

# Structure of 6:33-7:15, Preparations for Battle

Gideon and the Midianites	6:33-34a Midian in Jezreel vs. Spirit in Gideon	7:1 Midian at Moreh vs. Gideon at Harod
Preparation of the Army	6:34b-35 Mustered	7:2-8 Refined
Preparation of Gideon	6:36-40	7:9-15

Contrast between Combatants (cf. 5:19-22)

6:33 The Midianites ...	6:34 The Spirit of the Lord
... came over,	clothed itself
and pitched in the Valley of Jezreel	with Gideon

# Geography of Gideon

Jdg 6:33 the Midianites ... pitched in the valley of Jezreel

Psa 83:9 Do unto them as unto the Midianites;

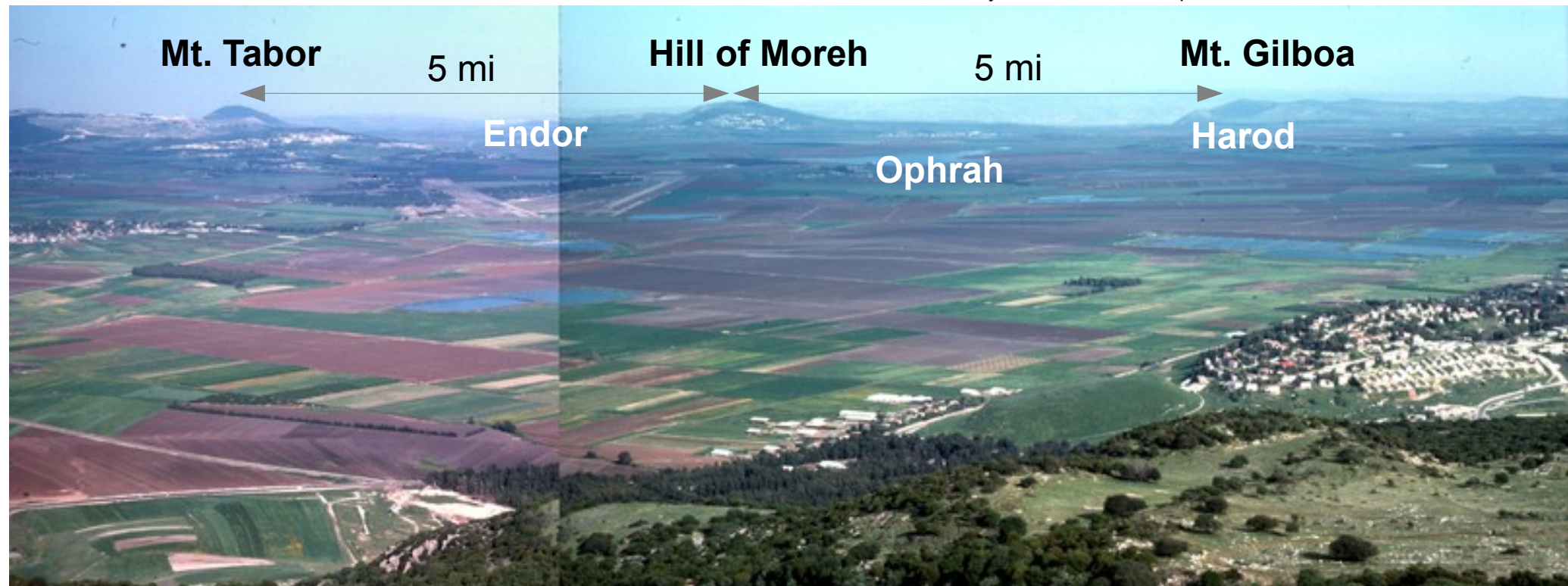
as to Sisera, as to Jabin,  
at the brook of Kison:

10 Which [the Midianites] perished at Endor:

they became as dung for the earth.



Van and Anita Parunak, May 1975, from Mukhraqa on Mt Carmel, 15 mi from Moreh



# Gideon's Tribal Support



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:12\\_Tribes\\_of\\_Israel\\_Map.svg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:12_Tribes_of_Israel_Map.svg)

# Gideon Tests the Lord

6:39 And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me **prove** [נסה H5254], I pray thee, but this once with the fleece;

Num. 14:22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have **tempted** [נסה H5254] me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; 23 Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

# The Well [Spring] of Harod

Van and Anita Parunak, Nov 1974



# God's Enlistment Test

Deut 20:1 When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 2 And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people, 3 And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them; 4 For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

5 And **the officers shall speak** unto the people, saying,

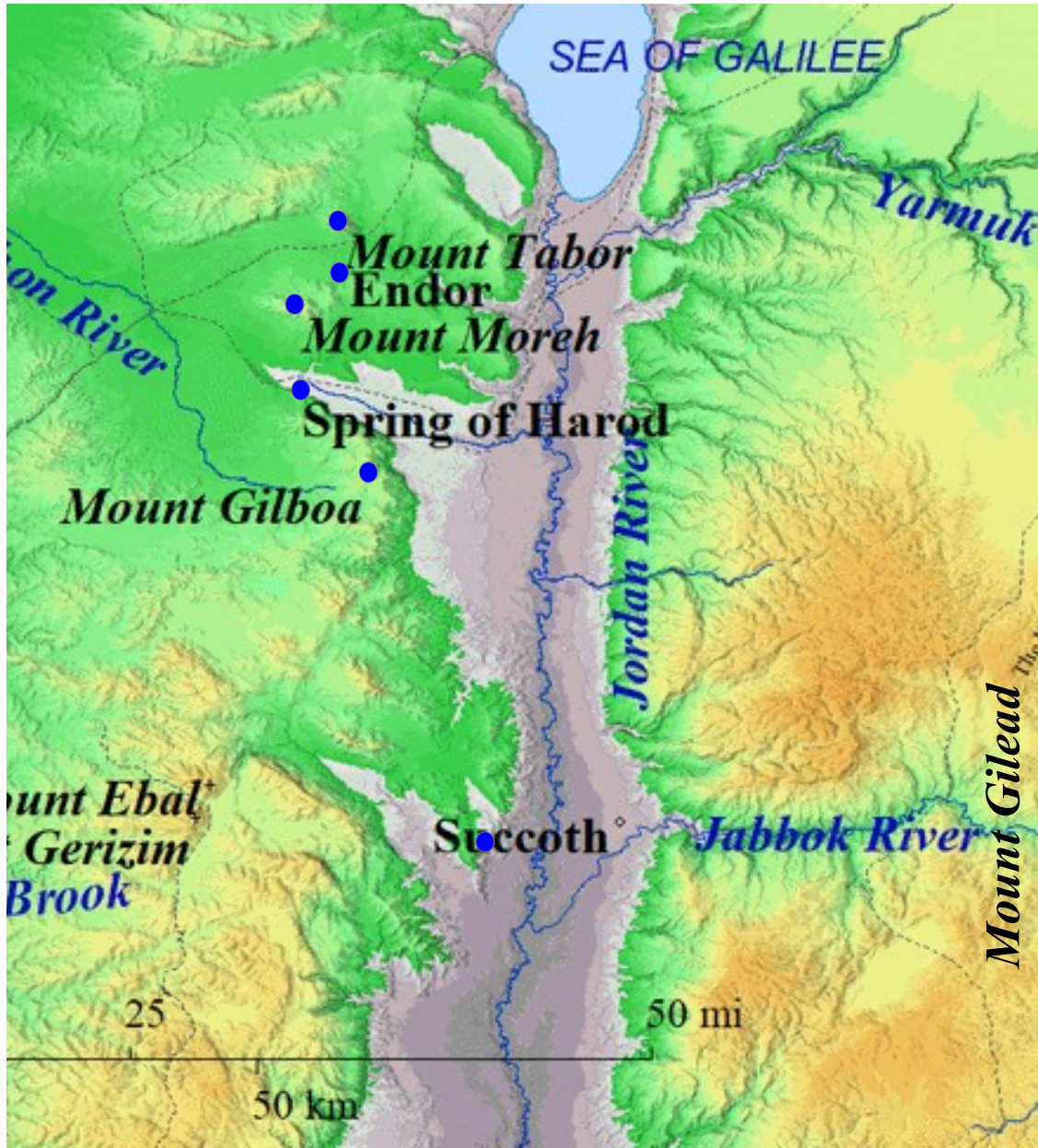
What man is there that **hath built a new house**, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.

6 And what man is he that **hath planted a vineyard**, and hath not yet eaten of it? let him also go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man eat of it.

7 And what man is there that **hath betrothed a wife**, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her.

8 And **the officers shall speak further** unto the people, and they shall say, **What man is there that is fearful and fainthearted?** let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart.

# 7:3 depart ... from Mount Gilead



(Mount) Gilboa: גלבע

(Mount) Gilead: גלעד

(Mount) Dread: גלד