

“The Enemies of God (**Not David**)”
2 Samuel 8:1-18

“The God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of Israel has said to me: When one rules justly over men, ruling in the fear of God, he dawns on them like the morning light, like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning, like rain that makes grass sprout from the earth.” (2 Samuel 23:3-4)

“Say to them, As I live, declares the LORD God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?” (Ezekiel 33:11)

“Or do you presume on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.” (Romans 2:4-5)

- The Historical Background of the Text:
 - In 2 Samuel 8:1-18 we see a synopsis of 2 Samuel 7:11. The enemies of the West (Philistines), the East (Moabites), the North (Syrians/Arameans), and the South (Edomites) were all defeated by the LORD through David.
 - **The Philistines** have been the main enemies of Israel through the book of 1 and 2 Samuel. This specific victory over Gath – **“Bridle of the Mother City”** (1 Chronicles 18:1-3) was a decisive victory.
 - **The Moabites** have had a good relationship with David for two reasons at least. One, being that David’s great grandmother Ruth was a Moabitess, and second the King of Moab had given safe harbor to David’s family in 1 Samuel 22:3-4. The Moabites were also descendants of Abraham’s nephew Lot.
 - **The Arameans** had a very powerful army and under the providence of God was obliterated by David’s army. *“And David hamstringed all the chariot horses”* — They would cut the large tendon behind the knees on the hind legs of the horses so that they could no longer be used for the purposes of war. David, as a military man, had started to learn the tactics of using chariots, which was foreign to Israel previously (Psalm 20:7).
 - **The Edomites** were descendants of Esau biblically. The Edomites had many trade routes that ran through their land on top of having many copper mines. This would have been incredibly beneficial to the economical flourishing of Israel!
 - David’s Officials: *“For a Nation or an Individual to be successful he must not just win the wars but he also must learn to win the peace.”*
 - **Joab:** This position was earned by Joab in his victory over the Jebusites (1 Chronicles 11:6). He was one of David’s nephews.
 - **Jehoshaphat:** Recorded history is important to God. History gives us line of sight to the faithfulness of God and how God is providentially working His plans.
 - **Zadok and Abiathar** were the priests. Zadok had replaced Eli in the lineage of priests and Abiathar was the only priest that had escaped Saul’s slaughter of the priests at Nob.
 - **Beniah** was a unique character in the sense that he was a priest and a mighty man of war. He was also in charge of David’s personal bodyguards (2 Samuel 23:20-23).

Worship: All Creatures — Kings Kaleidoscope

As the Deer — Various Artists

Service Times: Sundays: New Members Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Announcements:

★**WOMEN'S FALL GET-TOGETHER:** Ladies, we are having a Women's Fall Get-Together *THIS* Saturday, October 14th, at 3pm, here at the church Fellowship Hall! The church is providing coffee, tea, hot cider, and cookies. Feel free to bring a finger food or dessert to share! This is a great way to make new connections or just catch up with friends. Children are welcome, but no child care will be provided. If you have any questions, please see Andrea Fields.

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, the monthly men's breakfast is scheduled for *THIS* Saturday, October 14th, at 7am, at the Big Apple Café — Log Pond location.

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism service will be *THIS* Sunday, October 15th. If you have any questions about being baptized or are interested in being baptized, please see Pastor Jeremey or one of the other elders.

★**October is Pastor Appreciation Month!** We would like to shower our pastor with love and encouragement during the month of October. Feel free to write a note of thanks or encouragement to Pastor Jeremey, and if you would like, feel free to include a gift or a gift card with your note. These notes and gifts can be given to Elder Zach anytime throughout the month, he will collect them all and give them to Pastor Jeremey at the end of the month. We are also taking a special collection throughout the month of October for Pastor Appreciation Month, if you would like to give toward this gift, you can either use the giving box in the entryway, please make sure to use a giving envelope to note that the gift is for Pastor Appreciation Month, or by Venmo, again, making sure to note that the gift is for Pastor Appreciation Month.

★**FALL GET-TOGETHER:** We will be having a Fall Get-together and bonfire at Andy's house on Saturday, October 28th, at 6pm. There is a sign-up list in the entryway, please sign-up to bring things like supplies for s'mores, or to bring hot cider, hot dogs, hot chocolate, coffee, etc. Please bring a lawn chair if you have one!