

# Give Us A King



*A Harmony of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles*

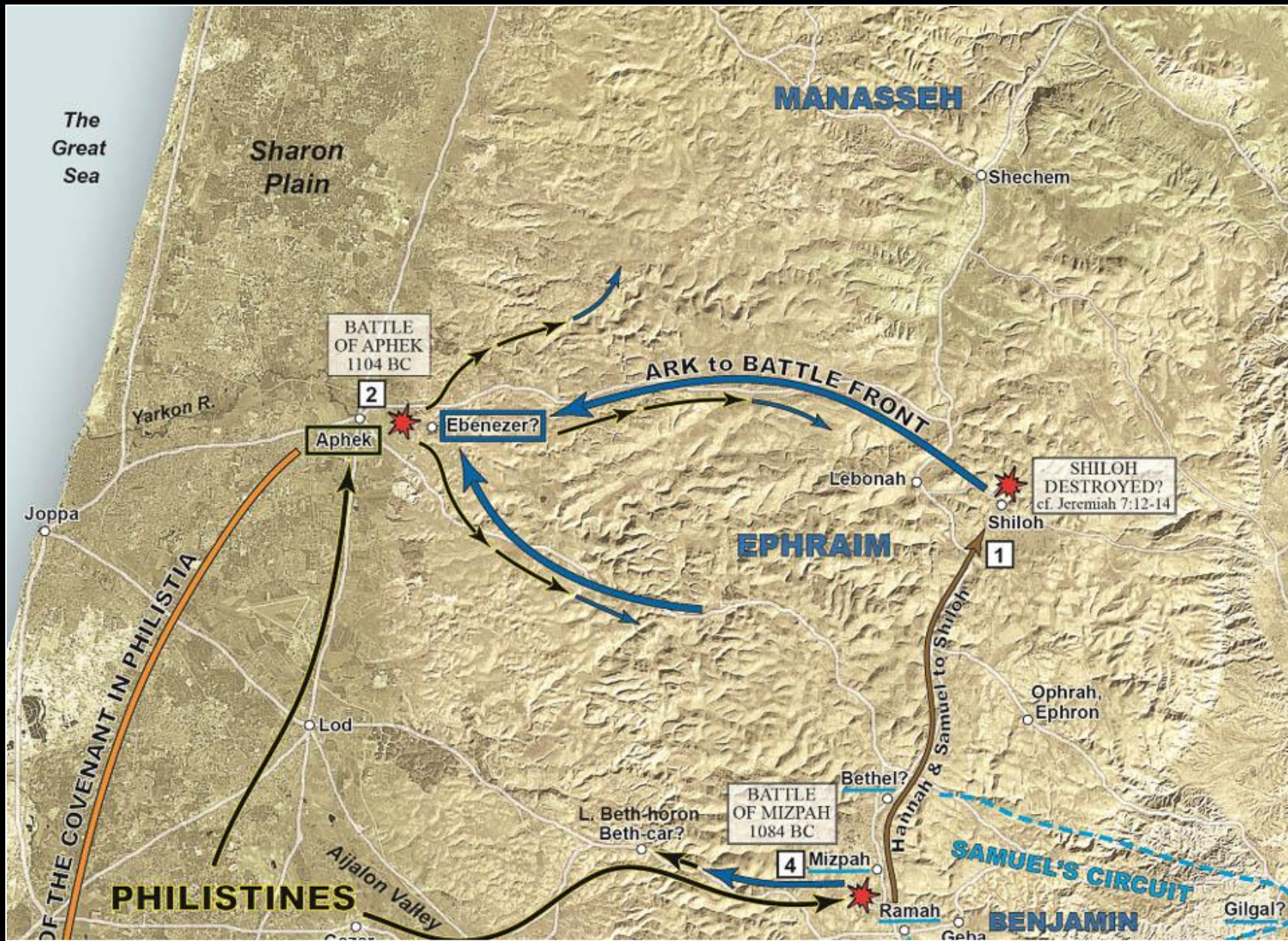
*Part 1*

*1-2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles*

Land occupied by the Israelites during the settlement period

○ City still dominated by Canaanites after the Israelites settled the Promised Land (according to Judges 1)





Map of the battle of Aphek

**Ebenezer  
(Izbet Sartah)**



**Aphek**

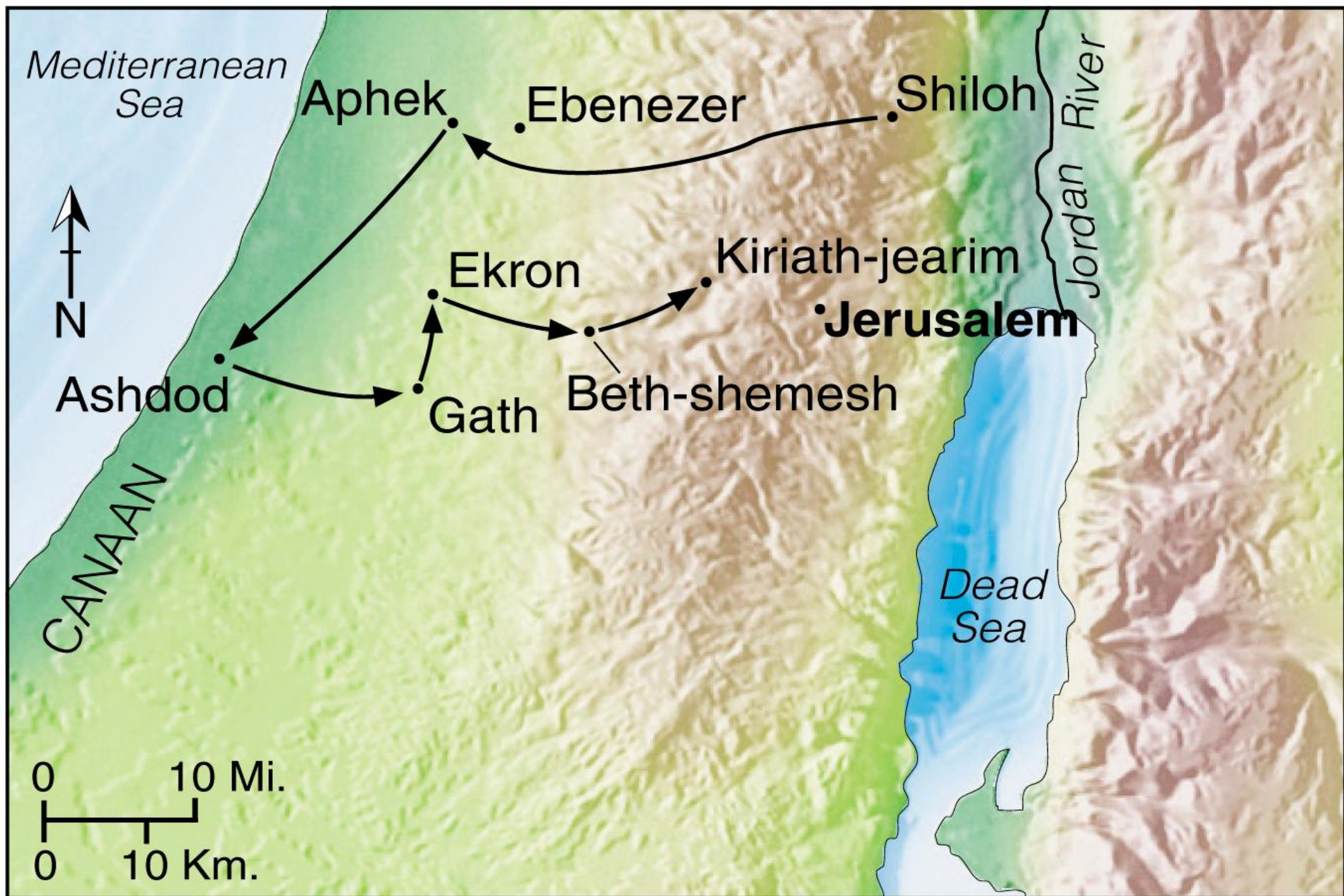
Aphek (aerial from the west, looking toward Ebenezer)

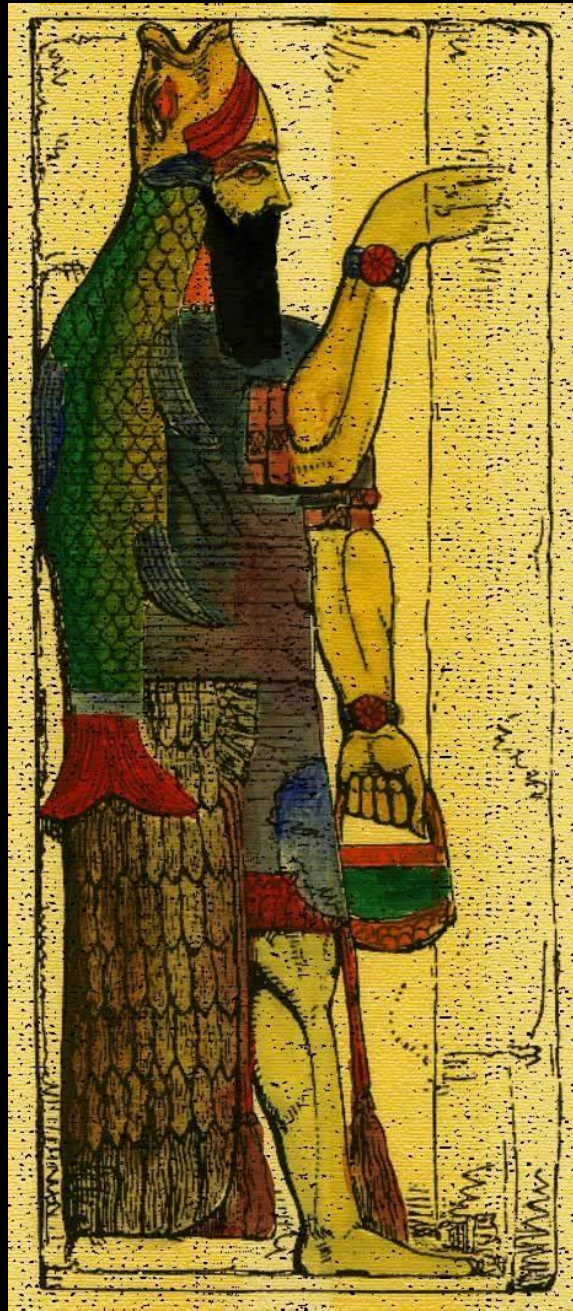


Model of the ark of the covenant



Bronze short sword, from an Iron Age tomb at Jebel al-Buhais, 1100–300 BC







# Applications for Today

1. Even God's enemies understand the importance of being strong and acting like men when a battle is taking place (4:9; 1 Cor. 16:13).
2. Just because God's people have a tangible object of importance with them does not mean that they are in a right relationship with God (4:5-22; Mt. 23:37-39; Lk. 19:41-46).

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3. It is good to remember how God has dealt with people in the past so that we can know how to act properly in his sight in the present (4:8; 6:6; Rom. 15:4).
4. When the Lord threatens judgment upon someone, he keeps his word (4:11; 2 Pet. 3:3-13).
5. National calamity that comes from abandoning God should bring personal heartache (4:19-22; Mt. 23:37-39; Lk. 19:41-46).

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6. False gods and idols are powerless, but God alone is the one true God (5:1-5; Isa. 44:6-20; 1 Cor. 8:4-6).
7. You cannot escape the Lord. He rules over all people. The “hand of the Lord” can be against foreign nations just as much as against his own people (5:6-12; Ex. 9:3).
8. God’s providential hand can be seen in the affairs of mankind and in the animal and plant kingdom as well (6:1-16; Mt. 6:26-30).

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9. The Lord takes the violation of his law very seriously and so should we (6:19; 1 Jn. 3:4).
10. We should have reverence for the holy things of God. He is holy and to stand before him we must be holy as well (6:20; 1 Pet. 1:16).
11. It is important to seek the Lord and turn to him after a period of apostasy (7:2; Lk. 1:16).