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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

MESSIANIC TYPE: GRACE IN ACTION

1 SAMUEL 30:1–31

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



MEDITERRANEAN SEA

PHILISTIA



Girzites
Ghurites

AMALEK



Aphek

Yarkon

17

Shiloh

Bethel

Ramah

Jericho

1

Gibeah of Saul

2

Nob

Jerusalem (Jebus)

Bethlehem

Ashdod

Ekron

Ashkelon

Gath

3

Adullam

4

Keilah

8

7

Forest of Hereth

Wilderness of Ziph

Hebron

20

9

Ziph

Wilderness of Judah

En-gedi

11

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

DEAD SEA

Carmel Maon

Wilderness of Maon

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

10

13

12

Masada

6

Beersheba

NEGEB

Arad

MOAB

Mizpah of Moab (Kir-harese)

5

Zered River

Arnon River

Jordan River

Israel and Amalek

1 Sam. 15:1, “Samuel also said to Saul, ‘The LORD sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the LORD.’”

1 Sam. 15:2, “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt.’”

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חרם-1 *charam-1*

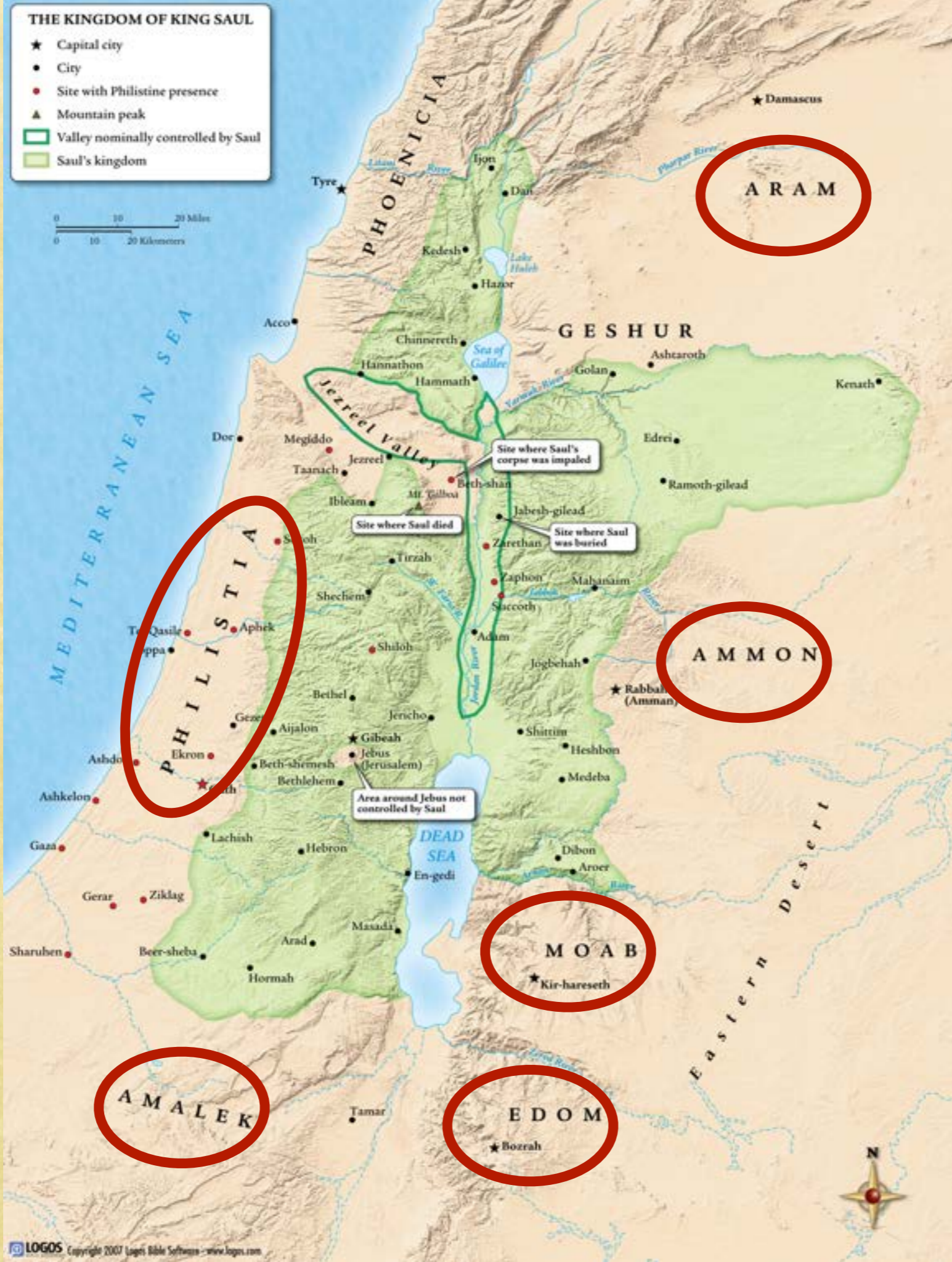
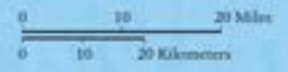
to ban, devote, destroy

Num. 13:29, “The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South [*Negev*]; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan.”

Judg. 12:15, “Then Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mountains of the Amalekites.”

THE KINGDOM OF KING SAUL

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



ARAM

PHILISTIA

AMMON

MOAB

AMALEK

EDOM



MEDITERRANEAN SEA

DEAD SEA

Negeb

MOAB

EDOM

SINAI

MIDIAN

Wilderness of Shur

Wilderness of Zin

Wilderness of Paran

Wilderness of Sin

AQABA/ELAT

Ashkelon

Gaza

Arad

Dibon

Aroer

Kir-hareseth

Ije-abarim

Punon

Petra

Timnah

Ezion-geber

J. Baqir

J. el-Lawz

al-Qurayya

T. Keduah

T. el-Farana

Pelusium

Sile

(T. Hebua)

T. el-Herr

Migdol

(T. el-Borg)

Daphnae

(T. Defana)

T. Abu Sefeh

Succoth/Tjeku

(T. el-Maskhuta)

Wilderness of Shur

J. Magharah

J. Helal

Azmon

Kadesh-barnea

J. Kharif

J. Karkom

J. Yeleq

J. Sin Bisher

J. esh-Sha'ira

Serabit el-Khadim

J. Serbal

Rephidim

Lake Manzaleh

Lake Sirbonis

Lake(s) Ballah

Lake Timsah

Large Bitter Lake

Small Bitter Lake

W. of Arish

W. of Arish

W. of Arish

W. Feiran

W. Naqurah

Hamat Gader

Ex. 17:14, “Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.’”

Ex. 17:15, “And Moses built an altar and called its name, *The–LORD–Is–My–Banner*;

Ex. 17:16, “for he said, ‘Because the LORD has sworn: the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.’ ”

Deut. 25:17, “Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt,

Deut. 25:18, “how he met you on the way and attacked your rear ranks, all the stragglers at your rear, when you were tired and weary; and he did not fear God.

Deut. 25:19, “Therefore it shall be, when the LORD your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, that you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget.”

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1 Sam. 30:3, “So David and his men came to the city, and there it was, burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive.

1 Sam. 30:4, “Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep.”

1 Sam. 30:6, “Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.”

צָרָה 1-7 *tzrr-1*

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**חזק *chazaq* hitpael wawConsec 3 masc
sing to be strong**

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Psa. 18:2, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

Psa. 18:17, “He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too strong for me.”

Psa. 18:19, “He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.”

Psa. 31:24, “Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the LORD.”

1 Sam. 30:7, “Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech’s son, ‘Please bring the ephod here to me.’ And Abiathar brought the ephod to David.

1 Sam. 30:8, “So David inquired of the LORD, saying, ‘Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?’ And He answered him, ‘Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all.’ ”

1 Sam. 30:9, “So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the Brook Besor, where some were left behind.

1 Sam. 30:10, “But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed behind, who were so weary that they could not cross the Brook Besor.”

Eph. 4:8, “Therefore He says: ‘*When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.*’ ”
~quote from Psa. 68:18

1 Sam. 30:11, “Then they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David; and they gave him bread and he ate, and they let him drink water.

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1 Sam. 30:13, “Then David said to him, ‘To whom do you belong, and where are you from?’ And he said, ‘I am a young man from Egypt, servant of an Amalekite; and my master left me behind, because three days ago I fell sick.’ ”

Literally, I was sick three days; there is no “ago” in the text. Implies three days = three days and nights.

Esth. 4:16, “Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!”

Esth. 4:17, “So Mordecai went his way and did according to all that Esther commanded him.

Esth. 5:1, “Now it happened on [*b^e*, *lit.* “in”] the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king’s palace, across from the king’s house, while the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, facing the entrance of the house.”

Luke 24:19, “And He said to them, ‘What things?’ So they said to Him, ‘The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

Luke 24:20, “ ‘and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him.

Luke 24:21, “ ‘But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today [Sunday] is the third day since these things happened.’ ”

1 Sam. 30:14, “ ‘We made an invasion of the southern area of the Cherethites, in the territory which belongs to Judah, and of the southern area of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.’ ”

1 Sam. 30:15, “And David said to him, ‘Can you take me down to this troop?’ ”

So he said, ‘Swear to me by God that you will neither kill me nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will take you down to this troop.’ ”

1 Sam. 30:16, “And when he had brought him down, there they were, spread out over all the land, eating and drinking and dancing, because of all the great spoil which they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah.”

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נֶשֶׁף *neshef*

comm masc sing abs
twilight

BDB has evening, but *HALOT* has morning; but *Dict of Classical Hebrew* says usually twilight of evening, but in several places it is morning twilight.

1 Sam. 30:18, “So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives.

1 Sam. 30:19, “And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all.”

1 Sam. 30:20, “Then David took all the flocks and herds they had driven before those other livestock, and said, ‘This is David’s spoil.’ ”

1 Sam. 30:21, “Now David came to the two hundred men who had been so weary that they could not follow David, whom they also had made to stay at the Brook Besor. So they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him. And when David came near the people, he greeted them.

1 Sam. 30:22, “Then all the wicked and worthless men of those who went with David answered and said, ‘Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except for every man’s wife and children, that they may lead them away and depart.’ ”

1 Sam. 30:23, “But David said, ‘My brethren, you shall not do so with what the LORD has given us, who has preserved us and delivered into our hand the troop that came against us.

1 Sam. 30:24, “ ‘For who will heed you in this matter? But as his part is who goes down to the battle, so shall his part be who stays by the supplies; they shall share alike.’

1 Sam. 30:25, “So it was, from that day forward; he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day.”