



**Adult Sunday  
School at the  
sanctuary**

**Lesson-6:** David at  
Gath, Adullam,  
Mizpah & other  
places

**Date:** 14 Aug  
2022 (Sunday)

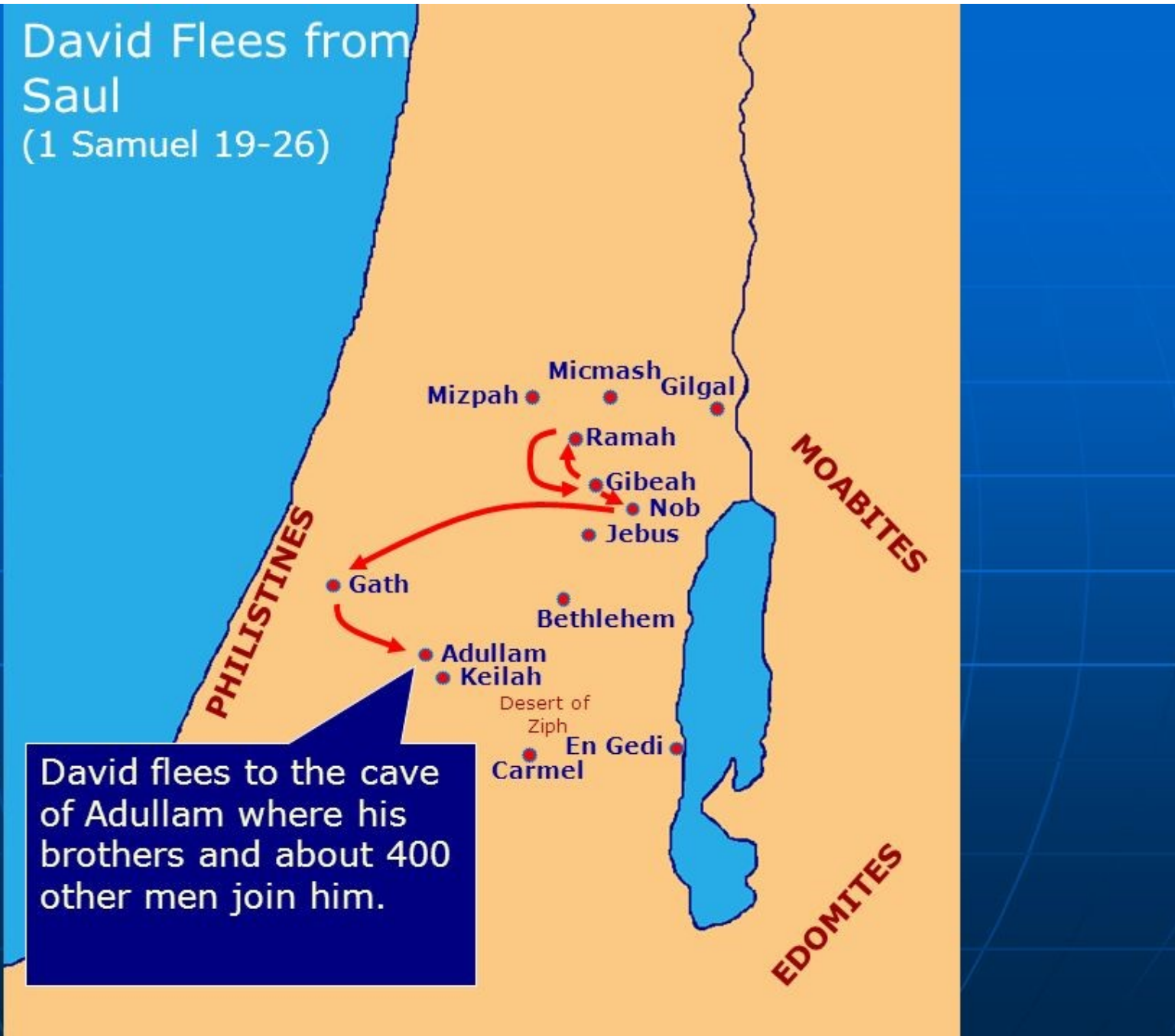
**Time:** 9.40am

**Venue:** Sanctuary

# David 6- David at Gath, Adullam, Mizpah and other places

- (1)Background: After getting help from Ahimelech at Nob, David went to Gath, Philistine country.
- (2)David was afraid of being captured by the Philistines as he had previously defeated them. (1 Sam 21:10-12)
- (3)David pretended to be insane in the presence of the Philistines so as to escape being identified. (1 Sam 21:13-15)

# David Flees from Saul (1 Samuel 19-26)



David flees to the cave of Adullam where his brothers and about 400 other men join him.

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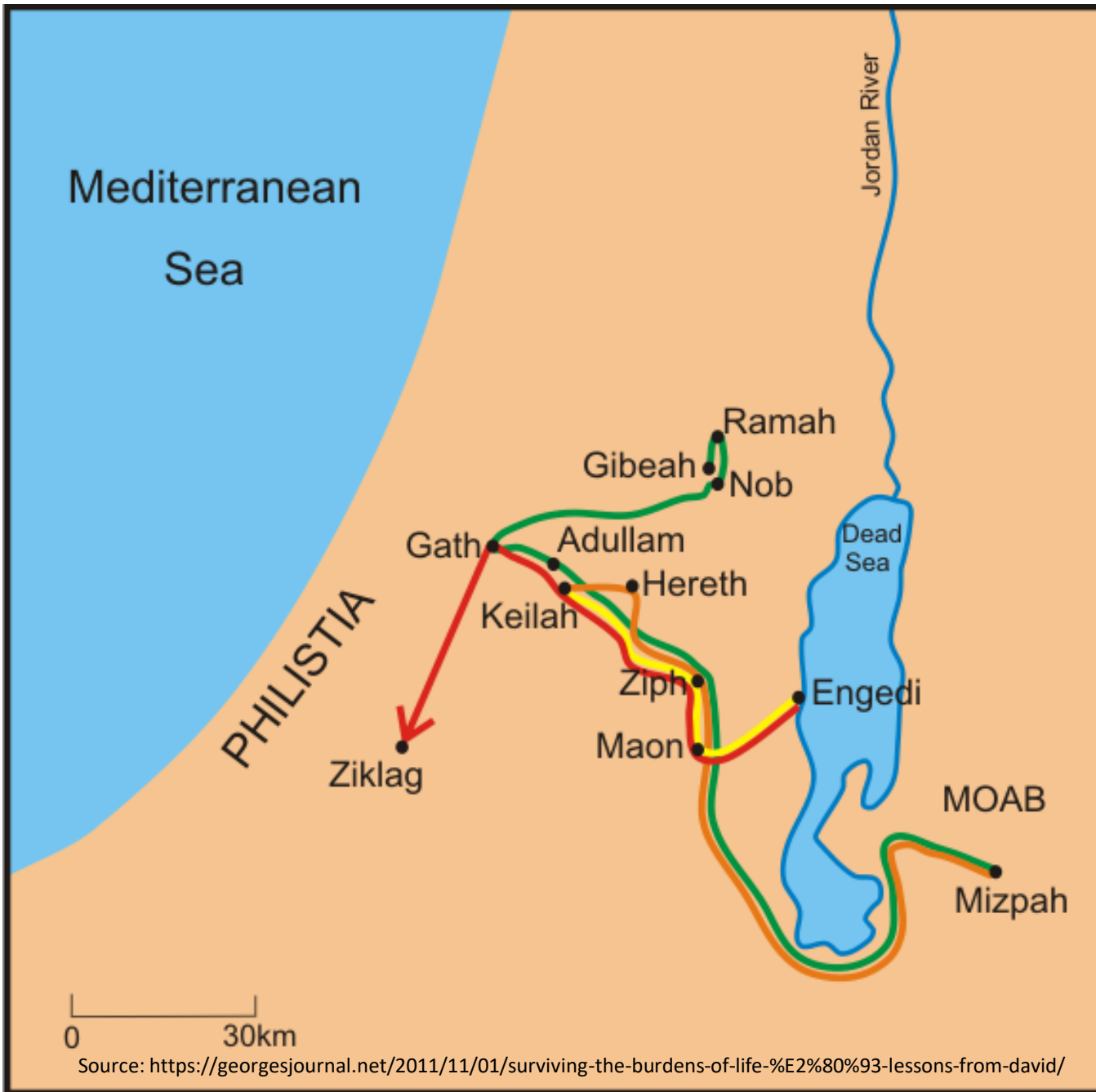
## **(4) Spiritual Lessons**

- (a) Due to fear and a weak faith, we resort to lies and deception (David was fearful of being captured and pretended to be a mad man).
- (b) Psalm 34:12-13
- (c) Psalm 34: 17-20
- (a) Psalm 34 was David exalting God from saving him from the Philistines in Gath. Although David used pretence and deception, he acknowledged that it is the “righteous” whom God delivers from trouble.

(e) Example of fear and deception:

- (i) We make mistakes, but do not acknowledge our mistakes but blame someone else.

(f) The bible teaches us to be truthful and admit our mistakes when we are wrong. Psalm 34: 17- God delivers the righteous from all his troubles.



(5) David escaped Saul to:

- (a) Nob,
- (b) Gath,
- (c) Adullam,
- (d) Mizpah,
- (e) Hereth,
- (f) Keilah,
- (g) Ziph,
- (h) Maon,
- (i) Engedi,
- (j) Ziklag.



## **David spares King Saul's life**

1 Samuel 22:1-2, 23:1 – 24:22



King Saul was trying to kill David. David fled to hide in a large cave at Adullam where his family came to join him.

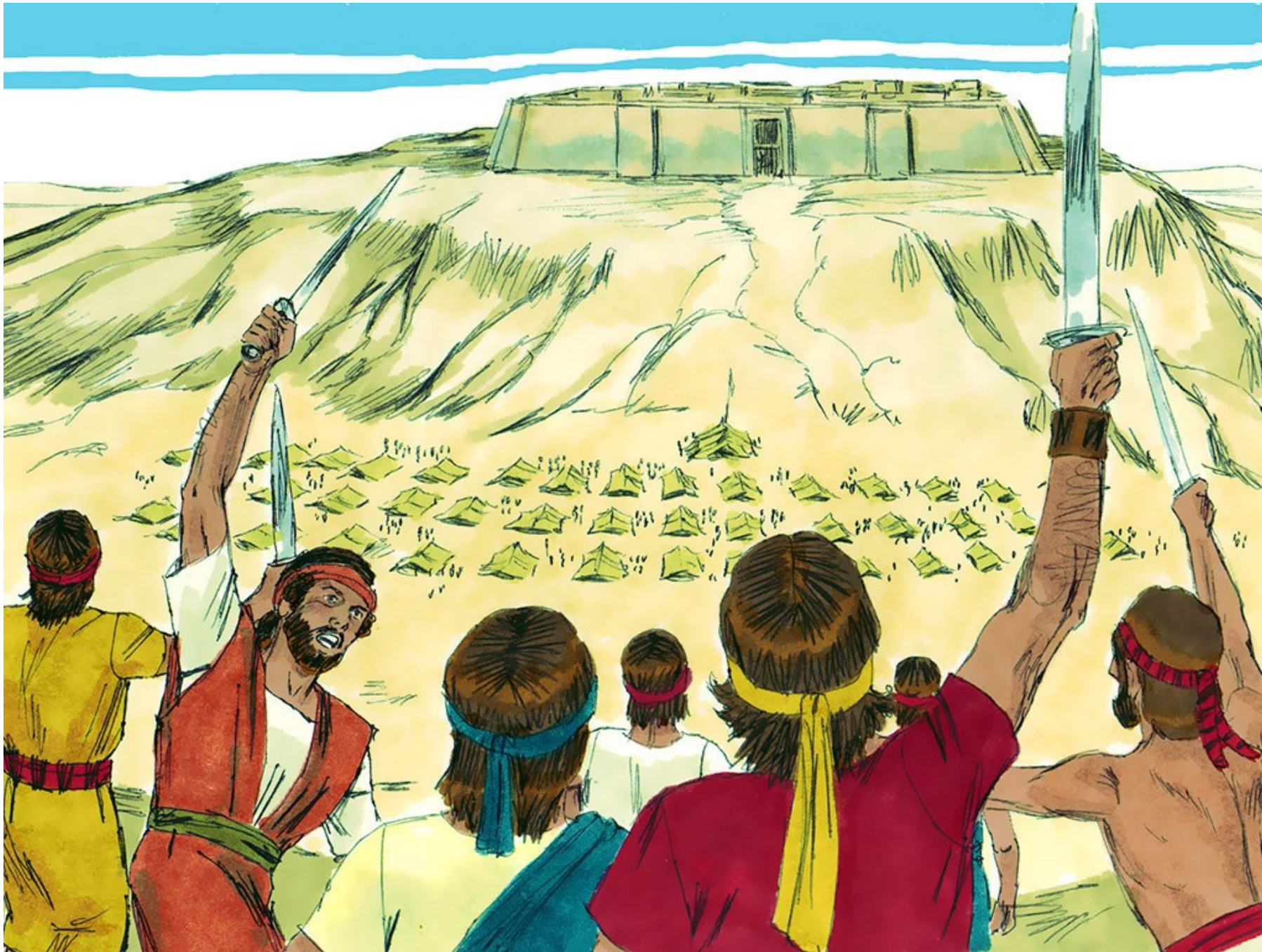
Four hundred men who were either in distress, in debt, or discontent came to support David.  
(1 Sam 22:1-2)





Near to Adullam was the town of Keilah. Philistine raiders were attacking the town to steal grain.

When David found out he asked God whether he should attack the Philistines.  
(1 Sam 23: 1-2)



The Lord answered, 'Go, attack the Philistines and save Keilah.'

David and his men inflicted heavy losses on the Philistines and saved the people of Keilah. (1 Sam 23: 5)

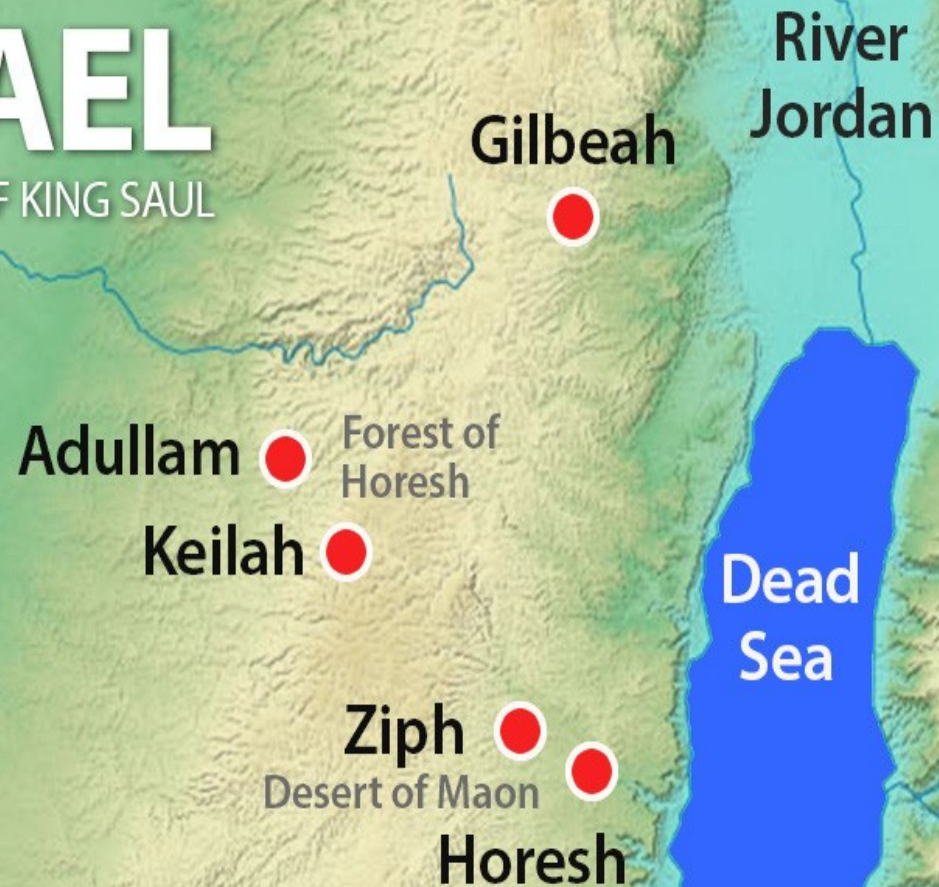


King Saul was told that David was in Keilah. David learned that Saul was plotting against him.

He enquired God whether Saul would attack Keilah and whether its citizens would hand him over to Saul.  
(1 Sam 23:10-12)

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The Lord replied that Saul would attack Keilah and David would be handed over to him.

So David moved to Ziph. Saul searched for David but did not find him. (1 Sam 23:14-15)



The Ziphites went to Saul at Gibeah to report David was at the hill of Hakilah near Horesh.

Saul told them to keep a close watch on David's movements and keep him updated.  
(1 Sam 23:19)



Saul and his army went down to the Desert of Maon where David was last seen.

As Saul approached one side of the mountain David and his men were on the other side hurrying to get away.

(1 Sam 23:26)



At the moment Saul was closing in on David a messenger appeared. 'Come quickly, the Philistines are attacking our land.'

Saul had to break off his pursuit of David to go and fight the Philistines.  
(1 Sam 23:27-28)



David and his men escaped to live in the wilderness hills and caves around En-gedi near the Dead Sea.

Saul fought against the Philistines then returned with 3,000 men to search for David.  
(1 Sam 23:29)



## **(6) Spiritual Lessons:**

(a) God protects the righteous from danger (Psalm 34:17) – David was always a few steps ahead of Saul. God also protects us if we are righteous before God.

(b) Who are the righteous and would see good days?

Those who:

(a) keep their tongue from speaking evil,

(b) do not tell lies,

(c) turn away from evil,

(d) do good,

(e) seek peace.

(Psalm 34:13-14)

(c) There were those who betrayed David for reward (Keilah and Ziphites). We also face people who may betray us for favours.

(d) Whatever trouble we may be in, God takes care of us wherever we are.

Contemplate:

(a) Share how God has helped or protected us when in trouble.