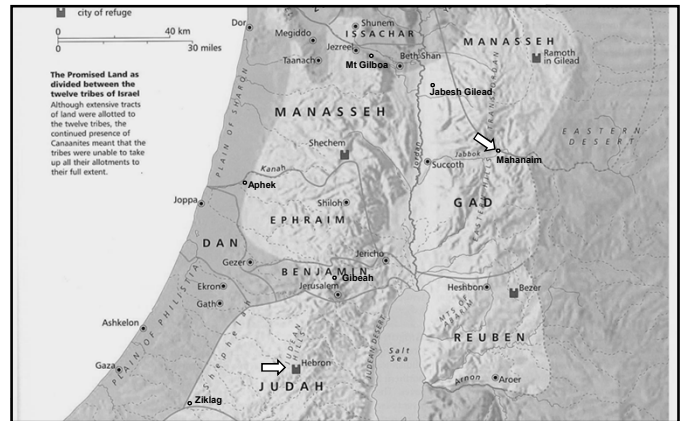


## In Search of a King 1-2 SAMUEL



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### ➤ *Polygamy in the Old Testament*

- (1) Polygamy is not explicitly condemned but allowed and regulated by the Law (see Exodus 21, Deut. 21)
- (2) Polygamy is not God's ideal and its fruit was often its own condemnation

## 2 Samuel 3:1-21

### 1. The Promise Advanced

- David grew stronger which was evidenced by his many sons and wives
- Abner, David's greatest opponent, recognized and committed himself to God's promise to David

## 2 Samuel 3:22-39

### 2. The Promise Threatened

- Joab's murder of Abner threatened David's rule over all Israel
- David's reaction displayed his innocence, won the people's favor, and revealed his own weakness

## A Longsuffering King

### 1. David's Example

- David's trust in the Lord's promise made him forbearing and merciful
- As followers of Jesus, we are to be marked by forbearance and mercy

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### 2. David's Typology

- King Jesus grants peace to all enemies who repent and trust Him as the Christ
- His present longsuffering is to lead us to repentance