June 3 – 2 Samuel 1 & 2

Respected

Israel's Golden Age

King David, by Nicolas Cordier
Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore
est. A.D. 432, Rome, Italy

2 Samuel

✡1.	June 3	Respected	1-2	David Mourns Saul, then Made King
2.	June 10	Crowned	3-4	Civil War – Abner Killed by Joab
3.	June 17	Celebrated	5-6	King David Moves Ark to Jerusalem
4.	June 24	Established	7	God's Covenant to Build House of David
5.	July 8	Accountable	12	David & Bathsheba, Repents to Nathan
6.	July 8	Accountable	12	David Repents with Nathan
7.	July 15	Grieved	13	Tamar Raped … Absalom Kills Amon
8.	July 22	Deposed	15	Absalom Rebels against David
9.	July 29	Restored	19	David Restored to Throne
10.	Aug. 5	Averted	20	Sheba Revolts against David
11.	Aug. 12	Resolved	21	Gibeonite Revenge on House of Saul
12.	Aug. 19	Thankful	22	David's Song of Deliverance (Psalm 18)
13.	Aug. 26	Disciplined	24	David's Census Sin

2 Samuel Outline

You're HERE

1-7	David Secures the Kingdom over Southern and Northern Tribes	1-7
1	David Mourns Death of Saul & Jonathan	
2-4	David Made King over Judah in Hebron	
5	David Made King over All of Israel … Conquers Jerusalem	
6	Ark brought to Jerusalem	
7	Davidic Covenant … David wants to Build Temple	
8-10	David Extends the Kingdom	8-10
8	War against Philistia, Moab, Syria, Ammon, Amalek	
9	David's Kindness to Saul's son Mephibosheth	
10	War against Ammon in Syria	
11-12	David with Bathsheba, Adultery, Murder, Repents, Solomon's Birth	11-12
13-19	Absalom's Revolt against David	13-19
13-14	Amnon Rapes Tamar … Absalom Kills Amnon, Fleers, Returns	
15-17	Absalom Revolts against David … David Flees	
18-19	David Defeats Absalom … Joab Kills Absalom	
19-24	David Re-secures the Kingdom	19-24
20	Sheba's Revolt & Death	
21	Saul's Sons Killed … David Defeats Philistines	
22	David's Psalm of Victory	
23	David's Last Song … David's Mighty Men	
24	David Takes Census of Israel	
1 Kings 1-2 … David Bedridden … Appoints Solomon King … David Dies		

2 Samuel 5-20
more exploits in
1 Chronicles 11-28

Theme

God calls individuals to lead His people, and they should be honored as such.

1:1-16 David Kills Amalekite for Admitting to Killing King Saul

1:17-18 David Orders SONG "Lament of the Bow" Taught to Israel

or, David Orders the USE of the Bow Taught to Israel

1:19-27 Commemoration – "Lament of the Bow" for Saul & Jonathan

2:1-4 Coronation – David Anointed King in Hebron

2:4-7 Commendation – David Blesses Men of Jabesh-Gilead

Key Verse 1 – 2 Samuel 1:26

Your love for me was wonderful

Alternative Title

Loyal Love that Lasts

NOTE … FOUR Originally TWO

1 & 2 Samuel ONE BOOK … 1 & 2 Kings ONE BOOK

Septuagint – LXX – Greek Translation of O.T.: c. A.D. 200

two books: First & Second Kingdoms (1 & 2 Samuel)

~~two books:~~ Third & Fourth Kingdoms (1 & 2 Kings)

"Kingdoms" became "Kings" in Latin Vulgate

With the Printing Press, Gutenberg Bible, 1455

Four books of 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 & 2 Kings *accepted*

Gutenberg Bible, vellum copy owned by the U.S. Library of Congress

Johannes Gutenberg (1400-1468)

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Written in Latin

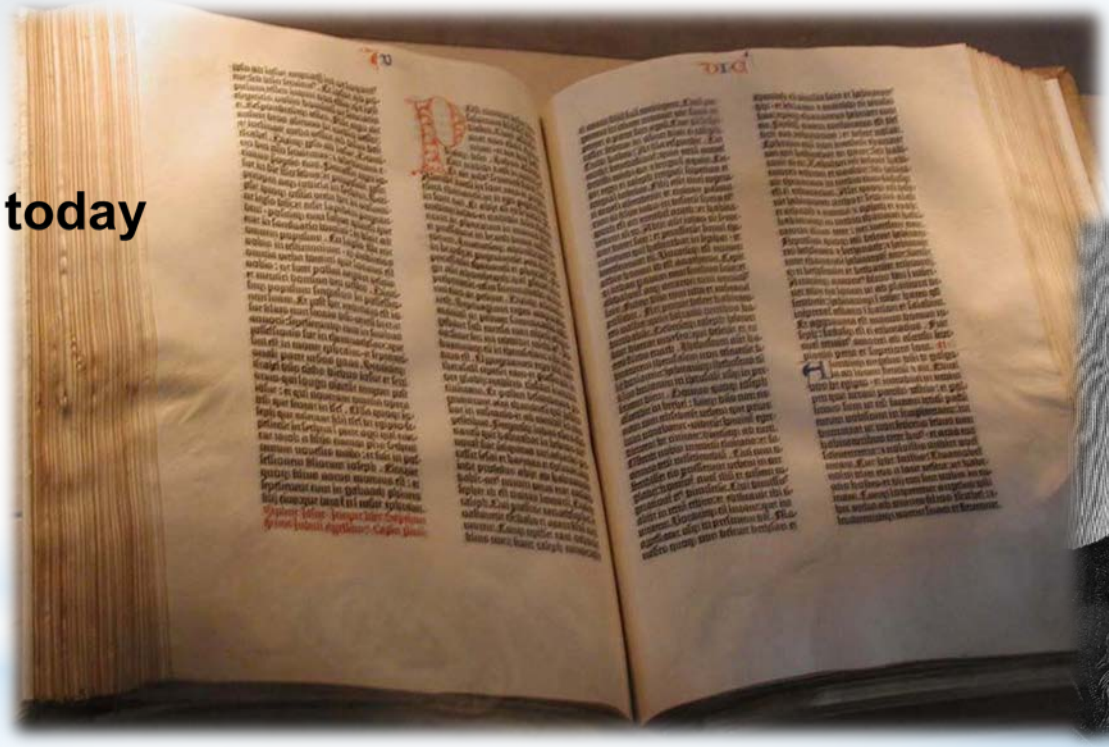
158 printed 1455

49 known to exist today

One of the most valuable books

Last sold 1978 for $2.2m

Today: $25-35m



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Kill King Saul

In 1 Samuel 30, wounded Saul asked his armor-bearer to finish him off. "Nope," he couldn't do that.

So Saul fell on his sword – Killed SELF.

When armor-bearer saw that Saul was DEAD

Saul's armor-bearer fell on his sword too!

Better to die NOW than slowly by Philistines

Death of King Saul, 1848
by Elie Marcuse (1817-1902)

Close up

King Saul … ***KNEW***

KNEW the humiliation & torture
he would face if captured ALIVE

Not much better for Armor Bearer

Death of King Saul, 1848
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King Saul … DIES

Loses the Battle …

VIOLENT END OF LIFE

Beginning of the David's Kingship

YET … David was PREVENTED from being at this battle

David was "allied" with Philistines who had sent him home to Ziklag

Philistine did not TRUST David

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But this Amalekite is CLAMING to have killed Saul …

All to get in good with new King … but David kills him

1:17-18 David Orders "Lament of the Bow" to be

Taught to All of Israel

That is immediate context to this poem

King David
Madrid, Spain

2 Samuel Chapter 2

David asked God about settling in Judah?

God says, “SURE” … “Go to Hebron”

David and his men settle in Hebron …

Men of Judah crown David the King of Judah

Yet David was anointed years ago by Samuel

Hebron – 2nd Holiest City in Israel

from Ziklag 30 miles to Hebron

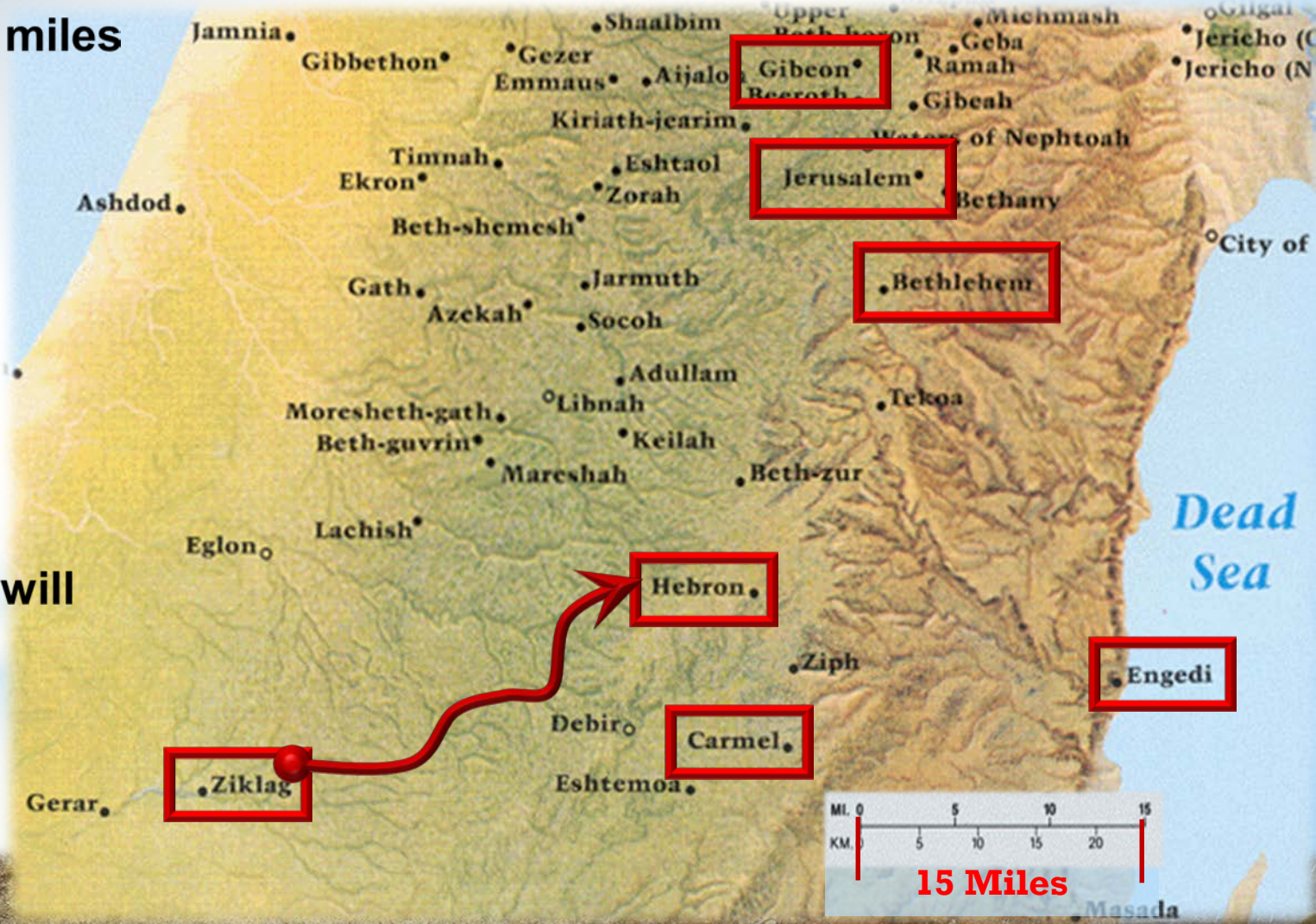
Gibeonites buried Saul & Jonathan

Recall Carmel & Widow Abigail

Recall Engedi & Hiding in Caves

Not long … David will take Jerusalem

10 miles south is Bethlehem



2 Samuel Chapter 2

There is a LARGER Context

Before this Crowning

Before the Poetic Lament

1 Samuel Sets the Stage

For the remarkably *KIND* words
David Teaches about Saul & Jonathan in the

Lament of the Bow

King David
Madrid, Spain

1 Samuel – Brief Review

1-2 Hannah Prays, Vows, Samuel Born

No Rock Like Our God

3 Boy Samuel Clearly God Called

Lamp of God Had NOT Gone Out

4-7 Philistines take Ark … oooops!

Raiders of the Lost Ark, Staring Ancient Philistines

8-11 Israel, "Give us a King!"

What Would Grandpa Do? - Samuel, Israel's Beloved Grandpa

Grandpa—Tell Me 'Bout the Good Ol' Days

12 Thunder and Rain … to Obey?

Fear the Lord—Forget Not What He Has Done in Love

13-15 Samuel Regrets ... Rejects King Saul

Don't Mess with Grandpa or Jonathan, Two Ways to Go

16 David Anointed—Lord sees the heart

Lord Looks at the HEART

Some say love, it is a river
That drowns the tender reed.

1 Samuel – Brief Review

17 David Whips Goliath

Battle Is the Lord's, Though often It Seems Not

18-20 David and Jonathan's Loyalty

Friends—Crown Jewels of Life

21-23 Saul Pursues David & Followers

Know when to Hold'em, Know when to Fold'em, Know when to Run

24-25 Abigail's Wisdom Saves Household

Wise Women Rock—David Saw Abigail's Self-Sacrifice

. . . and we saw David spare Saul's Life I

26 David Spares King Saul's Life II

Be a Man or Woman After God's Own Heart

37-31 David Pursues Raiders & Saul Killed

To the Victor Go the Spoils of the … H E A R T

27:1-12 David to King Achish in Gath

Tragic – No Way Home

After sparing King Saul x2
David STILL could not go home

1 Samuel 27:1 – David thought to himself, "One of these days I will be destroyed by the hand of Saul. The best thing I can do is to escape to the land of the Philistines…."

David heads once again to the Dark Lands of King Achish

Pagan Dagon Worshippers

To make a long story short

6 King Achish gave him Ziklag and it has belonged to the kings of Judah ever since.

7 David lived there in 1yr, 4mons

27:1-12 David Becomes a Raider

8 Now David and his men went up and raided the Geshurites, the Girzites and the Amalekites—the Amalekites. From ancient times these had lived in the land extending to Shur and Egypt.

chap. 24-25, David spared Saul's life 1st time in Engedi …

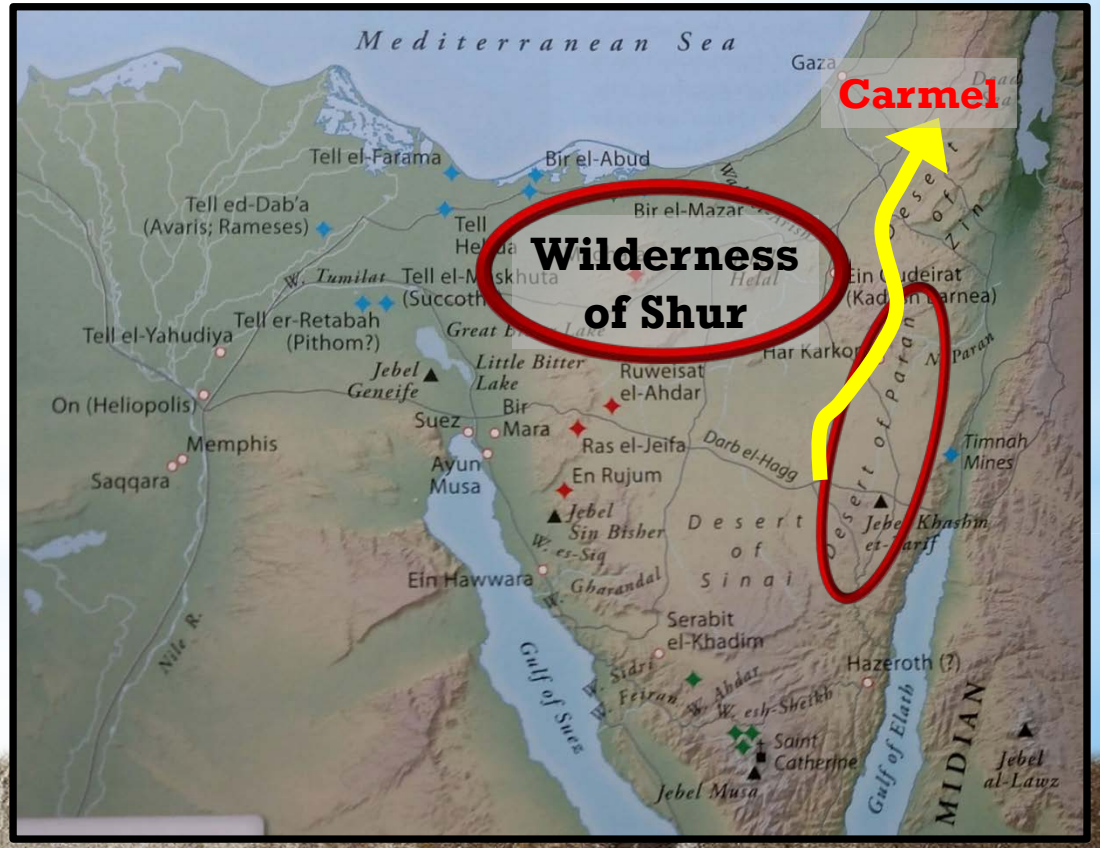
After sparing King Saul 1st time, David goes to Desert of Paran …

After that, he hears about Nabal shearing sheep in Carmel …

Yes, Foolish Toad Nabal

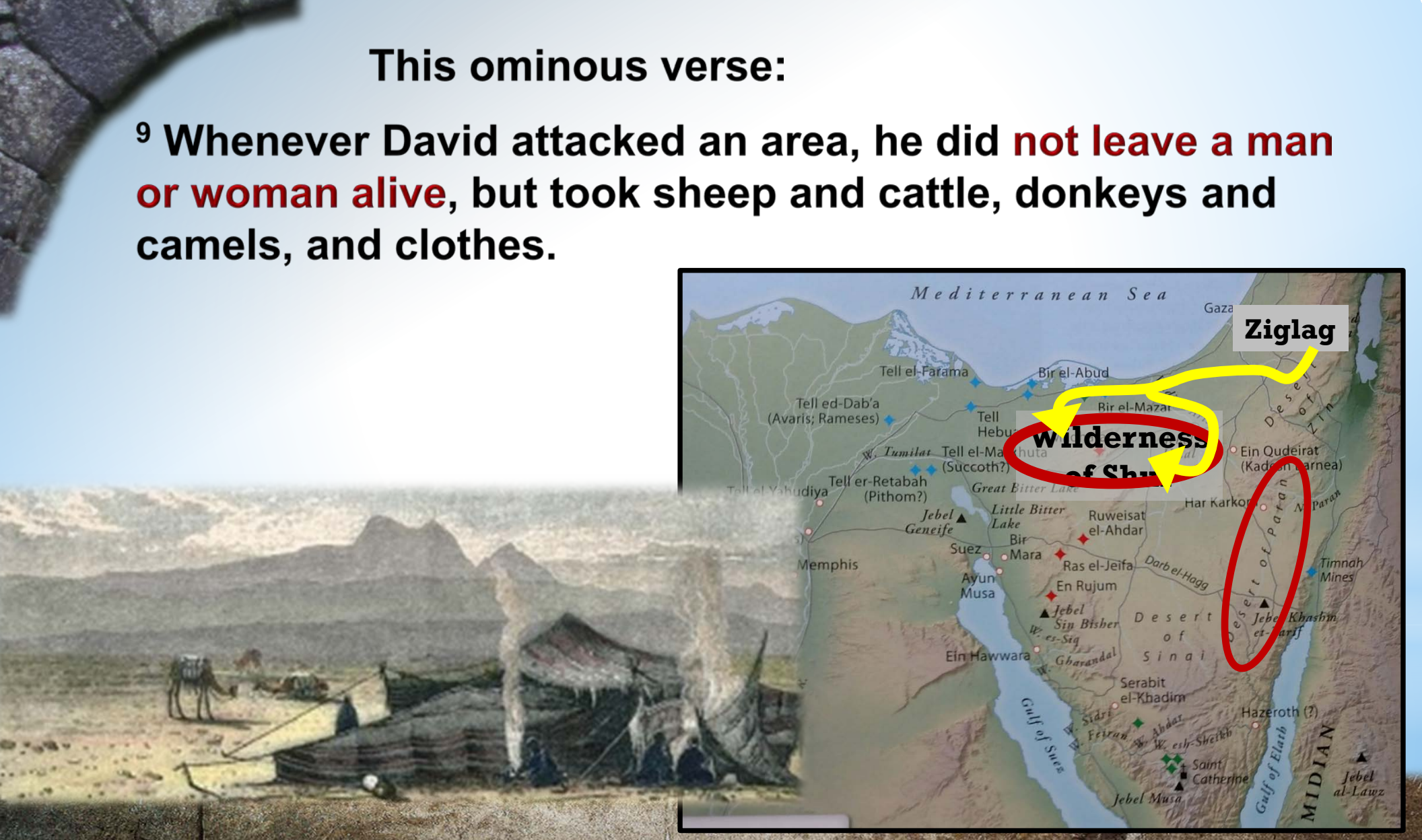
there we saw how

Wise Women Rock



This ominous verse:

9 Whenever David attacked an area, he did **not leave a man or woman alive**, but took sheep and cattle, donkeys and camels, and clothes.



THREE Dramas happen @ SAME TIME – *overlapping*

chapter

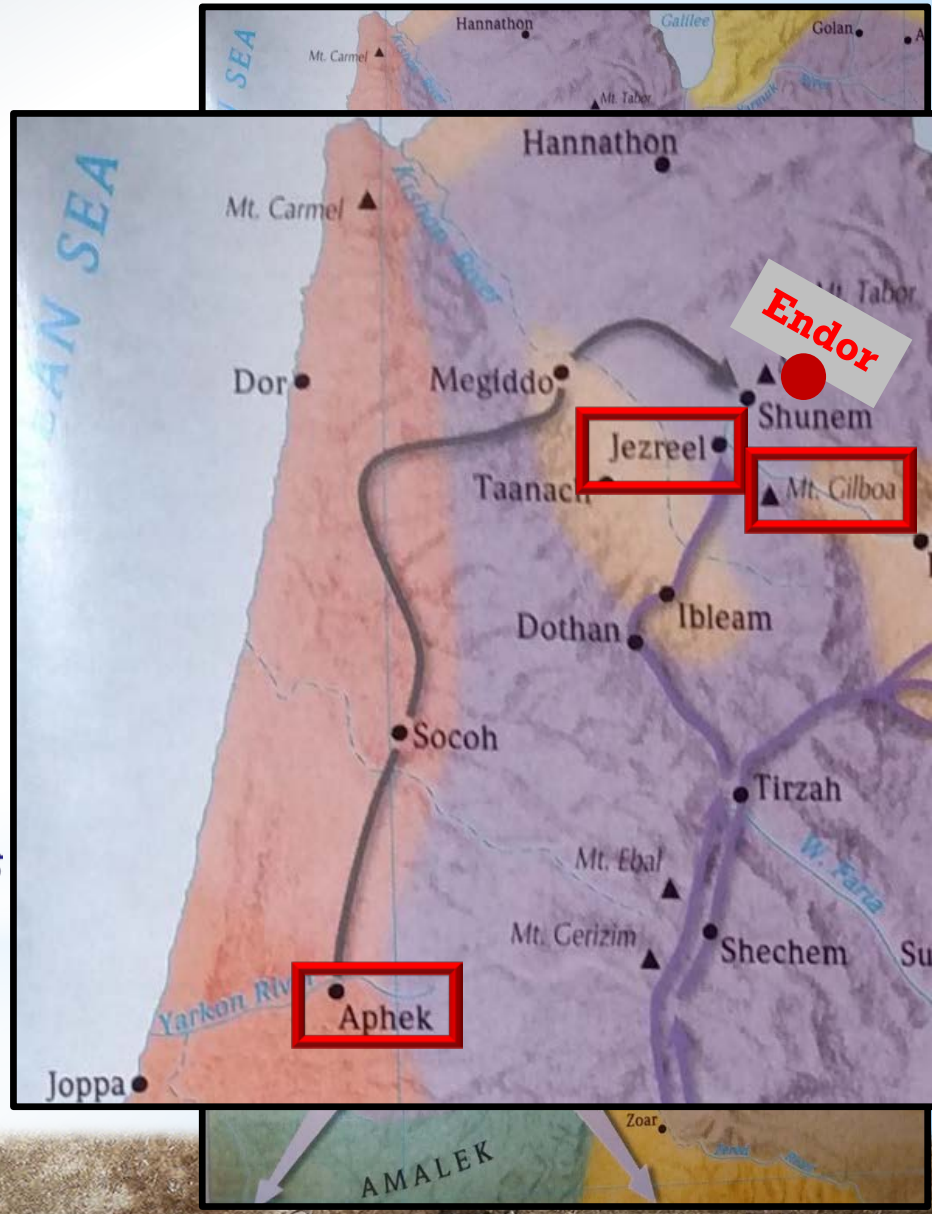
1st 28 - Saul visits Witch of Endor

2nd 29 - Philistines gather @ Aphek
- Isreal @ Jezreel
- Philistines reject David

3rd 30 - David back to Ziglag, adopted home, Living as a Double Agent
- *Lying to Achish - Killing Foreigners*
- *Remaining True to Kinsmen Israel*

The End …

31 - Saul & Sons killed on Mt. Gilboa



King Saul visits Endor Witch

When you see a witch

There was only one thing
TO DO

If there's something strange
in the neighborhood

GHOST BUSTERS

1 Samuel Chapter 29

- Philistines @ Aphek
- Israel @ Jezreel
- Philistines *REJECT* David

David told to leave in the morning

Philistines head north to Jezreel

David and his men leave & head back to Ziklag . . . arrive on third day

David & Men … are **SHOCKED**

Cut to the quick of their hearts

30:1-6 David returns to burned Ziklag … All Weep

1-2 David and his men reached Ziklag on the third day.

Amalekites had raided & Burned Ziklag

Took women, everyone, young and old.

Killed none of them, but carried them off as they went on their way.

30:6-8 Decision Time – Troops Angry, David to Lord

6 David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the LORD his God.

Yet, remember who David's nephew was
Abishai … and his bodyguard, Benaiah!
and the Three Mighty Men w/ 30

SOME men talked … as weak people do …

But David found strength in the LORD his God.

30:6-8 Decision Time – Troops Angry, David to Lord

David said to Abiathar the priest

In so many words … "What shall I do?"

"Pursue them," LORD answered.

"You will certainly overtake them & succeed."

30:9-17 David Pursue Amalekites …

9 David and 600 came to the Besor Valley, where some stayed behind.

Besor Valley runs NW

Besor wadi, a stream in rainy season that begins at Sde Boker, flows NW to Mediterranean just south of Gaza

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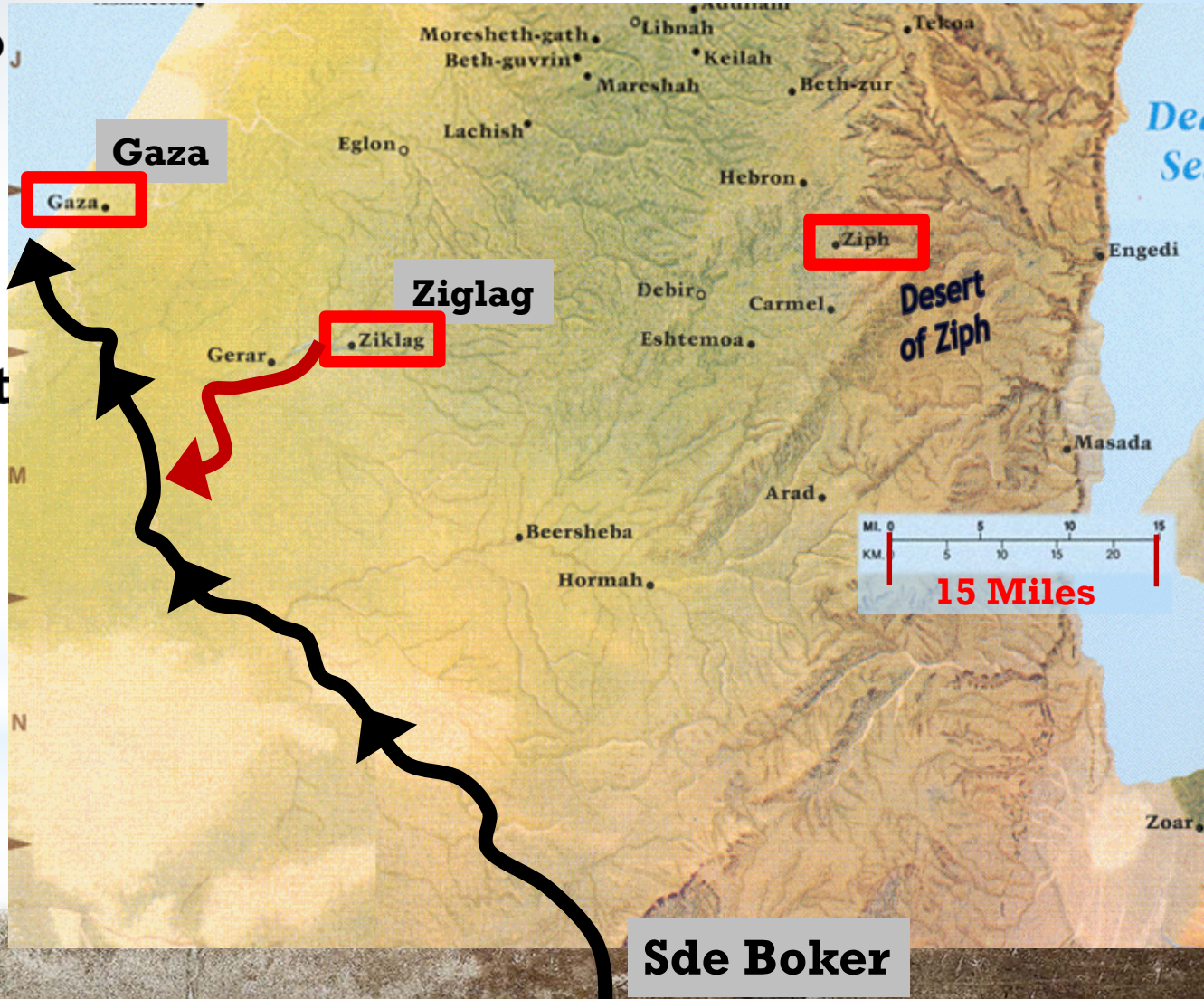


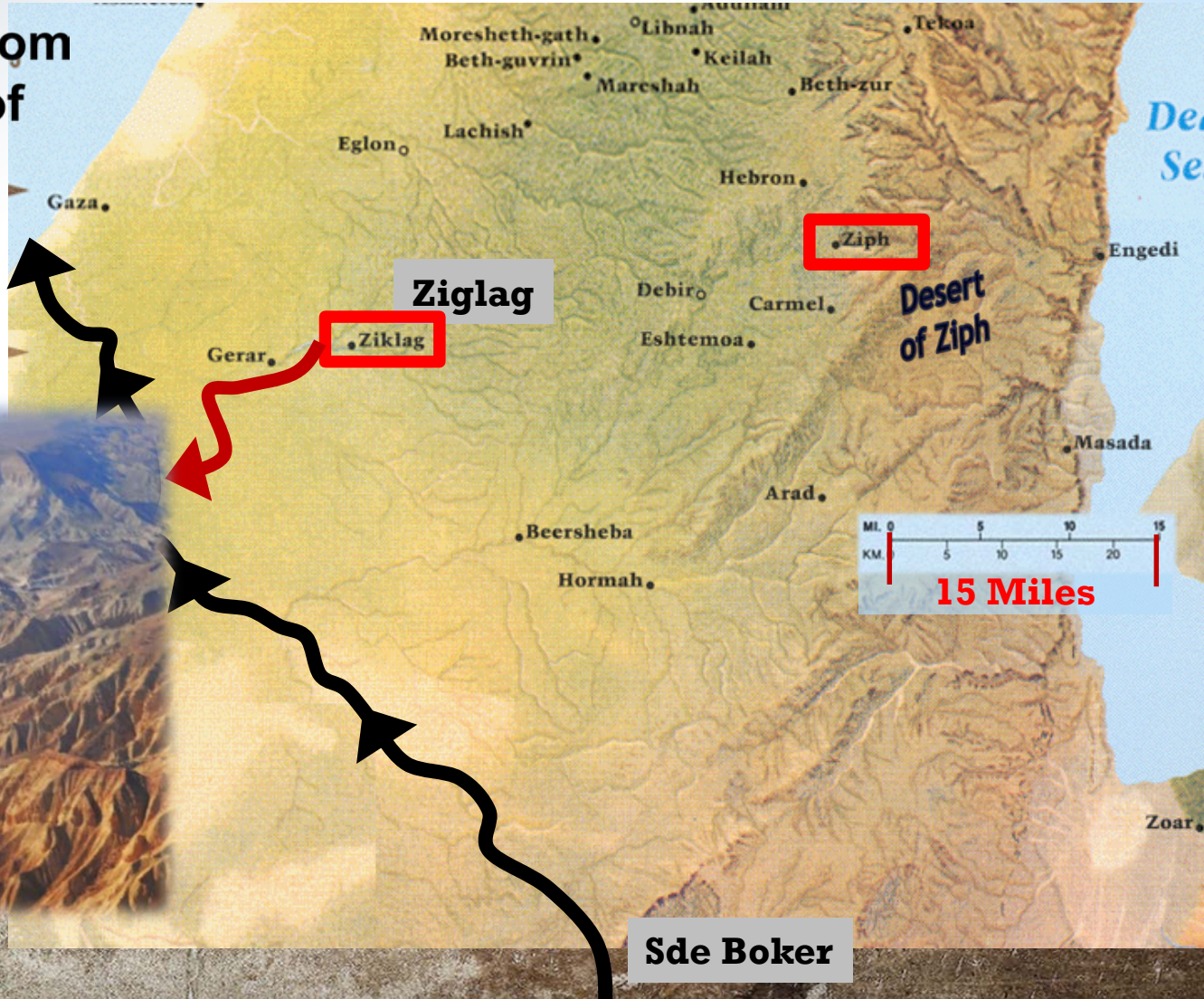
30:9-17 David Pursue Amalekites …

Israel's first Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion retired in 1953 to Sde Boker … Ben-Gurion University is located near there

30:9-17 David Pursue Amalekites …

17 David fought them from dusk until the evening of the next day, and none of them got away,

Except 400 who rode off on camels.



Darkness has fallen on the Amalekite camp

Moon is bright … fires here and there

I hear the whimpers of children … sobs of *few* mothers …

Laughter of drunken men

LOOK there, I … I see Abigail

Abigail is holding a little girl,
the great-niece of Abishai …

7-yr old girl, Debra,
named after Judge Debra

Abigail is stroking
little Debra's jet black hair . . .

Abigail's WISE eyes watching

EVERY move

David and Abigail by Antonio Molinari (1655-1704

Abigail silently stroked little Debra's hair

One woman put her hands over her eyes, bowed her head.

Fear … you could cut the F E A R with a knife …

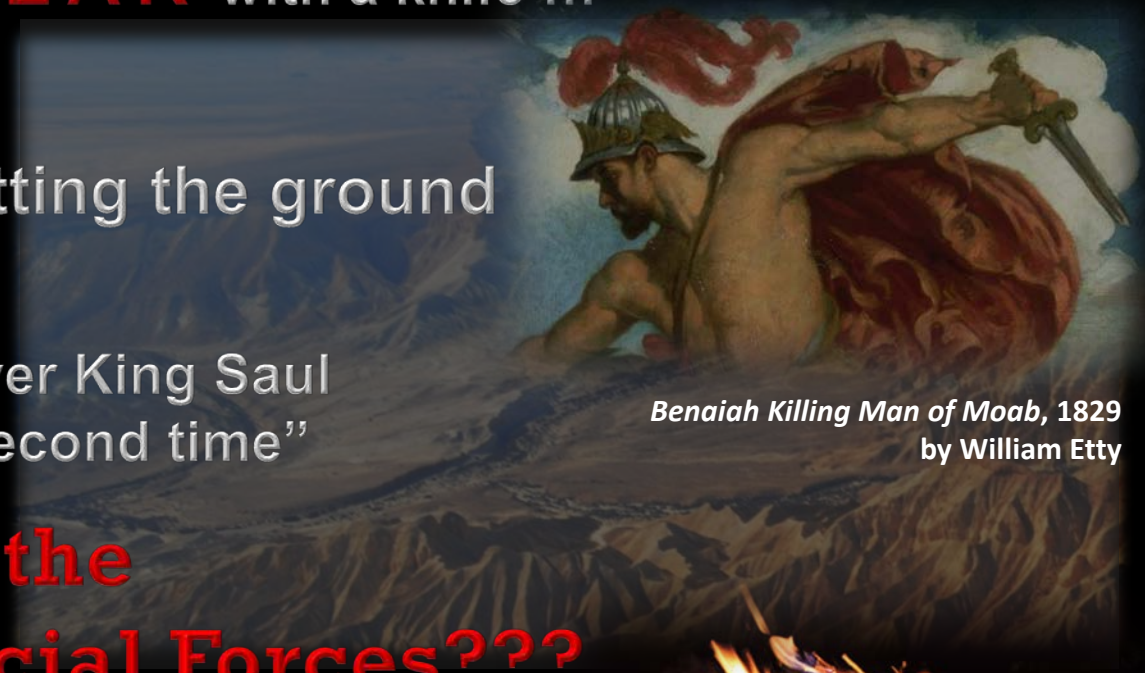
Then … THUD…

sound of big sack of figs hitting the ground

no potatoes in 1000 B.C. Israel

Remember Abishai with David over King Saul

"I'll strike him once … not a second time"



***Benaiah Killing Man of Moab*, 1829**
by William Etty

Know the MOTTO of the 1000 B.C. Judean Special Forces???

One THUD One KILL!

30:18-31 Recovered – David Recovers All

18-19 David recovered everything including his two wives. Nothing was missing: young or old, boy or girl, plunder or anything else they had taken.

Everything Back.

20 He took all the flocks and herds, and his men drove them ahead of the other livestock, saying, "This is David's plunder."

30:21-31 Victory for All – David Shares

24 The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle.

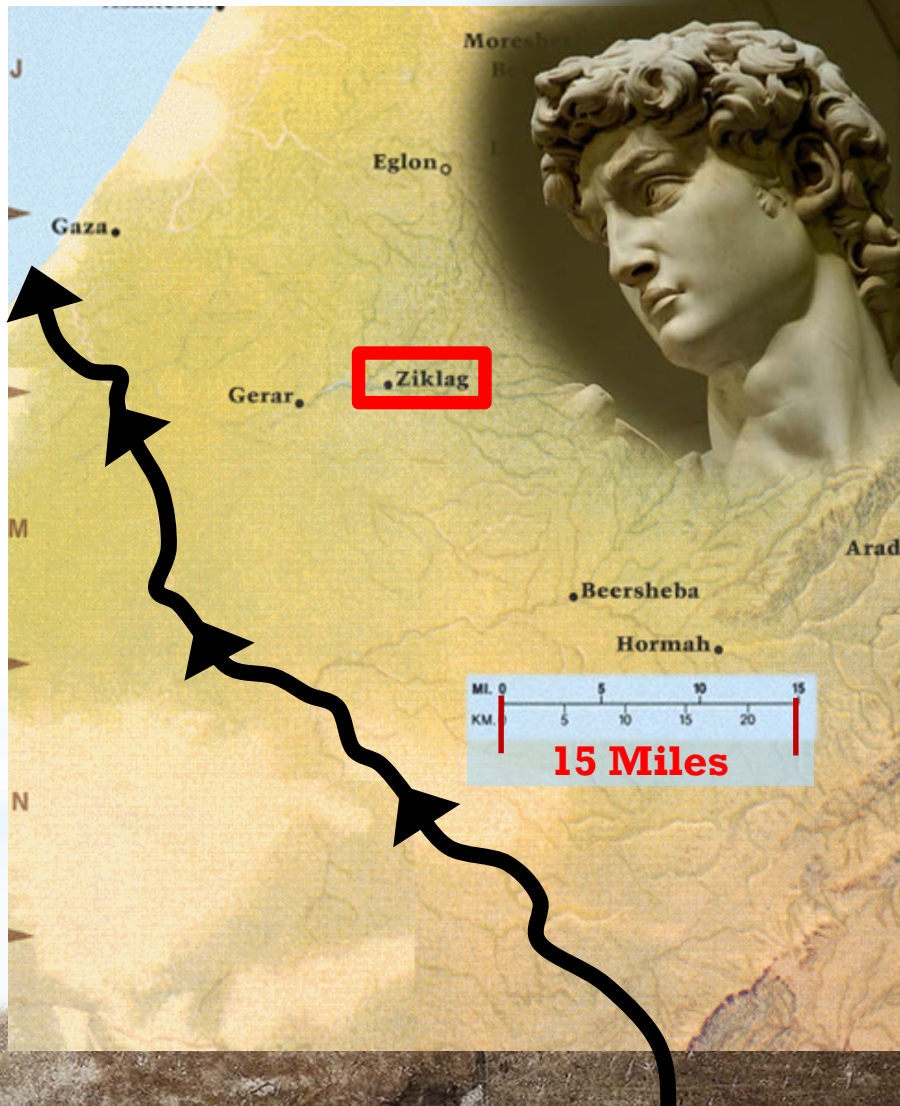
"ALL will share alike."

25 David made this a statute … for Israel from that day to this.

King David's FIRST LAW
"Share and Share Alike"

To the Victor go the spoils …

Spoils of the **HEART**



31 Saul & Sons Fight Philistines on Mt. Gilboa

We do NOT know how long … during all this Saul visits a witch at Endor, "Spring of the Age," then fights with the Philistines.

King Saul and his sons are KILLED on Mt. Gilbo

David hears of it … grieves … in 2 Samuel

David is crowned King of Judah in 2 Samuel 2 ...

Unlike King Saul … David's **EARNED** his title, **King David**

We think Grandpa Samuel would be proud

Psalm 18 … David was free of enemies

King David **EARNED** his title the hard way

Perhaps NOW he began to write his masterpiece

50 Stupendously Sublime and RUGGED Verses!

Perhaps now … just perhaps … we can understand and feel more of David's **HEART**

Amid **violence** & **bloodshed** we CANNOT hardly conceive in 21st Century Woodville …

His young adult life **FILLED** with danger, betrayal, still, he looked to and **LOVED GOD.**

Psalm 18

For the director of music. Of David the servant of the LORD. He sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said:

Psalm 18 … David free of enemies

1 I love you, LORD,
my strength.

2 The LORD is my rock,
my fortress and my deliverer;

7 The earth trembled and
quaked, and the foundations
of the mountains shook….

35 You make your
help my shield, your
right hand sustains me….

46 The LORD lives!
Praise be to my Rock! …
my Savior!…

50 He gives his king great victories;
he shows unfailing love to his
anointed, to David and to his
descendants forever.

50 Stupendously Sublime and
RUGGED Verses!

2 Samuel – Lament of the Bow

Perhaps Psalm 18 was written in Hebron
after he was made King of Judah in Hebron

So we are not long after the death of King Saul …

- ✓ In Hebron … 2nd Holiest city after Jerusalem
- ✓ Before Kingship … and before Psalm 18 …
- ✓ In Hebron … Cave of the Patriarchs, where are buried Abraham & Sarah, Isaac & Rebecca, Jacob & Leah

David's teaches a Poem/Song of Lament to Israel … called

Lament of the Bow

2 Samuel – Lament of the Bow

From the Book of Jasher …

Also translated *Book of the JUST*

or *Book of the RIGHTEOUS*

Joshua 10:13, says the quote of the Sun standing still is from the *Book of Jasher*, or *Book of the Just*

Keil and Delitzsch say the AUTHOR of 2 Samuel takes this poem from the "*Book of the Just*" … and inserts it here …

David taught Israel to sing or recite the …

Lament of the Bow

2 Samuel – Lament of the Bow

Keil and Delitzsch said it is:

one of the finest odes of the Old Testament;

full of lofty sentiment, and springing from deep and sanctified emotion, in which, without the slightest allusion to his own relation to the fallen king,

David celebrates without envy the bravery and virtues of Saul and his son Jonathan, and bitterly laments their loss.

"BOW" – Benjaminites were famous for use of the bow

2 Samuel – Lament of the Bow

BOW – Tribe of Benjaminites famous ARCHERS

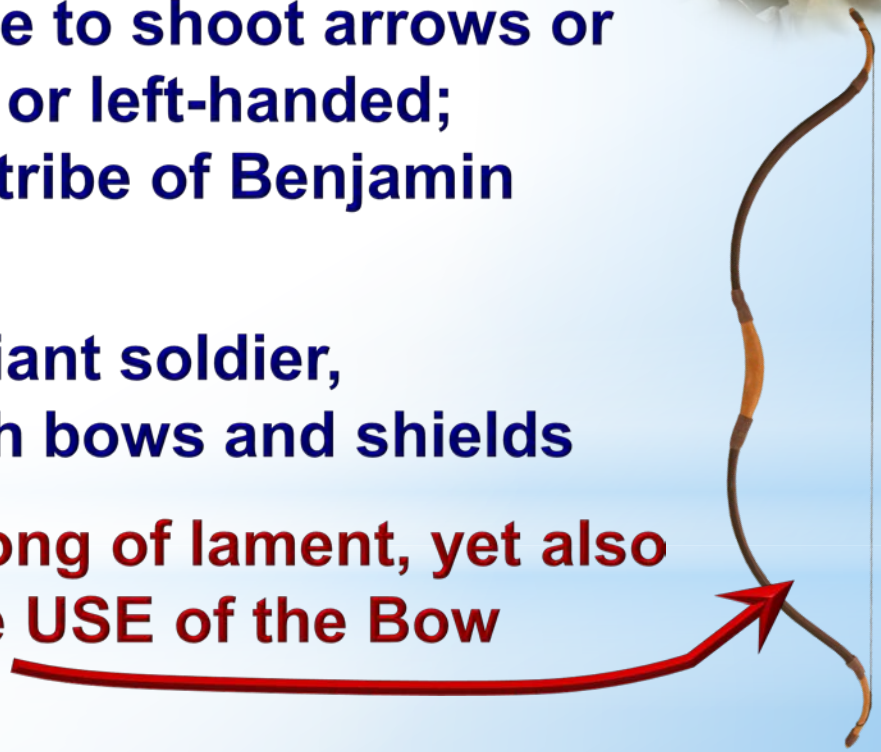
1 Chronicles 12: 2:

2 armed with bows and were able to shoot arrows or to sling stones right-handed or left-handed; … relatives of Saul from the tribe of Benjamin

2 Chronicles 17:17

17 From Benjamin: Eliada, a valiant soldier, with 200,000 men armed with bows and shields

Spurgeon advances this a fine song of lament, yet also David had the young taught the USE of the Bow



Cf., 1 Chronicles 8:40 & 12: 2; 2 Chronicles 14: 7 & 17:17

Lament of the Bow

19 A gazelle lies slain on your heights, Israel.
How the mighty have fallen!

20 Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets
of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines
be glad, lest the daughters of the
uncircumcised rejoice.

21 Mountains of Gilboa, may you have neither dew
nor rain, may no showers fall on your terraced fields.
For there the shield of the mighty was despised,
the shield of Saul—
no longer rubbed with oil.

Lament of the Bow

22 From the blood of the slain,
from the flesh of the mighty,
the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
the sword of Saul did not return unsatisfied.

Arrows drink blood … Sword devours flesh
Deu. 32:42; Isa. 34: 5, 6; Jer. 46:10

Two Principal Weapons divided between them

Saul, the Sword

Jonathan, the Bow

Lament of the Bow

[23] Saul and Jonathan—in life they were
loved and admired,

and in death they were not parted.

They were swifter than eagles,
they were stronger than lions.

FACT: some STILL follow the House of Saul

after his death & after crowning of David by Judah

Saul wandered from Lord with sick jealousy of David

Yet *STILL* loved by Israel … even loved by David!

Lament of the Bow

24 Daughters of Israel,
weep for Saul,
who clothed you in scarlet and finery,
who adorned your garments
with ornaments of gold.

25 *How the mighty have fallen* in battle!

Jonathan lies slain on your heights.

We know NOTHING of Saul's wives & concubines

But David's become a blood-brother in Jonathan …

Lament of the Bow

[26] I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother;
you were very dear to me.

Your love for me was wonderful,
more wonderful than that of women.

Written c. 1000 B.C. … took 3,000 years for heretics to twist and pervert this stupendous verse …

Avoiding the stain the crooked have painted …

Know that the HEART of this verse is about TRUE

LOYAL FRIENDSHIP

wish we could focus on this verse the whole time

Lament of the Bow

26 Your love for me was wonderful …

C.H. Spurgeon* said: When Jonathan saw David come back with the head of Goliath in his hand,

he loved him as a soldier loves a soldier, as a brave man loves another brave man….

it began in the likeness that Jonathan saw between his own nature, and that of David …

*Charles Spurgeon, "Love of Jonathan, Love of Jesus," Metropolitan Tabernacle (9-29-1889).

Lament of the Bow

In closing … we have a refrain of sorts

27 *How the mighty have fallen!*

The weapons of war have perished!

Doubtlessly much more for Jonathan than Saul

Yet this Father & Son shared an envious bond

We don't see David with his brothers anymore

But here … lamenting Jonathan … David mourns

David … would he ever find another so LOYAL?

Lament of the Bow

[26] Your love for me was wonderful …

C.H. Spurgeon* sublimely asked us to LOOK UP

Behold that sacred brow with the thorny wreath….

See those blessed eyes, red with weeping; mark

those nailed hands, that once scattered benedictions;

gaze on those blooding feet,

which hurried on errands of mercy;

watch till you can peer into that gaping side,

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Lament of the Bow

[26] Your love for me was wonderful …

how deep the gash, how wide the breach …

This is the Lord of life and glory, who thus dies amid derision and scorn, suffering the Just for the unjust….

If you can picture Christ on the cross, and BELIEVE

that he died for you, YOU will be led to cry,

"Thy love to me was wonderful"

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