

Judges Series

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Pathology of Cultural Destruction
Judges 1:21–36



JUDGES

**Moral Relativism
Destroys a Nation**

2021 Series

Dt. 2:34, “We took all his cities at that time, and we utterly destroyed the men, women, and little ones of every city; we left none remaining.

Dt. 2:35, “We took only the livestock as plunder for ourselves, with the spoil of the cities which we took.”

Dt. 3:3, “So the Lord our God also delivered into our hands Og king of Bashan, with all his people, and we attacked him until he had no survivors remaining.

Dt. 3:4, “And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we did not take from them: sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.”

Dt. 3:5, “All these cities were fortified with high walls, gates, and bars, besides a great many rural towns.

Dt. 3:6, “And we utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children of every city.”

Dt. 3:22, “ ‘You must not fear them, for the Lord your God Himself fights for you.’ ”

Dt. 6:3, “Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you—‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’ ”

Dt. 6:17, “You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you.

Dt. 6:18, “And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the Lord swore to your fathers,

Dt. 6:19, “to cast out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has spoken.”

Dt. 7:1, “When the Lord your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,

Dt. 7:2, “and when the Lord your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them.”

Dt. 7:3, “Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.”

Dt. 7:4, “For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the Lord will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.

Dt. 7:5, “But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.

Dt. 7:6, “For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.”

Dt. 7:13, “And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you.

Dt. 7:14, “You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be a male or female barren among you or among your livestock.”

Dt. 7:15, “And the Lord will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay them on all those who hate you.

Dt. 7:16, “Also you shall destroy all the peoples whom the Lord your God delivers over to you; your eye shall have no pity on them; nor shall you serve their gods, for that will be a snare to you.

Dt. 7:17, “If you should say in your heart, ‘These nations are greater than I; how can I dispossess them?’—

Dt. 7:18, “you shall not be afraid of them, but you shall remember well what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt:”

Dt. 7:19, “the great trials which your eyes saw, the signs and the wonders, the mighty hand and the outstretched arm, by which the Lord your God brought you out. So shall the Lord your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.

Dt. 7:20, “Moreover the Lord your God will send the hornet among them until those who are left, who hide themselves from you, are destroyed.

Dt. 7:21, “You shall not be terrified of them; for the Lord your God, the great and awesome God, is among you.”

Dt. 7:22, “And the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you little by little; you will be unable to destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.

Dt. 7:23, “But the Lord your God will deliver them over to you, and will inflict defeat upon them until they are destroyed.

Dt. 7:24, “And He will deliver their kings into your hand, and you will destroy their name from under heaven; no one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them.”

**Dt. 7:25, “You shall burn the carved images
of their gods with fire; you shall not covet
the silver or gold that is on them, nor take
it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it;
for it is an abomination to the Lord your
God.**

**Dt. 7:26, “Nor shall you bring an
abomination into your house, lest you be
doomed to destruction like it. You shall
utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for it is
an accursed thing.”**

Dt. 9:6, “Therefore understand that the Lord your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stiff-necked people.”

Dt. 20:16, “But of the cities of these peoples which the Lord your God gives you as an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive,

Dt. 20:17, “but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the Lord your God has commanded you,

Dt. 20:18, “lest they teach you to do according to all their abominations which they have done for their gods, and you sin against the Lord your God.”

Outline of “Judges” (Chieftains, Tribal Rulers, Leaders)

1:1–3:6

Introduction

How Israel went from
spiritual victory
to being worse than
the Canaanites.

**Incomplete
obedience**

compromise

failure

cycles of discipline

3:7–16:31

Paganization of the Leadership

Othniel (the best)

Ehud

Shamgar

Deborah

Gideon

Tola, Jair

Jephthah

Ibzan, Elon, Abdon

Samson

(the worst)

17:1–21:25

Paganization of the Priests

Chap. 17–18

**and the
People**

Chap. 19–21

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Jdg. 1:2, “And the Lord said, ‘Judah shall go up. Indeed I have delivered the land into his hand.’ ”





The hill country of Judah

Jdg. 1:3, “So Judah said to Simeon his brother, ‘Come up with me to my allotted territory, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I will likewise go with you to your allotted territory.’ And Simeon went with him.”



”Simeon Street” sign in Mevasseret

Jdg. 1:4, “Then Judah went up, and the Lord delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand; and they killed ten thousand men at Bezek.”



Judah fought against Jerusalem and took it



Model of Jerusalem in its early periods



Jdg. 1:12, “Then Caleb said, ‘Whoever attacks Kirjath Sepher and takes it, to him I will give my daughter Achsah as wife.’

Jdg. 1:13, “And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother, took it; so he gave him his daughter Achsah as wife.

Jdg. 1:14, “Now it happened, when she came to him, that she urged him to ask her father for a field. And she dismounted from her donkey, and Caleb said to her, ‘What do you wish?’ ”





רח' עתניאל
ע"ש עתניאל בן קנז משבט יהודה
شارع عاتنييل
OTHNIEL STREET

He that strikes Kiriath-sepher . . . will I give Achsah . . . Othniel the son of Kenaz . . . took it



“Othniel Street” sign in Jerusalem

He that strikes Kiriath-sepher . . . will I give Achsah . . . Othniel the son of Kenaz . . . took it



“Cave of Othniel son of Kenaz,” sign in Hebron

She got off her donkey, and Caleb said, "What do you want?"



Girl on a donkey, near Maale Michmash

“Give me also springs of water.” And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs



Lower springs of Debir (modern Khirbet Rabud)

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Covered well at Debir (modern Khirbet Rabud)

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Jdg. 1:15, “So she said to him, ‘Give me a blessing; since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water.’ And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.”

Jdg. 1:16, “Now the children of the Kenite, Moses’ father-in-law, went up from the City of Palms with the children of Judah into the Wilderness of Judah, which lies in the South near Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people.

Jdg. 1:17, “And Judah went with his brother Simeon, and they attacked the Canaanites who inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. So the name of the city was called Hormah.”

Jdg. 1:18, “Also Judah took Gaza with its territory, Ashkelon with its territory, and Ekron with its territory.

Jdg. 1:19, “So the Lord was with Judah. And they drove out the mountaineers, but they could not drive out the inhabitants of the lowland, because they had chariots of iron.”



Judah took . . . Ashkelon with its territory



Ashkelon (aerial view from the southwest)

Judah took . . . Ashkelon with its territory



Ashkelon (aerial view from the southwest)

Judah . . . could not drive out the inhabitants of the plain, because they had iron chariots



Model of an Egyptian chariot workshop

Judah . . . could not drive out the inhabitants of the plain, because they had iron chariots



Royal chariot of Tutankhamun (reconstruction), 14th century BC

**Jdg. 1:20, “And they gave Hebron to Caleb,
as Moses had said. Then he expelled from
there the three sons of Anak.”**

Jdg. 1:21, “But the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem; so the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.”

Jdg. 1:22, “And the house of Joseph also went up against Bethel, and the Lord was with them.

Jdg. 1:23, “So the house of Joseph sent men to spy out Bethel. (The name of the city was formerly Luz.)

Jdg. 1:24, “And when the spies saw a man coming out of the city, they said to him, ‘Please show us the entrance to the city, and we will show you mercy.’

Jdg. 1:25, “So he showed them the entrance to the city, and they struck the city with the edge of the sword; but they let the man and all his family go.”

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Gen. 48:3, “Then Jacob said to Joseph: ‘God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me,

Gen. 48:4, “ ‘and said to me, “Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a multitude of people, and give this land to your descendants after you as an everlasting possession.” ’ ”

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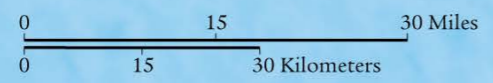
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Territory shared by the tribes of Judah and Simeon



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And the house of Joseph also went up against Bethel



Possible locations of Bethel, at el-Bireh or Beitin (aerial view from the south)

1:22

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Possible locations of Bethel, at el-Bireh or Beitin (aerial view from the south)

They said to him, "Please show us the entrance into the city, and we will deal kindly with you"



West postern gate at Alacahöyük, 14th century BC

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Beitin, a possible location of Bethel

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Postern gate (Gallery 629) at Megiddo

Josh. 17:16, “But the children of Joseph said, ‘The mountain country is not enough for us; and all the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both those who are of Beth Shean and its towns and those who are of the Valley of Jezreel.’ ”

Josh. 17:17, “And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph—to Ephraim and Manasseh—saying, ‘You are a great people and have great power; you shall not have only one lot,

Josh. 17:18, “ ‘but the mountain country shall be yours. Although it is wooded, you shall cut it down, and its farthest extent shall be yours; for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots and are strong.’ ”

Jdg. 1:27, “However, Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shean and its villages, or Taanach and its villages, or the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, or the inhabitants of Ibleam and its villages, or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages; for the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land.”

Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shean and its towns



Beth-shean and the Harod Valley (aerial view from the east)

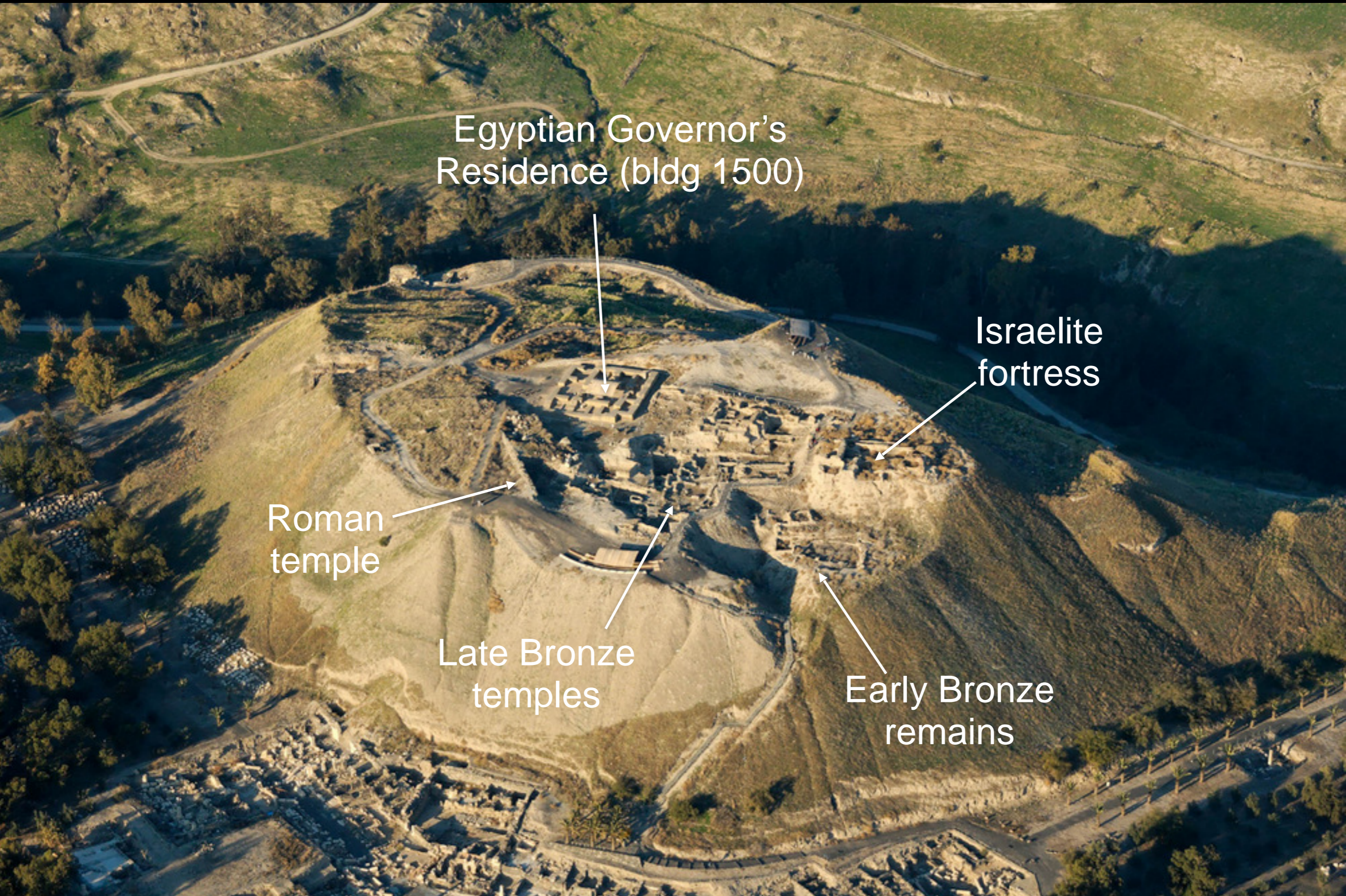
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Tel Beth-shean (aerial view from the south)

Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shean and its towns



Tel Beth-shean (aerial view from the south)

Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of . . . Dor and its towns



Dor (aerial view from the east)

Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of . . . Dor and its towns



Dor (aerial view from the south)

Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of . . . Dor and its towns



Tel Dor

Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of . . . Dor and its towns



Jdg. 1:28, “And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites under tribute, but did not completely drive them out.

Jdg. 1:29, “Nor did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; so the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.”

Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanites who were living in Gezer



Gezer (aerial view from the northwest)

Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanites who were living in Gezer



Standing stones at Gezer, circa 1500 BC

1:29



30 Miles

50 kilometers

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ASHER

NAPHTALI

ZEBULUN

ISSACHAR

WEST MANASSEH

EPHRAIM

DAN

BENJAMIN

GAD

EAST MANASSEH

REUBEN

Tyre

Dan

Kedesh

Yiron

Merom

Hazor

Acco

Cabul

Hannathon

Rimmon

Lake Huleh

Sea of Galilee

Yarmuk River

Daberath

Mt. Tabor

Chesulloth

Jokneam

Megiddo

Taanach

Jezreel

Ibleam

Beth-shan

Edrei

Ramoth-gilead

Mt. Gilboa

Dothan

Jabesh-gilead

Socoh

WEST MANASSEH

Samaria

Mt. Ebal

Shechem

Succoth

Gerasa

Mahanaim

Pirathon

Gerizim

Janoah

Jabbok River

Joppa

Aphek

Tappuah

Shiloh

GAD

Rabbah (Amman)

EPHRAIM

Lod

Upper Beth-horon

Bethel

Mizpah

Jericho

Shittim

Jabneel

Gezer

Aijalon

Gibeon

Adummim

Beth-hoglah

Heshbon

Ashdod

Beth-shemesh

Kiriath-Jearim

Jerusalem

Bethlehem

Mt. Nebo

Bezer

Medeba

Ashkelon

Gath

Jdg. 1:30, “Nor did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron or the inhabitants of Nahalol; so the Canaanites dwelt among them, and were put under tribute.

Jdg. 1:31, “Nor did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Acco or the inhabitants of Sidon, or of Ahlab, Achzib, Helbah, Aphik, or Rehob.

Jdg. 1:32, “So the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out.”

Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of Acco



Tel Acco and surrounding area (aerial view from the east)

Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of Acco



Tel Acco

Acre/Akka

Asher did not drive out . . . the inhabitants of Sidon



Sidon, with its harbor and gardens (aerial view from the southwest)



30 Miles

ometers

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ASHER

NAPTHALI

EAST MANASSEH

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GAD

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Jabneel

Beth-shemesh

Ekron

Upper Beth-horon

Gezer

Aijalon

Kiriath-Jearim

Jerusalem

Bethlehem

Bethel

Mizpah

Gibeon

Adummim

Jericho

Beth-hoglah

Mt. Nebo

Heshbon

Bezer

Medeba

Rabbah (Amman)

Mahanaim

Gerasa

Succoth

Jabesh-gilead

Beth-shan

Mt. Gilboa

Ibleam

Dothan

Taanach

Megiddo

Jokneam

Sarid

Cheulloth

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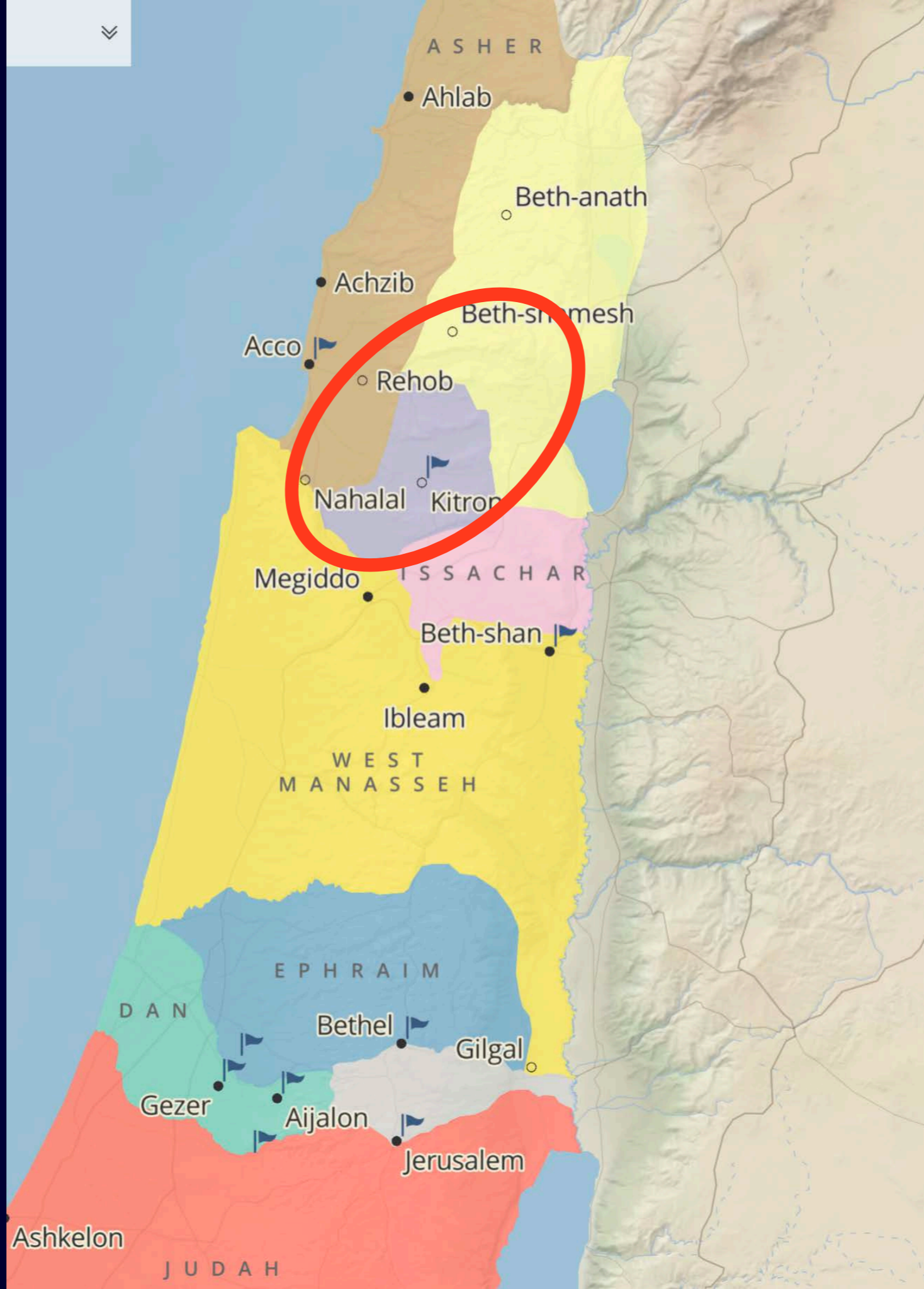
Yarmuk River

Jordan River

Jabbok River

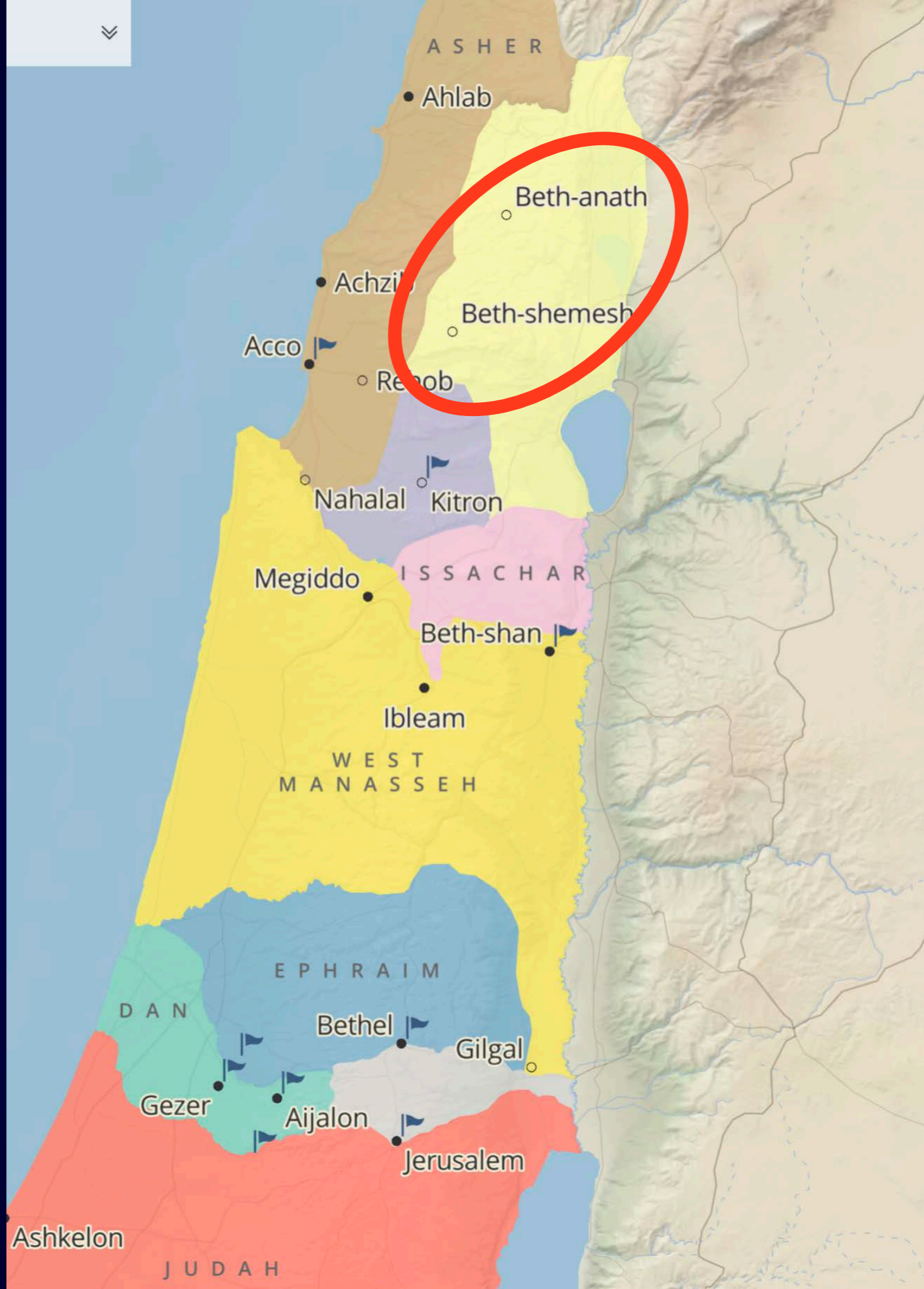
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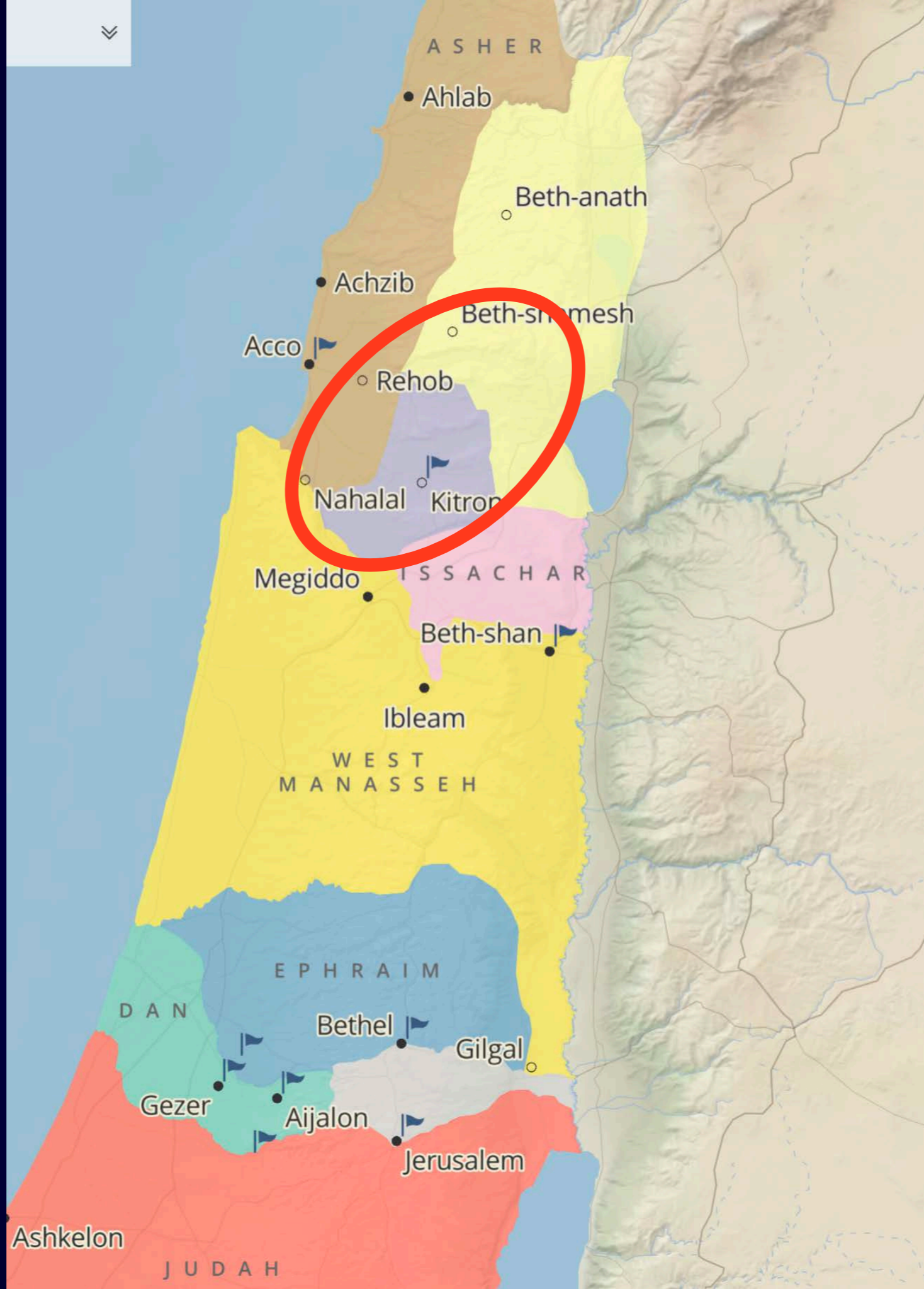




Jdg. 1:33, “Nor did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh or the inhabitants of Beth Anath; but they dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land. Nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh and Beth Anath were put under tribute to them.

Jdg. 1:34, “And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountains, for they would not allow them to come down to the valley;”





Jdg. 1:35, “and the Amorites were determined to dwell in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim; yet when the strength of the house of Joseph became greater, they were put under tribute.

Jdg. 1:36, “Now the boundary of the Amorites was from the Ascent of Akrabbim, from Sela, and upward.”