

The Life of David

1 Samuel 31 – 2 Samuel 1

The Death of Saul and David's Lament



...his righteousness un-
a people that shall be born, th
he hath done *this*.

PSALM 23
A Psalm of David.

THE LORD is my shepherd;
1 I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures:
me beside the still
3 He restoreth



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1 Samuel 30:6 Moreover David was greatly distressed because the people spoke of stoning him, for all the people were embittered, each one because of his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.



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- The next day, the Philistines cut off Saul's head and pin up his body in Beth-shan (vv7-10)
- The valiant men of Jabesh-gilead secretly retrieve Saul's body for proper burial (vv11-13)



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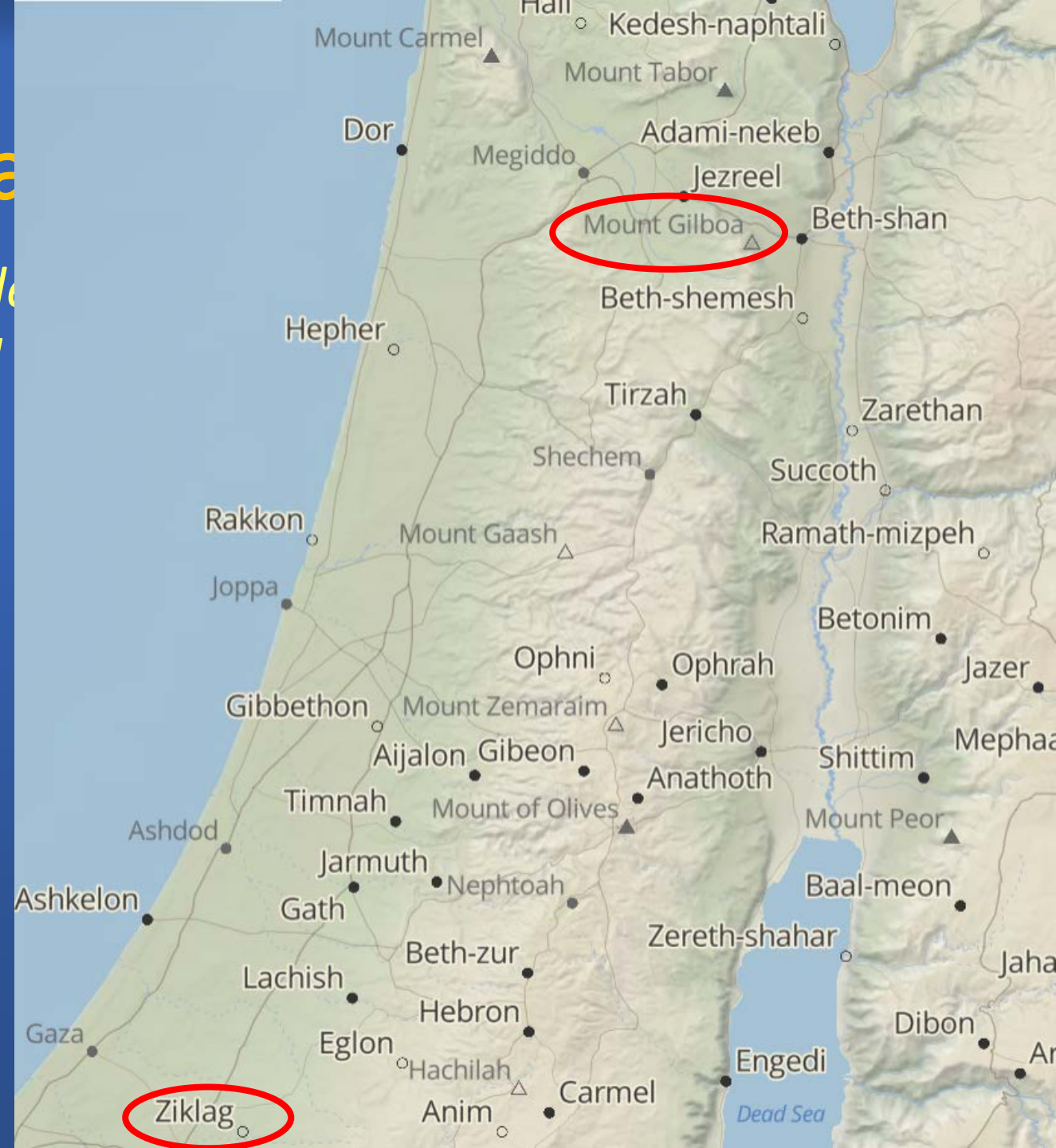
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David's Lament Over Saul

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1 Samuel 31:5 ⁵When his armor bearer saw that **Saul was dead**, he also fell on his sword and died with him. ⁶**Thus Saul died** with his three sons, his armor bearer, and all his men on that day together.

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- David learns of Saul's death from an Amalekite who claims to have killed him out of mercy (vv1-10)
- David and the people wept and fasted until evening (vv11-12)
- David questions the identity of the man (v13)
- David kills for Amalekite who claimed to have killed Saul (vv14-16)
- David writes a beautiful lament and tribute to Saul and Jonathan (vv17-27)

Observations and Application

- Concerning God
 - When God issues a pronouncement of judgement, it really will happen
 - When God issues a pronouncement of promise and blessing, it really will happen
- Concerning Saul
 - Patterns of disobedience to the Lord have real consequences
 - The path of life charted from a rebellious heart toward God doesn't end well
 - Without the acceptance and blessings of God in our life, we have no hope or deliverance
- Concerning David
 - David showed godly character in honoring Saul and loving his enemy