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2 Samuel 1:1-16 - David Hears of Saul's Death

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2 Samuel 2:12-32 - The Battle of Gibeon

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ISHBOSHETH
(ONE OF SAUL'S SONS)



2 Samuel 3:1-25 - Abner Joins David

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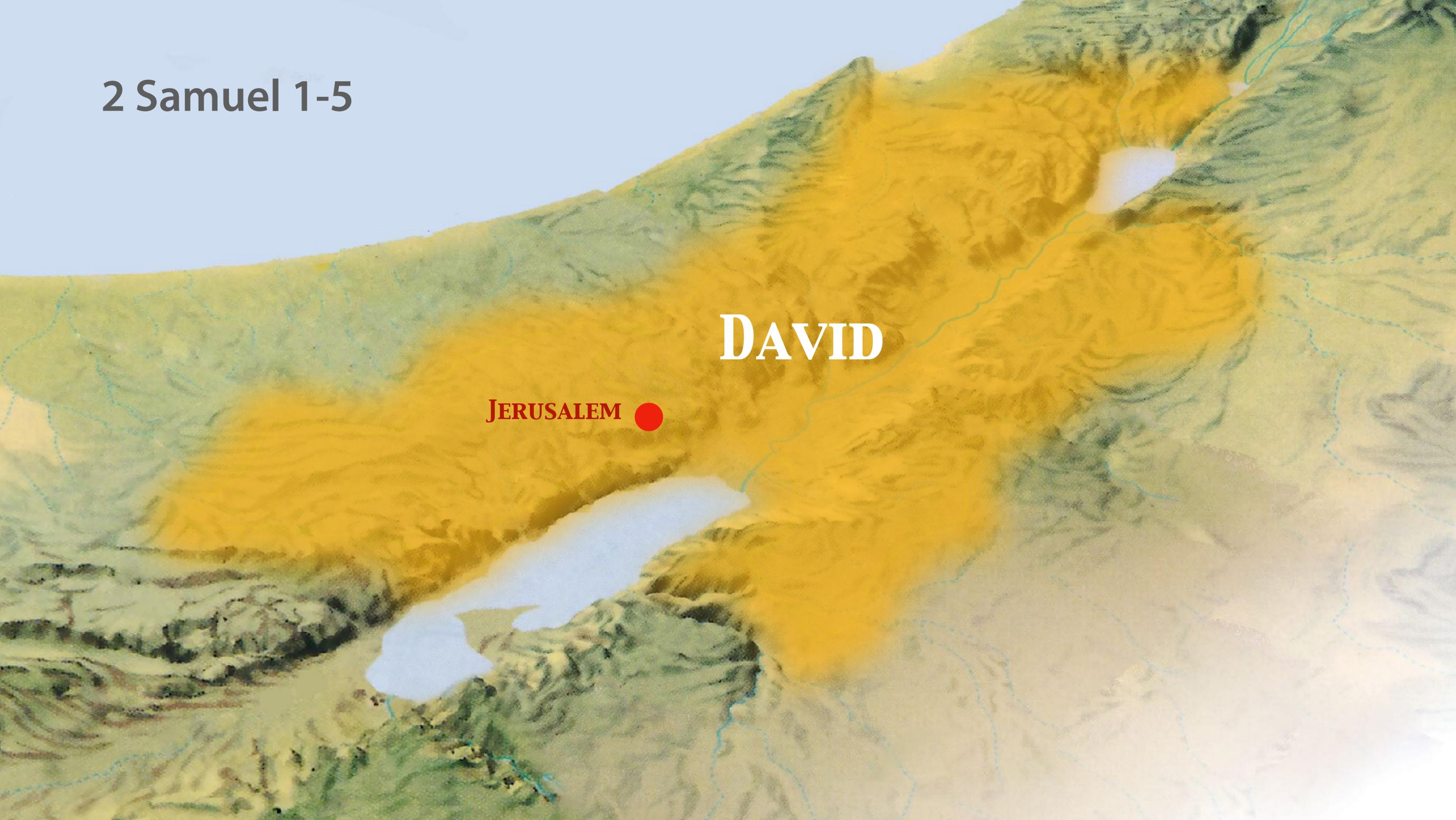
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Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.

7 For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bed-chamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and gat them away through the plain all night.

8 And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy life; and the LORD hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed.

9 ¶ And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity,

10 When one told me, saying, Behold, ^aSaul is ^bdead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, who *thought* that I would have given him a reward for his tidings:

11 How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?

12 And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged *them* up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth, and buried *it* in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

CHAPTER 5

All Israel anoints David king—He takes Jerusalem and is blessed of the Lord—He conquers the Philistines.

THEN came all the tribes of Israel

to ^aDavid unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh.

2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel.

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they ^aanointed ^bDavid ^cking over Israel.

4 ¶ David *was* thirty years old when he began to ^areign, *and* he ^breigned forty years.

5 In Hebron he reigned over ^aJudah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he ^breigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

6 ¶ And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the ^aJebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither.

7 Nevertheless David took the strong hold of ^aZion: the same *is* the ^bcity of David.

8 And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the ^aJebusites, and the lame and the blind, *that are* hated of David's soul, *he shall be chief and captain*. Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

9 So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the ^acity of David. And David built round about from ^bMillo and inward.

10 And David went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts *was* with him.

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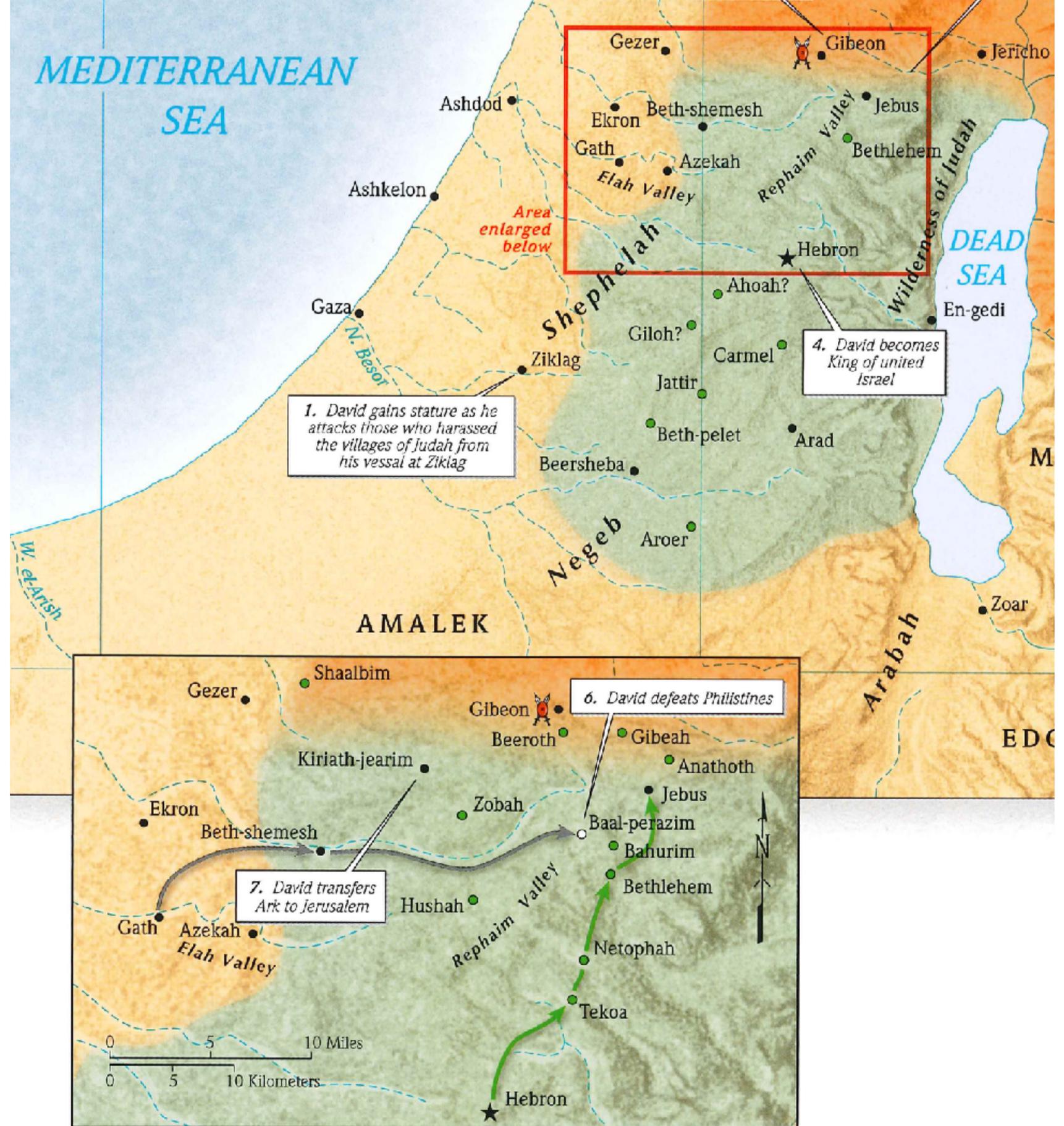
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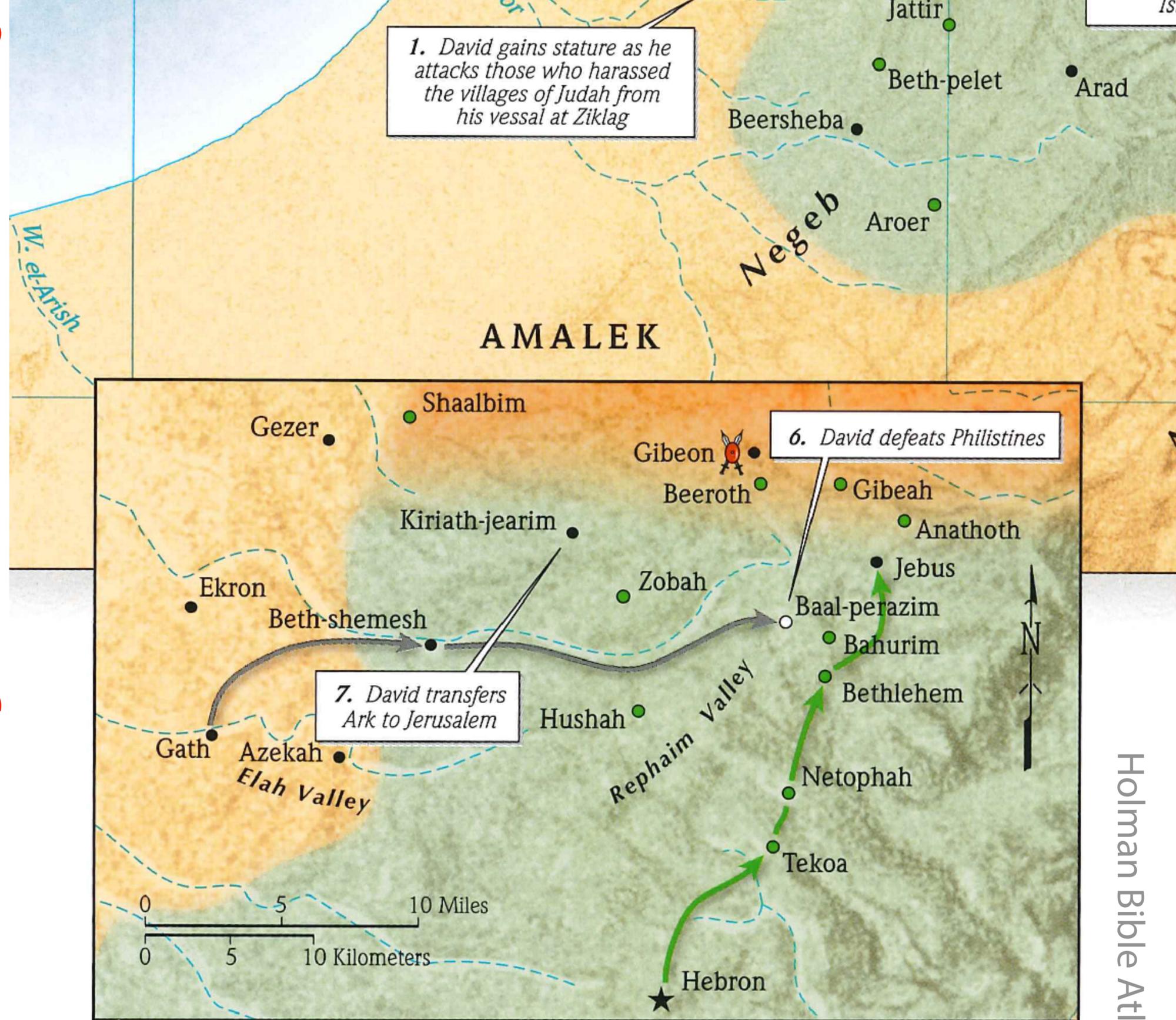
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The ark of the covenant was a sacred vessel that housed some of the holiest objects in Israel's history. To touch the ark or its contents was strictly forbidden by the Lord. Only authorized Levites, and they only under certain specified conditions, could handle the sacred instruments (see Numbers 4:15). Uzzah may have exhibited some bold presumption when he sought to touch that which God had forbidden to be touched. Even if Uzzah's intention was simply to keep the ark from falling, it should be remembered that God was fully capable of steadying His own ark had He wished to do so. While much of the story is not known, it is an excellent example that the commands of God are sacred and must be observed precisely as the Lord decreed.



Neal A. Maxwell

“Some may reason that [Uzzah] was only trying—though mistakenly—to help out. But given the numerous times the Lord had saved and spared Israel, including the high dramas of the Red Sea and of the manna from heaven, surely He [the Lord] knew how to keep the ark in balance!”

(Neal A. Maxwell, Meek and Lowly [1987], 15).

David O. McKay

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AND it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him ^arest round about from all his enemies;

2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within ^acurtains.

3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that *is* in thine ^aheart; for the LORD *is* with thee.

4 ¶ And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto ^aNathan, saying,

5 Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an ^ahouse for me to dwell in?

6 Whereas I have not dwelt in *any* house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

7 In all *the places* wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an ^ahouse of cedar?

8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the ^asheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:

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like unto the name of the great *men* that *are* in the earth.

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Sister Linda S. Reeves

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(Sister Linda S. Reeves, “Worthy of Our Promised Blessings,” GC October 2015).

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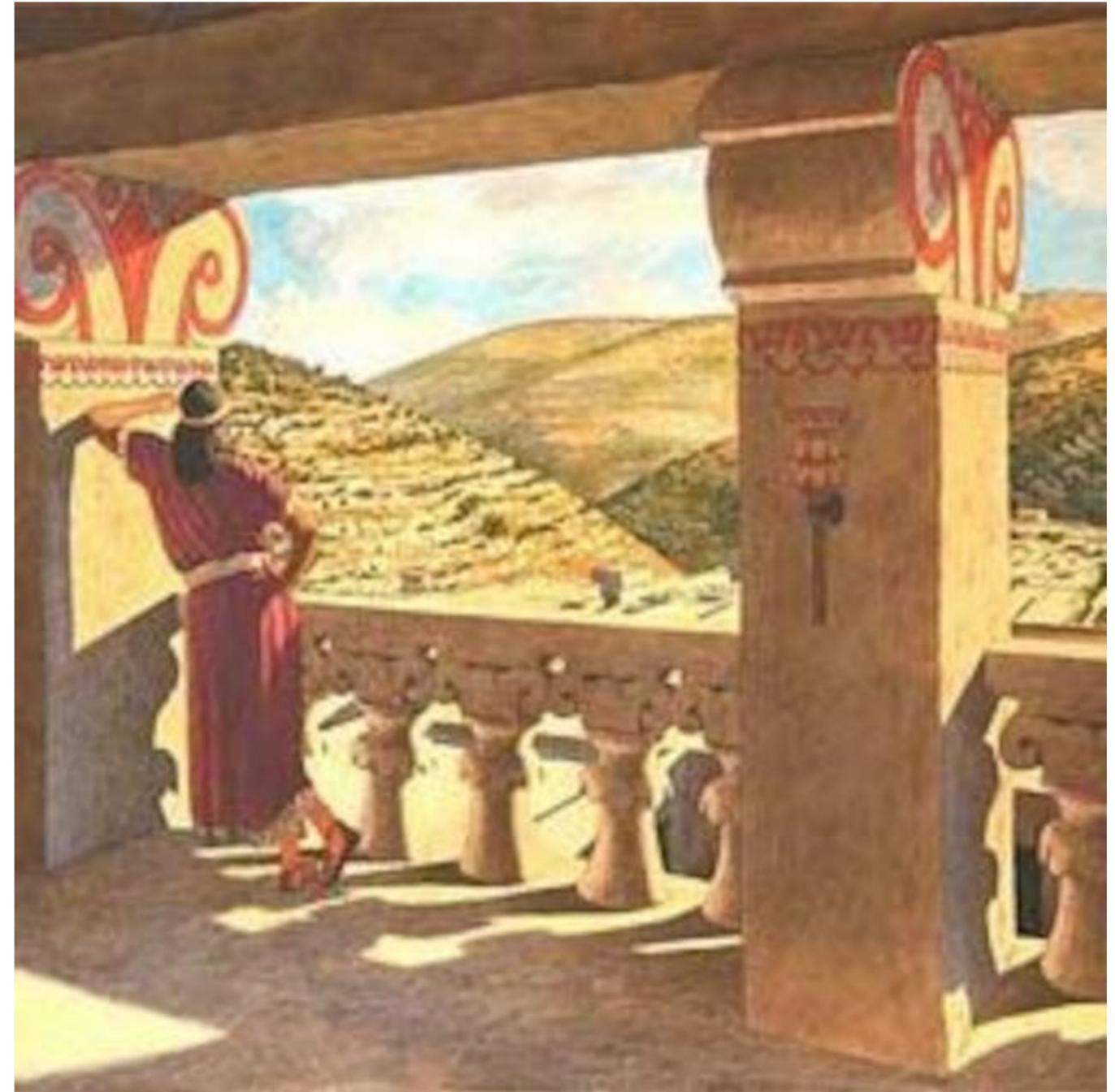
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Tikva Frymer-Kensky

There is no evidence to suggest that the washing that was happening on the roof was for ceremonial purposes as some people claim; it was just a washing. Leviticus 15 indicates that ceremonial cleansings are done during the day and the Bible does not link washing with menstrual impurity; only time. 7 days from the start of a woman's period to be clean. No washing required. "Later Rabbinical tradition will require women to immerse in a ritual pool, but that was not a tradition at this time."

(Tikva Frymer-Kensky, "Reading the Women of the Bible," p. 147)

The reason for noting that she was “purified from her uncleanness” is that she had just become ceremonially clean after the 7 day period of monthly impurity due to menstruation (Leviticus 15:19-30). This mention makes it clear to the readers that she was not already pregnant by her own husband when David slept with her.

Another possibility is that this purification is a reference to Leviticus 15:18, “The woman also with whom man shall lie with seed of copulation, they shall both bathe themselves in water, and be unclean until the even.”

Tikva Frymer-Kensky

“When Bathsheba purifies herself, she is washing off the impurity that comes with all sexual relations, even licit ones. In our verse, the phrase does not refer back to the bath that she was taking when she was introduced, but to postcoital purification. The verb form (present participle) also implies the sequential arrangement: having purified herself, she returned home. Of course, the use of the term purification is another ironic element in the author's narration: she can purify herself from the ordinary pollution of sexual intercourse, but the defilement of illicit sexuality is not so easily washed off.

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Tikva Frymer-Kensky *(continued)*

“The mention of Bathsheba's purification, like the verbs that precede it, underline the unhurried, non secretive nature of this affair. There is no rush here. David does not send her away abruptly after he has satisfied himself. And she does not hurry off. If Levitical law can be taken as a guide for action in David's time, they may even have waited until evening. Their affair was deliberate, measured, slow, and obvious. And most likely, David didn't give it another thought.”

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Differences between Eastern and Western Culture

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**Example of Honor/
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Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes

“David is asking Uriah to let him off the hook. If Uriah comes home and spends one night with his wife, then the baby is “technically” Uriah’s, even though everyone knows otherwise. Honor would be restored (among the men)... We should note David's concern is not whether adultery is objectively right or wrong. He doesn't appear to be nursing a guilty conscience. While in our Western culture, a guilty conscience can go without being said, in David's culture, honor and shame did not need to be stated overtly. The hints and innuendos were sufficient. David's concern was not soothing a guilty conscience but protecting his honor as king.

(Richards, E. R. & O'Brien, B. J. (2012). Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes. p. 123).

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“His response shames David in three ways. First, Uriah notes that everyone with one exception was where they were supposed to be: in the field with the army...The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents... Even God (symbolized by the ark) was there. Everyone was there, that is, but David. Second, Uriah notes the one in the field commanding the army - doing David's job - was Joab, not David. This was all the more poignant because Uriah was a paid Soldier, a Hittite mercenary. He had less reason to fight for Israel than David had. Lastly, Uriah indicates to David he knows exactly what David wants [for him to lie with his wife] and will not cooperate.”

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16 And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men *were*.

17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell *some* of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

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25 Then David said to the messenger, Thus shalt thou say to Joab, Let not this trouble thee, for the sword shall devour as well as another: neither will it be more strong against thee, and overthrow it: and thou shalt smite him.

26 ¶ And when the messenger heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for him.

27 And when the messenger was past, David sent and fetched Bathsheba from her house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. And the name of the child was Nathan: that David had done in the sight of the LORD.

and bringing the matters of the war unto the king,

20 And if so be that the king's ^awrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall?

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CHAPTER 12

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to David, who is now cursed for taking
Bathsheba—David fasts and prays for*

Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes

“Although David had acted appropriately according to the broader cultural standards of his day, God held him to higher moral standards. Even so, God worked through the honor/shame system to bring David to repentance. The culture of David's day didn't have a way to bring up the matter. We Westerners might assume that God's spirit would eventually convicted David's inner heart. That's because Westerners are introspective. We respond to internal pressure. But David doesn't appear to be experiencing any inner pressure. No matter; God is not stymied by culture. God had introduced another element into ancient near Eastern culture: a prophet. Instead of a voice whispering to his heart, a prophet shouted at his face. Either way, God speaks. Since David's culture used shame to bring about conformity, God used shame to bring David to repentance.”

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COME FOLLOW ME: OLD TESTAMENT





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AND the LORD sent ^aNathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

2 The rich *man* had exceeding many flocks and herds:

3 But the poor *man* had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this *thing* shall surely die:

^b 2 Sam. 12:11 (1-25);
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9 Wherefore hast thou^a despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast^b killed^c Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his^d wife *to be* thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

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18 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?

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Institute Manual

“The child born of [David and Bathsheba’s] illicit union did not live, but there is no reason to look upon that as ‘punishment’ of the child for the sins of the parents. Removal from this earth by the hand of the Lord must come at one time or another and can be a blessing to an individual, brought about for his best interest at whatever time the Lord sees it to be optimum”

Richard G. Scott

“It is a fundamental truth that through the Atonement of Jesus Christ we can be cleansed. We can become virtuous and pure. However, sometimes our poor choices leave us with long-term consequences. One of the vital steps to complete repentance is to bear the short- and long-term consequences of our past sins”

(Richard G. Scott, “Personal Strength through the Atonement of Jesus Christ,” GC October 2013, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2013, 82–83).

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David's Child Dies

Solomon's Birth

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21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst ^afast and weep for the child, *while it was* alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.

22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell *whether* GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

24 ¶ And David ^acomforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name ^bSolomon: and the LORD loved him.

25 And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.

26 ¶ And ^aJoab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

27 And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters.

28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and it be called after my name.

29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it.

30 And he took their king's ^acrown from off his head, the weight whereof *was* a talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was *set* on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance.

31 And he brought forth the people that *were* therein, and put *them* under ^asaws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brick-kiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 13

Amnon desires Tamar, his sister, and forces her—He is slain by Absalom's command—Absalom flees to Geshur.

AND it came to pass after this, that ^aAbsalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name *was* ^bTamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.

2 And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she *was* a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.

3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name *was* ^aJonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab *was* a very subtil man.

4 And he said unto him, Why *art* thou, *being* the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love ^aTamar, my brother Absalom's sister.

5 And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see *it*, and eat *it* at her hand.

6 ¶ So Amnon lay down, and made

6a Ex. 22:1; Luke 19:8.
7a TG Anointing.
9a Num. 15:31 (30–31); 2 Ne. 15:24; D&C 3:7.
b 2 Sam. 11:15 (15–17); 2 Ne. 9:35; Alma 39:6; D&C 42:18.

10a Mosiah 14:3; 15:26 (26–27).
11a 2 Sam. 11:27 (1–27); 15:2 (1–14); 1 Chr. 21:8 (1–8); Ps. 88:14 (6–8, 14–18).
12a 2 Sam. 16:22.
13a Gen. 39:9; 1 Sam. 15:24; Ps. 51:4.

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20a TG Apparel.
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Matt. 1:6.
26a 1 Chr. 20:1.

13 1a 2 Sam. 3:3 (2–3).
b 1 Chr. 3:9.

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2 Samuel 13-24

2 Samuel 13:1-22 - Amnon and the Rape of Tamar

2 Samuel 13:23-33 - Absalom Murders Amnon

2 Samuel 13:34-39 - Absalom Flees to Geshur

2 Samuel 13:28–29

28 ¶ Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant.

29 And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled.

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2 Samuel 14 - Absalom Returns to Jerusalem

2 Samuel 14:25-27

25 ¶ But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

26 And when he polled his head, [gave him a haircut] (for it was at every year's end that he polled it: because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he polled it:) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight.

27 And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.

2 Samuel 15:1-12 - Absalom's Conspiracy

2 Samuel 15:13-37 - David Flees Jerusalem

2 Samuel 16:1-4 - David and Ziba

2 Samuel 16:5-14 - Shimei Curses David

2 Samuel 16:15-23 - Absalom Enters Jerusalem

2 Samuel 17 - Hushai Saves David



2 Samuel 18:1-18 - Absalom Killed

2 Samuel 18:19-30 - David Hears of Absalom's Death

2 Samuel 18:31-33 - David's Grief

2 Samuel 18:33

33 ¶ And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

2 Samuel 19:1-8 - Joab Rebukes David

2 Samuel 19:9-15 - David Returns to Jerusalem

2 Samuel 19:16-43 - David Pardons His Enemies

2 Samuel 20 - The Rebellion of Sheba

2 Samuel 21:1-14 - David Avenges the Gibeonites

2 Samuel 21:15-22 - War with the Philistines

2 Samuel 22 - David's Song of Deliverance

2 Samuel 23:1-7 - The Last Words of David

2 Samuel 23:8-39 - David's Mighty Men

2 Samuel 24:1-9 - David's Census

2 Samuel 24:10-17 - The Lord's Judgment of David's Sin

2 Samuel 24:18-25 - David Builds an Altar

2 Samuel 24:16 JST

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1 Kings 1:1-4 - David in His Old Age

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1 Kings 1:5-10 - Adonijah Sets Himself Up as King

1 Kings 1:11-27 - Nathan and Bathsheba Before David

1 Kings 1:28-53 - Solomon Anointed King

1 Kings 1:52 (referring to Adonijah)

52 And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.

1 Kings 2:1-9 - David's Instructions to Solomon

1 Kings 2:10-12 - The Death of David

1 Kings 2:13-46 - Solomon's Reign Established

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“Abiathar and Joab were still conspiring to put Adonijah on the throne (see 1 Kings 2:22). Solomon banished Abiathar from Jerusalem and took from him the office of high priest in Israel. Abiathar was a great-grandson of Eli, who was both priest and judge in Israel, and the last of his descendants to hold a priestly office. This punishment and restriction of Abiathar fulfilled the prophecy announced to Eli by the Lord (see 1 Samuel 2:31–36).

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Modern revelation records the Lord's words concerning David after David had Uriah killed: "Therefore he hath fallen from his exaltation" (D&C 132:39). "As a consequence David is still unforgiven, but he received a promise that the Lord would not leave his soul in hell. He will be resurrected at the end of the Millennium" (Bible Dictionary, "David").

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And the Lord covenanted with the people...

1 Kings 6:12–13

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Thomas S. Monson

“Those who understand the eternal blessings which come from the temple know that no sacrifice is too great, no price too heavy, no struggle too difficult in order to receive those blessings. ...

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The ark, containing the two tablets of stone, is placed in the holy of holies—The glory of the Lord fills the temple—Solomon offers the dedicatory prayer—He asks for temporal and spiritual blessings upon repentant and prayerful Israel—The people sacrifice and worship for fourteen days.

THEN Solomon assembled the ^aelders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the ^bchief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the ^afeast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.

3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the ^apriests took up the ark.

4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.

5 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were

assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

6 And the priests brought in the ^aark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most ^bholy place, even under the wings of the cherubims.

7 For the ^acherubims spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

8 And they drew out the ^astaves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the ^boracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.

9 There was nothing in the ^aark save the two ^btables of stone, which Moses put there at ^cHoreb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the ^acloud filled the house of the LORD,

11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the ^aglory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

12 ¶ Then spake ^aSolomon, The LORD said that he would dwell in the thick ^bdarkness.

13 I have surely ^abuilt thee an ^bhouse to dwell in, a settled place for thee to ^cabide in for ever.

14 And the king turned his face about, and ^ablessed all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;)

15 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which spake with his

mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying,

16 Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that my name might be therein; but I chose ^aDavid to be over my people Israel.

17 And it was in the heart of David my father to build an ^ahouse for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

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20 And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

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22 ¶ And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and ^aspread forth his hands toward heaven:

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26 And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and ^aheaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day:

29 That thine eyes may be open toward this ^ahouse night and day, even toward the ^bplace of which thou hast said, My ^cname shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the ^aprayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.

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32 Then hear thou in heaven, and

50b 1 Kgs. 6:16.
51a TG Temple.
b 2 Sam. 8:11 (10–11).

7a TG Cherubim.
8a Ex. 25:15.
b 1 Kgs. 6:5.

10a D&C 84:5.
TG God, Manifestations of.

16a 1 Sam. 16:1.
17a D&C 109:8.

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38 What prayer and supplication soever be *made* by any man, *or* by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:

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ing to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, *even* thou only, knowest the ^ahearts of all the children of men;)

40 That they may ^afear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

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48 And so ^areturn they unto thee with all their heart, and soul, in the land which led them away captive, and shall pray unto thee toward the city which thou gavest them, and the house which thou hast built for thy name:

49 Then ^ahear thou in heaven, and their supplication, and thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause,

50 And forgive their iniquity, because they have sinned against thee: and their transgressions which they have transgressed against thee, give them compassions, O LORD, as thou hast forgiven thy people Israel, who carried them away captive, and as thou hast said, I will have compassion upon them.

51 For they be thine ^binheritance, O LORD, which thou broughtest forth out of the midst of the furnace of Egypt: and thou hast said, I will have compassion upon them.

52 That thine eyes may be open toward the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hear in all that they call upon thee.

53 For thou didst say, I will have compassion upon them, from among all the people which thou hast brought out of the earth, *to be* ^bthine inheritance: and thou spakest by thine oath unto thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt.

54 And it was so, when our fathers had made an oath unto thee, O LORD, that thou shouldst say, I will have compassion upon them: and thou hast said, I will have compassion upon them, O LORD, he arose from the altar of the LORD, and his knees with his hands toward heaven.

55 And he stood

16a 1 Sam. 16:1.
17a D&C 109:8.

1 Sam. 2:2 (1-10);
2 Sam. 7:22;

17:8 (8-17); 26:2 (1-11);
2 Chr. 7:12.

32a TG Righteousness.
33a Lev. 26:17.

37a Septuagint: any of their
cities.

TG Israel, Mission of;
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48a Jer. 29:12 (12-14).
b Ps. 5:7; Dan. 6:10.
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52 That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee.

53 For thou didst ^aseparate them from among all the people of the earth, *to be* ^bthine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD.

54 And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of ^apraying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

55 And he stood, and blessed all

the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

56 Blessed *be* the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not ^afailed one ^bword of all his good ^cpromise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us:

58 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

59 And let these my words, where-with I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require:

60 That all the people of the earth may ^aknow that the LORD *is* ^bGod, *and that there is* ^cnone else.

61 Let your ^aheart therefore be ^bperfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

62 ¶ And the king, and all Israel with him, ^aoffered sacrifice before the LORD.

63 And Solomon offered a ^asacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel ^bdedicated the house of the LORD.

64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the LORD: for

there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the ^abrasen altar that *was* before the LORD *was* too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 And at that time Solomon held a ^afeast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the ^bentering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, *even* fourteen days.

66 On the ^aeighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

CHAPTER 9

The Lord again appears to Solomon—The Lord promises great blessings if the Israelites are obedient and great cursings if they forsake Him—Solomon reigns in splendor, levies tribute upon the non-Israelites, and builds a navy of ships.

AND it came to pass, when Solomon had ^afinished the building of the ^bhouse of the LORD, and the ^cking's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

2 That the LORD ^aappeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at ^bGibeon.

3 And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy ^aprayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my ^bname there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

4 And if thou wilt ^awalk before me, as ^bDavid thy father walked, in ^cintegrity of heart, and in uprightness,

to do according to all that I have commanded thee, *and* wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:

5 Then I will establish the ^athrone of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

6 *But* if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments *and* my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve ^aother gods, and worship them:

7 Then will I ^acut off Israel out of the ^bland which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a ^cbyword among all people:

8 And at this house, *which* is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD ^adone thus unto this land, and to this house?

9 And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

10 ¶ And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house,

11 (*Now* Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not.

48a Jer. 29:12 (12–14).

b Ps. 5:7; Dan. 6:10.

49a Mosiah 21:15.

John 17:6 (6–22);

3 Ne. 15:19 (19–20).

b Mos. 1:26.

c TG Promise.

60a TG Israel, Mission of.

b Deut. 4:35 (35, 39).

61a Mosiah 2:1 (1–2).



Gordon B. Hinckley

“The temple is ... a place of personal inspiration and revelation. Legion are those who in times of stress, when difficult decisions must be made and perplexing problems must be handled, have come to the temple in a spirit of fasting and prayer to seek divine direction. Many have testified that while voices of revelation were not heard, impressions concerning a course to follow were experienced at that time or later which became answers to their prayers”

(Gordon B. Hinckley, “The Salt Lake Temple,” Ensign, Mar. 1993, 6).

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1 Kings 9-10

1 Kings 9:1-9 - The Lord Appears to Solomon

1 Kings 9:10-28 - Solomon's Other Acts

1 Kings 10:1-13 - The Queen of Sheba

1 Kings 10:14-29 - Solomon's Great Wealth



1 Kings 10:6-7

6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.

7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

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present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

26 ¶ And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a ^athousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.

27 And the king ^amade silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the vale, for abundance.

28 ¶ And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and ^alinen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.

CHAPTER 11

Solomon marries non-Israelite women, and his wives turn his heart to the worship of false gods—The Lord stirs up adversaries against him, including Jeroboam, the son of Nebat—Ahijah promises Jeroboam that he will be the king of the ten tribes—Solomon dies and Rehoboam reigns in his stead.

BUT king ^aSolomon loved many ^bstrange ^cwomen, together with the ^ddaughter of ^ePharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

2 Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of

Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will ^aturn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.

3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his ^awives turned away his heart.

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his ^awives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, ^bas was the heart of David his father.

5 For Solomon went after Ash-toreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

6 And ^aSolomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, ^band went not fully after the LORD, as *did* David his father.

7 Then did Solomon build an high place for ^aChemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the ^bhill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

9 ¶ And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was ^aturned from the LORD God of Israel, which had ^bappeared unto him twice,

10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after ^aother gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.

11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done

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of thee, and thou hast not kept my ^acovenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the ^bkingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.

13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give ^aone tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

14 ¶ And the LORD stirred up an ^aadversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he *was* of the king's seed in Edom.

15 For it came to pass, when David was in ^aEdom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom;

16 (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom:)

17 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad *being* yet a little child.

18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.

19 And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

20 And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.

21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain

of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country.

22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

23 ¶ And God stirred him up *another* adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them of *Zobah*: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad *did*: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

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29 And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet ^aAhijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two *were* alone in the field:

30 And ^aAhijah caught the new garment that *was* on him, and rent it in twelve pieces:

31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take

thee ten pieces: for thus said the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of thine hand of Solomon, and will give it to thee:

32 (But he shall have ^aone tribe for my servant David's sake, for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the cities of Israel:)

33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and ^bMilcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do *which is* right in mine eyes, therefore will I *bring down* upon you, and will *keep* my statutes and my judgments, ^cas *did* David his father.

34 Howbeit I will not take away the whole kingdom out of his hand; but I will make him prince over half the kingdom: and he shall have six months of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes:

35 But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, *even* ten tribes.

36 And unto his son will I give ^aone ^btribe, that David my servant may have a light always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have ^cchosen me to put my name there.

37 And I will take thee, and will set thee over Israel, and shalt reign according to all that thou desirest, and shalt be successful over Israel.

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26a 1 Kgs. 4:26.
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28a HEB from Kue (Cilicia). The name of this country is mistakenly translated to be "linen yarn."

11 1a Jacob 2:24 (23-24); D&C 132:38.

c TG Woman.
d 1 Kgs. 7:8; 9:16 (16-24).
e 1 Kgs. 3:1.

2a TG Apostasy of Israel.
3a Jer. 44:9.
4a TG Marriage, Interfaith.
b JST 1 Kgs. 11:4 . . . and it became as the heart . . .
6a TG Ingratitude.

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7a Num. 21:29.
b 2 Kgs. 23:13.

9a TG Apostasy of Individuals.
b 1 Kgs. 3:5; 9:2.
TG God, Privilege of Seeing.

11a TG Covenants

15a 1 Chr. 18:13 (12, 13)

2 Chr. 32:5

31a TG Israel, Ten Lost Tribes of.

32a Septuagint: two tribes.
33a TG Apostasy of Israel.
b Zeph. 1:5.
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BUT king ^aSolomon loved many ^bstrange ^cwomen, together with the ^ddaughter of ^ePharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, *and* Hittites;

2 Of the nations *concerning* which the LORD said unto the children of

his father.

7 Then did Solomon build an high place for ^aChemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the ^bhill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

9 ¶ And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was ^aturned from the LORD God of Israel, which had ^bappeared unto him twice,

10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after ^aother gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.

11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done

present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

26 ¶ And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a ^athousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.

27 And the king ^amade silver *to be* in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he *to be* as the sycomore trees that *are* in the vale, for abundance.

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AND ^aRehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard *of it*, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;)

3 That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father made our ^ayoke grievous: now therefore make thou the

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David, and also for the people, I have rent the kingdom, and for this I will afflict

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39 ^aAnd I will for this afflict the seed of ^bDavid, but not for ever.

40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto ^aShishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, *are they not written* in the ^abook of the acts of Solomon?

42 And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *was* forty years.

43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and ^aRehoboam his son reigned in his stead.