

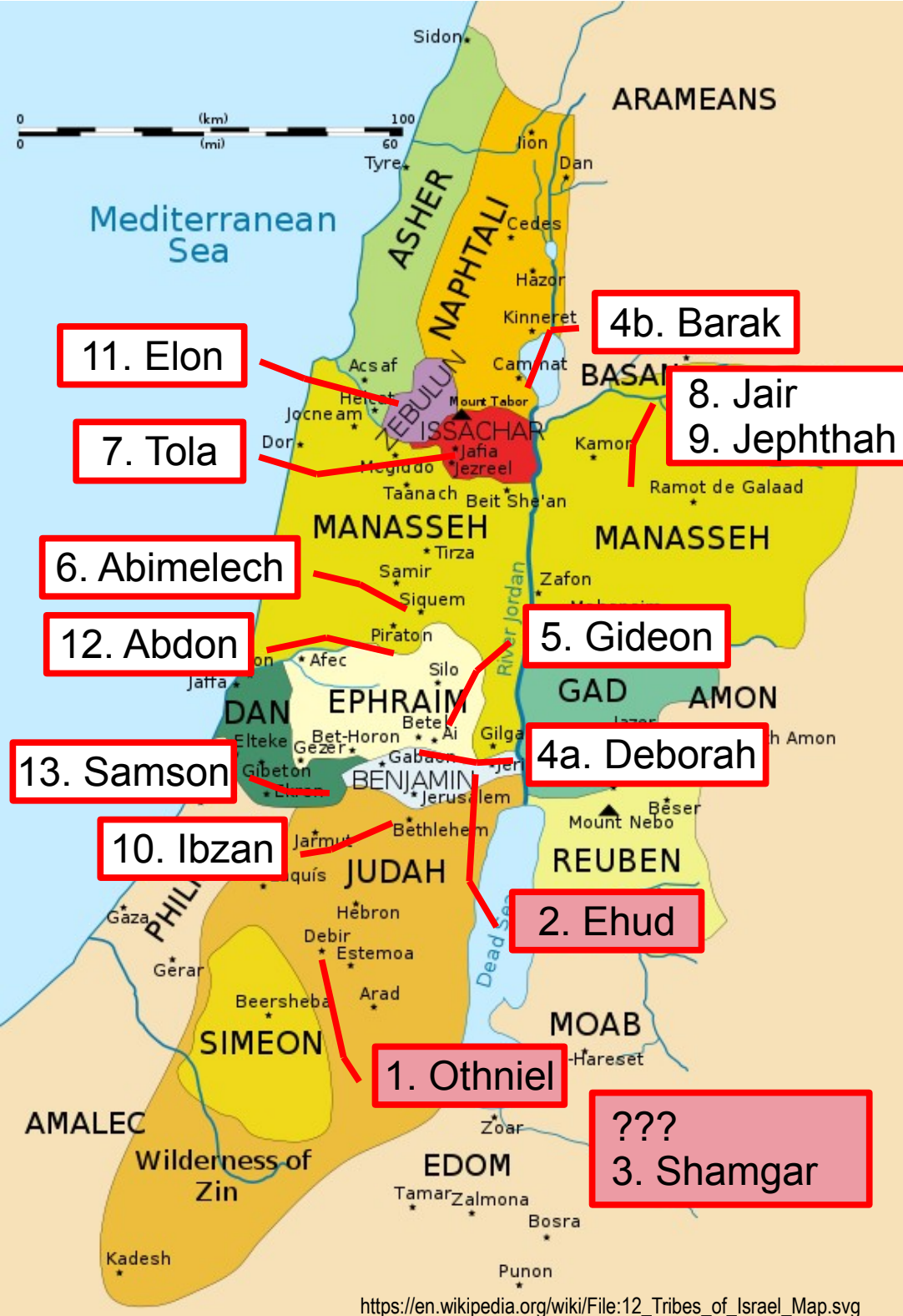
The Three Judges of Judges 3

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**



Rishathaim, “Double Wickedness”

Psa. 76:10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

Hab 1:2 O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save!

3 Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention. 4 Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.

Hab 1:5 Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you. 6 For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces that are not theirs. ...

Hab 1:12 Art thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction. 13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

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), *Prosper 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.

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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 שָׁקט H8252

Contrast the promise of rest נָח H5117 (LXX καταπαύω G2664 and ἀναπαύω G373), which occurs in these verses::

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;

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>	

Ehud's Adversaries

Moab:

Deut 2: 8 And when we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath, and from Eziongaber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab. 9 And the LORD said unto me, **Distress not the Moabites**, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land for a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession.

Ammon:

Deut 2:19 And when thou comest nigh over against **the children of Ammon, distress them not**, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession.

“A Benjamite [“son of the right hand”], a man left-handed”

Judg 20:16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men lefthanded; every one could sling stones at an hair breadth, and not miss.

