



**Adult Sunday
School at the
sanctuary**

**Lesson-5: David at
Nob**

**Date: 7 Aug 2022
(Sunday)**

Time: 9.40am

Venue: Sanctuary

Saul almost killed Jonathan

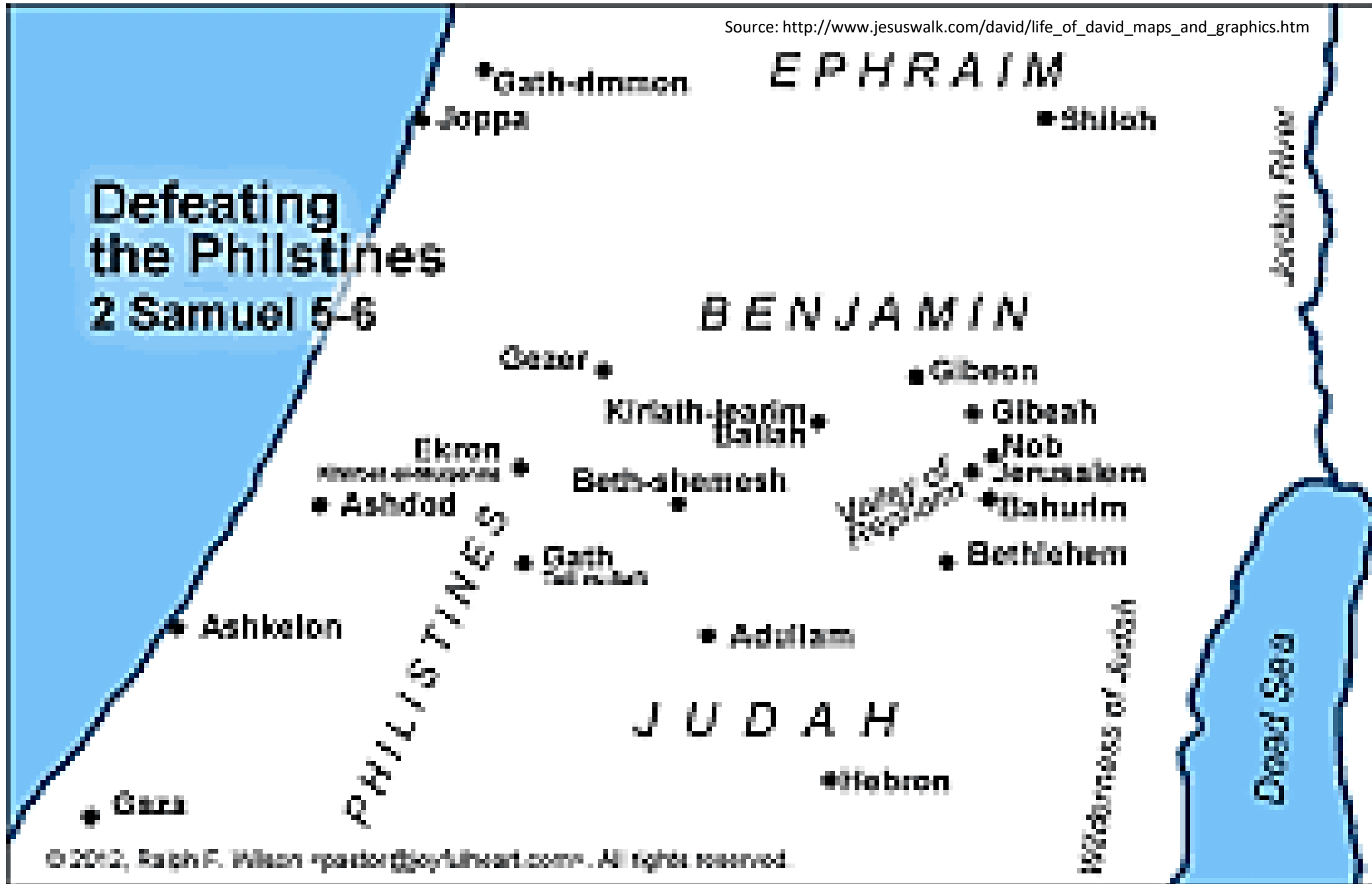
- (1) Due to Saul's jealousy and hatred for David, David had to run away from Saul.
- (2) The extreme behaviour of "hatred": Saul's attempt to kill of Jonathan (1 Sam 20:30-33).
- (3) Reason for Saul's (father) hatred for Jonathan (son) was because Jonathan sided with David.



David at Nob

- (1) Background: David ran away from Saul. Saul was intending to kill David.
- (2) David went to Nob. He enquired of food and weapon from Ahimelech, the priest at Nob.
- (3) Ahimelech provided a sword to David. (1 Sam 21:8-9)

Defeating the Philistines 2 Samuel 5-6



Map of
Nob

(4)Saul found out from Doeg, the Edomite, that David was at Nob. (1 Sam 22: 6-10)

(5)Saul ordered the execution of Ahimelech and family because Ahimelech had helped David. (1 Sam 22: 13-16)

(6)Nobody dared to execute the priest of the Lord except Doeg. Doeg killed the whole town of Nob. (1 Sam 22:17-19)

(7)View video: David 1964

58:28-1:03:49

Please view with discernment as there are inaccuracies in the video.

Source: Saul and David (1964) | Full Movie | Norman Wooland | Gianni Garko | Luz Márquez

(8) Psalm 52

(8) Recap:

(a) Why did Saul want to kill Ahimelech and his family?

Ans: Saul was jealous of David and wanted to kill him. Since Ahimelech helped David, Saul wanted Ahimelech and his family dead.

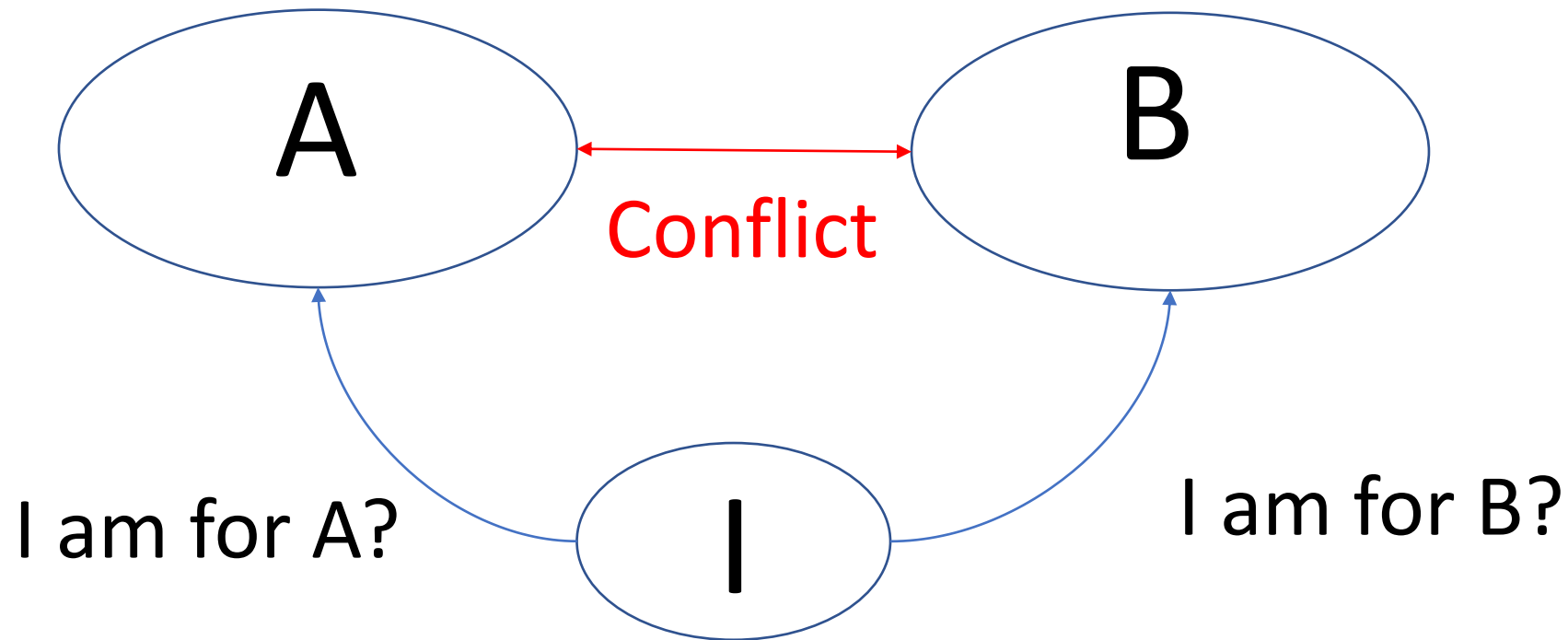
(b) Why did Doeg betray David to Saul?

Ans: By betraying David to Saul, Doeg expected to get favours from Saul. Psalm 52:7 - referred to Doeg as a man who did not make God his stronghold but trusted instead in his wealth. He grew strong by destroying others.

(9) Spiritual Lessons

(a) We are perceived as either for A or for B.

Recap: Saul perceived David, Jonathan and Ahimelech as against him.



	Perceived by Saul	Reason
David	Against Saul	Saul was jealous of David. 1 Sam 18:7-8. David was not against Saul.
Jonathan	Against Saul	Saul was angry with Jonathan for siding with David. (1 Sam 20:28-33). Jonathan was not against Saul. He did not agree with Saul to put David to death as David had done no wrong.
Ahimelech	Against Saul	Ahimelech was not against Saul as he was not aware of the conflict between Saul and David. (1 Sam 22:15)

(b) In the world, we are also perceived as “for me or against me”. People react according to their perceptions and interests.

(c) Christ exhorts us to “love one another”. We should show care and respect to others without the “for me or against me” attitude.

(e) “Doeg” character: Be careful. Read Psalm 52.

- A cunning and deceitful person.
- Out to destroy others for personal gain.

Doeg’s action	Comments
<p>(a) Betrayed both David and Ahimelech (1 Sam 22:9-10).</p> <p>(b) Doeg struck down the priests (1 Sam 22: 18)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doeg implicated both David and Ahimelech in his betrayal.• Doeg wanted to be seen as aiding Saul. He wanted Ahimelech to get into trouble for aiding David. <p>(1 Sam 22:8-10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contrary to the Saul’s soldiers, Doeg killed the priests. Doeg showed that he was loyal to Saul while the soldiers were not.

Doeg's action	Comments
<p>(c) Doeg killed all the men, women, children, infants, cattle, donkeys and sheep in the town. (1 Sam 22:19)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doeg wanted to show his full support and enthusiasm in his loyalty to Saul.• There was neither remorse nor sadness at killing so many innocent people.• The innocent townsfolk had nothing to do with the affair of David and Ahimelech. Yet, Doeg killed all of them.• There are also people in our midst:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Who would betray friends or colleagues to get ahead.(b) Character assassinate.(c) Inform the boss of your mistakes.



Source: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/12-ways-deal-coworkers-who-gossip-joshua-miller>

(f) Who are “Doeg” in our midst?

(i) People who betray your trust.

(ii) People who gossip about your personal affair.

(iii) People who defame you.

(g) Response to “Doeg’s actions” in our midst:

(i) Do not take revenge.

(ii) Speak the truth and do justly.

(h) Are we “Doeg”?

(i) Do we gossip.

(ii) Do we character assassinate others.

(iii) Do we speak ill of others.

(i) If we are “Doeg”

(i) We should seek forgiveness and repent.

(ii) Cease from speaking ill of others.

(iii) Stop gossiping.

(j) “Innocent Doeg”

(i) Gossiping, tale-bearing etc without malice.

(ii) Juicy news

Contemplate:

(a) How would you identify a “Doeg” in your midst?

(b) How should a Christian respond to “Doeg”?

[Wise as serpents and harmless as doves, Matt 10:16]