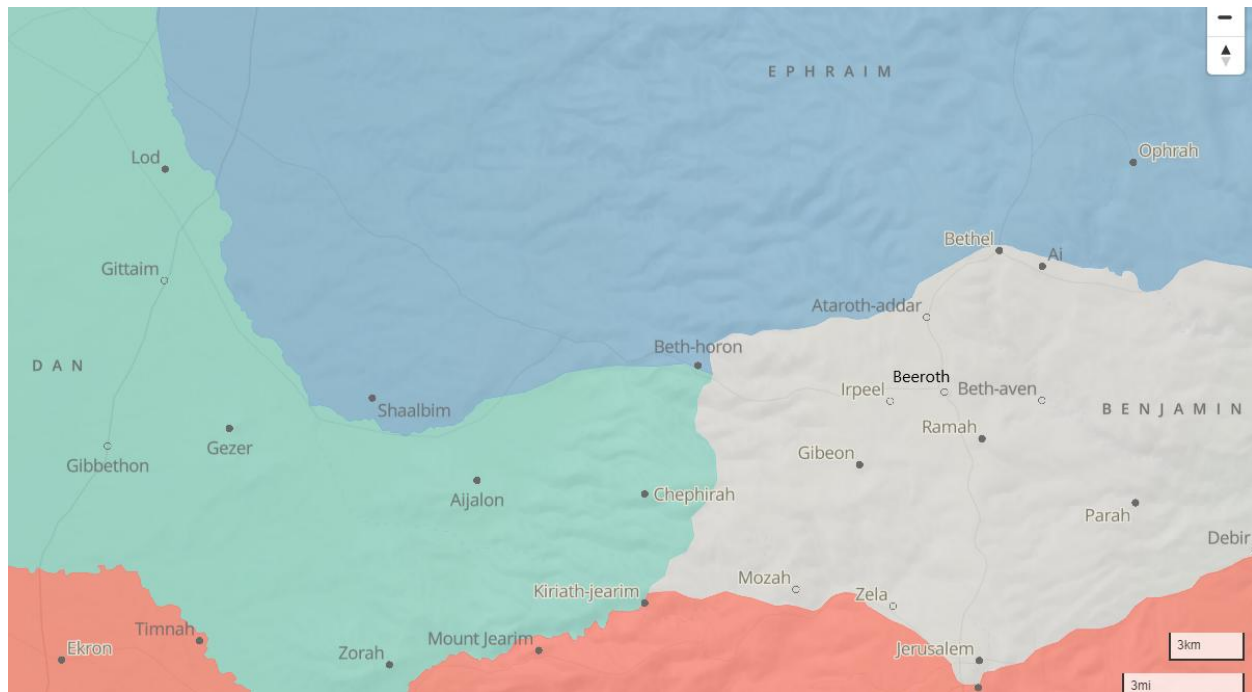


Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

The Death of Ish-bosheth

- Israel learned of Abner's death [2 Sam 4:1].
 - Ish-bosheth lost heart (lit. his hands dropped).
 - All of Israel was disturbed (alarmed, panicked).
- Baanah and Rechab [2 Sam 4:2-3].
 - Beeroth was a Gibeonite village, the inhabitants becoming servants of Israel [Josh 9:17-21].
 - Saul had mistreated the Gibeonites [2 Sam 21:1-2] which forced the Beerothites to flee to Gittaim.



- Mephibosheth [2 Sam 4:4].
 - Jonathan's son (Merib-baal [1 Chr 8:34]).
 - ✦ Merib-baal – Baal is my advocate.
 - ✦ Mephibosheth – dispelling the shame.
 - At the age of five he was dropped by his caregiver during the flight from Gibeah [1 Sam 31:7] and his feet became crippled.
- Baanah and Rechab assassinated Ish-bosheth [2 Sam 4:5-7a].
 - They sneaked into Ish-bosheth's house while he was resting.
 - They killed him by stabbing him in the belly – the same manner by which Abner had been slain.
 - They beheaded Ish-bosheth so they could prove to David that they had killed him.

- Baanah and Rechab went to David and reported Ish-bosheth's death [2 Sam 4:7b-12].
 - They thought that David would be excited to hear of Ish-bosheth's death and give them a reward.
 - David reminded them about the reward he had given the one who had foolishly killed Saul.
 - David told them they had acted wickedly and that their blood was required [Gen 9:5-6].
 - David executed Baanah and Rechab and hung their bodies up in dishonor.
 - David gave Ish-bosheth (his head) a proper burial.
- This chapter outlined how the heirs to the throne of Saul were eliminated (Ish-bosheth's death and Mephibosheth's inability to serve).