

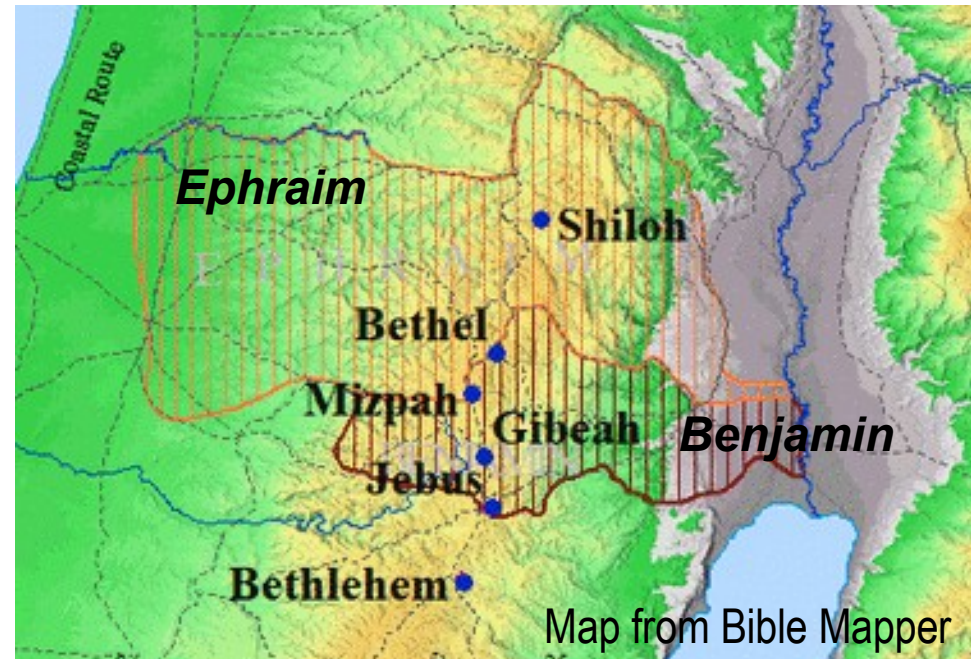
## Judges 19-21, Social Strife

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## Judges 19-21



## Two Ways to Use a Donkey

1Sam. 25:18 Then Abigail made haste, and **took** two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and **laid them on asses**.

Ex. 4:20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and **set them upon an ass**, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

# Understanding the Levite's Summons

1Sa 11:7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

## Principles from Proverbs:

**Deliberate:** Prov. 25:8 **Go not forth hastily** to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

**Local:** Prov. 25:9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and **discover not a secret to another:** 10 Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

**Appropriate:** Pro 24:11 If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; 12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man **according to his works?**

Luk 12:47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with **many stripes.** 48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with **few stripes.**

# The Structure of Judges 20

Judges 20, War with Benjamin

1-10, Council of Tribes (tribes)

11-17, Ultimatum to Benjamin (tribes, men)

18-48, Three Questions & Three Battles

18 Who shall go first? (children)

19-21 Defeat (men)

22-23 Shall I go? (men)

24-25 Defeat (children)

26-28 Shall I stop? (children)

29-48 Victory (men)

## Wrought folly in Israel ...

Deut. 22:21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: **because she hath wrought folly in Israel**, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

Josh. 7:15 And it shall be, that he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and **because he hath wrought folly in Israel.**

# When does Deuteronomy 13 apply?

Deut. 13:18 When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do **that which is right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.**

Deu 13:1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, 2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, **Let us go after other gods**, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them, ...

Deu 13:6 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, **Let us go and serve other gods**, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;

Deu 13:12 If thou shalt hear say in one of thy cities, which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying, 13 Certain men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, **Let us go and serve other gods**, which ye have not known;

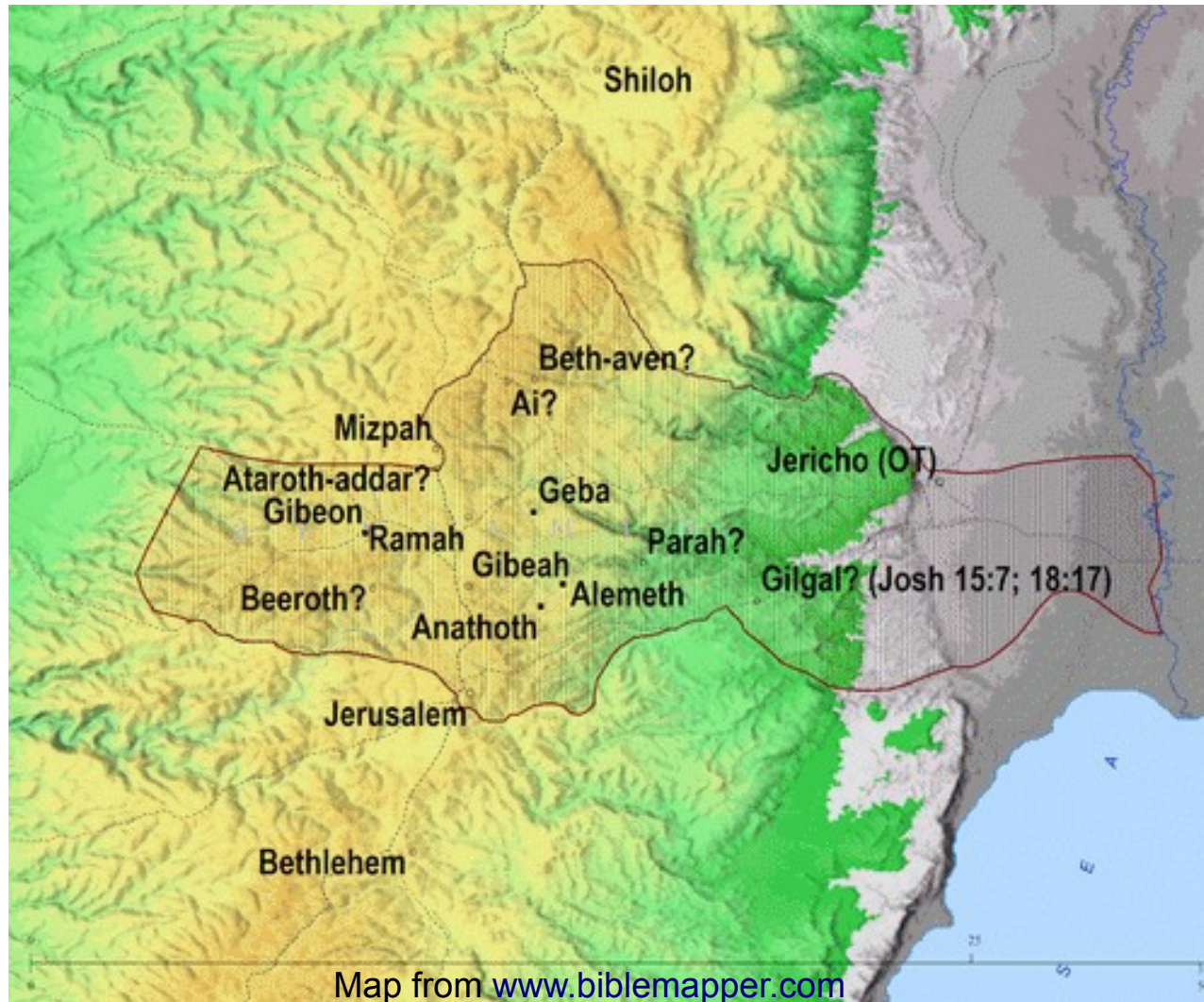
Josh 22:10 And when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that are in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to see to. 11 And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel. 12 And when the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation עדה H5712 of the children of Israel gathered themselves together קהל N H6950 at Shiloh, to go up to war against them.

# Punishing Fornication and Murder

Deu 22:22 If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.

Deut 21:1 If one be found slain in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, and it be not known who hath slain him: 2 Then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which are round about him that is slain: 3 And it shall be, that the city which is next unto the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take an heifer, which hath not been wrought with, and which hath not drawn in the yoke; ... 6 And all the elders of that city, that are next unto the slain man, shall wash their hands over the heifer that is beheaded in the valley: 7 And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it.

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# The Distribution of Levitical cities

Joshua 20-21

Mediterranean Sea  
(Great Sea)

Kohathite: Aaron (priests)  
Other Kohathite  
Gershonite  
Merarite

○ CITIES OF REFUGE  
● OTHER LEVITICAL CITIES  
EXACT LOCATION OF MANY NOT KNOWN

"I will disperse them in Jacob, And scatter them in Israel" (Genesis 49:7).



# Cities of Refuge

Num 34:9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come over Jordan into the land of Canaan; 11 Then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person at unawares. 12 And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment. ... 19 The revenger of blood himself shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he shall slay him. ... 24 Then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the revenger of blood according to these judgments: 25 And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil. ...

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