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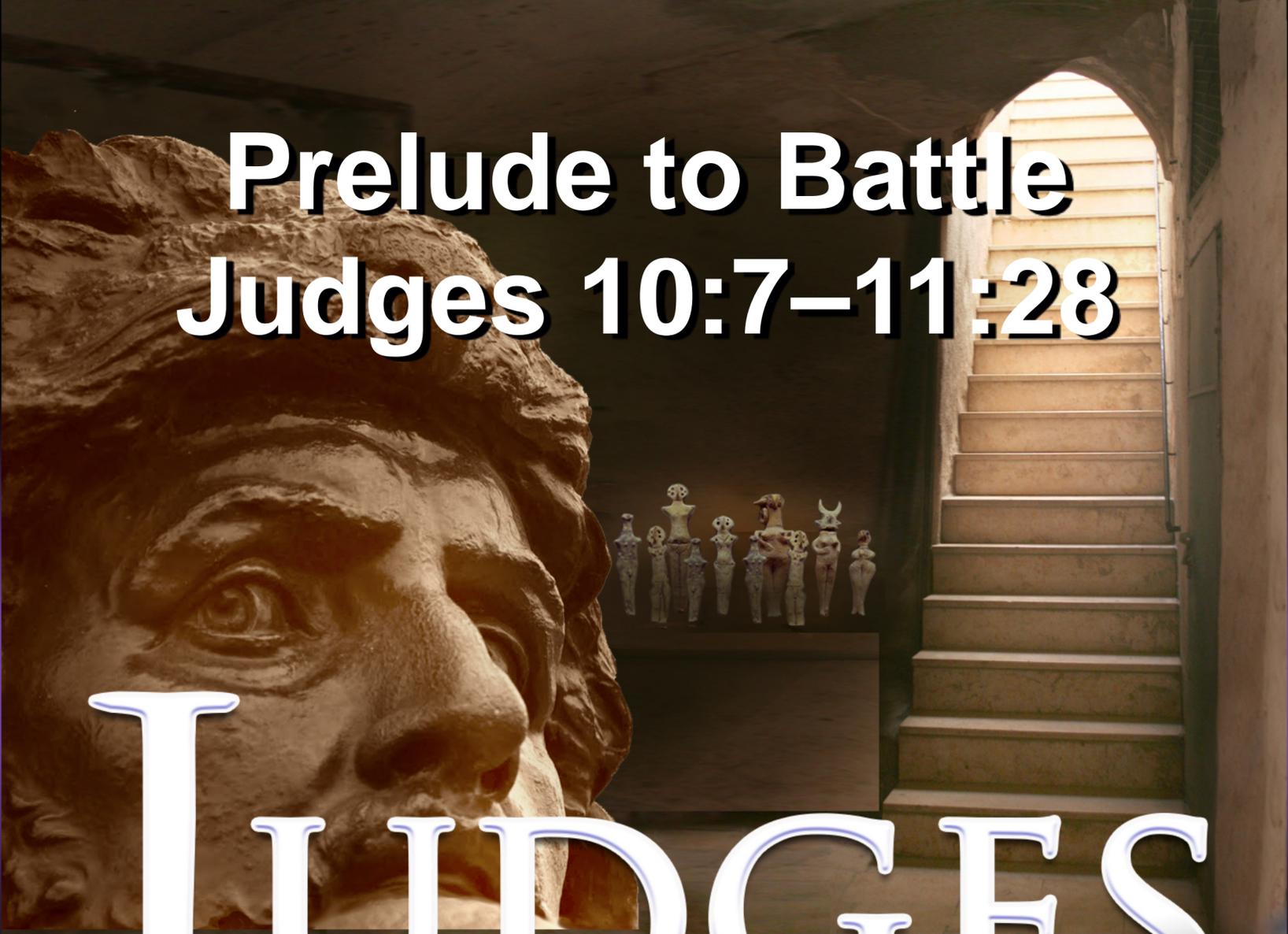
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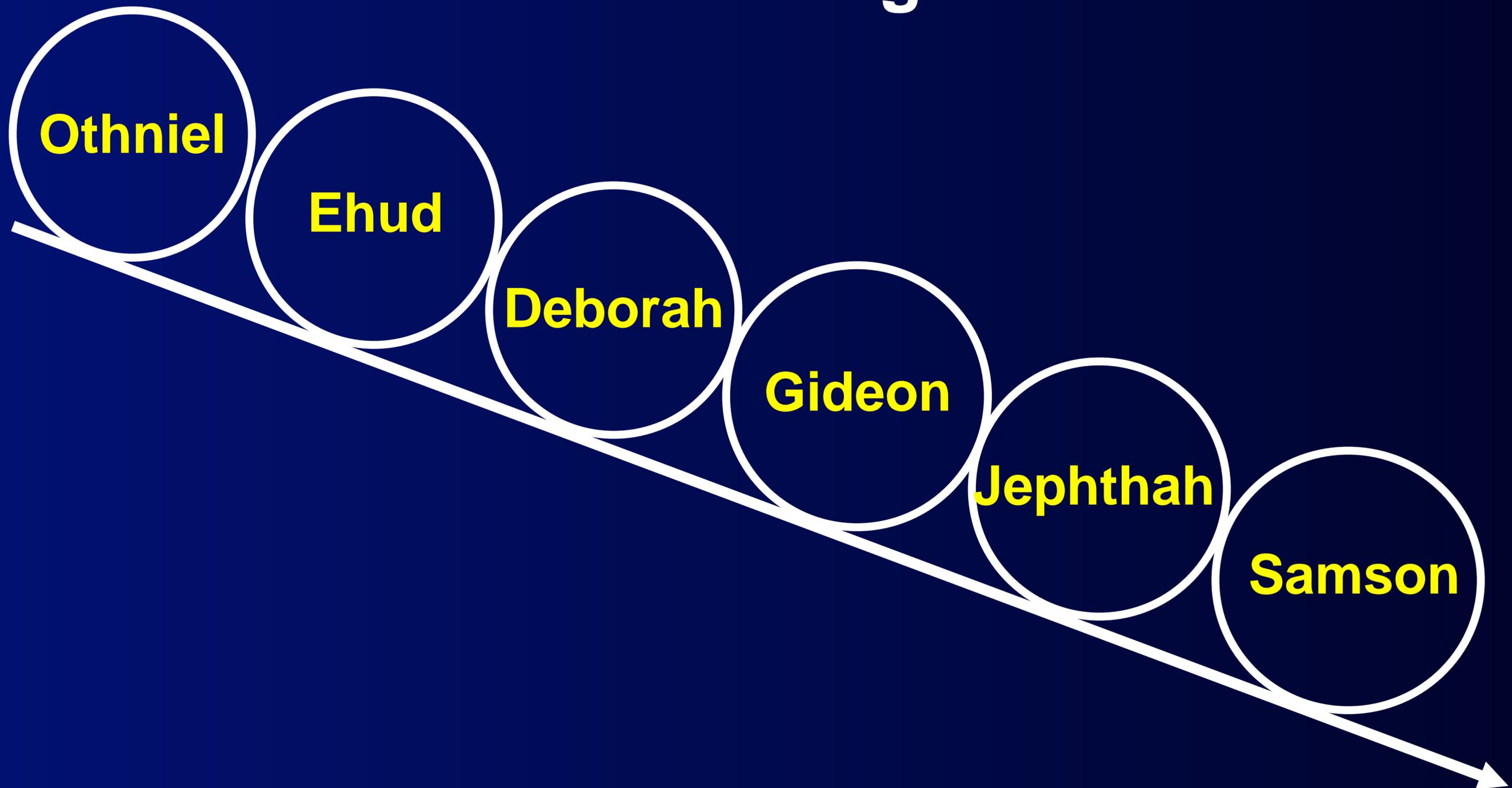
Prelude to Battle
Judges 10:7–11:28

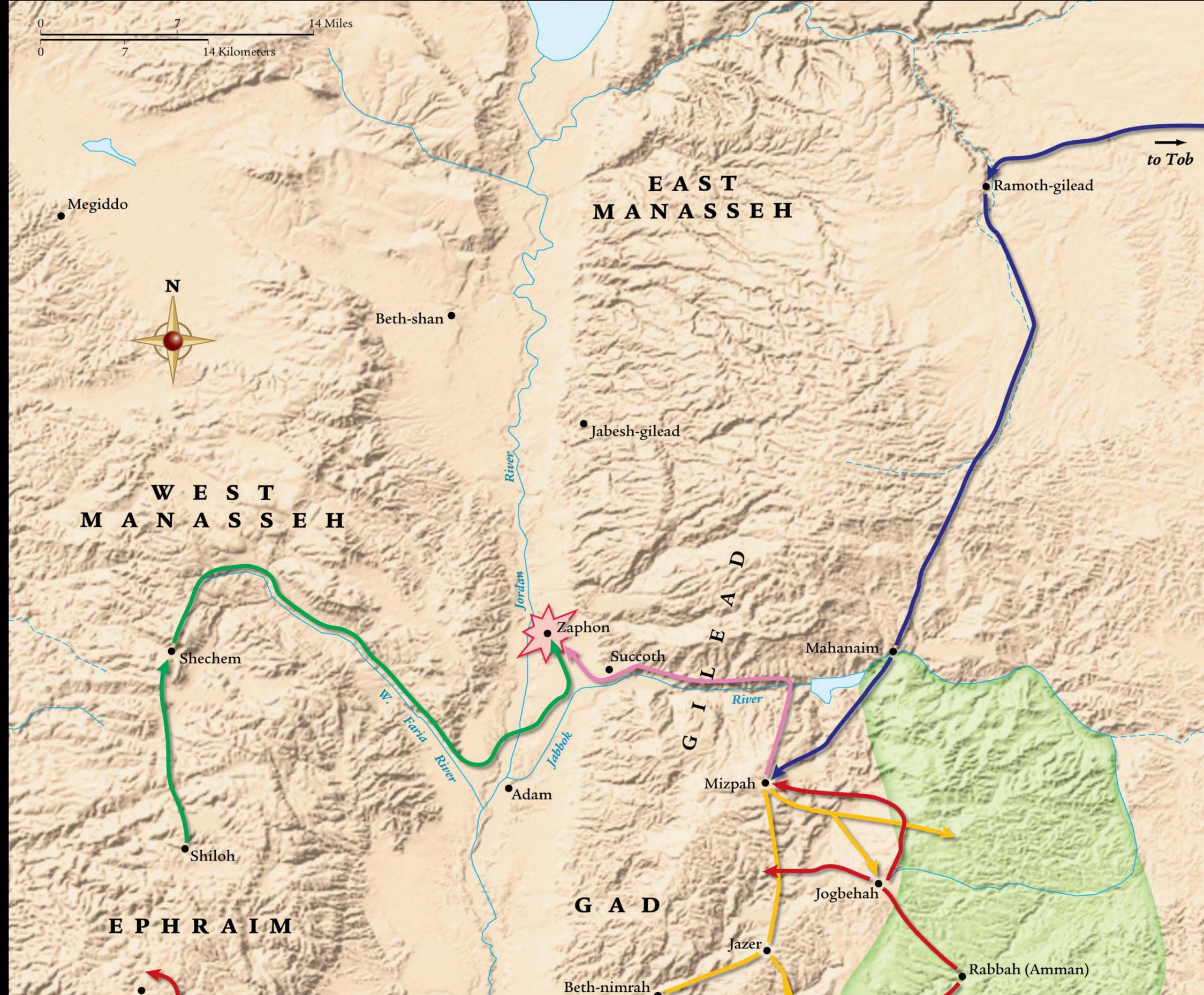
JUDGES

2021

When Chaos Was King

Deterioration of Positive Volition in the Judges





0 7 14 Miles
0 7 14 Kilometers



Megiddo

Beth-shan

**EAST
MANASSEH**

Ramoth-gilead

to Tob

Jabesh-gilead

**WEST
MANASSEH**

Zaphon

Succoth

Mahanaim

Shechem

GILEAD

Adam

Mizpah

Shiloh

GAD

Jogbehah

EPHRAIM

Jazer

Rabbah (Amman)

Beth-nimrah

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

#10 Elon—from the tribe of Zebulun (Judg. 12:11-12)

ZEBULUN

Aijalon | Ailon

NAPHTALI

with Deborah at the battle of Mt. Tabor (Judg. 4:6)

Kedesh-naphtali

Yarmuk EAST MANASSEH

Mt. Tabor

Ophrah

#5 Gideon—from a family from the tribe of Manasseh; he was associated with the Harod spring and the towns of Succoth and Penuel (Judg. 6:1-8:27)

Valley ISSACHAR

#7 Jair—from the region of Gilead and related to the region of Havvoth-jair (Judg. 10:3-5)

Kamon

Ramoth-gilead

WEST MANASSEH

#6 Tola—from the tribe of Ephraim (Judg. 10:1); based on name similarity, this town is often associated with the site of Samaria, later incorporated into Israel (1 Kgs. 16:24)

Shamir

Tirzah

#8 Jephthah—probably from the tribe of Manasseh; he was related to Tob (East of Ramoth-gilead), Mizpah in Gilead, and Aroer (Judg. 10:6-12:7)

#11 Abdon—from the tribe of Ephraim (Judg. 12:13-15)

Shechem

Jabbok

Pirathon

Arumah

Succoth

Penuel

Mizpah

EPHRAIM

Abimelech lived in Arumah after his failed attempt at monarchy in Shechem (Judg. 9:31, 41)

Shiloh

Gilgal

GAD

#4a Deborah—associated with Barak at the battle of Mt. Tabor (Judg. 4:1-5:31)

Bethel

#2 Ehud—from the tribe of Benjamin (Judg. 3:12-30)

Mizpah

Jericho

Gilgal

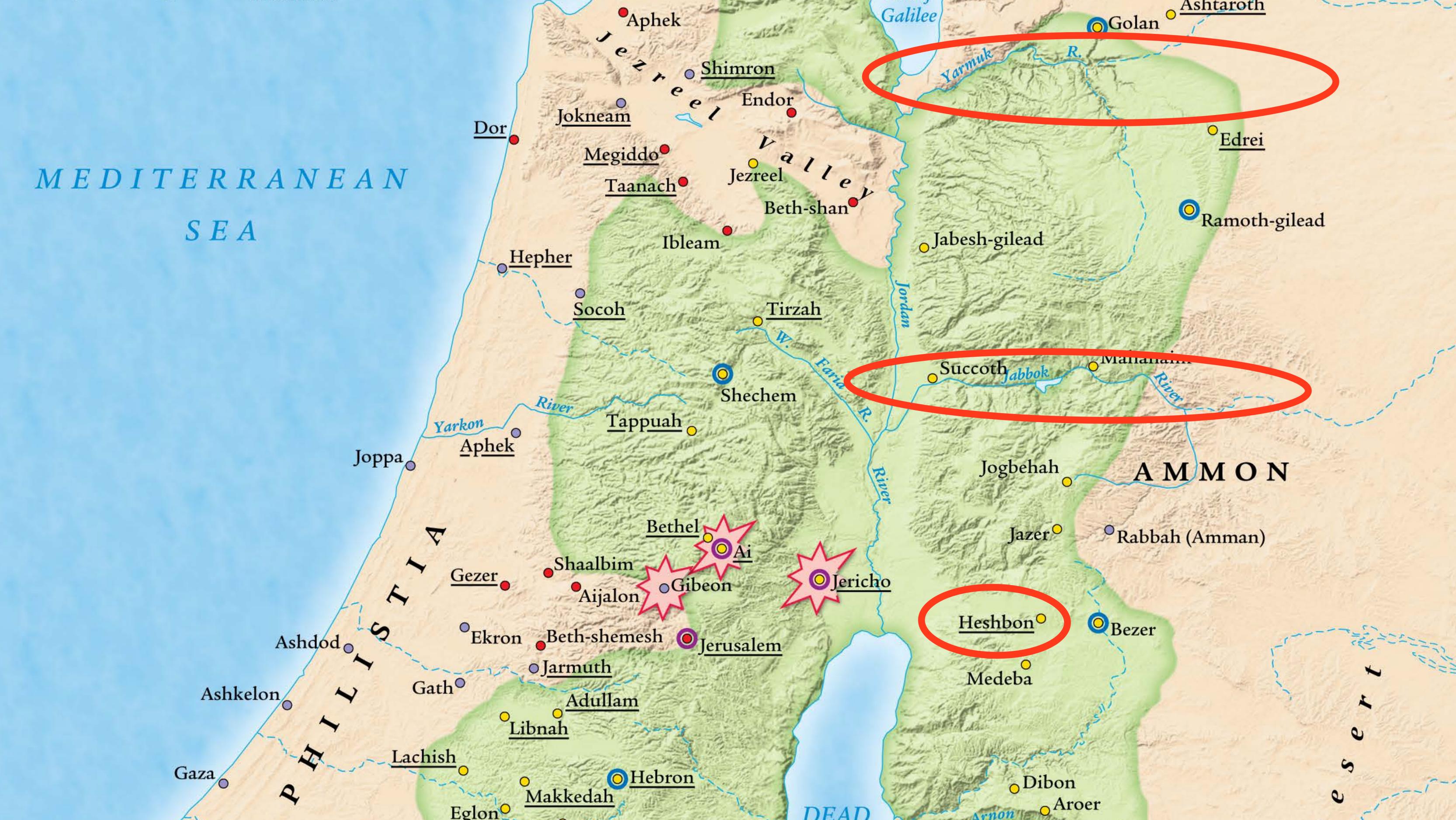
Jazer

Rabbah (Amman)

Ramah

Heshbon

DAN



MEDITERRANEAN SEA

PHILISTIA

Jezreel Valley

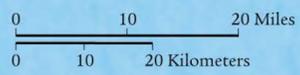
AMMON

Desert



Map labels including: Aphek, Shimron, Endor, Megiddo, Taanach, Jezreel, Beth-shan, Ibleam, Hephher, Socoh, Tirzah, Shechem, Tappuah, Joppa, Aphek, Bethel, Ai, Gibeon, Jericho, Shaalbim, Aijalon, Gezer, Ekron, Beth-shemesh, Jerusalem, Jarmuth, Adullam, Libnah, Lachish, Hebron, Makkedah, Eglon, Gaza, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Dor, Jokneam, Jabesh-gilead, Succoth, Jogbehah, Jazer, Rabbah (Amman), Bezer, Medeba, Dibon, Aroer, Ramoth-gilead, Edrei, Ashtaroth, Golan, Yarmuk R., Jordan R., Faria R., Yarkon R., Arnon R., Galilee, DEAD SEA.

 Valley nominally controlled by Saul
 Saul's kingdom



Bashan/Golan Heights

Site where Saul's corpse was impaled

Site where Saul died

Site where Saul was buried

Area around Jebus not controlled by Saul

MOAB
Kir-hareseth

EDOM

Judg. 10:17, “Then the people of Ammon mustered the troops and set up camp in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled together and camped at Mizpah. ~RD

Judg. 10:18, “And the people, that is, the leaders of Gilead, said to one another, ‘Who is the man who will begin the fight against the people of Ammon? He shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.’ ”

Judg. 11:1, “Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, but he was the son of a harlot; and Gilead begot Jephthah.” ~NKJV

Judg. 10:18b, “Who is the man who will begin the fight against the people of Ammon?”

Who is this man, Jephthah?

What qualifies him to lead?

What is his character?

Where is God in the process of raising up Jephthah?

What is Jephthah’s relationship with *Yhwh*?

Jephthah's Negatives

- (1) he was the bastard son of a prostitute;**
- (2) he was an outcast from his family and tribe;**
- (3) he associated with outlaws and the dregs and rejects of society and operated outside the law;**
- (4) he was a Gileadite, which, from the Ephraimites' perspective in particular, is equivalent to living on the "wrong side of the tracks."**

Judg. 11:2, “Gilead’s wife bore sons; and when his wife’s sons grew up, they drove Jephthah out, and said to him, ‘You shall have no inheritance in our father’s house, for you are the son of another woman.’”

Judg. 11:3, “Then Jephthah fled from his brothers and dwelt in the land of Tob; and worthless men banded together with Jephthah and went out raiding with him.”

Judg. 11:4, “It came to pass after a time that the people of Ammon made war against Israel.

Judg. 11:5, “And so it was, when the people of Ammon made war against Israel, that the elders of Gilead went to get Jephthah from the land of Tob.

Judg. 11:6, “Then they said to Jephthah, ‘Come and be our commander, that we may fight against the people of Ammon.’ ”

Judg. 11:7, “So Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, ‘Did you not hate me, and expel me from my father’s house? Why have you come to me now when you are in distress?’ ”

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**qal wawConsec 3 fem sing apoc
to bind, restrict, distress
to be in a tight spot, severely stressed**

Judg. 11:8, “And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, ‘That is why we have turned again to you now, that you may go with us and fight against the people of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.’ ”

Judg. 11:9, “So Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, ‘If you take me back home to fight against the people of Ammon, and the LORD delivers them to me, shall I be your head?’ ”

Judg. 11:10, “And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, ‘The LORD will be a witness between us, if we do not do according to your words.’”

Judg. 11:11, “Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and commander over them; and Jephthah spoke all his words before the LORD in Mizpah.”

Conclusion

- 1. God is in the background. He is not mentioned, He is not said to deliver them. But we see His gracious work despite Israel's apostasy and carnality.**
- 2. If you are still alive, God still has a plan for your life.**
- 3. No matter how badly you self destruct in life, God will never leave you or forsake you. He is always faithful. No matter how barren our life, He is still the One who brings life where there is death.**

- **Jephthah owns the negotiations with the Ammonites, they lose. Judg. 11:12–28**
- **Jephthah is given undeserved grace by God to ensure the victory. Judg. 11:29**
- **Jephthah's pagan vow. Judg. 11:30–40**

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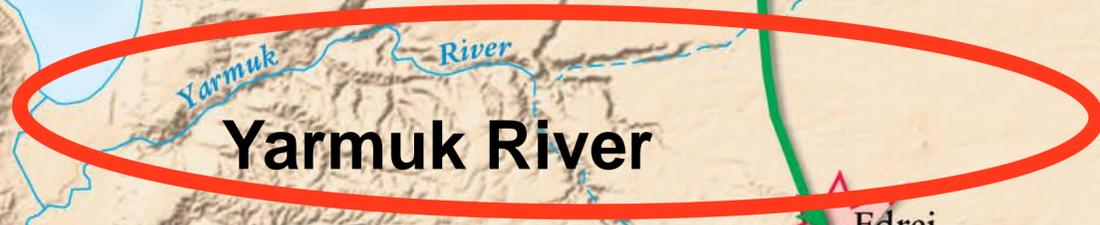
Jephthah:

Judg. 11:12, “Now Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the people of Ammon, saying, ‘What do you have against me, that you have come to fight against me in my land?’ ” ~NKJV

Ammonite King:

Judg. 11:13, “And the king of the people of Ammon answered the messengers of Jephthah, ‘Because Israel took away my land when they came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon as far as the Jabbok, and to the Jordan. Now therefore, restore those lands peaceably.’ ” ~NKJV

B A S H A N



Yarmuk River

Ashtaroth

Edrei

Ramoth-gilead

Beth-shan

Jabesh-gilead

A D



Jabbok River

ivnananaim



A M M O N

Jazer

Rabbah (Amman)

G I L



Heshbon

Shittim

Beth-peor

Jericho

Jerusalem



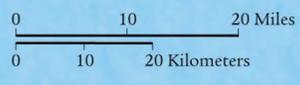
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- **The negotiations, Jephthah's 4 arguments. Judg. 11:14–27**

The Preface (Judges 11:14–15)

Judg. 11:14, “So Jephthah again sent messengers to the king of the people of Ammon,

Judg. 11:15, “and said to him, ‘Thus says Jephthah: “Israel did not take away the land of Moab, nor the land of the people of Ammon;” ’ ” ~NKJV

- Mountain peak
- Valley nominally controlled by Saul
- Saul's kingdom



MEDITERRANEAN SEA

0 10 20 Miles
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BASHAN

Sea of Galilee

Antaroth

Yarmuk River

Edrei

Beth-shan

Ramoth-gilead

Jabesh-gilead

G I L E A D

Mahanaim

Yarkon River

W. Faria River

Jabbok River

AMMON

Jahaz

Jericho

Shimron

Heshbon

Jerusalem

Beth-peor

Mt. Nebo

Medeba

Almon-diblathaim

Jahaz

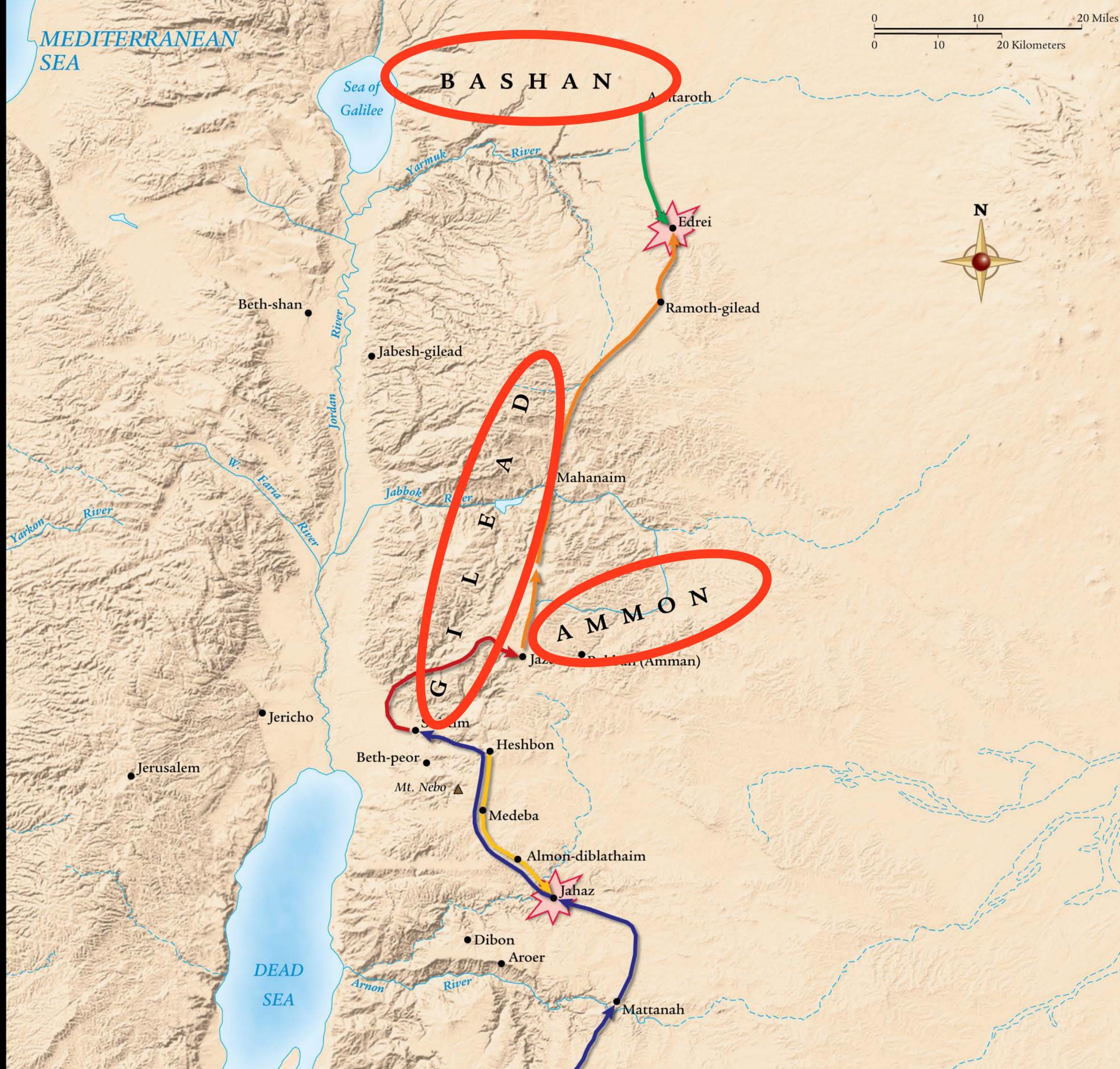
DEAD SEA

Dibon

Aroer

Arnon River

Mattanah





Mediterranean Sea

Aleppo
Kedesh
AMORITES

Mari
Euphrates R.
Tigris R.

Sidon
Tyre
CANAAN
AMMON
Rabbah
Jerusalem

Babylon
Nippur
Isin
Larsa
Lagash
Ur
BABYLONIA

EGYPT
Memphis
Nile R.

MOAB
EDOM

Numb. 21:12, “From there they moved and camped in the Valley of Zered.

Numb. 21:13, “From there they moved and camped on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness that extends from the border of the Amorites; for the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.”

~NKJV



Yarmuk River

Jabbok River

Arnon River

Zered River

Site where Saul's
corpse was impaled

Site where Saul died

Site where Saul
was buried

Area around Jebus not
controlled by Saul

Historical (Judges 11:16–22)

Judg. 11:16, “for when Israel came up from Egypt, they walked through the wilderness as far as the Red Sea and came to Kadesh.

Judg. 11:17, “Then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, ‘Please let me pass through your land.’ But the king of Edom would not heed. And in like manner they sent to the king of Moab, but he would not consent. So Israel remained in Kadesh.

Judg. 11:18, “And they went along through the wilderness and bypassed the land of Edom and the land of Moab, came to the east side of the land of Moab, and encamped on the other side of the Arnon. But they did not enter the border of Moab, for the Arnon was the border of Moab.” ~NKJV

Judg. 11:19, “Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, king of Heshbon; and Israel said to him, ‘Please let us pass through your land into our place.’

Judg. 11:20, “But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass through his territory. So Sihon gathered all his people together, encamped in Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

Judg. 11:21, “And the Lord God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they defeated them. Thus Israel gained possession of all the land of the Amorites, who inhabited that country.” ~NKJV

Numb. 21:21, “Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,

Numb. 21:22, “ ‘Let me pass through your land. We will not turn aside into fields or vineyards; we will not drink water from wells. We will go by the King’s Highway until we have passed through your territory.’

Numb. 21:23, “But Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his territory. So Sihon gathered all his people together and went out against Israel in the wilderness, and he came to Jahaz and fought against Israel.” ~NKJV

Numb. 21:24, “Then Israel defeated him with the edge of the sword, and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, as far as the people of Ammon; for the border of the people of Ammon was fortified.

Numb. 21:25, “So Israel took all these cities, and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon and in all its villages.

Numb. 21:26, “For Heshbon was the city of Sihon king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and had taken all his land from his hand as far as the Arnon.” ~NKJV



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Judg. 11:22, “They took possession of all the territory of the Amorites, from the Arnon to the Jabbok and from the wilderness to the Jordan.” ~NKJV

Theological Argument (Judges 11:23–24)

Judg. 11:23, “ ‘And now the LORD God of Israel has dispossessed the Amorites from before His people Israel; should you then possess it?

Judg. 11:24, “ ‘Will you not possess whatever Chemosh your god gives you to possess? So whatever the Lord our God takes possession of before us, we will possess.’ ”

~NKJV

Personal (v. 25)

Judg. 11:25, “ ‘And now, are you any better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever strive against Israel? Did he ever fight against them?’ ” ~NKJV

Chronological (v. 26)

Judg. 11:26, “ ‘While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and its villages, in Aroer and its villages, and in all the cities along the banks of the Arnon, for three hundred years, why did you not recover them within that time?’ ” ~NKJV

Conclusion

Judg. 11:27, “ ‘Therefore I have not sinned against you, but you wronged me by fighting against me. May the Lord, the Judge, render judgment this day between the children of Israel and the people of Ammon.’ ” ~NKJV

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- **Jephthah's pagan vow. Judg. 11:34–40**

Judg. 11:29, “Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh, and passed through Mizpah of Gilead; and from Mizpah of Gilead he advanced toward the people of Ammon.

Judg. 11:30, “And Jephthah made a vow to the Lord, and said, ‘If You will indeed deliver the people of Ammon into my hands,

Judg. 11:31, “ ‘then it will be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the people of Ammon, shall surely be the Lord’s, and I will offer it up as a burnt offering.’ ” ~NKJV

Judg. 11:32, “So Jephthah advanced toward the people of Ammon to fight against them, and the Lord delivered them into his hands.

Judg. 11:33, “And he defeated them from Aroer as far as Minnith—twenty cities—and to Abel Keramim, with a very great slaughter. Thus the people of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.” ~NKJV

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