



# The Kings of Israel

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Lesson #14

# In our last study:

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David spared King Saul's life for a second time!

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David fled to the Philistines!

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Saul sought out a Medium!

# In this study:

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Saul seeks out a Medium!

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The Philistines refuse to allow David to fight with them.

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David returns to Ziklag to find it burned and their families taken captive!

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King Saul dies on Mount Gilboa!

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David mourns King Saul's death.

Saul seeks out a Medium!

## 1 Samuel 28:3 (ESV)

*3 Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. And Saul had put the mediums and the necromancers out of the land.*

## 1 Samuel 28:5 – 7 (ESV)

*5 When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. 6 And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets. 7 Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a medium at En-dor."*

## 1 Samuel 28:8 (ESV)

*8 So Saul disguised himself and put on other garments and went, he and two men with him. And they came to the woman by night. And he said, "Divine for me by a spirit and bring up for me whomever I shall name to you."*

## 1 Samuel 28:11 – 12 (ESV)

*11 Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" He said, "Bring up Samuel for me." 12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul."*



## 1 Samuel 28:13 – 14 (ESV)

*13 The king said to her, "Do not be afraid. What do you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I see a god coming up out of the earth." 14 He said to her, "What is his appearance?" And she said, "An old man is coming up, and he is wrapped in a robe." And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground and paid homage.*

# 1 Samuel 28:15 – 19 (ESV)

*15 Then Samuel said to Saul, “Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?” Saul answered, “I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams. Therefore I have summoned you to tell me what I shall do.” 16 And Samuel said, “Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has turned from you and become your enemy? 17 The LORD has done to you as he spoke by me, for the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David. 18 Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you this day. 19 Moreover, the LORD will give Israel also with you into the hand of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me. The LORD will give the army of Israel also into the hand of the Philistines.”*

## 1 Samuel 28:20 (ESV)

*20 Then Saul fell at once full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel. And there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night.*

The Philistines refuse to allow  
David to fight with them.

## 1 Samuel 29:1 – 3 (ESV)

*1 Now the Philistines had gathered all their forces at Aphek. And the Israelites were encamped by the spring that is in Jezreel. 2 As the lords of the Philistines were passing on by hundreds and by thousands, and David and his men were passing on in the rear with Achish, 3 the commanders of the Philistines said, "What are these Hebrews doing here?" And Achish said to the commanders of the Philistines, "Is this not David, the servant of Saul, king of Israel, who has been with me now for days and years, and since he deserted to me I have found no fault in him to this day."*

## 1 Samuel 29:4 – 5 (ESV)

*4 But the commanders of the Philistines were angry with him. And the commanders of the Philistines said to him, “Send the man back, that he may return to the place to which you have assigned him. He shall not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become an adversary to us. For how could this fellow reconcile himself to his lord? Would it not be with the heads of the men here? 5 Is not this David, of whom they sing to one another in dances, Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands’?”*

## 1 Samuel 29:9 (ESV)

*9 And Achish answered David and said, "I know that you are as blameless in my sight as an angel of God. Nevertheless, the commanders of the Philistines have said, 'He shall not go up with us to the battle.'*

## 1 Samuel 29:11 (ESV)

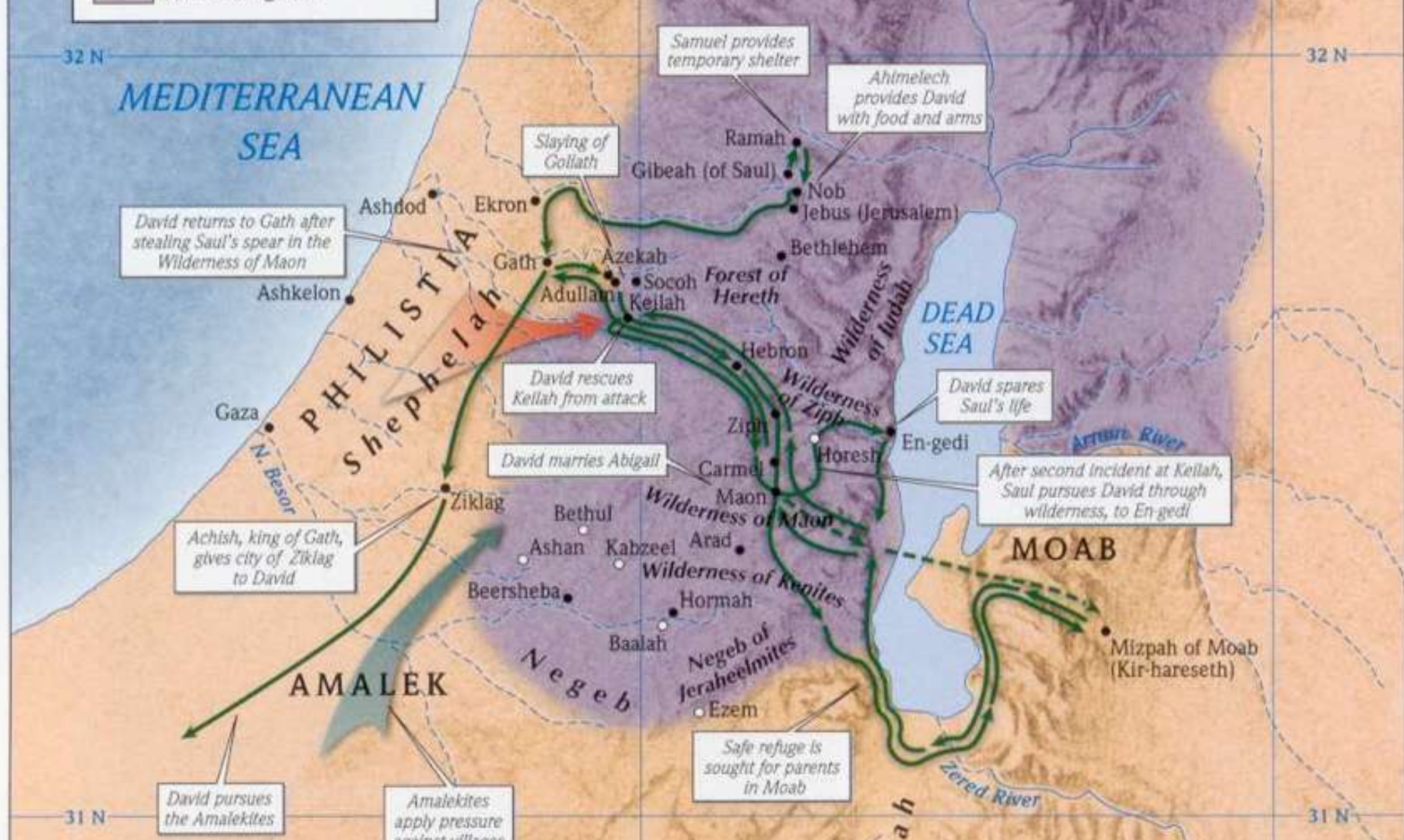
*11 So David set out with his men early in the morning to return to the land of the Philistines. But the Philistines went up to Jezreel.*



David returns to Ziklag to find it  
burned and their families taken  
captive!

## 1 Samuel 30:1 – 2 (ESV)

*1 Now when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, the Amalekites had made a raid against the Negeb and against Ziklag. They had overcome Ziklag and burned it with fire 2 and taken captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great. They killed no one, but carried them off and went their way.*



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MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Samuel provides temporary shelter

Ahimelech provides David with food and arms

Slaying of Goliath

David returns to Gath after stealing Saul's spear in the Wilderness of Maon

PHILISTIA  
Shephelah

David rescues Keilah from attack

David marries Abigail

David spares Saul's life

After second incident at Keilah, Saul pursues David through wilderness, to En-gedi

Achish, king of Gath, gives city of Ziklag to David

AMALEK

David pursues the Amalekites

Amalekites apply pressure on last villages

Safe refuge is sought for parents in Moab

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DEAD SEA

Arabah River

MOAB

Mizpah of Moab (Kir-hareseth)

Zered River

Ramah

Nob

Jebus (Jerusalem)

Bethlehem

Forest of Hereth

Wilderness of Judah

Hebron

Wilderness of Ziph

Ziph

En-gedi

Horesh

Carmel

Maon

Wilderness of Maon

Wilderness of Keilah

Negeb of Jerahmeelites

Ezem

Bethul

Ashan

Kabzeel

Arad

Beersheba

Hormah

Baalath

Ashdod

Ekron

Gath

Azekah

Adullam

Socoh

Keilah

Gaza

N. Besor

Ziklag

Bethul

Ashan

Kabzeel

Arad

Beersheba

Hormah

Baalath

Ezem

## 1 Samuel 30:6 (ESV)

*6 And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.*

## 1 Samuel 30:8 (ESV)

*8 And David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I pursue after this band? Shall I overtake them?" He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake and shall surely rescue."*

## 1 Samuel 30:11 (ESV)

*11 They found an Egyptian in the open country and brought him to David. And they gave him bread and he ate. They gave him water to drink,*

## 1 Samuel 30:14 (ESV)

*14 We had made a raid against the Negeb of the Cherethites and against that which belongs to Judah and against the Negeb of Caleb, and we burned Ziklag with fire.”*


## 1 Samuel 30:16 – 18 (ESV)

*16 And when he had taken him down, behold, they were spread abroad over all the land, eating and drinking and dancing, because of all the great spoil they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah. 17 And David struck them down from twilight until the evening of the next day, and not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men, who mounted camels and fled. 18 David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken, and David rescued his two wives.*



## 1 Samuel 30:26 (ESV)

*26 When David came to Ziklag, he sent part of the spoil to his friends, the elders of Judah, saying, "Here is a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of the LORD."*

Three glass chess pieces are arranged on a white surface. The central piece is a king, with a cross-shaped top. To its left is a queen, with a crown-like top. To its right is a pawn, with a simple, rounded top. The pieces are made of clear glass and are slightly out of focus, with the king being the most prominent. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

In our next study, we will continue our examination the transition of the King over Israel from Saul to David!