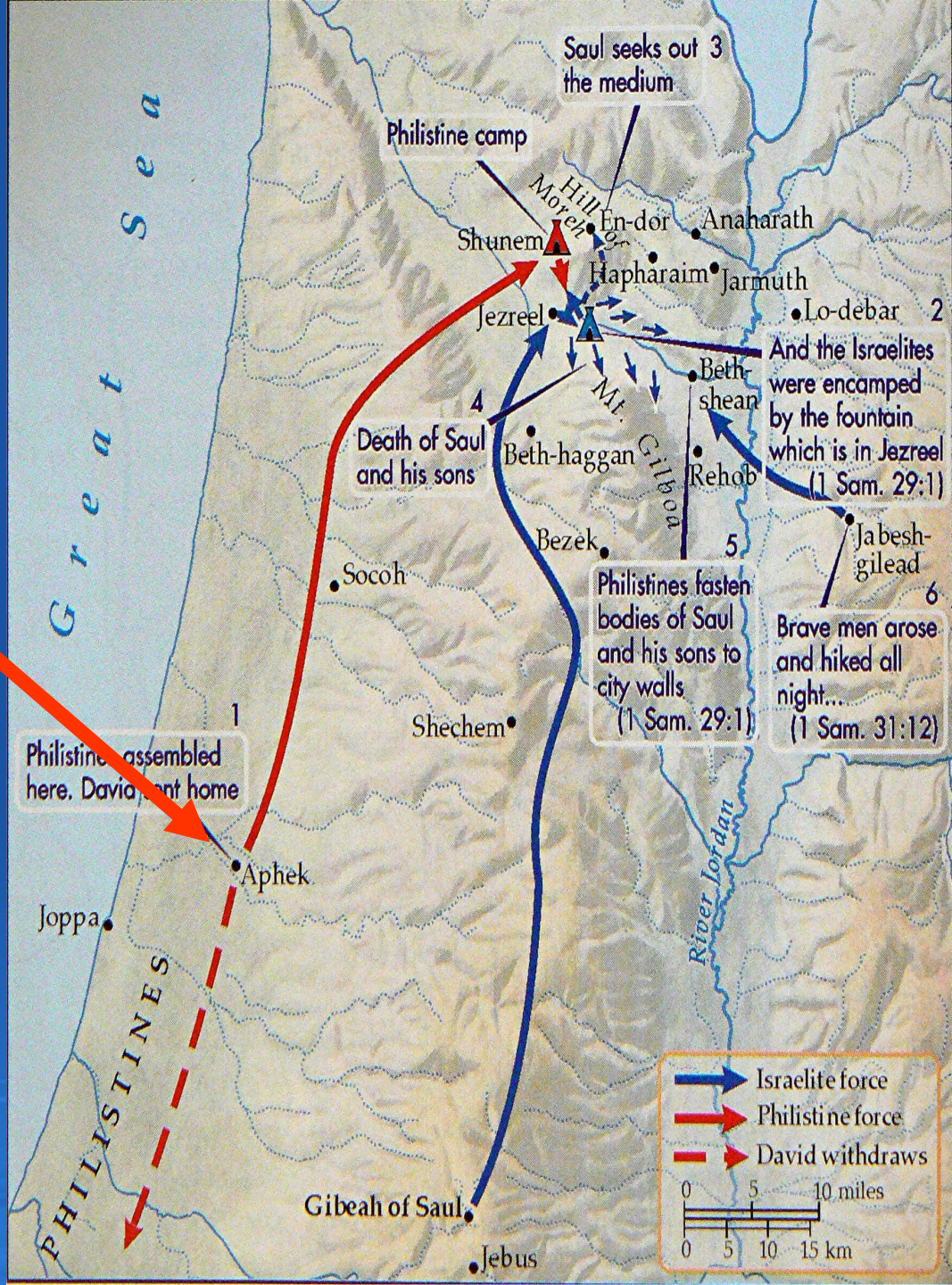


- 1st Samuel 29 told in “flashback” style
- Philistines first assembled at Afek, before moving north to Shunem
- Israelites first assembled at a spring before moving to Mt. Gilboa





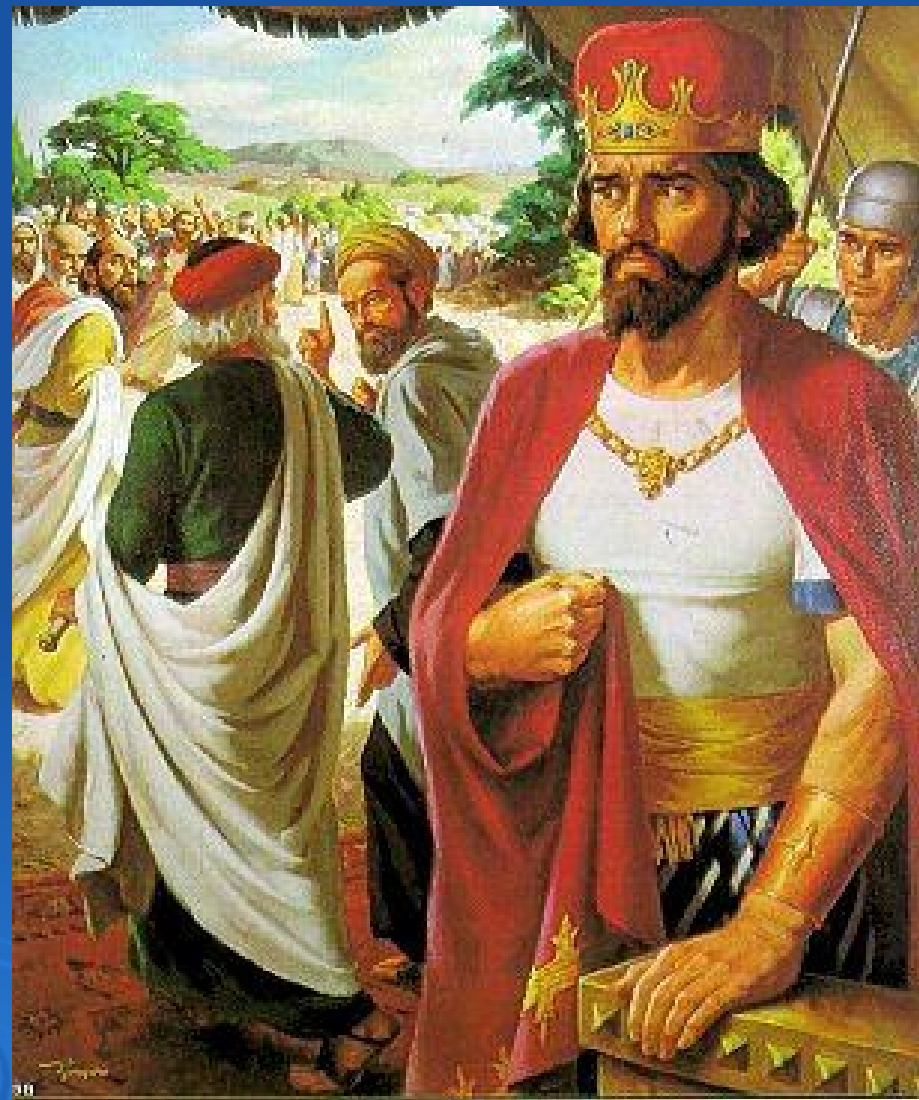
SATAN

Our Adversary

- Upon arriving in Afek, 4 of the Philistine Kings protest that David is there to fight alongside them
- Achish is firmly convinced of David's dependability but is unable to change the minds of the Philistine lords
- Hebrew word for adversary is *satan*
- *Satan* indicates traitor, fighter, liar

“ As YHWH lives you have been upright.....”

- Philistine lords plead with Achish to see the danger in including David
- An emotional Achish apologizes to David
- David argues that he has done nothing to be excluded from this battle
- David is sent back to Ziklag
- The Lord’s providence has saved David once again



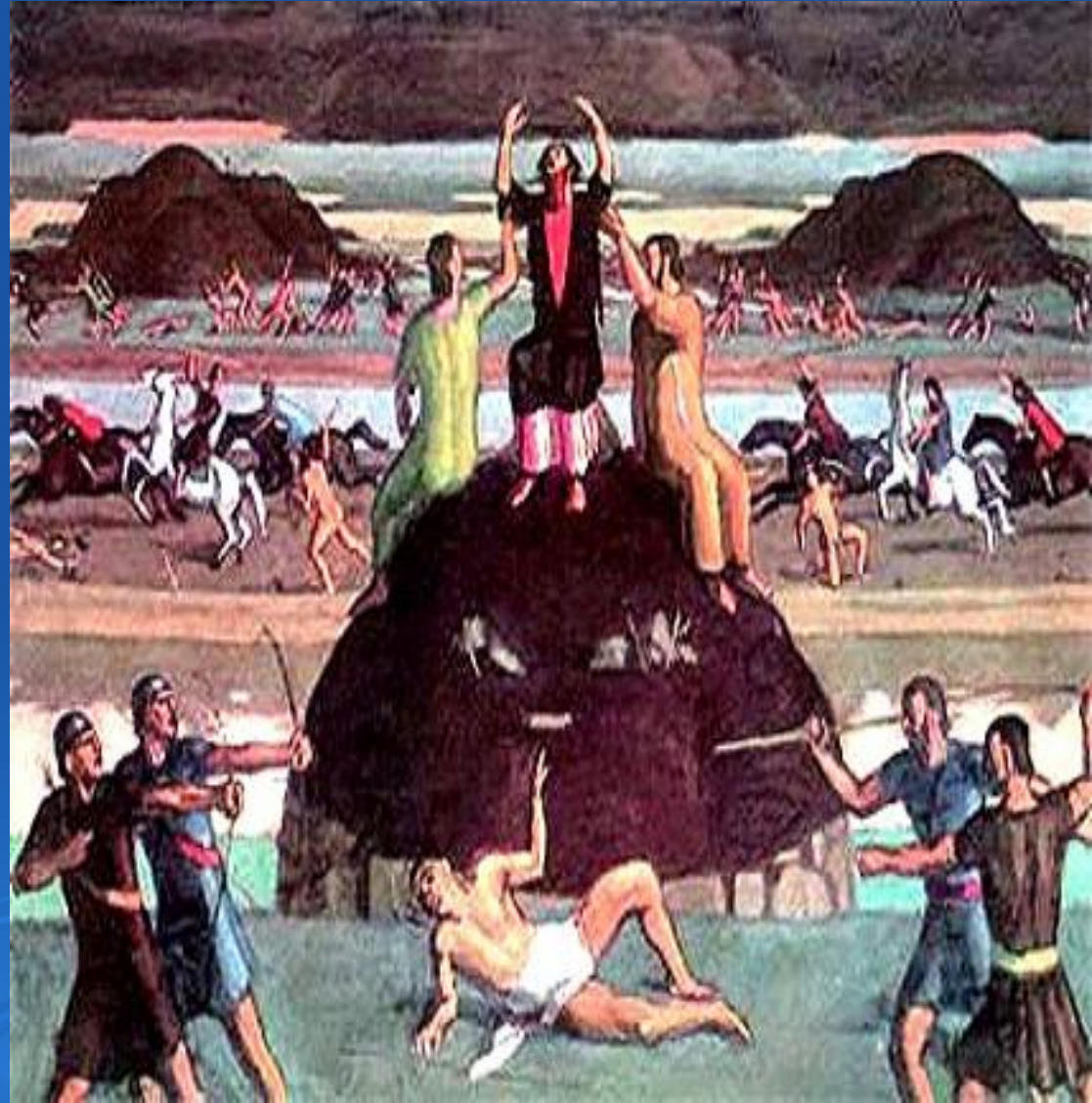
1ST SAMUEL 30: ZIKLAG HAS BEEN DESTROYED



- David arrives to find Ziklag emptied of its women and children
- The Amalekites had come for revenge
- They took all the people but didn't kill them
- A surprise since David had been killing their men AND women
- Kidnapping is the way tribal societies build up their own tribes

IF ISRAEL'S LEADERS HAD OBEYED GOD.....

- God's #1 enemy had taken David's family
- Israel was told since Moses to eradicate Amalek down to the last person
- Deut. 25: 17 – 19
“Remember what Amalek did....”
- 1Sam.15:2 *“I remember what Amalek did....”*

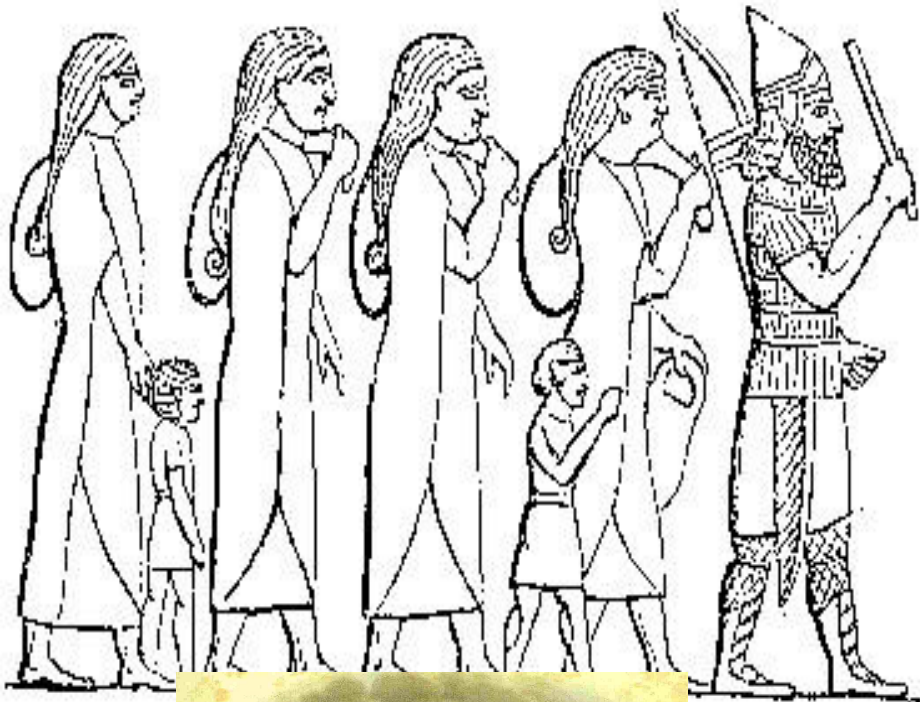




BATTLING the *spirit* of Amalek

- Too many Christians and Jews have decided God was wrong to order Amalek destroyed
- Spirit of Amalek is embodied in anti-Semitism and in opposing Israel
- This is NOT about disagreeing with some Jews or some Israeli government policies or bad behavior
- This is about standing with Israel's enemies against God's set-apart people
- Israel is STILL God's set-apart people AND set-apart land !!

DAVID CONSULTS YHWH



- David's men blamed him, and wanted to stone him
- But David's men were not slaves, they **CHOSE** to follow him
- Pattern: The **FIRST** thing to do in times of great distress is to consult with God
- David calls for Avyatar to use Urim and Thummim

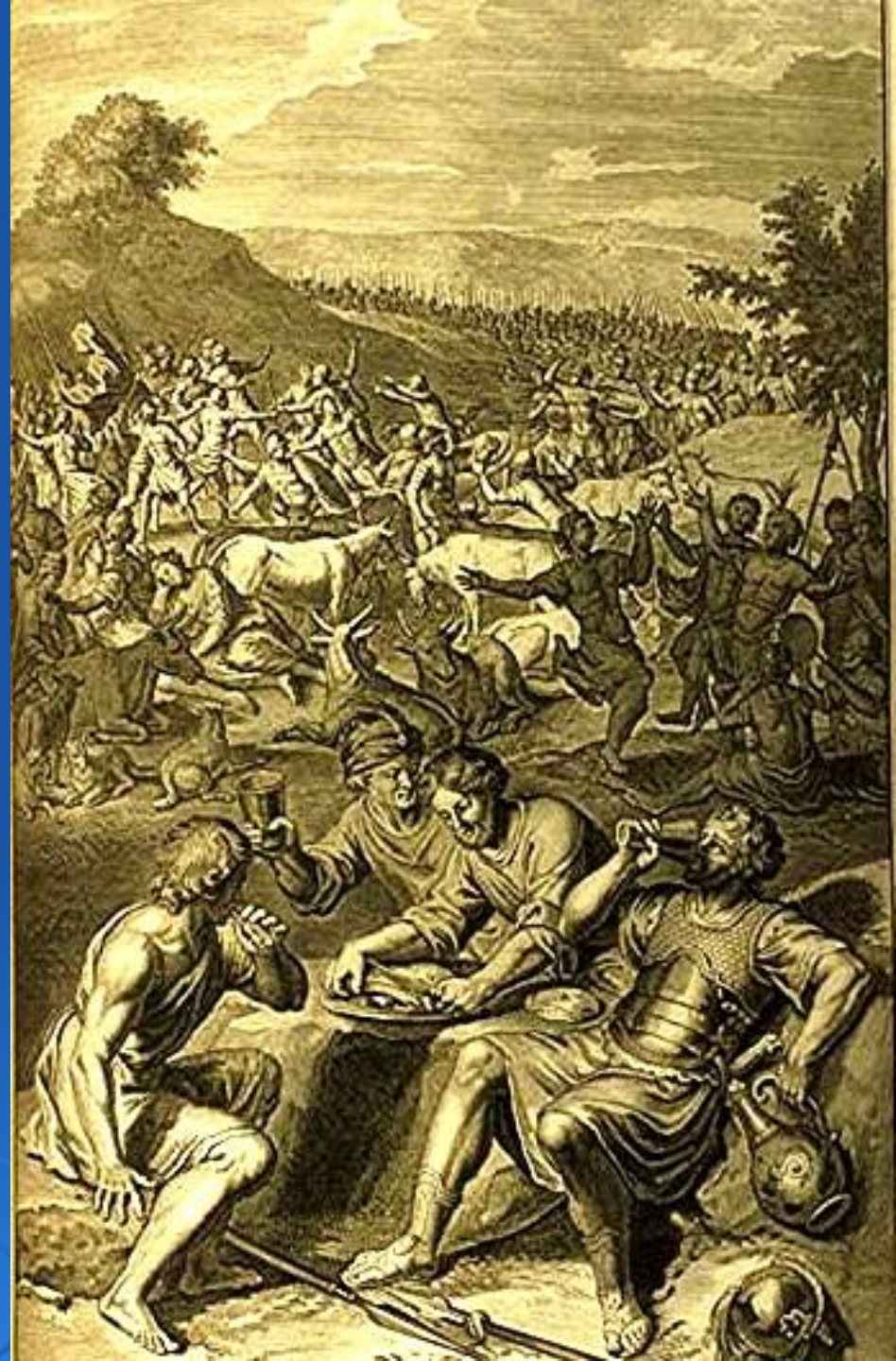
DAVID'S MEN SEARCH FOR THEIR FAMILIES BY HEADING SOUTH



- After 25 miles they stop at *Wadi Besor*
- 200 men are too exhausted, so only 400 continue the search
- They stumble across an Egyptian boy, a slave of the Amalekites
- The boy lead David to the Amalekite raiders
- Amalekites had attacked Israelite and Philistine villages

DAVID ATTACKS THE AMALEKITES

- Amalekites drunk and celebrating, were not prepared for David
- 400 young Amalekite boys escaped on Camels, all others were killed
- David rescued all the women and children, as well as all of their possessions
- They also took the Amalekites' valuables and animals
- Was this the spoils of Holy War?





- The 400 men return to **Wadi Basor** and confront the 200 that were left behind
- David asks of the men's "peace" *sha'al* = well being
- David knew there would be a problem when the 2 groups met up again
- Several of the 400 did not think the 200 should receive any more than to have their families returned