

The shield of faith

Text: Ephesians 6



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— TAKE UP THE —
SHIELD
— OF —
FAITH
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18 With every prayer and petition, pray at all times in the Spirit, and to this end be alert, with all perseverance and petitions for all the saints.
19 Pray for me also, that I may be given the right words when I begin to speak—that I may confidently make known the mystery of the gospel,
20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may be able to speak boldly as I ought to speak.

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London Riots: Police were put at 'unnecessary risk'



A lack of safe equipment put officers at risk, the report claims

Officers were put at "unnecessary risk" after being sent to tackle last year's riots in hired minibuses more suited to a school day trip, a report has said.

Vans and minibuses were too small to carry riot shields, had no radios and many of the doors were not able to be locked.





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Text: Psalm 35

O Lord, fight those who fight with me.

Attack those who attack me.

2 Grab your small shield and large shield, and rise up to help me.

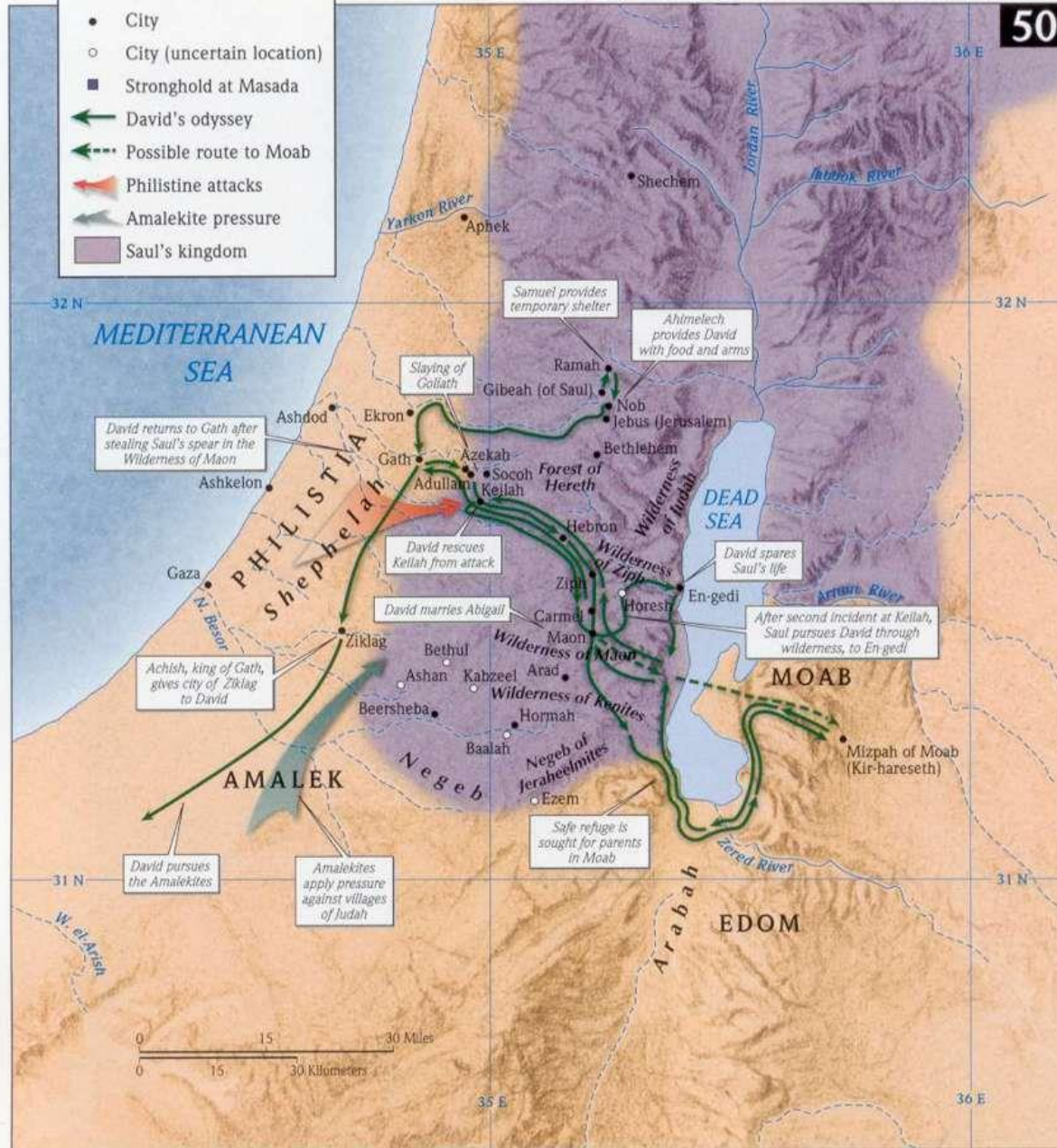
3 Use your spear and lance against those who chase me.

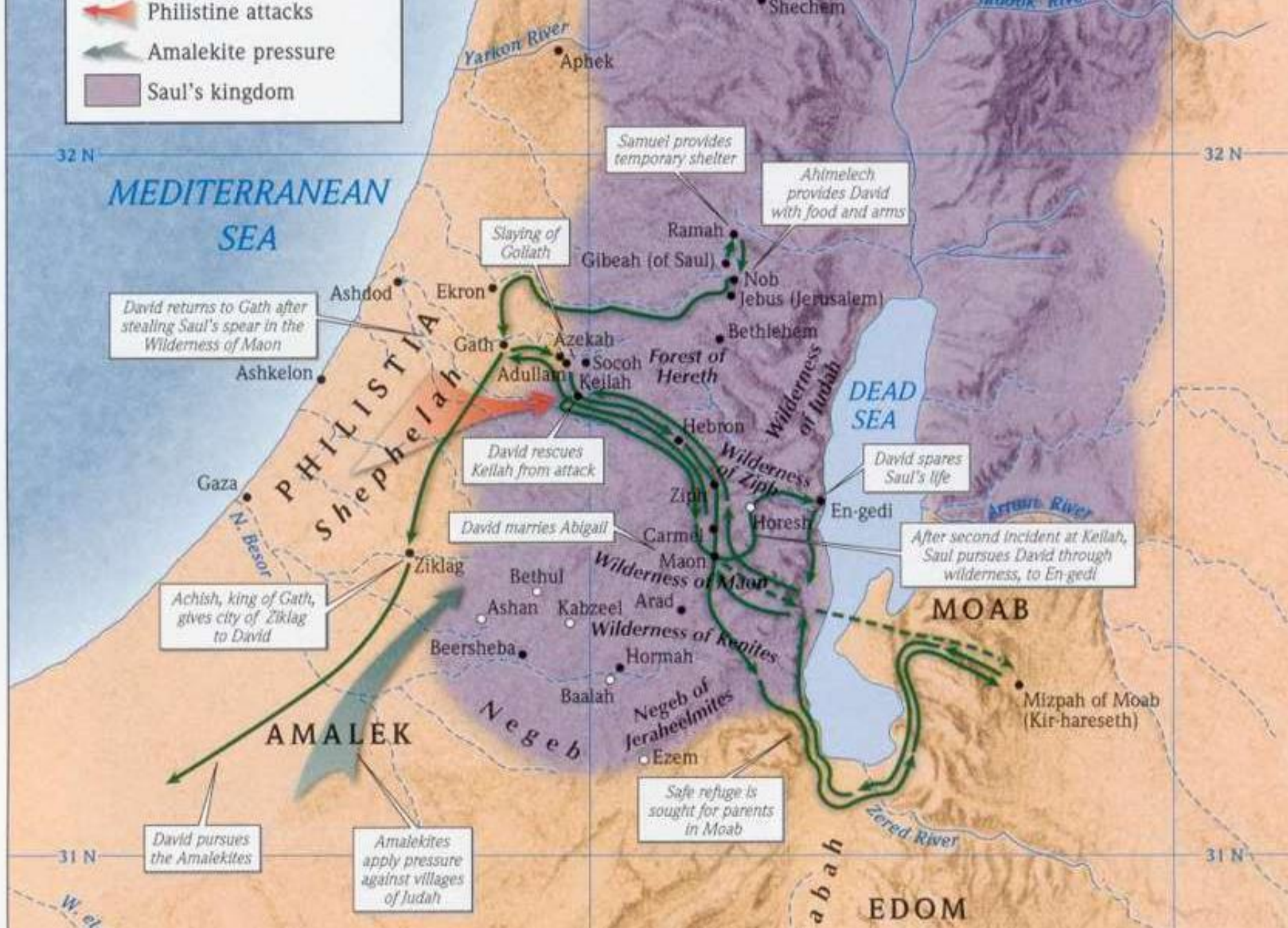
Assure me with these words: "I am your deliverer."

DAVID'S FLIGHT FROM SAUL

1 SAM. 19:8-27:12

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- Stronghold at Masada
- ← David's odyssey
- ← Possible route to Moab
- Philistine attacks
- Amalekite pressure
- Saul's kingdom







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“Back in the Garden of Eden after Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, they hid. In the cool of the day, God came to them and said, ‘Adam, Eve, where are you?’ They said, ‘God, we were hiding because we were naked.’

“I love the way God answered them. He said, ‘Adam, who told you that you were naked?’ In other words, who told you that something was wrong with you? God immediately knew that the enemy had been talking to them.

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