

The Three Judges of Judges 3

Four sequences of judges:

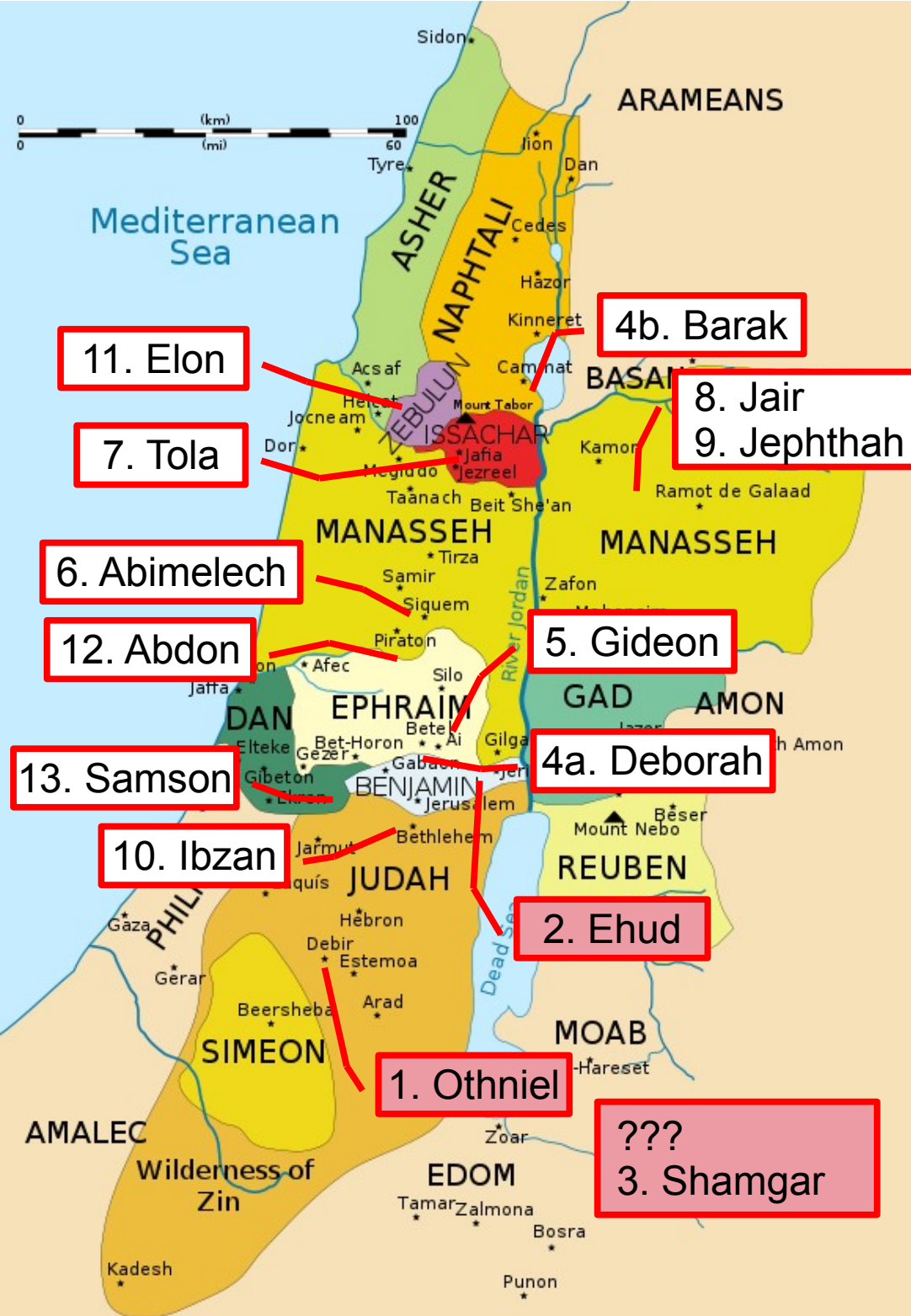
- 1) **Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar,**
Deborah-Barak, ch. 3-5
- 2) Gideon, Abimelech, Tola, Jair
(6-8)
- 3) Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon
(8-12)
- 4) Samson (13-16)

Four key words in Othniel:

- Forget
- Mesopotamia
- Spirit
- Rest

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The Cycles of Judges 3-16

Rebellion: <i>Did Evil</i> <i>Forsook/served</i>	2:11 :12,13 17,19	3:7 :7	3:12	4:1	6:1	10:6 :6	13:1
Retribution: <i>Lord angry</i> <i>Spoilers</i> <i>Years</i>	:12, 14 :14-15	:8 :8 <i>Meso-</i> <i>potamia</i> 8	:12-14 <i>Moab</i> 18	:2 <i>Canaan</i> 20	:1-6 <i>Midian</i> 7	:7 :7-9 <i>Philistines,</i> <i>Ammon</i> 18	:1 <i>Philistines</i> 40
Repentance: <i>Cry to Lord</i> <i>Rebuke</i>	:15,18	:9	:15	:3	:6 :7-10	:10 :11-16	
Restoration: <i>Judge</i> <i>Land had rest</i> <i>Years</i> <i>He judged Israel</i> <i>Years</i>	:16,18	:9-11 <i>Othniel</i> :11 40	:15-30 <i>Ehud</i> :30 80	:4-5:31 <i>Deborah, Barak</i> :31 40	:11-8:28 <i>Gideon</i> :28 40	:17-12:7 <i>Jephthah</i> :7 6	:2-16:31 <i>Samson</i> 15:20, 16:31 20
Supplements:			:32 <i>Shamgar</i>		:29-9:64 <i>Abimelech, 64</i> 10:1,2 <i>Tola, 23</i> :3-5 <i>Jair, 22</i>	:8-10 <i>Ibzan, 7</i> :11-12 <i>Elon, 10</i> :13-15 <i>Abdon, 8</i>	

The Vocabulary of Apostasy

3:7 And the children of Israel **did evil** in the sight of the LORD, and **forgat** the LORD their God, and **served** Baalim and the groves.

Judg. 2:11 And the children of Israel **did evil** in the sight of the LORD, and **served** Baalim: 12 And they **forsook** the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and **followed** other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and **bowed** themselves unto them, and **provoked** the LORD to anger. 13 And they **forsook** the LORD, and **served** Baal and Ashtaroth.

Deut. 6:8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. 9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. ... 12 Then beware lest thou **forget** the LORD,

- **God's blessings**, 6:10-11 → 8:1-9

Deut. 8:11 Beware that thou **forget not** the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

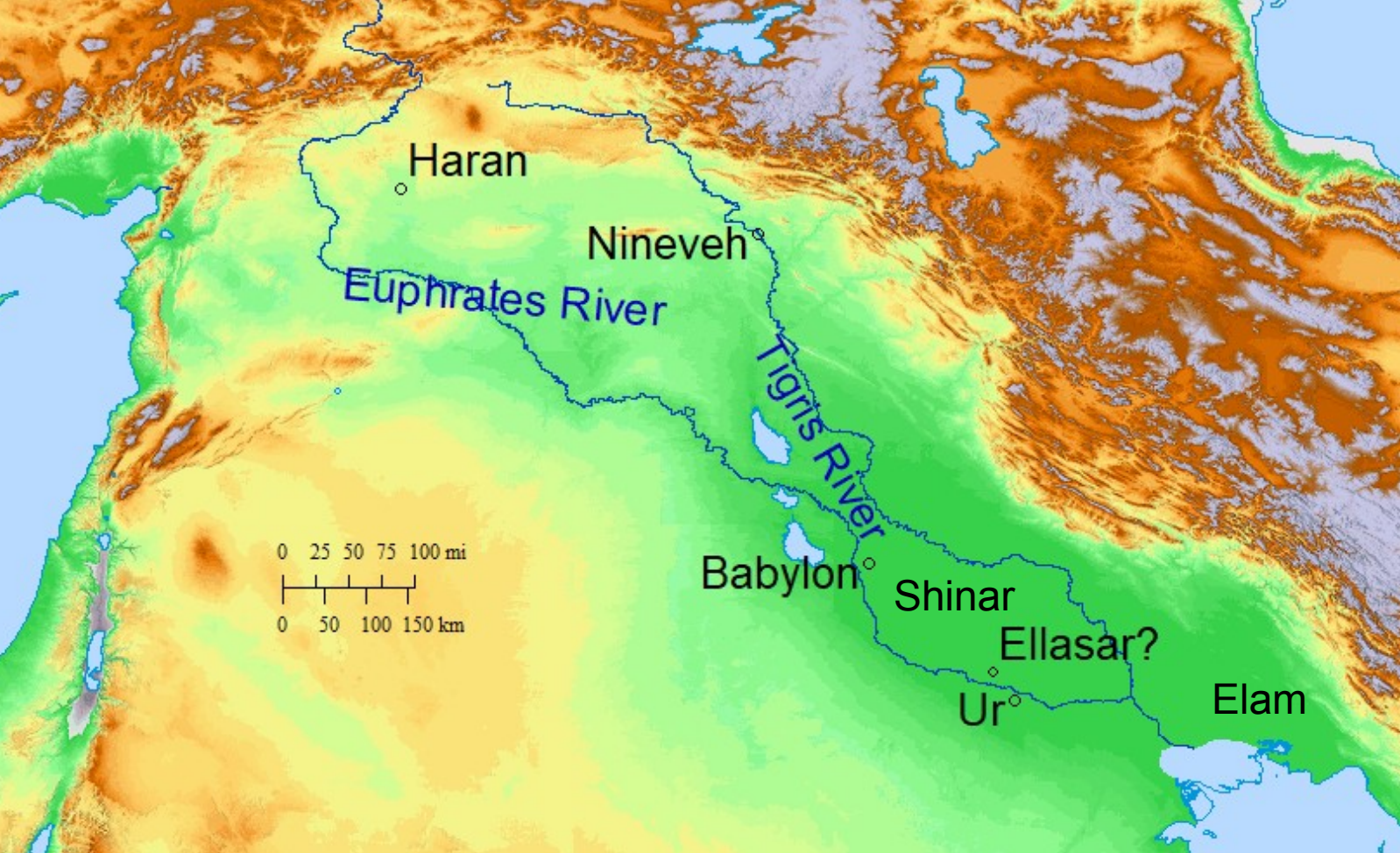
- **God of the Exodus**, 6:12b → 8:12-17

Deut. 8:14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou **forget** the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ... 17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. 18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth,

- **Worship him alone**, 6:13-14 → 8:19

Deut. 8:19 And it shall be, if thou do at all **forget** the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

Meso- Potamia (Between the Rivers)



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Gen 14:1 And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of **Shinar**, Arioch king of **Ellasar**, Chedorlaomer king of **Elam**, and Tidal king of nations; 2 That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah...

Gen 15:7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee **out of Ur of the Chaldees**, to give thee this land to inherit it.

Act 7:2 The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, **when he was in Mesopotamia**, before he dwelt in Charran, 3 And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.

Jos 24:2 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood [הנהר, the Euphrates] in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and **they served other gods.**

Mesopotamia in the Believer's Life

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and **from the power of Satan** unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Eph 2:2 ... in time past **ye walked** according to the course of this world, **according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:** 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

1Cor. 5:3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, ... 5 **To deliver such an one unto Satan** for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1Tim. 1:19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: 20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; **whom I have delivered unto Satan**, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Starts each sequence of judges:

- 1) **Othniel**, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah: *Comes upon*, 3:10
- 2) **Gideon**, Abimelech, Tola, Jair: *Clothes*, 6:34
- 3) **Jephthah**, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon: *Comes upon*, 11:29
- 4) **Samson**: *Moves* (13:15), *Prosperes upon* (14:6, 19; 15:14)

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for **he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**

Is. 59:21 As for me, this is **my covenant** with them, saith the LORD; **My spirit** that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, **shall not depart** out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

The Spirit and the Judges

Ezek. 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And **I will put my spirit within you**, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

1Sam. 11:6 And **the Spirit of God came upon Saul** when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

1Sam. 16:14 But **the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul**, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also ~~trusted~~, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed** with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

3:11 The land had rest שָׁקֵט H8252

Contrast the promise of rest נָח H5117 (LXX καταπαύω G2664 and ἀναπαύω G373):

Is. 28:12 To whom he said, This is the **rest** wherewith ye may cause the weary to **rest**; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

Matt. 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you **rest**. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find **rest** unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Heb. 4:8 For if Jesus had given them **rest**, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his **rest**, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into **that rest**, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Deut. 12:10 But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell **in the land** which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you **rest from all your enemies** round about, so that ye dwell in **safety**;

Judg. 2:23 Therefore the LORD **left [gave rest to]** those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua. ... 3:1 Now these are the nations which the LORD **left [gave rest to]**, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan;