

## Sunday Night Message

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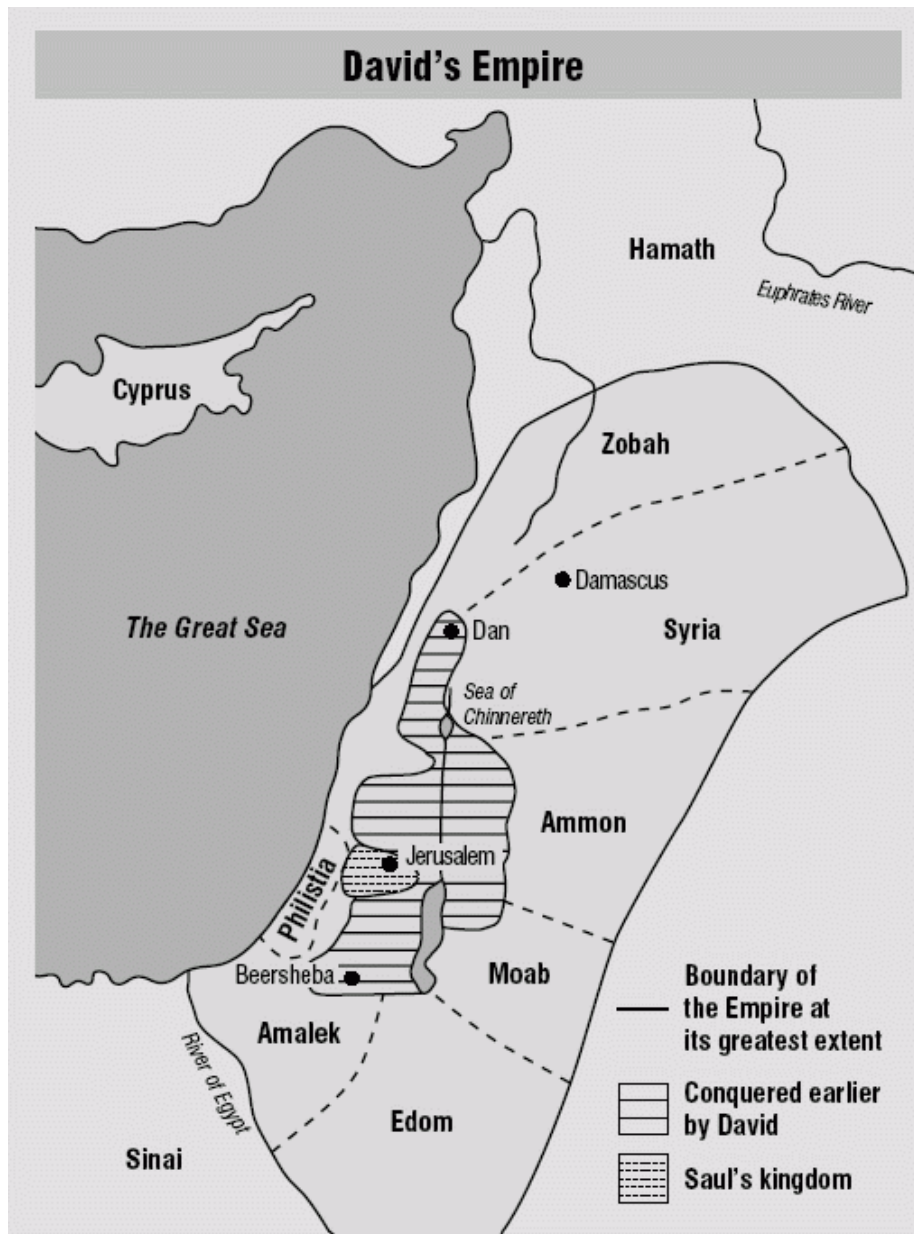
*Psalm 21*

Series – The Psalms

**Text – Psalm 21**

### Introduction

The context of this Psalm of David is praise to God for blessing his kingdom by extending well beyond the borders that were established by his predecessor, Saul. Read 2 Samuel 8 and view the map.



This is known as a royal Psalm, obviously because of its references to the Kingdom of David. This Psalm is both historical and prophetic in that it speaks of David's actual earthly kingdom, but it also has Messianic implications (vs. 4 – 6; and vs. 10-12). David's kingdom foreshadowed the 1000 year Millennial reign of Christ, when Jesus will set up a kingdom on the earth. (see Revelation 20:1 - 3; Isaiah 2:1 – 4; Isaiah 11:1 – 10; Zechariah 14)

## **I The Visible Blessing of God (vs. 1 – 3)**

David had given himself wholly to the will of God.

God called David for a specific task to be the king over Israel.

David gave Himself wholly to the task.

God blessed David as he fulfilled his will.

*"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." - (Psalm 1:1-3)*

*"Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." - (Psalm 37:4)*

## **II A Vision of Both Kingdoms (vs. 4 – 6)**

In these verses we see a picture of both David's kingdom, as well as the coming Millennial reign of Christ. Some of the language may be metaphorical when applied to David's earthly reign – ie. "forever and ever", but it is totally literal as it applies to Christ.

## **III Victorious in Battles With God's Enemies (vs. 7 – 13)**

We will always be ultimately victorious when fighting God's battles against God's enemies. Our problem today is that we are fighting the wrong battles. We are fighting against people who are not God's enemies.

*"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." - (Ephesians 6:12)*

We need to fight God's battles against the powers of darkness, in God's strength.

The result will be a manifestation of the power of God, which will bring forth victory, which then brings forth praise.