

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Samuel 8:1-14 and Psalm 2.
2. David defeated and subdued the Philistines and took Gath out of the hand of the Philistines. Where did the Philistines come from? In what area of the Land did they dwell? Are they the same as the Palestinians today? What was the significance of Gath and what was its other name?
3. Are these conquests done chronologically just as it is stated in this section of the scripture and done in a week or two?
4. What do we know about the Moabites in the history of Israel? How are the Moabites related to David? For what reasons would David do such a killing?
5. How did David treat the booties he got from his conquest? How would you have treated these booties?
6. What is the Abrahamic covenant? What is the Davidic covenant? What promises did God give to both?
7. Were the land promises fulfilled or still waiting to be fulfilled? How far did David go in his conquest?
8. What happened to the family of David by the time Jesus was born? How was God faithful in His promise to David? The land from the river (Wadi - a small brook) of Egypt to the great river of Euphrates. Was the Nile river in Egypt great, if not greater, than the Euphrates? Why did the scripture not name it in the promise? Was the promise to Abraham for land fulfilled in David's conquest and during the reign of his son Solomon? How was all of that lost? Was God not faithful? He said forever. Did God lie? How was it fulfilled then? Who was reigning during Jesus' birth in Israel?
9. Does sin matter in relation to God's promises? What does that tell you about God's promises and covenant people's faithfulness? Does He have to keep His promise if we are unfaithful to Him? Has that been the dealing of God with His people throughout history? How did God show His faithfulness to His promises? How was God faithful to Abraham and to David in the Lord Jesus Christ? Did the kingdom of David have no end? How was that been fulfilled in Christ? Should we be interpreting the Old Testament in the light of the New Testament?

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10. Why is Jesus greater than David even if David was his father? In what way were God's promises to Abraham and David fulfilled in Christ?

11. What enemies did David defeat in these areas?

West _____ East _____ North _____ South _____

The kingdom of David was 250 miles long and 60 miles wide. Jesus' kingdom has no end and forever. Which one would you think was the ultimate goal of God in God's promises? Why? Do you believe that Jesus was the ultimate fulfillment of God's promises to the nation? Why? Was the physical Israel faithful to God? What about Jesus, the true Israel of God, was He faithful?

12. Pray for each other, that you would trust God to fulfill ALL His promises. Consider attending this Sunday's Zoom Prayer Meeting at 7 pm!

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Isaiah 34-37

February Memory Verses: Isaiah 29:13-16

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. YOU DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER AGAIN until after Easter Sunday.

Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at time of the Prayer Meeting.

DURING Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

PRAYING for our ministry to Seniors, specifically for Pastor Jim's ministry at Thunderbird Senior Living and Pastor Brian's ministry at LifeStream Senior Living.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- Those struggling with fear, anxiety and employment issues because of COVID
 - Raymond C. (missionary who had to return home due to COVID, struggling with housing and food)
- Church members and/or their friends/families who have COVID
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus.
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
 - Rebecca R. (brother), Ray and Sue J. (daughter-in-law, Lynette), Dan and Shirley S. (Dan's father), Nancy C. (father, Pete), April H. (husband, Gary), Ken R. (sister, Joan), Darlene R. (aunt Peggy and great-nephew Derek), Randie A. and Bonnie V. (mother), Tim, Alexa, and Erika P. (grandfather), Dick T. (aunt, Rosia), Family of Victoria A., Paul B. (daughter Paula), Ann T. (son-in-law, Steve), Kim H. (friend died of Covid), Ketty B. (friend, Cliff), Elaine D. (great-nephew Mick died in car accident)
 - Grief Share participants
- Those struggling with cancer issues:
 - Mary C. (breast cancer), Brenda R. (blood cancer and possible donors of bone marrow), Leroy D. (his brother), Chris and Beth L. (3 yr. old daughter with inoperable brain tumor), Jerry M. (friend of Dan S. has pancreatic cancer), 3 family members of Bob & Julia B.
- Those struggling with health issues:
 - Rezwana D. (migraines), Michelle L. (overwhelming stress), Mary R. (possible dialysis, struggling with approval for kidney transplant), Jimmy (grandson of Raul and Cindy O. has autism and migraines), Larry D. (brain bleed not completely healed), Don R. (sciatica pain), Wayne and Twyla D. (Wayne's Parkinson's, he is in an assisted living facility living apart from Twyla), Floyd W. (Pat's dementia), Gretchen E. (Gretchen having severe head pain), Agnes (Bob B.'s mom, broken bone in neck), Ann T. (grandson in hospital with Covid), David W.'s wife Ann (pain & anxiety), Terry H.'s (daughter-in-law due soon-safe delivery), Ruthie C. (will have feeding tube put in for 3+ mos. prior to surgery), Pam D. (in rehab, needs place to go for care after 2/26)
- Those awaiting surgery:
 - Brenda R. (bone marrow transplant - chemotherapy in progress), Ruthie C. (procedure so she can eat)
- Those recovering from surgery:
 - Pastor Jamal B. (liver transplant)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
 - Julia B. (family), Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
 - Larry S., Billy H., Julia B. (after move in March)
- Others that you are aware of
 - Family of Neil, who came to the Food Pantry; Neil died from cancer 2/8, now his mother and two sisters are very sick with Covid.