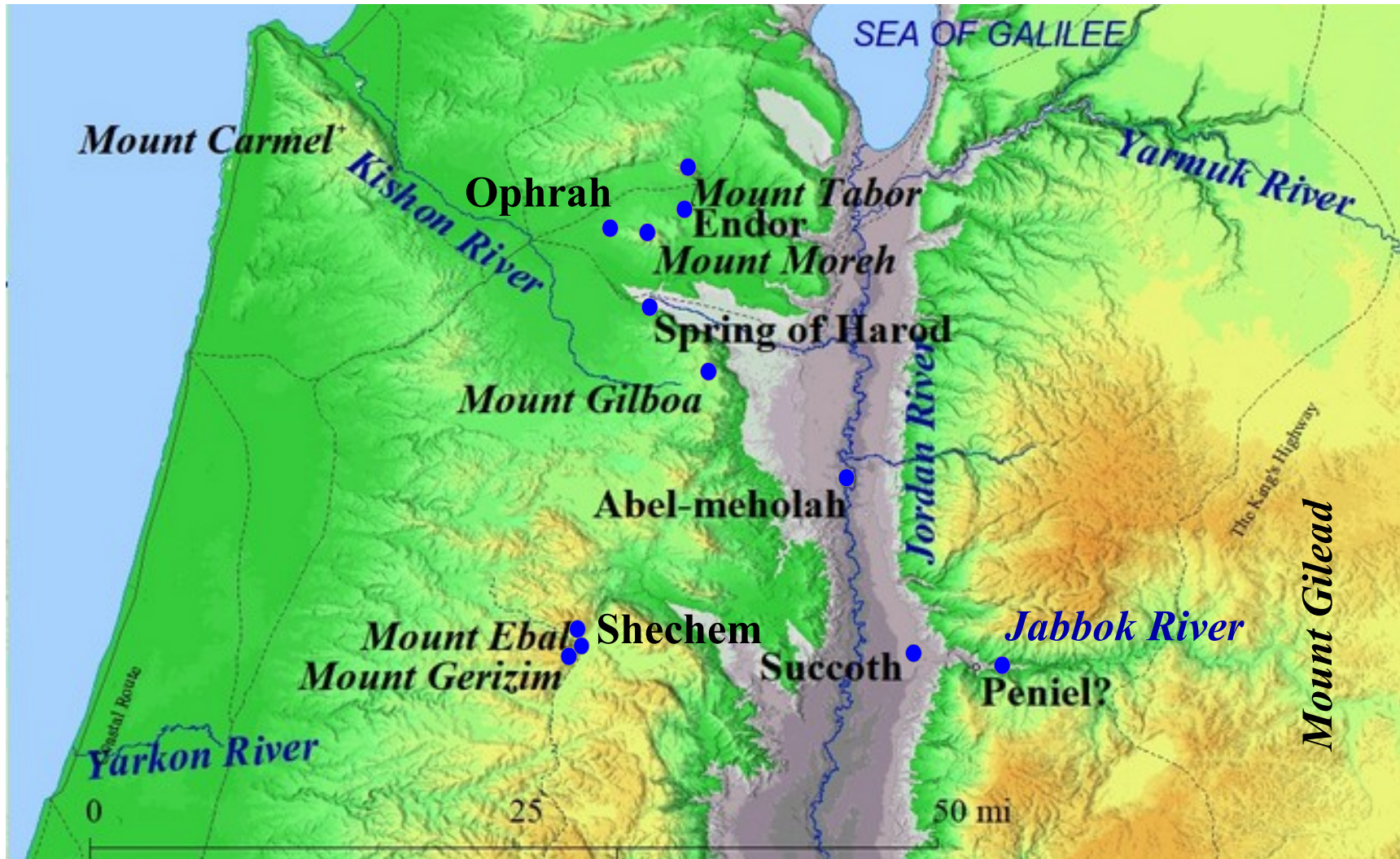


The Rout of Midian, 7:23-8:21

Judg 8:4-32

	Pursuers	Pursued	Motive
7:23	Men of Israel (from the fearful of 7:3)	General population	Greed? (cf. 8:22-25)
7:24-8:3	Ephraim	Princes of Midian: Oreb and Zeeb	Block the ford of Jordan (cf. Ehud, 3:28)
8:4-21	Gideon	Kings of Midian: Zebah and Zalmunah	Vengeance, Greed

The Flight of Midian and the History of Abimelech



Gen. 32:30 And Jacob called the name of the place **Peniel**: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. 31 And as he passed over **Peniel** the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

Gen. 33:17 And Jacob journeyed to **Succoth**, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called **Succoth**.

The Jabbok



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References for 8:22-24

8:23 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you.

1Sa 8:7 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.

8:24 For they had golden earrings, because they were **Ishmaelites**

Gen 37:28 Then there passed by **Midianites** merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the **Ishmeelites** for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

A Manmade Priesthood



HIGH PRIEST IN ROBES AND BREASTPLATE.
—Lev. viii. 8.

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Num. 31:27 And divide the prey into two parts; between **them that took the war upon them**, who went out to battle, and between **all the congregation**: ... 28 And levy a tribute unto the LORD of the **men of war** which went out to battle: **one soul of five hundred**, both of the persons, and of the beeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep: 29 Take it of their half, and give it unto **Eleazar the priest**, for an heave offering of the LORD. ... 30 And of the **children of Israel's** half, thou shalt take **one portion of fifty**, of the persons, of the beeves, of the asses, and of the flocks, of all manner of beasts, and give them unto **the Levites**, which keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD.

Ex 32:2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. 3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. 4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

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Gideon and Shechem

8:30 ... for he had many wives ...

Deut. 17:16 But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. 17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.



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9:28 And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? is not he the son of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer? serve **the men of Hamor the father of Shechem**: for why should we serve him?

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