



**Adult Sunday
School at the
sanctuary**

Lesson-10: Battle
at Mt Gilboa and
raid at Ziklag

Date:

11 Sep 2022
(Sunday)

Time: 9.40am

Venue: Sanctuary

Saul's Final Days (1 Samuel 28-31)

Saul was terrified and goes to Endor to consult a witch.

The Philistines gathered at Aphek to fight Israel.



Lesson 10-Battle at Mt Gilboa and raid at Ziklag

(1) Background: The Philistines army and Saul's army gathered at Jezreel, near Mt Gilboa for battle.

(2) David and his men were together with Achish and the Philistines army.

(3) The Philistines commanders were distrustful of David:

(a) During the battle, David may turn against the Philistines.

(b) By turning against the Philistines, David will regain the trust of Saul.

(1 Sam 29:4-5)

(4) Due to the commanders' distrust of David, Achish sent David and his men away.

(5) David responded that he would fight against Saul and his army.

(1 Sam 29:8)

(6) Spiritual Lessons:

(a) Commentaries do not support David in his response to Achish that he would fight against Saul and his army. Commentators were of the view that David was false and deceitful in his response to Achish.

David had to give the impression that he was loyal to Achish as he was in Philistines territory and under their watchful eye. He had to lie to protect himself and his men.

(a) Do we lie to protect ourselves?

(c) Consider Peter's denial of Jesus, Matt.26:69-75

	Jewish people said of Peter	Peter's response	Reason	Comments
(i)	Damsel: Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. (Matt 26:69)	Peter denied.	Fear of being detained.	Peter was fearful of being detained with Christ. He denied knowing Christ to protect himself.
(ii)	Maid: This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. (Matt 26:71)	Peter denied again.	As above.	

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(iii)	A few people: Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech betrayeth thee. (Matt 26:73)	Peter denied again. And immediately the cock crew. Peter remembered the words of Jesus. And he went out, and wept bitterly. (Matt 26:75)	As above. He wept bitterly because he failed miserably by denying Jesus. (Matt 26:33- 35)	Sometimes, we are like Peter. We lie to save ourselves. Then, we suffer from a guilty conscience or we console ourselves that no one is hurt by our lie.

(d) It may be difficult. But, we should not lie or deny our faith in Christ.

(e) Do we lie to protect others?

(f) Consider Rahab and the spies, Joshua 2:4-6.

(g) It is not easy to answer properly as there is fear of injury to ourself or others. Consider alternatives:

- no answer
- talk about other matters

(7) The Amalekites have raided Ziklag and captured the Israelite families.
(1 Sam 30:3)

(8) The men were talking of stoning David (1 Sam 30:6) probably for not protecting the families when they were marching with the Philistines at Mt Gilboa.

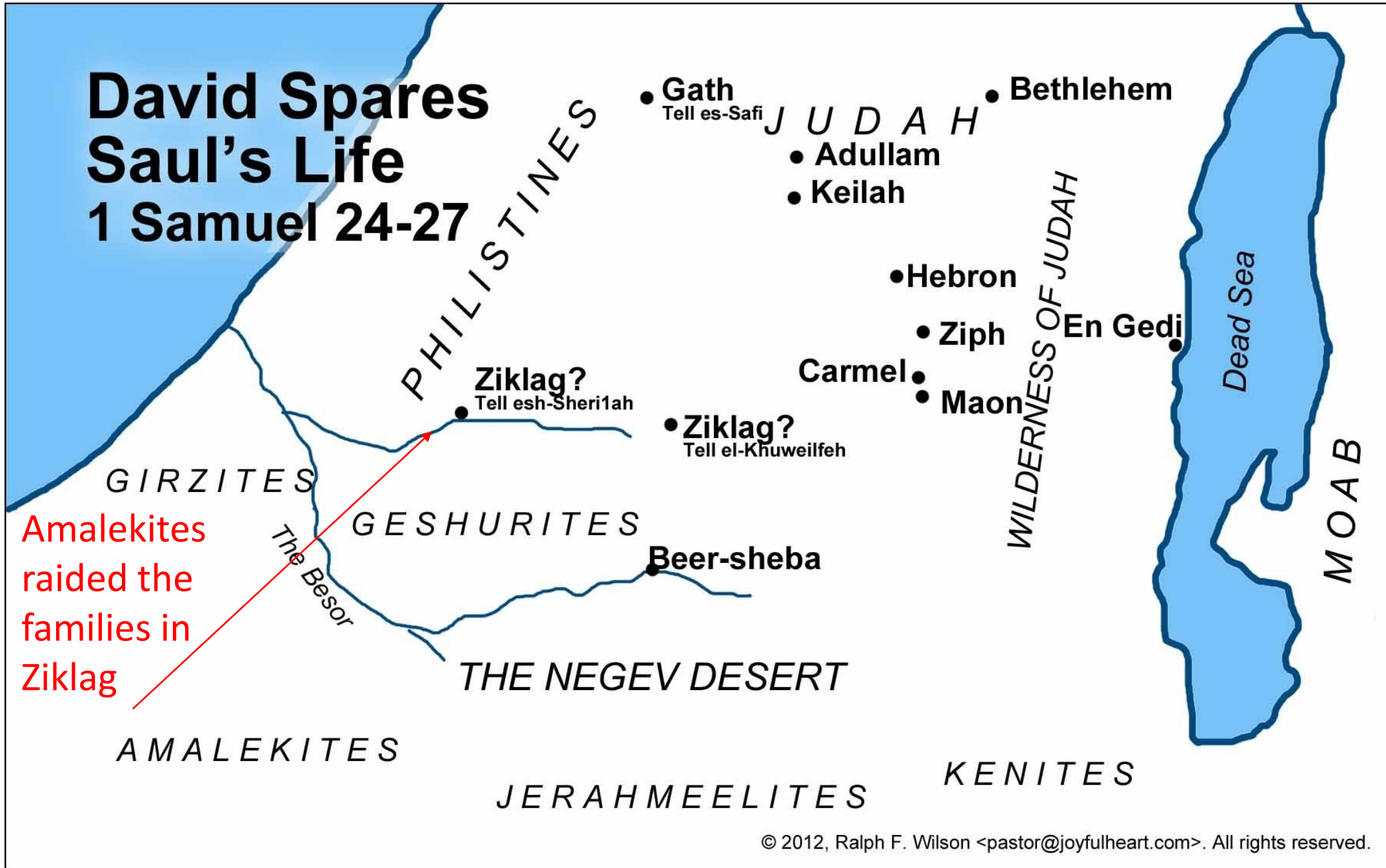
(9) David was very fearful and distressed and found strength in the Lord.
(1 Sam 30:6).

(10) David enquired of the Lord whether to pursue and rescue the Israelite families. The Lord replied favourably. (1 Sam 30:7-8)

(11) David succeeded in rescuing the Israelite families.

David Spares Saul's Life 1 Samuel 24-27

Amalekites
raided the
families in
Ziklag



(12) Meanwhile, the battle between Saul's army and the Philistines was raging at Mt Gilboa.

(13) Saul and his sons, Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malkishua were killed.
(1 Sam 31:2)

The righteous cry out,
and the Lord hears, And delivers
them out of all their troubles.

Psalm
34:17

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(14) Spiritual Lessons:

- (a) When we are fearful and distressed, how do we find deliverance from the Lord?
- (b) Psalm 34: 17-20
- (c) Personal sharing

(d) God delivers the righteous. The righteous:

(i) keep your tongue from evil;

(ii) don't tell lies;

(iii) Turn from evil;

(iv) Do good; and

(v) Seek peace.

(Psalm 34:12-14)

Question:

Take 5 mins to contemplate and ask questions: whatsapp 81216334