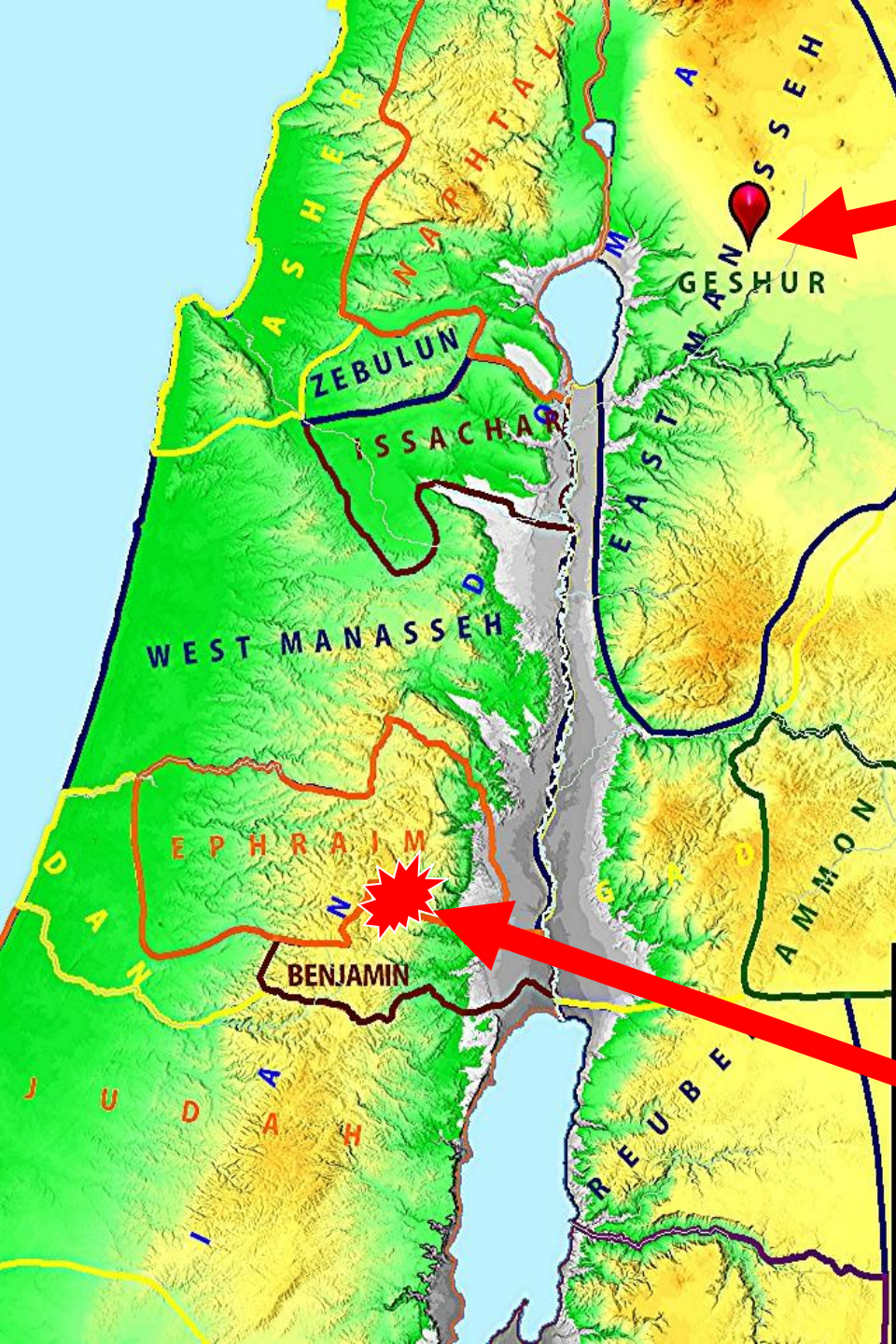


# AMNON IS DEAD



- **Avishalom** has Amnon killed for the rape of his sister Tamar
- He used the blueprint that his father David used to have **Uriyah** killed
- David was forgiven by God on an eternal basis, but David would suffer as one cursed-on-earth
- We are given a similar kind of forgiveness in Christ
- Romans 7:14 - 25

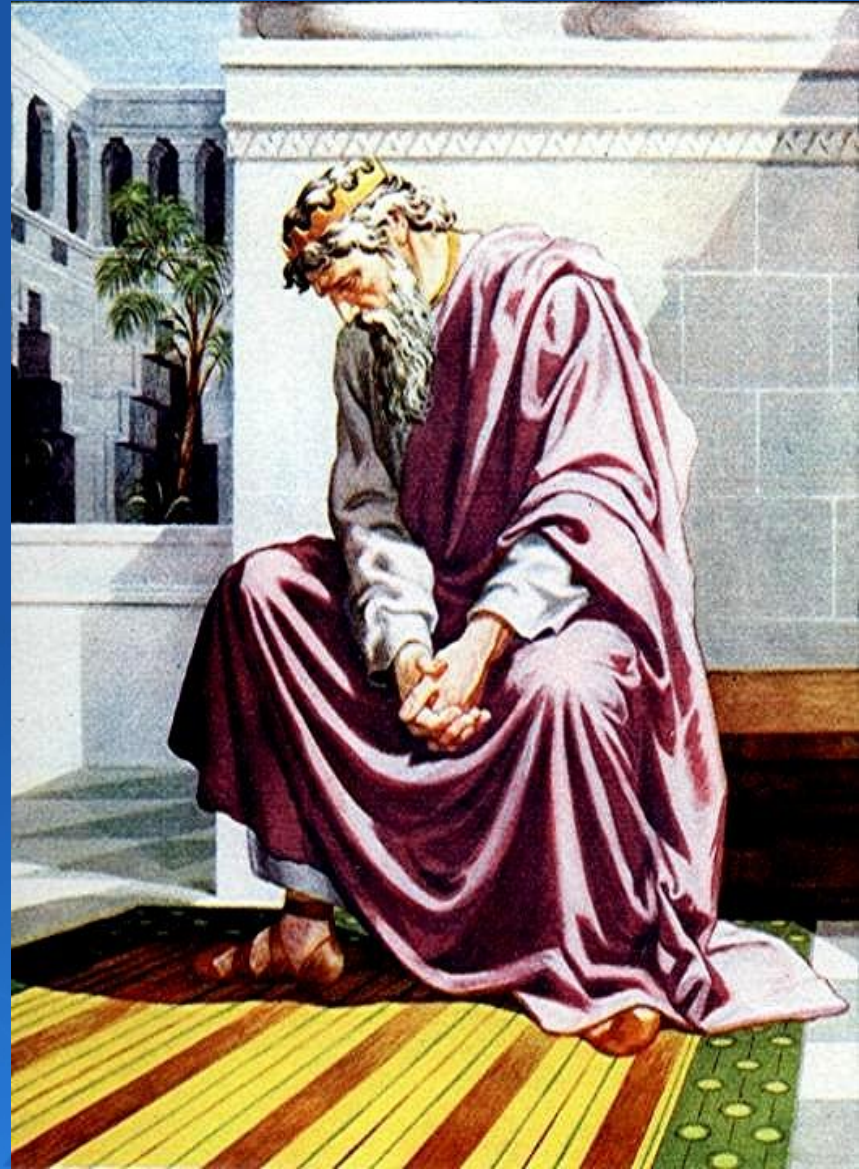
# ABSALOM FLEES TO GESHUR



- David tormented day and night knowing his sin was causing his family's disintegration
- Avishalom as the chief conspirator bore blood-guilt
- David did not "banish" Absalom, he fled on his own accord
- Ba'al Hatzor, where Amnon was killed

# DAVID'S HEART AGAINST ABSALOM

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam. 13:13 – 14:33
- Avishalom remained in Geshur for 3 years
- King's *lev* was *al Avishalom*
- *Lev* = heart = mind, conscious thoughts
- *Al* = on, over, AGAINST
- Alfred Edersheim: if David's heart was FOR Absalom he would not have left him in Geshur for 3 years, and then refuse to see him for 2 more years



# WHY WAS JOAB SO CONCERNED AS TO WANT ABSALOM BACK?

- First: David getting old. Joab concerned that he NOT be replaced by David's successor
- Second: *Avishalom* was popular, handsome, everything the people wanted so Joab thought Absalom would be the next king thus it would be wise to support him



# WISE WOMAN FROM TEKOA

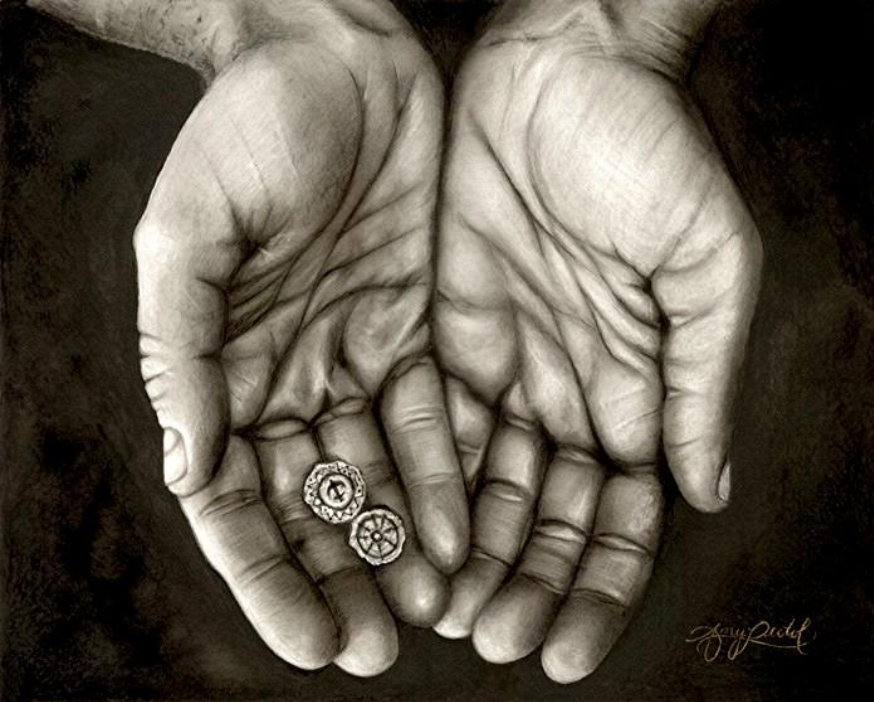


- Joab tries to facilitate reconciliation between David and Absalom
- Prophet Amos from Tekoa
- *Chakam ishshah* = wise woman
- NOT a sorcerer or prophetess
- *Yo'av* tells the woman exactly what to say to David

# WOMAN TELLS KING DAVID HER SAD STORY

- Joab must have personally arranged for the audience
- She is a widow
- Two sons were in the field
- No witnesses
- One son murdered the other
- Family *go'el hadam* wants to kill the surviving son as retribution
- If surviving son dies then her husband will have “*neither name nor survivor anywhere on this earth*”





# THE “WIDOW’S” PROBLEM

- Only hope of survival was from male family members
- Law of Moses says sons are responsible
- If a man has no sons (due to barren wife or sons' deaths) then his afterlife essence is terminated
- Speaking a person's name was thought to have a supernatural effect



# CIVIL JUSTICE



- Torah is clear that a murderer **MUST** be executed
- ***Go'el hadam*** was generally responsible to execute the murderer
- Author hopes to have the listener remember Cain and Abel
- Should David allow Torah justice to take place?
- Should David block the blood avenger for the good of the widow?
- David vows: ***“Not one of your son’s hairs will fall to the ground”***
- Absalom caught by his hair and died



# TORAH DEMANDS BLOOD FOR BLOOD

- Exodus 21:12 – 17 ***“Whoever attacks a person and causes his death must be put to death...”***
- Not ALL killing is murder. Accidental killing, self defense, killing in battle are not murder
- Numbers 35:14-21 ***“You are to give.....cities of refuge...”*** ***“...or out of hostility strikes him with his hand so that he dies.....he must be put to death....”***
- Varying degrees of both JUSTIFIABLE killing and UNJUSTIFIABLE killing



# DAVID PARDONS THE MURDERER

- David was **WRONG!**
- The advent of Christ did **NOT** change the fact that we are obligated to execute murderers
- Judaism, due to humanitarianism, thinks execution is wrong
- Rabbis say that because there was no witness to **WARN** the murderer (or Absalom) then their crime is excused
- This twisted logic is to find a way to excuse David and continue to make him sinless



# THE WHOLE EARTH IS UNDER BLOOD GUILT



- Modern secular society says human rights do not allow execution of murderers
- Lockerbie bomber released out of “mercy”
- Christianity thinks love has replaced justice
- Judaism thinks humanitarianism has replaced justice
- Love does NOT annul God’s Laws and His justice on earth

