



THE BOOK OF samuel



Week 25: David Rescues Keilah

Read 1 Samuel 23:1-6

1. Why is David eager to fight the Philistines?

Answer:

2. Why is David's group of outcast followers skeptical and afraid of David's plan?

Answer:

Read 1 Samuel 23:7-13

3. Saul and David have different approaches to ascertaining and interpreting information. What differences do you see? What do they imply?

Answer:

Read 1 Samuel 23:14-18

4. As a great military commander and, indeed, a crafty man, David knew how to lead his people for their protection. What strategies does He use?

Answer:

5. Even though David is made the enemy of Jonathan's own father, Jonathan still helps and encourages David. Why?

Answer:

Read 1 Samuel 23:18-24

6. Why are the Ziphites going out of their way to turn over David?

Answer:

7. Saul Blesses the Ziphites for turning over David. What does this confirm about Saul?

Answer:

Read 1 Samuel 23:25-29

8. David was the most competent military leader in Israel, had the high ground, and was in a secret location. Had this incident led to a battle, He would have very likely won. But David leads his people out into the open to run. From a military standpoint, it was a foolish choice. Why did David make it?

Answer:

Psalm 54

For the director of music. With stringed instruments.

A maskil of David.

When the Ziphites had gone to Saul and said, "Is not David hiding among us?"

¹ Save me, O God, by your name;

vindicate me by your might.

² Hear my prayer, O God;

listen to the words of my mouth.

³ Arrogant foes are attacking me;

ruthless people are trying to kill me—

people without regard for God.

⁴ Surely God is my help;

the Lord is the one who sustains me.

⁵ Let evil recoil on those who slander me;

in your faithfulness destroy them.

⁶ I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;

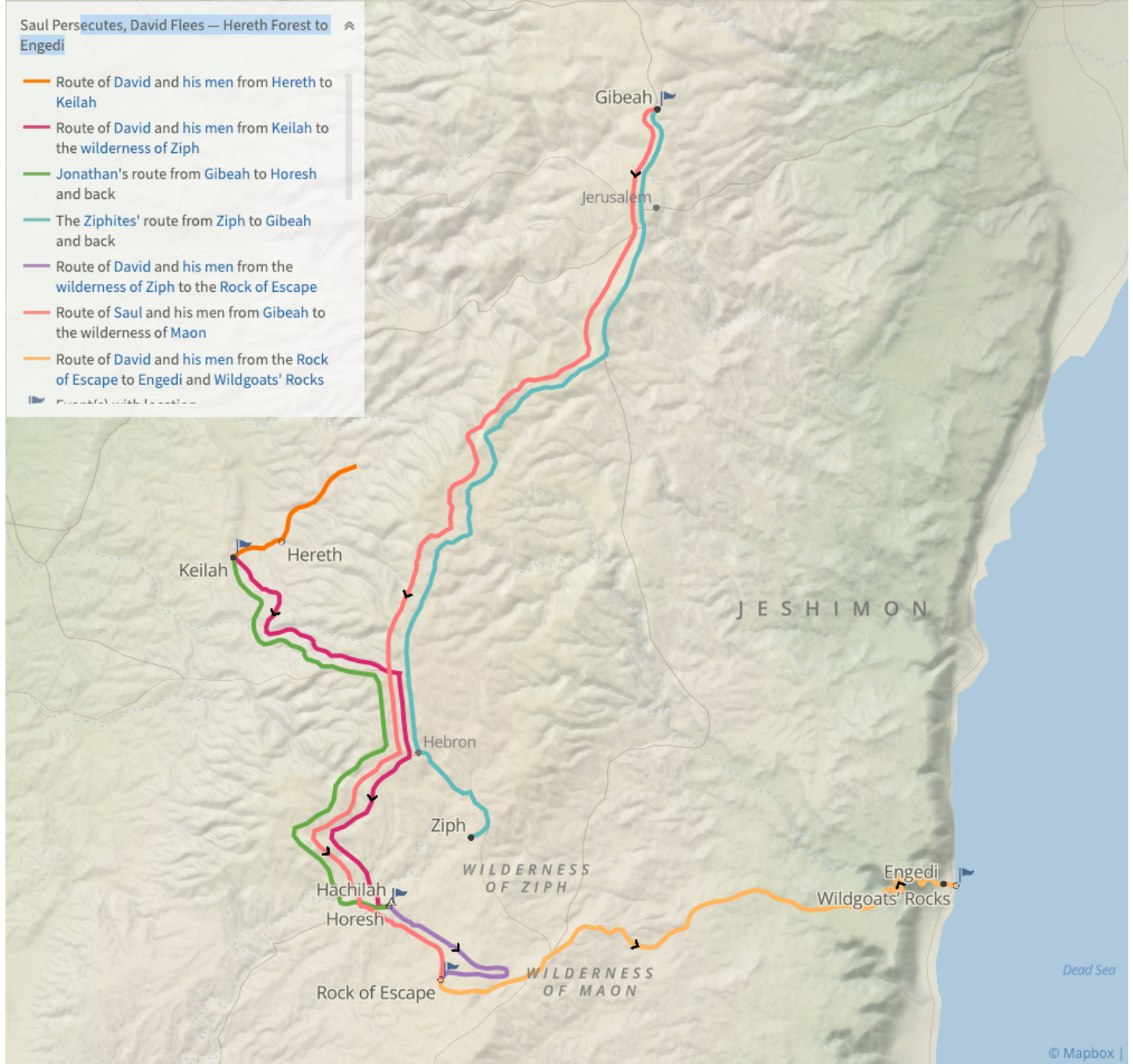
I will praise your name, Lord, for it is good.

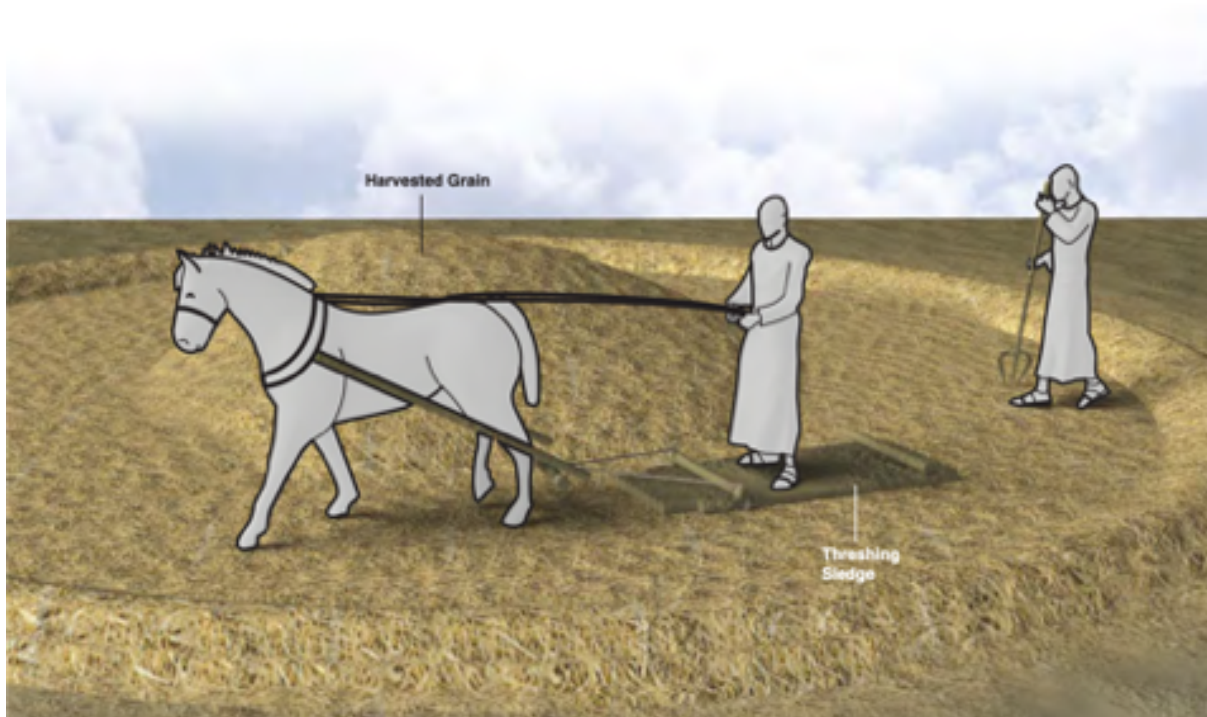
⁷ You have delivered me from all my troubles,

and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.

Saul Persecutes, David Flees — Hereth Forest to Engedi

- Route of David and his men from Hereth to Keilah
- Route of David and his men from Keilah to the wilderness of Ziph
- Jonathan's route from Gibeah to Horesh and back
- The Ziphites' route from Ziph to Gibeah and back
- Route of David and his men from the wilderness of Ziph to the Rock of Escape
- Route of Saul and his men from Gibeah to the wilderness of Maon
- Route of David and his men from the Rock of Escape to Engedi and Wildgoats' Rocks





A Threshing Floor

In the ancient world, farmers used threshing floors to separate grain from its inedible husk (chaff) by beating it with a flail or walking animals on it—sometimes while towing a threshing sledge. Sledges were fitted with flint teeth to dehusk the grain more quickly. Other workers would turn the grain over so that it would be evenly threshed by the sledge.

