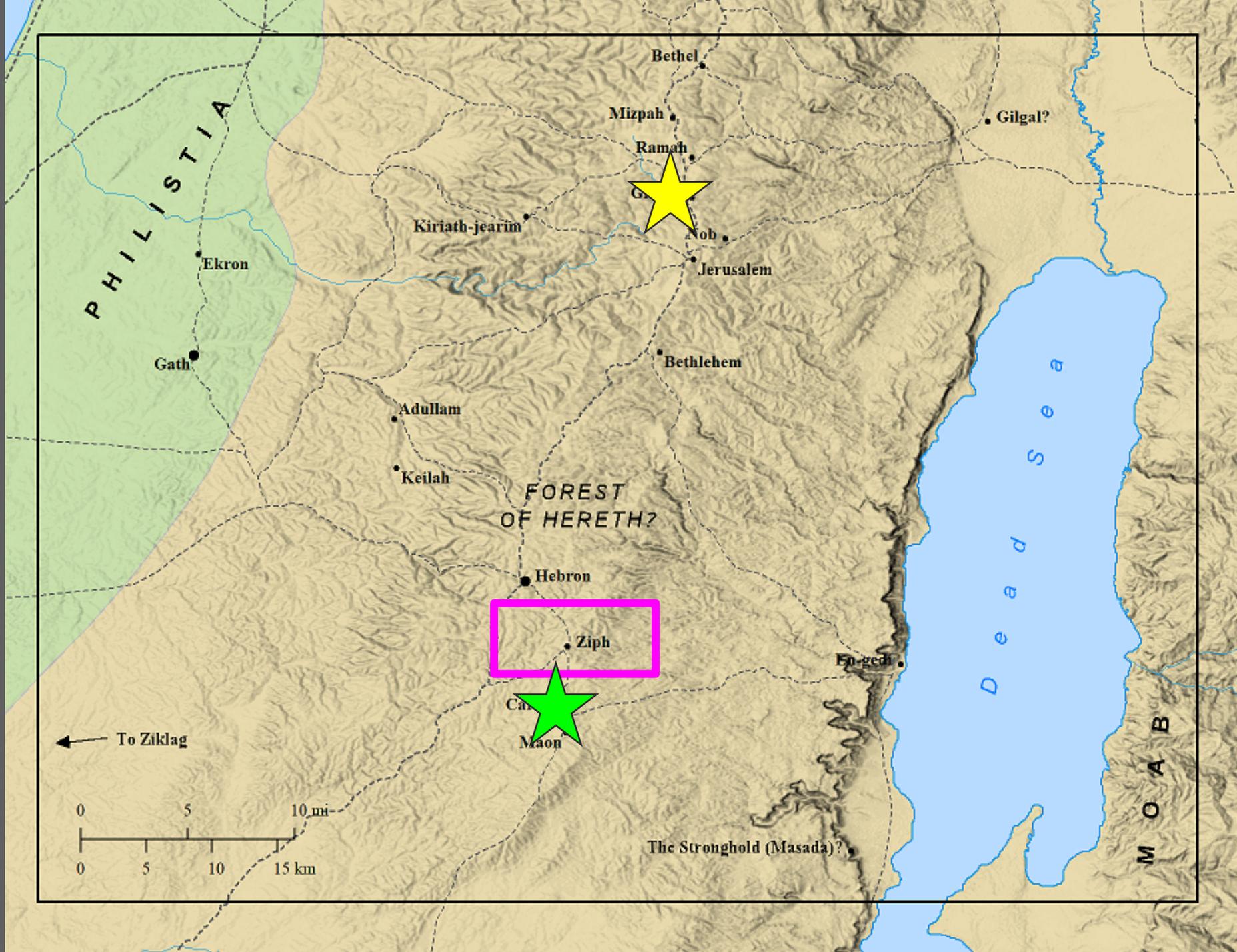


RECAP

David has had two opportunities to avenge himself:

- **Ch24**– chance to kill Saul; convicted by Holy Spirit; does not touch Saul
 - **Test**- orchestrated by God to see what is in David
- **Ch25**– insulted by Nabal; responds by rallying 400 men to kill Nabal and all men in his household; convicted by Holy Spirit through Abigail; does not touch Nabal
 - **Temptation**- David is ‘dragged away by his own evil desire’ for payback ‘and enticed’ to kill Nabal



JUSTICE OR MERCY?



PERSON AFTER GOD'S HEART

David

- David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe... 'The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master'
- He has kept his servant from doing wrong (killing Nabal and men of his household)

Saul

- You have treated me well, but I have treated you badly
- I know that you will surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hands

PERSON AFTER GOD'S HEART

David

Don't destroy him!.. As surely as the Lord lives," he said, "the Lord Himself will strike him, or his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. But the Lord forbid that I should lay a hand on the Lord's anointed. Now get the spear and water jug that are near his head, and let's go.

Saul

- So Saul went down to the Desert of Ziph, with his three thousand select Israelite troops, to search there for David.
- Saul said, "I have sinned... I will not try to harm you again. Surely I have acted like a fool and have been terribly wrong."

WORLDLY SORROW VS. GODLY SORROW

2 Cor 7:9-10 yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.



WORLDLY SORROW VS GODLY SORROW

Worldly sorrow sounds like

- **Minimizing-** I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king
- **Blaming-** The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder
- **Justifying-** they spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice them to the LORD your God at Gilgal
- **Concerned w/image-** please honor me before the elders of my people and before Israel

WORLDLY SORROW VS GODLY SORROW

Godly sorrow sounds like

- **Acknowledgement that sin is ultimately against God-** Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight
- **Plea for mercy/forgiveness** - Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions
- **Recognition of sinfulness vs. sins** - Surely I was sinful at birth
- **Desire for reconciliation w/God-** Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me.