

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

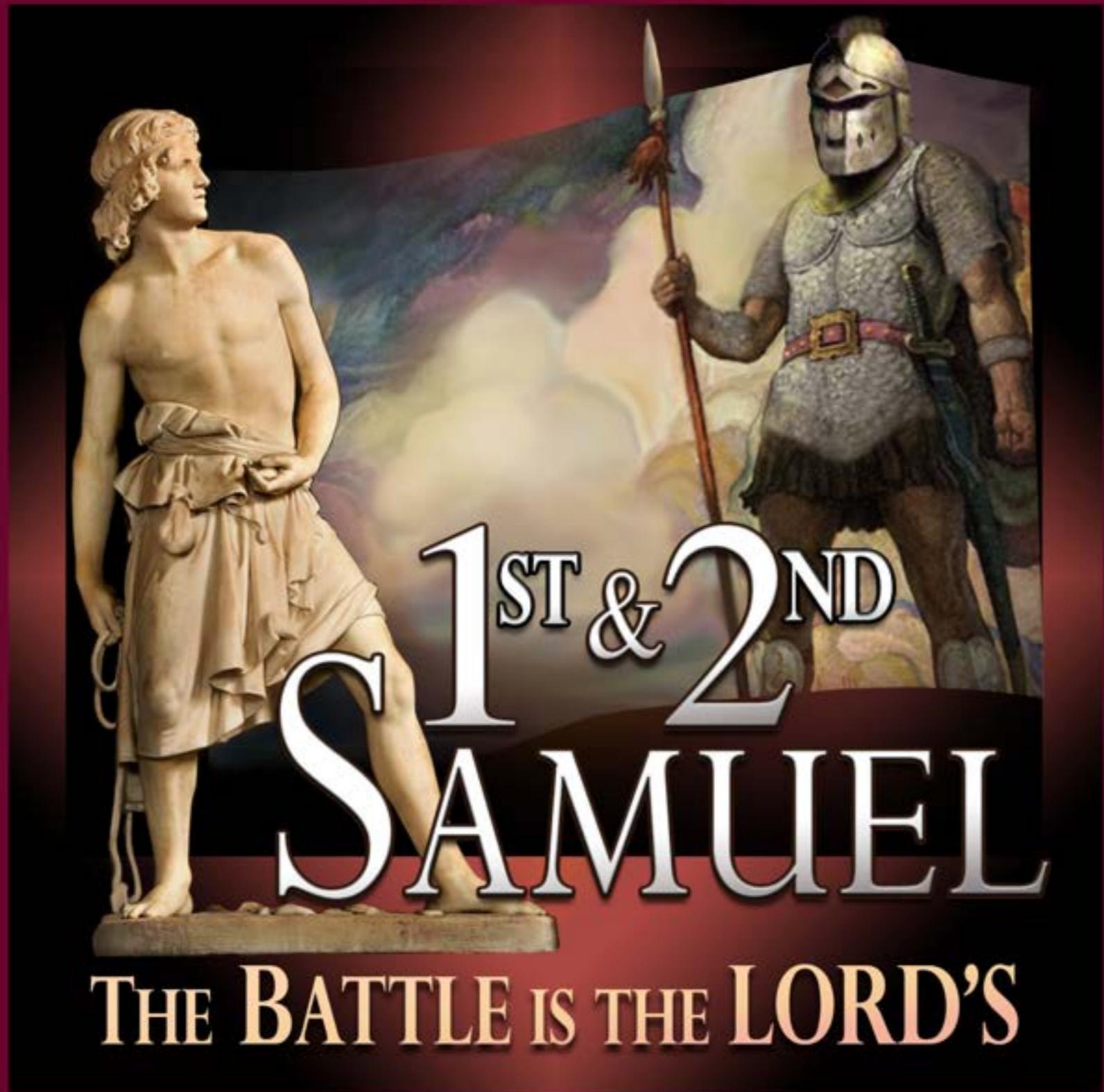
## Lesson #027

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***WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE GOD IS DEFEATED***

**1 SAMUEL 5:1-2**

**Acts 10:34, “Then Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.’ ” [KJV “no respecter of persons.”]**

# Outline

- 1A. ***Yhwh*** prepares to deliver Israel by a great change, 1 Sam. 1–7
- 2B. ***Yhwh*** orchestrates the collapse of the old order [Eli], 1 Sam. 2:11–4:22
- 3C. ***Yhwh*** causes Israel to be defeated and allows the Ark to be captured to demonstrate His sovereignty over the enemies of Israel and their gods, to cleanse Israel of the corruption of the priesthood, and to teach Israel to trust in Him alone. 1 Sam. 4:1–22

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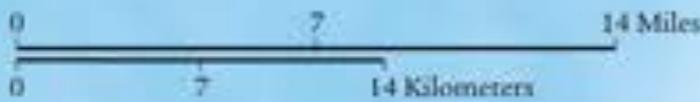
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- 2B. *Yhwh* orchestrates the collapse of the old order [Eli], 1 Sam. 2:11–4:22**
- 4C. *Yhwh* establishes the means for delivering Israel. 1 Sam. 5:1–6:21**

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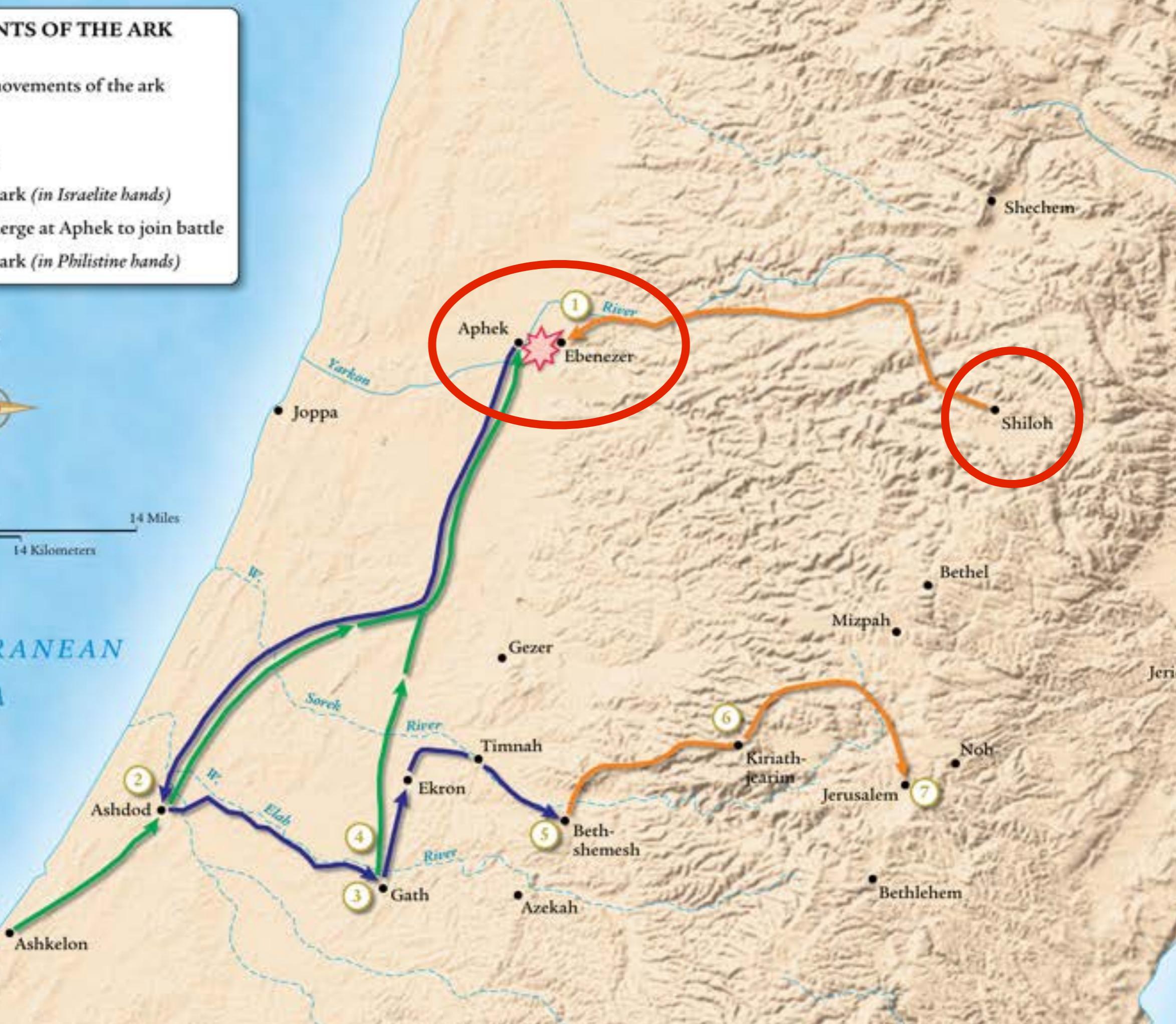
**Judg. 21:25, “In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”**

# MOVEMENTS OF THE ARK

- ① Numbered movements of the ark
- City
- ★ Battle scene
- Route of the ark (in Israelite bands)
- ← Philistines merge at Aphek to join battle
- ← Route of the ark (in Philistine bands)



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Romans 3:24, “being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,  
Romans 3:25, “whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,  
Romans 3:26, “to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

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# The Philistines

- **“Sea peoples”**
- **Established fortress cities along the coastal plain of Canaan: Ashdod, Ashkelon, Ekron, Gath, Gaza.**
- **Shamgar defeated them in Judges 3:31.**
- **Samson caused trouble, but failed to deliver Israel. He died in a Dagon temple.**
- **The Philistines place the Ark of God in a Dagon temple to indicate He is a servant of Dagon.**
- **The Philistines aren't finally defeated until David (2 Sam 23).**

**1 Sam. 13:19, “Now there was no blacksmith to be found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, ‘Lest the Hebrews make swords or spears.’ ”**

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**God is superior to all religious and political systems, 1 Samuel 5:1–5**