

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

**GOD SAVES BY FEW OR MANY**

**1 SAMUEL 13:14–14:15**



SEA

10 20 Miles  
20 Kilometers

Megiddo Shunem  
Taanach Jezreel Beth-shan

Mt. Gilboa

Ibleam

Jabesh-gilead

Socoh Bezek  
Tirzah

Jabbok River

Shechem

G i l e a d

Mahanaim River

AMMON

Aphek

Shiloh

Rabbah (Amman)

Bethel

Mizpah

Shittim

Heshbon

Aijalon

Ramah

Gilgal

Ashdod

Ekron

Gibeah

Jebus

P H I L I S T I A

Wilderness of Judah

DEAD SEA

M O A B

S t e r n

Ziklag

Engedi

Dibon

Arnon River

Beer-sheba

**1 Sam. 13:5, “Then the Philistines gathered together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the seashore in multitude. And they came up and encamped in Michmash, to the east of Beth Aven.”**



**1 Sam. 13:6, “When the men of Israel saw that they were in danger (for the people were distressed [oppressed, under pressure]), then the people hid in caves, in thickets, in rocks, in holes, and in pits.”**

**1 Sam. 13:7, “And some of the Hebrews crossed over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.”**

**1 Sam. 13:13, “And Samuel said to Saul, ‘You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.**

**1 Sam. 13:14, “ ‘But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.’ ”**

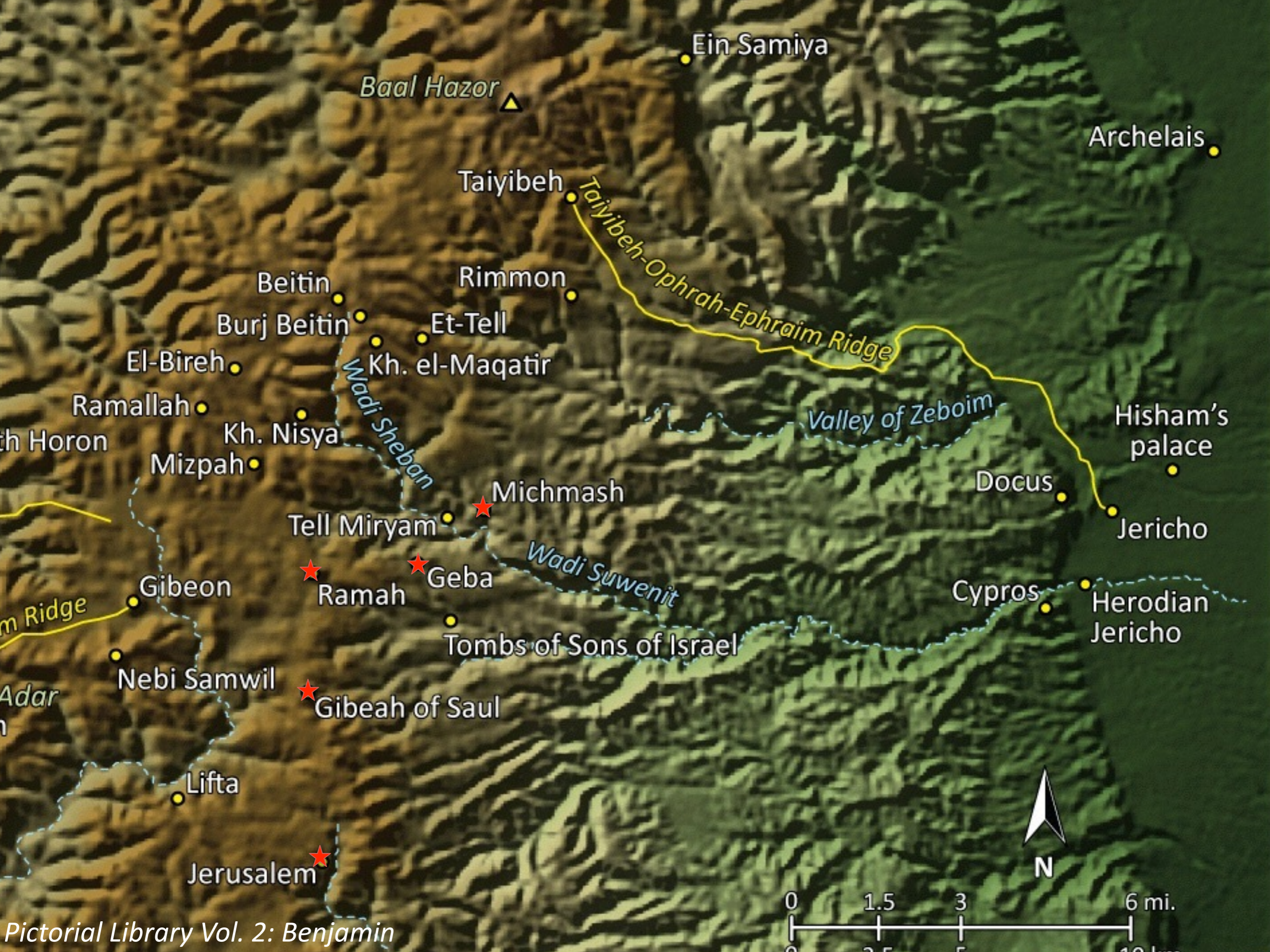
***“according to His own heart”***

**1 Sam. 2:35, “Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever.”**

**1 Sam. 16:7, “But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.’ ”**

**1 Sam. 13:15, “Then Samuel arose and went up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people present with him, about six hundred men.”**





Ein Samiya

Baal Hazor

Archelais

Taiyibeh

Taiyibeh-Ophrah-Ephraim Ridge

Beitin

Rimmon

Burj Beitin

Et-Tell

El-Bireh

Wadi Sheban

Valley of Zeboim

Hisham's palace

Ramallah

Kh. Nisya

Docus

Jericho

Mizpah

Michmash

Tell Miryam

Wadi Suwenit

Cypros

Herodian Jericho

Gibeon

Ramah

Geba

Tombs of Sons of Israel

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Nebi Samwil

Gibeah of Saul

Adar

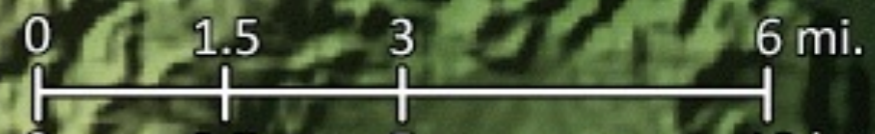
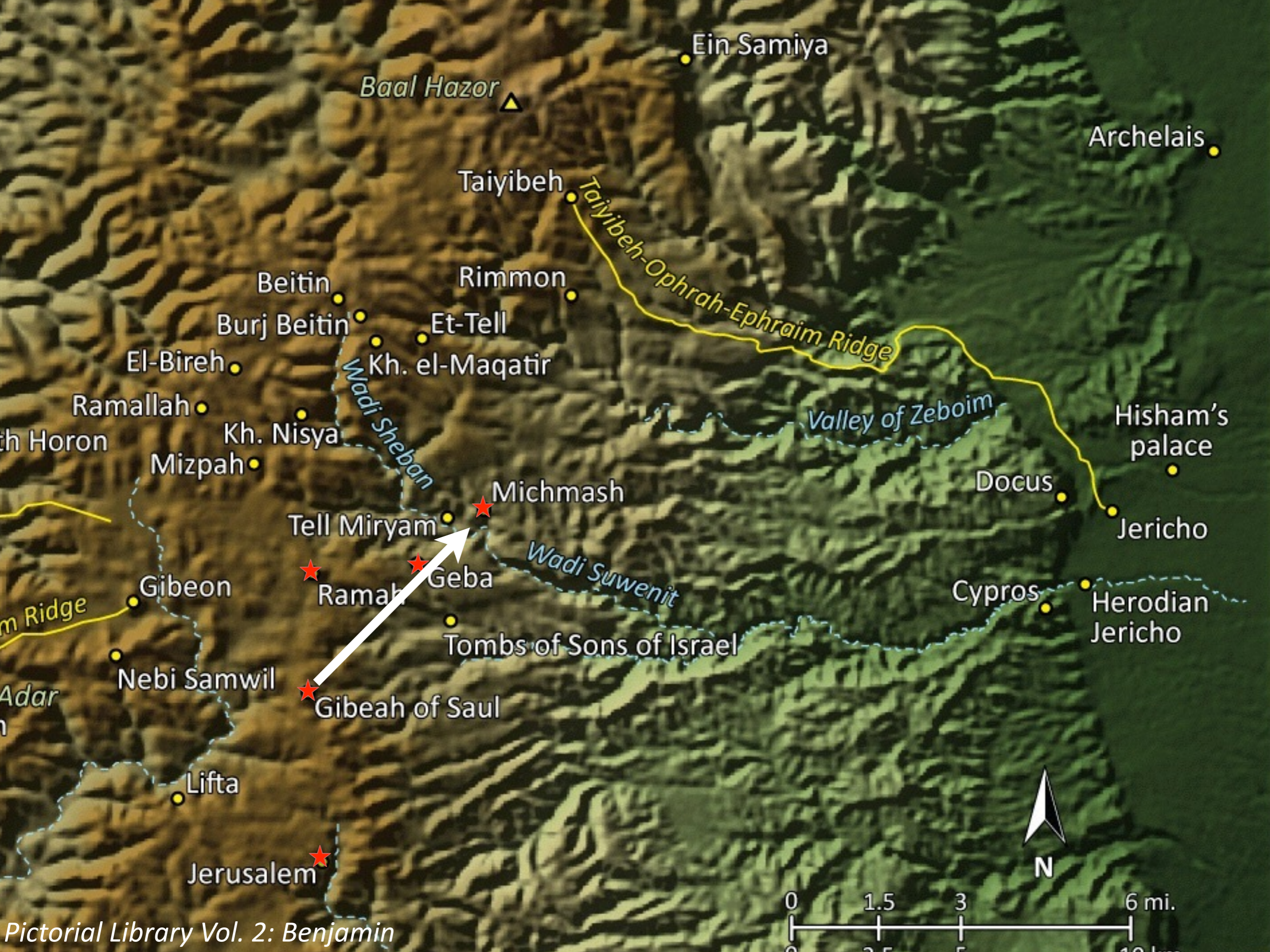
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**1 Sam. 13:16, “Saul, Jonathan his son, and the people present with them remained in Gibeah of Benjamin. But the Philistines encamped in Michmash.”**





Geba from Gibeah of Saul  
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MAALE MICHMASH

GEBA

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Michmash and the Pass aerial from southeast



Michmash

The Pass

Tell Miryam

Geba

Bozez and  
Seneh cliffs

Michmash and the Pass aerial from southeast

**1 Sam. 13:17, “Then raiders came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies. One company turned onto the road to Ophrah, to the land of Shual,**

**1 Sam. 13:18, “another company turned to the road to Beth Horon, and another company turned to the road of the border that overlooks the Valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.”**





Sharon Plain

Shechem

Sukkoth

Jabbok R.

Mahanaim

GILEAD

Adam

7

Aphek

HILL COUNTRY  
EPHRAIM

Jordan River

Land of Shual  
Ophrah

The garrison of the Philistines went out to The Pass of Michmash (1 Sam 13:23)

Beth-aven?

Bethel?

4

Lower Beth-horon

Mizpah

Michmash

Zebolm Valley

Ramah

Gibeon

Geba

W. Suwenit

Gilgal?

1

THE PASS

3

PHILISTINES

Aljalono

Givath-elohim?

Gibeah

Kiriath-jearim

Jebus Jerusalem

Bethlehem

JUDAH

Salt Sea

Beth-shemesh

Azekah

Adullam

SAUL against AMALEK

6

5

MOAB ↓ EDOM

DAVID

Ziklag

**1 Sam. 13:19, “Now there was no blacksmith to be found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, ‘Lest the Hebrews make swords or spears.’”**

**1 Sam. 13:20, “But all the Israelites would go down to the Philistines to sharpen each man’s plowshare, his mattock, his ax, and his sickle;”**



**1 Sam. 13:21, “and the charge for a sharpening was a pim for the plowshares, the mattocks, the forks, and the axes, and to set the points of the goads.”**



Weight inscribed with the word *pym*  
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**Judg. 1:6, “Then Adoni-Bezek fled, and they pursued him and caught him and cut off his thumbs and big toes.**

**Judg. 1:7, “And Adoni-Bezek said, ‘Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off used to gather scraps under my table; as I have done, so God has repaid me.’ Then they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.”**

**1 Sam. 13:23, “And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.”**



Geba

The Pass

Tell Miryam

Michmash

Bozez and  
Seneh cliffs



The Pass aerial from Michmash





The Pass aerial from north



Michmash, the Pass, Geba from northwest panorama



Michmash aerial

**1 Sam. 14:1, “Now it happened one day that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who bore his armor, ‘Come, let us go over to the Philistines’ garrison that is on the other side.’ But he did not tell his father.**

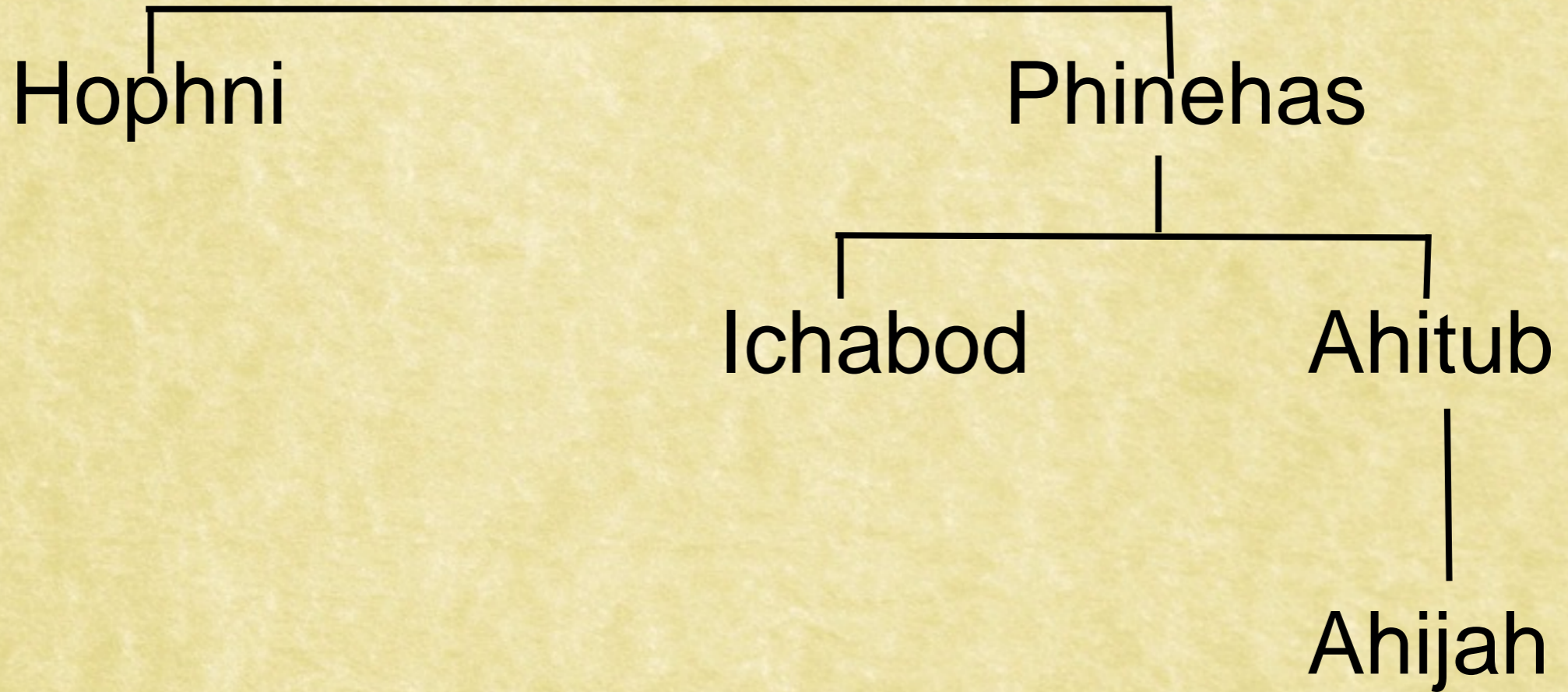
**1 Sam. 14:2, “And Saul was sitting in the outskirts of Gibeah [“on top of a hill” *LXX*] under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron. The people who were with him were about six hundred men.”**



**1 Sam. 14:3, “Ahijah the son of Ahitub, Ichabod’s brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD’S priest in Shiloh, was wearing an ephod. But the people did not know that Jonathan had gone.”**

# The House of Eli

Eli



**1 Sam. 14:4, “Between the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistines’ garrison, there was a sharp rock on one side and a sharp rock on the other side. And the name of one was Bozez (‘slippery’), and the name of the other Seneh (‘thorny’).”**



Michmash

The Pass

Geba

Tell Miryam

Bozez and  
Seneh cliffs

Michmash and the Pass aerial from southeast





Michmash and cliffs from southeast





Cliffs near Michmash and Geba aerial from south



Cliffs near Michmash and Geba from south panorama



Cliffs near Michmash and Geba from southwest



Wadi Suwenit near cliffs of Michmash



Cliffs near Michmash and Geba



Cliffs near Michmash and Geba from west



**1 Sam. 14:6, “Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, ‘Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us. For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few.’ ”**

**Jer. 9:25, “ ‘Behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘that I will punish all who are circumcised with the uncircumcised—**

**Jer. 9:26, “ ‘Egypt, Judah, Edom, the people of Ammon, Moab, and all who are in the farthest corners, who dwell in the wilderness. For all these nations are uncircumcised, and *all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.*’ ”**

**1 Sam. 14:7, “So his armorbearer said to him, ‘Do all that is in your heart. Go then; here I am with you, according to your heart.’ ”**

## **Discerning God's Will**

**1 Sam. 14:8, “Then Jonathan said, ‘Very well, let us cross over to these men, and we will show ourselves to them.**

**1 Sam. 14:9, “If they say thus to us, ‘Wait until we come to you,’ then we will stand still in our place and not go up to them.**

**1 Sam. 14:10, “But if they say thus, ‘Come up to us,’ then we will go up. For the LORD has delivered them into our hand, and this will be a sign to us.”**

**1 Sam. 14:11, “So both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, ‘Look, the Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden.’**

**1 Sam. 14:12, “Then the men of the garrison called to Jonathan and his armorbearer, and said, ‘Come up to us, and we will show you something.’**

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**1 Sam. 14:13, “And Jonathan climbed up on his hands and knees with his armorbearer after him; and they fell before Jonathan. And as he came after him, his armorbearer killed them.”**

**1 Sam. 14:14, “That first slaughter which Jonathan and his armorbearer made was about twenty men within about half an acre of land.**

**1 Sam. 14:15, “And there was trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and the raiders also trembled; and the earth quaked, so that it was a very great trembling.”**