

# Be Courageous



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# Starting a School in 1992



**no money**  
**no backers**  
**no parents**  
**no teachers**  
**no principal**  
**no campus**

# Discouragement



**Discouragement**







**Martin Luther's parents were pious people, but they were shocked when he abandoned his legal studies at Erfurt and entered the Augustinian monastery. Martin was 21 years old when, in July 1505, he gave away all his possessions—including his lute, his many books and clothing—and entered the Black Cloister of the Augustinians.**

# Discouragement



***First Worship Service  
19 November 2006***

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# Bank Balance

Why?

## Decreased Offerings

\$1001/week decrease in offerings

- Oct 07-Sept 08 = \$1620/week
- Oct 08-Nov 08 = \$ 619/week

## Unpaid Bills

\$16,700 unpaid rent

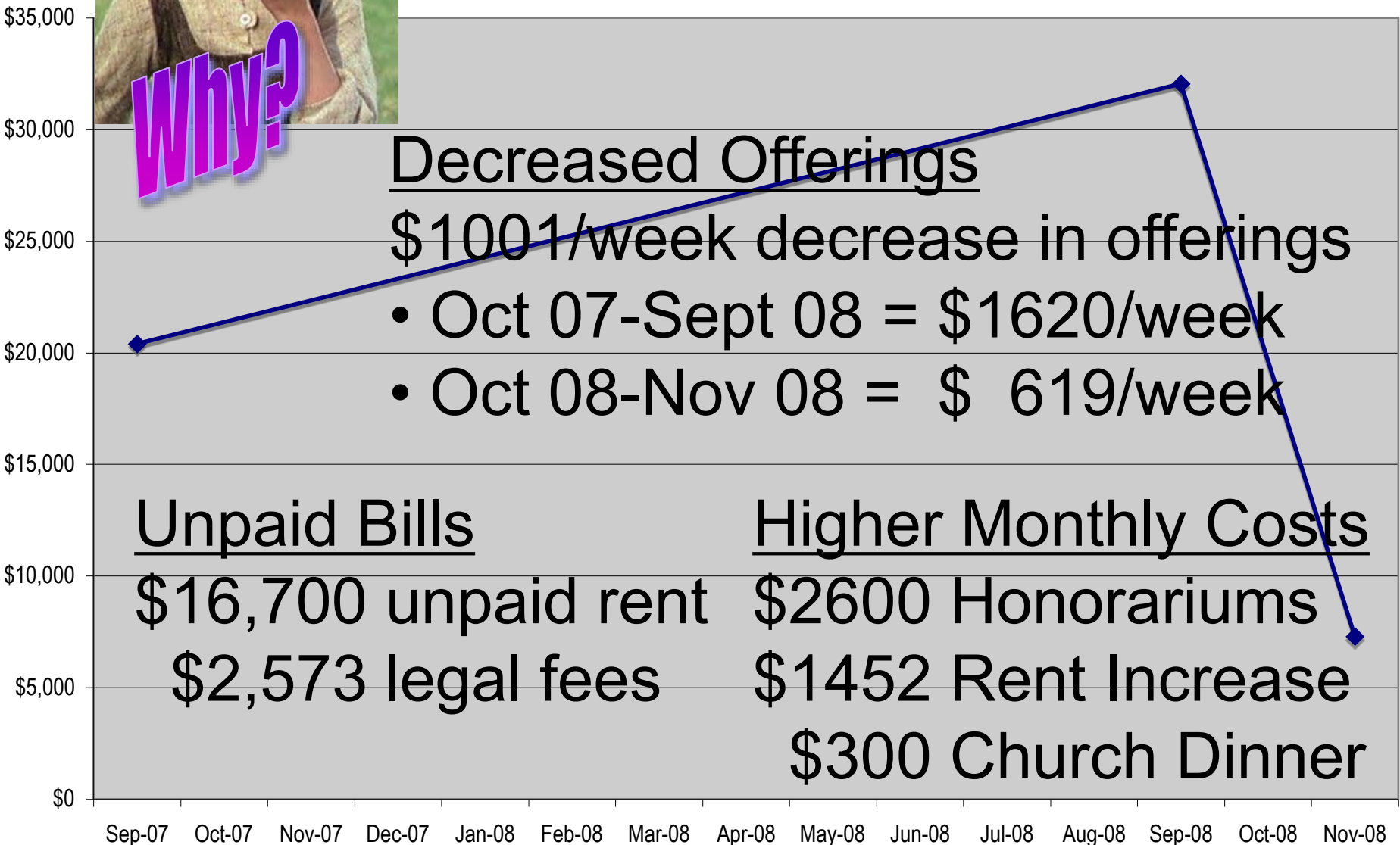
\$2,573 legal fees

## Higher Monthly Costs

\$2600 Honorariums

\$1452 Rent Increase

\$300 Church Dinner







## **The Bottom Line**

At the present rate of  
\$600 weekly offerings and  
\$2000 weekly expenses, our \$7300  
bank balance will be gone in 5.2 weeks.

A close-up, side-profile shot of a person's hands clasped together in a prayerful or contemplative gesture. The person is wearing a brown, textured sweater. The background is a blurred, lush green forest, suggesting a peaceful, natural setting. The lighting is soft and natural, coming from the side. A black horizontal bar with white text is overlaid across the middle of the image.

**Are you discouraged?**

# The "Good Ole Days"





# Discouragement





# Discouragement



# Discouragement



**Dis**

**ment.**

# Courageous (The Movie)



# Courageous (The Movie)



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## COURAGEOUS

HONOR BEGINS AT HOME

**IN THEATERS SEPTEMBER 30**

[COURAGEOUSTHEMOVIE.COM](http://COURAGEOUSTHEMOVIE.COM)

Do you need courage  
*today?*



**How can you  
defeat  
discouragement  
that prevents you  
from doing God's  
will?**







**How can  
you gain  
courage  
that  
enables  
you to do  
God's will?**





# MISSION

# IMPOSSIBLE

# JOSHUA

## OCCUPATION

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**YOU MEAN...**  
**40 YEARS?**  
**OUT HERE?**  
**HERE?**

MOSES

Exodus

Sinai

M - C - C

Kadesh Barnea

40



**DEAD SEA**

**JORDAN RIVER**

**MODERN JERICO**

**ANCIENT JERICO**

**From Jericho...  
Looking East Across the Jordan River**

JOSHUA

Jericho/Ai

# Birth of a People

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Joshua

**Them**

Formation Sanctification Preparation Occupation

**Us**

Salvation

Instruction

Walk

Reward





KEY  
WORD

OCCUPATION

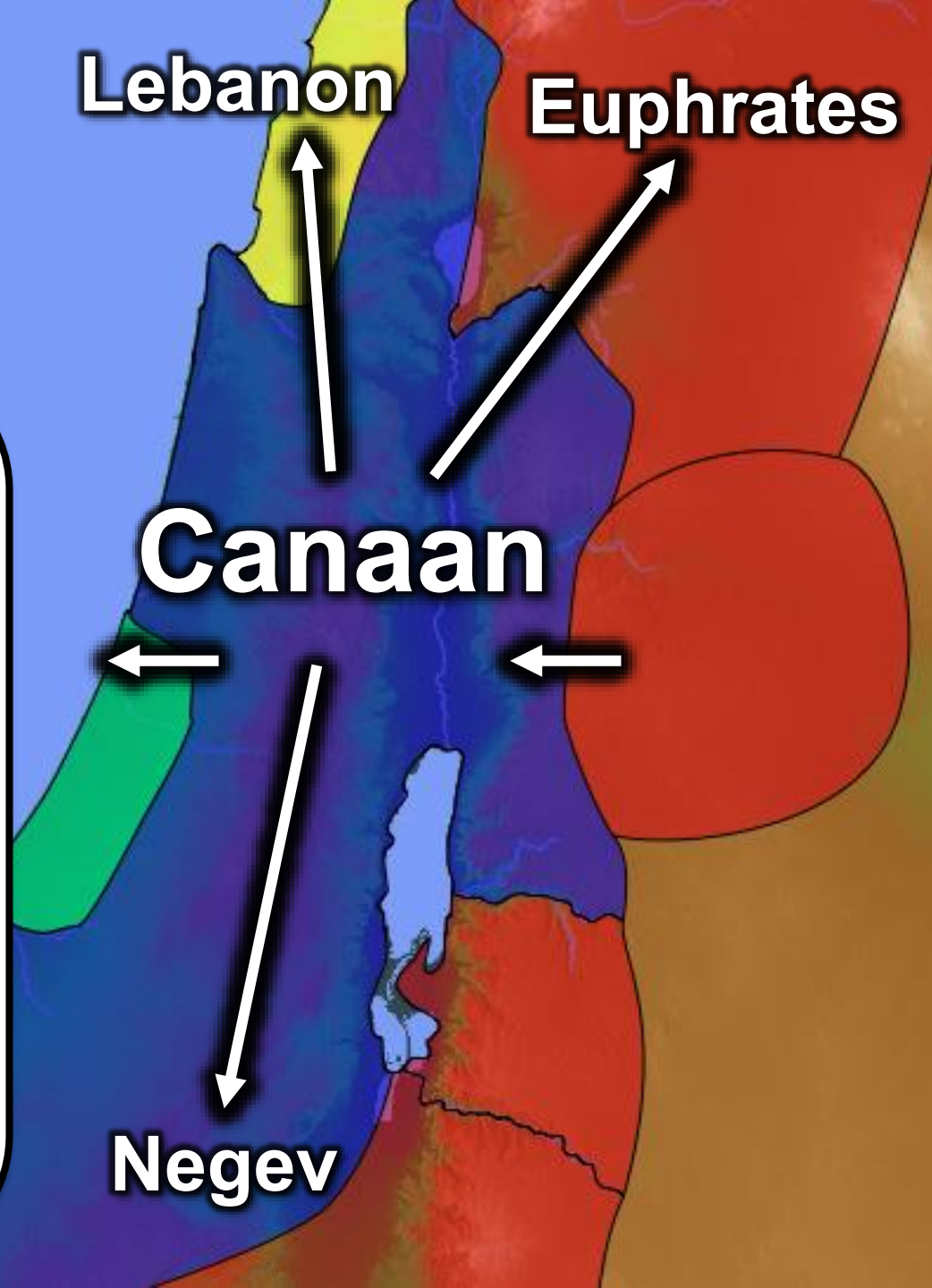


# Conquest Promise

*Joshua 1:3-5 NLT*

"I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you— <sup>4</sup>from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.'

<sup>5</sup>No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you."



**"Be strong and courageous**, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. **<sup>7</sup>Be strong and very courageous**. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. **<sup>8</sup>Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. <sup>9</sup>This is my command—be strong and courageous!** Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go""

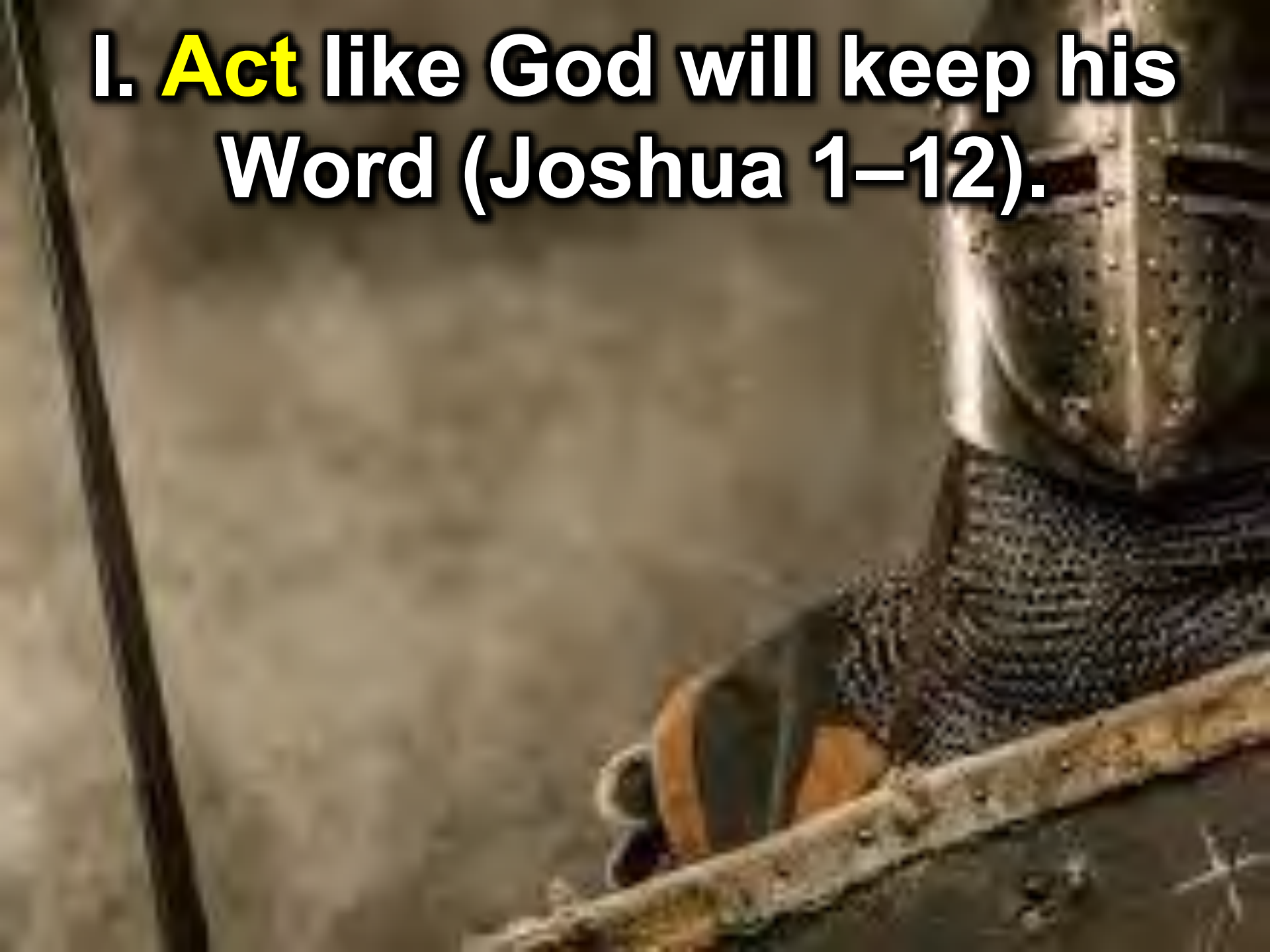
(Joshua 1:6-9 NLT).

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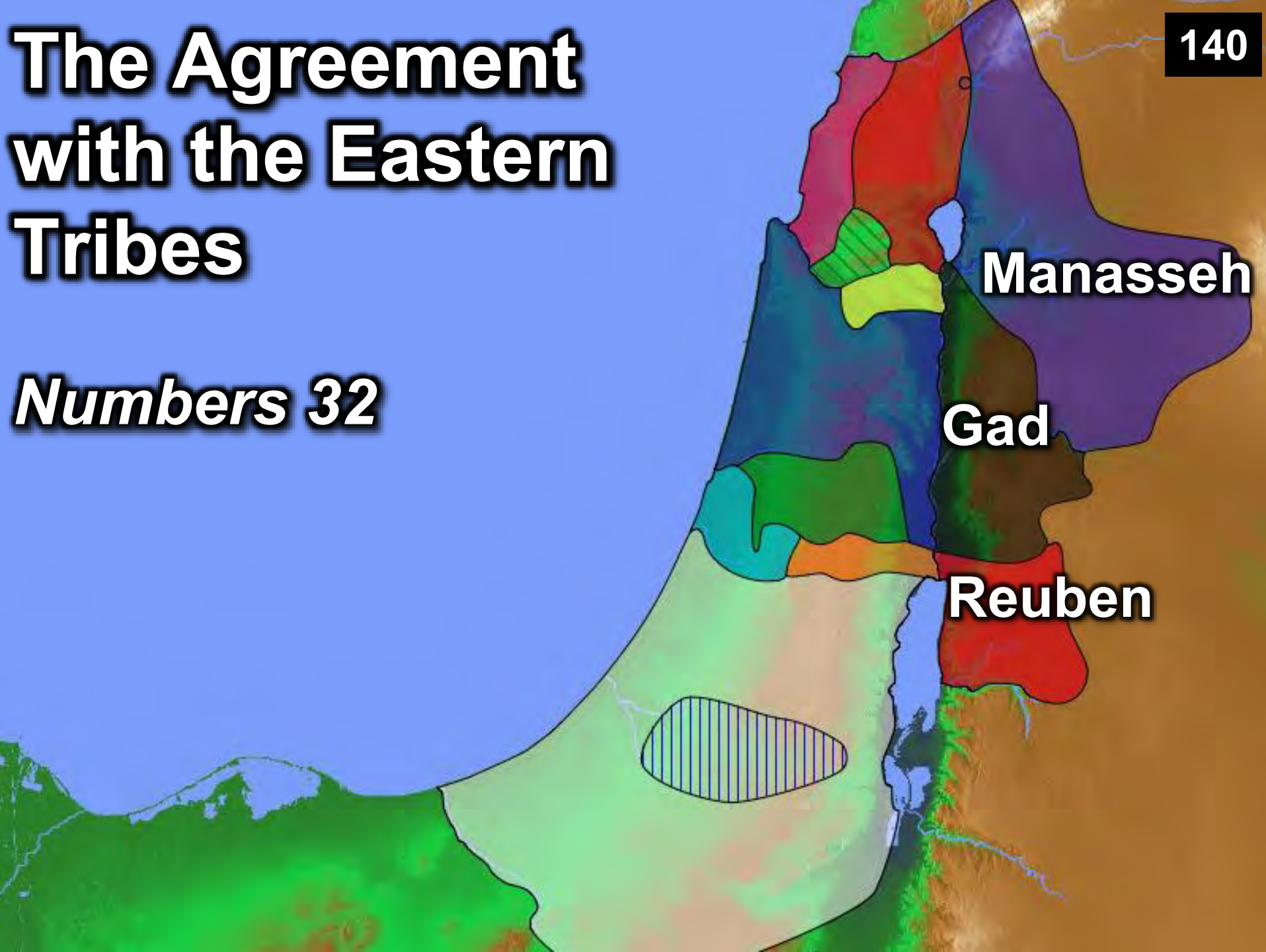


# Joshua 1

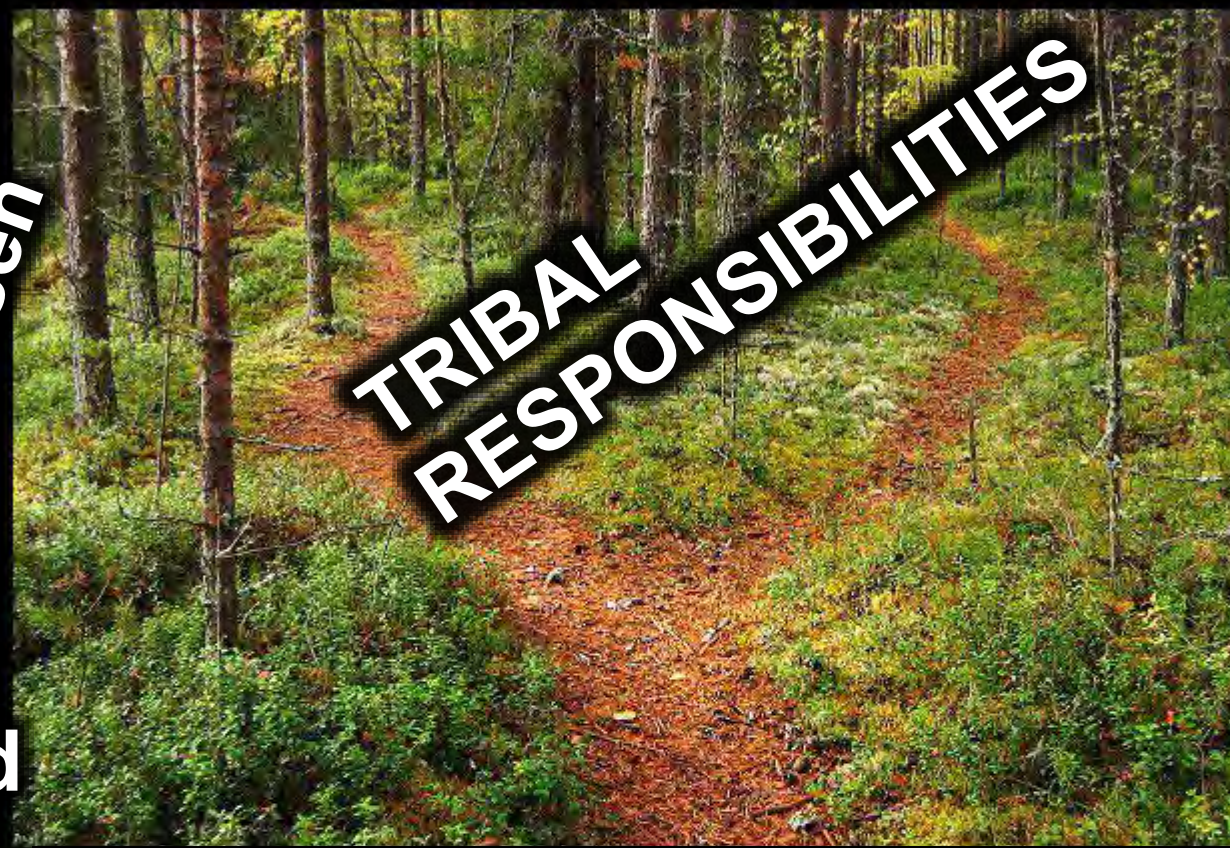
# The Agreement with the Eastern Tribes

*Numbers 32*

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**"Choose this day whom you will serve...  
but as for me and my house,  
we will serve the LORD"**

**Joshua 24:15**

**The Goal & the Means**



# Key Verse

**"Do not let this book of Law  
depart from your mouth;  
meditate upon it  
day and night, so that you  
may be careful to do  
everything written  
in it. Then you will be  
prosperous and successful"  
——Joshua 1:8——**



# Joshua 2

# JERICHO






# Location of Jericho





# Agreement with Rahab

..so she sent them away and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window ... (Josh. 2:21 NIV)

An illustration showing a woman in a blue robe and white headscarf (Rahab) sitting on stone steps, talking to two men. One man is kneeling in a green robe, and the other is standing in a red robe and yellow headscarf. They are in a field of tall grass next to a stone wall.

Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you (Josh. 2:12 NIV)



# Joshua 3



**Exodus 14**

**A sea**

**Moses**

**Begins the Wanderings**

**Leaving Egypt**

**Entering Sinai**

**Song memorial**

**Narrow Channel**

**Took all night**

**Gave Freedom**

**Signifies Salvation**

**Joshua 3**

**A river**

**Joshua**

**Ends the Wanderings**

**Leaving Moab**

**Entering Canaan**

**Stone memorial**

**30km Plain**

**Took a few hours**

**Gave Rest**

**Signifies Glorification**





# ***Kayaks on the Jordan***





***The Raging Jordan!***



Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge...

## CROSSING THE JORDAN



... the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho (**Josh. 3:15-16 NIV**)

# Joshua 4

# One Man From Each Tribe Set Up Memorial Stones to Recall the Crossing



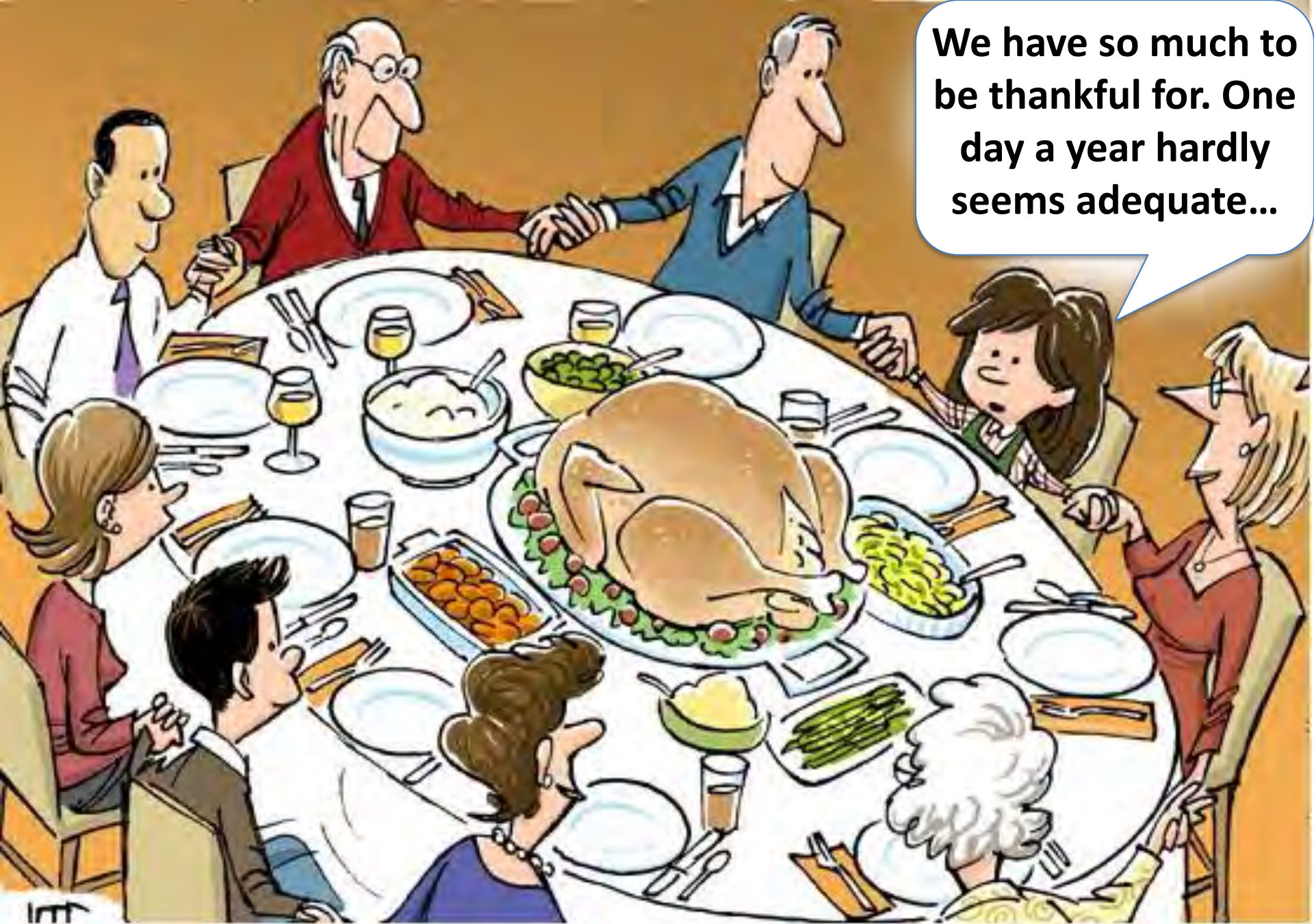


***Joshua 3–4***

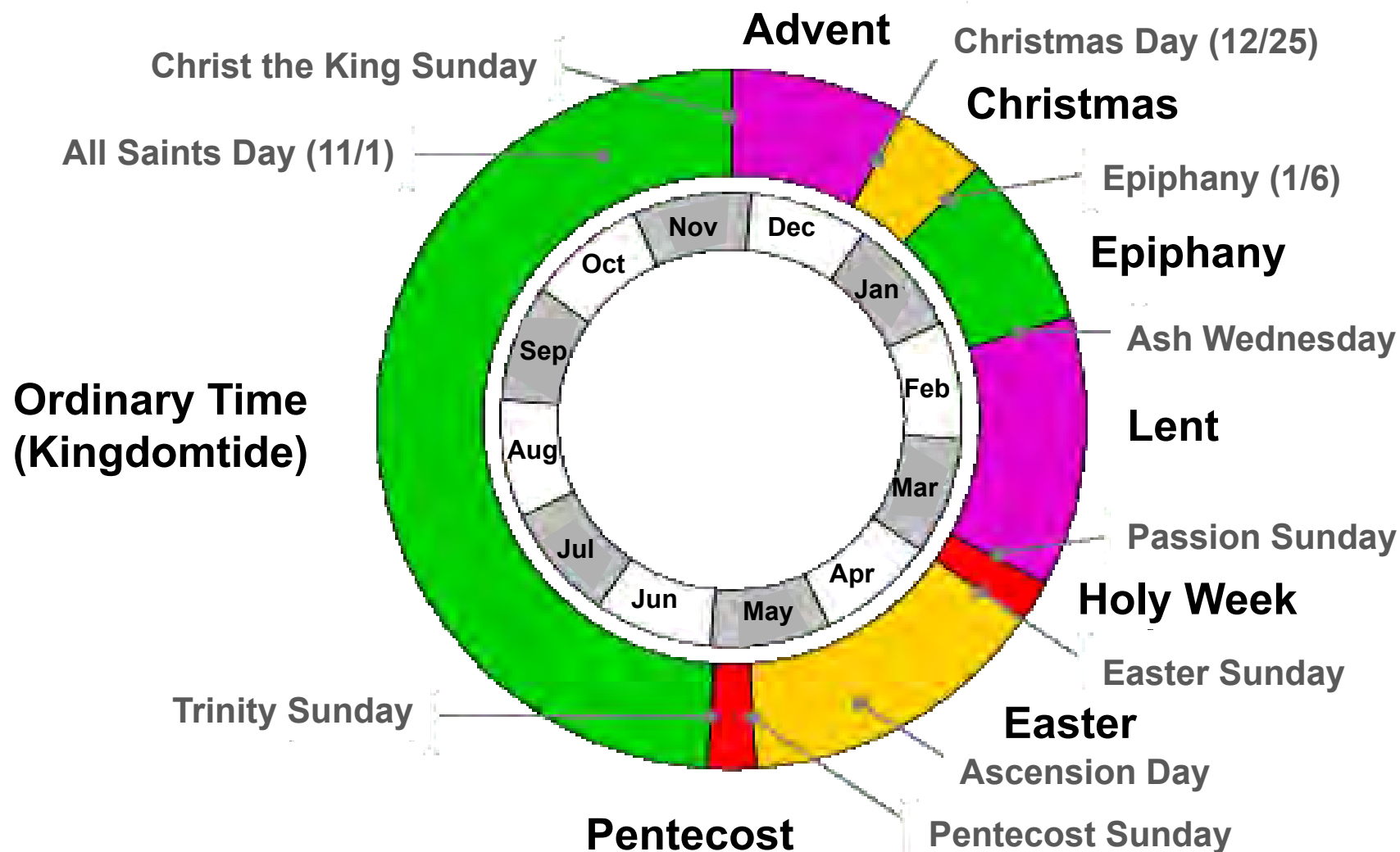
**JOSHUA**

***Stones of Remembrance***





# Communal Christian Year





# Joshua 5

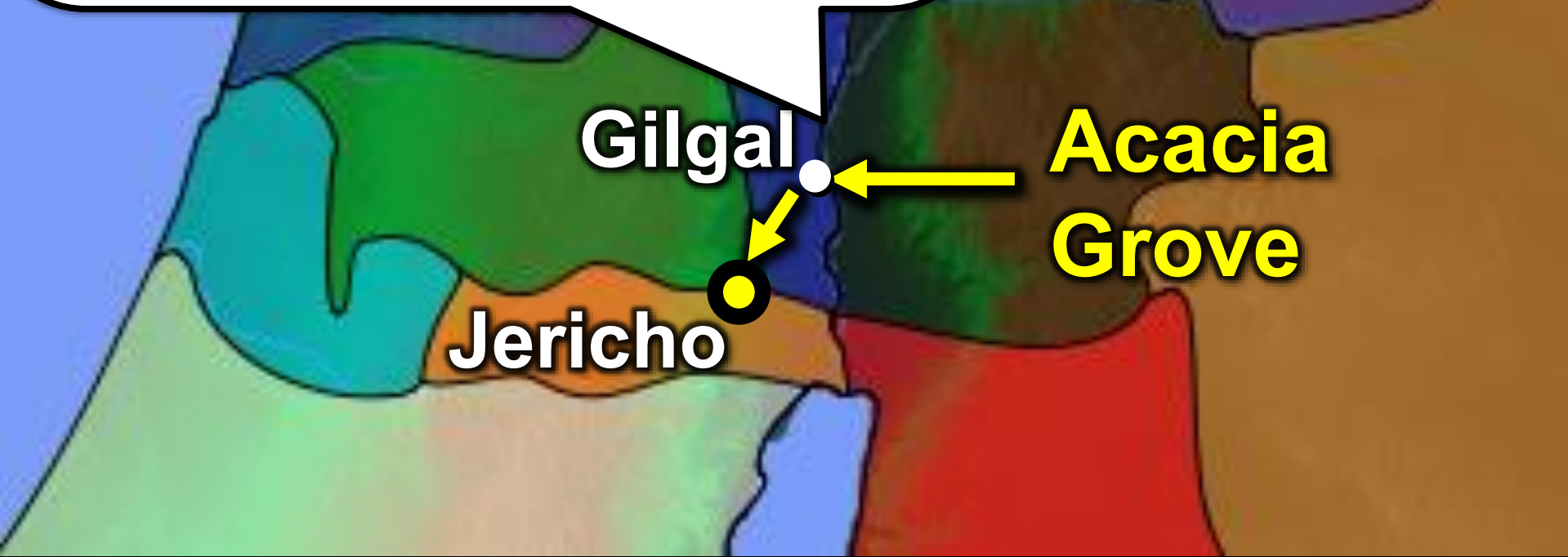
# Israelites Enter Gilgal in Canaan





**"At that time the LORD told Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise this second generation of Israelites.' <sup>3</sup>So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the entire male population of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth" (Joshua 5:2-3 NLT).**

**Taking Care  
of Priorities  
(Josh 3:2;  
5:2-3)**








"Make flint knives  
and circumcise  
the Israelites  
again."

So Joshua made  
flint knives and  
circumcised the  
Israelites at  
Gibeath  
Haaraloth.

(Josh. 5:3 NIV)

**CIRCUMCISION @ Gilgal**



As commander  
of the army of  
the LORD, I  
have now  
come.

**Divine Encounter**  
- Joshua 5:13-15 -

# Joshua 6





# KEY LESSONS

- ✌ **Rahab chose the fear of the LORD**
- ✌ **She is an example of living by faith and not by sight**
- **Did not witness miracles but was convinced that God was powerful enough to take care of her and her family**
- **Her actions showed her faith in God's deliverance**



# KEY LESSONS

✌️ Rahab reveals to us God's ultimate plan of extending salvation to the Gentiles

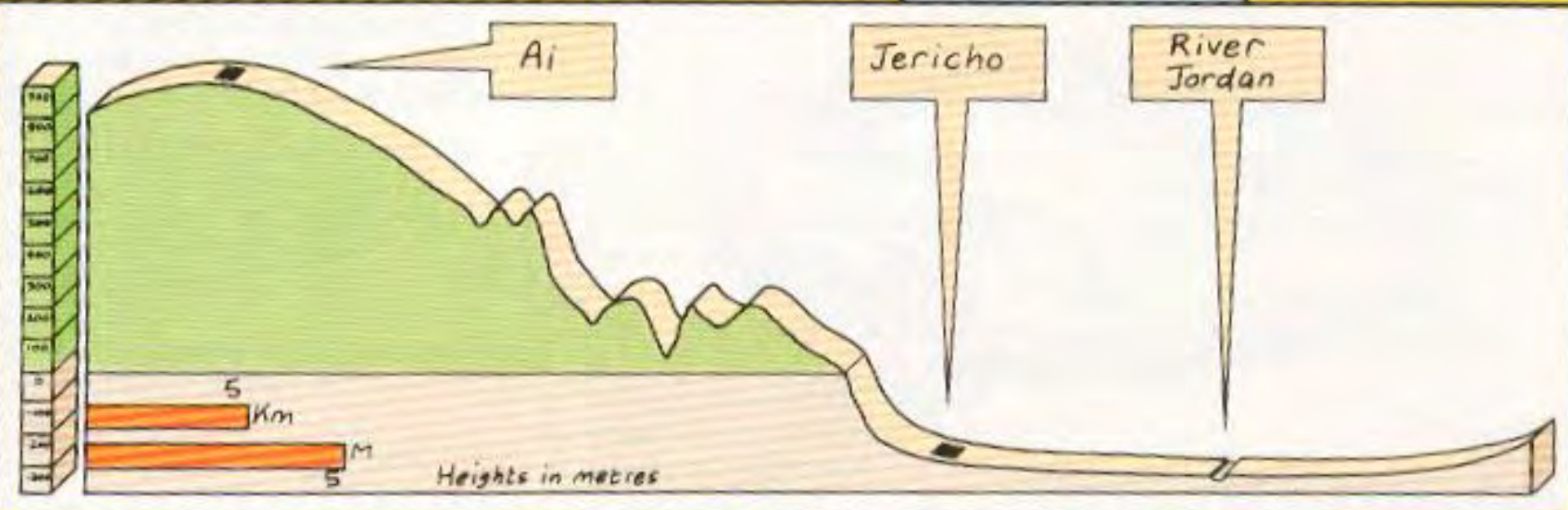
- Her entire family was saved
- She became part of the genealogy of Christ

God's faithfulness in fulfilling the  
**Abrahamic Covenant:**  
*"...and all the peoples of the earth  
will be blessed through you"  
(Gen 12:3).*

# Entering the Promised Land



Inset Cross-section of the Israelite march from the Jordan to Jericho and Ai, over difficult terrain.





# Jericho Ruins Today

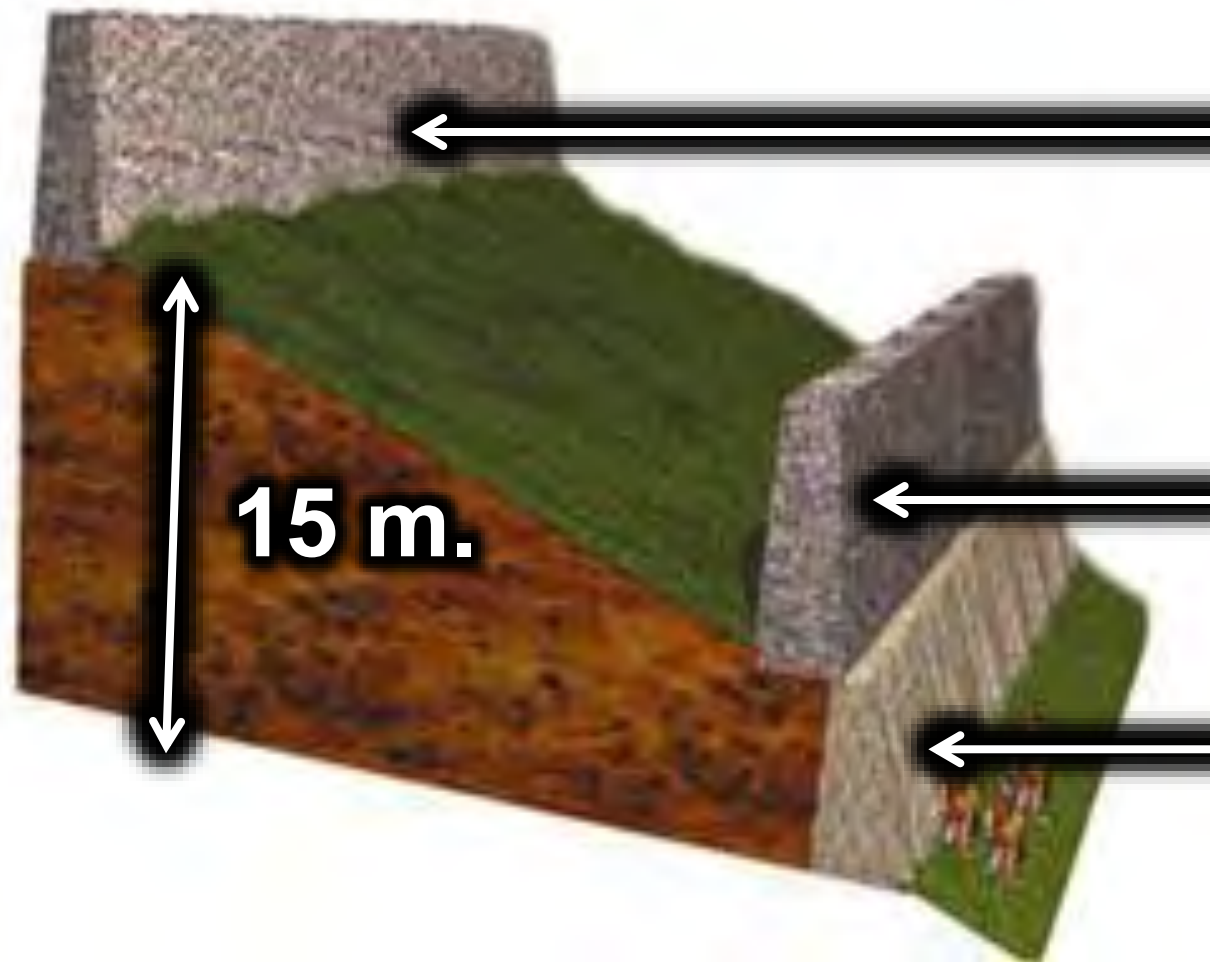




# Jericho City Then







**2<sup>nd</sup> Brick  
Rampart**

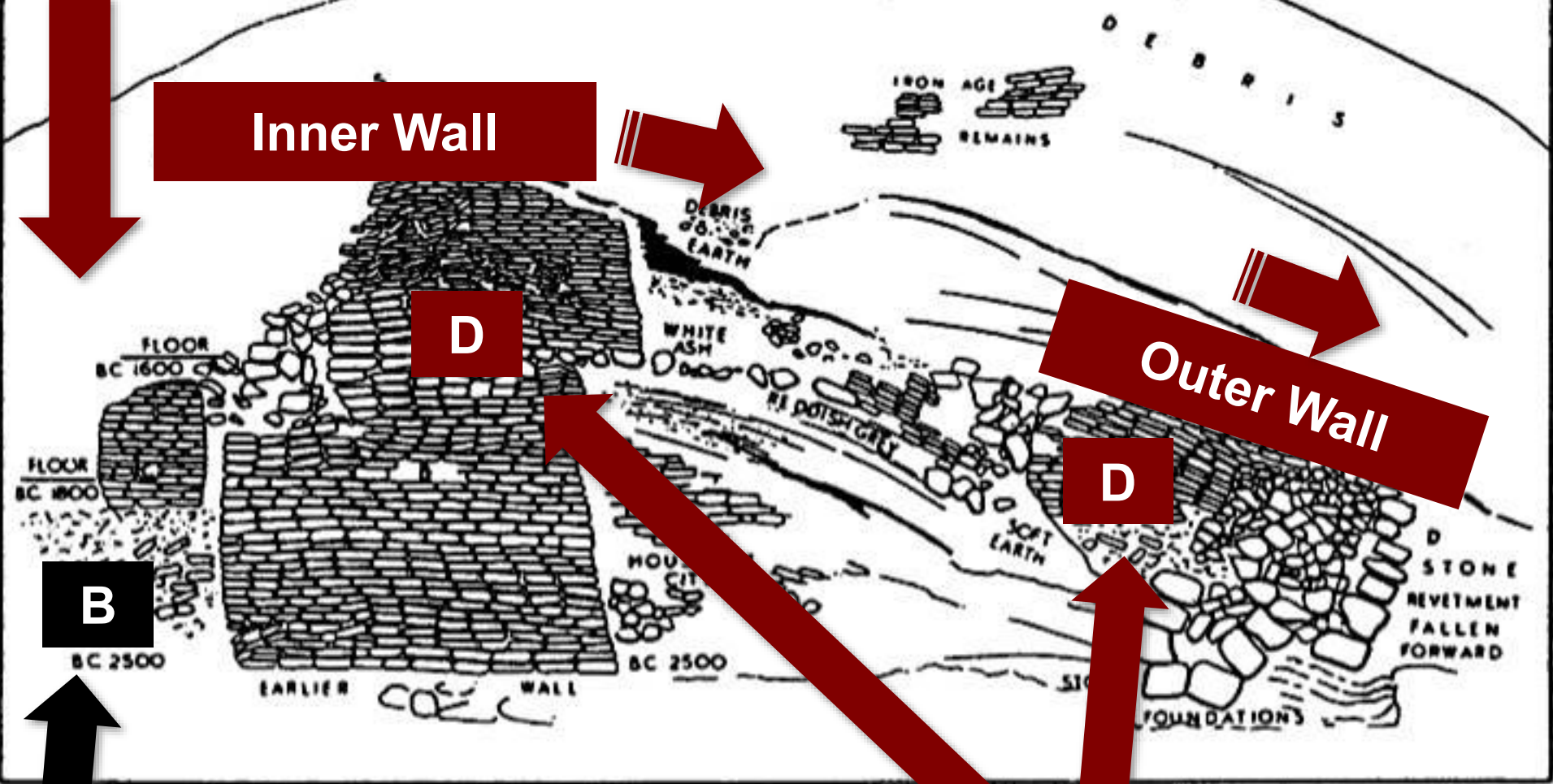
**2 m. thick,  
5-6 m. high**

**3-4 m. high**

**Tell Sultan—Schematic cross-section diagram of  
the fortification system at Jericho based on  
Kenyon's west trench.—AiG**



# Jericho City



The Fallen Walls of City IV (From a measured Drawing)

B. Brick wall of the 2<sup>nd</sup> City on the western scarp. DD. Walls of 4<sup>th</sup> City

# Central Campaign



JERICO  
MARCH

JERICO  
CONQUERED



# Joshua 7

# Achan's Sin (Joshua 7)





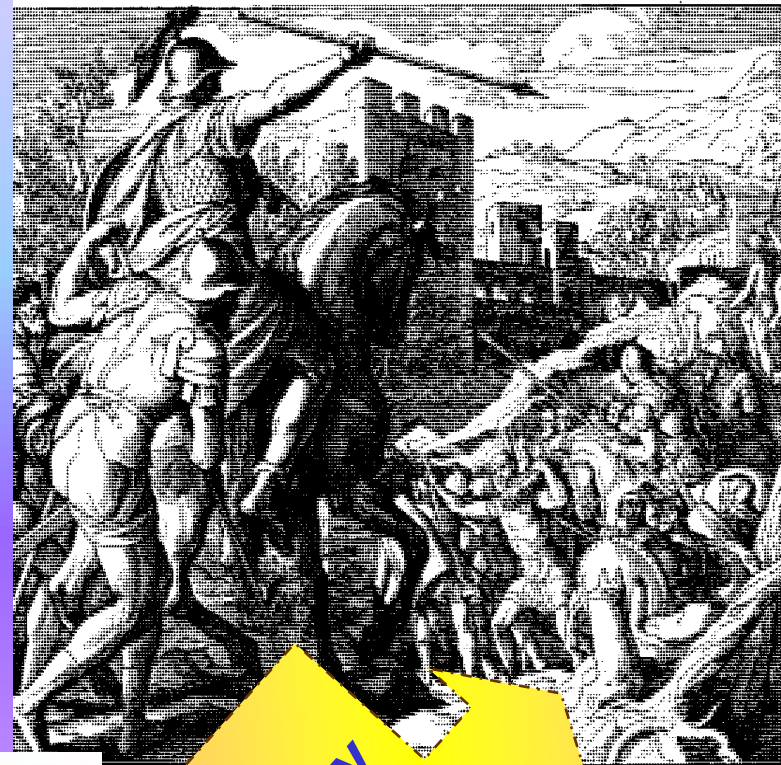
# CENTRAL CAMPAIGN

Achan's  
Sin

Defeat  
At  
Ai

Victory  
Over  
Enemies  
At Ai

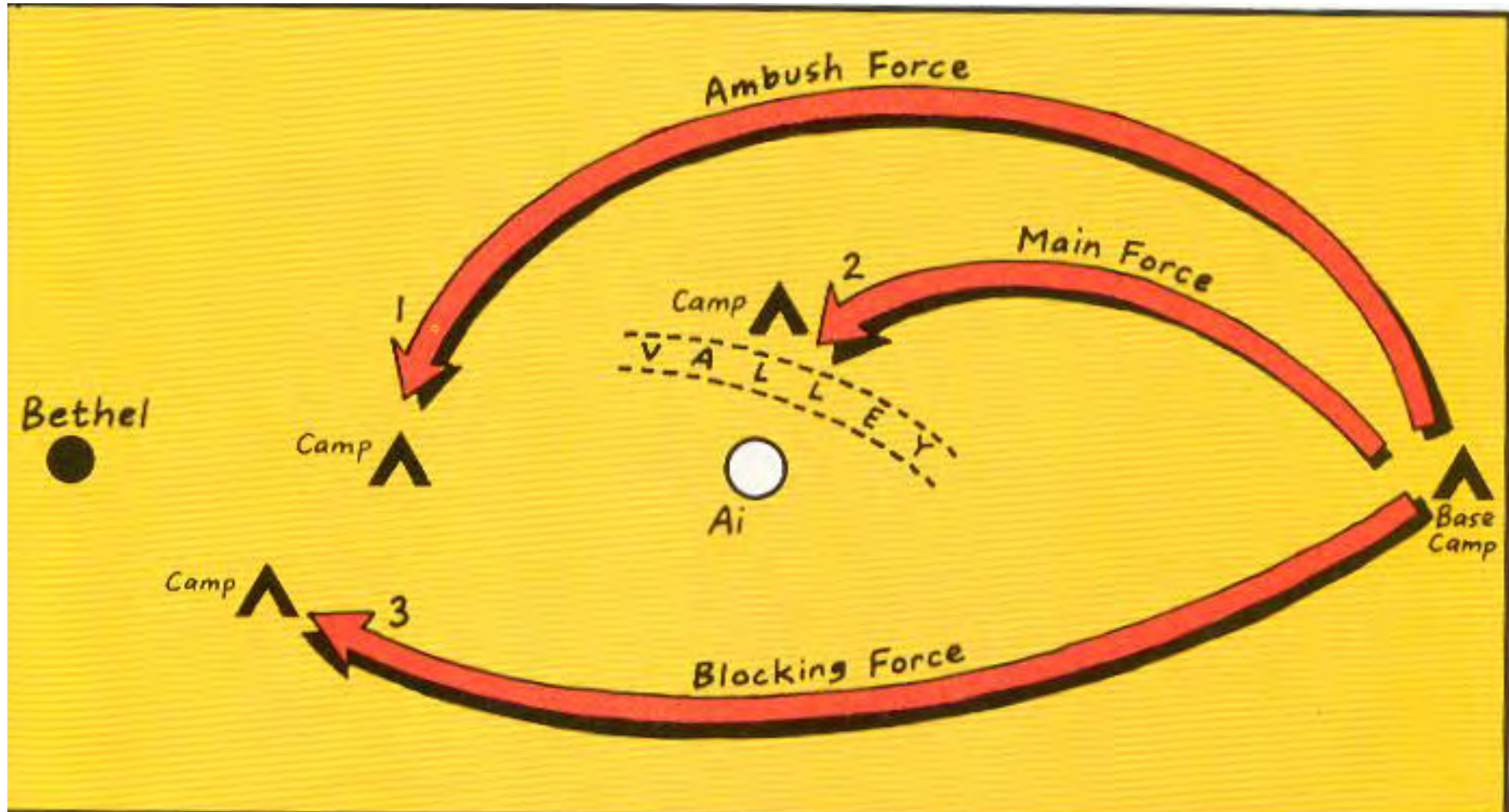
Sin  
Purged



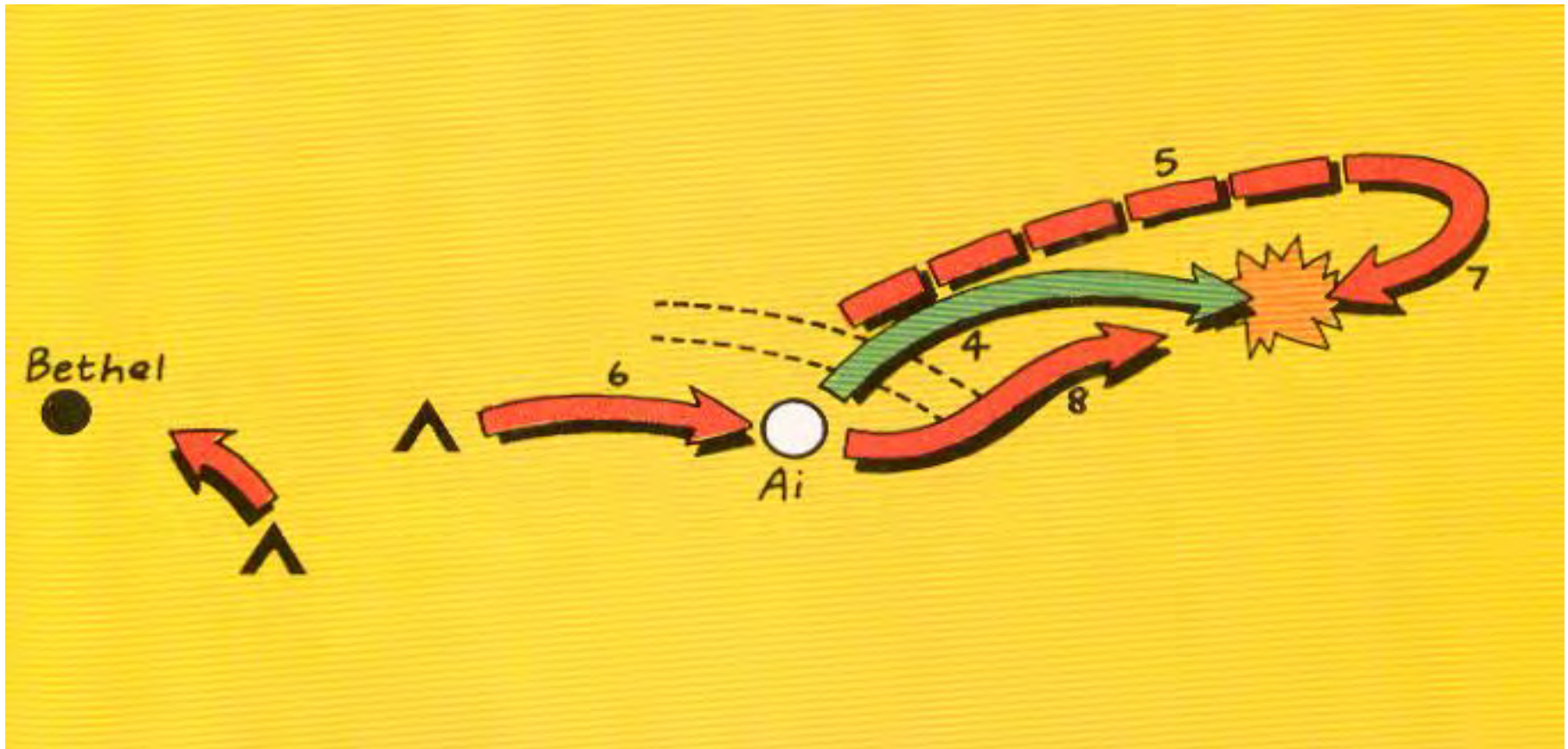
# Joshua 8



# Attack #2 on Ai (Joshua 8)



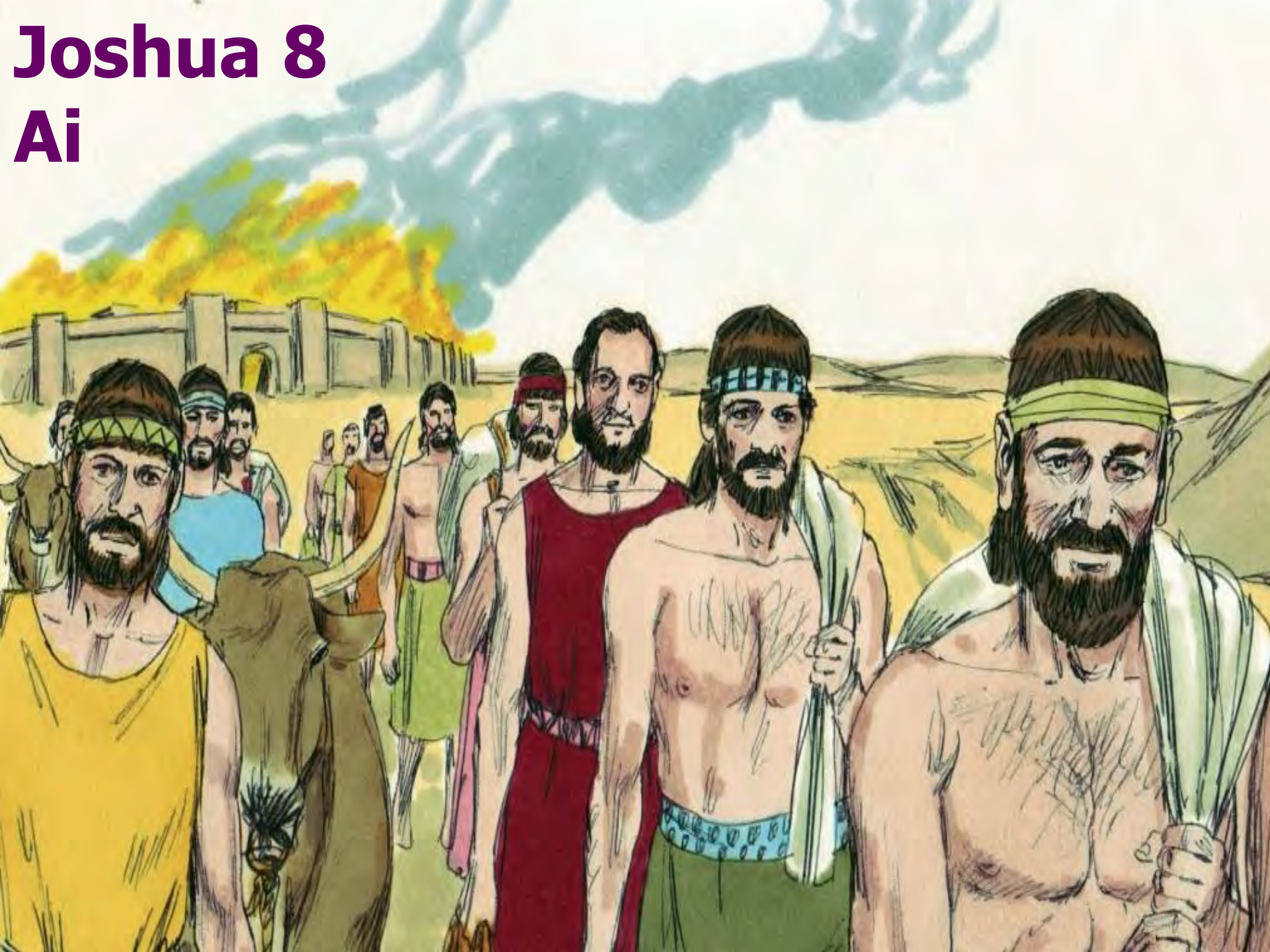
## Attack #2 on Ai (Joshua 8)





# Joshua 8

## Ai





# Joshua 9

# KEY LESSON

**Josh. 9**



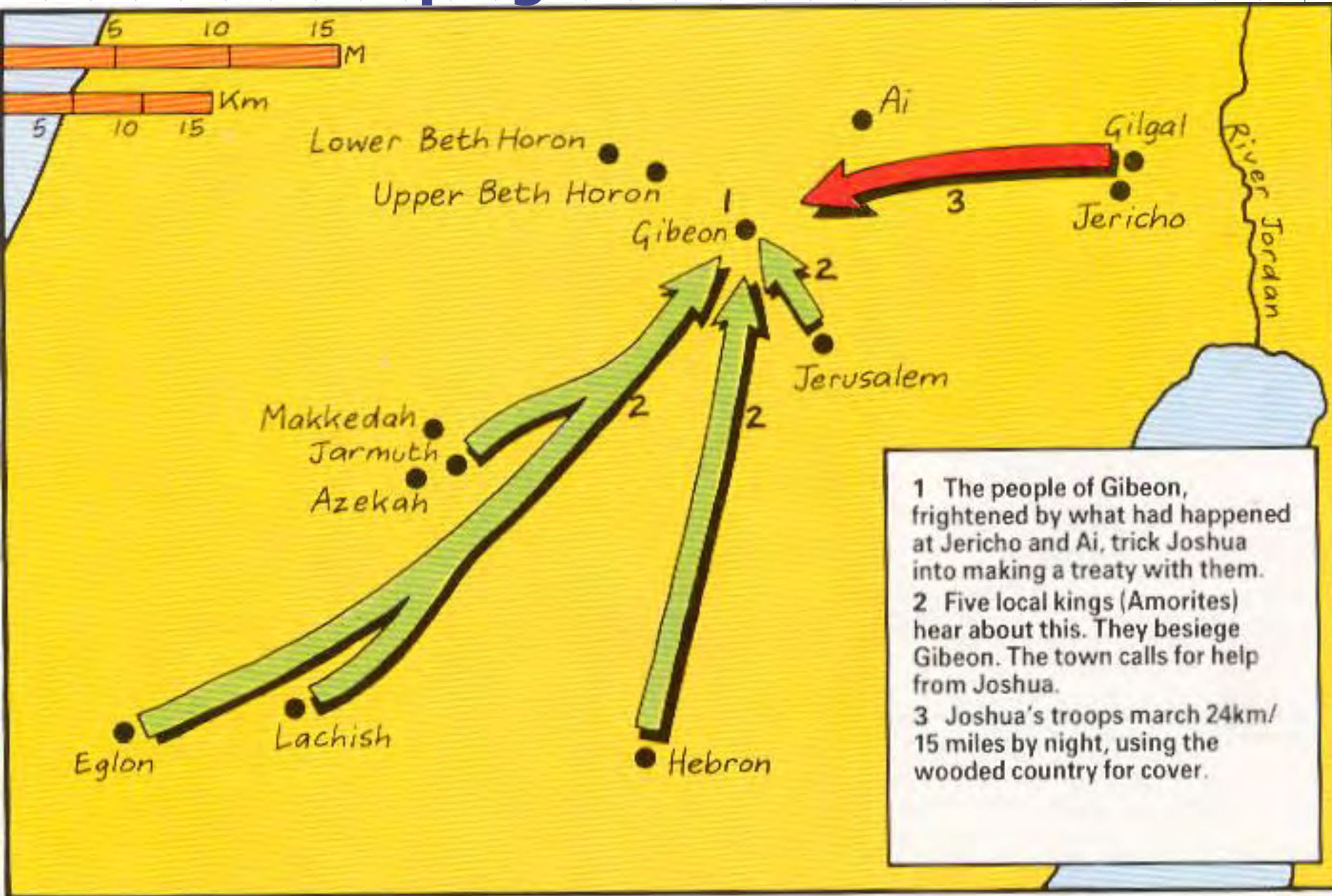
- ❖ **We become vulnerable to deception if we act independently from God and His Word**
- ❖ **Victory can be turned into tragic defeat through complacency and disobedience**



*"... the devil..... he is a liar and the father of lies"  
(John 8:44)*

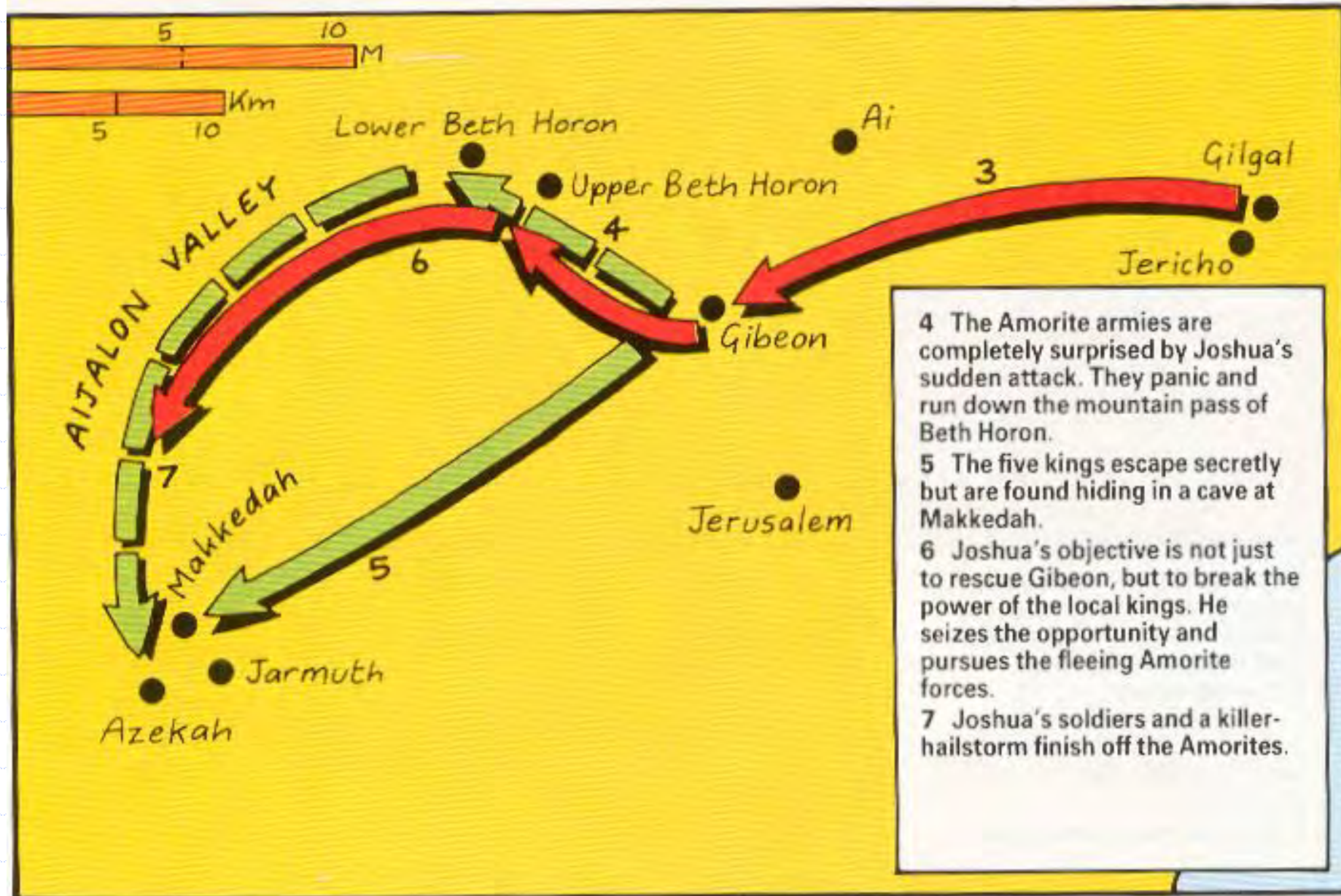


# Central Campaign - Rescue of Gibeon



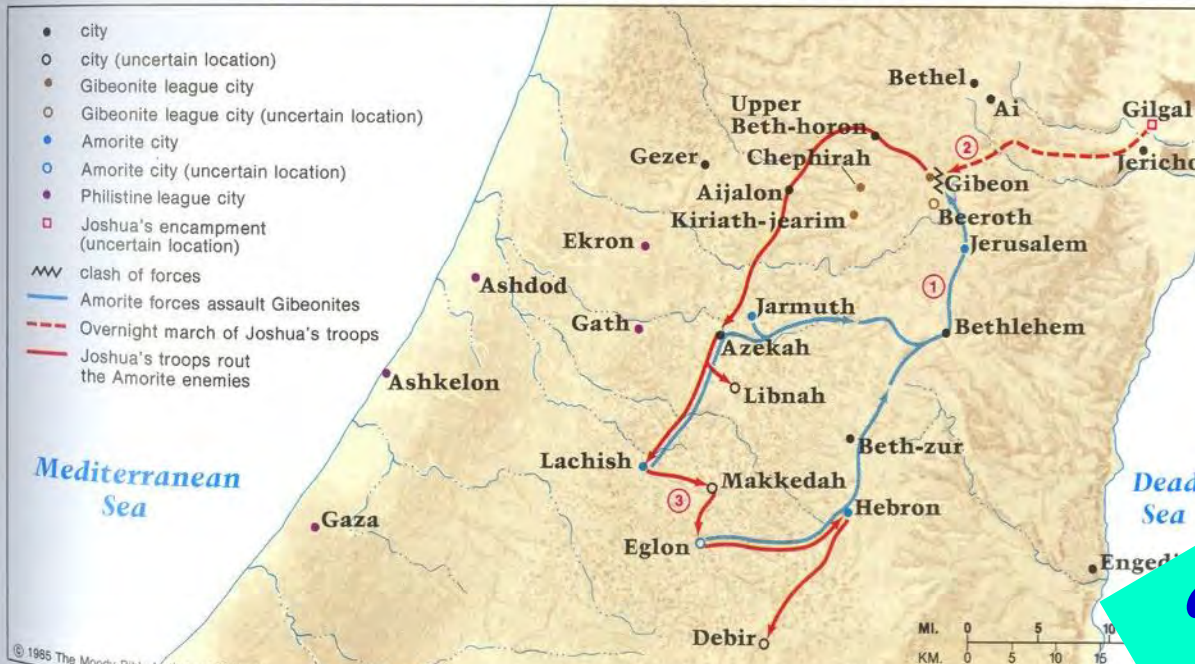


# Central Campaign - Rescue of Gibeon



# JOSHUA'S SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN

MAP 29



**SOUTHERN  
CAMPAIGN**

Beitzel, Moody Atlas of Bible Lands, 97

**Israel  
Deceived**  
(did not  
consult God)

**Battle  
Against  
the 5  
Amorite  
Kings**

**Victory  
Over  
5  
Amorite  
Kings**


**Southern  
Cities  
Conquered**

**Josh. 9**

**Josh. 10**

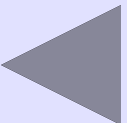


# Joshua 10



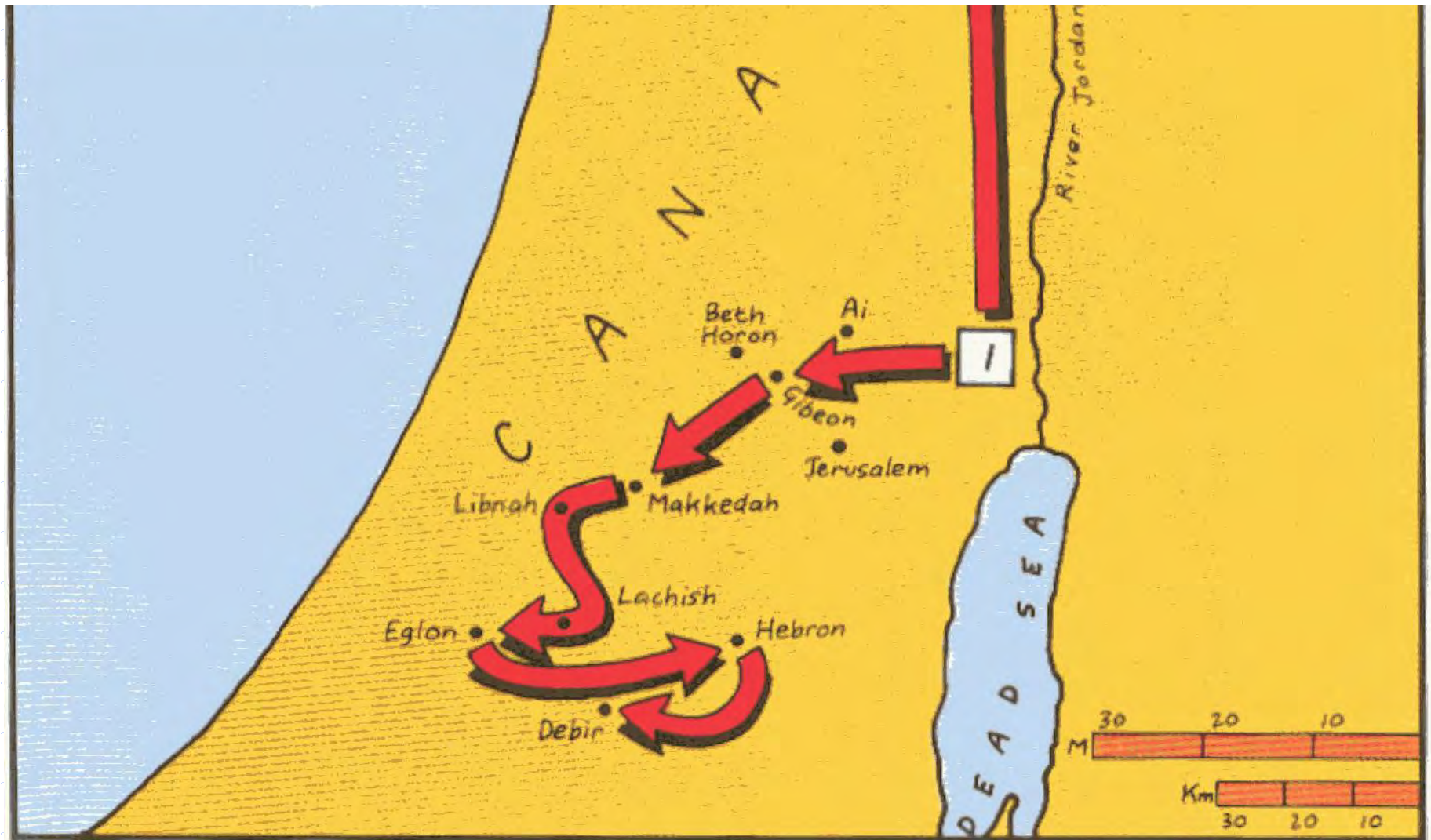
**The sun stopped in the middle of the sky  
and delayed going down about a full day.  
Never has there been a day like it before  
or since, a day when the LORD listened to  
a man.**

**Joshua 10:13-14 (NIV)**





# Southern Campaign



# Joshua 11

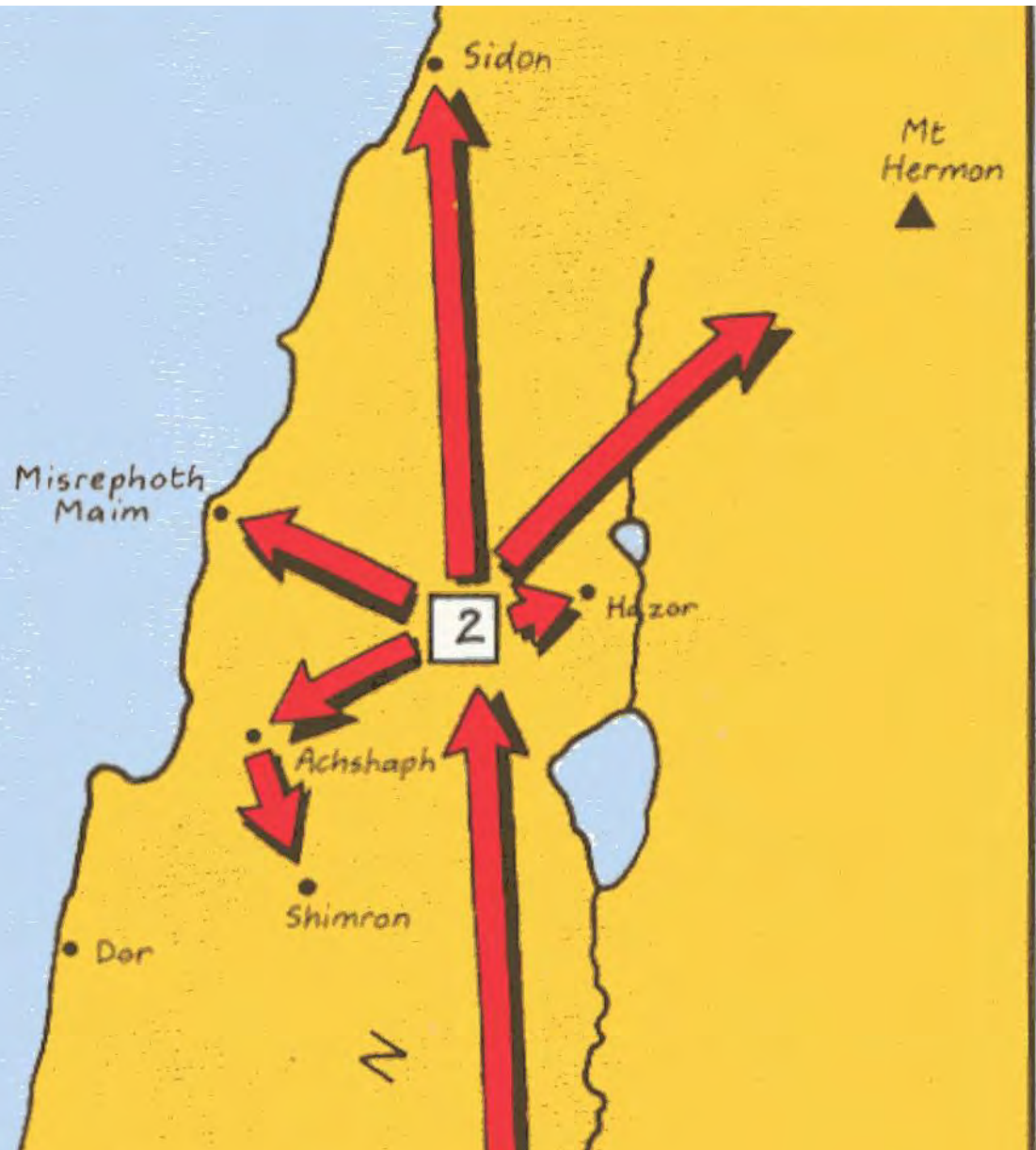
# Northern Campaign

## 1 In the south (Joshua 10).

Joshua's southern campaign was triggered by the treaty he made with the city of Gibeon. Five local kings went to war against Gibeon for its defection to the Israelites. Joshua conquered all their cities (except Jerusalem) using speedy marches and surprise attacks.

**2 In the north (Joshua 11).** The collapse of the south to Joshua spurred the powerful King Jabin of Hazor to assemble a large army for war. Again Joshua's shock tactics demolished the enemy. But these quick victories had to be followed up by a slower guerilla war, rooting out pockets of resistance (Joshua 11:18).

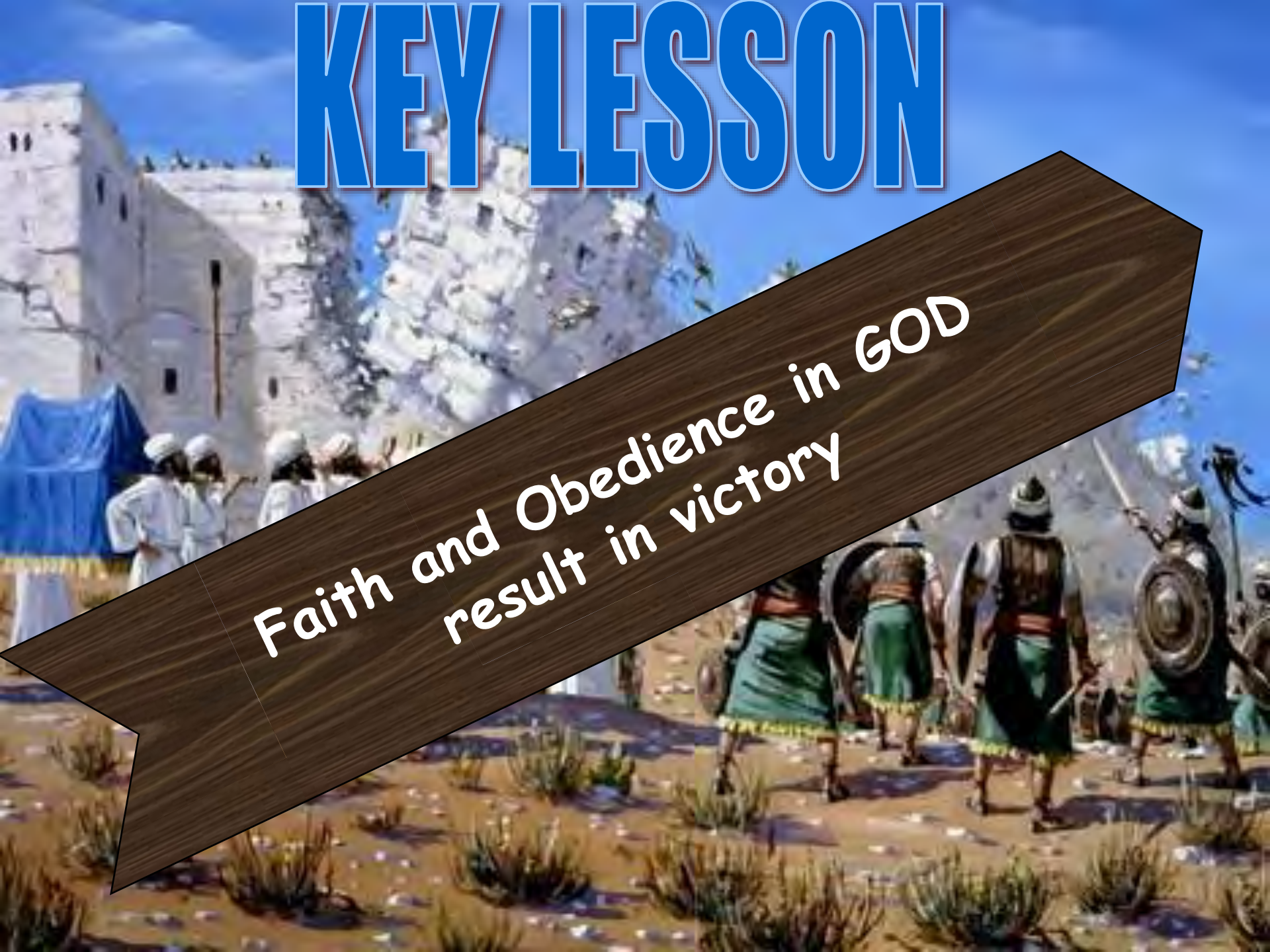
These two campaigns were only the beginning of the conquest and settlement of Canaan. Many cities and territories were still outside Israelite control (Judges 1). But Joshua's campaigns were the foundation for building the nation in Canaan.





# KEY LESSON

Faith and Obedience in GOD  
result in victory



# Joshua 12



# Conquered Cities (Joshua 12)





We are courageous  
**when we act**  
as if God will fulfill his  
promises to us.



# Starting a School in 1992



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# Take action.





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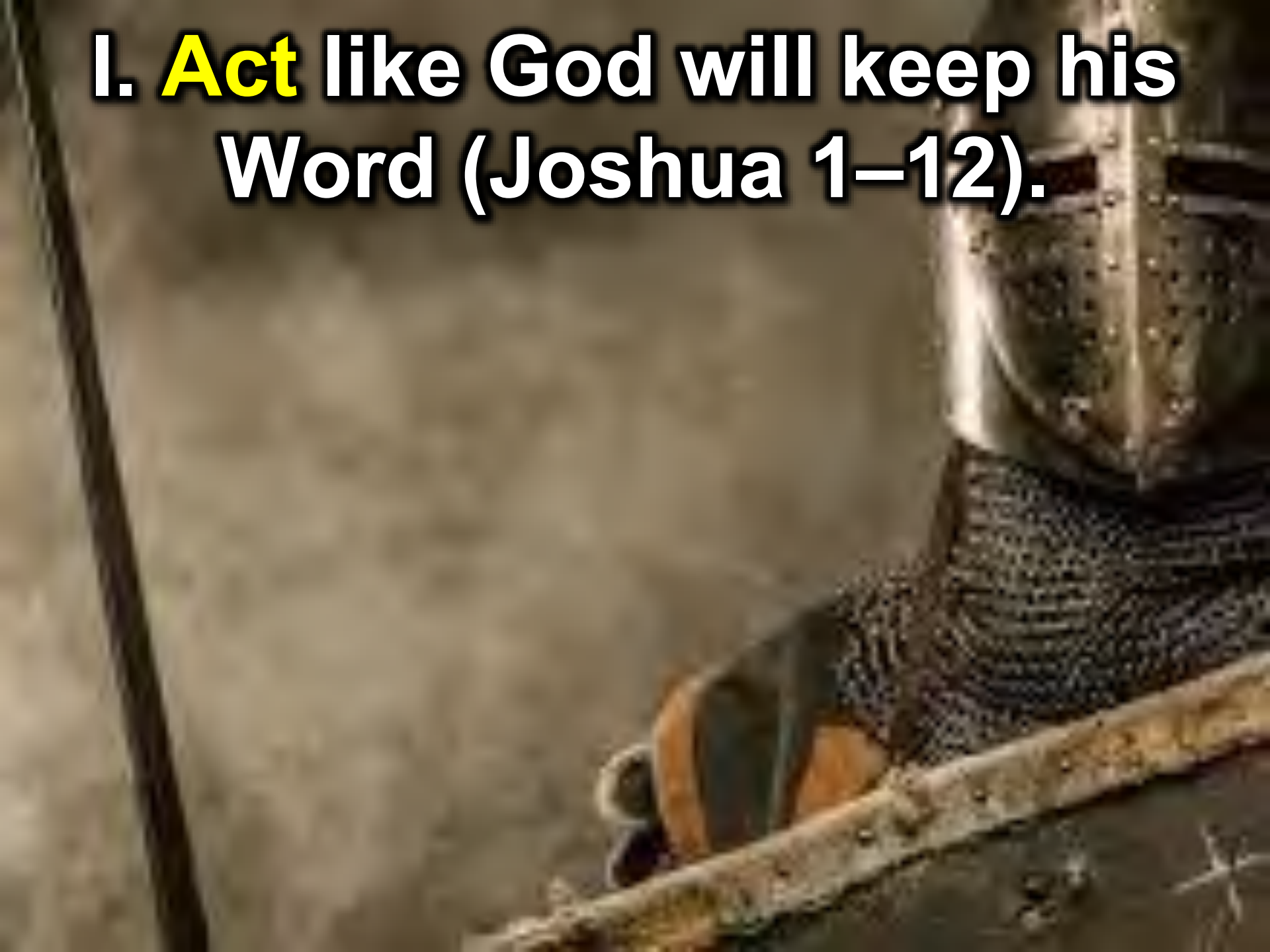
**The Seminary Guys**



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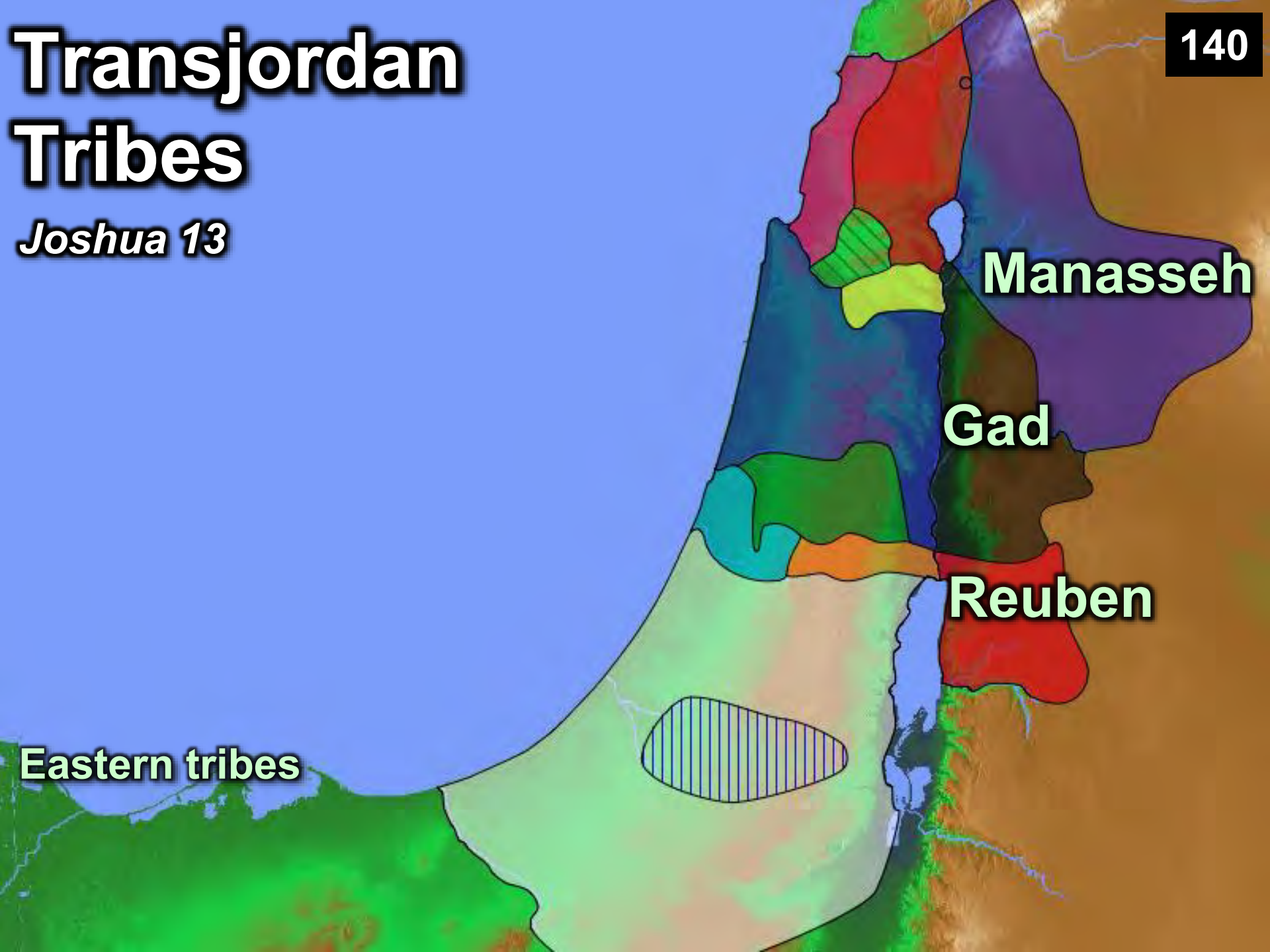


# Joshua 13

# Transjordan Tribes

*Joshua 13*

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Manasseh

Gad

Reuben

Eastern tribes

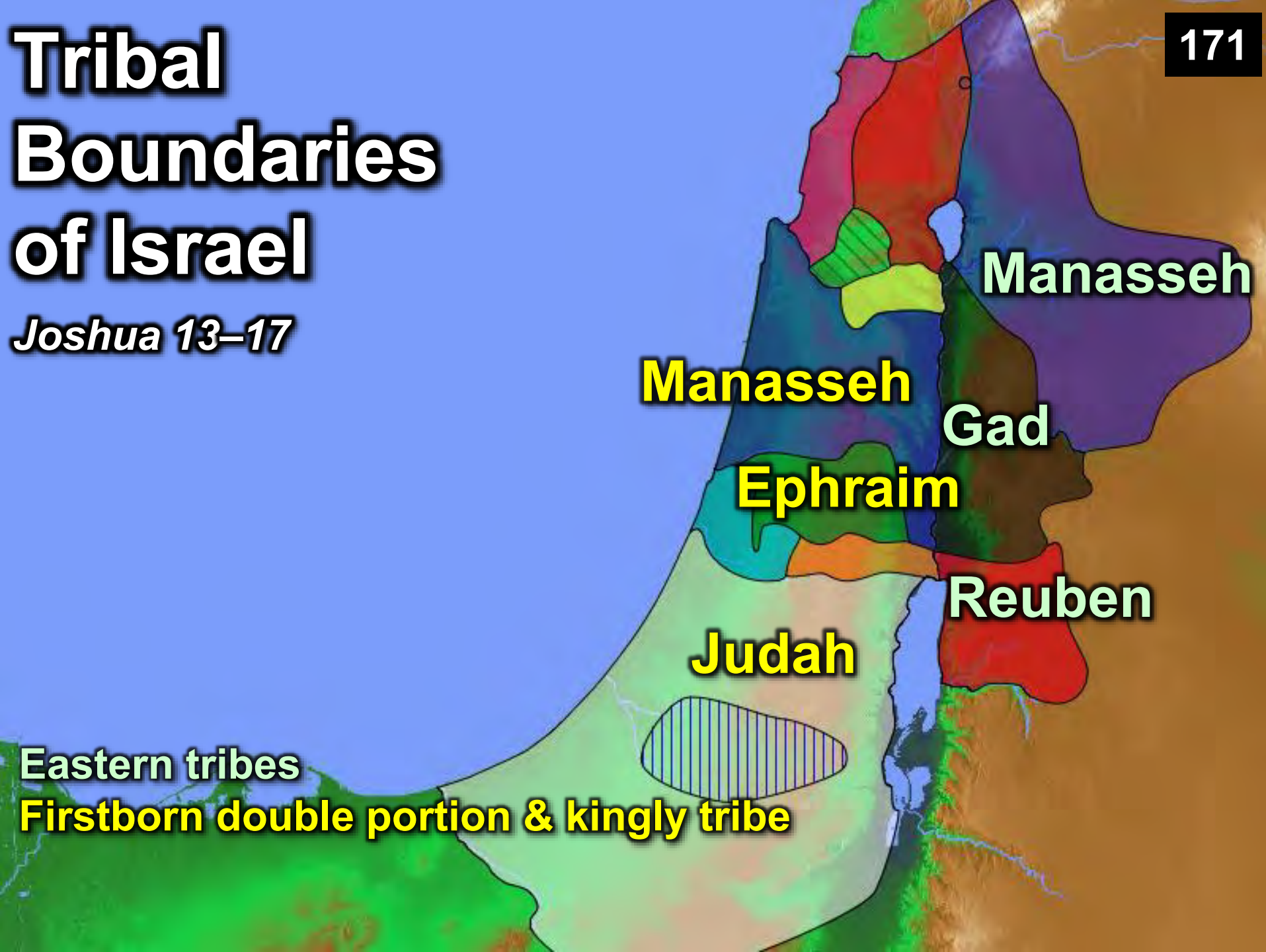


# Joshua 14

# Tribal Boundaries of Israel

*Joshua 13–17*

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# Joshua 18



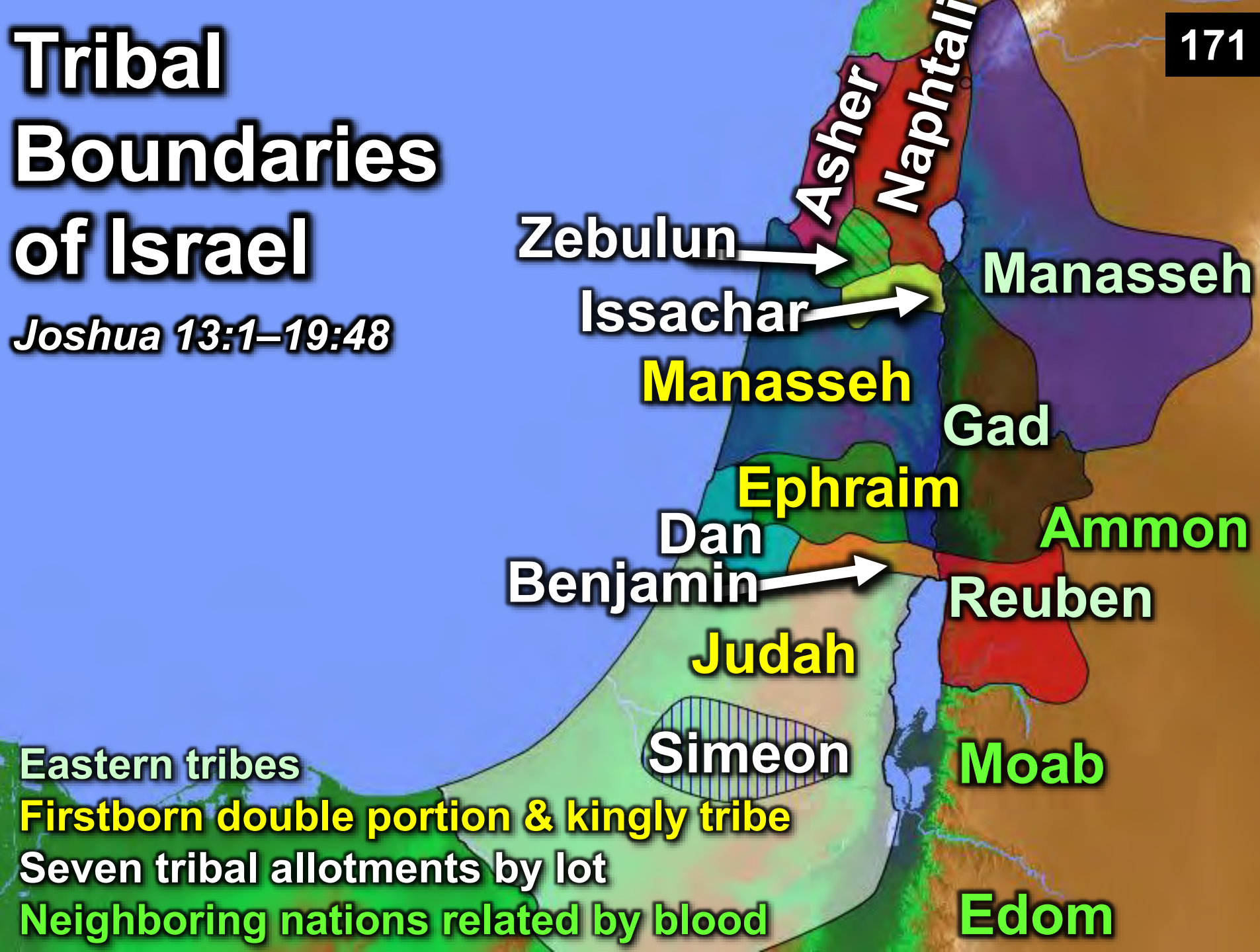


**Drawing Lots**

# Joshua 19

# Tribal Boundaries of Israel

*Joshua 13:1–19:48*





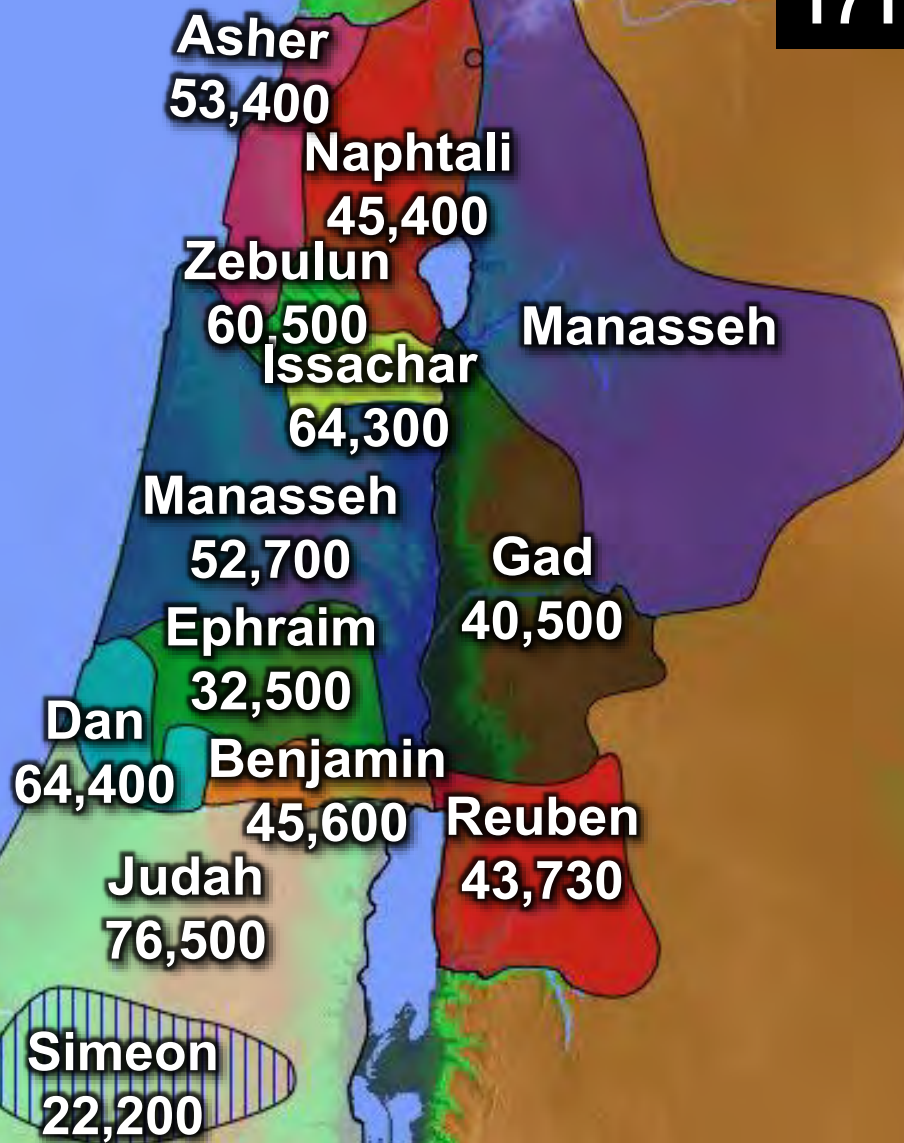
# Joshua 20

# Populations by Tribe

*Numbers 26*  
*Joshua 13:1–19:48*

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Levi  
23,000  
Spread  
Throughout  
Israel

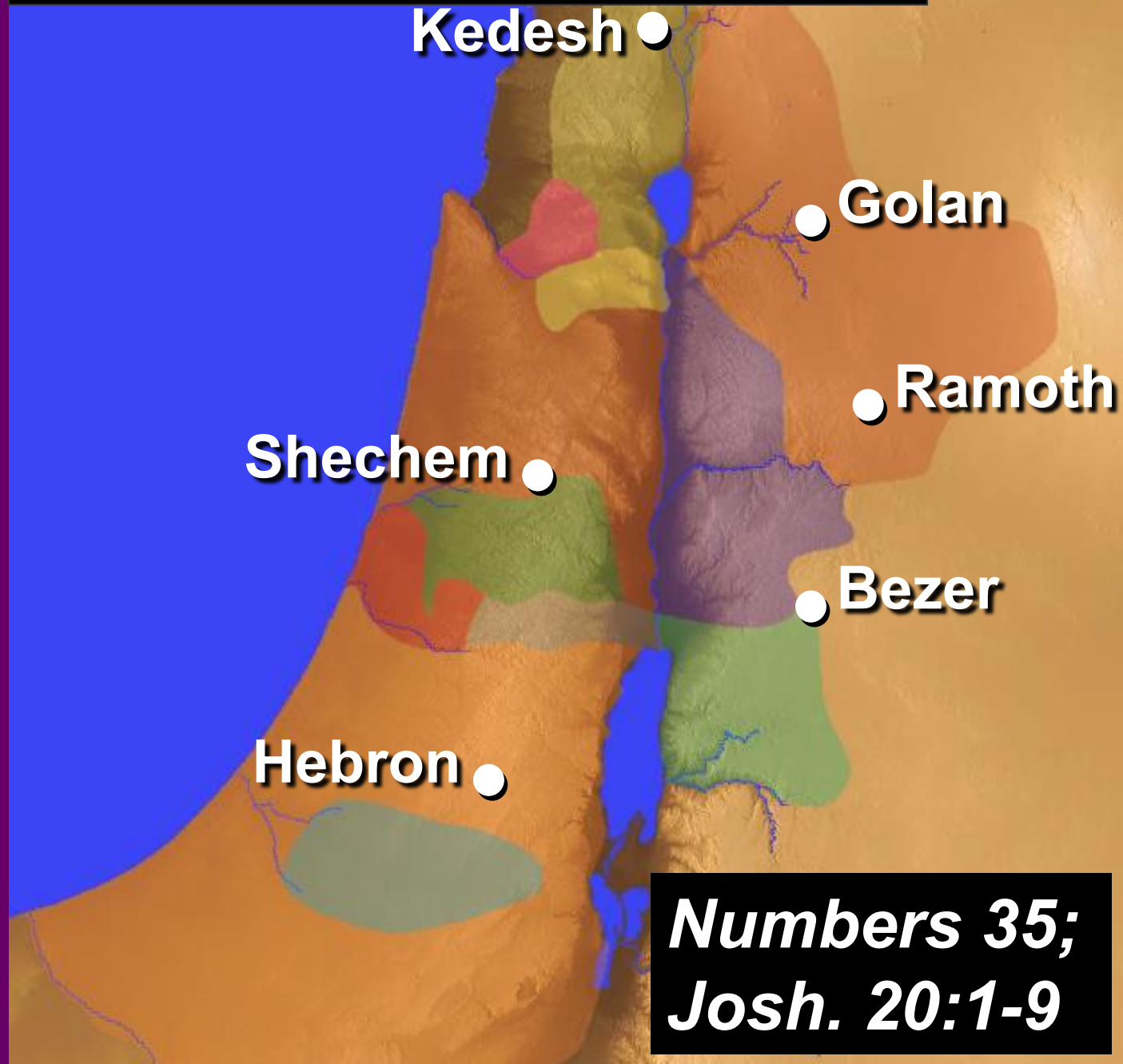


# Cities of Refuge

Israel lived in a nomadic culture of personal vengeance by family members against the offending family (blood feuds).

Yet the nation was not ready for legal procedures by an objective village assembly (civil law).

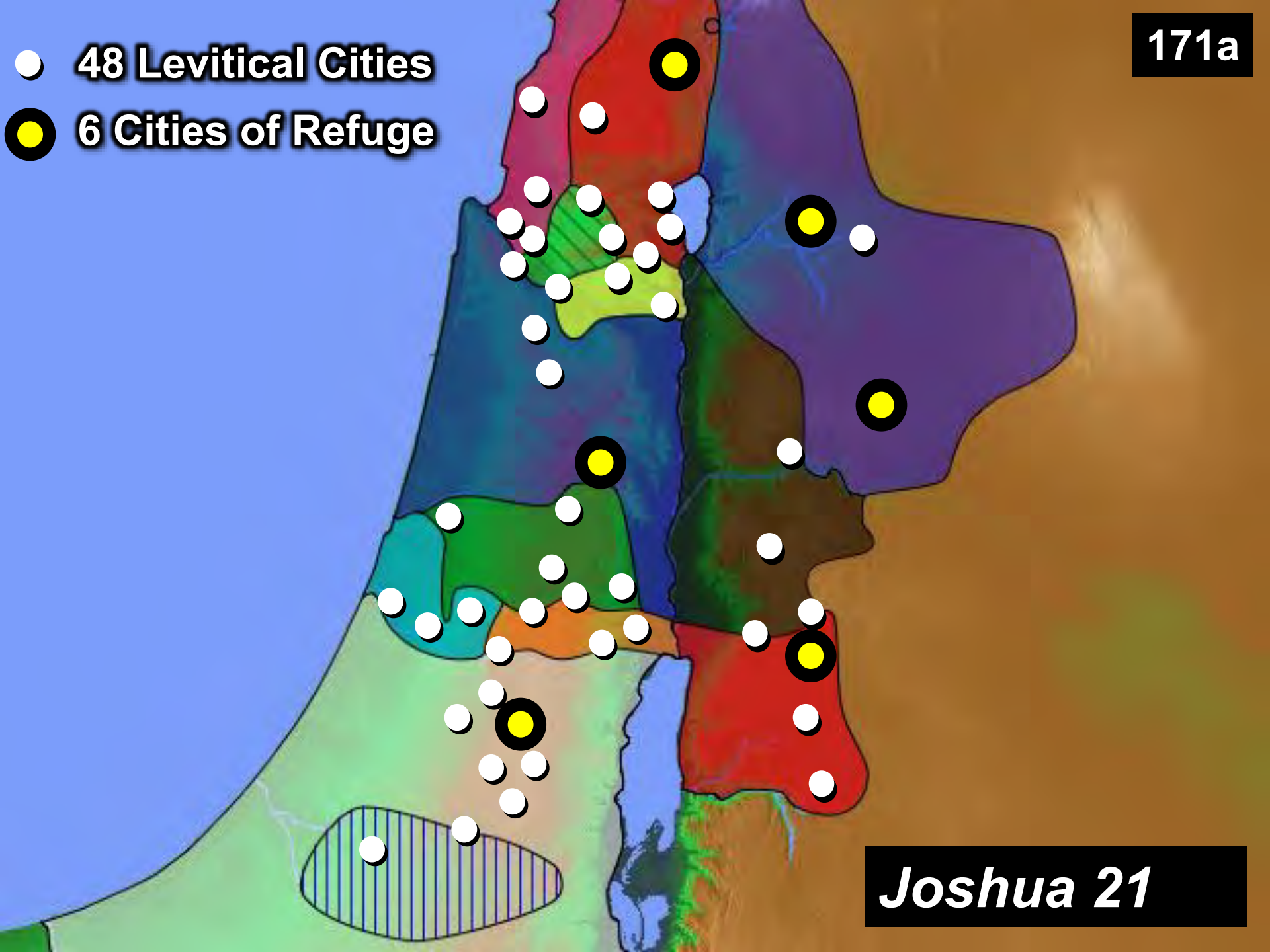
Therefore, God instituted an intermediate step of six nearby cities where one who accidentally killed someone could flee.



***Numbers 35;  
Josh. 20:1-9***



# Joshua 21



# Joshua 22



**God Unites, Sin Divides**

**Joshua 22**

# Joshua 23

# Singapore Civilian War Memorial



**Four pillars represent WWII unity among the Chinese, Malays, Indians and Westerners**



# Joshua 24

# Mount Gerizim Looking East (Deut. 27:9-13)

**Mount  
Ebal  
(cursing)**

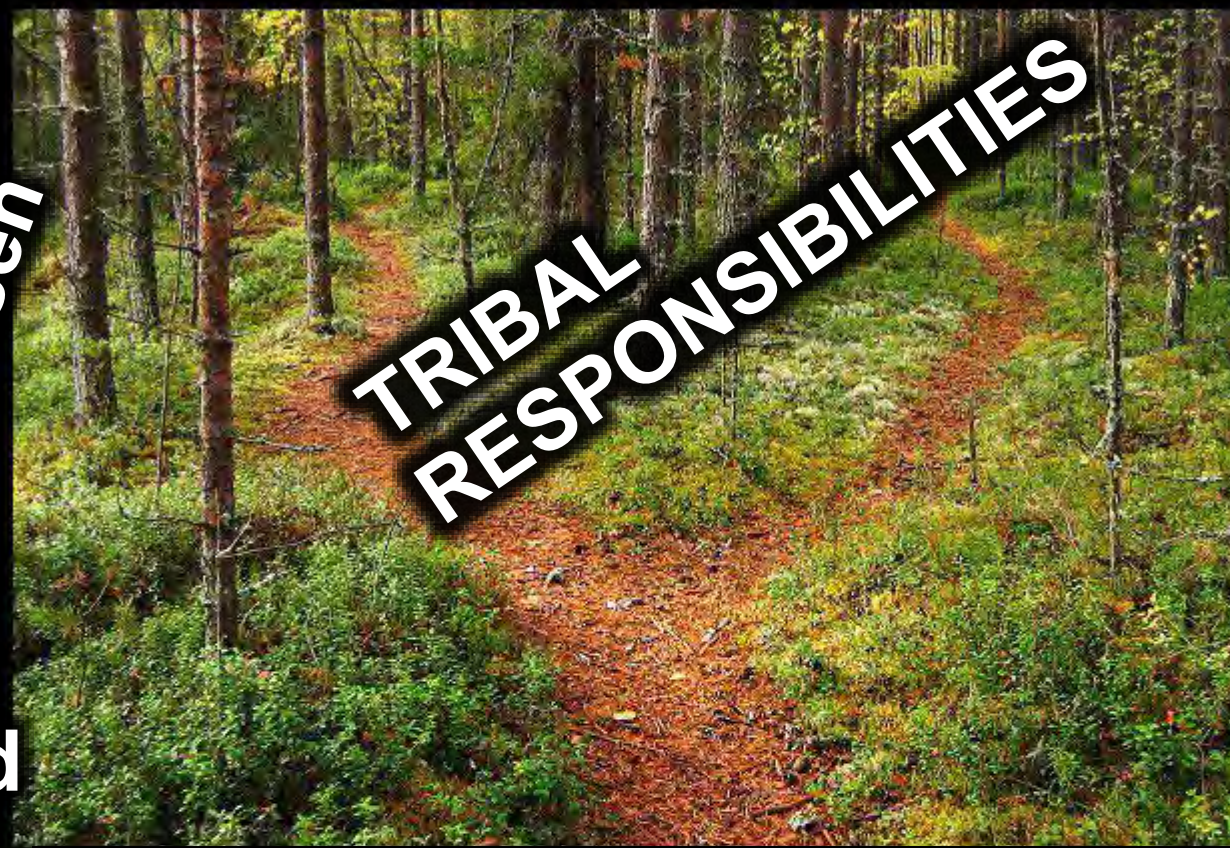
**Shechem**



**Mount  
Gerizim  
(blessing)**







**"Choose this day whom you will serve...  
but as for me and my house,  
we will serve the LORD"**

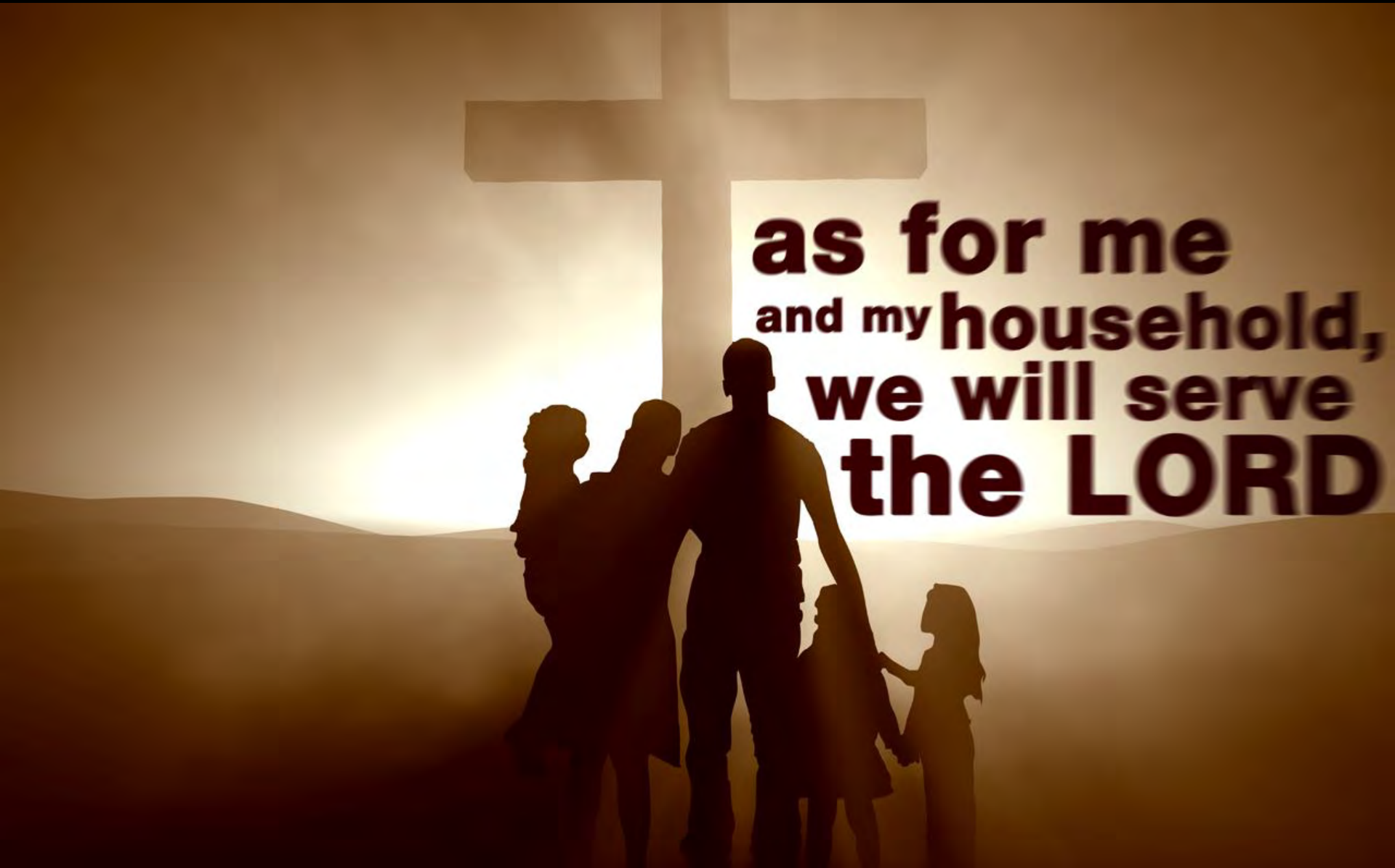
**Joshua 24:15**

**The Goal & the Means**



# **Renewal of Covenant**

- **Joshua's Charge**
- **Israelite's Response**
- **Stone Monument (Josh. 22)**



**as for me  
and my household,  
we will serve  
the LORD**

**Joshua 24:15**

God will also  
reward your  
courage when  
you  
**stick your  
neck out**  
for him





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**CIC**

**INDONESIA**

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# Luther = Reformation



**How can you  
defeat  
discouragement  
that prevents you  
from doing God's  
will?**




## SUMMARY STATEMENT

Joshua records **Israel's occupation** of most of Canaan in fulfillment of **God's faithfulness** to His promise through **Joshua's faith** in order to instruct the nation that obedient faith based upon God's promises **brings blessings**



# Main Idea of Joshua

God rewards those  
who take him  
**seriously.**



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**How specifically can we defeat  
discouragement?**





# KEY LESSONS



## **Be led by God's presence**



**God's presence assures victory in the midst of overwhelming situations ("flood waters")**



## **Remind yourself and others of His faithfulness**



**Recount on His goodness and testify of His works ("memorial stones")**





# KEY LESSONS

- ✌ **Be set apart to God for His purposes**
- Circumcision

God's  
commitment to the  
**Abrahamic Covenant:**  
"I will make you into a great nation  
and I will bless you"  
(Gen. 12:2)

- ✌ **Trust God as Ultimate Redeemer and Provider**

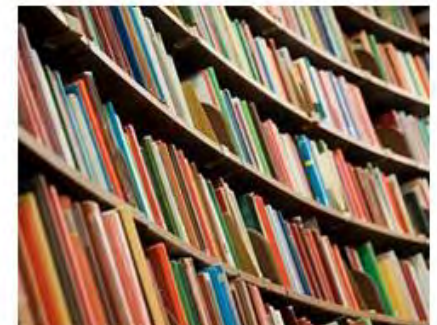
➤ "The people ate of the produce of Canaan..."  
(Joshua 5:11-12 NIV)



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