

Judges Series

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The Ibez Gets the Hammer
Judges 4:6–24



JUDGES

2021

When Chaos Was King

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

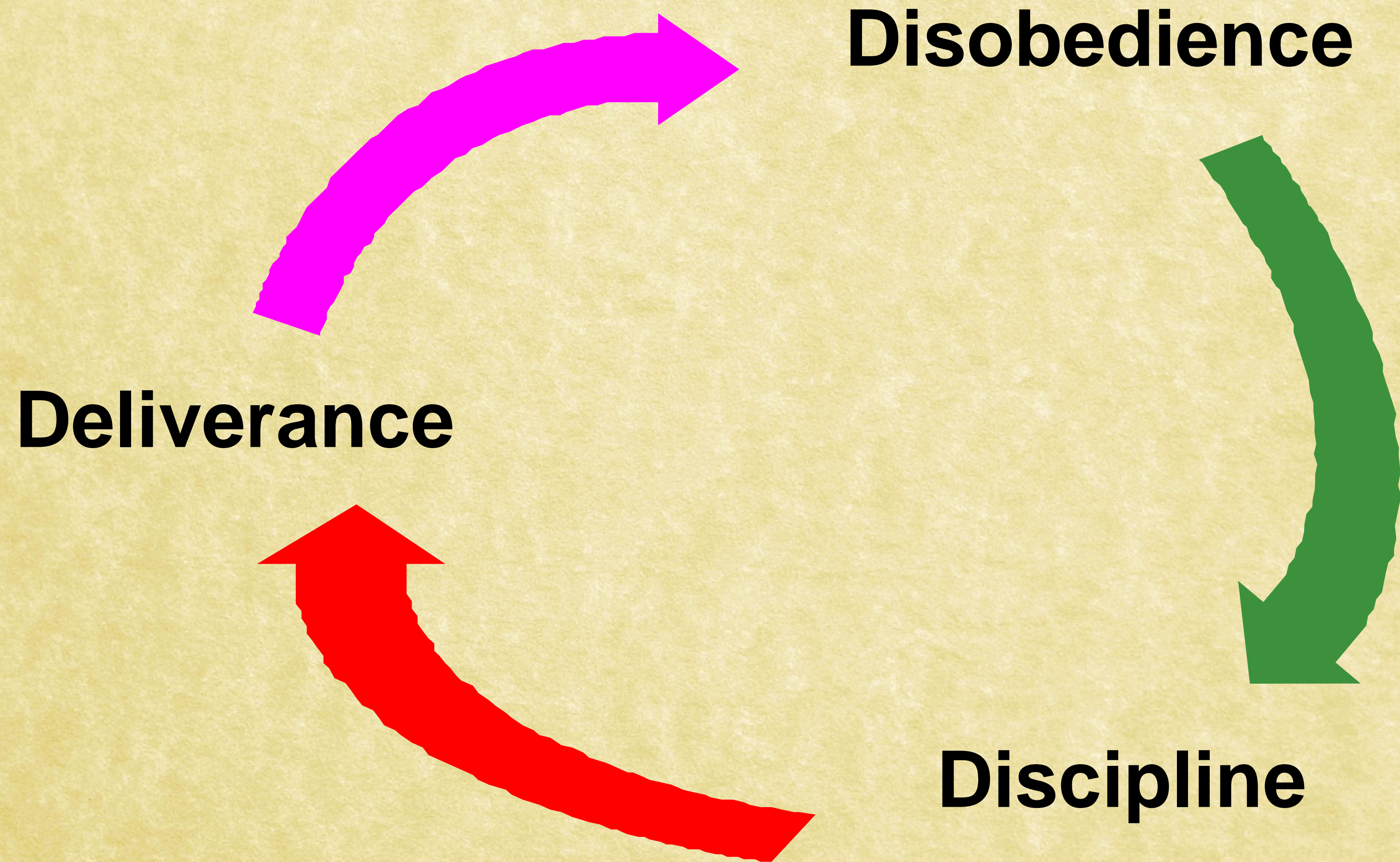
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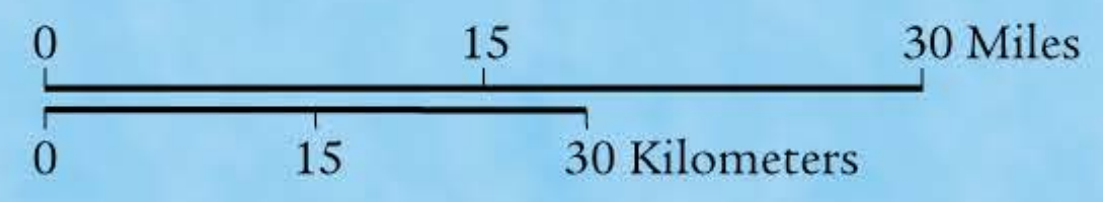
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The Cycles of the Judges



← Sargon II campaign (712 BC)

← Sennacherib campaign (701 BC)



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STIA

SAMARIA

AMMON

AH

PHOENICIA

GALILEE

Gilead

Ashdod

Ekron

Gezer

Jerusalem

Jericho

Joppa

Aphek

Samaria

Mt. Gerizim

Mt. Ebal

Shechem

Dor

Jokneam

Megiddo

Beth-shean

Jabesh-gilead

Mahanaim

Beth-arbel

Ramoth-gilead

Mt. Hauran

Karnaim

Sea of Galilee

Yarmuk River

Merom

Janoah

Kedesh

Harbor

Dan

Abel-beth-maacah

Rabbah (Amman)

The third cycle with Deborah as Judge







- (1) Disobedience and Departure from Devotion to Yahweh 4:1–ONE verse**
- (2) Discipline from the Lord–Judges 4:2, 3—TWO verses**
- (3) Deliverance by Grace–Judges 4:4–24–TWENTY-ONE verses**

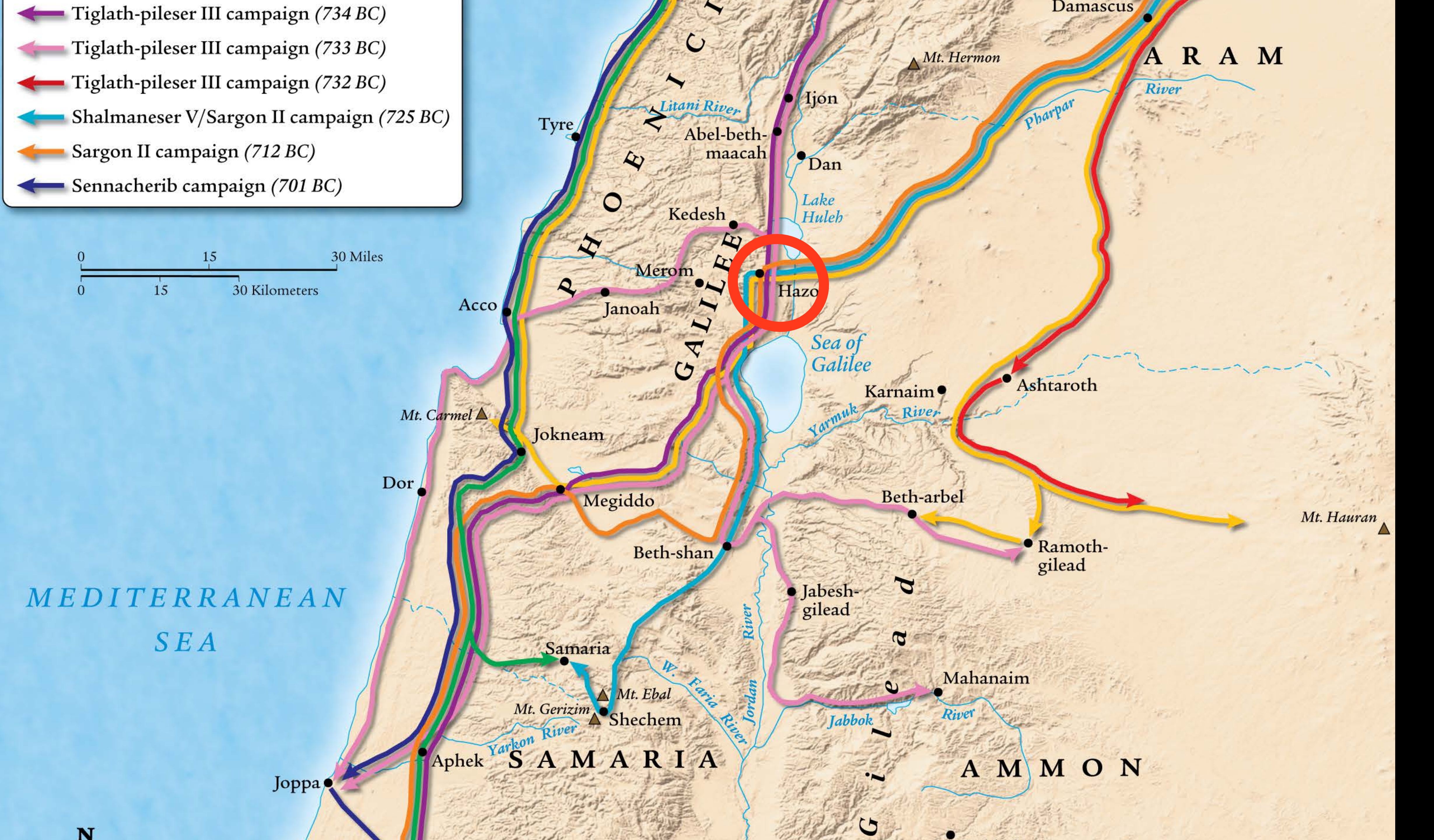
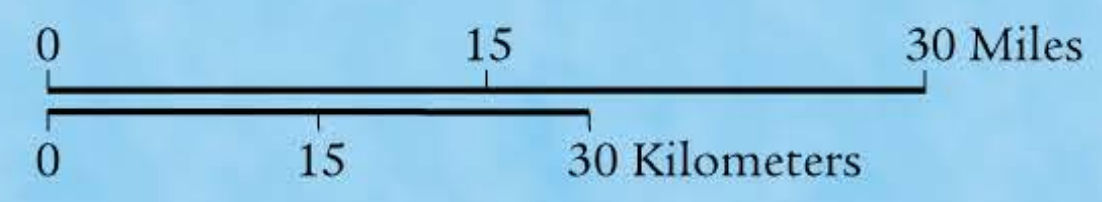
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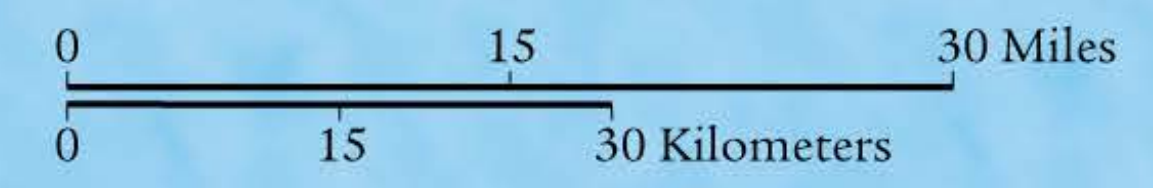
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-  Tiglath-pileser III campaign (732 BC)
-  Shalmaneser V/Sargon II campaign (725 BC)
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Judg. 4:3, “And the children of Israel cried out to the Lord; for Jabin had nine hundred chariots of iron, and for twenty years he had harshly oppressed the children of Israel.” ~NKJV

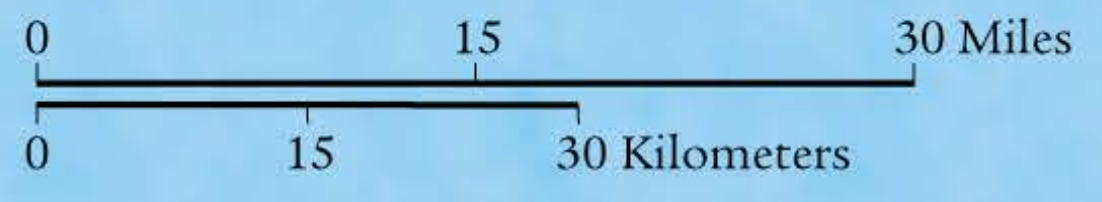
Territory shared by the tribes of Judah and Simeon



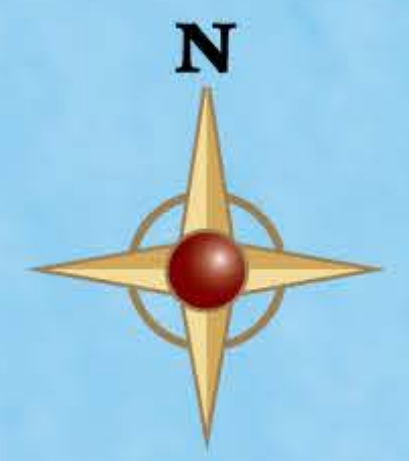
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The term “judging” is *shopeta*, a governor, leader, or military commander, not a sitting adjudicator.

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לְמִשְׁפַּט *lemishpat*

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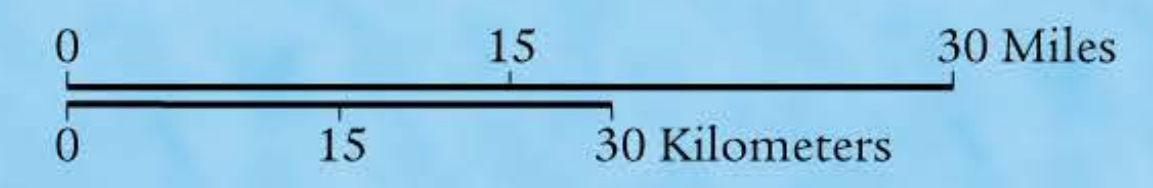
judgment

Judg. 4:6, “Then she sent and called for Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, ‘Has not the LORD God of Israel commanded, “Go and deploy troops at Mount Tabor; take with you ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun;” ’ ”



מִשַׁךְ *mashakh* qal perf 2 masc sing consec “to pull, draw, drag, used for drawing a bow, or for deployment.” Also in vs. 7

Territory shared by the tribes of Judah and Simeon



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Tyre

Dan

Kedesh

Acco

Shamgar son of Anath ³

Kedesh-naphtali

Barak son of Abinoam ⁴

Ashtaroth

ZEBULUN

Elon ¹⁰

Jair the Gileadite ⁷

Dor

Megiddo

Kamon

Ramoth-gilead

ISSACHAR

Beth-shean

MANASSEH

Tola son of Puah of Issachar ⁶

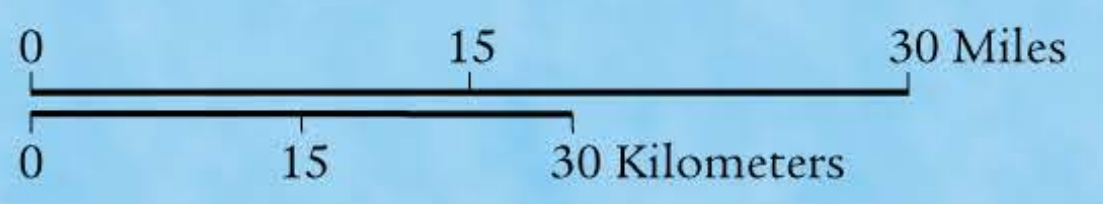
Jephthah the Gileadite ⁸

Great Sea

She sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh of Naphtali



Kedesh (Tell Qades) and Mount Hermon



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Kedesh

Merom

Hazor

Acco

Janoah

Sea of Galilee

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Yarmuk River

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W. Euphrates River

Jordan River

Jabbok River

Mahanaim

SAMARIA

AMMON

Joppa

Aphek

Jericho

Rabbah (Amman)

Ashdod

Ekron

Gezer

Jerusalem

Gath

Azekah

JUDAH

PHILISTIA

GALILEE

PHOENICIA

Gilead

Judg. 4:7, “ ‘and against you I [YHWH] will deploy Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his multitude at the River Kishon; and I will deliver [give, put] him into your hand’?”

**נתן *natan* qal perf 1
com sing
to give, put, set**

**משך *mashakh* qal perf 2 masc sing
consec “to pull, draw, drag, used
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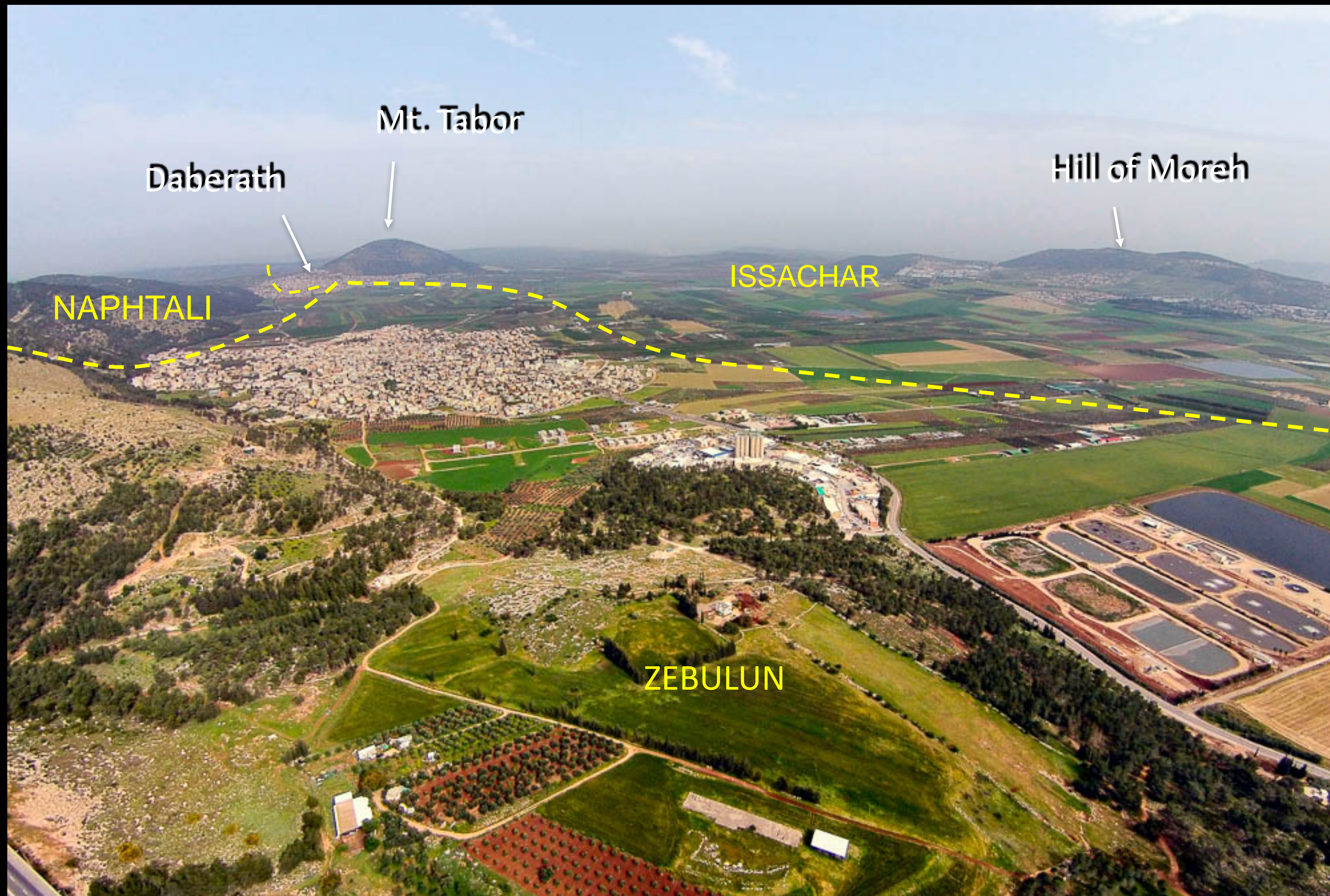


Go . . . to Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men



Mount Tabor (aerial view from the west)

Take with you ten thousand men from the people of Naphtali and the people of Zebulun



Mount Tabor, the Jezreel Valley, and the Hill of Moreh (aerial view from the northwest)

Judg. 4:8, “And Barak said to her, ‘If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go!’

Judg. 4:9, “So she said, ‘I will surely go with you; nevertheless there will be no glory for you in the journey you are taking, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.’ Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.”

Heb. 11:32, “And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets:”

Canaanite Side

Judg. 4:12, “And they reported to Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor.

Judg. 4:13, “So Sisera gathered together all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people who were with him, from Harosheth Hagoyim to the River Kishon.” ~NKJV

Israelite Side

Judg. 4:14, “Then Deborah said to Barak, ‘Up! For this is the day in which the Lord has delivered [given] Sisera into your hand. Has not the Lord gone out before you?’

So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men following him.” ~NKJV

Judg. 4:15, “And the Lord routed Sisera and all his chariots and all his army with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sisera alighted from his chariot and fled away on foot.” ~NKJV

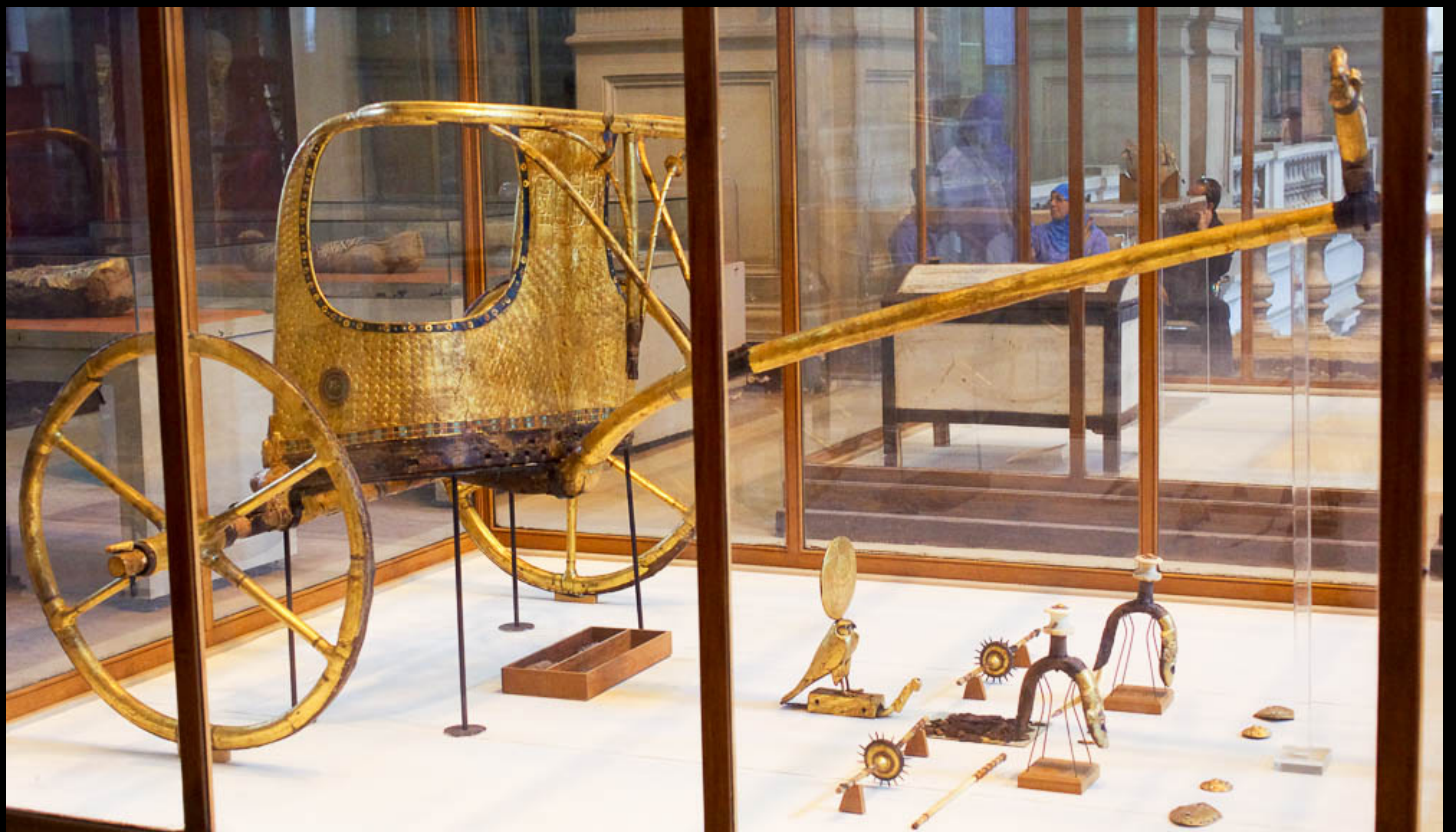
“routed”

1־הַמָּם *hamam-1* qal

**wawConsec 3 masc sing
to make a noise, confuse,
create a panic, crush,
destroy.**

Judg. 4:16, “But Barak pursued the chariots and the army as far as Harosheth Hagoyim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; not a man was left.

Judg. 4:17, “However, Sisera had fled away on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite; for there was peace between Jabin king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. ~NKJV



Ceremonial chariot of Tutankhamun, from the Valley of the Kings, 14th century BC



Ceremonial chariot of Tutankhamun, from the Valley of the Kings, 14th century BC

He had nine hundred iron chariots, and he oppressed the sons of Israel severely for twenty years



Relief of Assyrian chariots and horsemen, 645 BC

Ex. 14:24, “Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He routed the army of the Egyptians.”

“routed”

הַמָּוֹלֵם *hamam-1* qal

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Ex. 23:27, “I will send My fear before you, I will cause confusion among all the people to whom you come, and will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.”

“routed”

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Deut. 2:15, “For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from the midst of the camp until they were consumed.”

“routed”

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Josh. 10:10, “So the LORD routed them before Israel, killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, chased them along the road that goes to Beth Horon, and struck them down as far as Azekah and Makkedah.”

“routed”

1-הַמָּם *hamam-1* qal

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1 Sam. 7:10, “Now as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But the LORD thundered with a loud thunder upon the Philistines that day, and so confused them that they were overcome before Israel.”

“routed”

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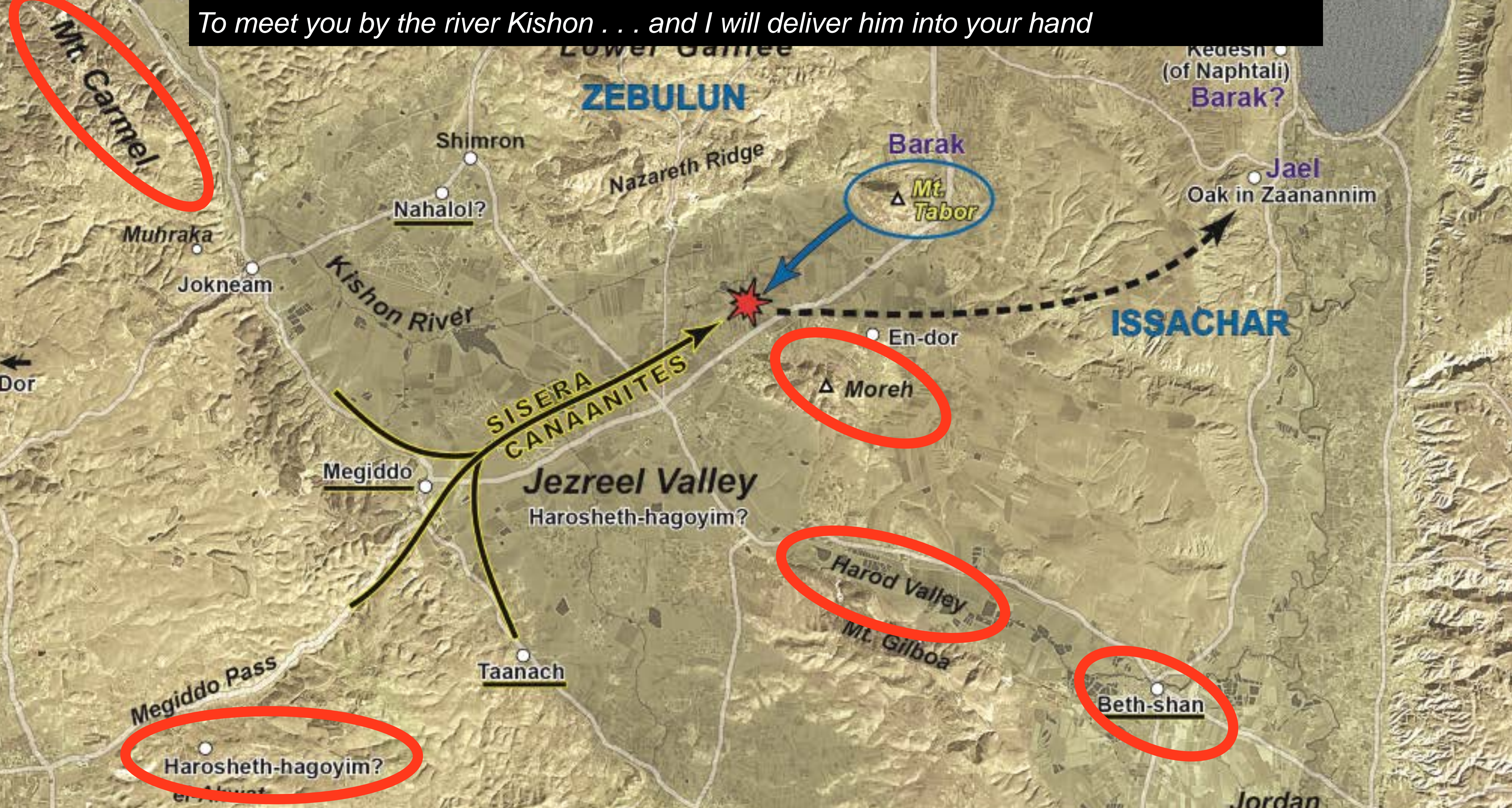
2 Sam. 22:14, “The LORD thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered His voice.

2 Sam. 22:15, “He sent out arrows and scattered them; Lightning bolts, and He vanquished them.

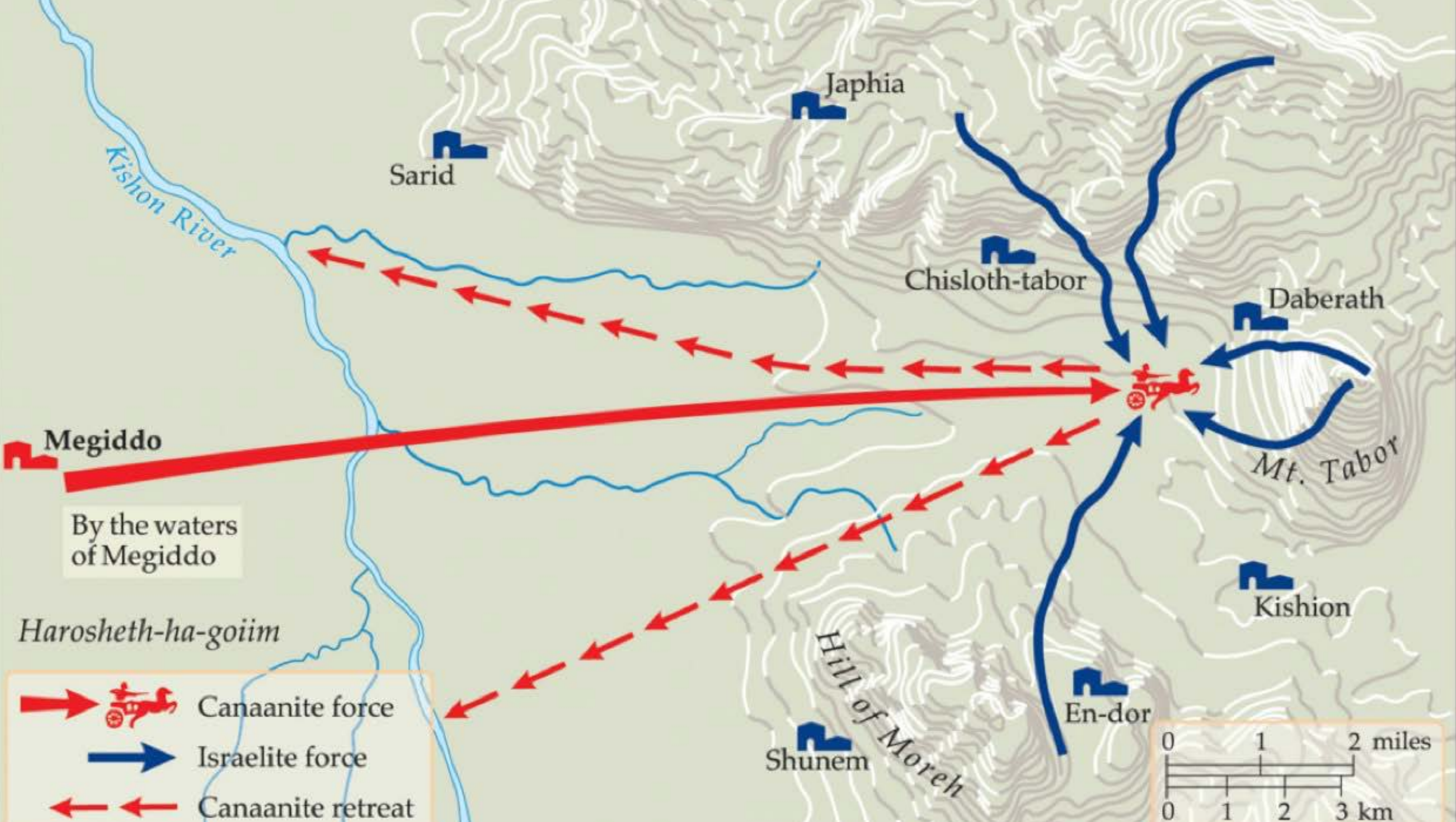
2 Sam. 22:16, “Then the channels of the sea were seen, the foundations of the world were uncovered, at the rebuke of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of His nostrils.

2 Sam. 22:17, “He sent from above, He took me, He drew me out of many waters.”

To meet you by the river Kishon . . . and I will deliver him into your hand



Map of the battle theater



Judg. 5:19, “The kings came and fought, then the kings of Canaan fought in Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo; They took no spoils of silver.

Judg. 5:20, “They fought from the heavens; The stars from their courses fought against Sisera.

Judg. 5:21, “The torrent of Kishon swept them away, that ancient torrent, the torrent of Kishon. O my soul, march on in strength!”



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Judg. 4:18, “And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, ‘Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me; do not fear.’ And when he had turned aside with her into the tent, she covered him with a blanket.

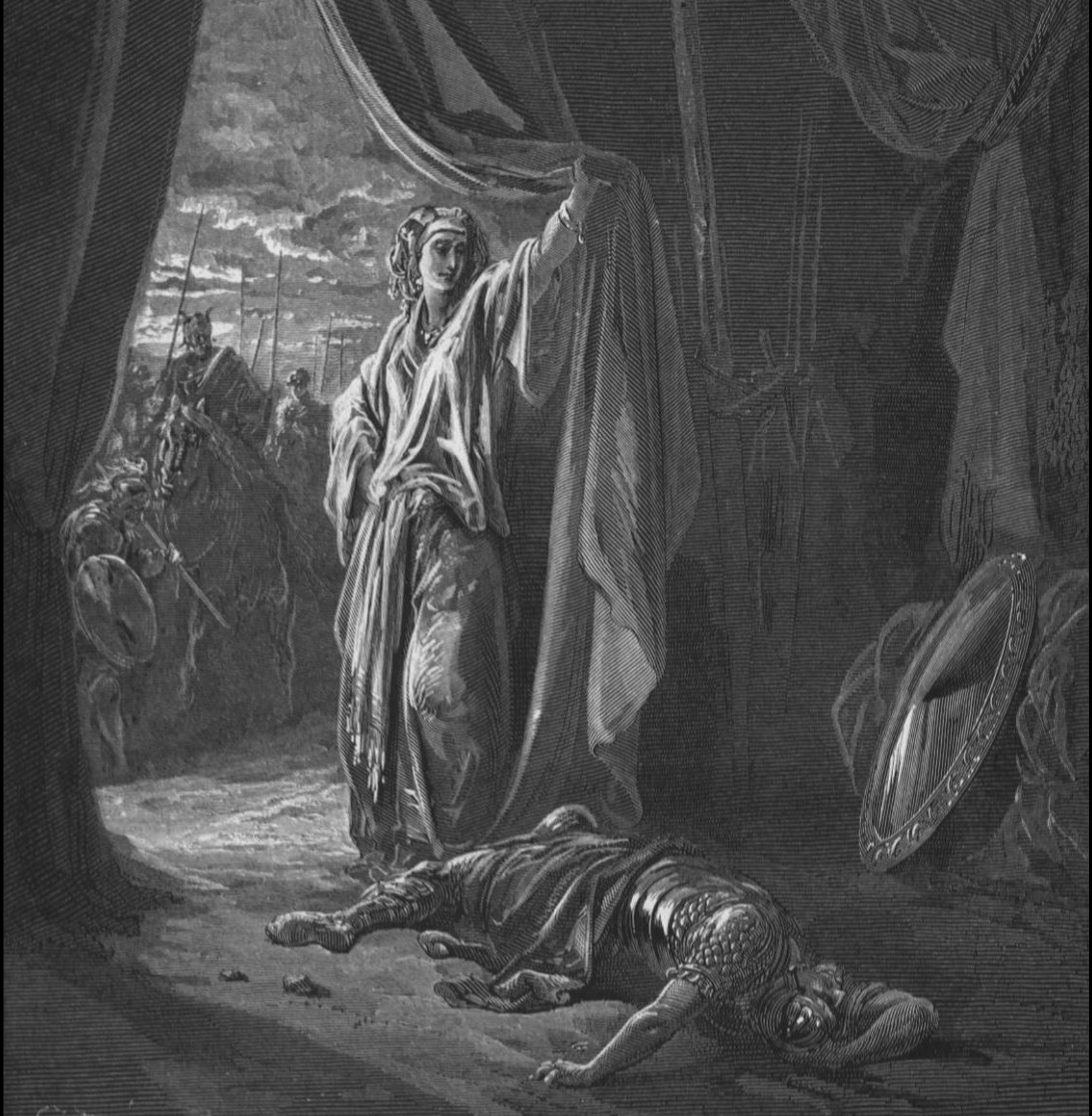
Judg. 4:19, “Then he said to her, ‘Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty.’ So she opened a jug of milk, gave him a drink, and covered him.

Judg. 4:20, “And he said to her, ‘Stand at the door of the tent, and if any man comes and inquires of you, and says, “Is there any man here?” you shall say, “No.” ’ ” ~NKJV









Judg. 4:22, “And then, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, ‘Come, I will show you the man whom you seek.’ And when he went into her tent, there lay Sisera, dead with the peg in his temple.

Judg. 4:23, “So on that day God subdued Jabin king of Canaan in the presence of the children of Israel. ~NKJV

Judg. 4:24, “And the hand of the children of Israel grew stronger and stronger against Jabin king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.” ~NKJV

Rom. 8:31, “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Rom. 8:32, “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” ~NKJV