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1ST & 2ND SAMUEL

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S
BIBLICAL JUSTICE:

GOD'S JUDGMENT ON SAUL
2 SAMUEL 21:1-14

- 1A God blesses David and he unites and expands the kingdom. 2 Sam. 2–10**
- 2A God disciplines David for his sins and David reaps the consequences. But God transforms cursing into blessing. 2 Sam. 11–20**
- 3A Seven appendices that evidence the greatness of the Davidic Covenant. 2 Sam. 21–24**

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2 Sam. 21–24

**1B Organization of the kingdom,
2 Sam. 20:23–26**

**2B The famine judgment halted,
2 Sam. 21:1–14**

**3B God protects David from the sword,
2 Sam. 21:15–22**

4B David's praise of Yahweh for His faithful deliverance, 2 Sam. 22

5B David's last testament reflects on the Davidic Covenant, 2 Sam. 23:1–7

**6B David protected from the sword
by 37 mighty men, 2 Sam. 23:8–39**

**7B David's confession halts a
plague, 2 Sam. 24**

**1B Organization of the Kingdom,
2 Sam. 20:23–26**

2 Sam. 20:23, “And Joab was over all the army of Israel; Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites;

2 Sam. 20:24, “Adoram was in charge of revenue; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;

2 Sam. 20:25, “Sheva was scribe; Zadok and Abiathar were the priests;

2 Sam. 20:26, “and Ira the Jairite was a chief minister under David.”

A Famine

B Sword 1

C Poetry 1: Song of thanksgiving

C' Poetry 2: David's last words

B' Sword 2

A' Pestilence



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2 Sam. 22:51,

“He is the tower of salvation to His king, and shows mercy to His anointed, to David and his descendants forevermore.”

| Office | 2 Samuel 8:16–18 | 1 Chronicles 18:15–17 | 2 Samuel 20:23–26 |
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| Over the army | Joab (2 Sam. 8:16) | Joab (1 Chron. 18:15) | Joab (2 Sam. 20:23) |
| Recorder | Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud (2 Sam. 8:16) | Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud (1 Chron. 18:15) | Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud (2 Sam. 20:24) |
| High priest | Zadok and Ahimelech (2 Sam. 8:17) | Zadok and Ahimelech (1 Chron. 18:16) | Zadok and Abiathar (2 Sam. 20:25) |
| Secretary/ Recorder | Seraiah (2 Sam. 8:17) | Shavsha (1 Chron. 18:16) | Sheva (2 Sam. 20:25) |
| Over the foreign mercenaries | Benaiah (2 Sam. 8:18) | Benaiah (1 Chron. 18:17) | Benaiah (2 Sam. 20:23) |
| (David's) chief ministers (<i>kohanim</i>) | David's sons (2 Sam. 8:18) | David's sons (1 Chron. 18:17) | Ira the Jairite (2 Sam. 20:26) |
| Over the compulsory labor | — | — | Adoram (2 Sam. 20:24) |

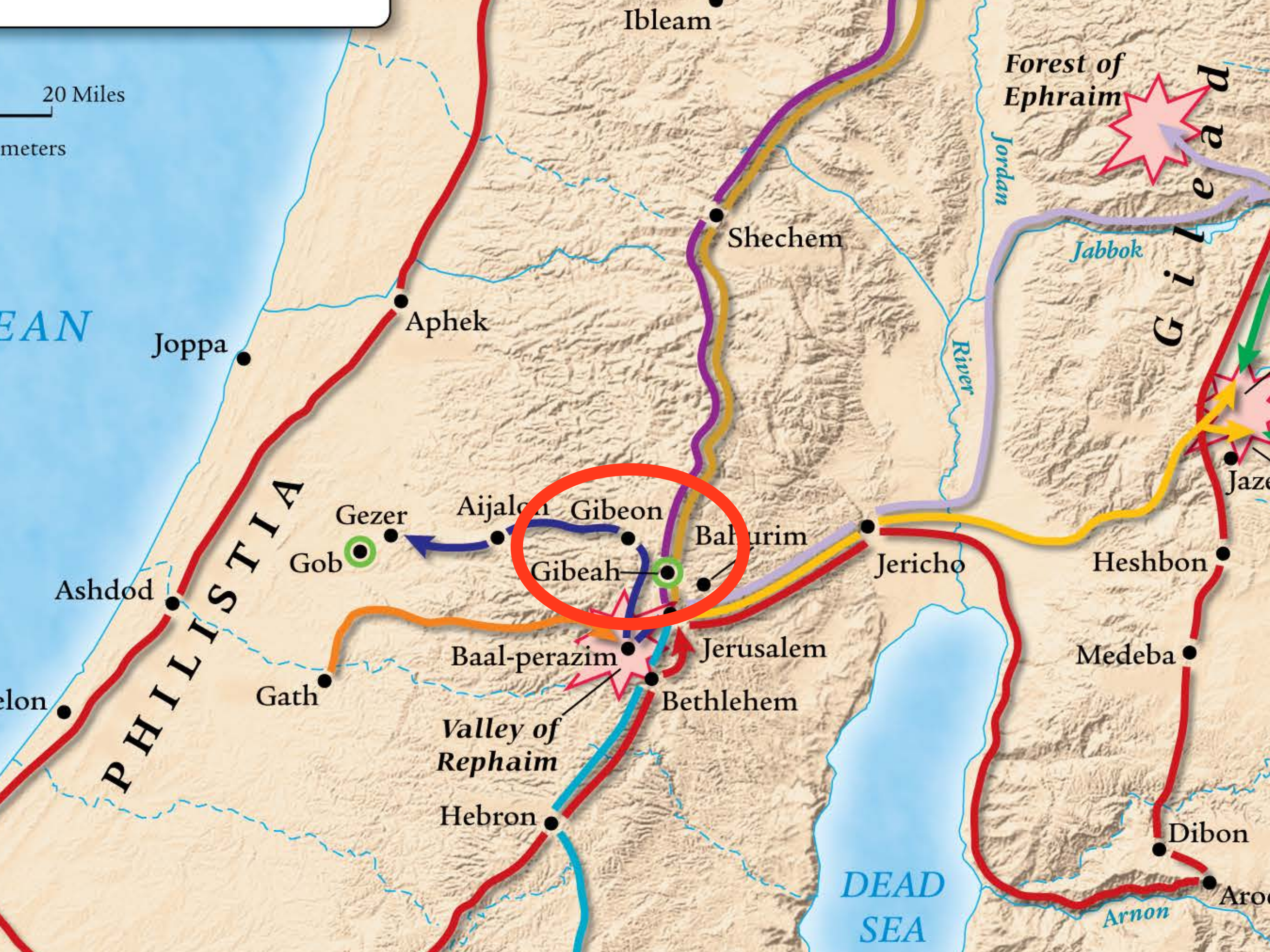
2 Sam. 21:1, “Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, ‘It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites.’ ”

Josh. 9:15, “So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them.

Josh. 9:16, “And it happened at the end of three days, after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors who dwelt near them.”

Josh. 9:17, “Then the children of Israel journeyed and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kirjath Jearim.

Josh. 9:18, “But the children of Israel did not attack them, because the rulers of the congregation had sworn to them by the Lord God of Israel. And all the congregation complained against the rulers.”



20 Miles

32 kilometers

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Forest of Ephraim

Jordan River

Jabbok

Gilead

Joppa

Aphek

Shechem

Jazer

Gezer

Aijalon

Gibeon

Bahurim

Jericho

Heshbon

Ashdod

Gob

Gibeah

Jerusalem

Medeba

Elon

Gath

Baal-perazim

Bethlehem

PHILISTIA

Valley of Rephaim

Hebron

DEAD SEA

Arnon

Dibon

Aroer

**Josh. 9:21, “And the rulers said to them,
‘Let them live, but let them be woodcutters
and water carriers for all the congregation,
as the rulers had promised them.’ ”**

Josh. 9:25, “And now, here we are, in your hands; do with us as it seems good and right to do to us.”

Josh. 9:26, “So he did to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, so that they did not kill them.

Josh. 9:27, “And that day Joshua made them woodcutters and water carriers for the congregation and for the altar of the Lord, in the place which He would choose, even to this day.”

2 Sam. 21:1, “Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, ‘It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites.’ ”

2 Sam. 21:2, “So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; the children of Israel had sworn protection to them, but Saul had sought to kill them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah.”

2 Sam. 21:3, “Therefore David said to the Gibeonites, ‘What shall I do for you? And with what shall I make atonement, that you may bless the inheritance of the LORD?’ ”

**כפר *kaphar* piel imperf 1 com sing
to cover, make atonement**

**ἐξιλάσκομαι *exilaskomai* 1 sing fut
mid indic to propitiate, make
atonement; Septuigant (LXX)**

2 Sam. 21:4, “And the Gibeonites said to him, ‘We will have no silver or gold from Saul or from his house, nor shall you kill any man in Israel for us.’ So he said, ‘Whatever you say, I will do for you.’ ”

**2 Sam. 21:5, “Then they answered the king,
‘As for the man who consumed us and
plotted against us, that we should be
destroyed from remaining in any of the
territories of Israel,**

**2 Sam. 21:6, “ ‘let seven men of his
descendants be delivered to us, and we
will hang them before the LORD in Gibeah
of Saul, whom the LORD chose.’ And the
king said, ‘I will give them.’ ”**

Deut. 5:9, “you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,”

Ezek. 18:20, “The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.”

Deut. 24:16, “Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.”

Jer. 31:29, “In those days they shall say no more: ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’

Jer. 31:30, “But every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.”

Deut. 21:22, “If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree,

Deut. 21:23, “his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged is accursed of God.”

David Honors His Covenant with Jonathan

2 Sam. 21:7, “But the king spared Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, because of the LORD’S oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

2 Sam. 21:8, “So the king took Armoni and Mephibosheth, the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, and the five sons of Merab* the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite;”