

1 Samuel 29

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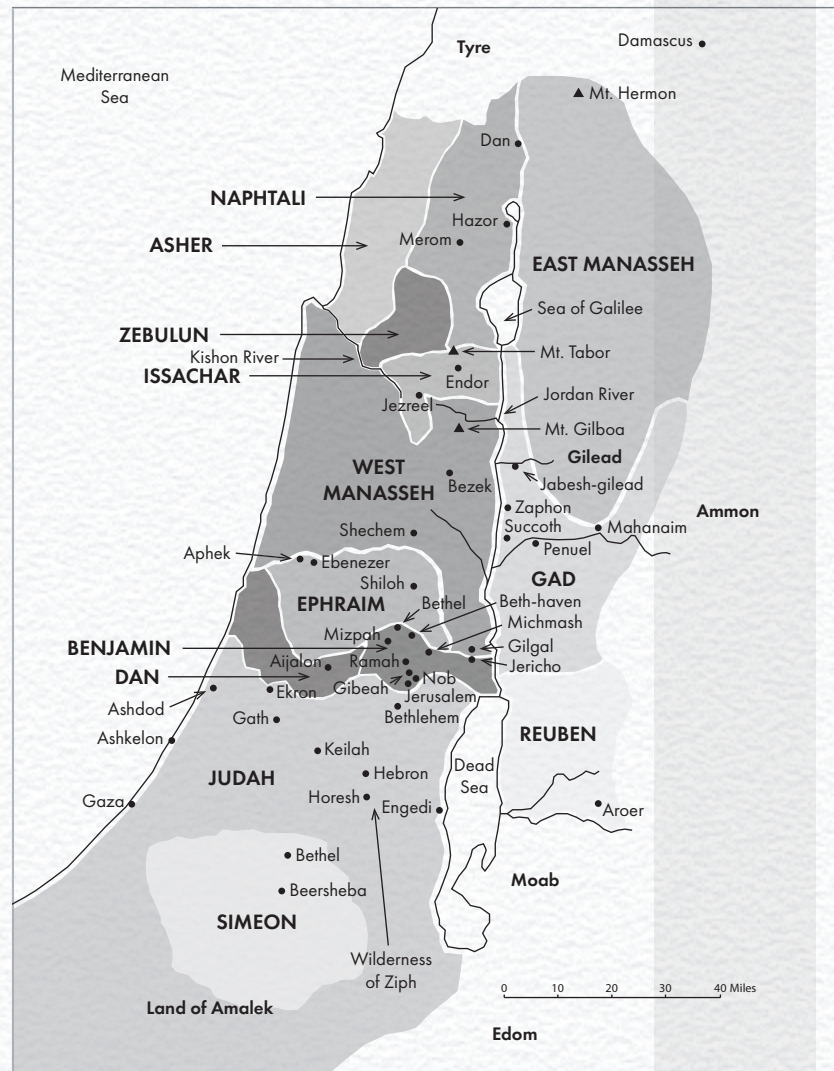
- Israel's first king, Saul, was appointed in approximately 1050 B.C.
- The events documented in 1 Samuel 29 took place between approximately 1015-1010 B.C.
- David lived in the land of the Philistines for 1 year and 4 months (27:7).

WHERE

- The Philistine army camped at Aphek.
- The Israelite army camped at the spring of Jezreel.

CHARACTERS

- **David** – Samuel anointed him to be the second king of Israel. During these days, David lived amongst the Philistines because Saul, the first king of Israel, was trying to kill him.
- **Achish** – The king of Gath. David was his bodyguard (28:2).



OUTLINE

- **THE PHILISTINE LORDS DISMISS DAVID FROM THEIR ARMY (29:1-5):**
 - + The Philistine army gathered at Aphek before attacking the Israelites.
 - + When Achish's company passed by, the lords of the Philistines took notice of David and his men because they were Israelites.
 - + They asked Achish, "What are these Hebrews doing here?"
 - + Achish informed the lords that the Hebrews were led by David, a man who had deserted to him from Israel and had been his loyal servant ever since.
 - + The lords of the Philistines knew David, and how he had been a fierce warrior in Israel.
 - + They didn't want David fighting alongside them.
 - + They feared he would turn against them in the battle to win favor with the Israelites.
- **ACHISH SENDS DAVID HOME (29:6-11):**
 - + Achish went to David and told him the news.
 - + He acknowledged David's loyalty but told him he would need to return home to Ziklag.
 - + In the morning, David headed south to Ziklag, and the Philistine army moved north to Jezreel.

APPLICATION

- Rejection can be a gift from God.
- David was ready to fight against Saul and God's people until the Philistine lords turned him away.
- God had another destiny for David as the leader of Israel rather than their adversary.
- When we experience rejection, even rejection that seems unfair or unjust, remember how David's moment of rejection changed the trajectory of his life for the better.

