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JOSHUA 6:15–21 PART 2

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¹⁵ On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. ¹⁶ And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, “Shout, for the LORD has given you the city. ¹⁷ And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent. ¹⁸ But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. ¹⁹ But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD.” ²⁰ So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city. ²¹ Then they devoted all in the city to destruction, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys, with the edge of the sword.

Joshua 6:15–21 (ESV)

YHWH ORDERS THE CHEREM (DEVOTED TO DESTRUCTION) UPON JERICO AND ITS INHABITANTS BECAUSE IT IS A PART OF THE BATTLE BEING PLAYED BETWEEN THE SEED OF THE NACHASH (SERPENT) AND THE SEED OF THE WOMAN.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Genesis 3:15 (ESV)

THIS IS NOT A BATTLE BETWEEN SNAKE PEOPLE AND HUMANS BUT RATHER YHWH AND THE DIVINE REBELS WILL WORK THROUGH HUMANS. WE SEE THIS PLAY OUT IN GENESIS IMMEDIATELY IN CAIN AND ABLE AND THROUGHOUT THE DESCENDANTS OF CAIN AND SET. A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT HAPPENS IN GENESIS 6:

¹ When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, ² the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. ³ Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” ⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown

Genesis 6:1–8 (ESV)

YHWH DESTROYS THE WICKEDNESS OF MAN AND THE NEPHILIM IN THE FLOOD BUT THAT DOESN'T END THE BATTLE. AS GENESIS 6:4 INDICATES THE NEPHILIM ARE PRODUCED "WHENEVER" THE SONS OF GOD (BENE ELOHIM) CAME AND TOOK THE DAUGHTERS OF MEN.

AFTER BABEL GOD DISINHERITS THE NATIONS (DEUTERONOMY 32) AND THEN IMMEDIATELY CALLS ABRAM TO HIMSELF TO MAKE HIS OWN PEOPLE (GENESIS 12). IN THE COVENANT THAT YHWH MAKES WITH ABRAM GOD MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE BLESSING BROUGHT UPON ABRAM WILL BE A BLESSING TO THE NATIONS AND WILL RESULT IN JUDGMENT UPON THE AMORITES.

¹³ Then the Lord said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. ¹⁴ But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. ¹⁶ And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

Genesis 15:13–16 (ESV)

WHEN YHWH KEEPS HIS COVENANTAL PROMISES AND HAS GROWN ABRAM'S SEED INTO A NATION AND REDEEMED THEM FROM SLAVERY IN EGYPT AND BROUGHT THEM OUT OF EGYPT HE BRINGS THEM TO THE LAND OF PROMISE. NOW THEY ARE TO BRING GOD'S JUDGMENT UPON THE AMORITES.

³ In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses spoke to the people of Israel according to all that the LORD had given him in commandment to them, ⁴ after he had defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and in Edrei. ⁵ Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to explain this law, saying, ⁶ "The LORD our God said to us in Horeb, 'You have stayed long enough at this mountain. ⁷ Turn and take your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland and in the Negeb and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.

Deuteronomy 1:3–7 (ESV)

MOSES SENDS 12 SPIES INTO THE LAND AND THEY REPORT AND THE PEOPLE REBEL:

¹⁹ “Then we set out from Horeb and went through all that great and terrifying wilderness that you saw, on the way to the hill country of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us. And we came to Kadesh-barnea. ²⁰ And I said to you, ‘You have come to the hill country of the Amorites, which the LORD our God is giving us. ²¹ See, the LORD your God has set the land before you. Go up, take possession, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has told you. Do not fear or be dismayed.’ ²² Then all of you came near me and said, ‘Let us send men before us, that they may explore the land for us and bring us word again of the way by which we must go up and the cities into which we shall come.’ ²³ The thing seemed good to me, and I took twelve men from you, one man from each tribe. ²⁴ And they turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the Valley of Eshcol and spied it out. ²⁵ And they took in their hands some of the fruit of the land and brought it down to us, and brought us word again and said, ‘It is a good land that the LORD our God is giving us.’ ²⁶ “Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God. ²⁷ And you murmured in your tents and said, ‘Because the LORD hated us he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. ²⁸ Where are we going up? Our brothers have made our hearts melt, saying, “The people are greater and taller than we. The cities are great and fortified up to heaven. And besides, we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.” ’

Deuteronomy 1:19-28 (ESV)

YHWH JUDGES THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR FEAR AND LACK OF FAITH AND CONDEMNS THE GENERATION TO WANDER IN THE WILDERNESS FOR 40 YEARS. THEY TRY TO GO ANYWAY.

⁴¹ “Then you answered me, ‘We have sinned against the LORD. We ourselves will go up and fight, just as the LORD our God commanded us.’ And every one of you fastened on his weapons of war and thought it easy to go up into the hill country. ⁴² And the LORD said to me, ‘Say to them, Do not go up or fight, for I am not in your midst, lest you be defeated before your enemies.’ ⁴³ So I spoke to you, and you would not listen; but you rebelled against the command of the LORD and presumptuously went up into the hill country. ⁴⁴ Then the Amorites who lived in that hill country came out against you and chased you as bees do and beat you down in Seir as far as Hormah.

Deuteronomy 1:41-44 (ESV)

YHWH DIRECTED THEM TO JOURNEY NORTH AND PASS THROUGH SEIR WHERE THE DESCENDANTS OF ESAU DWELT (DEUTERONOMY 2:1-8) THEY WERE TO LEAVE THEM ALONE BECAUSE YHWH HAD PROMISED THAT LAND TO ESAU. THEN YHWH LEAD THEM THROUGH MOAB: THEY WERE AGAIN COMMANDED TO LEAVE THE PEOPLE ALONE BECAUSE YHWH HAD GIVEN THAT LAND TO LOT. THEN IT GETS WEIRD:

⁸ So we went on, away from our brothers, the people of Esau, who live in Seir, away from the Arabah road from Elath and Ezion-geber. “And we turned and went in the direction of the wilderness of Moab.” ⁹ And the LORD said to me, ‘Do not harass Moab or contend with them in battle, for I will not give you any of their land for a possession, because I have given Ar to the people of Lot for a possession.’ ¹⁰ (The Emim formerly lived there, a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim. ¹¹ Like the Anakim they are also counted as Rephaim, but the Moabites call them Emim. ¹² The Horites also lived in Seir formerly, but the people of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them and settled in their place, as Israel did to the land of their possession, which the LORD gave to them.)

Deuteronomy 2:8–12 (ESV)

THE DESCENDANTS OF ESAU HAD DESTROYED THE NEPHILIM LIVING IN THEIR LAND ALREADY! ISREAL THEN HAD NO NEED TO BATTLE.

¹⁹ And when you approach the territory of the people of Ammon, do not harass them or contend with them, for I will not give you any of the land of the people of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to the sons of Lot for a possession.’ ²⁰ (It is also counted as a land of Rephaim. Rephaim formerly lived there—but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim— ²¹ a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim; but the LORD destroyed them before the Ammonites, and they dispossessed them and settled in their place,

Deuteronomy 2:19–21 (ESV)

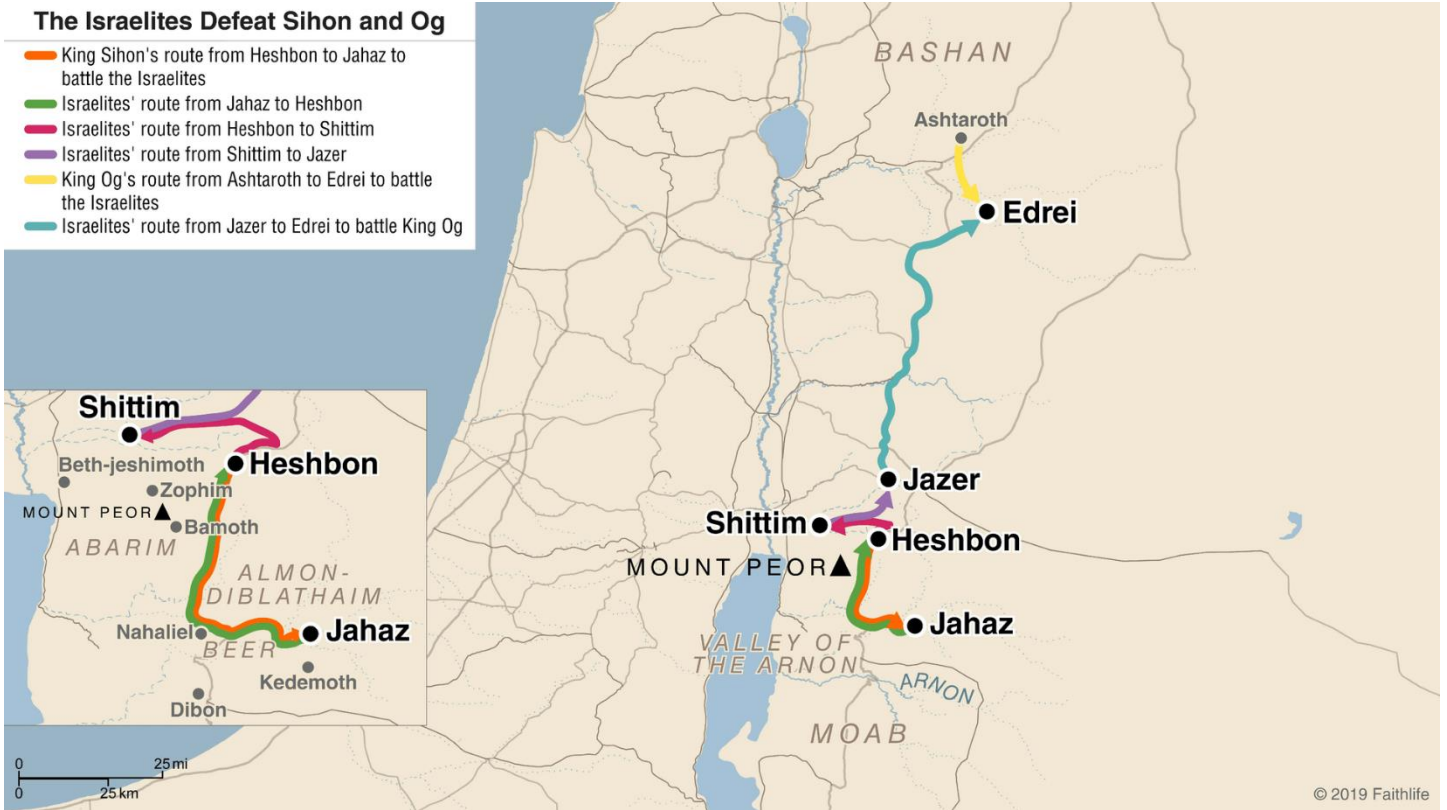
THE DESCENDANTS OF LOT HAD DESTROYED THE NEPHILIM IN AMMON JUST AS ESAU HAD IN SEIR.

³⁰ But Sihon the king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him, for the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that he might give him into your hand, as he is this day. ³¹ And the LORD said to me, ‘Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to take possession, that you may occupy his land.’ ³² Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Jahaz. ³³ And the LORD our God gave him over to us, and we defeated him and his sons and all his people. ³⁴ And we captured all his cities at that time and devoted to destruction every city, men, women, and children. We left no survivors. ³⁵ Only the livestock we took as spoil for ourselves, with the plunder of the cities that we captured. ³⁶ From Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and from the city that is in the valley, as far as Gilead, there was not a city too high for us. The LORD our God gave all into our hands. ³⁷ Only to the land of the sons of Ammon you did not draw near, that is, to all the banks of the river Jabbok and the cities of the hill country, whatever the LORD our God had forbidden us. ¹ “Then we turned and went up the way to Bashan. And Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. ² But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not fear him, for I have given him and all his people and his land into your hand. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.’ ³ So the LORD our God gave into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people, and we struck him down until he had no survivor left. ⁴ And we took all his cities at that time—there was not a city that we did not take from them—sixty cities, the whole region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. ⁵ All these were cities fortified with high walls, gates, and bars, besides very many unwalled villages. ⁶ And we devoted them to destruction, as we did to Sihon the king of Heshbon, devoting to destruction every city, men, women, and children. ⁷ But all the livestock and the spoil of the cities we took as our plunder. ⁸ So we took the land at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon ⁹ (the Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, while the Amorites call it Senir), ¹⁰ all the cities of the tableland and all Gilead and all Bashan, as far as Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. ¹¹ (For only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit.)

Deuteronomy 2:30–3:11 (ESV)

The Israelites Defeat Sihon and Og

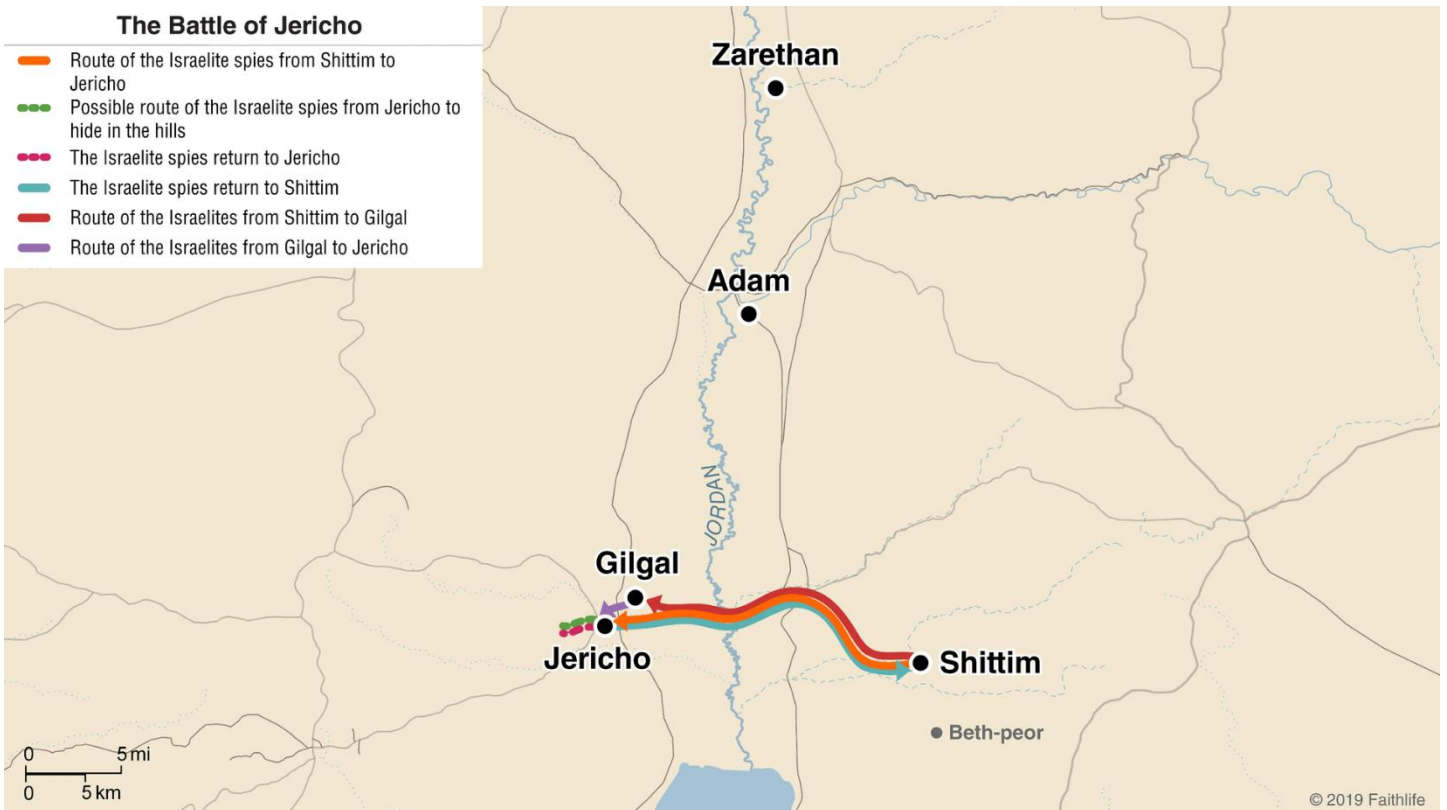
- King Sihon's route from Heshbon to Jahaz to battle the Israelites
- Israelites' route from Jahaz to Heshbon
- Israelites' route from Heshbon to Shittim
- Israelites' route from Shittim to Jazer
- King Og's route from Ashtaroth to Edrei to battle the Israelites
- Israelites' route from Jazer to Edrei to battle King Og



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The Battle of Jericho

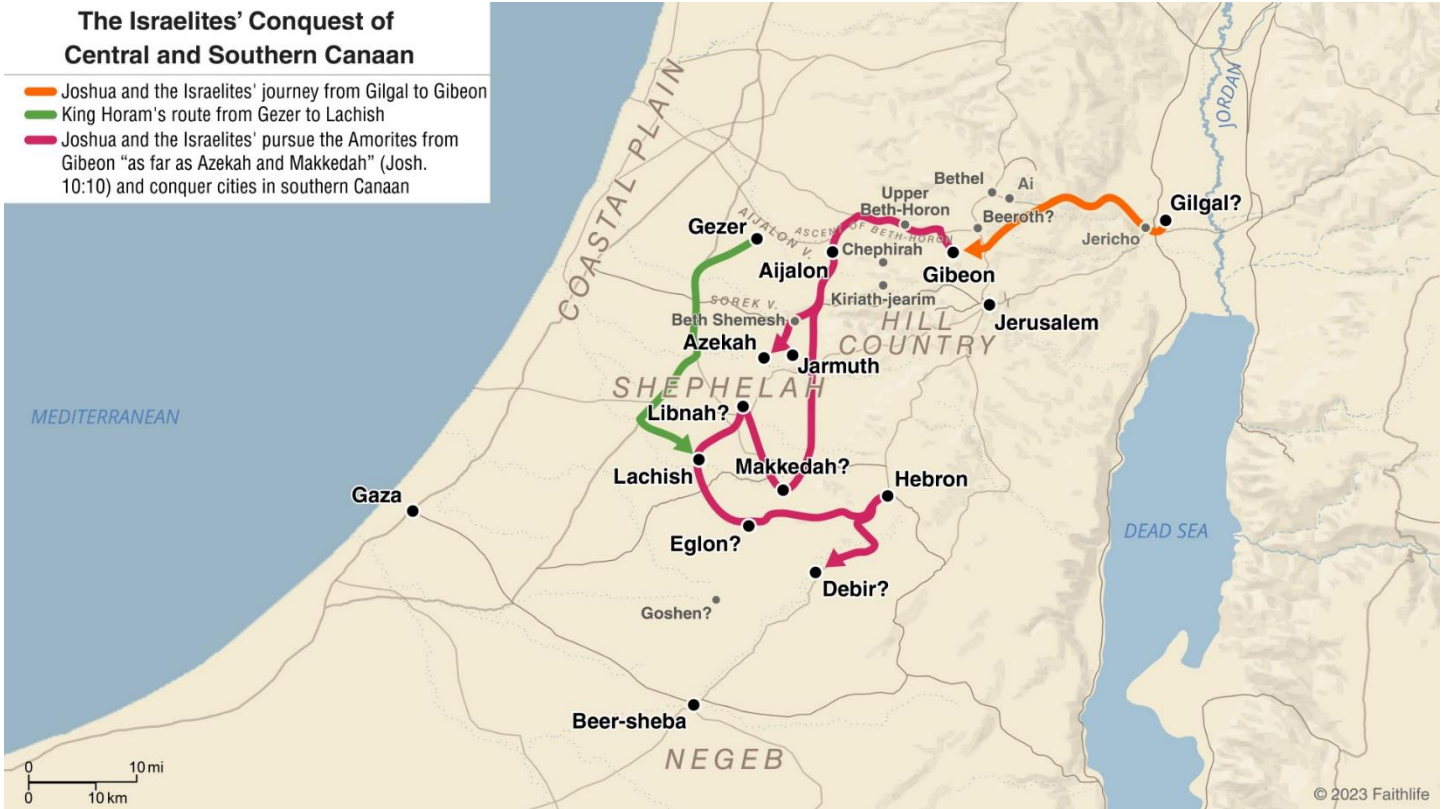
- Route of the Israelite spies from Shittim to Jericho
- Possible route of the Israelite spies from Jericho to hide in the hills
- The Israelite spies return to Jericho
- The Israelite spies return to Shittim
- Route of the Israelites from Shittim to Gilgal
- Route of the Israelites from Gilgal to Jericho



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The Israelites' Conquest of Central and Southern Canaan

- Joshua and the Israelites' journey from Gilgal to Gibeon
- King Horem's route from Gezer to Lachish
- Joshua and the Israelites' pursue the Amorites from Gibeon "as far as Azekah and Makkedah" (Josh. 10:10) and conquer cities in southern Canaan



Joshua's Northern Campaign

- Canaanites from Achshaph, Shimron, and Dor join forces near Merom
- Hivites from Mizpah and Canaanites from Madon, Chinneroth, and Hazor join forces near Merom
- Joshua and the Israelites' route from Gilgal to Merom
- Joshua and the Israelites pursue the Canaanites and Hivites from Merom towards Sidon and Mizpah
- Joshua's route from Kedesh to Hazor



²¹ And Joshua came at that time and cut off the Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua devoted them to destruction with their cities. ²² There was none of the Anakim left in the land of the people of Israel. Only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod did some remain. ²³ So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had spoken to Moses. And Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal allotments. And the land had rest from war.

Joshua 11:21–23 (ESV)

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. ¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

Ephesians 3:1–13