

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

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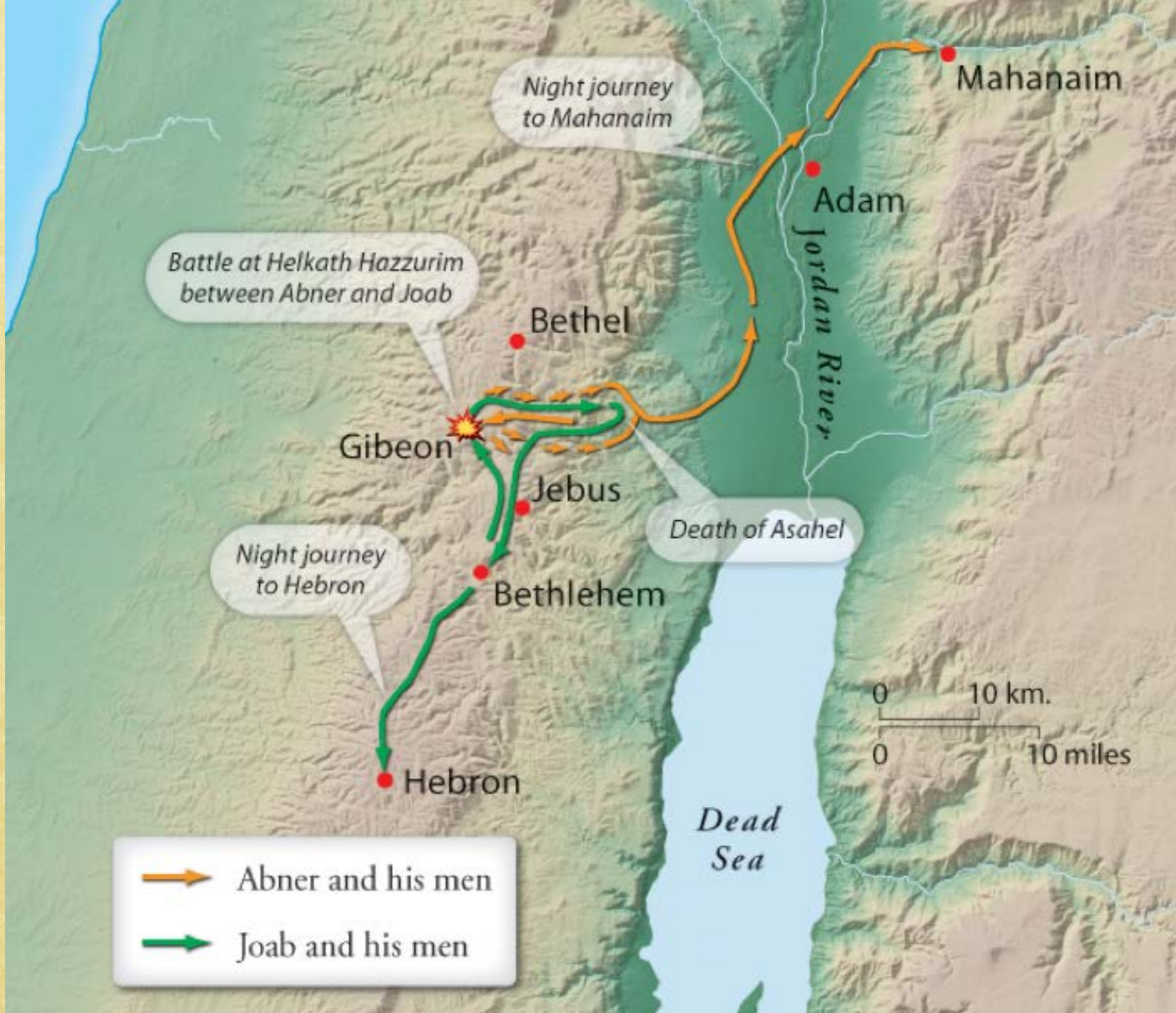
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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S  
GOD'S BLESSING ON DAVID

2 SAMUEL 3:1–39



Mahanaim

Adam

Jordan River

Night journey to Mahanaim

Battle at Helkath Hazzurim between Abner and Joab

Bethel

Gibeon

Jebus

Death of Asahel

Night journey to Hebron

Bethlehem

Hebron

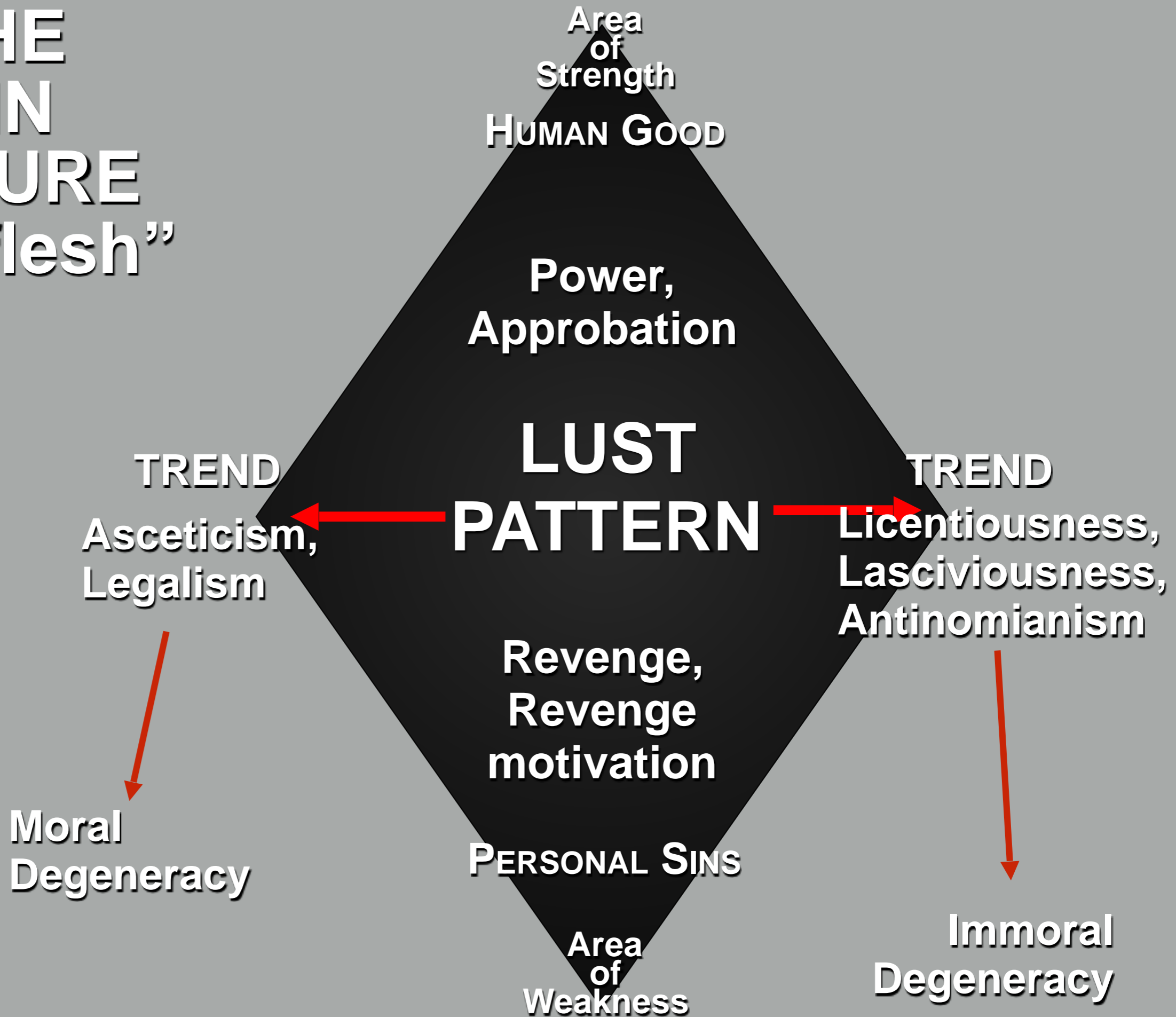
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Dead Sea

- Abner and his men
- Joab and his men

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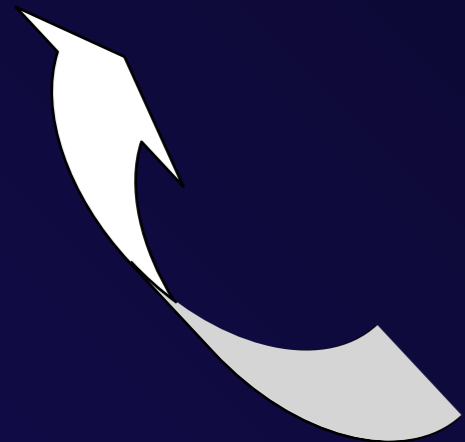
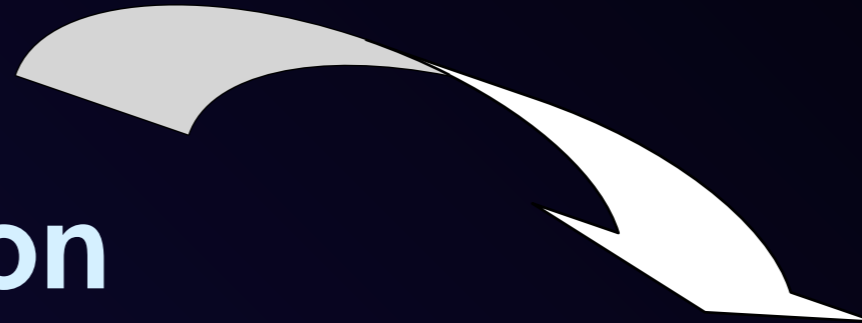
Self-absorption

Self-indulgence

Self-deification

Self-justification

Self-deception



**What the Bible Teaches  
About  
*God's Sovereignty***



# ESSENCE OF GOD

**Sovereign**

**Omniscient**

**Righteousness**

**Omnipresent**

**Justice**

**Omnipotent**

**Love**

**Veracity**

**Eternal Life**

**Immutability**

# **1. Definition**

**The sovereignty of God refers to God's authoritative rule over His creation and His creatures.**

**The sovereign will of God is expressed through His plan and includes both His permissive will and His decretive/  
revealed will.**



**2. God's sovereign will has determined that human beings exercise their own volition within certain boundaries established by God's sovereignty. Thus God is able to override certain human decisions.**

**3. God's sovereign will is such that God has built into the framework of His plan for history the flexibility to handle whatever chaos results from human volition such that God is still able to work out His divine purposes which are not dependent on human volition.**

**4. God's sovereign will does not infringe on human volition on critical issues such as man's response to general or special revelation. However, the consequences of many human decisions, and the ability to carry out those decisions is in God's hands.**

**Psa. 135:5, “For I know that the LORD is great, and our Lord is above all gods.**

**Psa. 135:6, “Whatever the LORD pleases He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deep places.**

**Psa. 135:7, “He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain; He brings the wind out of His treasuries.”**

**5. God's plan for Israel is one that ultimately will not be thwarted, but in the meantime, there will be many rebellious decisions by Israel, and many attempts by Satan through human agents to destroy Israel.**

**2 Sam. 3:1, “Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.”**

**2 Sam. 3:2, “Sons were born to David in Hebron: His firstborn was Amnon by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;**

**2 Sam. 3:3, “his second, Chileab, by Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite; the third, Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur;**

**2 Sam. 3:4, “the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;**

**2 Sam. 3:5, “and the sixth, Ithream, by David’s wife Eglah. These were born to David in Hebron.”**

**Deut. 17:17, “Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.**

**Deut. 17:18, “Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites.”**



**2 Sam. 3:6, “Now it was so, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner was strengthening his hold on the house of Saul.”**

**2 Sam. 3:7, “And Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah. So Ishbosheth said to Abner, ‘Why have you gone in to my father’s concubine?’ ”**

**2 Sam. 16:20, “Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, ‘Give advice as to what we should do.’”**

**2 Sam. 16:21, “And Ahithophel said to Absalom, ‘Go in to your father’s concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that you are abhorred by your father. Then the hands of all who are with you will be strong.’”**

**2 Sam. 16:22, “So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the top of the house, and Absalom went in to his father’s concubines in the sight of all Israel.**

**2 Sam. 16:23, “Now the advice of Ahithophel, which he gave in those days, was as if one had inquired at the oracle of God. So was all the advice of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.”**

**2 Sam. 3:8, “Then Abner became very angry at the words of Ishbosheth, and said, ‘Am I a dog’s head that belongs to Judah? Today I show loyalty to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not delivered you into the hand of David; and you charge me today with a fault concerning this woman?’ ”**

**2 Sam. 3:9, “May God do so to Abner, and more also, if I do not do for David as the LORD has sworn to him—**

**2 Sam. 3:10, “to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan to Beersheba.”**

**2 Sam. 3:12, “Then Abner sent messengers on his behalf to David, saying, ‘Whose is the land?’ saying also, ‘Make your covenant with me, and indeed my hand shall be with you to bring all Israel to you.’”**

**2 Sam. 3:13, “And David said, ‘Good, I will make a covenant with you. But one thing I require of you: you shall not see my face unless you first bring Michal, Saul’s daughter, when you come to see my face.’ ”**

**2 Sam. 3:14, “So David sent messengers to Ishbosheth, Saul’s son, saying, ‘Give me my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to myself for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines.’”**

**2 Sam. 3:15, “And Ishbosheth sent and took her from her husband, from Paltiel the son of Laish.”**

**2 Sam. 3:16, “Then her husband went along with her to Bahurim, weeping behind her. So Abner said to him, ‘Go, return!’ And he returned.”**



**2 Sam. 3:17, “Now Abner had communicated with the elders of Israel, saying, ‘In time past you were seeking for David to be king over you.**

**2 Sam. 3:18, “ ‘Now then, do it! For the LORD has spoken of David, saying, “By the hand of My servant David, I will save My people Israel from the hand of the Philistines and the hand of all their enemies.” ’ ”**

**2 Sam. 3:19, “And Abner also spoke in the hearing of Benjamin. Then Abner also went to speak in the hearing of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel and the whole house of Benjamin.**

**2 Sam. 3:20, “So Abner and twenty men with him came to David at Hebron. And David made a feast for Abner and the men who were with him.”**

**2 Sam. 3:21, “Then Abner said to David, ‘I will arise and go, and gather all Israel to my lord the king, that they may make a covenant with you, and that you may reign over all that your heart desires.’ So David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.”**

**2 Sam. 3:22, “At that moment the servants of David and Joab came from a raid and brought much spoil with them. But Abner was not with David in Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he had gone in peace.**

**2 Sam. 3:23, “When Joab and all the troops that were with him had come, they told Joab, saying, ‘Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he sent him away, and he has gone in peace.’ ”**

**2 Sam. 3:24, “Then Joab came to the king and said, ‘What have you done? Look, Abner came to you; why is it that you sent him away, and he has already gone?’ ”**

**2 Sam. 3:25, “ ‘Surely you realize that Abner the son of Ner came to deceive you, to know your going out and your coming in, and to know all that you are doing.’ ”**

**2 Sam. 3:26, “And when Joab had gone from David’s presence, he sent messengers after Abner, who brought him back from the well of Sirah. But David did not know it.**

**2 Sam. 3:27, “Now when Abner had returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him privately, and there stabbed him in the stomach, so that he died for the blood of Asahel his brother.”**

**2 Sam. 3:28, “Afterward, when David heard it, he said, ‘My kingdom and I are guiltless before the LORD forever of the blood of Abner the son of Ner.**

**2 Sam. 3:29, “ ‘Let it rest on the head of Joab and on all his father’s house; and let there never fail to be in the house of Joab one who has a discharge or is a leper, who leans on a staff or falls by the sword, or who lacks bread.’ ”**

**2 Sam. 3:30, “So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner, because he had killed their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.”**



**2 Sam. 3:31, “Then David said to Joab and to all the people who were with him, ‘Tear your clothes, gird yourselves with sackcloth, and mourn for Abner.’ And King David followed the coffin.**

**2 Sam. 3:32, “So they buried Abner in Hebron; and the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner, and all the people wept.”**

**2 Sam. 3:37**, “For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it had not been the king’s intent to kill Abner the son of Ner.

**2 Sam. 3:38**, “Then the king said to his servants, ‘Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?’

**2 Sam. 3:39**, “ ‘And I am weak today, though anointed king; and these men, the sons of Zeruah, are too harsh for me. The LORD shall repay the evildoer according to his wickedness.’ ”

**1 Kings 2:5, “Moreover you know also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two commanders of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed. And he shed the blood of war in peacetime, and put the blood of war on his belt that was around his waist, and on his sandals that were on his feet.**

**1 Kings 2:6, “Therefore do according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray hair go down to the grave in peace.”**