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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S
SHEPHERD LEADER

2 SAMUEL 5:1-4

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**2A God disciplines David for his sins and David reaps the consequences. But God transforms cursing into blessing.
2 Sam. 11–20**

**3A Six appendices that evidence the greatness of the Davidic Covenant.
2 Sam. 21–24**

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**1B The beginning of David's kingdom
2 Sam. 2:1–4:12**

**2B God gives David control over
Jerusalem**

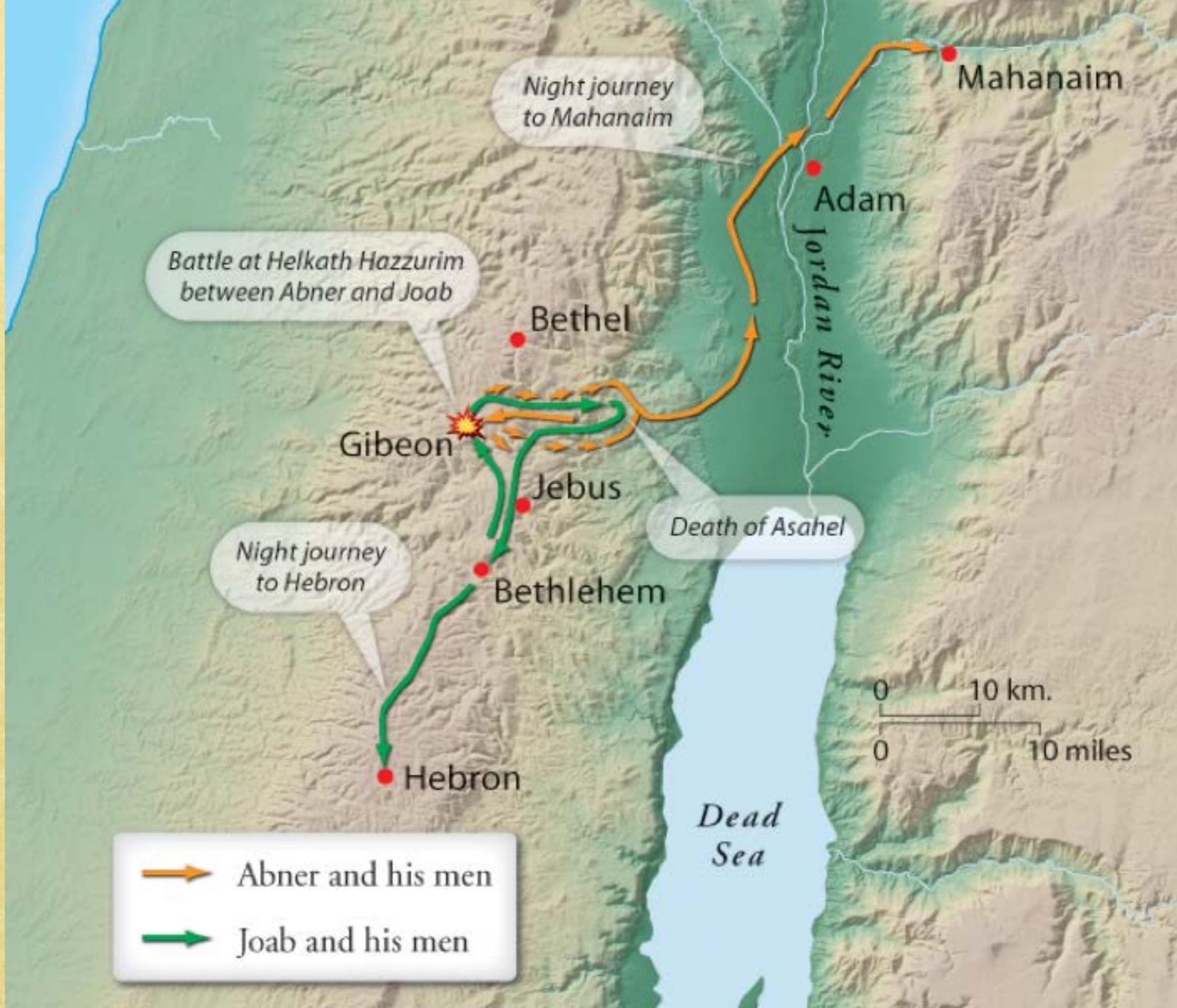
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2 Sam. 5:3, “Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel.

2 Sam. 5:4, “David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

2 Sam. 5:5, “In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.”



Night journey to Mahanaim

Battle at Helkath Hazzurim between Abner and Joab

Death of Asahel

Night journey to Hebron

Abner and his men
Joab and his men

0 10 km.
0 10 miles

Mahanaim

Adam

Bethel

Gibeon

Jebus

Bethlehem

Hebron

Jordan River

Dead Sea

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Gen. 2:23, “And Adam said: ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.’ ”

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Deut. 17:14, “When you come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, ‘I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,’

Deut. 17:15, “you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.”

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2 Sam. 19:12, “You are my brethren, you are my bone and my flesh. Why then are you the last to bring back the king?”

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**What the Bible Teaches
About
*Shepherd Leaders***



1. Used to describe God's leadership of the believer.

Psa. 23:1, "The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want."

Psa. 79:13, "So we Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture will give thanks to Thee forever; To all generations we will tell of Thy praise."

**Psa. 80:1, “Oh, give ear, Shepherd of Israel,
Thou who dost lead Joseph like a flock;
Thou who art enthroned above the
cherubim, shine forth!”**

**Psa. 95:7, “For He is our God, and we are
the people of His pasture, and the sheep of
His hand. Today, if you would hear His
voice,”**

Ezek. 34:15, “ ‘I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest,’ declares the Lord GOD.”

2. Used of the Kings of the Nation:

Psa. 78:70, “He also chose David His servant, and took him from the sheepfolds;

Psa. 78:71, “From the care of the ewes with suckling lambs He brought him, to shepherd Jacob His people, and Israel His inheritance.

Psa. 78:72, “So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them with his skillful hands.”

3. Emphasis is on leadership. This is a positive metaphor used again and again for leadership. A few examples:

Isa. 40:11, “He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.”

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נהג *nāhag* I, ***lead, drive, guide***

נהל *nāhal* ***lead with care***

Jer. 3:15, “And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.”

4. Used of evil false teachers and apostate kings.

Isa. 56:11, “Yes, they are greedy dogs which never have enough. And they are shepherds who cannot understand; They all look to their own way, every one for his own gain, from his own territory.”

Jer. 10:21, “For the shepherds have become dull-hearted, and have not sought the LORD; Therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.”

Jer. 23:1, “ ‘Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!’ declares the LORD.”

Jer. 23:2, “Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning the shepherds who are tending My people: ‘You have scattered My flock and driven them away, and have not attended to them; behold, I am about to attend to you for the evil of your deeds,’ declares the LORD.”

2 Sam. 5:5, “In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

2 Sam. 5:6, “And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who spoke to David, saying, ‘You shall not come in here; but the blind and the lame will repel you,’ thinking, ‘David cannot come in here.’ ”