

SAUL, DAVID, & SOLOMON

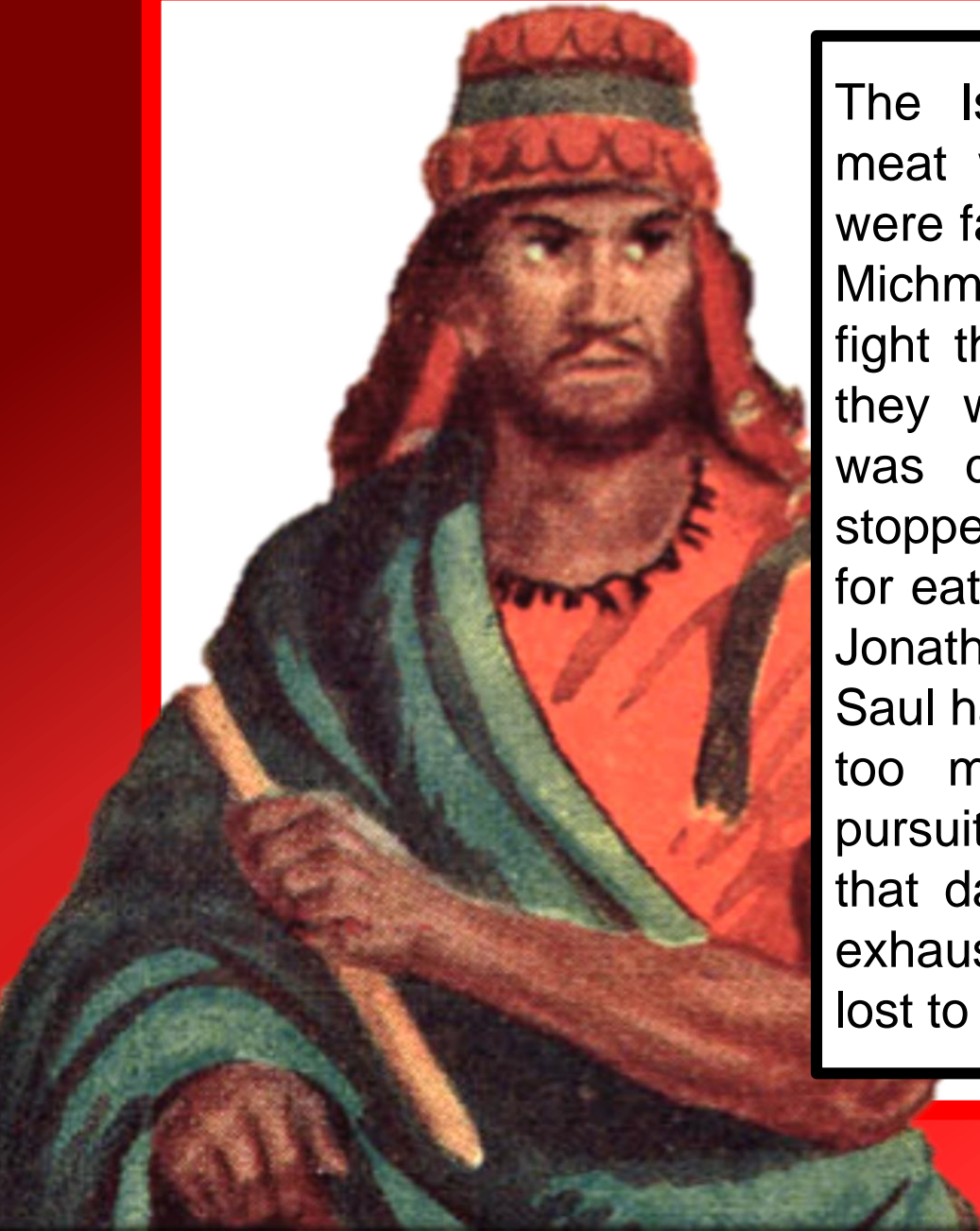
Lessons In Faith





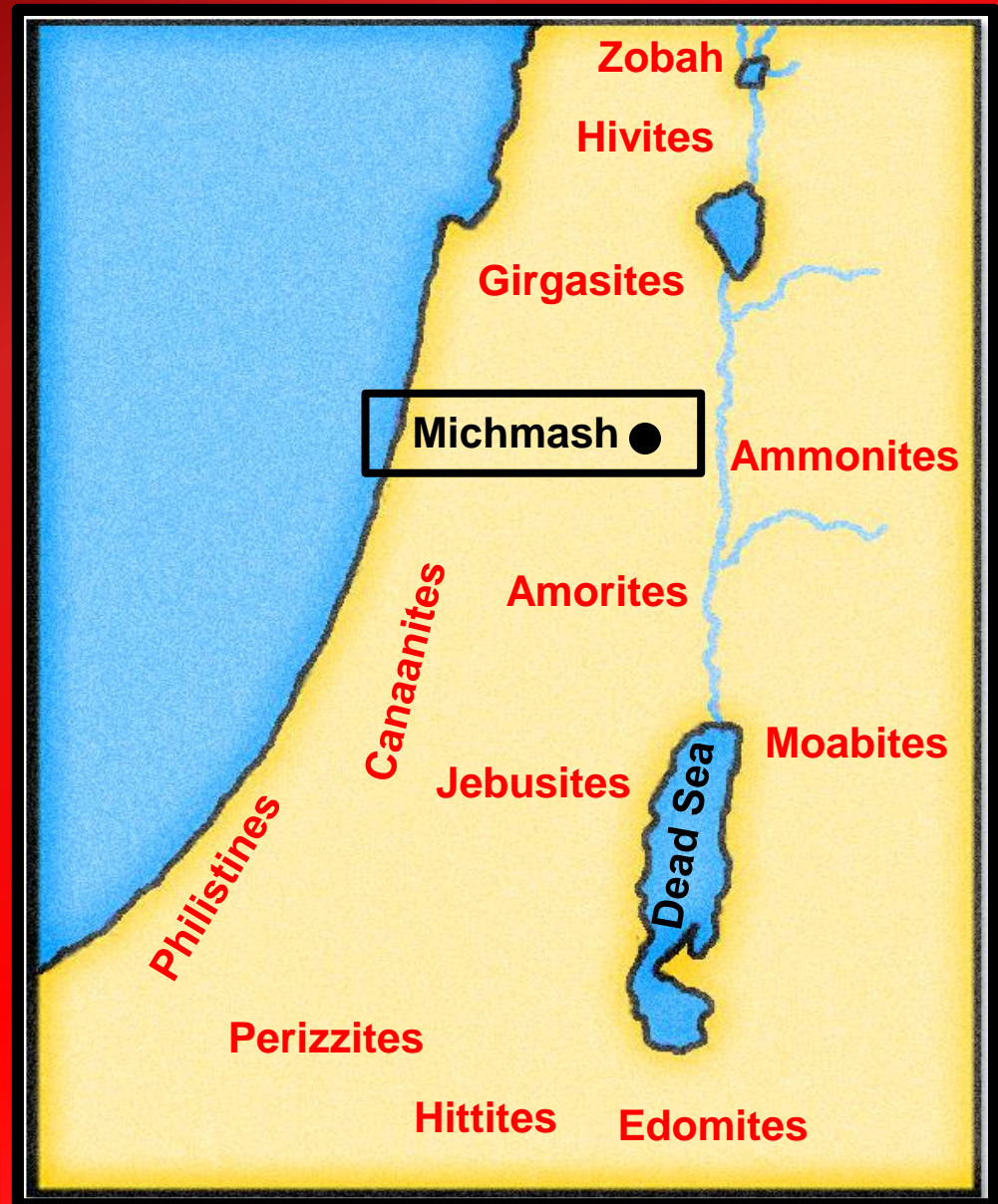
LESSON 3a

SAUL WAS REJECTED AS KING
I Samuel 14



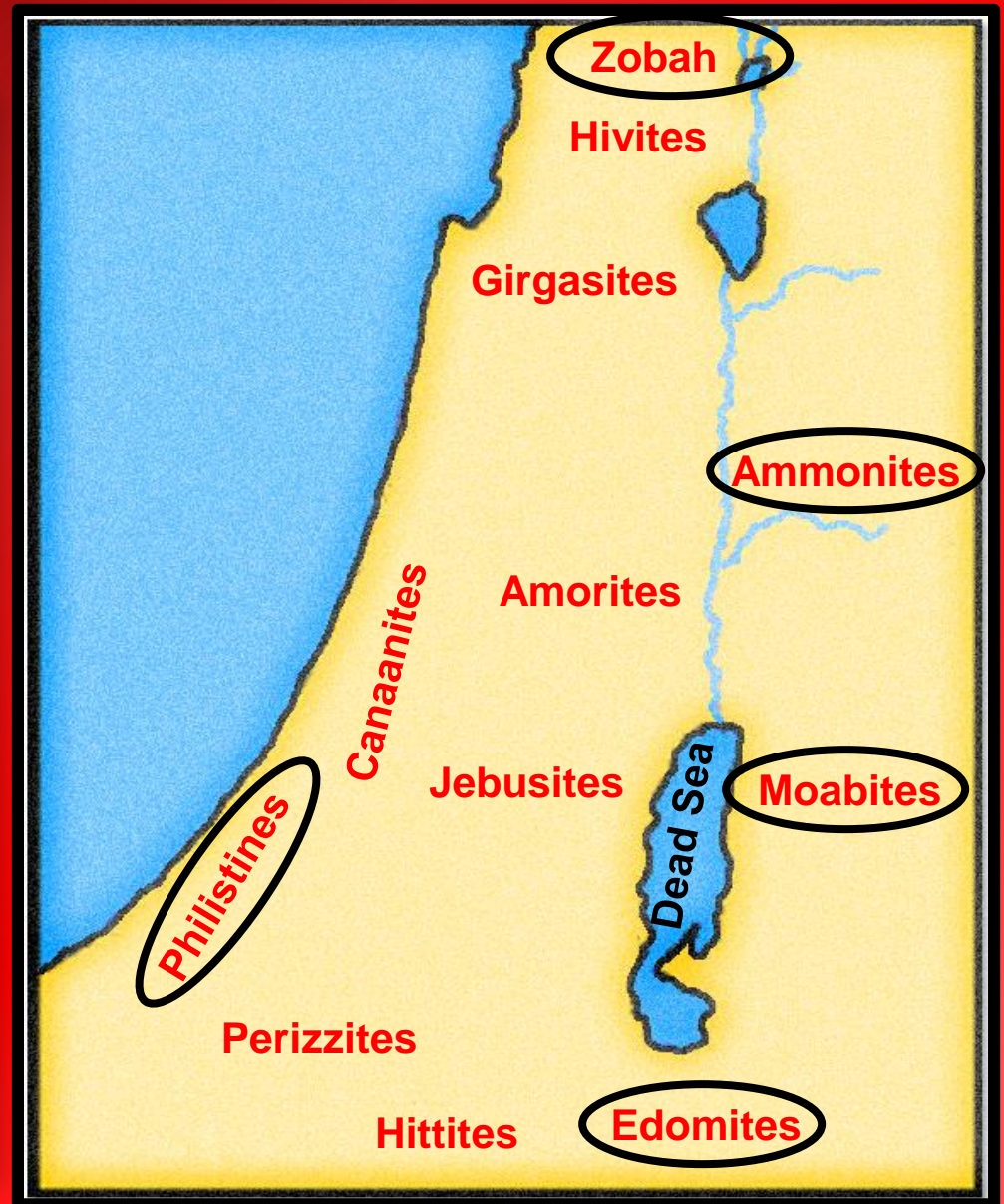
The Israelites sinned in eating meat with the blood when they were famished during the battle at Michmesh. Then Saul's plan to fight the Philistines all night until they were completely destroyed was quashed after the people stopped him from killing Jonathan for eating honey during the battle. Jonathan had been a hero, and Saul had been a burden by asking too much of his people. The pursuit of the Philistines ended that day because of hunger and exhaustion. The opportunity was lost to have total victory.

Following his bad judgment at Michmash King Saul set out to prove his ability as a leader with an extensive campaign against Israel's enemies "and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him" (I Samuel 14:52).



1 Samuel 14

“⁴⁷So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against **Moab**, and against the children of **Ammon**, and against **Edom**, and against the kings of **Zobah**, and against the **Philistines**: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed them. ⁴⁸And he gathered an host, and smote the **Amalekites** (a nomadic people), and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.”



1 Samuel 15



Israel was rallying around their king; determined to no longer be dominated by their enemies. It was a perfect time for God to fulfill his promise against the Amalekites. Samuel told King Saul God wanted him to fight against Amalek.

1 Samuel 15



1 Samuel 15

¹Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.

²Thus saith the LORD of hosts, **I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.**

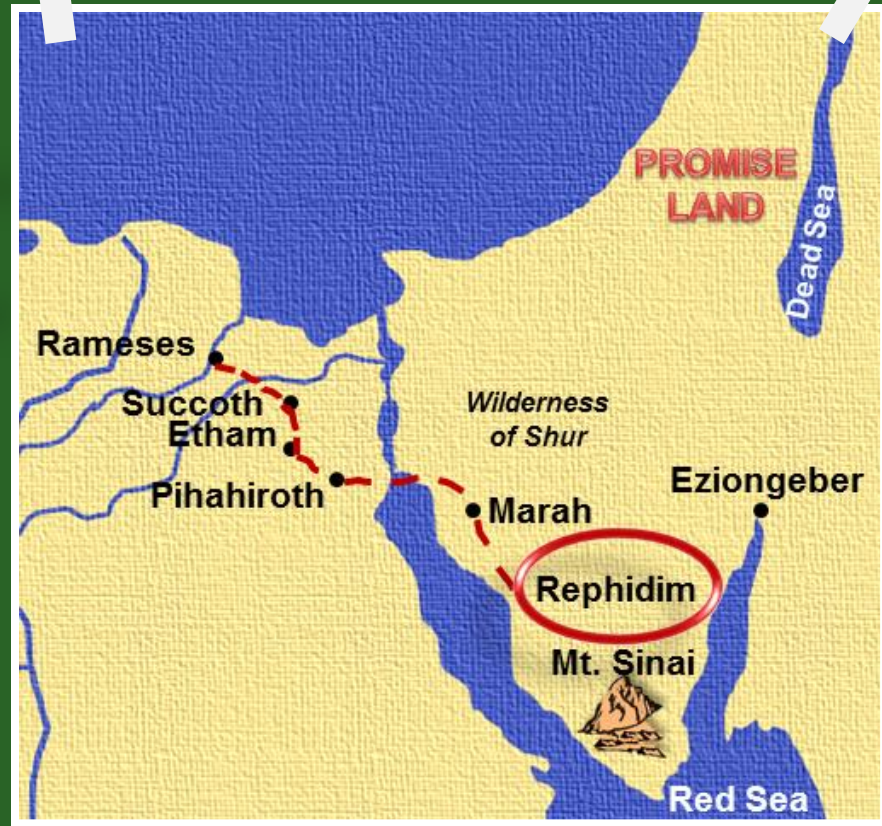
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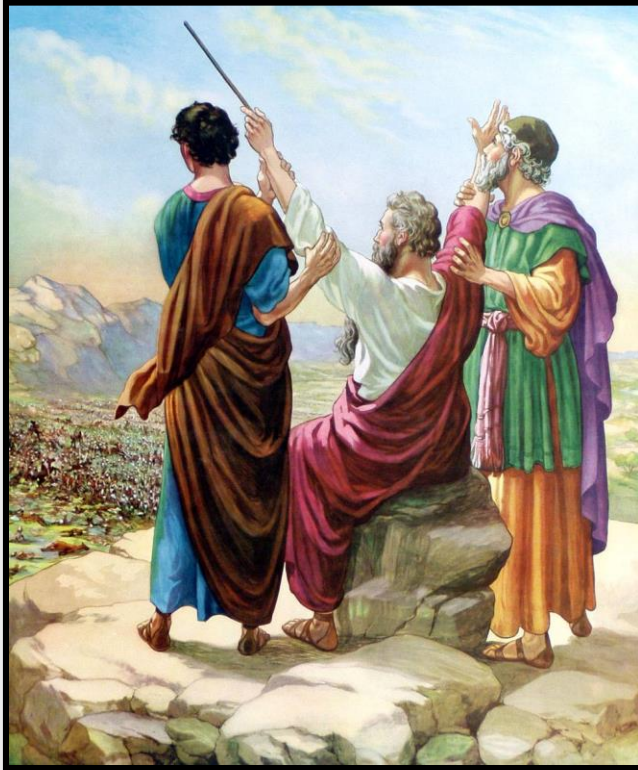


Background information about Amalek
Text: Exodus 17

After the Israelites crossed the Red Sea but before they reached Mount Sinai Amalek (the Amalekites) fought with them at Rephidim.

Rephidim was a large wilderness area over 600 square miles.





Exodus 17:8-9

“⁸Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. ⁹And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.”



Exodus 17:11-12

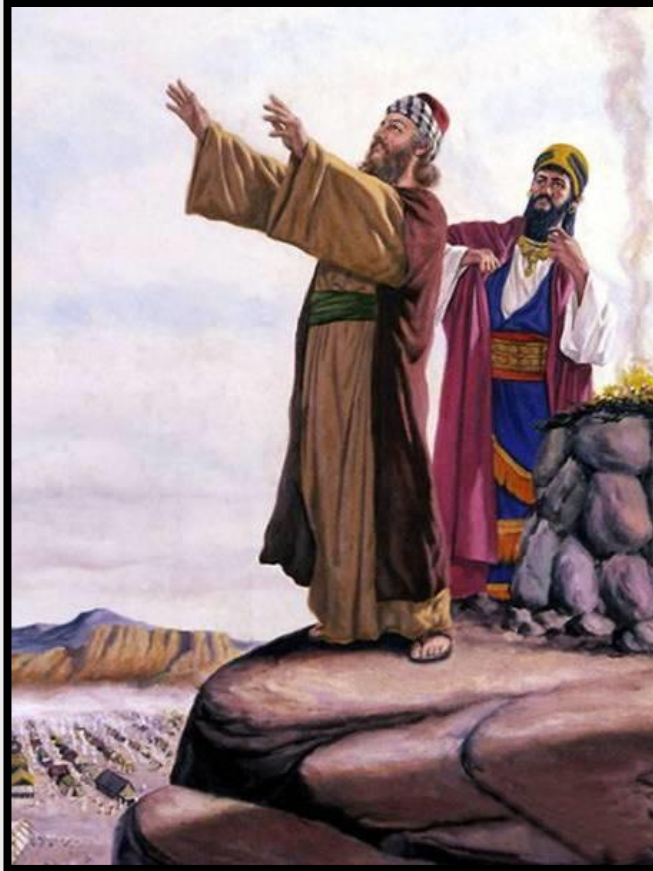
“¹¹And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

¹²But **Moses hands were heavy**; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and **Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands**, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.”



Exodus 17:13-14

“¹³And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. ¹⁴And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.”



Exodus 17:15-16

“¹⁵And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: (the Lord is my banner)
¹⁶For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.”

So now years later, God has not forgotten Amalek, and He wants the first king of Israel to utterly destroy the Amalekites.

Battle Against Amalek And King Saul's Sin

King Saul's Sin

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1 Samuel 15

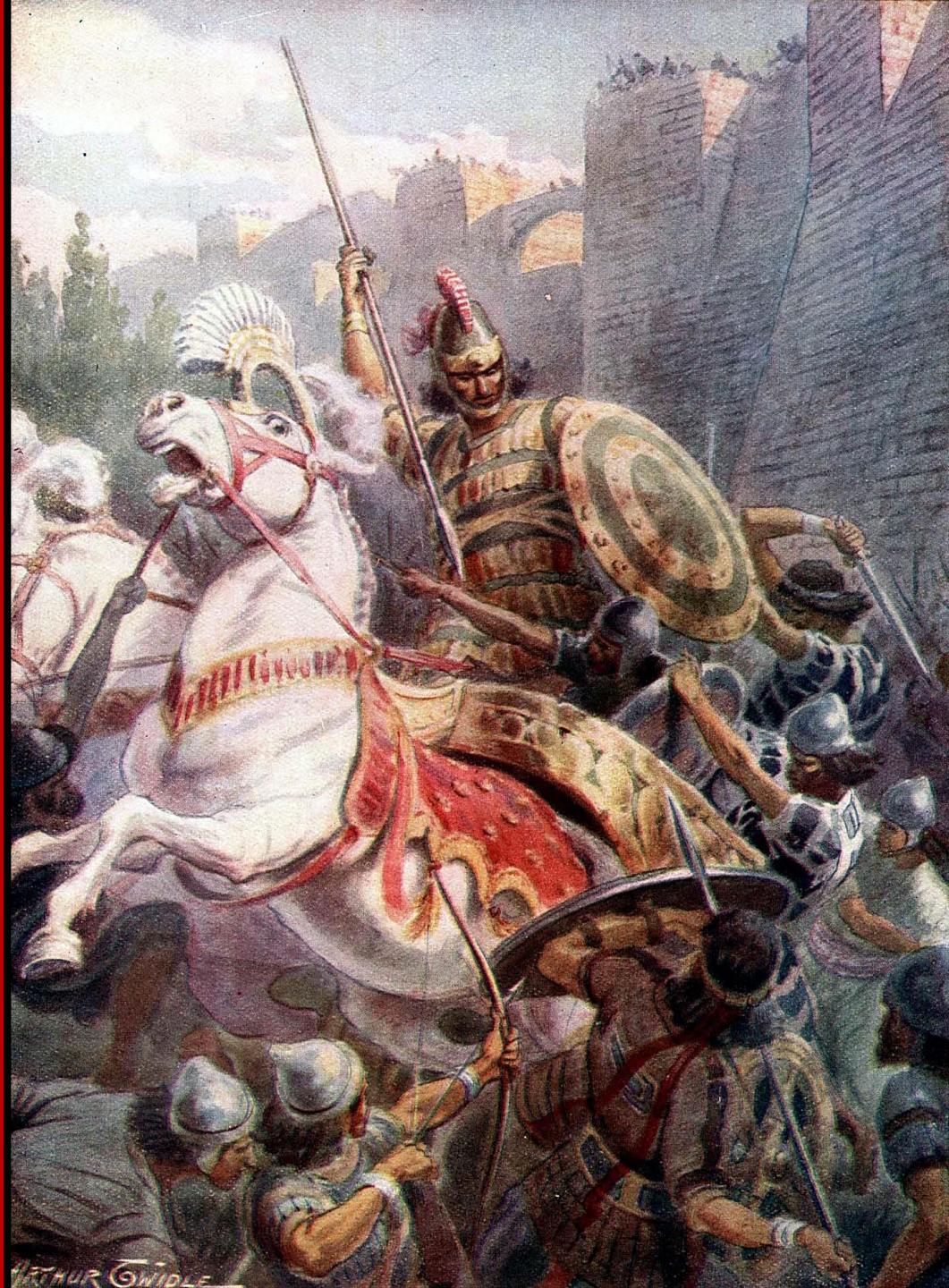
“²Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.

³Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.”



1 Samuel 15

“⁴And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. . . . ⁷And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt.”



1 Samuel 15

“⁸And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

⁹But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.”



1 Samuel 15

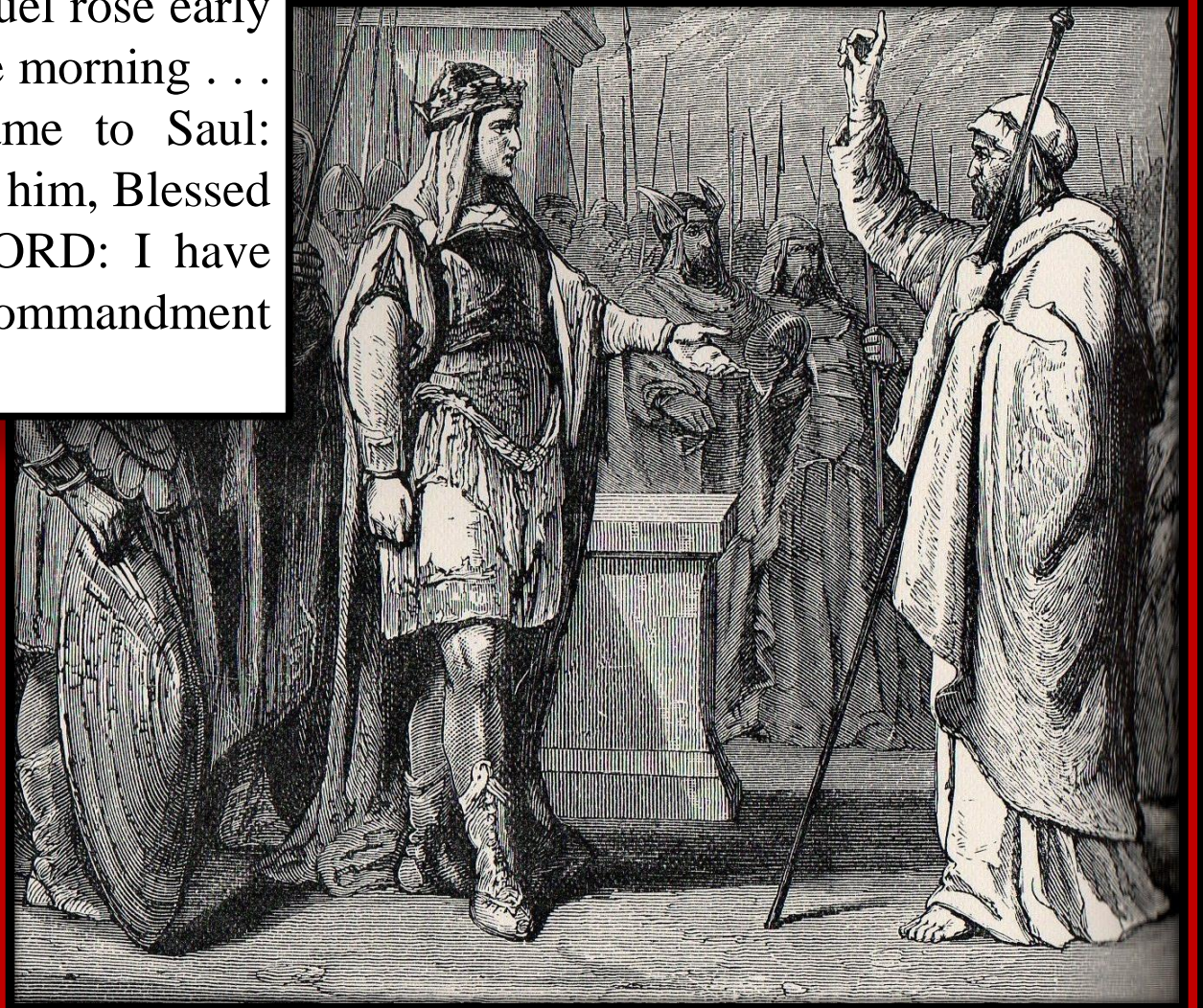
“¹⁰Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, ¹¹It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.”



1 Samuel 15

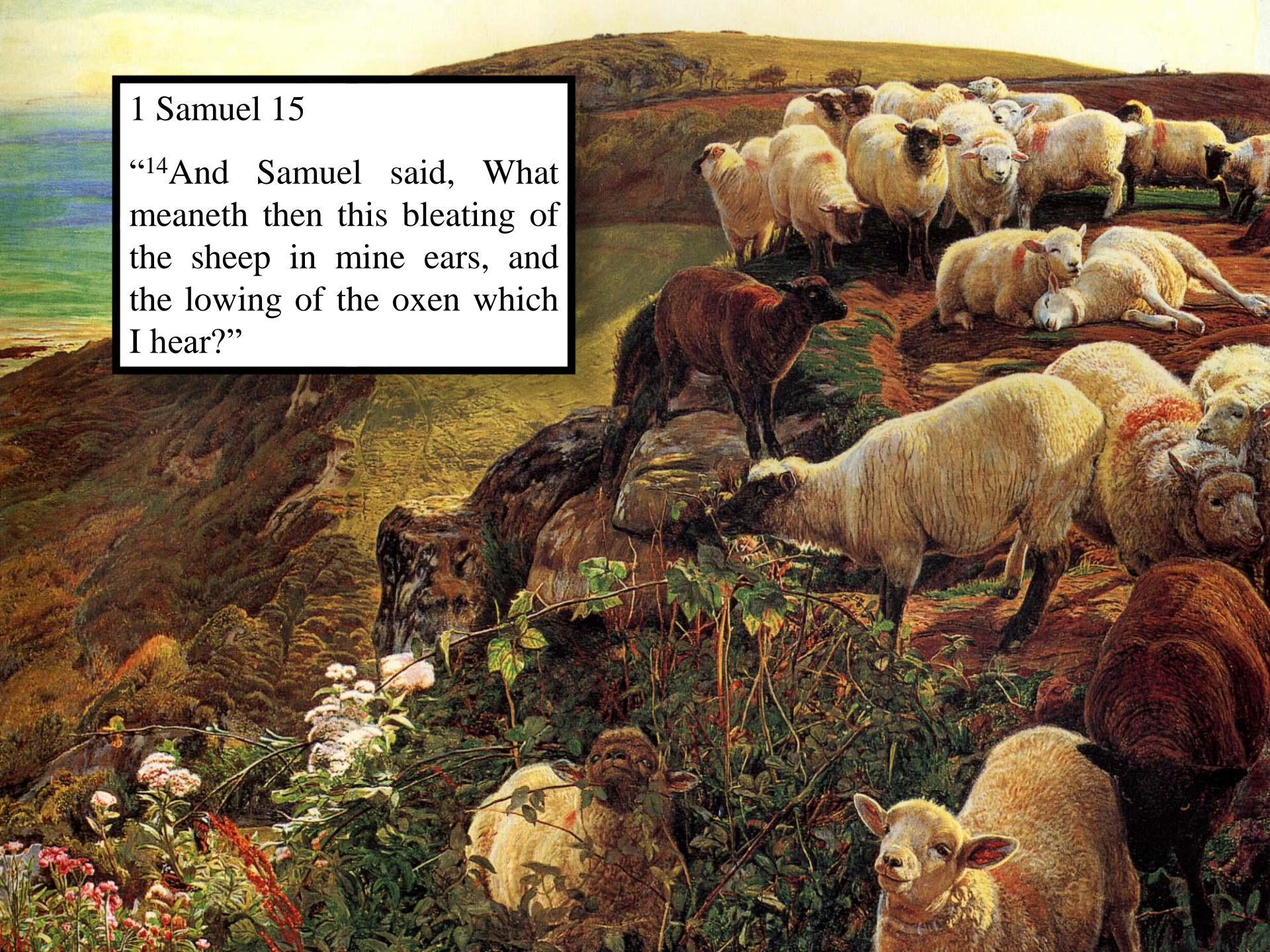
“¹²And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning . . .

¹³And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.”



1 Samuel 15

“¹⁴And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?”



1 Samuel 15

“¹⁵And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.”



1Samuel 15

“¹⁶Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. ¹⁷And Samuel said . . .”



1 Samuel 15

“¹⁷ . . . when thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel? ¹⁸And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them **until they be consumed.** ¹⁹**Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?”**



1 Samuel 15

“²⁰And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. ²¹But **the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen**, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.”

**Saul doesn't
accept
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and tries to
blame the
people!**



1 Samuel 15

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In chapter 13 Samuel told Saul his kingdom would not continue forever because he had sinned in offering a sacrifice himself rather than waiting for Samuel.

Now in chapter 15 not only will the kingdom no longer continue through his lineage, but he personally is rejected as king of Israel.

1 Samuel 13

“¹³And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. ¹⁴But now **thy kingdom shall not continue.**”

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“²⁴And Saul said unto Samuel, **I have sinned:** for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.
²⁵Now therefore, **I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD.**”



1 Samuel 15

“²⁶And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. ²⁷And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. ²⁸And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.”



1 Samuel 15

“²⁹And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent.

(God is the “Strength of Israel.” His decision to take the kingdom from Saul was irreversible).

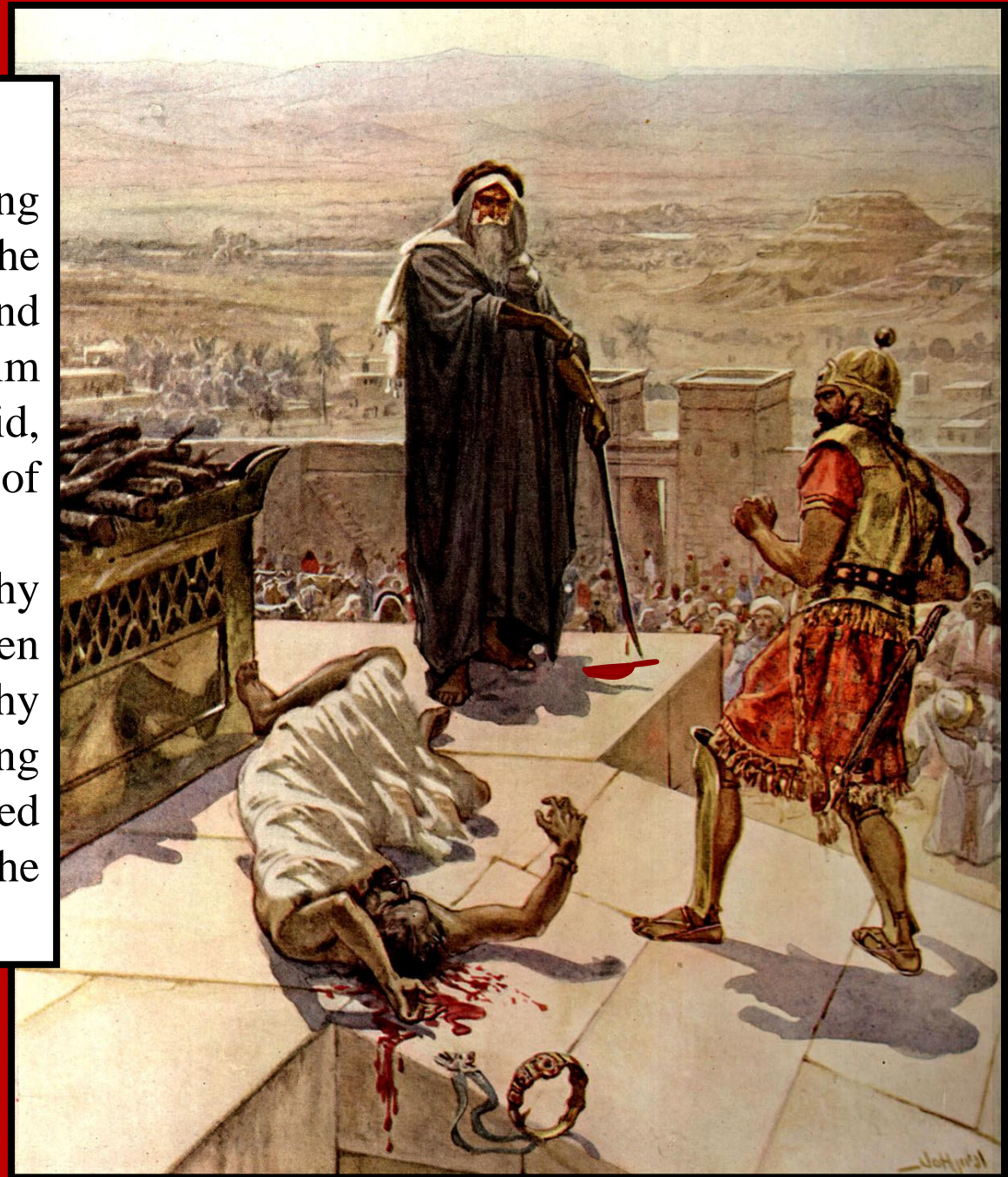
³⁰Then he said, I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God. ³¹So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.”



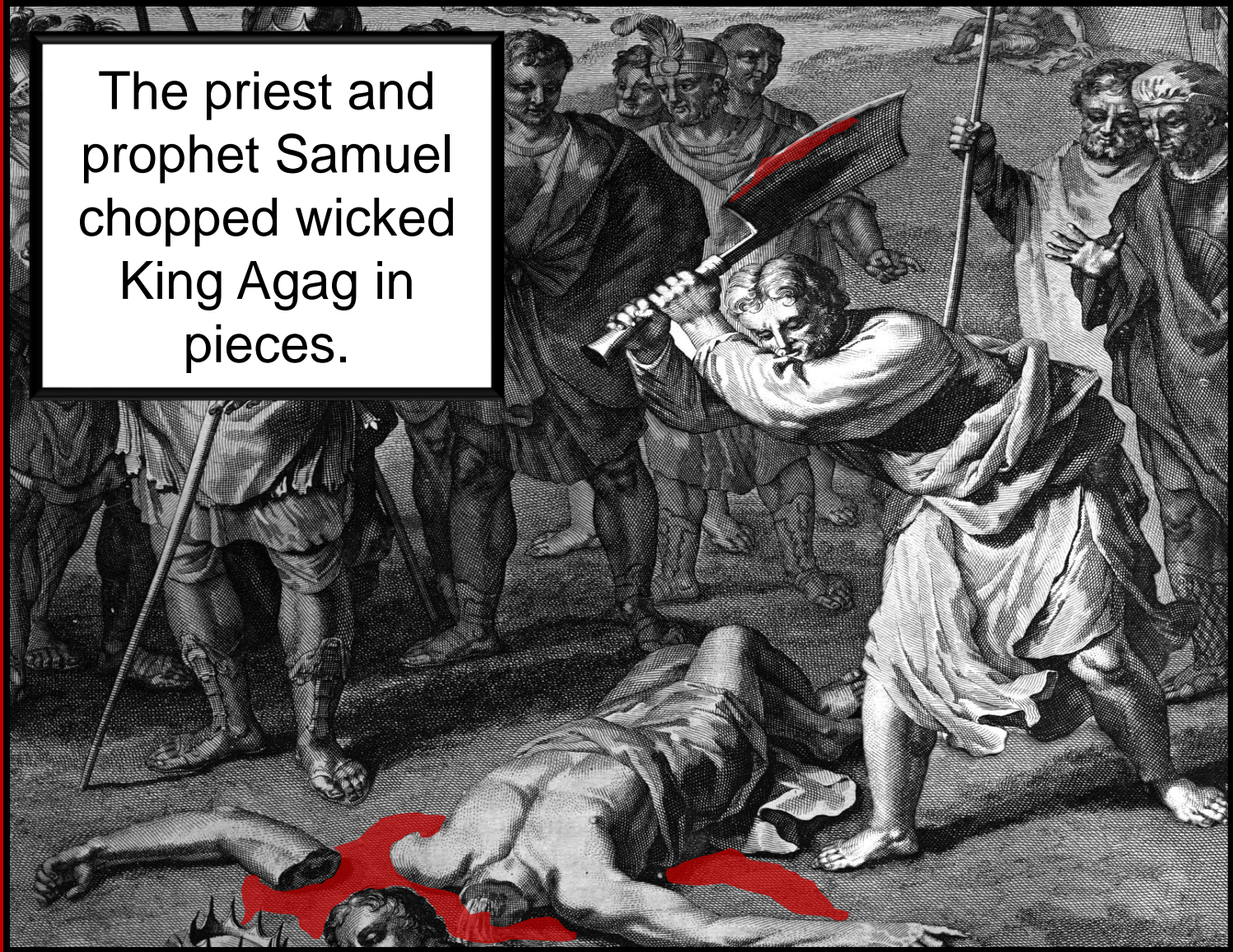
1 Samuel 15

“³²Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

³³And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.”



The priest and prophet Samuel chopped wicked King Agag in pieces.



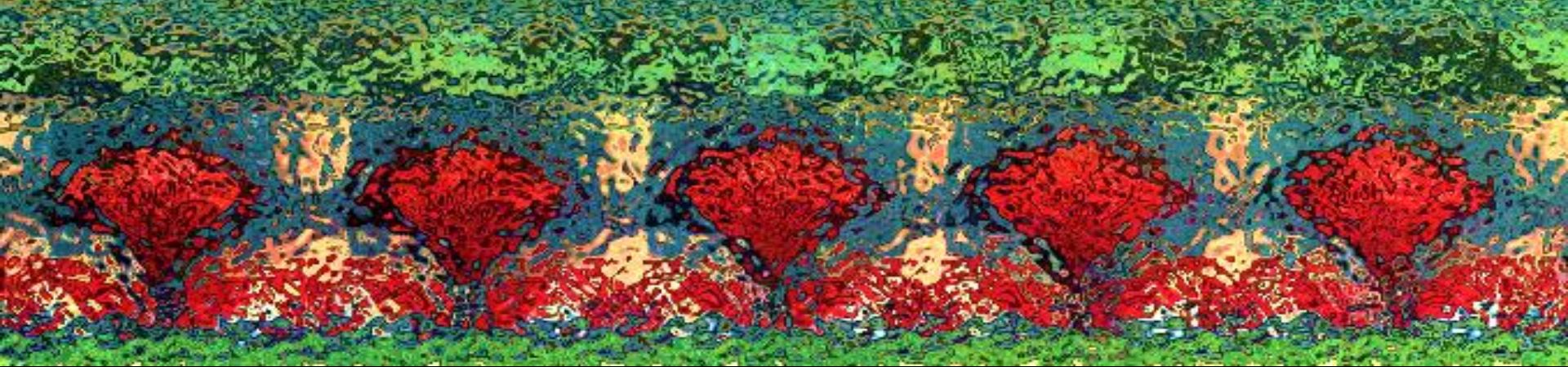
1 Samuel 15

“³⁴Then Samuel went to **Ramah**; and Saul went up to his house to **Gibeah** of Saul.
³⁵And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.”

Israel, and he had made Saul king over Israel, and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.







THE END

