

Judges Series

Lesson #05

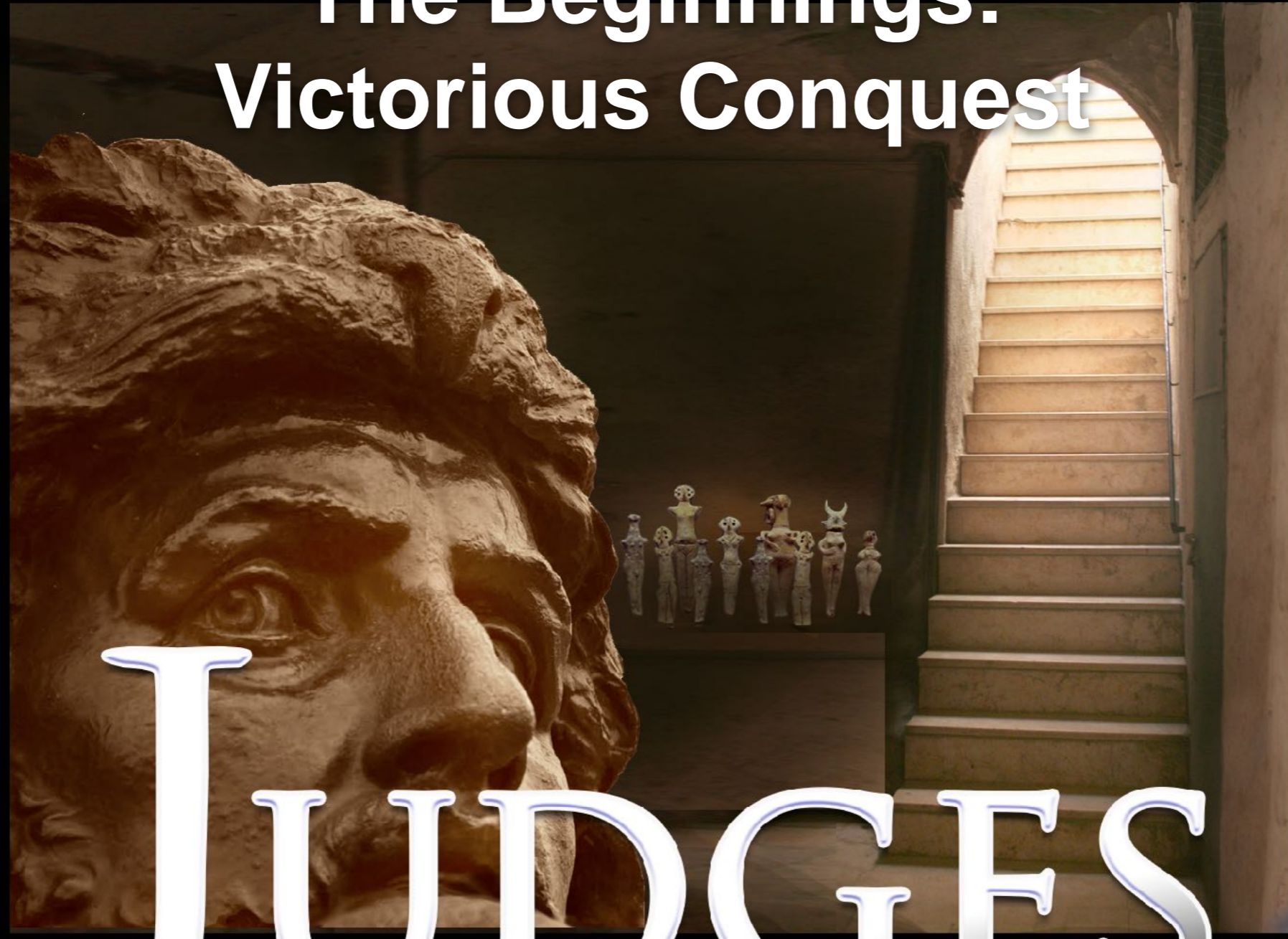
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**The Beginnings:
Victorious Conquest**



JUDGES

**Moral Relativism
Destroys a Nation**

2021 Series

Lev. 11:44, “For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy.”

Lev. 11:45, “For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”

Lev. 20:7, “Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God.”

Lev. 20:26, “And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.”

Judg. 17:6, “In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

Judg. 18:1, “In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking an inheritance for itself to dwell in; for until that day their inheritance among the tribes of Israel had not fallen to them.”

Judg. 19:1, “And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite staying in the remote mountains of Ephraim. He took for himself a concubine from Bethlehem in Judah.”

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

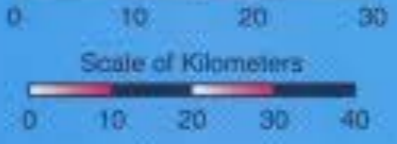
Chap 17–18

**and the
People**

Chap 19–21

“Scholars follow the well trodden paths and continue the tradition. They base their examination of the Biblical text on the rules of Latin composition. They start from the assumption that the true and original text must be consistent and if it is not consistent, it must be corrected by scissors and pastework. The Biblical story teller must have had a schema. He must keep a sequence. He is not allowed to repeat himself. He is forbidden to retrace his steps and so on. Scholars discover everywhere duplications, contradictions, derangements of sequence and they amend. According to them the text has been tampered with by the first, second, and third hands of redactors and expanders most of whom were complete fools or debauchers. It does not occur to the scholars that the Biblical author wrote in an entirely different way and not according to the schema of a Latin composition.”

~Y. Kaufman



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Mediterranean Sea
(Great Sea)

Dead Sea
(Salt Sea)

Ammon

Moab

Wilderness of Judah

0

10

20

30

40

Scale of Kilometers

0

10

20

30

40

Tyre

Laish (Dan)

Kedesh

Merom?
Madon?

Hazor

Acco

Kinnereth

Sea of Kinnereth

Golan

Ashtaroth

Mt. Carmel

Acshaph

Shimron

Mt. Tabor

Dor

Jokneam

Megiddo

Yarmuk River

Edrei

Taanach

Ramoth Gilead

Hepher

Tirzah

Mt. Ebal
Mt. Gerizim

Shechem

Zarethan

Jabbok River

Aphek

Tappuah

Adam

Ammon

F

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Joppa

Upper Bethoron

Bethel

Gilgal

Rabbah of the Ammonites

Gezer

Aijalon

Kiriath Jearim

Jerusalem

Jericho

Heshbon

Bezer

Ashdod

Gath

Jarmuth

Azekah

Beth Jeshimoth

Medeba

G

G

Ashkelon

Libnah

Hebron

Jahaz

Kedemoth

Gaza

Lachish

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Debir

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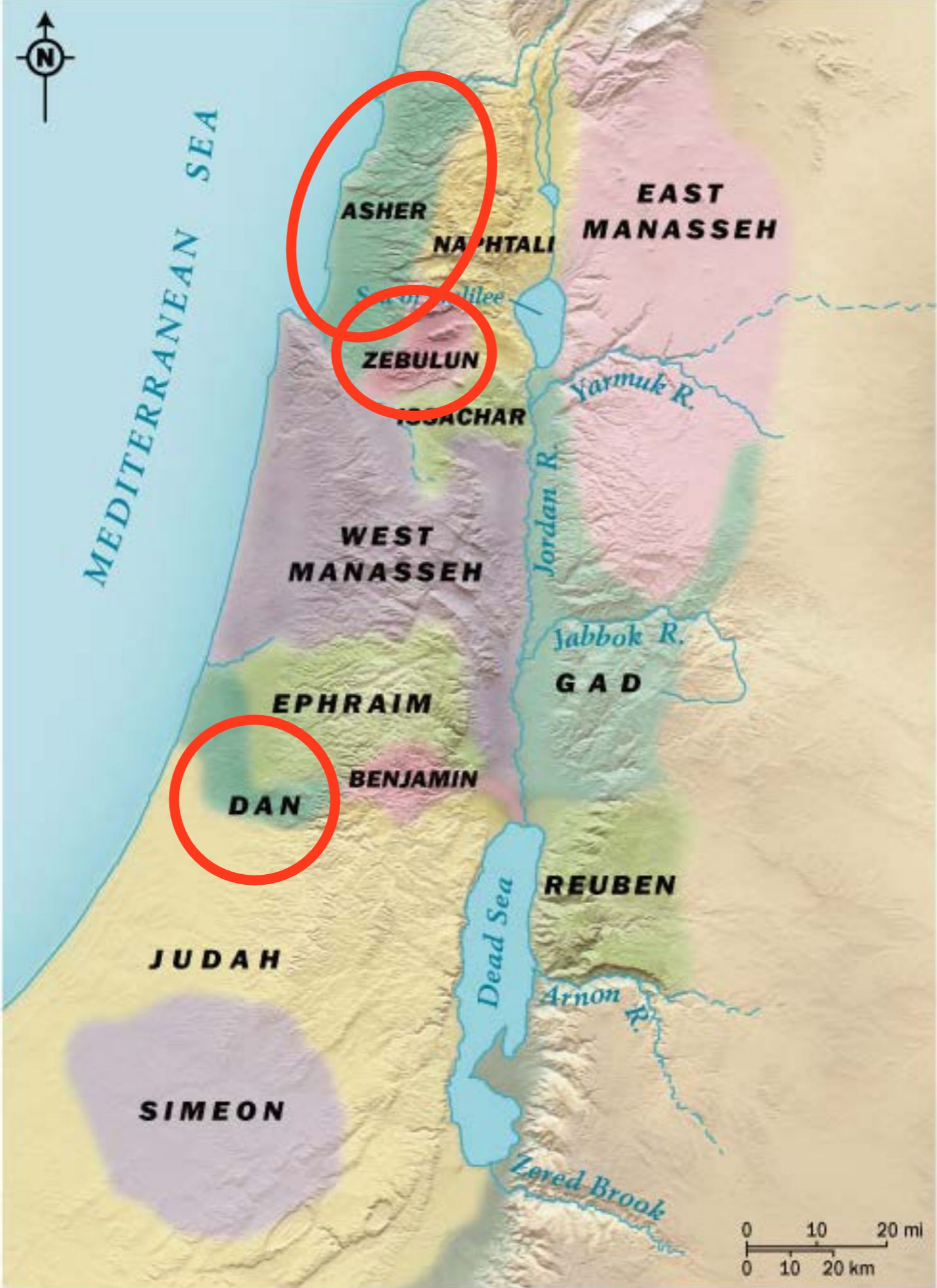
Beersheba

Hormah

Moab

Zered River







#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*)

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

#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*)

#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*)

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

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

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

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

Samuel judged Israel on a circuit to the towns of Bethel, Gilgal, Mizpah, and back to Ramah, his home town (*1 Sam. 7:16-17*)

#12 Samson—from the tribe of Dan (*Judg. 13:1-16:31*)