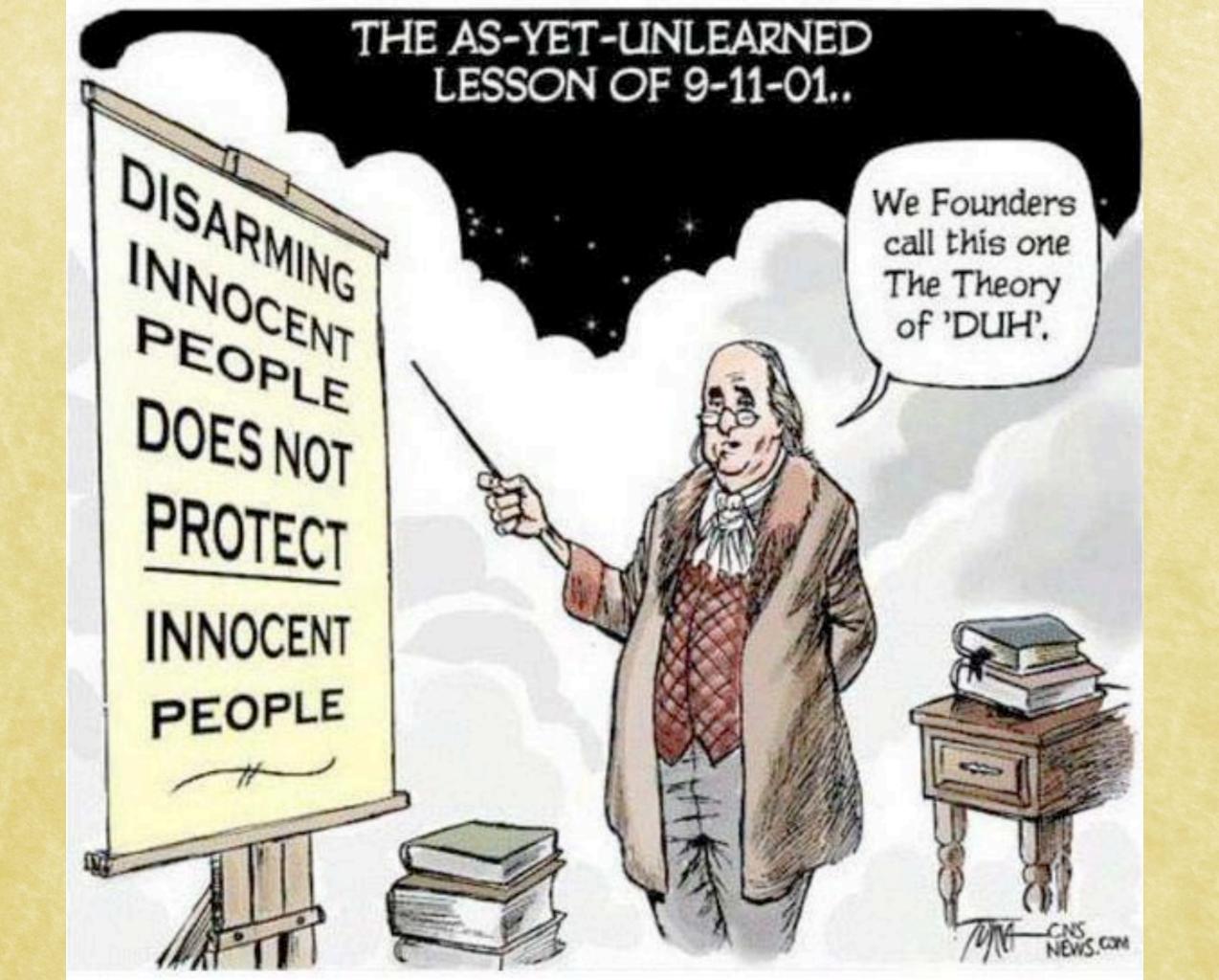
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Dean Bible Ministries www.deanbibleministries.org Dr. Robert L. Dean, Jr. Isa. 65:17, "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind."





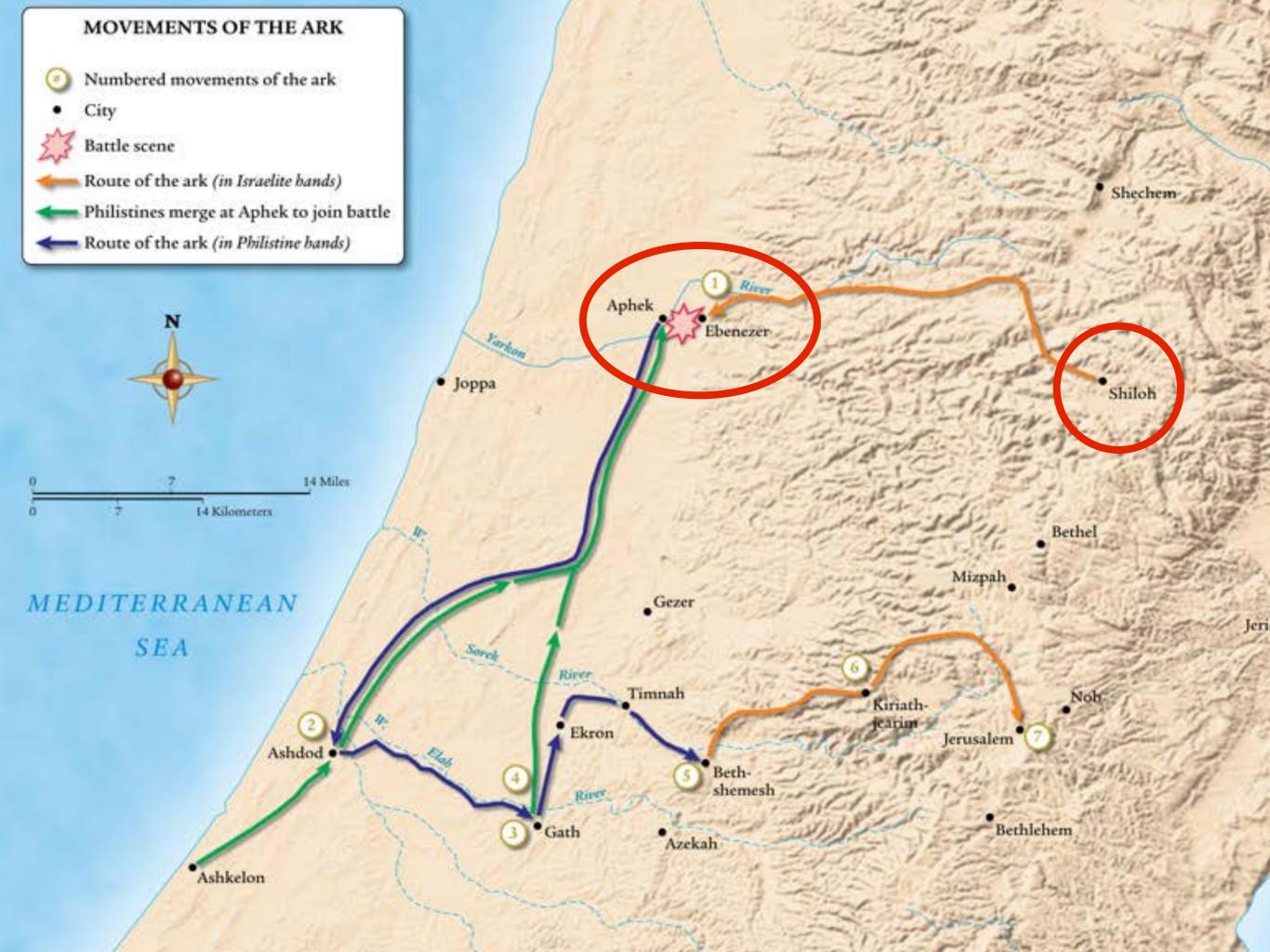
GOD NEVER FAILS 1 SAMUEL 5:6–12

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

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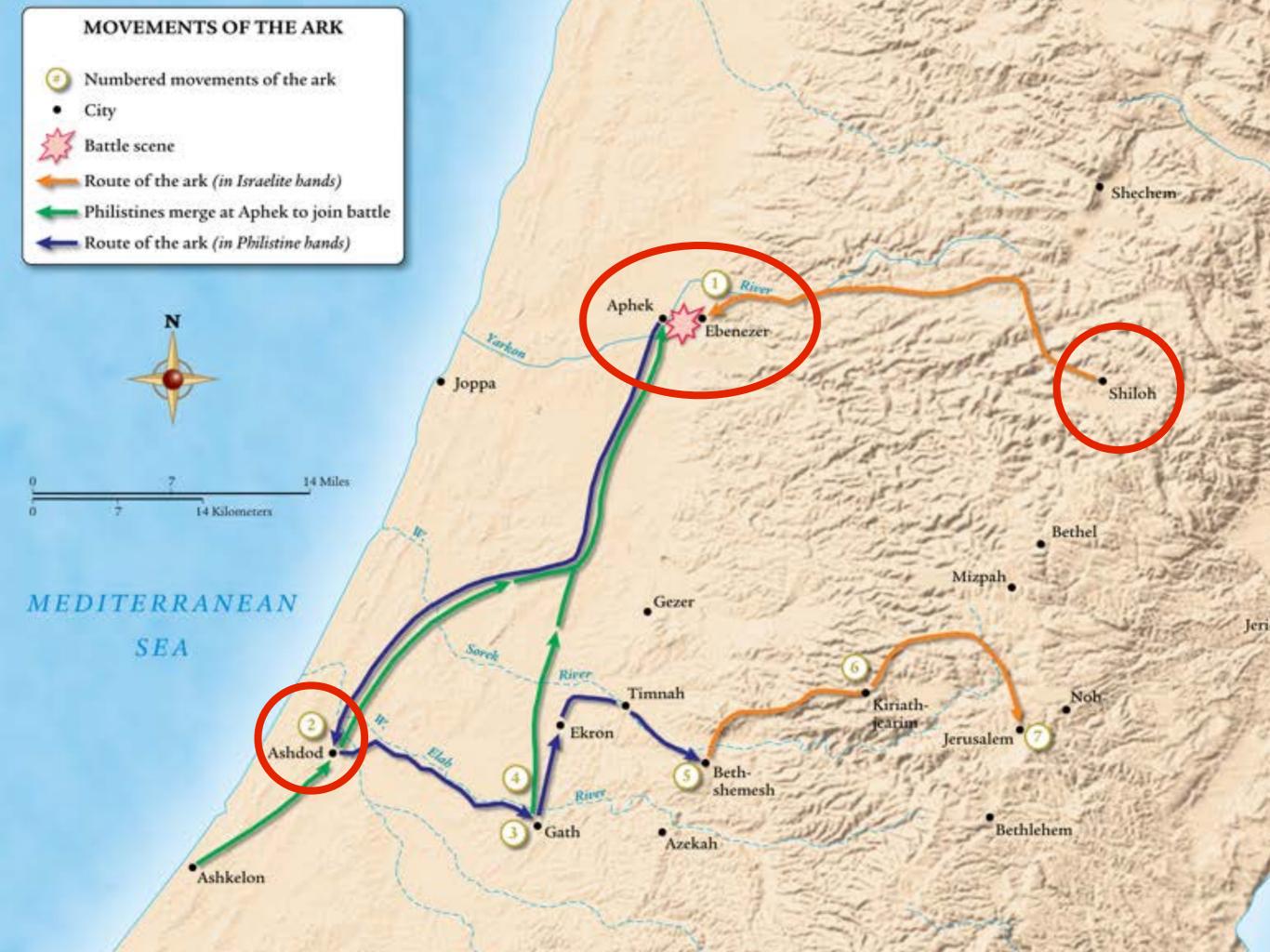
The Philistines

- "Sea peoples"
- Established fortress cities along the coastal plain of Canaan: Ashdod, Ashkelon, Ekron, Gath, Gaza.
- Shamgar defeated them in Judges 3:31.
- Samson caused trouble, but failed to deliver Israel. He died in a Dagon temple.
- The Philistines place the Ark of God in a Dagon temple to indicate He is a servant of Dagon.
- The Philistines aren't finally defeated until David (2 Sam 23).

1 Sam. 13:19, "Now there was no blacksmith to be found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, 'Lest the Hebrews make swords or spears.'" 1 Sam. 5:1, "Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod.

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God is superior to all religious and political systems, 1 Samuel 5:1–5



Psa. 106:35, "But they mingled with the nations, and learned their practices,

Psa. 106:36, "And served their <u>idols</u>, which became a snare to <u>them</u>.

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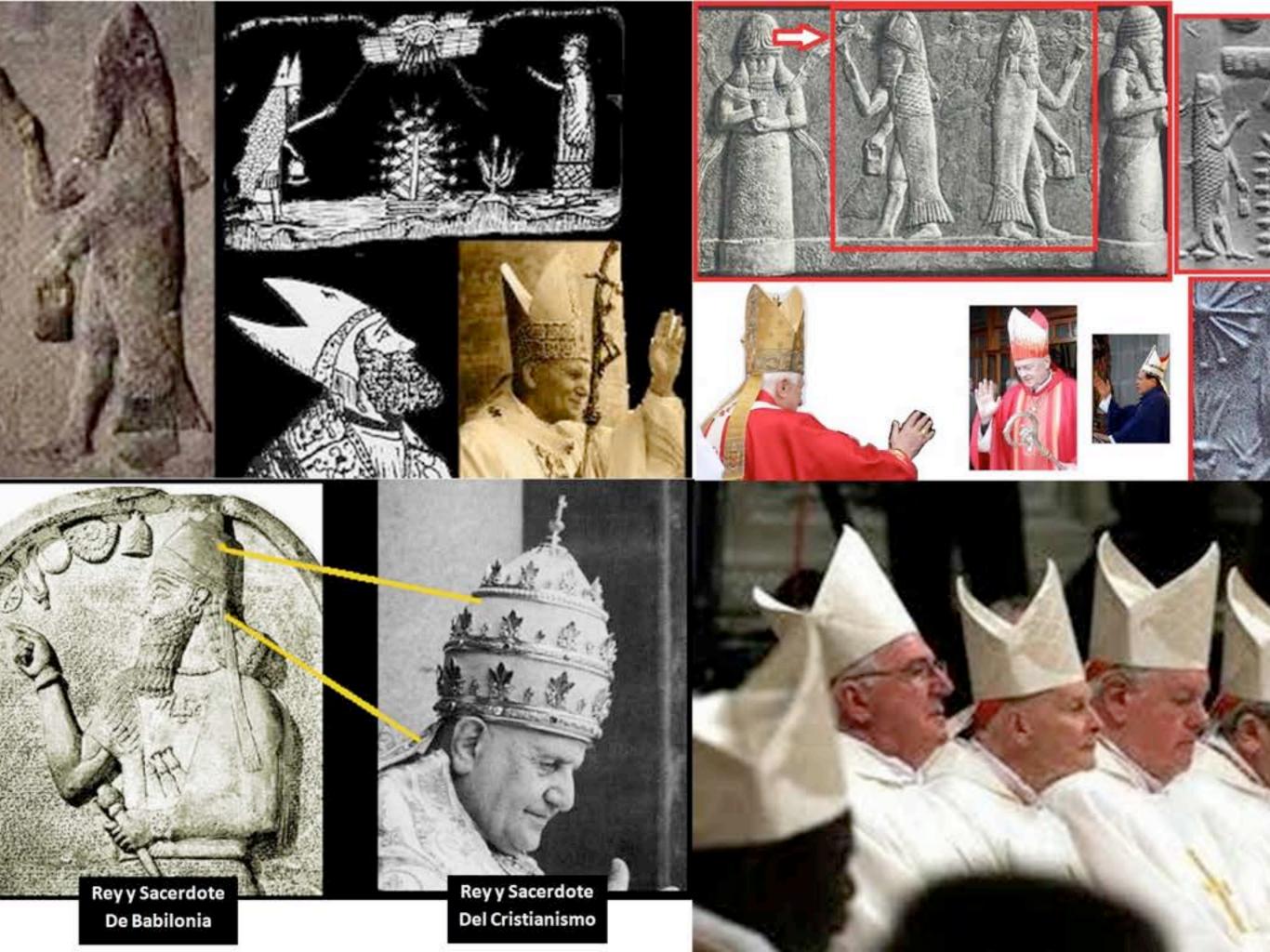
Psa. 106:38, "And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and their daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the <u>idols of Canaan</u>; and the land was polluted with the blood." 1 Cor. 10:20, "No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I 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, "<u>They sacrificed to demons who</u> <u>were not God</u>, 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."



Judg. 16:23, "Now the lords of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice. And they said: "<u>Our god has</u> <u>delivered into our hands Samson our</u> <u>enemy</u>!" Num. 10:35, "So it was, whenever the ark set out, that Moses said: 'Rise up, O LORD! Let Your enemies be scattered, and let those who hate You flee before You.'

Num. 10:36, "And when it rested, he said: 'Return, O LORD, to the many thousands of Israel.'" 1 Sam. 5:1, "Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod.

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1 Sam. 5:3, "And when the people of Ashdod arose early in the morning, there was Dagon, fallen on its face to the earth before the <u>ark of the LORD</u>. So they took Dagon and set it in its place again." 1 Sam. 5:4, "And when they arose early the next morning, there was Dagon, fallen on its face to the ground before the *ark of the LORD*. The head of Dagon and both the palms of its hands were broken off on the threshold; only Dagon's torso was left of

it."



1 Sam. 5:5, "Therefore neither the priests of Dagon nor any who come into Dagon's house tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

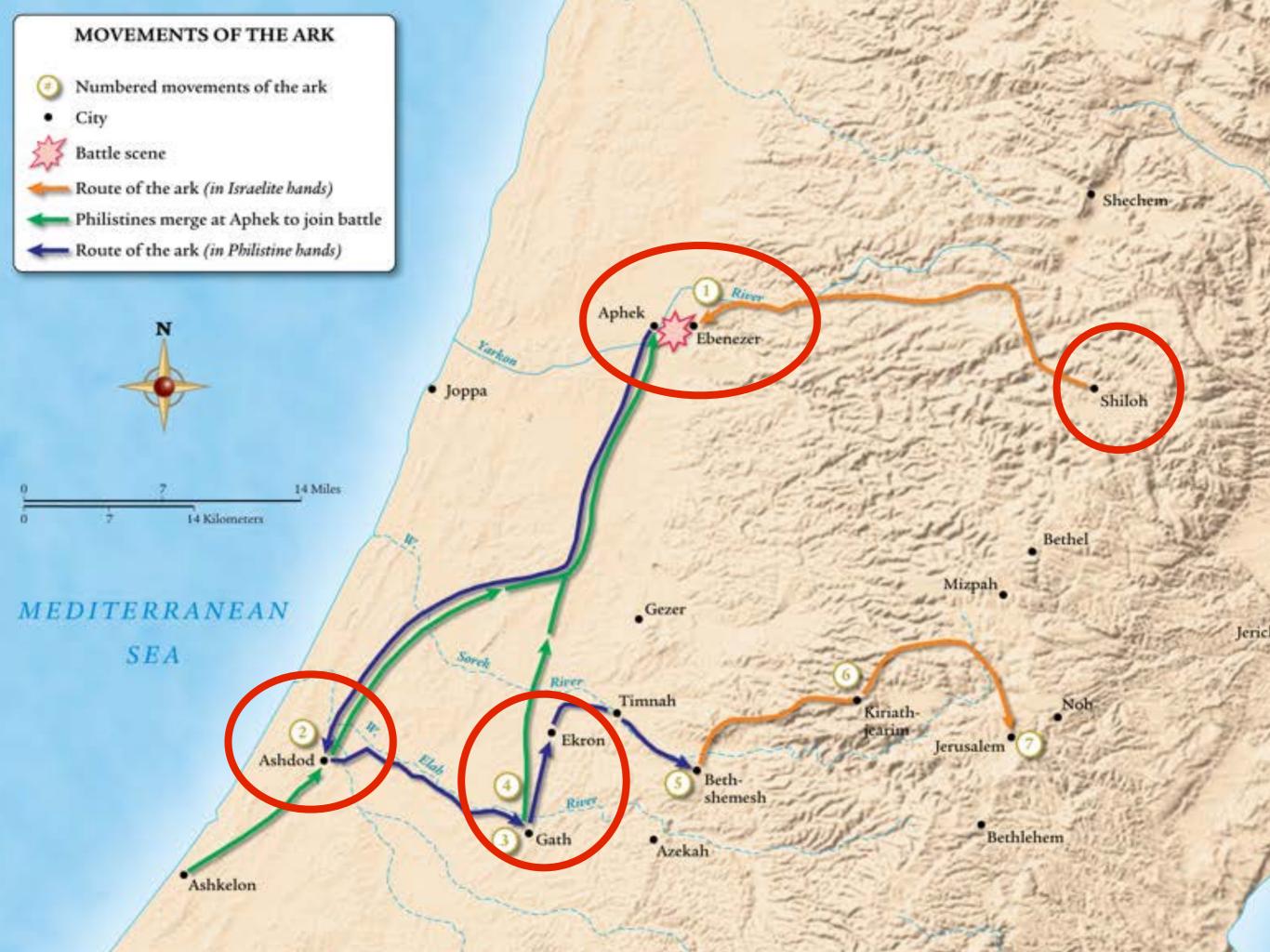
1 Sam. 5:6, "But the hand of the LORD was heavy on the people of Ashdod, and He ravaged them and struck them with tumors, both Ashdod and its territory.*"

*The Septuagint (LXX) and Vulgate add the following: "And mice multiplied in their land, and <u>the terror of death was</u> <u>throughout the entire city</u>."

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II. Emerods. (ASV, "emerods, tumors;" RSV, "tumors;" NASB, "hemorrhoids;" NIV "tumors.") A noun occurring six times, five in 1 Sam. 5–6, refers to boils or tumors (cf. Arabic *aflun* "tumor, boil of the anus"). 1 Sam. 5:7, "And when the men of Ashdod saw how it was, they said, "The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us, for His hand is harsh toward us and Dagon our god."

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1 Sam. 5:10, "Therefore they sent the <u>ark of God</u> to Ekron. So it was, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, 'They have brought the <u>ark of the God of Israel</u> 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 <u>ark of the God of Israel</u>, 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. 5:12, "And the men who did not die were stricken with the tumors, and the cry of the city went up to heaven."