

Finding Laish (Judges 18)



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Deut 20:10 When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it. 11 And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that is found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee. 12 And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it: 13 And when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword: ... 15 Thus shalt thou do unto **all the cities which are very far off from thee**, which are not of the cities of these nations. 16 But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth: 17 But thou shalt utterly destroy them ...

Judges 18 and Numbers 13-14

	Five Danites, Judges 18	Joshua and Caleb, Numbers 13-14
Exhortation to go	9a And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them: ... 9d and are ye still? be not slothful to go, and to enter to possess the land.	13:30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.
Eye-witness	9b for we have seen the land ,	14:7a And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it,
A good land	9c and, behold, it is very good טובה מאוד:	14:7b is an exceeding good land טובה הארץ מאוד מאוד.
Condition of the people	10a When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure,	13:28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. 14:9b neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.
A good land	10b and to a large land: ... 10d a place where there is no want of any thing that is in the earth.	13:27; 14:8b a land which floweth with milk and honey.
Depend on the Lord	10c for God hath given it into your hands;	14:8a If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; ... 9a Only rebel not ye against the LORD,

Two Grounds for Confidence

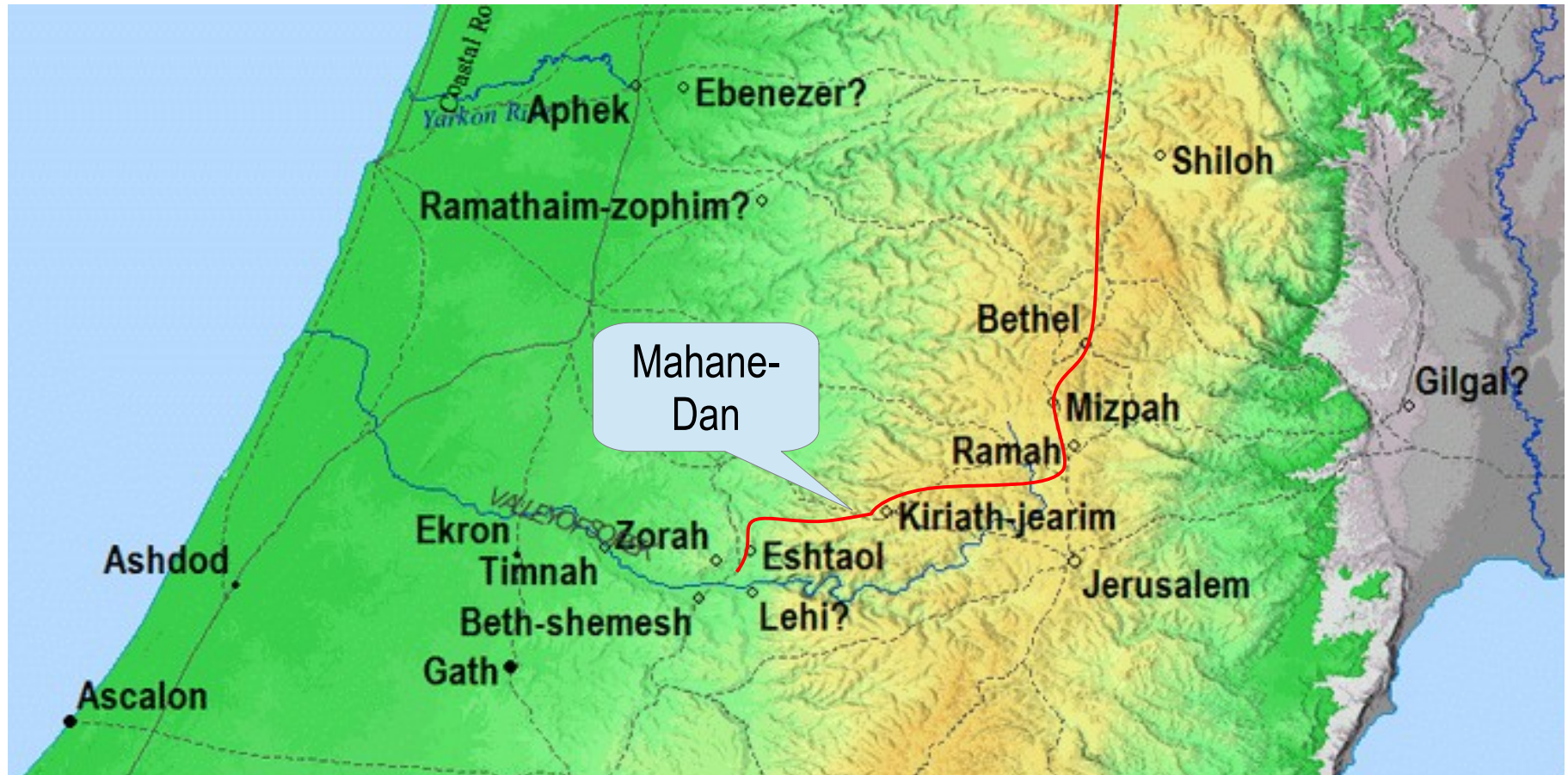
Weak Enemy, Generic Gods:

1 Sam 17:42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was **but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.** 43 And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David **by his gods.** 44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

Strong Enemy, Jehovah of Hosts

1 Sam 17:45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a **sword, and with a spear, and with a shield:** but I come to thee in the name of **the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel,** whom thou hast defied. 46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.

Dan Goes to War



12 they called that place **Mahane-Dan (the camp of Dan)**

Judg. 13:25 And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times **in the camp of Dan** between Zorah and Eshtaol.

14 now therefore consider what ye have to do.

Deu 13:15 ... smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword.

The Carved Image and Molten Image

18 carved image ... molten image H4541

Ex. 32:4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a **molten H4541 calf**: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

2Kings 17:16 And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them **molten images H4541**, even two **calves**, and made a grove [**Asherah**], and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served **Baal**.

Why two images?

Judg. 2:13 And they forsook the LORD, and served **Baal and Ashtaroth**.

Judg. 3:7 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served **Baalim and the groves [Asherahs]**.

Judg. 10:6 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served **Baalim, and Ashtaroth**,

Replacing the missing image:

1Ki 12:28 Whereupon the king [Jeroboam] took counsel, and made **two calves of gold**, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 29 And he set the one in Bethel, and **the other put he in Dan**.

The Impotence of Man-Made Gods

Is 44:10 Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing? ... 12 The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint. 13 The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house. 14 He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it. 15 Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto. 16 He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire: 17 And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god.

Isa 46:1 Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages were heavy loaden; **they are a burden** to the weary beast. 2 They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity. 3 Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are **borne by me** from the belly, which are carried from the womb: 4 And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs **will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.**