

A person stands in a field of tall, golden-brown grass, their back to the camera. Their arms are outstretched horizontally, reaching towards a vast, dramatic sky. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the light suggests a sunset or sunrise, with warm orange and yellow tones. The person is wearing a dark, short-sleeved shirt. The overall mood is one of triumph, freedom, and achievement.

**ASSURANCE OF VICTORY**





## THREE BATTLES

- BATTLE #1
  - NO ASSURANCE OF VICTORY
- BATTLE #2
  - AN ASSURANCE OF VICTORY
  - WHY IT MATTERS
- BATTLE #3
  - WHAT WE HAVE VICTORY OVER
  - HOW WE GAIN AN ASSURANCE OF VICTORY
  - 3 KEYS TO LIVE IT OUT



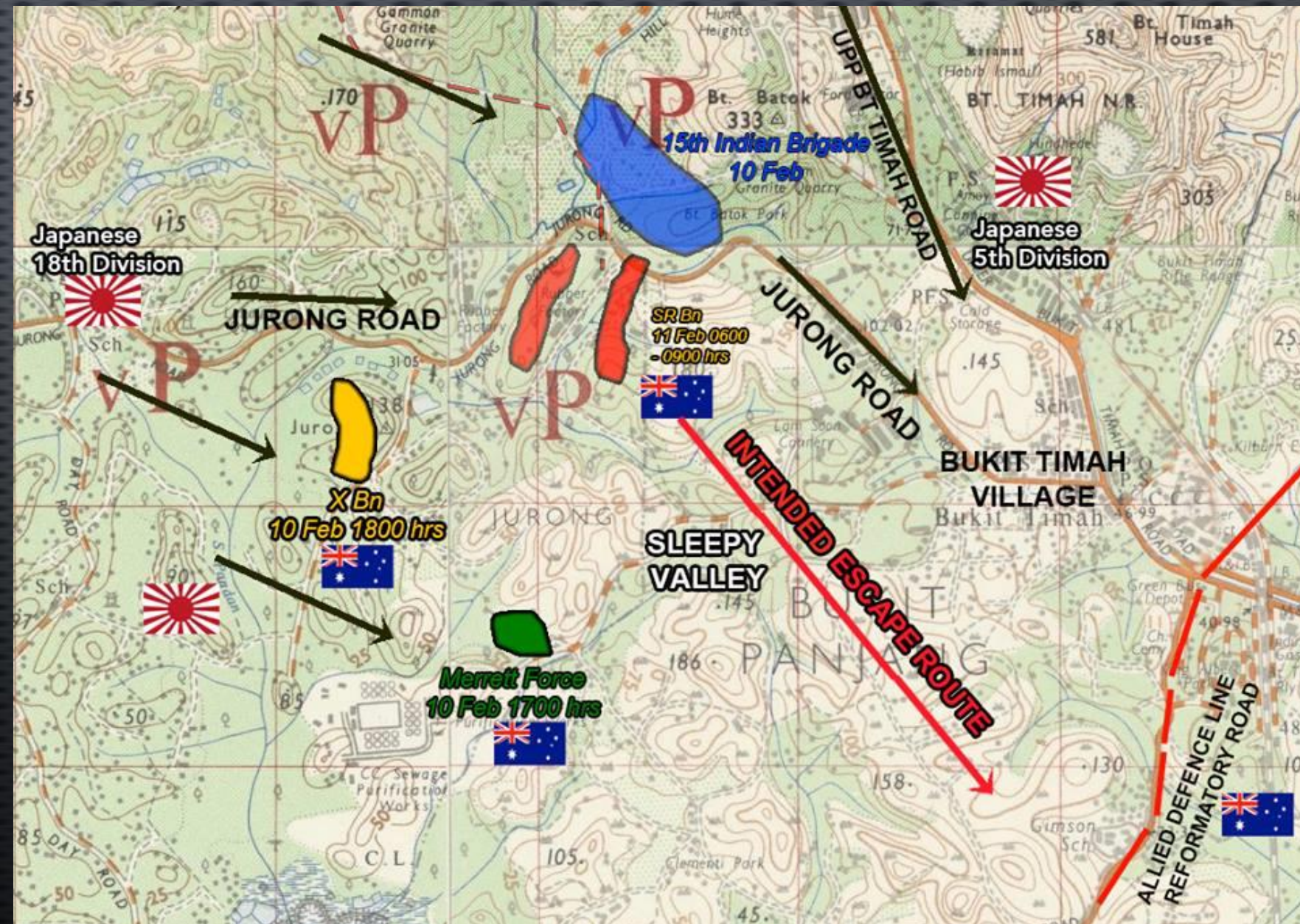
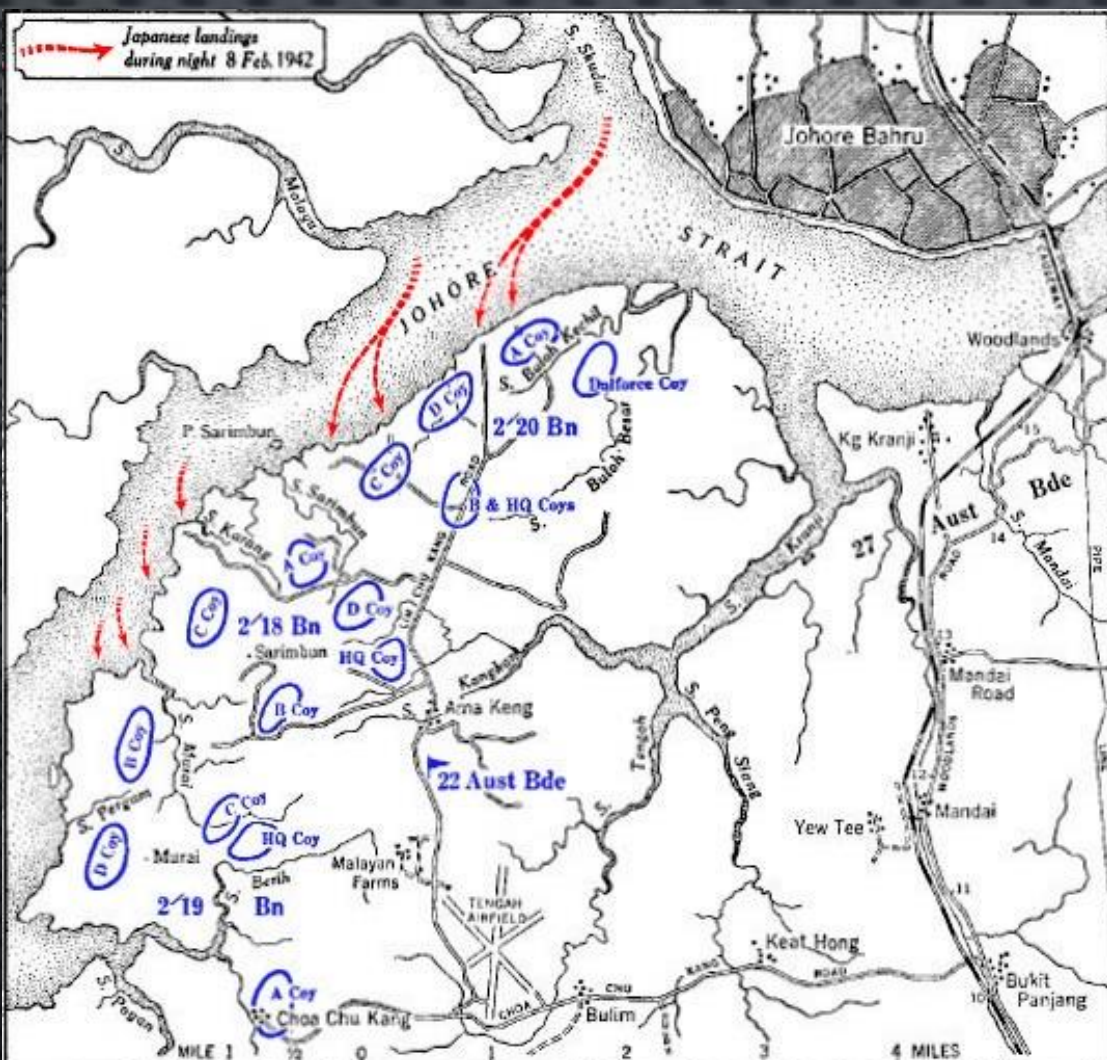
# Assurance of Victory

Complete certainty that in the end,  
you will win





## #1 BATTLE OF SINGAPORE





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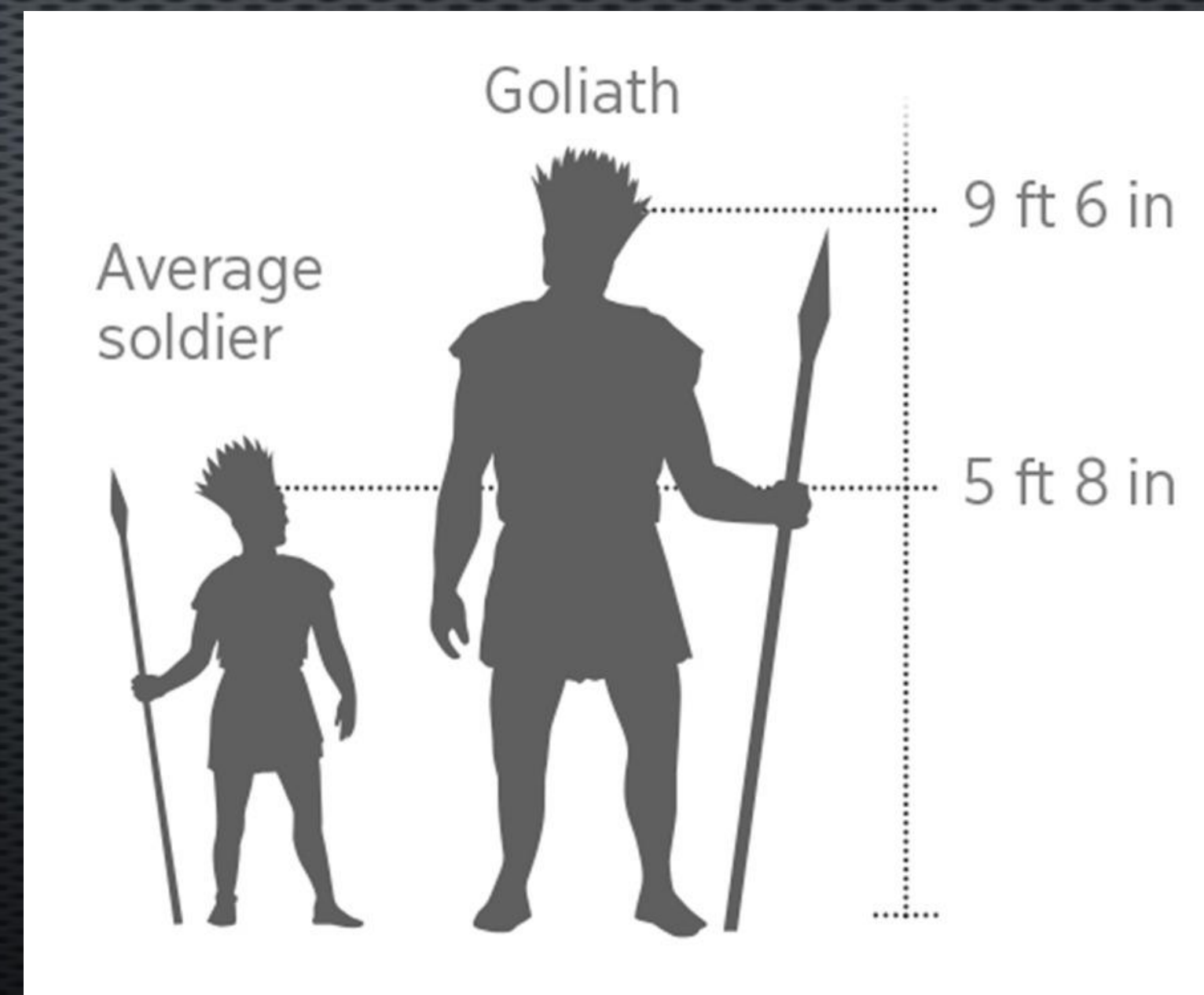
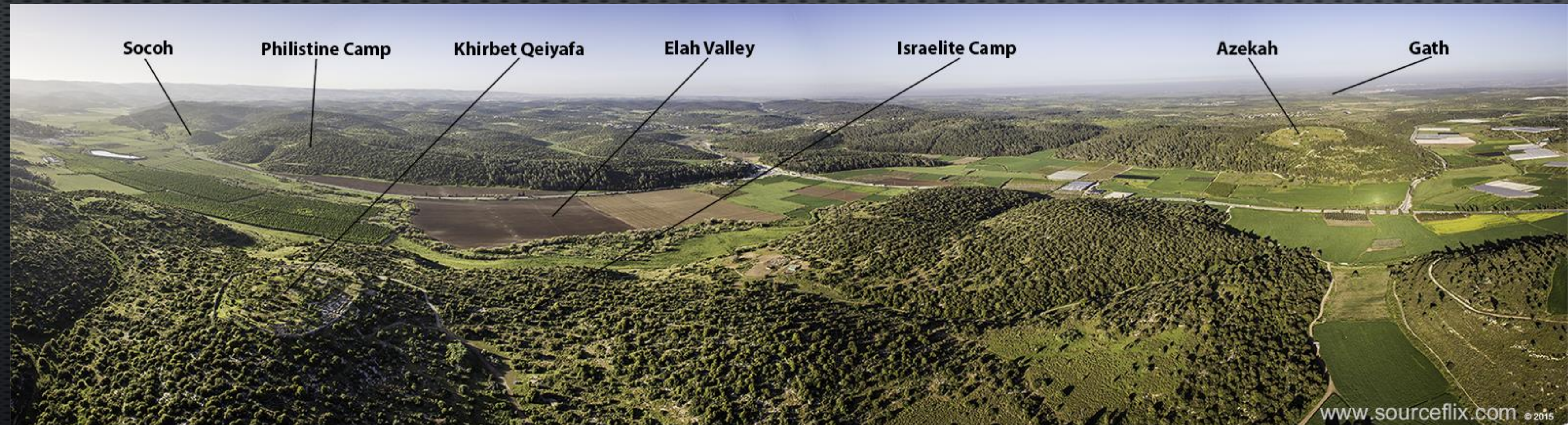
### GEN PERCIVAL

- SAW THE ENEMY AS GREATER THAN HIMSELF
- BELIEVED THE ENEMY'S BLUFF
- DID NOT KNOW THE TRUTH
- WAS CONVINCED THAT IN THE END, HE WOULD LOSE
- SURRENDER WAS THE BETTER OPTION

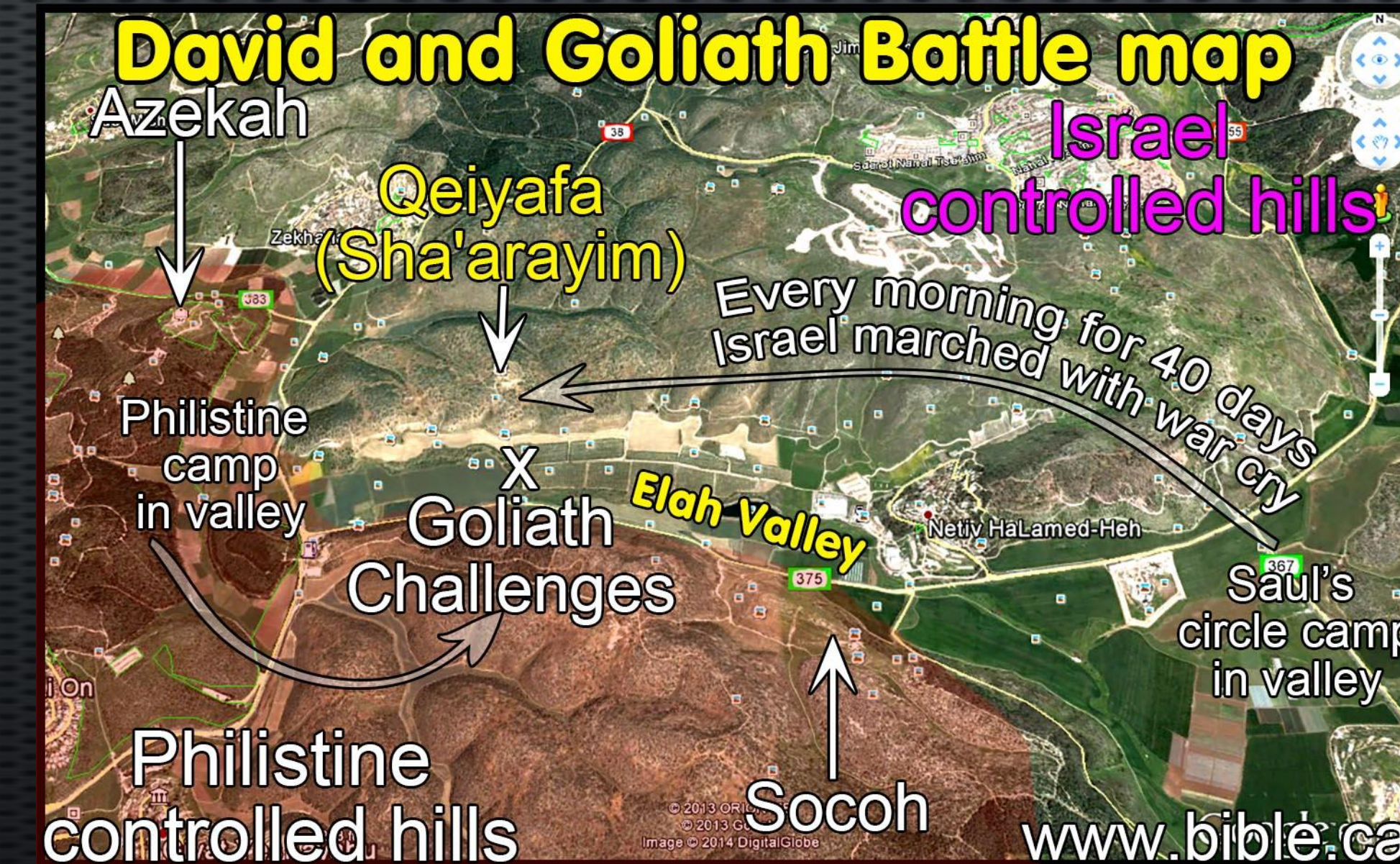
"My attack on Singapore was a bluff, a bluff that worked. I had 30,000 men and was outnumbered by more than three to one. I knew that if I had to fight long for Singapore I would be beaten. That is why the surrender had to be at once."

-GEN Yamashita









## #2 BATTLE OF ELAH

### DAVID

- SAW THAT GOD WAS GREATER THAN GOLIATH
- WAS NOT INTIMIDATED BY THE ENEMY'S TAUNTS
- KNEW THAT THE BATTLE WAS THE LORD'S
- HAD A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DELIVERER
- WAS CONVINCED THAT IN THE END, GOD WOULD WIN

- FOUGHT TO BRING GOD GLORY

### 1 Sam 17

<sup>45</sup> David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup> All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."





## ASSURANCE OF VICTORY GIVES US

- **COURAGE** TO FACE THE BATTLE EVEN IF THE ENEMY SEEMS BIGGER THAN WE ARE
- **CONVICTION** TO STAND OUR GROUND ON OUR BELIEFS
- **CONFIDENCE** THAT THE OUTCOME IS IN GOD'S HANDS









### **Victory over Sin**

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

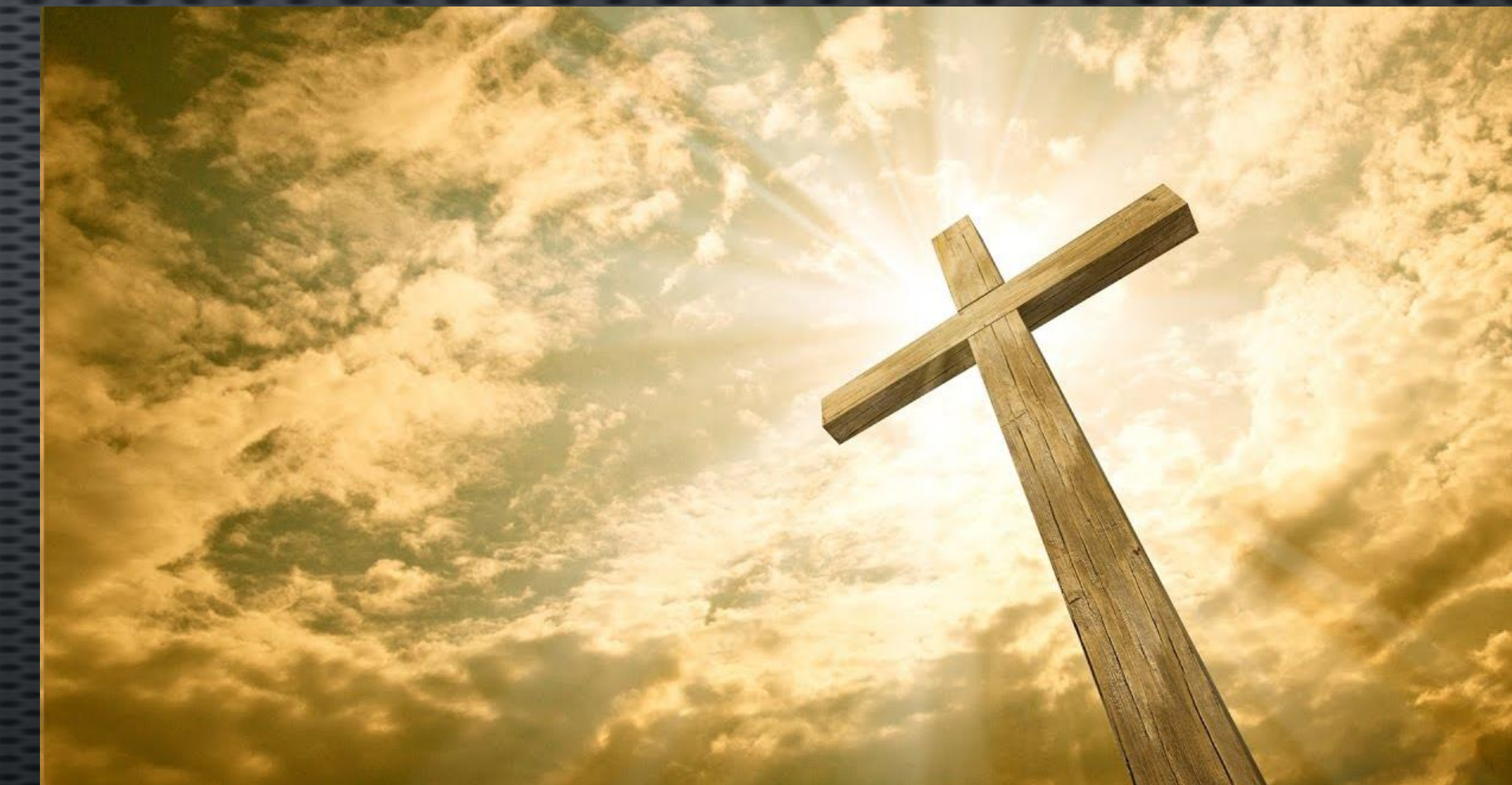
## **#3 BATTLE OF MANKIND**



### **Victory over Death**

Rom 6:9

For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.



### **Victory over the Devil**

Col 2:15

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.



### #3 BATTLE OF MANKIND

# Jesus Christ

is our Assurance of Victory

1 John 5:4

<sup>4</sup> for everyone born of God overcomes the world.

This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.



### #3 BATTLE OF MANKIND

**Rev 21** Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea...  
<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and **God himself will be with them and be their God.** <sup>4</sup> ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. **There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain,** for the old order of things has passed away.”...  
<sup>7</sup> **Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.** <sup>8</sup> But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—**they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur.** This is the second death.”



Christians don't fight *for* victory,  
fight *from* victory.



## THREE KEYS TO LIVE IT OUT

### Key 1- See the Battlefield through God's eyes

When you fight for victory, we battle against flesh and blood.  
When you fight from victory, the battle is in the heavenly realms.

Eph 6:12

<sup>12</sup> **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood**, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

### Key 2- Stand on the Truth of God's word

When you fight for victory, there is a chance that you will lose.  
When you fight from victory, you know that you will win in the end.

Deut 31:6

<sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; **he will never leave you nor forsake you.**"

1 Cor 10:13

<sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, **he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.**

Rom 5:3-5

<sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that **suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,**

Rom 8:28

<sup>28</sup> And we know that **in all things God works for the good of those who love him**, who have been called according to his purpose.

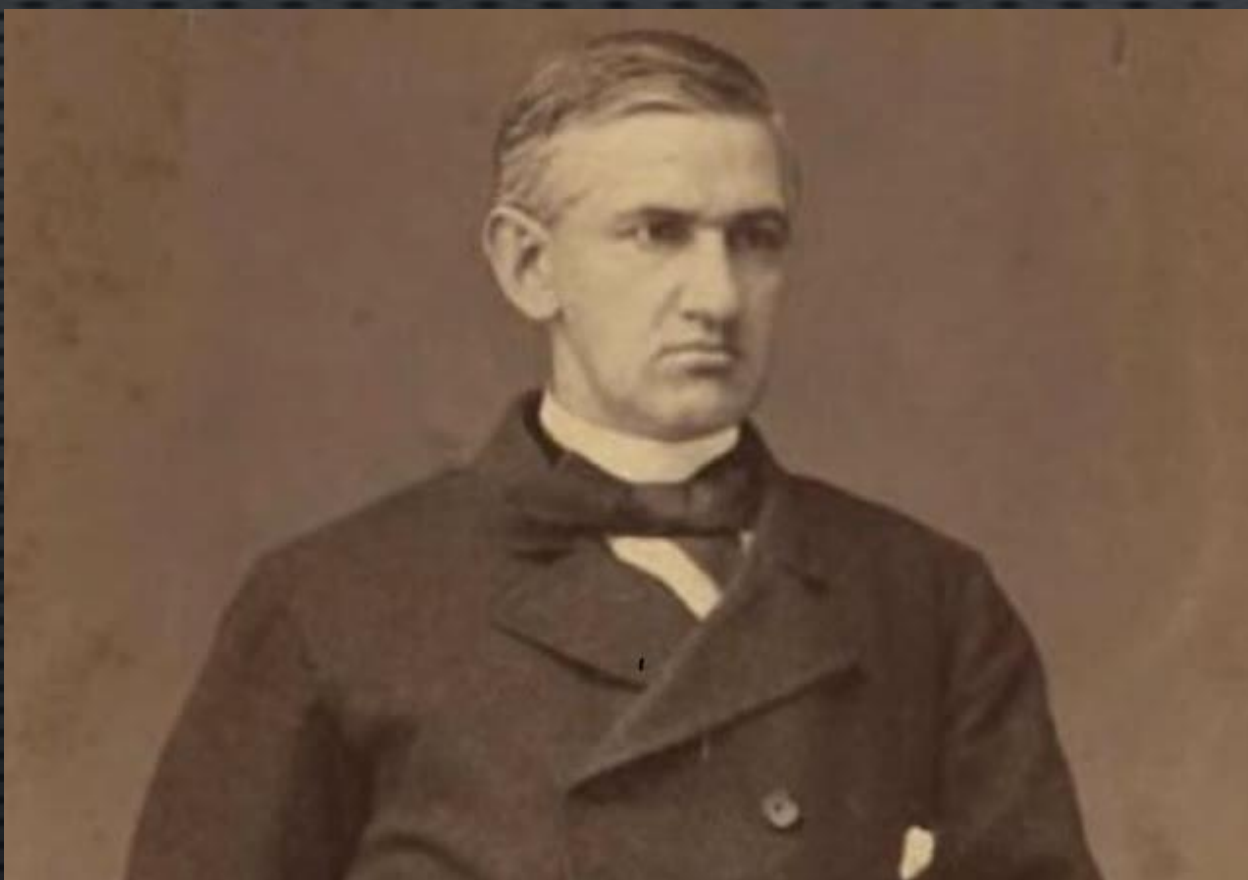
### Key 3- Seek the Glory of God

When you fight for victory, the focus is on what you can do.  
When you fight from victory, the focus is on what has already been done.

1 Cor 10:31

<sup>31</sup> So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, **do it all for the glory of God.**





The Spafford children from left to right: Annie, 1866-1873; Elizabeth (Bessie), 1866-1873; Tanetta, 1871-1873; Willie, 1866-1873.

# **It Is Well With My Soul** **THE STORY OF HORATIO SPAFFORD (1828-1888)** Horatio G. Spafford 1873

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
 When sorrows like sea billows roll:  
 Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,

It is well, with my soul  
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
 Let this blest assurance control,  
 That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!  
 My sin, not in part but the whole,  
 Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,  
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

And Lord haste the day, when my faith shall be sight,  
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
 The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
 Even so, it is well with my soul.

