



PROLOGUE

Στοιχεία

THE ELEMENTS

Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the *elements* of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods. But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how [is it that] you turn again to the weak and beggarly *elements*, to which you desire again to be in bondage? You observe days and months and seasons and years. I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain. (Gal 4:11 NKJV)

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY I

Session Six

THE LAND (JOSHUA)



**PART I – JOSHUA 29-30:
LIFE IN THE LAND**

Conditional Covenant

“Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.”

THE MEANING OF THE LAND

- Transition from chaos to order, from wilderness to the place of settlement, life without God to life in God's presence
- Rest (blessings and *shalom*)
- Roots (history)
- Promise (covenants / future security)

**PART II – JOSHUA 1-29:
THE CONQUEST**

Success, Allotment, Rest

“He drove out nations before them; he apportioned them for a possession and settled the tribes of Israel in their tents.”

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Joshua

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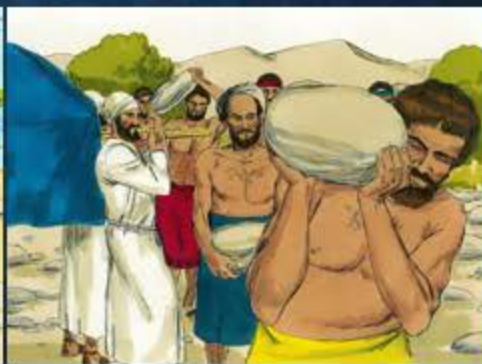
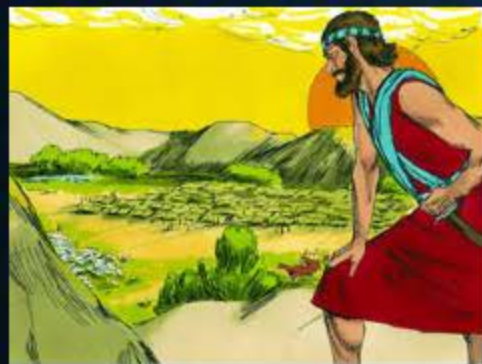
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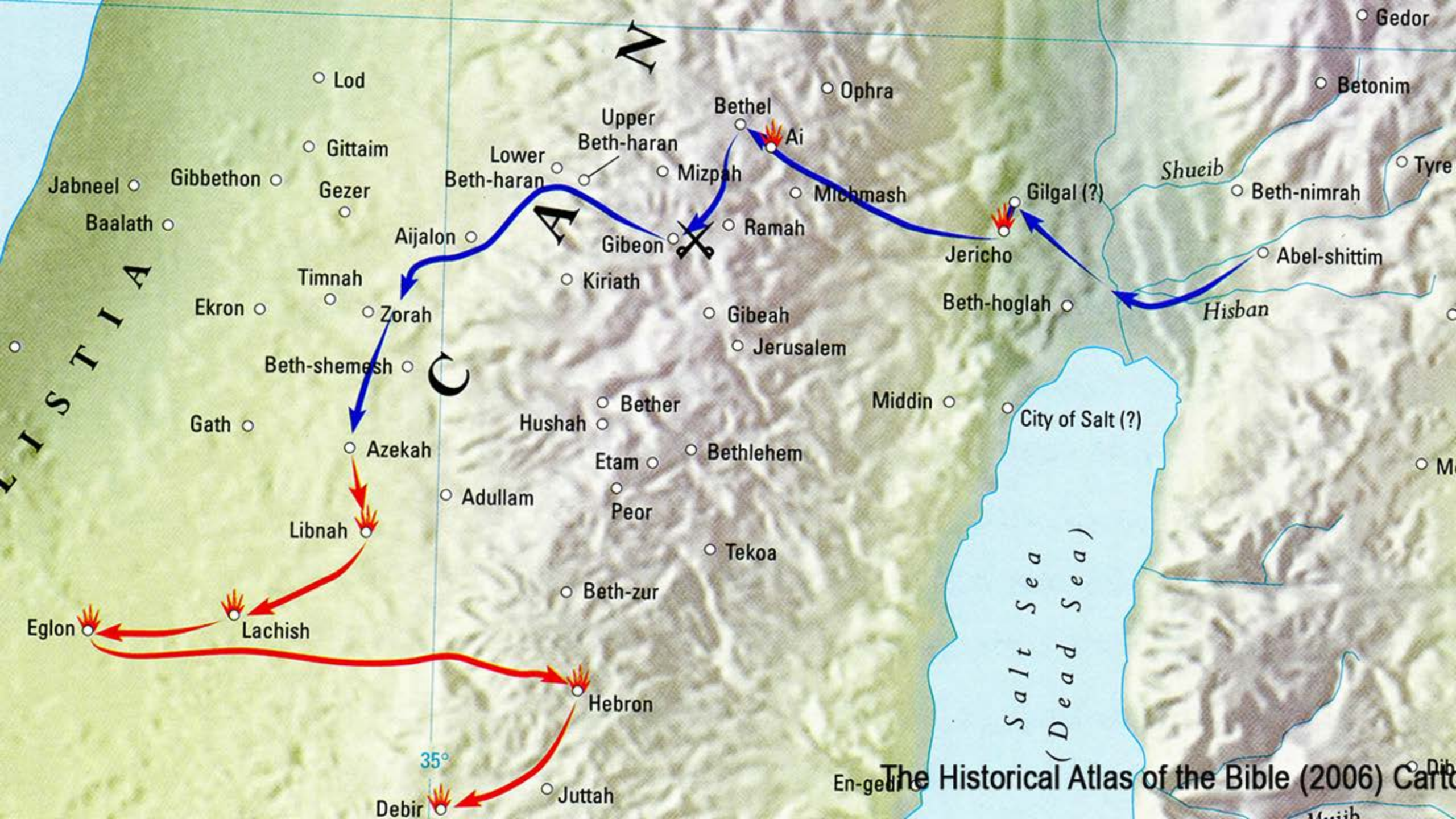
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“TRITO-NOMY”

At that time Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the people of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, “an altar of uncut stones, upon which no man has wielded an iron tool.” And they offered on it burnt offerings to the LORD and sacrificed peace offerings. And there, in the presence of the people of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written. And all Israel, sojourner as well as native born, with their elders and officers and their judges, stood on opposite sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, half of them in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded at the first, to bless the people of Israel. And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. There was not a word of all that Moses commanded that Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners who lived among them. (Joshua 8:30-35, ESV)



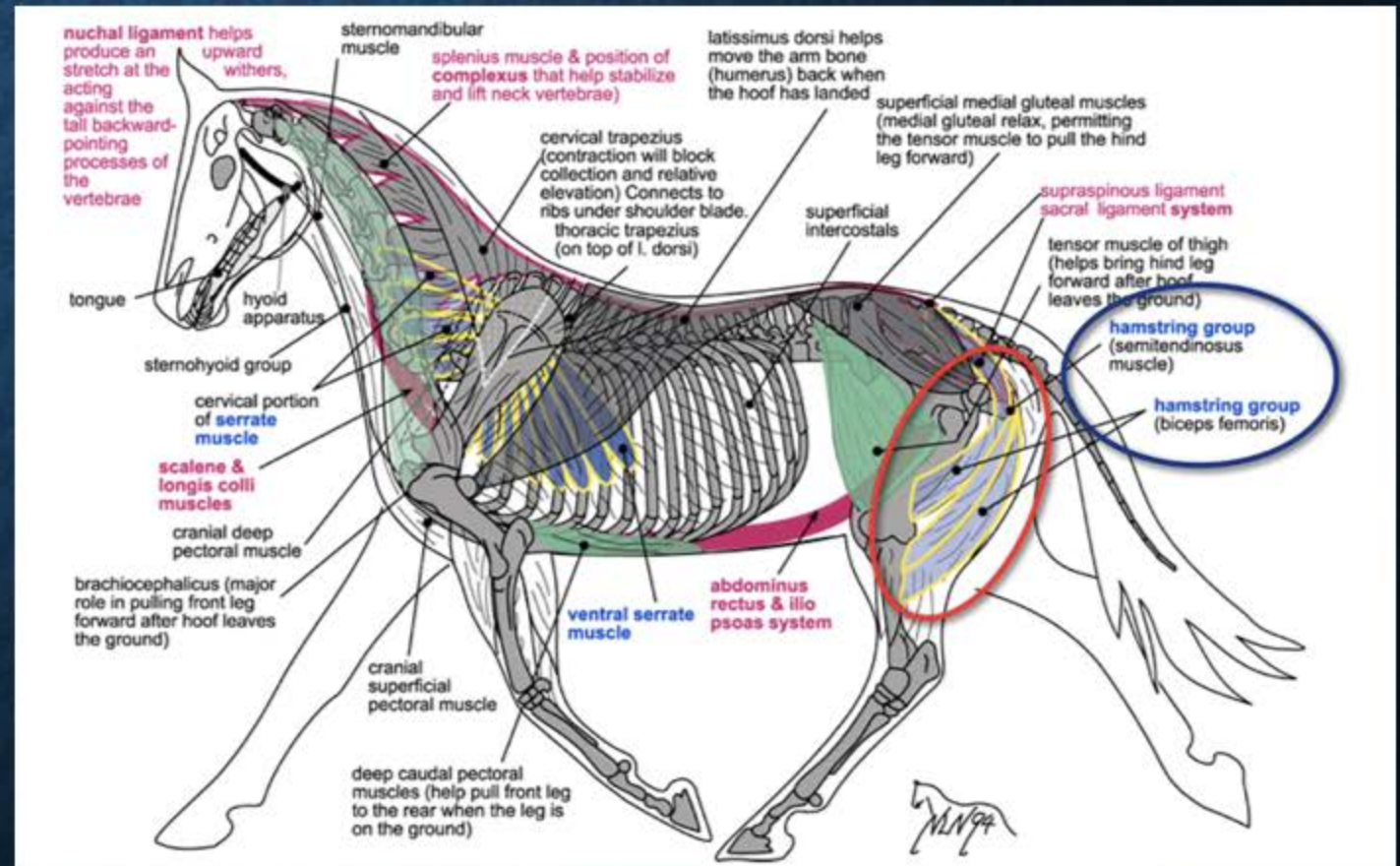
Invasion and Conquest of Canaan

-  Gathering of the Canaanite army
-  Canaanite army retreat
-  Hebrew army
-  Hebrew Central campaign
-  Hebrew Southern campaign
-  City attacked and burned
-  Site of battle



QUESTIONS – CH. 11

- v. 6: What does it mean to hamstring a horse? Why did God command this?
- v. 19-20: Why did God “harden their hearts...in order that...they should receive no mercy”?



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THE ALLOTMENT

Tribe	1 st Census	Tribe	2 nd Census
Judah	74,600	Judah	76,500
Dan	62,700	Dan	64,400
Simeon	59,300	Issachar	64,300
Zebulun	57,400	Zebulun	60,500
Issachar	54,400	Asher	53,400
Naphtali	53,400	Manasseh	52,700
Reuben	46,500	Benjamin	45,600
Gad	45,600	Naphtali	45,400
Asher	41,500	Reuben	43,730
Ephraim	40,500	Gad	40,500
Benjamin	35,400	Ephraim	32,500
Manasseh	32,200	Simeon	22,200



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Joshua's Legacy

22 Eastern tribes return; their altar of witness	23 Joshua's charge to the leaders	24 Covenant renewed; "Choose this day"
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SHECHEM

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AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE
WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.

———— JOSHUA 24:15 ————

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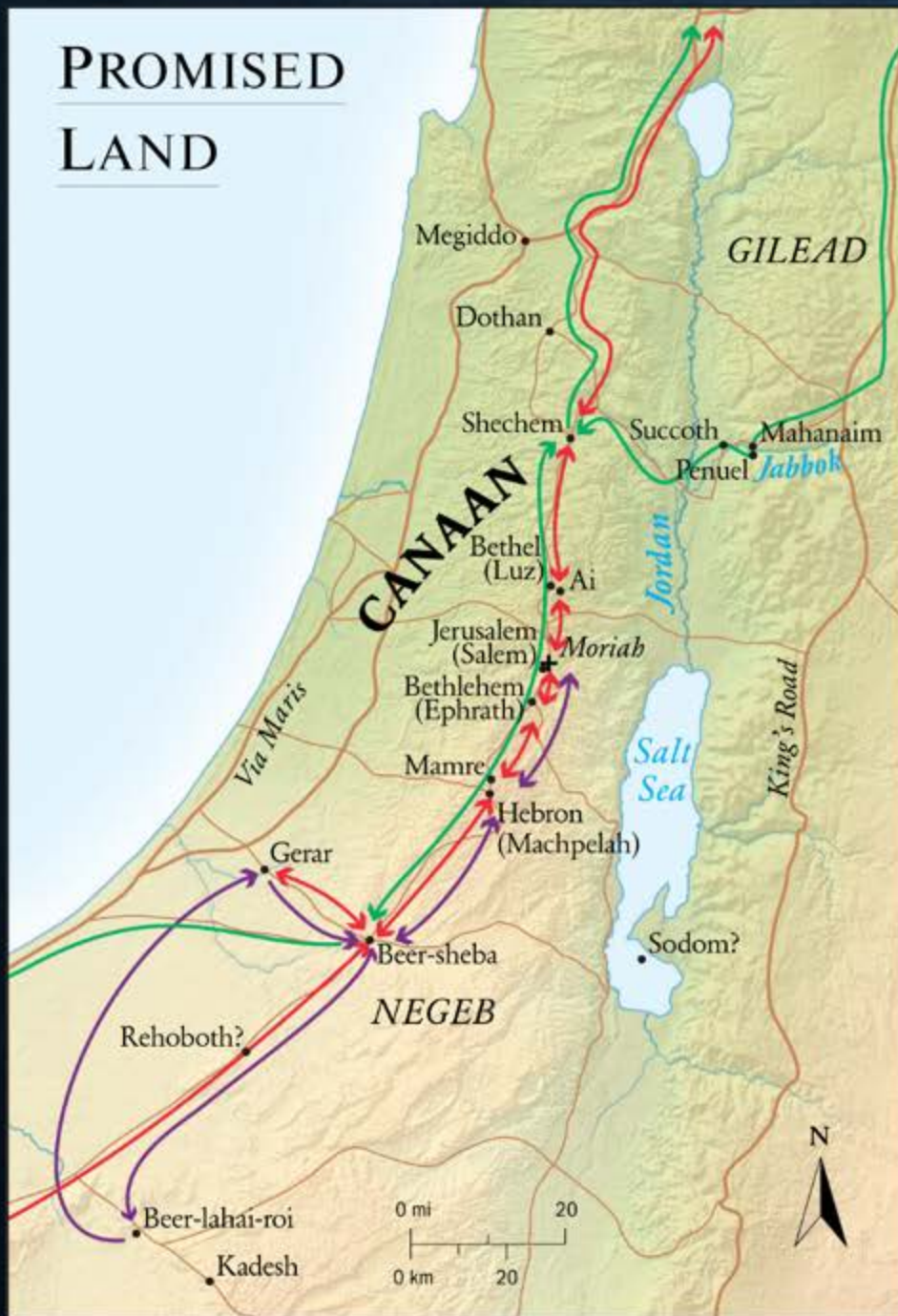
After these things Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being 110 years old. And they buried him in his own inheritance at Timnath-serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, north of the mountain of Gaash.

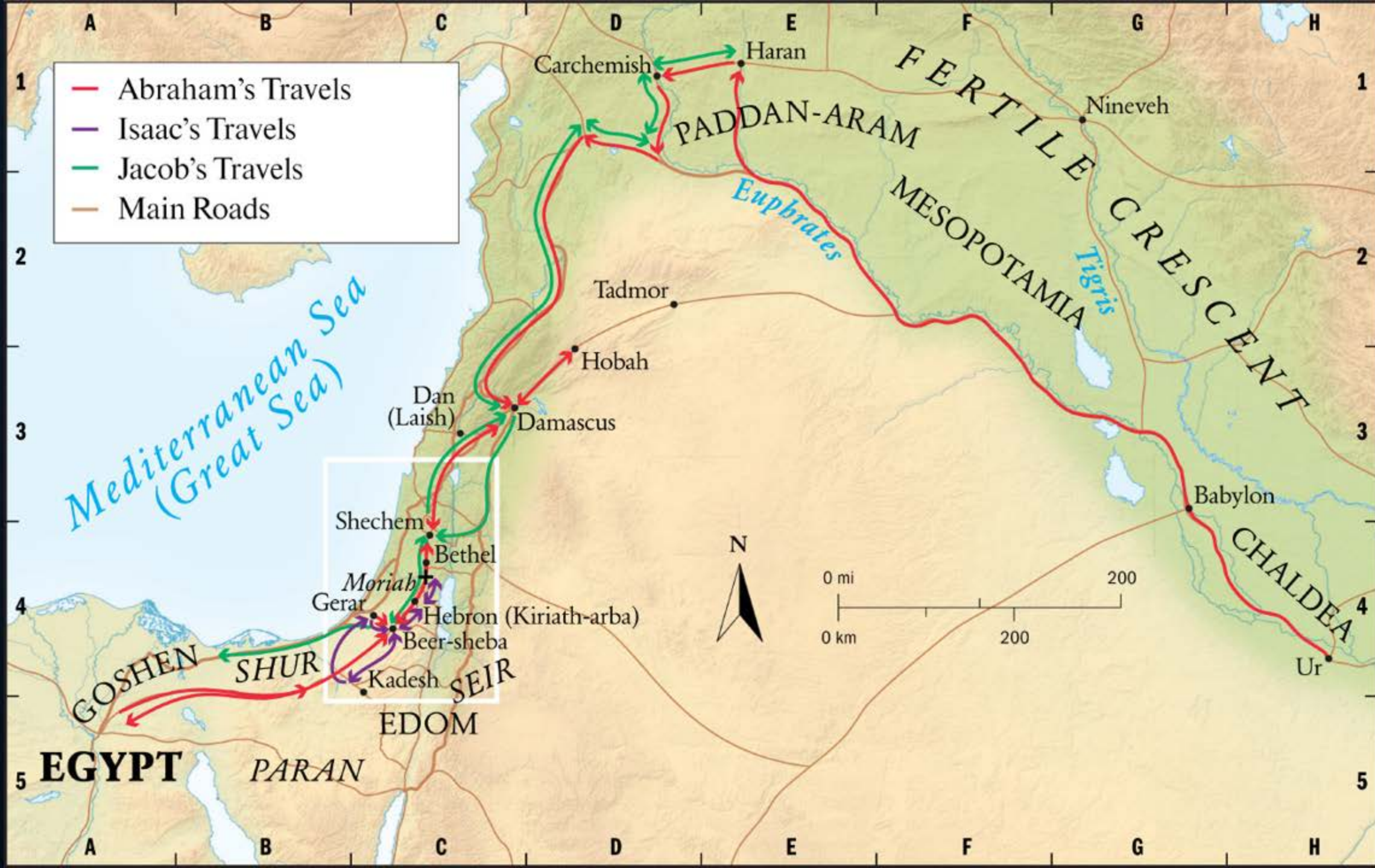
Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua and had known all the work that the LORD did for Israel.

As for the bones of Joseph, which the people of Israel brought up from Egypt, they buried them at Shechem, in the piece of land that Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of money. It became an inheritance of the descendants of Joseph.

And Eleazar the son of Aaron died, and they buried him at Gibeah, the town of Phinehas his son, which had been given him in the hill country of Ephraim. (Joshua 24:1, 29–33, ESV)

PROMISED LAND







PART III
APPLICATION

Some Questions

“patient ... not wishing that any should perish.”

QUESTIONS

1. Given God's promise of the land, what's our relationship to the nation of Israel today in its many political conflicts? Do Jewish people have a right to Israel?
2. One of the lessons of Joshua is of the value of memorials; do you have memorials in your own life? Things that remind you every day of God's work on your behalf?
3. Does a loving God call for the extermination of whole cities/nations?
4. If Yahweh can order the destruction of unbelievers, what's the difference between Yahweh and Allah, who calls for "holy *jihad*"? Do we worship the same God?

EPILOGUE

Culture Wars

“that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

OUR BATTLE

- “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” (Eph. 6:12, ESV)
- “Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.” (Phil 2:14-16, ESV)

RESOURCES/ACTIONS

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