, yea, even thousands of hours were spent teaching and teaching and teaching. As the 37th Psalm is read, one should keep a mental image of a father and his son together in a time of instruction.

THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE

This Psalm was used for family instruction. Notice especially the amazing instruction given in verses 3-8. These are among the classic verses of the Bible.

When our son David was a little boy, he started riding to church with me. We would go early in the morning and come home late at night. The rest of the family would go later and come back earlier, but David always wanted to be with Dad, and it mattered not how long I counseled after the service, Dave would wait for me. When he first started riding to church with me, he could barely talk plainly. One morning coming home from Sunday school and church I asked him what the Sunday school lesson was about. He looked through his big brown eyes and said, "It was about God."

I then asked, "What did you learn about God?" whereupon he replied, "I learned that God loves me more than anyone else loves me, but that when I do wrong God spans me, and, boy, does He spank! But after God spans me, He then hugs me and tells me that it hurt...Him...worse than it...hurt...me....Hey, Dad,...are you God?"

I looked at him through tears and said, "No, son, I'm not God, but I'm glad that you think I am, and I hope that after you've left our home, when you are grown, you will still think the old man is a little bit like God." From that moment on, I resolved to teach Dave about life. This I did and this every father should do. It is the heritage deserved by every son.

The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "I AM TOO GREAT A SINNER"

(Assignment 14)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV.com page.)

() Isaiah 1:18

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

() 1 Timothy 1:15

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

() Romans 5:6

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

() Romans 5:7

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

() Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.