

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

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**THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S**  
**THE HOLY GOD'S ARK; FEAR OF GOD**  
**2 SAMUEL 6:9–12**

**1A God blesses David and he unites and expands the kingdom. 2 Sam. 2–10**

**2A God disciplines David for his sins and David reaps the consequences. But God transforms cursing into blessing.  
2 Sam. 11–20**

**3A Six appendices that evidence the greatness of the Davidic Covenant.  
2 Sam. 21–24**

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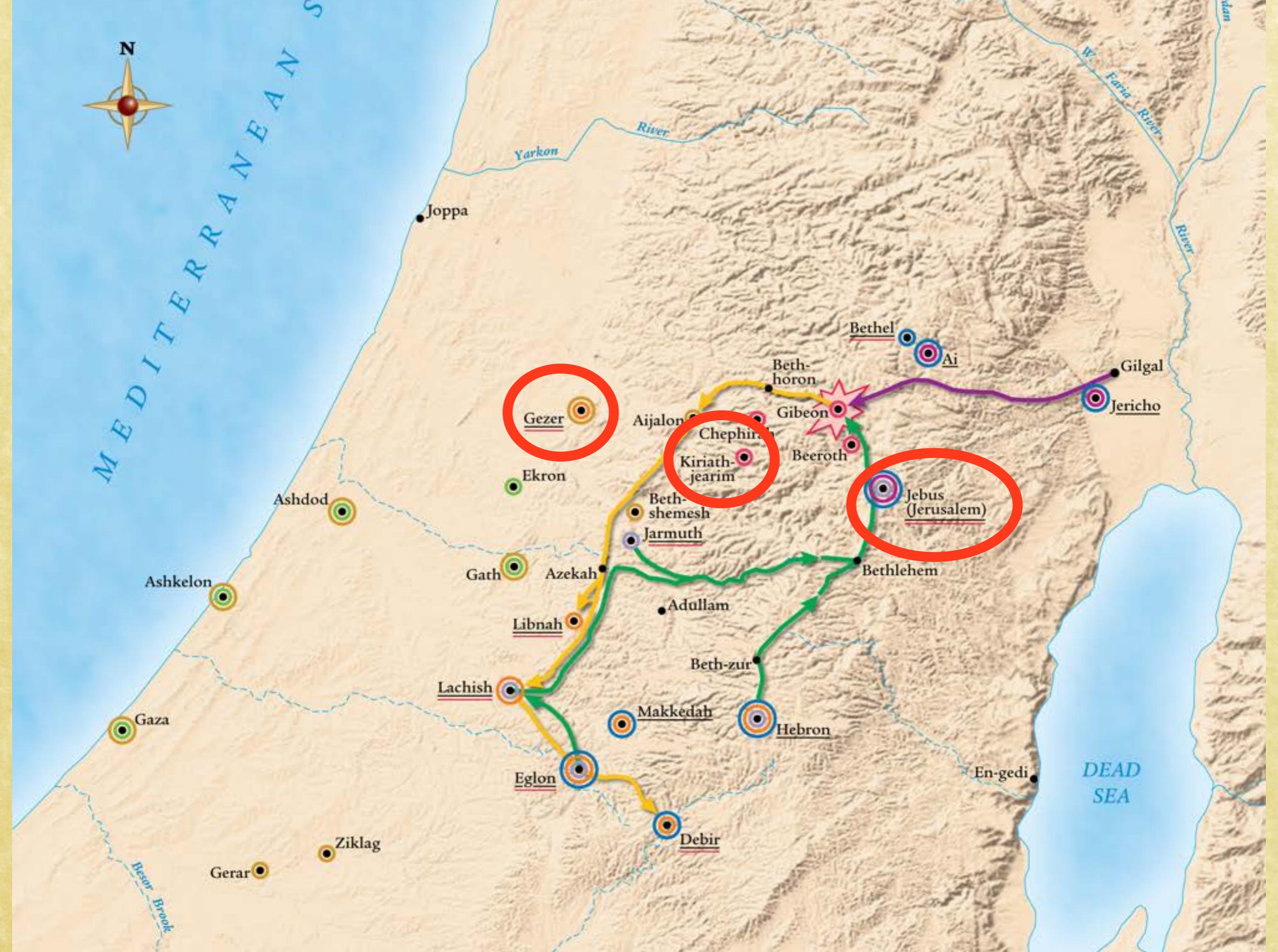
**1B The beginning of David's kingdom, 2 Sam. 2:1–4:12**

**2B God gives David control over Jerusalem, 2 Sam. 5:1–25**

**3B God is enthroned in Jerusalem, 2 Sam. 6**

**2 Sam. 6:1, “Again David gathered all the choice men of Israel, thirty thousand.**

**2 Sam. 6:2, “And David arose and went with all the people who were with him to Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God which is called by the Name, the very name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned above the cherubim.” NASB 95**



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Yarkon River

Faria River

Joppa

Bethel

Ai

Gilgal

Jericho

Gezer

Aijalon

Beth-horon

Gibeon

Kiriath-jearim

Beeroth

Jebus (Jerusalem)

Ekron

Ashdod

Beth-shemesh

Jarmuth

Bethlehem

Ashkelon

Gath

Azekah

Adullam

Libnah

Beth-zur

Lachish

Makkedah

Hebron

Gaza

En-gedi

DEAD SEA

Eglon

Debir

Gerar

Ziklag

Beor Brook

# The History of the Ark of the Covenant



**Num. 4:5, “When the camp sets out, Aaron and his sons shall go in and they shall take down the veil of the screen and cover the ark of the testimony with it;**

**Num. 4:6, “and they shall lay a covering of porpoise skin on it, and shall spread over it a cloth of pure blue, and shall insert its poles.”**

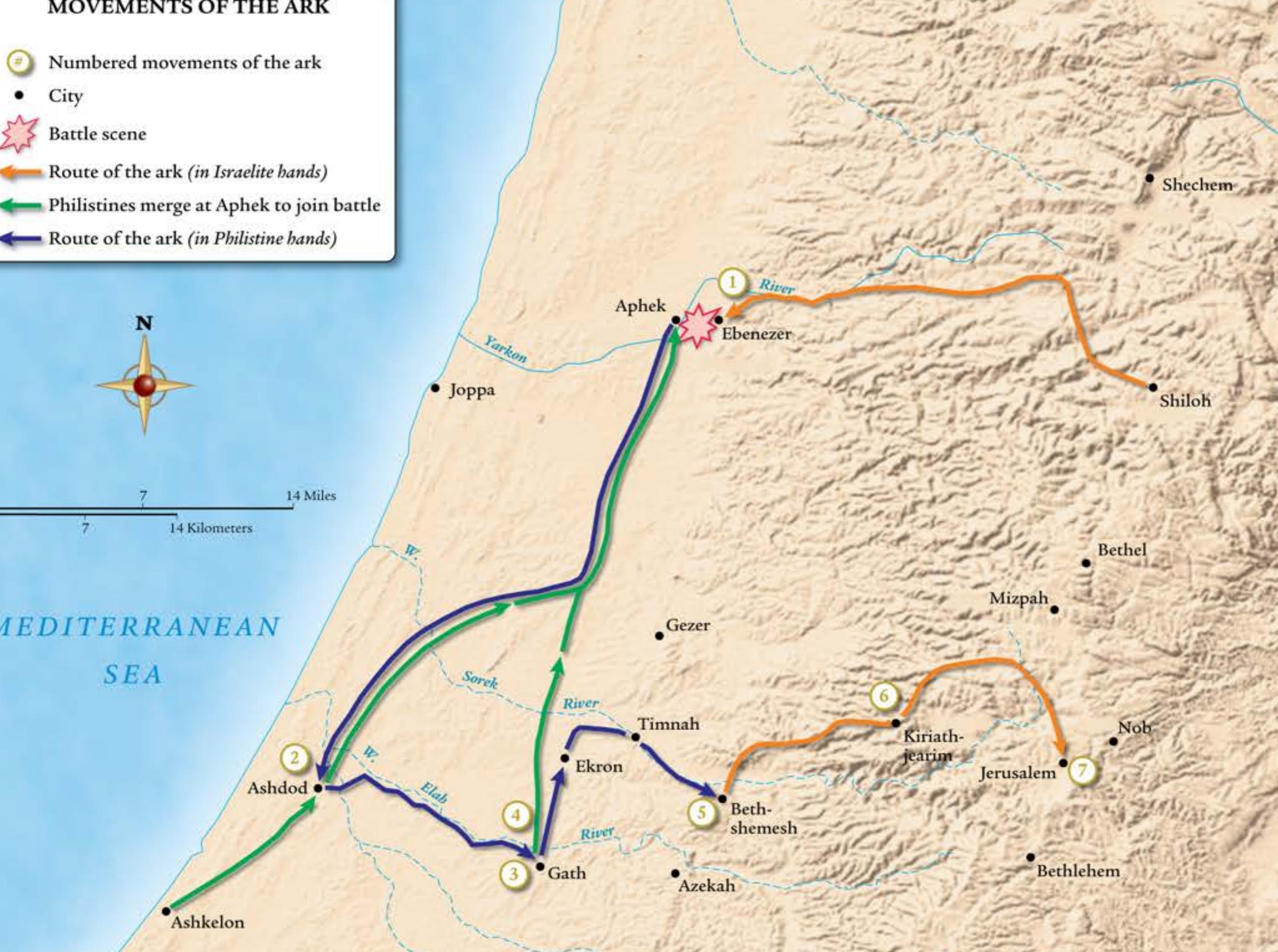
**Ex. 25:15, “The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it.”**

Deut. 10:8, “At that time the LORD set apart **the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD**, to stand before the LORD to serve Him and to bless in His name until this day.”

Num. 7:9, “But he did not give *any* to the sons of **Kohath because theirs was the service of the holy *objects*, which they carried on the shoulder.”**

# MOVEMENTS OF THE ARK

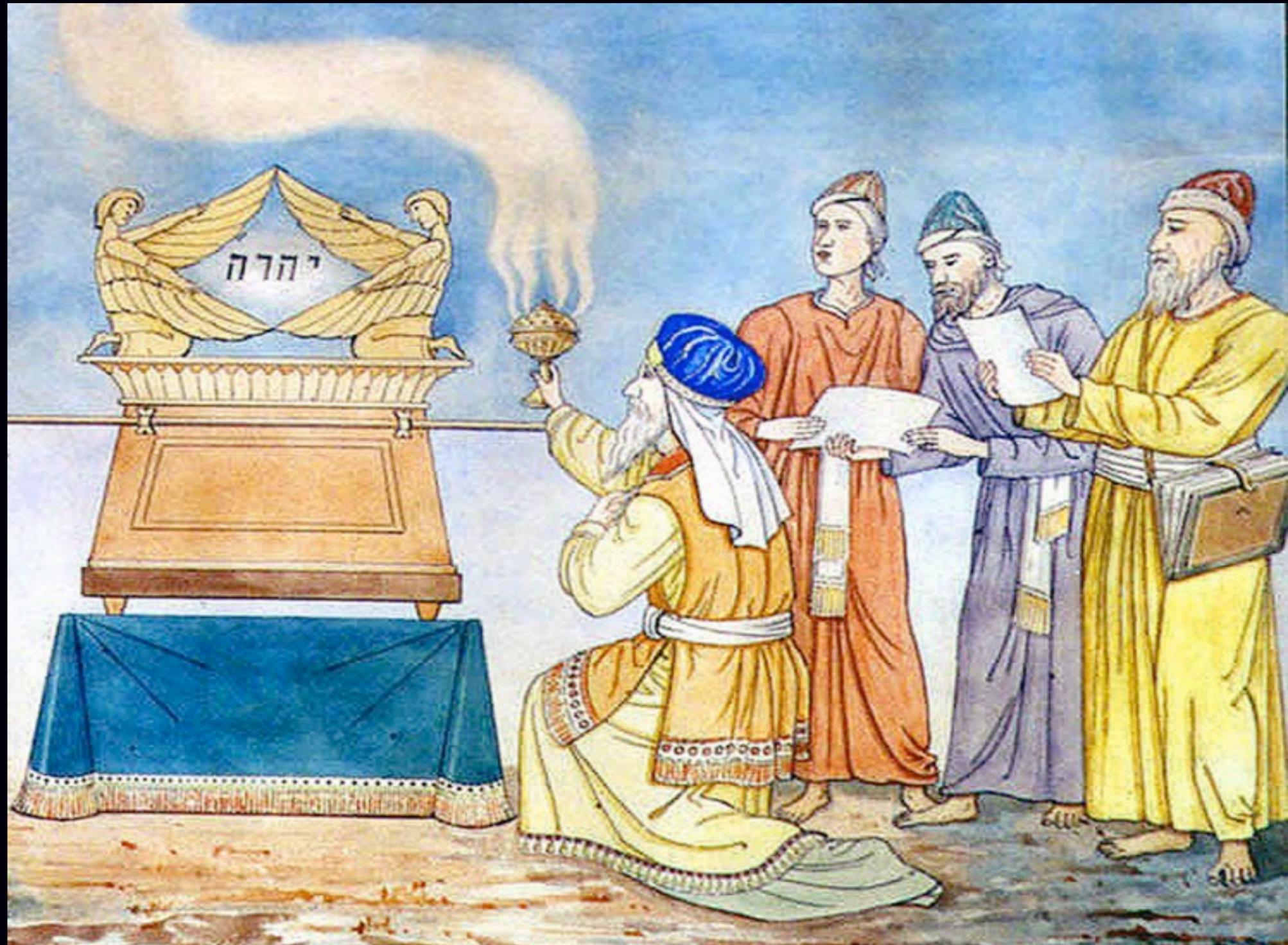
- ① Numbered movements of the ark
- City
- ★ Battle scene
- Route of the ark (in Israelite hands)
- Philistines merge at Aphek to join battle
- Route of the ark (in Philistine hands)



1 Samuel 6:19–20, “And He [God] struck down some of the men of Beth-shemesh because they had looked into the ark of the LORD. He struck down of all the people, [50,0]70 men, and the people mourned because the LORD had struck the people with a great slaughter. And the men of Beth-shemesh said, ‘Who is able to stand before the LORD, this holy God? And to whom shall He go up from us?’ ”



1 Samuel 7:1, “And the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took the ark of the LORD and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.”



**1. God Demonstrates that He is Holy, He is  
in Control, and He is Sufficient.  
2 Sam. 6:1–11**

**1 Chron. 13:3, “and let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul.”**

**1 Chron. 13:4, “Then all the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.”**

**1 Chron. 13:5, “So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor [the river] in Egypt to as far as the entrance of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath Jearim.**

**1 Chron. 13:6, “And David and all Israel went up to Baalah, to Kirjath Jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God the LORD, who dwells between the cherubim, where His name is proclaimed.”**

**2 Sam. 6:3, “So they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.”**



**2 Sam. 6:4, “And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark.”**



**2 Sam. 6:6, “And when they came to Nachon’s threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled.”**

**2 Sam. 6:7, “Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God.**

**2 Sam. 6:8, “And David became angry because of the LORD’S outbreak against Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perez Uzzah to this day.”**

**2 Sam. 6:9, “David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, ‘How can the ark of the LORD come to me?’”**

**2 Sam. 6:10, “So David would not move the ark of the LORD with him into the City of David; but David took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.”**

And the ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

**2 SAMUEL 6:11**



**Why Then is David Angry?**

**God is Not Controlled or Safe?**

**Fear is the response of the fallen human who is confronted with the presence of God.**

**Gen. 3:8, “And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.**

**Gen. 3:9, “Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, ‘Where are you?’”**

**Gen. 3:10, “So he said, ‘I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ ”**

**Fear is the response of the fallen human who is confronted with the presence of God.**

**Gen. 3:6, “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.**

**Gen. 3:7, “Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.”**

**1 John 3:20, “For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.”**

**1 John 4:18, “There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears punishment has not been perfected [matured] in love.”**

**Rom. 1:18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,**

**Rom. 1:19, “because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.”**

**Rom. 1:20, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,**

**Rom. 1:21, “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”**

**Ex. 19:12, “You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, ‘Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.’ ”**

**Ex. 19:16, “Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled [in fear].”**

**Ex. 19:24, “Then the LORD said to him,  
‘Away! Get down and then come up, you  
and Aaron with you. But do not let the  
priests and the people break through to  
come up to the LORD, lest He break out  
against them.’ ”**

**Ex. 20:18, “Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off.**

**Ex. 20:19, “Then they said to Moses, ‘You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.’**

**Ex. 20:20, “And Moses said to the people, ‘Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.’ ”**

**Num. 17:12, “So the children of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Surely we die, we perish, we all perish!**

**Num. 17:13, “ ‘Whoever even comes near the tabernacle of the LORD must die. Shall we all utterly die?’ ”**

**Isa. 6:5, “So I said: ‘Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.’**

**Isa. 6:6, “Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.**

**Isa. 6:7, “And he touched my mouth with it, and said: ‘Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged [*kaphar*, to be cleansed].’ ”**

**1 Sam. 5:10, “Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. So it was, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, ‘They have brought the ark of the God of Israel to us, to kill us and our people!’**

**1 Sam. 5:11, “So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, ‘Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go back to its own place, so that it does not kill us and our people.’ For there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.”**

**1 Sam. 6:20, “And the men of Beth Shemesh said, ‘Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? And to whom shall it go up from us?’”**

**1 Sam. 6:21, “So they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath Jearim, saying, ‘The Philistines have brought back the ark of the LORD; come down and take it up with you.’”**

**Psa. 119:120, “My flesh trembles for fear of You, and I am afraid of Your judgments.”**

**Lev. 11:44, “For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.**

**Lev. 11:45, “For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”**