

LESSON 9: GOD DELIVERS ISRAEL FROM THE PHILISTINES

HOMEWORK

2nd Samuel: Chapters 21-22

Directions: Use your Study Bible, the internet, or any other study source to help you with these questions.

1. Read 2nd Samuel 21:1-14

- Why did God place a famine upon Israel?
- What did the Gibeonites do to stop the famine?
- How did David decide what victims to hang to hang (Read Deuteronomy 24:16)?

2. Read 2nd Samuel 21:15-22

Explain the actions of the following?

- Abishai
- Sibbecai
- Elhanan
- Jonathan

3. Read 2nd Samuel 22:1-7

- When did David write this Song?
- List three adjectives that David used for the Lord.
- How did David describe his situation?

4. Read 2nd Samuel 22:8-24

- What do verses 8-21 have in common?
- List three responses of the Lord.
- What reasons did David give for his deliverance?

5. Read 2nd Samuel 22:25-51

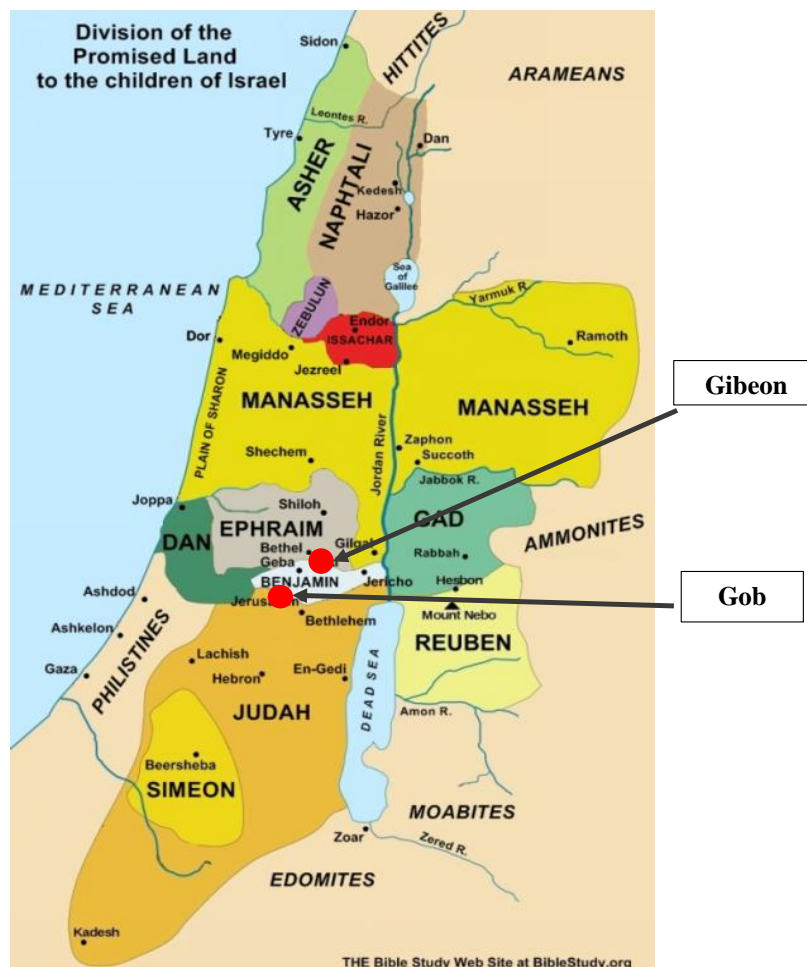
- According to David, who does the Lord help?
- How did the Lord help David?
- What phrase did David use to describe God as a deliverer (vs. 50-51)?

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CHAPTER 21: JUDGMENTS UPON ISRAEL AND THE FEATS OF DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN

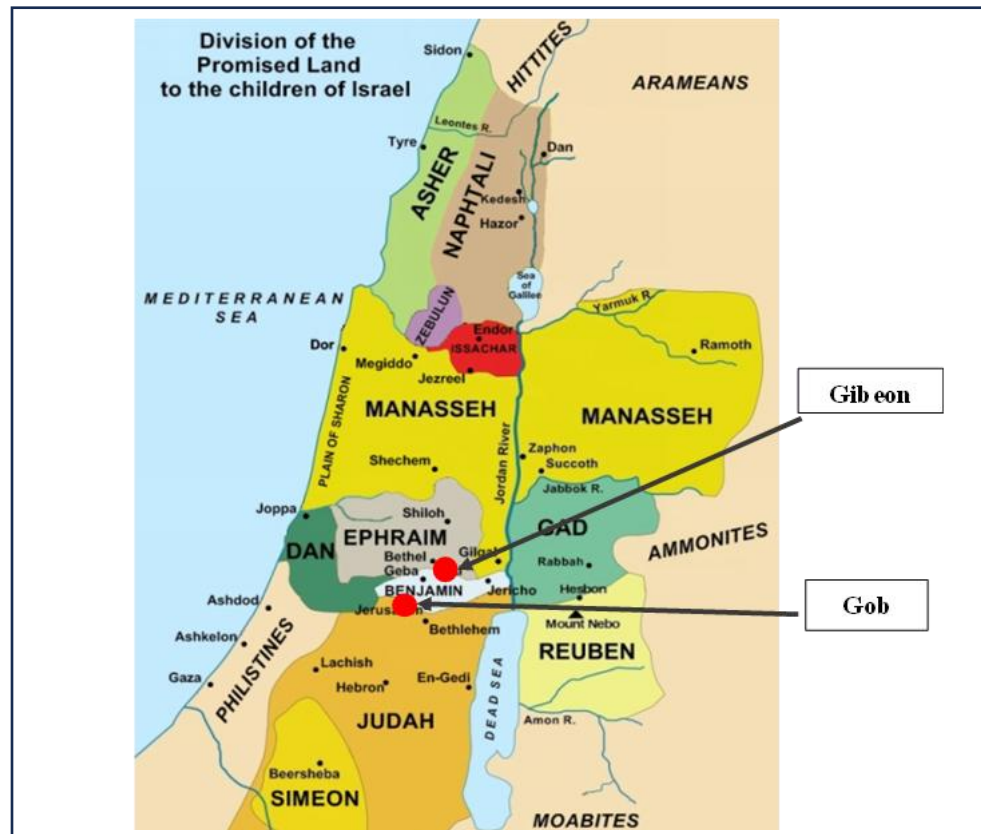
Vs. 1-14: God Sends a Famine Upon Israel

- Chapters 21-24 do not list the events in chronological order but characterize them as an **appendix** to the book and records certain events that occurred during David's reign.
- Sometime during David's reign, God sent a **famine** upon Israel for three years. The famine resulted from King Saul killing the Gibeonites (No Biblical account records this action).



<http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/division-of-promised-land-to-twelve-tribes-israel-large-map.html>

- **400** years prior to King Saul's action, Joshua had made a covenant with the Gibeonites (Joshua 9:1-27).
- God told Joshua to destroy all the heathen tribes in Canaan. The **Gibeonites**, fearing their destruction, disguised themselves as a people from a far and distant country who wanted to make a **covenant** (a peace treaty) with Joshua.
- Joshua believed the Gibeonites, and he made the covenant with them. Joshua did not ask the Lord whether he should make the treaty.
- Joshua learned of the deception but could not break the covenant. This covenant remained as an everlasting agreement.
- 400 years later, Saul killed some of the **Gibeonites**. Saul possibly assumed he had fulfilled the will of God by ridding the land of heathen tribes.



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- 1st Samuel states, "...Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice..."
- To stop the famine, David asked the Gibeonites what they desired as **retribution**. The Gibeonites requested David give them seven men to hang from Saul's family.
- David spared Mephibosheth because of the oath he made to Jonathan. However, he gave two sons from Rizpah (Saul's concubine), and five sons of Merab (daughter of Saul).
- As an interesting note, Saul had originally promised **Merab** to David after he killed Goliath (1st Samuel 18:17-19).
- Note that Michal, David's wife and daughter of Saul, had no children (2 Samuel 6:21-23).
- The children of Merab and Michael could have faced **execution** had David fathered them. As a result, neither Merab nor Michael produced children for David.
- The Gibeonites took the seven men and hung them in Gibeah. Possibly, these seven men had taken part in the slaughter of the Gibeonites (Deuteronomy 24:16).
- The Gibeonites exposed the bodies which brought great dishonor. **Rizpah**, not wanting the birds or wild animals to ravage the bodies, protected them for 6 months until the rains came (from the barley harvest of April to the early rains of October).

<https://chongsoonkim.blogspot.com/2014/03/jehovah-is-god-of-justice-whom-we-must.html>



- News came to David about the protection Rizpah gave to the bodies. David gathered the bones of Saul and Jonathan from Jabesh-gilead and the bones from those hung and properly buried them.

Vs. 15-22: Exploits by David's Mighty Men

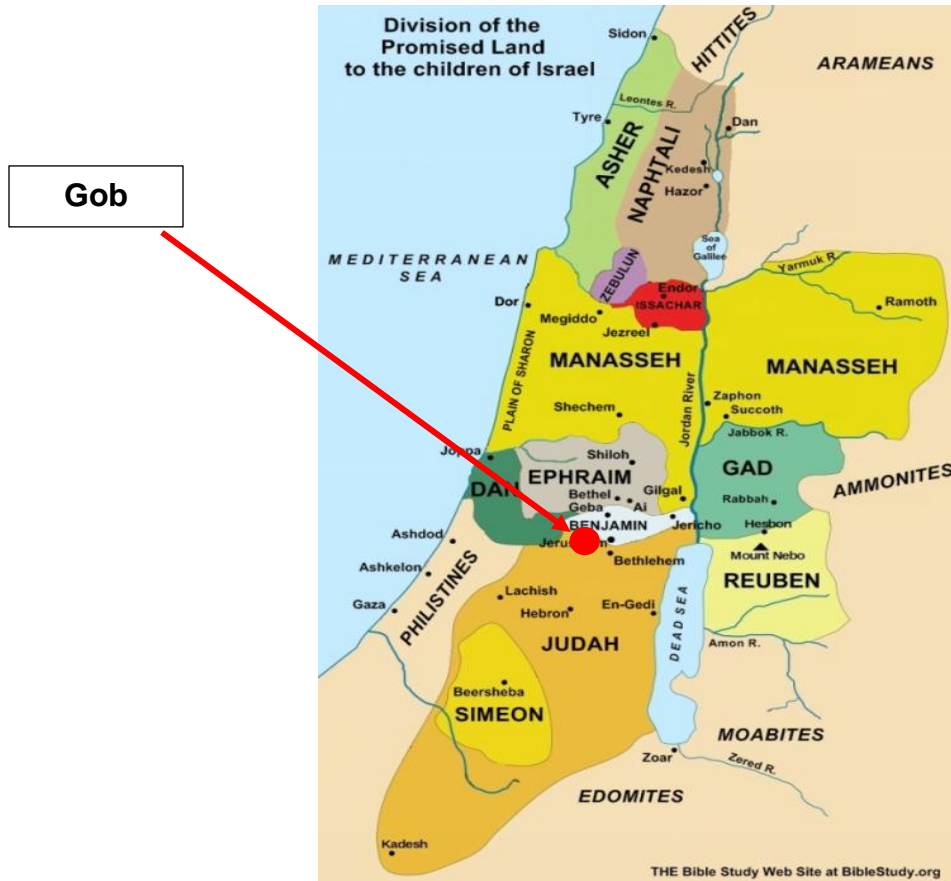
- The Philistines started another war with Israel.
- During one campaign against the Philistines, David grew very tired. Ishbi-benob, a descendant of Goliath, intended to kill David. Abishai, the brother of Joab, came to David's aid and killed the Giant. Due to this close encounter, the Israelites would not let David go out and fight.



<https://sites.google.com/site/hebrewwebsiteameliamilne/saul>

- The Philistines made another attack at Gob.
- Sibbecai, one of David's warriors, struck down Saph, another descendent of Goliath.

- Elhanan killed **Goliath** (Lahmi-1 Chronicles 20:5) at Gob.



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- A fourth descendant of Goliath died at Gath. We have no record of his name. However, he had **six** fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot. When he defied Israel, Jonathan-David's nephew-killed him.

Who Killed Goliath?

1st Samuel 17:50

-David killed Goliath

-David was not king

-Goliath was killed
between Socho and
Azekah

2nd Samuel 21:19

-Elhanan killed Goliath

-David was king

-Goliath was killed at Gob

1 Chronicles 20:5

-Elhanan killed brother
of Goliath (Lahmi)

-David was king

-This does not say
where the brother
was killed

CHAPTER 22: THE SONG OF DAVID

Vs. 1-3: David Describes the Lord's Attributes

- David wrote this song after the Lord delivered him from all his enemies. This song parallels Psalm 18.
- David looked to the Lord as his rock, fortress, deliverer, refuge, shield, horn of salvation, stronghold, and savior.



<http://obeymarketinggroup.com/how-inbound-marketing-will-turn-your-company-into-a-fortress>

Vs. 5-7: David's Cry for Help

- David cried to the Lord for help.
- The waves of death surrounded David.
- **Destruction** surrounded David.
- Death surrounded David.
- David's cry for help reached God's ears.



<https://faxo.com/ship-sinking-in-a-fiery-ocean-28192>

Vs. 8-21: The Lord's Response

- The earth **shook** and quaked.
- The foundations of heaven trembled due to the Lord's anger.
- Smoke went up from His nostrils and fire came from His mouth and kindled coals.
- He **bowed** the heavens and came down.
- God rode on a cherub and flew; He appeared on the wings of the wind.
- The brightness before God kindled coals of fire.

- The Lord thundered from heaven, as He uttered His voice.
- He sent out arrows and lightening and scattered the enemies.
- At the blast of His breath, He laid bare the foundations of the world and the channels of the sea appeared.
- The Lord took David out from many waters and **delivered** him from his strong enemy and from those who hated him.



http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/surrey/hi/people_and_places/nature/newsid_8939000/8939508.stm

Vs. 20-24: David Presents Reasons for His Deliverance

- The Lord **delighted** in David and rescued him.
- The Lord saw David as righteous, possibly for his repentance with Bathsheba (2 Samuel 12:13).
- David kept the ways of the Lord
- David kept God's laws before him.

Vs. 25-49: The Lord's Help

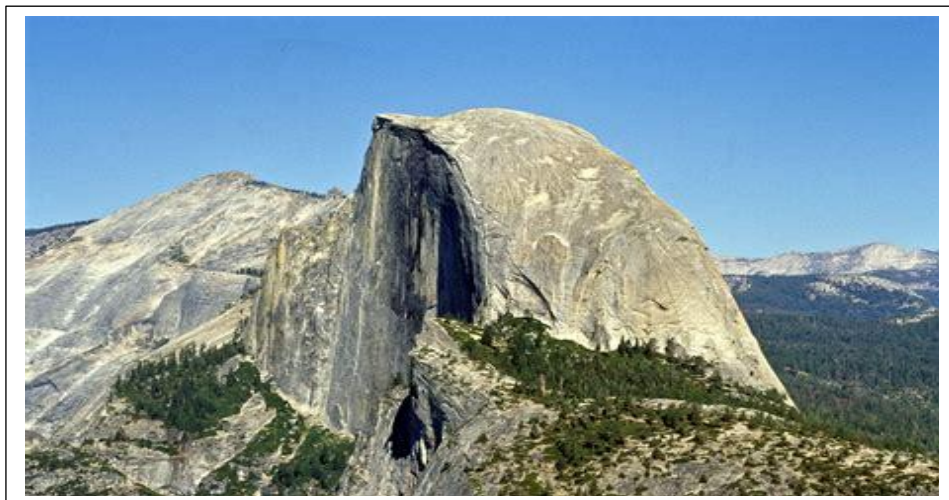
- The Lord saves the afflicted, but He does not save the haughty.
- David saw the Lord as his **lamp** illuminating the darkness.
- By God's help, David could run upon a troop and leap over a wall (Matthew 19:26).

- God made David's feet like hinds' feet; He set David on high places; He **trained** his hands for battle; and kept his feet from slipping.



<https://speakpeacealways.wordpress.com/2013/01/11/hinds-feet-on-high-places/>

- With God's help, David crushed his enemies.
- God kept David as head of the nations, and foreigners obeyed him.
- David acknowledged the living Lord and blessed Him as his rock and salvation.
- God executed **vengeance** and lifted David up above his enemies.



<http://www.summitpost.org/half-dome/399611>

Vs. 50-51: David's Praise

- David offered thanks and **praise** to the Lord among the nations.
- David gave praise for God's tower of deliverance and for His lovingkindness toward him and his descendants forever (we make up part of David's spiritual descendants).



<https://virtuousgirls.wordpress.com/2013/08/>

SUMMARY

Psalm 92:1-2 states, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness by night..." It pleases God's heart to give Him thanks. Practice giving specific thanks for specific things He has done. Thanksgiving can create a generous heart and can make worries and cares appear small.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
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1. God brought a famine upon Israel due to the sin of King Saul.
 - A. Do the sins of others affect us? Explain.
 - B. Should we blame God when someone's sin affects us? Explain.
 - C. What can we say to someone who blames God for the sin of others?

2. Make a comparison between Rizpah and the woman in Luke 18:1-8.
 - A. Explain the actions of each woman?
 - B. What caused the granting of their petitions?
 - C. When should we persist with our prayers and when should we "let go and let God?" (Matthew 6:7-8).

3. God did not always use David to win battles by himself. God provided David with mighty men.
 - A. Can you think of a time in your life when God answered your prayer through another person? An outside source?
 - B. Could we learn to "think outside the box" when looking to God for answers? Explain.
 - C. Has God ever answered a prayer for you and, at first, you didn't recognize it? Explain.

4. God worked amazing miracles with David's mighty men.
 - A. Has God ever given you a miracle?
 - B. Does that miracle still impact your life today?
 - C. Do we sometimes let miracles lose their significance as time goes by?

5. David said in 2nd Samuel 22 that He made David's feet like hinds' feet.
 - A. Explain what David meant by his feet like hinds' feet.
 - B. Has God ever given you supernatural strength to do something? Explain.
 - C. Why does God give us unusual abilities to do some things and at other times He doesn't?