



Ark Of Covenant Corrects God's Critics

1-2 Samuel

Three arks

- Noah: Gn.6-9
- Moses: Ex.2
- Covenant: only furniture in holy of holies
 - Acacia wood overlaid with gold
 - Cover: 'mercy seat' and cherubim
 - 'Lost'

I. God Cannot Be Dominated

1 Sam.4:1-3

Blackmail:

- 'God, glorify your Name: give us victory or Philistines will get ark!'
- Reply: 'I'll glorify My Name by giving you defeat' (4:10-11, 18-22).
 - God warned them, 2:12-17, 22-25
 - Thought they could 'use' God

If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination – Pr.28:9

Joshua 6 – good luck?

- Idolaters carried idols to battle.
1 Chr.14:...12
- Ep.5:5, idolatry: alive and well in Ephesus

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II. God Cannot Be Defeated

1 Sam.5:1-12

1. Dagon, 1-5

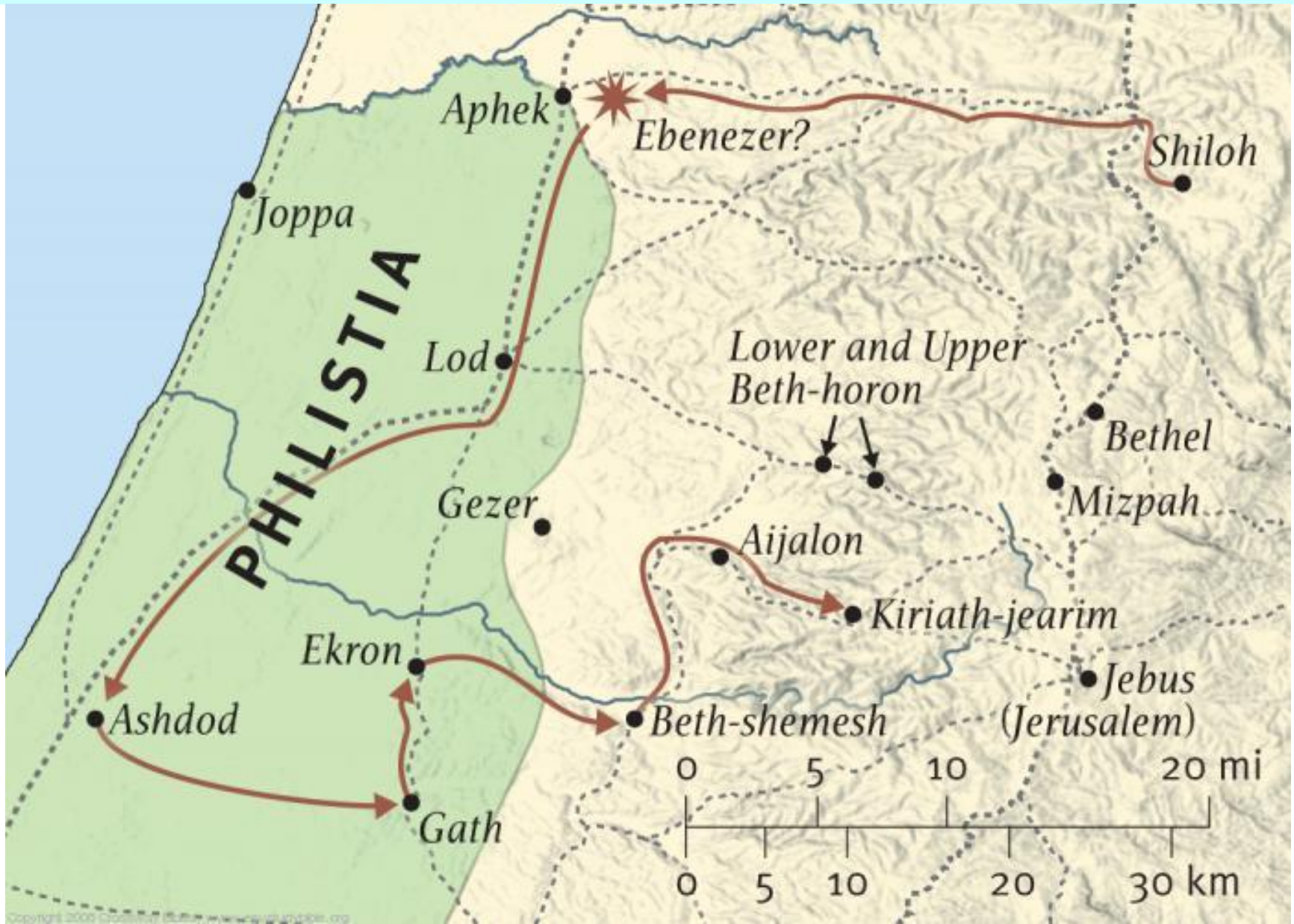
2. Tumors, 6-12

▶ Once they got what they wanted,
they didn't want what they got

▶ Would give anything to return it,
6:1-12

– God will not suffer defeat,
Ps.2:1-4

Ark's journey



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II. God Cannot Be Defeated

III. God Will Not Be Disgraced

1 Sam.6:13-21

- 19, ignorance and irreverence
 - Nu.1:50-54
 - Slaughter vindicated God

Philistine cart showed honor.
Judgment began at house of God;
they knew better.

1 Sam.6:13-21

- Irony: died by mercy seat
- Greatest blessing → greatest danger
...because of irreverence
- Men still desecrate holy things
 - 1.** Bible. Mk.7:13
 - 2.** Lord's day. Ac.20:7
 - 3.** Worship.
 - 4.** Marriage vows.
 - 5.** Prayer.

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2 Sam.6:1-11

Fatal flaws . . .

- 1) New cart, 3. Nu.4:8...15
- 2) Good intentions, 4-5
- 3) Progress, 6
- 4) Did God a favor, 6-7
- 5) Ignorance (no excuse), 9
 - Trivializes God to ignore His law
 - Ac.21
 - Burning building

Is sincerity enough?

Sincerity never changes truth

A thing is never right just because we believe it is so.

A thing is right only if God's word says so.

- 1) Gn.27, Isaac: Jacob is Esau
- 2) Gn.37, Jacob: Joseph is dead
- 3) Ac.26:9, Paul: ought to persecute
- 4) 'Have it your way'??

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V. God Will Not Be Dismissed

2 Sam.6:12-23

- Gladness (12): why? 1 Chr.15, truth
- Undignified (15-16, 20-23)
 - Should imitate Saul's pride, false dignity?
 - 'It was before God' – David did not care what others thought

Lukewarmness is blasphemy

'God doesn't excite us!'

- Mt.21:14-16, Jewish leaders upset
- Ac.3:7-8, excited over healing

In the end, there are only two kinds of people: God's critics or God's children