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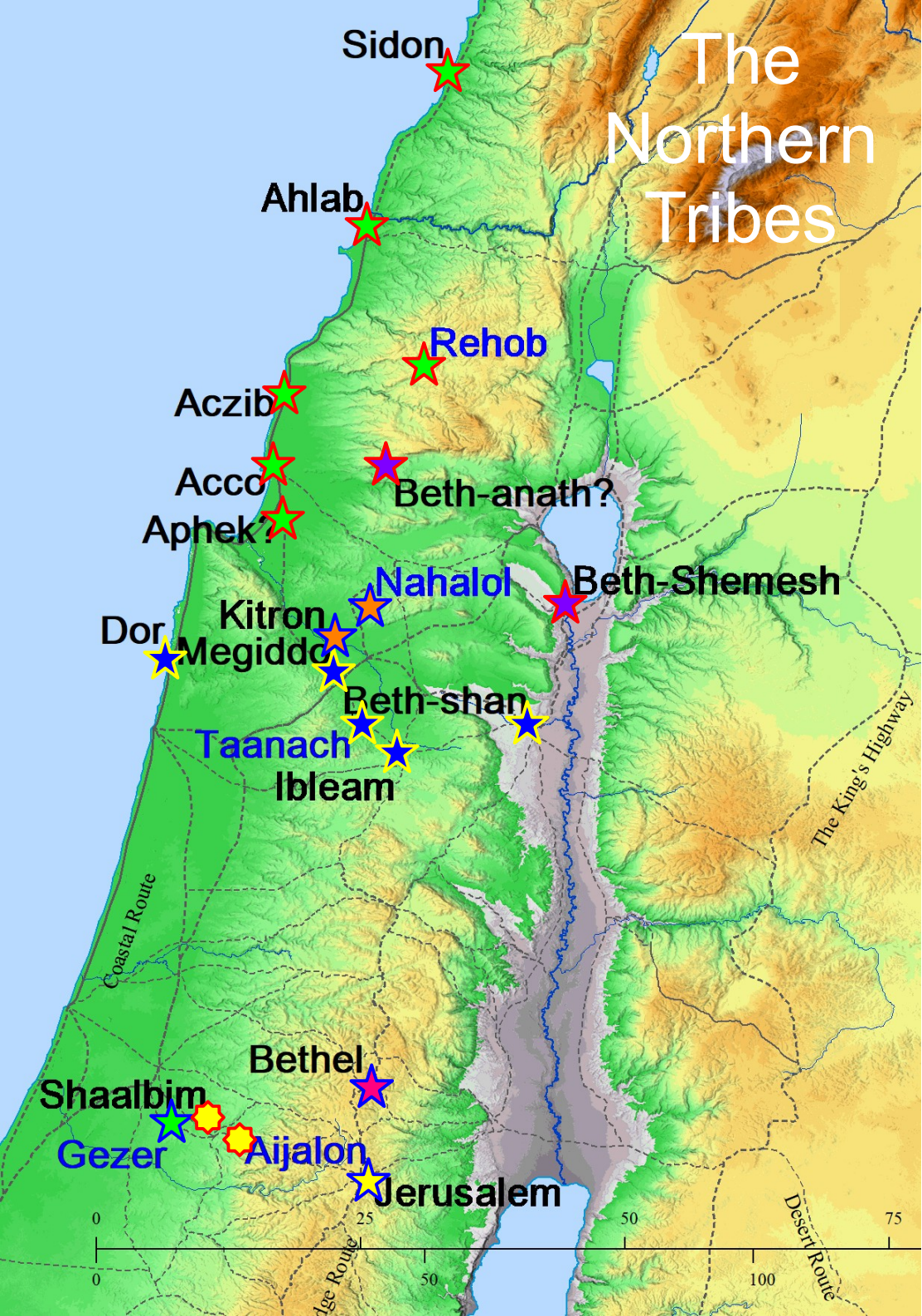
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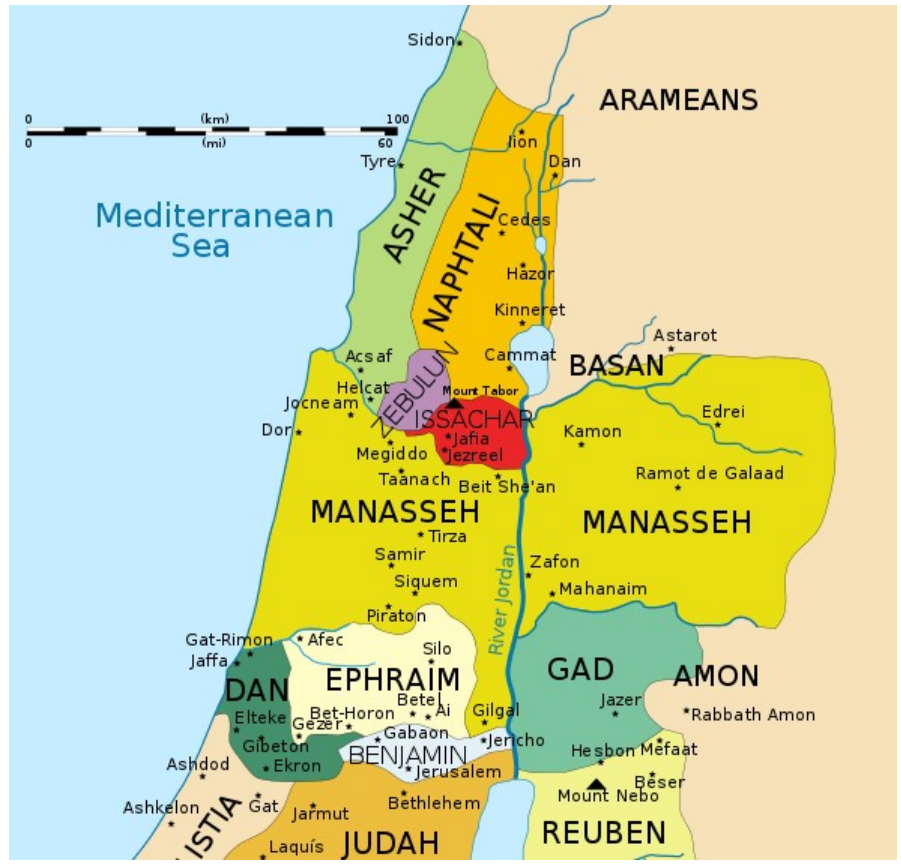
# The Structure of Judges

Simeon's relation to Judah (1:3):

Gen 49:7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.



- ★ Benjamin
  - ★ House of Joseph: Not mentioned: Reuben, Gad, Issachar
  - ★ Manasseh
  - ★ Ephraim
  - ★ Zebulun
  - ★ Asher
  - ★ Naphthali
  - ★ Amorites vs. Dan
- Blue: Levitical**



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# Importance of Levitical Cities

Dt 33:8 And of Levi he [Moses] said, ... 10 **They shall teach** Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law: **they shall put** incense before thee, and whole burnt sacrifice upon thine altar.

2 Ch 17:7 Also in the third year of [Jehoshaphat's] reign he sent to his princes, even to Benhail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah. 8 And with them he sent **Levites**, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests. 9 **And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.**

2 Ch 30:22 And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the **Levites that taught the good knowledge of the LORD:**

Mal 2:7 For **the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth:** for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

NT analog:

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, **pastors and teachers;** 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:



# Tribute (1:28, 30, 33, 35)

Hebrew *מַס mas* H4522 = “forced labor”

Ex. 1:11 Therefore they did set over them **taskmasters** [chiefs of forced labor, *שָׂרֵי מַס saray mas*] to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.

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**: 14 But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee. 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; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee: 18 That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God.

# The Angel's Visit

Where was the Tabernacle?

Josh. 18:1 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

Where was Bochim (“Weeping”)?

Judg 2:1 And ~~an~~ the angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim ...

Judg. 2:1 (LXX) And an angel of the Lord went up from Gilgal to the place of weeping, and to **Bethel**, and to the house of Israel,

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# Spiritual Warfare Today (1)

Our charge:

Matt. 28:19 Go ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 **Teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and **preach** the gospel to every creature.

Luke 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be **preached** in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be **witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Contrast how we and Israel “preach peace”

Dt 20:12 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:

Matt. 10:14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, **shake off the dust of your feet.** 15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the **day of judgment**, than for that city.

# Spiritual Warfare Today (2)

We are promised a coming “day of judgment”:

Matt. 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Meanwhile:

John 18:36 Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world:** if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Israel’s kingship a mark of failure and compromise

1 Sam 8:4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, 5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us **like all the nations.**

6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. 7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but **they have rejected me**, that I should not reign over them. 8

According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. 9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.