

# The Book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel

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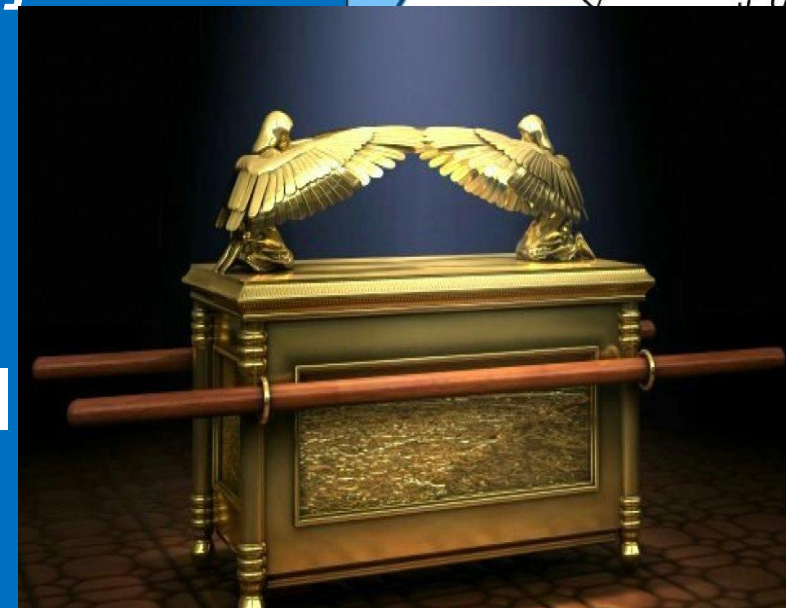
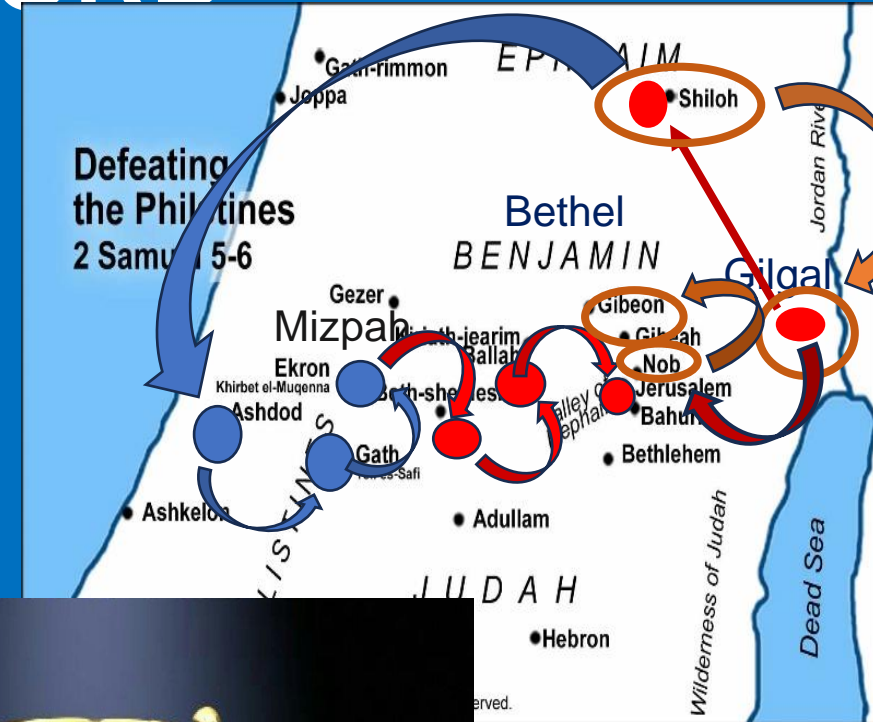
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# A Bible Study Through the Book of 2nd Samuel

**LESSON 3: DAVID'S EARLY  
CONQUESTS AS KING  
2<sup>ND</sup> SAMUEL CHAPTERS 7-9**

# CHAPTER 7: DAVID'S PLAN TO BUILD A HOUSE FOR THE LORD

- Vs. 1-3: David's Plan for the Ark's Dwelling [ ]
- God had given David rest from all his enemies.
- *Where did David Worship?* [ ]
- David now turned his attention toward making a permanent place for the Ark of the Covenant. 2nd Samuel 7:1-3 [ ]



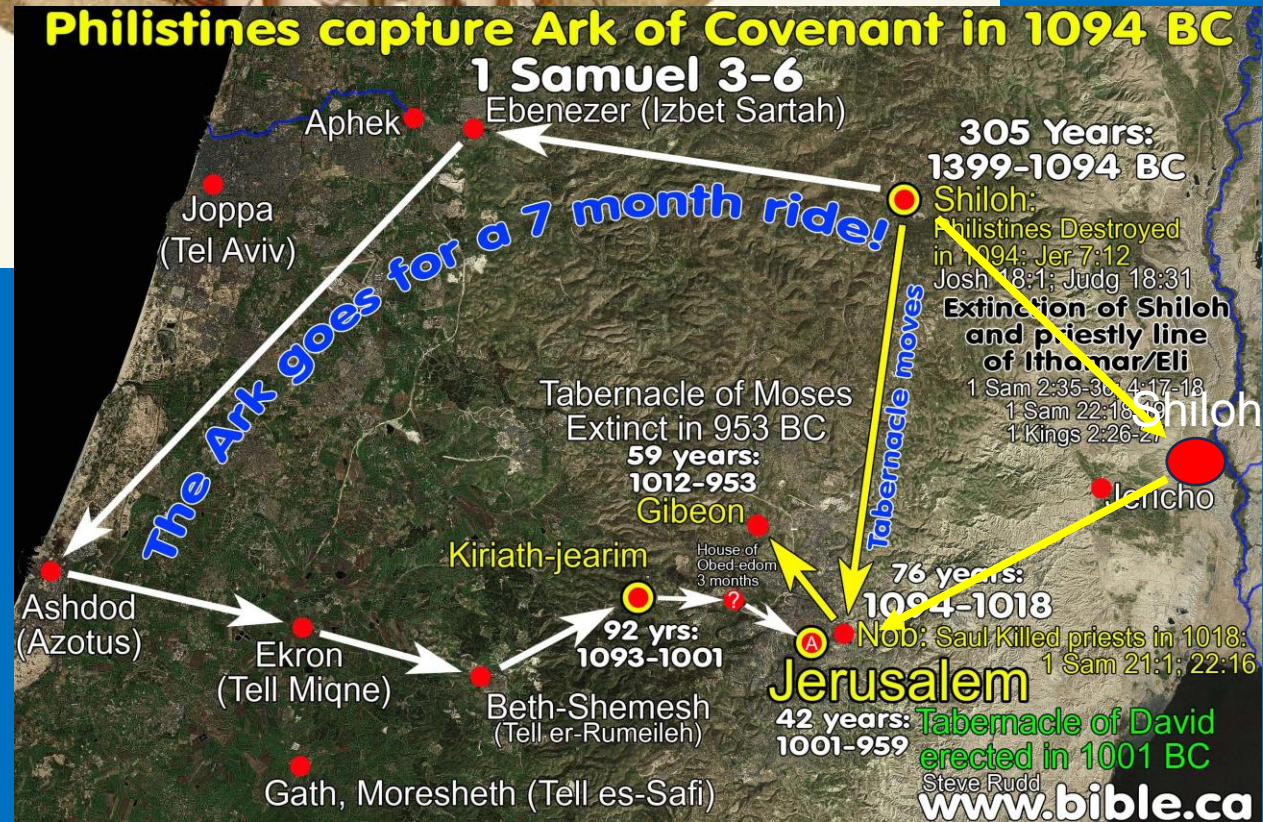
- Tabernacle 
- Arc 
- Philistine Cities 

- The prophet, Nathan, told David to do whatever he wished *since he had the Lord's blessing*. As we will learn, sometimes what appears right or righteous in our eyes may not always align with God's plans (Isaiah 55:8-9). [ ]

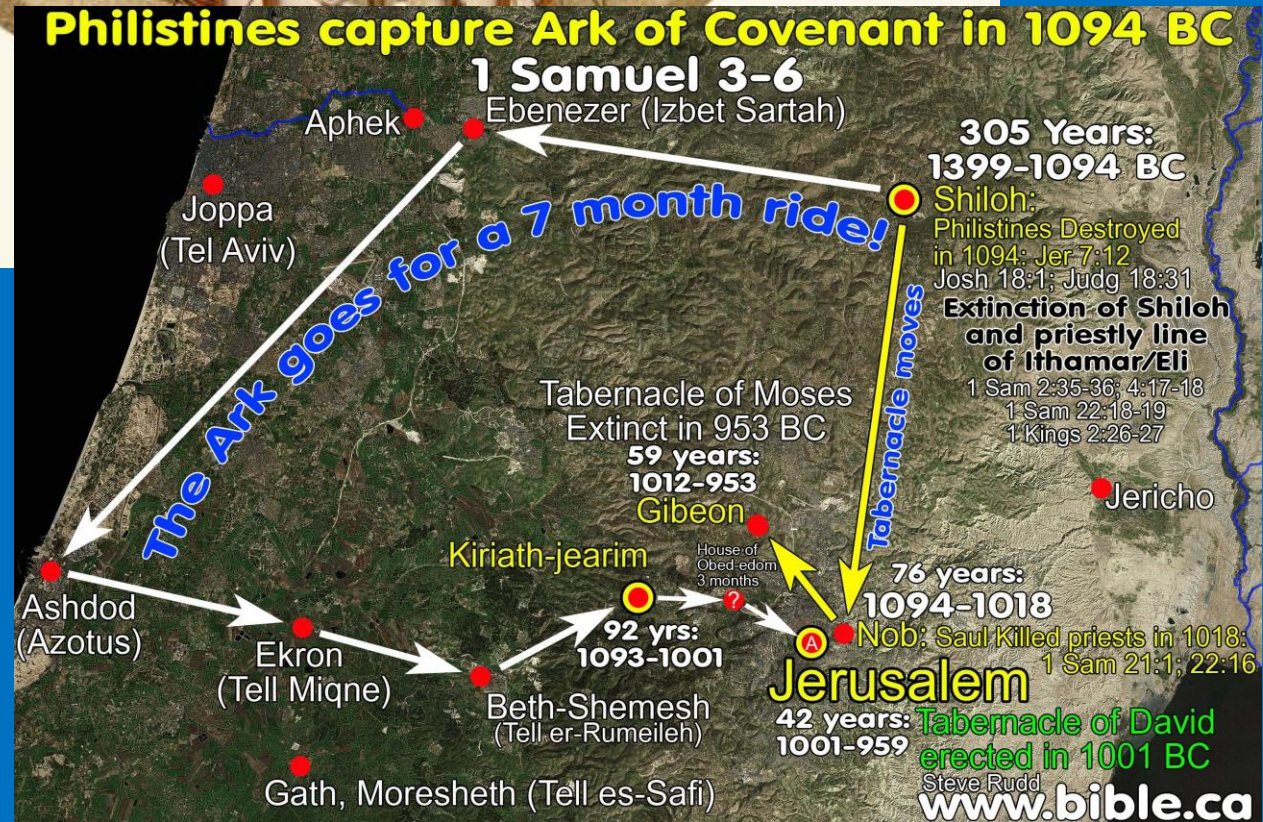


# Vs. 4-17: God Rejects David's Plan

- The Lord told Nathan to inform David not to build a house for Him.



- The Lord said He had never asked for a permanent home (temple) and His promise concerning David's future did not include such a place. (Psalm 24:1; Romans 1:20) [ ] God blessed David, not by works, but by choice. (Zechariah 4:6) [ ]



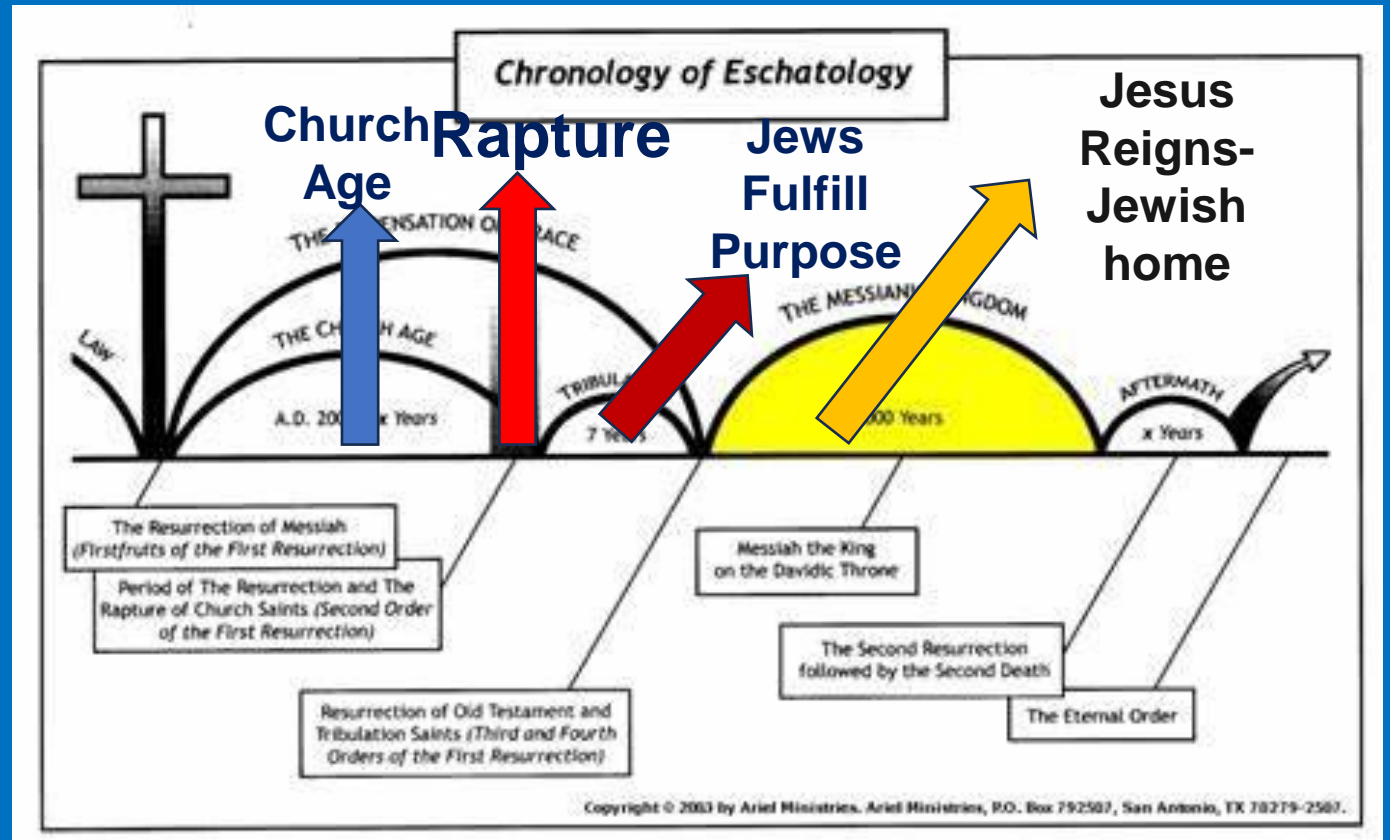
- I call 7:10-17 my “skipping stone” prophecy. I equate this to throwing a stone into a lake and watching it skip from one point to another. [ ]
- Often, a prophecy has meaning for a near future event as well as a much further event. In this case, God’s prophecy referred to David, his son-Solomon, and eventually Jesus Christ the Messiah.



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- 2nd Samuel 7:10 has a double meaning. God promised He would soon make the land of Israel a home for the Jewish people while also referring to Israel's land during the millennial kingdom. [ ]

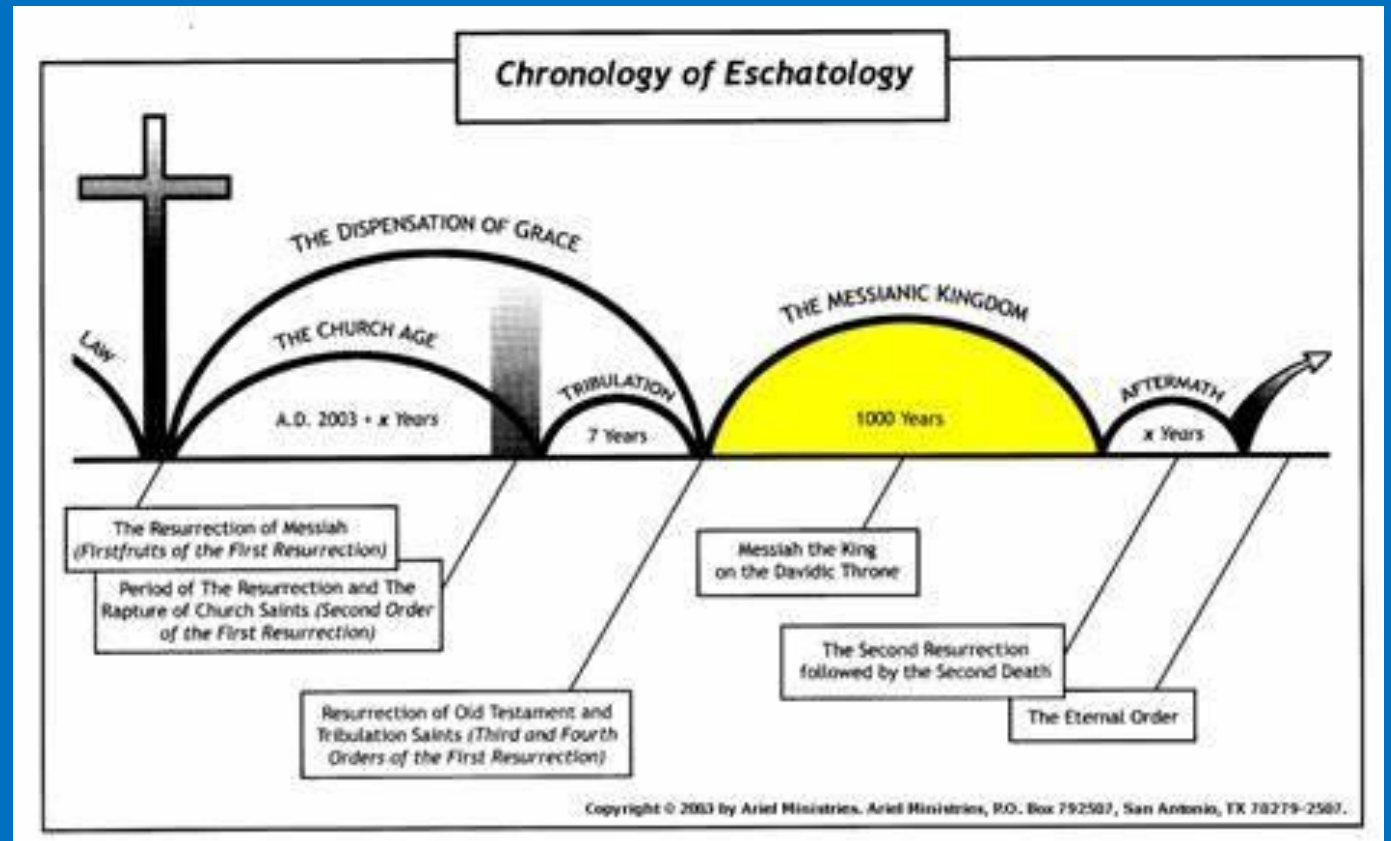
- After the battle of Armageddon (Revelation 19:14-16), Christ will establish Himself as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. [ ]



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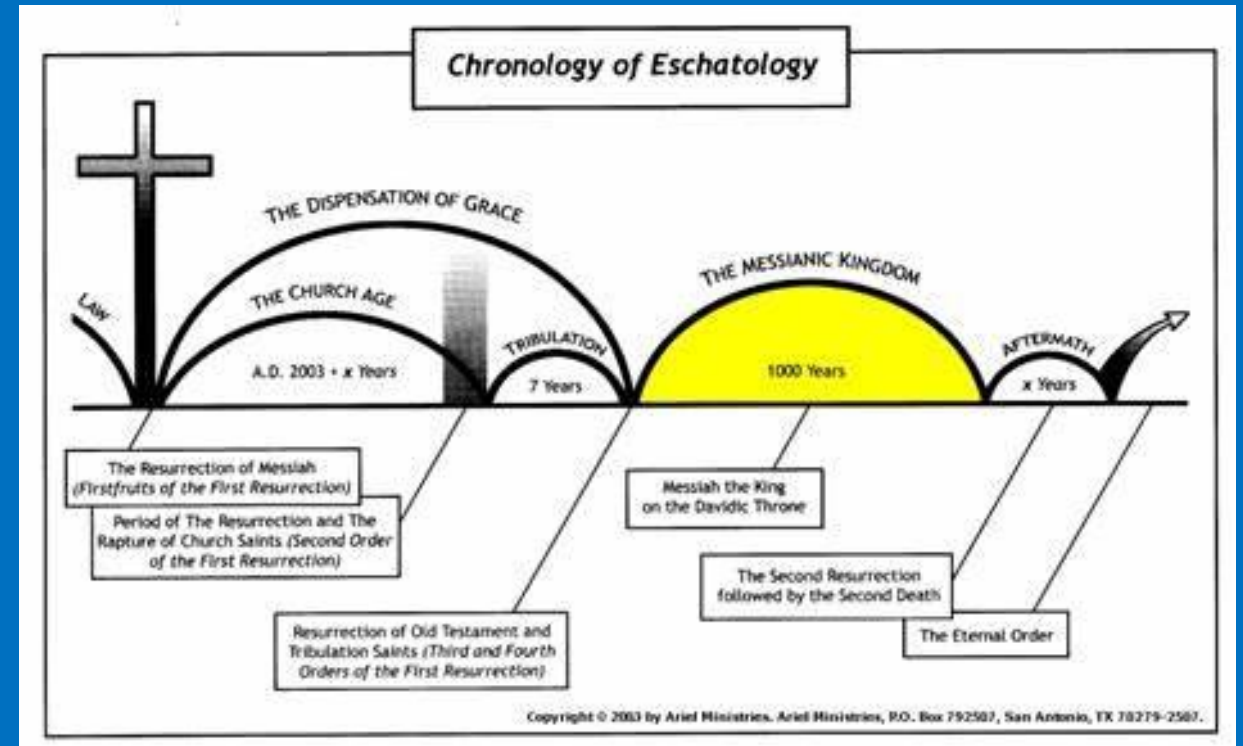


- Christ will set up his Kingdom in Jerusalem and rule over the earth for 1,000 years. During this time the Jewish people will live in peace and prosperity (Revelation 20:1-4). [ ]



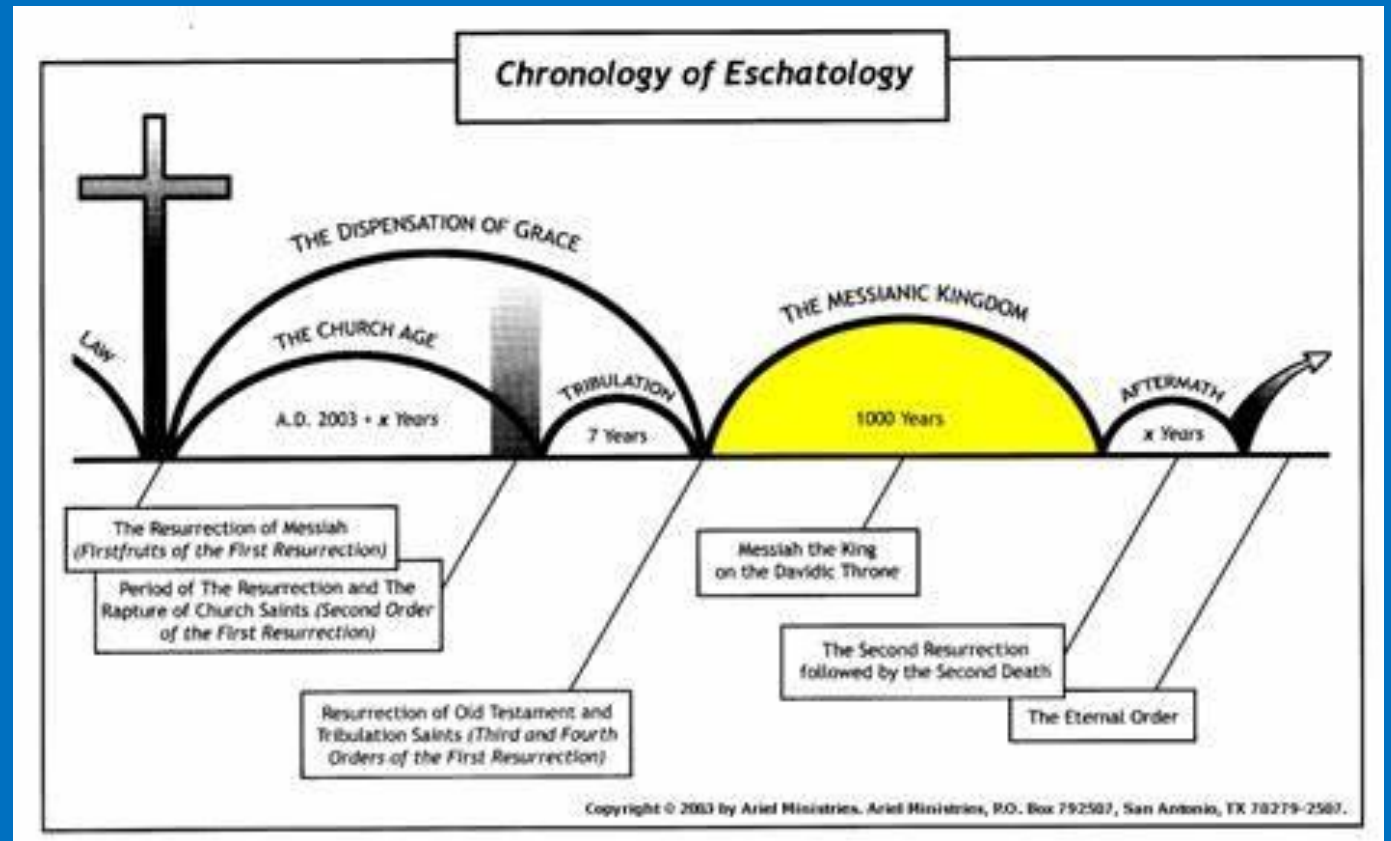
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- Vs. 11 stated the Lord would make David a house. God gave Israel rest during David's and Solomon's reign, but eternal rest will come with Jesus-the Messiah.
- This referenced not only an earthly lineage but a spiritual one. Jesus Christ, the Messiah, would come through David's line (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:12). [ ]



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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:12-13 declared that David's son, Solomon, would become the next king and would build a permanent house for the Lord.[ ]
- These verses also foreshadowed the Messiah's ultimate kingdom whose throne would last forever.



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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:14 likened Solomon and Jesus as a son to God.[ ] However, since Jesus would never sin, the admonishment part of verse 14 would pertain to Solomon (Luke 1:32; Psalm 89:27-29-references Christ; Psalm 89:30-33-references Solomon). [ ]
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:15 asserted that God's loving kindness would never depart from David nor Jesus as it had with Saul. [ ]



<http://imperfectchurchblog.blogspot.com/2012/04/song-of-solomon-31-5-love-and-fear.html>

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:16 reiterated the everlasting kingdoms of David and Jesus. Even though a break occurs in Israel's kingdoms from 587 B.C. until Christ's millennial reign, the lineage will continue. [ ]
- Nathan relayed all these words to David.



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## Vs. 18-29: David Gives God Praise

- David demonstrated his humility after receiving this prophecy. He went in and sat before the Ark of the Covenant and gave praise to God.



- David realized the prophecy pertained, not only to the near future but also, the distant future.
- David understood that neither his obedience nor his righteousness resulted in the blessing God bestowed upon him.



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7: 23-24 emphasize a promise to the nation of Israel and makes a parallel connection between Jewish Israel and the later spiritual Israel. [ ]
- During Old Testament times, to receive salvation, one had to become a Jew by birth or through proselytization.





- After Jesus' death, a spiritual Jew referred to anyone who received Christ as their personal savior (Romans 2:28-29).  
[ ]
- David ended his prayer of thanksgiving and affirmed the words of the Lord.

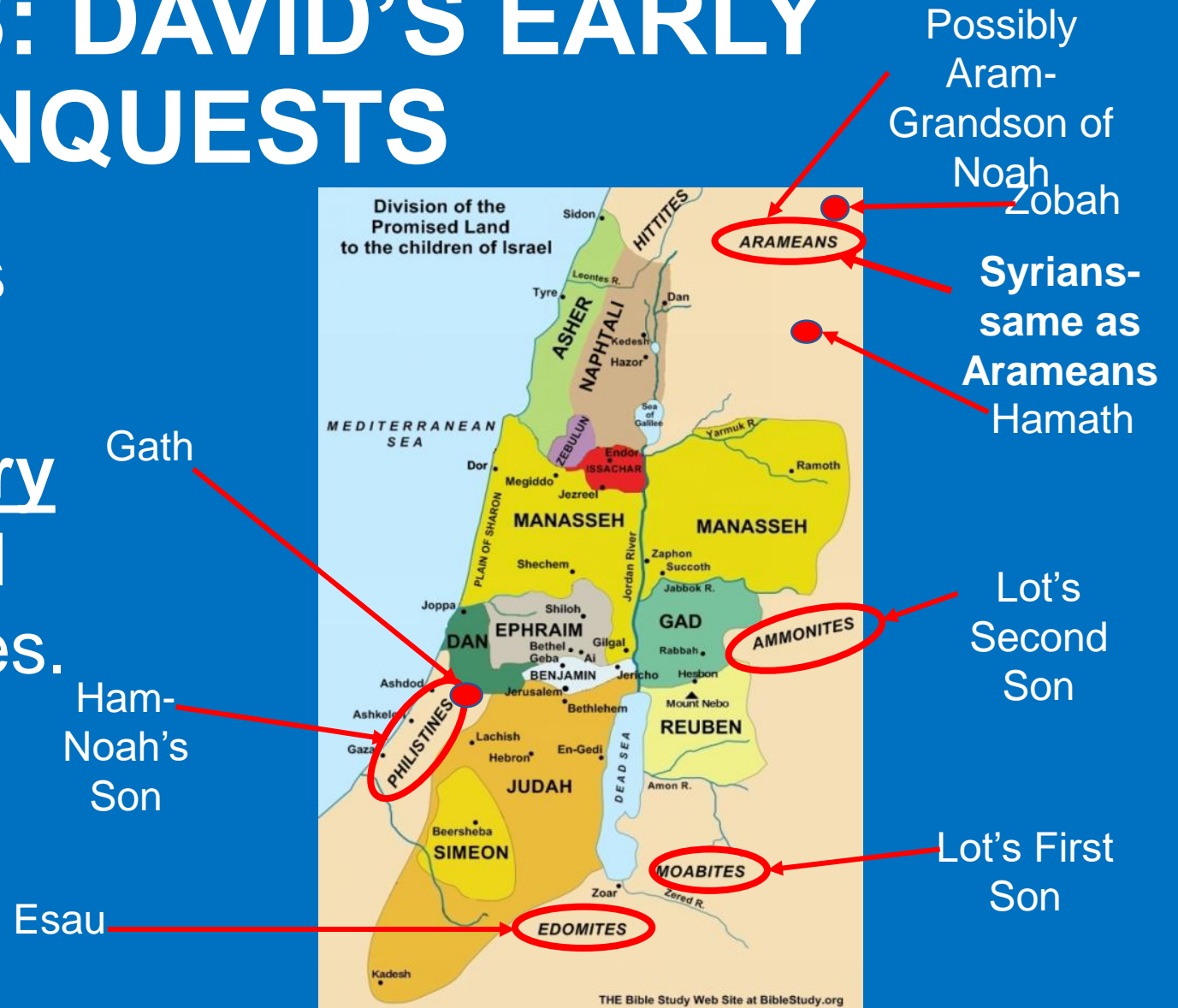


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# CHAPTER 8: DAVID'S EARLY CONQUESTS

## Vs. 1-18: David Defeats Israel's Enemies

- David pursued a military campaign and defeated the surrounding enemies.



Possibly Aram-Grandson of Noah  
Zobah

Syrians-same as Arameans  
Hamath

Lot's Second Son

Lot's First Son

Gath

Ham-Noah's Son

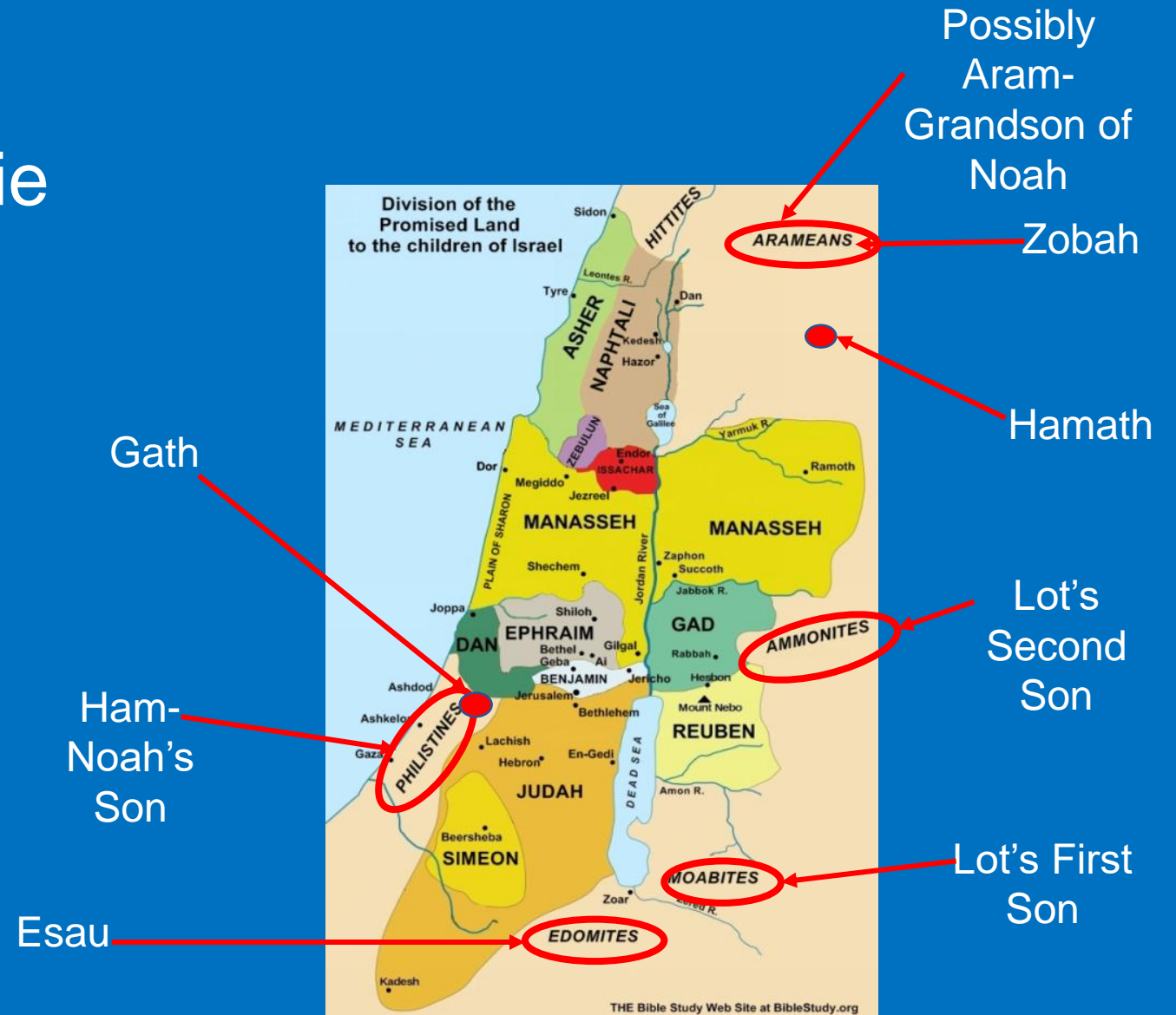
Esau

- David defeated the Philistines and took control of the chief city (probably Gath). Goliath came from the city of Gath; David fled from Saul and feigned madness in the city of Gath; and later, Achish—the king of Gath—gave refuge to David.

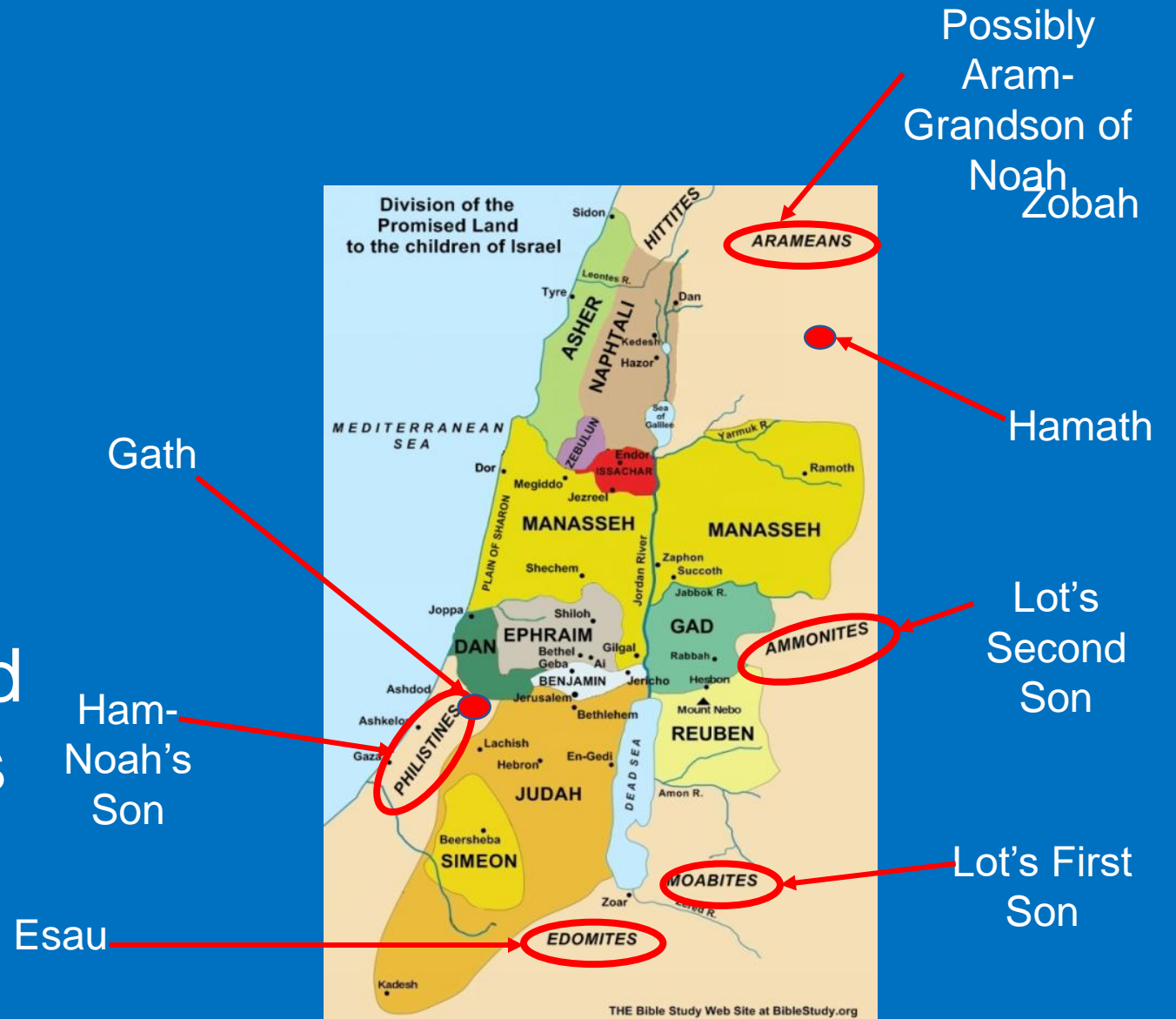
- David went on to conquer Moab.



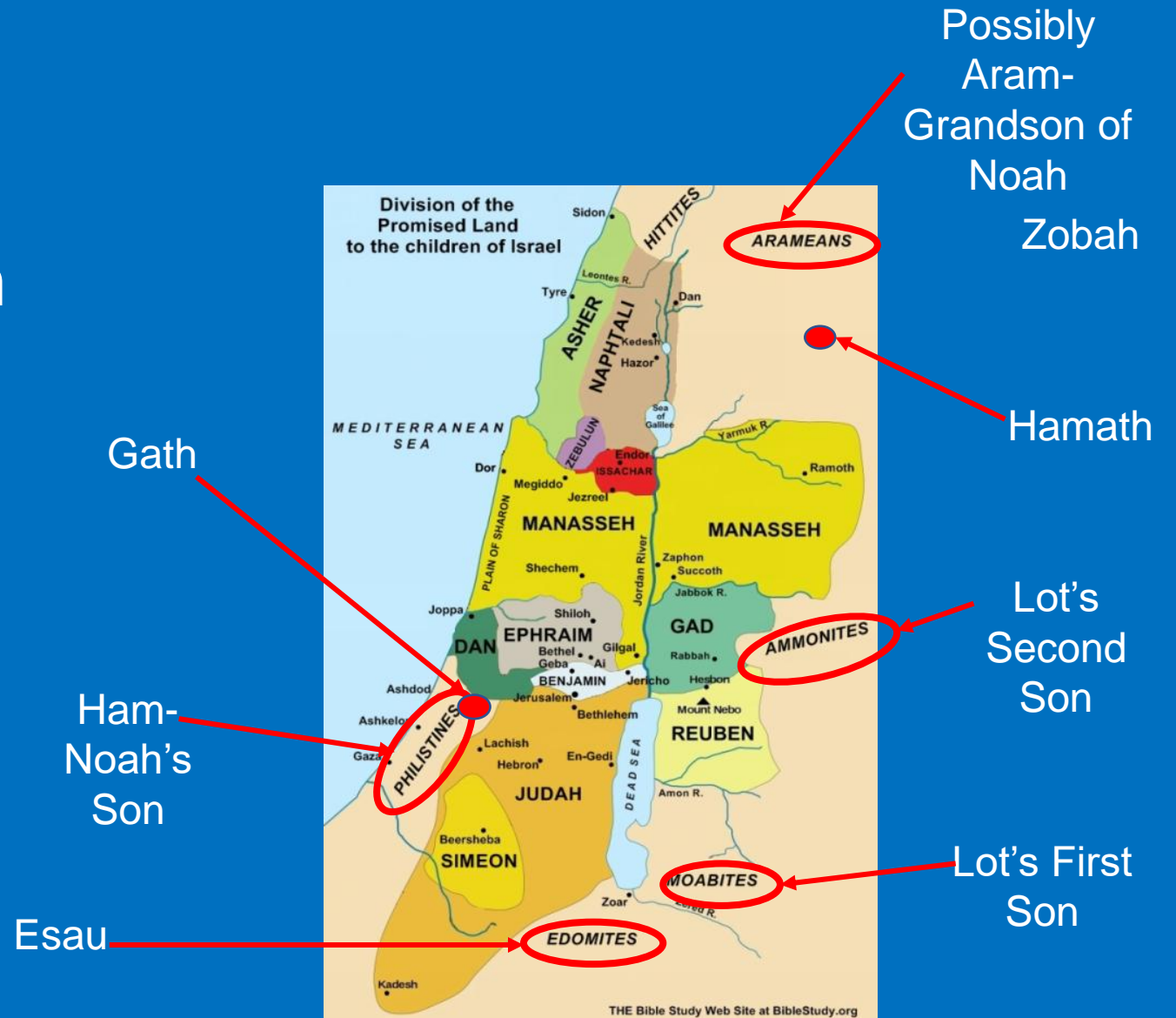
- David formed three lines and made the Moabites lie down on the ground. He killed those in two of the lines and kept one line alive. The Bible does not clarify the significance of these lines.



- David might have measured the men and killed the tallest or else he might have reduced the army by killing two lines of soldiers. In any case-Moabites died-and the rest of the Moabites became David's servants.



- Originally, David had a cordial relationship with the Moabites when he fled from Saul (1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 22:3-4). Now that David ruled over Israel, the relationship fractured. [ ]



- David conquered Hadadezer, king of Zobah-located at the north of Damascus. He then conquered the southwestern tip of the Euphrates River. David captured 1,700 horsemen and 20,000-foot soldiers. He hamstringed the chariot horses but kept enough to outfit 100 chariots.



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- A discrepancy appears concerning the number of horsemen between this passage and 1 Chronicles 18:4. [ ]
- The Chronicles passage states David took 1,000 chariots, 7,000 horsemen and 20,000-foot soldiers. and reserved enough for 100 chariots.
- Possibly, David kept 1,700 horsemen for himself and killed 5,300.



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- David may have tried to follow God's law concerning horses in Deuteronomy 17:16 (we will discuss this later). [ ]
- God wanted His people to place their trust in Him and not in military might.



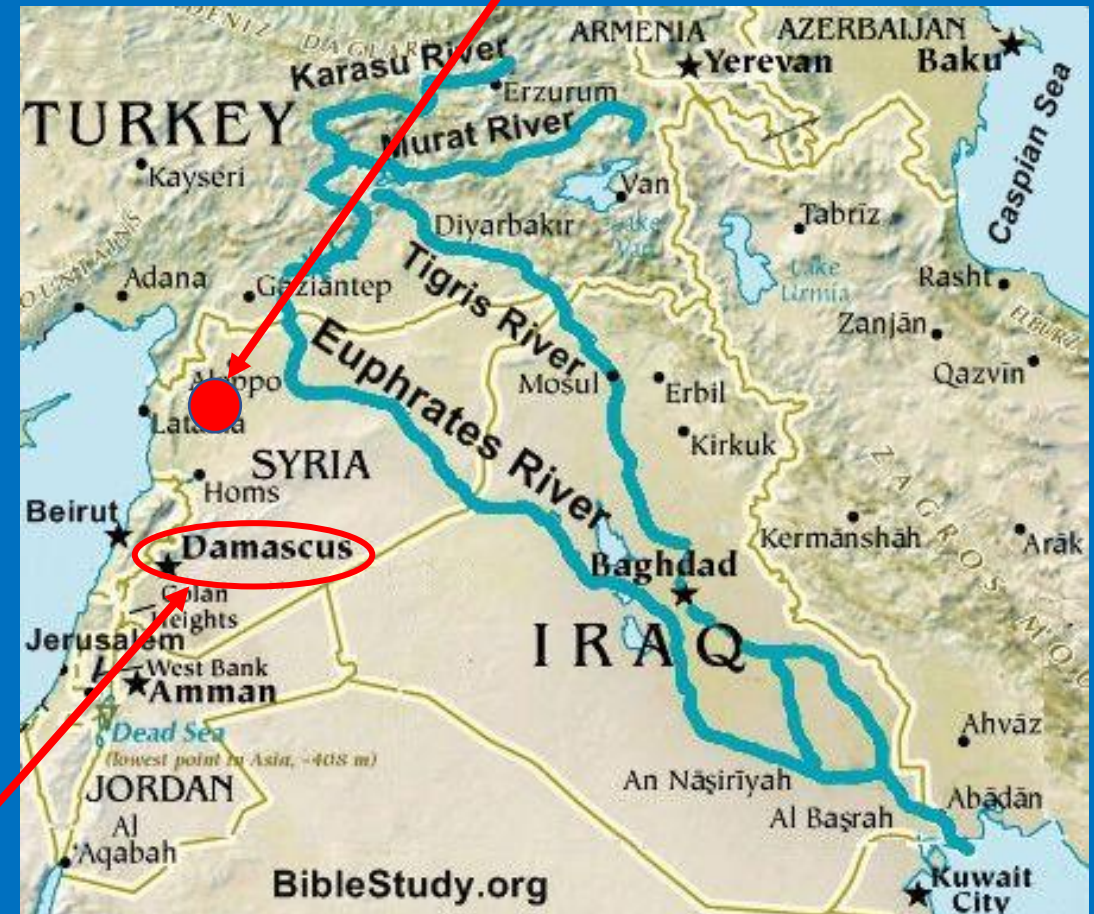
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- David killed 22,000 Arameans (Syria) since they sided with King Hadadezer. It appears that David violated Deuteronomy 17:17 by taking the gold shields from Hadadezer. [ ]



- Toi, the king of Hamath and an enemy of Hadadezer, blessed David with more gold. Hamath sat about 100 miles north of Damascus.
- It appears David violated Deuteronomy 17:17 again by taking the gold from the surrounding nations.

Hamath



Damascus

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 8:11 states David dedicated these items to the Lord. God had previously declared it more important to follow Him than to offer sacrifices (1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15:22). [ ]
- The Lord helped David wherever he went vs. 14. Vs. 15 states David administered justice and righteousness for all his people. [ ]

Hamath



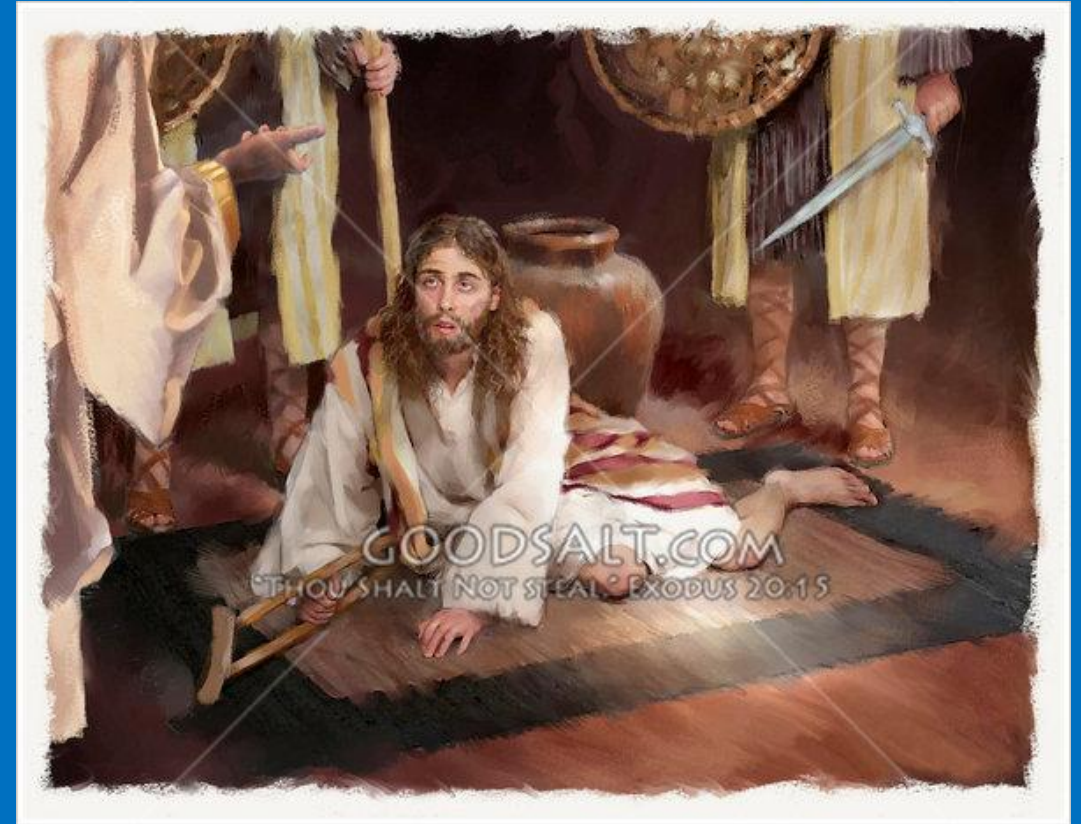
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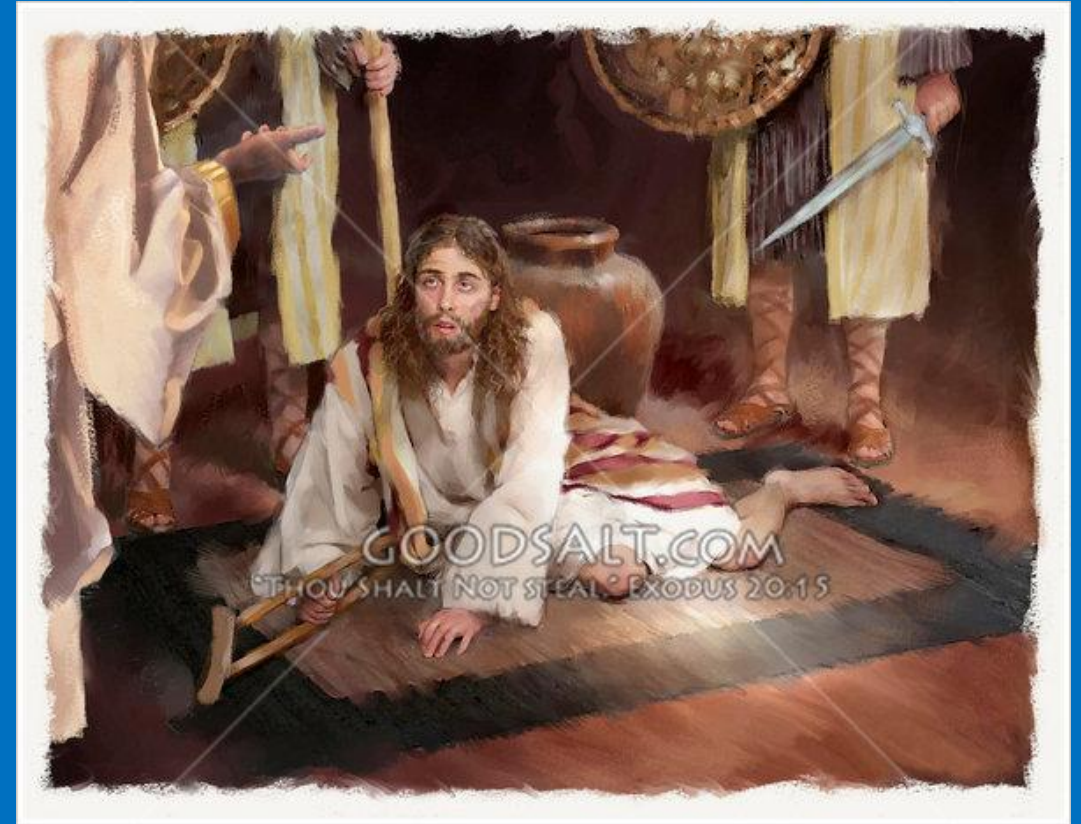
# CHAPTER 9: DAVID SHOWS MERCY TO MEPHIBOSHETH

## Vs. 1-13: David Honors Mephibosheth

- David wanted to honor anyone left in Saul's house for the sake of Jonathan. 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 20:14-15 [ ]



- David heard that Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son-crippled in both feet from an early childhood accident, still survived. (see chapter 4).

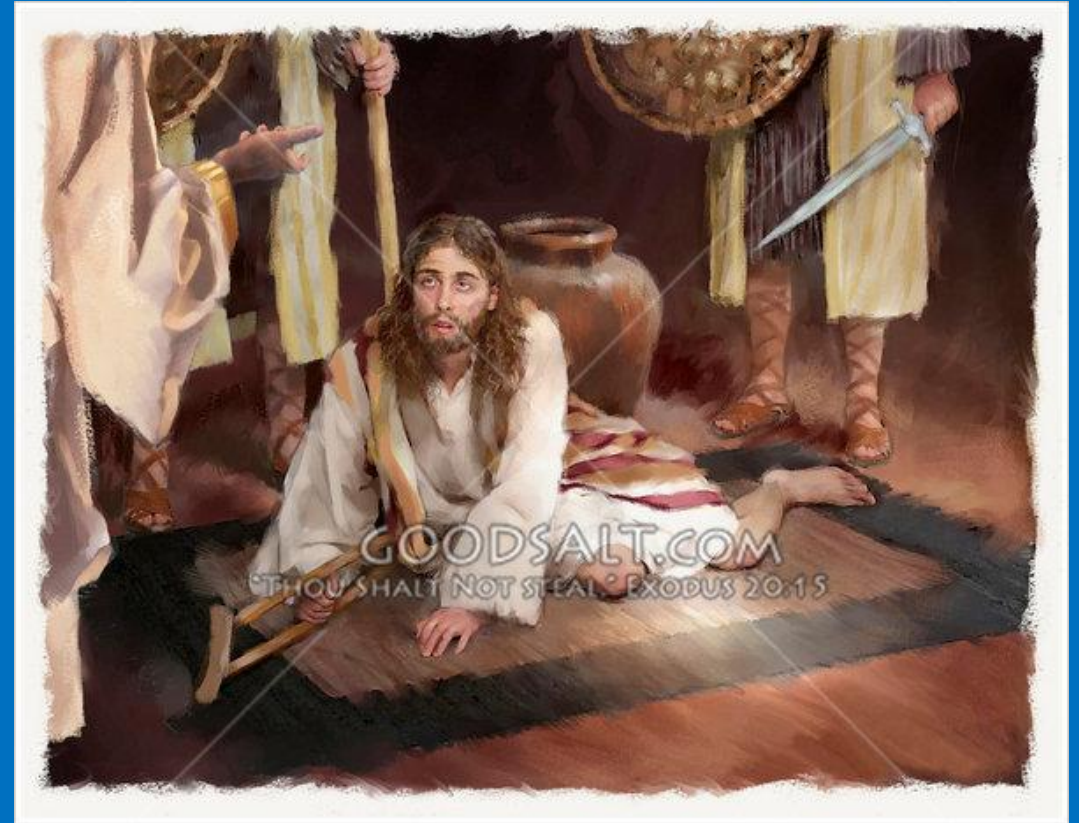


- David honored Mephibosheth by restoring Saul's estate to him and inviting Mephibosheth to eat at his table.
- David ordered Ziba, Saul's servant, to care for Mephibosheth.



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- David ordered Ziba, his sons and his servants, to cultivate the land for Mephibosheth. Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. We will learn more about Ziba later.





# SUMMARY

- God desires to bless us and to give us peace. We often take these blessings for granted without realizing all gifts come from Him. We frequently desire God's favor by doing good works. God has unconditional love for us, and He does not base His blessings upon our good deeds. We will certainly benefit from obeying God's laws since his "manual for living" (the Bible) brings goodness and blessing.

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- God's love will never waver despite our failures. When we fail, we repent and ask God to give us strength and wisdom to follow His paths. Learn to rest in God's love and trust that He has our best interests in mind.
- Always trust in God's leadership and plan for your life. Sometimes, your spiritual closeness may seem distant, like the Ark and the Tabernacle. It is during those times that we must trust that God is directing everything.

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## Isaiah 55:8-9

8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.

9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways  
And My thoughts than your thoughts. [ ]

## Zechariah 4:6

6 Then he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel saying, ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the Lord of hosts. [ ]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:10-17

10 I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly, 11 even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The Lord also declares to you that the Lord will make a house for you.

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12 When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,

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15 but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.” ’ ” 17 In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David. [ ]

## Revelation 19:17-21

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, “Come, assemble for the great supper of God, 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great.”

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19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh. [ ]

## Revelation 20:1-4

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

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4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. [ ]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:12

12 When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. [ ]

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13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. [ ]

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when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of  
men and the strokes of the sons of men... [ ]

## References to Christ:

### Luke 1:32

32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David...

### Psalm 89:27-29

27 I also shall make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth. 28 My lovingkindness I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall be confirmed to him. 29 So I will establish his descendants forever And his throne as the days of heaven.

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## References to Solomon

### Psalm 89:30-33

30 “If his sons forsake My law And do not walk in My judgments, 31 If they violate My statutes And do not keep My commandments, 32 Then I will punish their transgression with the rod And their iniquity with stripes. 33 But I will not break off My lovingkindness from him, Nor deal falsely in My faithfulness. [ ]



2nd Samuel 7:15

15 but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

[ ]

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:16

16 Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever. [ ]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7: 23-24

23 And what one nation on the earth is like Your people Israel, whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people and to make a name for Himself, and to do a great thing for You and awesome things for Your land, before Your people whom You have redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, from nations and their gods? 24 For You have established for Yourself Your people Israel as Your own people forever, and You, O Lord, have become their God. [ ]

- Romans 2:28-29

28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. 29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God. [ ]

## 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 22:3-4

3 And David went from there to Mizpah of Moab; and he said to the king of Moab, “Please let my father and my mother come and stay with you until I know what God will do for me.” 4 Then he left them with the king of Moab; and they stayed with him all the time that David was in the stronghold. [ ]

## 1 Chronicles 18:4

4 David took from him 1,000 chariots and 7,000 horsemen and 20,000 foot soldiers, and David hamstringed all the chariot horses, but reserved enough of them for 100 chariots. [ ]

## Deuteronomy 17:16

16 Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the Lord has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way. [ ]

## Deuteronomy 17:17

17 He shall not multiply wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself. [ ]



2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 8:11

11 King David also dedicated these to the Lord, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated from all the nations which he had subdued...[ ]

1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15:22

2S amuel said, “Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. [ ]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 8:14-15

14 He put garrisons in Edom. In all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became servants to David. And the Lord helped David wherever he went. 15 So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered justice and righteousness for all his people. [ ]

## 2nd Samuel 7:10

10 I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly... [ ]

## Revelation 19:14-16

14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. 15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

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16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written:  
“KING OF KINGS, AND Lord OF LORDS.”

Hebrews 10:31

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

## 2nd Samuel 7:1-3

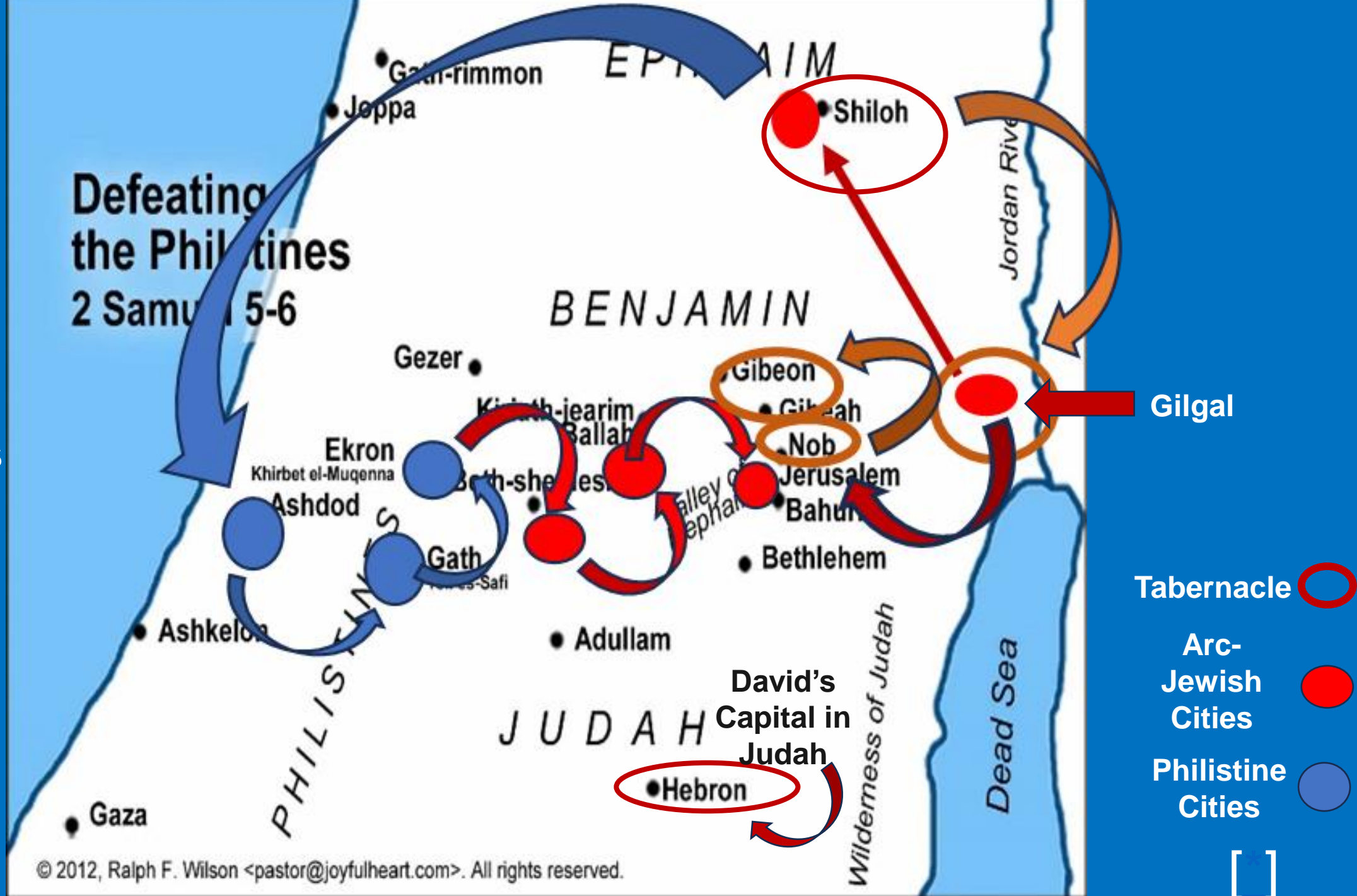
1 Now it came about, when the king lived in his house, and the Lord had given him rest on every side from all his enemies, 2 that the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I live in a house of cedar, but the ark of God remains within the tent.” 3 Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.”

Compare this to

## 2 Samuel 2:1

1 Then it came about afterward that David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I go up to one of the cities of Judah?” And the Lord said to him, “Go up.” [ ]

1st  
Chronicles  
21:28-29  
[ ]





## 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 21:28-29

28 At that time, when David saw that the Lord had answered him on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he offered sacrifice there. 29 For the tabernacle of the Lord, which Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering were on the high place at Gibeon at that time. [ ]

## Psalm 24:1

1 The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains,  
The world, and those who live in it.

## Romans 1:20

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, that is, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made, so that they are without excuse. [ ]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 6:17

17 Now they brought in the ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the tent which David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord. [ ]

## 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 20:14-15

14 And if I am still alive, will you not show me the faithfulness of the Lord, so that I do not die? 15 And you shall never cut off your loyalty to my house, not even when the Lord cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.” [ ]