

DAVID REMAINS LOYAL TO ACHISH

- Samuel Scroll was large, so divided into two parts
- David established an informal treaty with King Achish of Gath
- Philistines assembled for war at Afek
- David brought his army of 600 to fight alongside the Philistines
- 4 of the Philistines Lords didn't trust David, and thought he might turn against them in battle

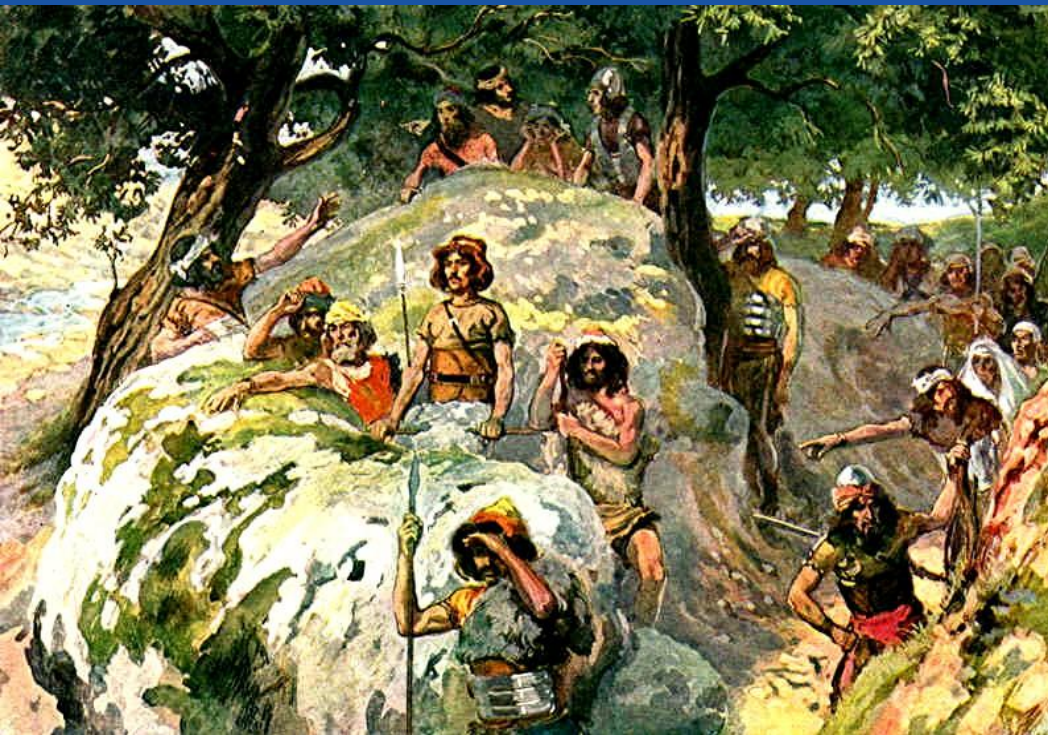


THE PROBLEM WITH AMALEK



- When David returned from Afek, Ziklag was abandoned
- Amalek came and took the families
- First incident with Amalek was with Moses
- Amalek struck the rear of the Exodus column where the weakest walked
- Here in 1st Samuel Amalek struck only the women, children, elderly
- Ezekiel 38:1 – 11
- Spirit of Amalek is alive today!

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CRISIS MANAGEMENT

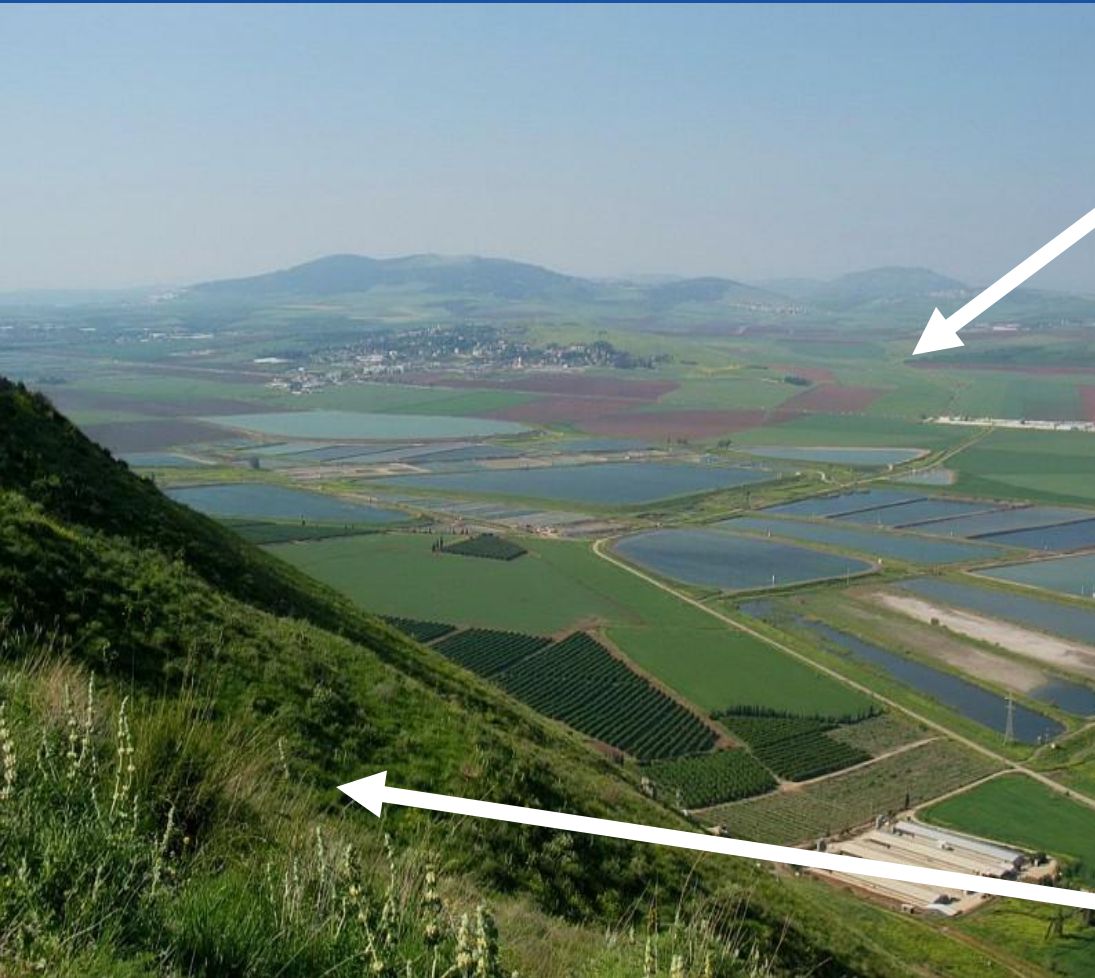
- David and his 400 men go back to *Wadi Besor* to the 200 left behind
- *Rah* and *belial* = evil and worthless men
- Tense hours of negotiation and persuasion by David to avoid a split
- Not all of his men agreed with David's recent decisions

DAVID GIVES GIFTS TO THE ELDERS



- David knew he needed to mend fences with his tribe of Judah, so he bought loyalty with gifts of spoils
- Neighbor: *shaken* = proximity *rea* = relationship
- List of towns where the bulk of the gifts were given is in 1st Sam. 30: 26 – 31
- David's men would NOT all have been happy for David to give away things they earned, and things they needed to rebuild their lives and village

1ST SAMUEL 31: THE END OF KING SAUL



- Battle began in the Jezreel Valley
- Armageddon will also be fought here
- 1st Chron. 10 has the same story
- Battles usually began at dawn
- Hebrews retreated up the slopes of the hills of Gilboa

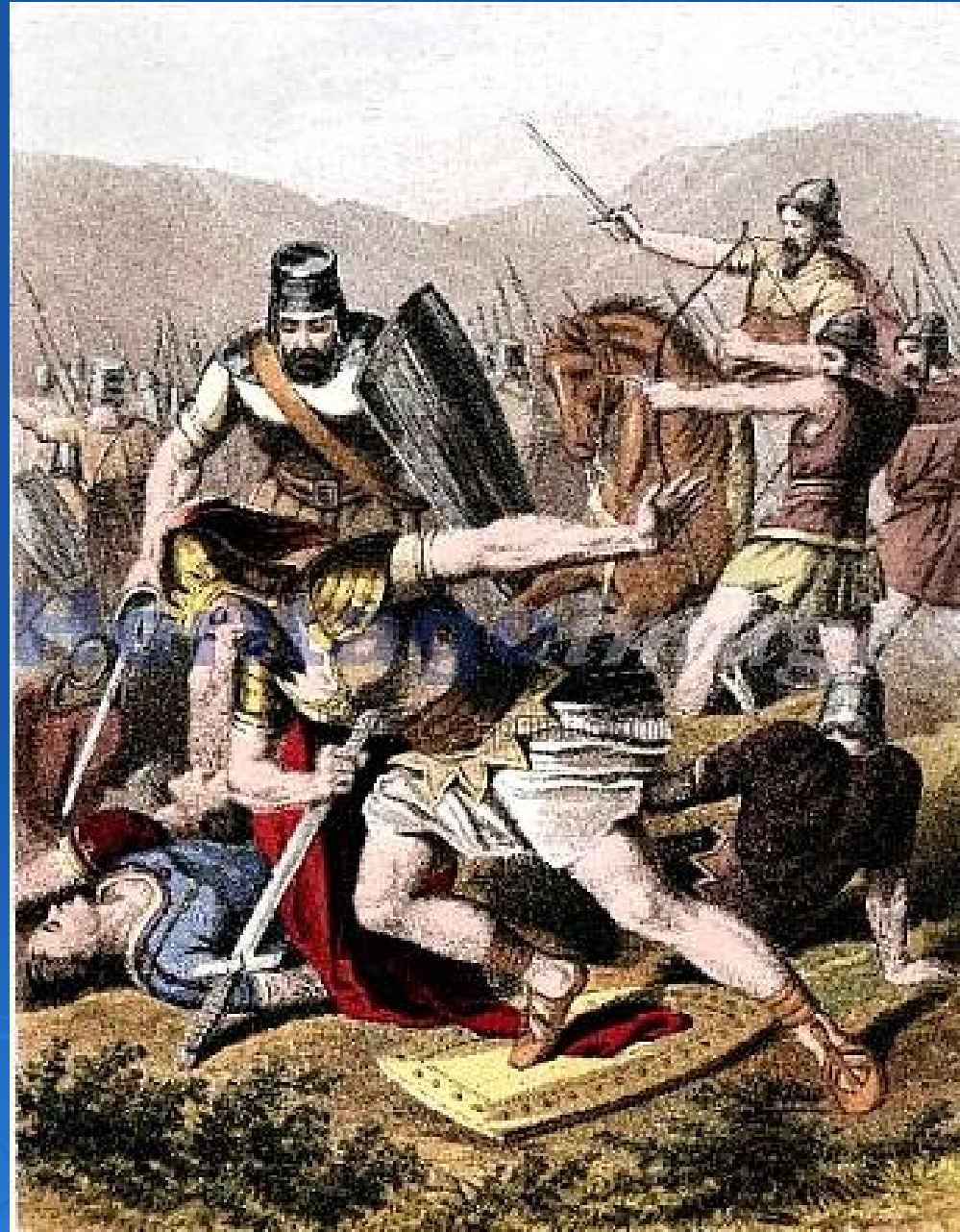
SAUL IS MORTALLY WOUNDED

- Saul is shot with an arrow and is in great pain
- The King asks his armor bearer to finish him off, but the armor bearer refuses
- ***Ve hit'allu vi*** = have their way with me
- Armor bearer afraid of God, not of dying or punishment
- Saul was capable of killing himself, so why did he want someone else to do the deed?



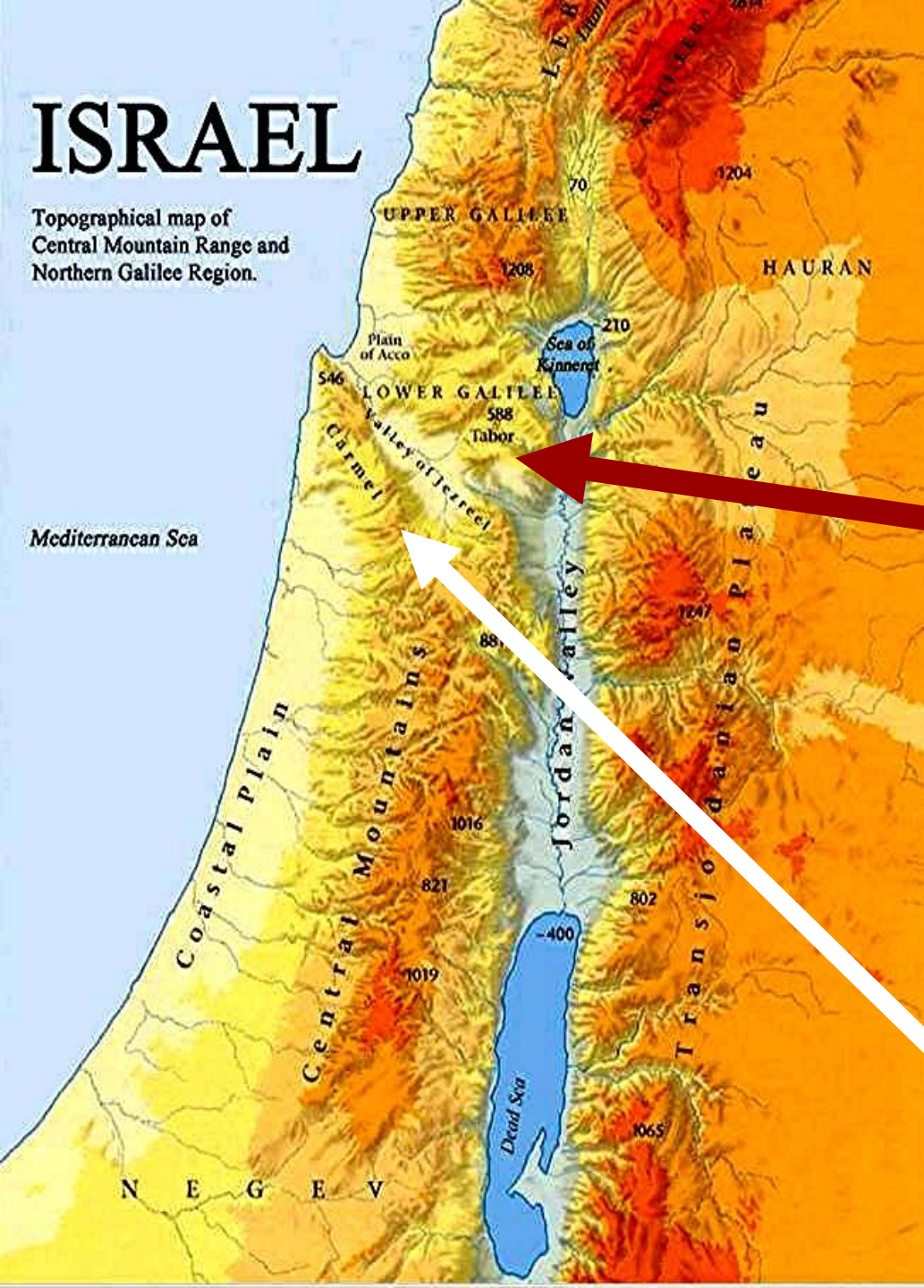
SAUL AND 3 SONS DIE

- Saul and “All of his men” died
- 1 Chron.10:6 “All his household died”
- **Bayith** = house, living together or joined together (like a family)
- Avner, Saul’s top general was not there
- Ishbosheth, Saul’s 4th son was not there



ISRAEL

Topographical map of Central Mountain Range and Northern Galilee Region.

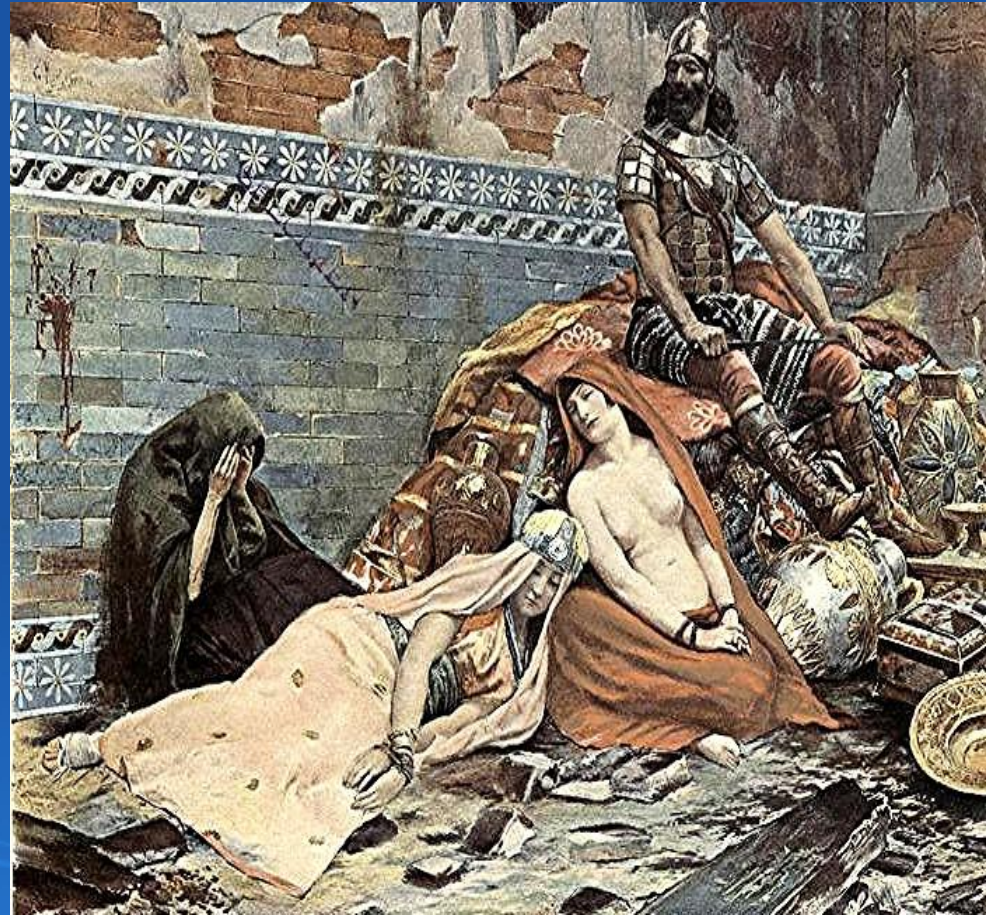


ISRAELITES FLEE

- Both sides of the Jordan felt threatened
- People from Jezreel Valley and north fled
- Northern tribal coalition who supported Saul now under Philistine control
- Southern tribes protected by mountain range

PHILISTINES BEHEAD SAUL'S LIFELESS CORPSE

- Plundering the dead was not seen as wrong
- Still allowed by armies to this day (to some degree)
- Saul's head and armor put on display at the Philistine temples
- Philistine's thought their god beat Saul's god
- Saul had NO GOD!



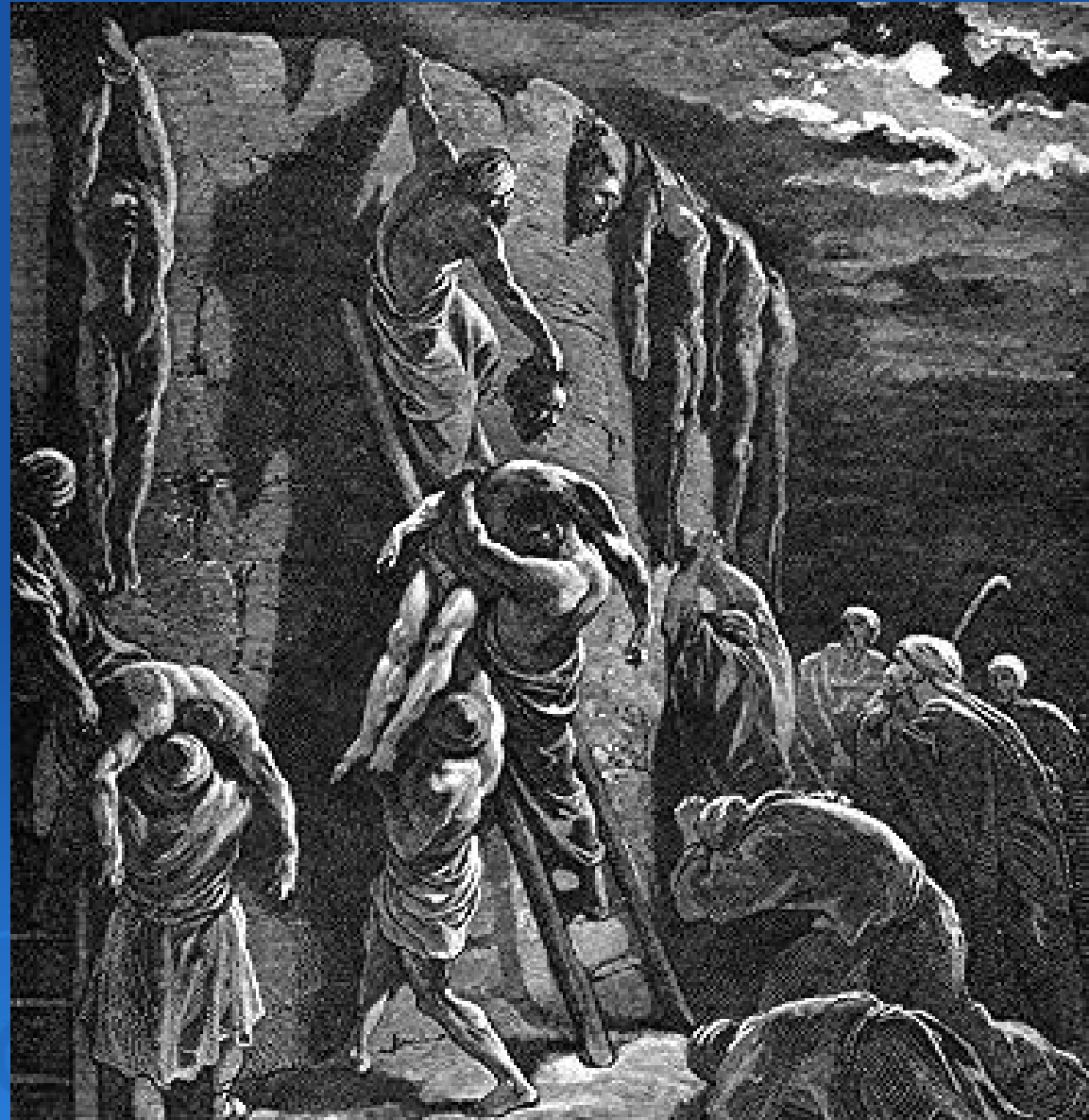
BETH SH'AN



- Saul's and sons' bodies hung onto the walls of Beth Shean
- Ancient fortress, built centuries before Saul's day
- At junction of east-west and north-south highways
- The corpses were a message that the Philistines now controlled the land

THE MEN OF JABESH-GILEAD RIGHT A TERRIBLE WRONG

- Men of Jabesh heard of this atrocity and came to fetch Saul's body
- Tribe of Benjamin and Jabesh-Gilead became close by intermarriage
- Saul saved Jabesh from Nachash the Ammonite



SAUL'S BODY BURNED, BUT BONES WERE SAVED AND BURIED

- Not customary for a Hebrew to be burned up for burial
- Lev. 20:14 and 21:9 reserve burning for criminals
- Undoubtedly a pagan influence
- Bones put in Ossuary and buried in Jabesh
- Later David took the Ossuary to Benjamin and buried Saul in his father's tomb (Kish)
- Israel now a rudderless ship

