

RULING IN THE MIDST OF YOUR ENEMIES

QUESTION

PART 1

OUTLINE GOD'S PROMISES OF PROTECTION.

PART 2

Ps 110:2

The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!
(NKJ)

READ 2 SAM. 8:1-15

USING DAVID AS A MODEL DISCUSS THE ENEMIES YOU HAVE TO SUBDUE IN ORDER TO RULE .

RULING IN THE MIDST OF YOUR ENEMIES – ANSWERS(ABC –L36)

PART 1

GOD'S PROMISES OF PROTECTION:

Ps 4:8

I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.(NKJ)

2 Cor 1:20

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.
(NKJ)

PRESERVATION

Ps 31:23

Oh, love the LORD, all you His saints! For the LORD preserves the faithful, and fully repays the proud person.(NKJ)

Ps 121:8

The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.(NKJ)

Ps 145:20

The LORD preserves all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy.(NKJ)

Prov 2:8

He guards the paths of justice, and preserves the way of His saints.(NKJ)

REMOVAL OF OBSTACLES

Isa 45:2

'I will go before you and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron.(NKJ)

Isa 40:4

Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be

made straight and the rough places smooth;(NKJ)

OVERSIGHT

2 Chr 16:9

"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."(NKJ)

1 Pet 3:12

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."(NKJ)

TAKE OVER YOUR TROUBLES

Exod 14:14

"The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."(NKJ)

2 Chr 32:8

"With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God, to help us and to fight our battles." And the people were strengthened by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.(NKJ)

2 Chr 20:15

And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's.'(NKJ)

Heb 13:6

So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"(NKJ)

EXPOSE THE WAY

Isa 30:21

Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.(NKJ)

Isa 42:16

I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them.(NKJ)

Ps 18:28

For You will light my lamp; the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness(NKJ)

COVERING REFUGE

Ps 46:1-2

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;(NKJ)

FORTRESS

Ps 18:2

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.(NKJ)

HIDING PLACE

Ps 32:7

You are my hiding place; you shall preserve me from trouble; you shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah(NKJ)

SHIELD

Ps 3:3

But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head.(NKJ)

COVERING

Ps 91:4

He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; his truth shall be your shield and buckler.(NKJ)

TRIUMPH

Mal 4:2-3

2 But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves.

3 You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this," says the LORD of hosts.(NKJ)

2 Cor 2:14-17

14 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

15 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?

17 For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.(NKJ)

Deut 28:7

"The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

(NKJ)

Ps 44:5

Through You we will push down our enemies; through Your name we will trample those who rise up against us.(NKJ)

Rom 16:20

And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.(NKJ)

Ps 41:11

By this I know that You are well pleased with me, because my enemy does not triumph over me.
(NKJ)

Luke 10:19

"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.(NKJ)

INVINCIBILITY

Mark 16:18

"they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."(NKJ)

Isa 59:19

So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.
(NKJ)

Matt 16:18

"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.(NKJ)

Isa 54:17

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me," says the LORD.(NKJ)

OVERSHADOWING PRESENCE

Isa 43:2

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.(NKJ)

Isa 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'(NKJ)

Ps 125:2

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people from this time forth and forever.(NKJ)

Zech 2:5

'For I,' says the LORD, 'will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.'"(NKJ)

I Jn 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.(NKJ)

NAME

Prov 18:10

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.(NKJ)

PART 2

ENEMIES YOU MUST SUBDUE TO RULE

2 Sam 8:1-15

1 After this it came to pass that David attacked the Philistines and subdued them. And David took Metheg Ammah from the hand of the Philistines.

2 Then he defeated Moab. Forcing them down to the ground, he measured them off with a line.

With two lines he measured off those to be put to death, and with one full line those to be kept alive. So the Moabites became David's servants, and brought tribute.

3 David also defeated Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his

territory at the River Euphrates.

4 David took from him one thousand chariots, seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand foot soldiers. Also David hamstringed all the chariot horses, except that he spared enough of them for one hundred chariots.

5 When the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand of the Syrians.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought tribute. The LORD preserved David wherever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold that had belonged to the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 Also from Bethah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took a large amount of bronze.

9 When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer,

10 then Toi sent Joram his son to King David, to greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him (for Hadadezer had been at war with Toi); and Joram brought with him articles of silver, articles of gold, and articles of bronze.

11 King David also dedicated these to the LORD, along with the silver and gold that he had dedicated from all the nations which he had subdued--

12 from Syria, from Moab, from the people of Ammon, from the Philistines, from Amalek, and from the spoil of Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

13 And David made himself a name when he returned from killing eighteen thousand Syrians in the Valley of Salt.

14 He also put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David wherever he went.

15 So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered judgment and justice to all his people. (NKJ)

So David reigned over all Israel

THERE WILL BE NO REIGNING UNLESS YOU DEFEAT THE ENEMIES OF DAVID.

GOD IS RESTORING THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID.

WE FACE THE SAME ENEMIES.

(MEANINGS FROM JACKSON)

WE ARE KING PRIESTS MADE TO RULE.

THE RIGHTEOUS MUST INHERIT THE EARTH.

THE PHILISTINES – WALLOWING

1 After this it came to pass that David attacked the Philistines and subdued them. And David took Gath from the hand of the Philistines.

The Philistine is a picture of selfish indulgence/carnal indulgence.

Picture a pig rolling in the mud.

This is the flesh.

If you want to rule you must know how to subdue the flesh.

Your greatest enemy is within you.

What are you rolling in: food, entertainment, laziness, self-pity.

Rom 1:24-32

24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than

the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,

30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.(NKJ)

Goliath is the sum total of the Philistine attack.

BIGGER THAN DAVID
OVERCOMES THE HOUSE OF SAUL
LAMPOONS THE ARMY OF GOD
INFILTRATES THE PLACE OF PRAISE
ARMOR OF BRONZE
TENACIOUS – KEEPS COMING BACK
HUMANISTIC(6 CUBITS)

1 Sam 17:4

And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.(NKJ)

The Philistine giant is associated with 6 – the number of humanism/carnality.

When David killed Goliath the Philistine problem was not over.

Goliath had 4 brothers. This is an enemy that keeps coming back – LUSTFULNESS-
UNSATISFIED CRAVINGS.

2 Sam 21:19-22

19 Again there was war at Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite killed the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

20 Yet again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also was born to the giant.

21 So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him.

22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.(NKJ)

Check the characteristics of the flesh.

Overcoming the Philistine means overcoming the flesh.

What you feed determines which nature triumphs.

MOABITES - MOAB MEANS “WHAT FATHER”

2 Then he defeated Moab. Forcing them down to the ground, he measured them off with a line.

With two lines he measured off those to be put to death, and with one full line those to be kept alive. So the Moabites became David's servants, and brought tribute.

Lack of accountability. Wants independence from the father.
The prodigal wanted a future without a father.
Moab was born after Lot disconnected from Abraham.
Moab sacrificed his son to save himself.

II Ki 3:26-27

26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too fierce for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew swords, to break through to the king of Edom, but they could not.
27 Then he took his eldest son who would have reigned in his place, and offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall; and there was great indignation against Israel. So they departed from him and returned to their own land.(NKJ)

This generation is fathered by the TV AND MOTHERED BY THE RADIO.
INDEPENDENT SPIRIT that despises leadership.

Where there is no father son relationship – the curse is active.

Mal 4:5-6

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.
6 And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."(NKJ)

HADADEZER - NOISY HELPER

3 David also defeated Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his territory at the River Euphrates.

This is a picture of strife.
Discuss the causes and consequences of strife.
Main causes are talebearing and fault finding.
To some ministry is finding fault.

DAVID ENDS TALEBEARING

2 Sam 1:17

Then David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son,
(NKJ)

2 Sam 1:20

Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon-- lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph(NKJ)

THE VIRTUE OF COVERING NAKEDNESS

Gen 9:23-27

23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

24 So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him.
25 Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants he shall be to his brethren."
26 And he said: "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem, and may Canaan be his servant.
27 May God enlarge Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem; and may Canaan be his servant."(NKJ)

HUMAN NATURE CANNOT KEEP SECRETS.

SYRIANS - LOFTY ONES

5 When the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand of the Syrians.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought tribute. The LORD preserved David wherever he went.

Syria was a living symbol of pride.

Discuss the characteristics and consequences of pride.

EXAMPLES:

THE CASTE SYSTEM OF SEGREGATION WAS BASED ON PRIDE.

CHURCH PRIDE- FASTING GROWING CHURCH, ONLY CHURCH, INTERNATIONAL CHURCH.

THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR

Luke 18:10-14

10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men-- extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

12 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'

13 "And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

14 "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

(NKJ)

TOI – MEANS “MY WANDERING”

9 When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer,

10 then Toi sent Joram his son to King David, to greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him (for Hadadezer had been at war with Toi); and Joram brought with him articles of silver, articles of gold, and articles of bronze.

This is a lack of commitment to a local church.

Prov 27:8

Like a bird that wanders from its nest is a man who wanders from his place.(NKJ)

Prov 21:16

16 A man who wanders from the way of understanding will rest in the assembly of the dead.(NKJ)

Jude 1:13

raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the

blackness of darkness forever.(NKJ)

Church is build with stable people. Not loose stones.
Some people change church every 6 months.
This is adultery.
Cannot get blessings of marriage without marriage.

RUTH- NAOMI COVENANT IS DEMANDED OF EVERY BELIEVER IN CHRIST.

AMMONITES – TRIBAL

12 from Syria, from Moab, from the people of Ammon, from the Philistines, from Amalek, and from the spoil of Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

Sentimental family ties hinder many from serving God.

Matt 12:47-50

47 Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You."

48 But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?"

49 And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers!

50 "For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."(NKJ)

One must migrate from biological family concept to a kingdom family concept in order to rule.

AMALEKITES – PEOPLE OF LAPPING/ DWELLER IN A VALLEY

12 from Syria, from Moab, from the people of Ammon, from the Philistines, from Amalek, and from the spoil of Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

Valley is a symbol of depression and hopelessness.

Ps 23:4-6

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

(NKJ)

1 Sam 30:1-6

1 Now it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag, on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the South and Ziklag, attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire,

2 and had taken captive the women and those who were there, from small to great; they did not kill anyone, but carried them away and went their way.

3 So David and his men came to the city, and there it was, burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive.

4 Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

5 And David's two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive.

6 Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.(NKJ)

If you want to rule you must know how to strengthen yourself in times of crisis and hopelessness. This is defeating the Amalekite in your life.

EDOMITES – RED

14 He also put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David wherever he went.

Edom is a symbol of Anger.

Prov 16:32

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.(NKJ)

Prov 19:11

The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, and his glory is to overlook a transgression.(NKJ)

Prov 15:1

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.(NKJ)

Edom is also a symbol of antagonism to God's Word.

Red due to sunburn. Unable to absorb light. Reflects the light. Cannot internalise the Word.

If you want to rule, you must love God's Word.

TO RULE YOU MUST CONQUER THE AFOREMENTIONED ENEMIES.

So David reigned over all Israel