

A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, reflecting the sky and surrounding greenery. The shoreline is lined with lush green trees and bushes, some with small white and yellow flowers. The sky is a vibrant blue with scattered white clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

1st Samuel

Lesson 10

Chapters 28-31

David's Blessing and Saul's Death

Two Themes For This Study

1. Follow God's Commands
2. Repent

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

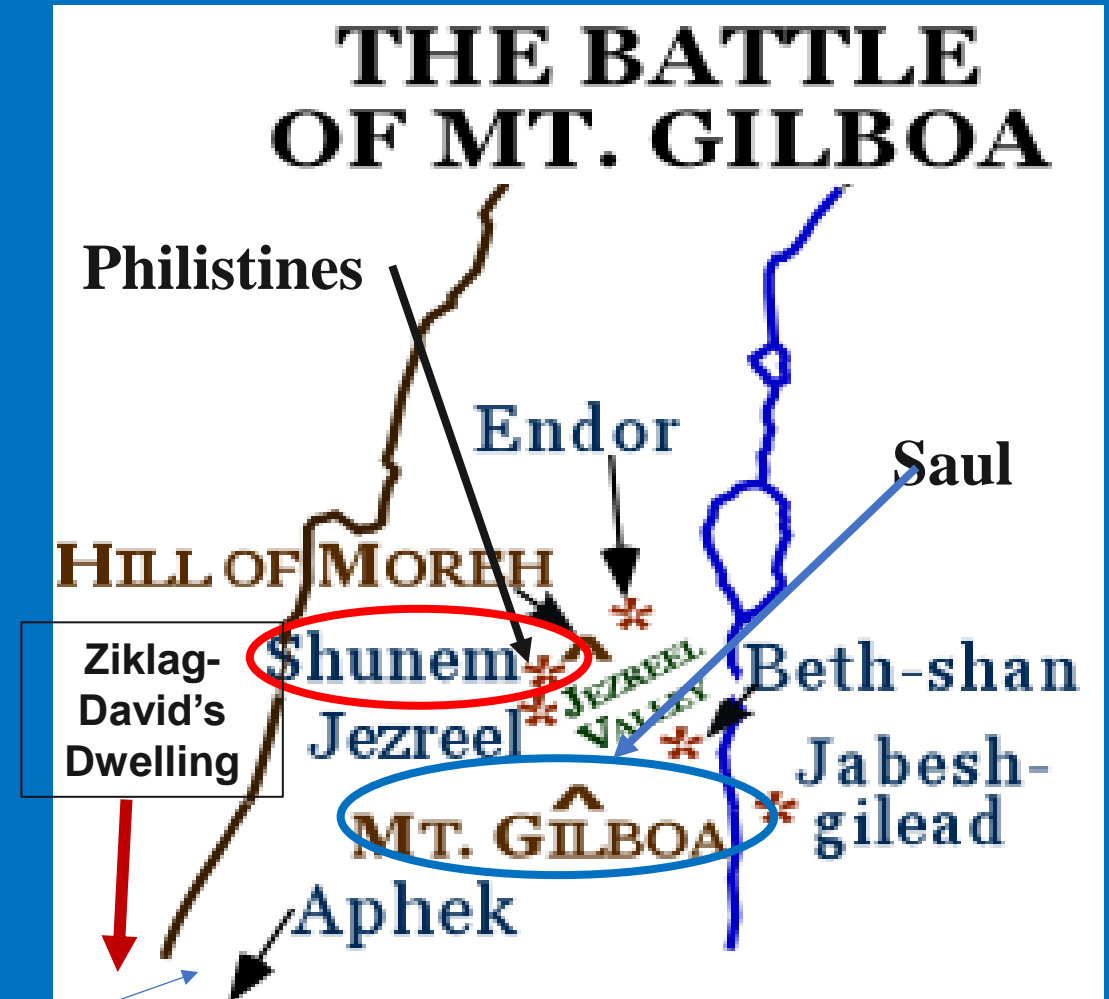
13 The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Chapter 28-Saul Consults a Medium at Endor

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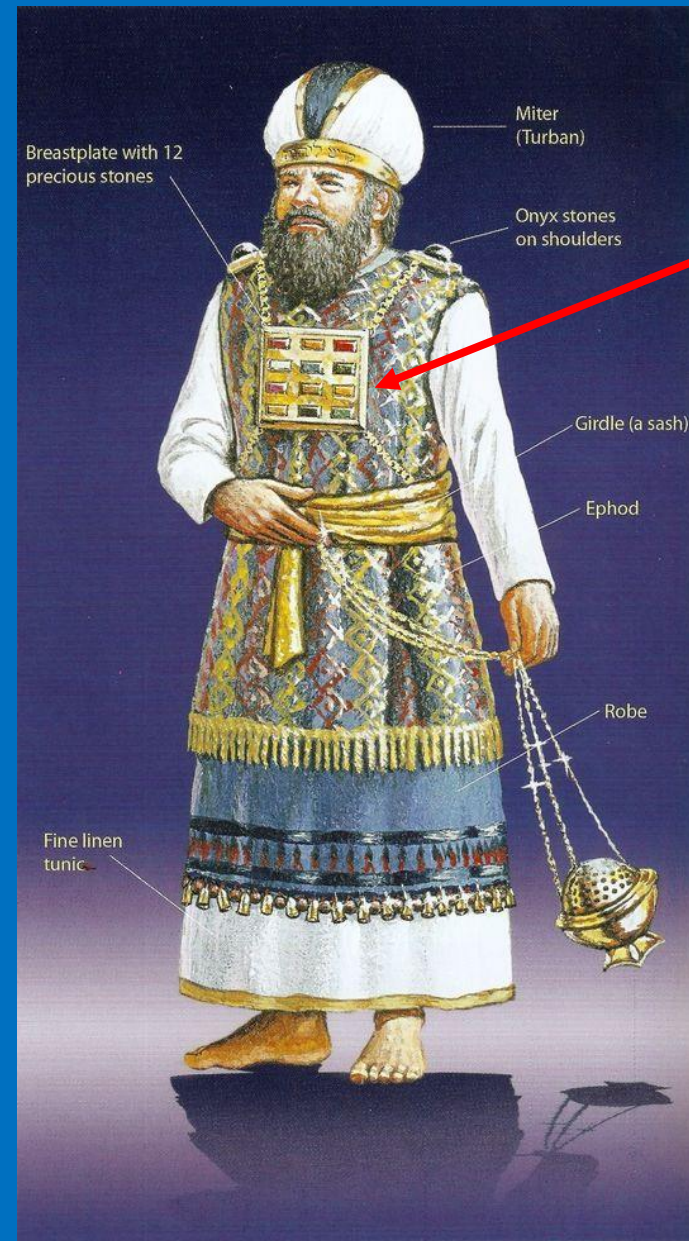
- The Philistines gathered their armies to fight against Israel.
- Since Achish, King of Gath believed David had lost his loyalty to Israel, he promoted David as his **bodyguard**.
- King Achish expected David to fight against Israel.



- The Philistines camped at Shunem while Saul camped at Gilboa.
- The Size of the Philistine camp terrified Saul (Compare Saul's fearfulness to Psalm 118:5-8). []
- Saul inquired of the Lord, but the Lord **did not** answer, whether by dreams or by the prophets (no repentance).



- Sometimes the Lord spoke through the priest using the Urim and Thummim.
- The priest wore these stones in a pouch.
- The Lord might have used the Urim and Thummim to relay His message by casting lots.



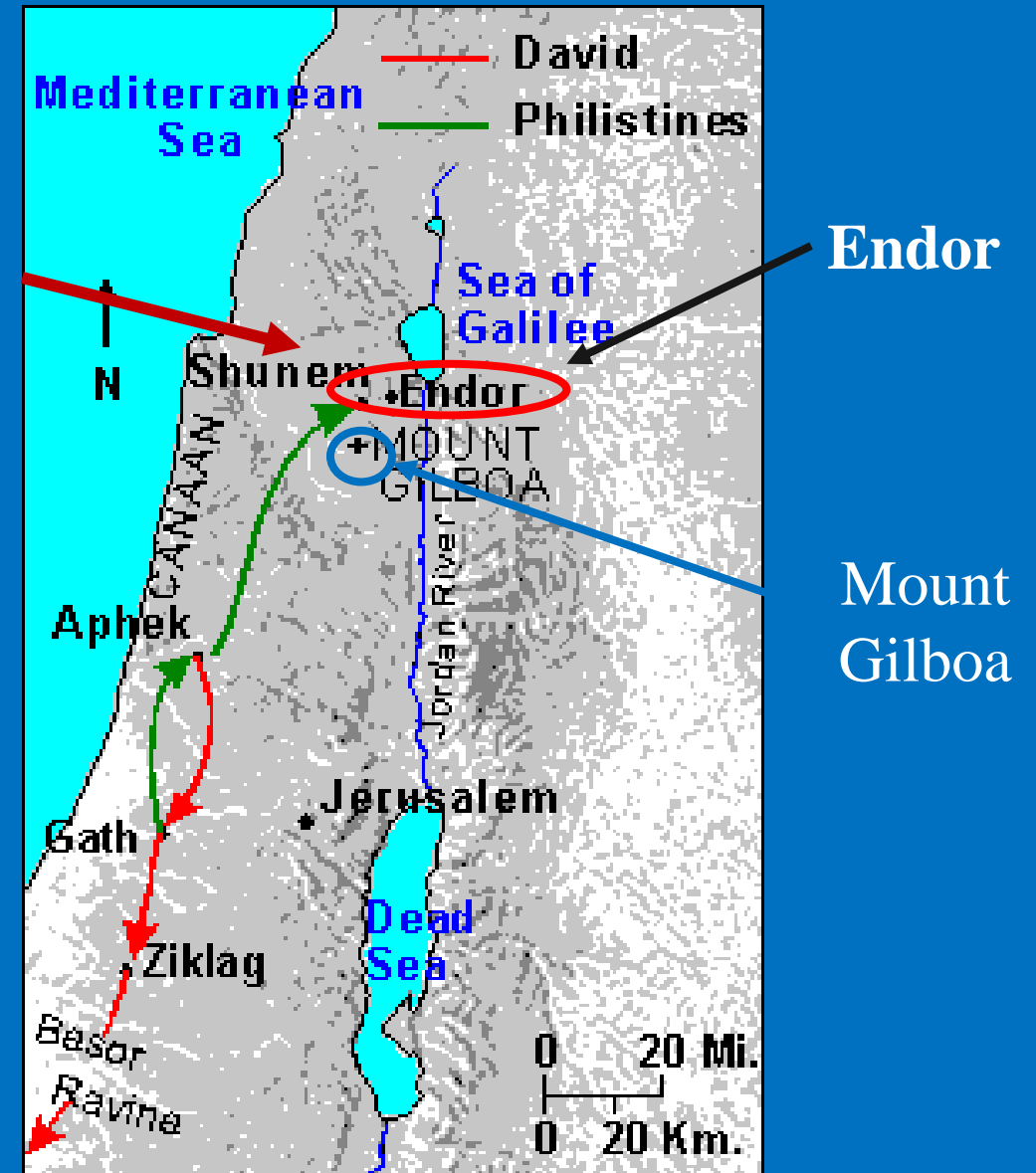
**Urim and
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- Prophets, sometimes called seers, could foretell the future..
- Prophets would also declare the Word of the Lord even when the people did not want to hear it (Isaiah 6:8) []



Urim and Thummim Kept in Breastplate

- Since the Lord did not speak to Saul, he sought out a medium in the Philistine territory of Endor **Endor**. Shunem
- The use of Mediums violated God's Law and Saul removed them from Israel (Leviticus 19:31; 20:27). []
- Saul did not want the Philistines or the medium to recognize him, so Saul **disguised** himself. (*Sin disguises itself-2 Timothy 2:22*) []



- The medium asked Saul who she should bring up and Saul answered, “Samuel.”
- Samuel’s appearance terrified the medium and she instantly recognized Saul.



- The medium believed Saul had tricked her and would put her to death. Saul, however, promised not to harm her.
- The medium described Samuel's appearance and Saul immediately recognized Samuel.
- Saul asked Samuel about the next day's battle.



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- Samuel told Saul since he had **disobeyed** the Lord, both he and his sons would die in battle and Israel would fall to the Philistines. 1 Samuel 28:15-20; Philippians 2:10 []
- Much debate has surfaced as to whether God actually raised Samuel from the dead.



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- Scripture is clearly states God had stopped talking with Saul (1 Samuel 28:6) [].
- Satan and his demons have powers as mentioned in Ephesians 6:12). []
- One should never entertain the powers of demonic forces.



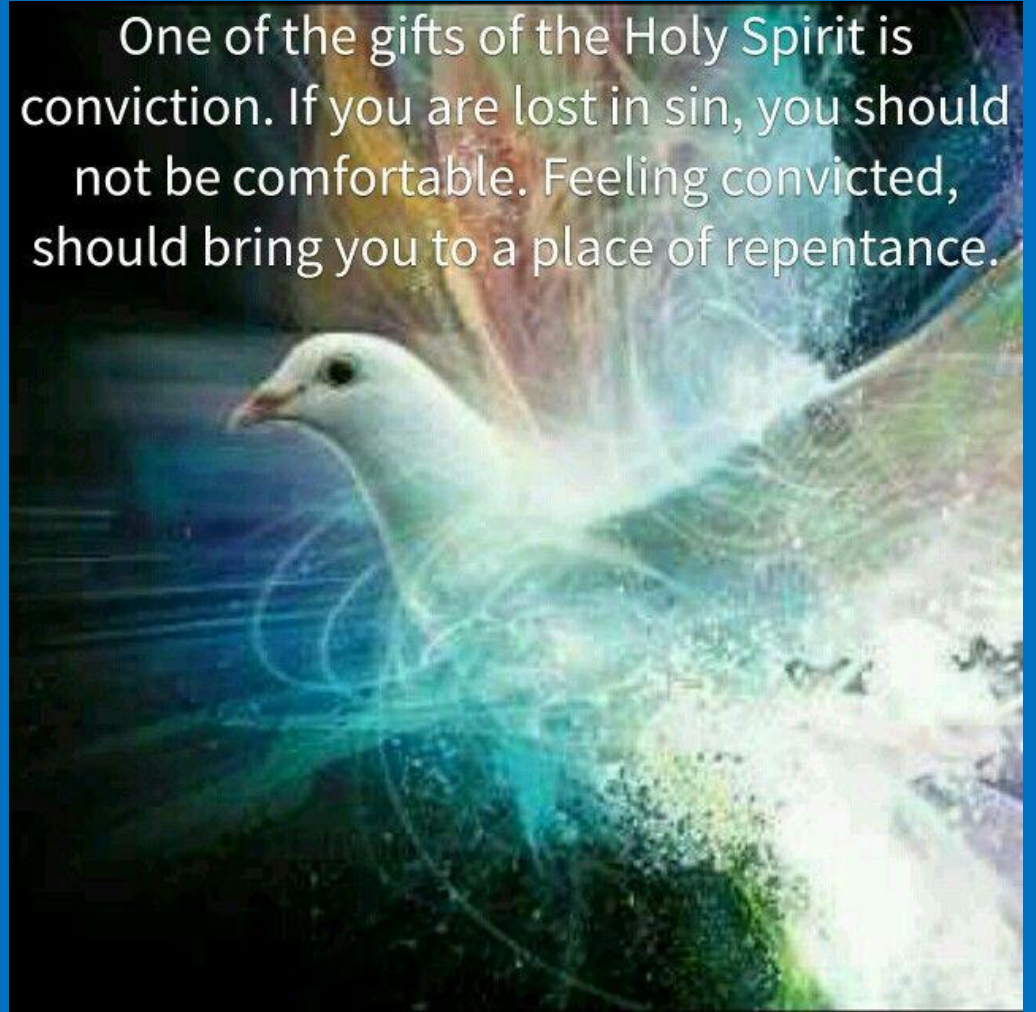
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- After hearing the message, Saul fell to the floor in terror.
- Both the medium and Saul's servants encouraged him to eat.
- After Saul ate, he went away (1 Corinthians 6:18-20).



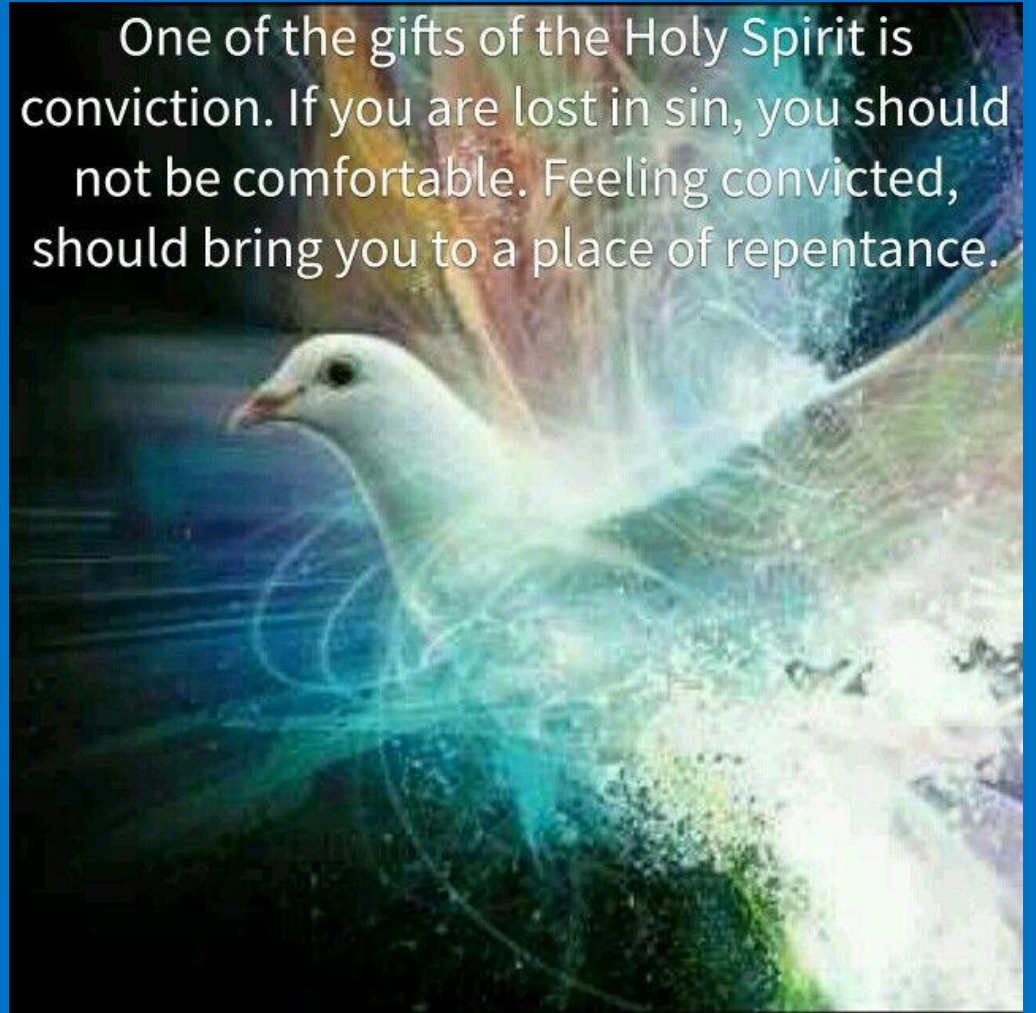
- Interestingly, Saul never repented. Jesus states in John 16:7-8, the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin. [] If the Holy Spirit does not convict, then one has no desire to repent.

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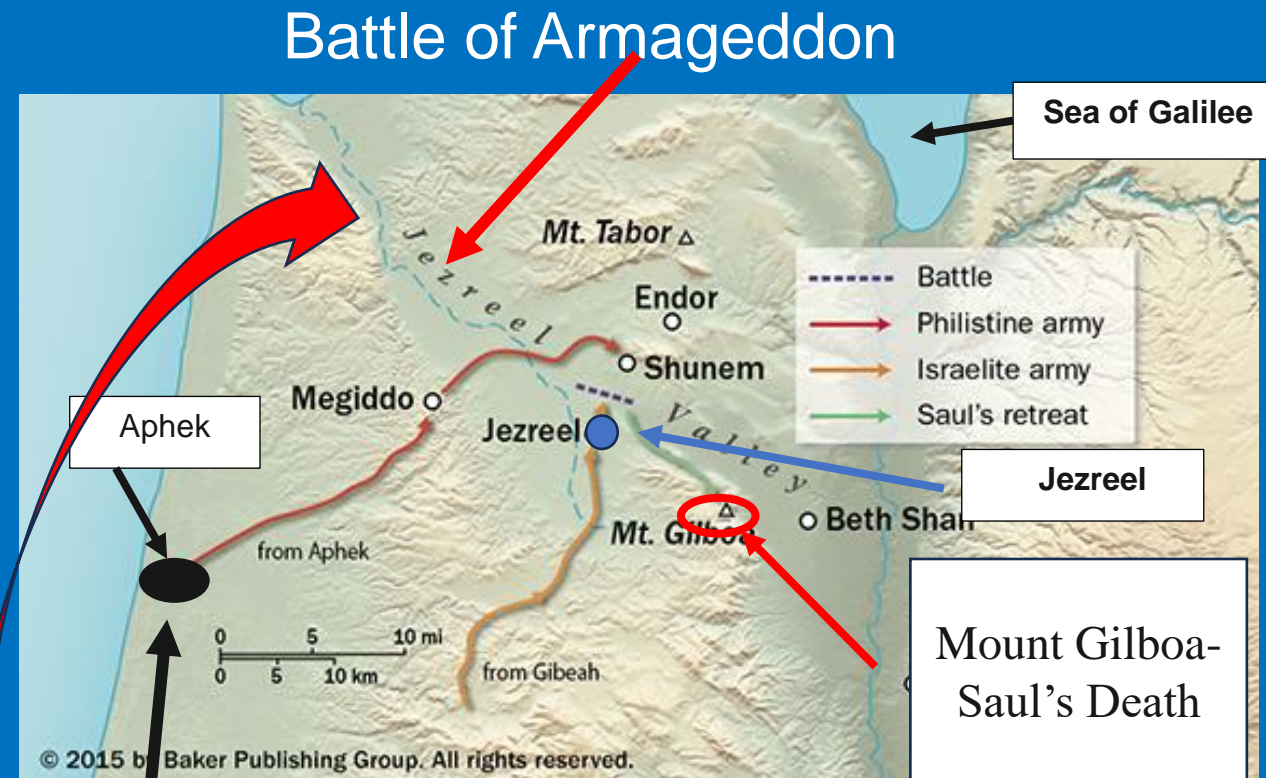
- The Holy spirit had left Saul, therefore, no repentance.
- What a dreadful state for any unbeliever who rejects the spirit time and time again (Matthew 12:31-32; Hebrews 10:31) [].

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Chapter 29-The Philistines Dismiss David

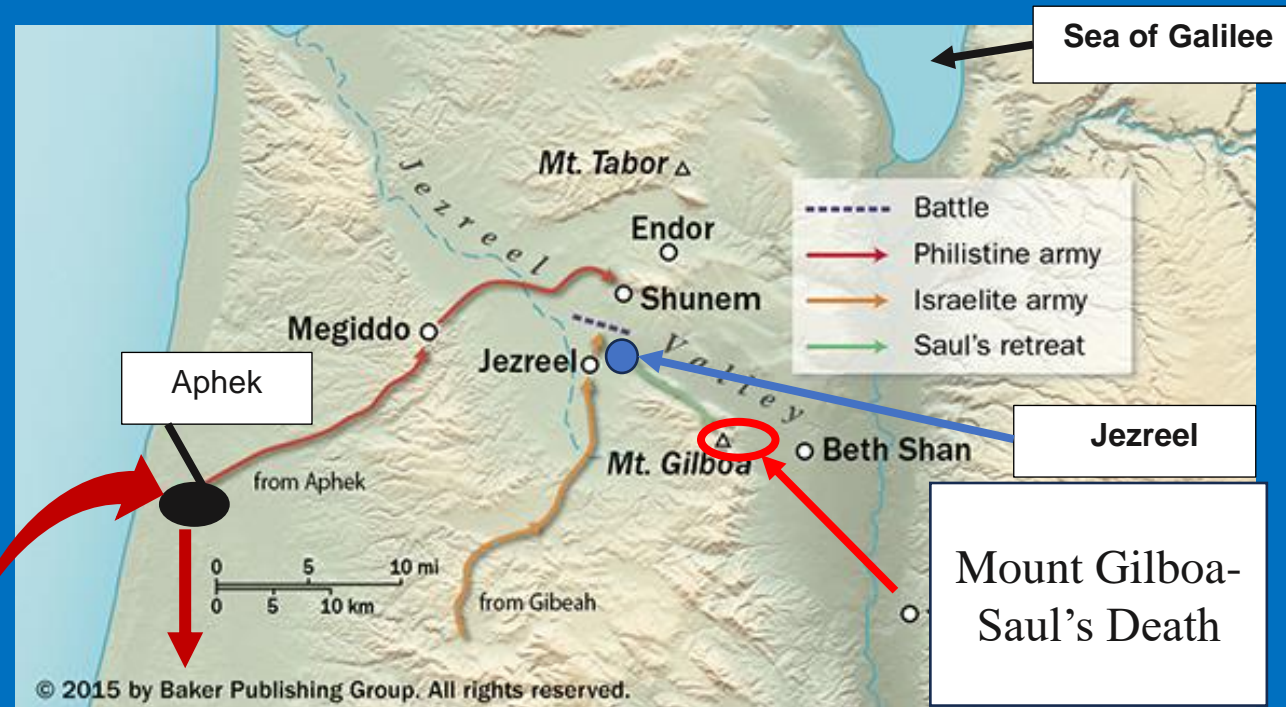
- The Philistines gathered at Aphek [A'-fek] while Israel gathered at Jezreel. David's men formed in the rear of the Philistine army.
- Earlier, the Philistines had defeated the Israelites at Aphek, took the Ark of the Covenant, and killed Eli's two sons-1 Samuel 4.



David's Army

Note: Jezreel Valley, Kishon Valley, Plain of Megiddo-all the same Place- Revelation 16:16) []

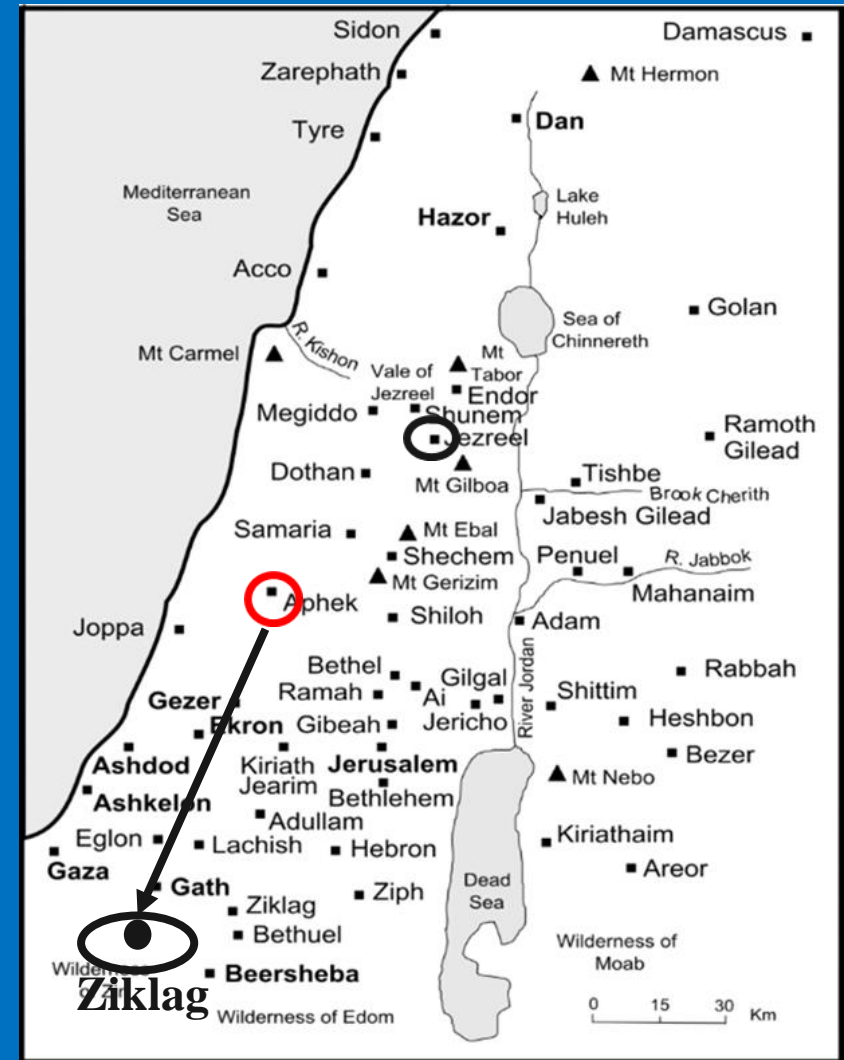
- Angered at Achish (A-kish), king of Gath, the commanders felt David's men would betray them since they were Israelites.
- As a result, Achish sent David and his men back home.



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**David's men sent back
home to Ziklag**

- It appears David wanted to fight with the Philistines against Israel.
- Perhaps, David did not seek the Lord's advice to live with Achish nor to join Achish in battle against Israel.
- David could have feigned loyalty without revealing his true **intentions**.



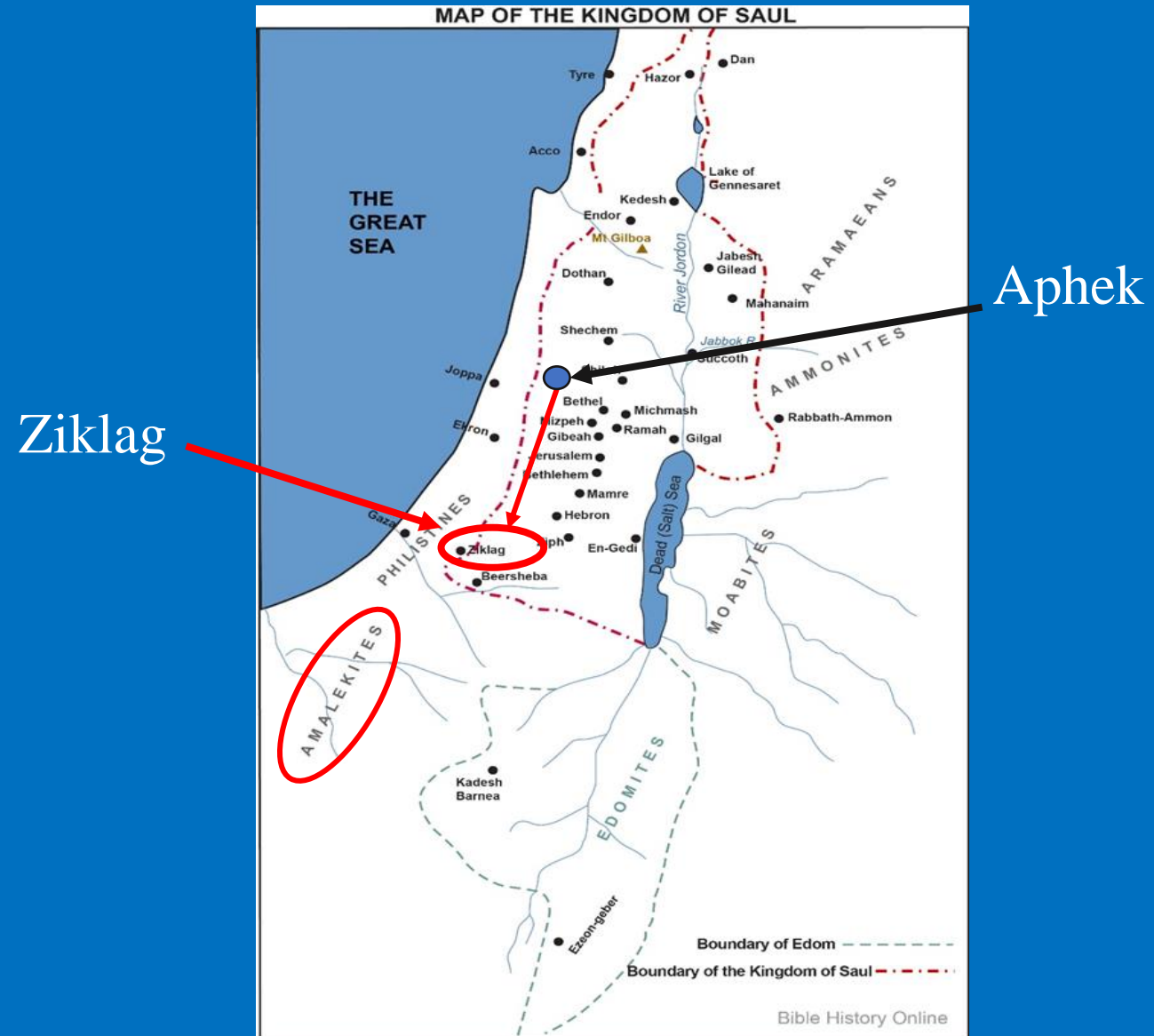
- By God's providence, He turned favor away from David and kept him from fighting Israel.



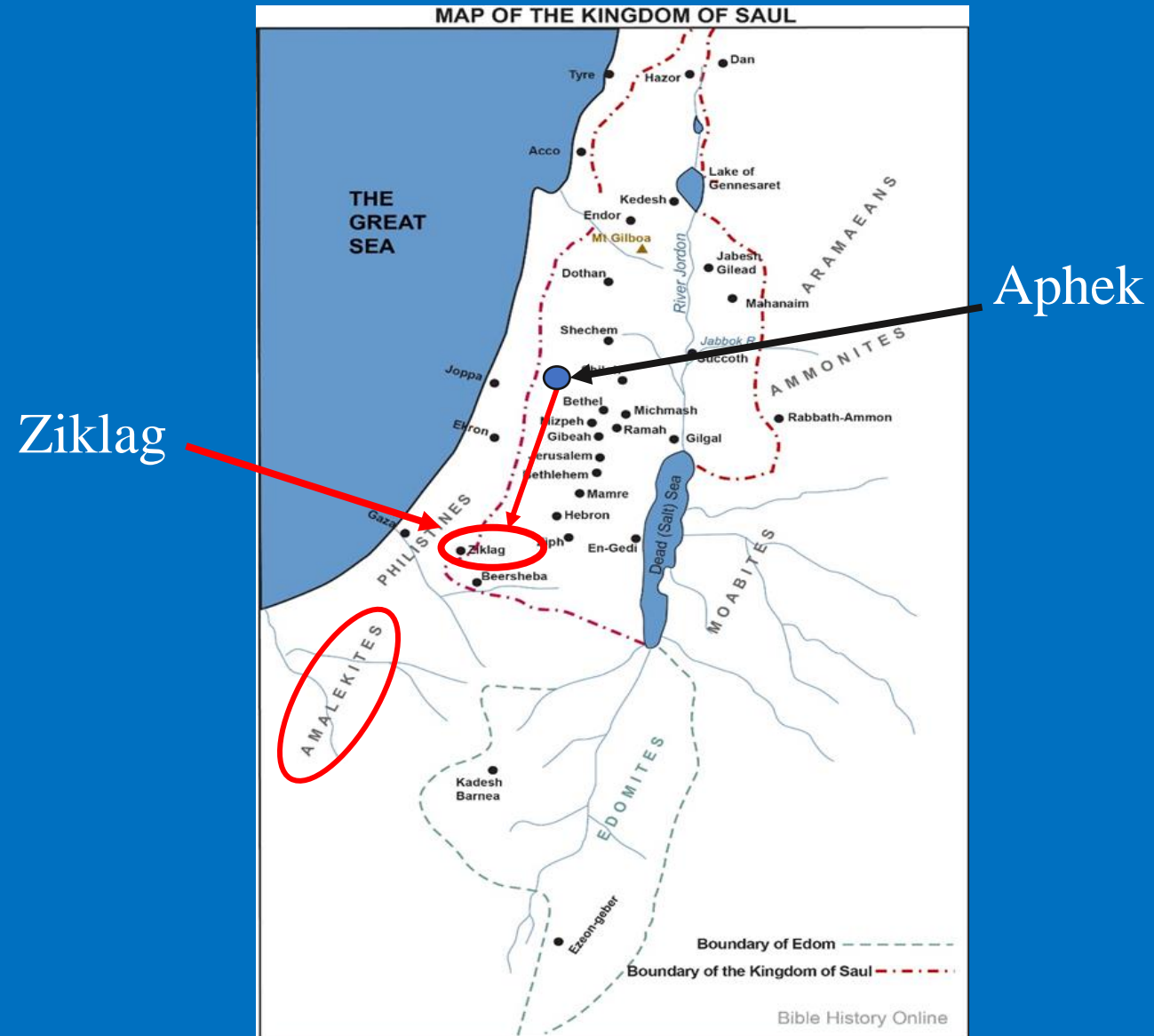
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Chapter 30-David Destroys the Amalekites

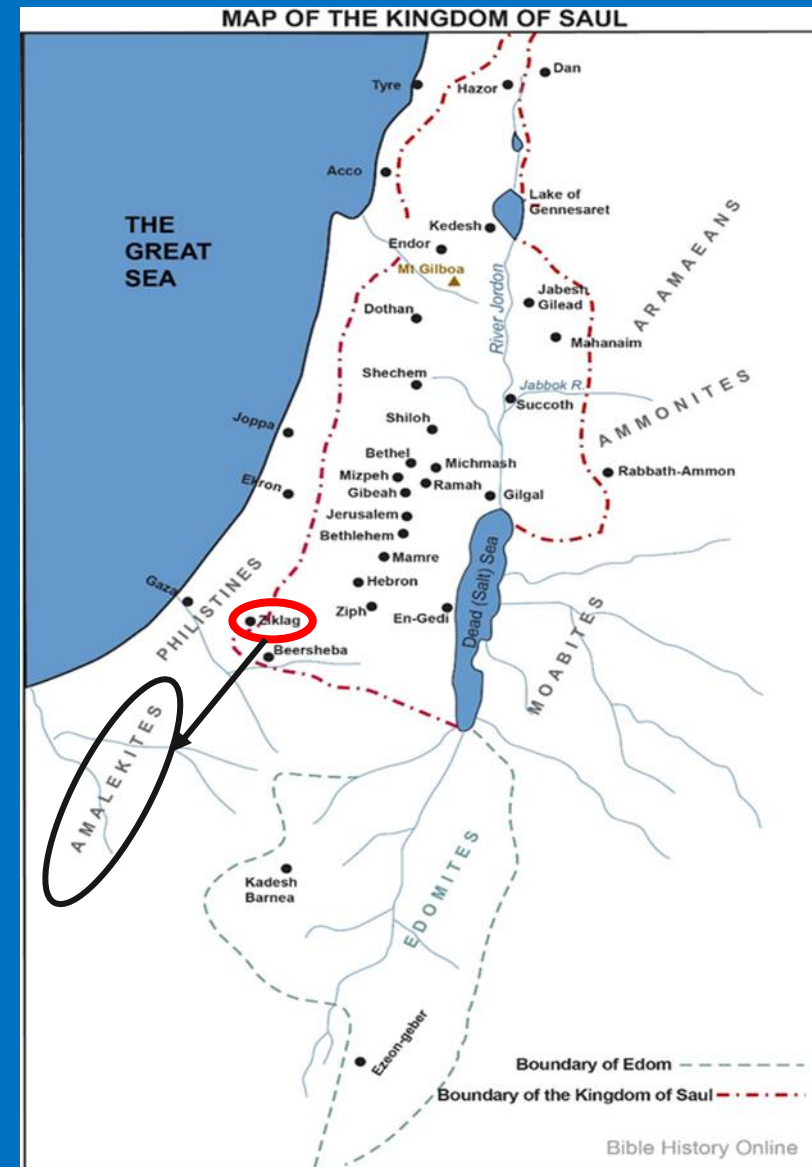
- When David and his men returned to camp, they discovered the **Amalekites** [*descendants of Esau; fought with Moses*] had raided Ziklag and had taken all their families and possessions.
- Some of David's men talked of stoning him.



- David's men were furious and there was some talk of stoning him.
- David asked the Lord as to whether he should pursue the Amalekites.
- The Lord told David to pursue the Amalekites and they would regain everything.



- David had six hundred men with him. Two hundred men, unable to continue, stayed with the luggage.
- David's four hundred men defeated the Amalekites and recaptured all their belongings.



- Some of the more worthless men did not want to share the spoils with the two hundred who stayed behind.
- David made a decree that whoever stayed with the baggage during war would also share the spoils of war.
- David gave some of the spoils to Israelites who had shown him favor.

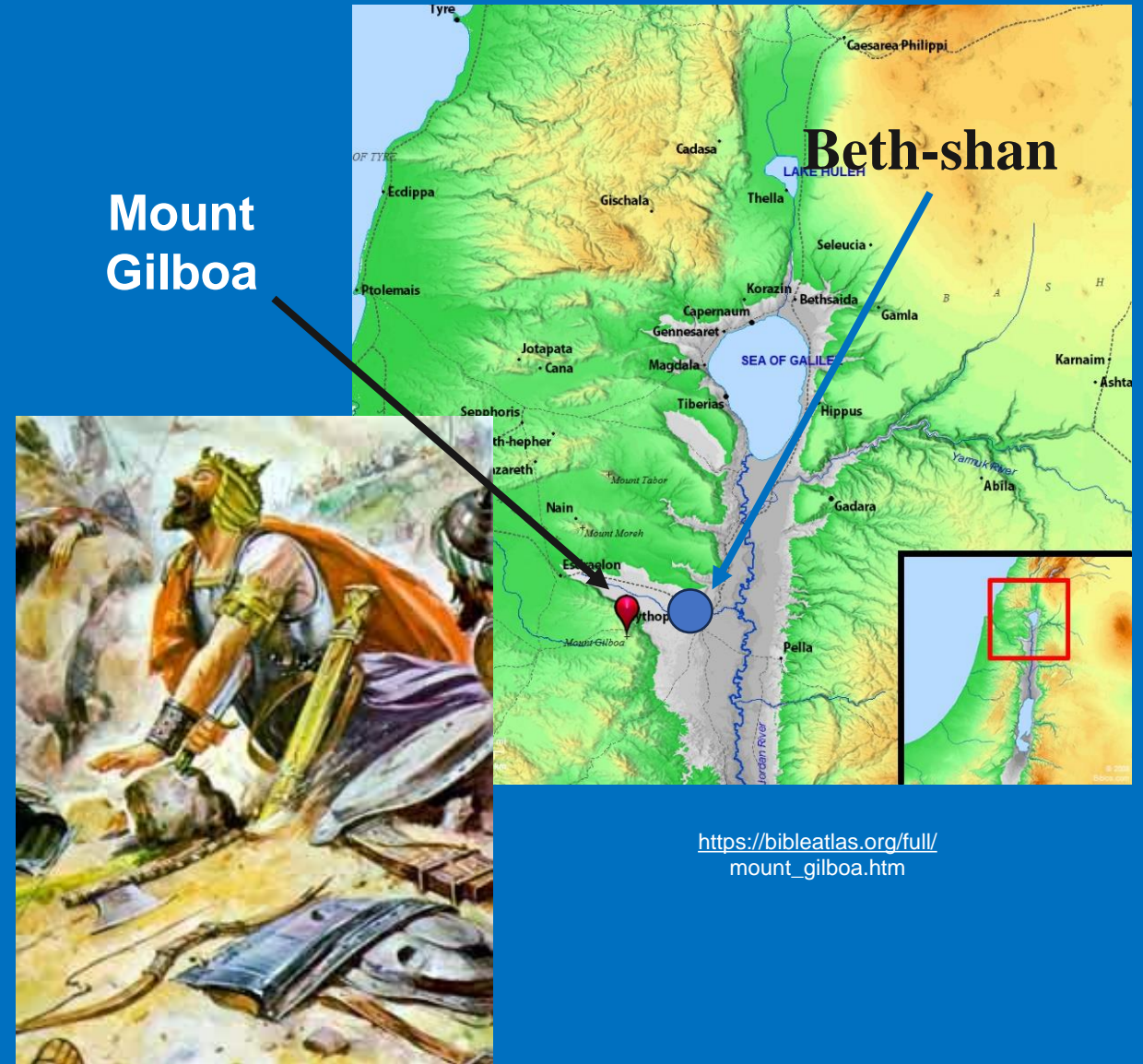


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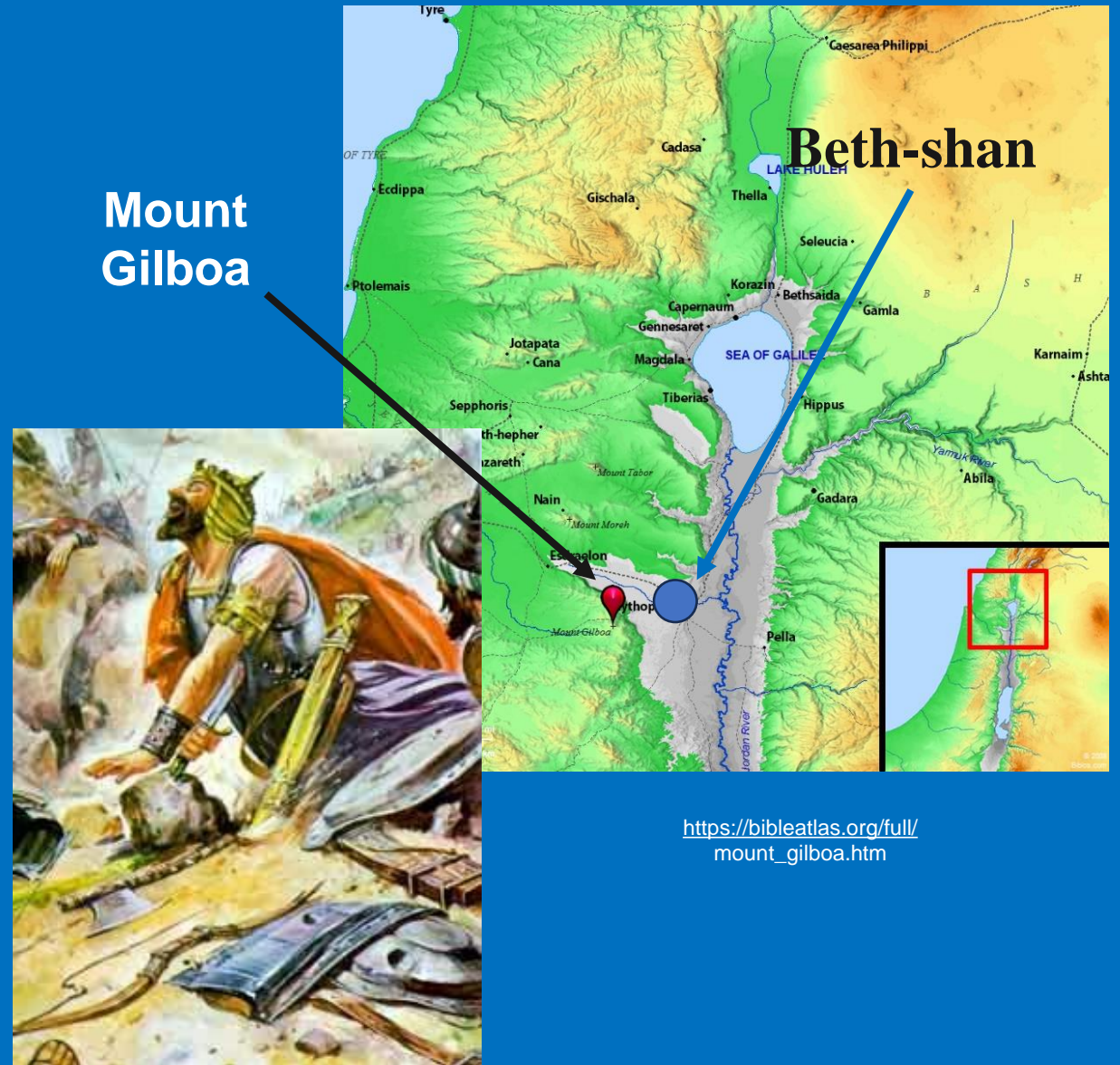
Chapter 31-The Death of Saul

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- The Philistines slew the Israelites, Saul, and his sons [*including Jonathan*] on **Mount Gilboa** (1st Samuel 28:19) []
- Wounded badly, Saul told his armor bearer to kill him so the Philistines would not make sport of him.



- The armor bearer refused to kill Saul, so Saul drew his sword and killed himself.



- The Israelites fled from the Philistines and the Philistines overtook their cities.
- The Philistines cut off Saul's head, stripped off his weapons, and spread the news throughout the Philistine territory.

Mount Gilboa

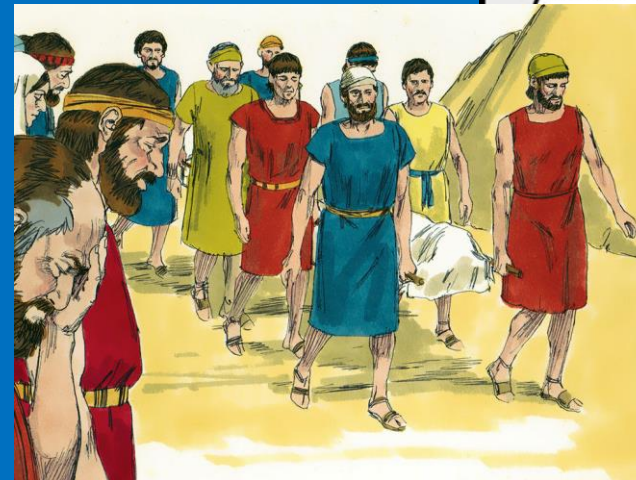


- The Philistines put Saul's weapons in the temple of **Ashtaroth** (goddess of fertility- the counterpart to Baal) and fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan.

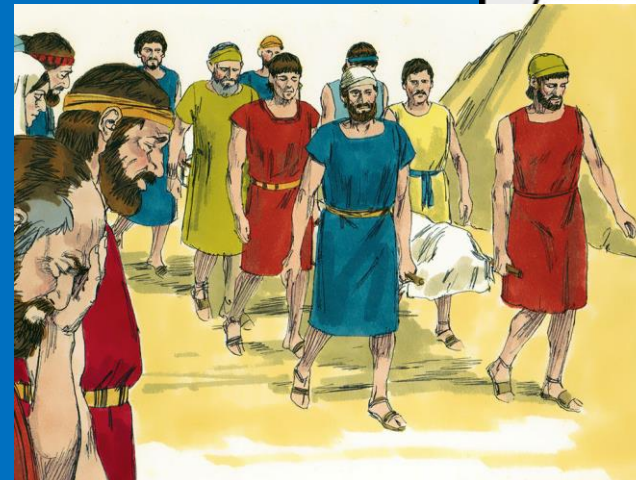
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- When the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard what the Philistines had done, the valiant men of the city rose and took down the bodies of Saul and his sons and buried them at Jabesh.



- The people fasted for seven days.
- Earlier, Saul had rescued the people of Jabesh-gilead from the Ammonites, and they were deeply indebted to him. See chapter 11:1-2, 6-7. []



Summary

- Saul had the potential of reigning as a mighty king. Due to his disobedience and lack of repentance, God stripped him of all glory.
- As with Saul, God reaches out to every individual. He created each of us to have fellowship with Him. Without God's Spirit working within us, we cannot fully live the life He intended. Void of God's guidance, we make careless decisions, we become prideful, deceitful, hateful, full of revenge, and ultimately, God removes us from His presence in death.

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- God freely asks us to accept His son, Jesus Christ, into our lives for the forgiveness of sin. When we receive Jesus as Lord, we instantly become children of God, obtain the fullness of His Spirit, and have fellowship with Him for eternity.

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Leviticus 19:31

31 Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 20:27

27 Now a man or a woman who is a medium or a spiritist shall surely be put to death. They shall be stoned with stones, their bloodguiltiness is upon them. []

Ephesians 6:12

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. []

John 16:7-8

7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment... []

Psalm 118:3

6 The Lord is for me; I will not fear; What can man do to me?
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Psalm 118:5-8

5 From my distress I called upon the Lord; The Lord answered me and set me in a large place. 6 The Lord is for me; I will not fear; What can man do to me? 7 The Lord is for me among those who help me; Therefore I will look with satisfaction on those who hate me. 8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord Than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord Than to trust in man. []

1st Samuel 11:6-7

6 Then the Spirit of God came upon Saul mightily when he heard these words, and he became very angry. 7 He took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout the territory of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, "Whoever does not come out after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen." Then the dread of the Lord fell on the people, and they came out as one man.

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1st Samuel 28:15-20

15 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" And Saul answered, "I am greatly distressed; for the Philistines are waging war against me, and God has departed from me and no longer answers me, either through prophets or by dreams; therefore I have called you, that you may make known to me what I should do." 16 Samuel said, "Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has departed from you and has become your adversary?"

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17 The Lord has done accordingly as He spoke through me; for the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, to David. 18 As you did not obey the Lord and did not execute His fierce wrath on Amalek, so the Lord has done this thing to you this day. 19 Moreover the Lord will also give over Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines, therefore tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. Indeed the Lord will give over the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines!”

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20 Then Saul immediately fell full length upon the ground and was very afraid because of the words of Samuel; also there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no food all day and all night.

Philippians 2:10

10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. []

Matthew 12:31-32

31 “Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. 32 Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

Hebrews 10:31

It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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1st Samuel 11:1-2; 6-7

1 Now Nahash the Ammonite came up and besieged Jabesh-gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, “Make a covenant with us and we will serve you.” 2 But Nahash the Ammonite said to them, “I will make it with you on this condition, that I will gouge out the right eye of every one of you, thus I will make it a reproach on all Israel.”

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Jesus, I ask that you come into my life and forgive all my sins. I give my life to you and ask that you cleanse me and give me your Holy Spirit. I thank you for receiving me and making me your child. I know that when I die, I will live with you for all eternity. I thank you and pray this in Jesus' name-Amen. []

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

18 Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body. []

Isaiah 6:8

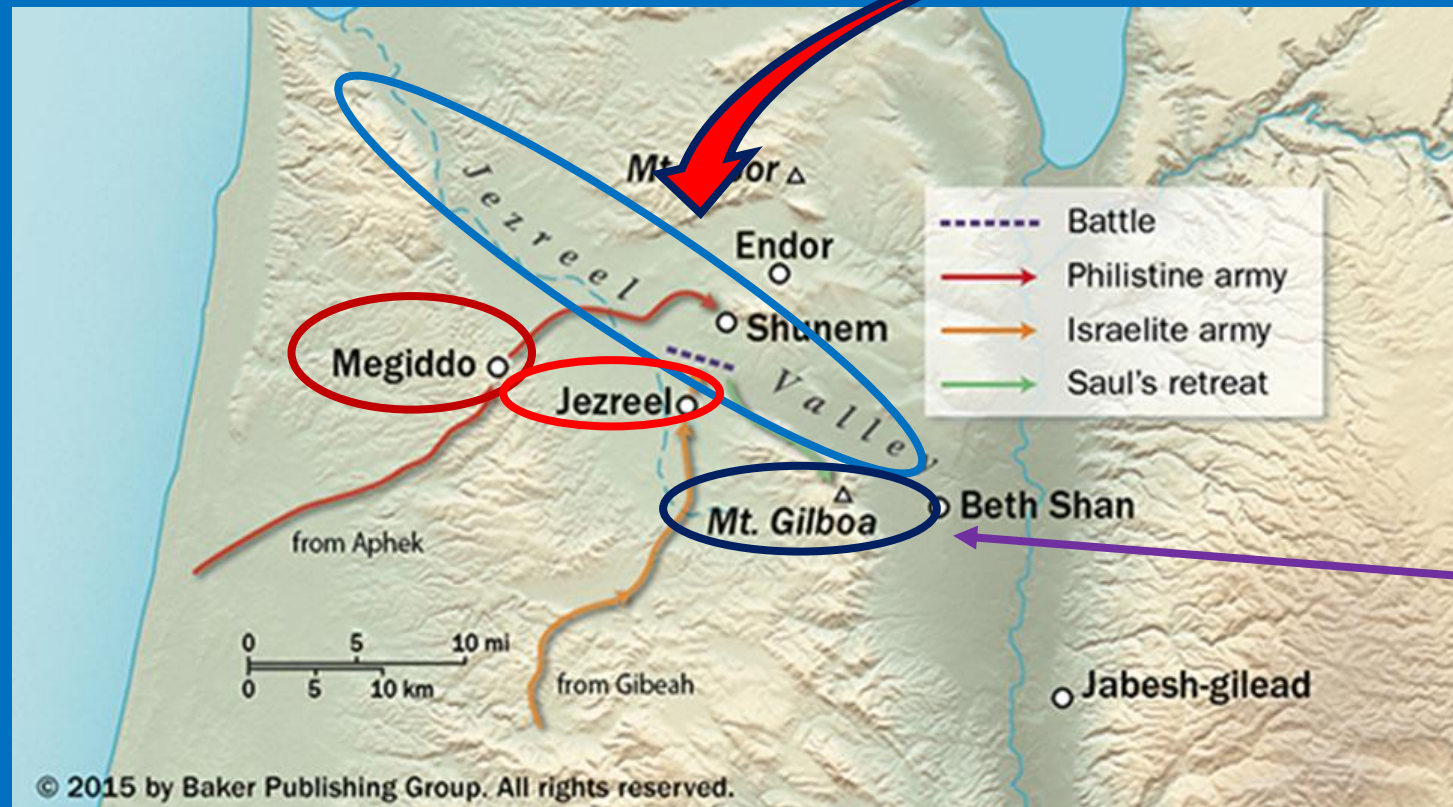
8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” []

2nd Timothy 22:2

22 Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. []

Revelation 16:16

13 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; 14 for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. 16 And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon. []



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