

Event 7: David's Expansion

The green arrows on the map show the military expansion that David took from his new capital at Jerusalem. He expanded west towards the Coastal area to Gezer (a) and Joppa (h) and Gath (b) South down Hebron to Arad and to the Dead Sea (d). East across the Jordan via the region of Jericho, to Dibon (c); Medaba (e); Rabbah (g); and Helam (f). From this geographical background, we understand why David moved his capital from Hebron to Jerusalem. Not only is he closer to the northern tribes of Israel, Jerusalem is also a more strategic location where David can easily monitor and protect the areas along the Two Imperial Highways.