

Lesson 10 – August 7

1 Samuel 21-23

BLINDED



LORD Sees the Heart



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1 Samuel

1.	June 5	Answered!	1-2	Hannah Prays, Vows, Samuel Born
2.	June 12	Called	3	Boy Samuel Clearly God Called
3.	June 19	Worthy!	4-7	Philistines Take Ark ... oooops!
4.	June 26	King?	8-11	Israel, "Give us a King!"
5.	July 3	Feared	12	Thunder and Rain ... to Obey?
6.	July 10	Judged	13-15	Samuel Regrets, Rejects King Saul
7.	July 17	Anointed!	16	David Anointed—Lord Sees the Heart
8.	July 24	Delivered	17	David Whips Goliath
9.	July 31	Faithful	18-20	David and Jonathan's Loyalty
10.	<i>Aug. 7</i>	<i>Blinded</i>	<i>21-23</i>	<i>Saul Pursues David & Followers</i>
11.	Aug. 14	Protected	24-25	Abigail's Wisdom Saves Home
12.	Aug. 21	Respect	26-29	David Spares King Saul's Life II
13.	Aug. 28	Victory	30-31	David Pursues Raiders & Saul Killed

1 Samuel 21-23

BLINDED

**blinded by Jealousy & Ambition,
see the utter destruction of Saul's Spirit**



**In David—we see the complete *OPPOSITE*
absent of jealousy ... full of HONOR**

1 Samuel 21-23

ENVY IS
THE ART
OF COUNTING
ANOTHER'S
BLESSINGS
INSTEAD OF
YOUR OWN.

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Harold Coffin

PEOPLE WHO
CAN'T STAND
TO SEE THE
SUCCESS OF
OTHERS WILL
NEVER
EXPERIENCE
THEIR OWN.

BLOWING OUT
SOMEONE ELSE'S
CANDLE DOESN'T
MAKE YOURS SHINE
ANY BRIGHTER

1 Samuel 21-23

Lesson Author's Theme

Personal ambition at the expense of others leads to paranoia

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1 Samuel 21-23

Alternative Title

Know when to Hold'em

Know when to Fold'em

Know when to Run!



Subversive Title

Jealously Kills Saul's Soul Dead

1 Samuel 21-23

Key Verse 22:23—David says,

Stay with me; don't be AFRAID.

**The man who wants to kill you is
trying to KILL me too.**

You will be safe with me.



warm, soothing to the frightened heart

few ... very, very FEW will be able to say them as David did



1 Samuel 21-23

Be Prepared

**Look at the intro to each, both
Psalm 34 & 56 reflect on David's time in **Gath****

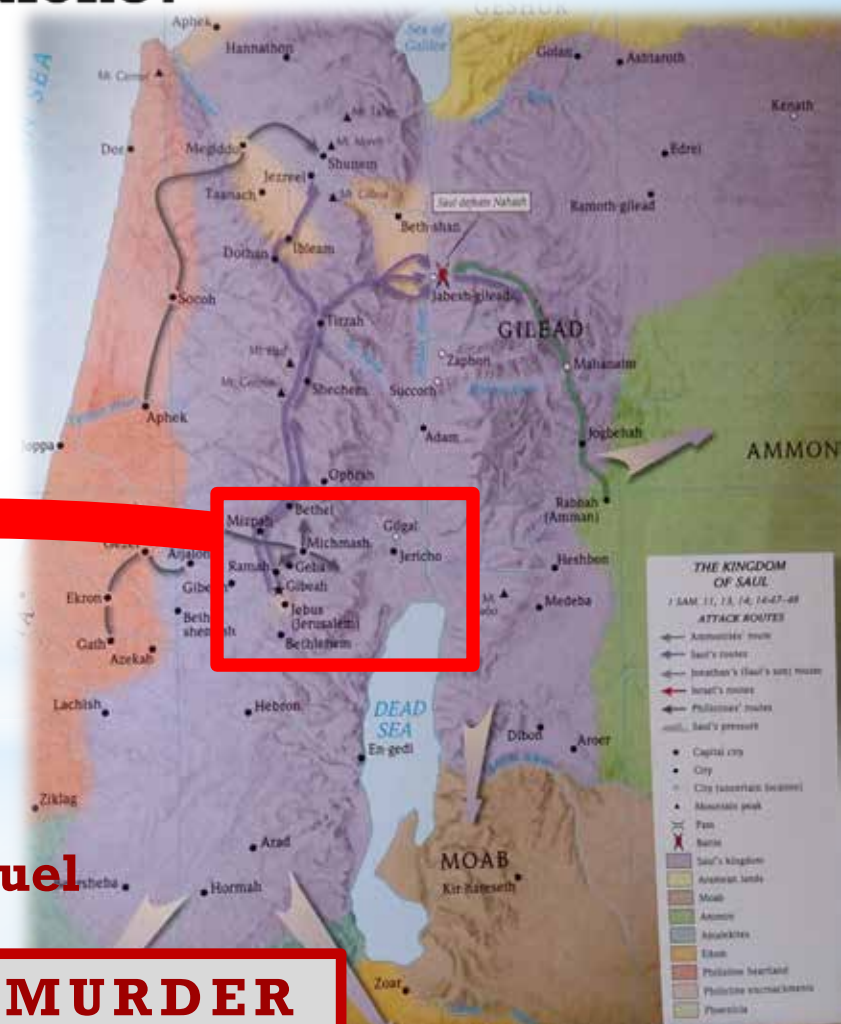
**Psalm 54 reflects on David's
time in the wilderness of **Ziph****

we will see some clips of those at the right time



21:1-9 David to Nob, Lies, takes Goliath's Sword

¹ David went to Nob, to Ahimelek the priest. Ahimelek **trembled** when he met him, and asked, "Why are you alone?"



“Trembled” same word used by folks in Bethlehem to Samuel

Lot of TREMBLING – cause there's a lot of MURDER

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Nob – SE of Gibeah, NE of Jebus

Ramah home of Samuel

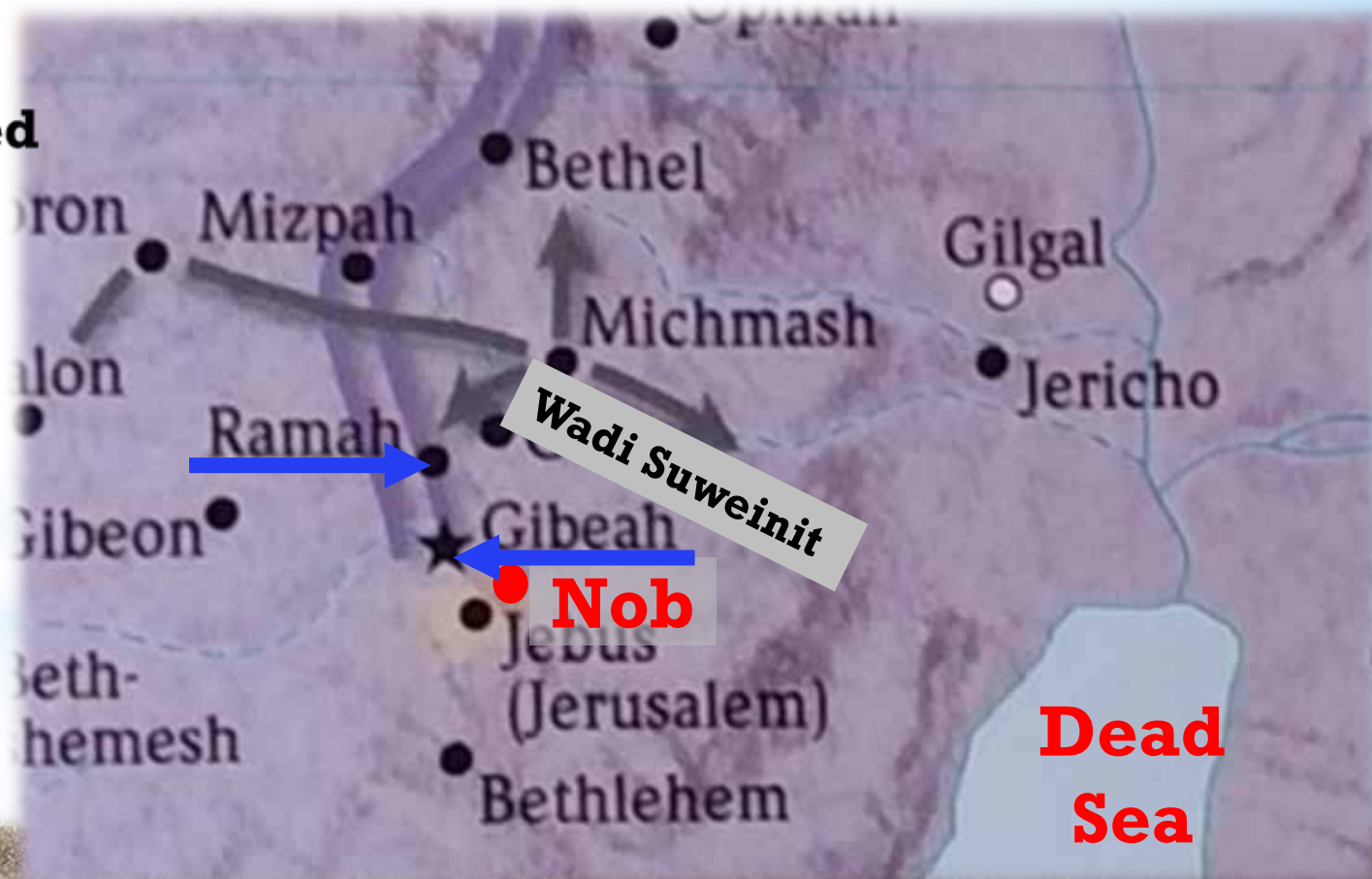
**Wadi Suweinit - Jonathan crossed
killed 20 Philistines**

Followed by battle Michmash

**Gibeah is Saul's HQ
Palace is Big Tree**

Saul's scepter is his spear

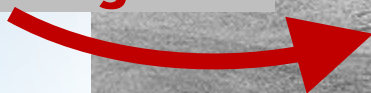
**Nob – priestly city ... likely est.
by Ahimelek after destruction
of Shiloh – 85 wear linen ephod**



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**Saul's HQ in Gibeah
Palace a Big Tree**



Gibeah from Michmash, 1847
by WH Bartlett, engraved by E Brandard

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Remember:

Saul is from Tribe of Benjamin

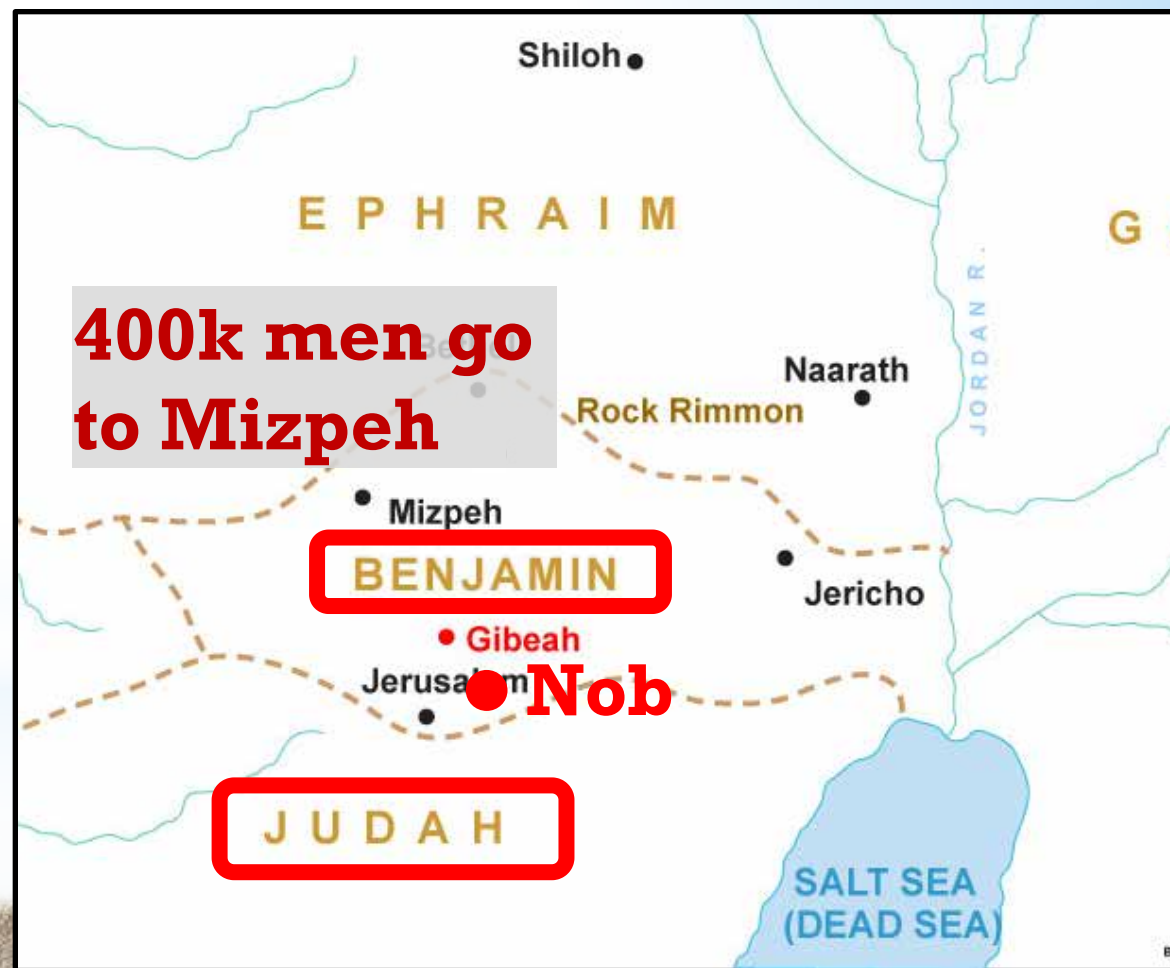
David from Tribe of Judah

**Judges 19 – *terrible* – Levite's concubine
abused *to death* in Gibeah
... brought war on Benjaminites**

**Judges 20:16, among soldiers
attacking Gibeah ...**

**700 select troops, left-handed,
each could sling a stone
at a hair and not miss.**

Benjaminites disliked



1 Samuel

Judges to Samuel to Saul's Death

Not long to Ziglaga and Mt. Gilboa

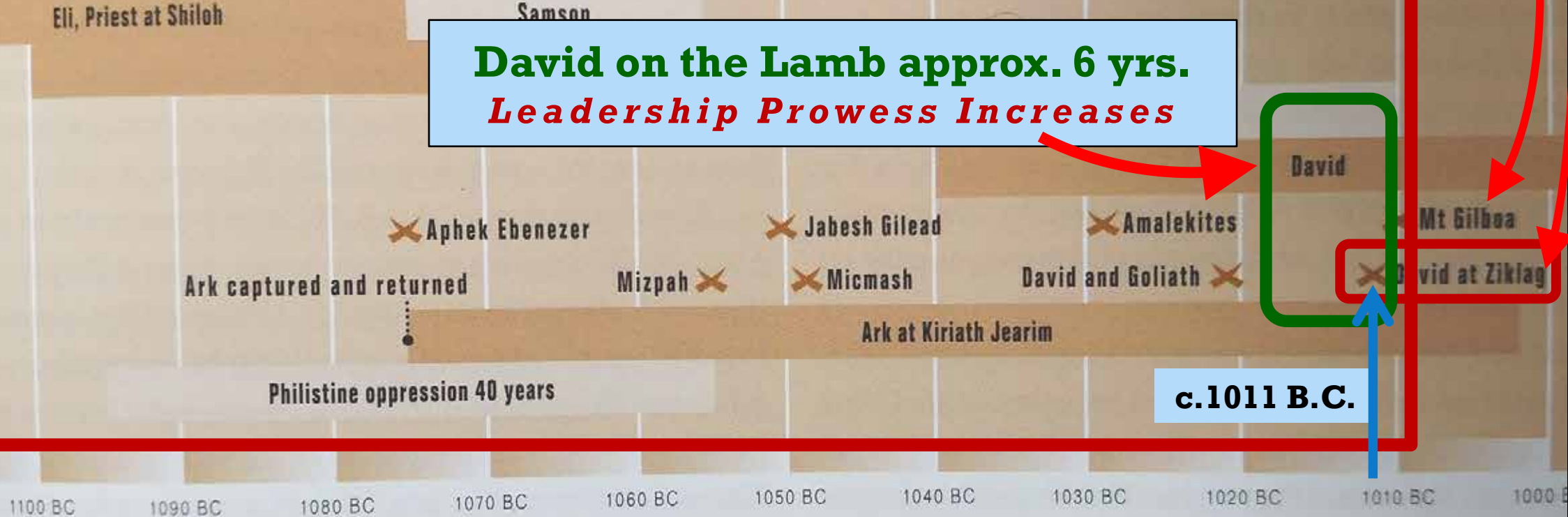
David fights Amalekites at Ziglaga, as Saul battles Philistines at Mt. Gilboa, dying there **c. 1010 B.C.**

1 Samuel outlined in **RED**

CANAAN

David on the Lamb approx. 6 yrs.
Leadership Prowess Increases

c.1011 B.C.



21:1-9 David to Nob, Lies, takes Goliath's Sword

¹ David went to Nob, to Ahimelek the priest. Ahimelek *trembled* when he met him, and asked, "Why are you alone?"

Why is no one with you?"

²⁻³ David answered: **Secret Mission for dah king ... need food**



21:1-9 David to Nob, Lies, takes Goliath's Sword

⁴ Ahimelek said, "All I have is consecrated bread ... only if men have **kept themselves from women.**"

Deut. 23:9
usual practice
before battle
II Sam. Uriah
abstained too

⁵ David replied, "Indeed, women have been kept from us, as usual whenever I set out. The men's bodies are holy even on missions that are not holy. **How much more so today!**"

David's selling cars, spinning tales—he's very ALONE

Yet David was not **FULLY** lying
many of their missions were **NOT** holy!

David was on a MISSION
to save his own skin



21:1-9 David to Nob, Lies, takes Goliath's Sword

Ever been *ALONE*?

David, sweet psalmist, KNEW

Ohh ... David KNEW soooo well the brutality of ALONE



King Saul . . . knew deadly JEALOUSLY

at this juncture in our chronicle

JEALOUSLY has nearly KILLED Saul's Soul



21:1-9 David to Nob, Lies, t

What is Ahimelek to do? ...
this is in fact **DAVID!!**—Giant Killer
David—Warrior par excellence ...

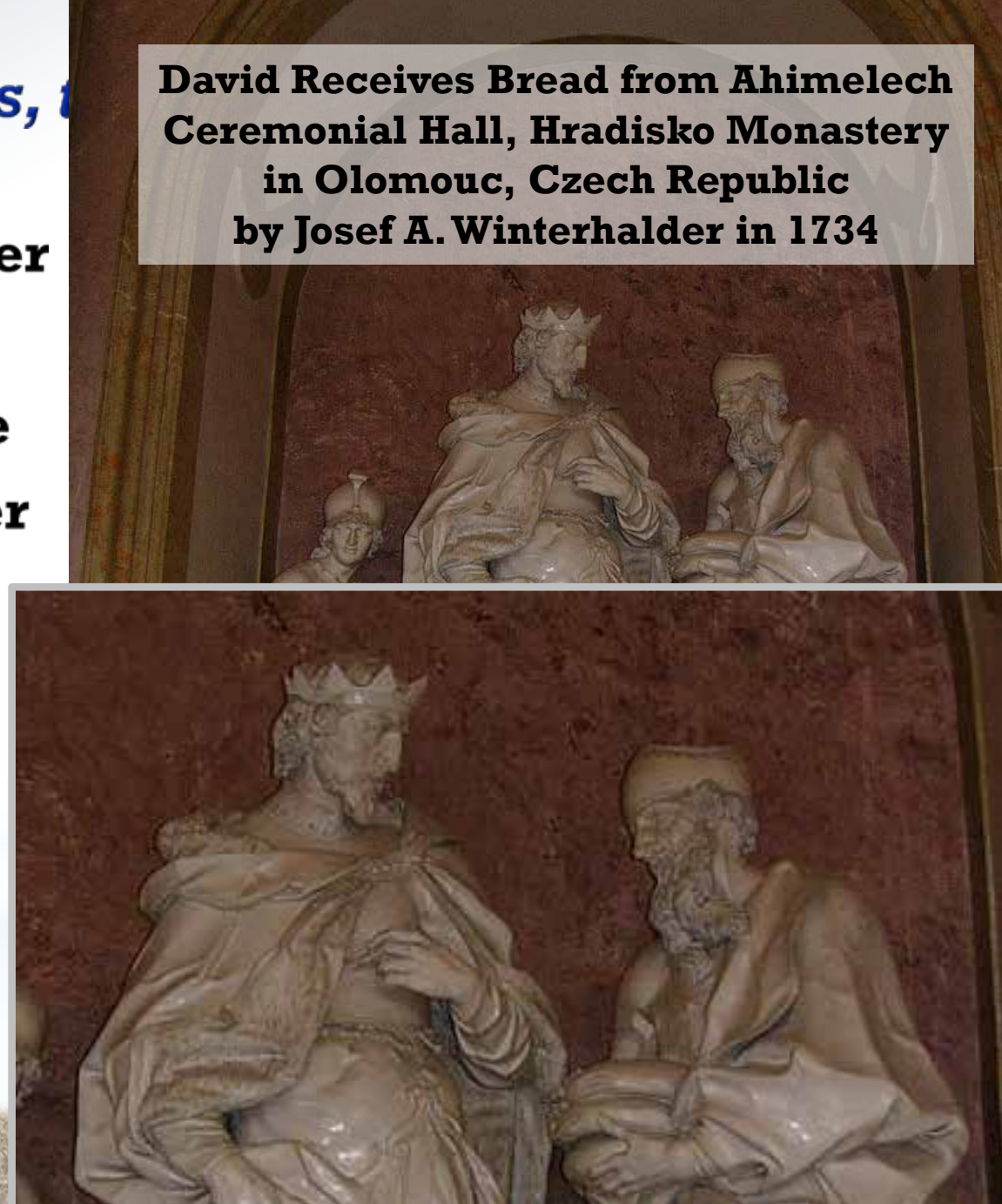
First Knight of Saul's crooked table

- ✓ Ahimelek = King's or Divine brother
i.e., meaning of name
- ✓ Brother to Ahijah, Saul's Chaplain,
... High Priest at Gibeah
- ✓ Descendent of Eli

What ELSE can Ahimelek do?

Yeah ... Priest **GAVE** David
the consecrated bread....

David Receives Bread from Ahimelech
Ceremonial Hall, Hradisko Monastery
in Olomouc, Czech Republic
by Josef A. Winterhalder in 1734



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⁶ Priest ***GAVE*** David
the consecrated bread....

- ✓ “Bread of the Presence”
- ✓ “Show Bread” – was 12 loaves representing the 12 Tribes
- ✓ Larger than normal loaves
- ✓ Before the Lord every Sabbath

For this reason, some say this supports Jewish tradition that

***Ark of the Covenant, formerly at Kiriath-Jearim,
may have made it to Nob***



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What is Ahimelek to do? ...

Notice:

**Temple/Tent, whatever, at Nob
after destruction at Shiloh**

**Nob worship center likely
started by Ahimelech**

**Soon ... Saul is going to ...
wait for it ...**

Saul's going to order **ALL KILLED
Ahimelech's Son,
Abiathar, will escape to David**

Table of High Priests

Aaron (Exod. 28-29)

Eleazar (Num. 3:4; Deut. 10:6)

Phinehas (Josh. 22:13-32; Judg. 20:28)

Eli (1 Sam. 1:9; 2:11)

Ahimelech (1 Sam. 21:1-2; 22:11)

Abiathar (2 Sam. 20:25; 1 Kings 2:26-27)

Zadok (1 Kings 2:35; 1 Chron. 29:22)

Azariah (1 Kings 4:2)

Amariah (2 Chron. 19:11)

Jehoiada (2 Kings 11:9-10,15; 12:7,9-10)

Azariah (2 Chron. 26:20)

Uriah (2 Kings 16:10-16)

21:1-9 David to Nob, Lies, takes Goliath's Sword

⁶ So the Priest Ahimelek **GAVE** David consecrated bread....
and ... aaaahh ... yeah ...

Someone Was Listening

⁷ one of Saul's servants was there ...

Doeg the Edomite, Saul's chief shepherd

Chap. 22, also, chief of Saul's servants

Doeg? ... name means "*fearful*"

... **NOT** going to do a thing in Nob

... **NOT** to David ... or to the Priest ...

... **Why?** – Doeg wants a promotion!

Dirty Dog Doeg ... he's got a scent



Dirty Dog Doeg
the Edomite

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⁸ David asked Ahimelek, “Don’t you have a spear or a sword here?
I haven’t brought my sword or any other weapon, because
the **king’s mission was urgent.**”

Yeah ... Right?!? ... so URGENT!

⁹ Ahimelek, “Sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah, is here; it’s wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod.

If you want it, take it; there is no sword here but that one.”

David said, “**There is none like it;** give it to me.”



Ahimelech Giving Sword of Goliath to David
by Aert de Gelder, c1640

**Ahimelech
Giving Sword
of Goliath to
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Aert de Gelder**

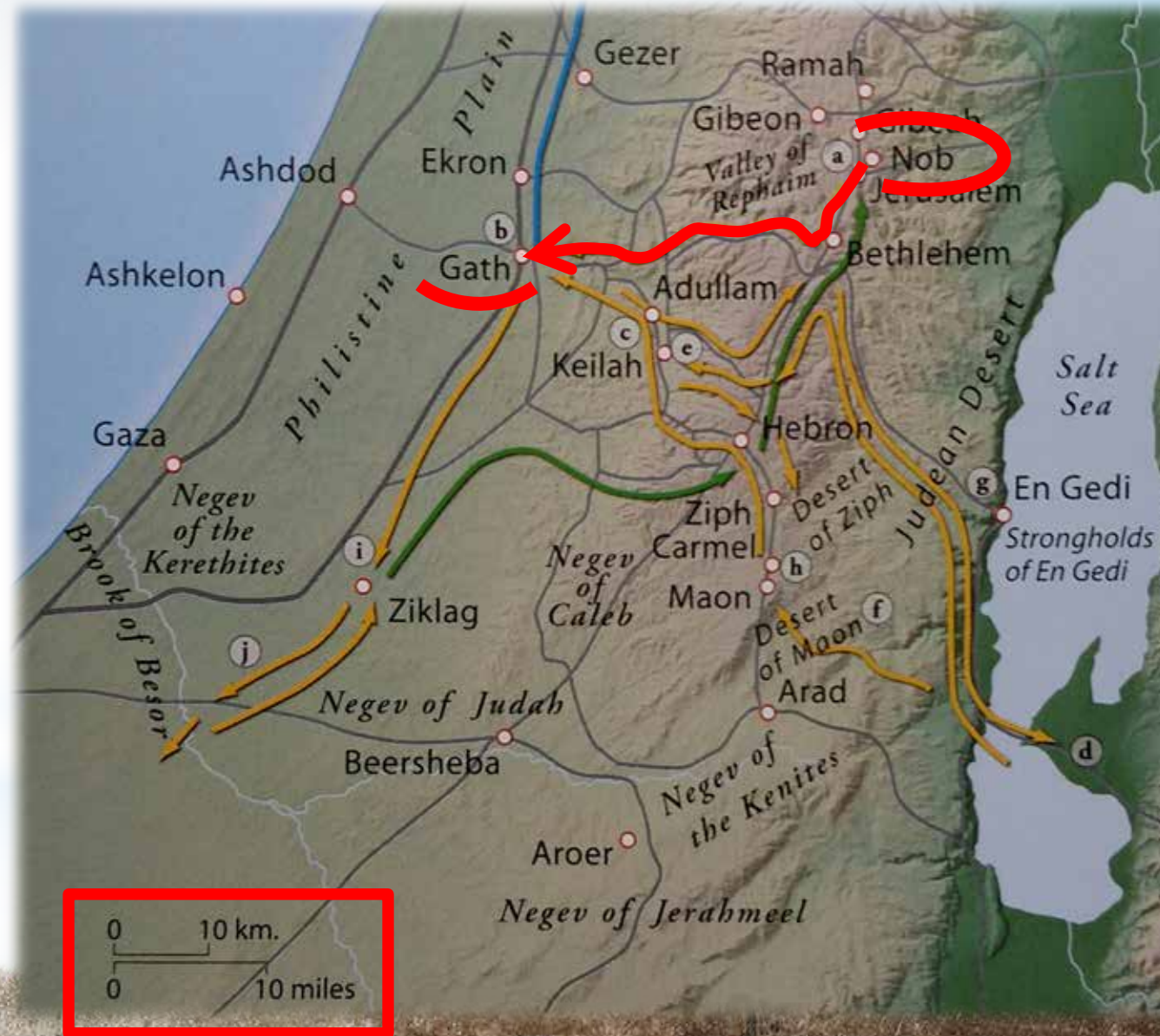


21:10-15 David to Gath – Pretends to be Insane

**10-11 David flees to
Achish, king of Gath.**

***Approx. 30 miles
no mention of horses***

**But King Achish's servants
say, "Isn't this David, the king
of the land? ... sing about in
their dances: " 'Saul has slain
his thousands, and David his
tens of thousands'?"**



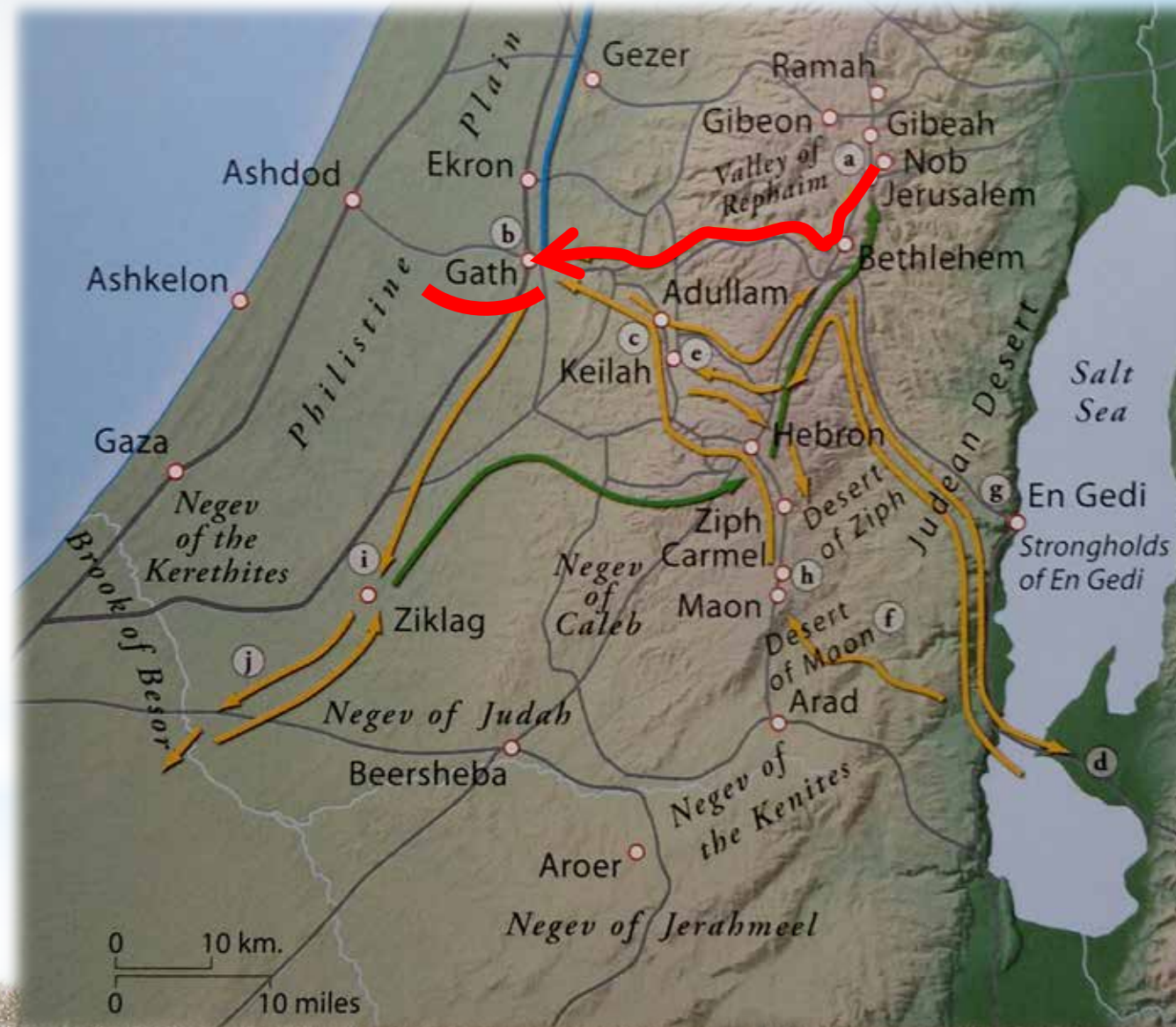
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**Psalms 34 & 56, each has note
... reflect David in Gath**

Psalms 34:6 – This poor man
called, and the LORD heard
him; he saved him out of all
his troubles.

Psalms 56:1 – Be merciful to
me, my God, for my enemies
are in hot pursuit; all day long
they press their attack.



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10-11 Servants say, “king of the land? ... sing and dance about ...

12 David took these words to heart ...

very afraid of Achish king of Gath.

“King of the land”—is that what they say?

***David has been out of touch
no newspapers or CNN***



No Gibeah County Booster

As far as we know, NO OFFICIAL word yet

Regardless, this news is NOT HELPING David

21:10-15 David to Gath – Pretends to be Insane

**Ever Been in a Position where
your TITLE, skill, reputation was LIABILITY?**



**Now – enemies of Saul are calling
David ... what?? ... KING of the LAND!**

**Yes, David pondered these things in his heart
How can he EVER reconcile with King Saul NOW?**

Increasingly, David sees ... will be NO reconciling

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13 David pretended to be insane in their presence; and while he was in their hands he acted like a madman, making marks on the doors of the gate and letting saliva run down his beard.

14-15 Achish said to his servants, “Look at the man! He is insane! Why bring him to me? Am I so short of madmen that you have to bring this fellow here to carry on like this in front of me? Must this man come into my house?”

***Later, David would return to King Achish
who would let him have the territory of Ziglag***

21:10-15 David to Gath – Pretends to be Insane

Psalm 56 – how David felt in Gath ...

- ¹ Be merciful to me, my God, for my enemies are in hot pursuit;
all day long they press their attack....**
- ³⁻⁶ When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.... They conspire, they lurk....**
- ⁷ Because of their wickedness do not let them escape....**
- ⁸ Record my misery; list my tears on your scroll....**
- ⁹ Then my enemies will turn back when I call for help. By this I will
know that God is for me.**
- ¹⁰⁻¹¹ In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise—in
God I trust and am not afraid. What can man do to me?**
- ¹² I am under vows to you, my God; I will present my thank offerings....**
- ¹³ For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

22:1-5 David to Cave at Adullam ... to Mizpah

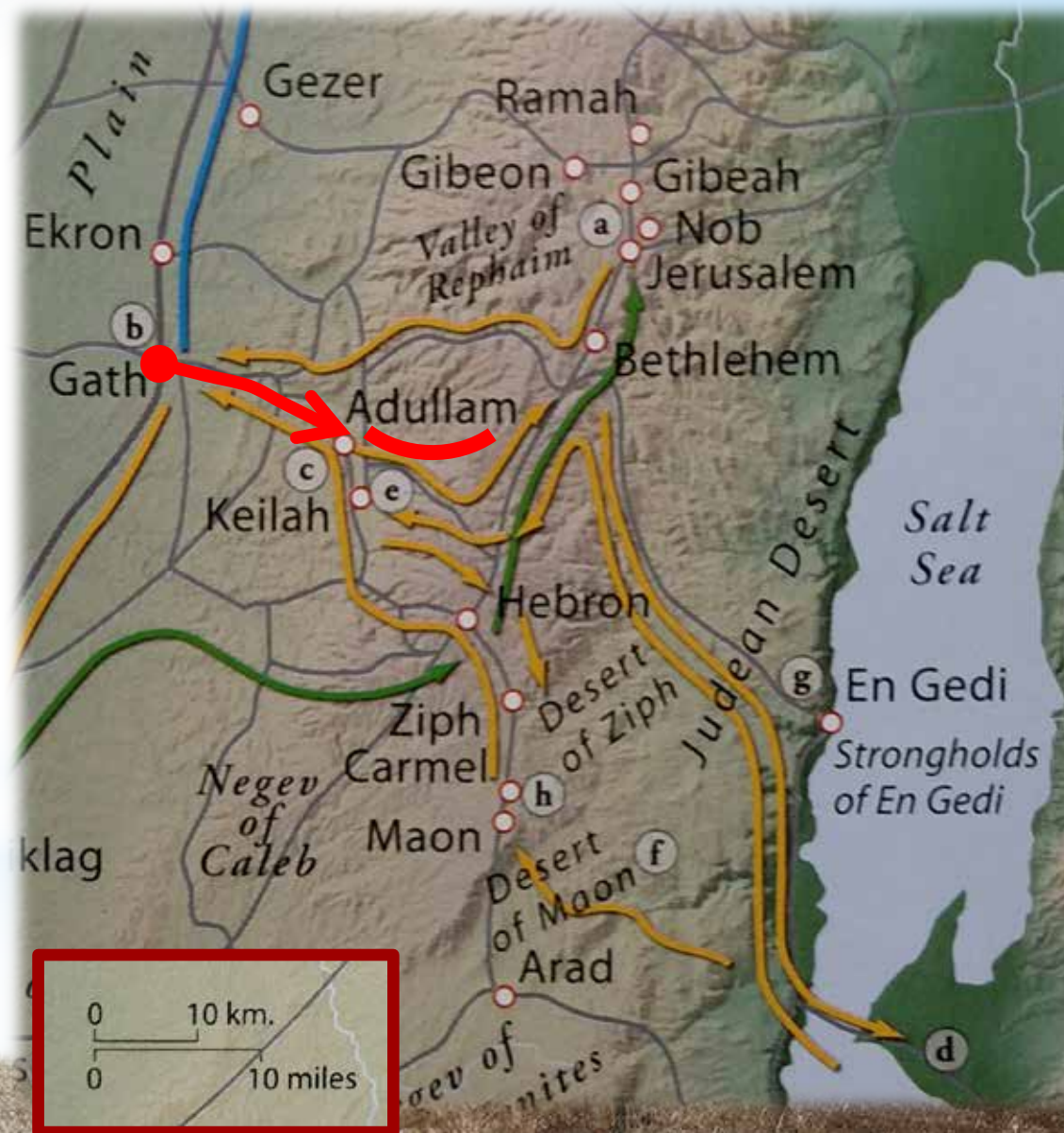
¹ David left Gath and escaped to the Cave of Adullam “closed-in”

When his **brothers** and his **father's household** heard about it, they went down to him there.

How do they elude murdering Saul?

ROUGH country
yet, this is **JUDAH**
HOME

**David knows every rock
been to every valley**



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Real Leadership

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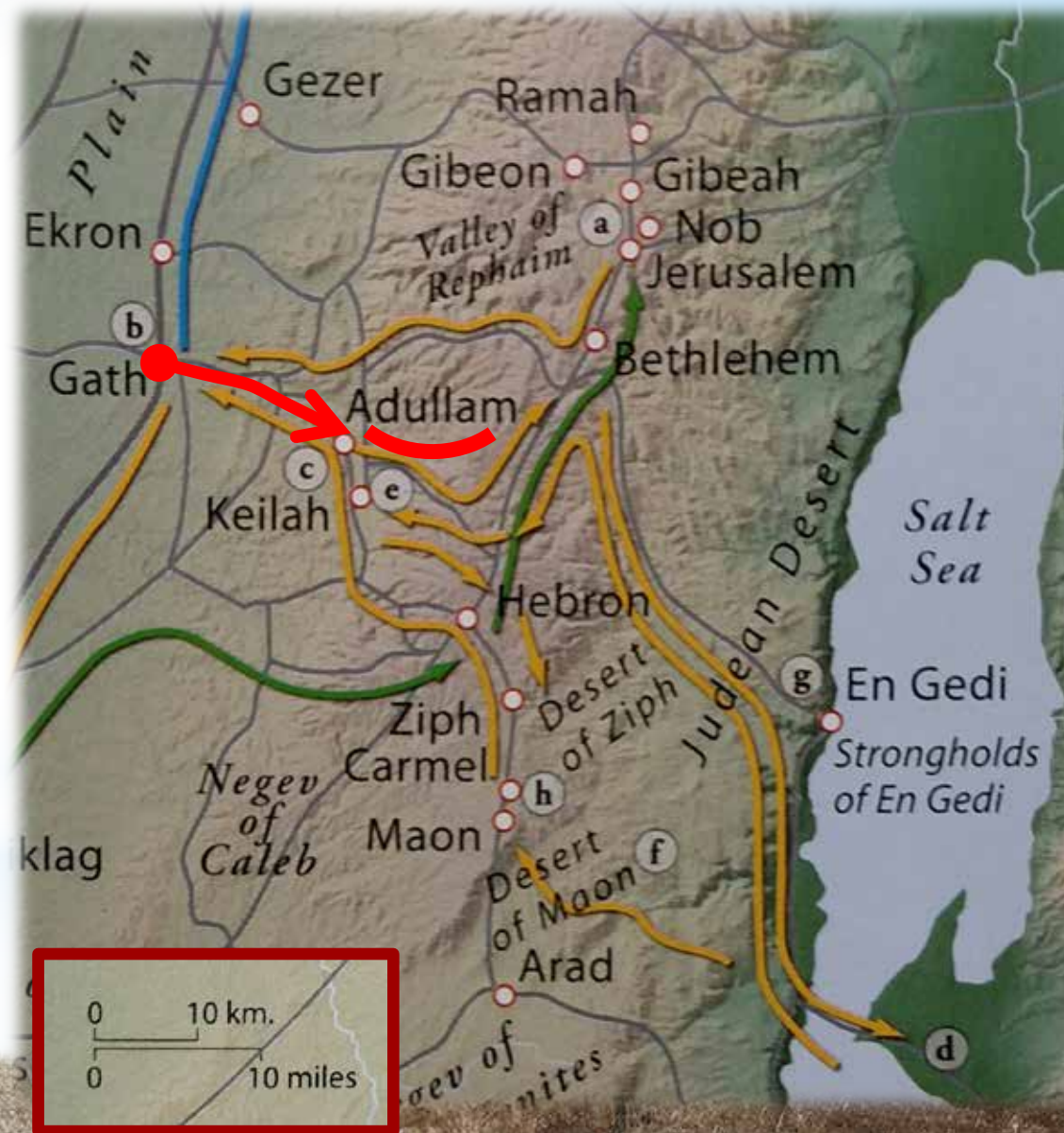
400 STRESSED Men!

They knew who cared

When your pursued by the KING
you find out who is TRUE

Real Leadership is about

TRUST



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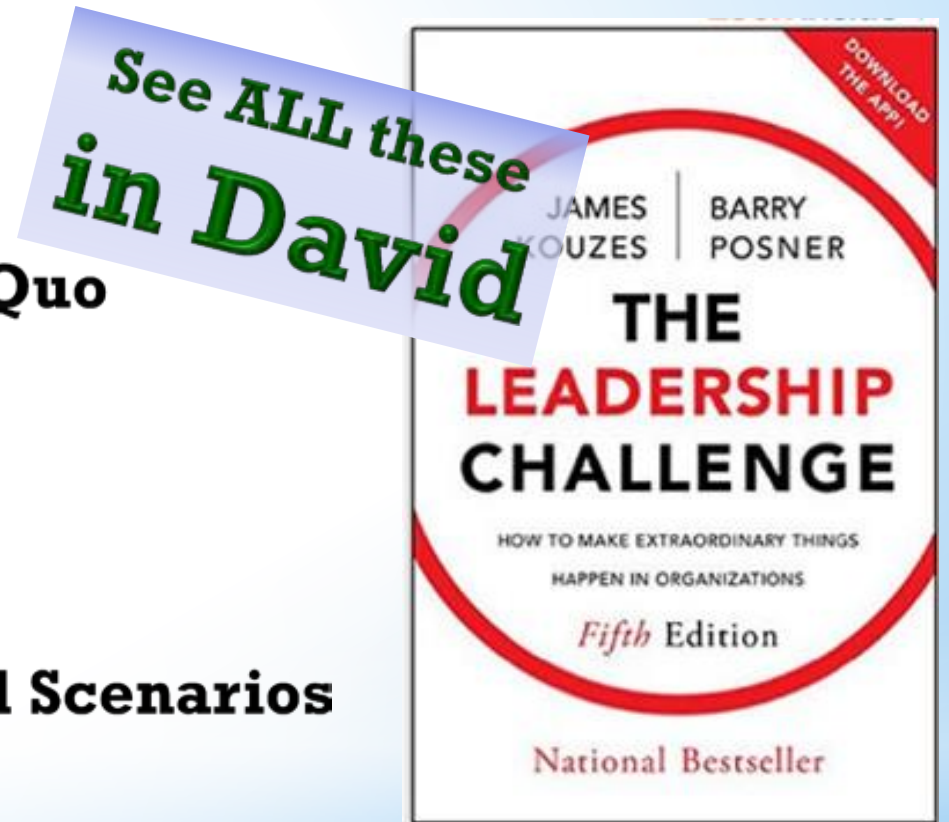
1. Search for Opportunities:
Confronting & Changing the Status Quo
2. Experiment and Take Risks:
Learning from Mistakes & Success

II. Inspiring a Shared Vision

3. Envision the Future: Imagining Ideal Scenarios
4. Enlist Others:
Attracting People to Common Purposes

James M. Kouzes and Barry Z. Posner, *The Leadership Challenge: How to Get Extraordinary Things Done in Organizations* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1987).

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III. Enabling Others to Act

5. Foster Collaboration: Getting People to Work Together

6. Strengthen Others: Sharing Power & Information

IV. Modeling the Way

7. Set the Example: Leading by Doing

8. Plan Small Wins: Building Commitment to Action

V. Encouraging the Heart

9. Recognize Individual Contribution:

Linking Rewards with Performance

10. Celebrate Accomplishments: Valuing the Victories



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Top Virtues Chosen

a 1987 – b 1993:	a–b		a–b		a–b
Honest	87–83	Intelligent	38–43	Mature	14–23
Forward-looking	71–62	Straightforward	34–34	Determined	13–20
Inspiring	68–58	Courageous	33–27	Ambitious	10–21
Competent	58–67	Dependable	32–32	Loyal	10–11
Fair-minded	49–40	Cooperative	30–25	Self-Controlled	5–13
Supportive	46–32	Imaginative	28–34	Independent	5–10
Broad-minded	41–37	Caring	27–26		

Of ALL these – ONE is TOP: CREDIBILITY

James M. Kouzes and Barry Z. Posner, *Credibility: How Leaders Gain and Lose It, Why People Demand It* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1993)

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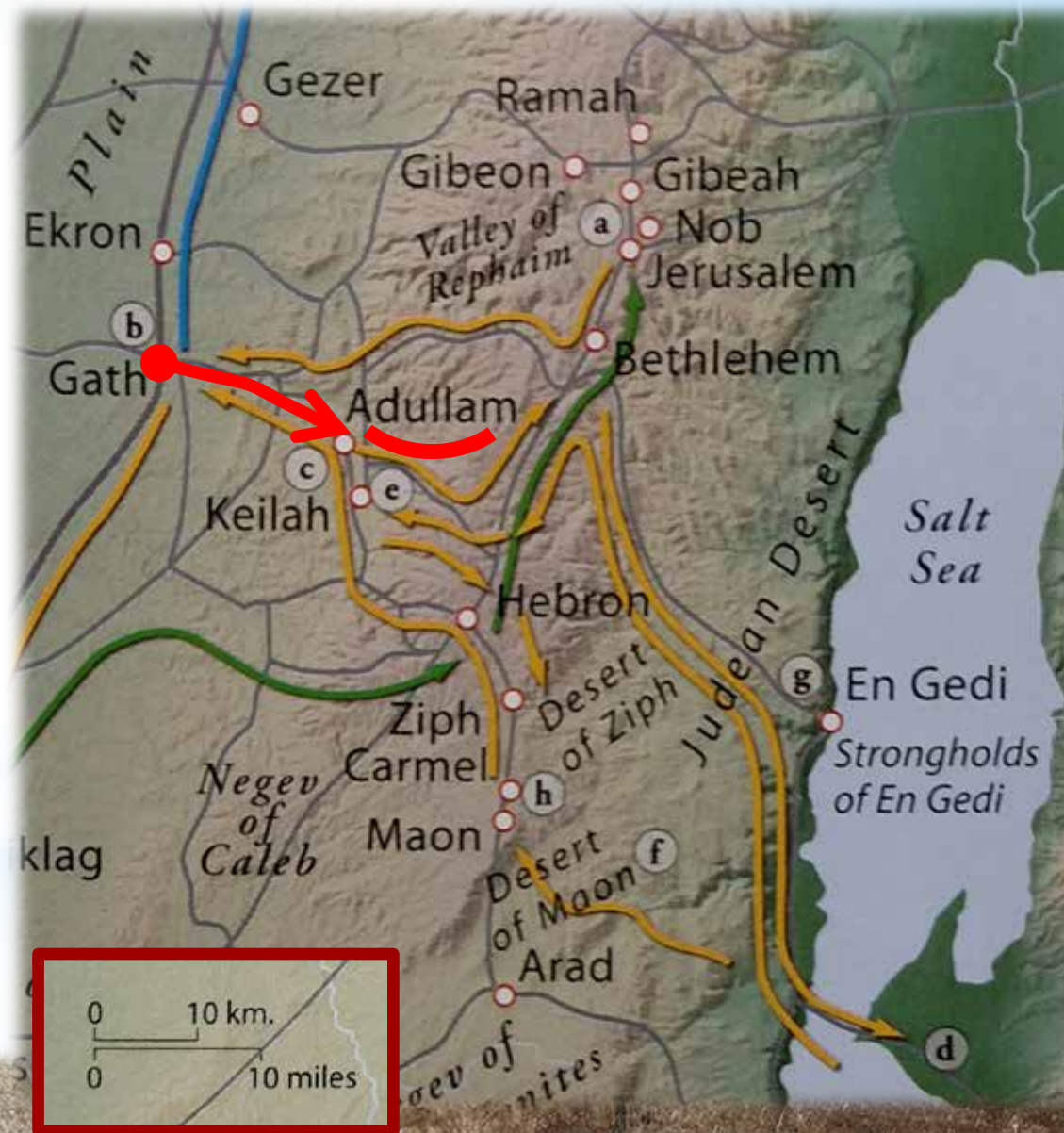
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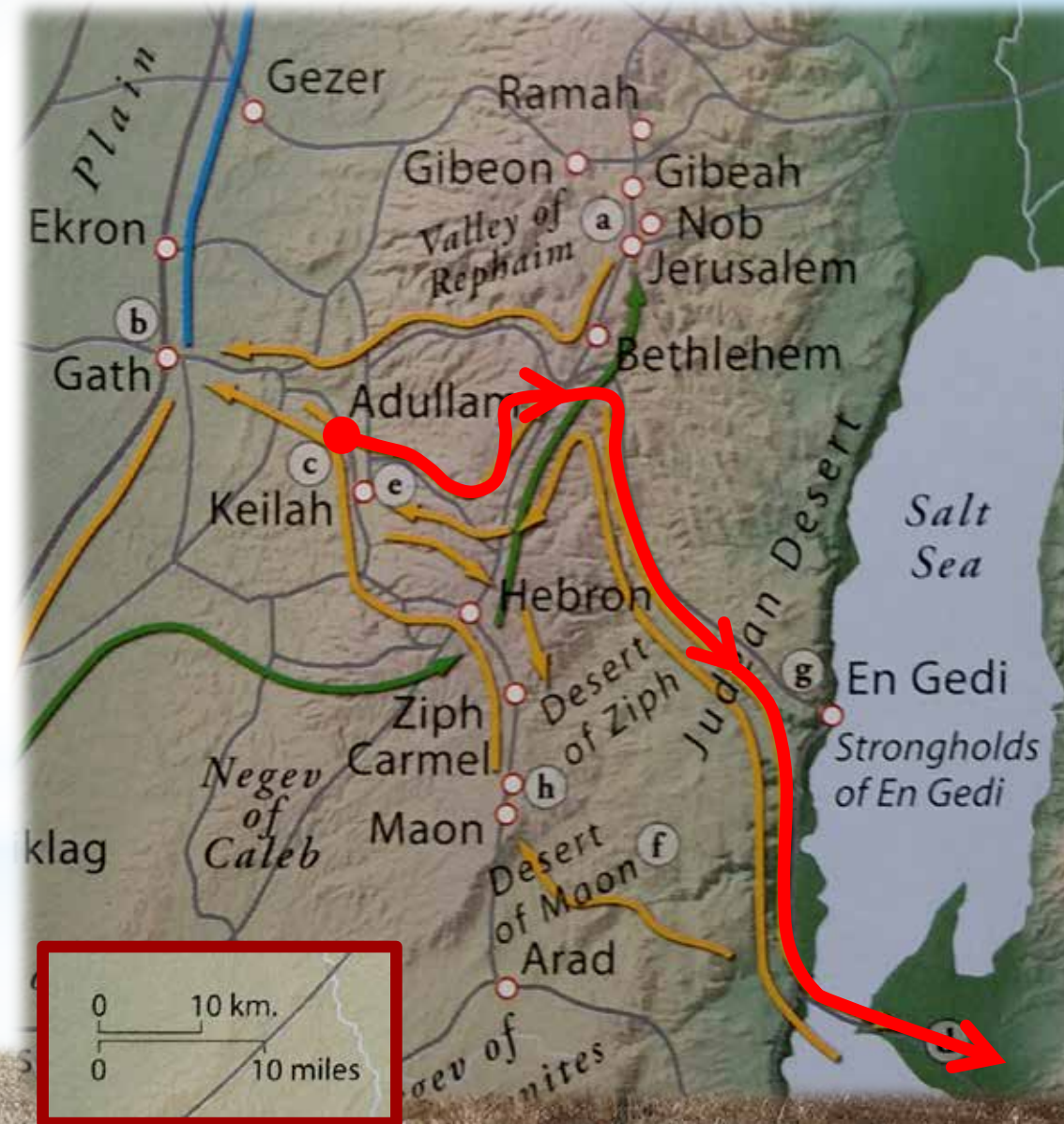


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³ From there David went to Mizpah in Moab and said to the king of Moab, “Would you let my **father and mother** come and stay with you **until I learn what God will do for me?**”

⁴ So he left them with the king of Moab, and they stayed with him as long as David was in the stronghold.

You know why ... perhaps ... because **Ruth, the Moabite, was David's Great-Grandmother**



22:1-5 David to Cave at Adullam ... to Mizpah

PLUS ...

**King of Moab, enemy of Saul,
can further divide or confound
King Saul the Pitiful**

**⁵ But the prophet Gad said to David,
“Do not stay in the stronghold. Go
into the land of Judah.”**

***You'll be safer in
your homeland***

**AND—they're going to
NEEEEED you Good David!**



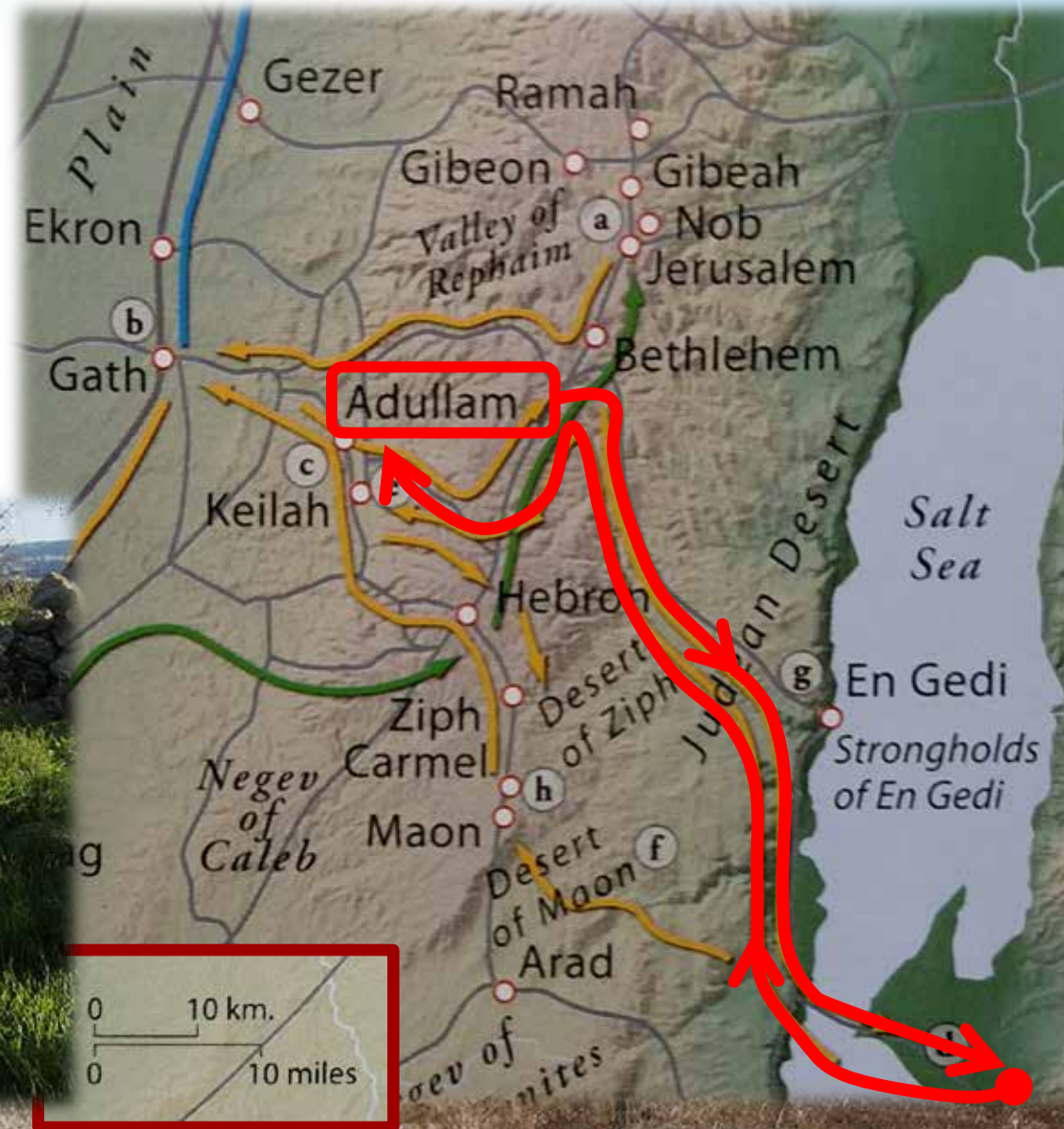
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**So David left and went to the
Forest of Hereth,
*which is near the caves of Adullam***



Hilltop in Adullam



22:6-10 Pursued by Saul – Saul's paranoia deepens

⁶ Saul heard that David and his men had been discovered. Saul was seated, spear in hand, under the **tamarisk tree** on the hill at Gibeah, with all his officials standing at his side.

Tamarisk Tree

- ✓ To 20 feet tall
- ✓ Excrete salts
- ✓ Pink flowers
- ✓ Bark for tanning
- ✓ Leaves for fodder
- ✓ 1 Sam. 31:31, Saul buried under Tamarisk Tree



David and Saul
Ernst Josephson, 1878

22:6-10 Pursued by Saul – Saul's paranoia deepens

Saul said to them, "Listen, men of Benjamin! Will the son of Jesse give all of you fields and vineyards? Will he make all of you commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds?

⁸ Is that why you have all conspired against me? No one tells me when my son makes a covenant with the son of Jesse.

Listen to the smallest violin playing

King Saul the Pitiful ... how we grieve for you

None of you is concerned about me or tells me that my son has incited my servant to lie in wait for me, as he does today."—*Pitiful*



David and Saul
Ernst Josephson, 1878

22:6-10 Pursued by Saul – Saul's paranoia deepens

⁹ But **Doeg** the Edomite, who was standing with Saul's officials, said, "I saw the son of Jesse come to Ahimelek son of Ahitub at Nob.

¹⁰ Ahimelek inquired of the LORD for him; he also gave him provisions and the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

Dirty Dog Doeg
the Edomite



David and Saul
Ernst Josephson, 1878

22:11-15 Guilty by Association – Ahimelech's Innocence

¹¹ Then the king sent for the priest Ahimelek son of Ahitub and all the men of his family, who were the priests at Nob, and they all came to the king.

**¹²⁻¹³ Saul said, “Listen now, son of Ahitub.”
“Yes, my lord,” he answered.**

Saul said to him, “Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, giving him bread and a sword and inquiring of God for him, so that he has rebelled against me and lies in wait for me, as he does today?”



**David and Saul
by Ernst Josephson, 1878**

22:11-15 Guilty by Association – Ahimelech's Innocence

¹⁴ Ahimelek answered the king, “Who of all your servants is as loyal as David, the king’s son-in-law, captain of your bodyguard and highly respected in your household?”

¹⁵ Was that ... first time I inquired of God for him?
Of course not! Let not the king accuse your servant or any of his father’s family, for your servant knows **nothing at all about this whole affair.**”

- ✓ Whether King Saul believed all of Ahimelek ...
- ✓ Who knows? ... what we DO KNOW is worse
- ✓ King Saul doesn’t care ... his SOUL is DEAD
- ✓ Jealously has SLAIN his SOUL DEAD
- ✓ Now—make example of Priests ... **Reign of TERROR**



David and Saul
by Ernst Josephson, 1878

22:16-17 Desperate Measures – Saul's order to KILL rejected

¹⁶ But the king said, “You will surely die, Ahimelek,
you and your whole family.”

¹⁷ Then the king ordered the guards:
“Turn and **kill the priests** of the LORD,
because they too have sided with David.
They knew he was fleeing, yet they
did not tell me.”

**But the king's officials were
unwilling to raise a hand to
strike the priests of the LORD.**

What's a King to do? ...

where is **Dirty Dog Doeg**?



David and Saul
by Ernst Josephson, 1878

22:18-23 Saul Orders Killing of Ahimelech & Priests

**¹⁸ King Saul ordered Dirty Dog Doeg,
“You turn and strike down the priests.”**

**So Dirty Dog Doeg the Edomite
turned and struck them down.
That day he killed **eighty-five**
men who wore the linen ephod.**

**¹⁹ Dirty Dog ALSO put to the
sword Nob, town of the priests ...**

**men, women, children, INFANTS,
cattle, donkeys and sheep—all SLAIN.**

Dirty Dog got his promotion!

**Saul Commands Doeg to Slay the Priests
James Tissot, 1766**



22:18-23 Saul Orders Killing of Ahimelech & Priests

**²⁰ But one son of Ahimelek ... Abiathar,
escaped and fled to join David.**

**²¹ He told David that Saul had killed the priests of the LORD.
*and ... town of Nob ... and men, women, children, infants, sheep!***

**²² Then David said to Abiathar, "That day, when Dirty Dog Doeg the
Edomite was there, I ***KNEW*** he would be sure to tell Saul.**

I am responsible for the death of your whole family.

Why? – cause David KNEW he should have killed Dirty Dog

**But this news set into STONE David's plan to RUN
save his family, and gather about all who NEED help**

**²³ Stay with me; don't be afraid. The man who wants to kill
you is trying to KILL me too. ***You will be safe with me.*****



22:18-23 Saul Orders Killing of Ahimelech & Priests

Did You HEAR That?

Listen CLOSELY ... good words

²³ Stay with me; don't be afraid.

**The man who wants to kill you is
trying to *KILL* me too.**

You will be safe with me."

Those are NOT vain words

They came from DAVID, Giant Killer

sweet Psalmist of Israel—yes BELIEVE



23:1-13 David Rescues Keilah ... Then Flees

¹ David told Philistines fighting, looting against Keilah

**² David asks LORD, saying, "Shall I go?" LORD said,
"Go, attack the Philistines and save Keilah."**

³⁻⁶ But David's men were afraid.

David asks God, told to go **SAVE Keilah....**

**⁷⁻⁸ Saul finds out, gets troops,
heads after David.**

⁹⁻¹² David learns of Saul, asks God;

****YES, citizens of Keilah will turn him over.****

**¹³ So David and his men, about 600, left
Keilah, kept moving from place to place.**

**When Saul is told that David escaped from
Keilah, Saul did not go there.**



**David and Saul
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23:14-29 David Roams, Sees Jonathan, to En Gedi

¹⁴ David stayed in the wilderness ... of the Desert of Ziph.

Day after day Saul searched for him, but God saved.

**¹⁵⁻¹⁶ In the Desert of Ziph, David learned Saul wanted to KILL him
Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God.**

¹⁷ “Don’t be afraid,” Jonathan said. “My father Saul will not lay a hand on you. You will be king over Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my father Saul knows this.”

¹⁸ The two made a covenant before the LORD ... Jonathan went home.

¹⁹⁻²⁶ Ziphites betray David, Saul comes AGAIN ... no use

David eludes all in the Desert of Maon, in the Arabah

²⁷⁻²⁹ Philistines attack, Saul breaks off pursuit, David goes to En Gedi

Got to know when to Hold'em ... Fold'em ... when to RUN

23:1-13 David Rescues Keilah ... Then Flees

looking back

- ✓ David is honorable throughout
- ✓ Misses chance to kill Dirty Dog Doeg
- ✓ Saul goes on murdering rampage
- ✓ David rescues his family and others
- ✓ **David asks God for help *all the way***
- ✓ God sends David to **SAVE** town of Keilah
- ✓ God says—yes—Keilah **WILL** give David to Saul
- ✓ **David and men off to roam in Desert of Ziph**

What are David & Men Feeling NOW?

*Saved ... **SAFE** ... once again*



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David Roams in Desert

around the campfire ... at night ...

Moon is almost full ... cool breeze ...

600 men know ... David wants their best

God is with David ... they *KNOW* it

IMAGINE ... reflecting ...

One cannot buy this kind of loyalty

Body guards without pay ...

true and faithful ... friends for life ...

precious are the rewards of **HONOR**



David Roams in Desert

around the campfire ... at night ...

Moon is almost full ... cool breeze ...

Finally ... an old soldier

Gives David a nod ... asks

“David ... play us a song”

David pulls out his guitar



Psalm 54 – David Sings



¹ Save me, O God, by your name;
vindicate me by your might.

²⁻³ **Hear my prayer, O God**; listen to the words of my mouth. Arrogant foes are attacking me; ruthless people are trying to kill me—people without regard for God.

⁴ Surely God is my help;
the **Lord is the one who sustains me.**

⁵ Let evil recoil on those who slander me;
in your faithfulness destroy them.

⁶ I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;
I will praise your name, LORD, *for it is good.*

⁷ You have delivered me from **all my troubles**, and
my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.



Psalm 54 – David Sings



In the cool of the evening
under the moon's dim light
with the camp fire aglow ...

David warms their hearts with a song ...
eased their fears ... they sleep well ...

TRUSTING — their New King David

the sweet psalmist of Israel



ALONE . . . with your HONOR
though hard times come
May God Keep You Safe



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