

**Geshur** was a small kingdom northeast and east of the Sea of Galilee (Deut.3:14; Josh. 12:5; 13:11-13) that maintained its own identity and national independence during the days of Joshua and the Judges right up until the days of David. The capital of the nation was the city called by the same name, Geshur. Later in Israel's history Geshur sided with the Arameans and took the territory of Havvoth Jair from Israel (1 Chron. 2:23) Today Et-Tell, the archaeological site of Old Testament Geshur, is 1.5 miles north of the Sea of Galilee.



Et-Tell (Geshur) is also the location of the New Testament city so well-known from the Gospels as Bethsaida, the home of Peter, Andrew and Philip (John 1:44; 12:21)

The east gate leading into the Old Testament city of Geshur, which was the capital of the kingdom of Geshur, can be seen today. Notice the basalt pavement stones. This is a four chamber gate with two chambers on each side where business and governmental issues were dealt with. One of the chambers can be seen inside the gate on the left side.

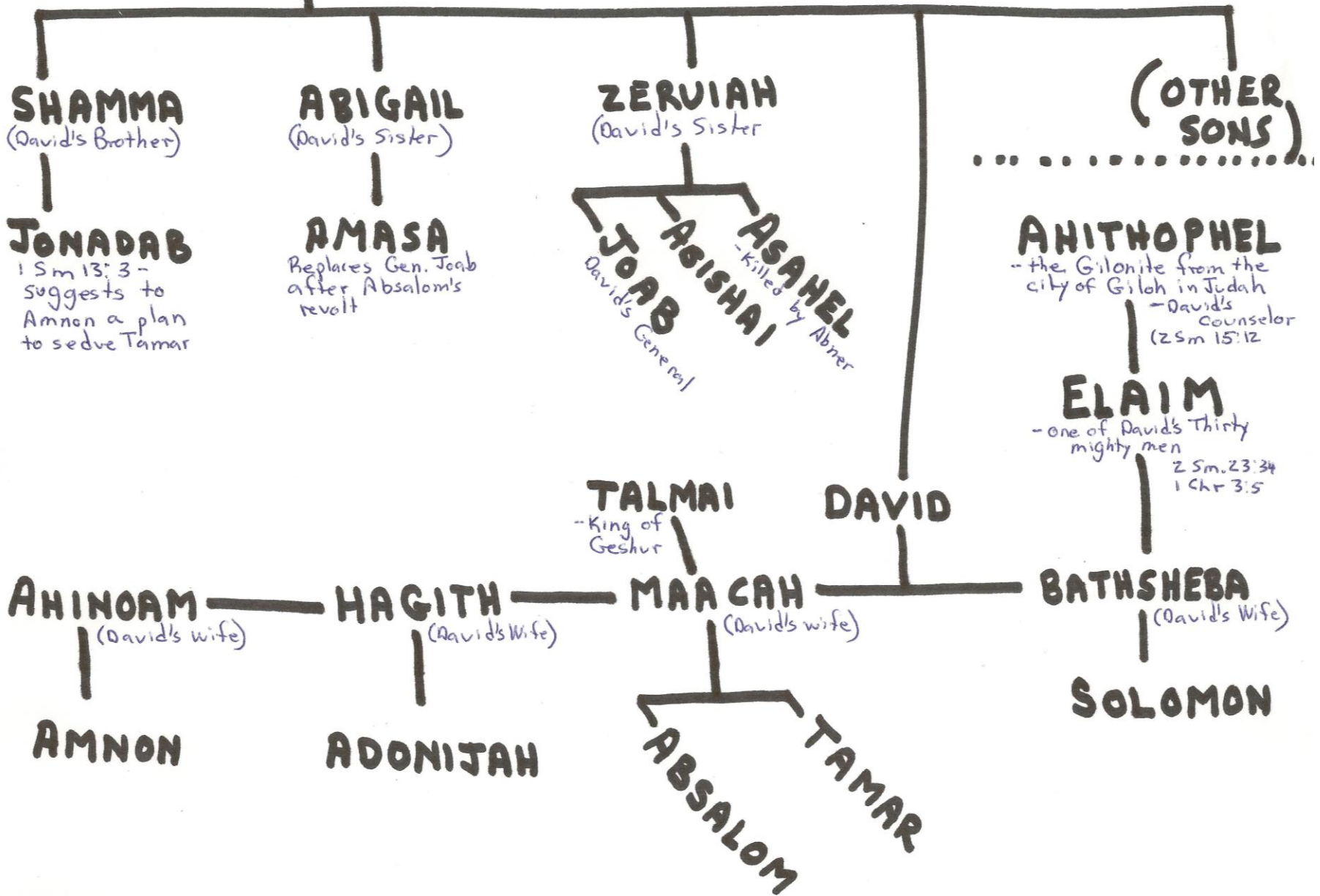


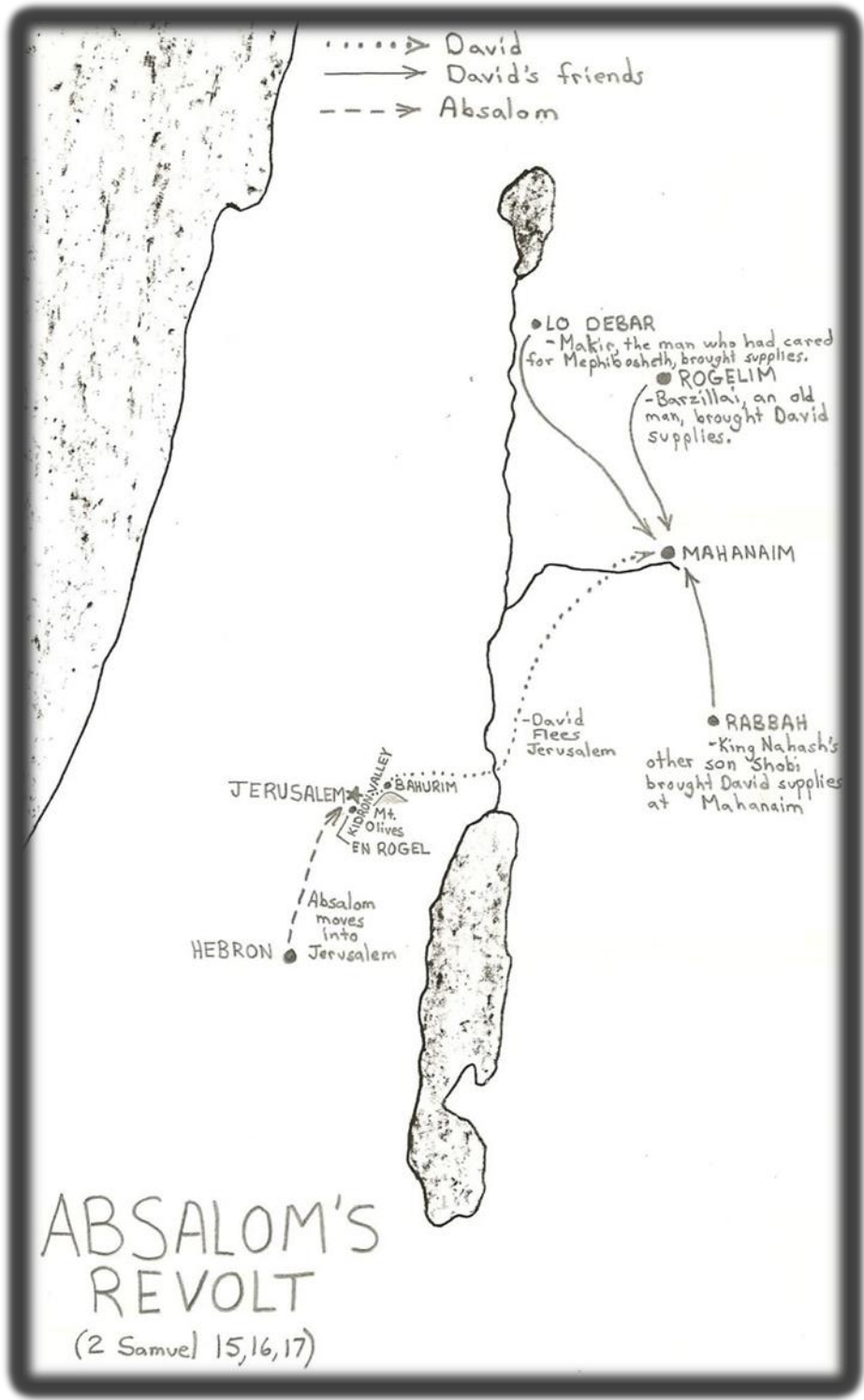
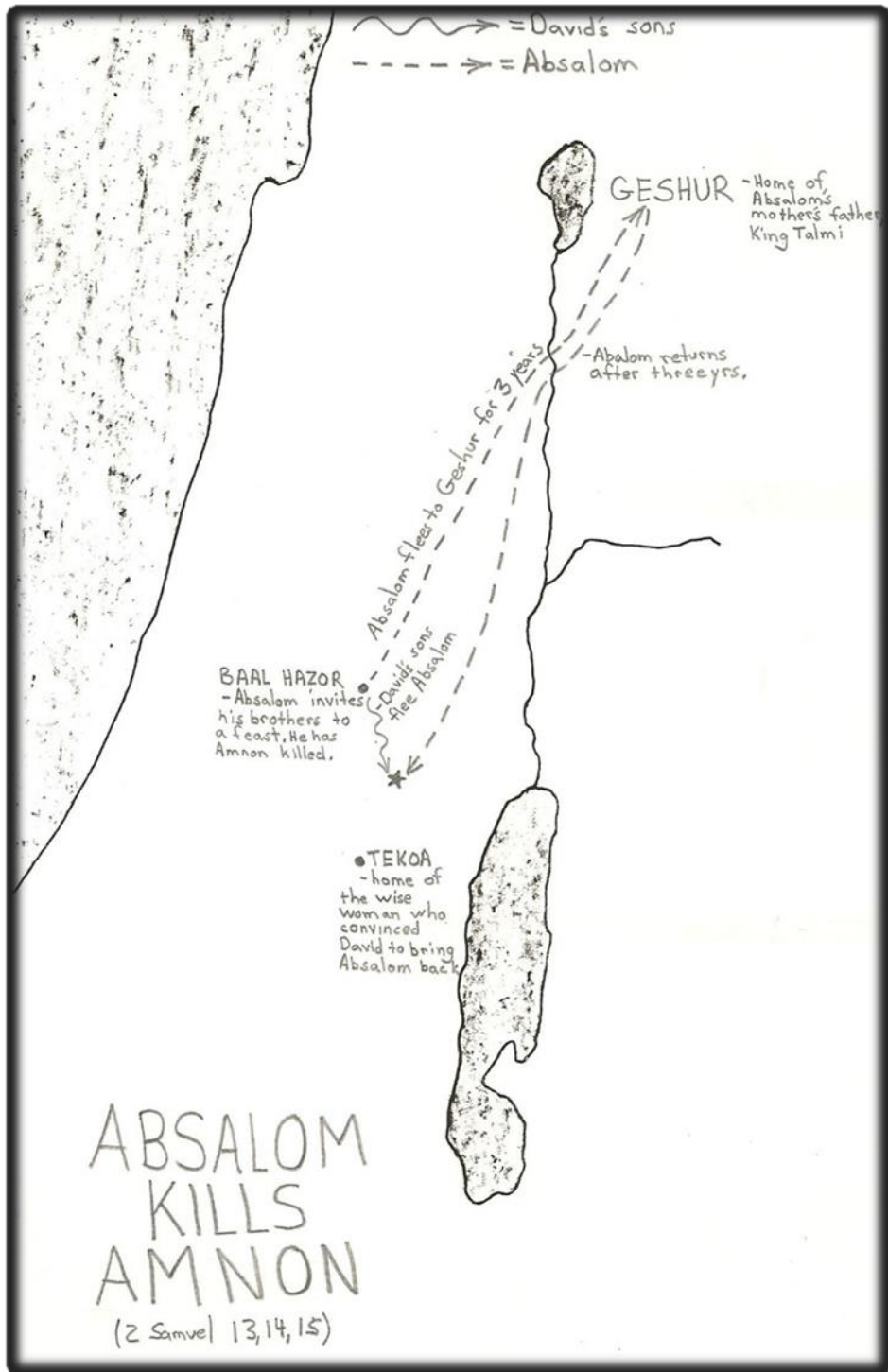
The entrance to the gate is flanked by two standing stones - one on the left and one on the right.

The right side of the gate has the high place of worship with three steps leading up to the stela and basin. The high place of worship on the right side of the entrance to the east gate into the city of Geshur. The standing stela stone (basalt) is engraved with a bull-headed image wearing a sword and supported by a tripod.

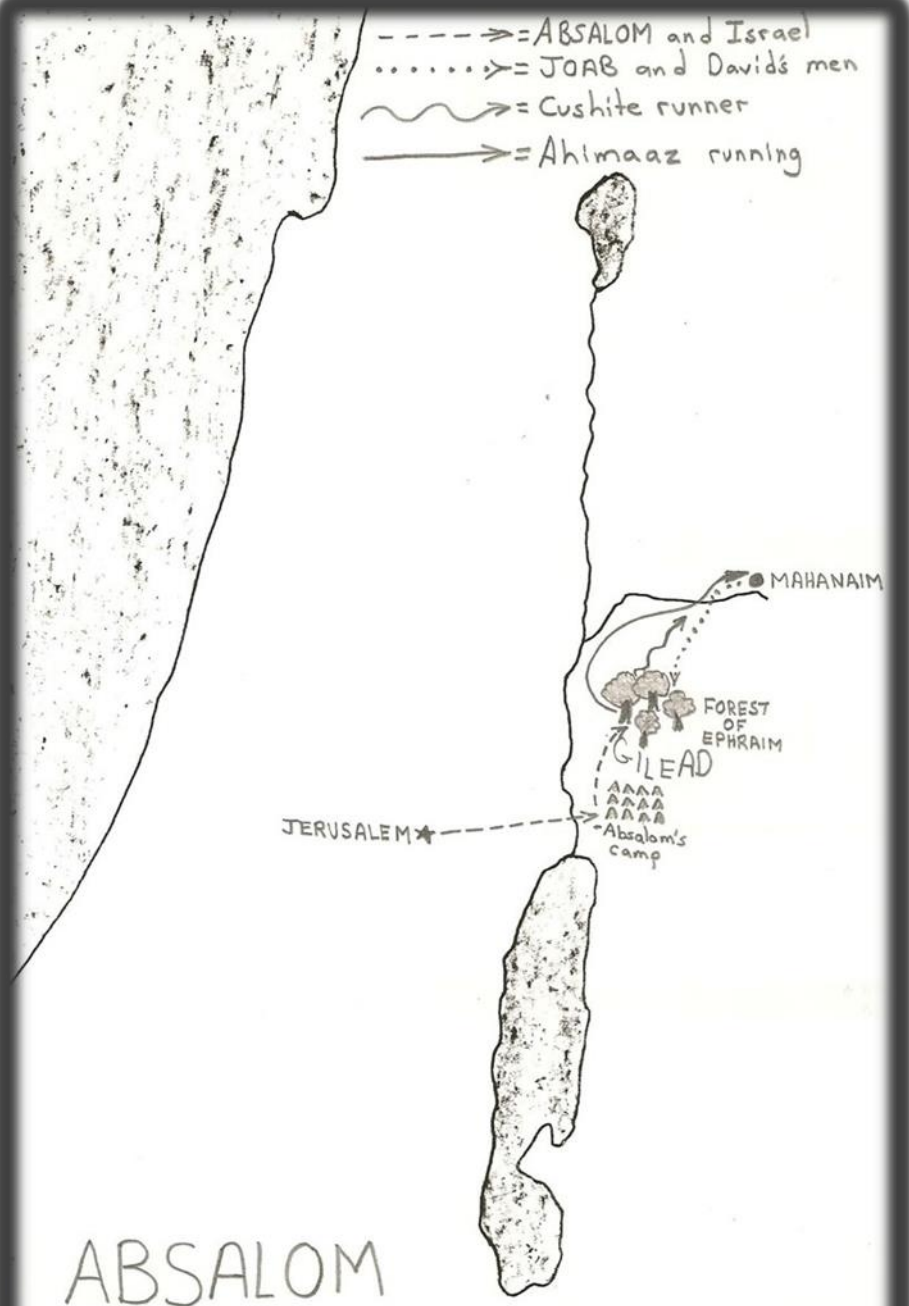


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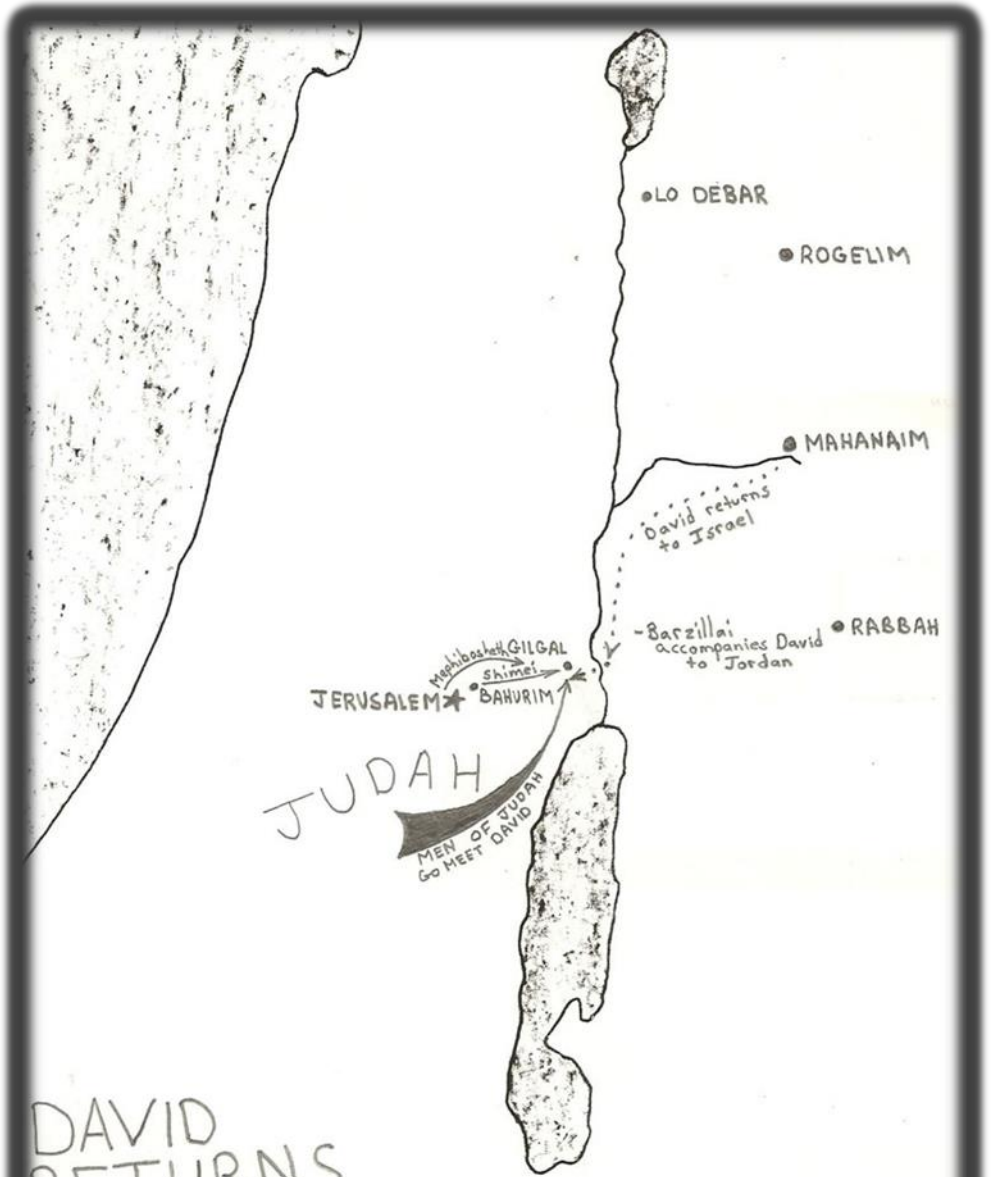




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ABSALOM  
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 (2 Samuel 18:1-19:8)



DAVID  
 RETURNS  
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