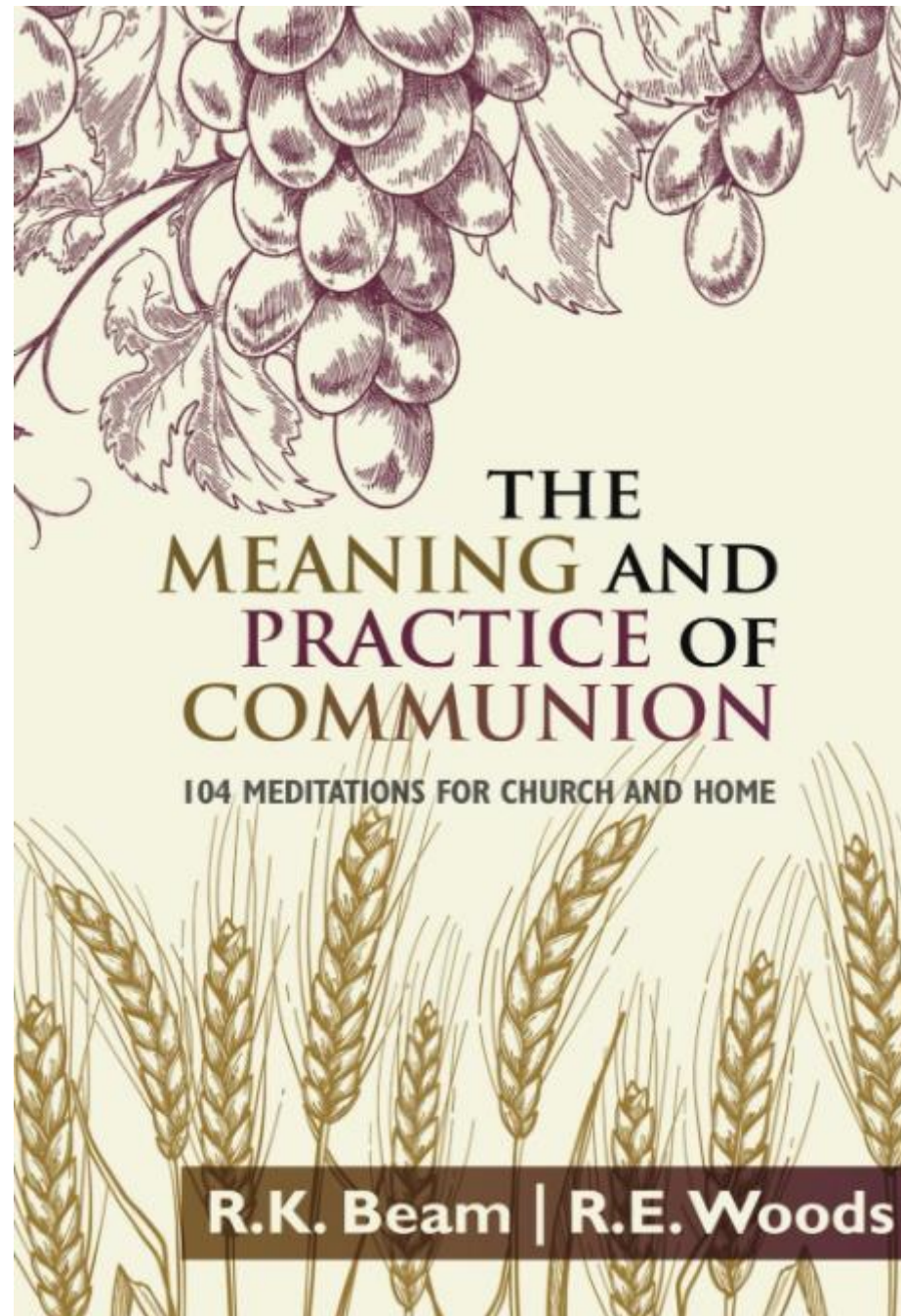


# King Saul

*1 Samuel 8-31*













SOUTH

JORDAN  
EAST

EGYPT

Mediterranean Sea

WEST

*Philistines live in cities along the coast*

**Jebus**  
Jérusalem

**Gibeon**  
Saul's home

**Ramah**  
Samuel's home  
15 MI/24 KM to Shiloh

**Mizpah**  
**Bethel**

*Israelites live mainly in the hills  
out of reach of raiders on chariots.*

**SHILOH**  
Samuel grew up here, raised by Priest Eli

# SHILOH

## ISRAEL'S WORSHIP CENTER

Philistines rout Israel's army, steal the Ark of the Covenant and probably destroy Shiloh's worship facilities because after Priest Eli dies that day, Bible writers never mention it again.

*Israel's tent worship center*

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Israel Asks for a King



King Saul





# Quick review of Judges 21



## A bizarre ending...

- Levite, servant, and concubine/wife
- Gibeah in Benjamin
- 400,000 vs 26,000
- Benjamin almost completely wiped out
  - 600 Benjamite men left
- The great oath
  - Death to any clan who doesn't show up at Mizpah
  - No marriage
    - Jabesh-Gilead (400)
    - Festival at Shiloh (200)
- Dating of the story?

# Jabesh-Gilead and Nahash the Ammonite

10:27-11:3 Now Nahash, king of the Ammonites, had been grievously oppressing the Gadites and the Reubenites. He would gouge out the right eye of each of them and would not grant Israel a deliverer. No one was left of the Israelites across the Jordan whose right eye Nahash, king of the Ammonites, had not gouged out. But there were seven thousand men who had escaped from the Ammonites and had entered Jabesh-gilead.

About a month later, Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh-gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Make a treaty with us, and we will serve you." But Nahash the Ammonite said to them, "On this condition I will make a treaty with you, namely that I gouge out everyone's right eye, and thus put disgrace upon all Israel." The elders of Jabesh said to him, "Give us seven days' respite that we may send messengers through all the territory of Israel. Then, if there is no one to save us, we will give ourselves up to you."





King Saul:  
Reigned from  
the age of 30-72

*(1052-1010 BC)*





# Battle of Michmash





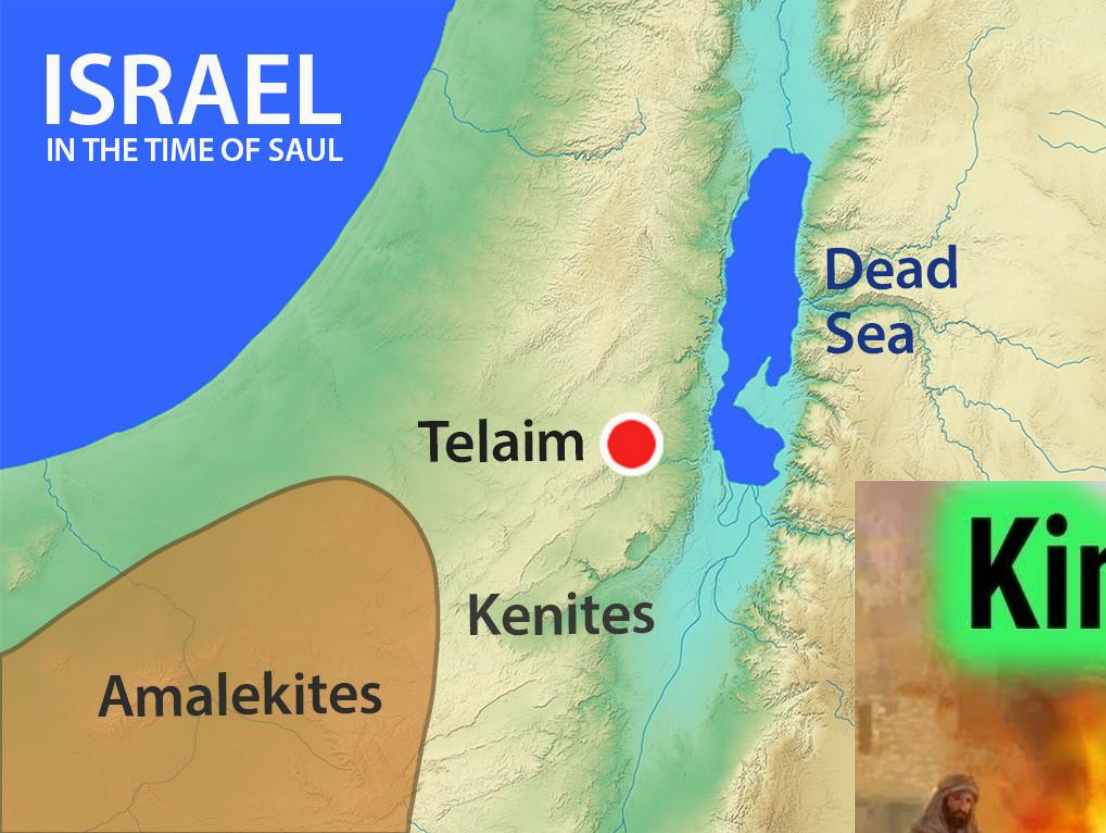


# Jonathan and Philistines



# ISRAEL

IN THE TIME OF SAUL



## King Saul & the Amalekites





# 1 Samuel 15



<sup>10</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel: <sup>11</sup> “I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions.” Samuel was angry, and he cried out to the LORD all that night.

<sup>12</sup> Early in the morning Samuel got up and went to meet Saul, but he was told, “Saul has gone to Carmel. There he has set up a monument in his own honor and has turned and gone on down to Gilgal.”

<sup>13</sup> When Samuel reached him, Saul said, “The LORD bless you! I have carried out the LORD’s instructions.”

<sup>14</sup> But Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?”

<sup>15</sup> Saul answered, “The soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; they spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the LORD your God, but we totally destroyed the rest.”

<sup>16</sup> “Enough!” Samuel said to Saul. “Let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night.”

“Tell me,” Saul replied.



# 1 Samuel 15



<sup>17</sup> Samuel said, “Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel. <sup>18</sup> And he sent you on a mission, saying, ‘Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; wage war against them until you have wiped them out.’ <sup>19</sup> Why did you not obey the LORD? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the LORD?”

<sup>20</sup> “But I did obey the LORD,” Saul said. “I went on the mission the LORD assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king. <sup>21</sup> The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the LORD your God at Gilgal.”

<sup>22</sup> But Samuel replied:

“Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices  
as much as in obeying the LORD?

To obey is better than sacrifice,  
and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

<sup>23</sup> For rebellion is like the sin of divination,  
and arrogance like the evil of idolatry.  
Because you have rejected the word of the LORD,  
he has rejected you as king.”

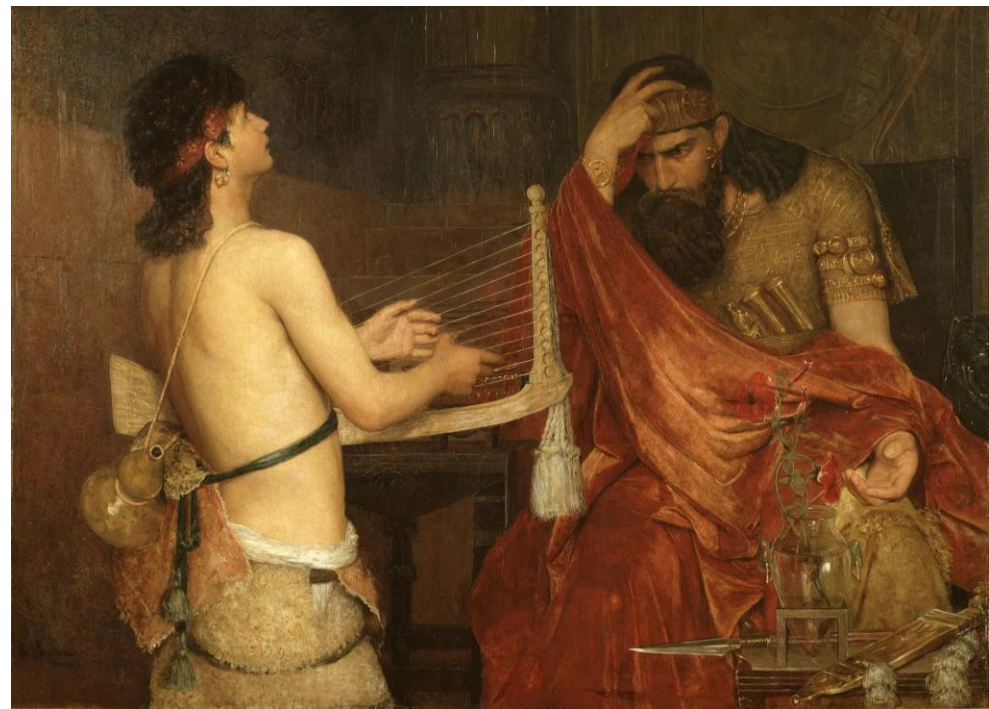


David  
Anointed  
King

*probably about  
15 years old*



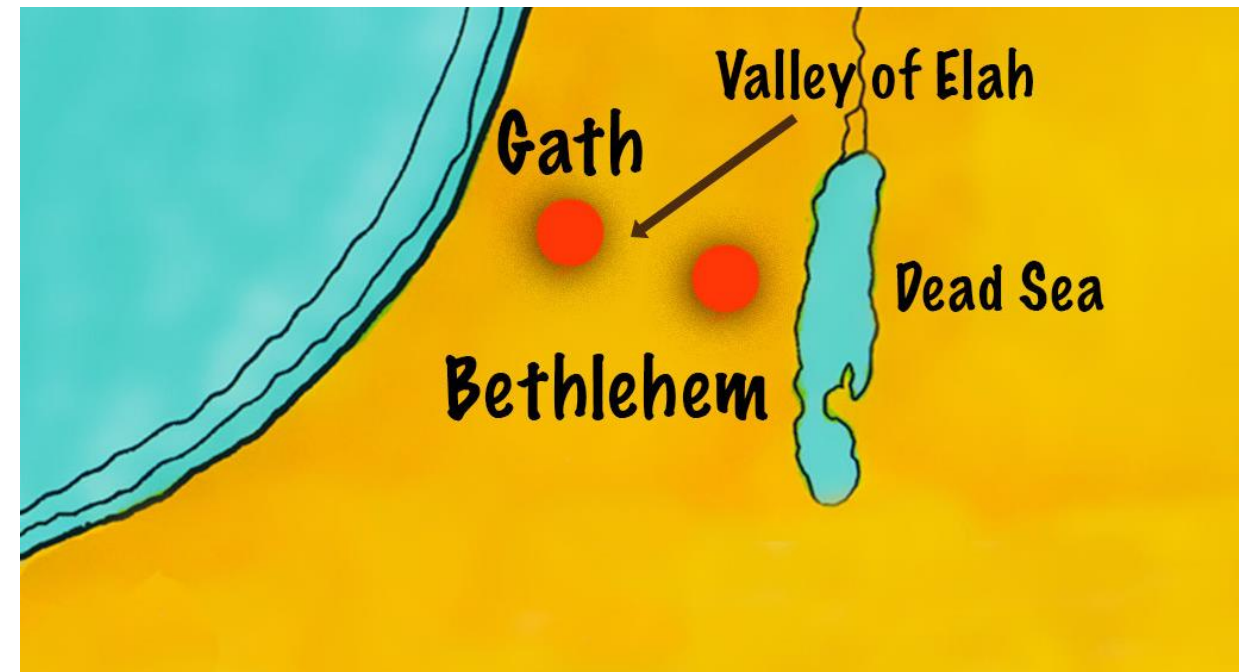






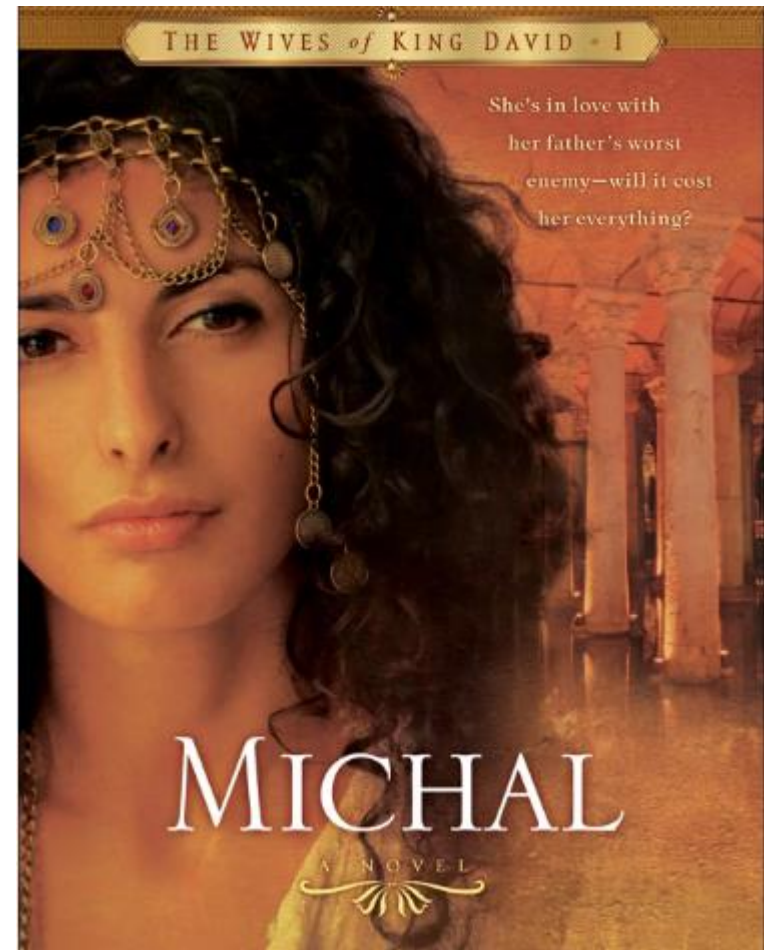
# *David & Goliath*

*Miraculous Battle Showdown*





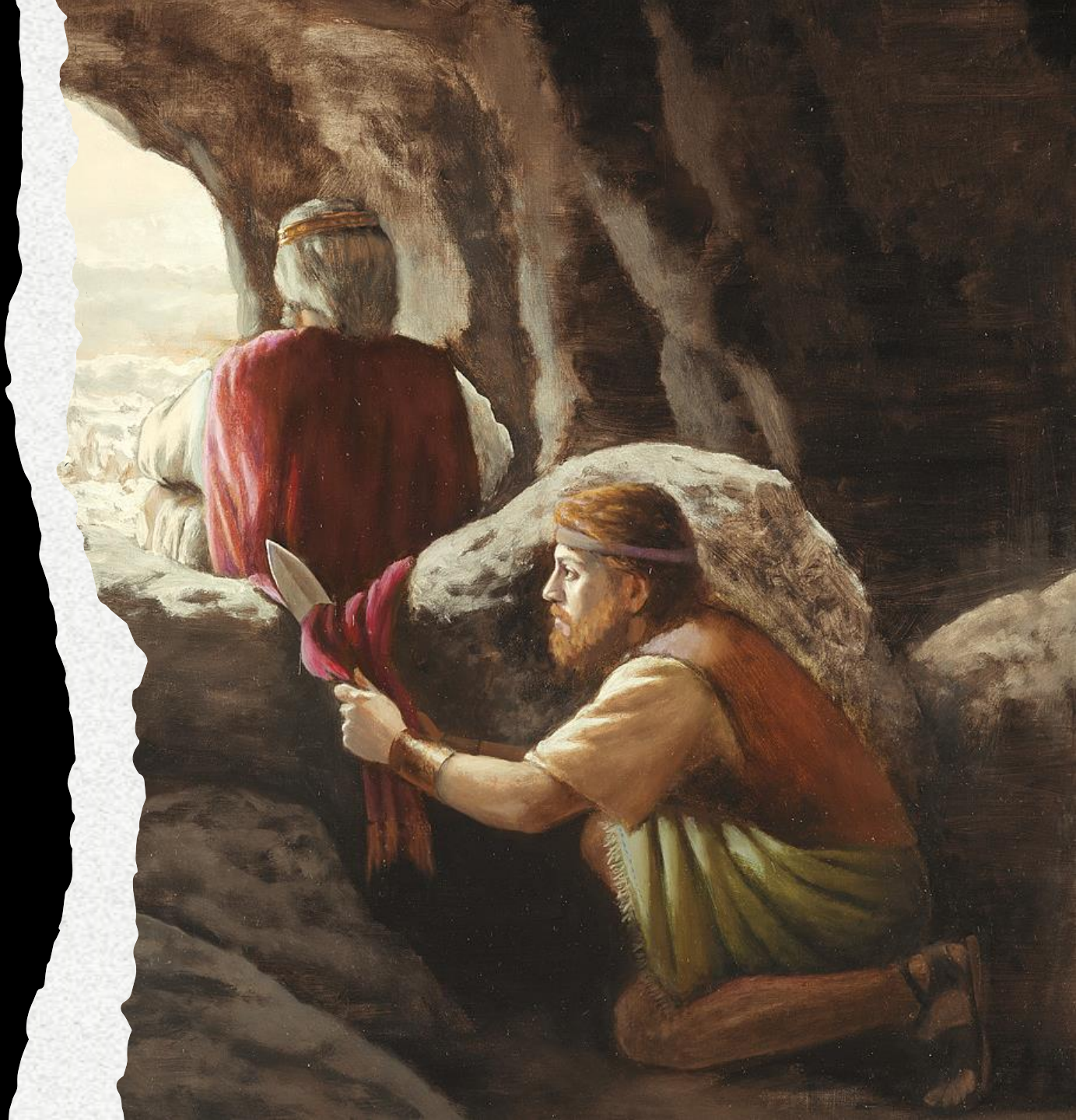
# David and Saul's family



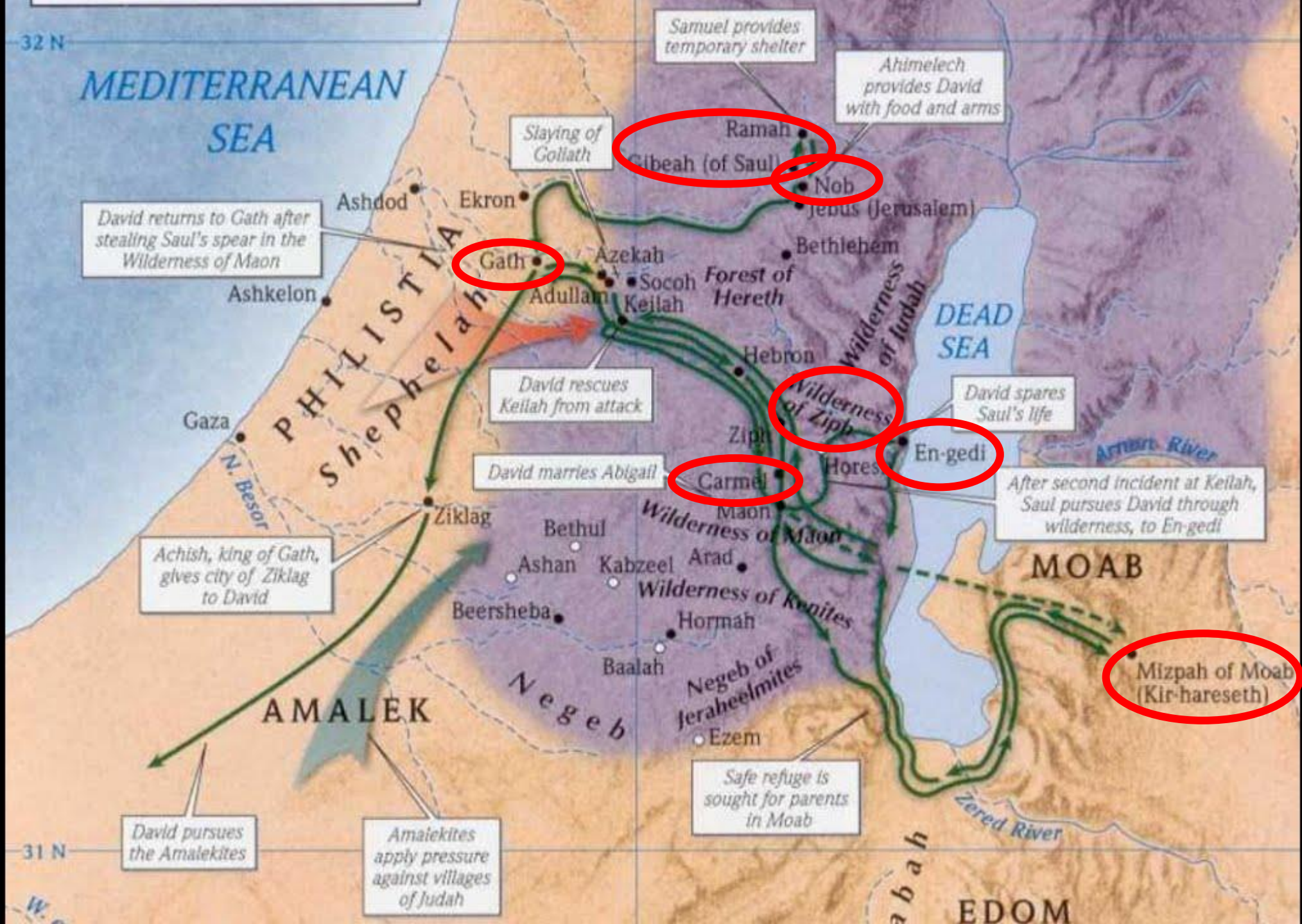


# Sauls' Jealousy – Trying to Kill David

*9 chapters of  
wilderness experience  
(21-29).  
up to 30 years old*



















# David Amongst the Philistines

1 Samuel 27





# The Witch of Endor









# Themes and Key Takeaways









# The Nation of Israel

## *Schedule*

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# The House of Saul

## Tribe of Benjamin

### 2 Samuel 3:1



**Key**

**Black: Male**  
**Pink: Female**

Killed or executed

**Steve Rudd**  
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“But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.” (1 Samuel 13:14)

“So Samuel said to him, “The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to your neighbor, who is better than you.” (1 Samuel 15:28)

