

The Life of David

2 Samuel 24 - *David's Sin in Numbering the People and His Special Purchase*



...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;
I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures:
me beside the still...
3 He restoreth...



Structure of 2 Samuel 21-24

A – Consequences of Sin (Saul's Sin) – 21:1–14

B – Victories of David's Mighty Men – 21:15–22

C – Psalm of David – 22:1–51

C¹ – Last Words of David – 23:1–7

B¹ – Victories of David's Mighty Men – 23:8–3

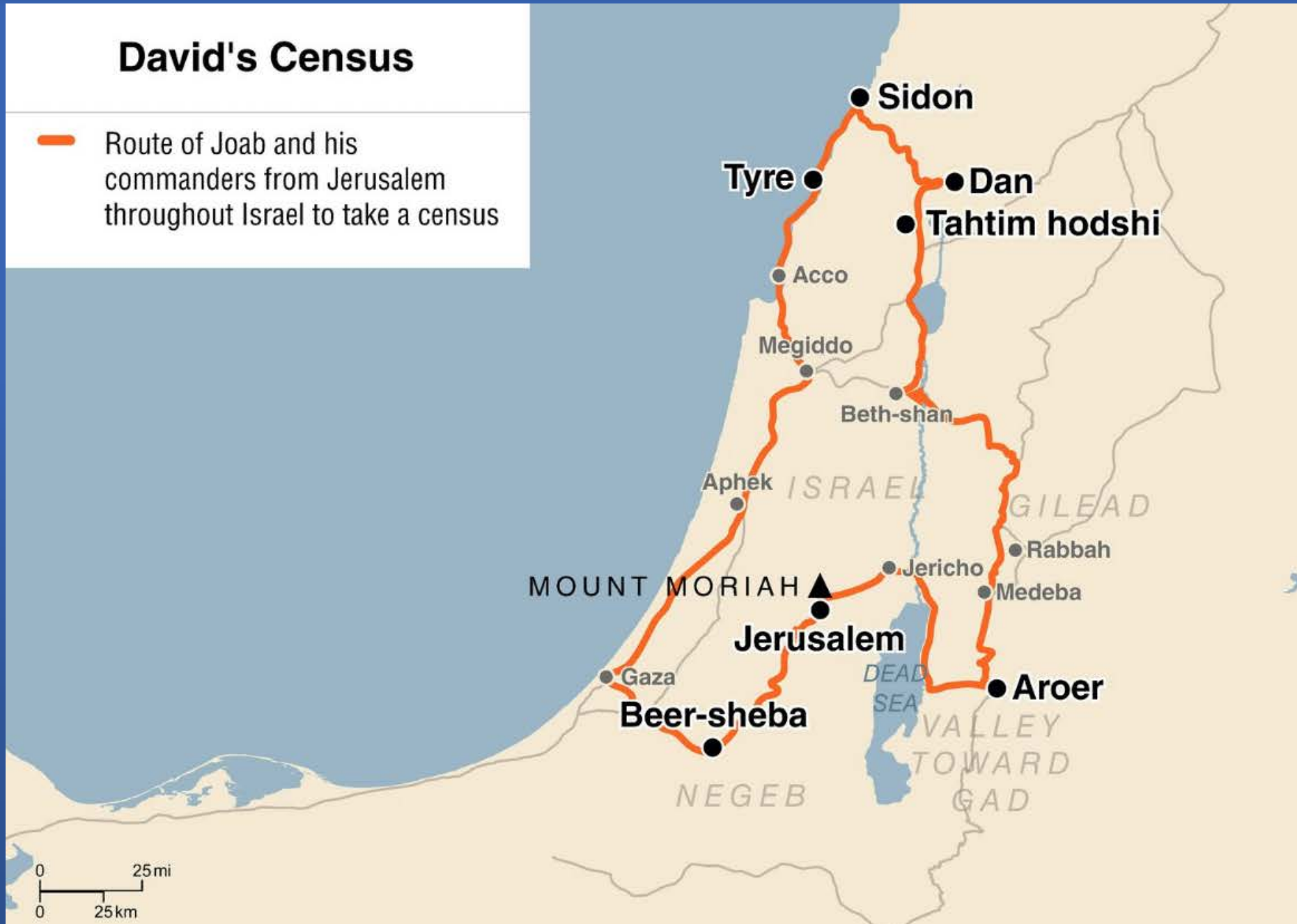
 A¹ – Consequences of Sin (David's Sin) – 24:1–25

David's Sin

- The trigger and decision to number the people (24:1-2)
- The objection from Joab and the commanders of the army (vv3-4a)
- The census of 9 months and 20 days (vv4b-8)

David's Census

— Route of Joab and his commanders from Jerusalem throughout Israel to take a census



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- The final report of 800k fighting men in Israel and 500k in Judah (v9)

1 Chronicles 21:5 ⁵Joab gave the number of the census of *all* the people to David. And **all Israel were 1,100,000 men** who drew the sword; and **Judah was 470,000 men** who drew the sword.

David's Confession and Dilemma

- The troubled heart and acknowledgment of sin (v10)

Exodus 30:12–14¹²“When you take a census of the sons of Israel to number them, then **each one of them shall give a ransom for himself to the LORD**, when you number them, so that there will be no plague among them when you number them. ¹³“This is what everyone who is numbered shall give: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is twenty gerahs), half a shekel **as a contribution to the LORD**. ¹⁴“Everyone who is numbered, from twenty years old and over, shall give the contribution to the LORD.

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- The 3 options of judgment given by God (vv11-13)

1 Chronicles 21:12 ¹²either **three years** of famine, or **three months** to be swept away before your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes *you*, or else **three days** of the sword of the LORD, even pestilence in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.' Now, therefore, consider what answer I shall return to Him who sent me."

David's Confession and Dilemma

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- The 3 options of judgment given by God (vv11-13)
 - Option #1 - 3 years of famine in the land*
 - Option #2 - 3 months of running from your enemies*
 - Option #3 - 3 days of pestilence in the land*
- The choice of option #3, where many men are killed (vv14-15)
- The mercy of God and plea of David (vv16-17)

1 Samuel 15:29²⁹“Also the Glory of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind.”

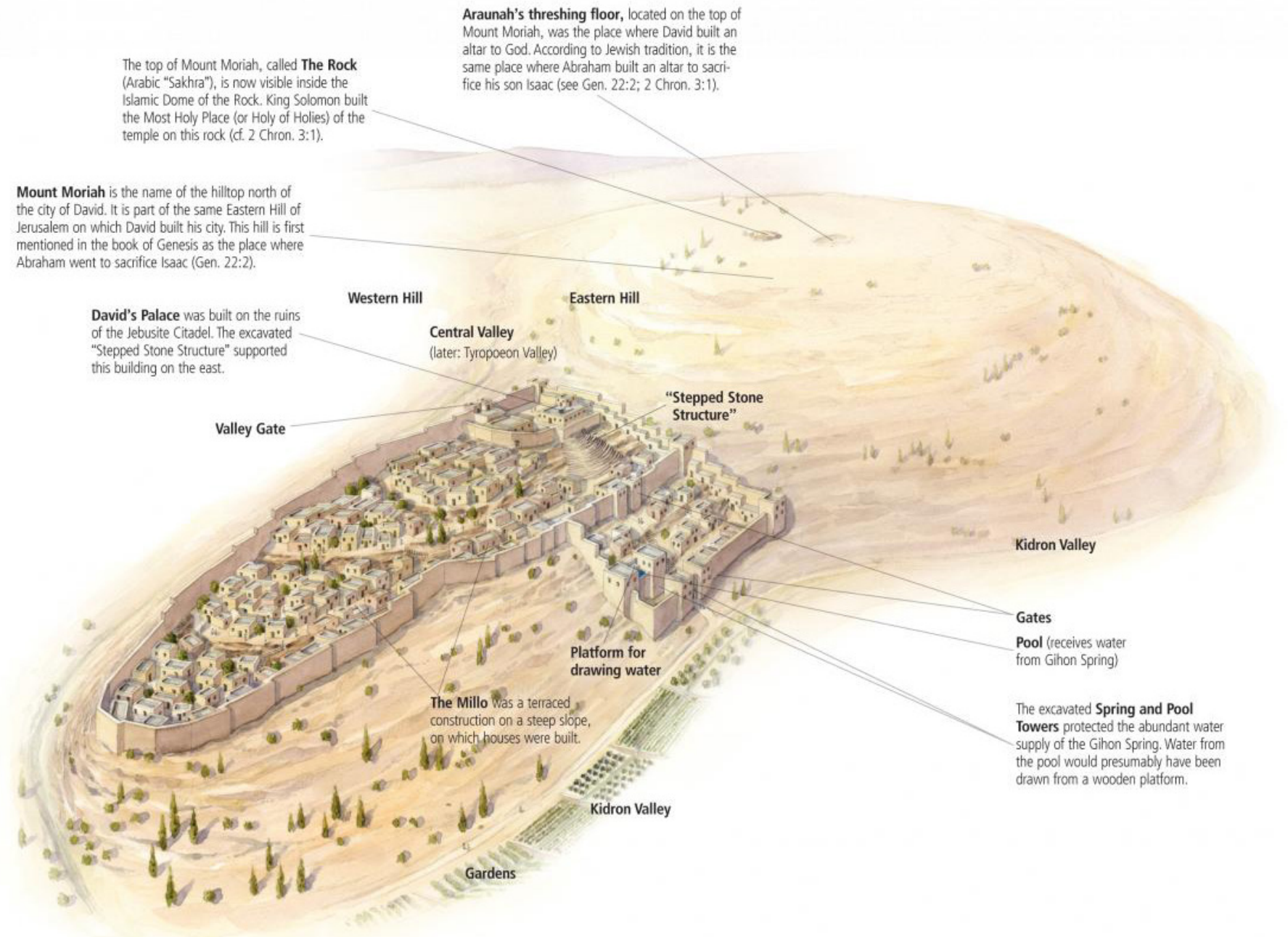
James 1:17¹⁷Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

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2 Corinthians 8:1–3 ¹Now, brethren, we *wish* to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, ²that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. ³For I testify that **according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord,**

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2 Chronicles 3:1 ¹Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the *LORD* had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.



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- The offerings of David and the response of the Lord (v25)



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talk

Discuss and list out ways that sacrificial service and
worship to the Lord occur today

Reflection and Application

- Our service and worship to the Lord must be sacrificial
 - How are you doing?
- God is absolutely incredible at planning and bringing about His sovereign plans through the affairs of men
 - God can be fully trusted in the difficulties and failures of your life