

A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, reflecting the sky and surrounding greenery. The shoreline is lined with lush green trees and bushes, some with small white flowers. The sky is a vibrant blue with scattered white clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

1st Samuel

Lesson 4

1 Samuel Chapters 10-12

The Coronation and Early Acts of Saul

Two Themes For This Study

1. Follow God's Commands
2. Repent

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

13 The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.

1 John 1:9

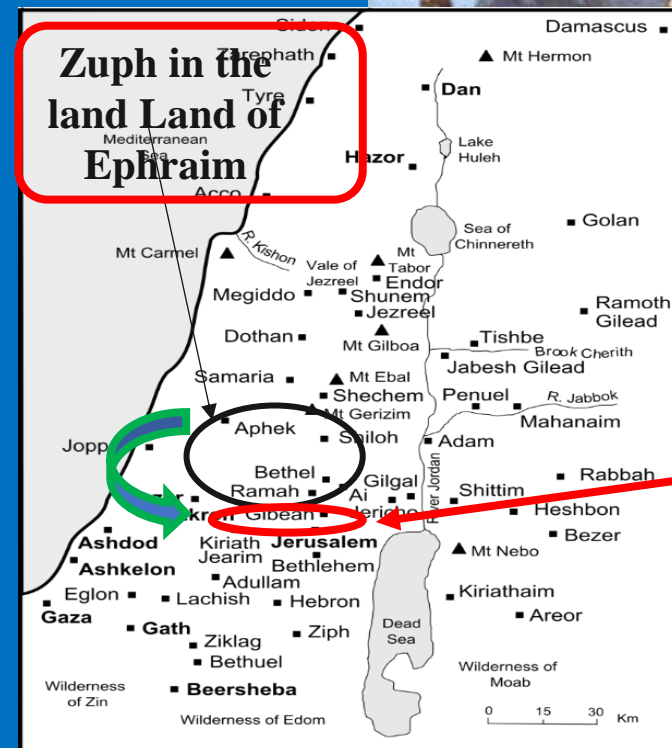
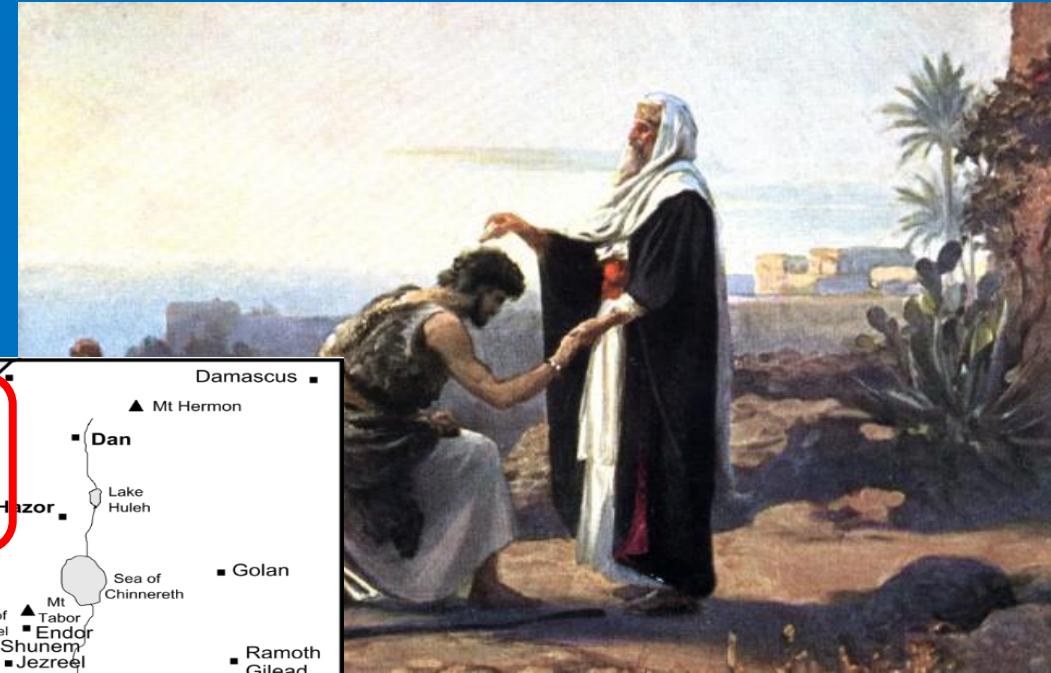
9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (Romans 8:28-30) []

Chapter 10-The Coronation of Saul

<http://www.travissnode.com/2013/09/06/mentoring-old-testament-5-7-samuel-saul/>

Vs. 1-16-Saul is Anointed king

- When Saul left Zuph, Samuel had Saul's servants go ahead of them. Samuel poured oil upon Saul's head, kissed him, and said the Lord had anointed him **ruler** over Israel (1st Samuel 16:14; Psalm 51:11). []



Gibeah- Saul's Hometown

- Samuel gave three proofs as prescribed in Deuteronomy 19:15. []
- Three (completeness: Trinity, Jonah, Jesus in tomb, Peter's denial).
- To prove the Lord had spoken, Samuel told Saul he would find two men close to Rachel's tomb (*1,000 years prior*). These men would tell him about the safety of the donkeys and the concern of his father.



<http://habayitah.blogspot.com/2009/10/yahrzeit-of-rochel-imeinu-10-cheshvan.html>

- Samuel prophesied Saul would meet **three** men at the oak of Tabor. He would find one man carrying three young goats, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a jug of wine.
- Samuel stated the men would give him two loaves of bread.



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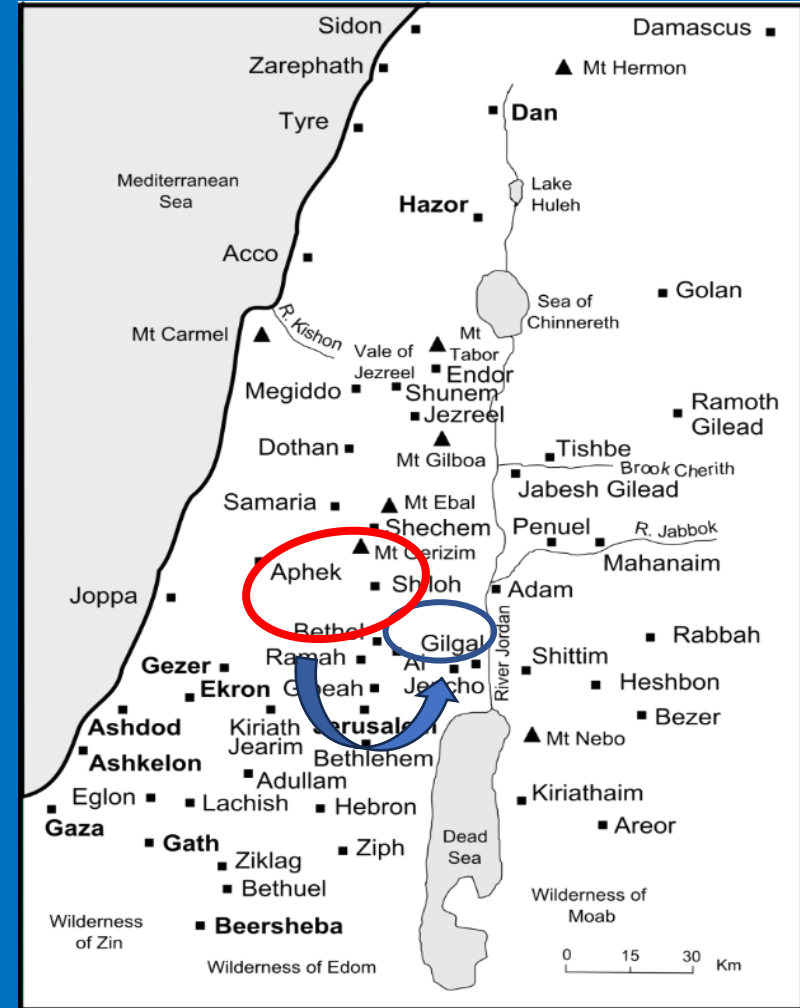
- As a third proof, Samuel told Saul that he would come upon a group of **prophets**-prophesying with a harp, a tambourine, a flute, and a lyre.
- Samuel said the Spirit of the Lord would fall upon Saul, he would prophesy with the prophets, and he would change into another man.
- Verse 7 states the Spirit of the Lord would give Saul wisdom.



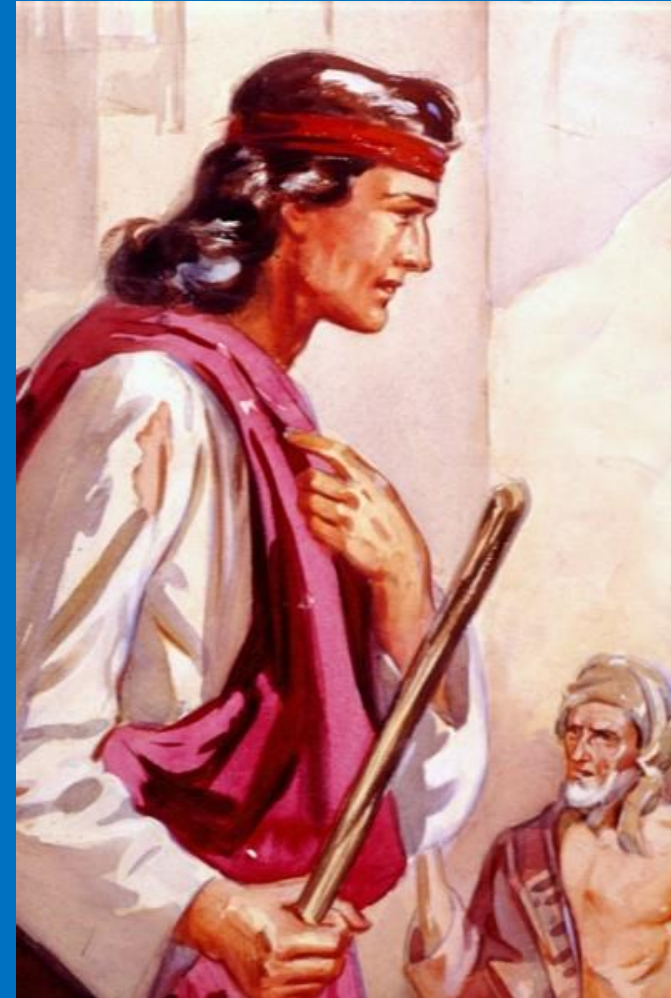
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- After meeting the prophets, Samuel instructed Saul to go to **Gilgal** (“to roll”-a new beginning) and he would meet Saul. Samuel planned to offer burnt offerings and peace offerings to the Lord.
- Samuel instructed Saul to wait seven days for his arrival (7=completion: Creation, Naaman, Joshua and Jericho).
- As Saul turned to leave, God changed his **heart** and all these signs came to pass.

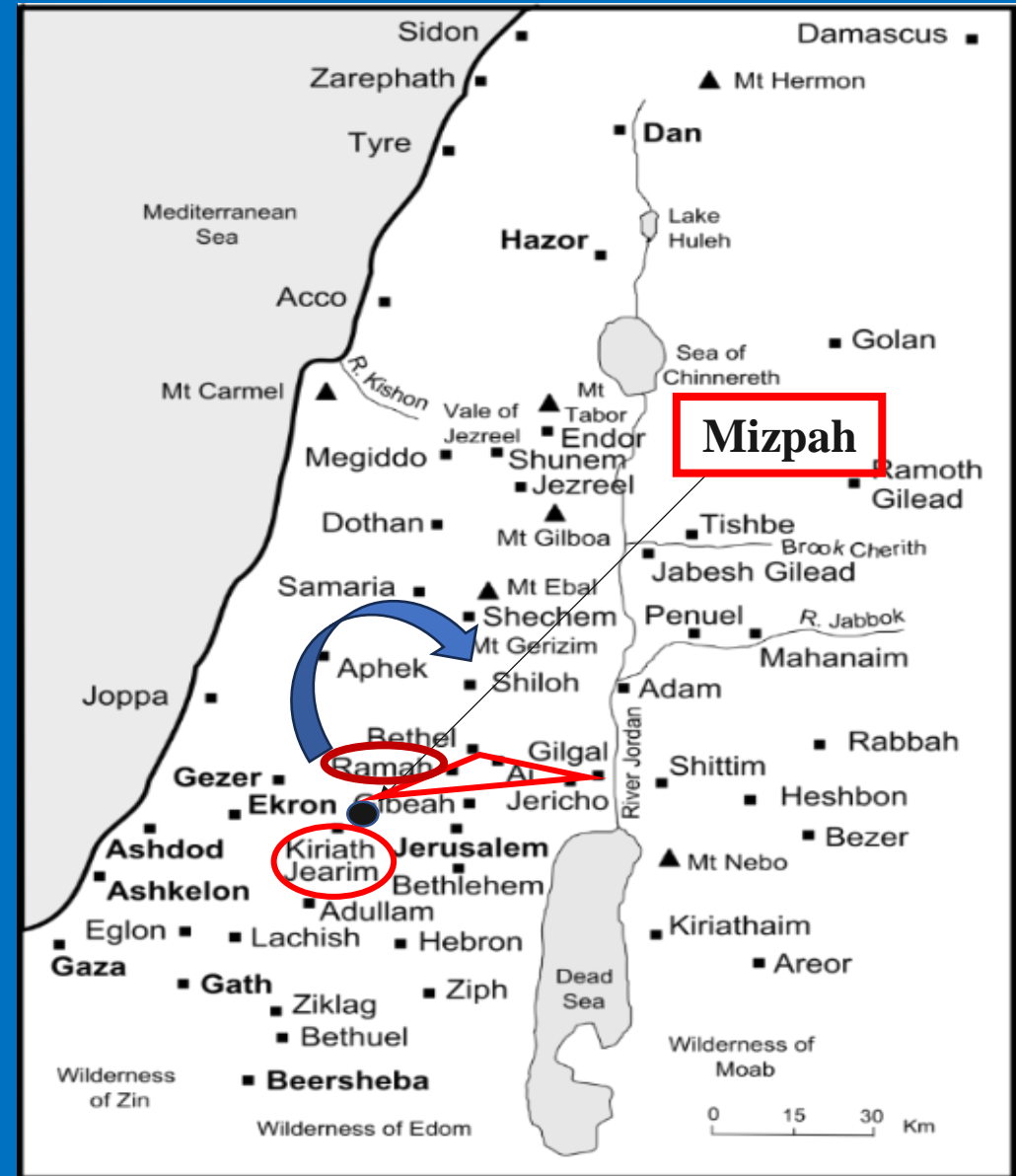


- When Saul returned home, his uncle approached him and inquired of his journey.
- Saul told his uncle he tried to find the donkeys and requested Samuel's help.
- The uncle asked what Samuel said. Saul only relayed the message concerning the donkeys.



Vs. 17-27-Saul Anointed King

- Samuel called Israel together at **Mizpah**.
- Mizpah had significance since Israel's spiritual revival took place there prior to their victory over the Philistines.



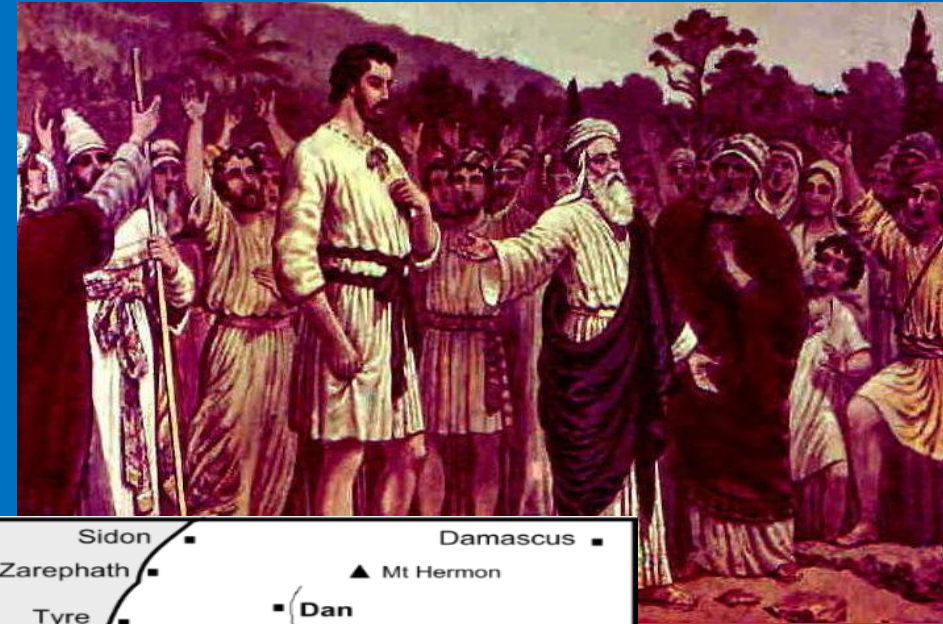
- Samuel reiterated how God delivered their ancestors from Egypt and from all the oppressive kingdoms.
- Unfortunately, they turned from the Lord and sought an earthly king. Compare this to Deuteronomy 20:1-4. []



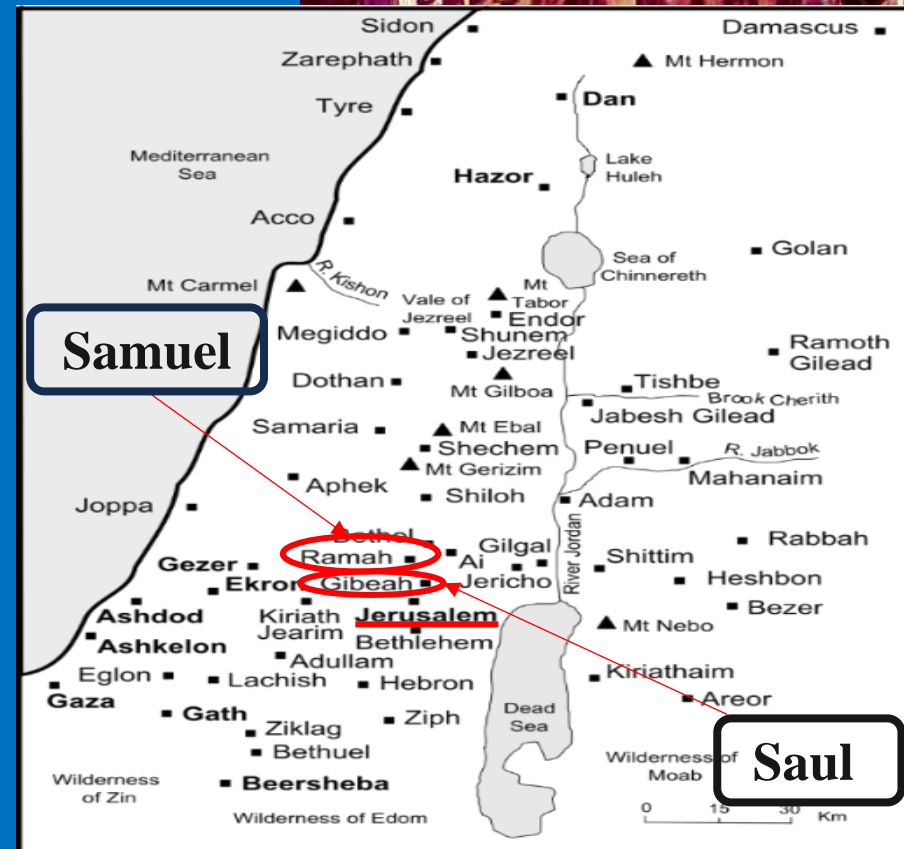
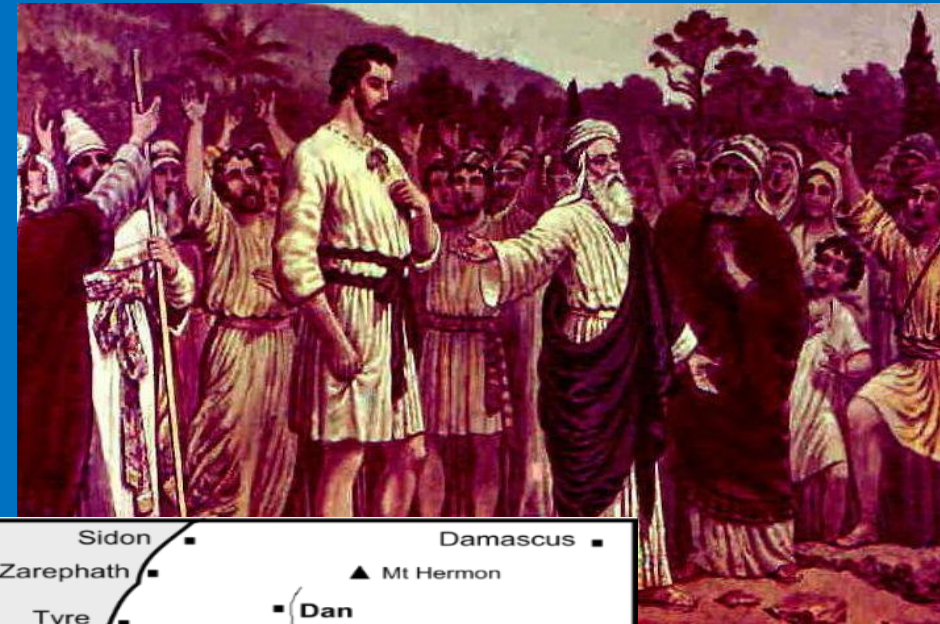
- The Israelites cast lots to choose a king. The lot went to the Tribe of **Benjamin**, then it went to individual families, and then to Saul. God had already ordained Saul as king. (Zechariah 4:6; Proverbs 21:31) []
- They tried to find Saul, but he hid by the **baggage**.
- In appearance, Saul stood taller from his shoulders on up, he portrayed the perfect physical specimen, and a perfect candidate as king.



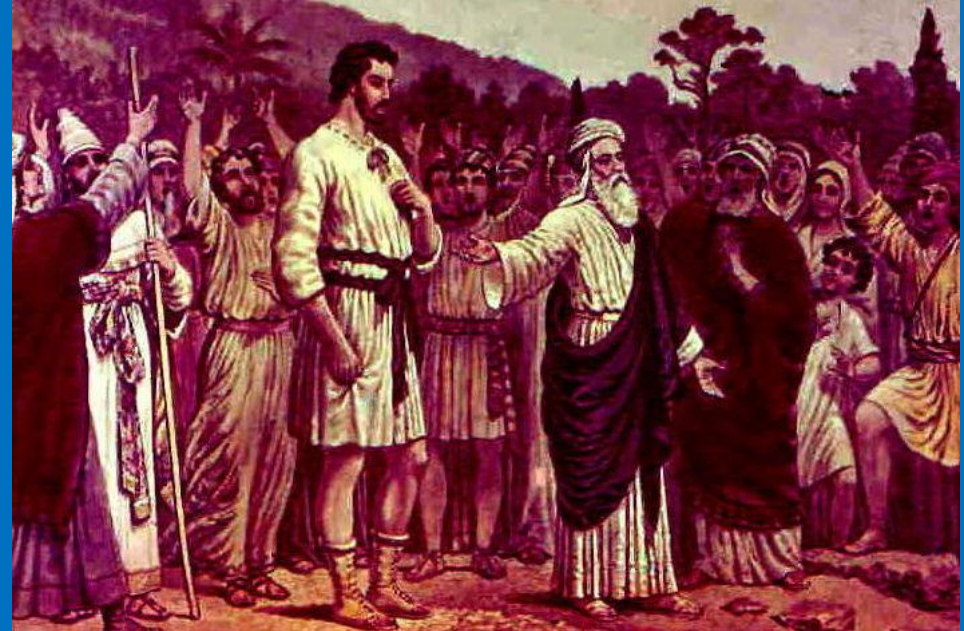
- The people shouted, “**Long live the king!**” This must have broken the heart of God.
- Samuel wrote down the duties of a king. These duties possibly came from Deuteronomy 17:14-20. []



- Samuel sent the people home and Saul went to his house at Gibeah.
- **Gibeah** became the first capital of the monarchy.
- God touched the hearts of valiant men to accompany Saul.



- Some worthless men despised Saul and would not recognize him as King.
- Verse 27 states Saul kept silent about those who would not recognize him as King.

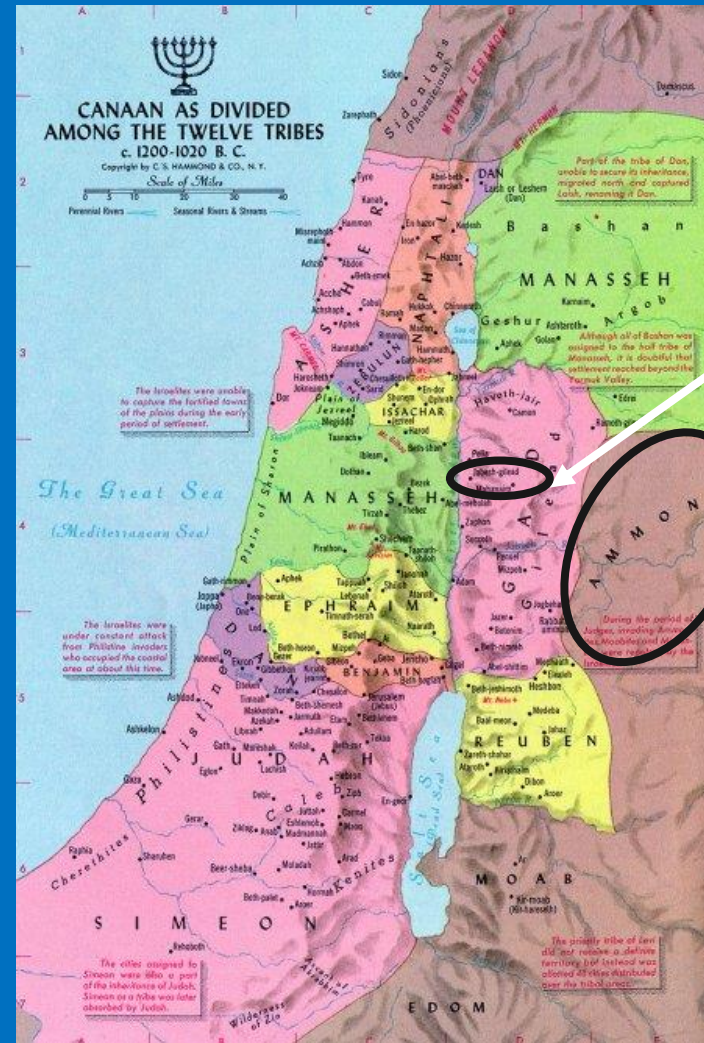


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Chapter 11-Conquest of the Ammonites

Vs. 1-15-Ammonites Defeated

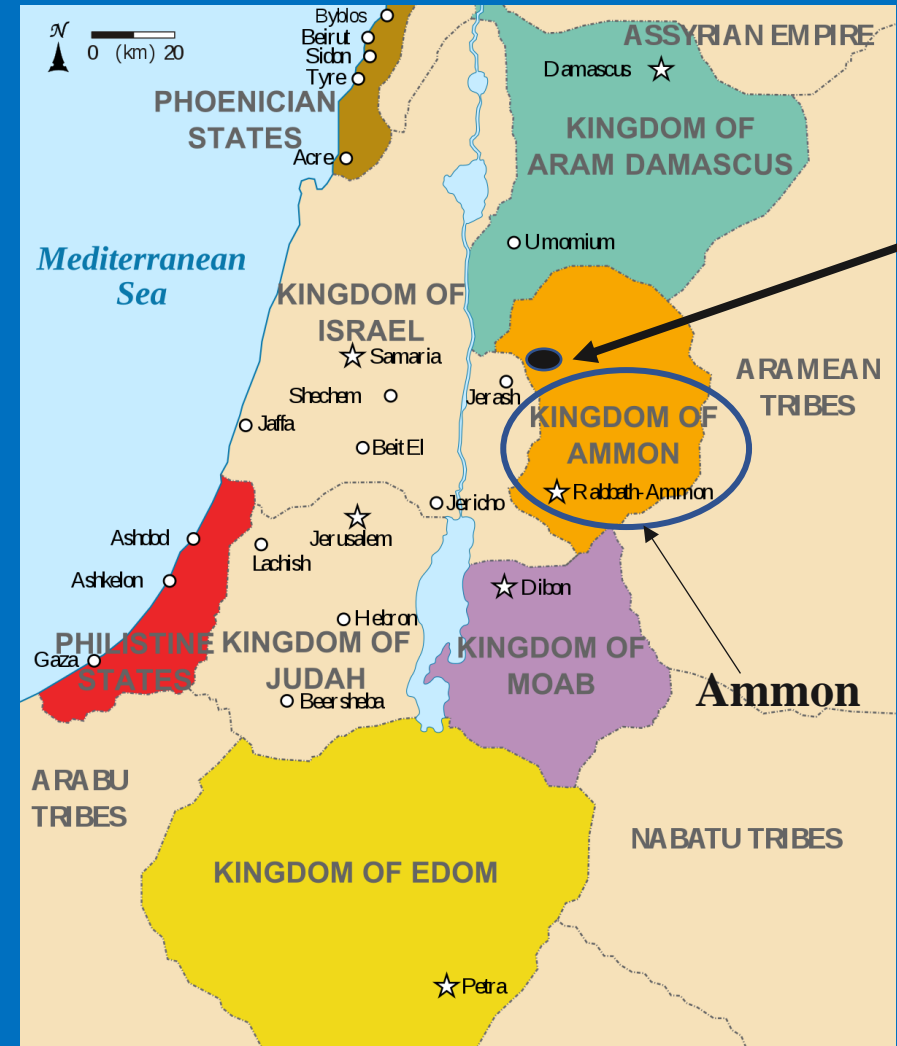
- Nahash, the Ammonite, came up and besieged Jabesh-gilead.
- The people of Jabesh-gilead, not prepared for war, wanted to make a covenant with the Ammonites.



Jabesh-gilead

Ammon

- The **Ammonites** did not want an agreement, instead, they wanted to gouge out the right eye of everyone in Jabesh-gilead. In battle, a soldier would focus his attention from the right eye since the shield covered the soldier's left eye (1st Peter 5:8). []



Jabesh-gilead

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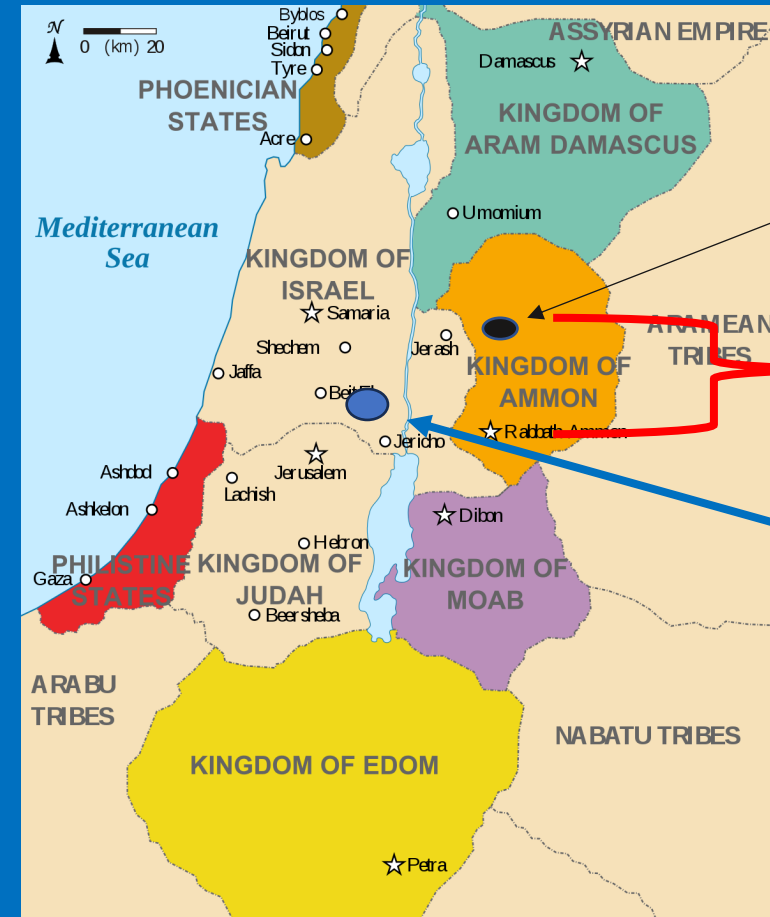
The elders stated they wanted seven days to give an answer. Since the Ammonites agreed, probably indicated the Ammonites unpreparedness for war.



Jabesh-gilead

Ammon

- Saul came in from the fields when he received word of this challenge.
- The Spirit of the Lord came upon Saul, and he became extremely **angry**.
- Saul took a yoke of oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent them throughout Israel.



Jabesh-gilead

42 Mile Journey

**Gibeah-
Saul's
Home town-**

- Saul threatened if anyone did not follow him, he would do the same to their oxen.
- The dread of the Lord fell upon the people and **330,000** followed Saul.

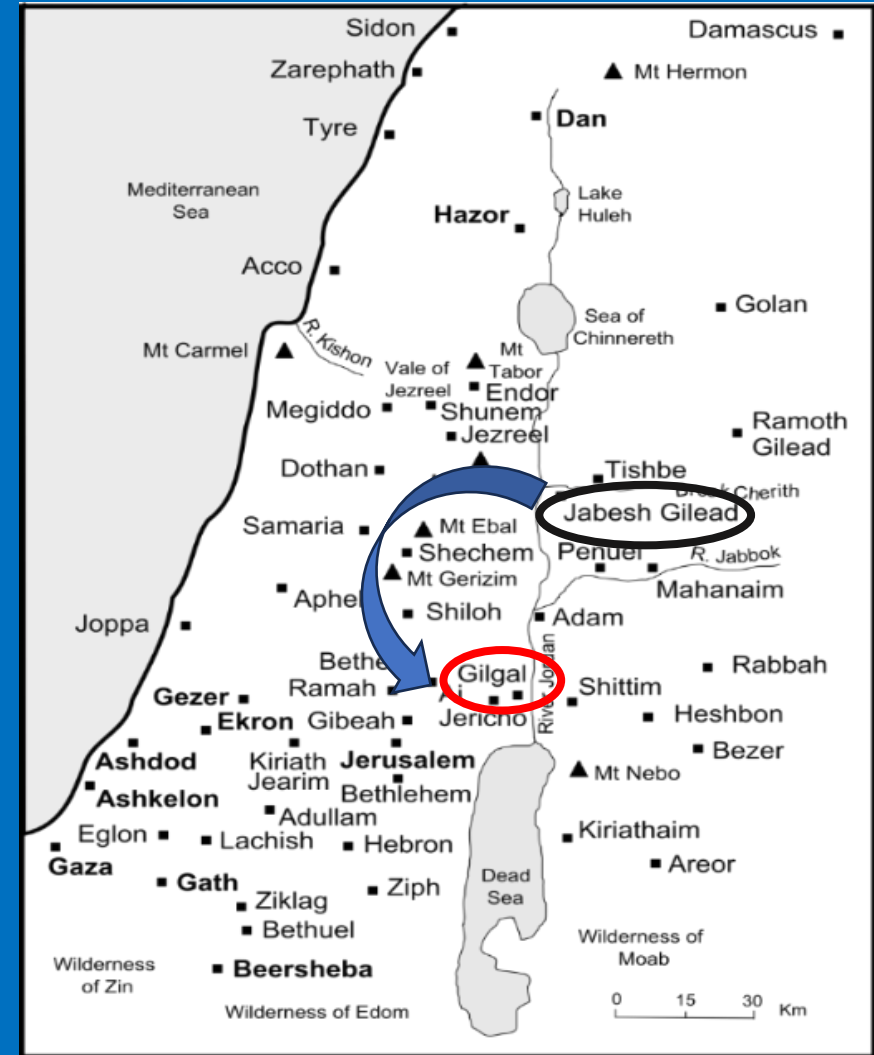


Jabesh-gilead

- The next day, Saul's army defeated the Ammonites (keep in mind the people of Jabesh-gilead, for they will show their gratitude at the end of 1st Samuel).
- After the battle, Samuel told the Israelites to go up to Gilgal and renew the kingdom of Saul.



- Saul and all the people greatly rejoiced greatly at **Gilgal**. This incident apparently does not actually take place until 13:8.



Chapter 12-Samuel Reminds the People About the Conditions of a King

Vs. 1-25-Samuel Rebukes the People for Wanting a King

- *It is hard to tell the time frame of Chapter 11* It appears that 12:1 follows 11:14.



Samuel reiterated: how God delivered their ancestors from the hand of the Egyptians and from all other enemies; how God raised Judges to deliver Israel from their enemies; and how in each instance, Israel turned away from God which resulted in calamity.



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- God showed His mercy toward the Israelites by promising to stay with them if they would fear Him and serve Him. However, the hand of the Lord would come against the Israelites if they refused to listen and obey.



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- God confirmed His word by sending thunder and rain. This resulted in all the people fearing both Samuel and the Lord.
- God reiterated His love for the people despite them asking for a king (1 Samuel 12:21-22). []
- Samuel said he would not cease to pray for them.



<http://mimaryvee.blogspot.com/2012/01/stay-true-to-your-faith-in-god.html>

Summary

God wants to bless everyone. We will never understand His love. He lovingly calls each person to accept His Son, Jesus Christ, as Lord and Savior. However, every person must make their own decision for receiving Christ.

God gives us only one chance in this world to make that eternal decision. Jeremiah 29:11 states, “For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”

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When should an unbeliever accept Jesus as Lord and Savior? Hebrews 4:7 states, “...Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.”

[End----]

Deuteronomy 19:15

15 "A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed. []

Deuteronomy 20:1-4

1 "When you go out to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots *and* people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, is with you. 2 When you are approaching the battle, the priest shall come near and speak to the people. 3 He shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel, you are approaching the battle against your enemies today. Do not be fainthearted. Do not be afraid, or panic, or tremble before them, 4 for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you." []

1 Samuel 12:21-22

21 You must not turn aside, for *then you would go after* futile things which can not profit or deliver, because they are futile. 22 For the LORD will not abandon His people on account of His great name, because the LORD has been pleased to make you a people for Himself. []

Deuteronomy 17:14-20

14 “When you enter the land which the Lord your God gives you, and you possess it and live in it, and you say, ‘I will set a king over me like all the nations who are around me,’ 15 you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses, one from among your countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your countryman.

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16 Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the Lord has said to you, ‘You shall never again return that way.’ 17 He shall not multiply wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself. 18 “Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.

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19 It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes, 20 that his heart may not be lifted up above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel. []

1st Samuel 11:14; 12:1; 13:8

14 Then Samuel said to the people, “Come and let us go to Gilgal and renew the kingdom there.”

12:1-35 takes place before 11:15

11:15 So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal. There they also offered sacrifices of peace offerings before the Lord; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly. []

1st Samuel 13:8-14

8 Now he waited seven days, according to the appointed time set by Samuel, but Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattering from him. 9 So Saul said, “Bring to me the burnt offering and the peace offerings.” And he offered the burnt offering. 10 As soon as he finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him and to greet him. 11 But Samuel said, “What have you done?” And Saul said, “Because I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the appointed days, and that the Philistines were assembling at Michmash,

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12 therefore I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not asked the favor of the Lord.' So I forced myself and offered the burnt offering." 13 Samuel said to Saul, "You have acted foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you, for now the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. 14 But now your kingdom shall not endure. The Lord has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you." []

Hebrews 10:31

It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Matthew 7:23

And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; Depart from Me...”

Revelation 20:15

And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. []

1st Peter 5:8

8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. *The Devil will try to blindside us. []*

Zechariah 4:6

6 Then he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel saying, ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the Lord of hosts.

Proverbs 21:31

31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle,
But victory belongs to the Lord. []

1st Samuel 16:14

14 Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord terrorized him.

Psalm 51:11

11 Do not cast me away from Your presence
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. []