

# Judges Series


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**Holy Spirit and Gideon**  
**Judges 6:35–40**

# 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**

**Chap. 19–21**

## Jeruba'al vs. Gideon

**Judg. 6:32, “Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, ‘Let Baal plead against him, because he has torn down his altar.’ ” ~NKJV**

**2 Sam. 11:21, “ ‘Who struck Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Was it not a woman who cast a piece of a millstone on him from the wall, so that he died in Thebez? Why did you go near the wall?’—then you shall say, ‘Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.’ ”**

## Jeruba'al vs. Gideon

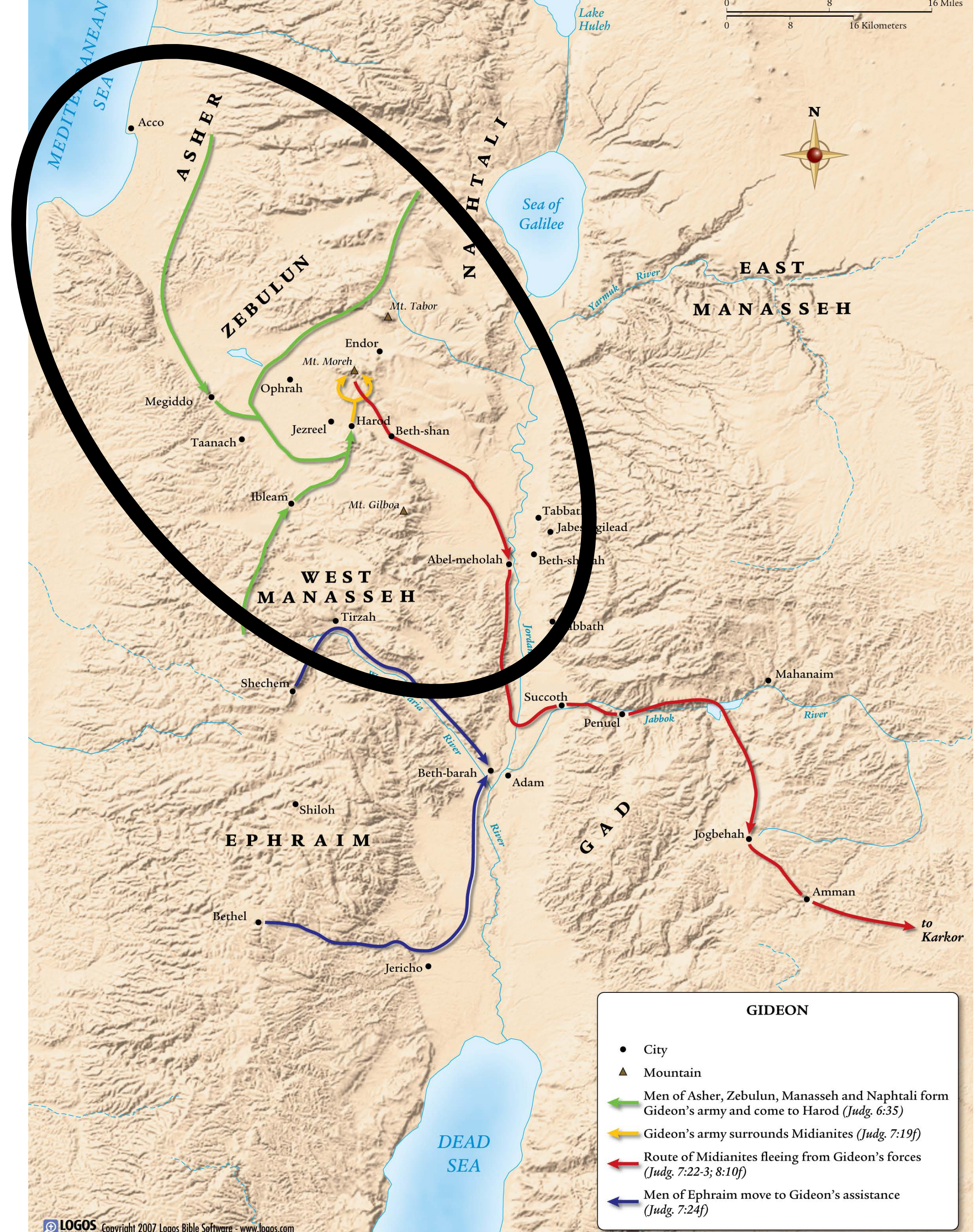
**1 Chron. 8:33, “Ner begot Kish, Kish begot Saul, and Saul begot Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Esh-Baal.”**

**1 Chron. 9:39, “Ner begot Kish, Kish begot Saul, and Saul begot Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Esh-Baal.”**

**2 Sam. 2:8, “But Abner the son of Ner, commander of Saul’s army, took Ishbosheth the son of Saul and brought him over to Mahanaim;”**

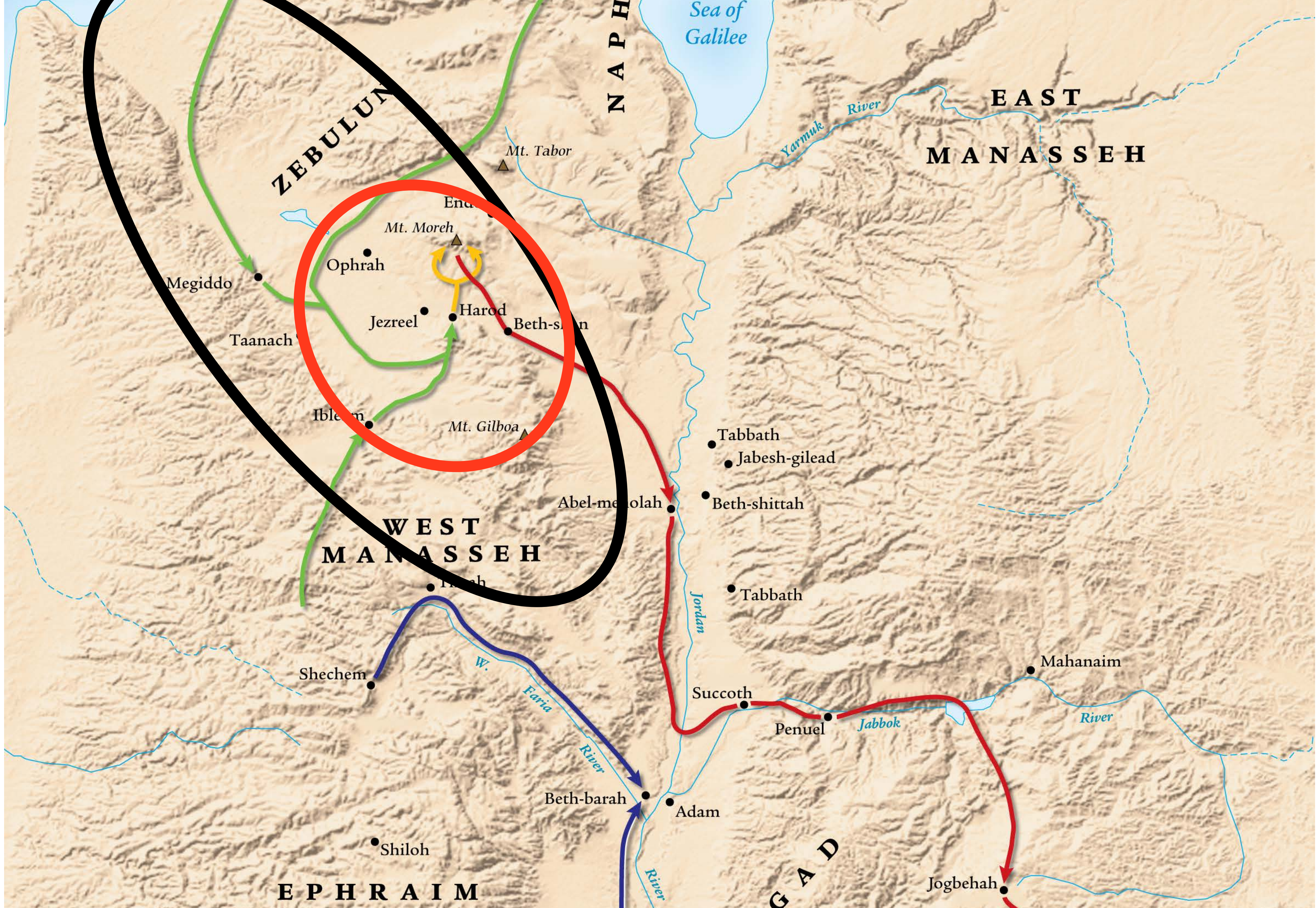
## **Jeruba'al vs. Gideon**

**1 Chron. 8:34, “The son of Jonathan was Merib-Baal, and Merib-Baal begot Micah.”**



**GIDEON**

- City
- ▲ Mountain
- ← Men of Asher, Zebulun, Manasseh and Naphtali form Gideon's army and come to Harod (*Judg. 6:35*)
- Gideon's army surrounds Midianites (*Judg. 7:19f*)
- Route of Midianites fleeing from Gideon's forces (*Judg. 7:22-3; 8:10f*)
- ← Men of Ephraim move to Gideon's assistance (*Judg. 7:24f*)



**ZEBULUN**

**NAPHTHALI**

**EAST  
MANASSEH**

**WEST  
MANASSEH**

**EPHRAIM**

**GAD**

Sea of Galilee

Yarmuk River

Jordan River

W. Euphrates River

Jabbok River

River

Mt. Tabor

Mt. Moreh

Mt. Gilboa

Megiddo

Taanach

Jezreel

Harod

Beth-shean

Ibleam

Abel-meholah

Tabbath

Jabesh-gilead

Beth-shittah

Tabbath

Shechem

Succoth

Penuel

Mahanaim

Beth-barah

Adam

Shiloh

Jogbehah





**ZEBULON**

**M A N**

Mt. Tabor

Yarmuk River

Endor

Mt. Moreh

Ophrah

Megiddo

Taanach

Jezreel

Harod

Beth-shan

Ibleam

Mt. Gilboa

Tabbath








Jabesh-gilead

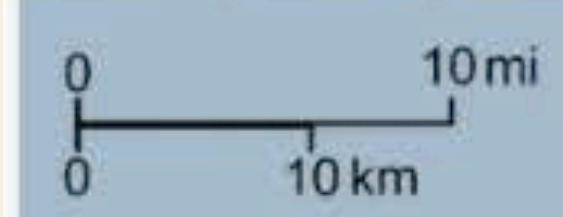
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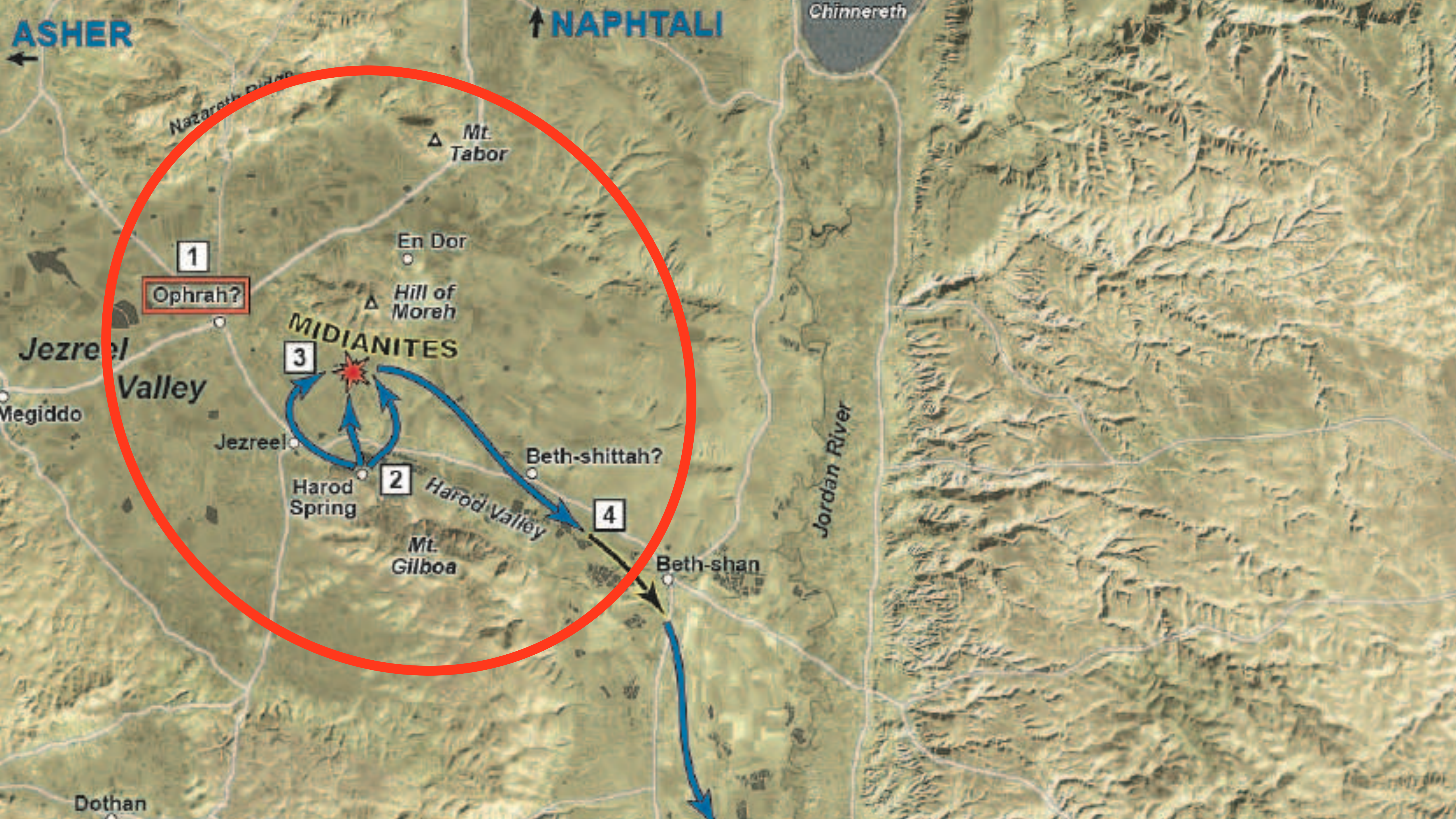
Beth-shittah

**WEST  
MANASSEH**

# Gideon and the Israelites Battle the Midianites

-  Possible routes of Midianite, Amalekite, and Eastern forces to Moreh
-  Gideon and his 300 men's route from Harod Spring to Moreh
-  Possible routes of Asherite, Zebulunite, Naphtalite, and Manassite forces to Harod Spring
-  Territory of Asher
-  Territory of Zebulun
-  Territory of Naphtali
-  Territory of West Manasseh





ASHER

NAPHTALI

Chinnereth

Nazareth

Mt. Tabor

En Dor

Hill of Moreh

MIDIANITES

1

Ophrah?

3

Jezreel Valley

Jezreel

Harod Spring

2

Harod Valley

Beth-shittah?

4

Mt. Gilboa

Beth-shan

Jordan River

Megiddo

Dothan

**Judg. 6:34, “But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him.”**

# **The Holy Spirit in Judges**

- 1. The role of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament was not like that of the New Testament, His role was not to empower believers spiritually, but to empower key leaders of Israel to lead. This included kings like Saul and David, prophets like Elijah and Elisha, the craftsman and builders of the Tabernacle and Temple, some priests like Ezra, and writers of Scripture.**

## **2. These are key passages in Judges.**

**Judg. 6:34, “But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him.” [and the Spirit of *Yhwh* wore, or clothed Himself with Gideon]**

**Judg. 11:29, “Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh, and passed through Mizpah of Gilead; and from Mizpah of Gilead he advanced toward the people of Ammon. [similar to Judges 3:10, “the Spirit of *Yhwh* was upon Jephthah”]**



**Judg. 13:25, “And the Spirit of the LORD began to move upon him at Mahaneh Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.”**  
**[“And the Spirit of *Yhwh* began to impel or move him”]**

**Judg. 14:6, “And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.” [“And the Spirit of *Yhwh* rushed upon him.”]**

**Judg. 14:19, “Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon him mightily, and he went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty of their men, took their apparel, and gave the changes of clothing to those who had explained the riddle. So his anger was aroused, and he went back up to his father’s house.” [“And the Spirit of *Yhwh* rushed upon him.”]**

**Judg. 15:14, “When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting against him. Then the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him; and the ropes that were on his arms became like flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds broke loose from his hands.” [“And the Spirit of *Yhwh* rushed upon him.”]**

# **What the Bible Teaches About**

## **The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament**



**How would a first-century Jew understand the use of the term “Holy Spirit” if there were no prior reference to Him in the Hebrew Scriptures?**

# Matthew

**Matt. 1:18, “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.”**

**Matt. 1:20, “But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.’ ”**

~RD

# Matthew

**Matt. 3:11, “I indeed baptize [identify] you by means of water into repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize [identify] you by means of the Holy Spirit and fire.” ~RD**



# Mark

**Mark 1:8, “I indeed baptized you by means of water, but He will baptize you by means of the Holy Spirit.” ~RD**

**Mark 1:10, “And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.”**

**Mark 1:12, “Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness.” ~RD**

# Luke

**Luke 1:15, “For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled from the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.” ~RD**

**Luke 1:35, “And the angel answered and said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.’ ” ~RD**

# Luke

**Luke 1:41, “And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled from/of the Holy Spirit.” ~RD**

# John

**John 1:32, “And John bore witness, saying, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.**

**John 1:33, “ ‘I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” ’ ”**

**John 3:5, “Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**

**John 3:6, “ ‘That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.’ ”**

**John 3:8, “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”**

**Who is the Holy Spirit? Is He a Person, a Force, or an Influence?**

**Matt. 3:16, “When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.**

**Matt. 3:17, “And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’ ”**

**Matt. 28:19, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”**

**Matt. 17:5, “While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!’ ”**



**2 Cor. 13:14, “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.”**

**1 Pet. 1:2, “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.”**

## He Has the Characteristics of a Person

**John 14:16, “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—”**

**John 15:26, “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”**

## He Has Will

**Acts 16:7, “After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.”**

**1 Cor. 12:11, “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”**

**John 16:14, “He [masculine, singular, pronoun] will glorify Me, for He [masculine, singular, pronoun] will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.”**

**John 14:26, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He [masculine, singular, pronoun] will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”**

**John 15:26, “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He [masculine, singular, pronoun] will testify of Me.”**

**Gal. 5:16, “Walk by means of the Spirit ...”**

**Acts 15:28, “For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:”**

**1 Pet. 1:2, “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:”**

**Jude 20, “But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying by means of the Holy Spirit,” ~RD**

***ἐν en* instrumental indicates used by as an instrument**

**Acts 5:3, “But Peter said, ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?’ ”**

**Acts 5:4, “ ‘While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.’ ”**



## **The Holy Spirit is Ascribed the Works of Deity**

**Rom. 8:11, “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”**

# **Omnipotence**

**Rom. 15:19, “in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.”**

**1 Cor. 12:11, “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”**

## Omniscience

**Isa. 40:13, “Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD,  
Or as His counselor has taught Him?”**

**Isa. 40:14, “With whom did He take counsel, and who  
instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of justice?  
Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way  
of understanding?”**

**Rom. 11:34, “*For who has known the mind of the  
LORD? Or who has become His counselor?”***

**νοῦς *nous* masc sing acc mind, thought**

# **Omnipresence**

**Psa. 139:7, “Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?”**

**Psa. 139:8, “If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.”**

- The Father is portrayed as the divine architect, planner, and designer.
- The Son is portrayed as the project manager, construction supervisor, and revealer of the Father.
- The Holy Spirit is the project engineer, the one who oversees provision of divine revelation, and the one who brings to completion the plan of the Father.
- The Holy Spirit is involved in bringing together creation, regeneration, and divine revelation as well as empowering the individual life of the Church Age believer.

***Ruah* is used in the noun form over 387 ✕ in the Old Testament.**

- 1. Breeze, breath, wind, air**
- 2. Something vain or futile**
- 3. Breath of God which supports life. Breath of life as in Gen. 6:17.**
- 4. Human spirit, as sense, mind, intellectual frame of mind, attitude, temperament, courage**
- 5. Holy spirit, Spirit of God; Spirit of *Yahweh***
- 6. A small number of references in the Old Testament are ambiguous and could refer to God's own presence or influence on the Earth, though the vast majority of references refer to the Third Person of the Trinity.**

**Psa. 104:30,**

**“You send forth Your Spirit,**

**they are created;**

**And You renew the face of the earth.”**

**2 Kings 2:9, “And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?’ Elisha said, ‘Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.’ ”**



**Ezek. 3:12, “Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a great thunderous voice: ‘Blessed is the glory of the LORD from His place!’ ”**

**Ezek. 11:1, “Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the East Gate of the LORD’S house, which faces eastward; and there at the door of the gate were twenty-five men, among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.”**

**Zech. 4:6, “So he answered and said to me: ‘This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the LORD of hosts.’ ”**

**Job 26:13, “By His Spirit He adorned the heavens;  
His hand pierced the fleeing serpent.”**

**Job 33:4, “The Spirit of God has made me, and the  
breath of the Almighty gives me life.”**

**Gen. 1:2, “The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”**

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# **The Craftsmen: Bezalel and Aholiab**

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