

Lesson 9-Homework David and Abigail

1st Samuel Chapters 25-27

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

1. Locate the following places and write down their geographical locations.

- Ramah
- Maon
- Carmel

2. Explain how David treated the following:

- Nabal's servants
- Nabal
- Abigail

3. Saul took 3,000 men to kill David after discovering him on the hill of Hachilah.

- Locate the hill of Hachilah and briefly describe its location.
- How did David prove his loyalty to Saul?
- How did Saul respond?

4. David did not trust Saul, so he went to Gath.

- What significance did Gath have?
- How did David trick Achish into believing his loyalty?

5. Locate the following tribes and write down their geographical locations.

- The Geshurites, the Girzites, the Amalekites
- How did David's pursuit of the above tribes bring him favor with the Israelites?

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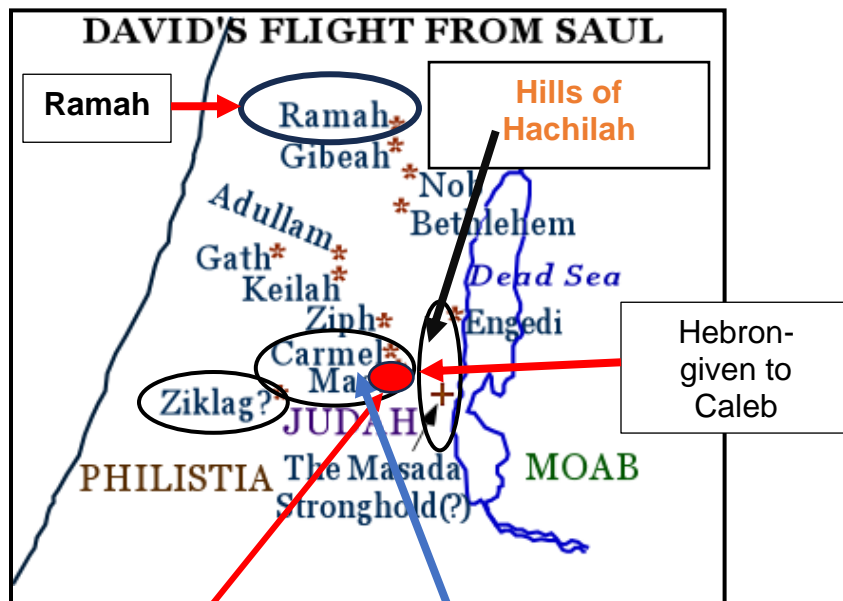
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Chapter 25-David Marries Abigail

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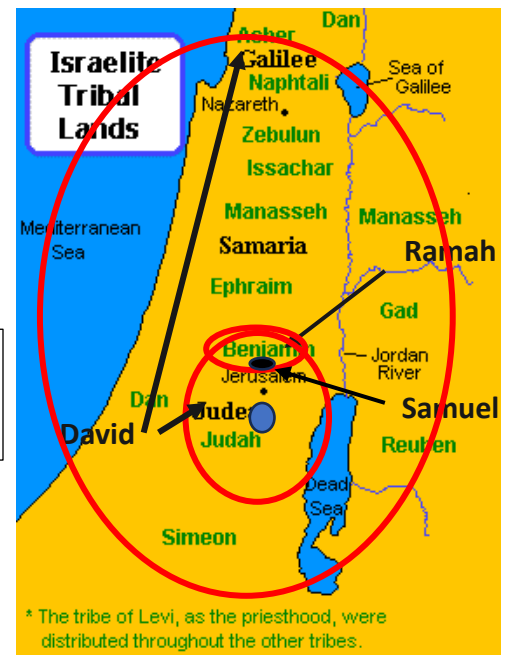
- Samuel **died** and all Israel mourned him. The Israelites buried Samuel at his house in Ramah.
- After Samuel's death, Bible scholars feel Nathan and Gad could have written the remaining chapters of 1st Samuel and 2nd Samuel (1st Chronicles 29:29).



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Hebron

Carmel and Moan



* The tribe of Levi, as the priesthood, were distributed throughout the other tribes.

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- Nabal (Nabal means fool), a very rich man and a Calebite, lived in Moan. He had 3,000 sheep and 1,000 goats in Carmel. Nabal descended from Caleb. Since Caleb accompanied Joshua to spy out the promised land, Moses gave him the land of Hebron (Joshua 14:13).
- Nabal's wickedness contrasted his wife Abigail's intelligence and beauty.
- David's men got along well with Nabal's men, and they protected Nabal's flocks.
- David sent messengers to Nabal and asked for **provisions** since David had shown kindness to Nabal.

- Nabal rebuked (scorned, yelled, or screamed at) the men and refused to give David any provisions.
- When David heard of Nabal's response, as revenge, he took four hundred men to fight Nabal.
- One of Nabal's servants told **Abigail** what had happened and reiterated how good David's men treated them (notice how David did not ask for the Lord's guidance).
- Abigail quickly took two hundred loaves of bread, two jugs of wine, five prepared sheep, five measures (30 liters) of roasted grain, one hundred clusters of raisins and two hundred cakes of figs and brought them to David.
- When she approached David, she bowed down and **apologized** for Nabal's actions.



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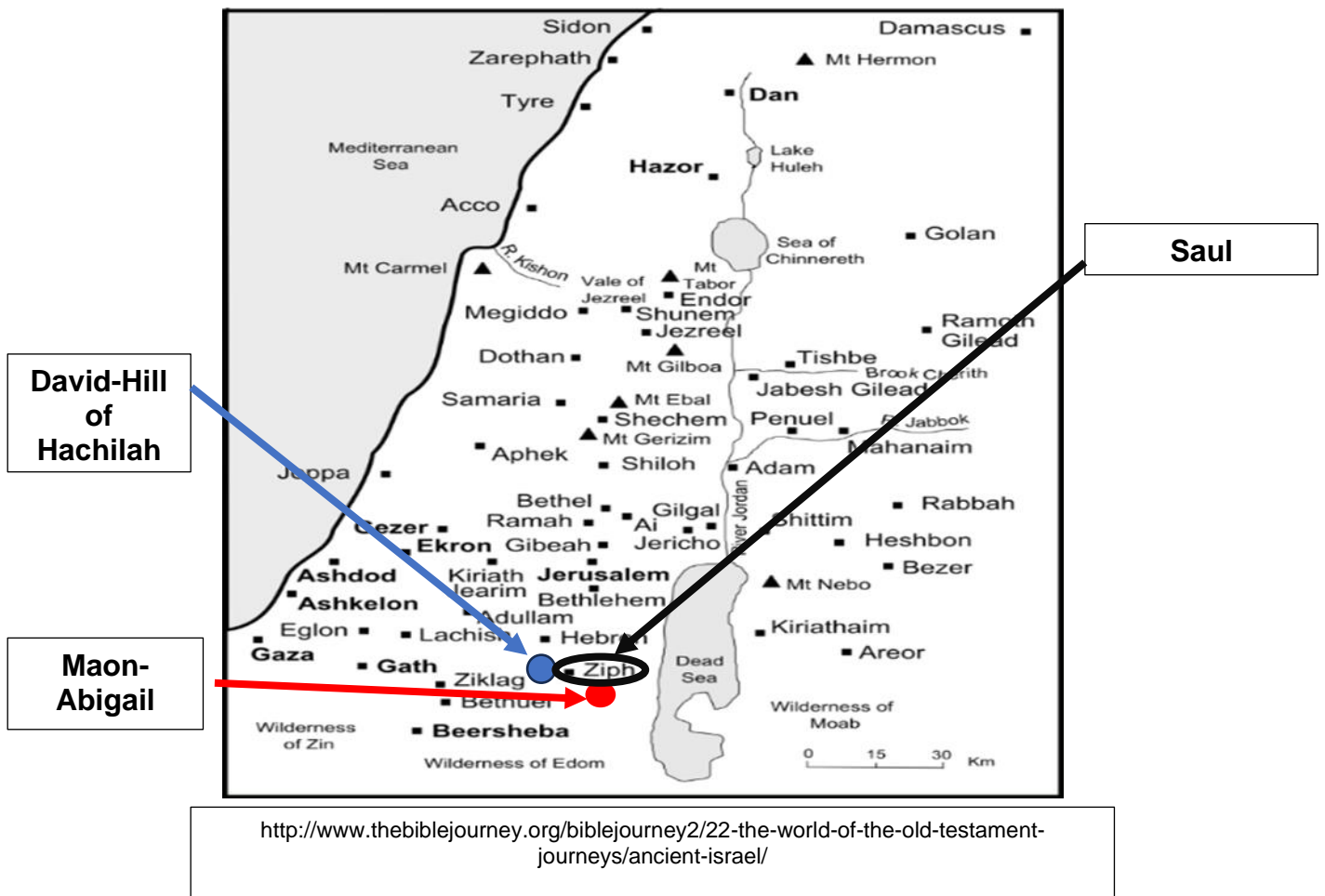
- Abigail's actions foreshadowed Christ's humility and intercession-Philippians 2:8; romans 8:33-34.
- Verse 29 gives a great parallel concerning God's protection.
- Abigail prophesied if anyone revolted against David, the lord would bind David in "the **bundle** of the living."
- People would often bundle their treasures to protect them. This showed how God bundles us in His arms, protects us from evil, and throws out the wicked.
- God will throw out the wicked.
- Abigail prophesied David would rule over Israel and his house would last forever.
- Notice how David's **anger** got in the way of seeking God's advice. The Lord used Abigail to stop David from committing a grave sin.
- When Abigail told Nabal what she had done, he became as stone and died 10 days later. Nabal might have died from a stroke (1st Samuel 25:36-39).
- After Nabal died, David took Abigail as his **wife**. David had previously taken Ahinoam and Michel as wives.

- God never approved the practice of polygamy (Genesis 2:24).
- Practices in Old Testament history allowed polygamy in the case of a childless first marriage. However, polygamy often caused misery.

Chapter 26-David Spares Saul's Life Again

Vs. 1-25

- When Saul heard David camped on the hill of Hachilah, he arose and took **3,000** chosen men.
- Saul camped in the hill country of Ziph beside the road while David stayed in the wilderness.



- David spied on Saul's camp at night and saw him sleeping with his spear stuck in the ground. Saul's soldiers, while sleeping, had surrounded him.
- David took **Abishai** and went down to the camp.
- Abishai wanted to go into the camp and kill Saul.

- David restrained Abishai since he did not want to stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed.
- David said the Lord would strike Saul in His time. Hebrews states, "...**Vengeance** is Mine, I will repay" (Hebrews 10:30; Psalm 94:1-2).
- The Lord caused a sound sleep to fall upon the soldiers allowing David to take Saul's spear and his jug of water.
- When David and Abishai crossed back over to their side he called out to **Abner** and asked why he had not protected Saul.
- When Saul heard David's voice, he called out to him.
- David showed Saul the jug of water and the spear.



"Behold the king's spear!" - 1 Sam. xxxi. 22.

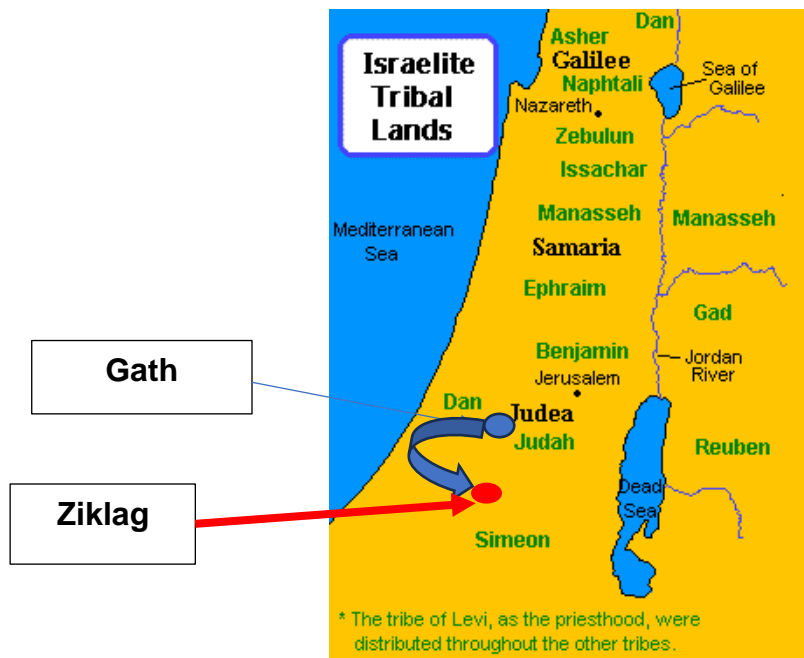
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- David told Saul he could have taken his life but refused to harm him.
- David tried to prove his innocence and loyalty.
- Saul repented and recognized David as the future king.

Chapter 27-David Becomes a Servant to the Philistines

Vs. 1-12

- David realized he could not trust Saul and decided to live in the land of the **Philistines**.
- David knew Saul would not pursue him in Philistine territory.
- David went with his six hundred men to Achish, the king of **Gath**. David previously feigned madness in Gath. Goliath also lived in Gath.



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- David moved from Gath. Perhaps David did not want to be under the king's eye or under an idolatrous rule.
- David asked the king for the land of **Ziklag**. The king granted him his wish and David lived among the Philistines for one year and four months.
- David raided the Geshurites, the Girzites, and the Amalekites. These tribes inhabited the land of Canaan from ancient times. These tribes lived in southern Canaan and northern Sinai.
- David made Achish believe he had attacked Judean lands, but he gained the **loyalty** of the Israelites by attacking their hostile southern neighbors.

Summary

Zechariah 4:6 states, "...Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts." Fear often clouds our judgment. In times of fear, anger, and uncertainty it is important to wait upon the Lord. Psalm 46:10 states, "Be still, and know that I am God!" (NLT)

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Discussion Questions

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1. Nabal treated David disrespectfully.
 - a. How did David respond?
 - b. Are we sometimes quick to respond with anger when disrespected? Why?
 - c. Do we ever have the right to respond with anger?
 - d. How did God stop David from sinning against Nabal?

2. Abigail told David he would be, "bound in the bundle of the living."
 - a. Explain this meaning?
 - b. Does God promise to bind us in His bundle? Do any verses come to mind?
 - c. How can we learn to live in God's bundle of protection?
 - d. List some ways in which our faith might grow by knowing God's protection.

3. Saul promised not to harm David after David spared his life.
 - a. Why did Saul continue his pursuit of David even though he had promised several times not to hurt David?
 - b. Why did David stop Abishai from killing Saul?
 - c. Do you think David knew God caused the Philistines to fall into a deep sleep?
 - d. What gave David the courage to go into Saul's camp?

4. David escaped into the land of the Philistines.
 - a. Why do you think David went into Philistine territory after he had fled from the Philistines in lesson seven?
 - b. How did David deceive King Achish in making him think he had attacked Israel?
 - c. How did God protect David during his time in Philistine territory?
 - d. How did God show favor to David during this time?

5. David had to live outside of Israel's borders.
 - a. How do you think David felt living as a fugitive?
 - b. What spiritual connections could we make by David living in heathen lands?
 - c. Have you ever felt alone with your Christian beliefs?
 - d. How did you manage the situation?