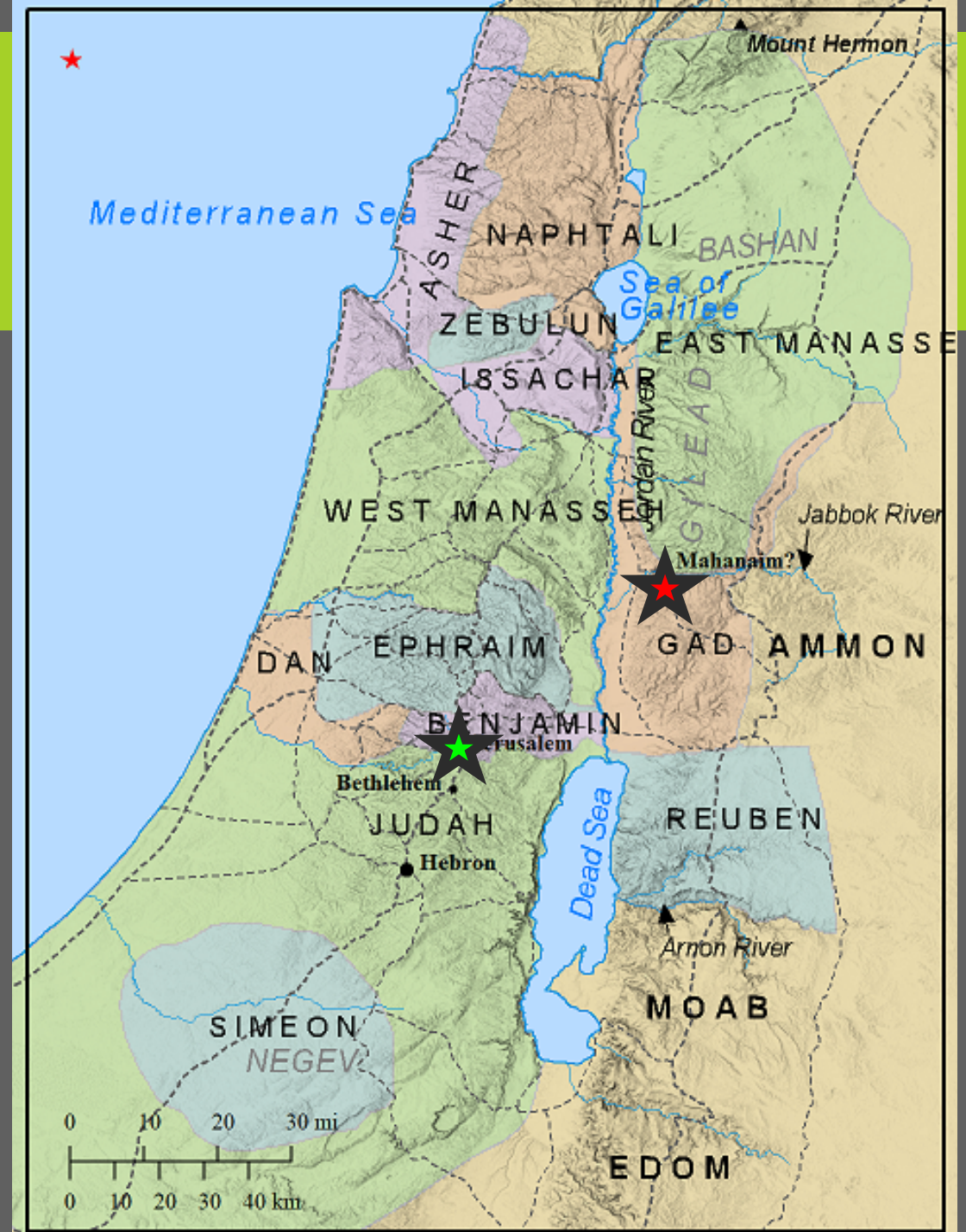


PRAYER CHALLENGE

- Through Aug 5th
- A person you love who is needs Jesus
- A situation in you are in that needs God's intervention
- Tuesday Morning Prayer – drop-in from:
 - 6.30-7.00am – contemplative, communion, receive prayer if you want
 - 7.00-7.30 – corporate intercession for church and city

RECAP

- Absalom- David's son and challenger to throne is dead
- ★ David is 'Kind of King in Exile' in Mahanaim
- ★ Today- how does David re-establish his reign in Jerusalem?



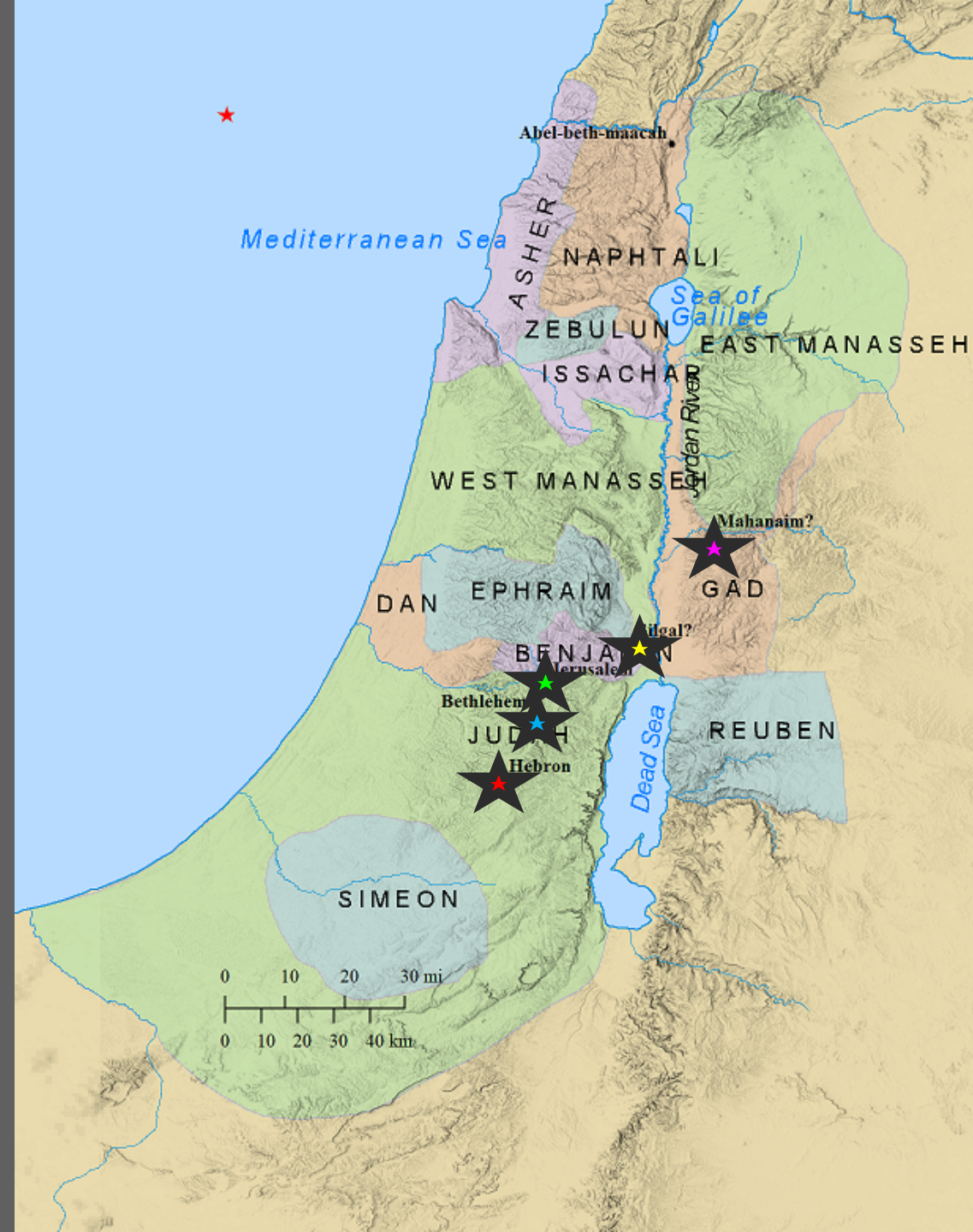
★ Mahanaim- David's current location

★ Jerusalem- capital; David's desired location

★ Hebron- Absalom's hometown; where he launched his coup

★ Bethlehem- David's hometown

★ Gilgal- where David crossed Jordan



SHIMEI

- Pelted David w/stones, dirt and curses
- “Get out, get out, you murderer, you scoundrel! The LORD has repaid you for all the blood you shed in the household of Saul, in whose place you have reigned. The LORD has given the kingdom into the hands of your son Absalom. You have come to ruin because you are a murderer!
- If Shemei is cursing because the LORD said to him, ‘Curse David,’ who can ask, ‘Why do you do this?’” Leave him alone; let him curse, for the LORD has told him to. It may be that the LORD will look upon my misery and restore to me his covenant blessing instead of his curse today.

MEPHIBOSHETH

- Jonathan's son/Saul's grandson
- Crippled- needed someone to care for him; lived in self-imposed exile for yrs
- David invited him to eat at king's table and restored to him Saul's estate which Ziba had been running for his own personal benefit since Saul's death

ZIBA

- Saul's property manager- ran his estate til Saul's death, then took over for his own benefit; was 'demoted' when David returned estate to Mephibosheth
- Met David as David was fleeing Jerusalem w/donkeys and provisions
- Told David, 'Mephibosheth is staying in Jerusalem, because he thinks, "Today the Israelites will restore to me my grandfather's kingdom."'
- David gave Ziba Mephibosheth's estate

WHEREVER YOU ARE, BE ALL THERE

- Major life decisions – assume God wants you to stay until He makes it clear for you to go
- **Jer 29.4-7:** This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.’



HOW TO KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME TO MOVE

- God gives us the desires of our hearts—have your desires changes?
- Do you sense God's peace in this move?
- Do your people affirm the 'rightness' of this move?
- Are your circumstances confirming a move?



RELYING ON STRENGTHS OR GOD?

- Strength- ability you have been given to do something better than most
- Easy to rely on strengths especially in times of vulnerability
- Rely on God vs our strengths apart from Him-
 - Acknowledge tendency (temptation) to rely on strengths vs God
 - Submit strengths to God
 - Express trust in God

