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The Remaining Years of David's Rule
 2 Samuel 21:1-1 Kings 2:11

- Further war with the Philistines 2 Samuel 21:15-22
 - David's age began to show as he had to be rescued from a Philistine giant.
 - David's men dissuaded him from engaging in battle after this.

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 - Several descendants of the giants were from Gath, the city of Goliath. David picked up five stones when he killed Goliath. It has been suggested that he knew that Goliath had these four relatives.

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- Psalms "bookending" the reign of David. 2 Samuel 22:1-23:7
 - The heading and content place the first Psalm (also found in the book of Psalms as Psalm 18) in the early days of the reign of David.
 - Yahweh is given honor and praise as the God Who has provided everything needed for victory in battle. 22:2-4

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- Psalms "bookending" the reign of David. 2 Samuel 22:1-23:7
 - In situations where death seemed a real possibility David called on Yahweh his God and God heard and answered. 22:5-7
 - Note that although the Temple had not yet been built in Jerusalem, the place of God's presence is referred to as the Temple in 1 Samuel 1:9; 3:3 in the days of the high priest Eli.

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 - David experienced God's intervention in various forms: 22:8-16
 - Earthquake
 - Thunderstorms
 - Violent winds

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 - David attributed God's intervention for the times when he was delivered from seemingly impossible situations. 22:17-20
 - David saw in God's deliverance the fulfillment of the promises in the Law that God would give victory to those who walk in obedience to Him. 22:21-31 (Leviticus 26:3-8; Deuteronomy 28:1-7)

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 - David took no credit for his victory of his enemies but realized that his skill as a warrior, his strength in battle, and his power over his enemies came from Yahweh. 22:32-43

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 - David recognized God as the source of his exalted position even among the other nations of the world. 22:44-49
 - The Psalm ends with a commitment to praise the name of Yahweh among the nations and praise for God's covenant with the house of David.

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Lessons

- Recognize when your limitations put you and others in jeopardy.
- God is your safe place.
- God does not prevent times of distress from arising but saves us in the midst of them.
- We serve the God Who hears and answers.

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Lessons

- Do not be ashamed to give God the glory for His deliverance.
- Obedience to God always gives you an advantage you would not have otherwise.
- Acknowledge God as the source of every asset you have.
- Rest in your relationship with God.

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