David was hearing that the Philistines had ransacked and smitten them. David therefore said, "God has broken forth against us because we have not kept His words when we went up to seek Him. Now therefore, we will go up; for the LORD will be with us." So they went up to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there. And David said, "God broke through against us; He will smite us until we are destroyed." Therefore the name of that place was called Baal-perazim. As they departed from there, David enquired of the LORD. And He said to him, "You have smitten them with the hand; now they will be smitten with the sword." So David went up to the Zophim. And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. And when the Philistines heard that David was going up there to fight, they says to all who were on their side, "Assemble and let us go down to meet David, that we may smite him and take the city from him." So they said, "Do not let us go up there; let us return to our homes, lest they employ us to build a wall for them. For they have smitten us with their hand, but David has smitten them with the hand of the Lord." So they abandoned the thoughts of going up to David at that time. And the Philistines came and attacked Israel in Gob and they smote Israel, and they sent messengers to David and said, "We have heard the sound of a great army, as though there were a brook of waters. Come and we will be faithful to you." And David inquired of the L ORD, saying, "Shall I go up to those within the brook of waters? Will you grant me victory over the Philistines?" And the LORD said to David, "Go and smite the Philistines, and save Israel from their hand." So David perceived that the L ORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel. And David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters.

And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. And David enquired of God, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand?" And the L ORD said unto him, "Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand. So they came up to Baal-perazim; and David smote them there. And David said, "God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters," therefore they called that place Baal-perazim. And they said, "The God of Israel hath broken forth against us like a breach of waters." Therefore they called it the breach of waters; it is yet called the Philistines' waters to this day. And the Philistines came up daily. And David enquired of the L ORD. And the L ORD said, "Smite him again, because he smote thee with the hand." So they smote him again again seven times. And David said, "The L ORD has delivered him into mine hand, because he is smitten with the hand of the L ORD." So the Philistines were subdued; and they came under the dominion of David and his servants.
And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.

And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley.

Therefore David enquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

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