

# In Search of a King 1-2 SAMUEL

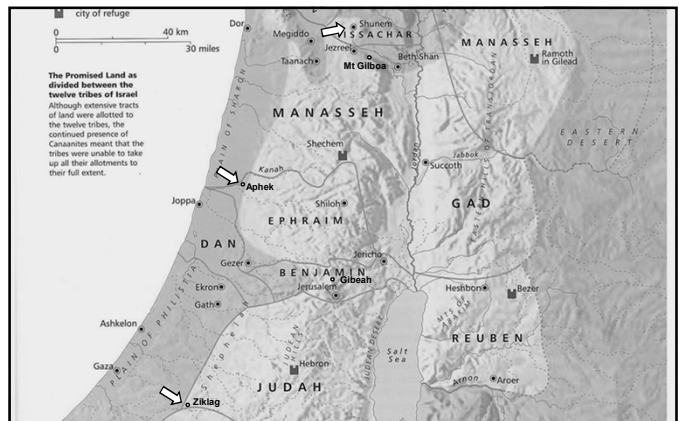
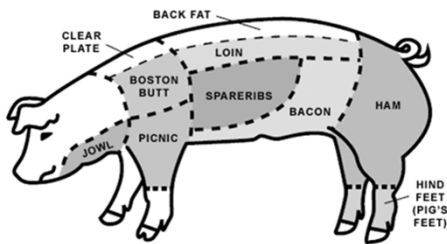


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Now it came about in those days that the Philistines gathered their armed camps for war, to fight against Israel. And Achish said to David, "Know assuredly that you will go out with me in the camp, you and your men." <sup>2</sup> David said to Achish, "Very well, you shall know what your servant can do." So Achish said to David, "Very well, I will make you my bodyguard for life."...

Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek, while the Israelites were camping by the spring which is in Jezreel.



1 Samuel 29:1-30:6

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### 1. Disaster Averted

- the Lord providentially delivered David from this precarious situation...again!
- David was protected, and was kept from any potential involvement in Saul's death

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### ➤ God in His providence...

- works in unseen and unlikely ways – learn to perceive it
- is accomplishing things we cannot readily see – learn to trust it

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### 2. Disaster Revisited

- David, the Lord's anointed, was not exempt from suffering and great distress
- David experienced a measure of betrayal and false blame by his own men

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*David foreshadows the Anointed One, Jesus*

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### 3. David's Source of Strength

- not in himself but in Yahweh *his* God
- recounting God's promise and past help

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### ➤ *Strengthening yourself in God*

- by casting your cares on the Lord
- by rehearsing His promises to you
- by the encouragement of God's people
- by looking to Jesus our sympathetic priest