

1 Samuel 6-7

Lesson 4

The Philistines' Guilt Offering

- Represented the causes of their suffering
- Included five mice and five tumors to represent their five major cities & their rulers
- Made of gold—therefore, valuable & showing sacrifice in an attempt to appease God

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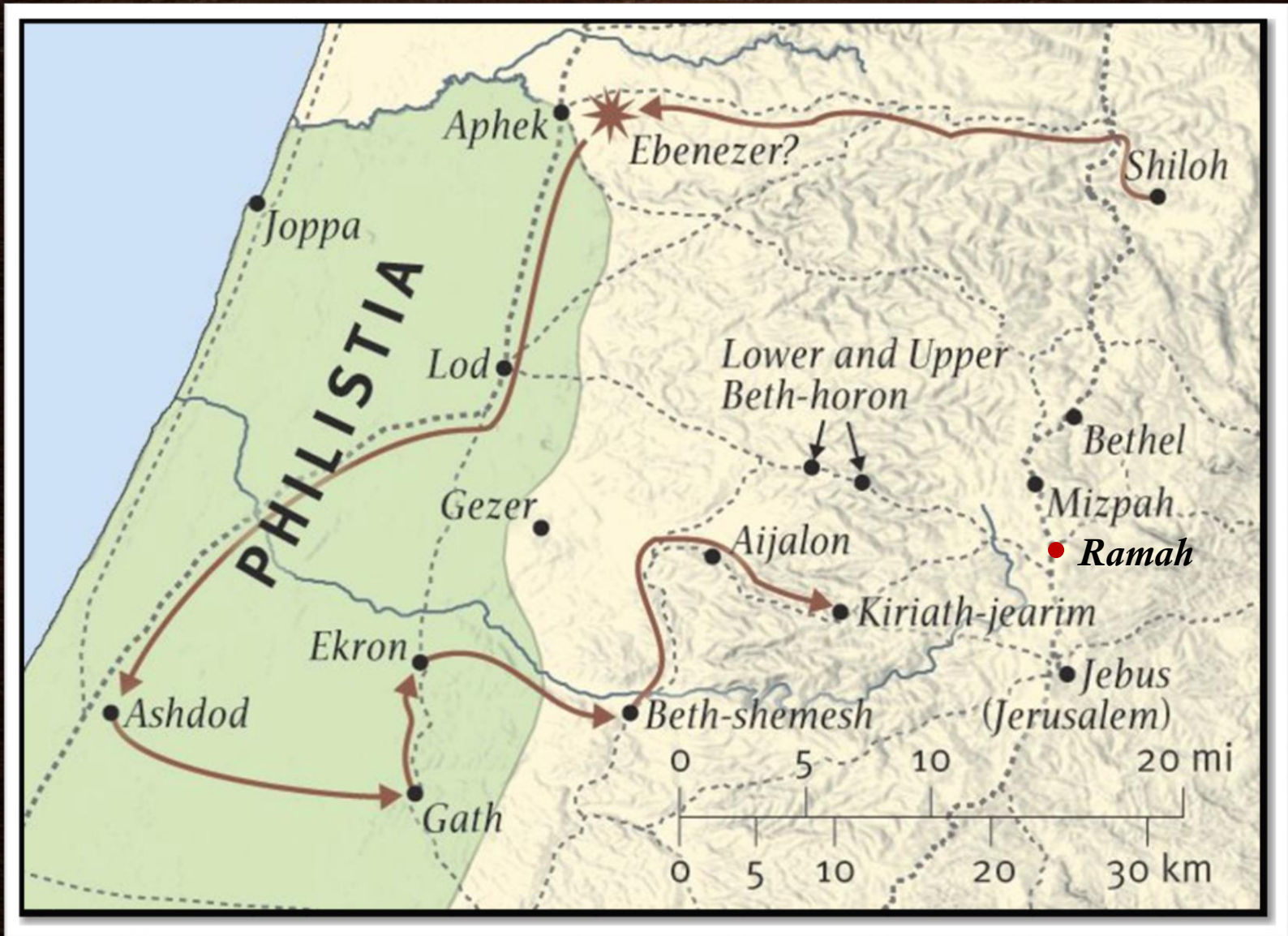
- Was a plea for healing
- Showed submission to God and recognition of His power
- Just as Dagon, their god, bowed before the God of Israel, their suffering caused them to “bow” by returning His ark and pleading for Him to stop afflicting them.

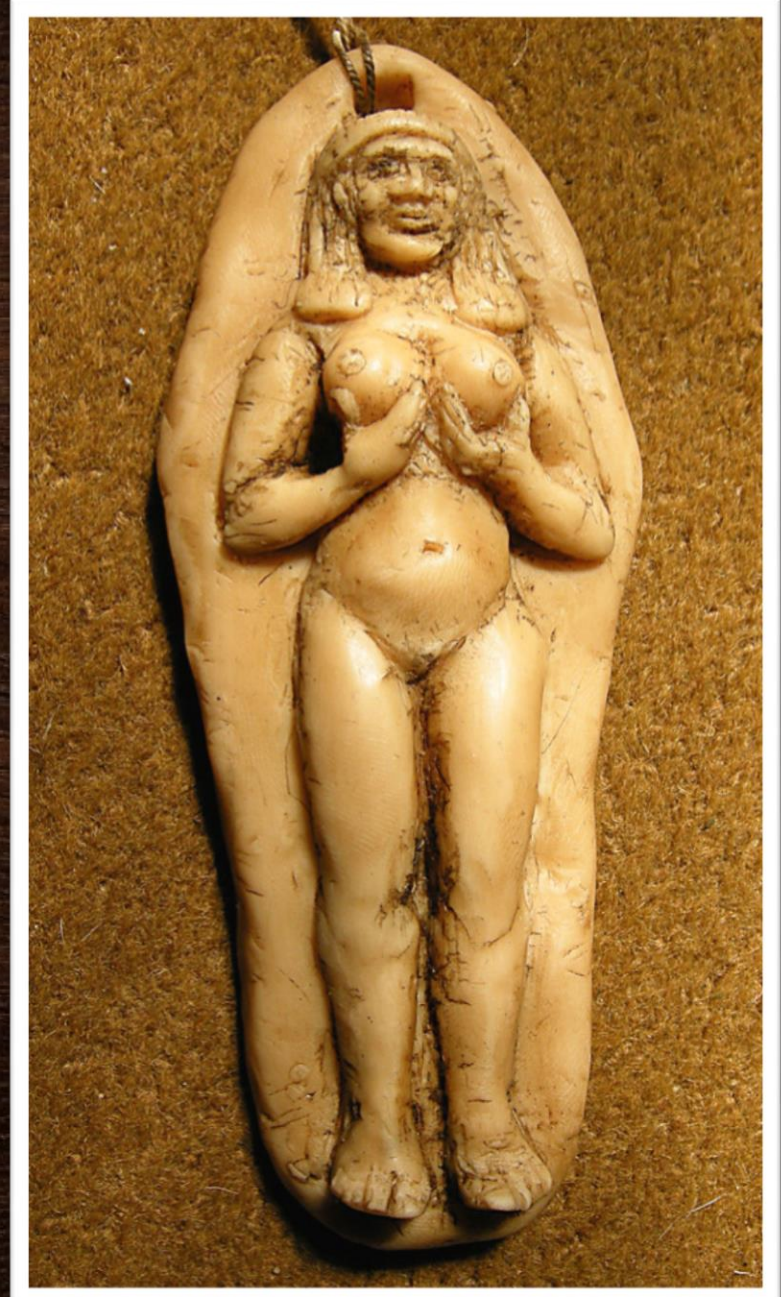
The Philistines' Test

- Yoked two milk cows that had never pulled a cart
- Separated the cows from their calves
- Watched to see if God would make them move away from their calves and toward Israel
- Concluded that God was indeed the cause of their plague



The Ark's Travels



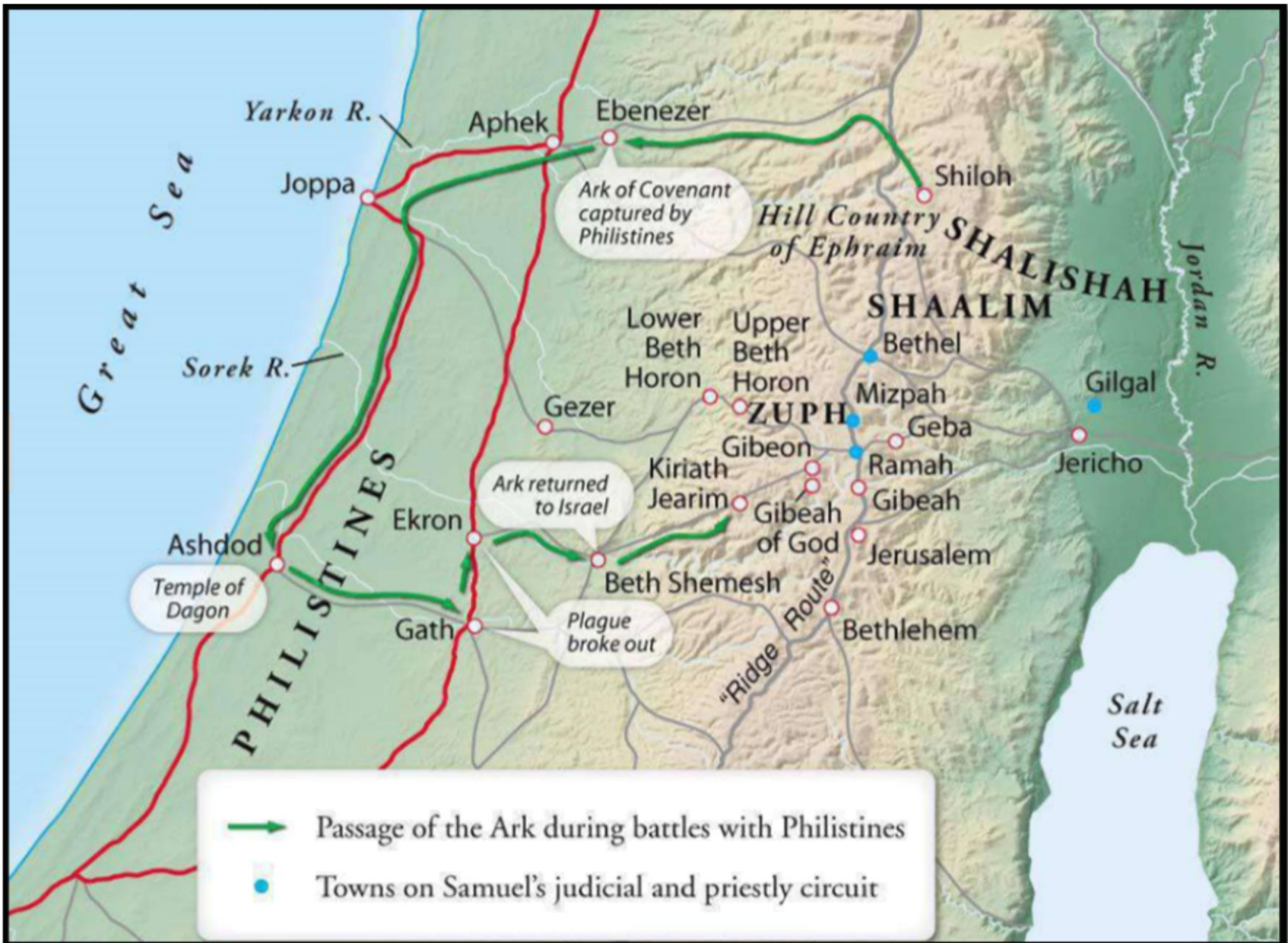


Samuel: Man of Prayer

- **Ps. 99:6** Moses and Aaron were among His priests, And Samuel was among those who called on His name; They called upon the LORD and He answered them.
- **Jer. 15:1** Then the LORD said to me, “Even if Moses and Samuel stood before Me, My mind would not be favorable toward this people.”

Part of Hannah's Prayer

- 1 Sam. 2:10 “Those who contend with the LORD will be shattered; Against them He will **thunder** in the heavens.”
- Ironically, Baal was associated with storms, thunder, & lightning. God shows **He** is in control.



Yarkon R.

Aphek

Ebenezer

Joppa

Ark of Covenant captured by Philistines

Shiloh

Hill Country of Ephraim

SHALISHAH

SHAALIM

Sorek R.

Lower Beth Horon

Upper Beth Horon

Bethel

Gezer

ZUPH

Mizpah

Gilgal

Geba

Ark returned to Israel

Kiriath Jearim

Gibeon

Ramah

Jericho

Gibeah of God

Gibeah

Jerusalem

Temple of Dagon

Ashdod

Gath

Plague broke out

Beth Shemesh

Bethlehem

"Ridge Route"

Salt Sea

PHILISTINES

Great Sea

Jordan R.

Schools of the Prophets

- At Ramah (1 Samuel 19:18-20)
- At Bethel in the Time of Elisha (2 Kings 2:3)
- At Gilgal in the Time of Elisha (2 Kings 4:38)

Final Thoughts:

- “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much”
(James 5:16b).
- God is holy and sovereign.
- God honors those who honor Him.