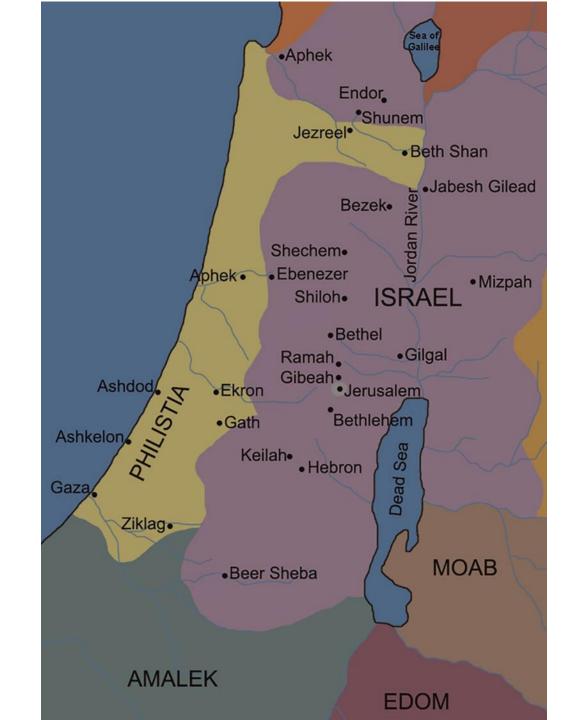


David

- General trajectory in my own strength ("by myself")
- Philistines reject David at Aphek
- David sets out for Ziklag
- Philistines to Jezreel
- Discovers great loss in Ziklag



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David strengthened himself in the Lord

- How do we draw near to the Lord?
- Where do we find strength?

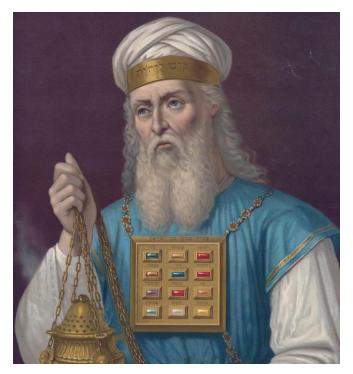
7 And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, "Bring me the ephod." So Abiathar brought the ephod to David. 8 And David inquired of the Lord, "Shall I pursue after this band? Shall I overtake them?" He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake and shall surely rescue." 9 So David set out, and the six hundred men who were with him, and they came to the brook Besor, where those who were left behind stayed. 10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men. Two hundred stayed behind, who were too exhausted to cross the brook Besor.

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,

12 and they gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. And when he had eaten, his spirit revived, for he had not eaten bread or drunk water for three days and three nights. 13 And David said to him, "To whom do you belong? And where are you from?" He said, "I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite, and my master left me behind because I fell sick three days ago. 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." 15 And David said to him, "Will you take me down to this band?" And he said, "Swear to me by God that you will not kill me or deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will take you down to this band."

God provides an Ephod & an Egyptian

- Where have you seen God's provision recently?
- The literal meaning of Urim seems to be 'lights'.
- The literal meaning of Thummim seems to be 'perfections'.





Not this...



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. 19 Nothing was missing, whether small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything that had been taken. David brought back all. 20 David also captured all the flocks and herds, and the people drove the livestock before him, and said, "This is David's spoil."

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21 Then David came to the two hundred men who had been too exhausted to follow David, and who had been left at the brook Besor. And they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him. And when David came near to the people he greeted them. 22 Then all the wicked and worthless fellows among the men who had gone with David said, "Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except that each man may lead away his wife and children, and depart." 23 But David said, "You shall not do so, my brothers, with what the Lord has given us. He has preserved us and given into our hand the band that came against us. 24 Who would listen to you in this matter? For as his share is who goes down into the battle, so shall his share be who stays by the baggage. They shall share alike." 25 And he made it a statute and a rule for Israel from that day forward to this day.

God's provision and David's generosity

 God's economy of everything – nothing is missing – how do we know that God cares about every little thing in our lives?

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." 27 It was for those in Bethel, in Ramoth of the Negeb, in Jattir, 28 in Aroer, in Siphmoth, in Eshtemoa, 29 in Racal, in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, in the cities of the Kenites, 30 in Hormah, in Bor-ashan, in Athach, 31 in Hebron, for all the places where David and his men had roamed.

David responds to God's generosity with generosity

Generosity and the Lord's anointing

- 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. -2 Cor. 8:9
- 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 Cor 9:8
- 11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. -2 Cor 9:11

Psalm 108

- My heart is steadfast, O God!

 I will sing and make melody with all my being!
- 2 Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!
- 3 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.
- 4 For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
- 5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Psalm 108

- 6 That your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand and answer me!
- 7 God has promised in his holiness: "With exultation I will divide up Shechem and portion out the Valley of Succoth.
- 8 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet, Judah my scepter.
- 9 Moab is my washbasin; upon Edom I cast my shoe; over Philistia I shout in triumph."

Psalm 108

- 10 Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom?
- 11 Have you not rejected us, O God?
 You do not go out, O God, with our armies.
- 12 Oh grant us help against the foe, for vain is the salvation of man!
- 13 With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.

Questions or Comments

