

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S  
*THE HOLINESS OF GOD*

1 SAMUEL 6:1–7:2

# Outline

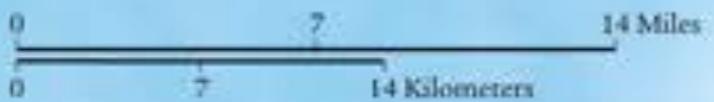
- 1A. *Yhwh* prepares to deliver Israel by a great change, 1 Sam. 1–7**
- 2B. *Yhwh* orchestrates the collapse of the old order [Eli], 1 Sam. 2:11–4:22**
- 4C. *Yhwh* establishes the means for delivering Israel, 1 Sam. 5:1–6:21**

**Judg. 17:6, “In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”**

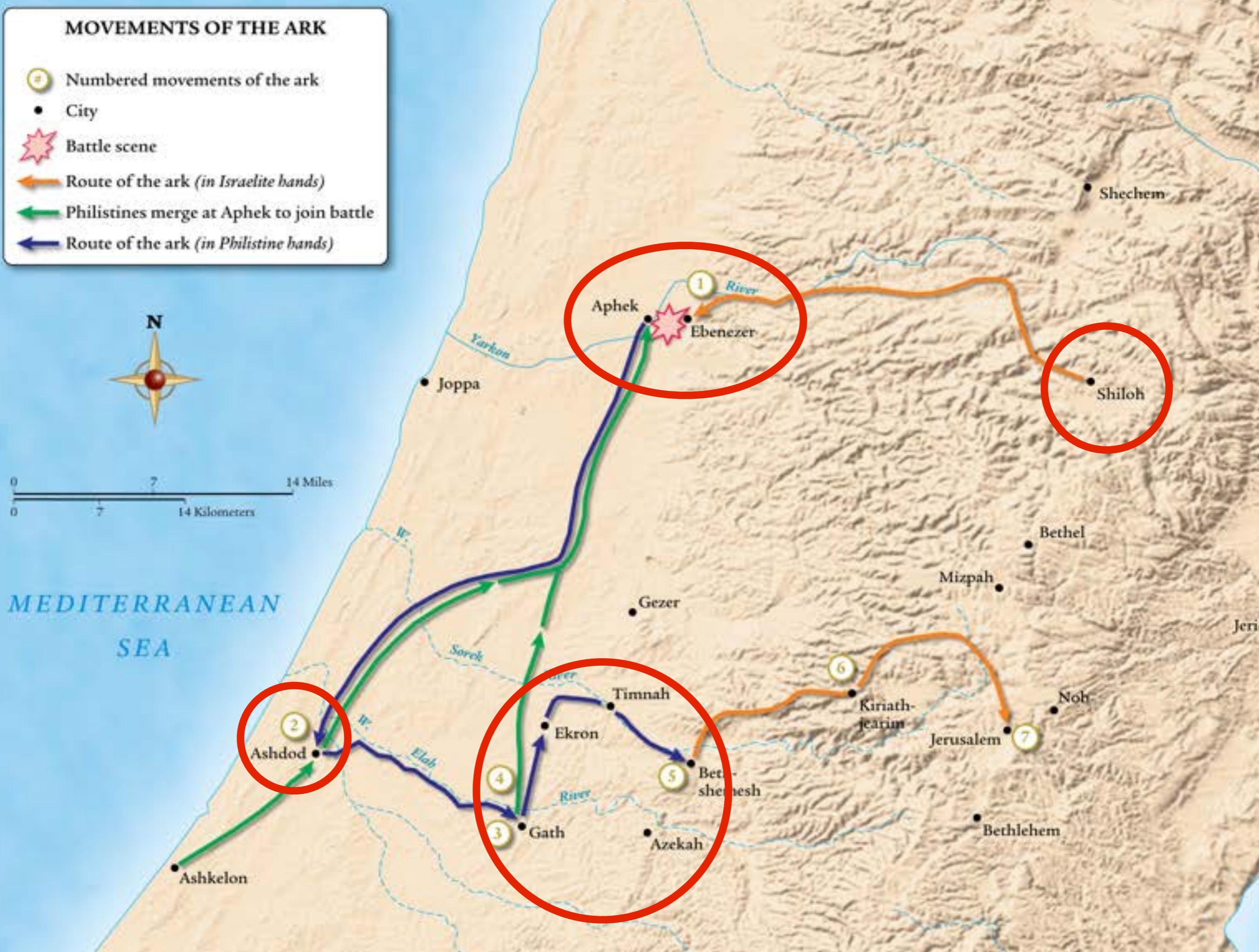
**Judg. 21:25, “In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”**

# 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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# **UNDERSTANDING HOLINESS**

# 1. Holiness is a translation from the Hebrew words:

קָדַשׁ (*qādash*) *be set apart, holy; to consecrate, sanctify, prepare, dedicate*

קָדוֹשׁ *qadosh* masc sing abs *holy; apartness, sacredness*

## and the Greek Words

ἅγιος *hagios*, *holy, sacred;*

ἁγιάζω (*hagiazō*), *make holy, consecrate, sanctify;*

ἁγιασμός *hagiasmos*, *holiness, consecration, sanctification*

**2. Though *holy* is often thought in English to mean “moral purity” or a synonym for righteousness and justice, it is actually more than that.**

**3. Cognate words in other Semitic languages indicate that main idea is something that pertains or belongs to the realm or use of the divine.**

**4. All New Testament uses of the word are built on the Septuagint and Old Testament uses of the word, not classical Greek meanings.**

**5. The main idea probably combines the ideas of separateness, distinctiveness, transcendence, and encompasses the totality of Who God is.**

**Rom. 6:13, “And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.**

**1 Cor. 15:34, “Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.”**

**Eph. 5:9, “(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),”**

**2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,”**

**6. Thus the priests of Israel and the believer were to live distinct lives. Other commands and instructions defined that distinctiveness which included moral excellence.**

**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.”**

**Lev. 19:2, “Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.’ ”**

**Lev. 20:26, “And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.”**

**1 Pet. 1:15, “but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,**

**1 Pet. 1:16, “because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy.’ ”**

**2 Tim. 3:5, “having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”**

**Lev. 19:26, “You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor shall you practice divination or soothsaying.”**

**Deut. 18:14, “For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you.”**

**Psa. 106:35, “But they mingled with the nations, And learned their practices,**

**Psa. 106:36, “And served their idols, Which became a snare to them.**

**Psa. 106:37, “They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons,**

**Psa. 106:38, “And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and their daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with the blood.”**

**1 Cor. 10:20, “No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.”**

**Deut. 32:15, “But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked — You are grown fat, thick, and sleek — Then he forsook God who made him, And scorned the Rock of his salvation.**

**Deut. 32:16, “They made Him jealous with strange gods; With abominations they provoked Him to anger.**

**Deut. 32:17, “They sacrificed to demons who were not God, To gods whom they have not known, New gods who came lately, Whom your fathers did not dread.**

**Deut. 32:18, “You neglected the Rock who begot you, And forgot the God who gave you birth.”**

**Eph. 6:11, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

**Eph. 6:12, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”**

**1 Sam. 6:3, “So they said, ‘If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, do not send it empty; but by all means return it to Him with a trespass offering. Then you will be healed, and it will be known to you why His hand is not removed from you.’ ”**

**1 Sam. 6:4, “Then they said, ‘What is the trespass offering which we shall return to Him?’ They answered, ‘Five golden tumors and five golden rats, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines. For the same plague was on all of you and on your lords.’ ”**



**1 Sam. 6:7, “Now therefore, make a new cart, take two milk cows which have never been yoked, and hitch the cows to the cart; and take their calves home, away from them.**

**1 Sam. 6:8, “Then take the ark of the LORD and set it on the cart; and put the articles of gold which you are returning to Him as a trespass offering in a chest by its side. Then send it away, and let it go.**

**1 Sam. 6:9, “And watch: if it goes up the road to its own territory, to Beth Shemesh, then He has done us this great evil. But if not, then we shall know that it is not His hand that struck us—it happened to us by chance.”**

**1 Sam. 6:12, “Then the cows headed straight for the road to Beth Shemesh, and went along the highway, lowing as they went, and did not turn aside to the right hand or the left. And the lords of the Philistines went after them to the border of Beth Shemesh.”**



**1 Sam. 6:13, “Now *the people of Beth Shemesh* were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley, and they raised their eyes and saw the ark and were glad to see *it*.”**

**1 Sam. 6:15, “The Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the box that was with it, in which were the articles of gold, and put them on the large stone; and the men of Beth Shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices that day to the LORD.”**

**1 Sam. 6:14, “Then the cart came into the field of Joshua of Beth Shemesh, and stood there; a large stone was there. So they split the wood of the cart and offered the cows as a burnt offering to the LORD.**

**1 Sam. 6:15, “The Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the chest that was with it, in which were the articles of gold, and put them on the large stone. Then the men of Beth Shemesh offered burnt offerings and made sacrifices the same day to the LORD.”**

**1 Sam. 6:19, “Then He struck the men of Beth Shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD. He struck fifty thousand and seventy men of the people, and the people lamented because the LORD had struck the people with a great slaughter.”**

**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.’**

**1 Sam. 7:1, “Then the men of Kirjath 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 Sam. 7:2, “So it was that the ark remained in Kirjath Jearim a long time; it was there twenty years. And all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.”**