

# Judges Series

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**God Brings the Victory**  
**Judges 5:5–31**

# 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**

**Chap. 17–18**

**and the  
People**

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- X. Concluding wish (5:31a)**
- XI. Rest (5:31b)**

# **Thanksgiving, Declarative, or Descriptive Praise**

**The psalmist acknowledges how God has answered the prayer (Psalm 21, 30, 32, 34, 40, 66)**

**Psa. 50:14, “Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.”**

**Heb. 13:15, “Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.”**

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***bayom hahu'***

***“in the same day”***

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

**כנע *kana*ˁ to humble, subdue**  
**כְּנַעַן *kena*ˁan proper Canaan**



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**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**

## **II. Call to praise *Yhwh* (Judges 5:2–3)**

**Judg. 5:2,**

**“When leaders lead in Israel,  
When the people willingly offer themselves,  
Bless the LORD!**

**Judg. 5:3,**

**“Hear, O kings!  
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פרע *para*<sup>c</sup>

qal infinitiveConst

to let go, neglect,

uncover;

Num. 5:18, 6:5

פרע<sup>1</sup> *pera*<sup>c-1</sup>

comm masc plur abs

long hair of head,

locks

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2-ברך *barakh*-2

piel imper masc plur

to bless, to praise, to salute

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### **III. God's prior acts of deliverance (Judges 5:4–5)**

**Judg. 5:4,**

**“*YHWH*, when You went out from Seir,  
When You marched from the field of Edom,  
The earth trembled and the heavens poured,  
The clouds also poured water;**

**Judg. 5:5,**

**“The mountains gushed before the *YHWH*,  
This Sinai, before *YHWH* Elohim of Israel.”**



**1. Seir is first mentioned as Seir the Horite who inhabited the land promised to Abraham—in the land that in the future would be identified as the land of Edom. Seir was the personal name of the progenitor of the people who inhabited the land, a Horite.**

**Gen. 36:20**, “These were the sons of Seir the Horite who inhabited the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,

**Gen. 36:21**, “Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. These were the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir, in the land of Edom.”

**Gen. 14:6**, “and the Horites in their mountain of Seir, as far as El Paran, which is by the wilderness.”

**1 Chron. 1:38**, “The sons of Seir were Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.”

**2. Deuteronomy reminds them that by the time of the Exodus, the Edomites, the descendants of Esau, Jacob's twin brother, had taken over that territory, south and east of the Dead Sea.**

**Deut. 2:12, “The Horites formerly dwelt in Seir, but the descendants of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their place, just as Israel did to the land of their possession which the LORD gave them.)”**

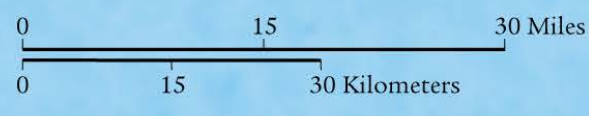
**Deut. 2:22, “just as He had done for the descendants of Esau, who dwelt in Seir, when He destroyed the Horites from before them. They dispossessed them and dwelt in their place, even to this day.”**

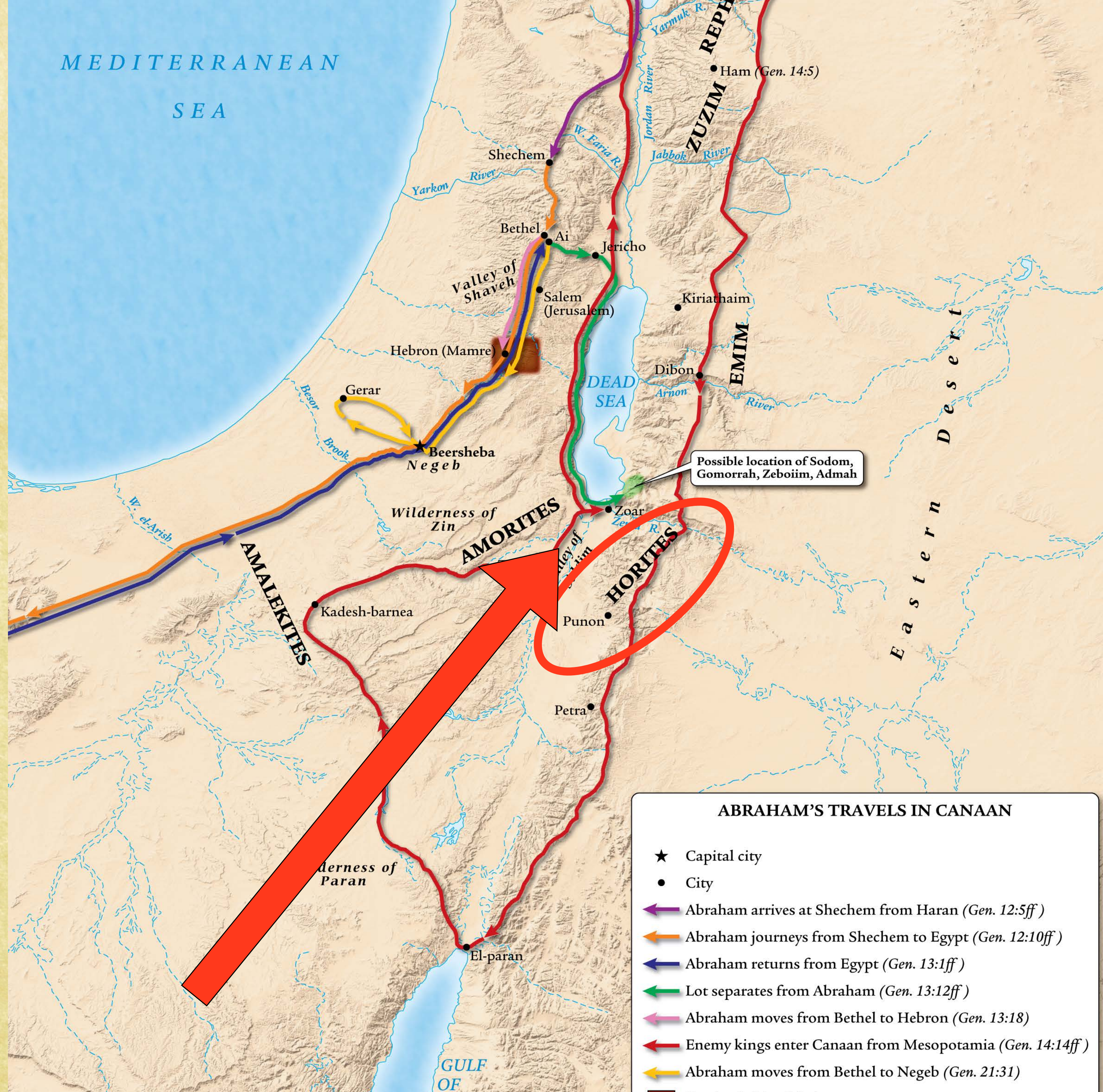
**3. Sinai is the location where God entered into covenant with the nation Israel and revealed the covenant, the Torah, to Moses. This is a defining moment for Israel. And then we see the progression of God's victory as He moved from the south through Seir and Edom to the land He promised Israel.**

**Psa. 68:8, “The earth shook; The heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God; Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

**Psa. 68:9, “You, O God, sent a plentiful rain, whereby You confirmed Your inheritance, when it was weary.”**

- Town beyond Israelite control
- Town not captured (*Josh. 13:1-7; 16:10; 17:7-18; Judg. 1*)
- City of refuge
- Town burned by Israelites in conquest
- ★ Major battle sites of Israel's conquest
- Area of Israel's control

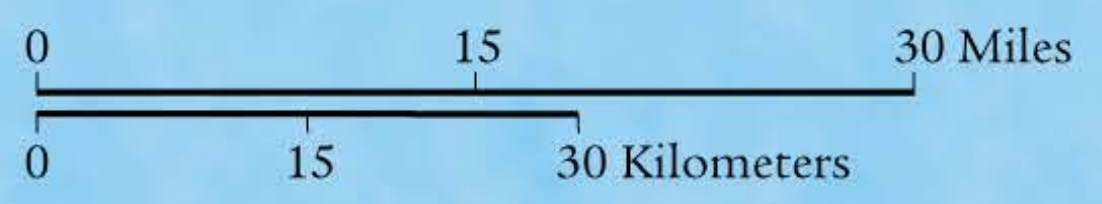




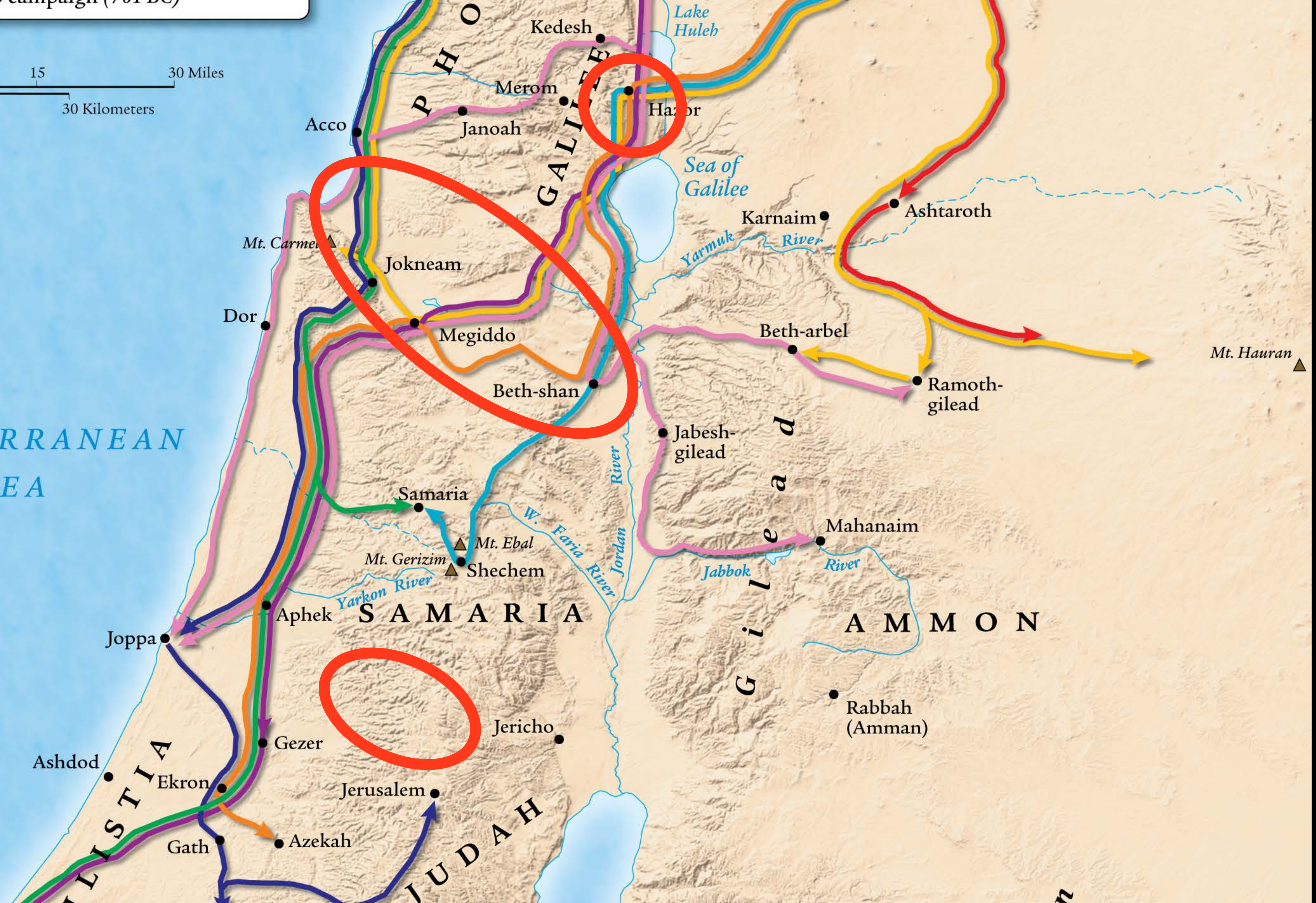
**ABRAHAM'S TRAVELS IN CANAAN**

- ★ Capital city
- City
- ← (Purple) Abraham arrives at Shechem from Haran (*Gen. 12:5ff*)
- ← (Orange) Abraham journeys from Shechem to Egypt (*Gen. 12:10ff*)
- ← (Blue) Abraham returns from Egypt (*Gen. 13:1ff*)
- ← (Green) Lot separates from Abraham (*Gen. 13:12ff*)
- ← (Pink) Abraham moves from Bethel to Hebron (*Gen. 13:18*)
- ← (Red) Enemy kings enter Canaan from Mesopotamia (*Gen. 14:14ff*)
- ← (Yellow) Abraham moves from Bethel to Negeb (*Gen. 21:31*)





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## **IV. Bad times, but God raises up Deborah (Judges 5:6–8)**

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**Psa. 7:6, “Arise, O LORD, in Your anger; Lift Yourself up because of the rage of my enemies; Rise up for me to the judgment You have commanded!”**

**Psa. 9:19, “Arise, O LORD, do not let man prevail; Let the nations be judged in Your sight.”**

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**Psa. 12:5, “ ‘For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise,’ says the LORD; ‘I will set him in the safety for which he yearns.’ ”**

**Psa. 17:13, “Arise, O LORD, confront him, cast him down; Deliver my life from the wicked with Your sword,”**

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**Judg. 5:8,**

**“God chose new leaders,**

**then fighters appeared in the city gates;**

**but, I swear, not a shield or spear could be found,  
among forty military units in Israel.” ~NET**

**Judg. 5:8,**

**“He [God] chose new leaders [*elohim*]**

**Then war was in the gates;**

**Not a shield or spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel.” ~RD**

## **V. A call for praise for *Yhwh*'s righteous acts (5:9–11c)**

**Judg. 5:9, “My heart is with the rulers of Israel who offered themselves willingly with the people. Bless the LORD!**

**Judg. 5:10, “Speak, you who ride on white donkeys, who sit in judges’ attire, and who walk along the road.**

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לב *lev*

**comm masc  
sing constr  
heart, thoughts**

חֲקָק *chaqaq*

**qal part masc plur  
constr  
“to inscribe,  
decree,” but here  
has the idea of a  
leader or tribal  
governor**

**Judg. 5:9, “My thoughts are toward the leaders of Israel  
With the volunteers of the people.  
Bless the LORD!” ~RD**

**נדב *nadav*  
hitpael part  
masc plur abs  
to freely offer,  
to volunteer**

**ברך-2 *barakh-2*  
piel imper masc plur  
to bless, to praise, to salute**

**Judg. 5:10,**

**“Speak, you who ride on light colored female donkeys,  
with luxurious blankets, and who walk along the road.”**



**Judg. 5:11,**

**“Far from the noise of the archers,  
among the watering places,**

**There they shall recount the righteous acts of the LORD,  
The righteous acts for His villagers in Israel;**

**THEN the people of the LORD shall go down to the gates.”**

## **VI. The response of the tribes (Judges 5:11d–18)**

**Judg. 5:11d, “Then the people of the LORD shall go down to the gates.**

**Judg. 5:12,**

**“Awake, awake, Deborah!**

**Awake, awake, sing a song!**

**Arise, Barak, and lead your captives away,**

**O son of Abinoam!**

**Judg. 5:13, “Then the survivors came down, the people against the nobles; The LORD came down for me against the mighty.”**

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**Judg. 5:13,**

**“Then came down a remnant of the nobles and the people;  
The Lord came down for me as warriors.” ~RD**

**Judg. 5:14, “From Ephraim were those whose roots were in Amalek. After you, Benjamin, with your peoples, from Machir rulers came down, and from Zebulun those who bear the recruiter’s staff.**

**Judg. 5:15, “And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; As Issachar, so was Barak sent into the valley under his command; Among the divisions of Reuben there were great resolves of heart.**

**Judg. 5:16, “Why did you sit among the sheepfolds, to hear the pipings for the flocks? The divisions of Reuben have great searchings of heart.**

**Judg. 5:17, “Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan, and why did Dan remain on ships? Asher continued at the seashore, and stayed by his inlets.**

**Judg. 5:18, “Zebulun is a people who jeopardized their lives to the point of death, Naphtali also, on the heights of the battlefield.”**

## **VII. God defeats the Canaanites (Judges 5:19–23)**

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

**Judg. 5:20, “From the heavens the stars fought; From their paths they 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!” ~RD**

## **VII. God defeats the Canaanites (Judges 5:19–23)**

**Judg. 5:22, “Then the horses’ hooves pounded, the galloping, galloping of his steeds.**

**Judg. 5:23, “ ‘Curse Meroz,’ said the angel of the LORD, ‘Curse its inhabitants bitterly, because they did not come to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.’ ”**



Acco

Merom

PHOENIX

ZEBULUN

GALILEE

NAPHTALI

BASMAN

Sea of Galilee

Achshaph

Harosheth-haggoiim

Mt. Carmel

Jokneam

Jezreel Valley

Shimron

Daberath

Mt. Tabor

Oak

Zaanannim

Ain

Yarmuk River

Endor

Mt. Moreh

Dor

Megiddo

Taanach

Jezreel

ISSACHAR

Lo-debar

Beth-shan

D



## **VIII. Praise for Jael, blessed of women (Judges 5:24–27)**

**Judg. 5:24, “Most blessed among women is Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite; Blessed is she among women in tents.**

**Judg. 5:25, “He asked for water, she gave milk; She brought out curds in a bowl fit for a king.**

**Judg. 5:26, “She stretched her left hand to the tent peg, her right hand to the workmen’s hammer; She pounded Sisera, she pierced his head, she split and struck through his temple.**

**Judg. 5:27, “Between her feet he sank, he fell limp, he lay lifeless; At her feet he sank, he collapsed; Where he sank, there he fell dead.” ~NKJV**

## **IX. Sorrow of Sisera's mother (Judges 5:28–30)**

**Judg. 5:28, “The mother of Sisera looked through the window, and cried out through the lattice, ‘Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why tarries the clatter of his chariots?’**

**Judg. 5:29, “Her wisest ladies answered her, yes, she answered herself,**

**Judg. 5:30, “Are they not finding and dividing the spoil: To every man a girl or two; For Sisera, plunder of dyed garments, plunder of garments embroidered and dyed, two pieces of dyed embroidery for the neck of the looter?’ ”**

## **X. Concluding wish (Judges 5:31a)**

**Judg. 5:31, “Thus may all Your enemies perish, O LORD! But let those who love Him be like the sun when it comes out in full strength.”**

## **XI. Rest (Judges 5:31b)**

**“So the land had rest for forty years.”**