Give Us A King



A Harmony of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles Part 1 1-2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles

Chronology of Events in 1 Sam. 28-31

1. The Philistines move toward their battle with Saul; they camp at Aphek with Achish and David and use it as a staging ground (28:1-2; 29:1-11)

2. David returns to Ziklag (3 days) and finds it burned and the captives taken (30:1-6). The Philistines move into position for battle at Jezreel (29:11).

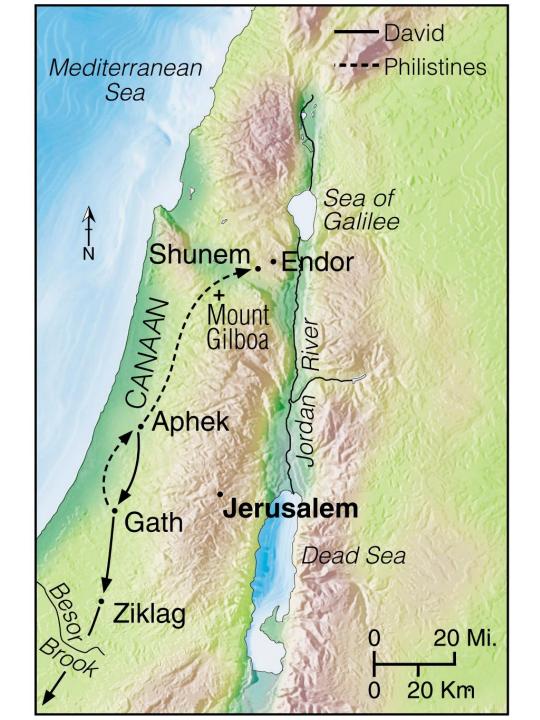
3. David defeats the Amalekites and returns to Ziklag (30:7-31).

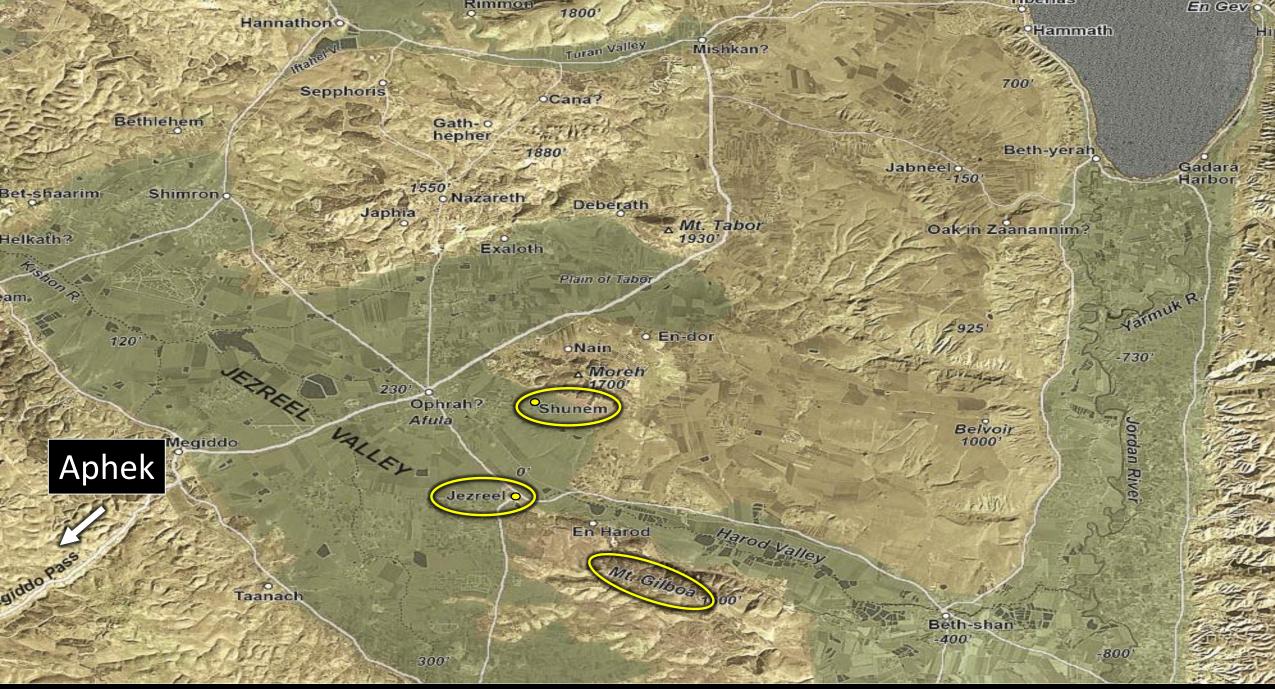
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4. The Philistines camp at Shunem and Israel camps at Gilboa. Saul goes to Endor and Samuel tells him he is going to die on the morrow (28:3-25).

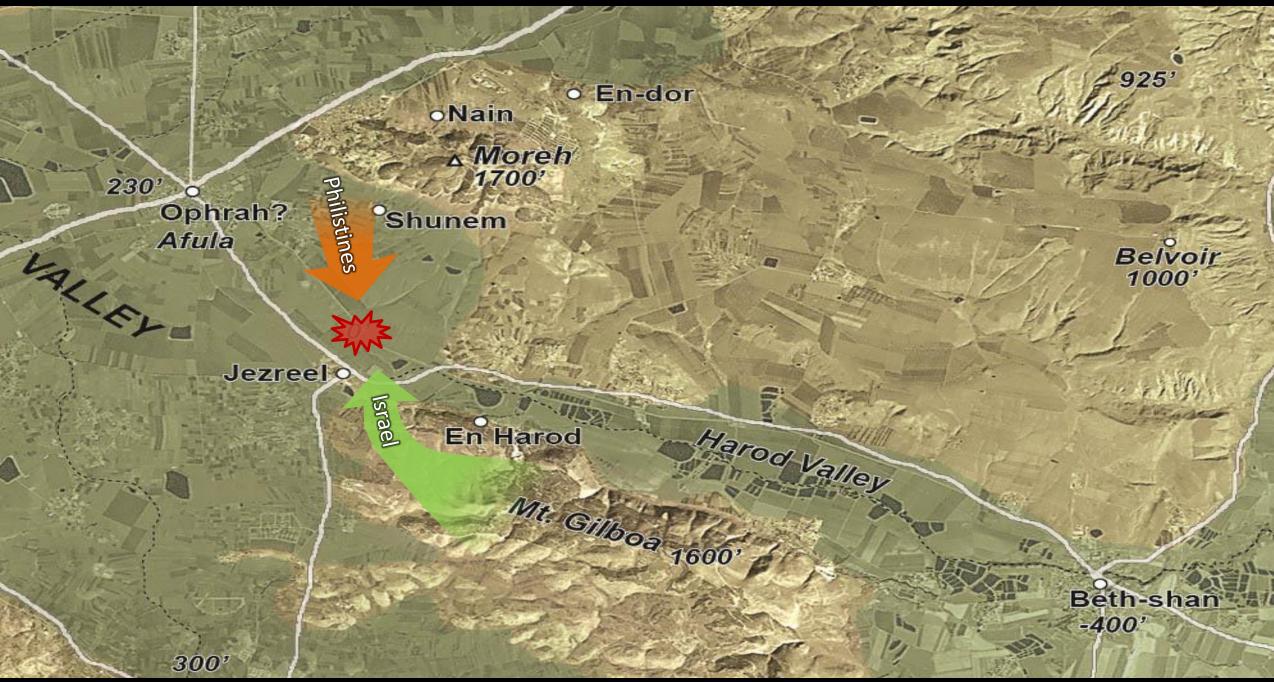
5. The next day, the Philistines fight with Israel and Saul and his sons die (31:1-13).

 After Saul dies and David defeats the Amalekites (3 days), David learns of Saul's death and offers up a lamentation for him (2 Sam. 1:1-27).





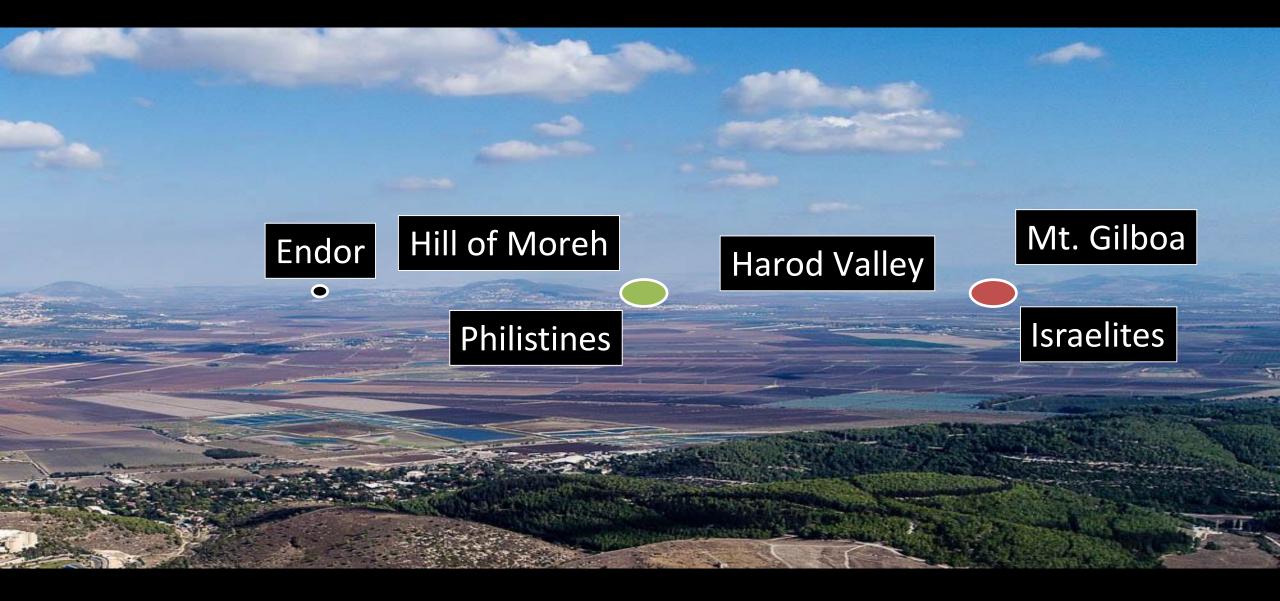
Map of Shunem, Jezreel, and Mount Gilboa



Map of the Philistine-Israelite battle



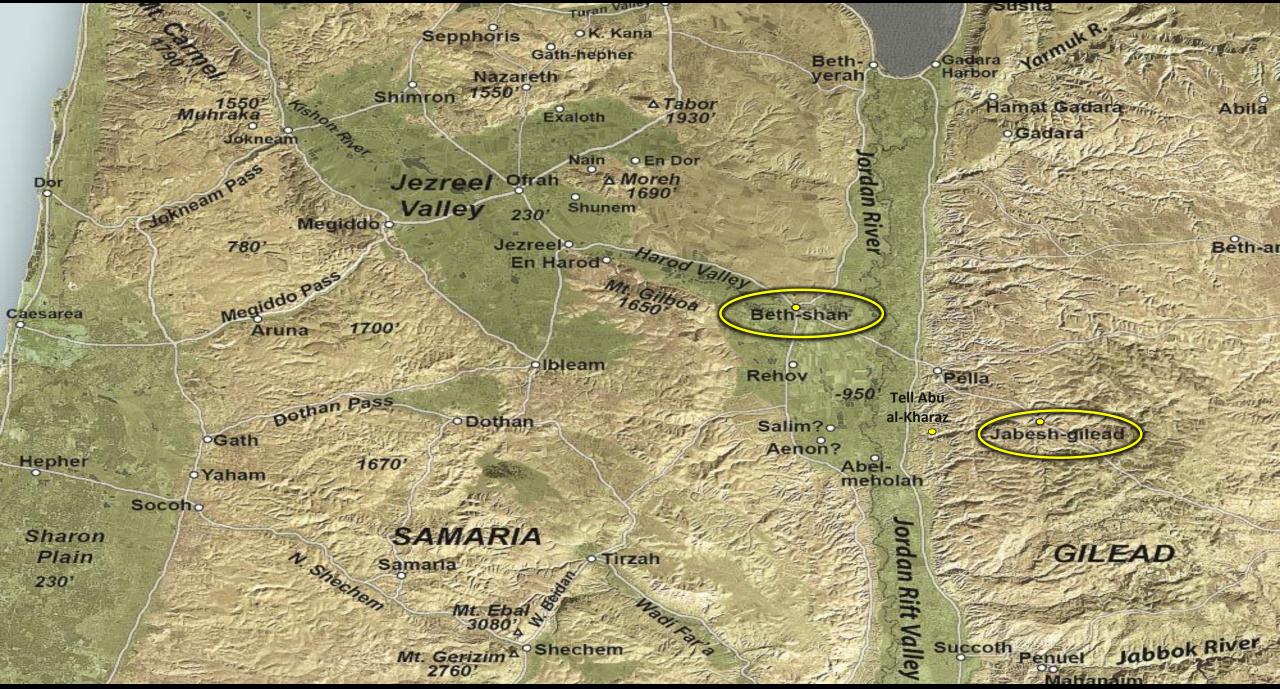
Hill of Moreh, Nain, and Shunem (aerial view from the northwest)



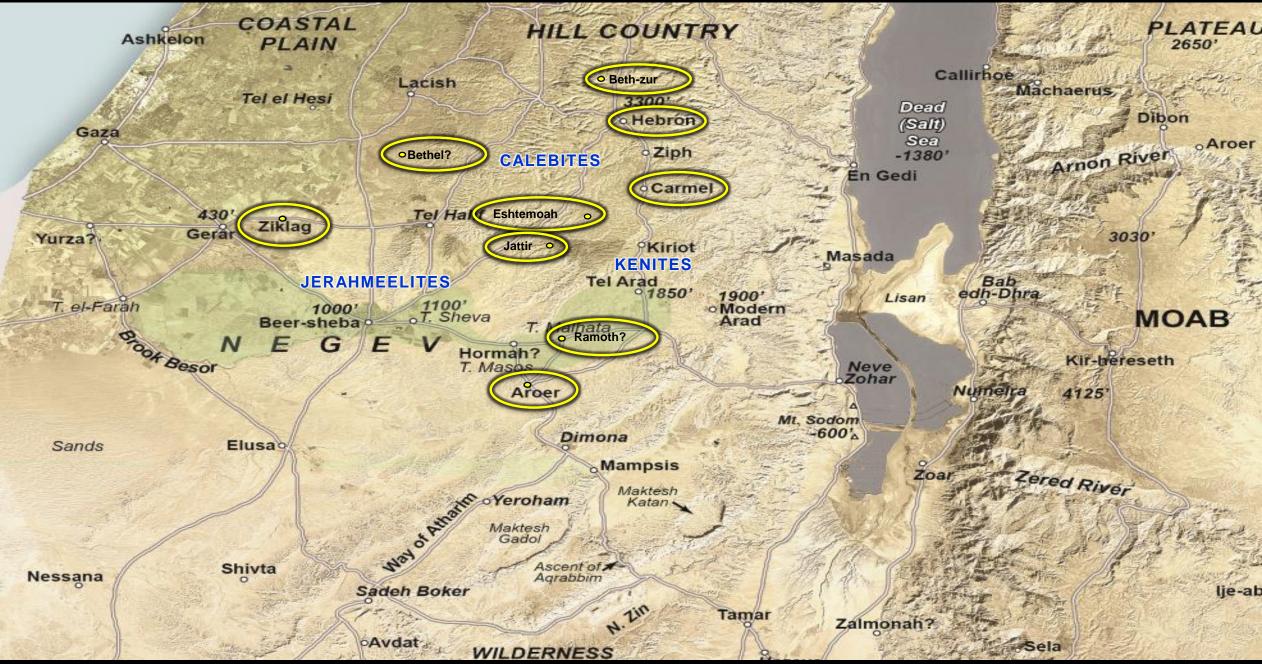
Jezreel Valley, Harod Valley, and Mount Gilboa (aerial view from the west)



Beth-shan, Mount Gilboa, and the Harod Valley (aerial view from the east)



Map of Beth-shan and Jabesh-gilead



Map of Ziklag, Carmel, and possible Jezreel of Judah

1. Witchcraft (sorcery) is sinful and a work of the flesh (28:3, 7; Gal. 5:20; Rev. 9:21; 18:23; 21:8).

2. The Lord does not answer those who do not follow him (28:6, 16; Prov. 28:9).

3. Tell people the truth, even when it is hard to so do (28:16-19; Eph. 4:15).

4. God's word always comes to pass (28:19; 31:1-5; 1 K. 13:32).

5. Guard your reputation carefully. Even people in the world can become aware of it (29:5; 1 Tim. 3:7).

6. Disappointments in life can actually be a "God-send" to cause us to better things (29:6-11; Eccl. 3:1-11).

- In times of great grief and trouble, strengthen yourself in the Lord (30:6; Psa. 18:1-2; 27:14; Jer. 15:11).
- 8. Ask the Lord for help in prayer when you are facing difficult choices and decisions in life (30:8; Phil. 4:6).
- 9. Encourage everyone to value life, defend life, and preserve life; not end life (31:4; 1 Chron. 10: 4; Gen. 45:5; Eccl. 7:12).

10. God punishes sin (1 Chron. 10:13-14; Heb. 2:2-3; 10:26-29).