

JOSHUA

# Promises Kept

Joshua 13-19



Tel Aviv

WEST  
BANK

Israel

Jerusalem

GAZA

# Sheikh Mohammad Hussein

**“It is not just Al-Aqsa and its domes which reflect the Islamic nature of the city, but each floor of the holy city, every remnant of the city, and every centimeter attest to the fact that it is an Arab and Islamic city, whose roots lie deep in history and culture...[Israel is digging under the Temple Mount in order to] “show a fabricated heritage that might help them to deceive foreign visitors into believing Jerusalem as a historical place of the Jews.”**





## Numbers 23:19

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**“God is not a man, that  
He should lie, Nor a son  
of man, that He should  
repent; Has He said,  
and will He not do it?  
Or has He spoken, and  
will He not make it  
good?”**



# Joshua 13:1, 7

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**1** Now Joshua was old and advanced in years when the Lord said to him, “You are old and advanced in years, and very much of the land remains to be possessed... **7** Now therefore, apportion this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes and the half-tribe of Manasseh.”

# Joshua 14:1

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**1** Now these are the territories which the sons of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the households of the tribes of the sons of Israel apportioned to them for an inheritance

# “Eleazer the priest”

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- Aaron's son and successor
- Performed numerous priestly duties while the Israelites were in the wilderness
- Involved in the commissioning service for Joshua as Moses' successor
- God commanded that he be involved in the distribution of the land (along with Joshua) in Numbers 34



## Joshua 14:2

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**2** by the lot of their inheritance, as the Lord commanded through Moses, for the nine tribes and the half-tribe.



**“by the lot”**

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This was also commanded by God in Numbers 26:52-56, and it is not a simple roll of the dice.

• **Proverbs 16:33 –**

“The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the Lord.”

**The Twelve Tribes**

Sometimes regarded as a northern tribe, sometimes as a southern

**Benjamin**

**Simeon**

**Judah**

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**Manasseh**

**Gad**

**Reuben**

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**Idumea**

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## Issachar

**Dan**

UPPER

**POWER**

## Manasseh

**HAN**

**Ephraim**

Gad

AMMON

10

## Reuben

**Simeon**

IDUMEA

*Negeb*

## Wilderness

## Judah

## Sinai

0 10 20 30 Miles

## Chapters 13-21

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Are an amazingly detailed  
list of tribes, lands,  
boundaries, cities taken,  
and cities not taken.

Why is it here?



# First & Foremost:

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These lists are the heart of the book, in that they “prove” to the Israelites and to us that God was being true to his promises.

On one level, it was not enough simply to assert that God gave Israel the land, to state that he fulfilled his promises, and to ask the reader to take the author’s word for it.

These promises are 700 years in the making, and they deserve some time and space!



# One Commentator said:

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“To a soldier who has fought for every hill and town, maybe street [to street and] house to house fighting and who has shed some blood on those hills and in those towns and maybe lost a friend or a loved one in the battles ... you bet the details are important and to be celebrated.... [It is] a celebration of victory hard fought and dearly paid for.”

# Think like an Israelite

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Imagine being able to trace the fulfillment of these promises city by city, hill by hill, wadi by wadi, border by border.

It is akin to a good book that a person becomes engrossed in, which he or she is reluctant to have come to an end, except in this case, the story involves your family.

The reader wants every word and detail to count.





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SALE**



# Indiana



**Lot 9, Block 58, SCOTT LAKE MANOR SECTION 8, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 65, at Page 117 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.**

# The Transjordan Tribes

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1. Reuben (13:15-23)

2. Gad (13:24-28)

3. E. Manassah (13:29-31)

# Preeminent Tribe

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## 1. Judah (14:6-15:63)

- As the most important tribe and the recipient of the Messianic blessing in Genesis 49:8-12, Judah receives the most land west of the Jordan, and the attention devoted to it in the text is the most extensive of all the tribes.

# The Sons of Joseph

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1. Ephraim (16:5-10)

2. W. Manasseh (17:1-18)

- Daughters of Zelophehad (17:3-6)

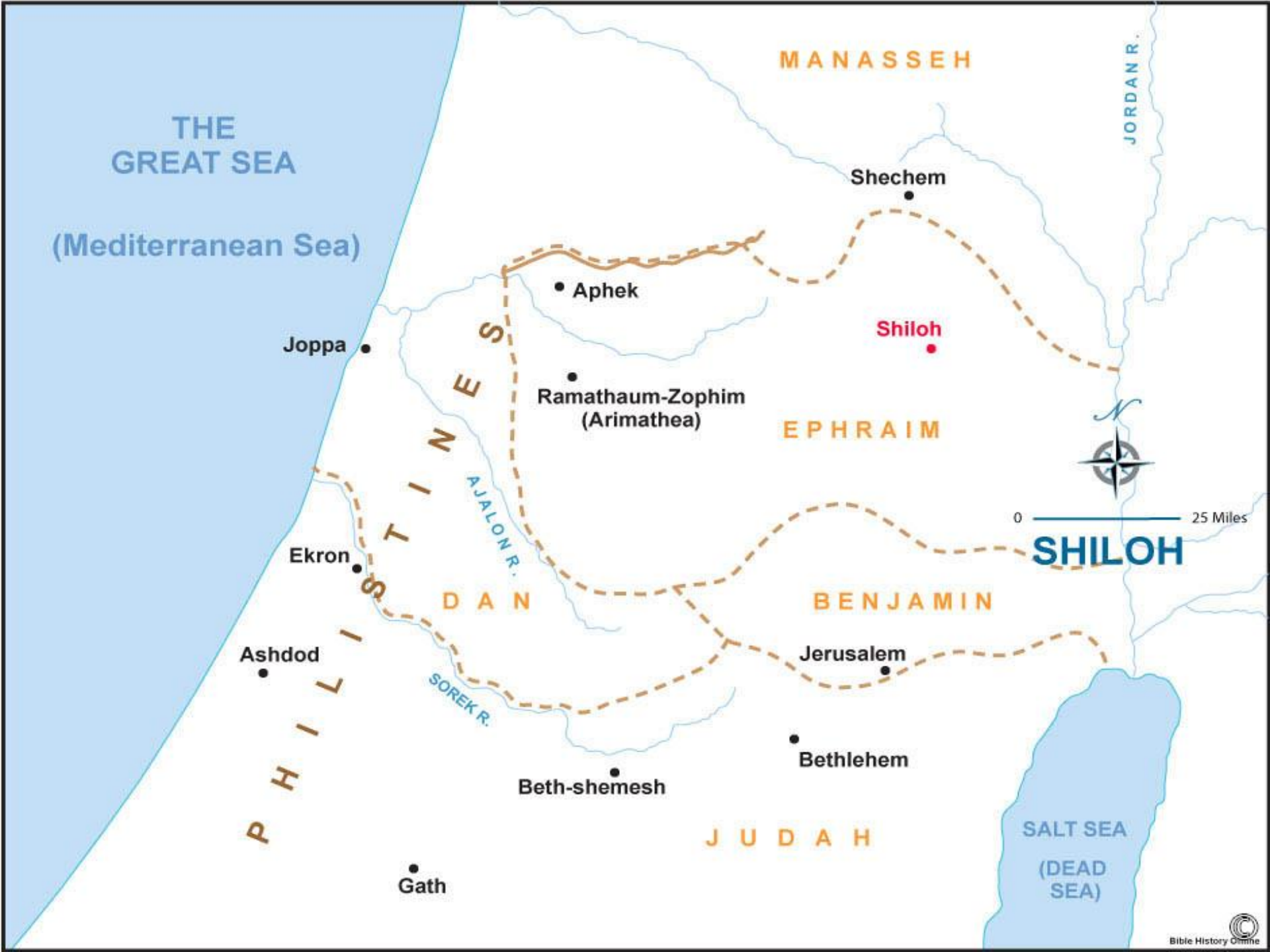
- Turn to Judges 17:14-18



# Joshua 18:1-2

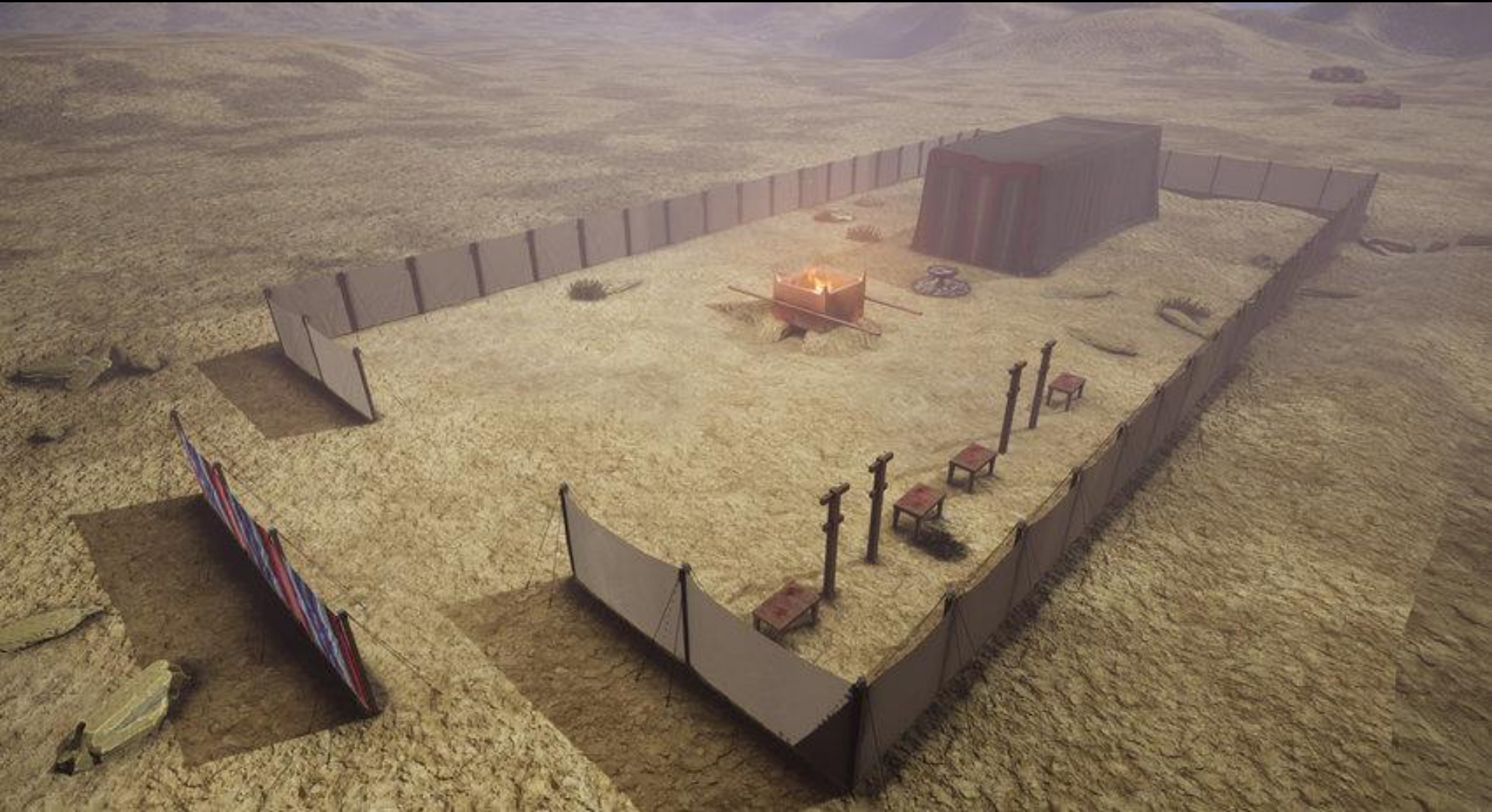
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**1** Then the whole congregation of the sons of Israel assembled themselves at Shiloh, and set up the tent of meeting there; and the land was subdued before them. **2** There remained among the sons of Israel seven tribes who had not divided their inheritance.



# The Tabernacle at Shiloh

## (1399-1070 B.C.)





## Leviticus 26:11-12

JOSHUA

**11** Moreover, I will make My dwelling among you, and My soul will not reject you. **12** I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.



Turn to  
Deuteronomy  
12:1-7

# Joshua 18:3-7

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Joshua's  
exhortation to  
the remaining  
tribes





# Joshua 18:8-9

JOSHUA

8 Then the men arose and went, and Joshua commanded those who went to describe the land, saying, “Go and walk through the land and describe it, and return to me; then I will cast lots for you here before the Lord in Shiloh.” 9 So the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities in seven divisions in a book; and they came to Joshua to the camp at Shiloh.

# UNITED

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WE STAND



## Joshua 18:10

JOSHUA

**10** And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the Lord, and there Joshua divided the land to the sons of Israel according to their divisions.



# Remaining Tribes

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1. Benjamin (18:11-28)
2. Simeon (19:1-9)
3. Zebulun (19:10-16)
4. Issachar (19:17-23)
5. Asher (19:24-31)
6. Naphtali (19:32-39)
7. Dan (19:40-48)

# Joshua 14:3-4

JOSHUA

**3** For Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half-tribe beyond the Jordan; but he did not give an inheritance to the Levites among them. **4** For the sons of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim, and they did not give a portion to the Levites in the land, except cities to live in, with their pasture lands for their livestock and for their property.

# Land Left Unconquered

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1. Joshua 13:2-6
2. Judges 1:21, 27-35
3. Several mentions in Joshua 13, 15, 16, 17, 19

There were vast and important territories left yet to conquer, as well as many cities and regions that the Israelites did not take, including Jerusalem, Beth Shan, Megiddo, Gezer, Aphek, and Beth Shemesh.



# Caleb

JOSHUA

- **Numbers 14:24 –**

“But My servant Caleb, because he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it.”

- **Deuteronomy 1:36 –**

“except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and to his sons I will give the land on which he has set foot, because he has followed the Lord fully.”

# Joshua 14:6-7

JOSHUA

**6** Then the sons of Judah drew near to Joshua in Gilgal, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know the word which the Lord spoke to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh-barnea. **7** I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought word back to him as it was in my heart.



**Joshua and Caleb**



# Joshua 14:8-10

JOSHUA

**8** Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt with fear; but I followed the Lord my God fully. **9** So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden will be an inheritance to you and to your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God fully.' **10** Now behold, the Lord has let me live, just as He spoke, these forty-five years, from the time that the Lord spoke this word to Moses, when Israel walked in the wilderness; and now behold, I am eighty-five years old today.

# A Little More Math

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• Spies (Num. 14)      1444 B.C.

+

• Joshua 14:10      45 Years

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• It is Now      1399 B.C.

Caleb is 85 years old.

# Joshua 14:11-12

JOSHUA

**11** I am still as strong today as I was in the day Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so my strength is now, for war and for going out and coming in. **12** Now then, give me this hill country about which the Lord spoke on that day, for you heard on that day that Anakim were there, with great fortified cities; perhaps the Lord will be with me, and I will drive them out as the Lord has spoken.”



# Caleb's Perspective

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The Lord made a promise to me, and He has kept me alive in order to fulfill that promise.

I have served Him all the days of my life, and I am not going to stop now!

## Joshua 14:13-14

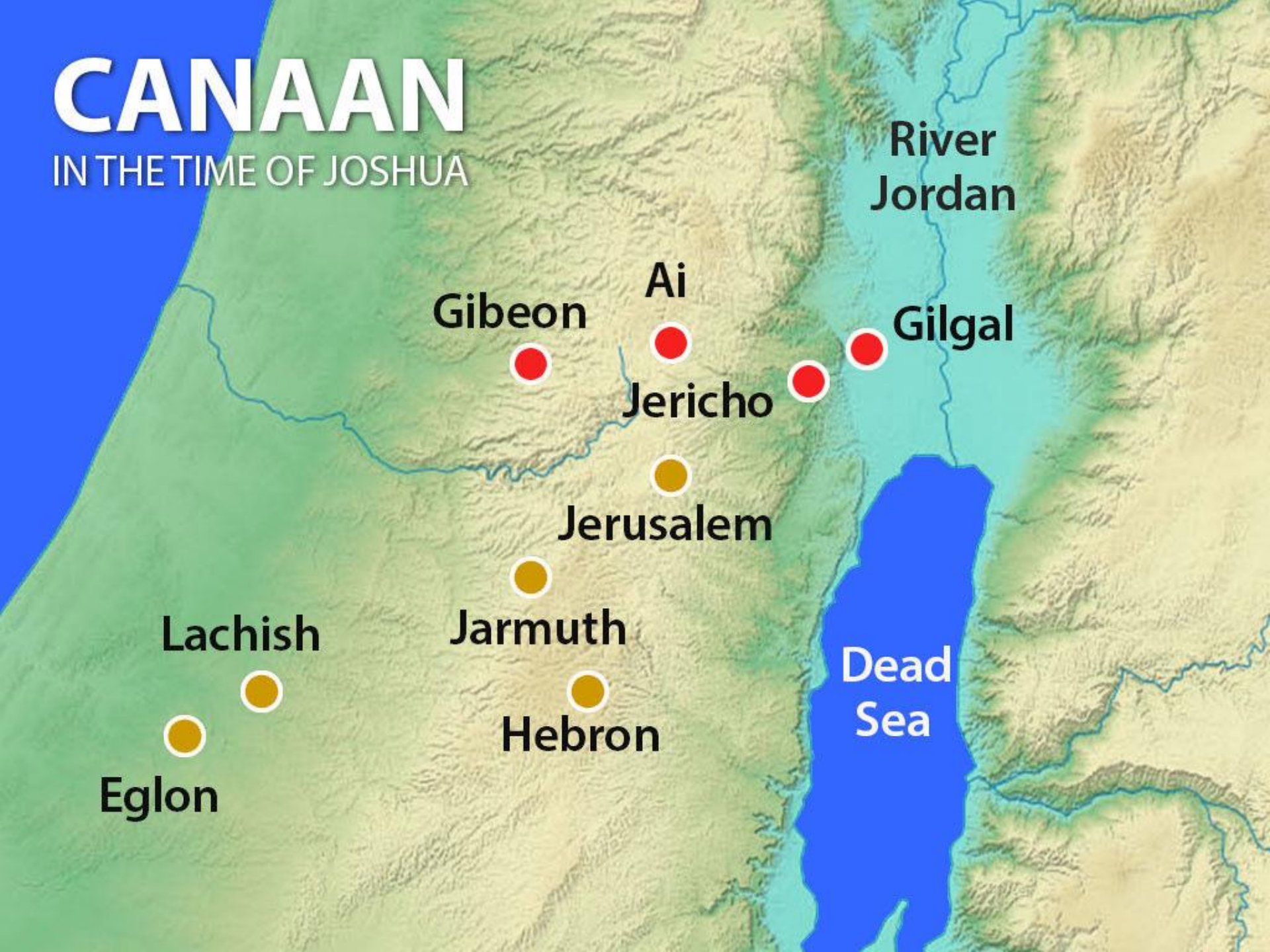
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**13** So Joshua blessed him and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. **14** Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite until this day, because he followed the Lord God of Israel fully.



# CANAAN

IN THE TIME OF JOSHUA



River  
Jordan

Gilgal

Ai

Gibeon

Jericho

Jerusalem

Jarmuth

Hebron

Lachish

Eglon

Dead  
Sea



# Joshua 15:13-14

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**13** Now he gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh a portion among the sons of Judah, according to the command of the Lord to Joshua, namely, Kiriath-arba, Arba being the father of Anak (that is, Hebron). **14** Caleb drove out from there the three sons of Anak: Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmai, the children of Anak.

# New Details

## JOSHUA

1. Joshua gave Caleb his inheritance at the Lord's command.
2. Caleb actually had to drive out the Anakites in order to take possession of his land, specifically their three leaders: Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai.
  - Numbers 13:22 – “When they had gone up into the Negev, they came to Hebron where Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmai, the descendants of Anak were.”

# Problem?

JOSHUA

- We read in Joshua 11:21-22 –

“Then 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 utterly destroyed them with their cities. There were no Anakim left in the land of the sons of Israel; only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod some remained.”



# Two Possibilities

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1. Caleb's conquest of Hebron and the defeat of the Anakim is the event described in 11:21-22.
2. The Anakim had since retaken Hebron, and Caleb defeats them a second time, securing the city for Israel.

# Poetic Justice

JOSHUA

Caleb drives out the Anakim  
from the very land that he  
had urged the Israelites to  
take a generation earlier.

How many times do you  
think Caleb prayed to see this  
day?

## Joshua 15:15-16

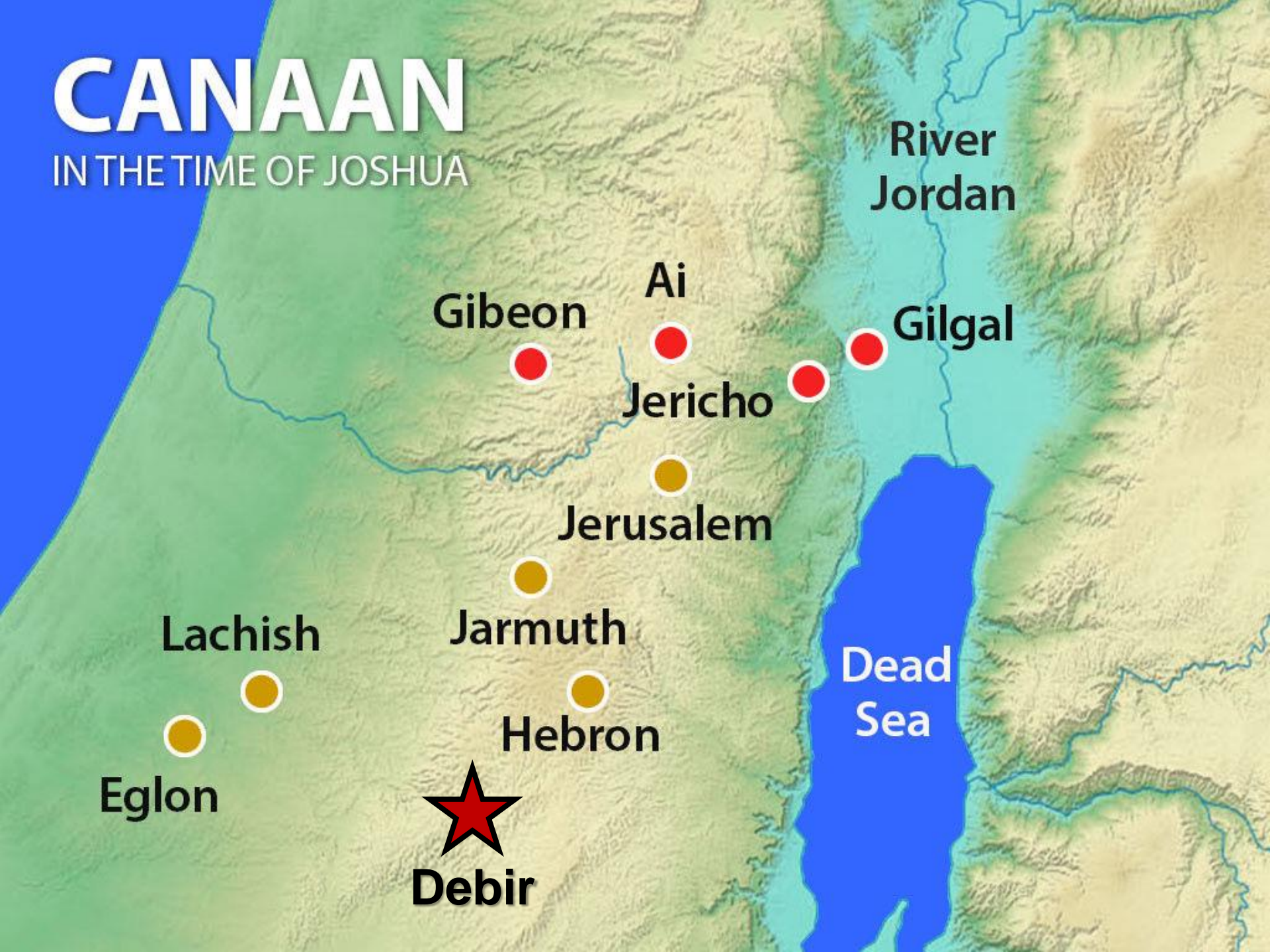
JOSHUA

**15** Then he went up from there against the inhabitants of Debir; now the name of Debir formerly was Kiriath-sepher. **16** And Caleb said, “The one who attacks Kiriath-sepher and captures it, I will give him Achsah my daughter as a wife.”



# CANAAN

IN THE TIME OF JOSHUA



River  
Jordan

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Jarmuth

Dead  
Sea

Hebron

Eglon

★  
Debir

**17** Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, captured it; so he gave him Achsah his daughter as a wife.



# Othniel

JOSHUA

- “the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb”
  - **Note: Kenaz is Caleb’s brother; Othniel is his nephew**
- He will later become Israel’s first “Judge”
  - **Judges 3:9 – “When the sons of Israel cried to the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for the sons of Israel to deliver them, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother.”**



# Joshua 19:49-50

JOSHUA

**49** When they finished apportioning the land for inheritance by its borders, the sons of Israel gave an inheritance in their midst to Joshua the son of Nun. **50** In accordance with the command of the Lord they gave him the city for which he asked, Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim. So he built the city and settled in it.

# Timnath-serah

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- Located in the hill country of Ephraim
- Joshua was of the tribe of Ephraim
- It would seem that it is Joshua's alone, as it does not appear in the Ephraim's tribal list (or any other list)
- It is a reward for Joshua's faithful leadership that was offered to no other Israelite

# Servant Leadership

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- Joshua, the primary agent for distributing the land, now receives his portion from “the sons of Israel.”
- He does not give himself his own portion.
- Numbers 14:30 –  
“Surely you shall not come into the land in which I swore to settle you, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.”



## Both Joshua & Caleb

JOSHUA

Not only entered the land, but they both also received special portions of it.

Faithfulness is rewarded with rest.

# Hebrews 4:8-11

JOSHUA

8 For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that. 9 So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. 10 For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. 11 Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.

JOSHUA