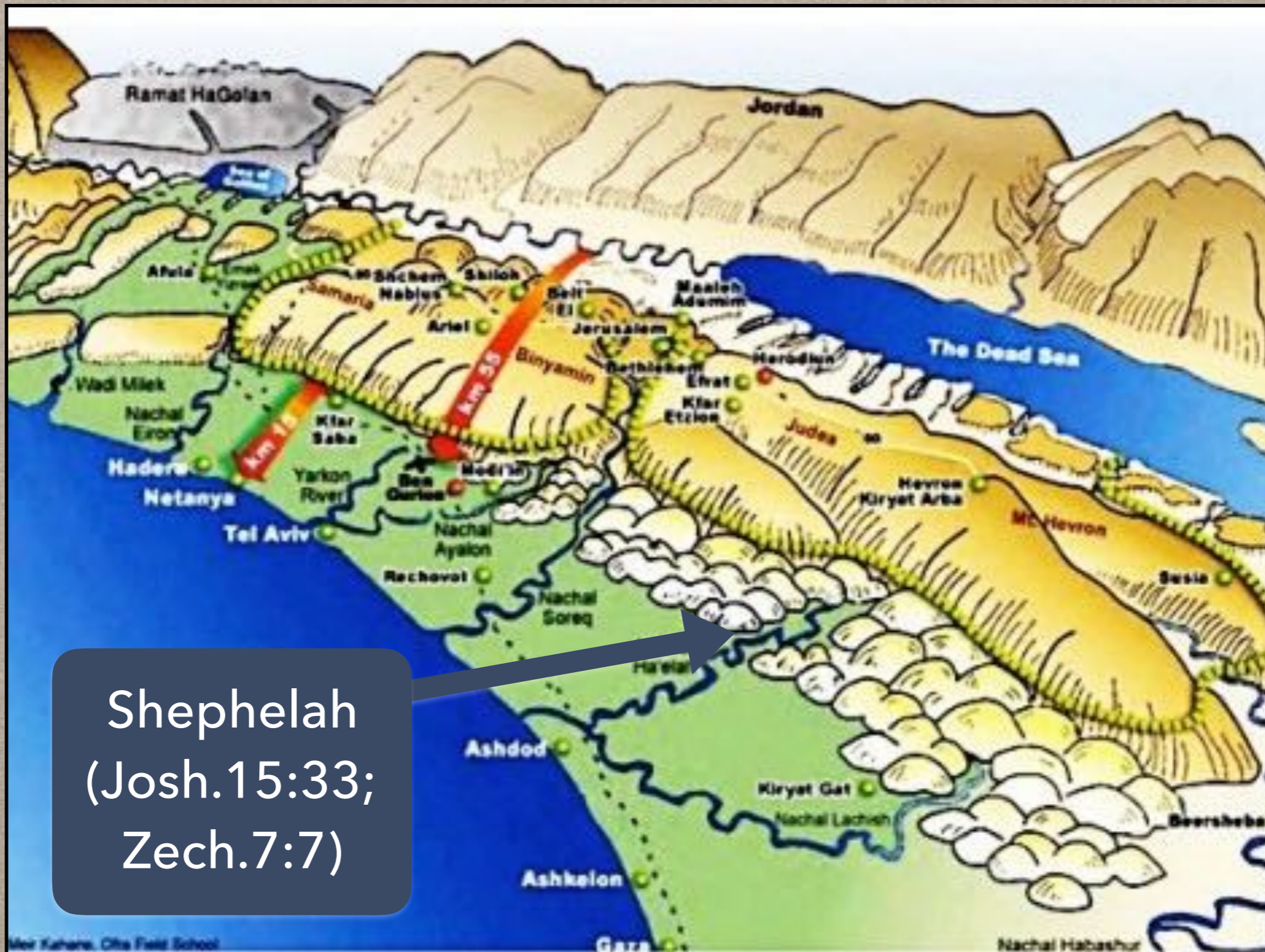


THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE HOLY LAND



CLASS THREE
YE MOUNTAINS OF GILBOA,
LET THERE BE NO DEW



Shephelah
(Josh.15:33;
Zech.7:7)

THE SHEPHELAH

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

ISRAEL

DEAD SEA

Aijalon Valley

Soreq Valley

Elah Valley

Lachish Valley

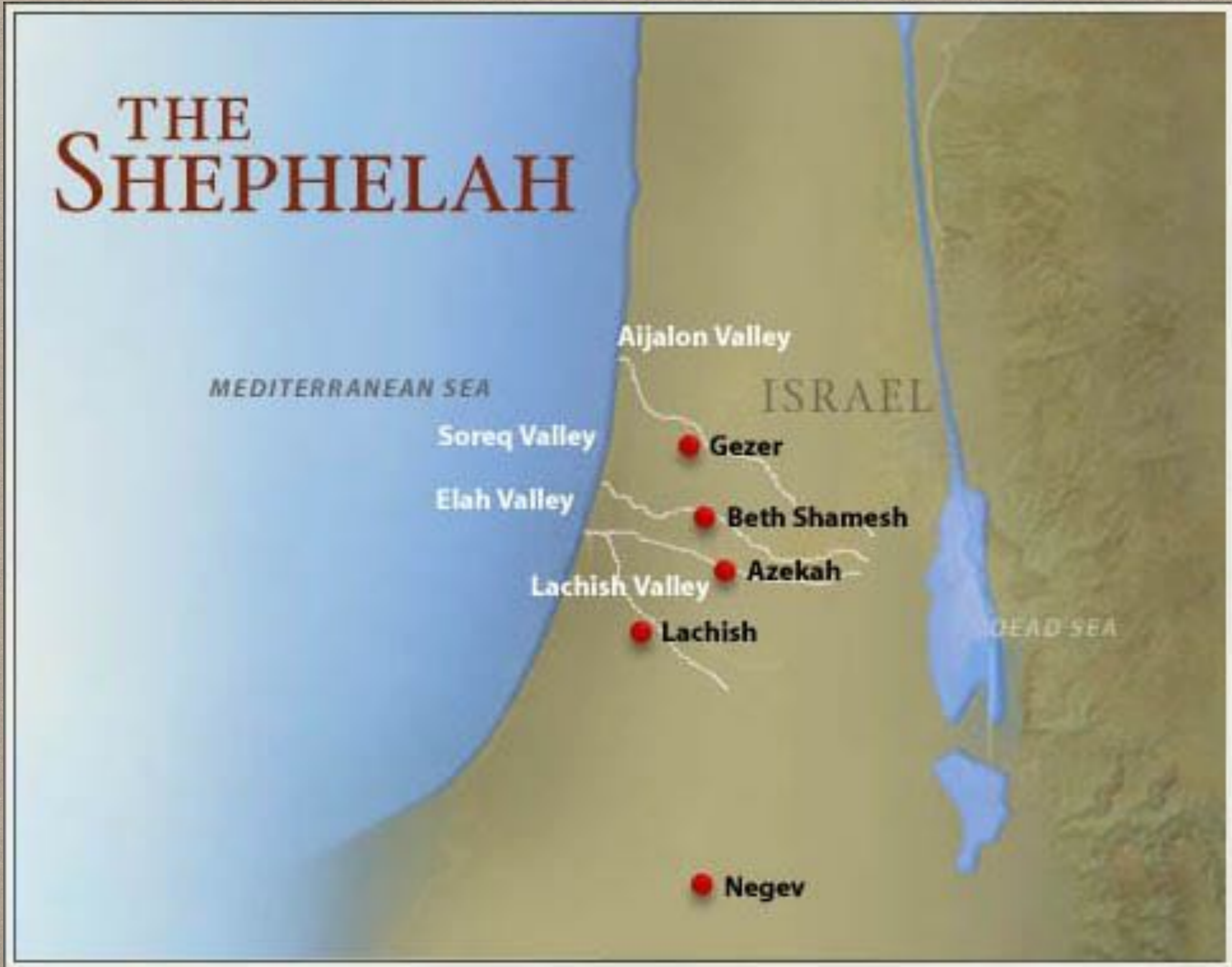
Gezer

Beth Shamesh

Azekah

Lachish

Negev





**The Valley of Elah (western portion),
looking W toward the coastal plain**

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Judah's mountain
as seen from
the Valley of
Elah (Looking
E)

Natural moat

Kibbutz
ha Lamed-Hei

Brook
of Elah



Mt. of Judah
(Mt. Hebron)

Elah Valley
(Natural moat)

Socoh

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THE LAND RECOUNTS THE ISSUES OF EDEN

- Shochoh- "A hedge of thorns" **Gen. 3:18**
- Azekah- "To dig over" **Gen. 3:19**
- Ephes-Dammim- "The field of blood" **Gen. 4:8**
- Elah- "A strong tree" **Gen. 3:24**

THE COMBATANTS



- Goliath- "The exiled"
- 29x called "Philistine" meaning "wallower in the dust"
- King David of Israel- "A beloved prince with God"



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Mediterranean Sea

Jericho

Gezer

Jerusalem

Philistine Plain

Ashdod

Bethlehem

Azekah

Kh. Qeiyafa

Ashqelon

Hill Country of Judah

Dead Sea

Gaza

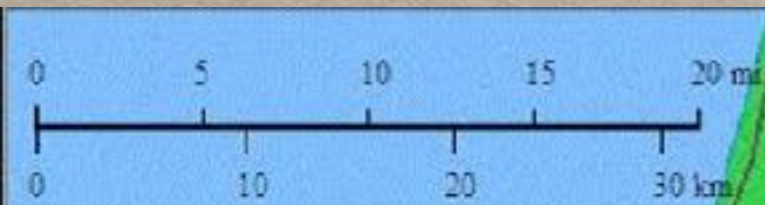
Hebron

Valley of Elah

Shepheelah

Masada

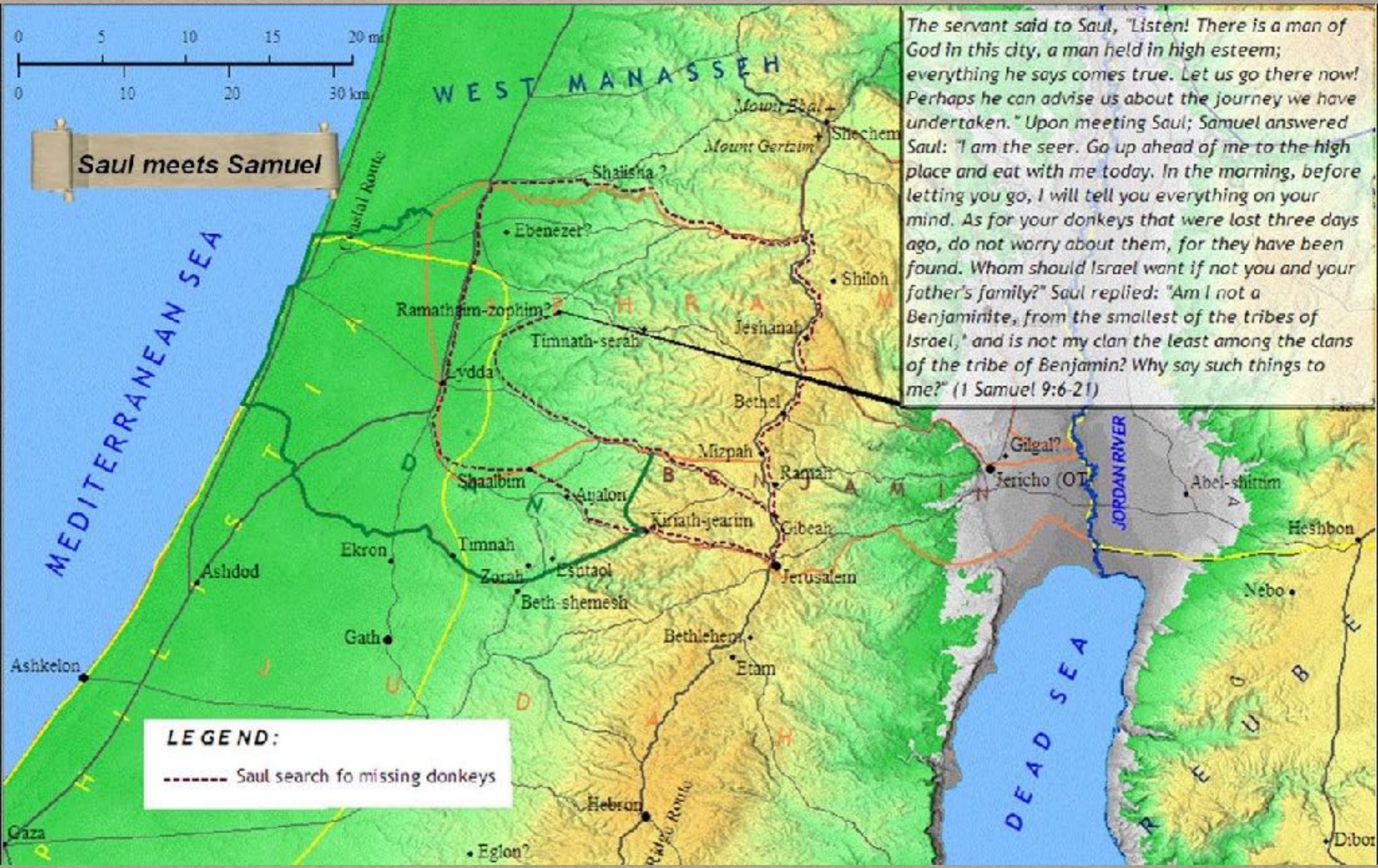
Beersheba



Saul meets Samuel

The servant said to Saul, "Listen! There is a man of God in this city, a man held in high esteem; everything he says comes true. Let us go there now! Perhaps he can advise us about the journey we have undertaken." Upon meeting Saul; Samuel answered Saul: "I am the seer. Go up ahead of me to the high place and eat with me today. In the morning, before letting you go, I will tell you everything on your mind. As for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not worry about them, for they have been found. Whom should Israel want if not you and your father's family?" Saul replied: "Am I not a Benjaminite, from the smallest of the tribes of Israel," and is not my clan the least among the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why say such things to me?" (1 Samuel 9:6-21)

LEGEND:
 ----- Saul search fo missing donkeys

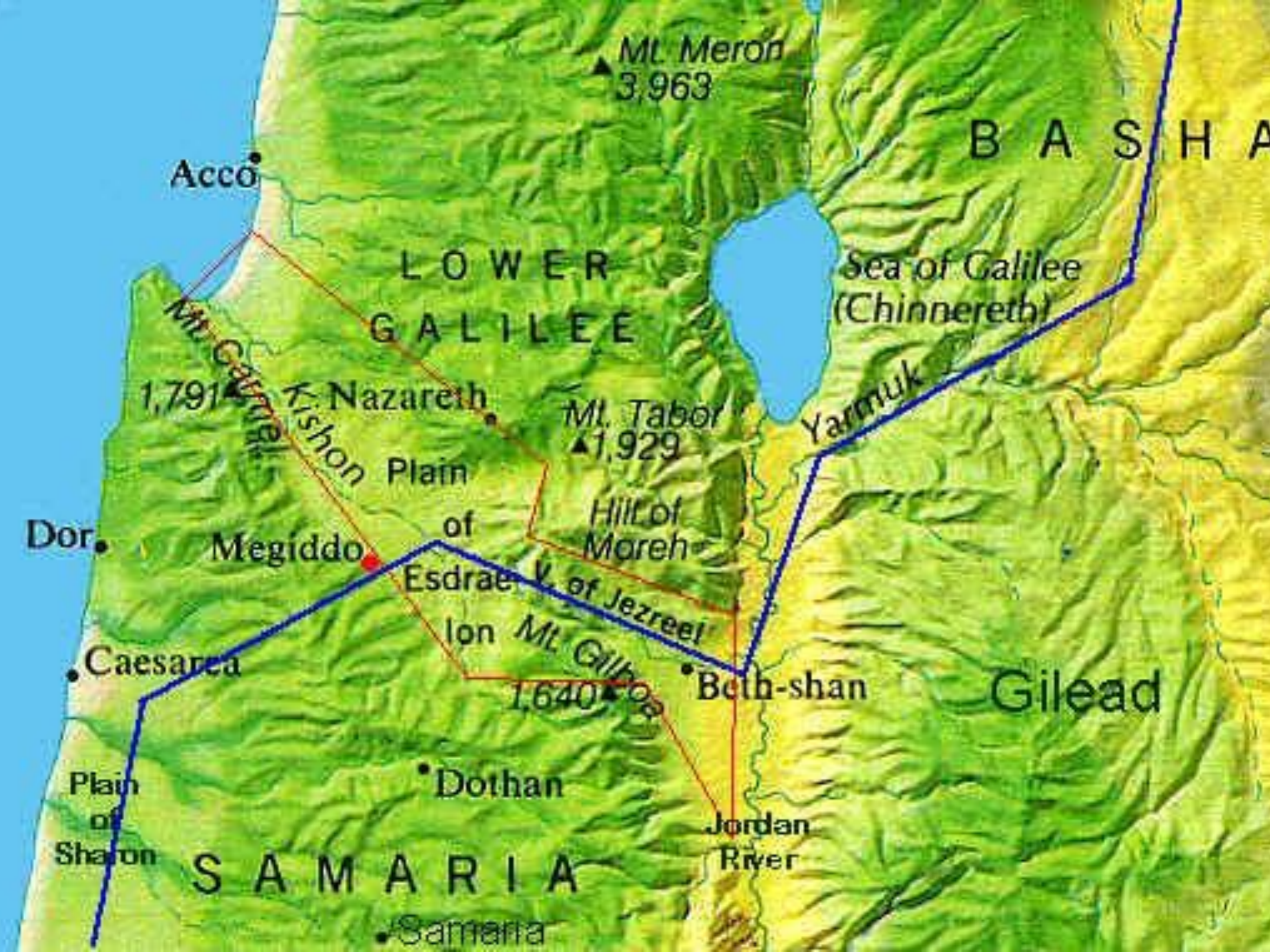


SAUL & GIDEON

- Humble beginnings (**Jud. 6:15, 1 Sam. 9:21**)
- Spirit of God comes on both (**Jud. 6:34, 1 Sam. 11:6**)
- Divisions of the army (**Jud. 7:16, 1 Sam. 11:11**)
- Men come into camp in the middle/morning watch (**Jud. 7:19, 1 Sam. 11:11**)
- Yahweh shall rule over you, not man (**Jud. 8:23, 1 Sam. 11:13**)

The Philistines found difficulty in breaking through the Shephelah due to its undulating hills. Therefore they decided to march north, first to Aphek, and then on to Shunem, where they could hopefully meet the Israelites on ground of their choosing.





Mt. Meron
3,963

BASHAN

Acco

LOWER
GALILEE

Sea of Galilee
(Chinnereth)

Mt. Carmel
1,791

Nazareth

Mt. Tabor
1,929

Yarmuk

Dor

Plain
of
Megiddo

Hill of
Moreh

Esdraelon
V. of Jezreel

Caesarea

Mt. Gilboa
1,640

Beth-shan

Gilead

Plain
of
Sharon

Dothan

Jordan
River

SAMARIA

Samaria



JEZREEL VALLEY: Israel's breadbasket

Mountains of Gilead



Mt. Gilboa



Ein Harod



Jezreel spring



Tell Jezreel



SEA OF GALILEE

• Bet She'arim

Nazareth

Mount Tabor

• Jokneam

Mount

Hill of Moreh

Megiddo

Jezreel

Camel

• En-Harod

JEZREEL VALLEY

• Taanach

Mount Gilboa

• Beth-shean

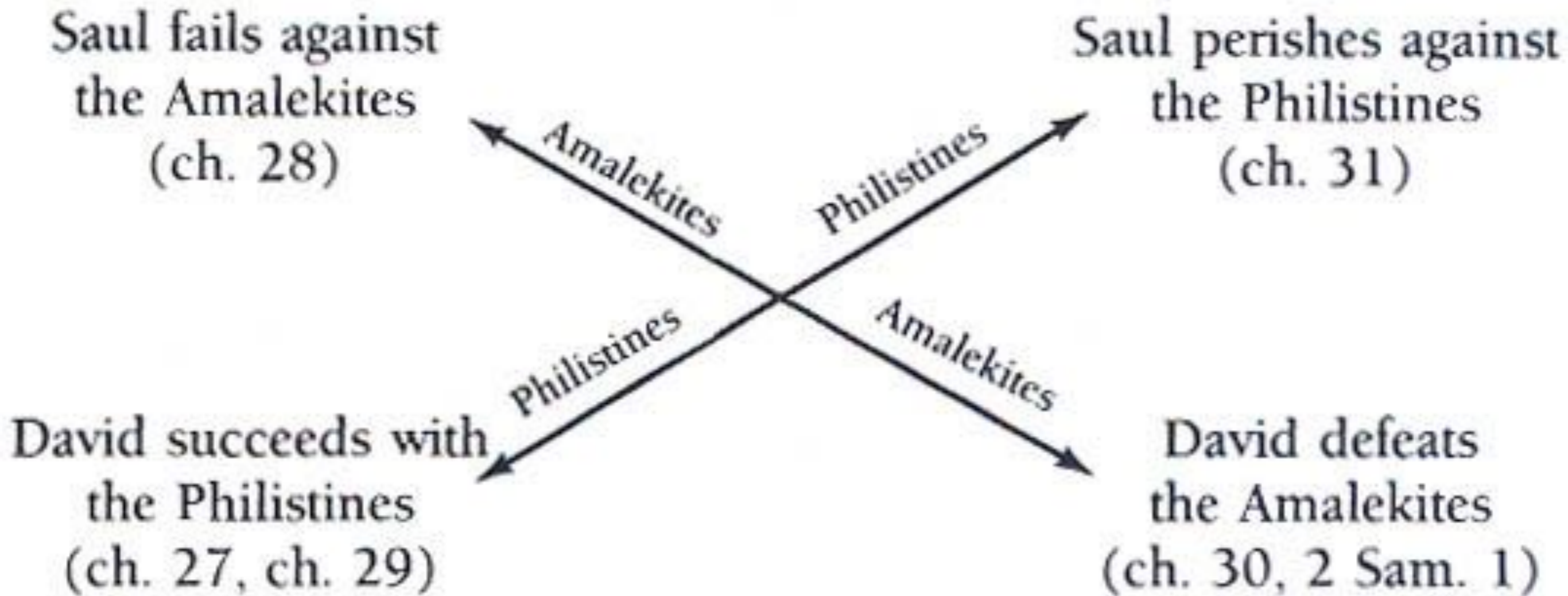
• Ibleam

Dothan

The Valley of Jezreel



Saul receives no answer from God



David receives precise answers through Urim and Thummim

- 1 Chr. 10:1-10
- Saul's armour is stripped and his head (Heb. Golgotha) cut off by the wallowers in the dust (Philistines)
- This is a contrast to David who cut off Goliath's head, stripped off his armour and brought the head to Golgotha
- Saul's destiny is the reverse of David's
- Why?



"This sinful nature we inherit. It is our misfortune, not our crime, that we possess it. We are only blameworthy when, **being supplied with the power of subduing it**, we permit it to reign over us. This power resides in "the testimony of God" believed; so that we "are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation". This testimony ought to dwell in us as it dwelt in the Lord Jesus; so that, as with the shield of faith, the fiery assaults of the world may be quenched by a "thus it is written", and a "thus saith the Lord". "

-Bro. John Thomas, Elpis Israel, p. 77