



# MOST CONFLICTS WERE ABOUT WEALTH

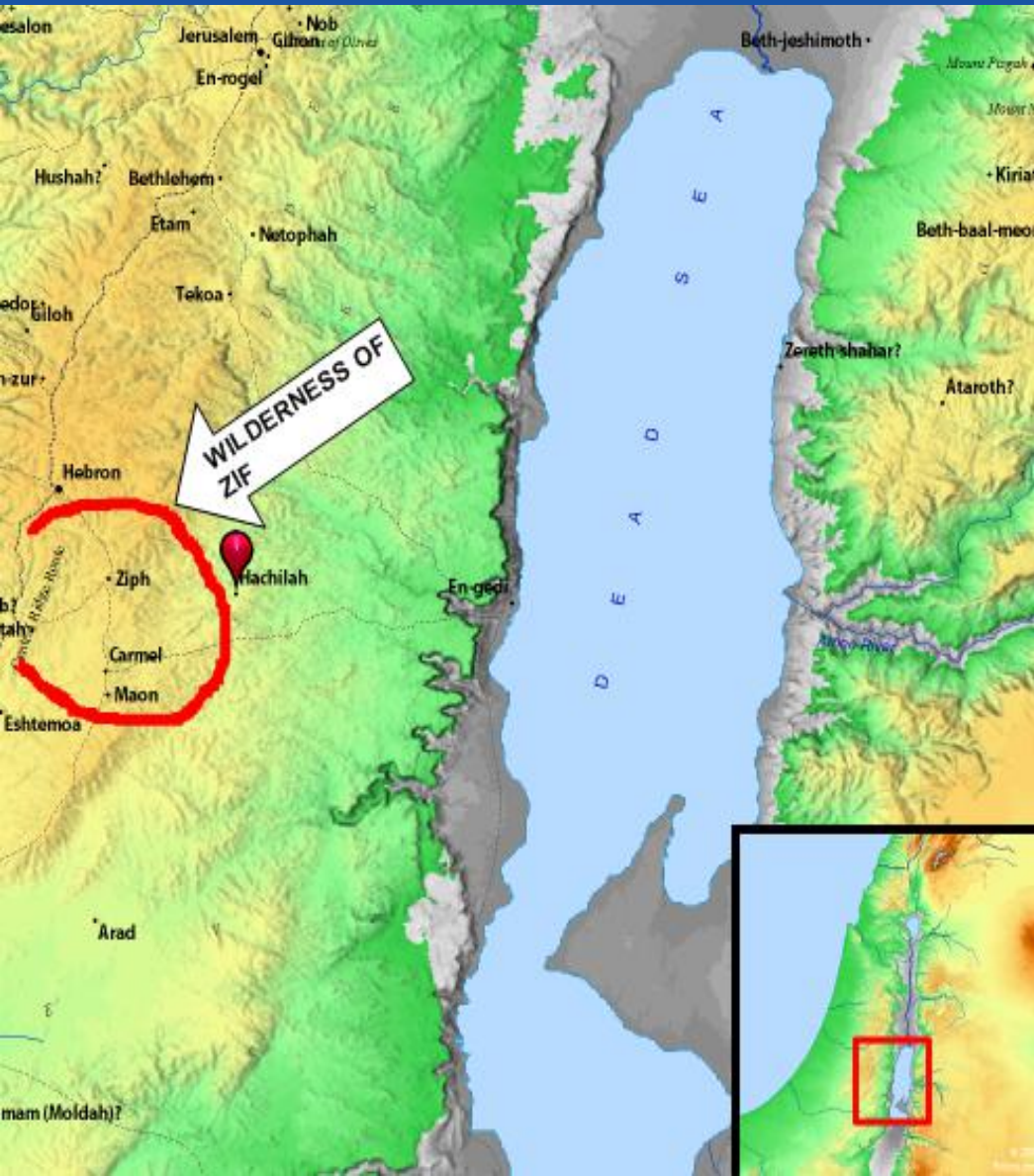
- Philistines did NOT attack the city or residents of Ke'ilah
- They came to confiscate the harvest
- Most nations and kings were interested in building up their people and wealth, not in mindless destruction

# MOVING FROM STRONGHOLD TO STRONGHOLD

- David stayed in Ke'ilah for some R & R and to protect against Philistine reprisal
- Urim and Thummim confirmed that leaders of Ke'ilah would hand David over to Sha'ul
- *Metsad, metsadah* = stronghold
- *Midbar* = wilderness



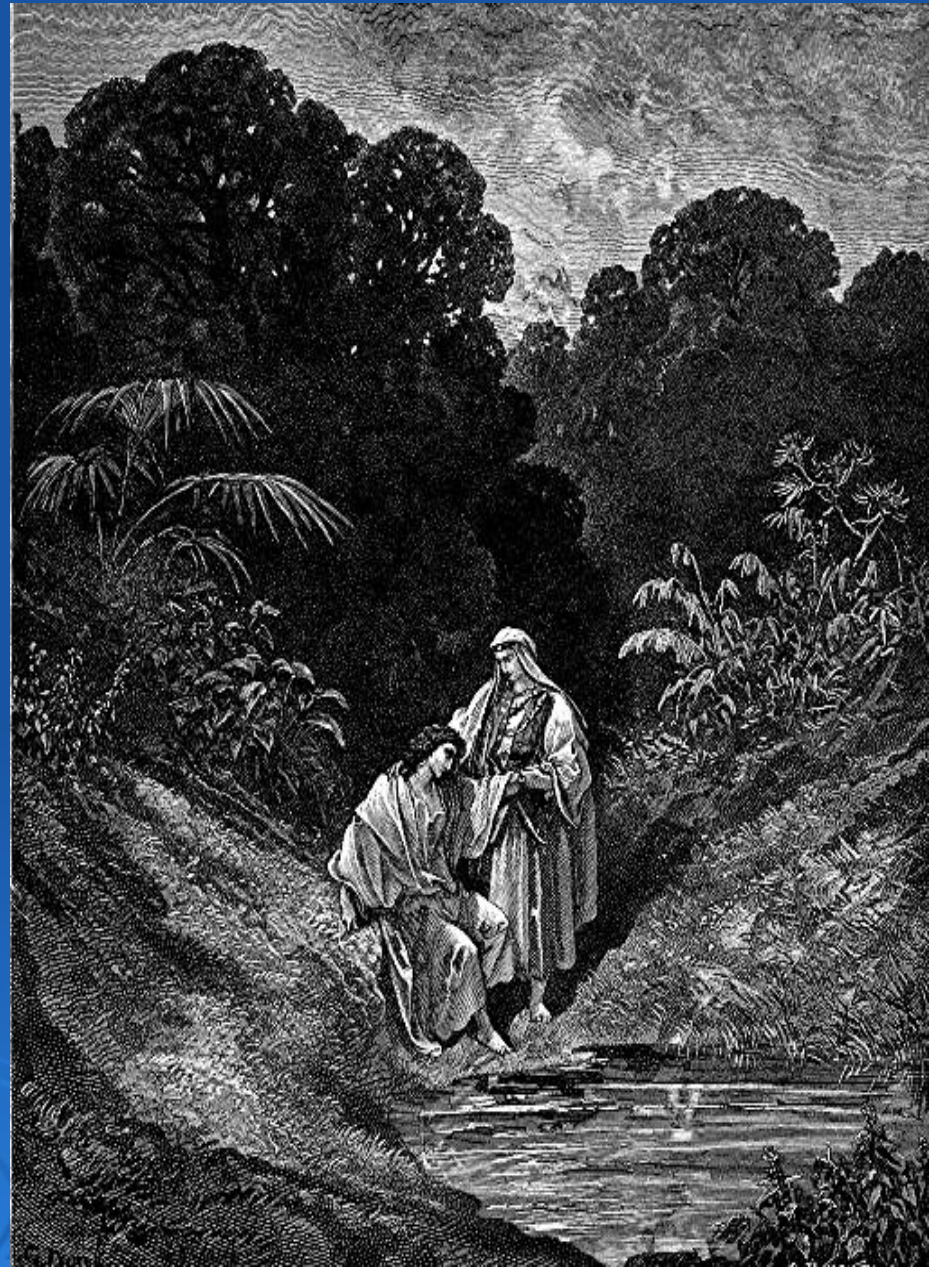
# WILDERNESS OF ZIF



- Wilderness means desert
- Zif 12 miles SE of Ke'ilah
- It was the Lord who kept Saul from finding David
- *Hahores* = the woods
- Jonathan finds David in the woods outside of Zif
- YHWH through Gad told David he was to stay within Canaan, mainly Judah

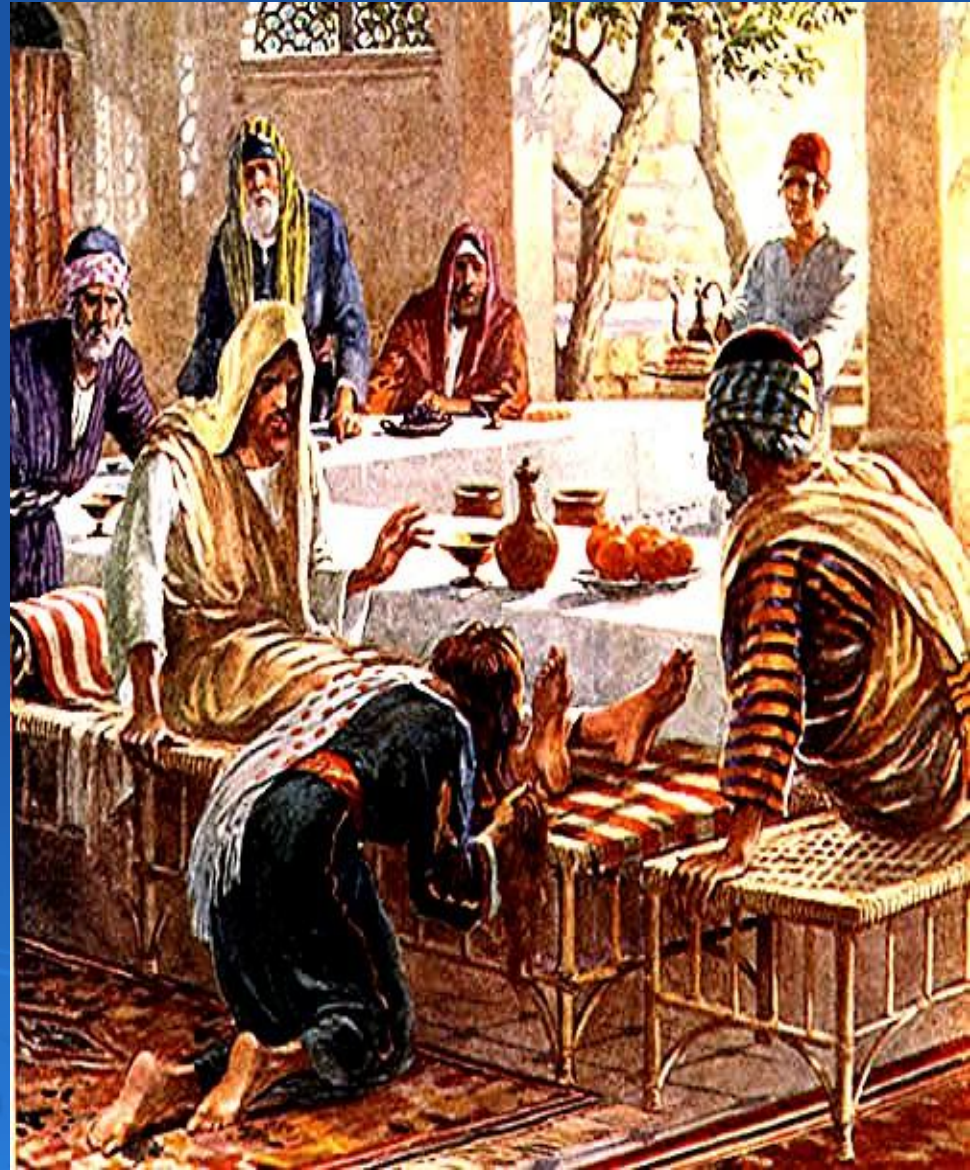
# “Do not fear...”

- Jonathan told David that he would be king and that Sha'ul knew it, too
- David was starting to be self-aware of his destiny
- It took Yeshua many years before He became self-aware of His destiny and divinity
- Jonathan saw himself as 2<sup>nd</sup> in command to David
- **Misneh** = 2<sup>nd</sup> in command
- Y'honatan NOT downcast, but optimistic at what God was going to do!

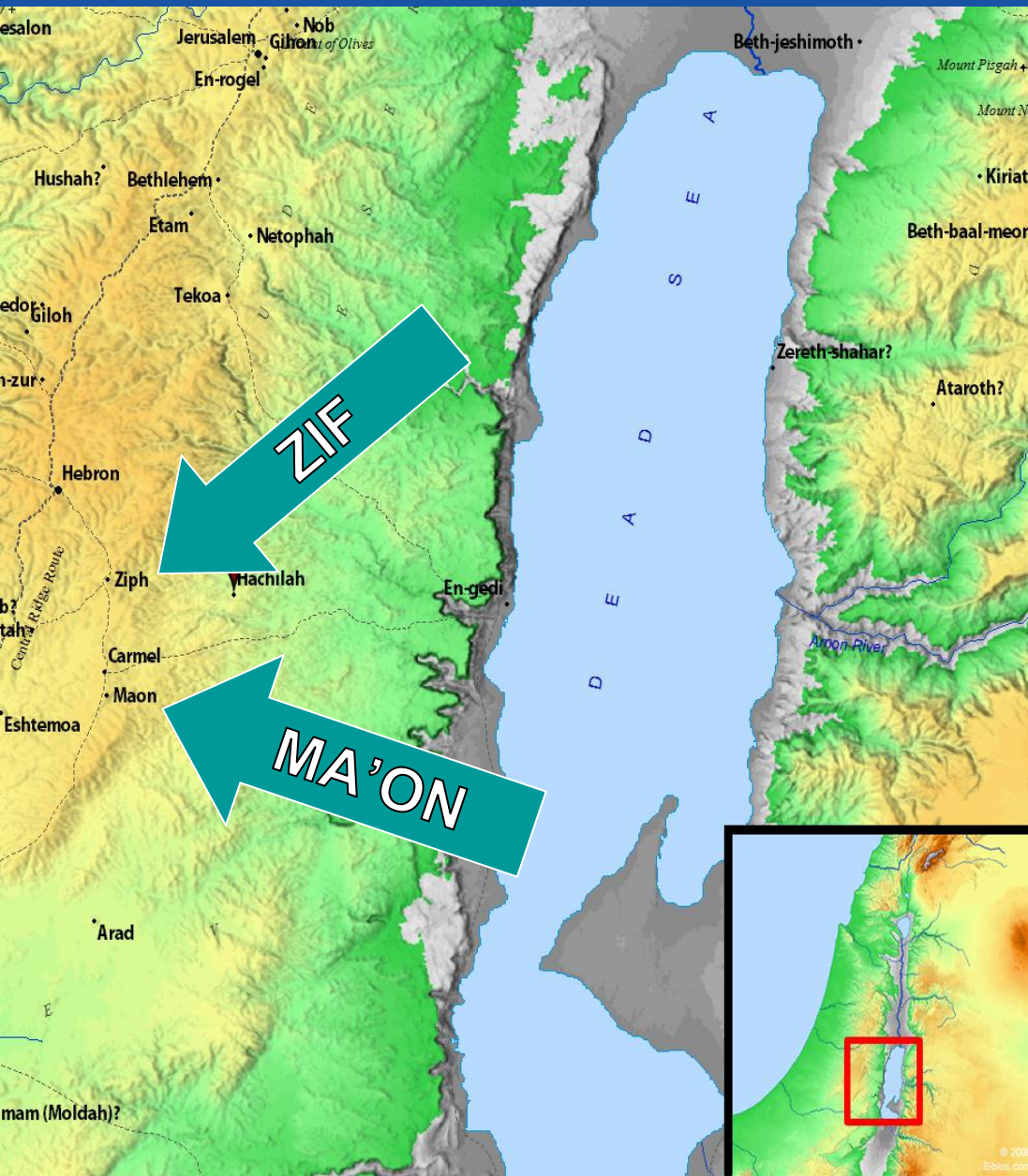


# THE LORD IS ALWAYS FIRST, WE ARE SECOND TO HIM

- This meeting near Zif is the final time David and Jonathan would see each other
- Jonathan would soon die alongside his father
- Our future is tied to Yeshua's, but HE is more important than US!
- The Father, the Messiah, The Kingdom, and THEN us



# DAVID MOVES TO MA'ON



- People of Zif told Saul about David
- King Saul actually asks God to BLESS the Zifites for helping him !
- *Chamal* = pity
- *Tel Ma'in* = Ma'on

# SAUL TRAPS DAVID !

- King Saul received good intelligence on David's location
- Using a pincers movement, Saul orders his men to circle David from both sides
- David's fate was neither in Saul's or his own hands, but rather God's
- At the same moment, Philistines attack Israel and Saul must withdraw to defend his kingdom



# 1<sup>ST</sup> SAMUEL 24: DAVID MOVES TO EN-GEDI

- *En-Gedi* = spring of the young goat
- David's Falls
- Dead Sea is today about 1 mile from En-Gedi, but in David's time En-Gedi was on the seashore
- Due to the vast area and many caves to hide in, Saul sends 3000 men to look for David





# Did David actively try to wrest the throne away from Saul?



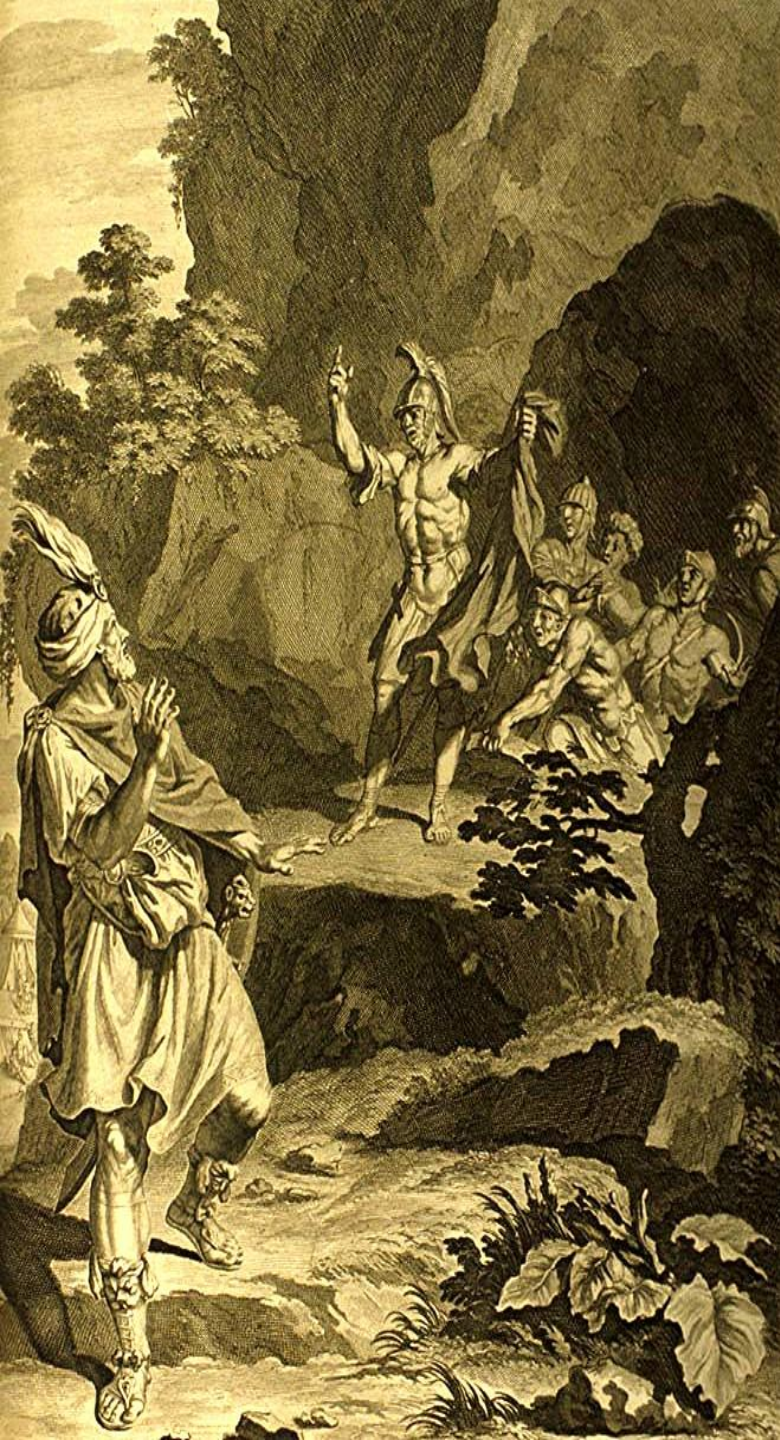
- Critical theological and practical question for future Israelites
- If David did it on his own, then it was merely a typical power struggle between men and God was not involved
- Saul decided to relieve himself in the very cave David and his men were hiding!

# DAVID CUTS THE KANAPH OF SAUL'S GARMENT



- ***Kanaph*** = wings, extremities of a garment; can have deeper sense
- The hem was symbolic of status
- David felt remorse from cutting Saul's hem (kanaph) as it was an offense against God's anointed in David's eyes
- **God-Principle** Not every opportunity that comes our way is of God!
- God NEVER told David to kill Saul or to take the throne for himself

# SAUL'S LIFE IS SPARED



- The underlying question is answered: David did NOT try to take Saul's throne !
- David display's the piece of Saul's garment as proof he could have easily killed him
- A scene of contrasts: Saul had no problem with murder, David detested the thought
- All of the stark differences help us to discern who the man of lawlessness is when he arrives