

1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

PROBLEM SOLVING:

WISDOM UNDER PRESSURE

1 Samuel 21:1–15; Background: Psalm 34

1 Cor. 10:11, “Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come”

People Testing

- 1. People testing takes place when we are faced with challenges in personal relationships.**

Two forms:

People who oppose us

People who challenge our loyalty

People Testing

2. All people testing is resolved through the use of the

Walking by the Spirit

Grace Orientation

Doctrinal Orientation

Personal Love for God

Impersonal Love for Others

- 3. People testing falls under the category of all suffering. Therefore,**
 - a. Deserved: It is the direct result of our own sinfulness;**
 - b. Undeserved: It is the direct result of the sinfulness of those we are closely related to;**
 - c. Undeserved: It is undeserved and designed for personal spiritual growth**

- 4. When we are under attack, rejection, perceived rejection, overt hostility, then we follow these steps.**
 - 1. We turn it over to the Lord, 1 Pet. 5:7**
 - 2. We think in terms of divine justice as seen in David's in Psa. 59**
 - 3. We go the extra mile in being kind, thoughtful, and gracious to the one who is the source of the test. Example: The Good Samaritan. Luke 10:33ff**
 - 4. We do not dwell on personal affronts, injuries, insults, or assaults. Whenever we dwell on those things, or let them influence our behavior, we are putting the other person and our sin nature in control. This means we put that person in a position to influence our life and happiness.**

Two parts to 1 Samuel 21

1. David flees to Nob and seeks food and supplies from Ahimelech the priest.

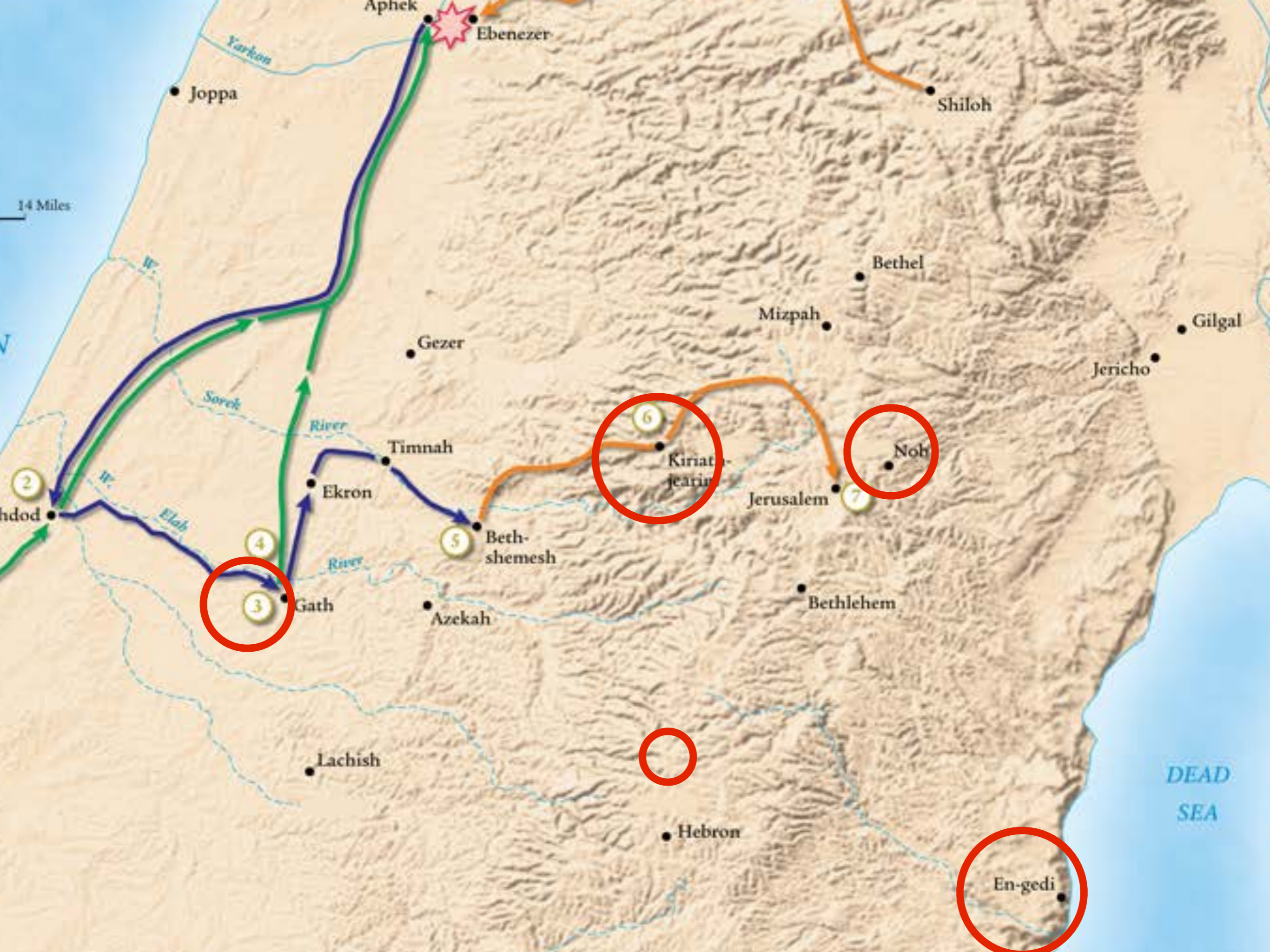
1 Sam. 21:1–9

2. David then fled to Gath, to hide among his enemies the Philistines.

1 Sam. 21:10–15

Psa. 34:0, “A Psalm of David when he pretended madness before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.”

1 Sam. 21:1, “Now David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech was afraid when he met David, and said to him, ‘Why are you alone, and no one is with you?’ ”



14 Miles

Joppa

Aphek

Ebenezer

Shiloh

Bethel

Mizpah

Gezer

Gilgal

Jericho

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hdod

Sorek

River

Timnah

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Bethshemesh

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Gath

Azekah

Bethlehem

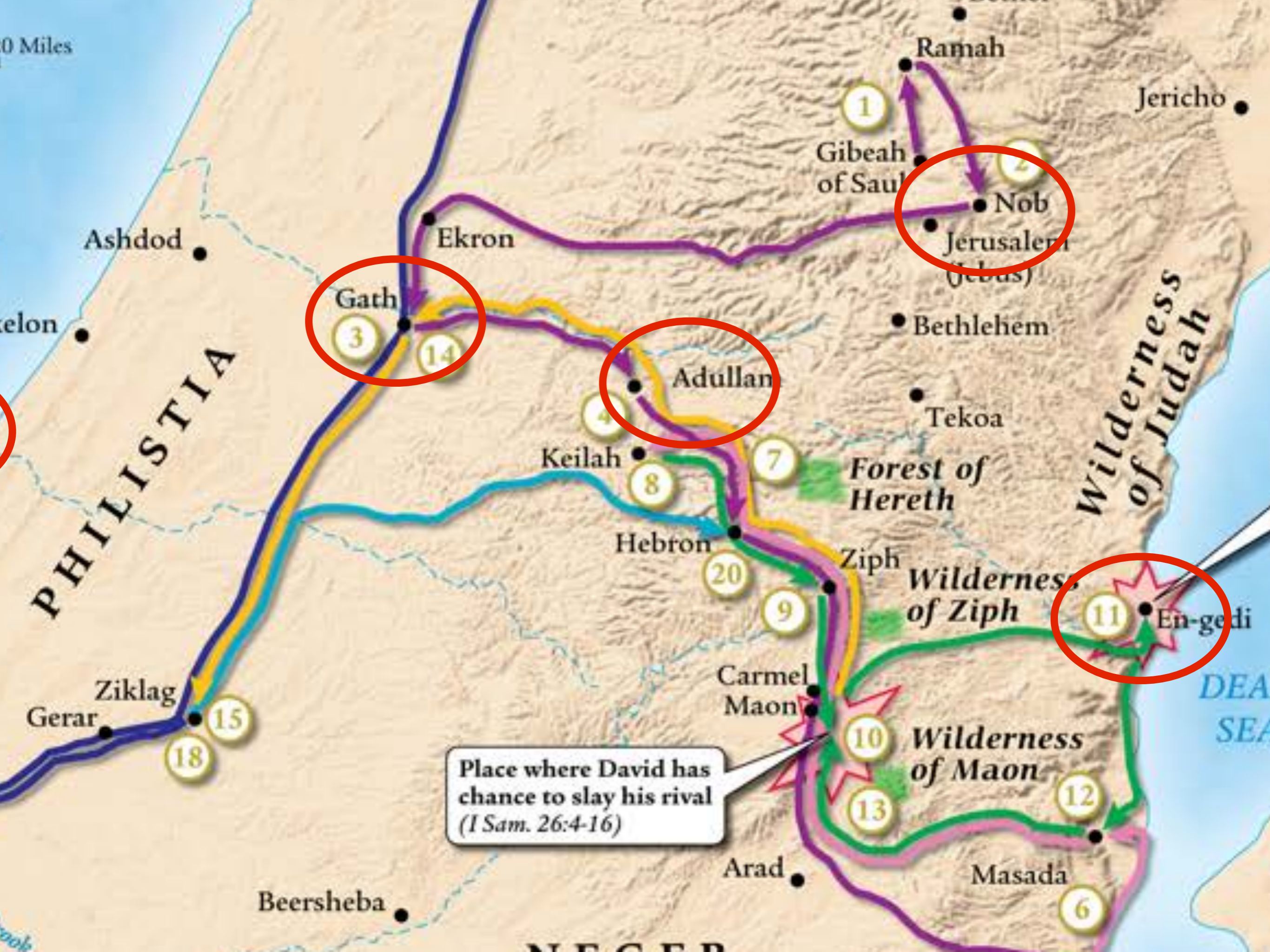
Lachish

Red circle

Hebron

En-gedi

DEAD SEA



0 Miles

Ramah

Jericho

1
Gibeah of Saul

2
Nob
Jerusalem (Jebus)

Ashdod

Ekron

3
Gath

14

4
Adullan

Bethlehem

Elon

PHILISTIA

Tekoa

Keilah

4

8

7

Forest of Hereth

Hebron

20

Ziph

Wilderness of Ziph

11
En-gedi

DEAD SEA

Ziklag
Gerar

15

18

Carmel Maon

10

Wilderness of Maon

Place where David has chance to slay his rival
(1 Sam. 26:4-16)

13

12

Masada

6

Arad

Beersheba

NEGEB

Eli's Descendants

Eli
High Priest

Hophni

Phinehas

Ichabod

Ahitub

Ahimelech

Ahijah

Abiathar
HP under David

Ahimelech

1 Sam. 21:2, “So David said to Ahimelech the priest, ‘The king has ordered me on some business, and said to me, “Do not let anyone know anything about the business on which I send you, or what I have commanded you.” And I have directed my young men to such and such a place.’ ”

**Psa. 5:2, “Give heed to the voice of my cry,
My King and my God, for to You I will pray.**

**Psa. 20:9, “Save, LORD! May the King
answer us when we call.**

**Psa. 24:7, “Lift up your heads, O you
gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting
doors! And the King of glory shall come
in.”**

**Psa. 24:8, “Who is this King of glory? The
LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty
in battle.”**

1 Sam. 21:3, “Now therefore, what have you on hand? Give me five loaves of bread in my hand, or whatever can be found.”



1 Sam. 21:4, “And the priest answered David and said, ‘There is no common bread on hand; but there is holy bread, if the young men have at least kept themselves from women.’ ”

1 Sam. 21:5, “Then David answered the priest, and said to him, ‘Truly, women have been kept from us about three days since I came out. And the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in effect common, even though it was consecrated in the vessel this day.’ ”

1 Sam. 21:6, “So the priest gave him holy bread; for there was no bread there but the showbread which had been taken from before the LORD, in order to put hot bread in its place on the day when it was taken away.”

1 Sam. 21:7, “Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD. And his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chief of the herdsmen who belonged to Saul.”

1 Sam. 21:8, “And David said to Ahimelech, ‘Is there not here on hand a spear or a sword? For I have brought neither my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king’s business required haste.’ ”

1 Sam. 21:9, “So the priest said, ‘The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah, there it is, wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you will take that, take it. For there is no other except that one here.’ And David said, ‘There is none like it; give it to me.’ ”

1 Sam. 21:10, “Then David arose and fled that day from before Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

1 Sam. 21:11, “And the servants of Achish said to him, ‘Is this not David the king of the land? Did they not sing of him to one another in dances, saying: “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands”?’ ”

1 Sam. 21:12, “Now David took these words to heart, and was very much afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

1 Sam. 21:13, “So he changed his behavior before them, pretended madness in their hands, scratched on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva fall down on his beard.”

1 Sam. 21:14, “Then Achish said to his servants, ‘Look, you see the man is insane. Why have you brought him to me?’ ”

1 Sam. 21:15, “ ‘Have I need of madmen, that you have brought this fellow to play the madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?’ ”