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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

LION OF JUDAH; KINGSHIP BY RIGHTEOUSNESS

2 SAMUEL 4:1-12

**Gen. 49:8, “Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father’s children shall bow down before you.**

**Gen. 49:9, “Judah is a lion’s whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him?**

**Gen. 49:10, “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.”**

**Gen. 49:11, “Binding his donkey to the vine, and his donkey’s colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes.**

**Gen. 49:12, “His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.”**

# The Preeminence of Judah's Line

1. His brothers will praise him and bow down to him, Gen. 49:8a, c.

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**Gen. 37:9, “Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, ‘Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.’”**

**Gen. 37:10, “So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, ‘What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?’”**

Rev. 12:1–2,

**“And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;”**



**2. The future king will be preeminent in power over Israel's enemies. This is illustrated with the imagery of a lion.**

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**Num. 24:9, “ ‘He bows down, he lies down  
as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse  
him?’ ‘Blessed is he who blesses you, and  
cursed is he who curses you.’ ”**

**Rev. 5:5, “But one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.’ ”**

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# Four Views of Shiloh

- 1. Shiloh is a proper name, *peacemaker*, but there is no scriptural or textual confirmation of such a change of word.**
- 2. Could be a place name, but never spells the city the same way.**
- 3. Could change the vowels, meaning, “to whom tribute will be brought”, possibly parallel to the next line.**
- 4. A contracted form, “to whom it belongs”.**

**Ezek. 21:25, “ ‘And you, O slain, wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose day has come, in the time of the punishment of the end,’**

**Ezek. 21:26, “thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Remove the turban and take off the crown; this will no longer be the same. Exalt that which is low and abase that which is high.**

**Ezek. 21:27, “ ‘A ruin, a ruin, a ruin, I will make it. This also will be no more until He comes whose right it is, and I will give it to Him.’ ”**

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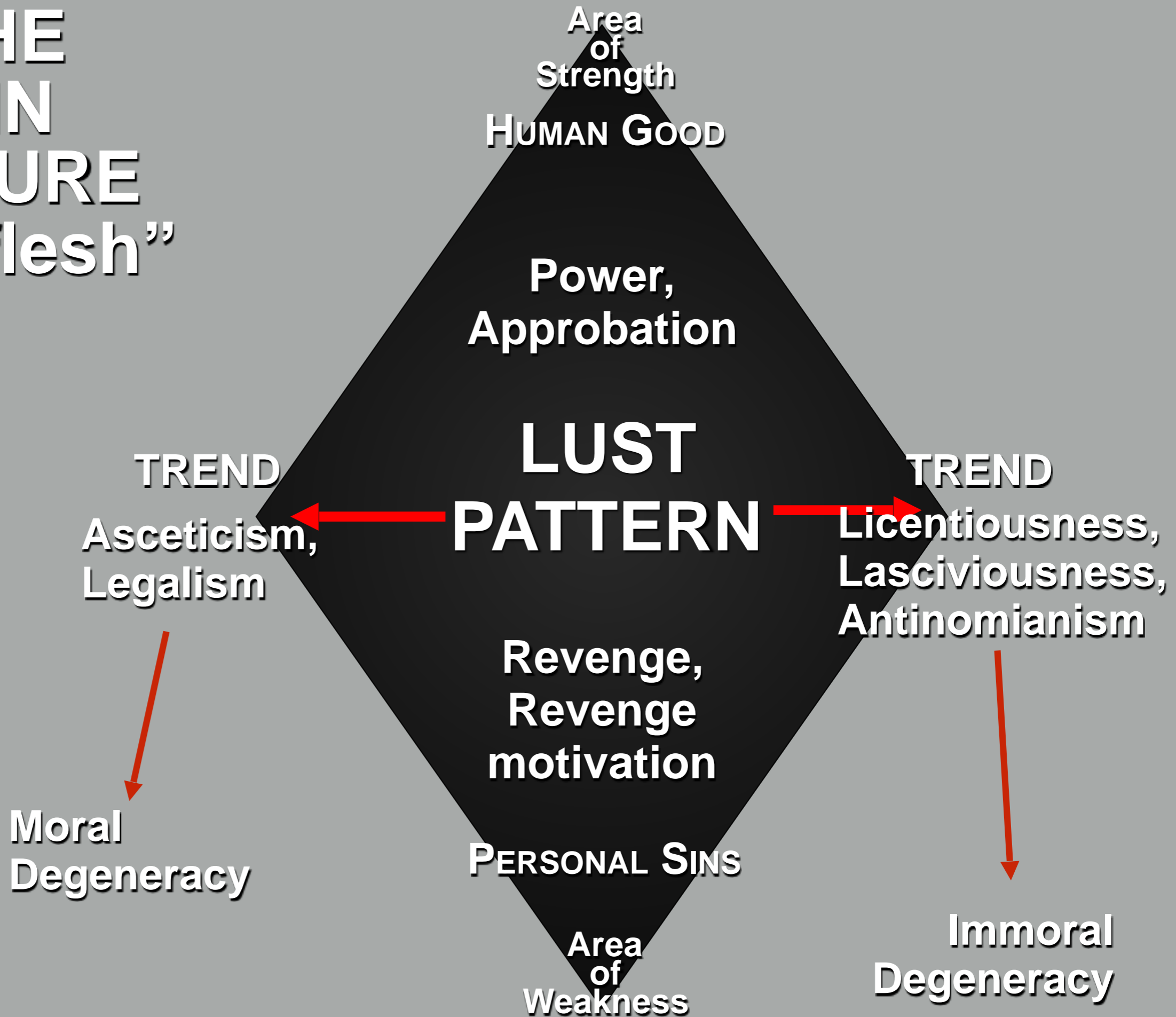


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**2 Sam. 4:3, “because the Beerothites fled to Gittaim and have been sojourners there until this day.)”**

# THE SIN NATURE “the flesh”



# Arrogance Skills

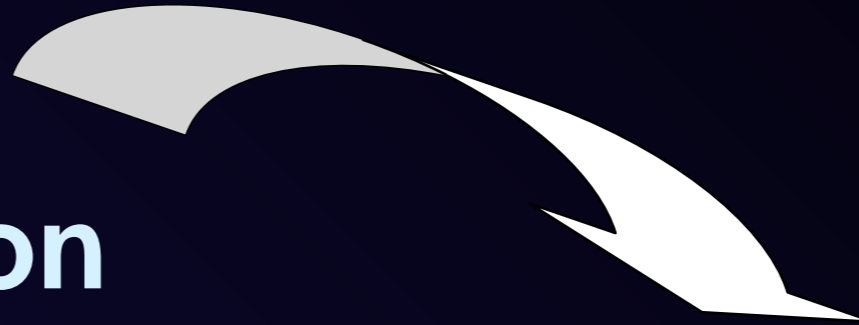
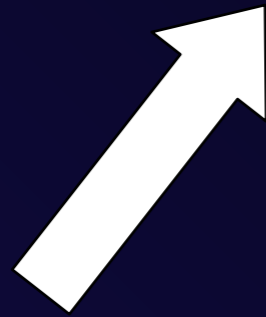
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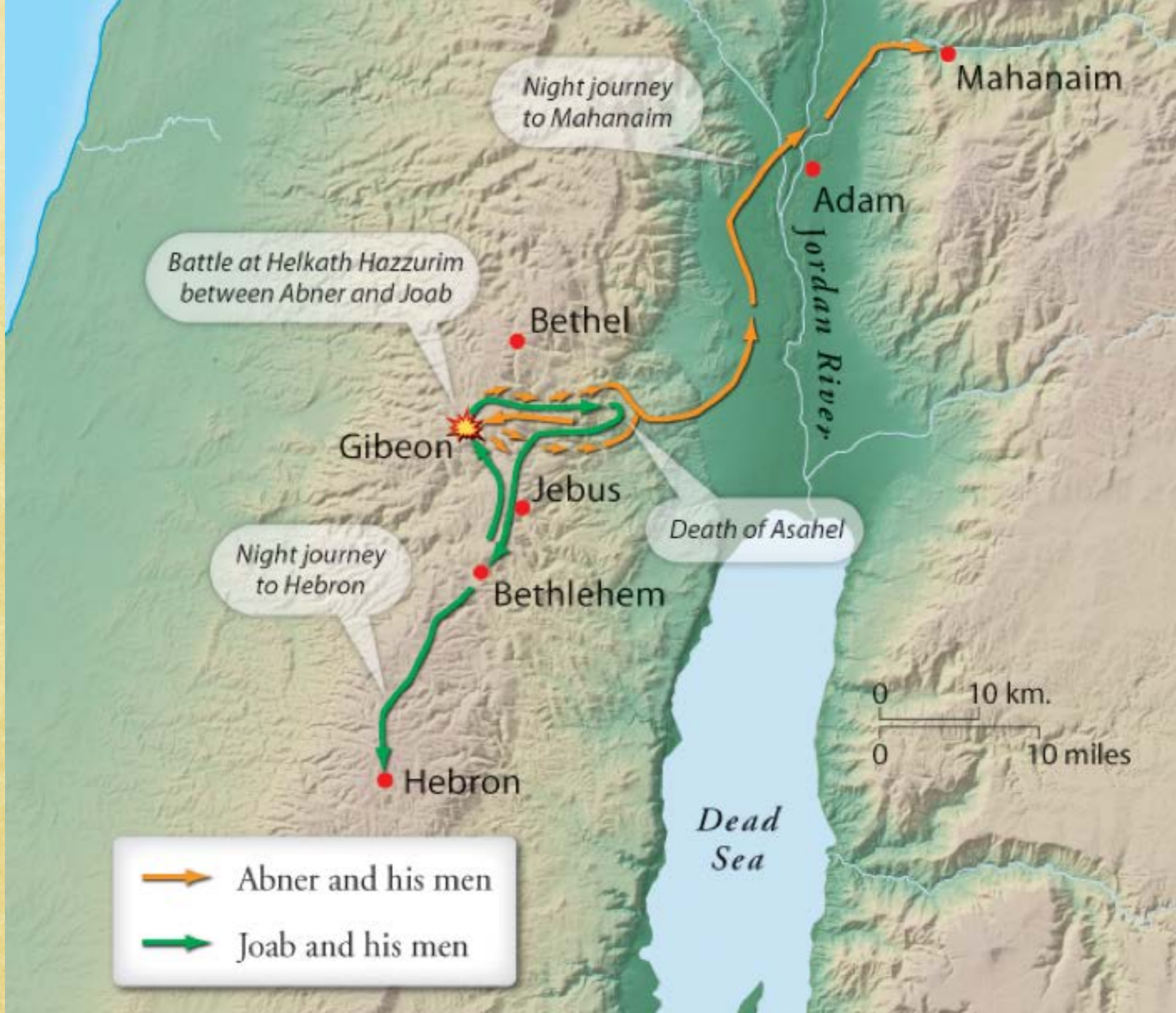


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plur to dismay, terrify,  
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Mahanaim

Adam

Jordan River

Night journey to Mahanaim

Battle at Helkath Hazzurim between Abner and Joab

Bethel

Gibeon

Jebus

Death of Asahel

Night journey to Hebron

Bethlehem

Hebron

0 10 km.

0 10 miles

Dead Sea

- Abner and his men
- Joab and his men



Hebron

Bethlehem

Jerusalem

Beeroth

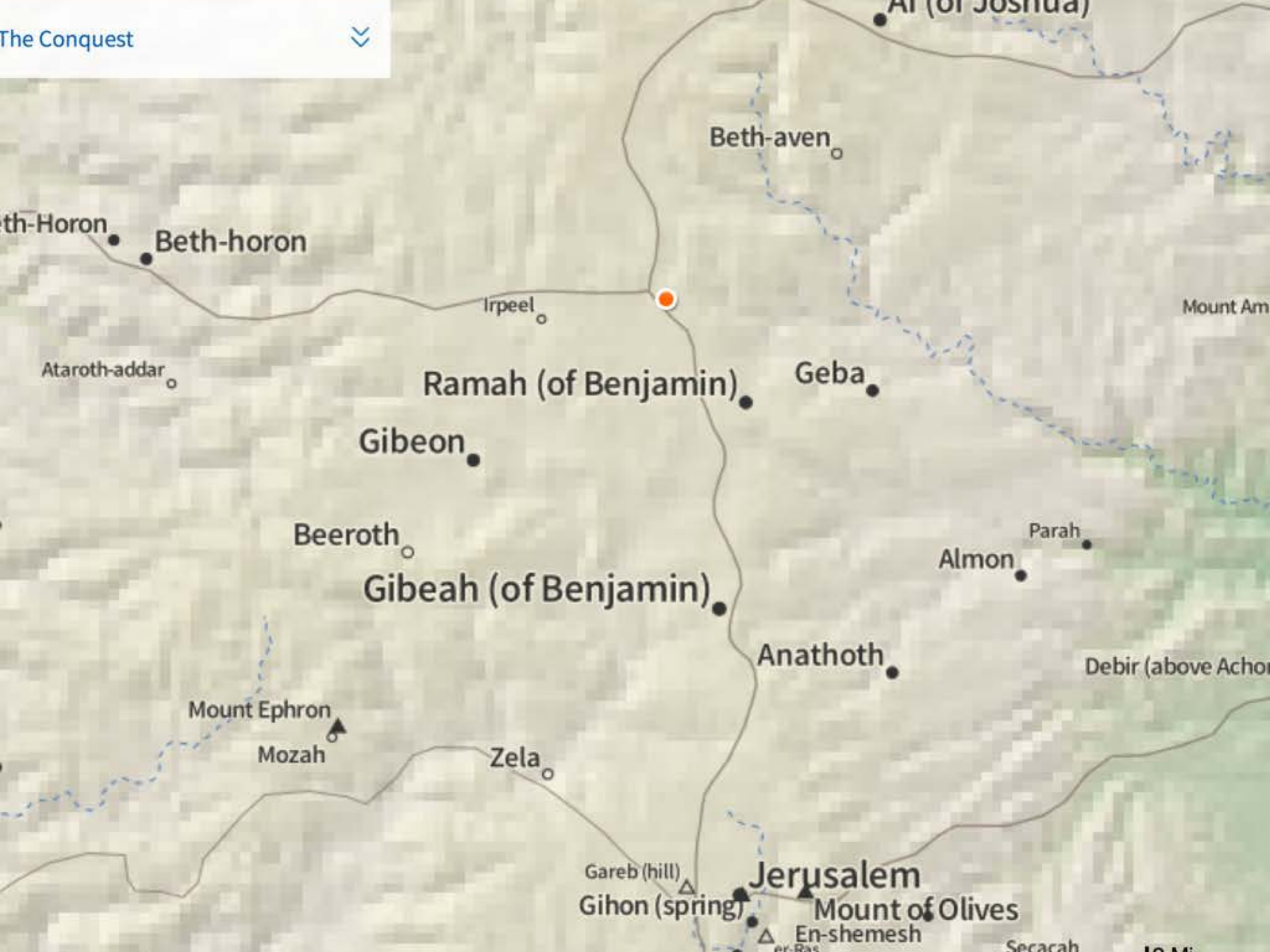
Jericho

Dead Sea

Jabbok R.

Mahanaim

ARABAH





**Josh. 9:17, “Then the children of Israel journeyed and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kirjath Jearim.”**

**Josh. 18:25, “Gibeon, Ramah, Beeroth,”**

**Josh. 11:19, “There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. All the others they took in battle.”**

**Josh. 9:14, “Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the LORD.**

**Josh. 9:15, “So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them.**

**Josh. 9:16, “And it happened at the end of three days, after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors who dwelt near them.”**

**2 Sam. 4:9, “But David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, ‘As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life from all adversity,**

**2 Sam. 4:10, “ ‘when someone told me, saying, “Look, Saul is dead,” thinking to have brought good news, I arrested him and had him executed in Ziklag—the one who thought I would give him a reward for his news.’ ”**

**2 Sam. 4:11, “How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous person in his own house on his bed? Therefore, shall I not now require his blood at your hand and remove you from the earth?”**

**2 Sam. 4:12, “So David commanded his young men, and they executed them, cut off their hands and feet, and hanged them by the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth and buried it in the tomb of Abner in Hebron.”**