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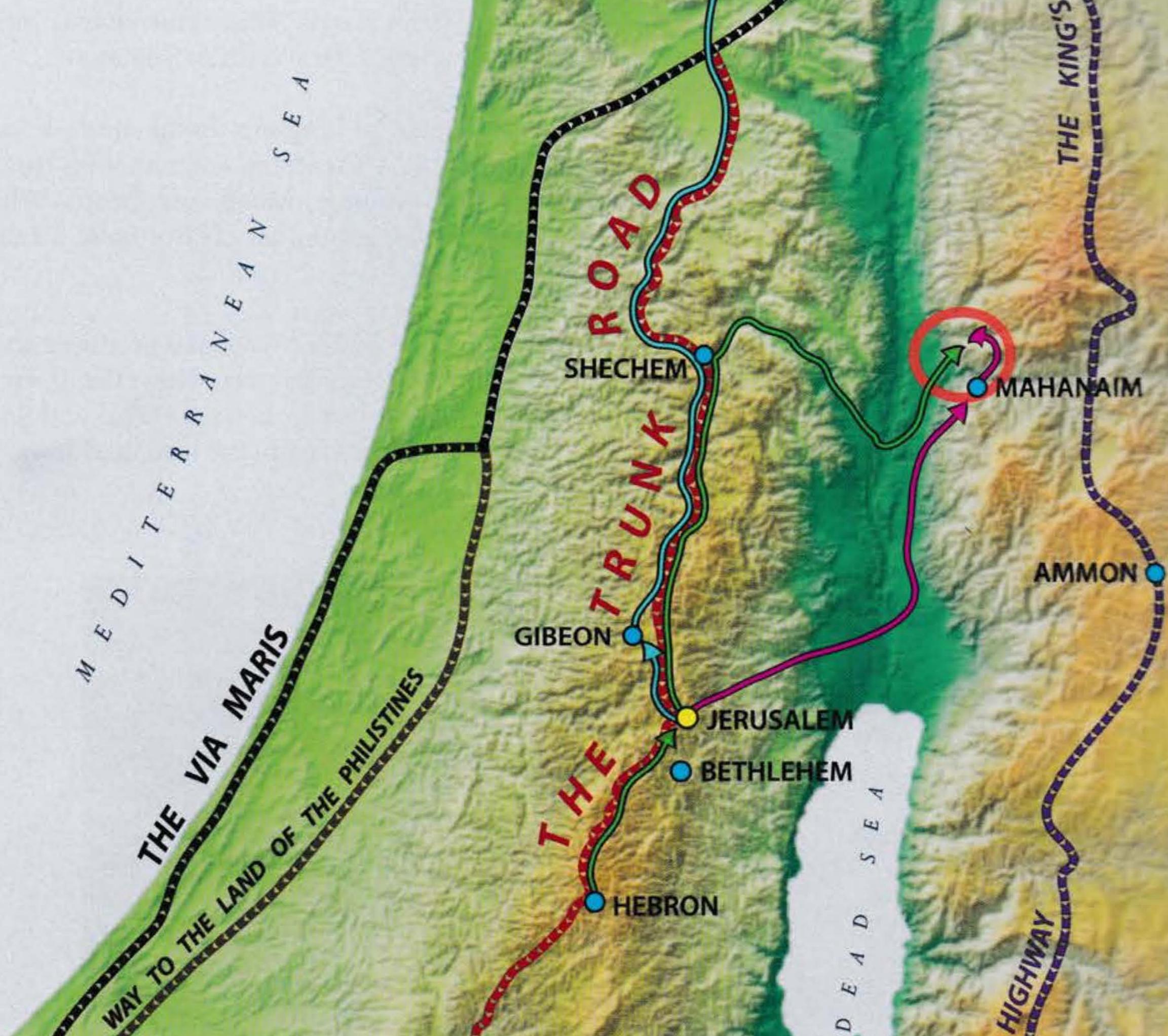


THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S  
GOD'S WILL VS. DAVID'S WILL

2 SAMUEL 18:1–33

# **Seven Scenes in the Rebellion of Absalom**

- 1. Absalom begins the revolt, 2 Sam. 15:1–13**
- 2. David hears and flees, 2 Sam. 15:14–16:14**
- 3. Absalom enters Jerusalem, 2 Sam. 16:15–17:14**
- 4. Hushai informs David, 2 Sam. 17:15–23**
- 5. Absalom moves against David, 2 Sam. 17:24–26**
- 6. David moves across the Jordan and is resupplied, 2 Sam. 17:27–18:5**
- 7. The battle is fought, Absalom is killed, 2 Sam. 18:6–33**



M E D I T E R R A N E A N S E A

THE VIA MARIS

WAY TO THE LAND OF THE PHILISTINES

THE TRUNK ROAD

THE KING'S

HIGHWAY

SHECHEM

MAHANAIM

AMMON

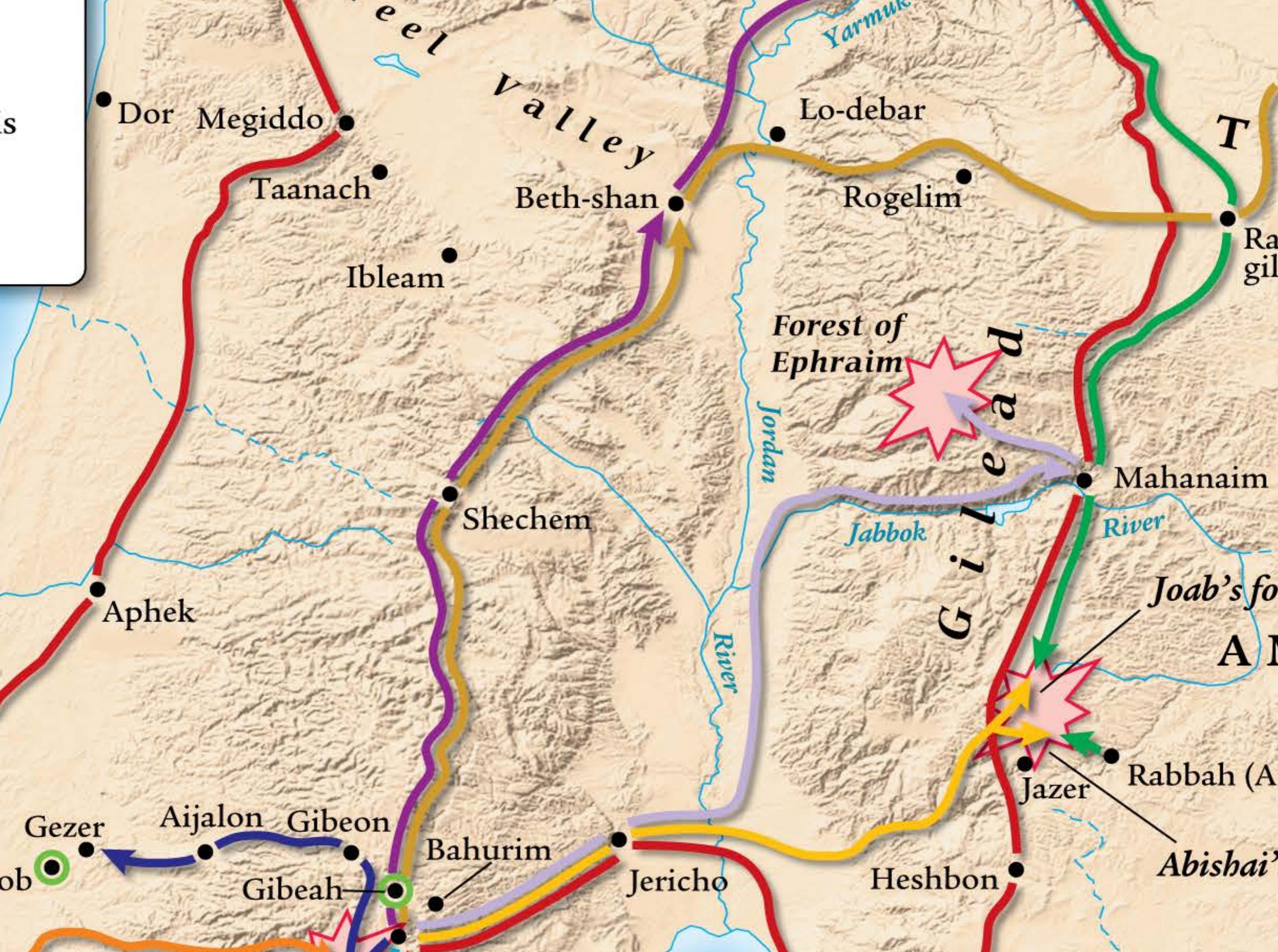
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D E A D S E A



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**דָּקַף *paqad* qal waw Consec 3 masc sing 303x in the Old Testament; to prescribe, seek out, scrutinize, miss, be present; to make a careful inspection, to check, look over; pass in review, muster ~HALOT**

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**2 Sam. 17:14, “So Absalom and all the men of Israel said, ‘The advice of Hushai the Archite is better than the advice of Ahithophel.’ For the Lord had purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel, to the intent that the Lord might bring disaster on Absalom.”**

**2 Sam. 18:3, “But the people answered,  
‘You shall not go out! For if we flee away,  
they will not care about us; nor if half of us  
die, will they care about us. But you are  
worth ten thousand of us now. For you are  
now more help to us in the city.’ ”**

**2 Sam. 18:5, “Now the king had commanded Joab, Abishai, and Ittai, saying, ‘Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.’ And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains orders concerning Absalom.”**

**חַנְיָוִן *‘ar* comm masc sing abs boy, youth**

**2 Sam. 18:6, “So the people went out into the field of battle against Israel. And the battle was in the woods of Ephraim.”**

**2 Sam. 18:4, “Then the king said to them, ‘Whatever seems best to you I will do.’ So the king stood beside the gate, and all the people went out by hundreds and by thousands.”**

**2 Sam. 18:7, “The people of Israel were overthrown there before the servants of David, and a great slaughter of twenty thousand took place there that day.**

**2 Sam. 18:8, “For the battle there was scattered over the face of the whole countryside, and the woods devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.”**

**2 Sam. 18:9, “Then Absalom met the servants of David. Absalom rode on a mule. The mule went under the thick boughs of a great terebinth tree, and his head caught in the terebinth; so he was left hanging between heaven and earth. And the mule which was under him went on.”**

**ראש- *ro'sh*  
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**Prov. 10:13, “Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding, but a rod [*shevet*] is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.”**

**Prov. 13:24, “He who spares his rod [*shevet*] hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.”**

**2 Sam. 18:15, “And ten young men who bore Joab’s armor surrounded Absalom, and struck and killed him.**

**2 Sam. 18:16, “So Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing Israel. For Joab held back the people.”**

**Deut. 21:22, “If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree,**

**Deut. 21:23, “his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged is accursed of God.”**

**2 Sam. 18:17, “And they took Absalom and cast him into a large pit in the woods, and laid a very large heap of stones over him. Then all Israel fled, everyone to his tent.**

**2 Sam. 18:18, “Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and set up a pillar for himself, which is in the King’s Valley. For he said, ‘I have no son to keep my name in remembrance.’ He called the pillar after his own name. And to this day it is called Absalom’s Monument.”**

***ṭṭiyad* “hand, memorial, monument”**

**Isa. 56:5, “I will give them, in My house and within My walls, a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters. I will give each of them an everlasting name that will never be cut off.” [HCSB]**

***yad veshem: “a memorial and a name”***

**2 Sam. 18:19, “Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said, ‘Let me run now and take the news to the king, how the Lord has avenged him of his enemies.’ ”**

**2 Sam. 18:20, “And Joab said to him, ‘You shall not take the news this day, for you shall take the news another day. But today you shall take no news, because the king’s son is dead.’”**

**2 Sam. 18:21, “Then Joab said to the Cushite, ‘Go, tell the king what you have seen.’ So the Cushite bowed himself to Joab and ran.”**

**2 Sam. 18:33, “Then the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept. And as he went, he said thus: ‘O my son Absalom—my son, my son Absalom—if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!’ ”**