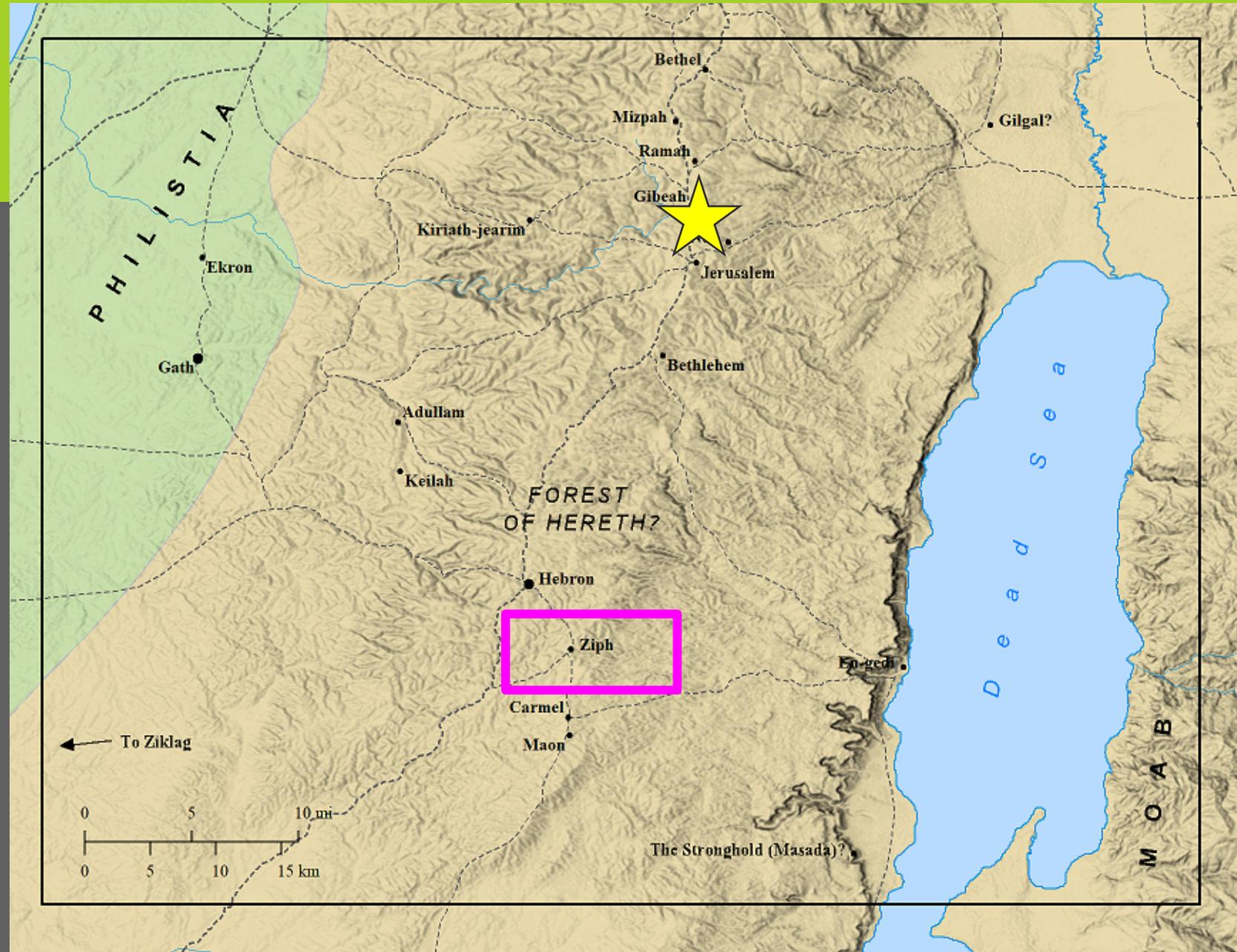
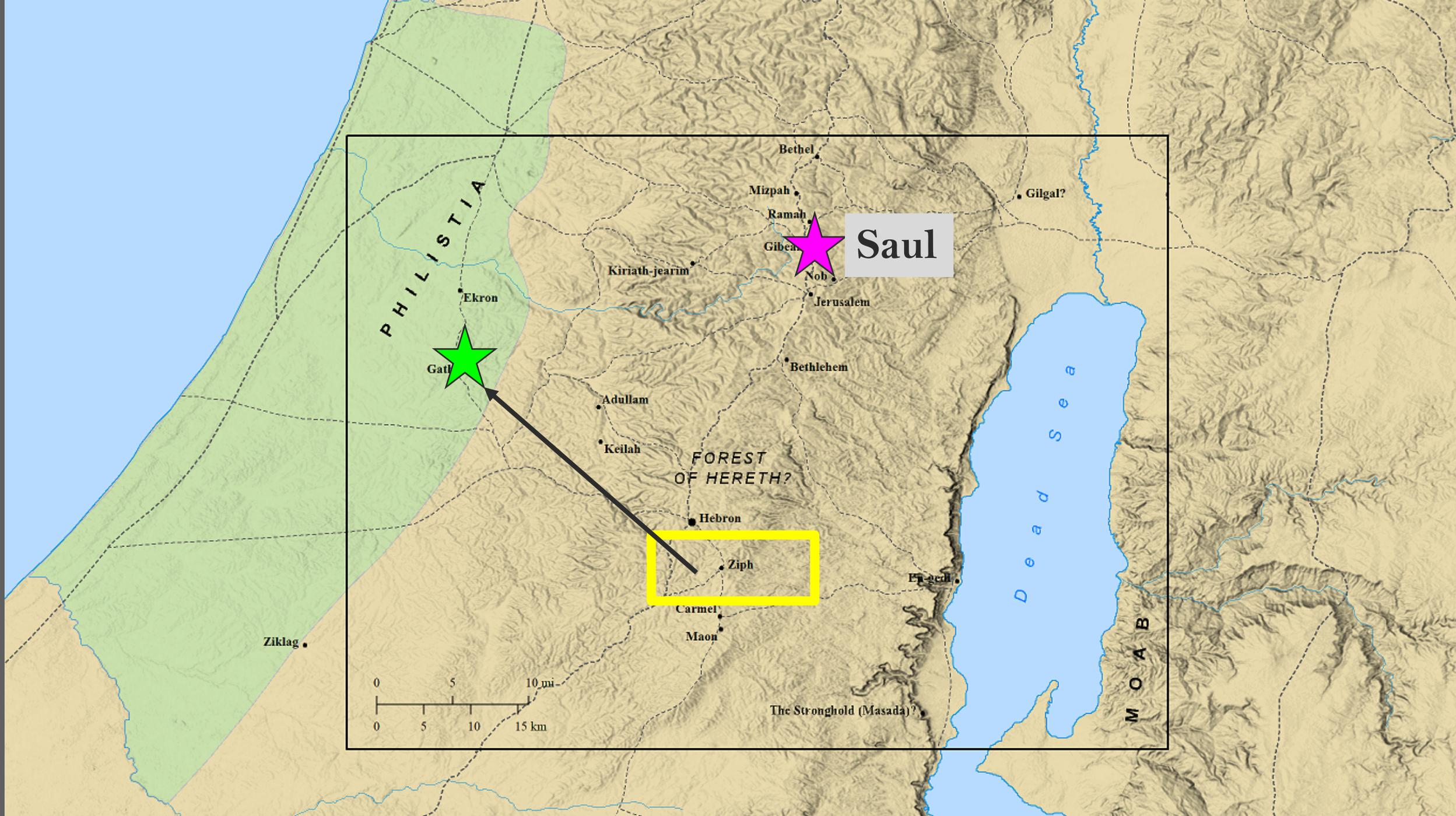


# RECAP

- Last encounter
- David demonstrates he is no threat; God is with him
- Saul admits sin
- Last line: So David went on his way, and Saul returned home.





PHILISTIA

Saul

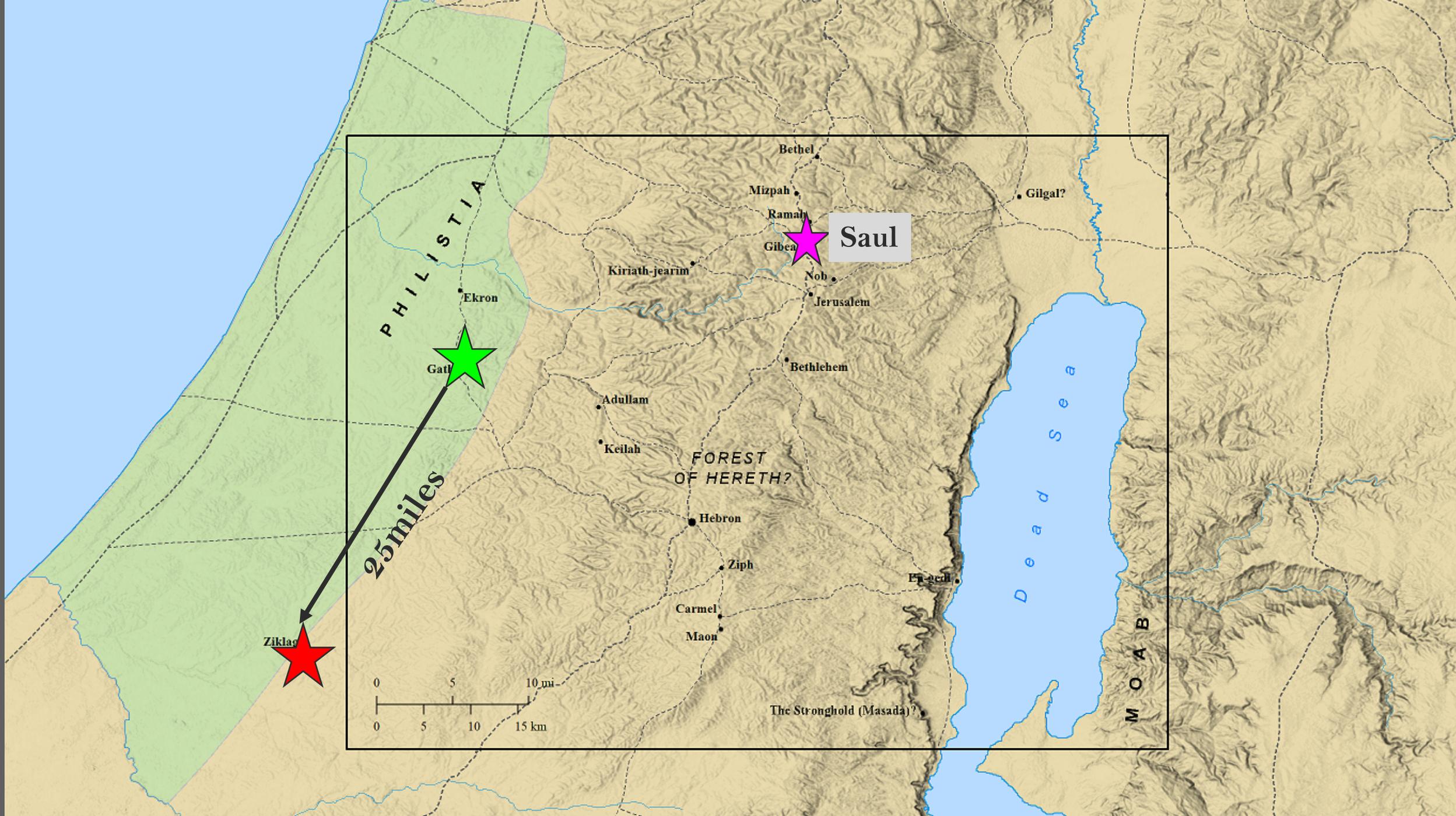
Dead Sea

MOAB

FOREST OF HERETH?

0 5 10 mi  
0 5 10 15 km

The Stronghold (Masada)?



Saul

PHILISTIA

25 miles

Ziklag

0 5 10 mi  
0 5 10 15 km

FOREST OF HERETH?

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MOAB

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Bethel

Mizpah

Ramah

Gibea

Gilgal?

Ekron

Kiriath-jearim

Nob

Jerusalem

Bethlehem

Adullam

Keilah

Hebron

Ziph

Carmel

Maon

Es-sel?

# DAVID COMPLETES ISRAEL'S MISSION

- Josh 19.2-5: The second lot came out for the tribe of Simeon according to its clans. Their inheritance lay within the territory of Judah. **It included...Ziklag**
- Deut 20.16-17: However, in the cities of the nations the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, **do not leave alive anything that breathes**. Completely destroy them...
- Josh 13.1-2: When Joshua had grown old, the LORD said to him, “You are now very old, and there are still very large areas of land to be taken over. “This is the land that remains: all the regions of the Philistines and **Geshurites**,
- Deut 25.17-19: Remember what the **Amalekites** did to you along the way when you came out of Egypt...you shall blot out the name of Amalek from under heaven.

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# A SINFUL CHOICE

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- **Last clear word on location:** But the prophet Gad said to David, “Do not stay in the stronghold. Go into the land of Judah.”
- **No indication he prayed:** David thought to himself
- **Motivation appears to be fear:** One of these days I will be destroyed by the hand of Saul

# KEEPING IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT

## Seek input, don't decide in a vacuum

- **Proverbs 12:15** The way of a fool is right in his own opinion, but the one who listens to advice is wise.
- **Ask God**
- **Ask others**
  - Those who know you well
  - Those who know situation

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## Wisdom

- Connotation of 'skill'- experience, knowledge, good judgment all rolled into one
- Holy common sense
- How God usually works
- Rarely new information

## Revelation

- Connotation of 'uncover'
- Disclosure of will/mind of God (Word from God)
- Divine insight
- Often unconventional
- New information

# KEEPING IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT

## Rest, don't decide when you are tired

- **Matthew 11:28** - Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest
- Physical, spiritual, emotional, mental renewal
- Pace of decisions makes it vital for rest to be part of regular rhythm

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