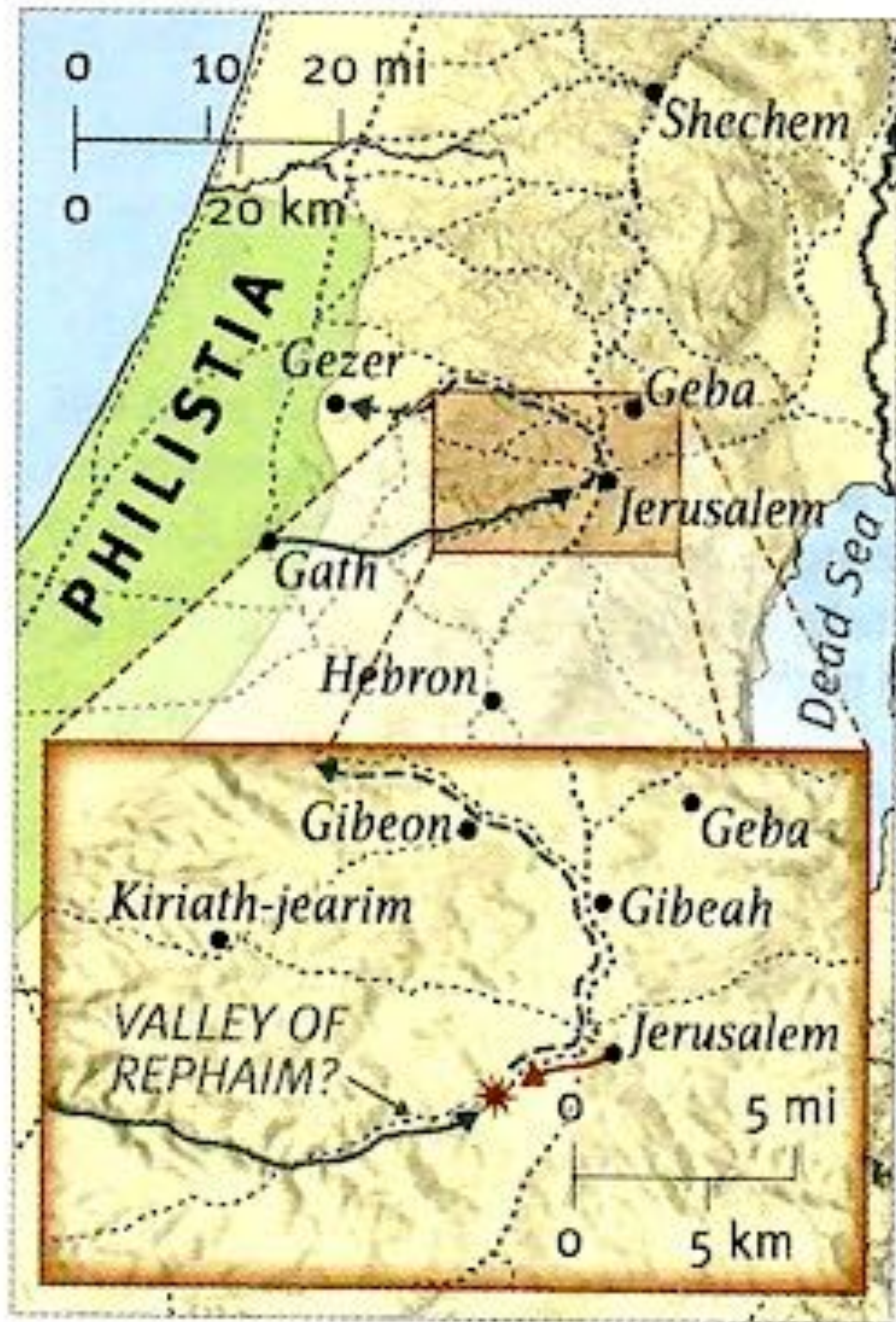


2 Sam 8-12

David

"The Ecstasy and  
The Agony"

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## David Defeats the Philistines

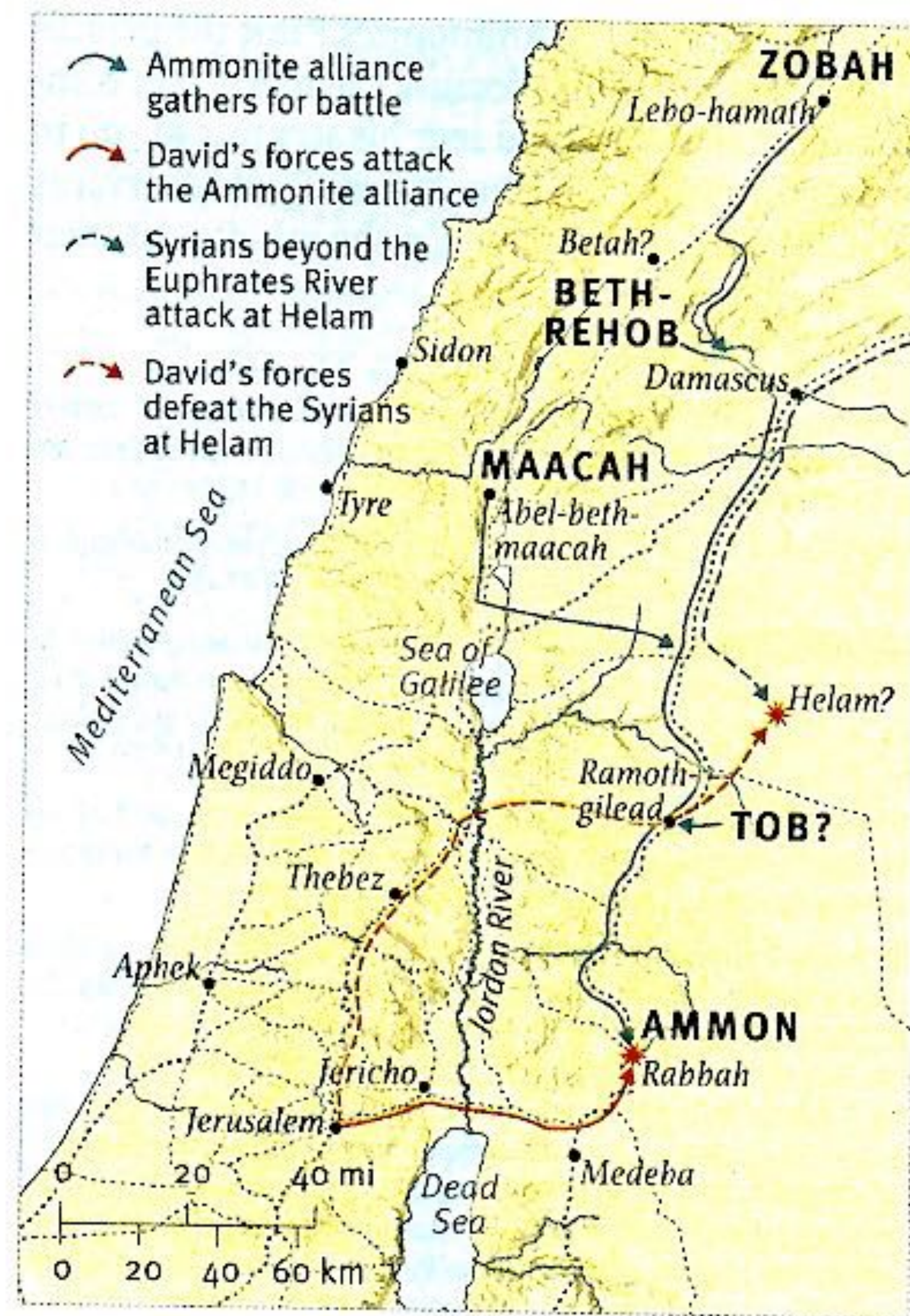
c. 1000 B.C.

Soon after David moved his capital to Jerusalem, the Philistines prepared to attack David's forces at the nearby Valley of Rephaim. David defeated them, but they regrouped and prepared for a second attack. This time David attacked them from the rear and struck them down from Geba (or perhaps Gibeon) to Gezer.

## David Defeats the Ammonites and the Syrians

c. 995 B.C.

After purposely humiliating ambassadors sent by David, the Ammonites prepared for David's response by calling for help from the king of Maacah, the men of Tob, and the Syrians living in Beth-rehob and Zobah. When David's commander Joab defeated these forces, the Syrians called for more troops from beyond the Euphrates River and attacked David at Helam. David's forces defeated them again, and the Syrians became subject to Israel.



## DAVID'S KINGDOM

In 2 Samuel 8–12 we read of a series of campaigns fought by David against neighbouring countries.

### 1. Moabites

David subdued the Moabites, executing two-thirds of their prisoners (2 Samuel 8:2).

### 2. Edomites

David also defeated the Edomites, in a battle which took place in "the Valley of Salt", presumably between the Dead Sea and Beersheba (2 Samuel 8:13–14).

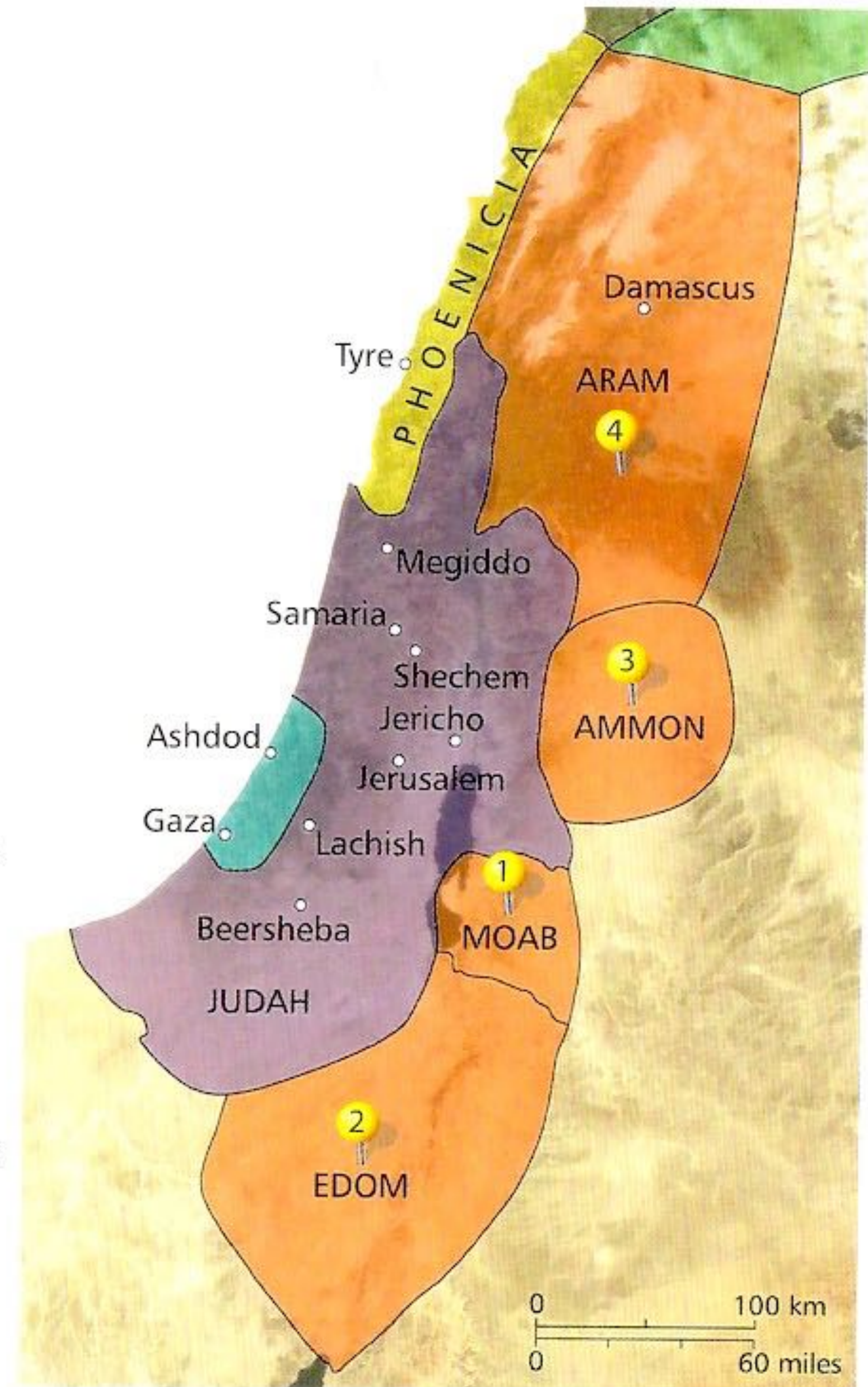
### 3. Ammonites

When the king of the Ammonites ridiculed David's emissaries, David sent his own forces, along with mercenaries hired from Hadadezer,

the Aramean king of Zobah, to attack the Ammonites, probably at Rabbah (2 Samuel 12:26–31). The mercenaries refused to engage and looked as though they would betray the Israelites. Joab attacked both the Ammonites and the Aramean mercenaries and defeated them both (2 Samuel 10:6–14).

### 4. Arameans

Hadadezer, the Aramean king of Zobah, was a powerful figure in southern Aram. On hearing of the defeat of his mercenary forces he engaged David at Helam, somewhere in Transjordan. David defeated him and forced him to make peace, thus securing his eastern borders (2 Samuel 10:15–19).





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From Absalom

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