

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

## Lesson #101

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

THE NECROMANCER OF EN-DOR;  
FEAR LEADS TO FAILURE

1 SAMUEL 28:3–8

David's offensive actions (#10-19)  
David becomes king at Hebron (#20)  
Battle scene

10 20 Miles  
10 20 Kilometers

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

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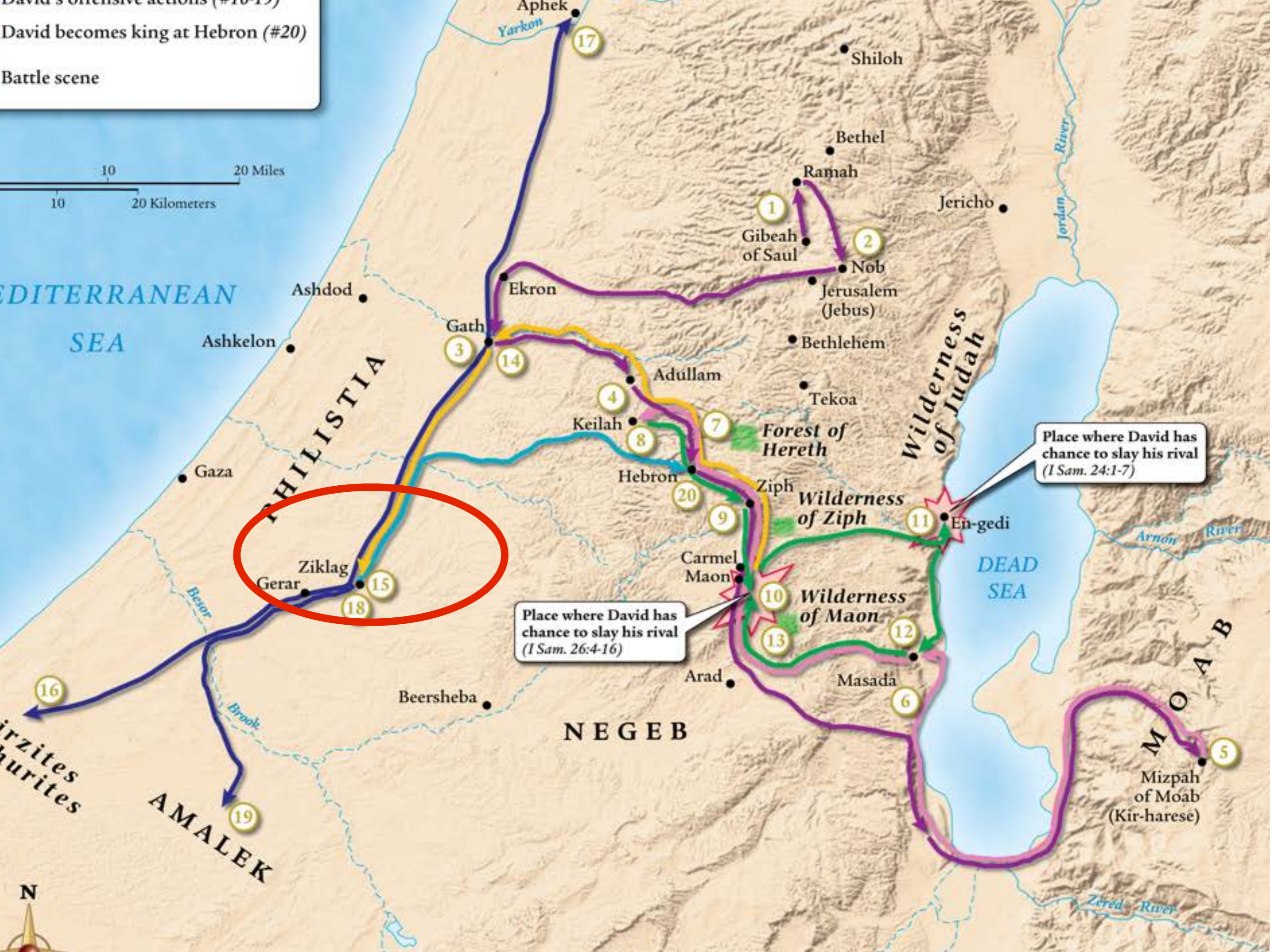
NEGEB

AMALEK

Wilderness of Judah

MOAB

Girzites  
Ghurites



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

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



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(I Sam. 14:47-48)

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← Saul's interior exploits against the Philistines (I Sam. 31:1-7)

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**אֲזוּבֵי 2-2 comm masc  
plur abs**

**“medium,  
necromancer;” could  
be male or female, but  
mostly referred to as  
female, someone who  
contacted the dead.**

**[ἐγγαστρίμυθος  
*enggastrimuthos*  
indicating some sort of  
ventriloquism]**



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**The pair *ʿov* and *yiddeʿoni* (q.v.) often appear together**

**Lev. 19:31; 20:6, 27; Deut. 18:11; 1 Sam. 28:3, 9; 2 Kings 21:6; 23:24; 2 Chron. 33:6; Isa. 8:19; 19:3**



**1 Cor. 10:20, “Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.**

**1 Cor. 10:21, “You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord’s table and of the table of demons.”**

**6. So the ultimate issue is in relation to guidance and direction, getting revelation.**

**Deut. 18:13, “You shall be blameless before the LORD your God.**

**Deut. 18:14, “For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you.**

**Deut. 18:15, “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,”**

**Deut. 13:1, “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder,**

**Deut. 13:2, “and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’**

**Deut. 13:3, “you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”**

**Deut. 18:18, “I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.”**

**Psa. 96:4, “For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.**

**Psa. 96:5, “For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.”**

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pressured, personal  
anguish, distress,  
inner turmoil, terror**

**FEAR**

# Human Viewpoint vs. Divine Viewpoint

***“Love is what we were born with. Fear is what we learned here”?***

**~Marianne Williamson,  
spiritual teacher,  
mystic, author**

**Gen. 3:10, “So he said, ‘I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ ”**

**1 John 4:18, “There is no fear in love; but mature love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment. But he who fears has not been made mature in love.”**

# 1. Fear defined:

## Noun

1 an unpleasant emotion caused by the threat of danger, pain, or harm.

▶ (fear for) a feeling of anxiety regarding circumstances

▶ the likelihood of something unwelcome happening: ...

## Verb

1 be afraid of.

▶ (fear for) feel anxiety on behalf of

**\*Fear in the sense of reverence, awe, respect is not the topic of this study**

**2. Fear is at the core of the spiritually dead human, separated from life, experiencing the dread of existence.**

**3. Fear is closely associated with distress, worry, anxiety, depression.**

#### **4. Fear motivates us to solve itself through fake solutions.**

**Gen. 3:7, “Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.**

**Gen. 3:8, “And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.”**



**5. In fear we put our focus on real or imagined dangers, consequences, or calamities. In Saul's case, genuine dangers.**

**6. The more things you surrender to fear,  
the more things you will fear.**

**7. The extent to which you surrender to fear, the greater is your capacity for fear.**

**8. The greater your capacity for fear, the more you increase the power of fear in your life—and the tenacity of the sin nature.**

**9. The biblical solution to fear is faith, trust in God.**

**Psa. 56:3, “Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.**

**Psa. 56:4, “In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?”**

**Psa. 91:4, “He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.**

**Psa. 91:5, “You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day,”**

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**A right thing—seeking God’s direction**

**A wrong way—seeking God through necromancy**

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