

**The Lord
Shatters His Enemies
& Exalts His King**

2 Samuel 3:22–4:12

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1 Sam 2:10 – “He will give strength to His king”

- Abraham’s Seed will possess His enemies’ gate (Gen 22:17)
- A scepter will not depart from Judah until He comes (Gen 49:10)
- A rising star, a scepter will crush Moab’s forehead (Num 24:17)
- Eve’s Seed will crush the Serpent’s head (Gen 3:15)
- A prophet like Moses (Deut 18:1)
- A king of Yahweh’s choosing (Deut 17:14–20)

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In 2 Samuel 3:22–4:12 there are three episodes that demonstrate to you that Yahweh shatters His enemies and exalts His king:

I. The Murder of Abner

II. The Exoneration of David

III. The Murder of Ish-Bosheth

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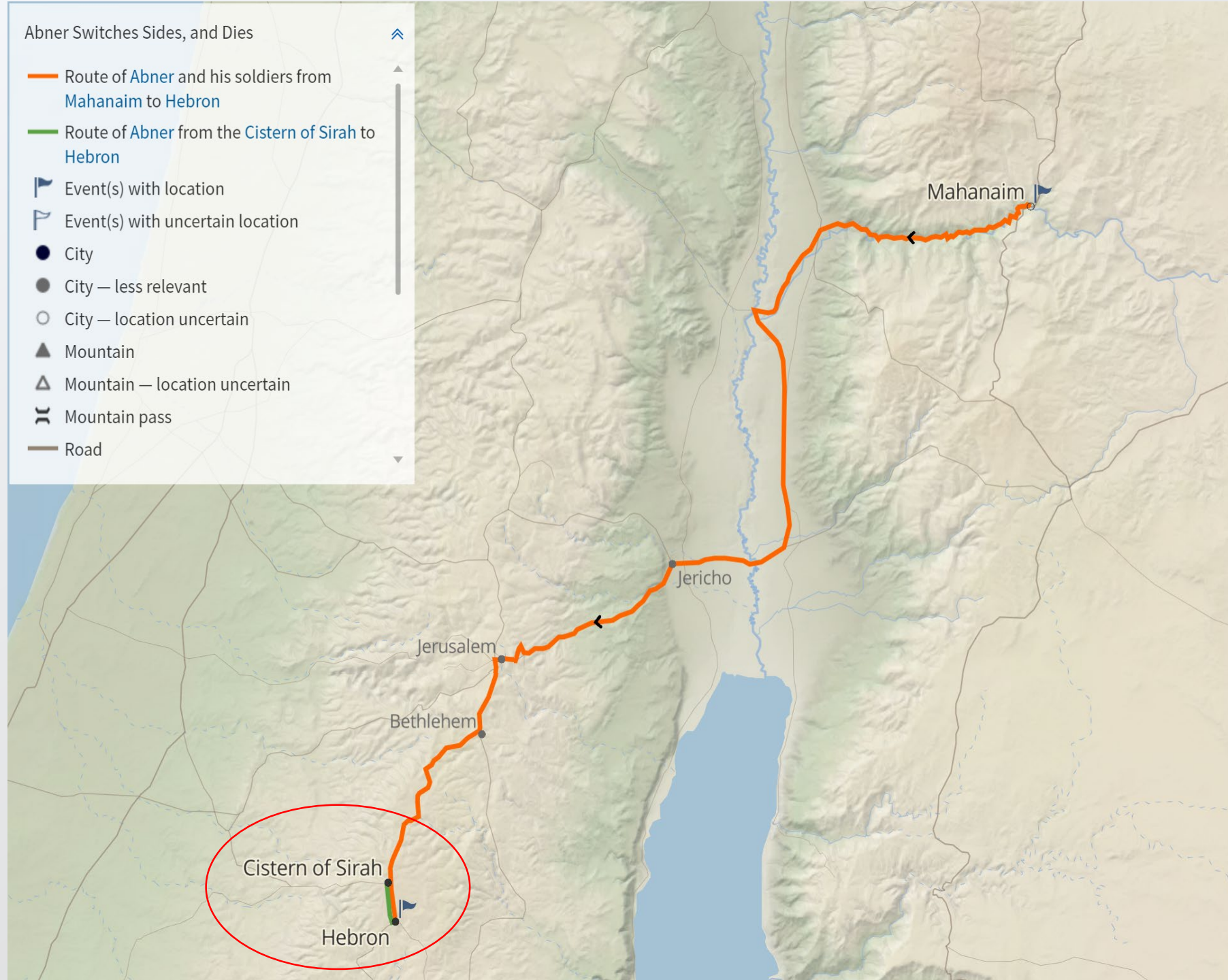
I. The Murder of Abner (3:22–30)

A. Joab's Contempt (22–25)

B. Joab's Crime (26–27)

Abner Switches Sides, and Dies

- Route of Abner and his soldiers from Mahanaim to Hebron
- Route of Abner from the Cistern of Sirah to Hebron
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A. David Mourns Abner (31–35)

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Prov 24:17 – Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; Or the LORD will see it and be displeased And turn His anger away from him.

Prov 17:5 – He who mocks the poor taunts his Maker; He who rejoices at calamity will not go unpunished.

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Ezek 18 – ²³ “Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked... rather than that he should turn from his ways and live?... ³² I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies... Therefore, repent and live.”

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 - B. David Pleases Israel (36–37)
 - C. David Declines to Punish (38–39)

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1 Sam 17:47 – “...the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD’S and He will give you into our hands.”

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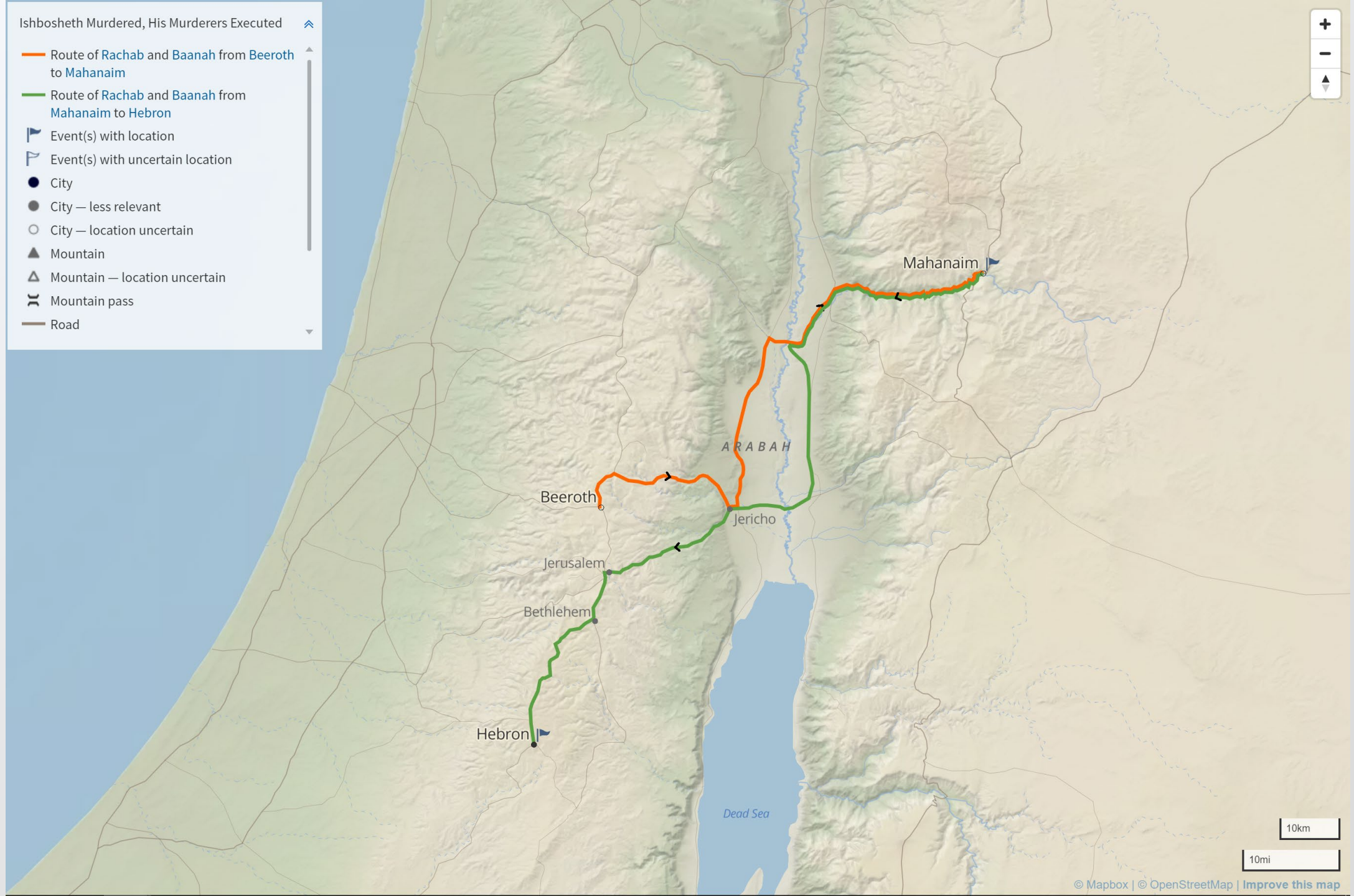
III. The Murder of Ish-Bosheth (4:1–12)

A. The Players (1–4)

B. The Act (5–8)

Ishbosheth Murdered, His Murderers Executed

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C. The Punishment (9–12)

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Deut 21:22 – “If a man has committed a sin worthy of death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, ...he who is hanged is accursed of God...