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THE SEASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR

Advent: Anticipation

Christmas: Incarnation

Epiphany: Revelation

Lent: Crucifixion

Easter: Resurrection

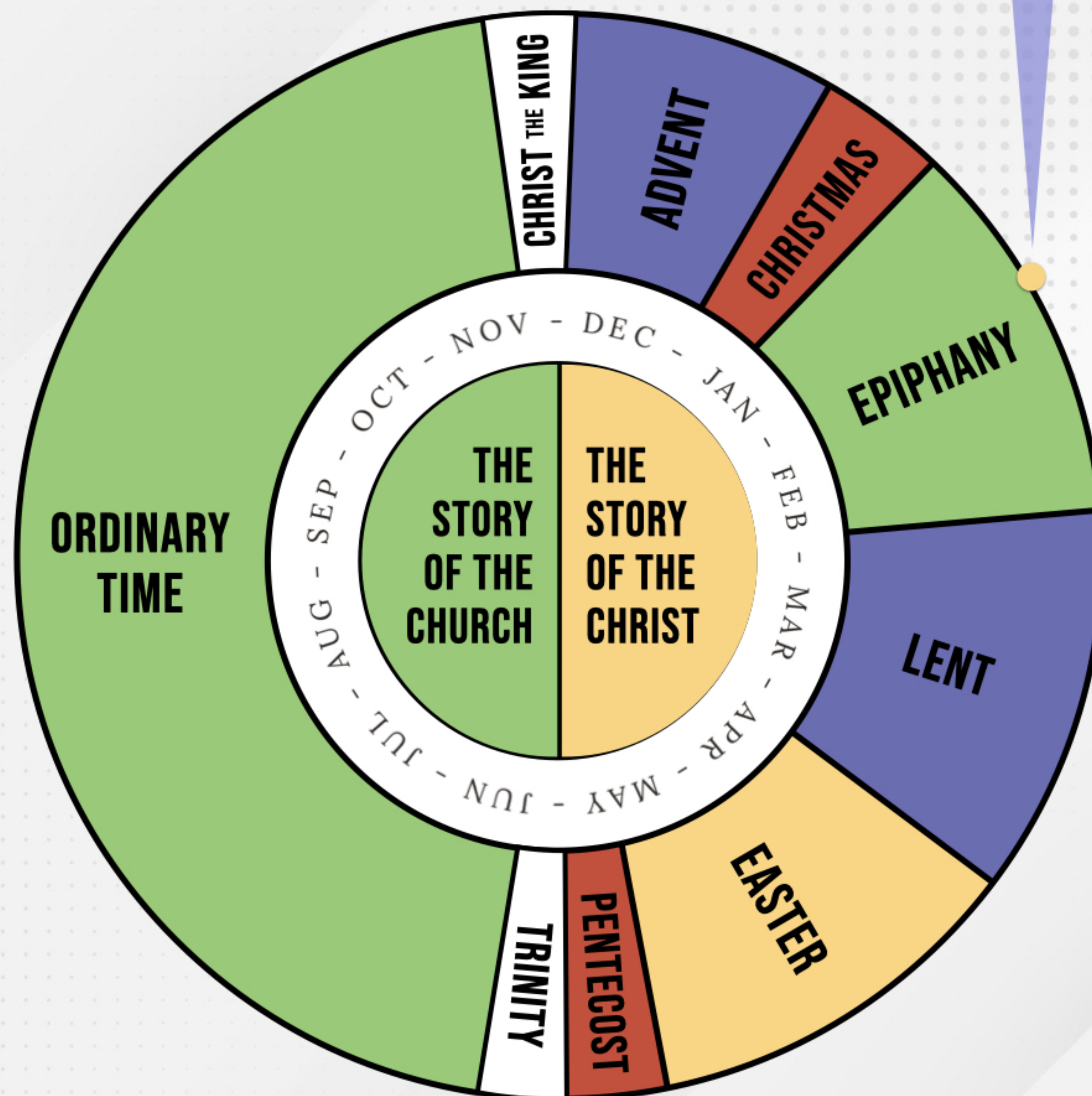
Pentecost: Ascension

Trinity: Magnification

Ordinary Time: Mission

Christ the King: Conclusion

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Preaching the Word in a Community of Faith

Jesus disciples women, relies on their support, and elevates their status in a severely patriarchal environment.

- ▶ The first person to know about the incarnation was a woman.
(Luke 1:30-38)
- ▶ The first to declare that Jesus is the Lord was a woman.
(Luke 1:42-45)
- ▶ The first missionary in the world was a woman.
(John 4:28-30)
- ▶ The only people who didn't abandon Jesus at his death were women.
(Mark 15:40-41)
- ▶ The first witness to Christ's resurrection was a woman.
(Mark 16:9)
- ▶ The first people to share the news of the resurrection were women.
(Luke 24:1-10)

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THE BESOR VALLEY

1 Samuel 30



Mediterranean Sea

Sea of Galilee

Jordan River

Dead Sea

Red Sea



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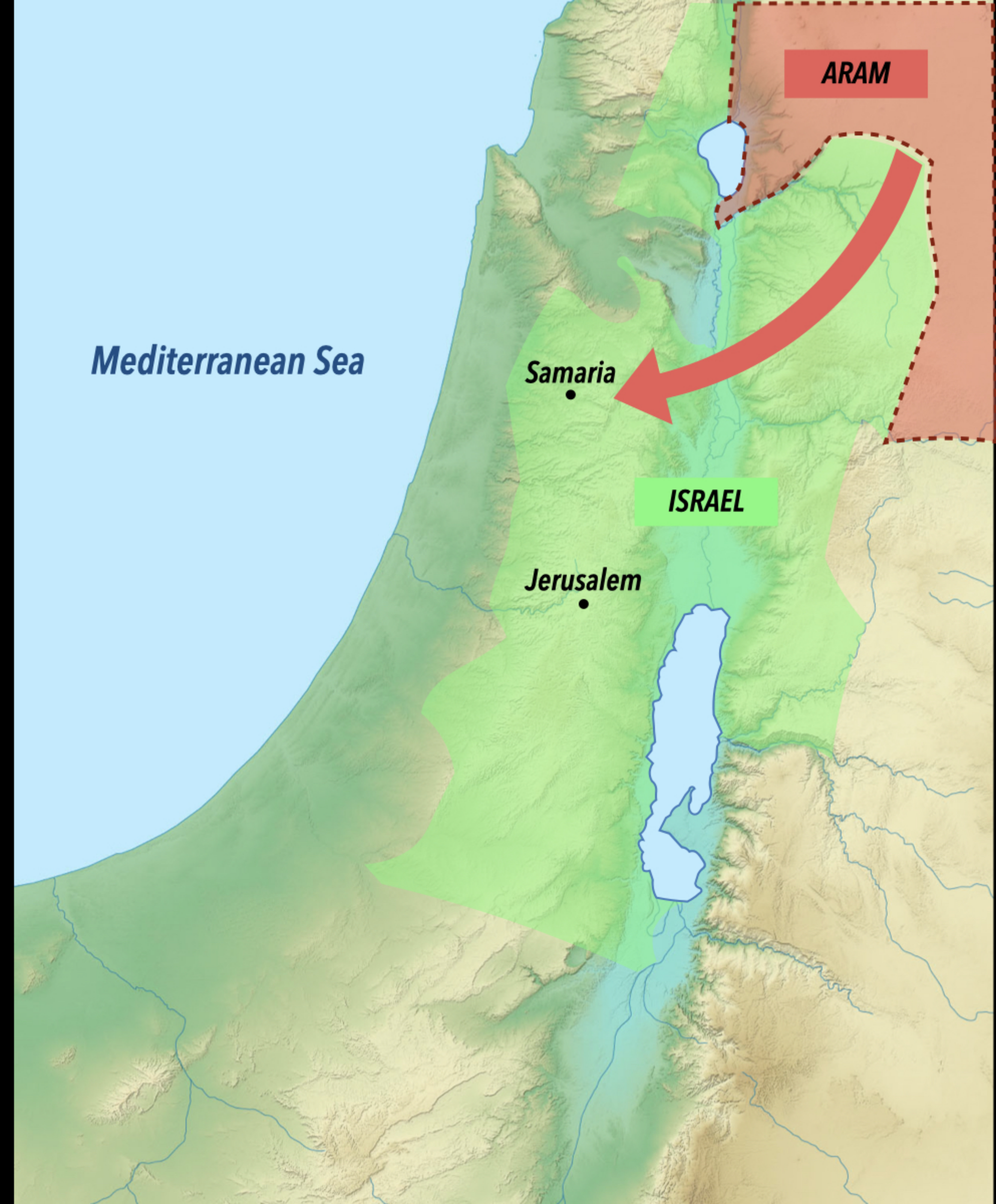
Red Sea

During the reign of Saul, the first king of united Israel, the new nation was surrounded by different people groups who are constantly warring with one another.



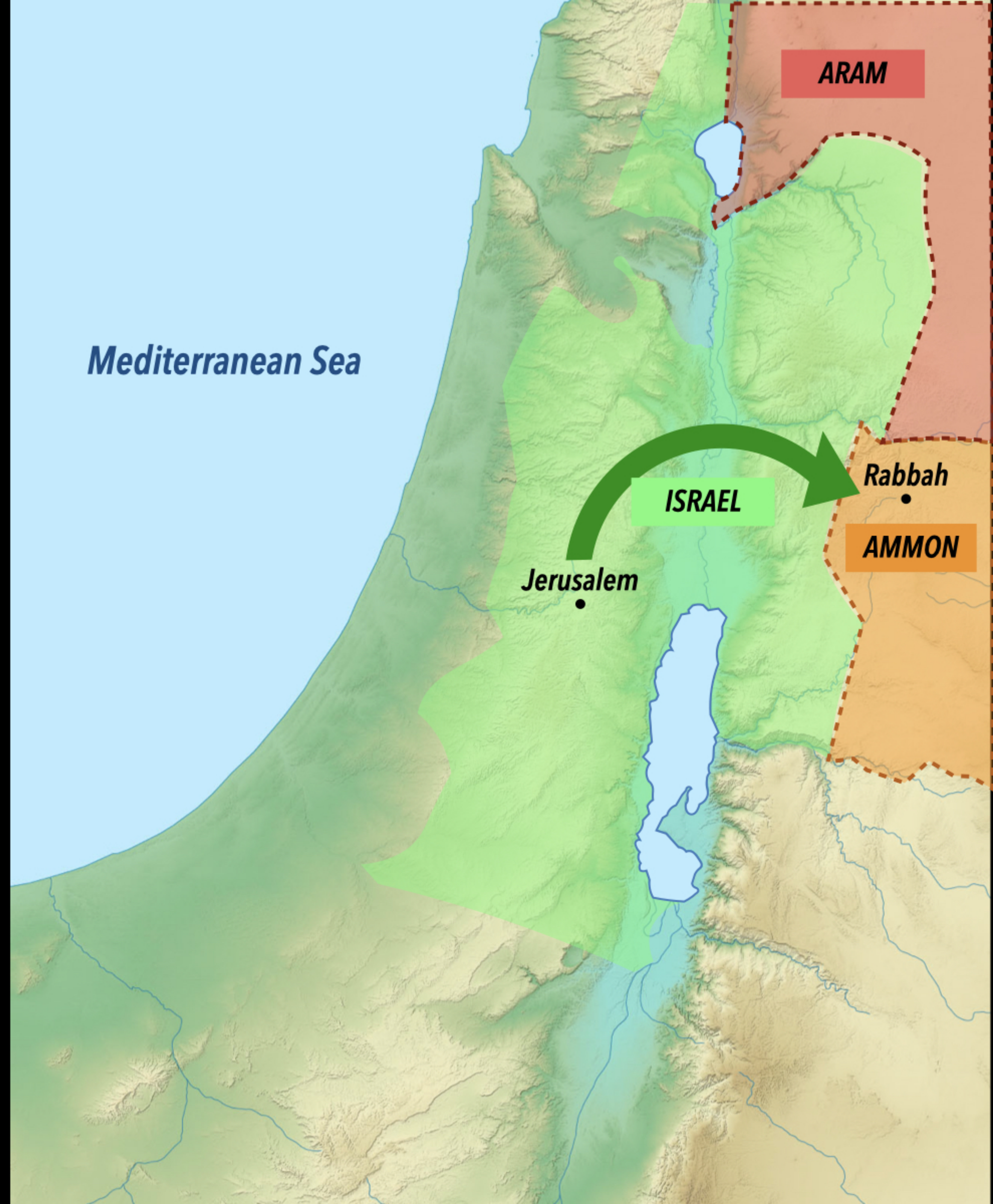
ARAMEANS

In 1 Kings 20, the Arameans gather to attack the capital of Northern Israel (Samaria) and are ultimately repelled by the Israelites.



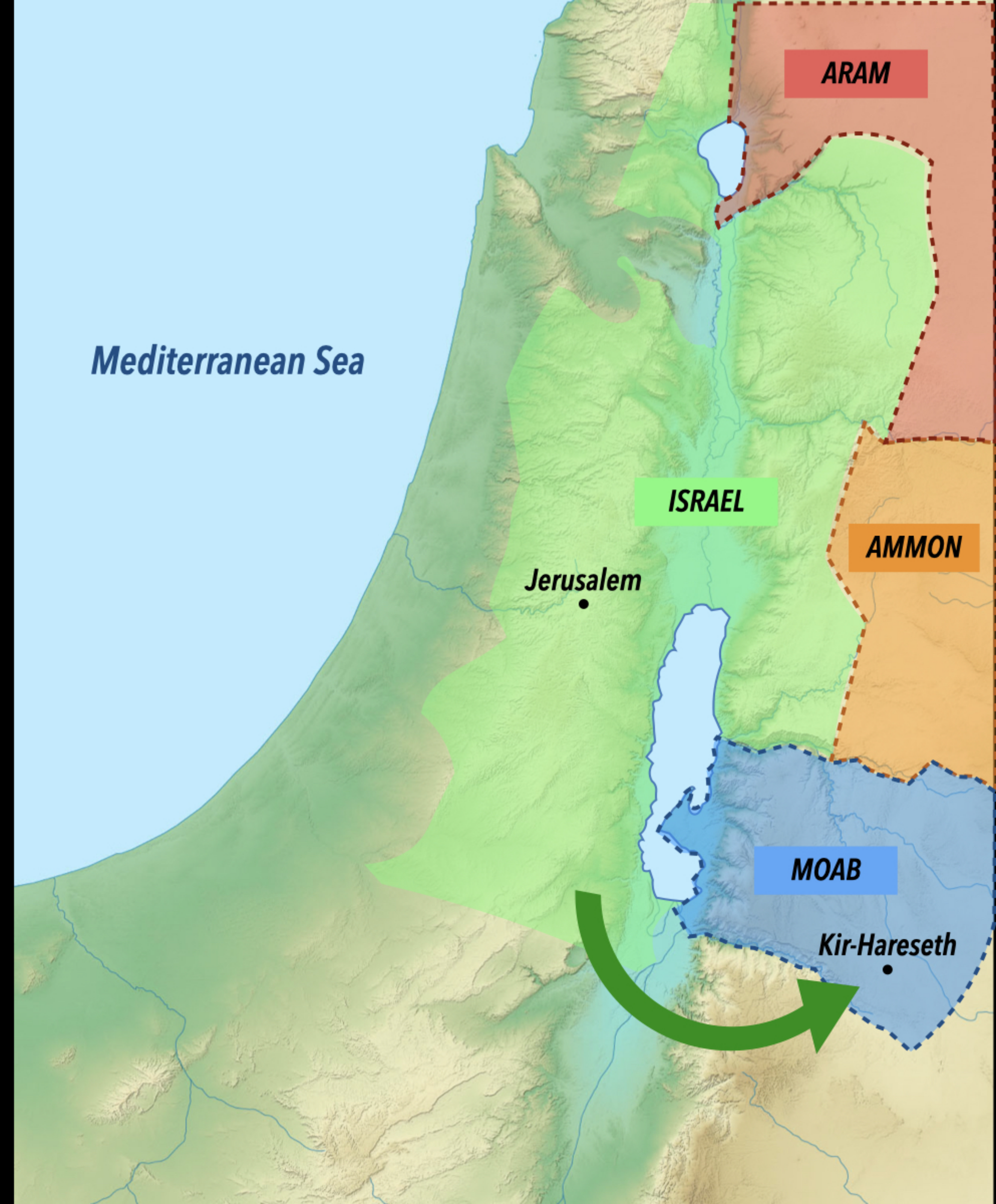
AMMONITES

In 2 Samuel 10, after being insulted attempting to offer condolences, Israel goes to war with the Ammonites and defeats them.



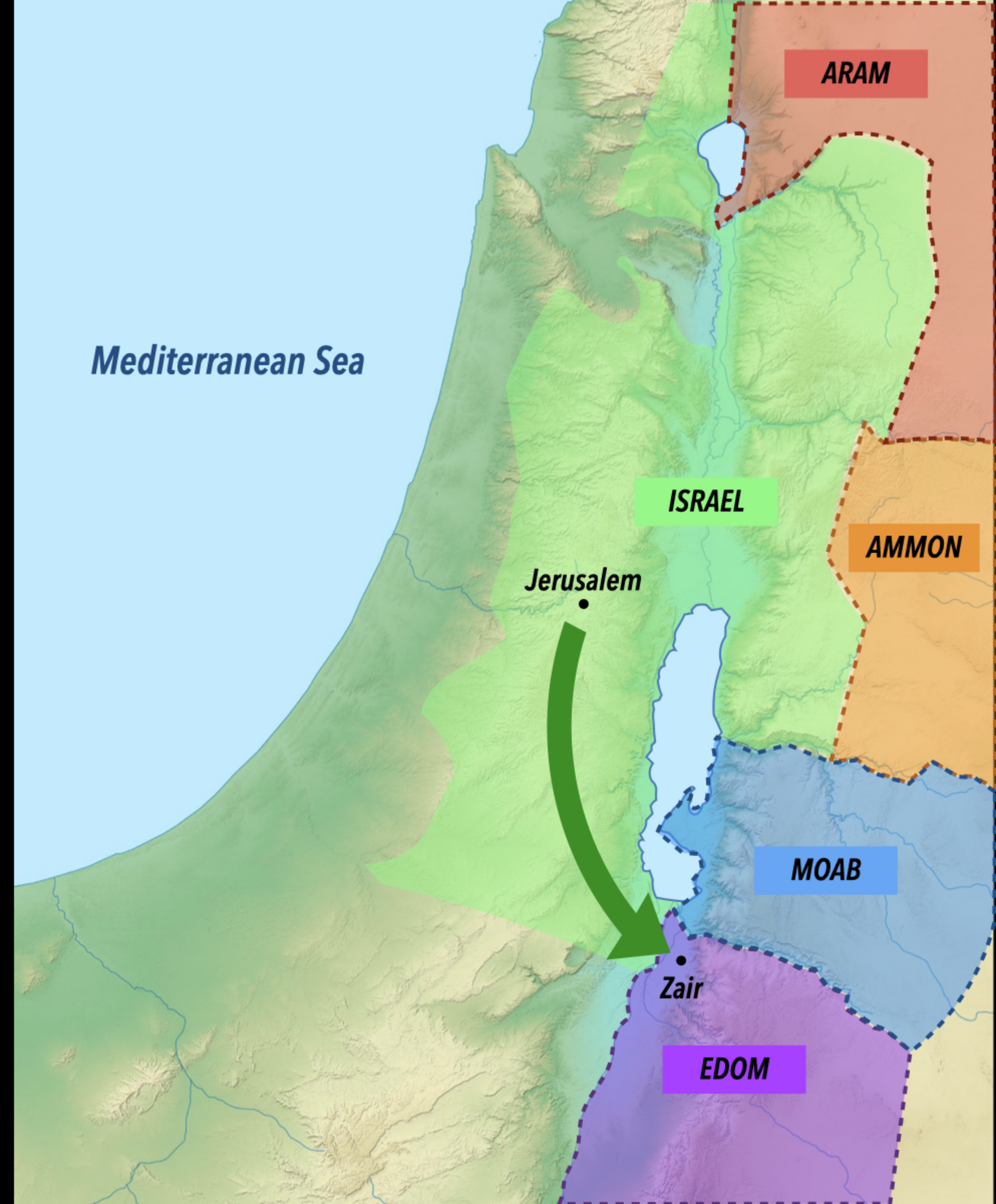
MOABITES

*In 2 Kings 3,
Moab revolts against
Northern Israel, and
are subsequently
attacked by an
alliance of Israel,
Judah, and Edom.*



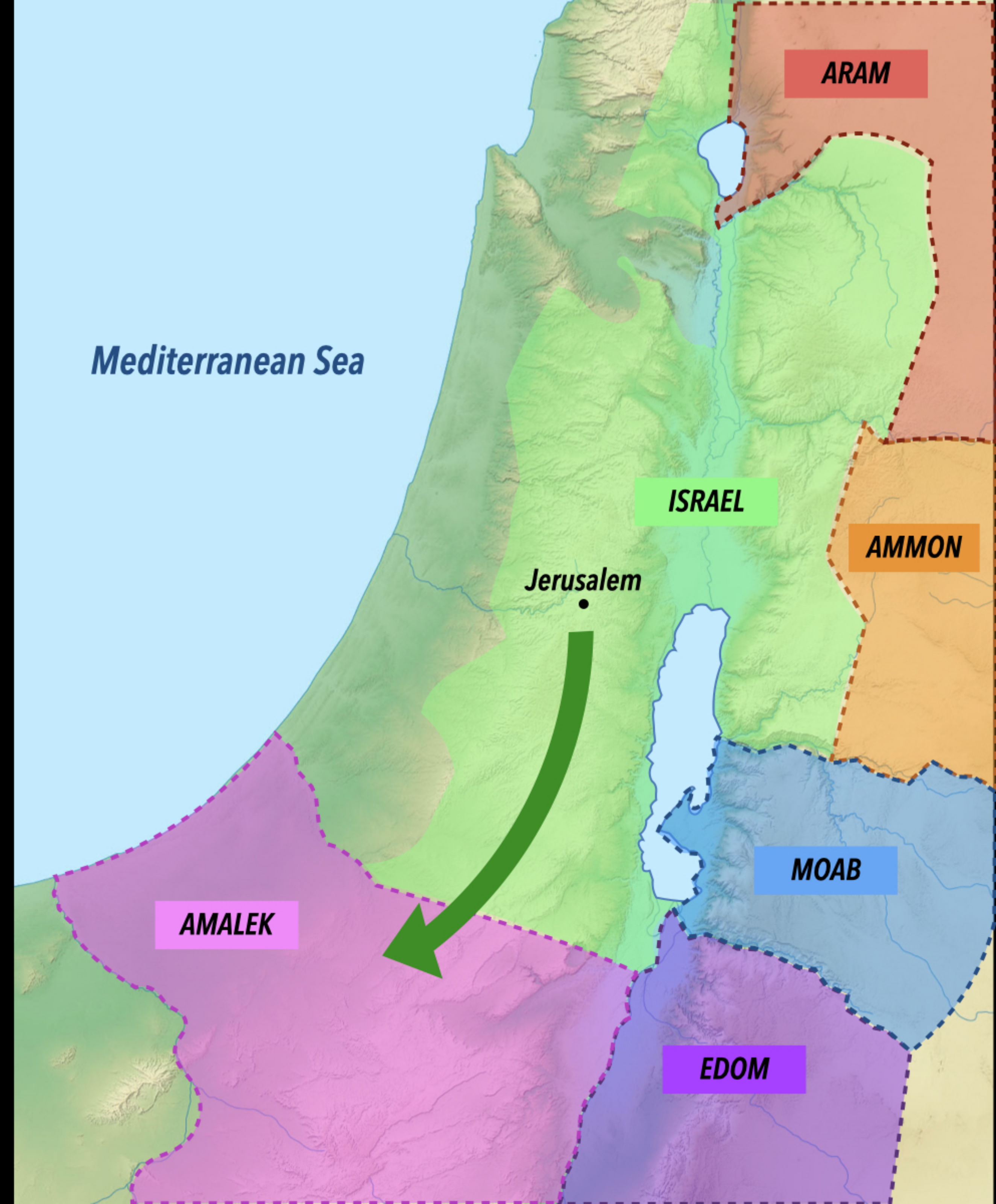
EDOMITES

In 2 Kings 8, after decades of partnership and collaboration, Edom successfully rebelled against Judah to become independent.



AMALEKITES

*In 1 Samuel 15,
God commands
Saul to destroy the
Amalekites for
attacking Israel as they
fled from Egyptian
persecution
(Exodus 17:8-16).*



PHILISTINES


In 2 Samuel 5, after hearing that David has become king, the Philistines attack Israel but are defeated and driven back to their region.



PHOENICIANS

In 2 Samuel 5, the Phoenicians built a palace for David. They were close allies with Israel—who traded, married each other, and never went to war.



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1 SAMUEL 26

After many previous failed attempts to kill David, King Saul tries again in Ziph. David once again has the opportunity to kill Saul but spares him.



1 SAMUEL 27

David finally accepts that Saul will never stop trying to kill him. David takes 600 of his men and escapes to Gath. Prince Achish gives David the village of Ziklag.



1 SAMUEL 28

The Philistines, camped at Shunem, and Israelites, camped at Mt. Gilboa, prepare to battle. King Saul slips behind enemy lines to consult with a witch at Endor.





NOT THIS ENDOR. THE OTHER ONE.

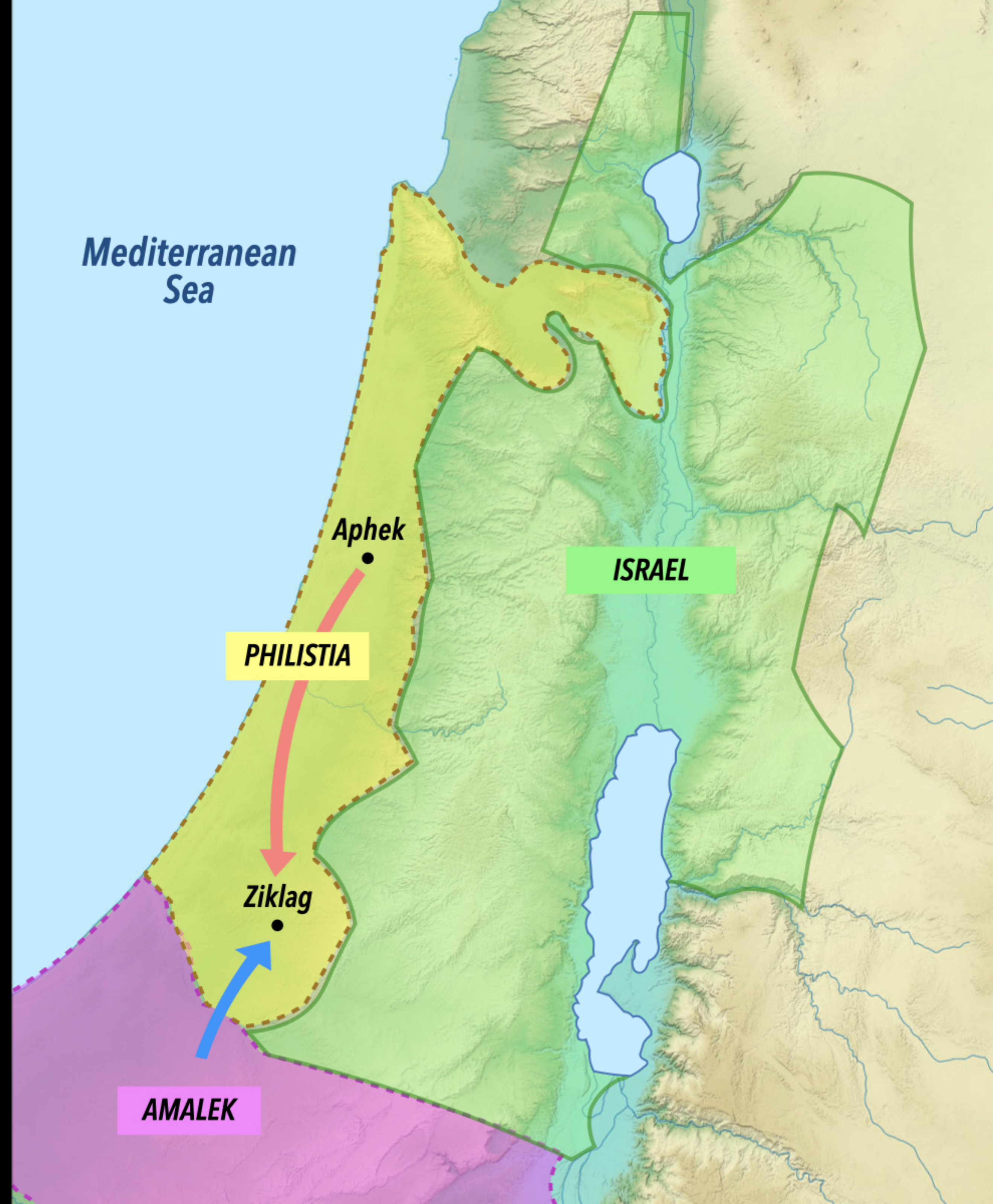
1 SAMUEL 29

The southern Philistine forces gather at Aphek to organize and deploy to Shunem for the fight against Israel. David is sent back by army commanders.



1 SAMUEL 30

While David and his men were returning from Aphek, the Amalekites raided Ziklag and kidnapped their families and stole all their belongings.



1 SAMUEL 30:3-6

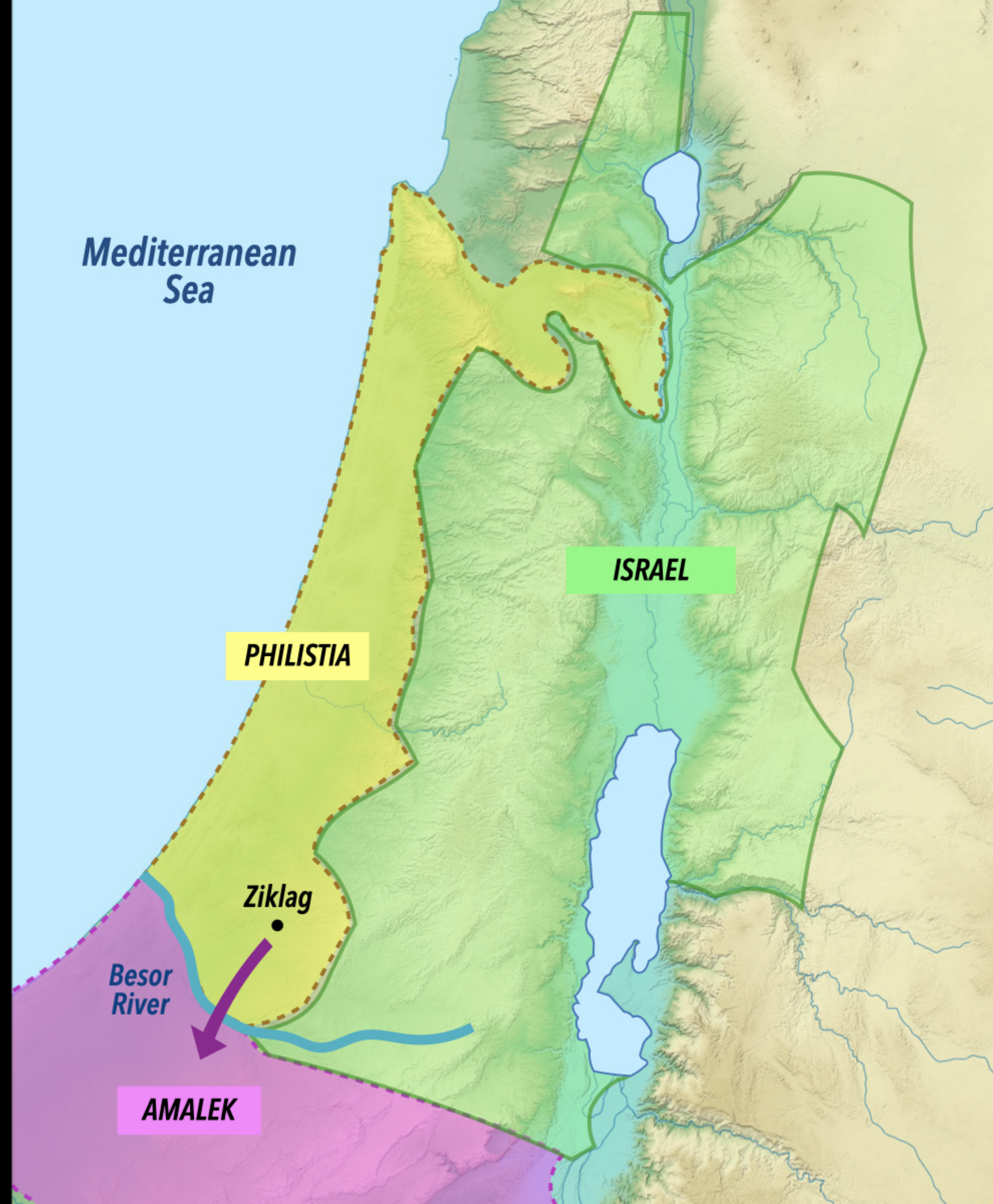
[3] When David and his men reached Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. [4] So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep.

1 SAMUEL 30:3-6

[5] David's two wives had been captured—Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel. [6] David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God.

1 SAMUEL 30

In order to try to recover their families and belongings, David and his men will have to cross the Besor River and enter into hostile Amalekite territory.



1 SAMUEL 30:9-10

[9] David and the six hundred men with him came to the Besor Valley, where some stayed behind. [10] Two hundred of them were too exhausted to cross the valley, but David and the other four hundred continued the pursuit.

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1 SAMUEL 30:16-20

[16] He led David down, and there they were, scattered over the countryside, eating, drinking and reveling because of the great amount of plunder they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from Judah. [17] David fought them from dusk until the evening of the next day, and none of them got away, except four hundred young men who rode off on camels and fled.

1 SAMUEL 30:16-20

[18] David recovered everything the Amalekites had taken, including his two wives. [19] Nothing was missing: young or old, boy or girl, plunder or anything else they had taken. David brought everything back. [20] He took all the flocks and herds, and his men drove them ahead of the other livestock, saying, “This is David’s plunder.”

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1 SAMUEL 30:21-26

[21] Then David came to the two hundred men who had been too exhausted to follow him and who were left behind at the Besor Valley. They came out to meet David and the men with him. As David and his men approached, he asked them how they were.

1 SAMUEL 30:21-26

[22] But all the evil men and troublemakers among David's followers said, "Because they did not go out with us, we will not share with them the plunder we recovered. However, each man may take his wife and children and go."

1 SAMUEL 30:21-26

[23] David replied, “No, my brothers, you must not do that with what the Lord has given us. He has protected us and delivered into our hands the raiding party that came against us. [24] Who will listen to what you say? The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike.”

1 SAMUEL 30:21-26

[25] David made this a statute and ordinance for Israel from that day to this. [26] When David reached Ziklag, he sent some of the plunder to the elders of Judah, who were his friends, saying, “Here is a gift for you from the plunder of the Lord’s enemies.”

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*"Do this in
remembrance of me."*

Luke 22:19

After a time of personal reflection & repentance, come forward to partake in the bread and cup.

(Bread is gluten free.)

