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1CHRONICLES 14: 1 Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and masons, and carpenters, to build him a house.

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Hiram sends artificers and materials to David, to build him a house, 1Chr 14:1, 1Chr 14:2. David's wives and children, 1Chr 14:3-7. He defeats the Philistines in two battles: one in the valley of Rephaim, 1Chr 14:8-12; and the other at Gibeon and Gazer, 1Chr 14:13-16. His fame goes out into all the surrounding nations, 1Chr 14:17.

Verse 1

Now Hiram king of Tyre - See the transactions of this chapter related 2Sam 5:11-25 (note).

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1CHRONICLES 14: 2 David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel; for his kingdom was exalted on high, for his people Israel's sake.

1CHRONICLES 14: 3 David took more wives at Jerusalem; and David became the father of more sons and daughters.

1CHRONICLES 14: 4 These are the names of the children whom he had in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,

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Verse 4

These are the names of his children - In 2Sam 5:14-16 (note), eleven persons only are mentioned in the Hebrew text, but the Septuagint has twenty-four, here there are thirteen, and all the versions have the same number, with certain varieties in the names. - See the notes there.

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1CHRONICLES 14: 5 and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpelet,

1CHRONICLES 14: 6 and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

1CHRONICLES 14: 7 and Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

1CHRONICLES 14: 8 When the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David: and David heard of it, and went out against them.

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Verse 8

The Philistines went up to seek David - See on 2Sam 5:17 (note).

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1CHRONICLES 14: 9 Now the Philistines had come and made a raid in the valley of Rephaim.

1CHRONICLES 14: 10 David inquired of God, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hand?" The LORD said to him, "Go up; for I will deliver them into your hand."

Verse 10

David inquired of God - "David consulted the Word of the Lord." - T.

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1CHRONICLES 14: 11 So they came up to Baal Perazim, and David struck them there; and David said, God has broken my enemies by my hand, like the breach of waters. Therefore they called the name of that place Baal Perazim.

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Verse 11

Like the breaking forth of waters - "And David said, The Lord hath broken the enemies of David like to the breaking of a potter's vessel full of water." - T.

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1CHRONICLES 14: 12 They left their gods there; and David gave commandment, and they were burned with fire.

1CHRONICLES 14: 13 The Philistines yet again made a raid in the valley.

1CHRONICLES 14: 14 David inquired again of God; and God said to him, "You shall not go up after them. Turn away from them, and come on them over against the mulberry trees.

1CHRONICLES 14: 15 It shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then you shall go out to battle; for God has gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines."

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Verse 15

A sound of going - "When thou shalt hear the sound of the angels coming to thy assistance, then go out to battle; for an angel is sent from the presence of God, that he may render thy way prosperous." - T.

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1CHRONICLES 14: 16 David did as God commanded him: and they struck the army of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gezer.

1CHRONICLES 14: 17 The fame of David went out into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him on all nations.

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Verse 17

Into all lands - That is, all the surrounding or neighboring lands and nations, for no others can possibly be intended.