

Judges Series

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**God's Movements  
and Human Decisions**

**Judges 13:25–14:9**

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**When Chaos Was King**

**Gen. 18:25b, “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”**

**Isa. 55:8, “ ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD.**

**Isa. 55:9, “ ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.’ ”**

**Gal. 6:7, “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.**

**Gal. 6:8, “For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”**

## **Overview**

- 1. Provide us with a summary of what happens in Judges chapters 14–15.**
- 2. Explain the intricate and complicated plot with a view to getting insight into this interplay between God's sovereign will and our volition.**
- 3. Be reminded of two things: God's infinite grace to sinners; and how God works behind the scenes to bring about His will and work out His plan.**

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~NKJV**

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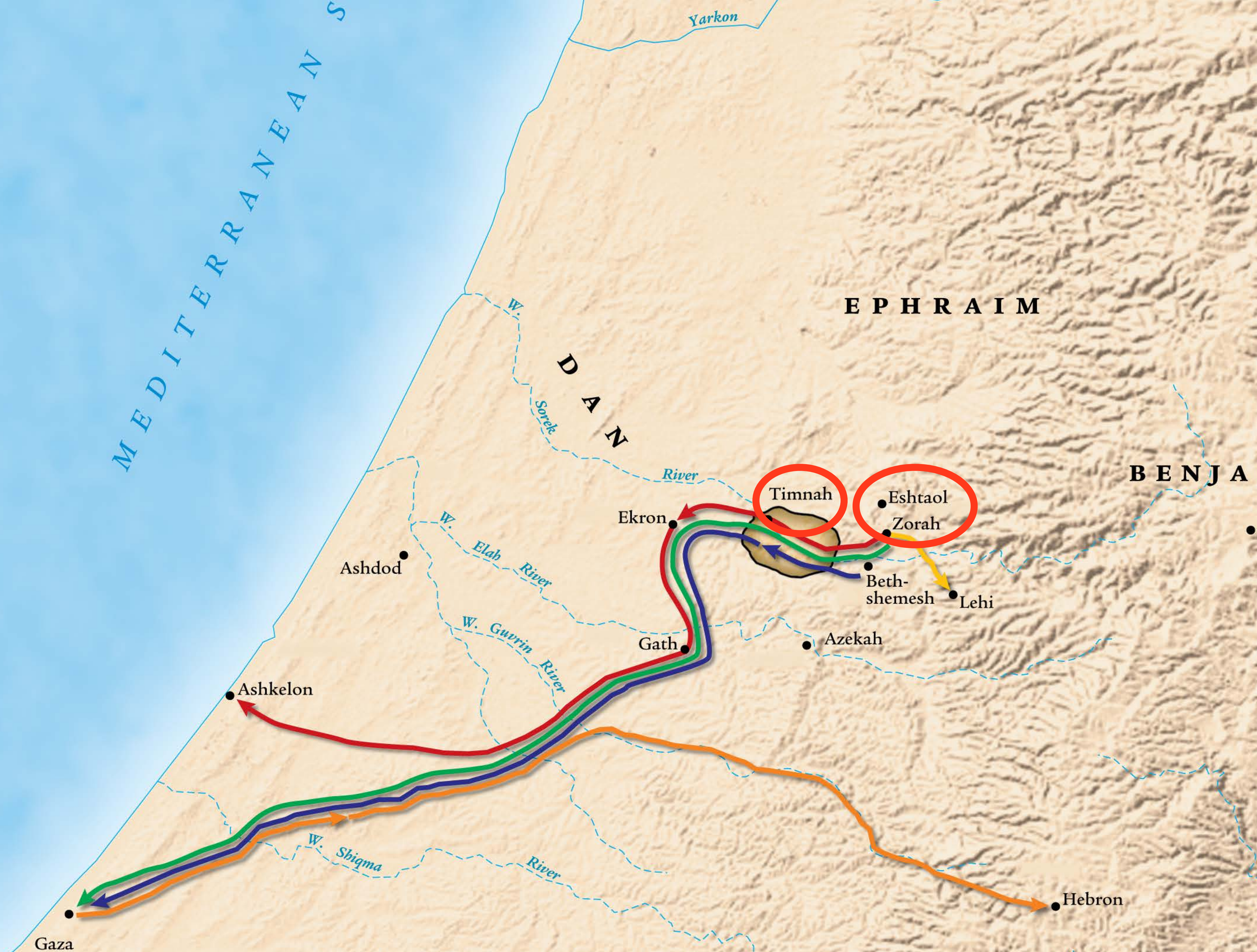
**פָּעַם pa'am  
qal infinitiveConst  
to disturb, trouble, feel  
troubled, stir up**



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**“Now**  
**Samson went**  
**down to**  
**Timnah, and**  
**saw a woman**  
**in Timnah of**  
**the daughters**  
**of the**  
**Philistines.”**  
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**What the Bible Teaches  
About**

**Intermarriage in  
Israel**





**1. In the Old Testament intermarriage with a Gentile was forbidden to a Jew.**

**Deut. 7:3, “Furthermore, you shall not intermarry with them; you shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor shall you take their daughters for your sons.**

**Deut. 7:4, “For they will turn your sons away from following Me to serve other gods; then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and He will quickly destroy you.”**

**2. The only exception was if the Gentile was a believer. Notice the reasoning in vs. 3. If the Gentile is a believer, positive to doctrine, then they would not be a distraction. The Book of Ruth explains that this is legitimate.**

**3. Principle: intermarriage with an unbeliever would involve a Jew becoming a partner with a pagan and leading him/her into apostasy. This always happens. Don't get deceived by the concept of missionary dating.**

**4. The prohibition to intermarriage was not based on race, culture, or other human factors. This was never the issue. Moses had an Ethiopian wife. Racial intermarriage is never an issue in Scripture. Racial intermarriage is not wrong. When people of different races get married they need to be fully aware of certain cultural differences which might exist and be willing to face those challenges.**

**5. Later on the Pharisees made this prohibition racial, but that ignored the impact of Deut. 7:4.**

**6. In the New Testament the principle holds true. Believers are not to marry unbelievers.**

**2 Cor. 6:14, “Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?”**

**γίνομαι *ginomai***

**2 plur pres mid impera  
to become, to become  
something you were not  
before**

**κοινωνία *koinōnia***

**fem sing nom**

**fellowship, participation**

**μετοχή *metochē***

**fem sing nom**

**partnership, participation  
a close intimacy where one  
person’s values and opinion  
can deeply influence the  
other**

**7. Parents need to teach your kids this. Drill it in to them. Or one day they will come home with some good-looking unbeliever just like Samson and make their life miserable.**

**1 Cor. 15:33, “Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company corrupts good morals.’ ”**