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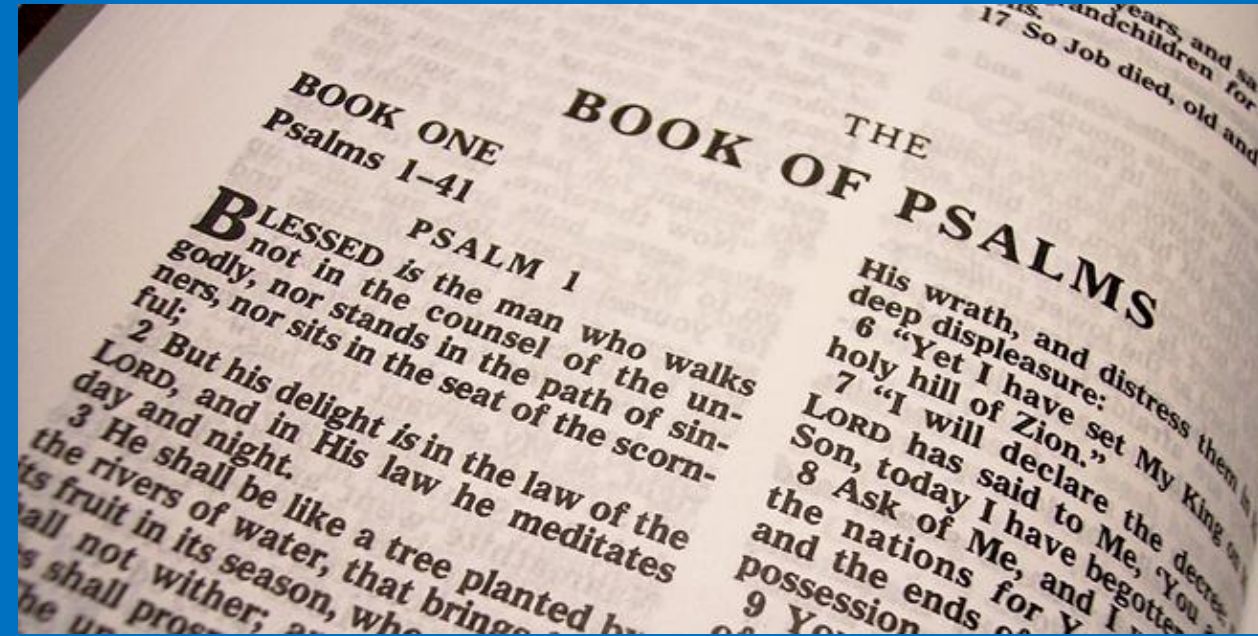
**LESSON 10: DAVID'S LAST
WORDS, HIS ACTS, AND HIS SIN**
2nd Samuel: Chapters 23-24



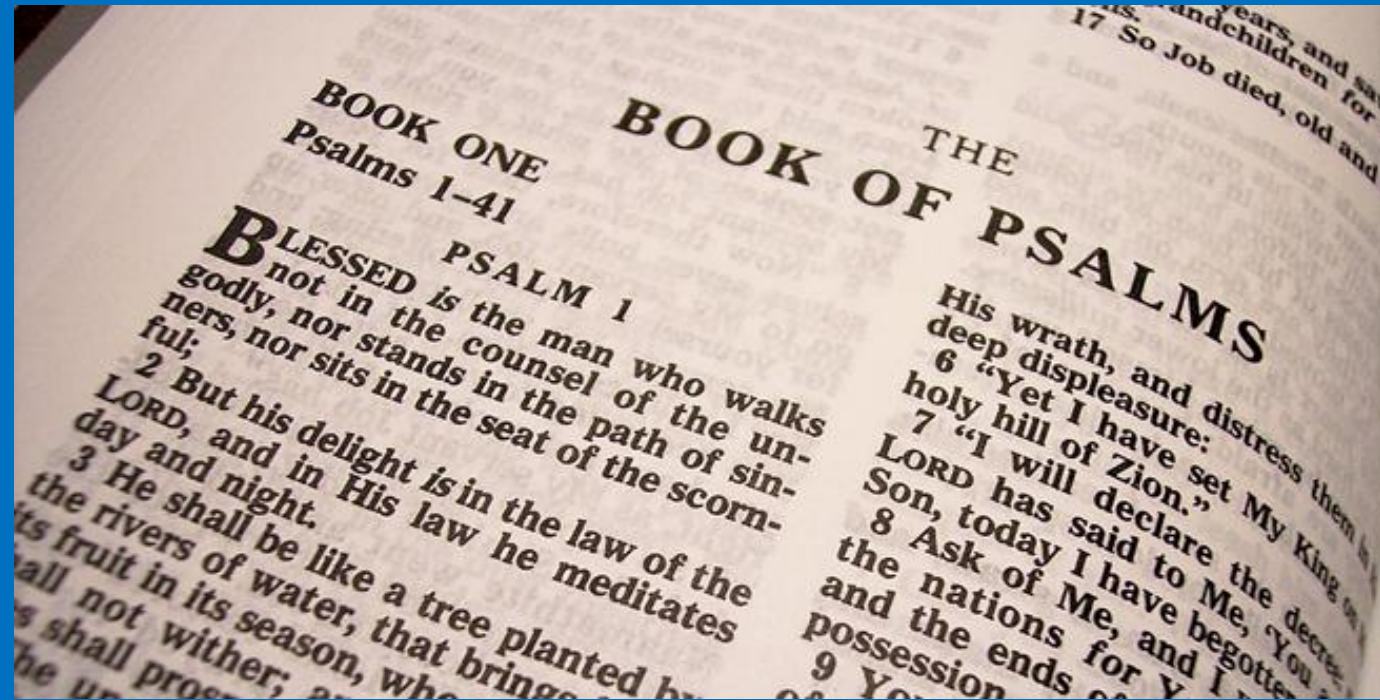
CHAPTER 23: DAVID'S LAST WORDS AND HIS MIGHT MEN

Vs. 1-7: David's Last Words to Israel

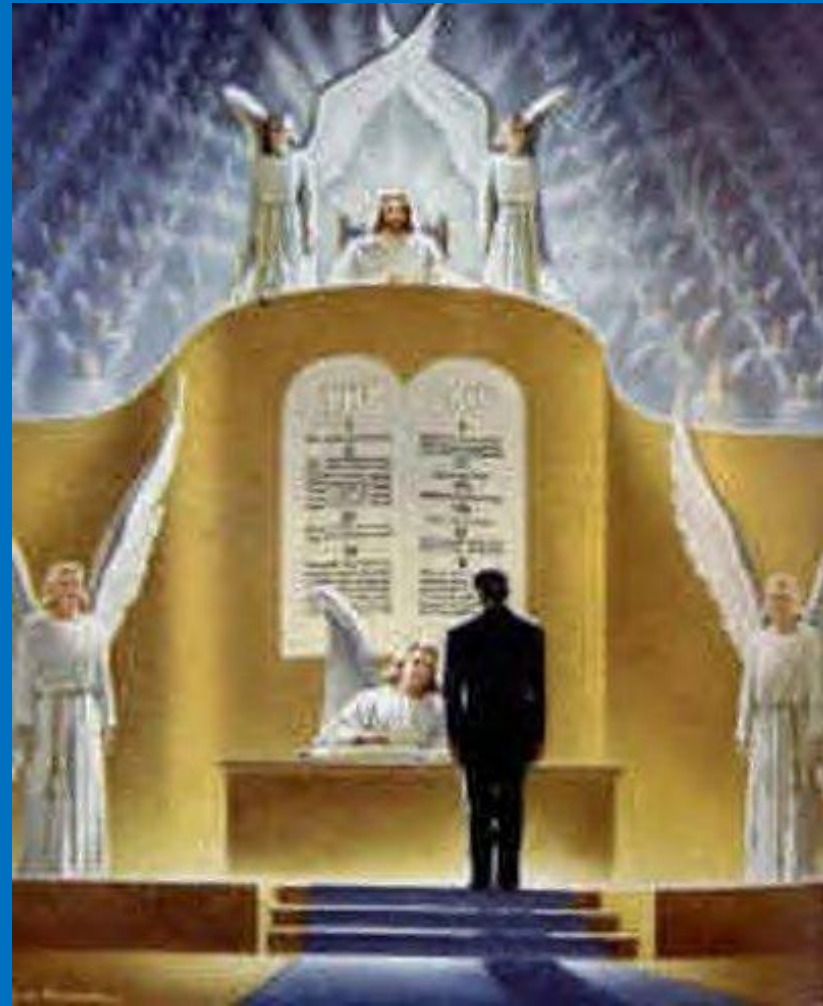
- *David sums up his life's relationship with God.*
- David acknowledged the Spirit of the Lord spoke through him (2nd Samuel 23:2-3) [] Psalm 23:1-4; 91:1-3; 90:14-17) []



- David stated the God of Israel exemplified the light of the morning sun, a morning without clouds, and sunshine after rain.
- David reiterated that God had made an everlasting covenant with him (2nd Samuel 7:12-16). []



- David acknowledged the security in God. John 16:33 []
- *David states that his ultimate home is with God (23:5- Truly is not my house so with God?)*
- David recited ultimate judgment upon the enemies of God (Genesis 12:3; Isaiah 63:1-6; Revelation 14:19-20). []



Vs. 8-17: David's Top Three Mighty Men

- David listed 37 of his bravest warriors.
- According to 1 Chronicles 11:10-11, these men helped David become king. []



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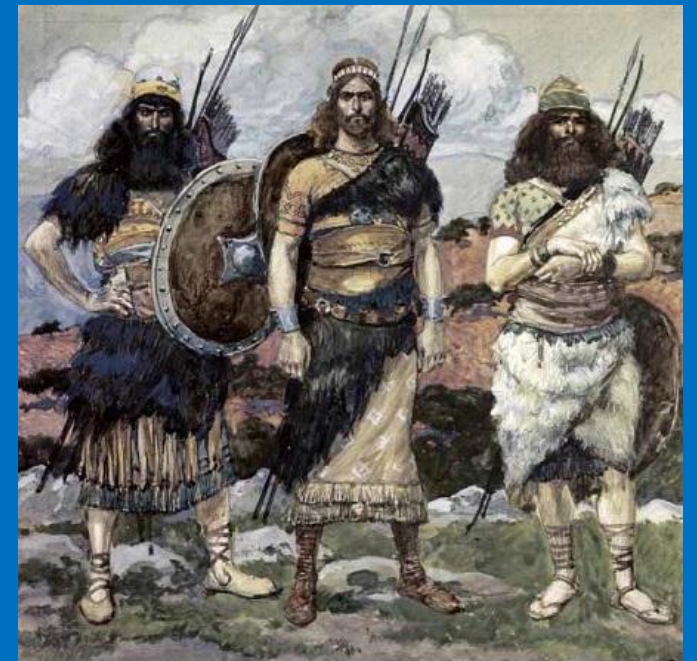
- Three categories make up this list. The first set included the first three **mightiest** men; the second set included two men under the first three; and the third set contained the thirty-two mighty men.



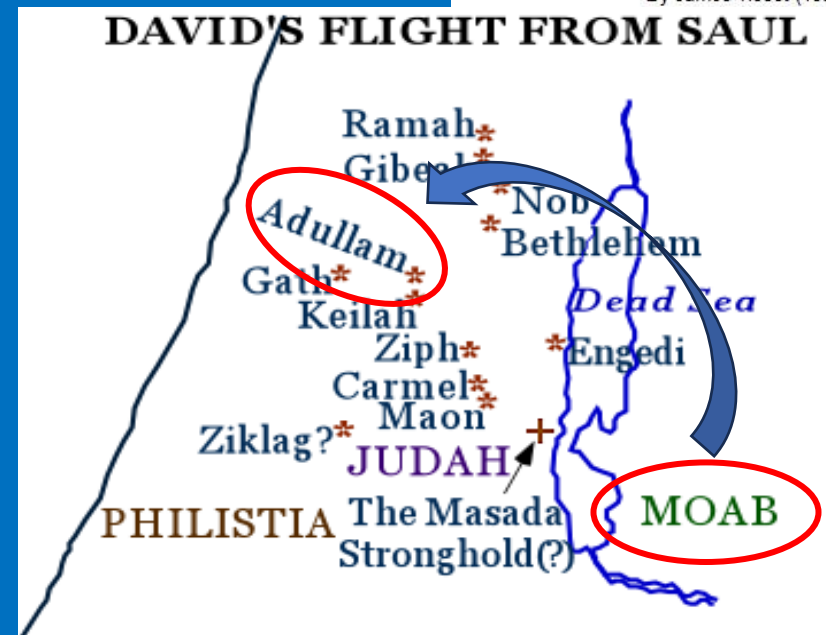
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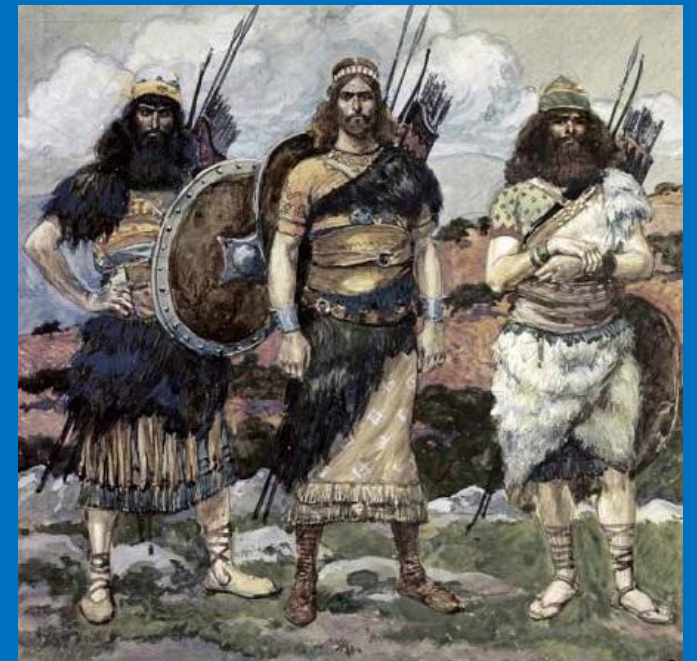
- Josheb-basshebeth-[Josheb-bash-a-beath] chief of *the captains* (Adino the Eznite) killed 800 (300 in Chronicles) during one battle.
- Eleazar struck the Philistines after the Israelites had fled. He battled until his hand clung to the sword.



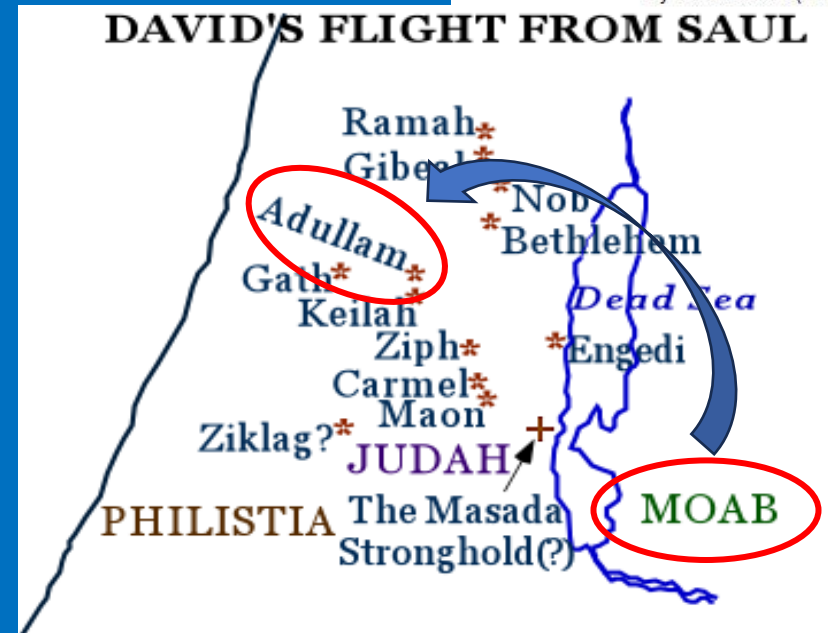
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- Shammah stood his ground and struck the Philistines after the Israelites fled.
- Three of the thirty camped with David in the cave of Adullam when he fled from Saul (1 Samuel 22:1). []

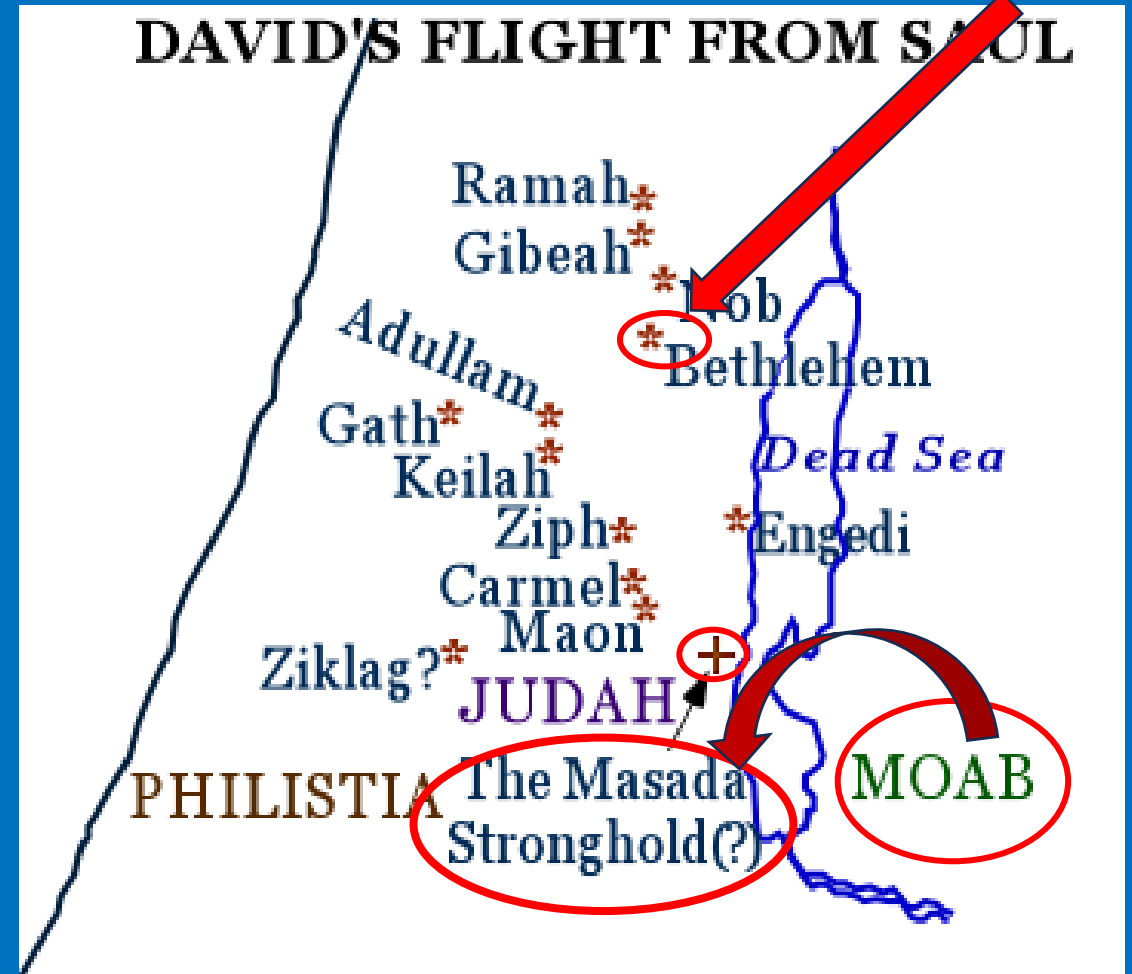


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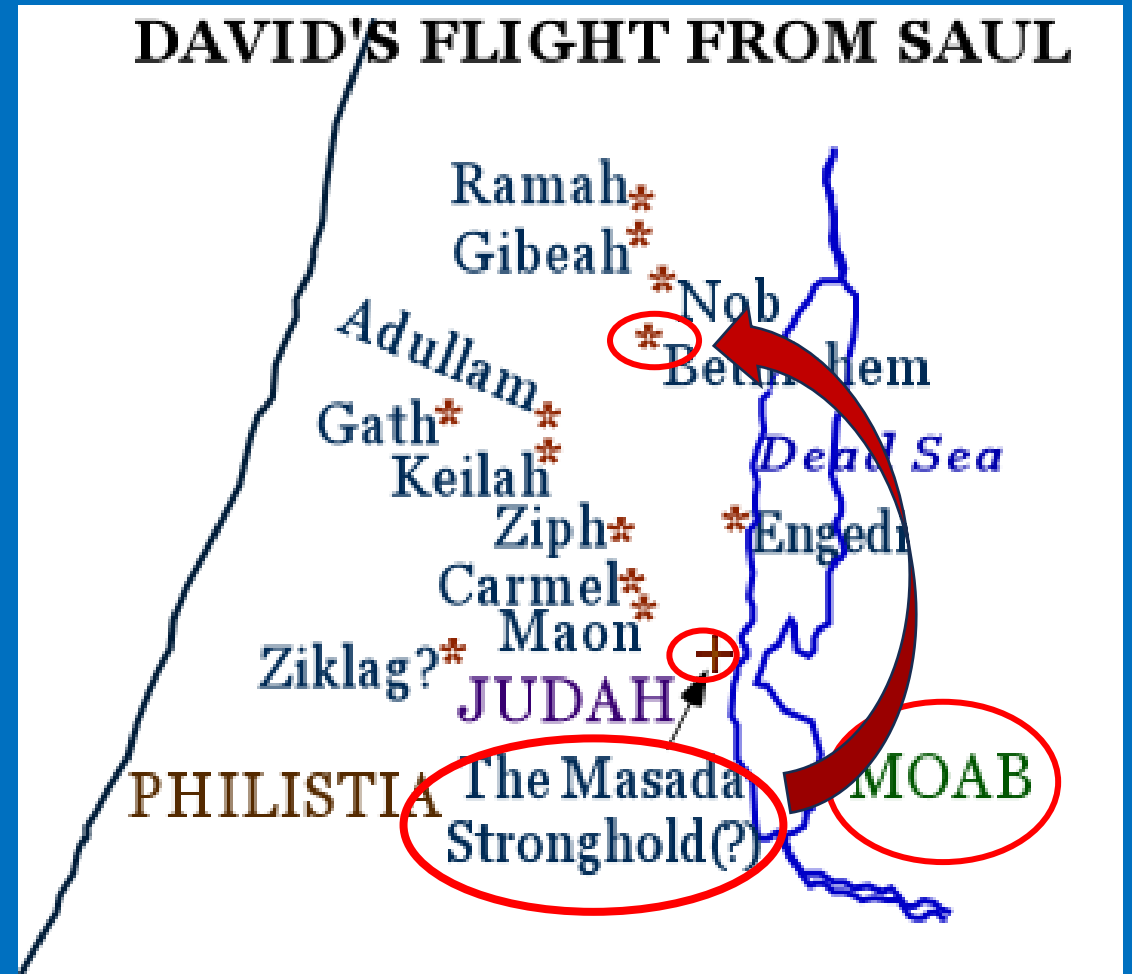


Bethlehem

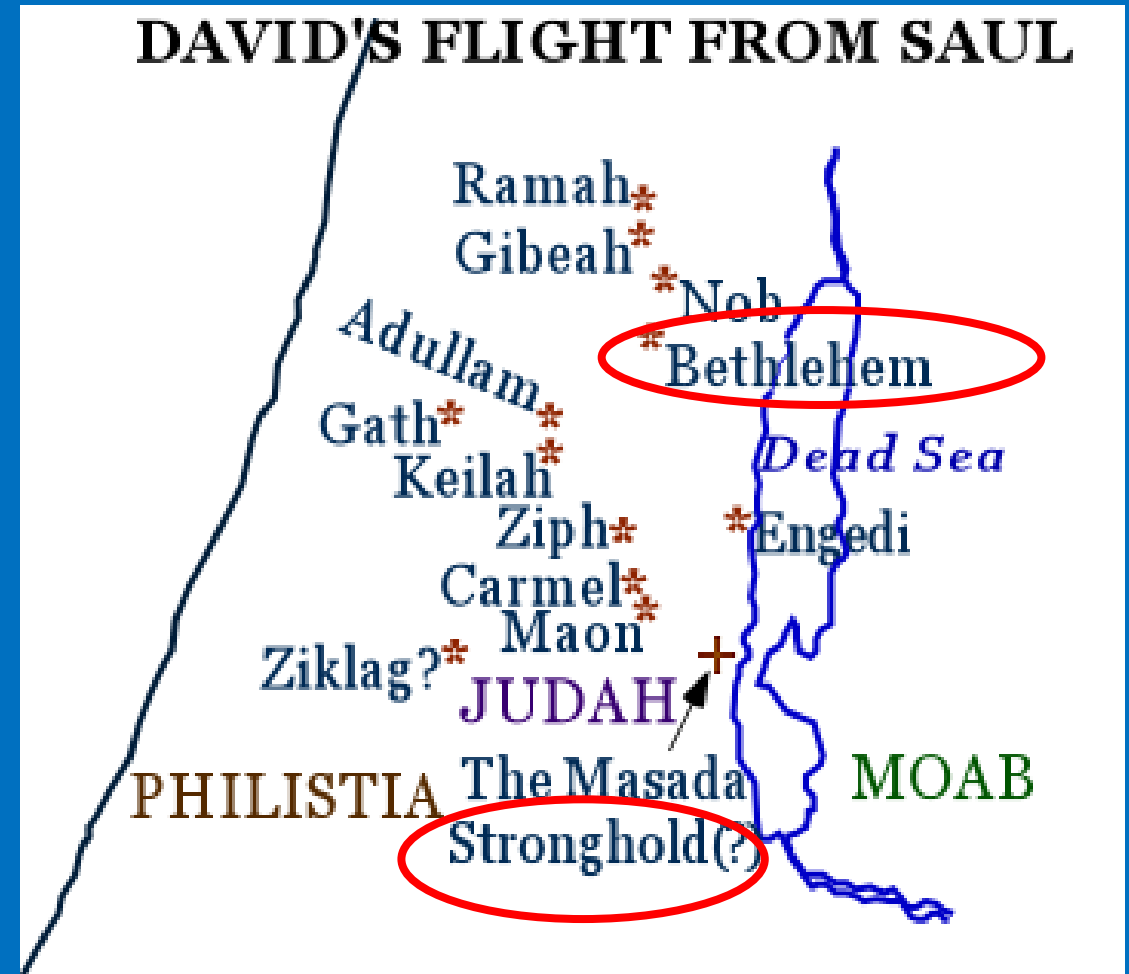
- David went to the stronghold after leaving his family in Moab (1st Samuel 22:4) while King Saul's army camped in Bethlehem, David's hometown. []



- David craved a drink of water from the well by the gate of Bethlehem. The three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well, and took it to David.



- David considered the men's act as a supreme sacrifice and refused to drink the water. He poured it out before the Lord as a drink offering.



Vs. 18-23: David's Next Three Mighty Men of the Thirty

- 1) Abishai, the brother of Joab, ranked as chief among the thirty. He killed 300 enemies in one battle.
- 2) Benaiah (ben-I'-ah) killed the two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also killed a lion in the middle of a pit on a snowy day.



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- Benaiah killed an impressive Egyptian who fought him with a spear while Benaiah only had a club. Benaiah, head over David's guard, snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand and killed him.



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Vs. 24-39: David's Elite "Thirty Mighty Men"

- "Thirty" referred to an active group. The list contains 32 warriors.



- **3) Asahel** (as-a-hl), the brother of Joab ranked among the thirty. Abner killed Asahel while Asahel ran after Abner.
- The rest of chapter 23 continues naming the list of mighty men.



CHAPTER 24: DAVID'S CENSUS AND THE PLAGUE

Vs. 1-25: David Sinned by Taking a Census of the People

- 1st Chronicles 21:1 states that Satan stood up against Israel and encouraged David to number Israel. Perhaps, David numbered the people due to his pride in numbers.
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- *[We wrestle against spiritual forces of wickedness (Ephesians 6:11-12). []*
- David ordered Joab to go throughout Israel and number the people. Joab **admonished** David for doing this. Joab apparently recognized this act as a sin against the Lord.



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- Joab stated the Lord could add a hundred times as many people without numbering them.
- David's word prevailed, so Joab and his commanders numbered the people.
- The numbering took nine months and twenty days.



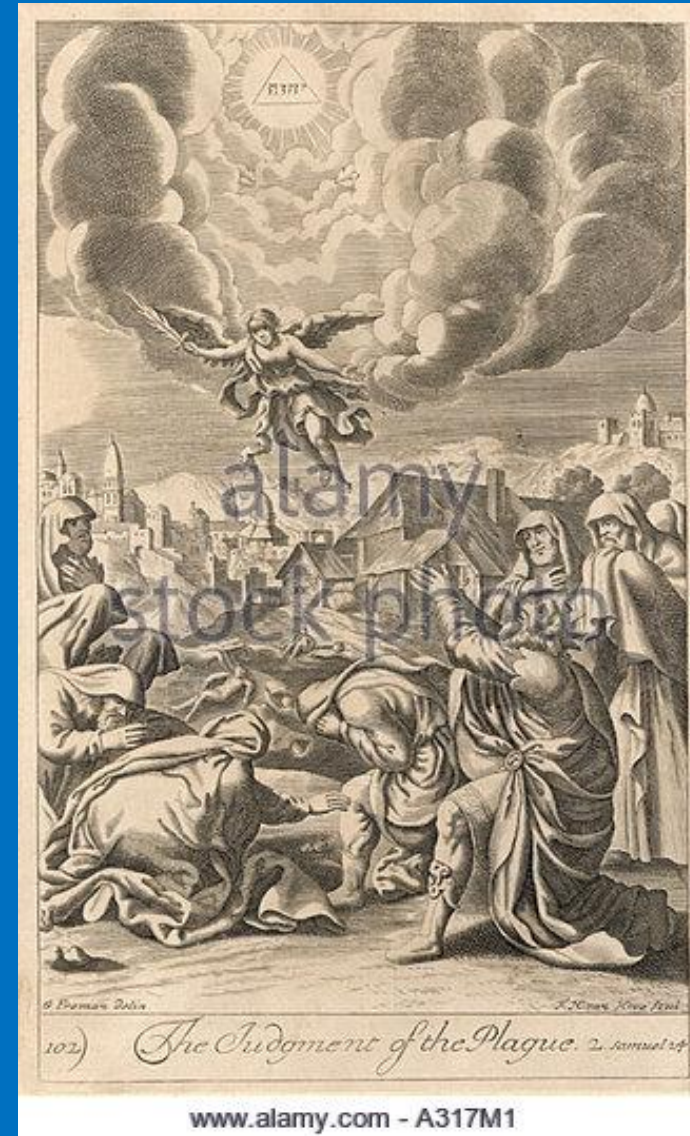
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- Joab's men counted 800,000 warriors in Israel and 500,000 warriors in Judah= *[1,300,000]*
- About 10 months had passed until David recognized his sin. David **confessed** his sin to the Lord. We can not hide or refuse to admit sin (Romans 1:18-21; 2:14-16) [].



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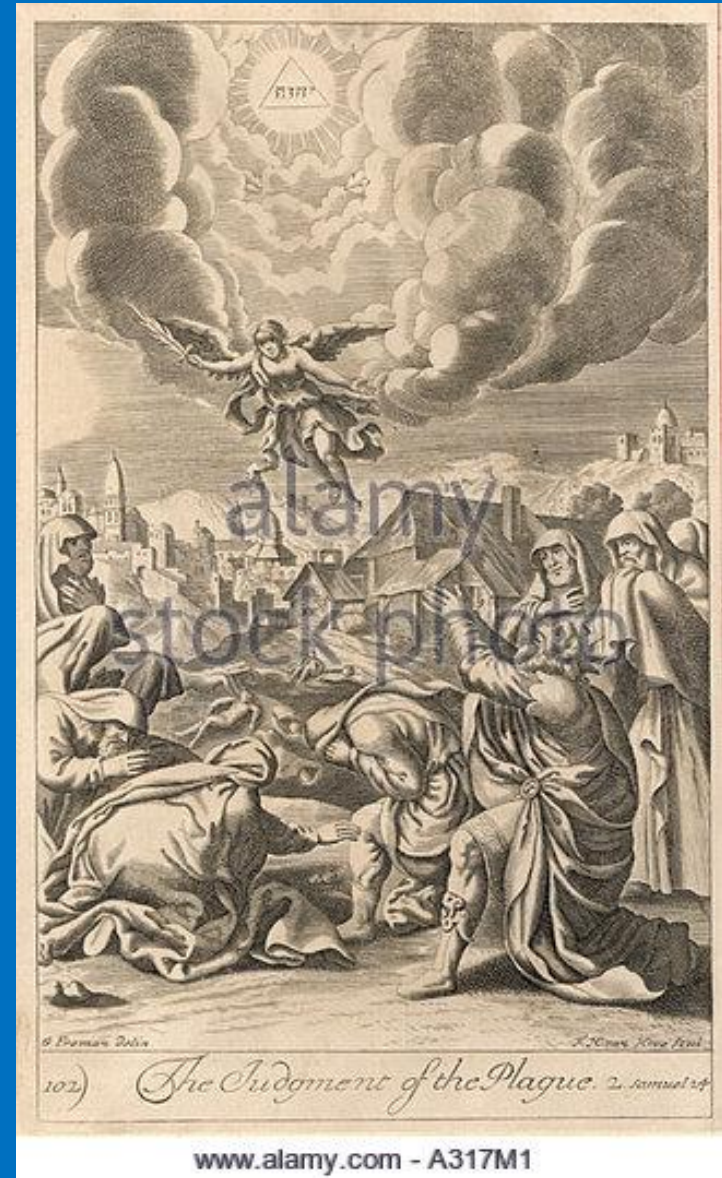
- The Lord told the prophet, Gad, to speak to David.
- Gad told David the Lord offered him any one of three punishments for his sin.
 - Seven years of famine
 - Three months fleeing from his enemies
 - Three days of pestilence in the land.



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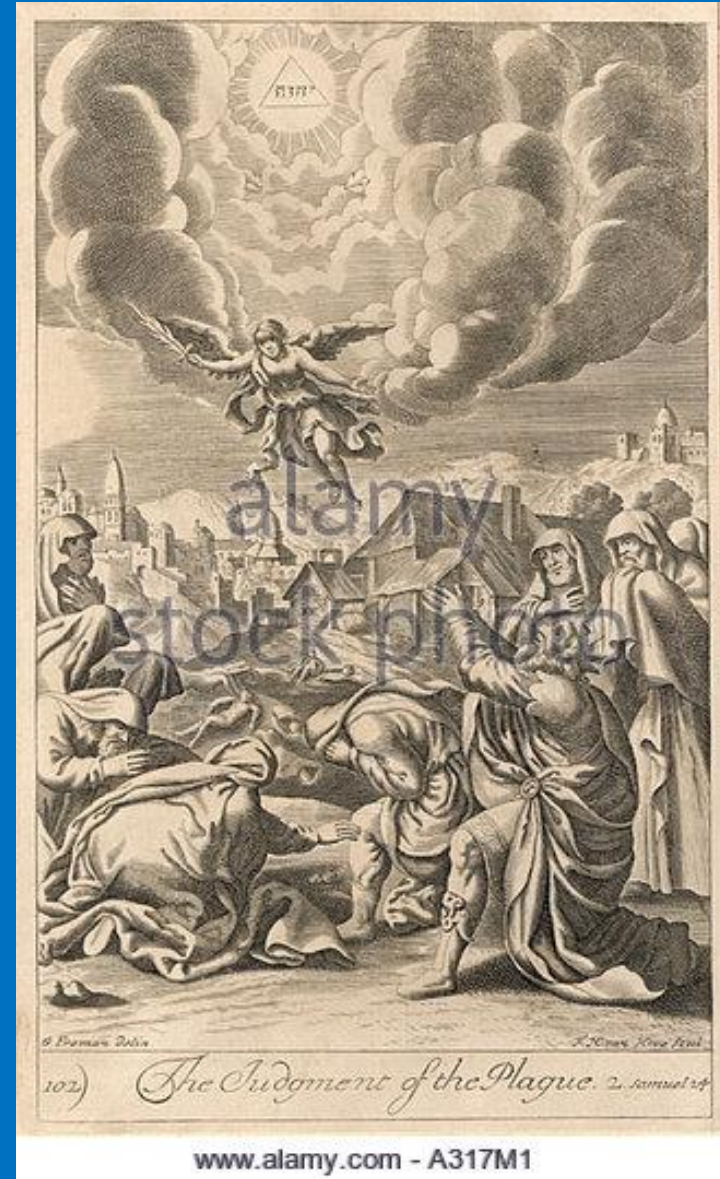
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- David chose the three days of pestilence rather than fall into the hands of man. David knew the Lord would show mercy.
- The pestilence caused 70,000 men to die.



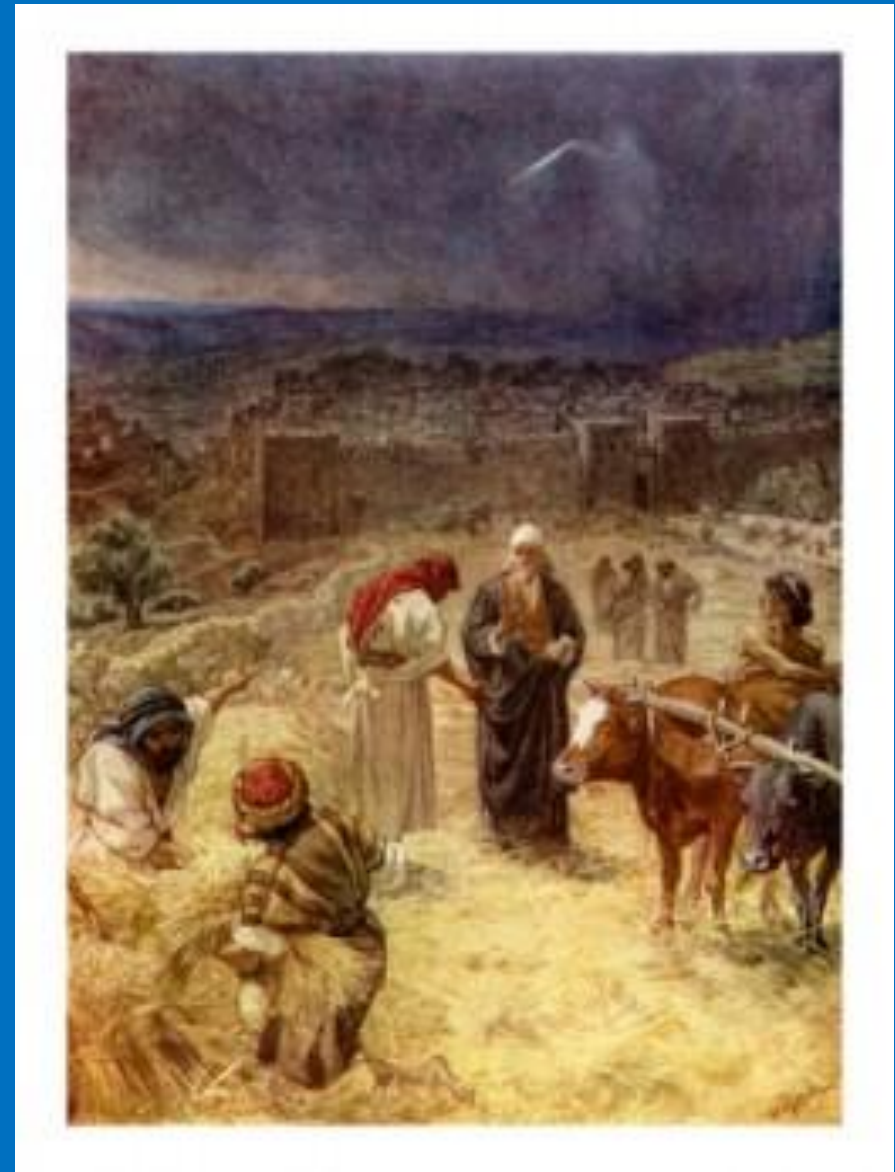
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- An angel of the Lord had prepared to strike Jerusalem and destroy it. The Lord relented from the calamity and told the angel not to carry out the judgment.
- David saw the angel standing by the threshing floor of Araunah (a-ran-ah), the Jebusite.



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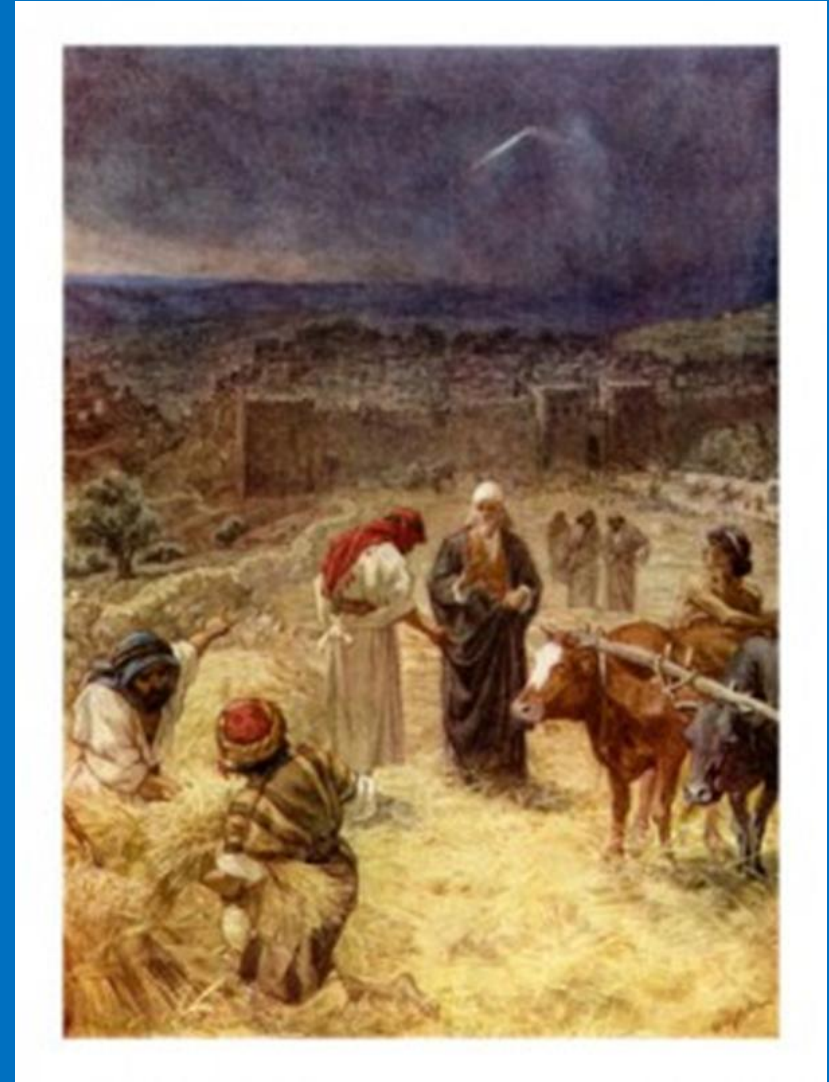
- David pleaded on behalf of the people and asked the Lord to spare them and to strike him and his father's house instead. Moses gave a similar statement to God while interceding for the sake of Israel's sin in making the golden calf (Exodus 32:30-32). []



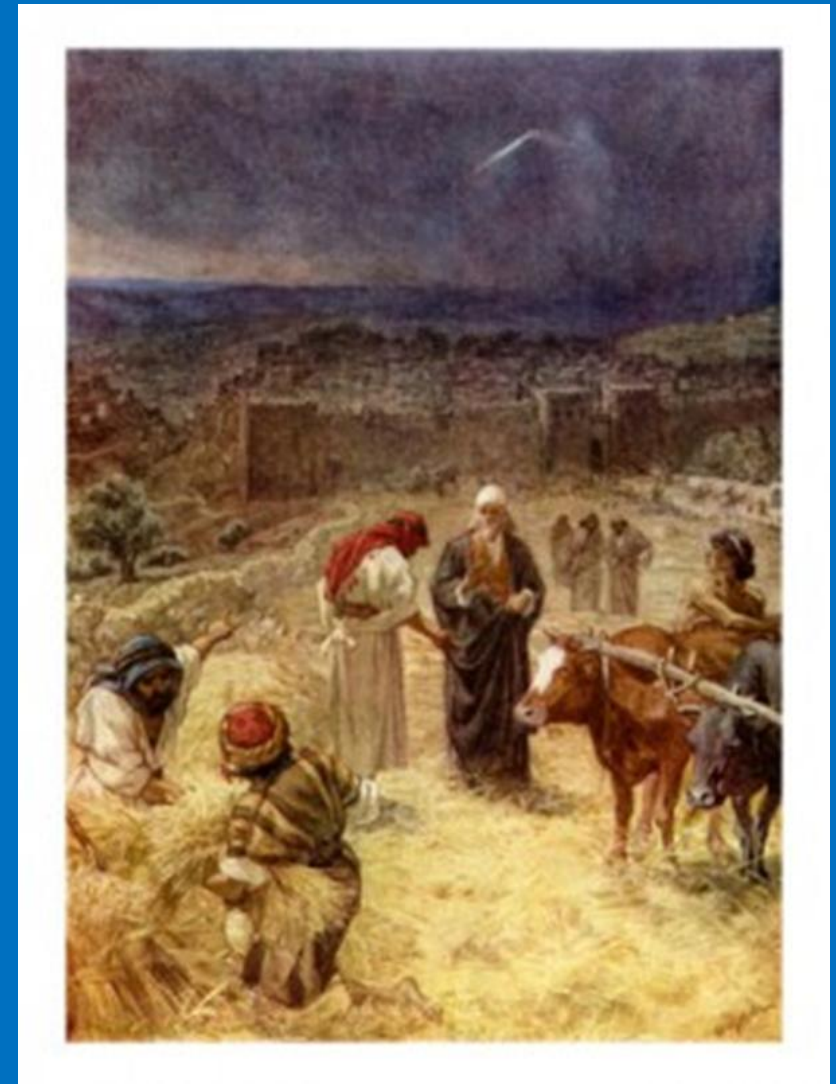
- This intercession symbolized what Jesus would do on the cross by standing in for our sins. Romans 8:26-27 []
- God told David to erect an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah [a-ron'-a] the Jebusite.



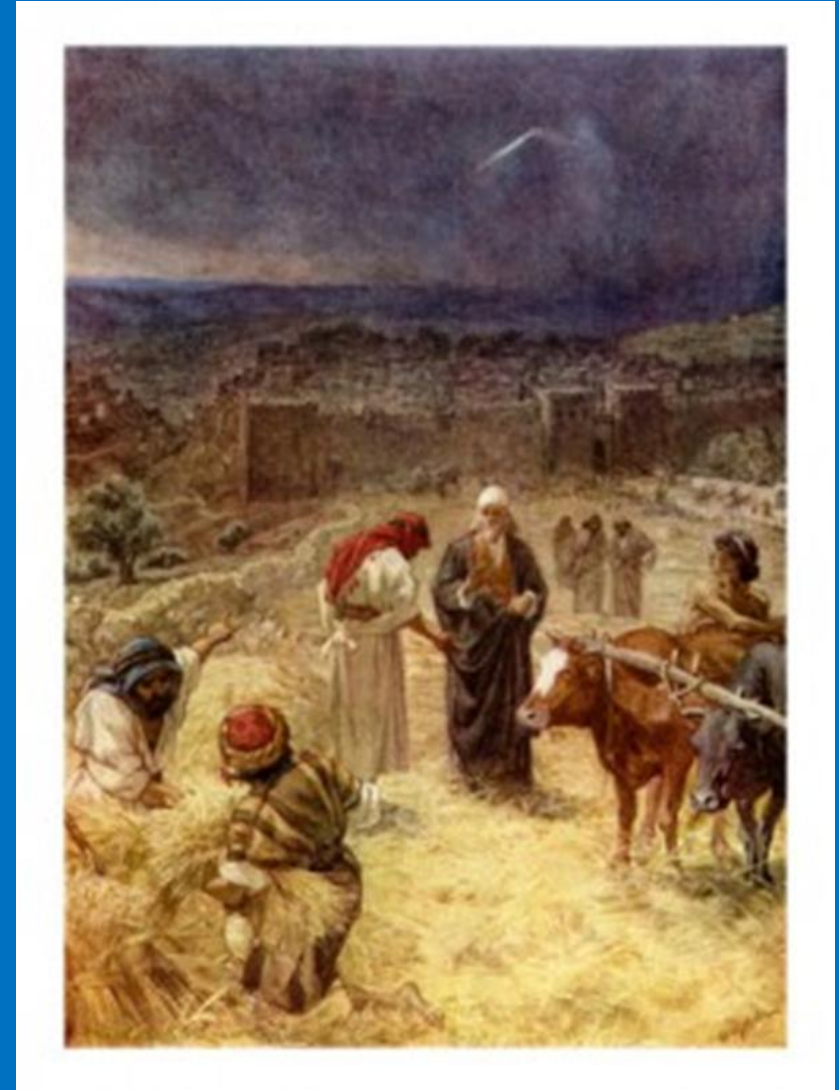
- When Araunah [a-ron'-a] saw David and his servants approaching him, he went down and asked why the King had come to his place.
- David said he wanted to buy the threshing floor to build an altar.



- Araunah did not want to sell the threshing floor but wanted to freely give the threshing floor to David.
- David refused the offer since he did not want to present an offering that did not cost him anything.



- David bought the threshing floor for 50 shekels of silver. [*God words in mighty ways even turning our repentant sins for good. This threshing floor became the site of the temple*].
- David built an altar to the Lord and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.
- The Lord was moved by prayer for the land, and the Lord stopped the plague.



SUMMARY

- Psalm 103:8 states, “The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.” Both 1st and 2nd Samuel demonstrate God’s mercy and love. When the people of Israel sinned, God brought punishment to bring them back to Him. Whenever, they repented, God blessed them.
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- Christ's death on the cross signified the ultimate sacrifice for sin. When a sinner turns to Christ and accepts His death on the cross as the forgiveness for sin, God looks upon that person as righteous. God forgives all past, present, and future sins.
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Nothing will ever separate them from the love of God. Romans 8:38-39 states, “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

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Whenever we sin after salvation, we repent. Repentance means to “turn around”. In other words, we stop sinning, turn an about face, and do the opposite.

Sometimes, we may have to pay for our wrongdoings while on earth. However, in God’s sight, our sins are forgiven in that they will never separate us from Him. After we repent, we turn to God and trust Him in all our ways. []

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2nd Samuel 7:12-16

“12 When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

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14 I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, 15 but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took *it* away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.” []

Genesis 12:2-3

2 And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you,
And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;
3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who
curses you I will curse. And in you of the earth all the
families will be blessed.“

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Isaiah 63:1-6

1 Who is this who comes from Edom, With garments of glowing colors from Bozrah, This One who is majestic in His apparel, Marching in the greatness of His strength? "It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." 2 Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like the one who treads in the wine press? 3 "I have trodden the wine trough alone, And from the peoples there was no man with Me. I also trod them in My anger And trampled them in My wrath; And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments, And I stained all My raiment.

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4 "For the day of vengeance was in My heart, And My year of redemption has come. 5 "I looked, and there was no one to help, And I was astonished and there was no one to uphold; So My own arm brought salvation to Me, And My wrath upheld Me. 6 "I trod down the peoples in My anger And made them drunk in My wrath, And I poured out their lifeblood on the earth."

Revelation 14:19-20

19 So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered *the clusters from* the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God. 20 And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles. []

1st Chronicles 11:10-11

10 Now these are the heads of the mighty men whom David had, who gave him strong support in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel. 11 These *constitute* the list of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam, the son of a Hachmonite [hak-mo'-nite], the chief of the thirty; he lifted up his spear against three hundred whom he killed at one time. []

1st Samuel 22:1

1 So David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam; and when his brothers and all his father's household heard *of it*, they went down there to him. []

1st Chronicles 21:1

1 Then Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel. []

Exodus 32:32

32 “But now, if You will, forgive their sin-and if not, please blot me out from Your book which You have written!” []

Psalm 23:1-4

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

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Psalm 91:1-3

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!" 3 For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper And from the deadly pestilence.

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Psalm 90:14-17

14 O satisfy us in the morning with Your lovingkindness,
That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. 15 Make
us glad according to the days You have afflicted us [*in
proportion to our former misery-NLT*], And the years we
have seen evil. 16 Let Your work appear to Your servants
And Your majesty to their children. 17 Let the favor of the
Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our
hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands. []

Ephesians 6:11-12

11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. []

Romans 1:18-21; 2:14-16

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

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Romans 2:14-16

14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, 15 in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, 16 on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus. []

John 16:33

33 I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” (NLT)

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1st Samuel 22:4

4 Then he left them with the king of Moab; and they stayed with him all the time that David was in the stronghold. []

Romans 8:26-27

26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. []

Exodus 32:30-32

30 On the next day Moses said to the people, “You yourselves have committed a great sin; and now I am going up to the Lord, perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.” 31 Then Moses returned to the Lord, and said, “Alas, this people has committed a great sin, and they have made a god of gold for themselves. 32 But now, if You will, forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out from Your book which You have written!” []

2nd Samuel 23:2-3

2 “The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me,
And His word was on my tongue.

3 The God of Israel said,
The Rock of Israel spoke to me...” []