

1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN
2 SAMUEL 1:1–27

I. God's preparation to deliver the nation Israel from her enemies by grace.

1 Sam. 1–7

II. God establishes the office of the king.

1 Sam. 8–15

III. God decreases the influence of Saul and increases David.

1 Sam. 16–2 Sam. 1:27

IV. God blesses David through various triumphs. *2 Sam. 2–10*

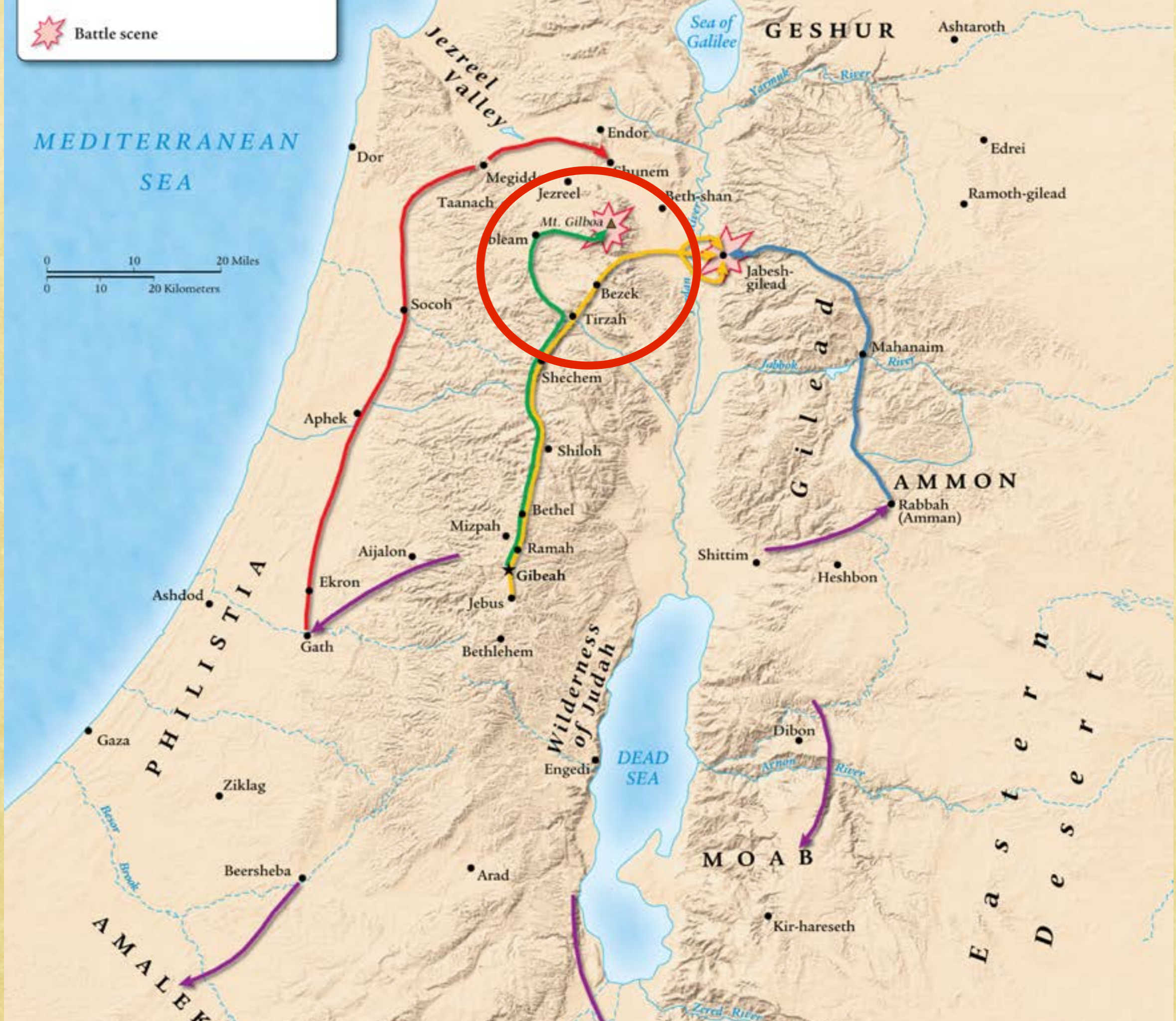
V. God disciplines David for his sins, but transforms cursing into blessing when David confesses. David's tragedies.
2 Sam. 11–20

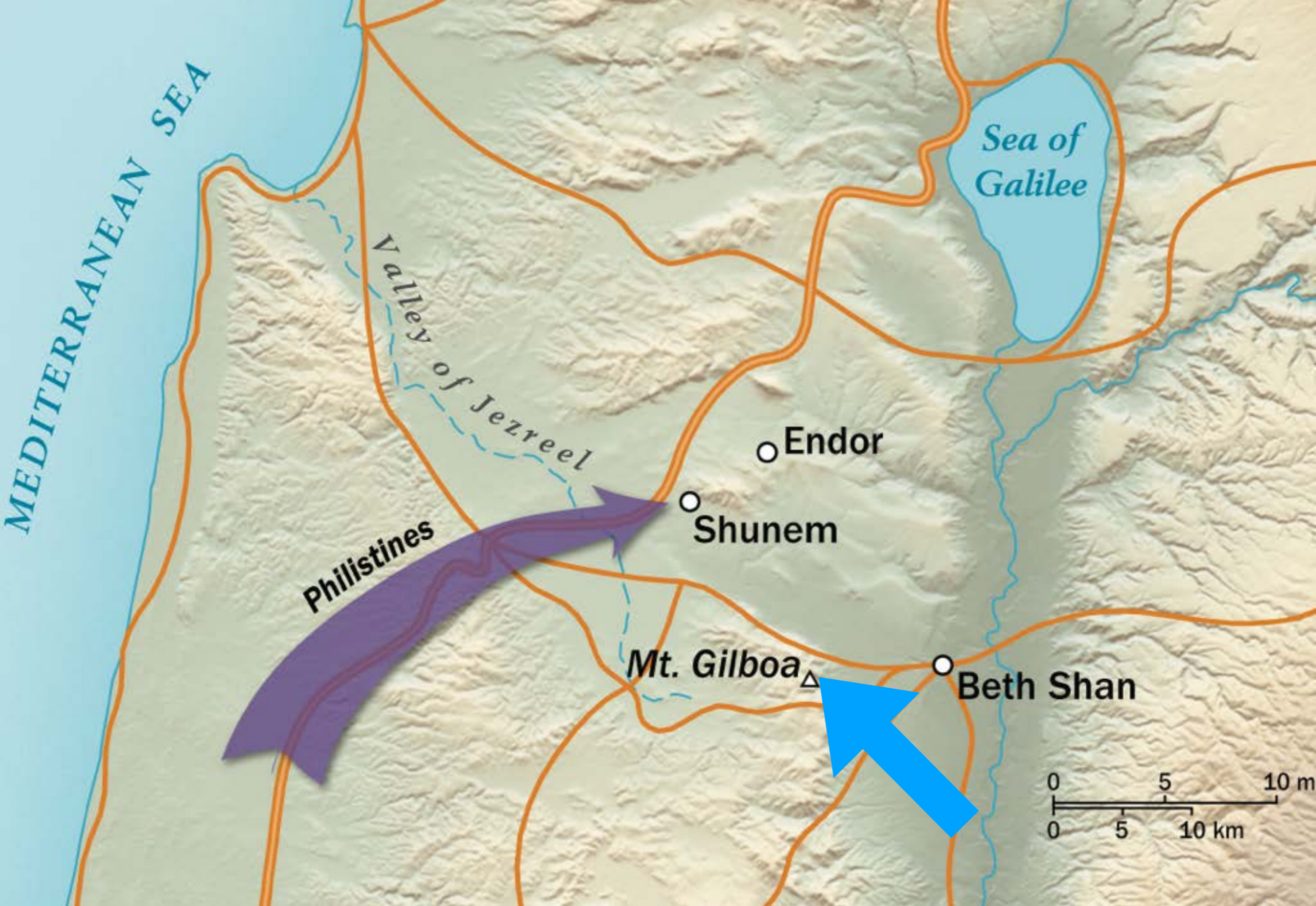
VI. God's blessing to David through the Davidic Covenant. *2 Sam. 21–24*

 Battle scene

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

0 10 20 Miles
0 10 20 Kilometers





MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Sea of Galilee

Valley of Jezreel

Endor

Shunem

Philistines

Mt. Gilboa

Beth Shan

0 5 10 m
0 5 10 km



1 Sam. 31:3, “The battle became fierce against Saul. The archers hit him, and he was severely wounded by the archers.”

1 Chron. 10:3, “The battle became fierce against Saul. The archers hit him, and he was wounded by the archers.”

1 Chron. 10:4, “Then Saul said to his armorbearer, ‘Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised men come and abuse me.’ But his armorbearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword and fell on it.

1 Chron. 10:5, “And when his armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died.

1 Chron. 10:6, “So Saul and his three sons died, and all his house died together.”

1 Chron. 10:9, “And they stripped him and took his head and his armor, and sent word throughout the land of the Philistines to proclaim the news in the temple of their idols and among the people.”

1 Chron. 10:10, “Then they put his armor in the temple of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.”

1 Chron. 10:13, “So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the LORD, because he did not keep the word of the LORD, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance.

1 Chron. 10:14, “But he did not inquire of the LORD; therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.”



2 Sam. 1:1, “Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David had returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had stayed two days in Ziklag,

2 Sam. 1:2, “on the third day, behold, it happened that a man came from Saul’s camp with his clothes torn and dust on his head. So it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the ground and prostrated himself.”

2 Sam. 1:3, “And David said to him, ‘Where have you come from?’ So he said to him, ‘I have escaped from the camp of Israel.’”

2 Sam. 1:4, “Then David said to him, ‘How did the matter go? Please tell me.’ And he answered, ‘The people have fled from the battle, many of the people are fallen and dead, and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also.’”

2 Sam. 1:5, “So David said to the young man who told him, ‘How do you know that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead?’

2 Sam. 1:6, “Then the young man who told him said, ‘As I happened by chance to be on Mount Gilboa, there was Saul, leaning on his spear; and indeed the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.’ ”

2 Sam. 1:7, “Now when he looked behind him, he saw me and called to me. And I answered, ‘Here I am.’”

2 Sam. 1:8, “And he said to me, ‘Who are you?’ So I answered him, ‘I am an Amalekite.’”

2 Sam. 1:9, “He said to me again, ‘Please stand over me and kill me, for anguish has come upon me, but my life still remains in me.’”

2 Sam. 1:10, “So I stood over him and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown that was on his head and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them here to my lord.” ”

1. Every believer is open to arrogance and pride and thus has the potential to destroy his own life.

Prov. 11:2, 1 Pet. 5:5; Heb. 4:31

2. A shift in focus to self opens the door to the entire realm of mental attitude sins: arrogance, bitterness, anger, revenge motivation, hyper-sensitivity, inordinate ambition, inordinate competition, vindictiveness, implacability.

3. This shift in focus leads to a personal disruption and a polarization of relationships. Arrogance destroys love.

1 Cor. 13:4, “Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant,

1 Cor. 13:5, “does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,”

4. Attempts of self-promotion lead to an imbalanced and unrealistic view of self, distortion of reality (neuroses), unrealistic expectations, and an inability to perceive and understand God's will and plan for our life.

2 Sam. 1:11, “Therefore David took hold of his own clothes and tore them, and so did all the men who were with him.

2 Sam. 1:12, “And they mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son, for the people of the LORD and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.”

2 Sam. 1:13, “Then David said to the young man who told him, ‘Where are you from?’ And he answered, ‘I am the son of an alien [*gur* “sojourner”], an Amalekite.’

2 Sam. 1:14, “So David said to him, ‘How was it you were not afraid to put forth your hand to destroy the LORD’S anointed?’ ”

2 Sam. 1:15, “Then David called one of the young men and said, ‘Go near, and execute him!’ And he struck him so that he died.

2 Sam. 1:16, “So David said to him, ‘Your blood is on your own head, for your own mouth has testified against you, saying, “I have killed the LORD’S anointed.” ’ ”

2 Sam. 1:17, “Then David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son,

2 Sam. 1:18, “and he told them to teach the children of Judah the Song of the Bow; indeed it is written in the Book of Jasher:”

**2 Sam. 1:19, “The beauty of Israel is slain
on your high places! How the mighty have
fallen!”**

2 Sam. 1:20, “Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon—Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.”

2 Sam. 1:21, “O mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew nor rain upon you, nor fields of offerings. For the shield of the mighty is cast away there! The shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.”







2 Sam. 1:22, “From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, and the sword of Saul did not return empty.

2 Sam. 1:23, “Saul and Jonathan were beloved and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided; They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.”

2 Sam. 1:24, “O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with luxury; Who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.”

2 Sam. 1:25, “How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan was slain in your high places.

2 Sam. 1:26, “I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; You have been very pleasant to me; Your love to me was wonderful, surpassing the love of women.

2 Sam. 1:27, “How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!”