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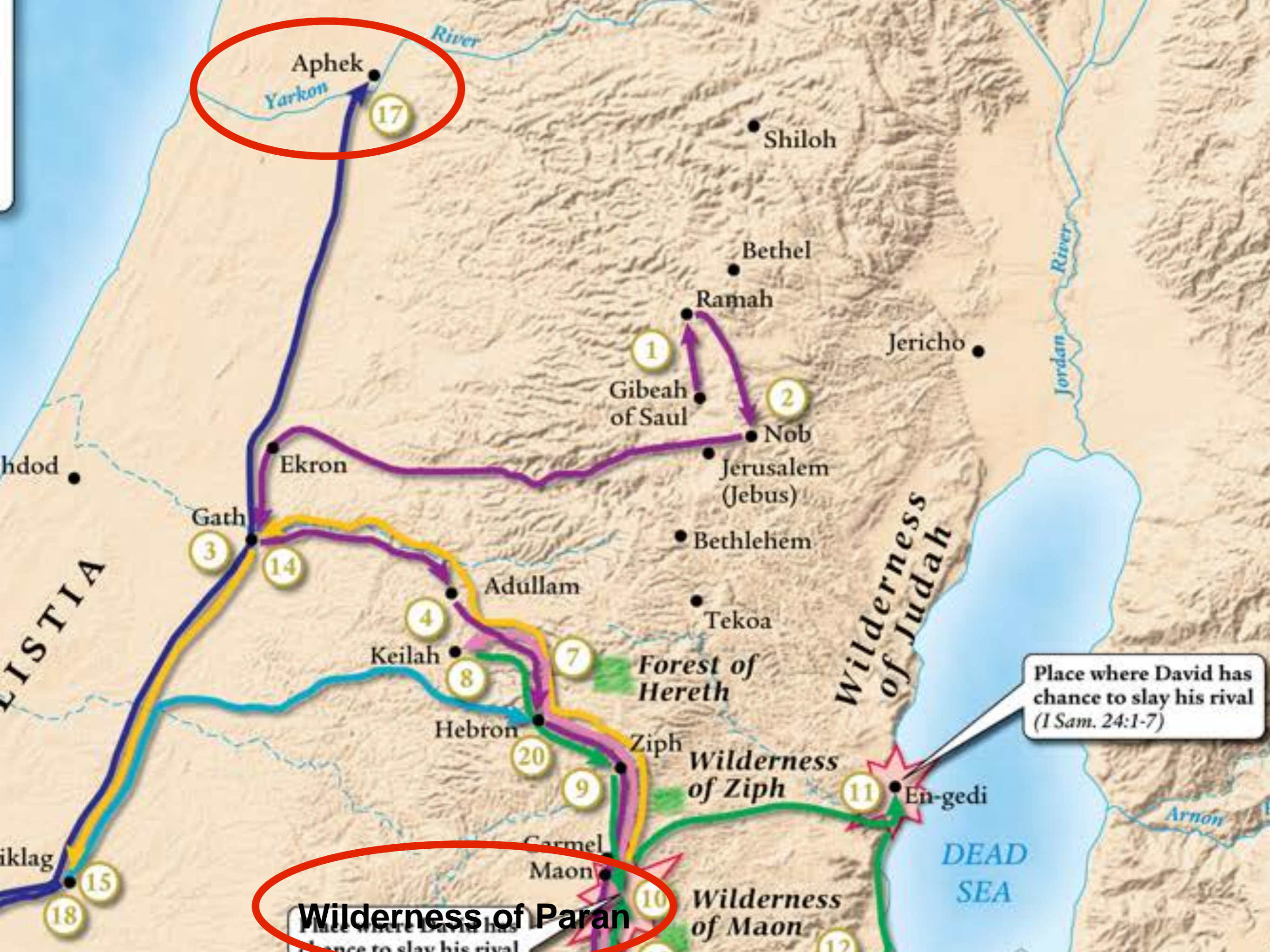
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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

PROVIDENTIAL DELIVERANCE

1 SAMUEL 29:1–11



Aphek
Yarkon

Wilderness of Paran

Place where David has chance to slay his rival
(1 Sam. 24:1-7)

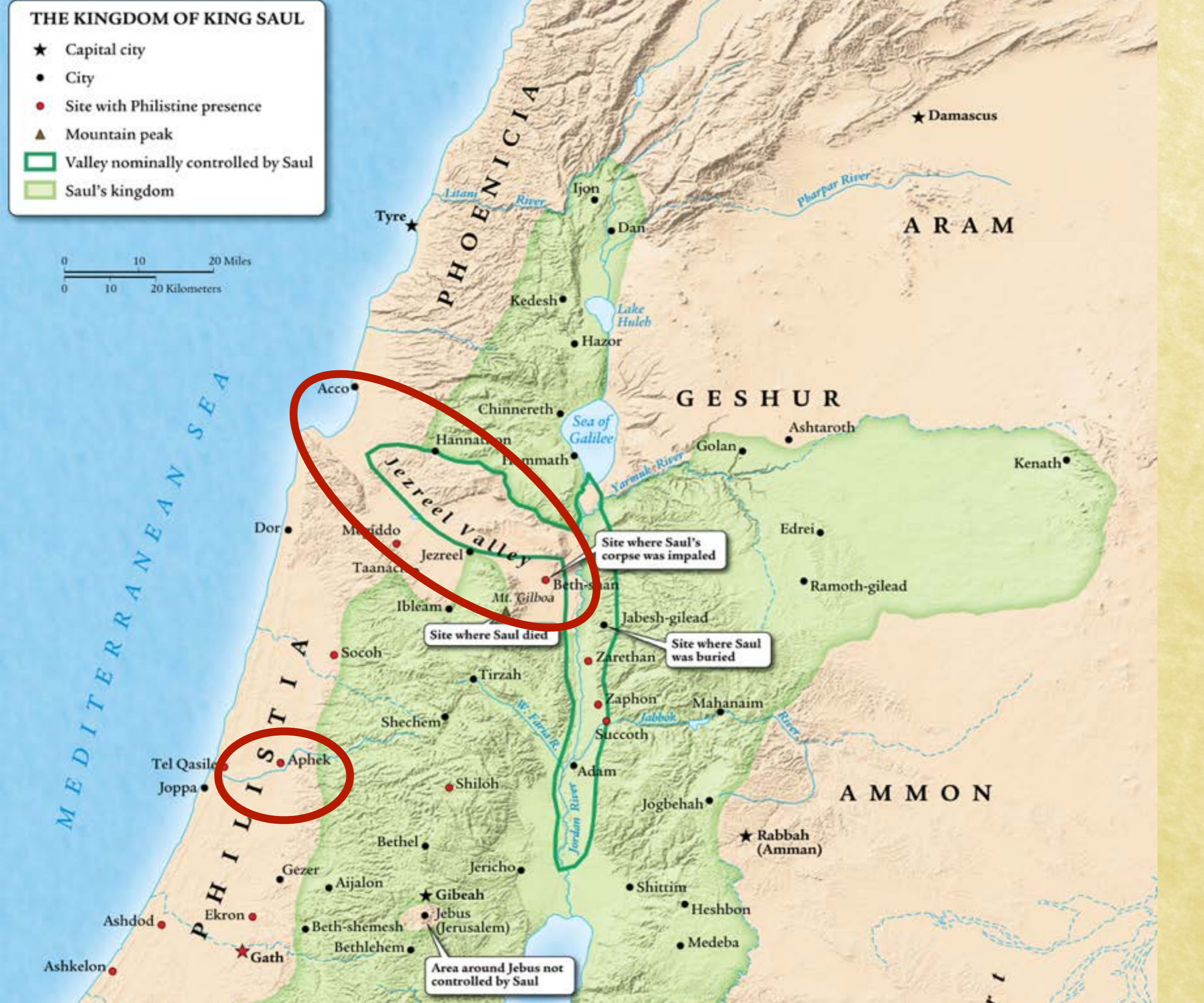
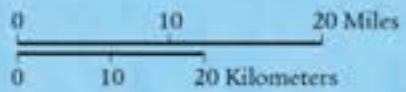
Place where David has chance to slay his rival

1 Sam. 29:1, “Then the Philistines gathered together all their armies at Aphek, and the Israelites encamped by a fountain which is in Jezreel.

1 Sam. 29:2, “And the lords of the Philistines passed in review by hundreds and by thousands, but David and his men passed in review at the rear with Achish.”

THE KINGDOM OF KING SAUL

- ★ Capital city
- City
- Site with Philistine presence
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Valley nominally controlled by Saul
- Saul's kingdom



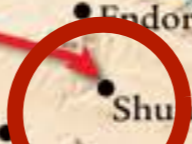
1 Sam. 28:1, “Now it happened in those days that the Philistines gathered their armies together for war, to fight with Israel. And Achish said to David, ‘You assuredly know that you will go out with me to battle, you and your men.’”

1 Sam. 28:2, “So David said to Achish, ‘Surely you know what your servant can do.’ And Achish said to David, ‘Therefore I will make you one of my chief guardians forever.’”

1 Sam. 28:4, “Then the Philistines gathered together, and came and encamped at Shunem. So Saul gathered all Israel together, and they encamped at Gilboa.”

WARS OF KING SAUL

- ★ Capital city
- City
- ▲ Mountain peak
- ← Advance of the Ammonites against Jabesh-gilead (*I Sam. 11:1ff*)
- ← Saul's interior exploits against the Ammonites (*I Sam. 11:8ff*)
- ← Saul's external exploits (*I Sam. 14:47-48*)
- ← Advance of the Philistines against Shunem (*I Sam. 28:4ff*)
- ← Saul's interior exploits against the Philistines (*I Sam. 31:1-7*)
- ★ Battle scene



1 Sam. 29:3, “Then the princes of the Philistines said, ‘What are these Hebrews doing here?’”

And Achish said to the princes of the Philistines, ‘Is this not David, the servant of Saul king of Israel, who has been with me these days, or these years? And to this day I have found no fault in him since he defected to me.’ ”

1 Sam. 29:4, “But the princes of the Philistines were angry with him; so the princes of the Philistines said to him, ‘Make this fellow return, that he may go back to the place which you have appointed for him, and do not let him go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become our adversary [*satan*]. For with what could he reconcile himself to his master, if not with the heads of these men?’ ”

1 Sam. 29:5, “Is this not David, of whom they sang to one another in dances, saying: ‘Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands’?”

1 Sam. 29:6, “Then Achish called David and said to him, ‘Surely, as the LORD lives, you have been upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the army is good in my sight. For to this day I have not found evil in you since the day of your coming to me. Nevertheless the lords do not favor you.’ ”

1 Sam. 29:7, “ ‘Therefore return now, and go in peace, that you may not displease the lords of the Philistines.’ ”

1 Sam. 29:8, “So David said to Achish, ‘But what have I done? And to this day what have you found in your servant as long as I have been with you, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?’ ”

1 Sam. 29:9, “Then Achish answered and said to David, ‘I know that you are as good in my sight as an angel of God; nevertheless the princes of the Philistines have said, “He shall not go up with us to the battle.” ’ ”

1 Sam. 29:10, “ ‘Now therefore, rise early in the morning with your master’s servants who have come with you. And as soon as you are up early in the morning and have light, depart.’ ”

1 Sam. 29:11, “So David and his men rose early to depart in the morning, to return to the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.”



**What the Bible Teaches About
Divine Providence
and its Comfort
for the Believer**

1. Definition:

God's regulation and protective care for all His creation and creatures with special emphasis on His oversight of human history, all people, and especially His people.

2. The term is not a biblical term, but describes a biblical concept. It is derived from the Lat. *providentia*; and the Gr. πρόνοια; *pronoia*, both signifying foresight. Thus indicating that this is related to God's omniscience.

3. The Christian doctrine of divine providence is based on God's character, specifically His attributes of sovereignty, omniscience, omnipotence, omnipresence, righteousness, justice, and love for His creation.

ESSENCE OF GOD

Sovereign

Omniscient

Righteousness

Omnipresent

Justice

Omnipotent

Love

Veracity

Eternal Life

Immutability

4. Satan and the kosmic system have various counterfeits set forth in various false religions, pop culture, and pseudo-philosophy.

Fate, Luck, Serendipity, Nature, the Universe, are all used to suggest something impersonal controls lives and history.

5. The doctrine is grounded on a number of passages.

Heb. 1:3, “who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,”

Col. 1:15, “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Col. 1:16, “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Col. 1:17, “And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”

a. God regulates the universe both directly and indirectly or is described in terms of His special and general providence.

b. God rules over His creation and creatures.

Psa. 22:28, “For the kingdom is the LORD’S, and He rules over the nations.”

Psa. 75:7, “But God is the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another.”

c. God supplies the needs of His people.

Phil. 4:19, “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

6. Passages: There are a number of categories of passages which describe God's preserving power and His intervention in human history and situations.

**a. God's control over creation:
Job 5:10; 9:5–6; Matt. 6:26, 28–32;
Acts 14:17**

**Matt. 6:26, “Look at the birds of the air,
for they neither sow nor reap nor gather
into barns; yet your heavenly Father
feeds them. Are you not of more value
than they?”**

b. God's control over creation:

**Job 5:10; 9:5–6; Matt. 6:26, 28–32;
Acts 14:17**

**Matt. 6:28, “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;
Matt. 6:29, “and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.**

Matt. 6:30, “Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?”

Acts 14:17, “Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.”

Josh. 24:3, “Then I took your father Abraham from the other side of the River, led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac.

Josh. 24:4, “To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To Esau I gave the mountains of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.”

1 Sam. 2:6, “The LORD kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up.”

2 Sam. 12:22, “And he said, ‘While the child was alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, “Who can tell whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?” ’ ”

1 Kings 21:19, “You shall speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD: “Have you murdered and also taken possession?” ’ And you shall speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD: “In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lick your blood, even yours.” ’ ”

1 Kings 22:38, “Then someone washed the chariot at a pool in Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood while the harlots bathed, according to the word of the LORD which He had spoken.”

Psa. 119:75, “I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are right, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.”

Prov. 3:12, “For whom the LORD loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights.”

**Dan. 2:20, “Daniel answered and said:
‘Blessed be the name of God forever and
ever, for wisdom and might are His.**

**Dan. 2:21, “ ‘And He changes the times and
the seasons; He removes kings and raises
up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and
knowledge to those who have
understanding.’ ”**

Dan. 2:37, “You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;”

Dan. 5:21, “Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.”

2 Cor. 1:9, “Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,

2 Cor. 1:10, “who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,

2 Cor. 1:11, “you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many.”

Rom. 8:28, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Rom. 8:29, “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”