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1 SAMUEL 11:1-15

1 Samuel

Samuel
Prophet,
Priest,
Judge

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Saul

Rise

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Decline

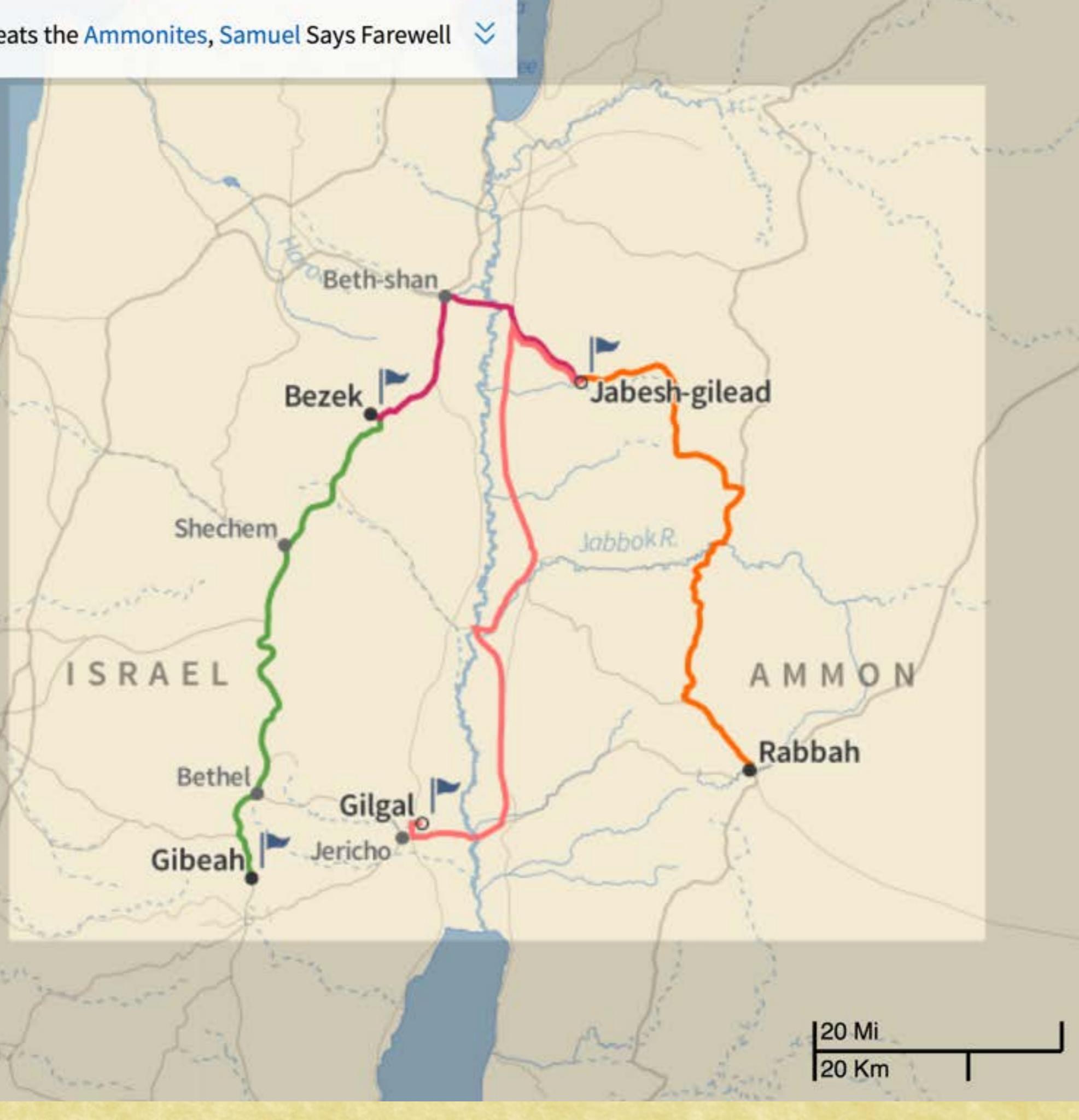
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David's
Rise

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Saul Defeats the Ammonites, Samuel Says Farewell



I. The Lord selects and anoints Saul to be King over Israel, 1 Samuel 9:1–10:16

- 1B The Lord directs Samuel to select Saul to be King over Israel. 9:1–27**
- 2B The Lord direct Samuel to anoint Saul, and confirms the appointment through the changes to Saul and his praise with the prophets.**



1 Sam. 11:1, “Then Nahash the Ammonite came up and encamped against Jabesh Gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, ‘Make a covenant with us, and we will serve you.’ ”

Gen. 19:35, “Then they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger arose and lay with him, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

Gen. 19:36, “Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father.

Gen. 19:37, “The firstborn bore a son and called his name **Moab**; he is the father of the **Moabites** to this day.

Gen. 19:38, “And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name **Ben-ammi**; he is the father of **the people of Ammon** to this day.”

Israel: *Past, Present, and Future*

Biblical Period

2091 BC – AD 70

Post-Biblical Period

AD 70–1839

Modern Period

1839–2006

1. Patriarchal
2. Sojourn and
3. Theocracy
4. United Kingdom
5. Divided Kingdom
6. Exile
7. Post-exile
8. Hasmonean
9. Roman



1. Rome
2. Byzantine
3. Persian
4. Moslem Arab
5. Crusaders
6. Mamluks
7. Ottoman Turks
(1517–)

1. Ottoman
Turks (–1918)
2. British
3. Jordanian
4. Israel

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1 Sam. 11:1 (NRSV), “Now Nahash, king of the Ammonites, had been grievously oppressing the Gadites and the Reubenites. He would gouge out the right eye of each of them and would not grant Israel a deliverer. No one was left of the Israelites across the Jordan whose right eye Nahash, king of the Ammonites, had not gouged out. But there were seven thousand men who had escaped from the Ammonites and had entered Jabesh-gilead. About a month later ...” [other modern versions that follow 4QSam are the NEB and NAB].

2 Sam. 10:2, “Then David said, ‘I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness to me.’ So David sent by the hand of his servants to comfort him concerning his father. And David’s servants came into the land of the people of Ammon.”

2 Sam. 17:25, “And Absalom made Amasa captain of the army instead of Joab. This Amasa was the son of a man whose name was Jithra, an Israelite, who had gone in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister of Zeruiyah, Joab’s mother.

1 Chron. 2:13, “Jesse begot ... and David ...”

1 Chron. 2:16, “Now their sisters were Zeruiyah and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiyah were Abishai, Joab, and Asahel—three.

1 Chron. 2:17, “Abigail bore Amasa; and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite.”

1 Sam. 11:2, “And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, ‘On this condition I will make a covenant with you, that I may put out all your right eyes, and bring reproach on all Israel.’ ”

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1 Sam. 11:4, “So the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and told the news in the hearing of the people. And all the people lifted up their voices and wept.

1 Sam. 11:5, “Now there was Saul, coming behind the herd from the field; and Saul said, ‘What troubles the people, that they weep?’ And they told him the words of the men of Jabesh.

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to prosper, succeed, rush upon

1 Sam. 11:7, “So he took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, ‘Whoever does not go out with Saul and Samuel to battle, so it shall be done to his oxen.’ And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.”

1 Sam. 11:8, “When he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.”

1 Sam. 11:9, “And they said to the messengers who came, ‘Thus you shall say to the men of Jabesh Gilead: “Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have help.”’ Then the messengers came and reported it to the men of Jabesh, and they were glad.

1 Sam. 11:10, “Therefore the men of Jabesh said, ‘Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you may do with us whatever seems good to you.’”

1 Sam. 11:11, “So it was, on the next day, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and killed Ammonites until the heat of the day. And it happened that those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.”

1 Sam. 11:12, “Then the people said to Samuel, ‘Who is he who said, “Shall Saul reign over us?” Bring the men, that we may put them to death.’

1 Sam. 11:13, “But Saul said, ‘Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today the LORD has accomplished salvation in Israel.’ ”