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**THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S  
GOD PROVIDES FOR DAVID**

**2 SAMUEL 17:5–29**

# Seven Scenes in the Rebellion of Absalom

- 1. Absalom begins the revolt, 2 Sam. 15:1–13**
- 2. David hears and flees, 2 Sam. 15:14–16:14**
- 3. Absalom enters Jerusalem, 2 Sam. 16:15–17:14**
- 4. Hushai informs David, 2 Sam. 17:15–23**
- 5. Absalom moves against David, 2 Sam. 17:24–26**
- 6. David moves across the Jordan and is resupplied, 2 Sam. 17:27–18:5**
- 7. The battle is fought, Absalom is killed, 2 Sam. 18:6–33**

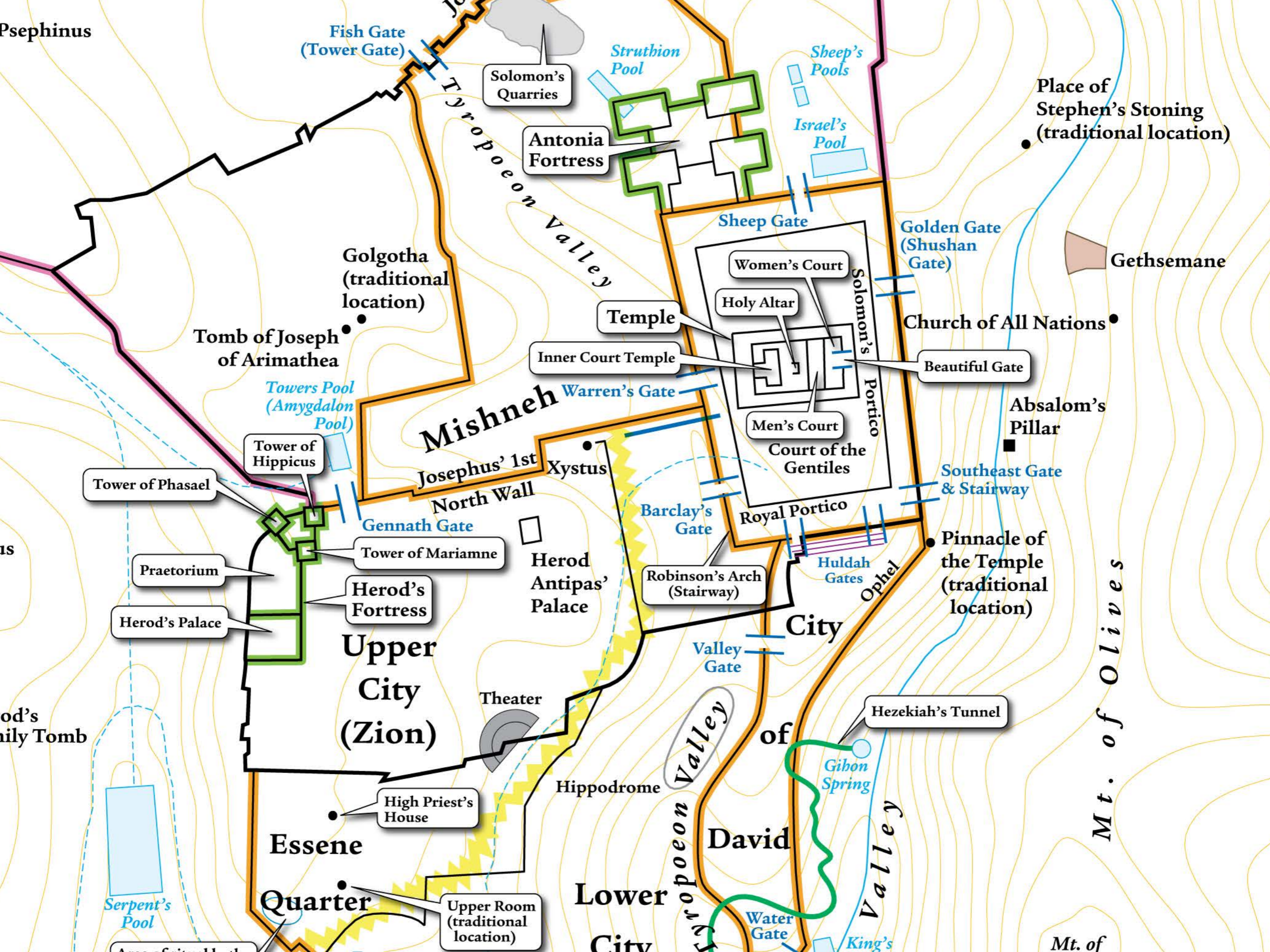
# David's Situation Foreshadows Jesus

1. Both David and Jesus walked across the Kidron Valley toward the Mount of Olives. (2 Sam. 15:30; John 18:1)

2 Sam. 15:30, “So David went up by the Ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went up; and he had his head covered and went barefoot. And all the people who were with him covered their heads and went up, weeping as they went up.”

# David's Situation Foreshadows Jesus

**John 18:1, “When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered.”**



Psephinus

Fish Gate (Tower Gate)

Solomon's Quarries

Struthion Pool

Sheep's Pools

Place of Stephen's Stoning (traditional location)

Antonia Fortress

Israel's Pool

Tropic of Capricorn Valley

Sheep Gate

Golden Gate (Shushan Gate)

Gethsemane

Golgotha (traditional location)

Tomb of Joseph of Arimathea

Temple

Women's Court

Holy Altar

Church of All Nations

Inner Court Temple

Beautiful Gate

Towers Pool (Amygdalon Pool)

Mishneh

Warren's Gate

Men's Court

Court of the Gentiles

Absalom's Pillar

Tower of Hippicus

Josephus' 1st North Wall

Xystus

Barclay's Gate

Royal Portico

Southeast Gate & Stairway

Tower of Phasael

Gennath Gate

Herod Antipas' Palace

Robinson's Arch (Stairway)

Huldah Gates

Pinnacle of the Temple (traditional location)

Praetorium

Tower of Mariamne

Herod's Fortress

City

Herod's Palace

Upper City (Zion)

Theater

Valley Gate

Ophel

Hezekiah's Tunnel

God's Family Tomb

Hippodrome

Tropic of Cancer Valley

City of David

Gihon Spring

Essene

Lower City

City of David

Serpent's Pool

Quarter

Upper Room (traditional location)

Water Gate

King's Valley

Mt. of

Mt. of Olives

# David's Situation Foreshadows Jesus

2. Both David and Jesus were betrayed by a close confidant (Ahithophel and Judas).

2 Sam. 15:31, “Then someone told David, saying, ‘Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom.’ And David said, ‘O LORD, I pray, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness!’ ”

# David's Situation Foreshadows Jesus

**Psa. 55:12, “For it is not an enemy who reproaches me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me; Then I could hide from him.**

**Psa. 55:13, “But it was you, a man my equal, My companion and my acquaintance.**

**Psa. 55:14, “We took sweet counsel together, and walked to the house of God in the throng.”**



# David's Situation Foreshadows Jesus

**Matt. 26:20**, “When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve.

**Matt. 26:21**, “Now as they were eating, He said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.’ ”

**Matt. 26:22**, “And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, ‘Lord, is it I?’ ”

## David's Situation Foreshadows Jesus

**Matt. 26:23**, “He answered and said, ‘He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me.’”

**Matt. 26:24**, “ ‘The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.’”

**Matt. 26:25**, “Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, ‘Rabbi, is it I?’ He said to him, ‘You have said it.’ ”

# David's Situation Foreshadows Jesus

- 3. Following the betrayal, the traitor committed suicide in both cases. (2 Sam. 17:23; Matt. 27:3–5)**

**2 Sam. 17:23, “Now when Ahithophel saw that his advice was not followed, he saddled a donkey, and arose and went home to his house, to his city. Then he put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died; and he was buried in his father's tomb.”**

## David's Situation Foreshadows Jesus

**Matt. 27:3**, “Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

**Matt. 27:4**, “saying, ‘I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.’ And they said, ‘What is that to us? You see to it!’”

**Matt. 27:5**, “Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.”

# David's Situation Foreshadows Jesus

4. Ahithophel planned to take David at night, which corresponds to Judas' leading the Roman soldiers to arrest Jesus at night.

2 Sam. 17:1, “Moreover Ahithophel said to Absalom, ‘Now let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight.’ ”

# David's Situation Foreshadows Jesus

**John 18:3, “Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.”**

## David's Situation Foreshadows Jesus

5. Ahithophel planned to strike only at David in order to bring peace to Israel corresponds to Caiaphas' statement about one man dying for the people. (2 Sam. 17:3; John 11:50)

2 Sam. 17:3, "Then I will bring back all the people to you. When all return except the man whom you seek, all the people will be at peace."

# David's Situation Foreshadows Jesus

**John 11:50, [Caiaphas speaking] “nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.”**



## **David's Situation Foreshadows Jesus**

- 6. The loyalty of David's followers and the alleged desertion of Mephibosheth (2 Sam. 15–16) inversely corresponds to Jesus' prediction of His disciples' desertion and their avowed loyalty. (Mark 14:27–31)**

# David's Situation Foreshadows Jesus

7. Ittai's words of loyalty to the king during his crossing of the Kidron are echoed in John's record of Jesus' demands of His followers at the onset of the passion events. (2 Sam. 15:21; John 12:26)

2 Sam. 15:21, “But Ittai answered the king and said, ‘As the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely in whatever place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also your servant will be.’ ”

# **David's Situation Foreshadows Jesus**

- 8. David's temporary exile to the east and his eventual return to Jerusalem is a type of Christ's death and resurrection.**

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**2 Sam. 17:14, “So Absalom and all the men of Israel said, ‘The advice of Hushai the Archite is better than the advice of Ahithophel.’ For the LORD had purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring disaster on Absalom.”**

**2 Sam. 17:5, “Then Absalom said, ‘Now call Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear what he says too.’**

**2 Sam. 17:6, “And when Hushai came to Absalom, Absalom spoke to him, saying, ‘Ahithophel has spoken in this manner. Shall we do as he says? If not, speak up.’**

**2 Sam. 17:7, “So Hushai said to Absalom: ‘The advice that Ahithophel has given is not good at this time.’ ”**

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**2 Sam. 17:8, “ ‘For,’ said Hushai, ‘you know your father and his men, that they are mighty men, and they are enraged in their minds, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field; and your father is a man of war, and will not camp with the people.**

**2 Sam. 17:9, “ ‘Surely by now he is hidden in some pit, or in some other place. And it will be, when some of them are overthrown at the first, that whoever hears it will say, ‘There is a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.’ ”**



**2 Sam. 17:10, “And even he who is valiant, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, will melt completely. For all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and those who are with him are valiant men.”**

**2 Sam. 17:11, “Therefore I advise that all Israel be fully gathered to you, from Dan to Beersheba, like the sand that is by the sea for multitude, and that you go to battle in person.**

**2 Sam. 17:12, “So we will come upon him in some place where he may be found, and we will fall on him as the dew falls on the ground. And of him and all the men who are with him there shall not be left so much as one.**

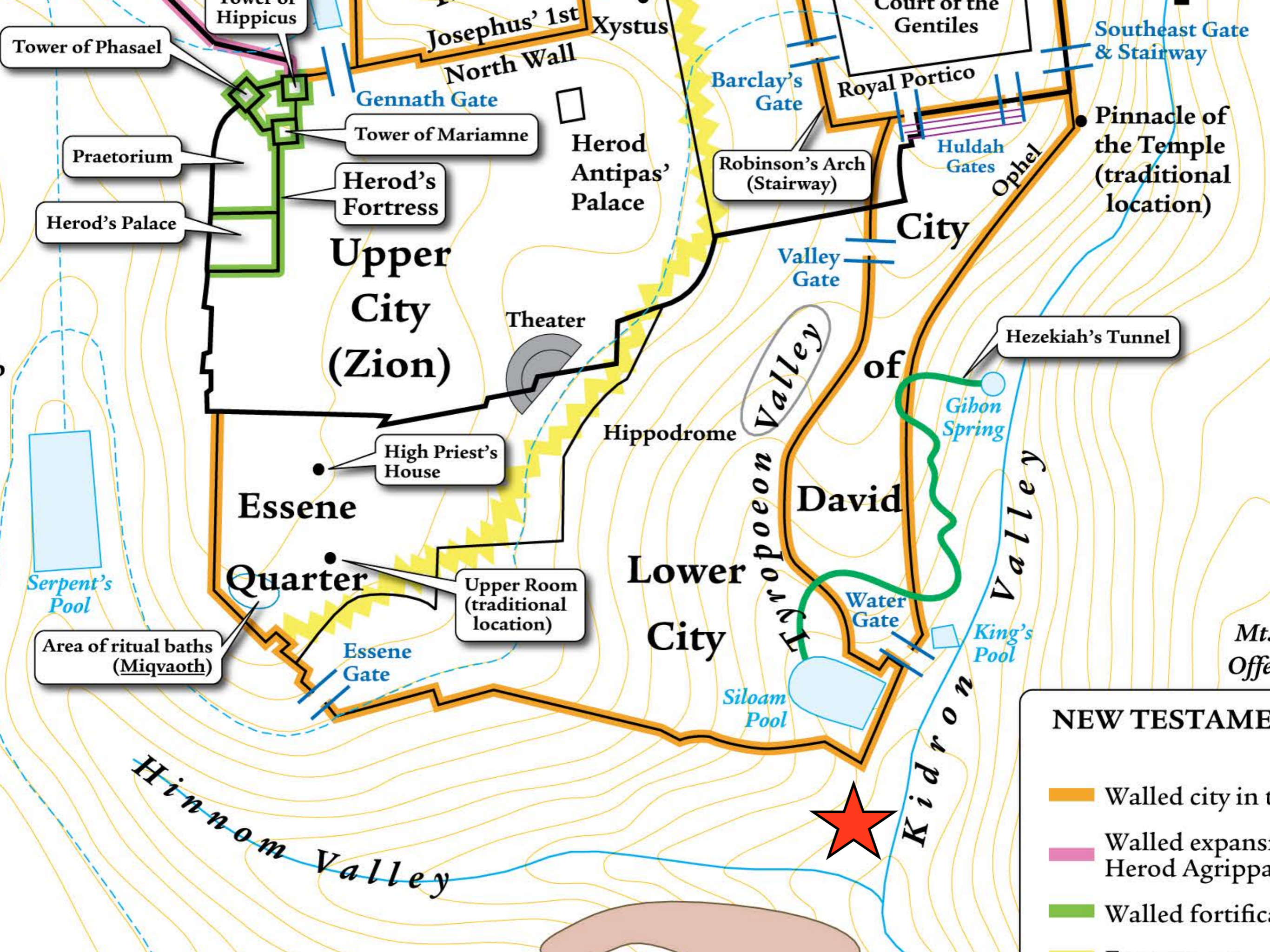
**2 Sam. 17:13, “Moreover, if he has withdrawn into a city, then all Israel shall bring ropes to that city; and we will pull it into the river, until there is not one small stone found there.”**

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**2 Sam. 17:15, “Then Hushai said to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, ‘Thus and so Ahithophel advised Absalom and the elders of Israel, and thus and so I have advised.**

**2 Sam. 17:16, “ ‘Now therefore, send quickly and tell David, saying, “Do not spend this night in the plains [*aravah*] of the wilderness, but speedily cross over, lest the king and all the people who are with him be swallowed up.” ’ ”**

**2 Sam. 17:17, “Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed at En Rogel, for they dared not be seen coming into the city; so a female servant would come and tell them, and they would go and tell King David.”**



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Xystus

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Gibon Spring

Essene

David

High Priest's House

Lower City

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Upper Room (traditional location)

Water Gate

King's Pool

Serpent's Pool

Area of ritual baths (Miqvaoth)

Essene Gate

Siloam Pool

Kidron Valley

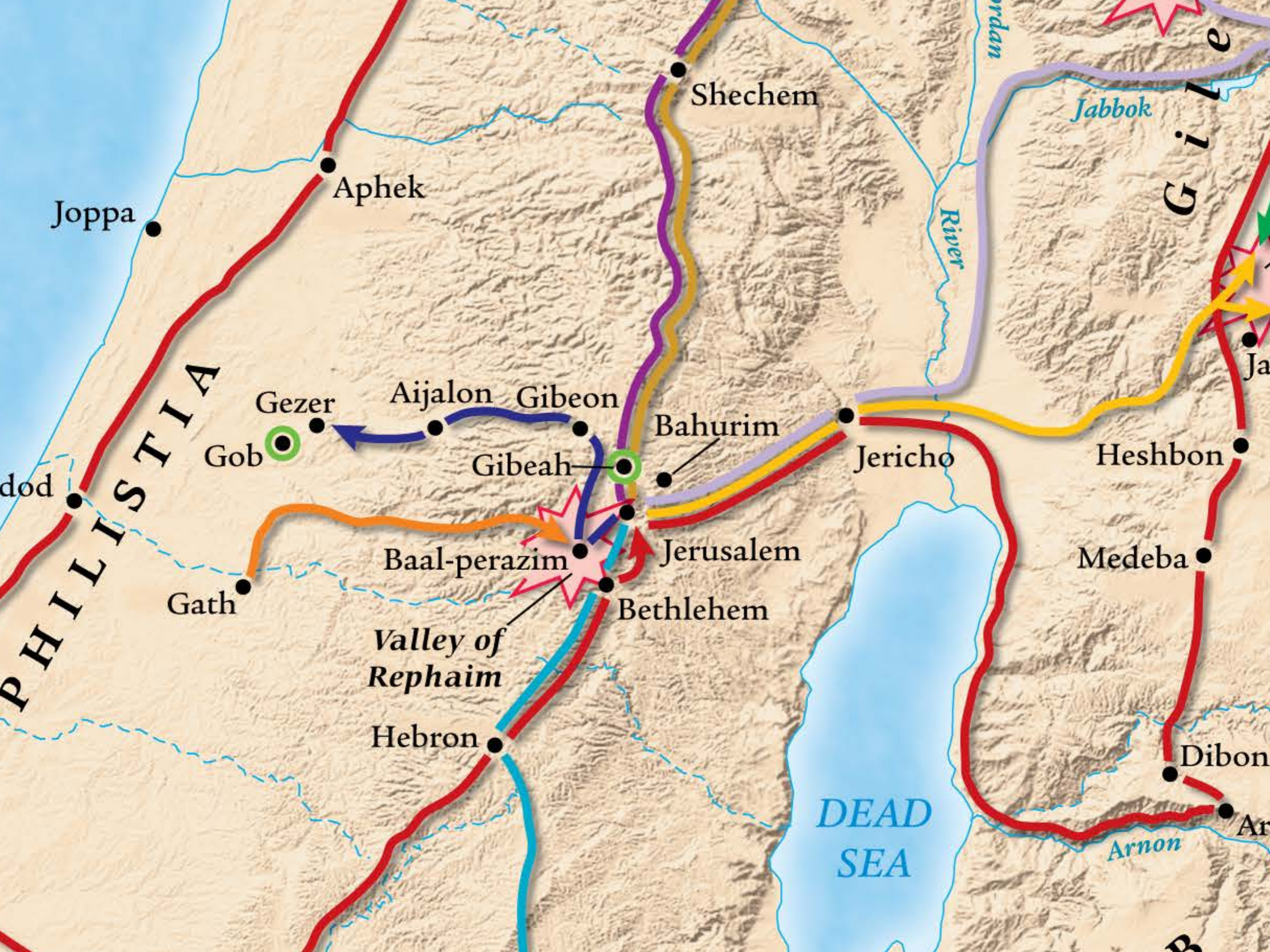
Hinnom Valley

NEW TESTAMENT

- Walled city in the New Testament
- Walled expansions by Herod Agrippa
- Walled fortifications



**2 Sam. 17:18, “Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom. But both of them went away quickly and came to a man’s house in Bahurim, who had a well in his court; and they went down into it.”**



Joppa

Aphek

Shechem

Jabbok

Gilead

River

PHILISTIA

Gezer

Aijalon

Gibeon

Bahurim

Gob

Gibeah

Jericho

Heshbon

dod

Baal-perazim

Jerusalem

Medeba

Gath

Bethlehem

Valley of  
Rephaim

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SEA

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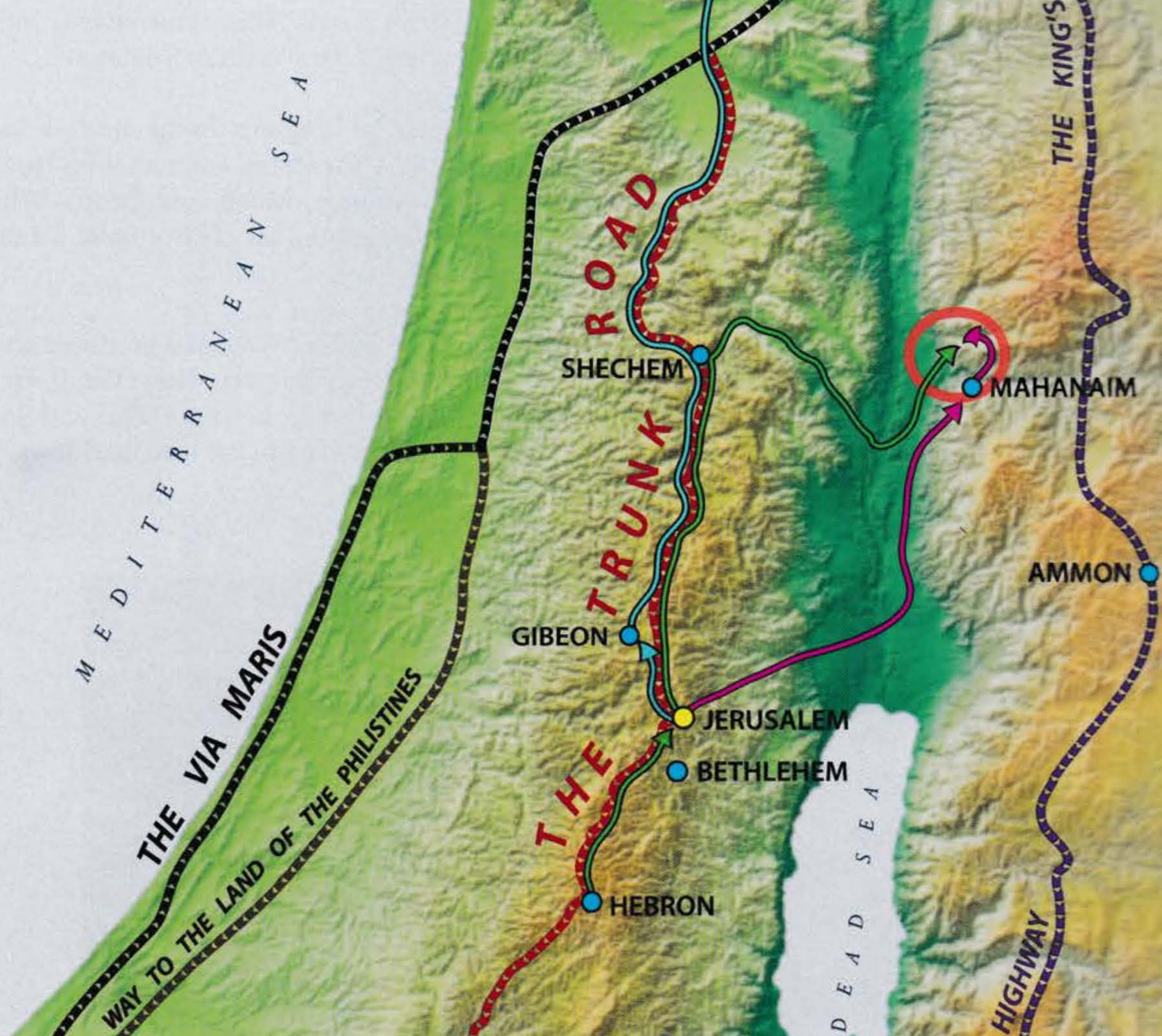


**2 Sam. 17:19, “Then the woman took and spread a covering over the well’s mouth, and spread ground grain on it; and the thing was not known.**

**2 Sam. 17:20, “And when Absalom’s servants came to the woman at the house, they said, ‘Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?’ So the woman said to them, ‘They have gone over the water brook.’ And when they had searched and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.**

**2 Sam. 17:21, “Now it came to pass, after they had departed, that they came up out of the well and went and told King David, and said to David, ‘Arise and cross over the water quickly. For thus has Ahithophel advised against you.’**

**2 Sam. 17:22, “So David and all the people who were with him arose and crossed over the Jordan. By morning light not one of them was left who had not gone over the Jordan.”**



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THE VIA MARIS

WAY TO THE LAND OF THE PHILISTINES

THE TRUNK ROAD

THE KING'S

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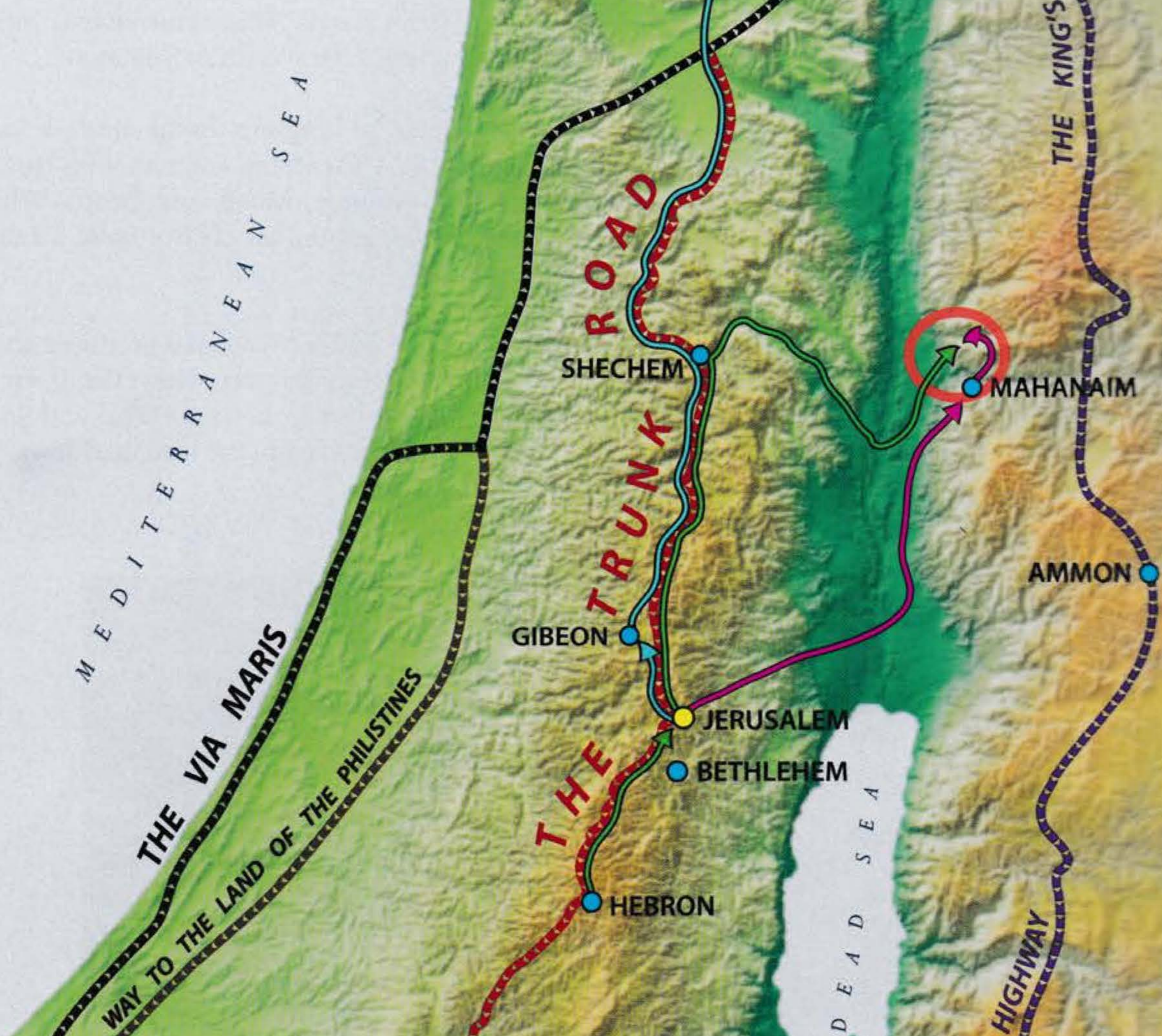
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**2 Sam. 17:24, “Then David went to Mahanaim. And Absalom crossed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.**

**2 Sam. 17:25, “And Absalom made Amasa captain of the army instead of Joab. This Amasa was the son of a man whose name was Jithra, an Israelite, who had gone in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister of Zeruah, Joab’s mother.**

**2 Sam. 17:26, “So Israel and Absalom encamped in the land of Gilead.”**



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**2 Sam. 17:27**, “Now it happened, when David had come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash from Rabbah of the people of Ammon, Machir the son of Ammiel from Lo Debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim,

**2 Sam. 17:28**, “brought beds and basins, earthen vessels and wheat, barley and flour, parched grain and beans, lentils and parched seeds,

**2 Sam. 17:29**, “honey and curds, sheep and cheese of the herd, for David and the people who were with him to eat. For they said, ‘The people are hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness.’ ”

**2 Sam. 18:1, “And David numbered the people who were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them.**

**2 Sam. 18:2, “Then David sent out one third of the people under the hand of Joab, one third under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab’s brother, and one third under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said to the people, ‘I also will surely go out with you myself.’ ”**



**2 Sam. 18:3, “But the people answered,  
‘You shall not go out! For if we flee away,  
they will not care about us; nor if half of us  
die, will they care about us. But you are  
worth ten thousand of us now. For you are  
now more help to us in the city.’ ”**