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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

FEAR OF THE LORD

1 Samuel 21:1–15; Psalm 34

Psa. 34:8,

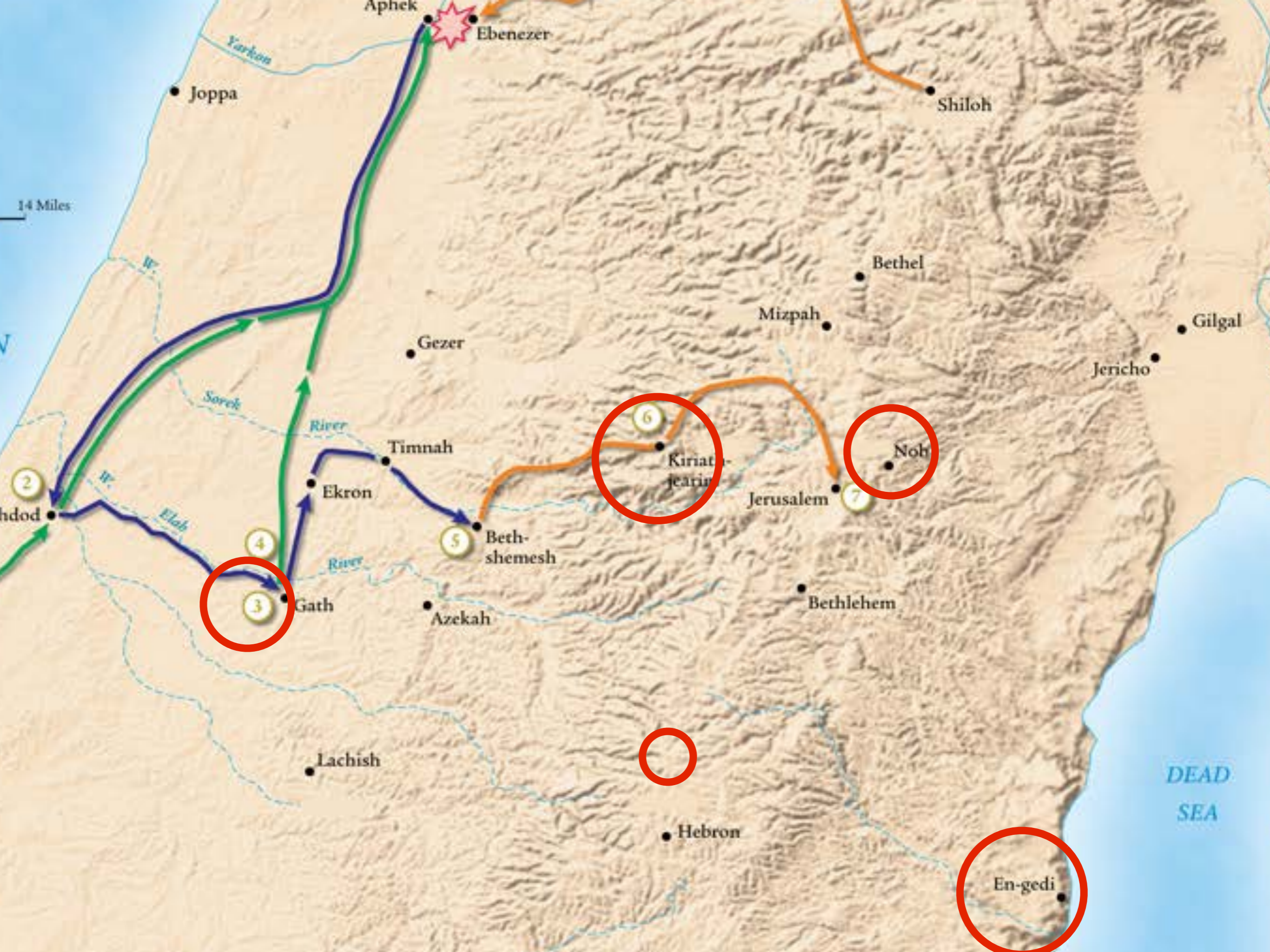
**“Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!”**

Psa. 34:0, “A Psalm of David when he pretended madness before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.”

In 1 Sam. 21, he is identified as “Achish,” why is there a difference?

3 Abimelechs in Scripture

- **The king of Gerar in Genesis 20; 21; 26**
- **The son of Gideon, Judges 9**
- **The priest, 1 Chron. 18:16**



14 Miles

Joppa

Aphek

Ebenezer

Shiloh

Bethel

Mizpah

Gezer

Gilgal

Jericho

2

hdod

Sorek

River

Timnah

6

Kiriath-jearim

Noh

Jerusalem

7

4

Ekron

5

Bethshemesh

3

Gath

Azekah

Bethlehem

Lachish

Red circle

Hebron

En-gedi

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Elab

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Synonymous Parallelism

The thought expressed in the first part of the verse is repeated in the second part, in different but equivalent terms (Psa. 2:4; 19:1; 36:1, 2; 103:11, 12; Prov. 3:13–18).

Synthetic Parallelism

The idea expressed in the first line of a verse is expanded and completed in the following line(s) (Psa. 1:1; 3:5, 6; 18:8–10; Prov. 26:3).

Antithetic Parallelism

The idea expressed in the first line of a verse is contrasted to that in the second line.

Psa. 90:6, “In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers.”

Emblematic Parallelism

The idea expressed in one line of a verse is a complete picture or emblem which illustrates the idea expressed in the other.

Psa. 103:13, “As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him.”

Psa. 34:7,

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around those who fear Him,
and delivers them.”**

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חסה *chasah* qal imperf 3 masc
sing “to take refuge”

**Psa. 118:1, “Oh, give thanks to the LORD,
for He is good! For His mercy endures
forever.”**

Psa. 107:9, “For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.”

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קְדוֹשׁ *qadosh*

masc plur constr

holy, sanctified ones, set apart ones.

Old Testament saints

Church Age saints

Tribulation saints

Millennial saints

Psa. 22:23, “You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!”

The Fear of the LORD (*YHWH*)

1. The fear of the Lord is critical and foundational to all spiritual growth and the development of wisdom, understanding, knowledge. Psa. 111:10; Prov. 1:7; Job 28:28

Psa. 111:10, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.”

Job 28:28, “And to man He said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.’ ”

Prov. 9:10, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

2. A profound respect and awe for God's Person, especially as Righteous Judge, whose will and ways must be followed or face serious consequences.

Prov. 19:23, “The fear of the LORD leads to life, and he who has it will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.”

Prov. 10:27, “The fear of the LORD prolongs days, but the years of the wicked will be shortened.”

3. This respect for the power and authority of God is a manifestation of humility and submission to divine authority.

Prov. 15:33, “The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor is humility.”

Prov. 22:4, “By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches and honor and life.”

4. The contrast is the arrogant rejection and disrespect for God's teaching, and instruction.

Prov. 1:27, “When your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

Prov. 1:28, “Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.

Prov. 1:29, “Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,”

5. The fear of the Lord is to be taught and to be learned.

Psa. 34:11, “Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.”

6. The fear of the Lord emphasizes the immediate necessity of knowing God's Word in contrast to an attitude ranging from ignoring God's Word to disdainning God's Word.

Prov. 1:7, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

7. The fear of the Lord leads to long life, development of capacity for life, and great joy.

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Prov. 14:26, “In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge.”

8. God's Wisdom makes an ethical demand upon our lives: we must choose to obey Him and follow the path of righteousness and justice and depart from evil.

Psa. 19:9, “The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

Prov. 8:13, “The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.”

Prov. 16:6, “In mercy and truth atonement is provided for iniquity; and by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil.”

9. Evil is more than a synonym for sin, it also includes the superficially good deeds we do in our own power, but independent of God.

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מְחִסּוֹר *machsor*

comm masc sing abs

poverty, need

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דָּרַשׁ *darash* qal

perf 1 com sing

“to seek”

commonly used

for earnestly

seeking God in

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Psa. 34:13, “Keep [guard] your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

Psa. 34:14, “Depart from evil and do good; seek peace [*shalom*] and pursue it.”

נצר *natzar*

qal imper
masc sing
to watch, keep

סור *sur*

qal imper masc sing
to turn aside, depart,
leave

Prov. 4:24, “Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you.”

Prov. 13:3, “He who guards his mouth preserves his life, but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.”

1 Pet. 3:10, “For ‘He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit.

1 Pet. 3:11, “ ‘Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.

1 Pet. 3:12, “ ‘For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil.’ ”

**Psa. 34:15, “The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
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Anthropomorphism is attributing to God human physical characteristics which He does not actually possess, in order to communicate to human beings the plans and policies of God.

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צָרָה-1 *tzarah-1* Noun
comm fem plur constr
literally “straits” a
confining space and
thus being pressured or
hemmed in, distress

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John 19:33, “But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.”

Psa. 34:21, “Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.

Psa. 34:22, “The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.”