



THE BENJAMITES & *The Hope* *of Israel*

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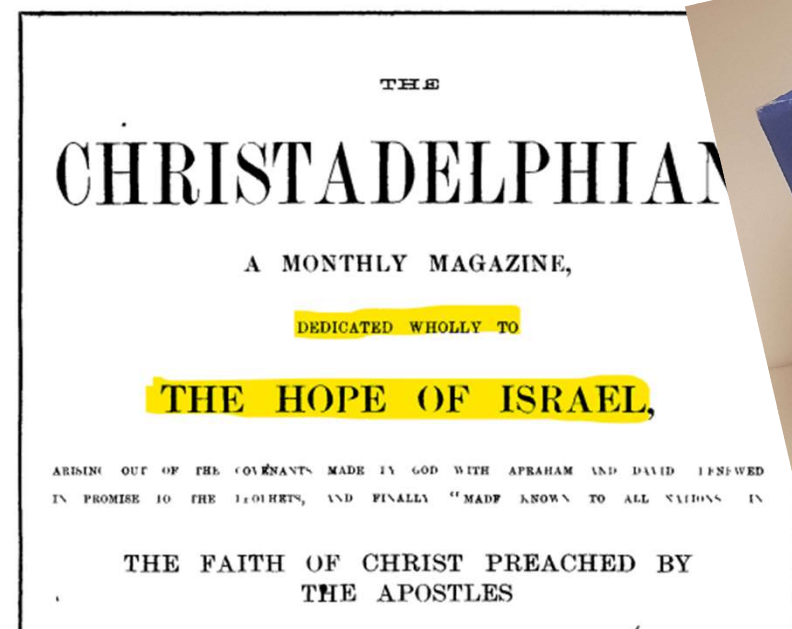
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1	Benjamite Beginnings
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3	The tale of two Sauls
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Getting to know Benjamin

Who raised him as a child?

How old was he when his brother 'died'?

Was he another resented favourite?

Family?

His view of the summons to Egypt?



Getting to know Benjamin

How old was he when he
stood before Joseph?

A meal 5x greater than his brothers?

Arrested for thieving! Condemned to be a slave?

Surprise at an elder brother pleading for his life?

An unexpected reunion!!



Genesis 35

- **Jacob (Israel)**

- Deceitful ([Hosea 7:16](#))
- Failed to wait on God ([Hosea 12:6](#))
- Folly ⇨ Fled as a refugee from land of promise ([Isa 30:16](#))
- Reassurance of God's promises, esp. Restoration ([Zeph 3:20](#))
- Serves in a labour (Laban) camp in a foreign land ([Jer 25:11](#))



Genesis 35

- **Jacob (Israel)**

- Called to return ([Jer 45:27](#))
- Great wrestling and struggles on re-entering the land ([Jer 30:7](#))
- Returns to rebuild ⇨ worship at House of God (Bethel) ([Ezra 1](#))
- No longer Jacob, but **Israel** ([Isa 43:1](#))



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- V2 – Put away foreign gods, purify, clean garments (Ex 19:10-14)
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Bethel

*I am
God Almighty*

V11 & 12

- Jacob ⇨ Israel
- Become a nation
- Kings
- The Land



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- V11 & 12 – Promises emphasised: Nation, Land, Royalty
- V14 – Drink offering: law re Israel's dedication to God (Num 28:7)



Israel

*Shall a nation be **born** at once? for as soon as Zion **travailed**, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the **birth**, and not cause to **bring forth**? saith Yahweh*

Isa 66:7-9

Fear not, thou shalt have this son also.

Gen 35:17

Ichabod

*The glory is
departed from Israel*

1 Sam 4:22



Gen 35:21,22

Israel journeyed

Israel dwelt

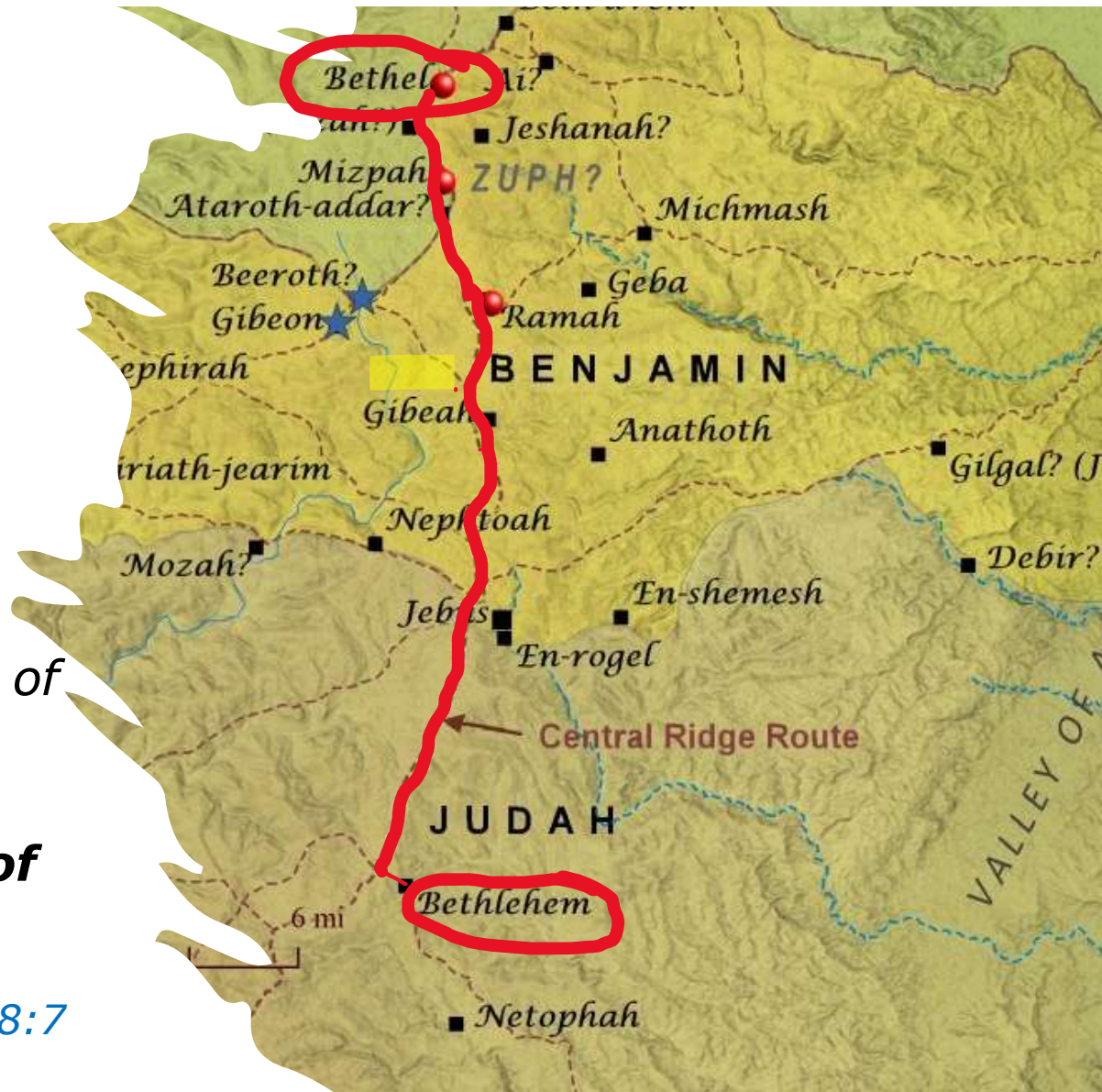
Israel heard



Rachel's grave ... & Benjamin's birthplace

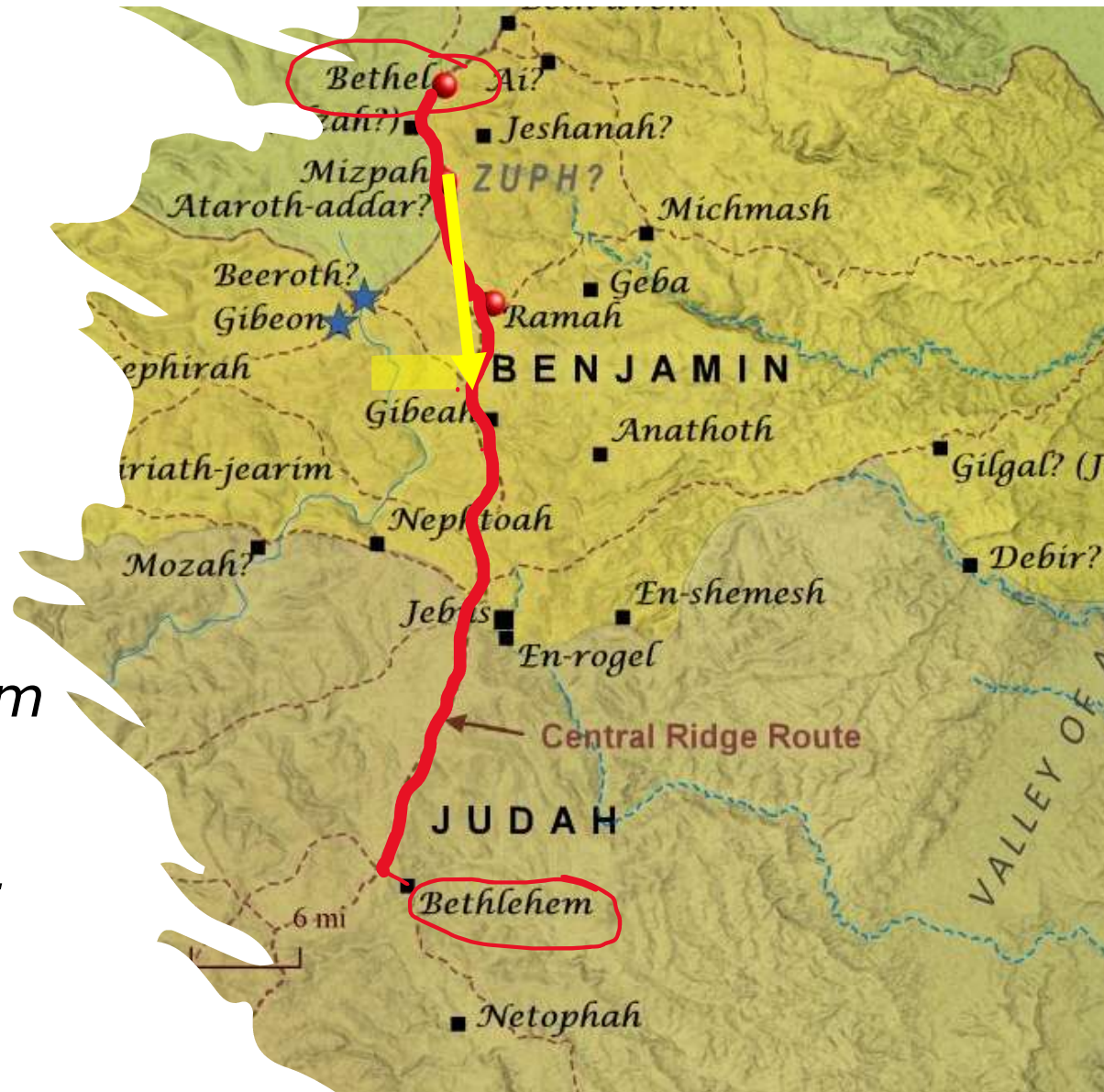
*... when I came from Padan,
Rachel died by me in the land of
Canaan in the way, when yet
there was but **a little way to
come unto Ephrath:** and I
buried her there **in the way of
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Bethlehem.***

Gen 48:7



Rachel's grave ... & Benjamin's birthplace

*When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men **by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin** ... 1 Sam 10:2*



Benjamin's Birthplace

The Road to Ephrat

The idea that Rachel dies near Ephrat (or Bethlehem), just before they got there, is based on a misunderstanding of the phrase דרך “the road to” or לבוא “the way of/approaching.”

In the Bible, and in general, a road is named after the destination, so it is called “the way of Ephrat” because that is where they were going, but it does not mean they were anywhere near there.

Thus, I would translate the phrase here: “**while having travelled (only) a *short distance* on the way to Ephrat.**”

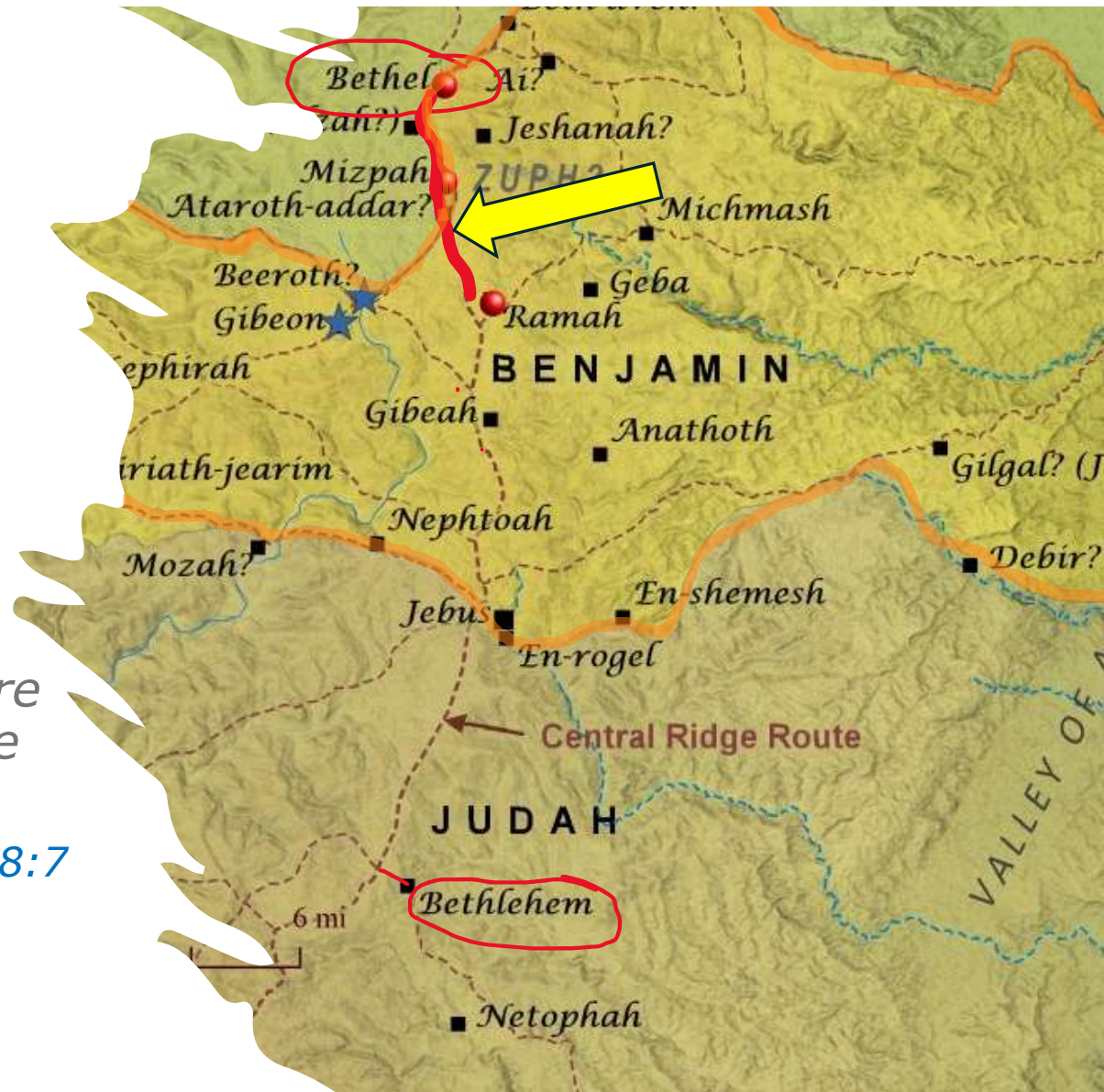
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The desolation of

to hand: also they set on fire
all the cities that ²they came to.

CHAPTER 21.

¹ The people bewail the desolation of Benjamin. ¹⁶ The elders consult how to find wives for those that remain. ²³ The virgins surprised.

NOW the men of Israel had sworn in ^bMizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife.

² And the people came ^dto the house of God, and abode there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore;

³ And said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be to day one tribe lacking in Israel?

⁴ And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and ^ebuilt there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

⁵ And the children of Israel said, Who is there among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? For they had made a great oath concerning ^fhim ^gthat came not up to the altar to Mizpeh, saying, He

JUDGES 21.

Benjamin bewailed.

² Heb. were found.
Gen. 19. 15.
¹ Sam. 9. 8
& 13. 15, 16
& 21. 3.
¹ Chr. 29. 17.
² Chr. 34. 32.
Ezra 8. 25.

^a ver. 5.
Cp.
¹ Sam. 11. 7.

^b ver. 18.
ch. 20. 1.

^c Deut. 7. 2.
Cp.
Num. 31. 17.

³ Heb. knoweth the lying with man.
ver. 12.

^d ch. 20. 31.

⁴ Heb. young women virgins.

^e Josh. 18. 1.
Cp. ver. 2.

⁵ Heb. and spake and called.

^f ch. 20. 47.

^g ch. 20. 26.
² Sam. 24. 25.

⁶ Or, pro-claim peace.
Cp.
Deut. 20. 10.

⁷ Num. 11. 22.

⁸ ver. 6.

⁹ Cp.
ch. 5. 23.

¹⁰ And the congregation went thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, ^aGo and smite the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children.

¹¹ And this is the thing that ye shall do, ^cYe shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that ³hath lain by man.

¹² And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four hundred ⁴young virgins, that had known no man by lying with any male: and they brought them unto the camp in ^eShiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

¹³ And the whole congregation sent some ⁵to speak to the children of Benjamin, that were in the rock Rimmon, and to ⁶call peaceably unto them.

¹⁴ And Benjamin came up at that time; and they gave them wives which they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead: and yet ⁷it sufficed them not.

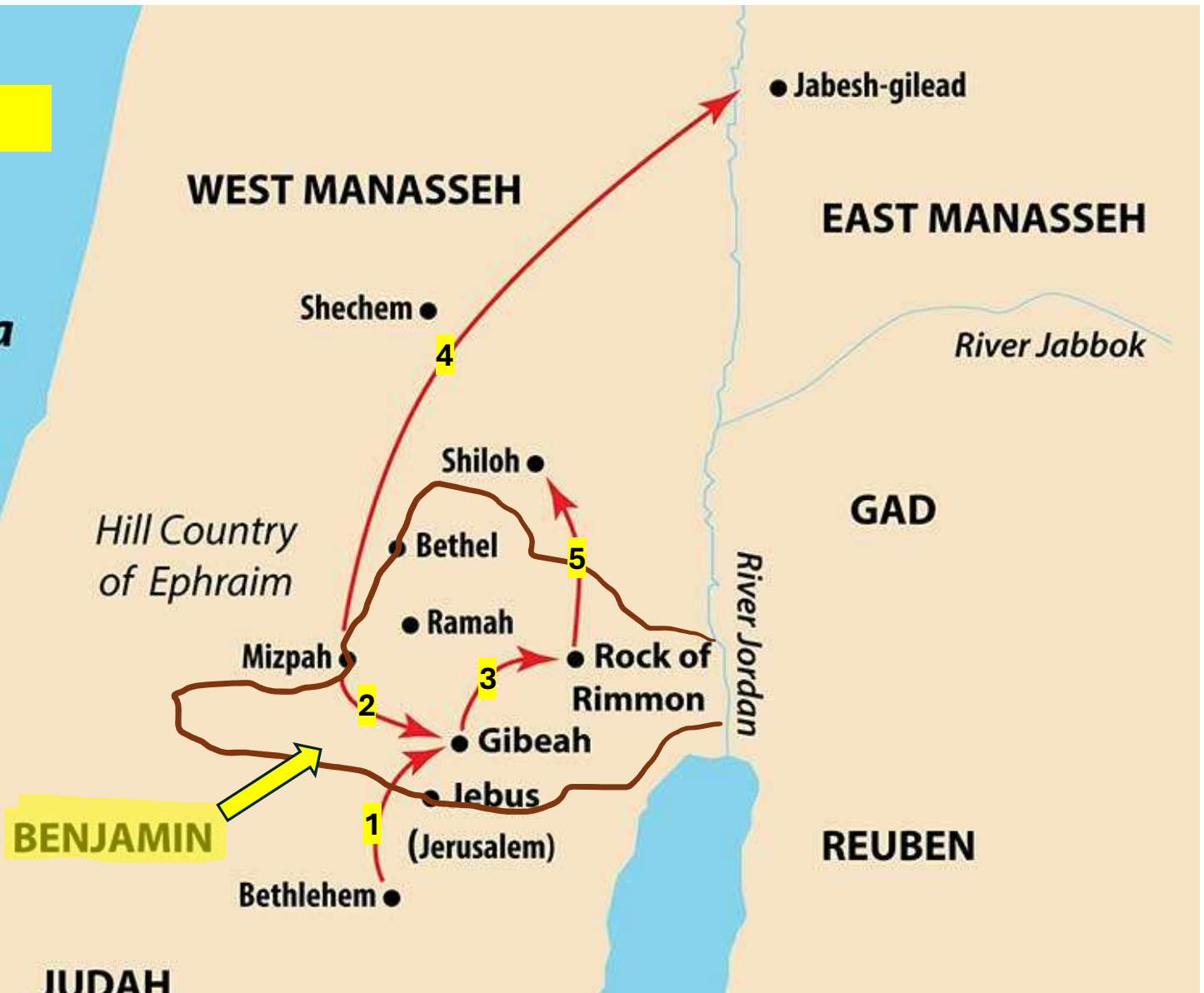
¹⁵ And the people ⁸reproached them for Benjamin, saying, that the LORD had made breach in the tribes of Israel.

¹⁶ ⁹Then the elders of

For whatsoever things were written
aforetime were written for our
learning, that we through patience
and comfort of the scriptures might
have hope.
Rom 15:4

JUDGES 19 - 21

Mediterranean Sea



One word summaries

Judges 19

Crime ➡

Sin ➡

Failure ➡

Judges 20

War ➡

Judgement ➡

Death ➡

Judges 21

Aftermath

Regret

Remnants



In those days there was no King in Israel

Hosea

The Broken Relationship

*For now they shall say, **We have no king, because we feared not the LORD**; what then should a king do to us? **Hosea 10:3***

*Plead with your mother, plead: for **she is not my wife, neither am I her husband** **2:2***

*the **spirit of whoredoms** is in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD. **5:4***

*They have **deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah**: therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins. **9:9***

Correction for the whole Nation

But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

*And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, **and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?***

Rom 2:2-3

Day 1: 22,000 of Israel slain

Day 2: 18,000 of Israel slain



The conquest of Ai – Josh 7 & 8

- Israel has sinned [7:1, 11](#)
- The men of Ai smote them ... their hearts melted [7:5](#)
- Pleading before the LORD [7:6-9](#)
- Identical battle tactics (deception & ambush) [8:4-7](#)
- Utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai [8:26](#)

Gibeah of Benjamin (Judges 19)

Parallels to the last night in Sodom (Gen 19)

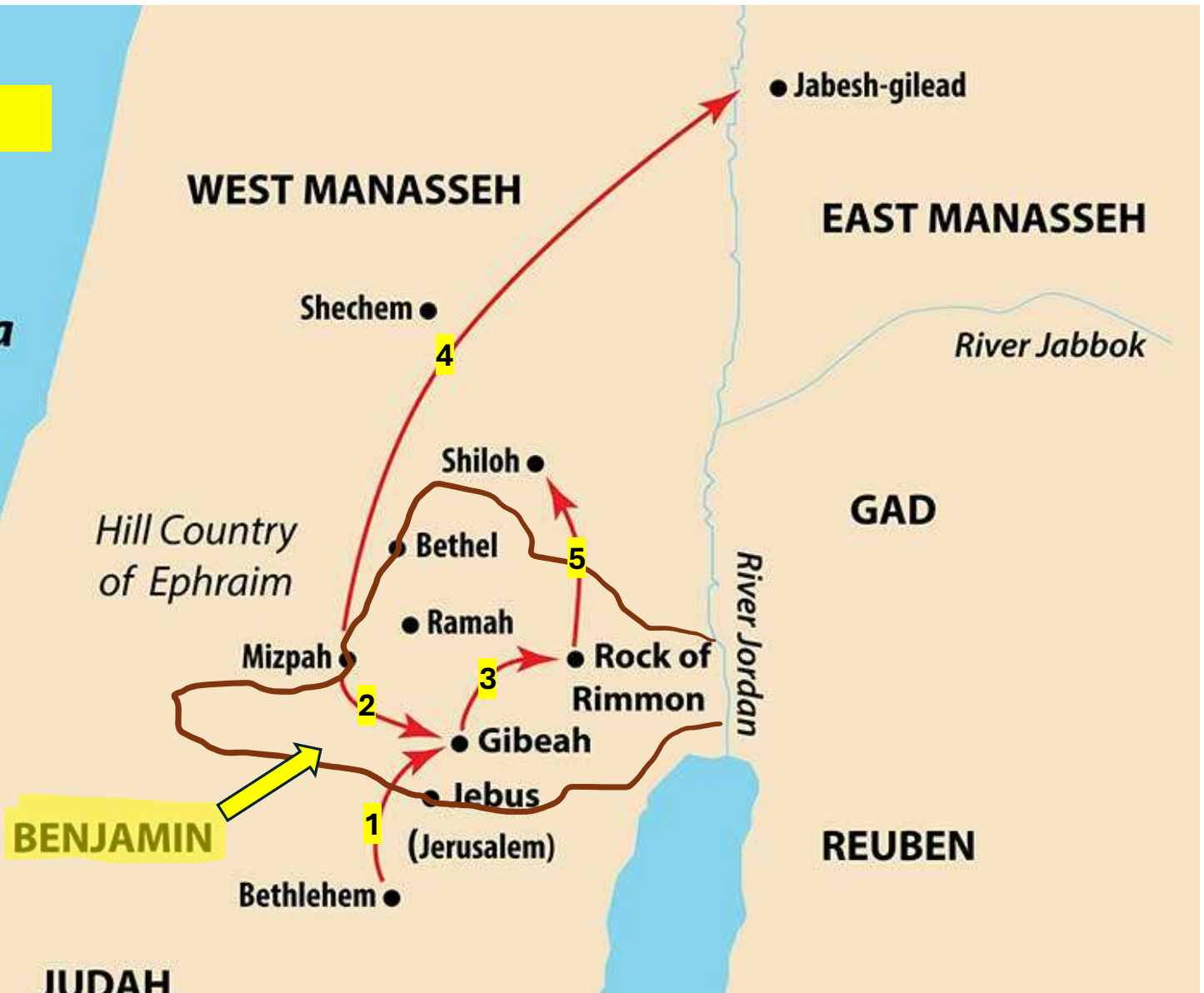
- Visitors arrive at even
- A sojourner offers hospitality
 - He urges guest(s) not to stay outside
- Same door thumping & evil request by men
- Same plea to back off
- Same offer of the vulnerable
- Same complete destruction of the cities



But in Gibeah: no angels- no deliverance - no faithful Abraham!

JUDGES 19 - 21

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Timing of Judges 19-21 Gibeah of Benjamin?

Between Joshua & Othniel?

- Cohesion and unity (cp Josh 22:10-14
Judges 20:1&2)
- No king in Israel (17:6, 18:1, 19:1 & 21:25)
- Mention of Phinehas (20:28)
- Josephus

High Priesthood			
		Aaron	Ex 4:14 to Deut 10:6
		↓	
Nadab	Abihu	Eleazar	Died Josh 24:33
		↓	
		Phinehas	Early Judges - Othniel(40 years) Not to be confused with Eli's son

The Time of the Judges (1415 - 1065 BC)

Miracle of Israel's survival



Attempts to destroy the nation:

- Pharoah
- Assyrians
- Babylonians
- Haman the Agagite
- Romans
- Russians
- Germans
- The Arab nations

Wipe Israel 'off the map' Iranian says

 Give this article



By Nazila Fathi
Oct. 27, 2005

TEHRAN — Iran's conservative new president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, said Wednesday that Israel must be "wiped off the map" and that attacks by Palestinians would destroy it, the IS press agency reported.



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Saul son of Kish



Saul of Tarsus

Two Benjamites

Make us a King! - Was it right?

God's perspective

- They have **rejected me** 8:7
- Gave them a king **in his anger**

O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but **in me is thine help. I will be thy king:** where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes? **I gave thee a king in mine anger,** and took him away in my wrath. Hosea 13:9-11

Samuel's message:

- **wickedness** in asking for a king 12:17
- motivated by fear 12:12

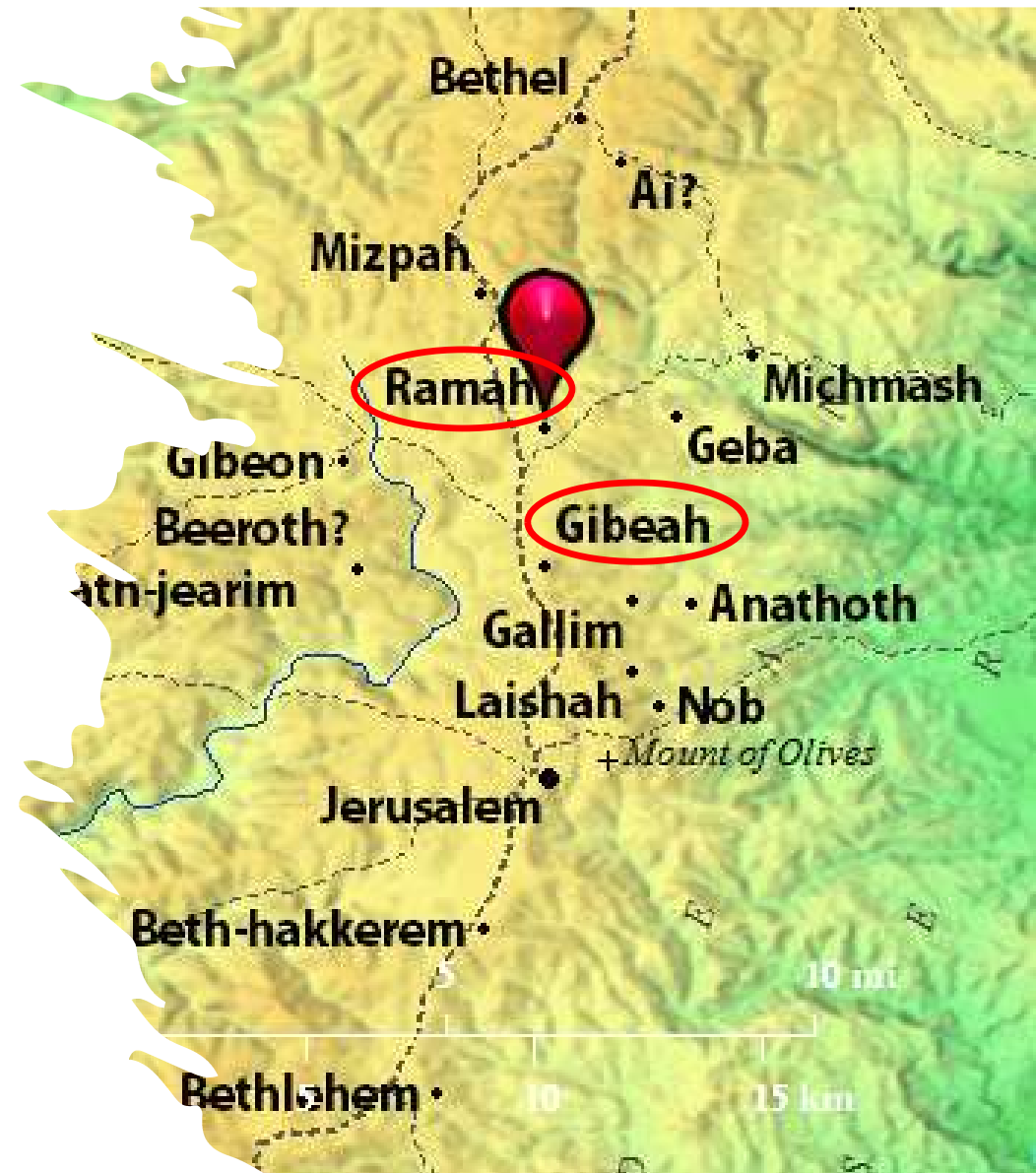
Introducing Saul:

- **Name:** ‘asked’, ‘begged’
- **Home** (capital) Gibeah!
- **Size:** Goodly & Tall
- **Spirituality:** Lost

– A man after their own heart



Saul's home in
proximity to Samuel's



A scriptural contrast

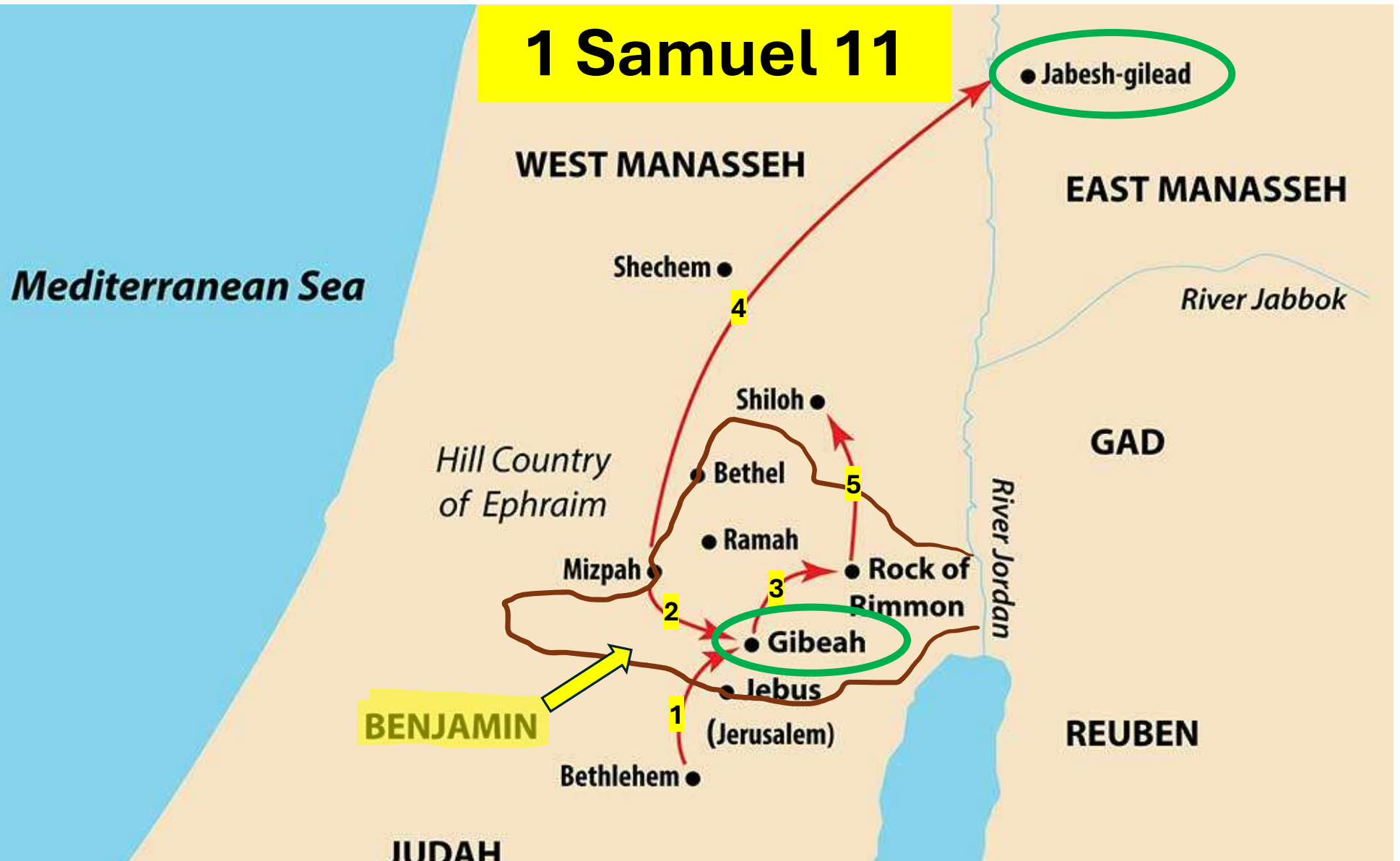
Saul	David
After their own heart	After God's own heart 13:14
Make us a King	I have provided me a King 16:1
Lost & looking for asses	Keeping sheep, guarding, protecting 16:11
Shoulders & upward – higher!	‘Look not on the height of his stature’ 16:7
None goodlier than he!	A neighbour better (Heb: goodlier) than thou 15:28

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- **David & Jonathan - examples of faithfulness**

Factors in the fall of King Saul



- Fear, impatience & not keeping God's command [1 Sam 13:11-14](#)
 - Reflection: 600 men [1 Sam 13:15 & 14:2](#)
- Rebellion, stubbornness, rejected word of Yahweh [1 Sam 15:22&23](#)
- Low self-esteem – not filled with God
 - Honour me before the people [1 Sam 15:30](#)
 - 1,000s vs 10x 1,000s [1 Sam 18:7-9](#) God
- **Ignored his conscience**



Saul the Benjamite	Israel
Unworthy origins (Gibeah) Judges 19-21	Worshipped idols in Egypt Josh 24:14 & Ezek 20:8
when these signs meet you, ... God is with you 1 Sam 10	Shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes Deut 6:22
For rebellion ... stubbornness 1 Sam 15:23	the stubbornness of this people, ... their wickedness ...their sin: Deut 9:27
Persecuted David (the beloved) & his men Psalm 7 Title	Crucified son of David, God's Beloved Son 'they will persecute you' Matt 26:2 & Jn 15:20

Saul the Benjamite	Israel
Thy kingdom shall not continue 1 Sam 13:14	Take off the crown (Ezek 21:26 ... it shall be no more until ... the kingdom of God shall be taken from you Matt 21:43
Spirit departed from Saul - falls into hands of the Philistines 1 Sam 16:14 & 31:1	The glory of YWH departed from Israel I gave them into the hand of their adversaries. Ezek 11:23 & 39:23
An evil spirit from Yahweh troubled him 1 Sam 16:14	If ye will not be reformed but walk contrary to me, then I will <u>also</u> walk contrary to you. Lev 26:23&24
Household destroyed except for a saved remnant 1 Sam 20:14&15	I send my four sore judgments ... to cut off Yet therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth Ezek 14:21&22



Saul the Benjamite



Saul Paul



For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle ... But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

1 Cor 15:8

Saul Paul



Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Eph 3:6-8

Sant Paul



the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant ...

a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to
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1Tim 1:12-16



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Challenges to peaceful transfer of power



1. The privileges of Royalty for the tribe would be lost

Whoever kills Goliath, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.

1 Sam 17:25

Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.” *2 Sam 1:24*



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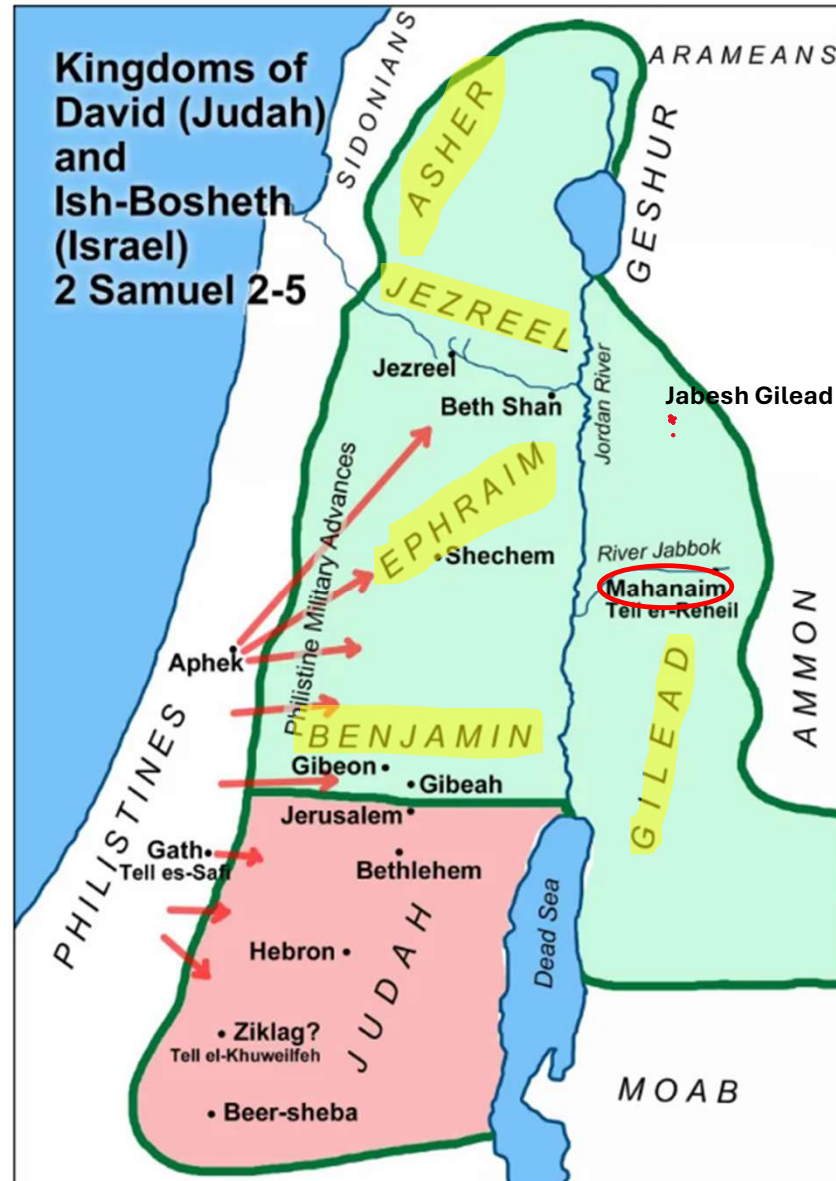
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a. Abner - Ishbosheth [2 Sam 2: 8-9](#)

*But **Abner** the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took **Ishbosheth** the son of Saul, ... to Mahanaim; and **made him king** over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.*

[See map]

**Kingdoms of
David (Judah)
and
Ish-Bosheth
(Israel)
2 Samuel 2-5**





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- a. Abner vs Joab 2 Sam 2:12-17
- b. Baasha 1 Kings 15:27-30
- c. Zimri 1 Kings 16:8-13

RISK: ONE TRIBE BEING CUT OFF IN ISRAEL!



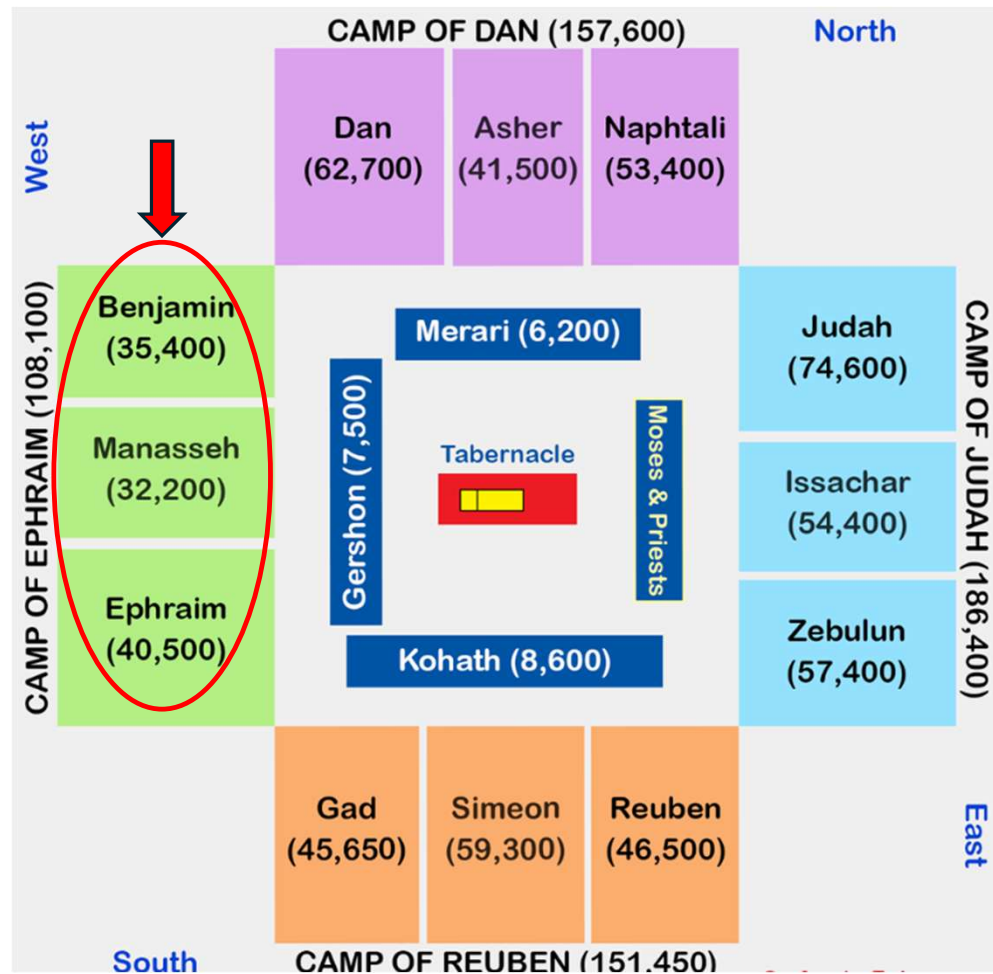
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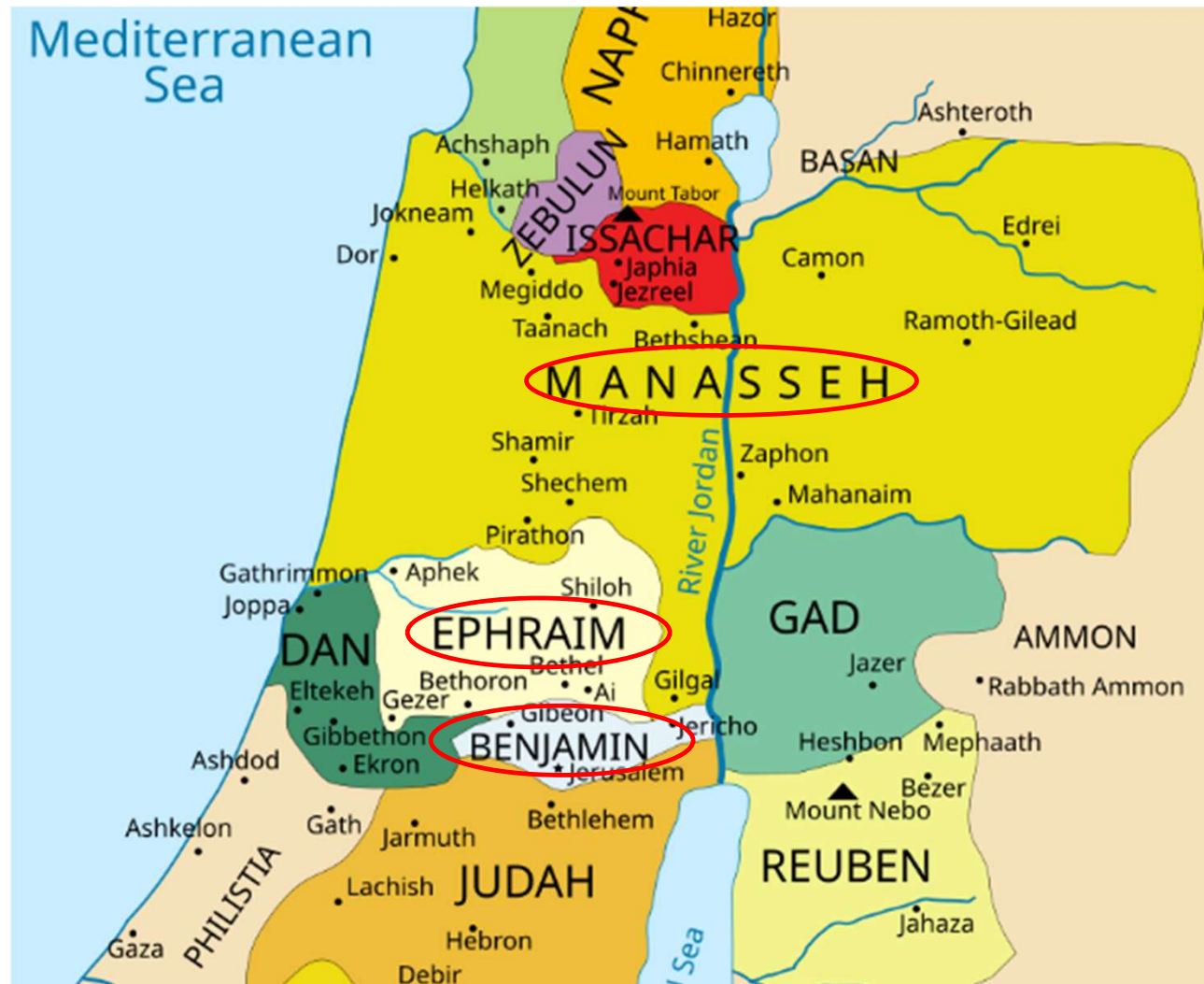
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The encampment in the Wilderness

Number 2 - 3



Territories of the Tribes of Israel





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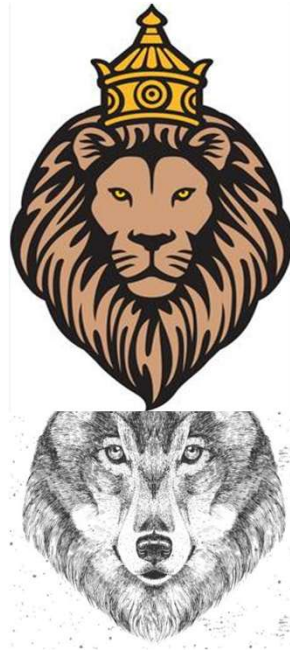


Benjamin - Finding Refuge in Judah

- i. 'Prophetic family history' in Egypt
- ii. Jonathan the covenant maker

1Sam18:3&4, 1Sam 20:14-17 & 42, 1 Sam 23:16-18

- iii. Unexpected Benjamite loyalty



Benjamite defectors to Judah

Now these *are* they that came to David to Ziklag, being yet shut up because of Saul the son of Kish

and they *were* among the **mighty men, helpers of the war.**

They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in *hurling* stones and *shooting* arrows out of a bow, **even of Saul's brethren of Benjamin.**

1Chron 12:1-2

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1Sam 20:14-17 & 42,

1 Sam 23:16-18

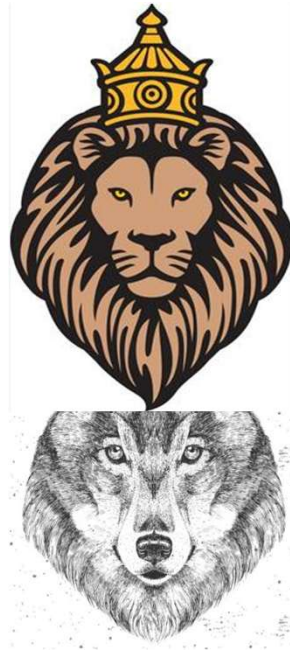
iii. Unexpected Benjamite loyalty

iv. David's political wisdom

e.g. **2 Sam 2:4-7** Praise for Jabesh Gileadites

2 Sam 3: 31-37 Abner lamented

2 Sam 4 Rechab & Baanah ... response: **2 Sam 5:1-3**



Benjamin loyal to Judah

Ahijah caught the new garment that was on Jeroboam, and rent it in twelve pieces:

“**Take ten pieces:** for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

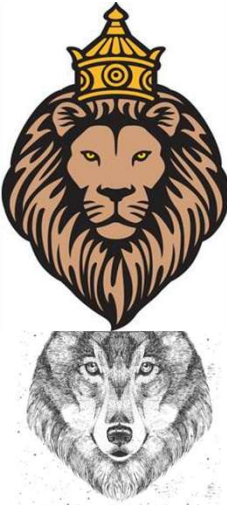
But [Jeroboam] **shall have one tribe** for my servant David's sake

1Kings 11:30-32

Evidence of the one tribe given to Judah:

“Jeroboam assembled all the house of Judah **and the tribe of Benjamin**, 18,000 chosen warriors”

1 Kings 12:21-24



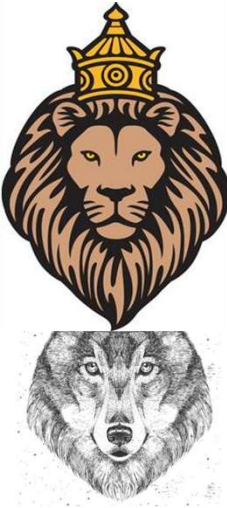
Loyalty beyond the captivity

- **Ezra & Nehemiah:**

- **Ezra 1:5** both stirred to return
- **Ezra 4:1** both face adversaries in rebuilding a temple
- **Nehemiah 11:4–9** both bravely resettle in Jerusalem

When Judah experienced prophecies of restoration

– Benjamin is with them!





The wolf also
shall lie down with the lamb ...
Isa 11:6 & 66:25



THE BENJAMITES & *The Hope* *of Israel*

5. Benjamin
– the beloved of Yahweh

CHAPTER 14.

1 The grievous famine 7 causeth Jeremiah to pray. 10 The Lord will not be intreated for the people. 13 Lying prophets are no excuse for them. 17 Jeremiah is moved to complain for them.

Or, head
tires.

Heb. the
words of the
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THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning ^{1k} the dearth.

2 Judah mourneth, and ^l the gates thereof ^m languish; ⁿ they are black unto the ground; and ^o the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.

3 And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; ^q they were ashamed and confounded, and ^r covered their heads.

4 Because the ground is chapt, for ^t there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, ^r they covered their heads.

5 Yea, ^u the hind also calved in the field, and forsook ^v it, because there was no grass.

6 And ^w the wild asses did stand in the high places, ^x they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because ^y there was no grass.

7 O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou ^z it ^a for thy name's sake: for ^b our backslidings are many; ^c we have sinned against thee.

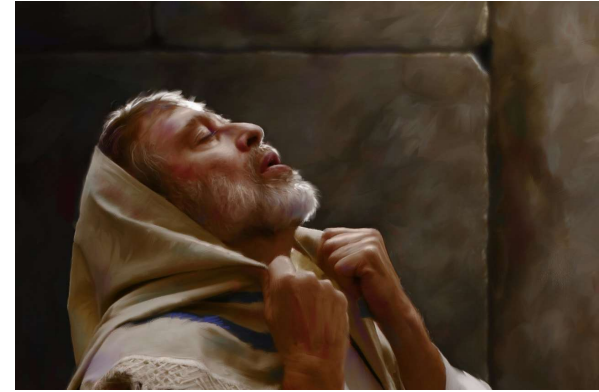
8 O the hope of Israel, theaviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, as ^d a wayfaring man that

Timeline: Early period of the Judges



Generations of Mordecai

Esther 2:5 An intentional intertextual link?



Mordecai → ... → Jair → ... → Shimei → ... → Kish (father of Saul)

E.g. Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham **Matt 1:1**



Prophecies concerning Israel

You shall become an astonishment, a proverb and a byword among all nations wither Yaweh shall lead thee.' [Deut 28:37](#)

It shall come to pass, that **as ye were a curse** among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and **ye shall be a blessing**: fear not ... [Zechariah 8:13](#)



THE BENJAMITES & *The Hope of Israel*

Study	Sub-title
1	Benjamite Beginnings
2	Gibeah of Benjamin
3	The tale of two Sauls
4	Benjamin – finding refuge in Judah
5	Benjamin – the beloved of Yahweh



JACOB: Gen 49:27

Benjamin shall ravine as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

MOSES: Deut 33:12

And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; and the LORD shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.





JACOB:

Benjamin shall ravin *as* a wolf:

in the morning (initially)

- he shall devour the prey,

at night (in the end)

- he shall divide the spoil.

YWH will divide him a portion with the great, and **he shall divide the spoil with the strong**; because he hath poured out his soul unto death.

Isaiah 53:12



JACOB: Gen 49:27

Benjamin shall ravin *as a wolf*: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.



MOSES: of Benjamin

The **beloved** of the LORD
shall dwell in **safety** by him;
the LORD shall **cover** him all the day long
he shall **dwell between his shoulders.**

Deut 33:12



Order	Genesis 49 (Jacob's Blessing)	Deut 33 (Moses' Blessing)
1	Reuben	Reuben
2	Simeon	Judah
3	Levi	Levi
4	Judah	Benjamin
5	Zebulun	Joseph
6	Issachar	Zebulun
7	Dan	Issachar
8	Gad	Gad
9	Asher	Dan
10	Naphtali	Naphtali
11	Joseph	Asher
12	Benjamin	— (<i>Simeon is omitted</i>) —

Suggested Hebrew meaning: Deut 33:12

The beloved of the LORD

Benjamin

shall dwell in **safety** by Him

Safety side by side with Yahweh

the LORD shall **cover** him all the day
long

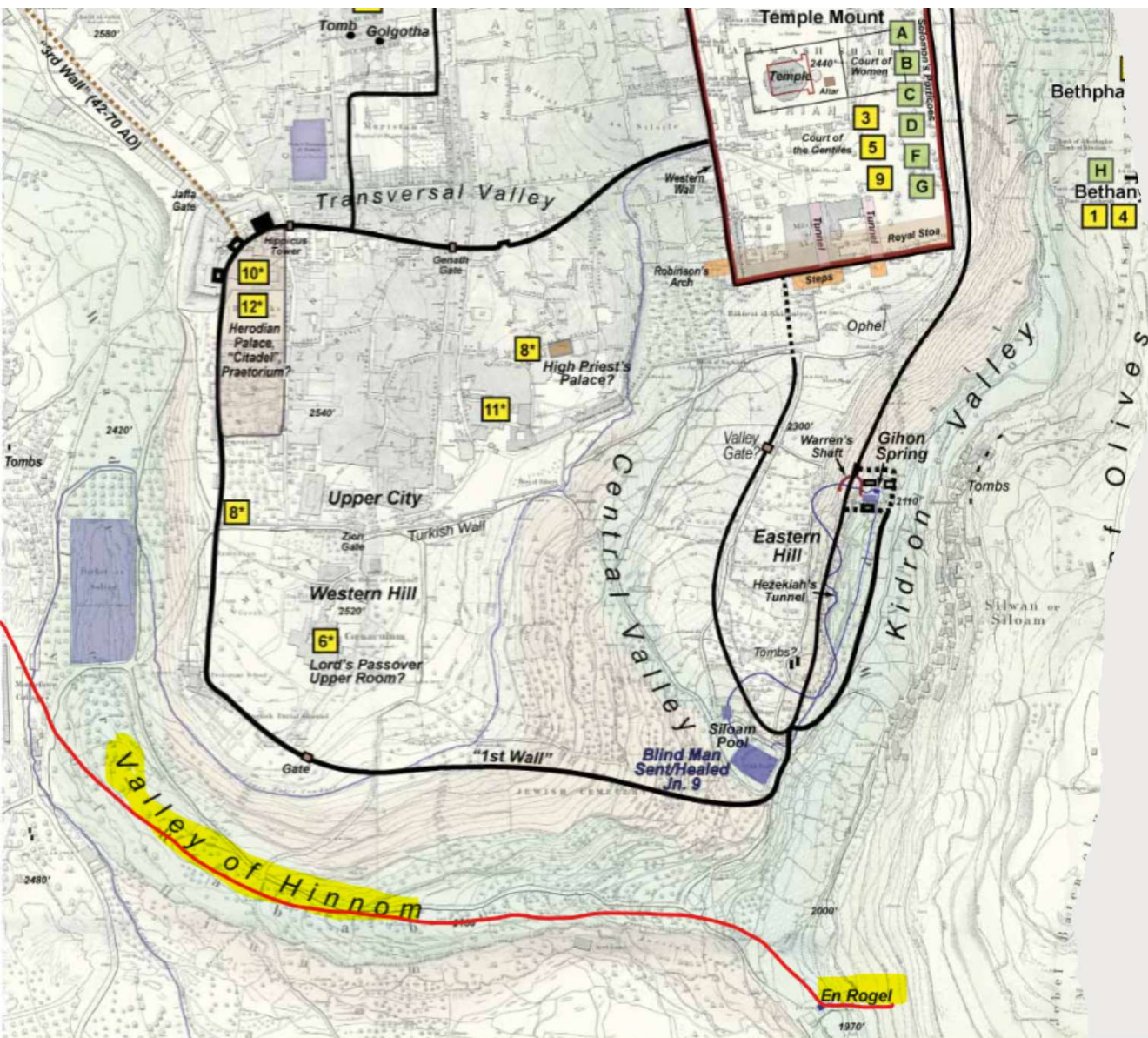
protect and overshadow him always

he shall **dwell between his
shoulders**

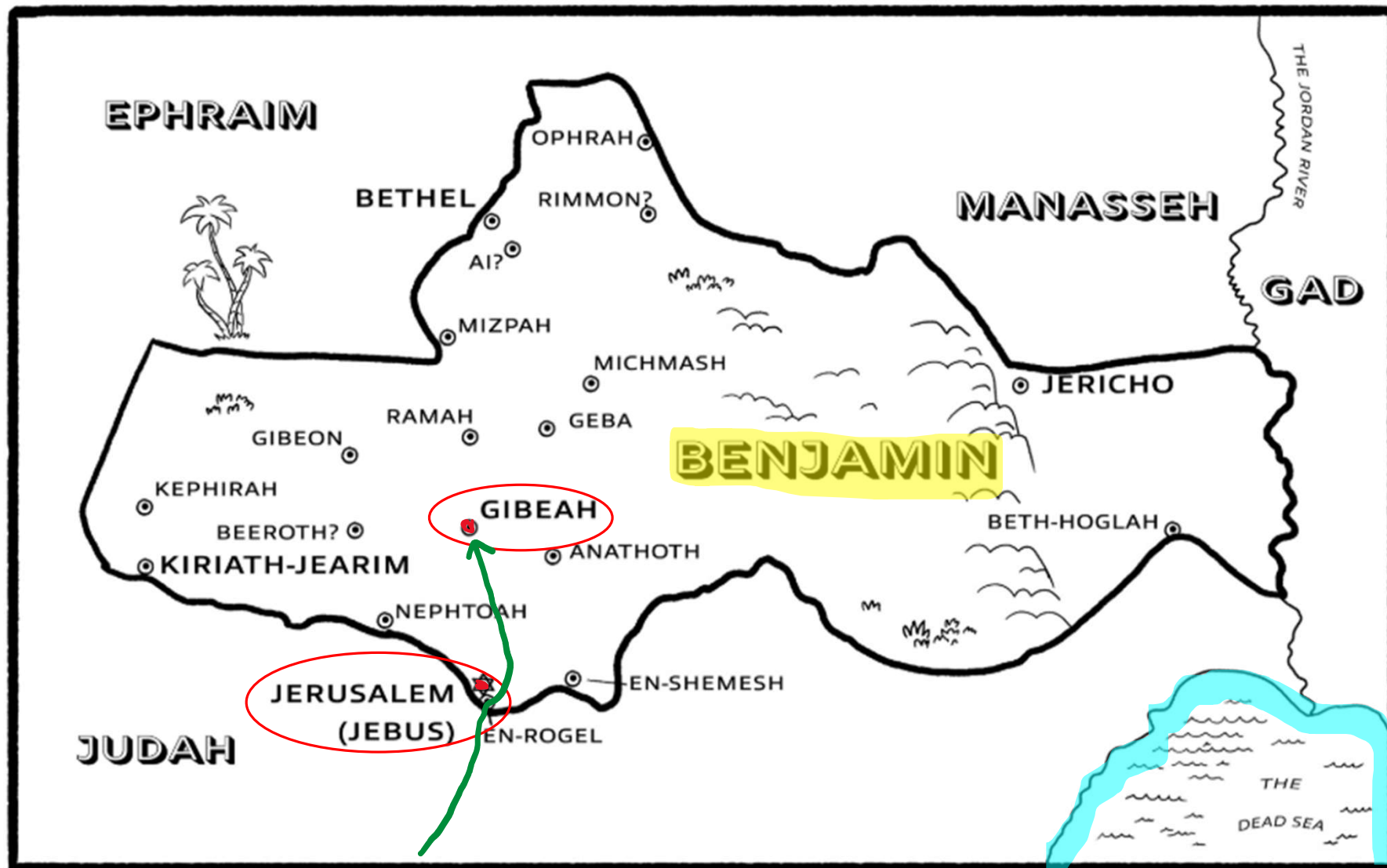
secure like a lamb on the shoulders

YTL: **Of Benjamin he said:** -- *The beloved of Jehovah doth
tabernacle confidently by Him, Covering him over all the day;
Yea, between his shoulders He doth tabernacle.* (Deut 33:12)

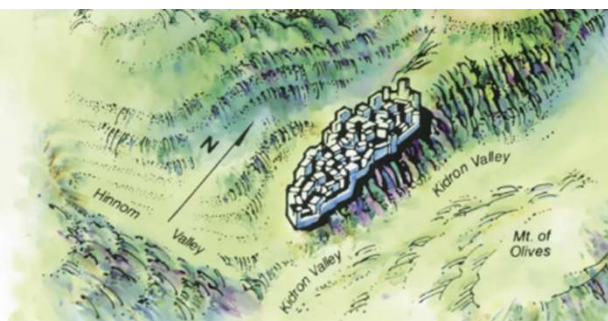




Southern Border of Benjamin



The land of the Tribe of Benjamin: Joshua 18:11-28



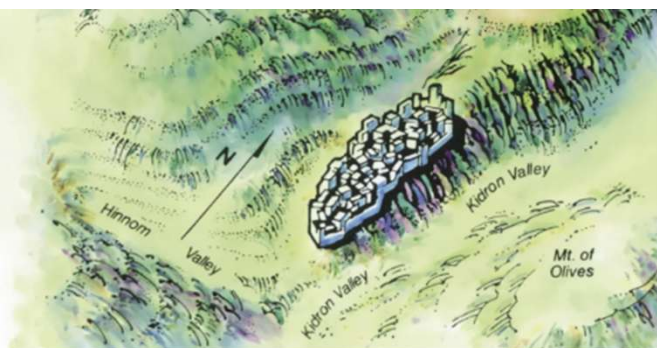
The challenge of conquering Jebus (Jerusalem)

Joshua 15:63 ... **Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out:** but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

Judges 1:8 **children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, ... smitten it .. set the city on fire.**

Judges 1:21 **And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem;** but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

Judges 19:11 *And when they were by Jebus (v12: city of a stranger), ... the servant said ... let us turn in into this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it.*



Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

Psalm 122

Peace be within thy walls ...

For my brethren and **my companions'** sake

[Hebrew: '**neighbour**']

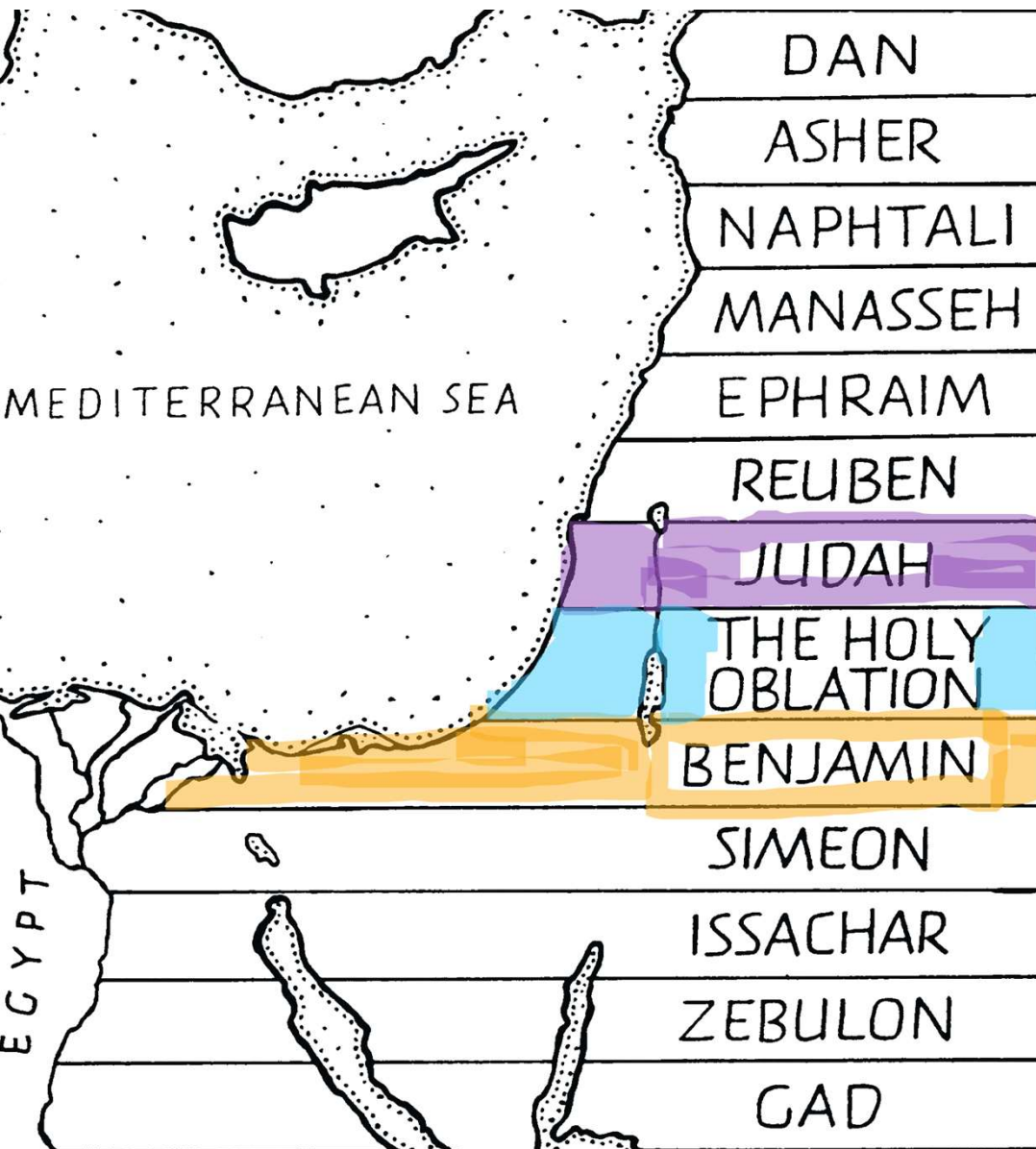
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Deut 33:12





EZEKIEL 48: Portions for the tribes

*The LORD shall be between me and you,
and **between my offspring and your
offspring**, forever'*

1Sam 20:42