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SINGERS AND MUSICIANS



David: The Sweet Psalmist of Israel



- Anointed & gifted by God
- Played the harp skillfully
- Wrote music
- Sang
- Designed & made musical instruments

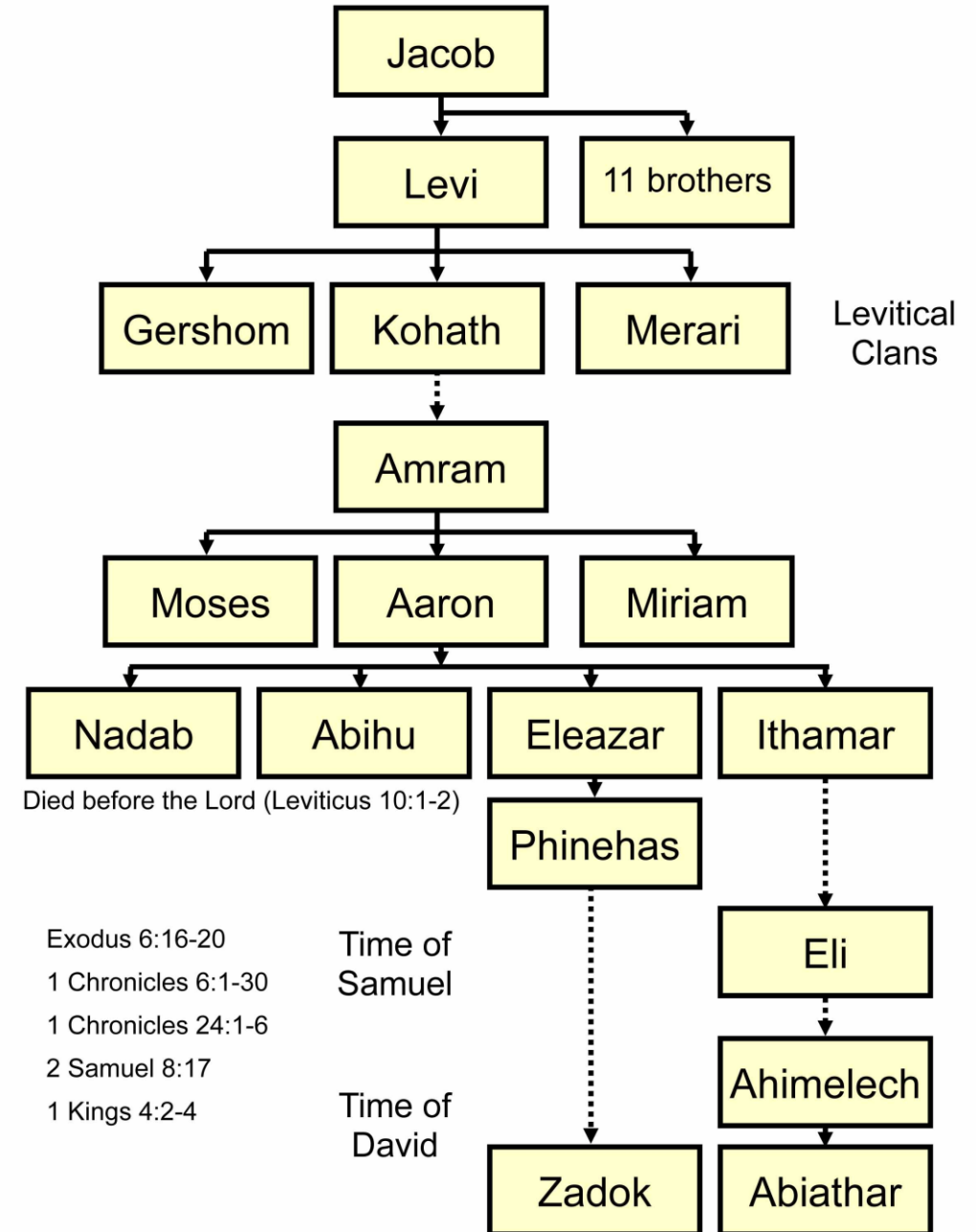
David: The Sweet Psalmist of Israel

- He wrote songs for accompaniment by stringed instruments, flutes, & lyres.
- He wrote for the Levitical choirs.
- He wrote to praise God for deliverance.
- He wrote to confess his sin and ask for pardon.
- He expressed trust in God, his need for protection or mercy, and much more.

- All priests are Levites, but not all Levites are priests.
- Priests must be descendants of Aaron.



Genealogy of the Priesthood



David's Organization of the Levites

1 Chronicles 23:3-5

24,000	Tabernacle / Temple Work
6,000	Officers & Judges
4,000	Gatekeepers (Security)
4,000	Musicians
38,000	Total Levites age 30+

2 Chronicles 29:25

He [Hezekiah] then stationed the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with harps and with lyres, according to the command of David and of Gad the king's seer, and of Nathan the prophet; for the command was from the LORD through His prophets.

1 Chronicles 25:1

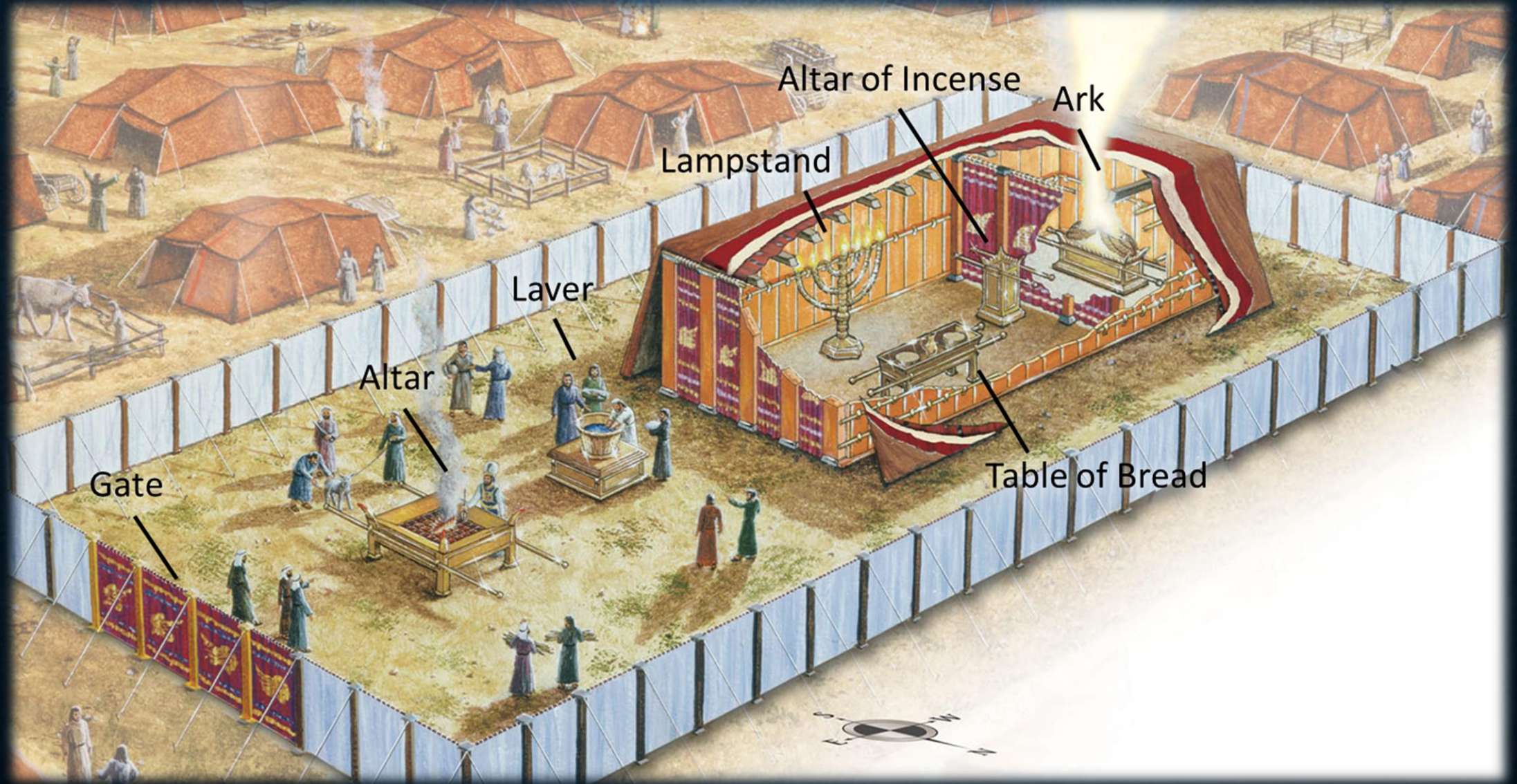
Moreover, David and the commanders of the army set apart for the service some of the sons of Asaph and of Heman and of Jeduthun, who were to prophesy with lyres, harps and cymbals.

David's Organization of the Musicians

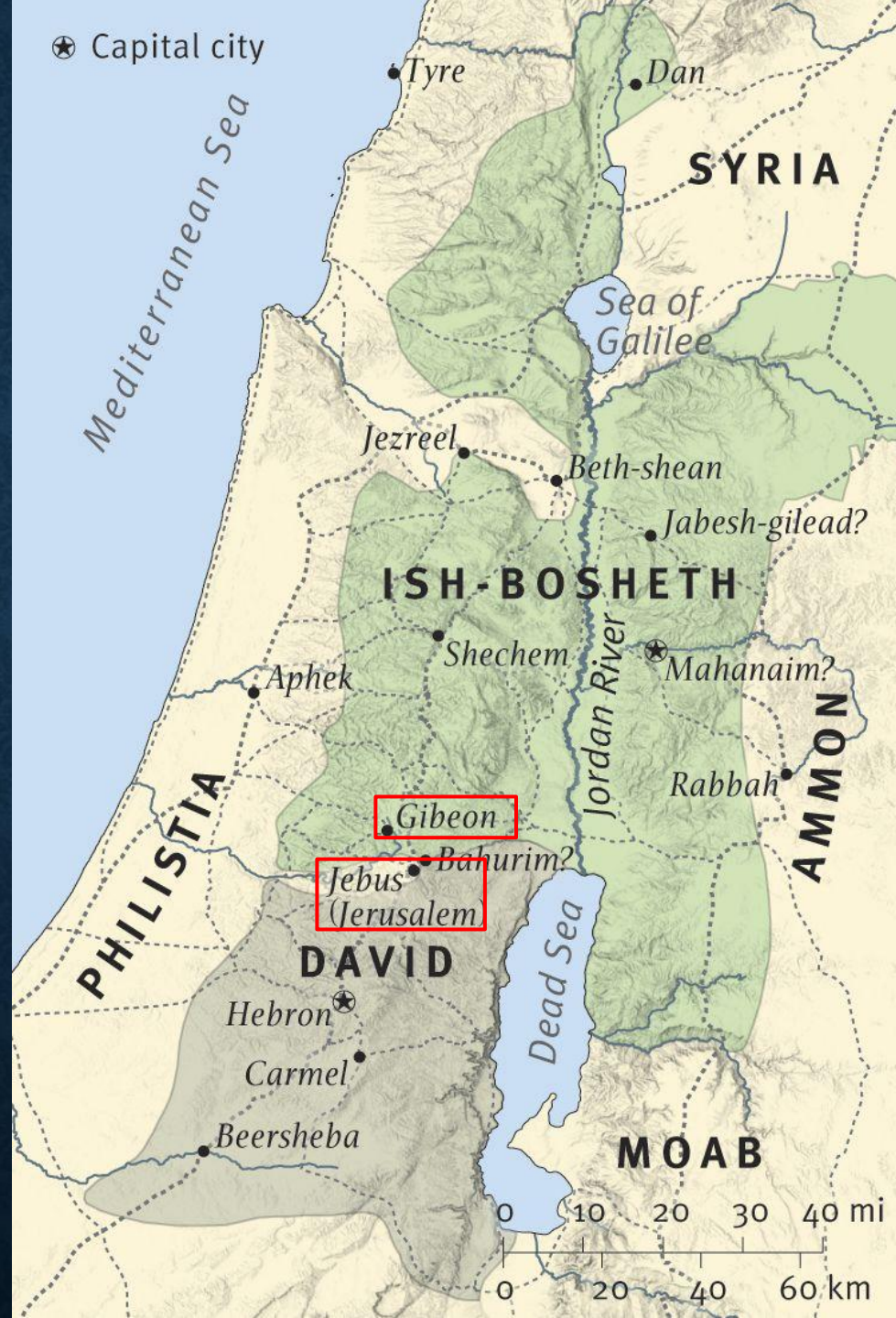
LEVI		
GERSHON ↓	KOHATH ↓	MERARI ↓
ASAPH ↓	HEMAN ↓	JEDUTHUN (ETHAN) ↓
4 divisions	14 divisions	6 divisions



THE TABERNACLE

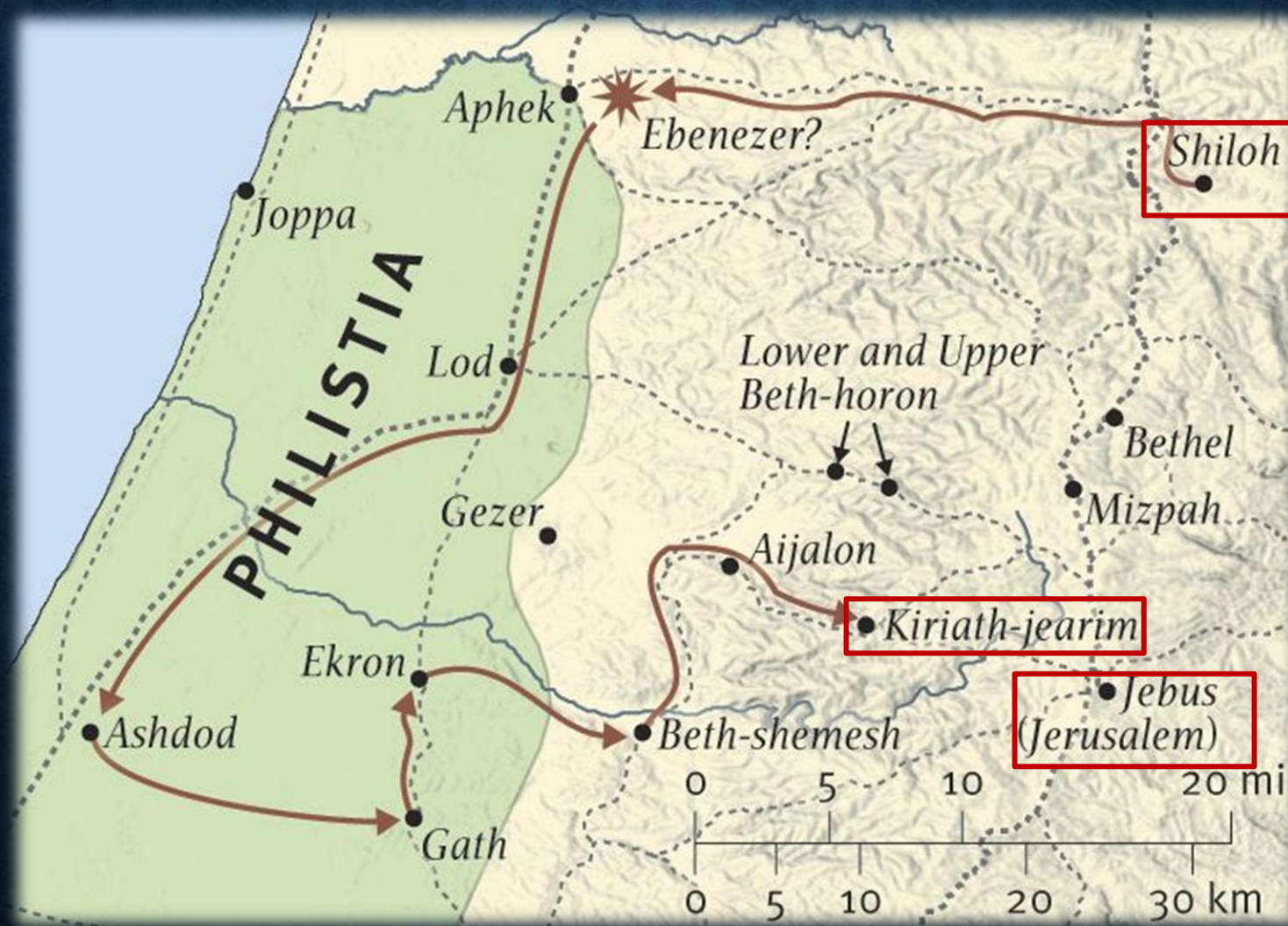


During the time of David, the Tabernacle (tent of meeting) was in Gibeon, but the Ark of the Covenant was at Kiriath-jearim until David brought it to Jerusalem.



Gibeon was located about 5 miles NW of Jerusalem. Zadok & other priests were there to offer the daily sacrifices. Heman & Jeduthun also served there as musicians.

THE ARK CAPTURED (1 SAM.4:3–7:2)



The “earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up” (Num. 16:32).



Sons of Korah

- Included Samuel, the judge & prophet (1 Chr. 6:31-37)
- Included Heman, the leader of one of the three clans of Levite musicians, & the grandson of Samuel
- Were authors of 12 Psalms

“Those who sang to the Lord . . . Went out before the army.” As they praised the Lord, He defeated their enemies (2 Chr. 20:21-22).



Psalms by the Sons of Korah

- **Ps.42**—longing for God & hoping to again praise Him while enemies are taunting “Where is your God?”
- **Ps.45**—addressed to the King, who has an eternal throne, is above all others, is praised forever (Messianic)
- **Ps.46**—prophetic—focuses on God’s deliverance of His people from the nations and His exaltation among the nations; God is their stronghold.

LESSONS

- God will permit us to use our gifts for His glory if we will surrender them to him. (Example: David's musical and administrative gifts)
- Clearly, God values music and is pleased when we use it in sincere worship.

LESSONS

- Those with skill should certainly use their gifts for God, but He wants to hear all of us “make a joyful noise” (Ps. 100:1) in worship and praise.
- God doesn’t hold the sins of our fathers against us. He will let us serve Him and enable us to do more than we think we can in His strength (Philippians 2:13; 4:13).