

DISTRESS AND UNCERTAINTY IN ISRAEL

- Psalms 44 and 60 express the doubts during the period of 2nd Samuel chapter 10
- The people of Israel wondered if God was still with them
- Israel's neighbors bent on Israel's destruction
- Peace seemed out of reach



2ND SAMUEL CHAPTER 10



- The Bible has to cover at least 50 centuries of history, so each recorded story was chosen for a purpose
- War with the Syrians and Ammonites chosen because it leads us to the affair of David and Bathsheba
- ***Hanun*** succeeded his deceased father ***Nachash***
- King of Ammon's reaction to Israel's proximity is similar to the Cuban Missile Crisis

HANUN REIGNITES AN OLD FEUD

- Events of chapter 10 happen BEFORE defeat of Hadad-Ezer as told in chapter 8
- Feud between Ammon and Israel traced back when Nachash tried to drive the 2 ½ Israelite tribes out of the TransJordan
- 1st Samuel 11: 1 – 9
- *Hanun* wanted to make a name for himself



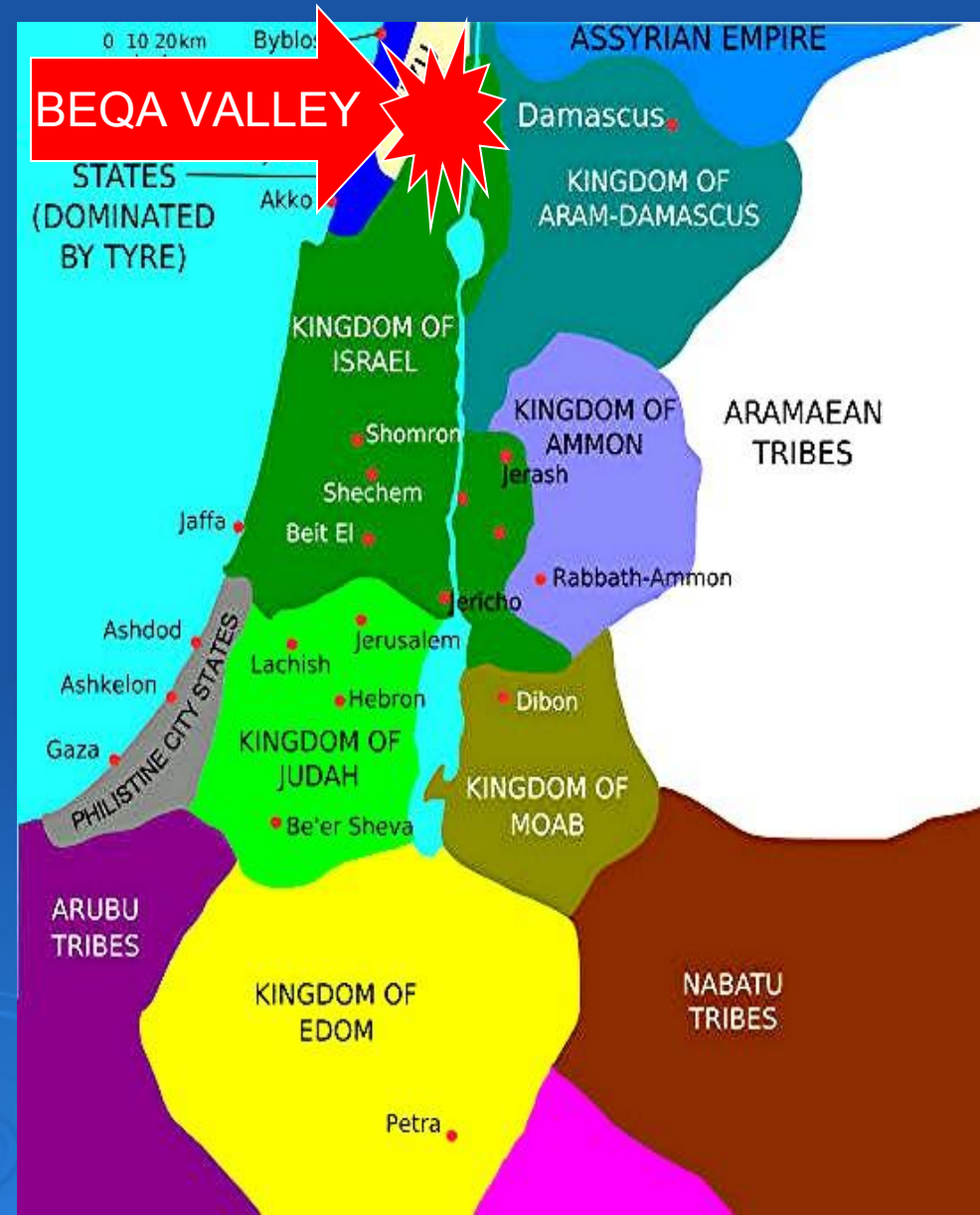


HANUN HUMILIATES DAVID'S DIPLOMATS

- David didn't want war with Ammon
- ***Nacham*** = repentance, regret
- David's outreach of peace was met with distrust
- David had conquered Moab and randomly executed 2 out of 3 of Moab's soldiers
- Ammonites shaved off half the beards of the Israeli diplomats, and cut off their clothes up to their rear-ends
- A declaration of war !!

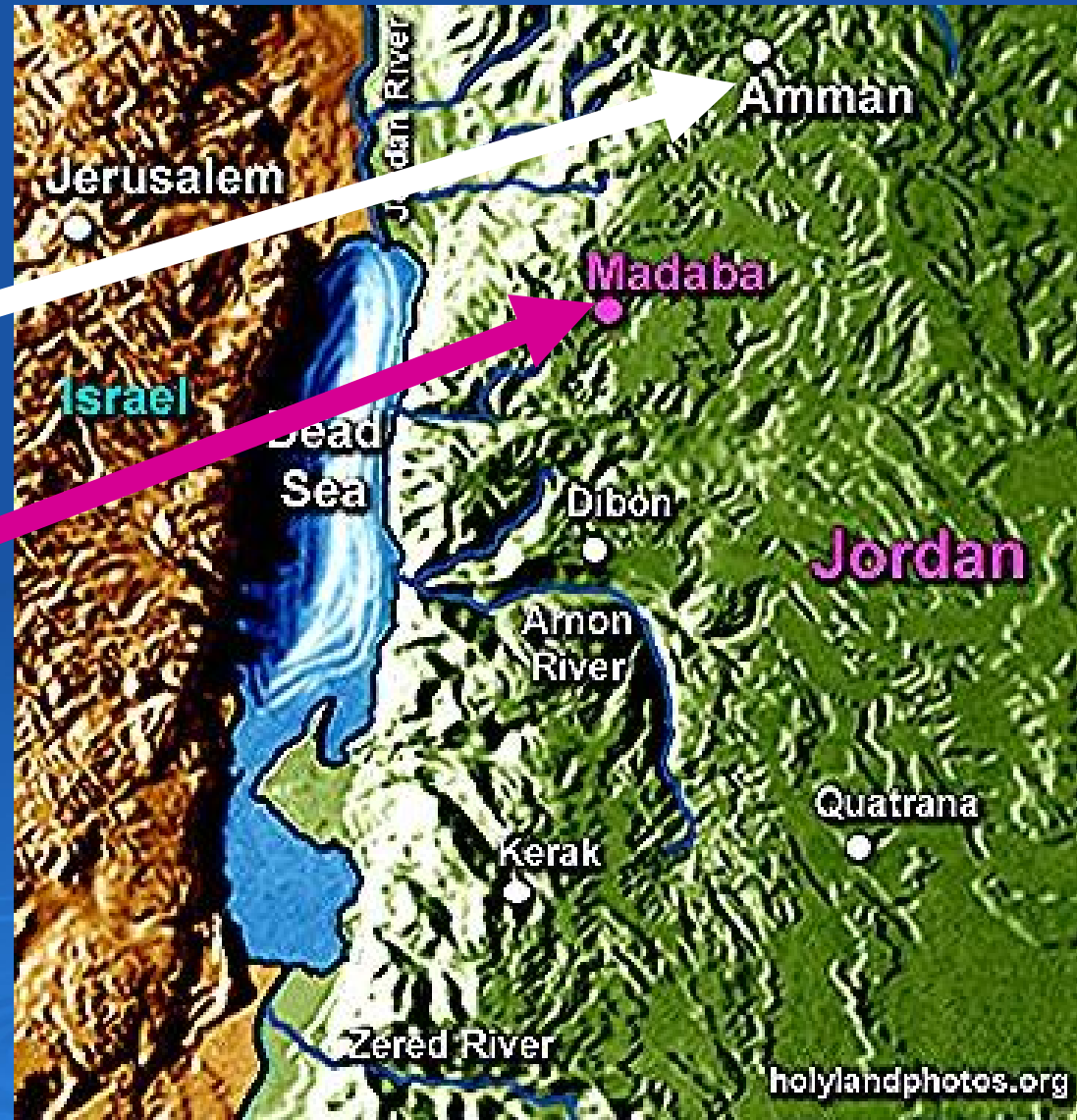
HANUN “RENTS” SOME ALLIES

- Allies part of an Aramean Kingdom
- Beth-Rechov, Zovah, Maacah, Tov
- Aram = Syria
- Troops not mercenaries
- Money was paid to kings to rent their armies from them
- About \$175 million in silver paid

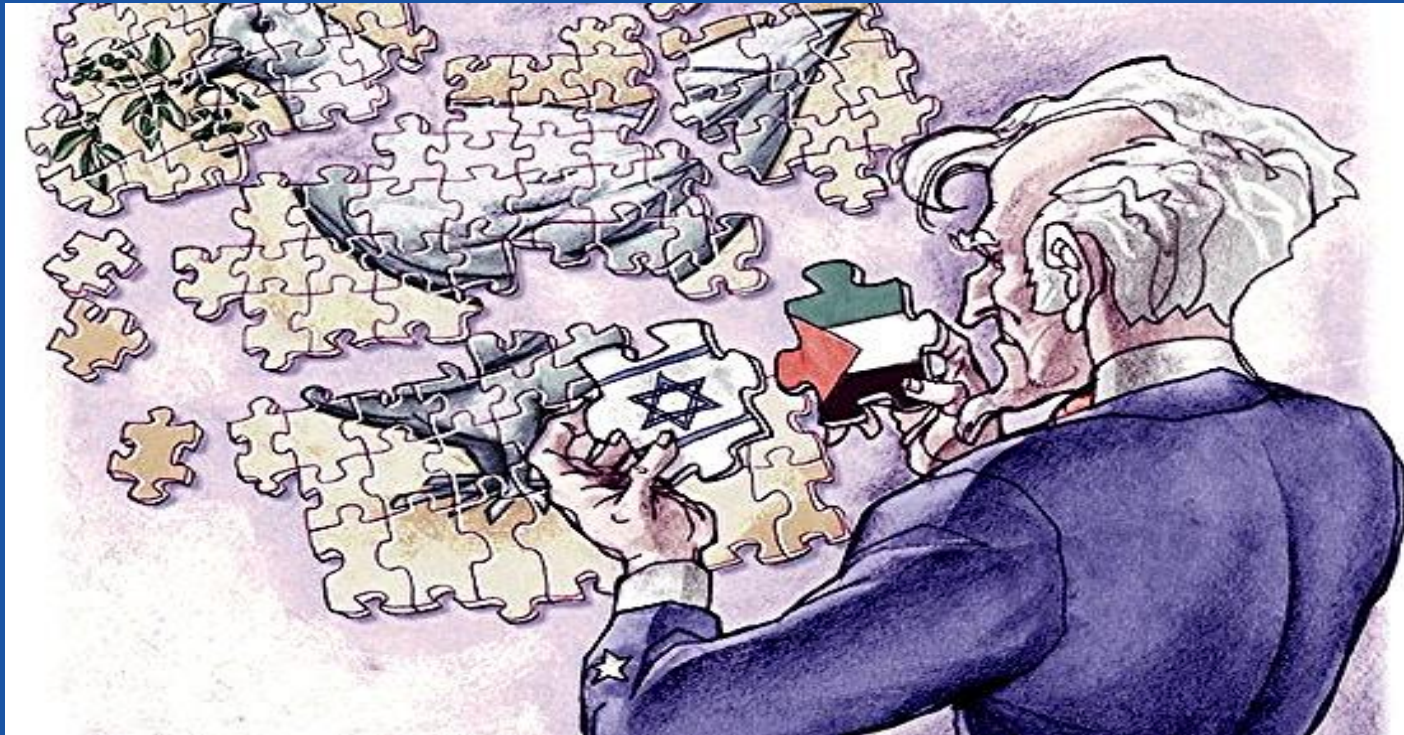


THE BATTLE WITH AMMON AND THE SYRIANS

- David sends Yo'av to lead Israel's military against the armies
- Ammonite army defends the capital, Rabbah (Amman)
- Syrians array in the countryside at Medeba
- David stayed home for the 1st time
- Israel's kings were to travel with the troops just as God "travels" with Israel



FIGHTING FOR GOD'S KINGDOM



- Joab tells his military that they are fighting for their towns and villages that forms God's Kingdom on earth
- It is **WRONG** for America, the World, and much of the Church to try to force Israel to give up it's land !
- Even many of Israel's political parties aspire to give away part of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount for a promise of peace !

SYRIANS FLED, AMMON RETREATED

- Even with their forces divided, Israel overwhelmed on both fronts
- Ammonites retreated into the walled city of Rabbah
- Yo'av called off the attack and went home
- Hadad-Ezer called for more vassals to supply troops
- Next battle was at Heilam
- David led Israel this time, and Hadad-Ezer was defeated



2ND SAMUEL CHAPTER 11: NOT A CHILDREN'S STORY!



- Story of David and Bathsheba is far worse than the Song of Solomon
- Song of Solomon is about good and proper sexual relations between a husband and wife
- David and Bathsheba is a story of shameful sexual behavior, adultery, and murder to cover it up

“....how deep a soul may fall when it turns away from God.....”



- Berleburg Bible 1700's
- Story of David and Bathsheba is a warning to Believers to cling to God's grace
- Nowhere does the Bible blame the Devil for David's fall
- Being Saved does not keep us from temptation, or allow us to go it alone, or can we follow God counting on our own goodness

RABBIS OF OLD VIEW DAVID AS NEAR PERFECT

- **Rabbinical view:** 1) David did NOT sin with Bathsheba; they were destined to be married from before the beginning of the world
- 2) ***Uriyah*** is said to be a phony and full of wicked intentions
- 3) David was administering Godly justice when he sent ***Uriyah*** to be killed on the battlefield
- 4) David did terrible things (with God's approval) so that he established a proper pattern for repentance
- 5) ***Tosafos*** commentary says soldiers divorced their wives before going into battle and thus Bathsheba was not actually married
- 6) ***Shabbos 56a*** says David may have intended to do evil, but he didn't actually commit evil