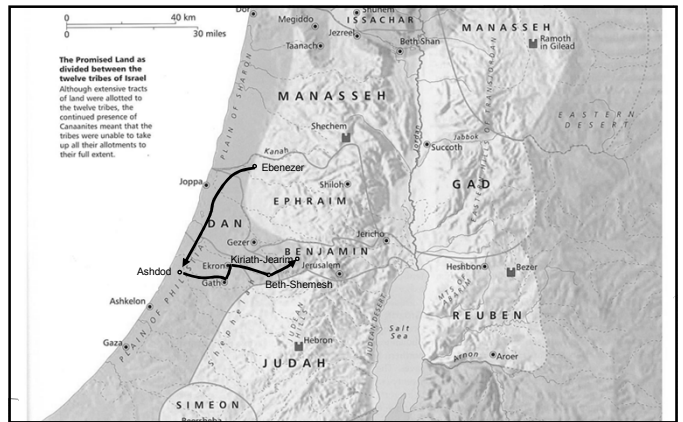


In Search of a King  
**1-2 SAMUEL**



1 Samuel 5:1-7:1  
**Who Can Stand Before Yahweh?**



**Who Can Stand?**

1. The Supremacy of Yahweh
  - Yahweh has no rivals and will not be mocked
  - Displays the absolute folly and emptiness of all idolatry

**Who Can Stand?**

2. The Victory of Yahweh
  - Yahweh defeated the Philistines “single-handed” (not dependent on anyone)
  - what appeared to be a defeat of Yahweh was actually a means of victory

## Who Can Stand?

### 3. The Return of Yahweh

- it demonstrated that the Philistine's afflictions were Yahweh's judgment not coincidence
- it symbolized the restoration of Yahweh's presence with His people

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### 4. The Holiness of Yahweh

- they were struck dead because they failed to treat Yahweh as holy
- they confessed the inability of having Yahweh, who is holy, in their midst

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<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we *have* a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

(Hebrews 10:19-22)