

DAVID DEFECTS TO THE PHILISTINES

- No hope remains for reconciliation between Saul and David
- Achish of Gath welcomes David and his 600 man army
- At first David's men stay in the city of Gath
- David requests, and Achish grants him, the countryside village of Ziklag to reside



PHILLISTIA A CONFEDERATION OF 5 SMALL KINGDOMS



- Phillistia was NOT a nation under a single government
- King Achish of Gath took David in, but the other 4 Kings were suspicious of David
- Ziklag a racially mixed village of Hebrews and Philistines
- David far enough from Saul and Achish to operate independently

DAVID THE PLUNDERER



- After 1 year and 4 months David and his men began to raid others for a living
- Geshurites, Gezerites, and Amalekites
- *Girzri* = separated ones
- David's methods were ruthless
- His army killed ALL the men and women they raided
- This was NOT Holy War

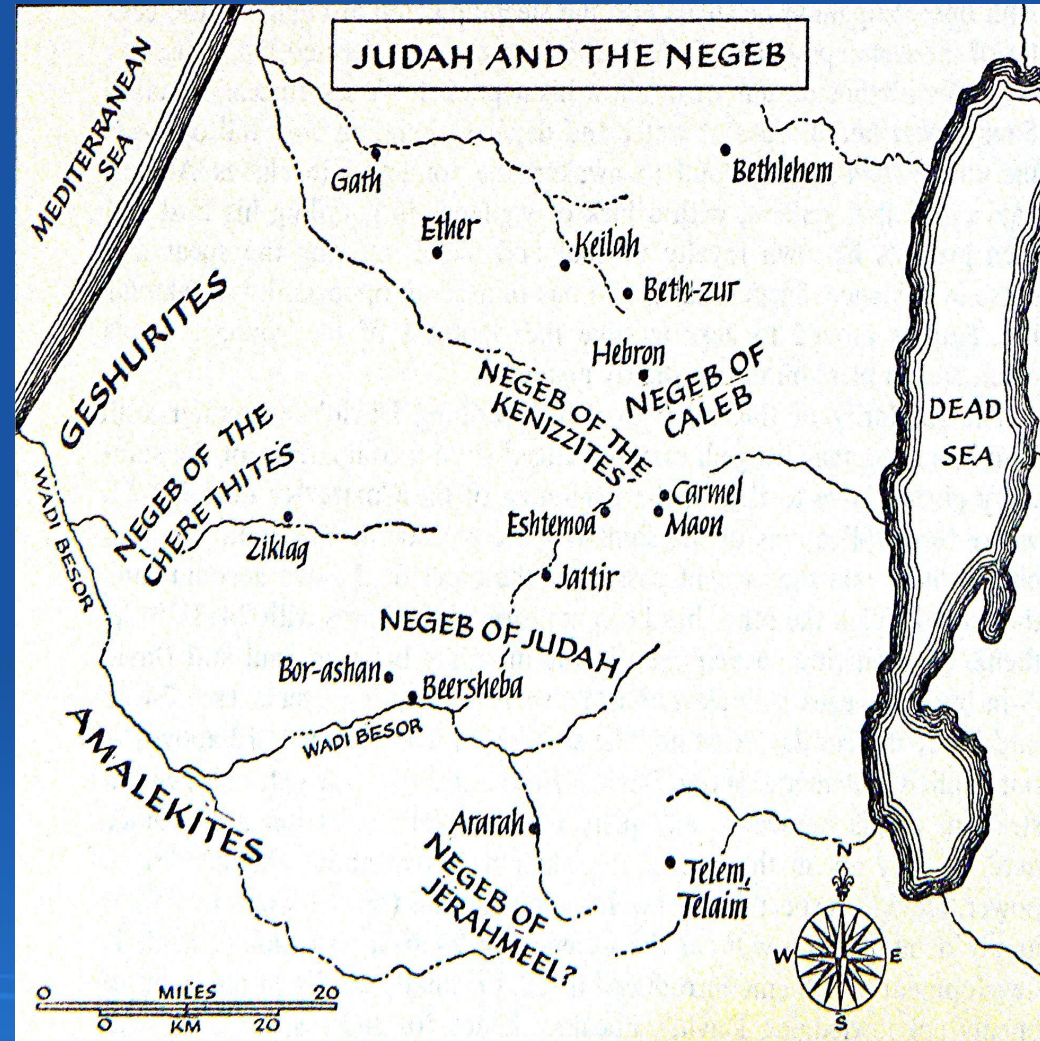
WHAT IS THE JUSTIFICATION FOR DAVID'S RAIDS?

- No evidence these raids were of divine direction
- David reported his raids to Achish
- Bible commentators troubled by David's actions and try to find pious reasons
- Purpose of raids is only to plunder and profit
- David seems to be endearing himself to some clans of Judah, and also to Achish



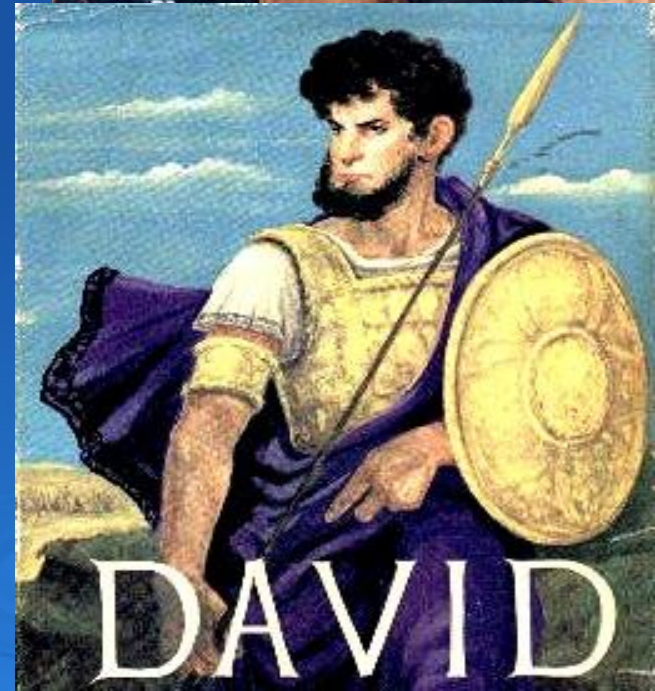
THE NEGEV

- David has autonomy over his raids
- David is operating almost exclusively in “the Negev”
- **Negev** = the south
- David killed all those he attacked merely so Achish got no details
- Because David attacked places within Judah, Achish figured David was now a pariah to his own people

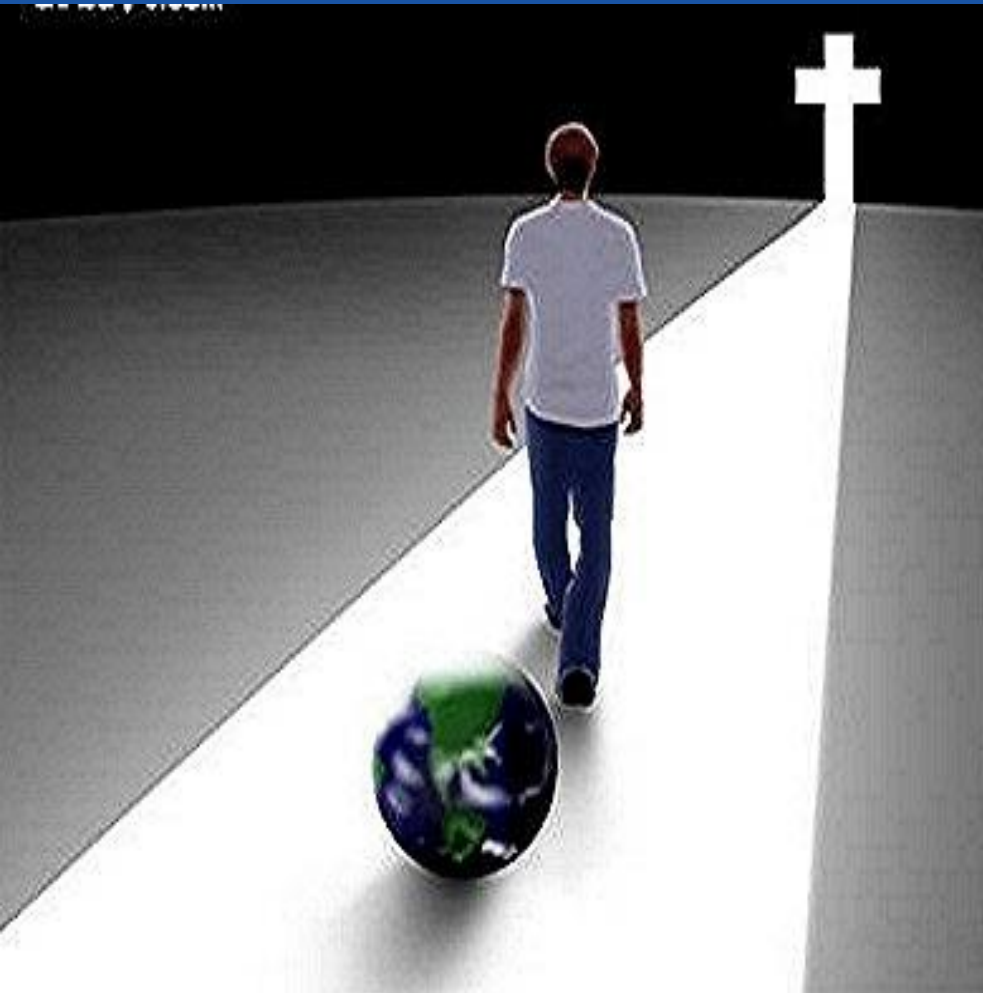


HEROES ARE, BY NATURE, FLAWED

- Is David fooling Achish and has no intent of loyalty to Phillistia?
- Or has David's dark side taken over?
- David is a legitimate SHADOW of Messiah, but was NOT an early Messiah, and did NOT possess Yeshua's character
- David succeeded and failed, idealistic and pragmatic, moral and immoral, courageous and fearful
- NO HINT THAT DAVID PLANNED ON RETURNING TO JUDAH!



OUR GREATEST HOPE: GOD TAKES US BACK!



- David had a heart for God, but failed miserably
- The Lord still claimed David as long as David stuck to the Lord !
- It's the same for all His Worshipers
- God CHOSE to use men to achieve His purposes, when He could have used Angels
- Will YOU be David, or will you will be Saul?

1ST SAMUEL 28: THE WITCH OF EN DOR

- War is brewing between Phillistia and Israel
- Achish confirms with David that he will fight with the Philistines against Saul
- David has put himself in a bad situation
- Who does David identify himself with now?
- ***Somer le'rosh*** = keeper of my head (a bodyguard)

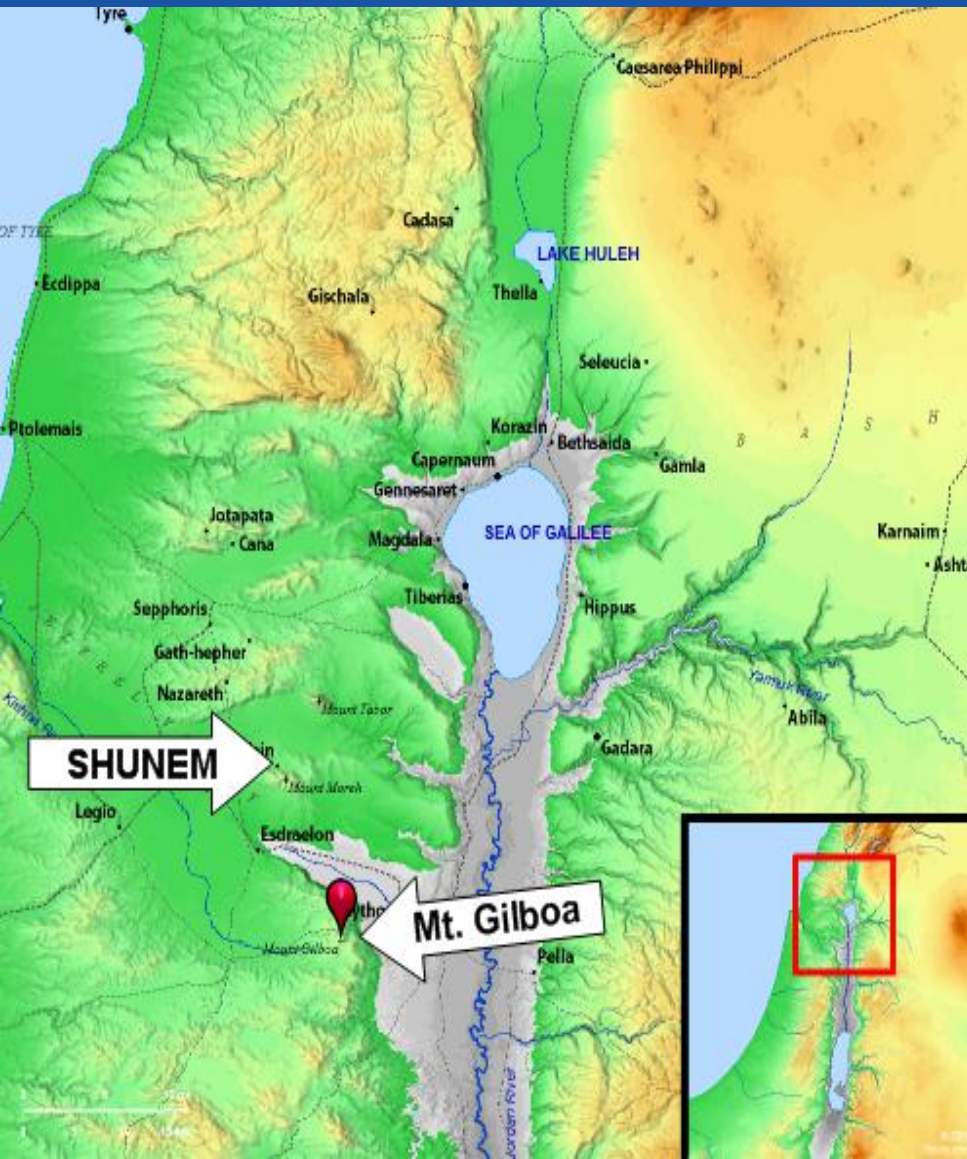


NECROMANCERS



- Samuel is dead and buried
- Necromancers conjured up spirits of the dead and demonic spirits
- Torah Law forbids this practice among Israel
- Lev.19:31, Lev. 20:6

PHILLISTINES AND ISRAEL SET-UP BATTLE CAMPS



- Philistines at Shunem
- Israel at Mt. Gilboa
- Edge of the Jezreel Valley, same place as coming Armageddon
- Saul saw the Philistines and panicked
- Saul knew that God had left him, and so had no god to consult

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

- Saul knew he needed direction from the spiritual
- Dreams, Urim and Thummim, Prophets
- Sha'ul tried to go around God
- He felt his only choice was to hear from his Prophet Samuel (who was dead!)
- We are like Saul, always looking for loopholes and hoping that God will suspend His laws and commands for us



KING SHA'UL SEEKS OUT THE *BA'ALATH OB* OF EN DOR

- Moderns are constantly seeking Fortune Tellers and Nostradamus to tell us the future
- *Ba'alath Ob* = Ghost wife
- It was believed that the dead lived below ground in an underworld
- They had to be “brought up”, even against their will
- Saul wanted the divine by means of the anti-divine !!

