

Judges Series

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Jephthah's Vow
Judges 11:29

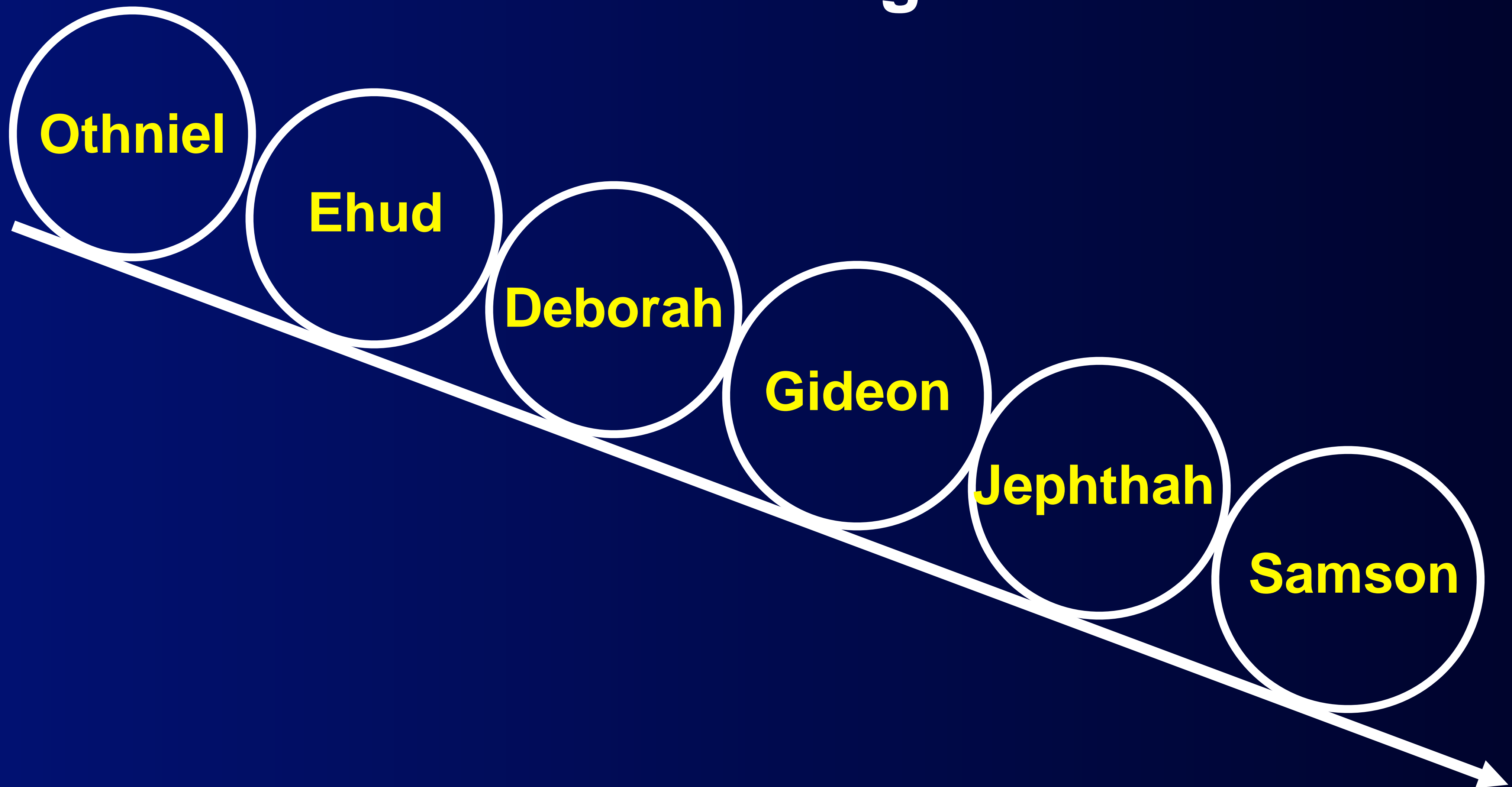


JUDGES

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When Chaos Was King

Deterioration of Positive Volition in the Judges





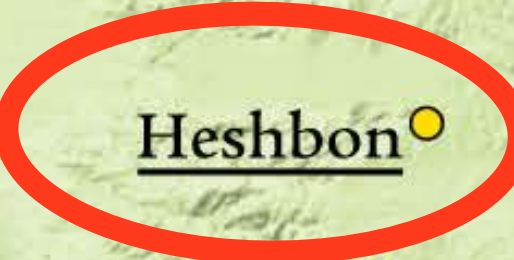
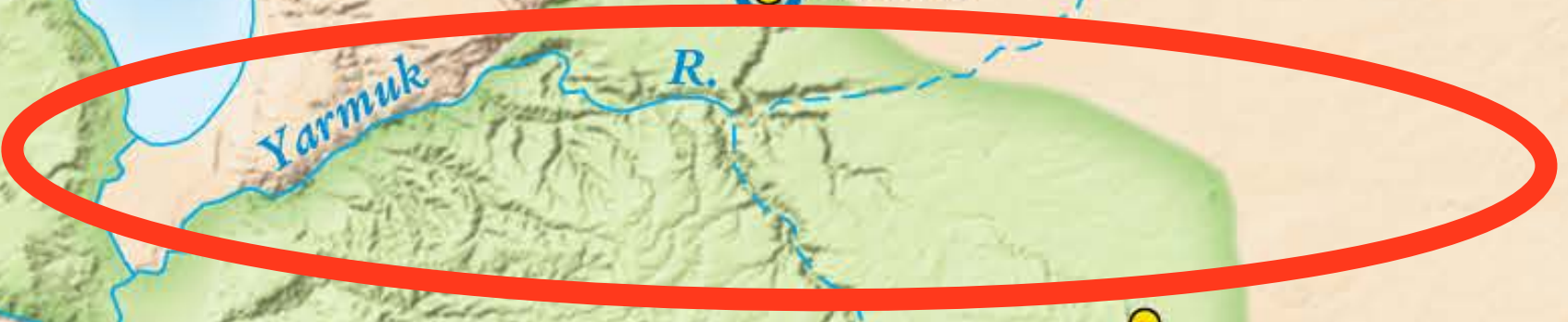
MEDITERRANEAN SEA

PHILISTIA

Jezreel Valley

AMMON

desert



- Aphek
- Shimron
- Endor
- Jokneam
- Dor
- Megiddo
- Taanach
- Jezreel
- Beth-shan
- Ibleam
- Jabesh-gilead
- Edrei
- Ramoth-gilead
- Hepher
- Socoh
- Tirzah
- Shechem
- Jogbehah
- Jazer
- Rabbah (Amman)
- Bezer
- Medeba
- Dibon
- Aroer
- Jerusalem
- Bethel
- Ai
- Gibeon
- Jericho
- Heshbon
- Gezer
- Shaalbim
- Aijalon
- Beth-shemesh
- Ekron
- Jarmuth
- Adullam
- Libnah
- Makkedah
- Hebron
- Lachish
- Eglon
- Ashdod
- Ashkelon
- Gaza
- Joppa
- Aphek
- Tappuah
- Yarkon River
- Yarmuk R.
- Jordan River
- Arnon River
- Galilee
- Dead Sea
- Ashtaroth
- Golan
- Mananaim
- Mahanaim

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.**

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

- **Jephthah owns the negotiations with the Ammonites, they lose. Judg. 11:12–28**
- **Jephthah's win-lose attempt to manipulate God, Judg. 11:29–33**
- **Jephthah's pagan vow. Judg. 11:30–40**

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

JEZREEL VALLEY
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)

Dor

Valley
ISSACHAR

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

Kamon

Havvoth-jair

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)

Pirathon

Shechem

Jabbok

Mizpah

Yarkon River

EPHRAIM

Shiloh

Gilgal

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

Arumah

Adam

GAD

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

Bethel

Mizpah

Ramah

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

Jericho

Gilgal

Jazer

Rabbah (Amman)

Heshbon

Joppa

DAN

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Ex. 31:2, “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

Ex. 31:3, “And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom [*chokmah*—skill, wisdom], in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

Ex. 31:4, “to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze,

Ex. 31:5, “in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship.

Ex. 31:6, “And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all the gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you:”

Num. 11:17, “Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone.”

Num. 11:25, “Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again.”

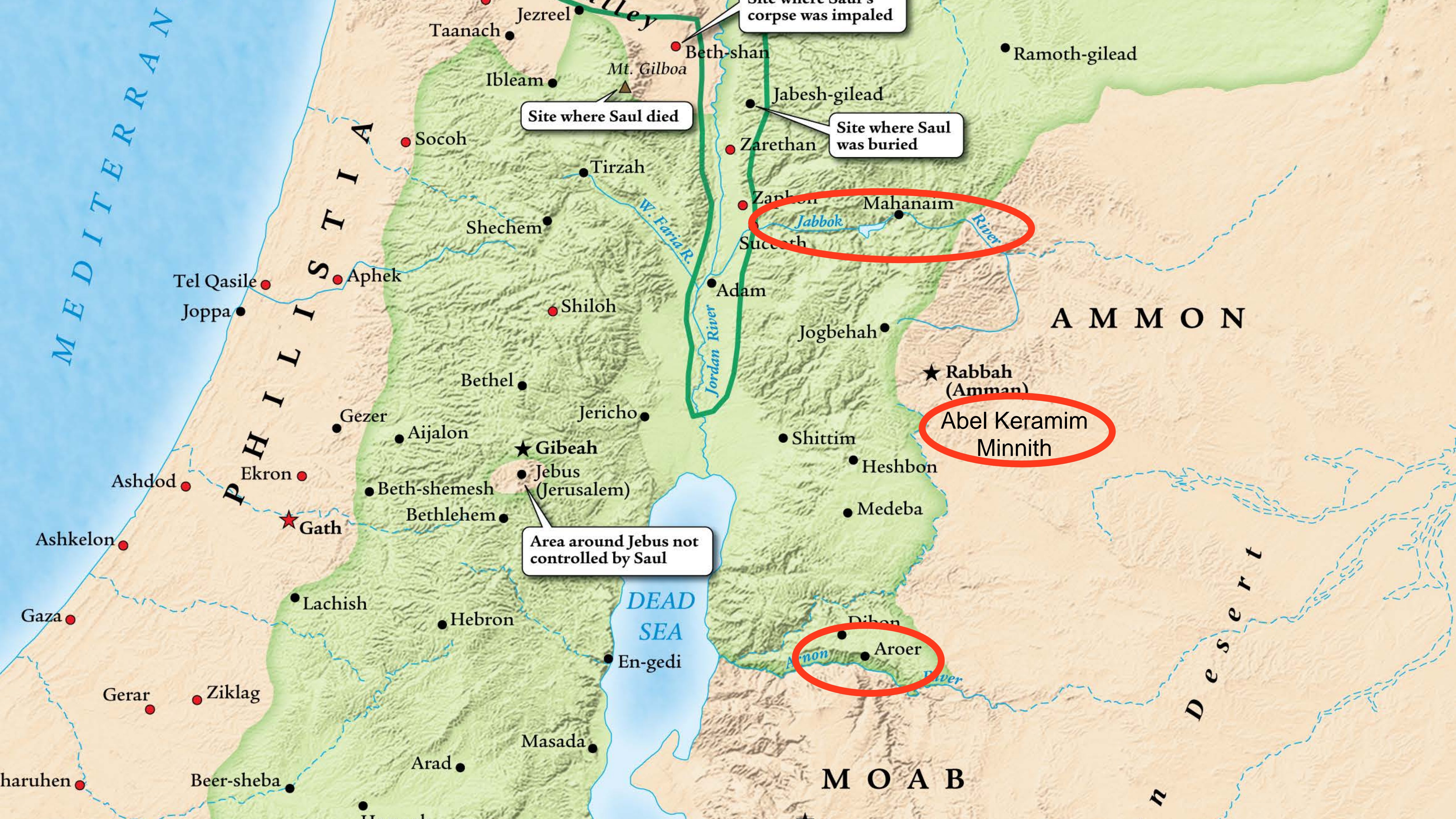
Num. 11:26, “But two men had remained in the camp: the name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they were among those listed, but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in the camp.”

Num. 24:2, “And Balaam raised his eyes, and saw Israel encamped according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon him.”

Deut. 34:9, “Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.”

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PHILISTIA

AMMON

MOAB

Site where Saul died

Site where Saul's corpse was impaled

Site where Saul was buried

Area around Jebus not controlled by Saul

Abel Keramim Minnith

Aroer

Taanach

Ibleam

Mt. Gilboa

Beth-shan

Jabesh-gilead

Ramoth-gilead

Socoh

Tirzah

Zarethan

Site where Saul was buried

Mahanaim

Shechem

Tel Qasile

Aphek

Shiloh

Joppa

Adam

Jogbehah

Rabbah (Amman)

Bethel

Jericho

Shittim

Abel Keramim Minnith

Gezer

Aijalon

Gibeah

Jebus (Jerusalem)

Heshbon

Medeba

Ashdod

Ekron

Beth-shemesh

Bethlehem

Ashkelon

Gath

Lachish

Hebron

En-gedi

Dibon

Aroer

Gaza

Gerar

Ziklag

Masada

Arad

Beer-sheba

Haruhen



ISRAEL

GILEAD

EPHRAIM

BENJAMIN

Jordan

Zaphon

Mizpah

AMMON

Rabbah

Abel-keramim

Minnith

Tob

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Judg. 11:30, “And *Yiptah* vowed a vow to Yhwh and said, ‘If you surely give the sons of Ammon into my hand

Judg. 11:31, “ ‘it will be that whatever comes [masc sg participle] out of the door to my house to greet me, when I return in peace [*shalom*] from the sons of Ammon then I will offer up to Yhwh a burnt offering.’ ”

עֹלָה *olah* comm fem sing abs

HALOT “sacrifice which is wholly burned, comprising domestic animals and occasionally birds”

DCH “burnt offering, i.e., sacrifice entirely consumed by fire, offered daily morning and evening”

BDB “n.f. (noun, feminine) whole burnt-offering (that which goes up (√ 6) to heaven (al. on altar))

Gen. 28:20, “Then Jacob vowed a vow, saying, ‘**If God will** be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on,

Gen. 28:21, “ ‘so that I come back to my father’s house in peace, **then the LORD shall be my God.**”

Gen. 28:22, “ ‘And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God’s house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.’ ”

Num. 21:2, “So Israel made a vow to the LORD, and said, ‘If You will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.’ ”

1 Sam. 1:11, “Then she made a vow and said, ‘O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.’ ”

2 Sam. 15:7, “Now it came to pass after forty years that Absalom said to the king, ‘Please, let me go to Hebron and pay the vow which I made to the LORD.

2 Sam. 15:8, “ ‘For your servant took a vow while I dwelt at Geshur in Syria, saying, “**If the LORD indeed brings me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.**” ’ ”

Evidence of child sacrifice

Deut. 12:31, “You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.”

Deut. 18:10, “There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,”

Evidence of child sacrifice

2 Kings 3:26, “And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too fierce for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew swords, to break through to the king of Edom, but they could not.

2 Kings 3:27, “Then he took his eldest son who would have reigned in his place, and offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall; and there was great indignation against Israel. So they departed from him and returned to their own land.”

Evidence from Carthage

“To our lady, to Tanit, the face of Baal, and to our lord, to Baal-hamon that which was vowed by [A], son of [B], son of [C], because he [that is, the deity] heard [A’s] voice and blessed him.”

“The clause ‘whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me’ envisages the exuberant welcome by children of a father who has been away on a military campaign. For the moment the reader does not know that Jephthah has only one child, that in putting her at risk he also jeopardizes himself, and that, ironically, in securing his own victory he sentences his lineage to death.”

~Daniel Block, *Judges*, s.v. Judges 11:30