

The Life of David:

a Character Study
of a man after God's own heart

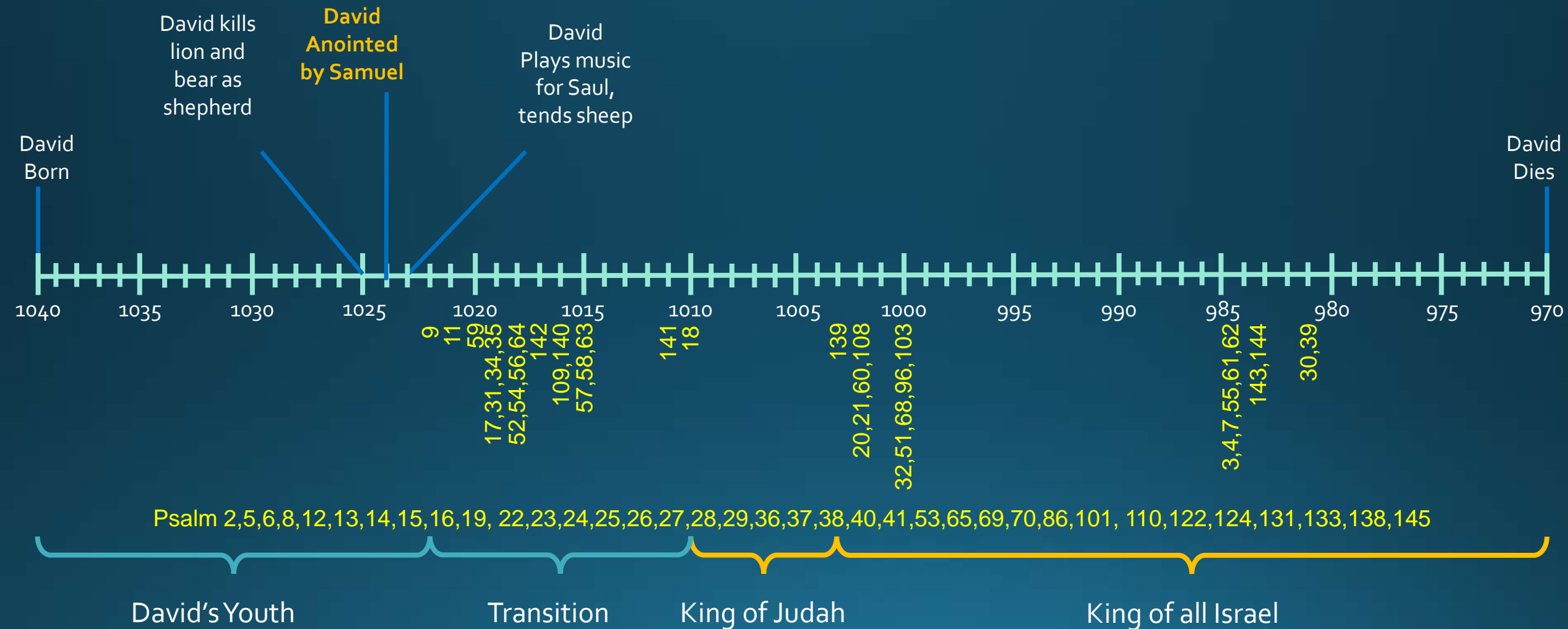
Week 12: The Psalms of David

¹⁴ "...The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart,
and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people...."

1 Sam 13:14

Why study David?

- A man after God's own heart
- The greatest human king ever according to the bible
- A righteous, humble, obedient, loving, faithful servant of God...
- Who was a sinful, lying, murderous, prideful, adulterer...
- All recorded in vivid detail for us to read and study – his actions and his thoughts, fears, emotions
- David is perhaps the best biblical character example we can study



Timeline of David's life

Character Trait Comparison

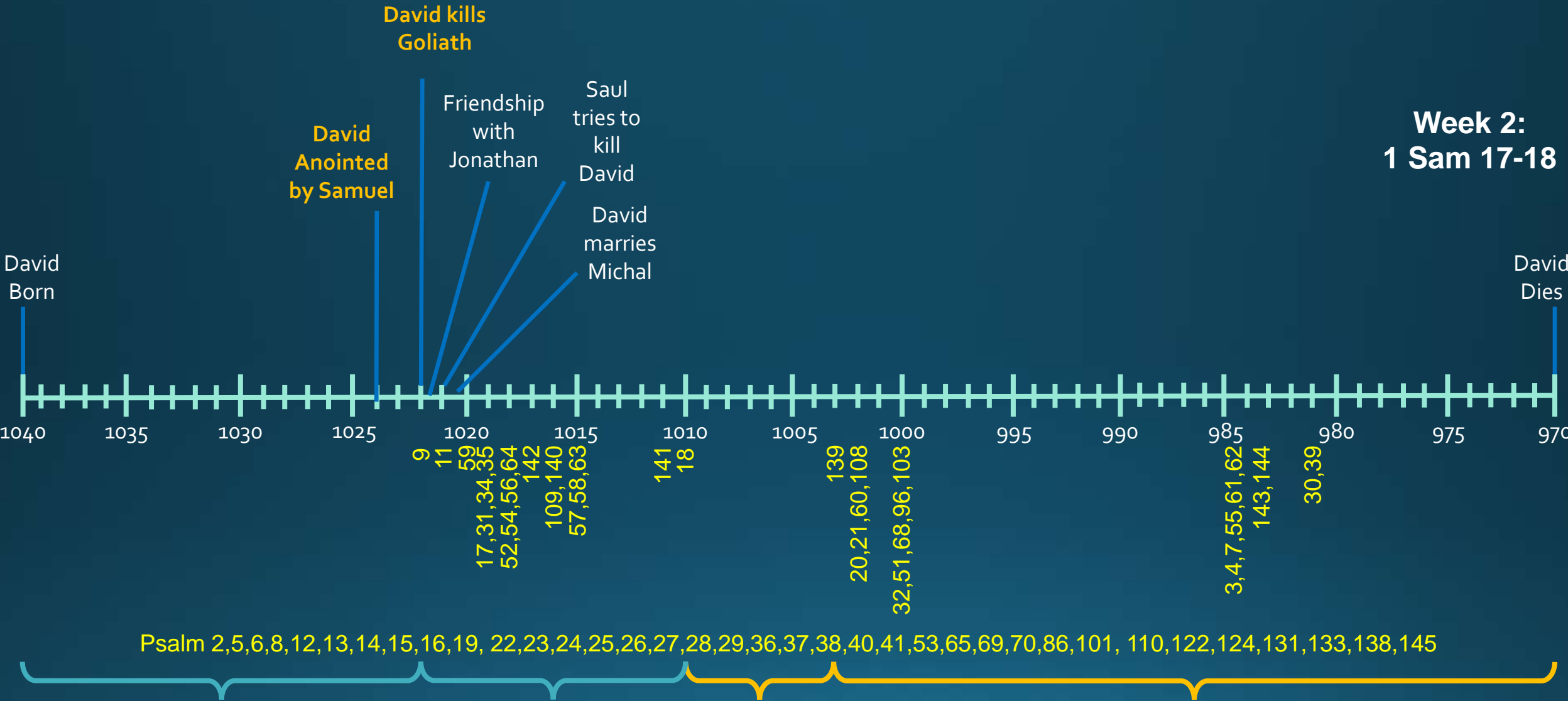
Saul:

- Concerned about his own image
- Jealous
- Self-glorification
- Prideful
- Impatient
- Takes matters into his own hands
- Unfaithful
- Narrow focus
- Superficial repentance

David:

- Concerned about God's image
- Zealous for God
- Servant
- Humble
- Patient
- Obedient
- Faithful to God
- Focus on God
- Genuine repentance
- Effective use of time
- Hard working

**Week 2:
1 Sam 17-18**



David's Youth

Transition

King of Judah

King of all Israel

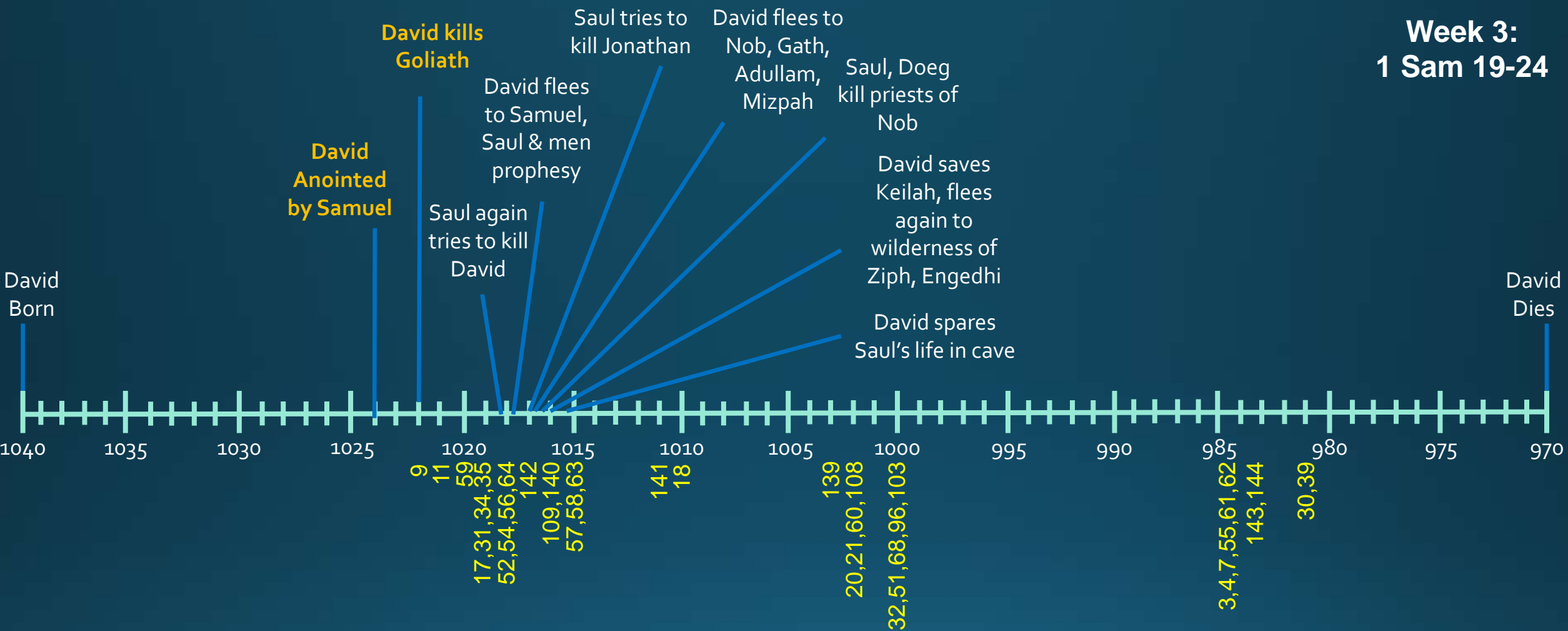
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1 Sam 17

- 45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted.
- 46 "This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,
- 47 and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD'S and He will give you into our hands."



**Week 3:
1 Sam 19-24**



Psalm 2,5,6,8,12,13,14,15,16,19, 22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,36,37,38,40,41,53,65,69,70,86,101, 110,122,124,131,133,138,145

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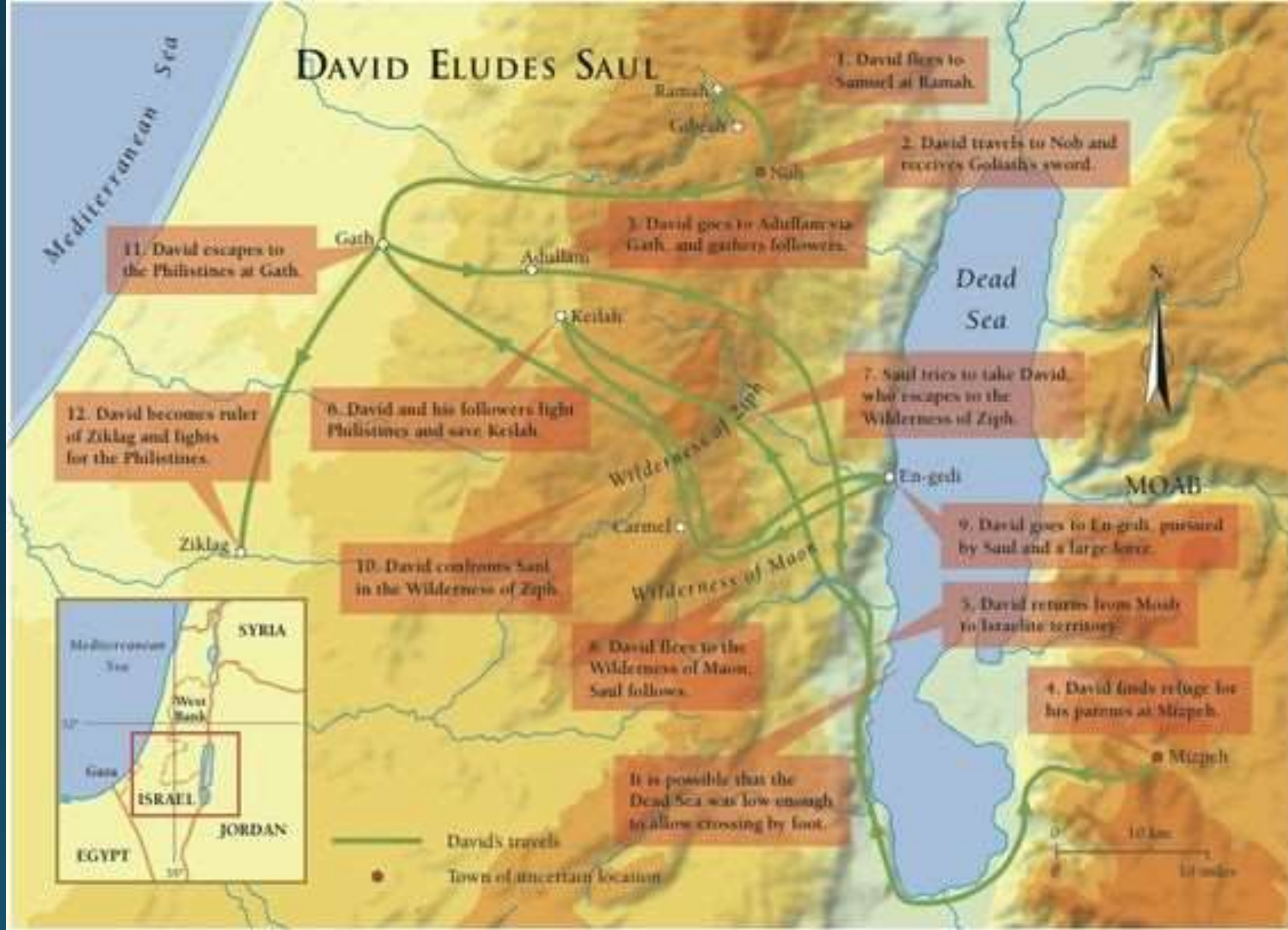
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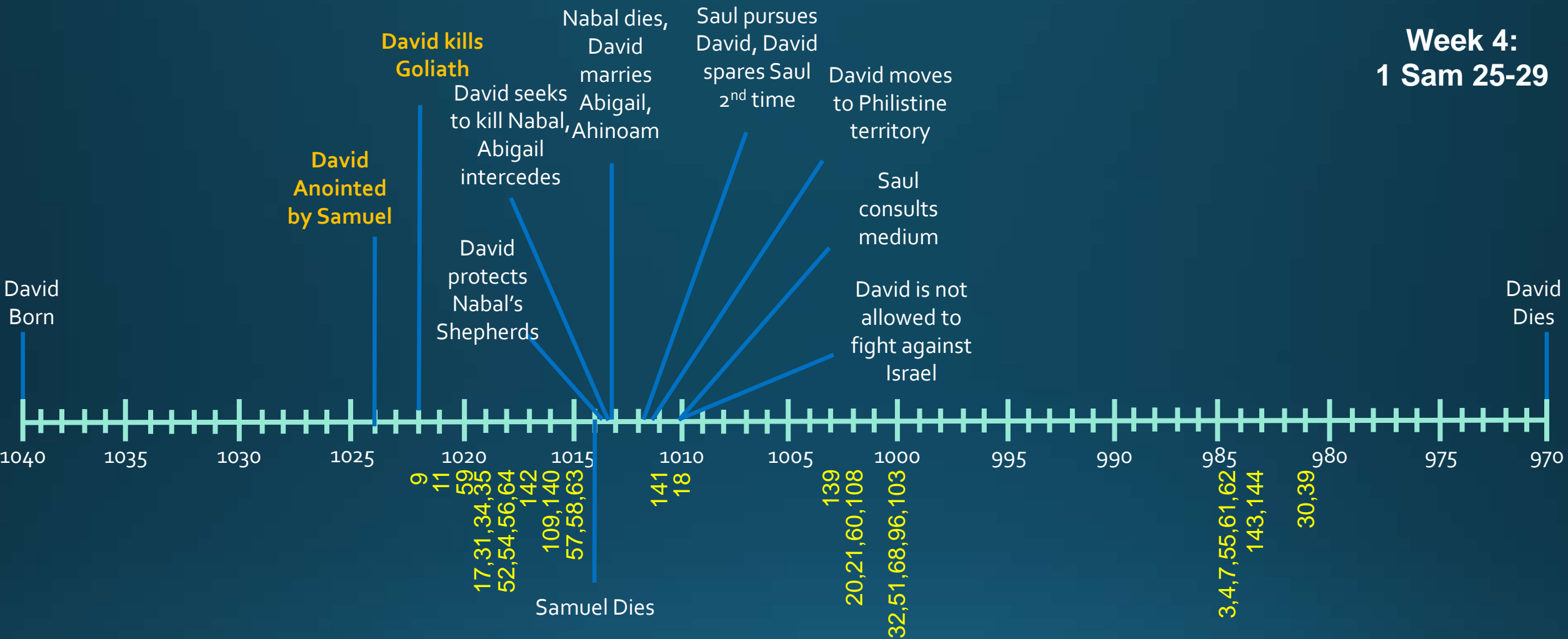
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DAVID ELUDES SAUL



**Week 4:
1 Sam 25-29**



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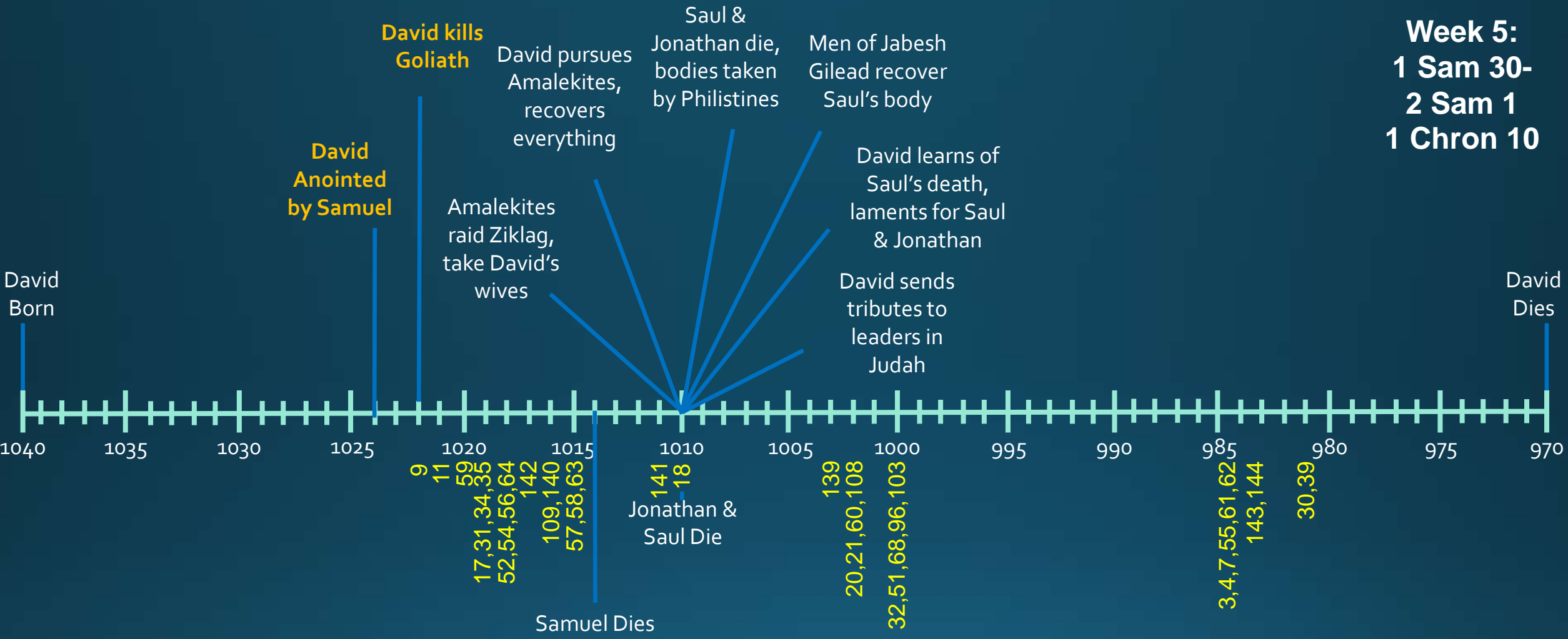
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1 Sam 28:15-19 ¹⁵ Then Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" And Saul answered, "I am greatly distressed; for the Philistines are waging war against me, and God has departed from me and no longer answers me, either through prophets or by dreams; therefore I have called you, that you may make known to me what I should do." ¹⁶ Samuel said, "Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has departed from you and has become your adversary? ¹⁷ "The LORD has done accordingly as He spoke through me; for the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, to David. ¹⁸ "As you did not obey the LORD and did not execute His fierce wrath on Amalek, so the LORD has done this thing to you this day. ¹⁹ "Moreover the LORD will also give over Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines, therefore tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. Indeed the LORD will give over the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines!"



Week 5:
1 Sam 30-
2 Sam 1
1 Chron 10



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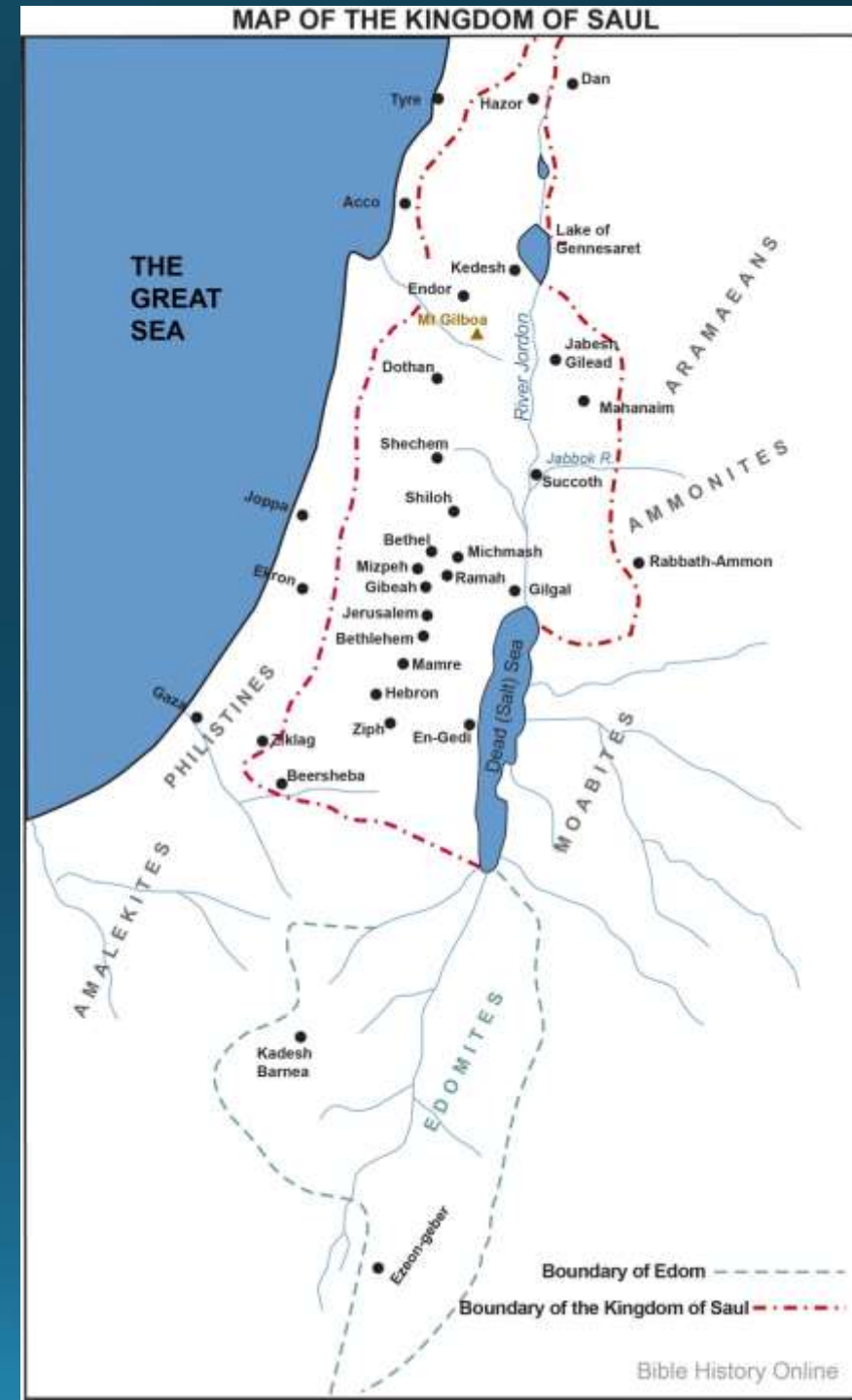
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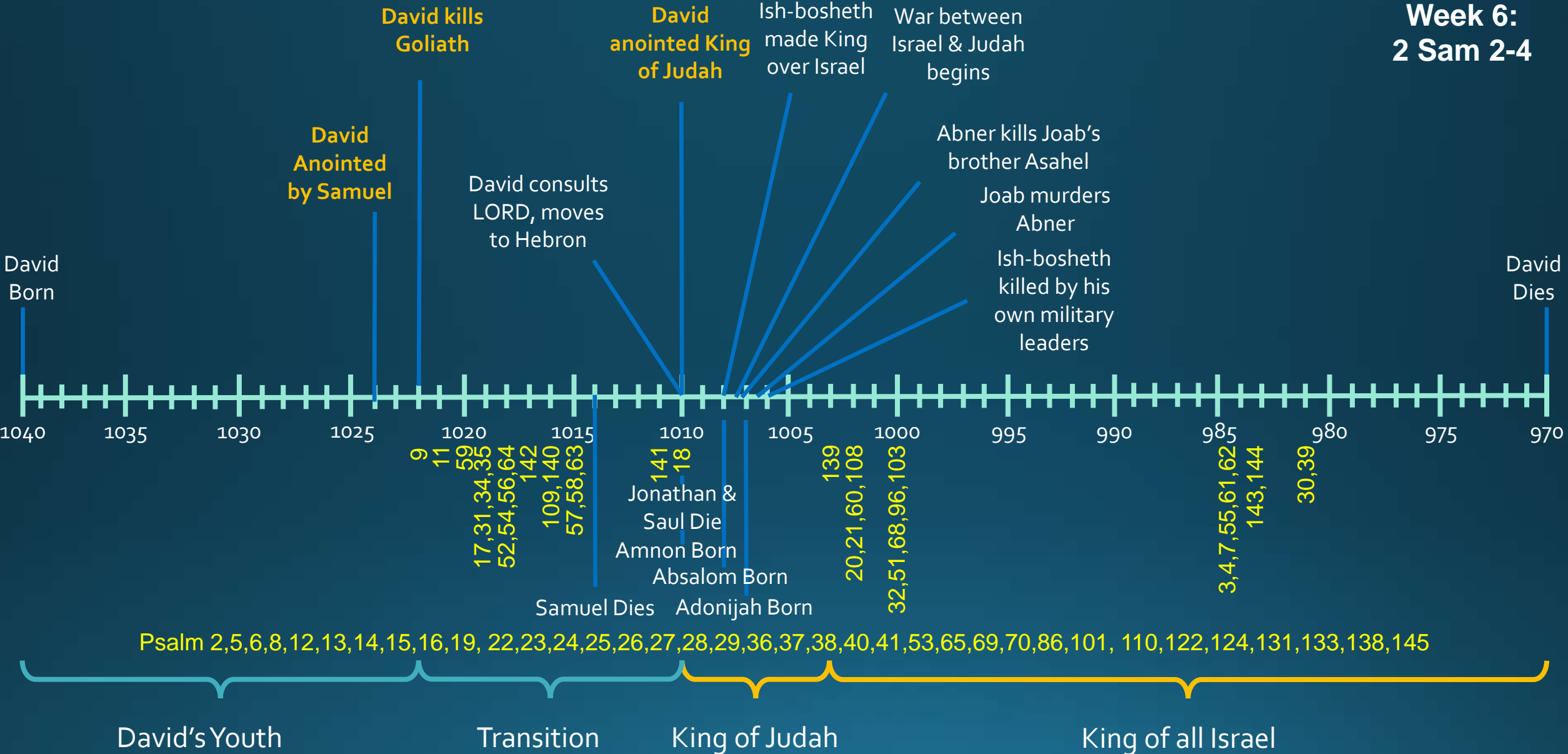
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2 Sam 1

¹⁴ Then David said to him, "How is it you were not afraid to stretch out your hand to destroy the LORD'S anointed?" ¹⁵ And David called one of the young men and said, "Go, cut him down." So he struck him and he died. ¹⁶ David said to him, "Your blood is on your head, for your mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have killed the LORD'S anointed.'"

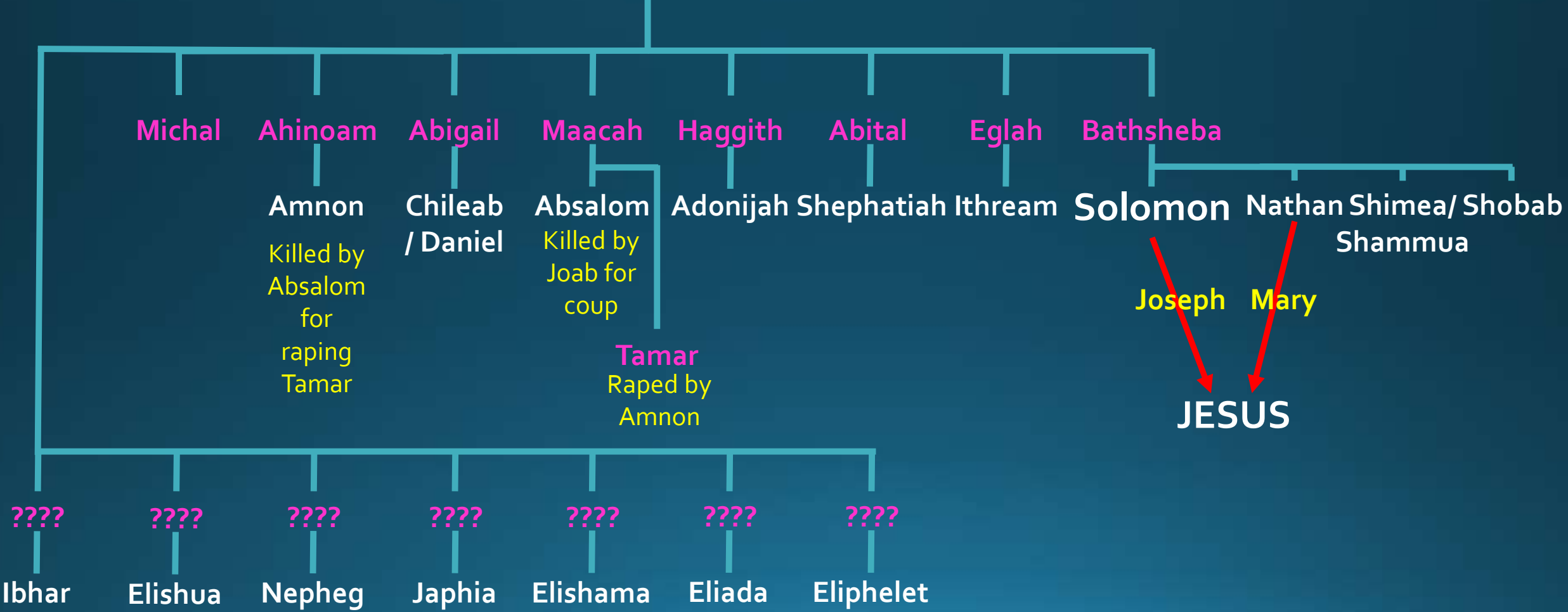


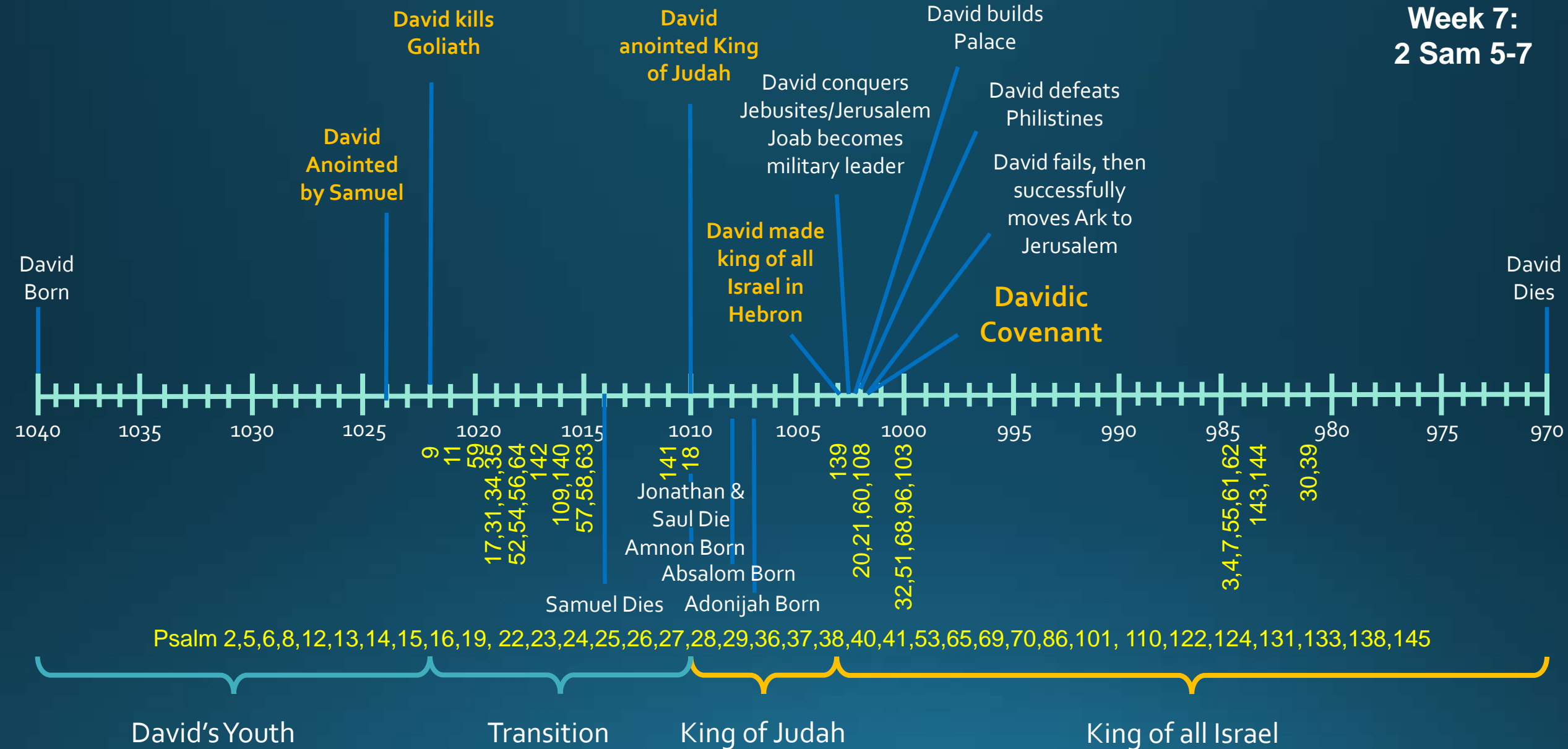


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David's Family

David



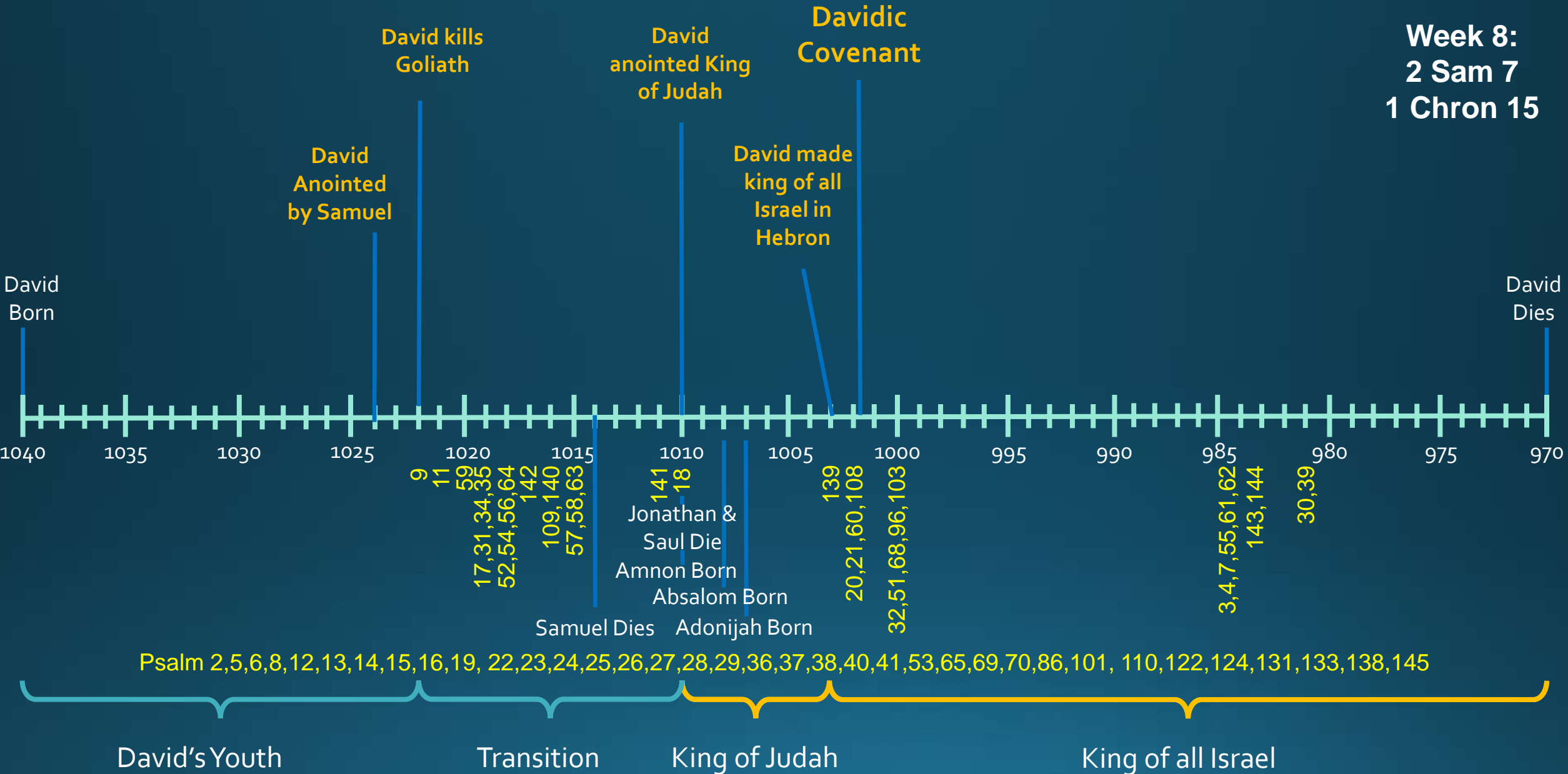


Timeline of David's life

2 Sam 6

- 6-7⁶ But when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out toward the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen nearly upset *it*.⁷ And the anger of the LORD burned against Uzzah, and God struck him down there for his irreverence; and he died there by the ark of God.
- 8-11⁸ David became angry because of the LORD'S outburst against Uzzah, and that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day.⁹ So David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?"¹⁰ And David was unwilling to move the ark of the LORD into the city of David with him; but David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.¹¹ Thus the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.





Timeline of David's life

Divine Covenants

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Adamic Covenant (~4114 BC, unconditional): Conscience

Noahic Covenant (~2548 BC, unconditional): Government

Abrahamic Covenant (~2091 BC, unconditional): Promise

Mosaic Covenant (~1446 BC, conditional): Law

Davidic Covenant (~1010 BC, unconditional): Law

2 Samuel 7:10-16 (NASB) ¹⁰ "I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly, ¹¹ even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also declares to you that the LORD will make a house for you. ¹² "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ "I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, ¹⁵ but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ "Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever."



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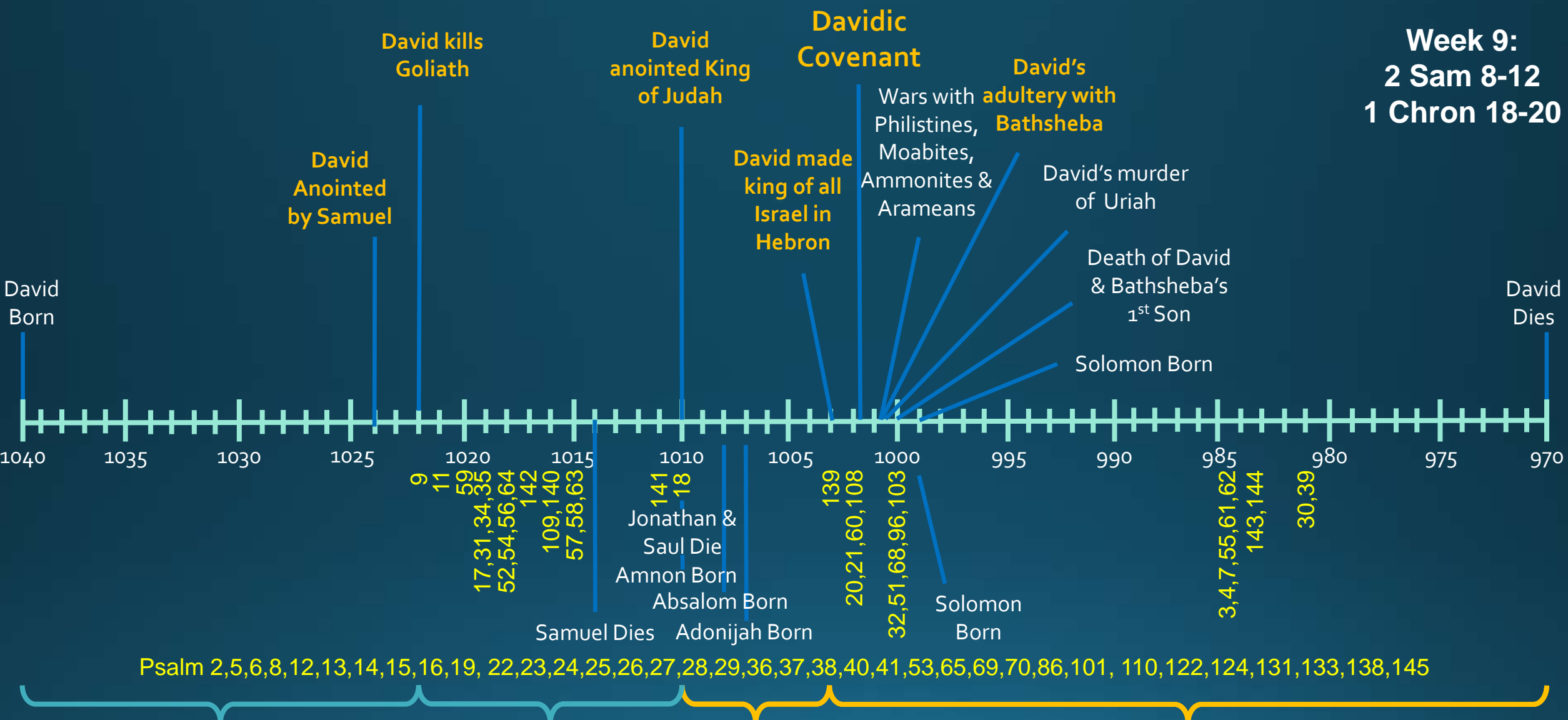
New Covenant ~33 AD, unconditional): Grace

Characteristics of the New Covenant:

- Unconditional blessing based upon the finished redemption of Christ.
- Secures blessing for all believers, flowing from the Abrahamic Covenant (Gal 3:13-20), including those of the Abrahamic and Davidic Covenants.
- Its fullest implementation is either in or after the Millennium.
- This covenant is unconditional, final and irreversible, and although it was announced ~580BC, it applies to all who are saved by faith in the Messiah from Adam onward.



Week 9:
2 Sam 8-12
1 Chron 18-20



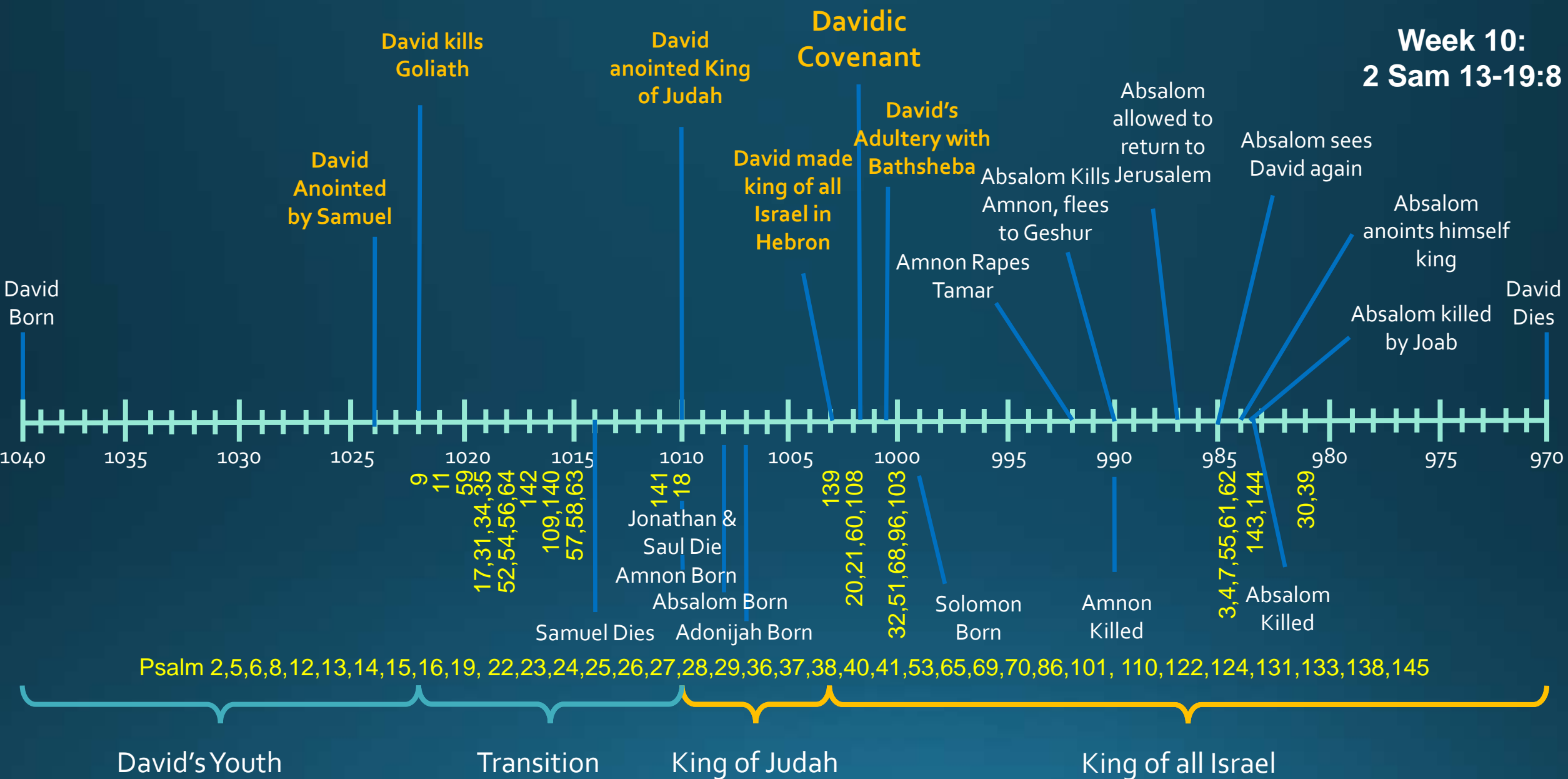
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2 Sam 10

- Wars with Philistines, Amalekites, Edomites, Moabites, Ammonites, and Arameans
- David stays in Jerusalem one spring and commits Adultery with Bathsheba
- Bathsheba becomes pregnant and David tries to hide their sin by bringing Uriah the Hittite back home
- Uriah does not go to Bathsheba, so David gives instructions to have him killed
- David is confronted by Nathan the prophet
- David repents of his sins



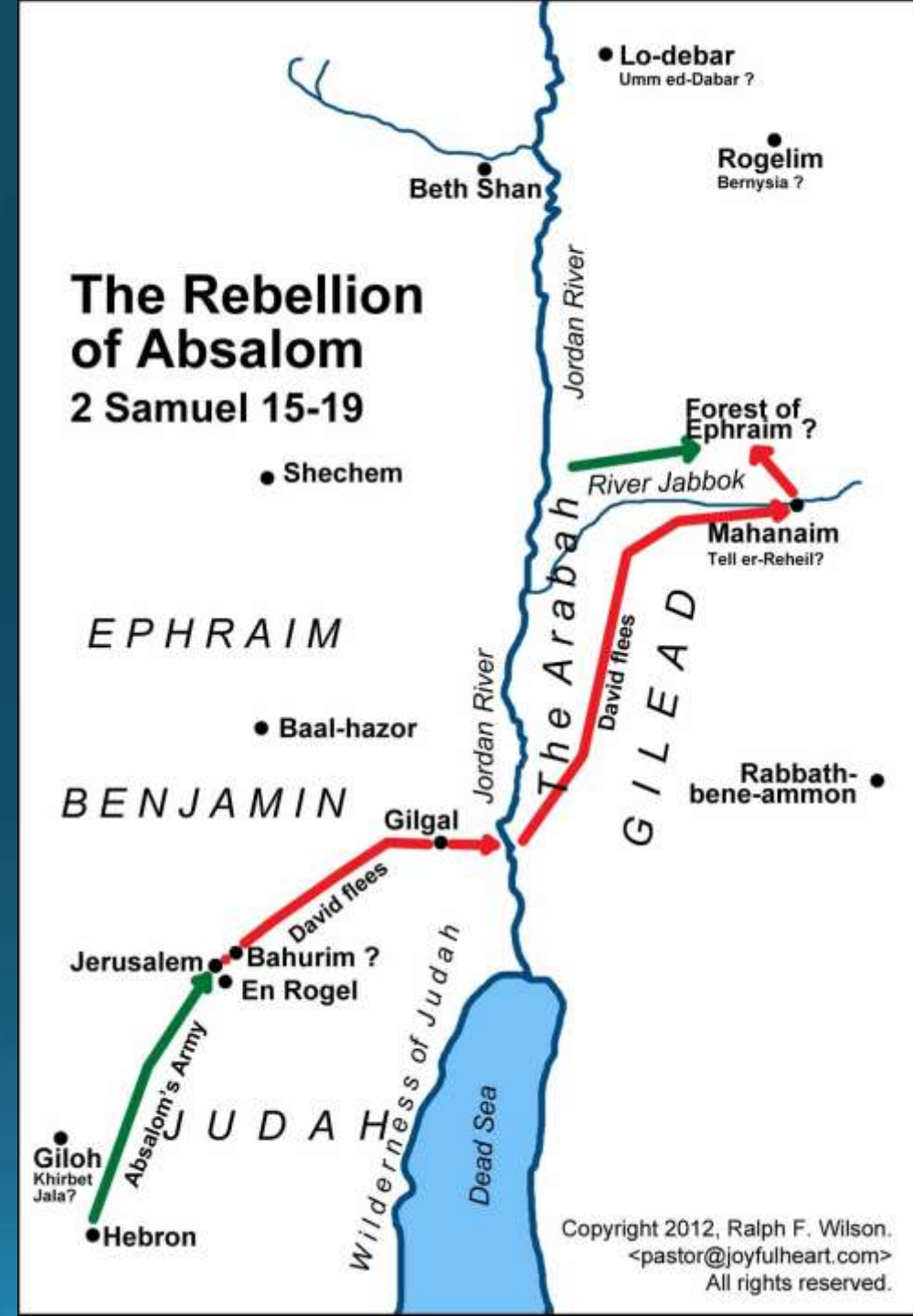
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2 Sam 13-19:8**



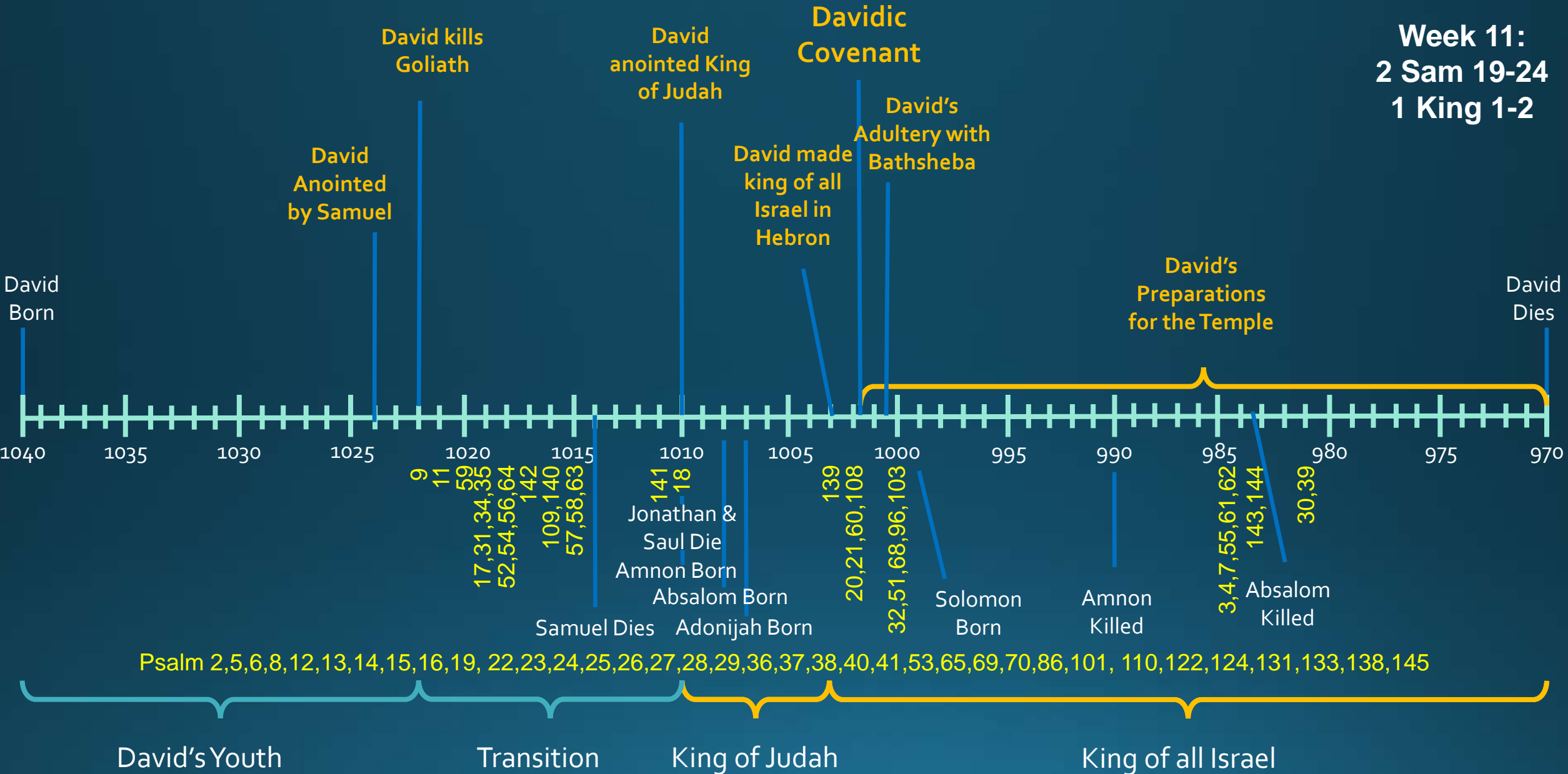
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2 Sam 17

- 1-4 Ahithophel instructs Absalom on how to defeat David by moving quickly to overtake him
- 5-13 Hushai the Archite counters Ahithophel's advise using what seems to be sound advice and convinces Absalom's to follow his advice instead
- 14 ¹⁴ Then Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For the LORD had ordained to thwart the good counsel of Ahithophel, so that the LORD might bring calamity on Absalom.
- 15-22 Hushai, Zadock, and Abiathar send messengers to warn David of the plan
- 23 Ahithophel hangs himself
- 24-29 Several people come to David's aid to help him



Week 11:
2 Sam 19-24
1 King 1-2

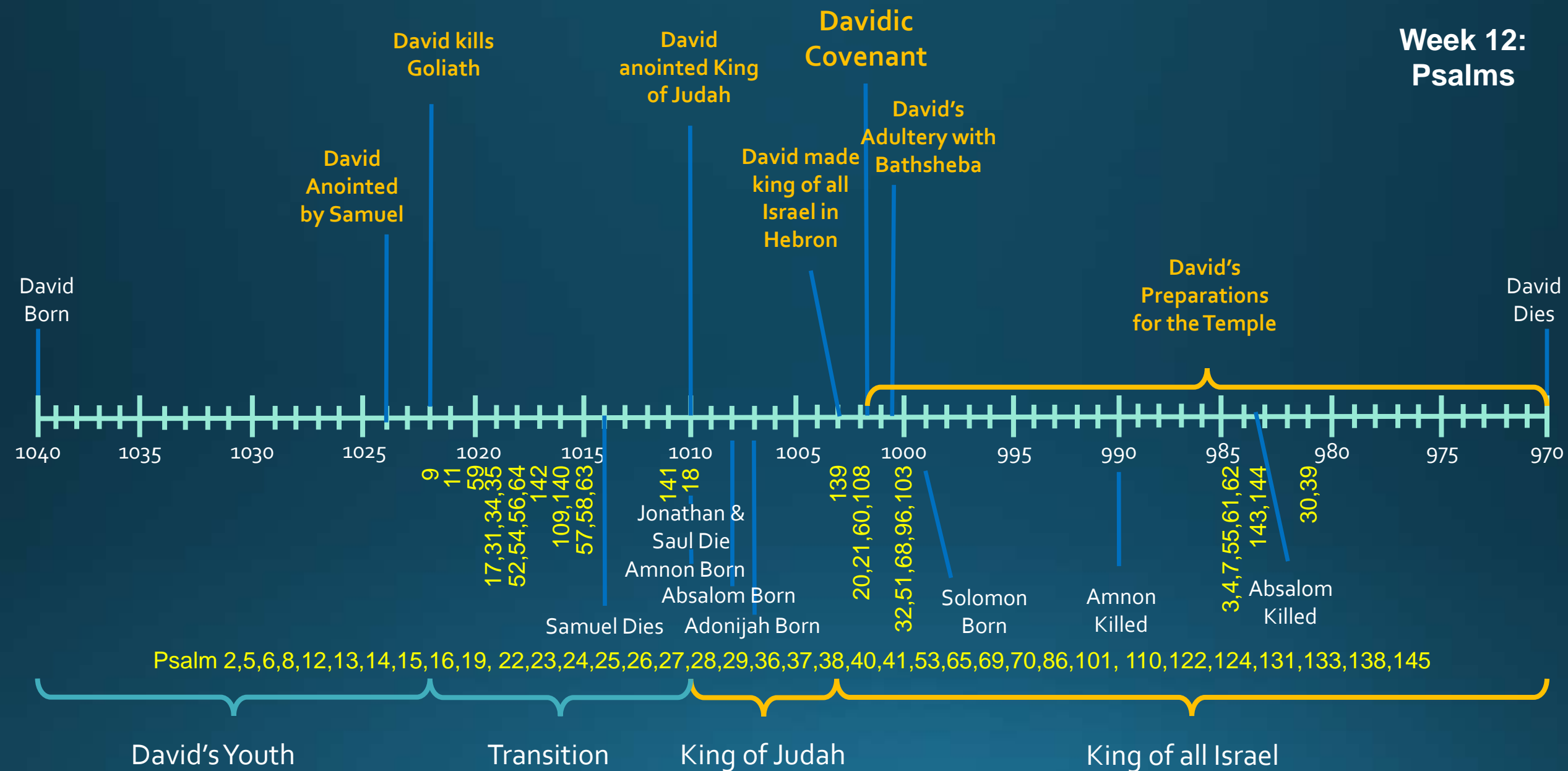


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1 Chron 22 – David's Temple Prep

- 1 The temple location established... ¹ Then David said, "This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel."
- 5 David said, "My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the LORD shall be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all lands. *Therefore* now I will make preparation for it." So David made ample preparations before his death.
- 14 "Now behold, with great pains I have prepared for the house of the LORD 100,000 talents of gold and 1,000,000 talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond weight, for they are in great quantity; also timber and stone I have prepared, and you may add to them.
- 100,000 talents of gold = 7,500,000 pounds = 120,000,000 ounces = \$144 billion
- 1 million talents of silver = 75,000,000 pounds = \$20.4 billion

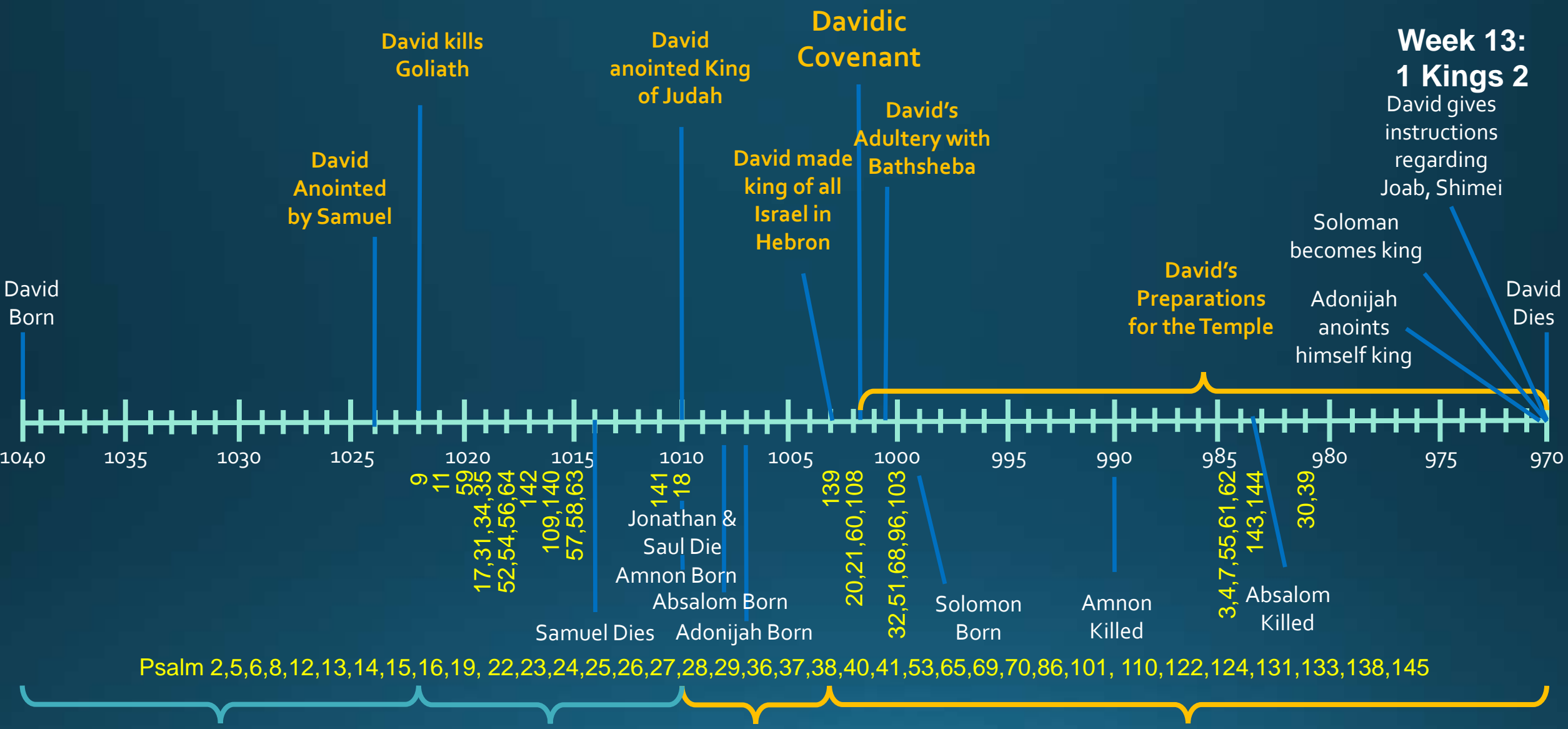




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David's Psalms

- David's influence on the Psalms
 - David wrote 74 of the Psalms, many others possibly by David
 - Many other Psalms written by people appointed under David (Asaph, sons of Korah, Solomon, Heman, etc.)
- Prophecy in the Psalms
 - Psalm 2⁶ "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain." 7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You....' 12 Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish *in the way*, For His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!
 - Psalm 16¹⁰ For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.
 - Psalm 22¹ My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?.... 7 All who see me sneer at me; They separate with the lip, they wag the head, *saying*, 8 "Commit *yourself* to the LORD; let Him deliver him; Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him."... 16 For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet... 18 They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots
 - Psalm 110¹ The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.".... 4 The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." 5 The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath.
- The Attributes of God in the Psalms
 - Eternal, Holy, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Sovereign, Savior, Wrathful, Veracity, Immutable, Righteous, Unsearchable, Good, Giver of Grace, Just



**Week 13:
1 Kings 2**

David gives instructions regarding Joab, Shimei

Soloman becomes king

Adonijah anoints himself king

David Dies

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Conclusions

Week 1

- God knows our hearts
 - **1 Sam 16:6-7** ⁶ When they entered, he looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is before Him."
⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."
- The Lord Obedience over Sacrifices
 - **1 Sam 15:22-23** ²² Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, *And* to heed than the fat of rams. ²³ **"For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry.** Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from *being* king."

Week 2

- All battles are the Lord's
- Standing for the Lord does not mean we will have worldly victory
- Success does not mean an easier life

Conclusions

Week 3

- Vengeance is the Lord's
 - 1 Sam 24:10 ¹⁰ "Behold, this day your eyes have seen that the LORD had given you today into my hand in the cave, and some said to kill you, but *my eye* had pity on you; and I said, 'I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD'S anointed.'
 - Romans 12:19 ¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of *God*, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.
- Relationships where God is at the center can survive any trial

Week 4

- David consistently sought the Lord.
- David trusted that God would deal with his enemies, God is our refuge and our defense.
- The Lord tests both the righteous and the wicked.
- Man can do nothing that is not God's will.

Conclusions

Week 5

- Disobedience is Sin
 - 1 Sam 24:10 ¹⁰ "Behold, this day your eyes have seen that the LORD had given you today into my hand in the cave, and some said to kill you, but *my eye* had pity on you; and I said, 'I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD'S anointed.'
- Disasters are often not as bad as we initially think, and are of little concern when we know that we belong to the LORD because they draw us closer to God
- God's deliverance and blessings should never be credited to man

Conclusions

Week 6

- Obedience to the Lord means not taking matters into our own hands
 - 2 Sam 4:9-12 ⁹ David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, "As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life from all distress, ¹⁰ when one told me, saying, 'Behold, Saul is dead,' and thought he was bringing good news, I seized him and killed him in Ziklag, which was the reward I gave him for *his* news. ¹¹ "How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous man in his own house on his bed, shall I not now require his blood from your hand and destroy you from the earth?" ¹² Then David commanded the young men, and they killed them and cut off their hands and feet and hung them up beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth and buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

Conclusions

Week 7

- God's promises are always fulfilled
- David consistently attributed his success to God
- David violated God's will in his marriages
 - (Dt 17:17) ¹⁷ "He shall not multiply wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.
- More is expected from those who know God's word than those who do not
- There are always repercussions for our sins

Conclusions

Week 8

- The promise of a savior passed from Adam to Abraham to David
- The Davidic covenant was another predecessor to the New Covenant by which all the world would be blessed
- God's sovereign plan has not changed, even though successive covenants/dispensations have changed how we view and interact with God

Conclusions

Week 9

- God's name was blasphemed by David's sin
 - Romans 2:23-24 ²³ You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God? ²⁴ For "THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU," just as it is written.
- There are always consequences for our sins
 - Galatians 6:7-8 ⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
- In Grace, God forgives all our sin, but He does not remove the consequences
 - 2 Samuel 12:13-14 (NASB) ¹³ Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has taken away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴ "However, because by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die."

Conclusions

Week 10

- Our relationship with God must always come before any other relationships
 - Matthew 12:48-50 (NASB) ⁴⁸ But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" ⁴⁹ And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold My mother and My brothers! ⁵⁰ "For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother."
- We must be careful in assessing our circumstances to know when it is God who is rebuking us
 - 2 Samuel 16:11 If he curses, and if the LORD has told him, 'Curse David,' then who shall say, 'Why have you done so?'"

Conclusions

Week 11

- We can only give to God what he has already provided

1 Chronicles 29:14,16 ¹⁴ "But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You. ¹⁶ "O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build You a house for Your holy name, it is from Your hand, and all is Yours.

- Pride can be the fastest way from the top to the bottom

Leviticus 26:19-20 ¹⁹ 'I will also break down your pride of power; I will also make your sky like iron and your earth like bronze. ²⁰ 'Your strength will be spent uselessly, for your land will not yield its produce and the trees of the land will not yield their fruit.

Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes dishonor, But with the humble is wisdom.

Conclusions

Week 12

- The Psalms tell us much about the nature of God
- The Psalms provide examples of how we can praise the Lord, a pattern of worship
- The Psalms provide a pattern of living, waiting on the Lord, relying on Him to deliver us
- The Psalms point us to Christ