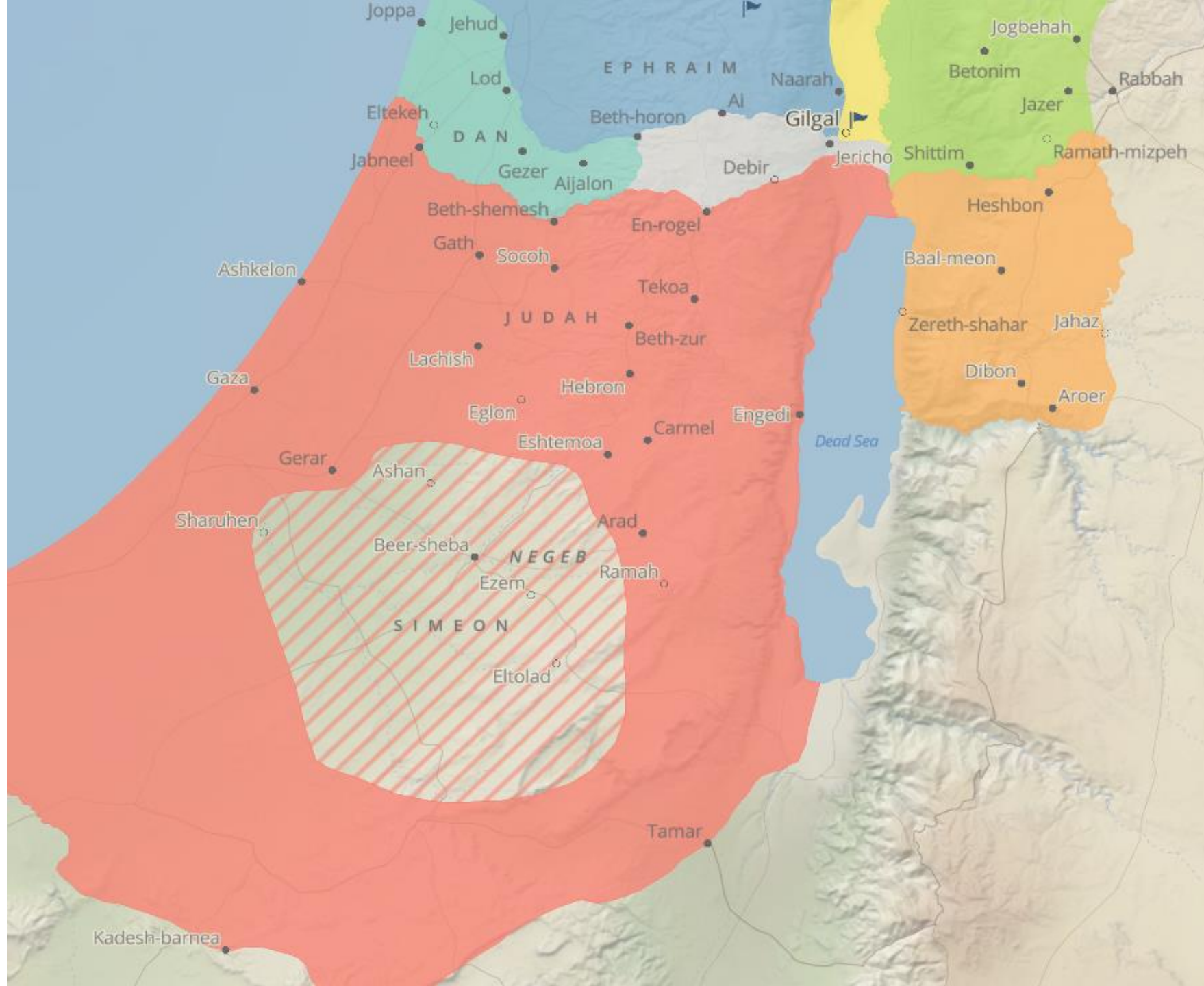


The Voice That Matters

John 12:44-50



David – Nabal – Abigail

- Nabal
- Surly & mean – harsh & evil
- Wealthy – one thousand goats, three thousand sheep
- Shearing in Carmel
- Abigail – intelligent and beautiful
- David
- Heard Nabal shearing sheep
- Sent 10 men
- “Greetings” – “We helped your men” – “May we have some food?”
- Nabal – “No”
- David – “Put on your swords”

David – Nabal – Abigail

- Servant to Abigail
- They helped us – he insulted them
- They helped us, were a wall around us
- Nabal such a wicked man, no one can talk to him
- Abigail – gathered food and drink
- Went to meet David
- Bowed before him – took responsibility for not knowing
- Don't pay attention to that wicked man who is a fool as he is named
- Keep yourself from the guilt of needless bloodshed and avenging yourself
- David – praise be to God for sending you
- Abigail and Nabal – became as stone

The voice that matters

- *That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. (Gen. 2:24 NIV)*
- ⁴ *"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." (Matt. 19:4-6 NIV)*
- Sexuality is between a husband and a wife only.
- I Cor. 7:1-4
- Can a man love a man? (1Sam. 18:3; 2Sam. 1:26)