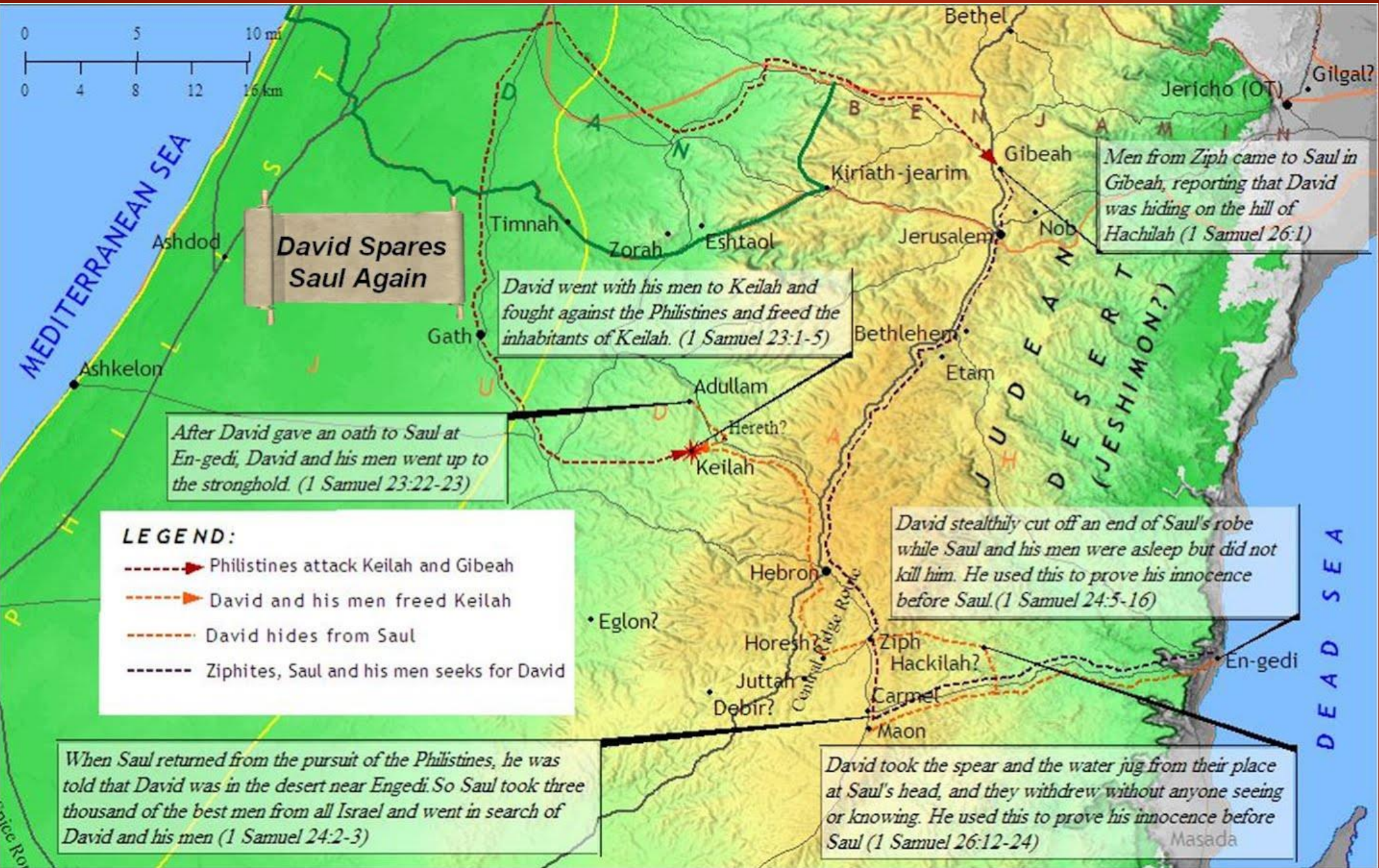


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David Spares Saul Again

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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D. Concluding the “Triad of Restraint”

E. Encore! Encore!

1. “The testimony of two or three witnesses”: 2 Cor. 13:1

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a. Despite shifting circumstances

1a. Matt. 18:21-22

2a. Acts 23:11

3a. Gal. 4:19

2. This character trait grows only from roots of trust embedded in the soil of God's faithfulness

a. David has witnessed that faithfulness **& recently**

1a. Are you taking stock?

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III. Prove It!

A. Why the night raid?

1. Gathering intelligence?

2. Hard to believe that David didn't have another purpose in view

a. Hope for reconciliation? Doubtful

b. A desire to prove his faithfulness?

B. The test repeated: A golden opportunity

1. Abishai argues theologically & promises practical success

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C. David refrains & declares

1. Sparing Saul—taking tokens

2. “Will you not answer, Abner?”

a. The remarkable contrast: David the fugitive court martial Saul's trusted commander and forces.

3. An audience with Saul: the threefold interrogation

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D. David looks up

1. If God is judging, may He forgive.

2. If men or the cause, they separate me from God's land & people.

a. Deut. 13:1-5

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3. Trusting God to deliver

a. Does not ask Saul to reciprocate

b. 2 Tim. 4:18

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1. Caution is needed: Salvation is a product of grace alone through faith alone. Gal. 3:22

2. But our faith-wrought deeds can & should speak

a. John 15:8

b. Phil. 2:14-15

c. 2 Thess. 1:3-5

F. The final word