

# THE UNORTHODOX HEBREW BIBLE

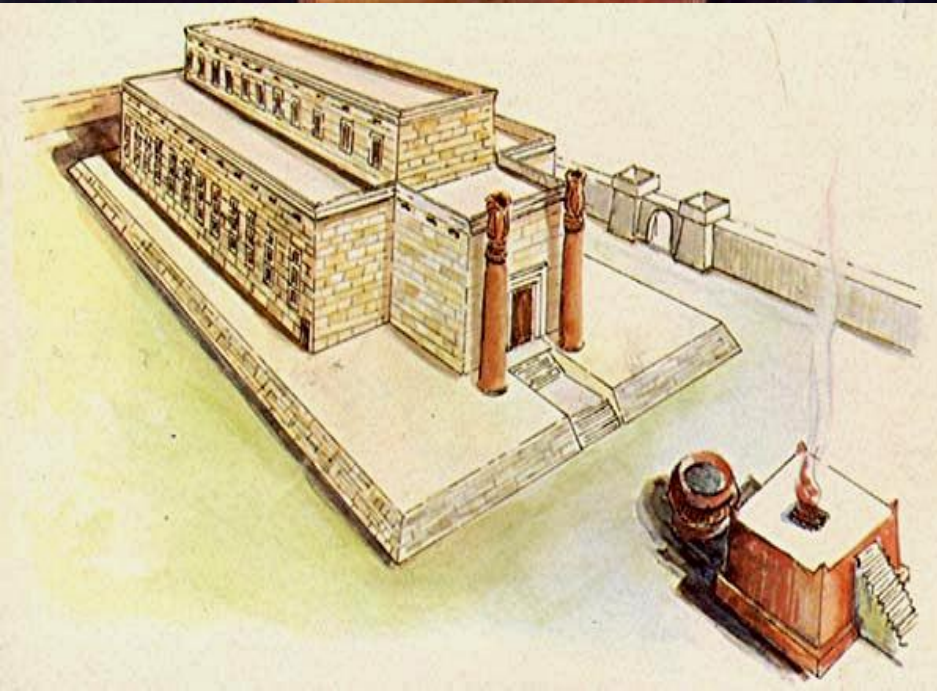
- Various kinds of literature woven together to create the Book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel
- God inspired and directed
- Hebrews only give brief mention to battles, dynasties, and royal accomplishments
- Most ancient Israelites did NOT see God's hand in the everyday progress of life
- We have the advantage of hindsight to see the Lord rolling out his Redemptive plan





# 2<sup>nd</sup> SAMUEL 7 WAS FUTURE ORIENTED

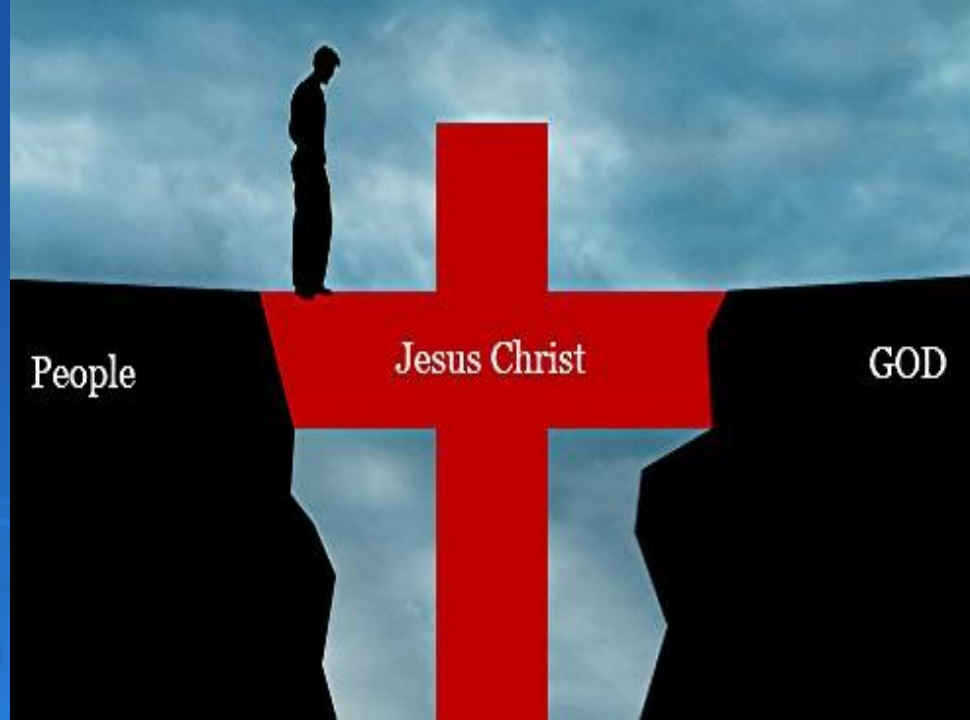
- David promised an unknown and unnamed descendant would rule the Kingdom FOREVER!
- The lesson of chapter 7 revolved around David wanting to build a Temple
- God says that He will NOT dwell in a Temple but His NAME would
- God will “travel” with His people and not be confined to a single place (a Temple)





# GOD PRESENT WITHIN US

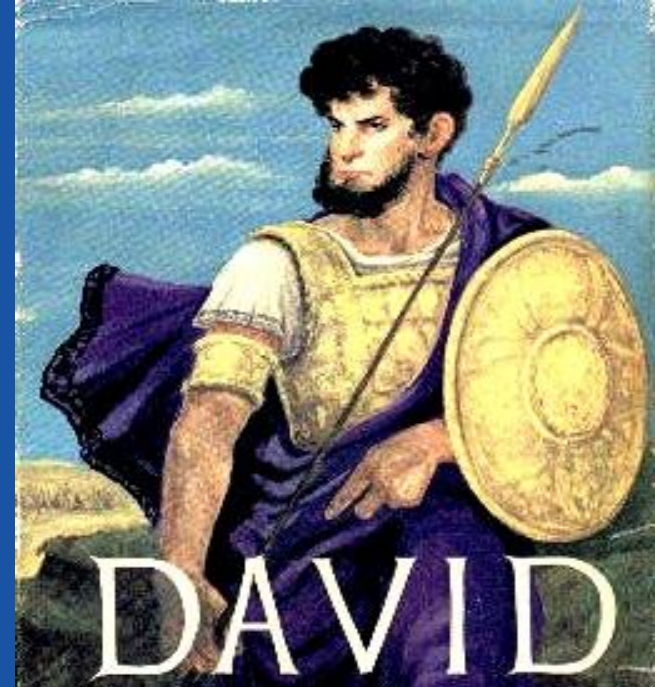
- 2Cor. 6:16 *“...I will house myself in them..”*
- The Lord wants a portable dwelling place, not one anchored to the ground
- Rom.8:38 – 39 *“..nothing can separate us from the love of God..”*
- David did not understand how a descendant could live forever, but he trusted God to accomplish what He said He would do!





# 2<sup>nd</sup> SAMUEL 8: WARS OF KING DAVID

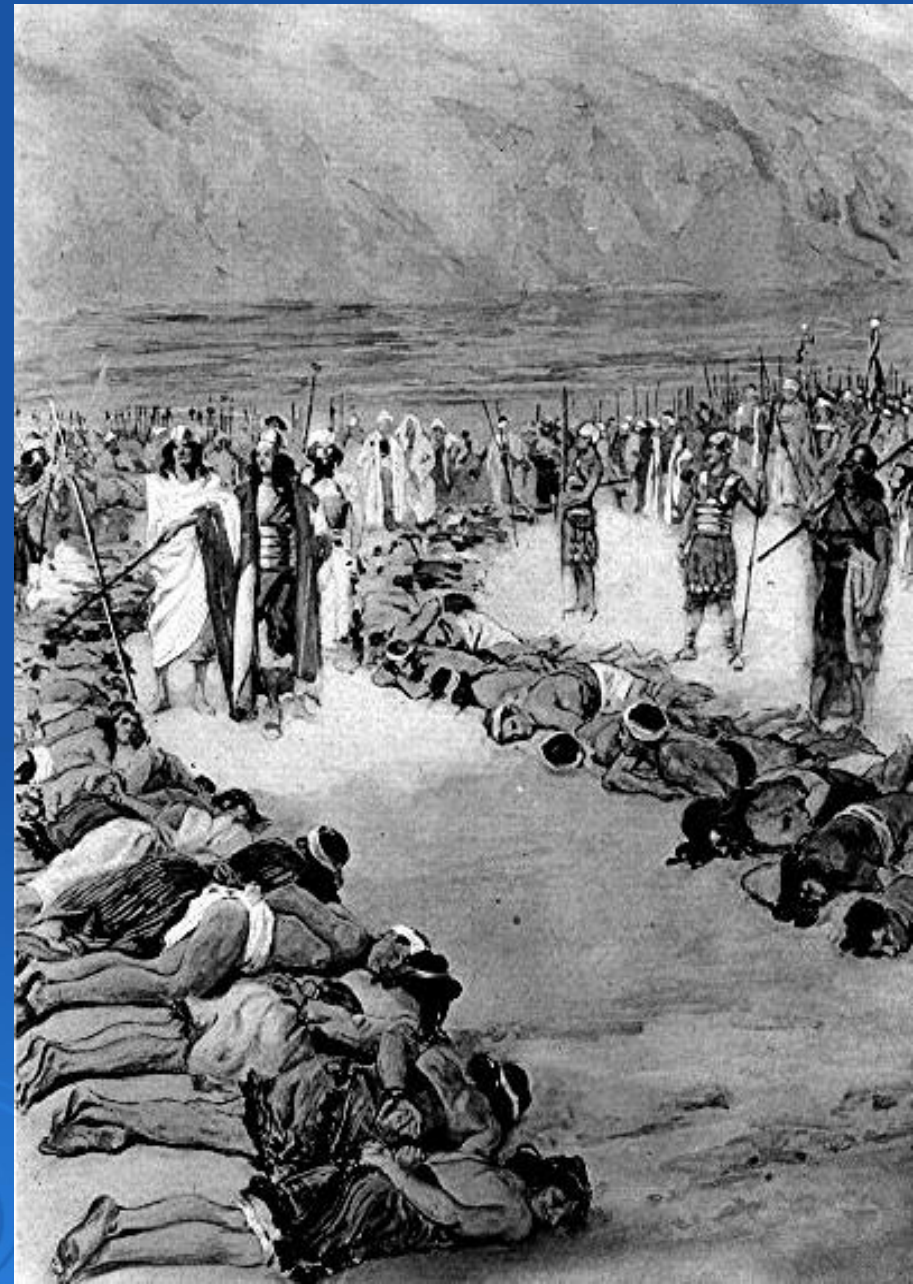
- Chapter 8 is not in chronological order
- 1<sup>st</sup> war is with the Philistines
- Meteg-amah literally means, “The bridle of the mother”
- Is referring to Gath, the chief city (Mother city) of the Philistines
- 1Chron.18:1 names the city as Gath
- Achish was still King of Gath





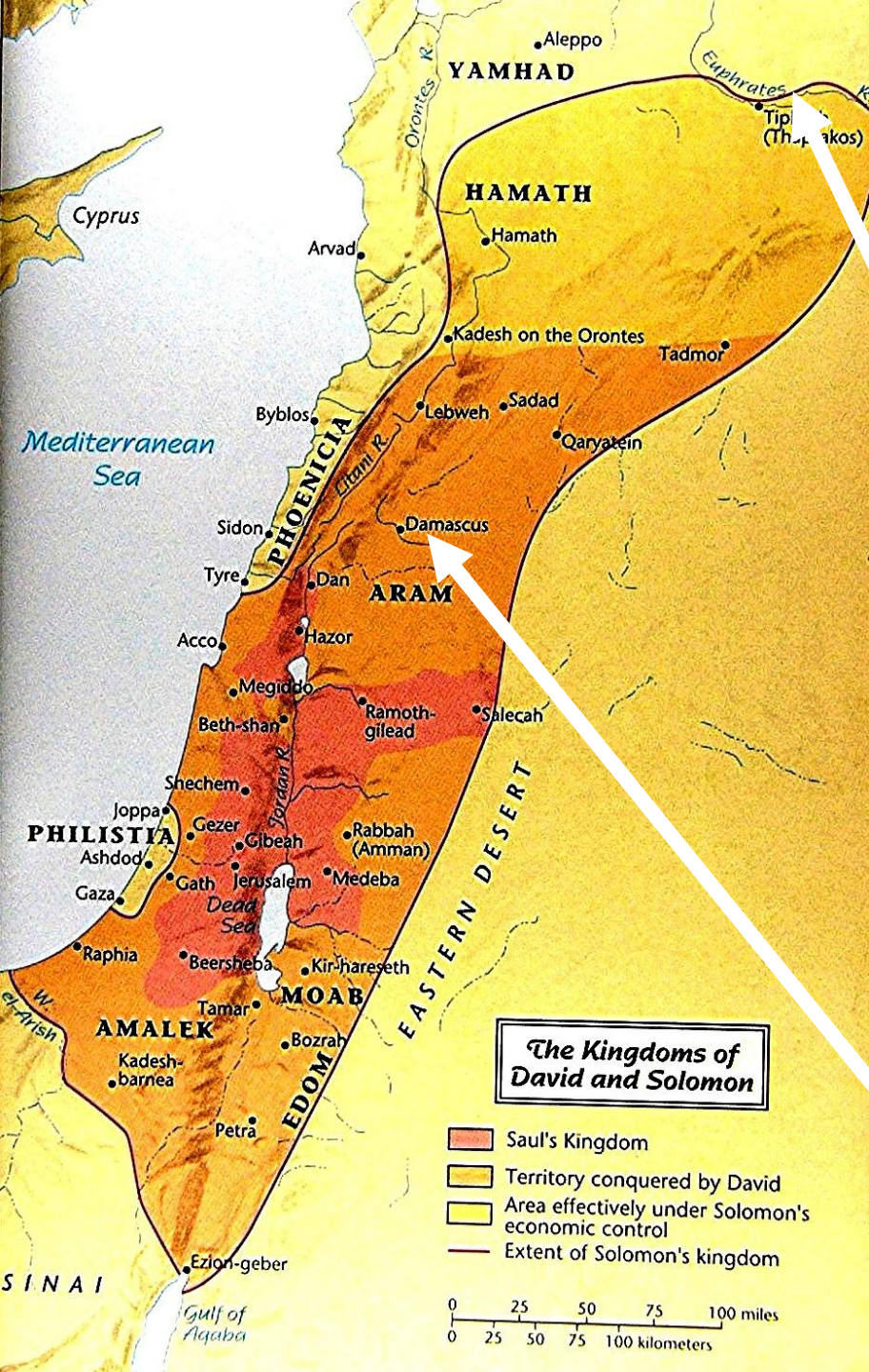
# DAVID EXECUTES THE MOABITES

- David kills 2 out of every 3 Moabite soldiers
- Likely the “measuring cord” is a figure of speech and not literal
- Moab had been a friend to David
- Ruth a Moabitess
- David’s parents lived in Moab and were protected from King Saul
- Apparently David felt that Moab needed to be made much weaker





# DAVID EXTENDS ISRAEL'S DOMINION



- David marches to the Euphrates River
- Gen. 15:18 God gives the land up to the Euphrates
- *Hadad'ezer* = Hadad is my helper
- *Hadad* was the Sun God
- David captures horses and chariots but only kept 100 chariots w/their teams
- Deut. 17:15 – 16 King of Israel not to acquire horses for himself
- Damascus begins to play a prominent role in Israel's history



# DAVID RULES OVER ALL ISRAEL



- David confiscates gold and bronze for future Temple use
- Salt Valley in Aram is a copyist error, should be Edom
- Key to David's success: ***"YHWH gave victory to David wherever he went"***
- God is present wherever David is w/out need of a Temple or a golden box
- YHWH is not limited by national boundaries



# RULING IN RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT

- *Mishpat tzedek* = righteous judgment
- Deut. 16:18 – 20 “*You are...to judge the people with mishpat tzedek....*”
- David is said to rule this way over ALL the people, meaning the northern and southern tribes
- *Yo'av* has survived as David's supreme military commander
- *Y'hoshapaht* is *zakar* = scribe, official historian





# TZADOK APPOINTED HIGH PRIEST

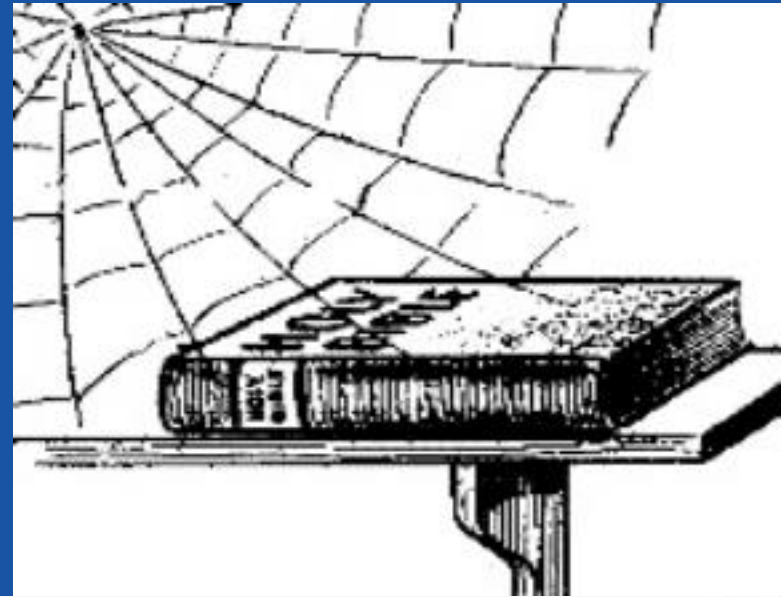


- David now had TWO High Priests!
- **Abiathar** from line of Ithamar (this is NOT the High Priest line)
- **Tzadok** from line of Eleazar (proper line of High Priests)
- **B'nayahu** in charge of **Kreti** and **P'leti**
- David's bodyguards, foreign mercenaries



# WILL IGNORANCE OF THE TORAH LEADS TO EXILE

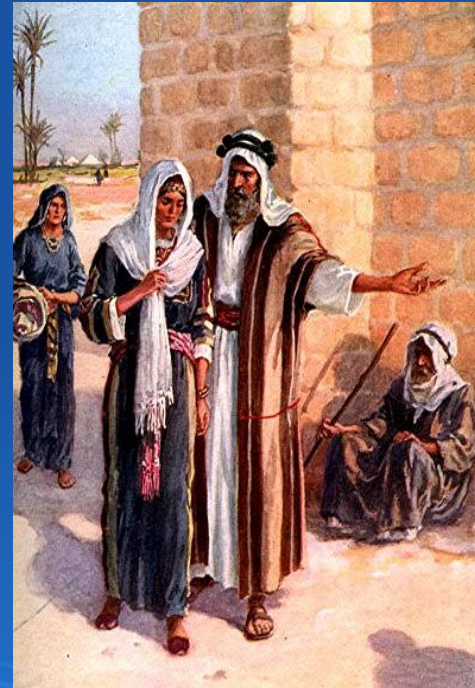
- David even appointed some of his sons as priests!
- Alfred Edersheim, *Bible History of the Old Testament*
- There is a common peculiarity among the greatest Bible heroes
- We need to pay close attention and take this to heart





# BIBLE HEROES FALL!

- It seems as though we could never measure up to the Bible Heroes
- They seem so far beyond us!
- Suddenly a dark side to their character appears
- Only God's grace has given them victory over their dark inner struggles
- God did NOT pick great men and women, He did great things with ordinary people





# SAYING “YES” TO GOD



- Saying “yes” means not knowing the path ahead
- **WARNING!** Being at the pinnacle of faith means it’s a long fall to the valley below !
- We **MUST** maintain our humility before God
- We **MUST** maintain ourselves in His kindness
- We **NEVER** become immune to falling to temptation and sin

