

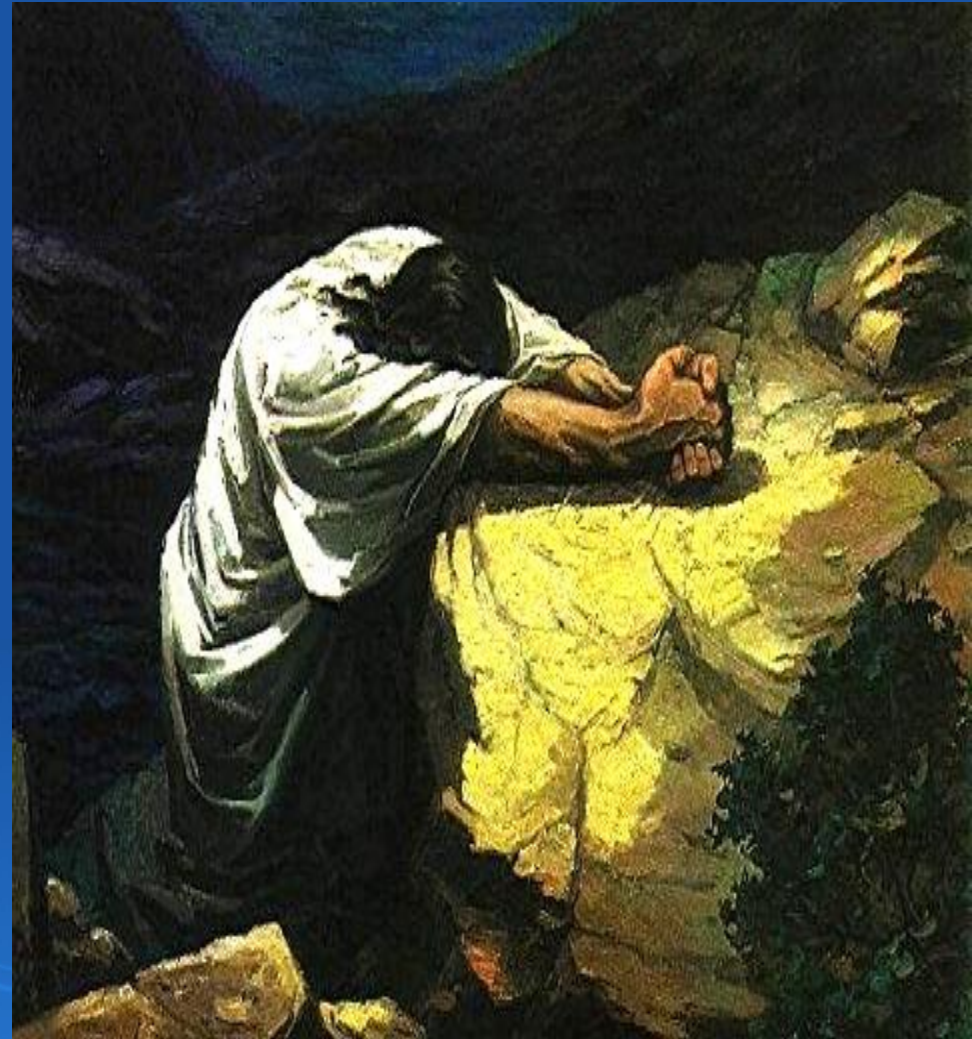
IGNORANCE OF THE LAW?



- Historical books of the OT often demonstrate life applications based on the Torah Law
- If we are willfully ignorant of the laws and codes, we're likely to make costly mistakes
- Since we are in David's era, we need to incorporate the Psalms into our study

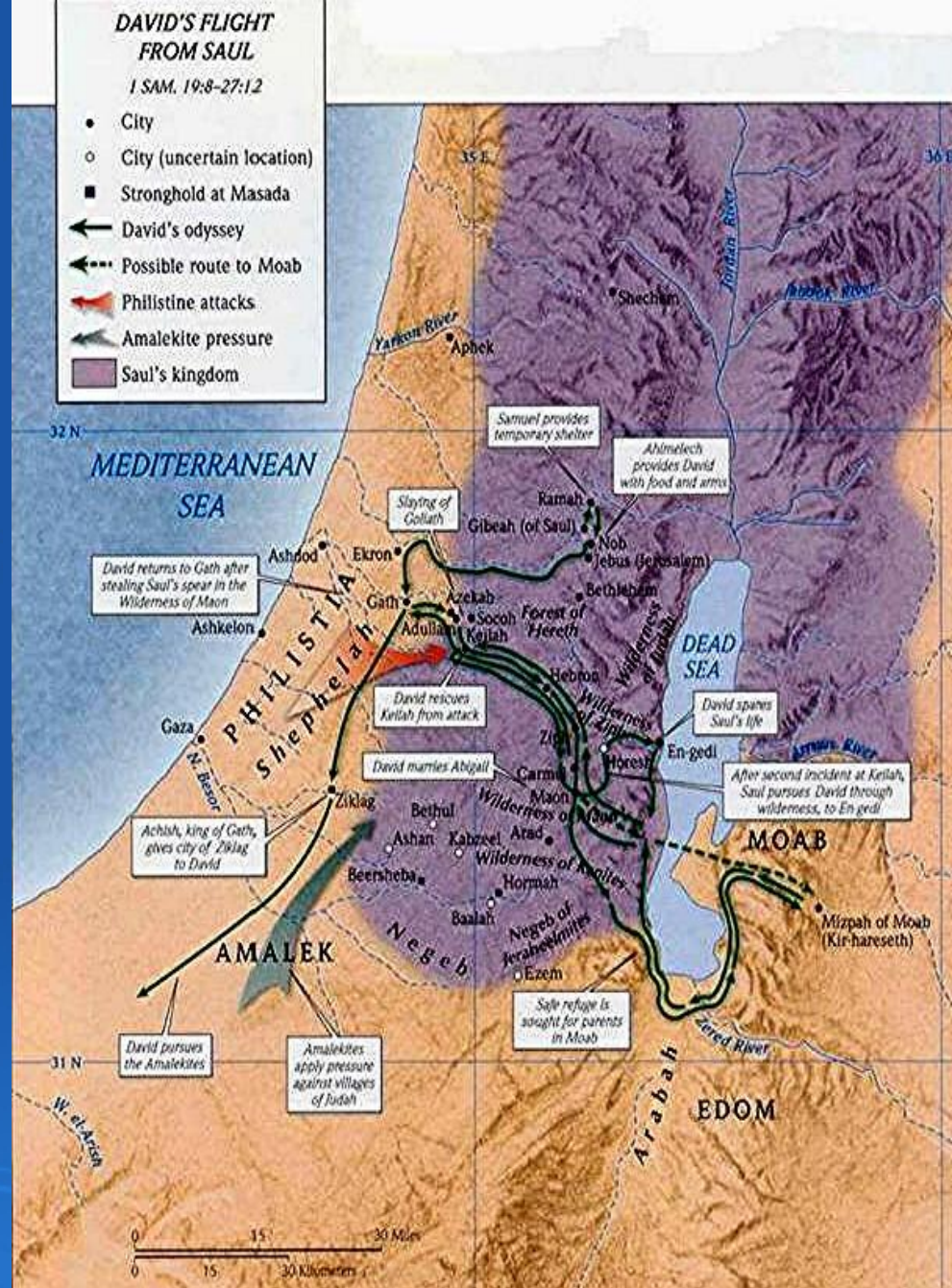
PSALM 56

- David has fled from Gibeah to Nob, and from Nob to Philistine Gath
- David arrested by Philistines
- He cries out to God, pleads his case, acknowledges God's ability to rescue
- A God-pattern, NOT a God-formula
- God has not obligated Himself such that He is unable to deny our petitions if we perform a certain act or have "enough faith"
- Luke 22:42 ***"Father, if you are willing TAKE THIS CUP AWAY FROM ME!!"***



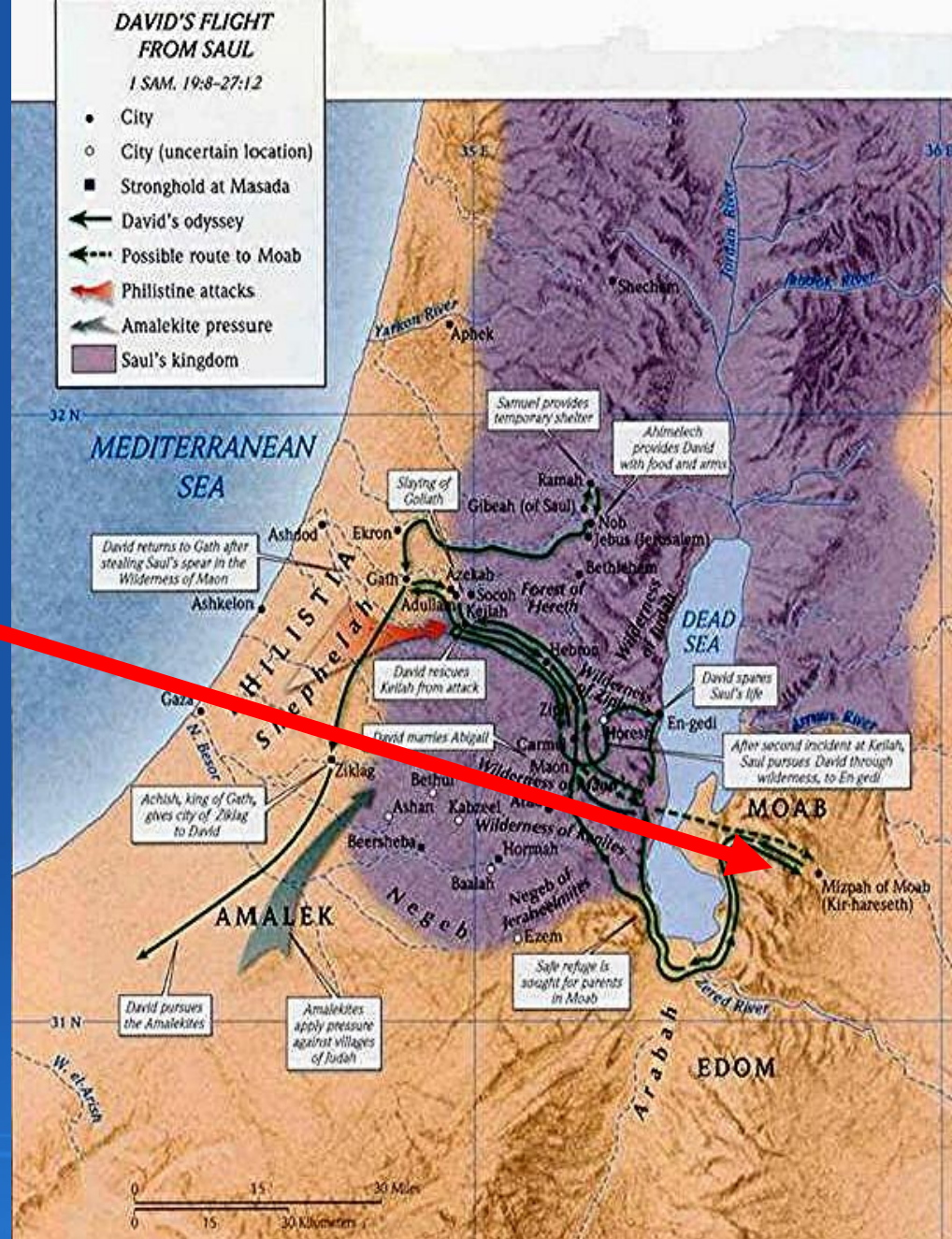
1ST SAMUEL 22

- David departs Gath for the Cave of Adullam in Judah
- David's family plus about 400 others join him there
- *Ish masoq* = men in a hard-pressed situation
- *Nasha* = creditor, money lender
- *Mar nephesh* = bitter of soul (spirit)



DAVID GOES TO MOAB

- Psalm 57
- David takes his parents to Mitzpah of Moab
- **Mitzpah** = watchtower, hilltop overlook
- David's great-grandmother Ruth was a Moabitess



GAD BECOMES DAVID'S PROPHET



- Gad tells David that God does NOT want him living in a foreign land
- Gad is likely from Samuel's school of Prophets in Naioth
- David fled west, Philistines kicked him out
- David fled east, God kicked him out
- 1Chron. 21:9 Gad served as David's "seer"
- David returns to Judah, to a place called the Forest of Hereth

“Listen you men of Benjamin!”



- Sha'ul meeting with his council on a *ramah*, in Gibeah
- *Ramah* = hilltop
- *Shema Benyemini* = hear and obey you Benjamites
- Council consisted ONLY of men from the tribe of Benjamin
- Saul reminds his council that David is of the tribe of Judah and not likely to give wealth and power to men from Benjamin!

DO'EG THE EDMITE RESURFACES

- Sha'ul accuses his council of being co-conspirators along with Jonathan and David
- Do'eg tells the King that he personally witnessed Ahimelech collaborating with David
- Saul summons Achimelech and calls him, "the son of Achituv"



KING SAUL ACCUSES THE HIGH PRIEST OF TREASON



- That Ahimelech supposedly inquired of God for David seemed to be the main irritant
- The thought was that Ahimelech inquired of God to help him rebel against Saul
- The High Priest defended David and claimed his own innocence
- Sha'ul dismissed Ahimelech's testimony and sentences he and all of his father's family to death

DO'EG SLAYS THE PRIESTS !



- Imagine! The King of Israel has just ordered the extermination of the Priesthood!
- King Saul tells his council to slay the Priests of Nob but they refuse
- Do'eg, a foreigner, has no such qualms

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE PATTERNS



- A foreigner set about to kill the God-anointed King of Israel
- It happened again when Messiah was born
- Do'eg and King Herod were both Edomites !
- *Idumean* = Greek for Edomite
- Anti-King had a pagan henchmen who masqueraded as a friend of God
- It is likely that the future False Prophet will come from Edomite heritage