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1. David's logic

a. How long can he defy the law of averages?

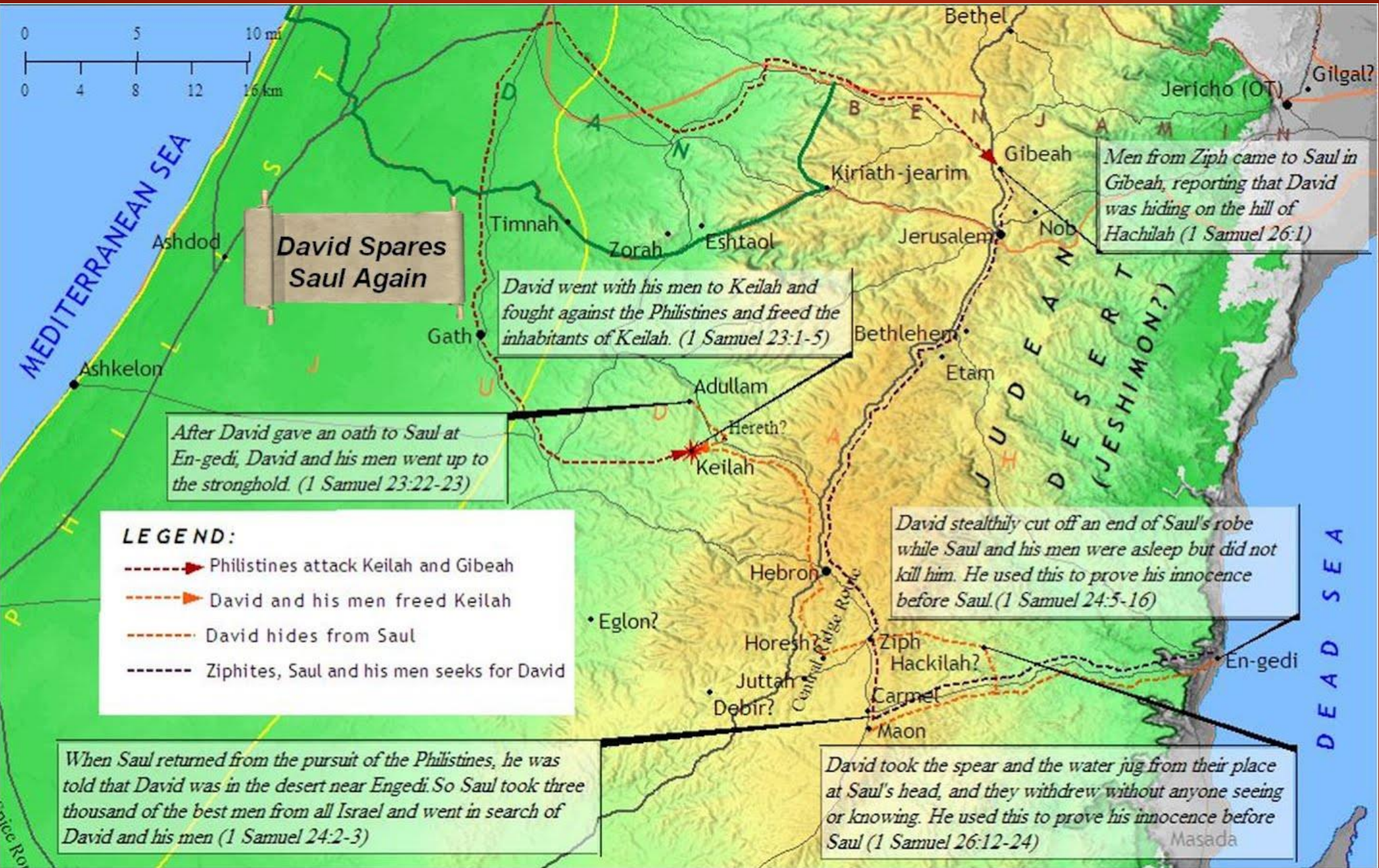
b. Saul has gone back on his word before.

c. Saul is "resource intensive."

d. Other Israelites are in on the conspiracy.

2. The desperate conclusion

a. From Ziph to Gath



**David Spares Saul Again**

Men from Ziph came to Saul in Gibeah, reporting that David was hiding on the hill of Hachilah (1 Samuel 26:1)

David went with his men to Keilah and fought against the Philistines and freed the inhabitants of Keilah. (1 Samuel 23:1-5)

After David gave an oath to Saul at En-gedi, David and his men went up to the stronghold. (1 Samuel 23:22-23)

**LEGEND:**

- ▶ Philistines attack Keilah and Gibeah
- - -▶ David and his men freed Keilah
- - - David hides from Saul
- Ziphites, Saul and his men seeks for David

David stealthily cut off an end of Saul's robe while Saul and his men were asleep but did not kill him. He used this to prove his innocence before Saul. (1 Samuel 24:5-16)

When Saul returned from the pursuit of the Philistines, he was told that David was in the desert near Engedi. So Saul took three thousand of the best men from all Israel and went in search of David and his men (1 Samuel 24:2-3)

David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they withdrew without anyone seeing or knowing. He used this to prove his innocence before Saul (1 Samuel 26:12-24)



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b. He's been this way before (1 Sam. 21:10-14)

c. This time, a warmer welcome

3. His choice "does the trick," but we could wish that he had factored God's faithfulness into the equation.

a. Examples abound

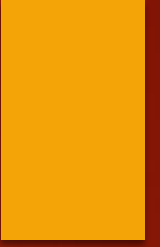
b. Gal. 6:9; James 1:12



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    - 4. However, God's faithfulness finds practical means.
    - 5. Well . . . right or wrong??!!
      - a. Differences of opinion
      - b. Final analysis: It's messy.
        - 1b. Easy to read other peoples moral dilemmas.
        - 2b. Can you see yourself here?

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1. His reasons?

2. Wins favor with Achish

3. Again . . . it's messy.

a. Matt. 26:51-53



III. Wherever the Choice Has Led, Keep Pursuing God's Agenda

IV. Dangerous Decisions Lead to Dangerous Outcomes (28:1-2)

A. Choices have consequences

1. David: Employee of the Year

2. A careful dialogue

3. Stay close to God and be ready to own your choices.

a. He is ready to lead us back.

1a. Jer. 29:10-14