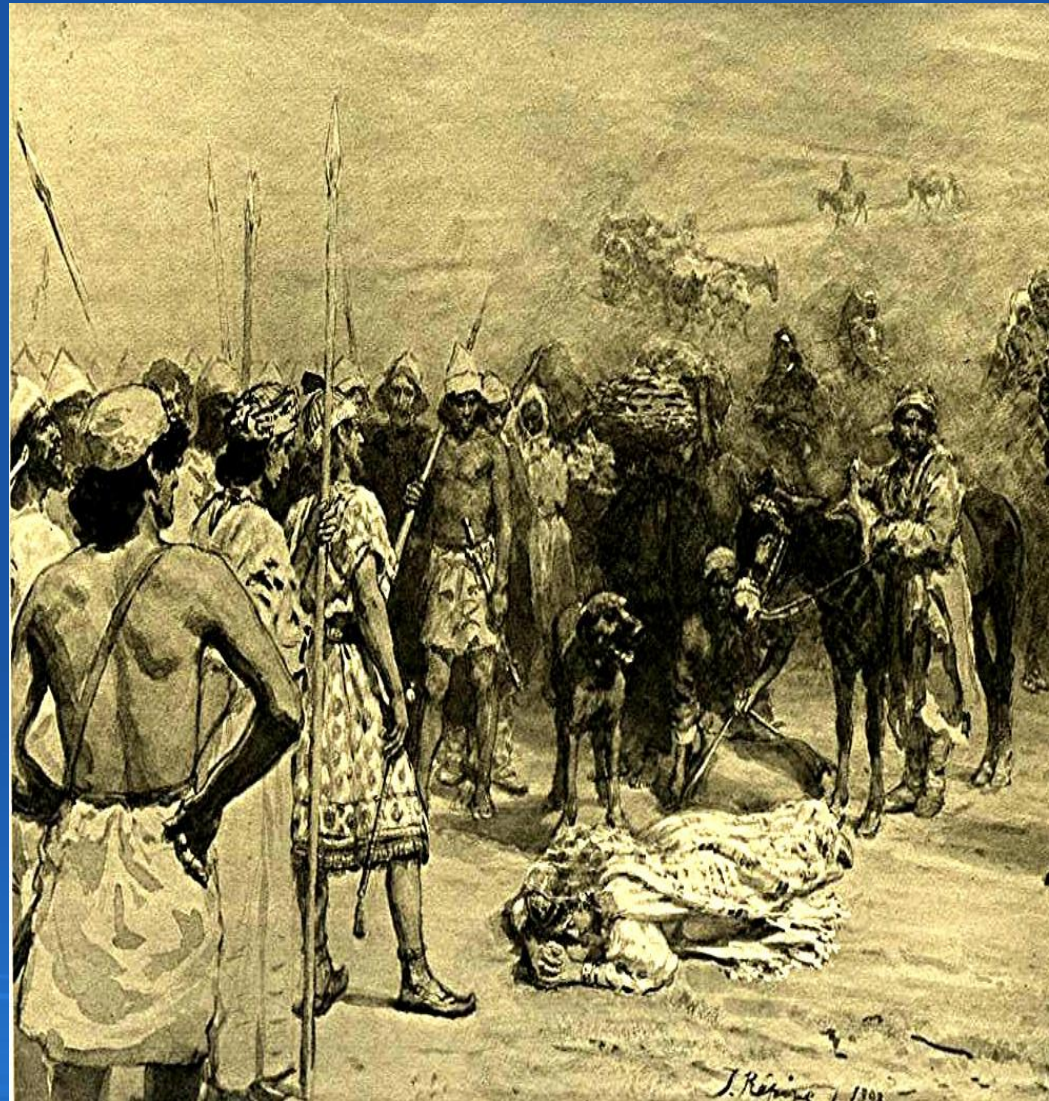


# THE INTERCESSION OF AVIGAYIL

- Abigail convinced David not to avenge himself upon Nabal
- David would have bloodguilt if he killed Nabal
- What was Nabal's crime?
- **PRINCIPLE:** The Lord gives and takes away life at His own good pleasure





# DAVID NOW WITH 3 WIVES



- The widow, Abigail, agrees to marry David
- David also marries ***Achinoam***
- King Saul gave David's 1<sup>st</sup> wife, ***Michal***, to ***Phaltiel***
- Since David did not divorce ***Michal***, marriage was not terminated



# 1<sup>ST</sup> SAMUEL CHAPTER 26: SAUL THE “GOOD GUY”?

- Saul again pursuing David
- Rabbis tend to dismiss David’s serious flaws
- Liberal Christian scholars say Bible errs in making Saul a bad guy and David look good
- Thenius (1849) *“Saul would have been a moral monster, which he evidently was not....”*



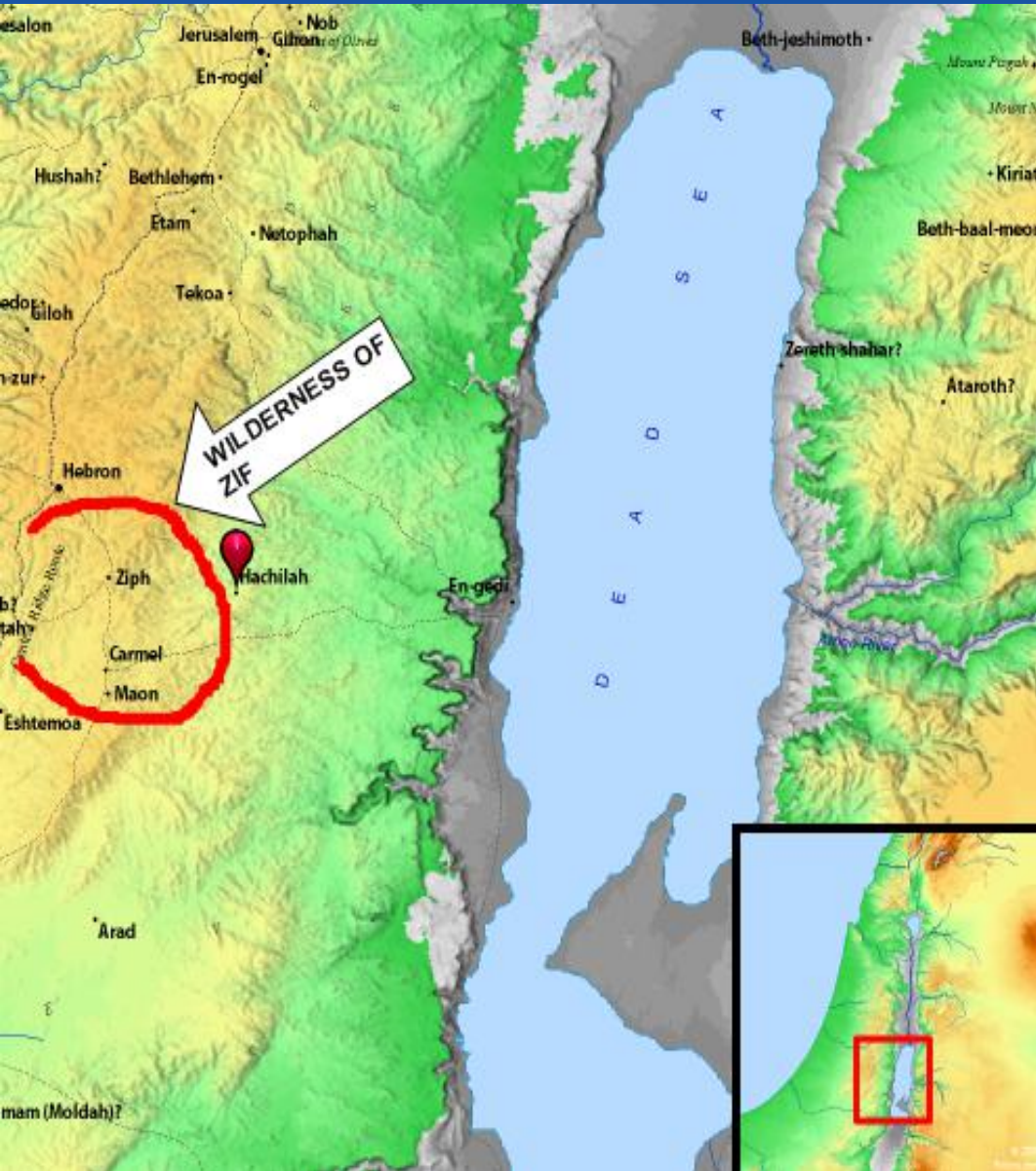
# SINCE 1700'S, INTELLECT OVERRIDES THE SCRIPTURES

- Bible not to be trusted if intellectual has a better solution
- Allegorical preaching now dominant
- Reasoning: Saul must NOT be that bad, because NO human could be that morally depraved !
- We cannot pick and choose which parts of the Bible to keep and to discard





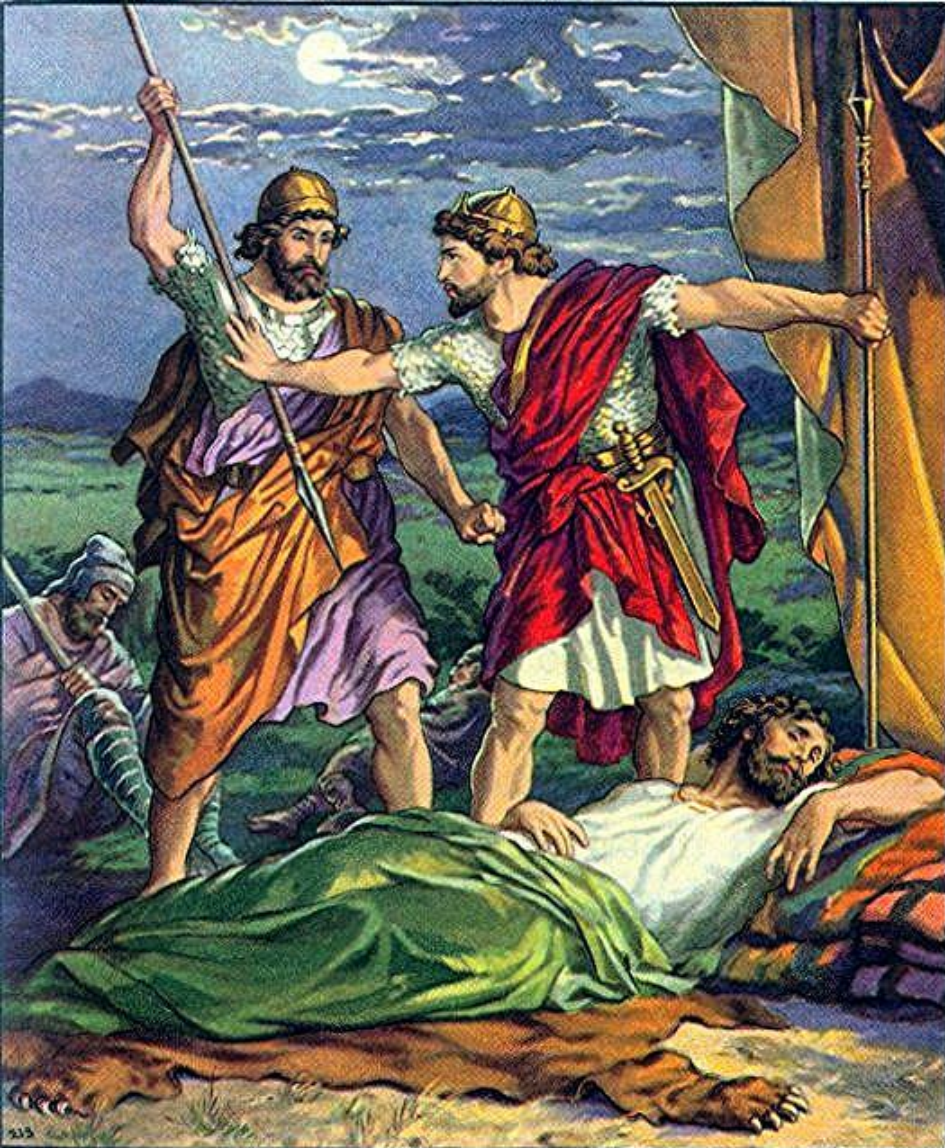
# ZIF BETRAYS DAVID AGAIN



- Unlike the 1<sup>st</sup> time, Saul trusted the leaders of Zif and immediately sent troops
- Hill of *Hachilah*
- Abner, Saul's general, came this time
- *Avishai* was David's nephew
- Having family members as your inner circle was safest choice



# DAVID SPARES SAUL AGAIN

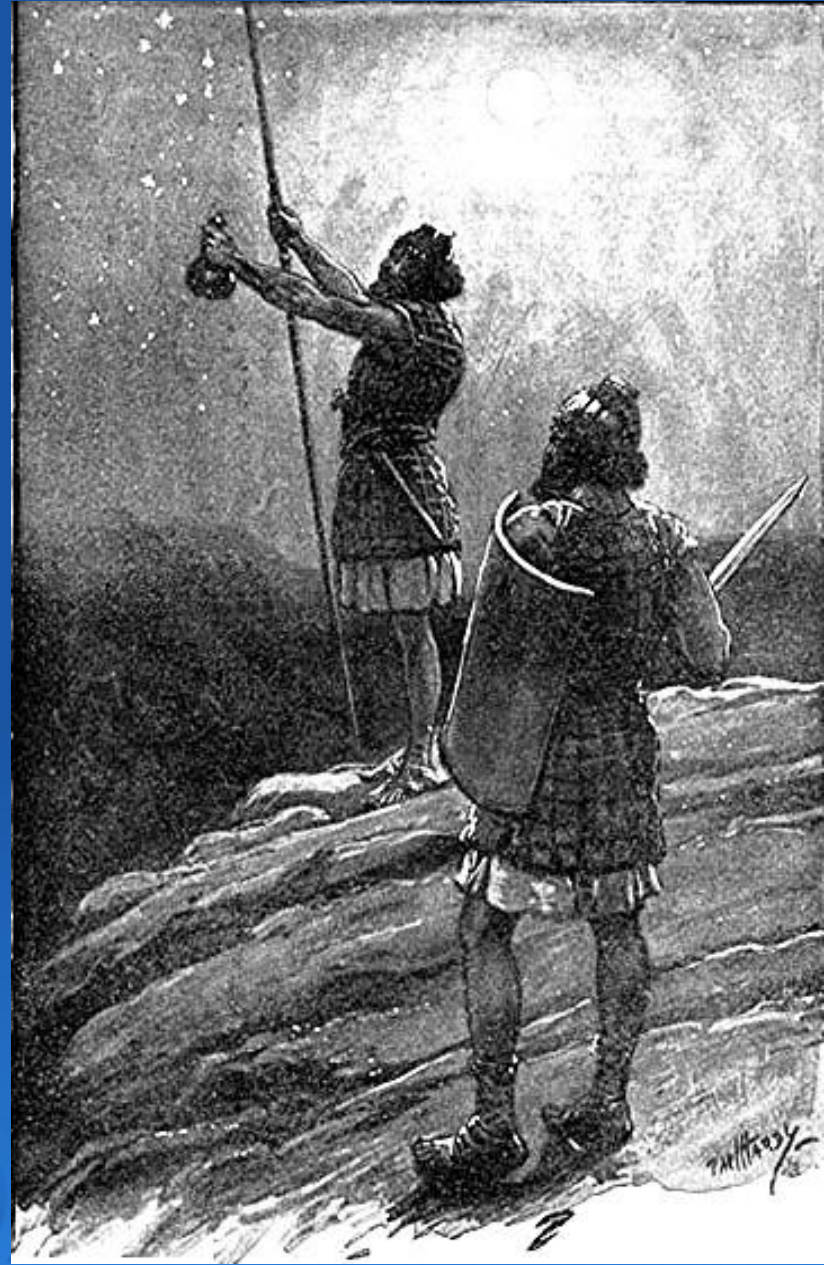


- David saw this as another opportunity to convince Saul of his loyalty
- The Lord induced a supernaturally sound sleep in Saul's men
- Vs. 8 David will not allow *Avishai* to “destroy” Saul
- *Al tashitehu* = mutilate, deface, corrupt



# DAVID'S WAR OF WORDS

- Instead of killing Saul, David and Avishai take Saul's spear and water canteen
- Safely on a nearby hill David shouts to Saul's camp
- David accuses Abner of dereliction of duty
- David tells Saul that if God is causing this conflict, they should offer Him a *ruakh Minchah*
- *Ruach Minchah* = smell the smoke of a sacrifice





# THE CALLER

- Lord's inheritance = Israel
- Each nation with its own gods
- Vs. 20 has David "calling" to Abner
- *Haqoreh* = Partridge, calling bird
- *Mi atta haqoreh* ? = who are you, O caller ?
- David compares himself to a calling bird (Partridge) being hunted





# DAVID RETURNS SAUL'S SPEAR



- Saul gets emotional and calls David “his son”
- David no longer trusts Saul’s words
- The only guarantor of blessing for righteous behavior is YHWH
- Matt. 6:1 -4
- Rom. 2:7
- David is proving be typical of heroes: they are very flawed men



# 1<sup>ST</sup> SAMUEL CHAPTER 27: DAVID GOES TO PHILISTIA AGAIN



- Something has shifted in David's thinking
- He determines he'll never have peace in Israel
- Goes to Gath, where earlier he feigned insanity to escape !
- He is accepted this time, because he has an army that can be useful to Achish



# ACHISH GRANTS DAVID THE VILLAGE OF ZIKLAG

- Saul stopped pursuing David
- David is now a favored vassal
- Ziklag was formerly in Judah, but now controlled by the Philistines
- Ziklag originally belonged to tribe of Simeon

