

2 Samuel 5:17-25 **Philistines driven back as far as Gezer**

Philistines Defeated at Baal Perazim [2 Samuel 5:17-25, 1 Chron 14:8-17]

17 Now when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. And David heard of it and went down to the stronghold. 18 The Philistines also went and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. 19 So David inquired of the Lord, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?"

And the Lord said to David, "Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand."

20 So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, "The Lord has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim. 21 And they left their images there, and David and his men carried them away.

Philistines defeated in Valley of Rephaim – Sound of marching at top of Mulberry trees

22 Then the Philistines went up once again and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. 23 Therefore David inquired of the Lord, and He said, "You shall not go up; circle around behind them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees. 24 And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. For then the Lord will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines." 25 And David did so, as the Lord commanded him; and he drove back the Philistines from Geba as far as Gezer.

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Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ The Philistines challenged David when they first learned that David had become king of Israel, and they deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim (Valley of the Giants).
- ◇ The Valley of Rephaim was on the southern border of Jerusalem, between Jerusalem and Bethlehem. [Joshua 18:16]
- ◇ The Philistine army included the Rephaim (giants) descendants of the Nephilim.
- ✧ David was king in Jerusalem, and he inquired of Yahweh regarding the Philistines.
- ✧ Yahweh assured David of victory.
- ✧ The Philistines were defeated in the Valley of Rephaim (Valley of the Giants) and David called the place Baal Perazim (Lord of Breaches) because the Lord has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water.
- ◇ Apparently the Philistines left their images there and David and his men carried them away.

Philistines defeated in Valley of Rephaim – Sound of marching at top of Mulberry trees [2 Samuel 5:22-25]

- ✧ The second time the Philistines deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim (Valley of the Giants) David again inquired of Yahweh.
- ✧ Yahweh advised David to circle around the Philistines and advance quickly when he hears the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, with the assurance that the Lord will go before David and strike the camp of the Philistines.
- ✧ David did as the Lord commanded, and drove the Philistines back from Geba as far as Gezer.
- ◇ **Geba**, a Levitical city of Benjamin north of Jerusalem, **Gezer**, 18 miles NW of Jerusalem, 17 miles SE of Jaffa (Tel-Aviv) was a city of the Levites.

