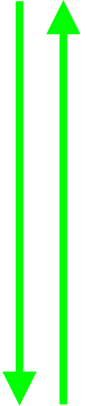


Jephthah's Chiastic Career

A Leader Gained & Lost	10:17-11:11 (13 vv)		12:7 (1v)
Attempted Diplomacy	With Ammon 11:12-28 (17)		With Ephraim 12:1-6 (6)
A Vow Made & Performed	11:29-31 (3)		11:34-40 (7)
Divine Deliverance	11:32-33 the Lord delivered them		

Matt. 5:25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

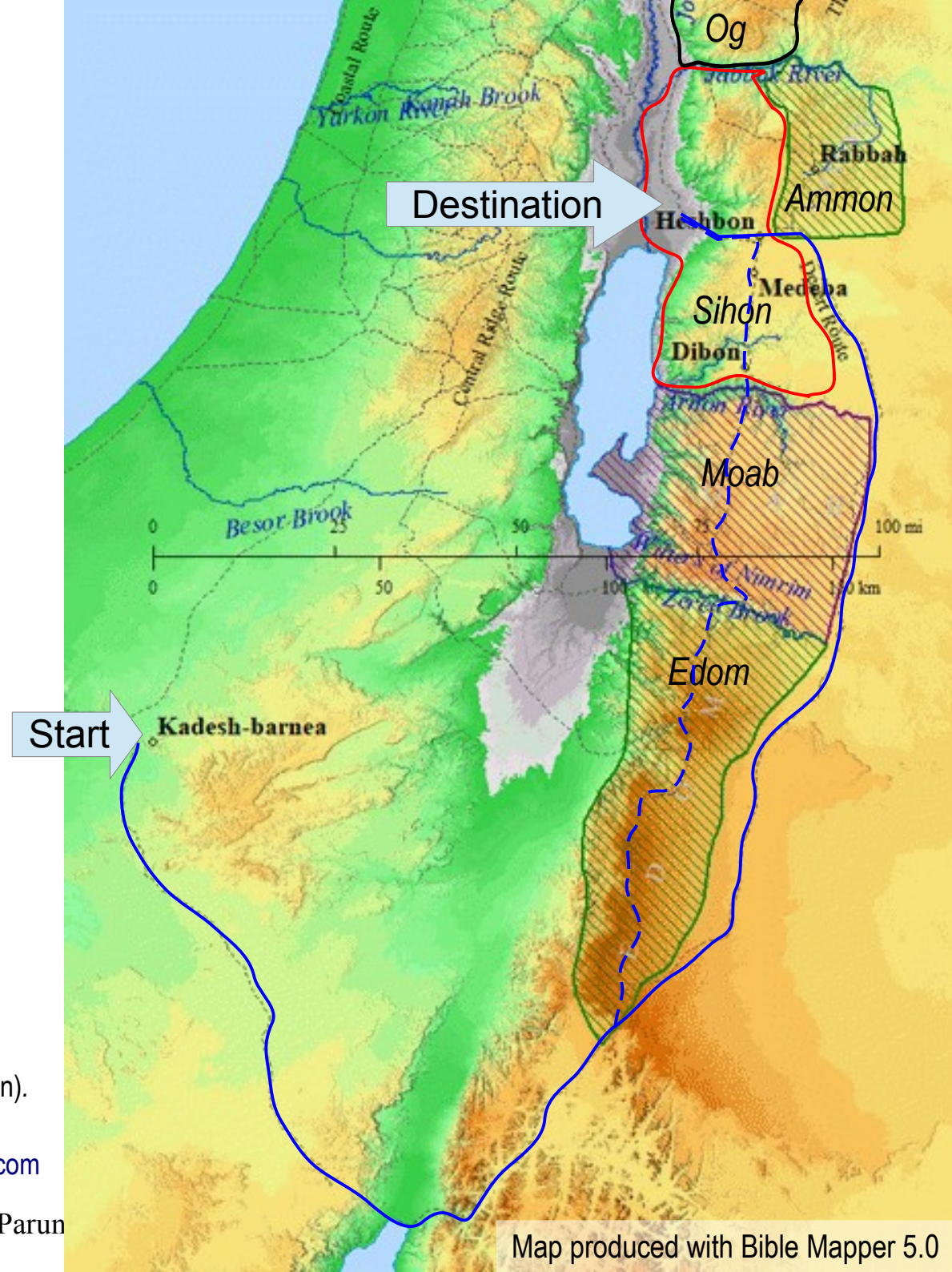
Prov 25:8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame. 9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another: 10 Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

Prov. 15:1 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

End of the Wanderings

Note:

- Territories controlled by Edom, Moab, Ammon, Sihon, and Og
- Start: Mount Hor, near Kadesh-barnea
- End: Plains of Moab (!) (Num 22:1)
- Easiest route: dashed line (“King’s Highway”)
- Actual route: Through the Desert



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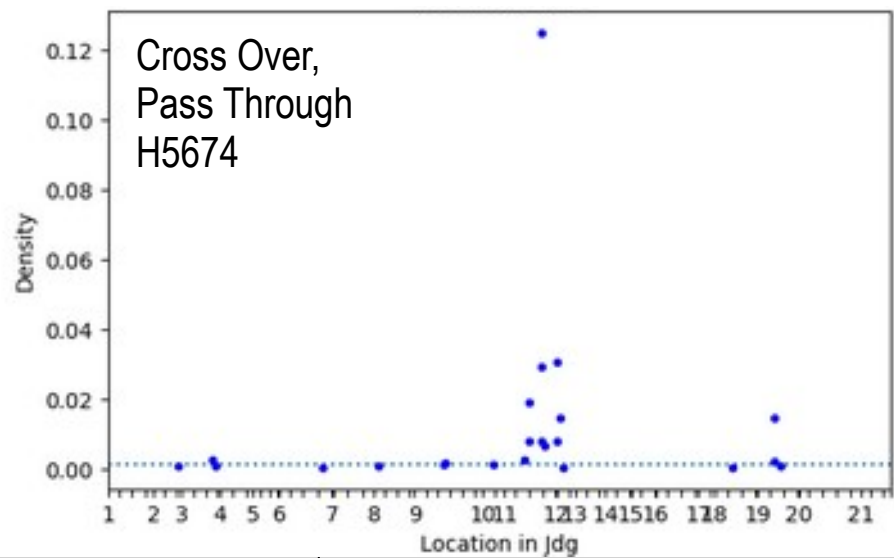
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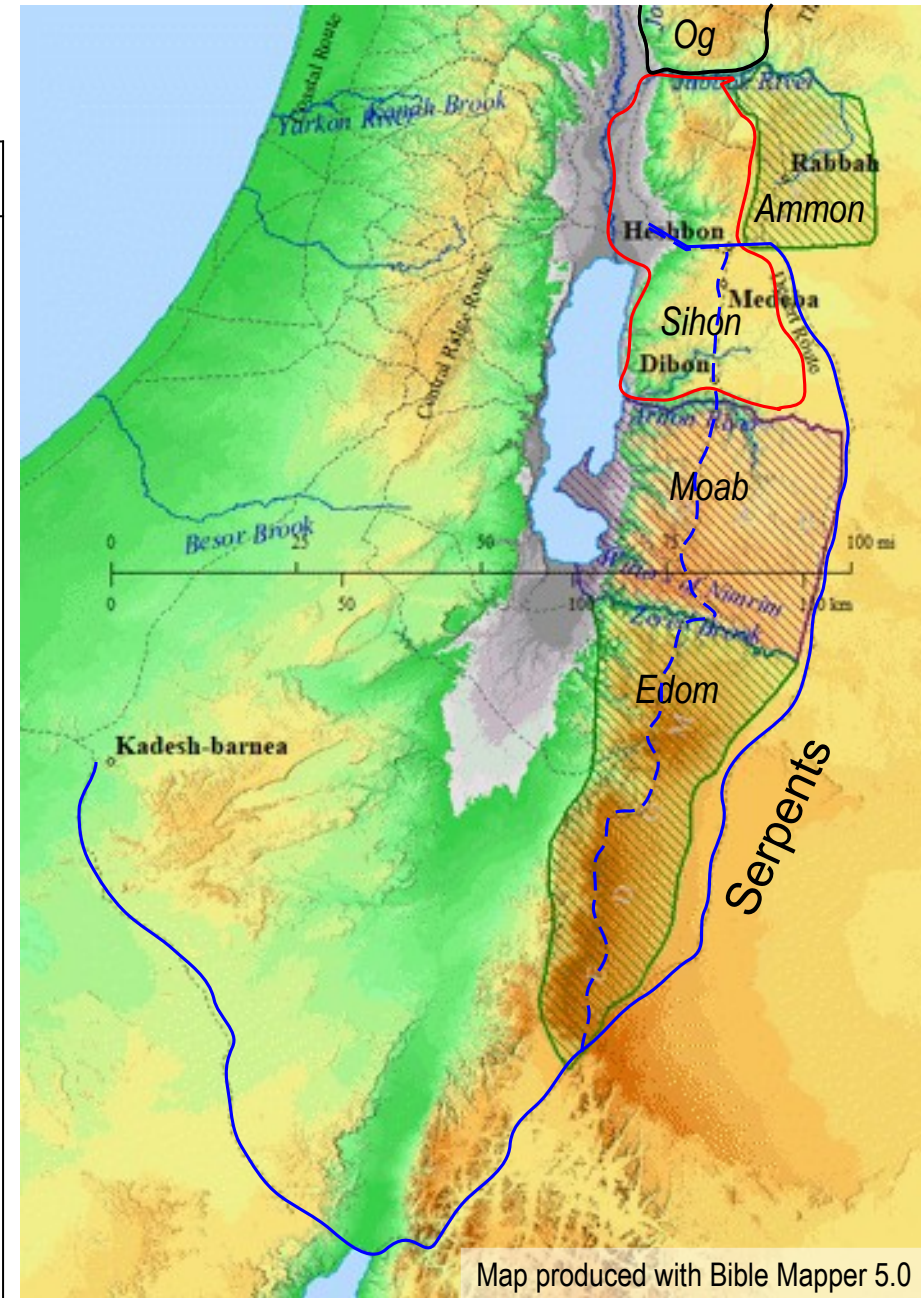
Jephthah Knows his History (1)



Judges 11	Numbers 20-21	Deuteronomy 2
<p>16 But when Israel came up from Egypt, ... and came to Kadesh; 17 Then Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: but the king of Edom would not hearken thereto.</p>	<p>20:14 And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of Edom, Thus saith thy brother Israel, ... 17 Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy country: ... 18 And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword.... 21 Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: ...</p>	<p>4 And command thou the people, saying, Ye are to pass through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, ... 5 Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth; because I have given mount Seir unto Esau for a possession.</p>
<p>And in like manner they sent unto the king of Moab: but he would not consent: and Israel abode in Kadesh.</p>	<p>(Num. 21:14 Wherefore it is said in the book of the wars of the LORD, What he did in the Red sea, and in the brooks of Arnon, 15 And at the stream of the brooks that goeth down to the dwelling of Ar, and lieth upon the border of Moab.)</p>	<p>9 And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, ... 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. ...</p>

Jephthah Knows his History (2)

Judges 11	Numbers 20-21	Dt 2
<p>18 Then they went along through the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, but came not within the border of Moab: for Arnon was the border of Moab.</p>	<p>21:4 And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. 5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. ... 11 And they journeyed from Oboth, and pitched at Ijeabarim, in the wilderness which is before Moab, toward the sunrising. ... 13 From thence they removed, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which is in the wilderness that cometh out of the coasts of the Amorites: for Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.</p>	



Jephthah Knows his History (3)

Omitted:

Deu 2:18 Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day: 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. ... 37 Only unto the land of the **children of Ammon** thou camest not, nor unto any place of the river Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatsoever the LORD our God forbad us.

Judges 11	Numbers 20-21	Deuteronomy 2
<p>19 And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said unto him, Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land ... 20 But Sihon trusted not Israel to pass through his coast: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought against Israel. 21 And the LORD God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.</p>	<p>21:21 And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, 22 Let me pass through thy land: ... 23 And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness: and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel. 24 And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: ... 25 And Israel took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all the villages thereof.</p>	<p>26 And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth unto Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying, 27 Let me pass through thy land: ... 30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: ... 32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz. 33 And the LORD our God delivered him before us; and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people. 34 And we took all his cities at that time, ...</p>

History of the Disputed Territory (1)

Ammon's Claim:

11:13 And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt, **from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan**

Israel's History:

11:22 And [israel] possessed all the coasts of the Amorites, **from Arnon even unto Jabbok**, and from the wilderness even **unto Jordan**.

Num. 21:26 For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of **Moab**, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon. 27 Wherefore they that speak in proverbs say,

Come into Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and prepared:

28 For there is a fire gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon:

it hath consumed Ar of **Moab**, and the lords of the high places of Arnon.

29 Woe to thee, **Moab!** thou art undone, O people of Chemosh:

he hath given his sons that escaped, and his daughters,

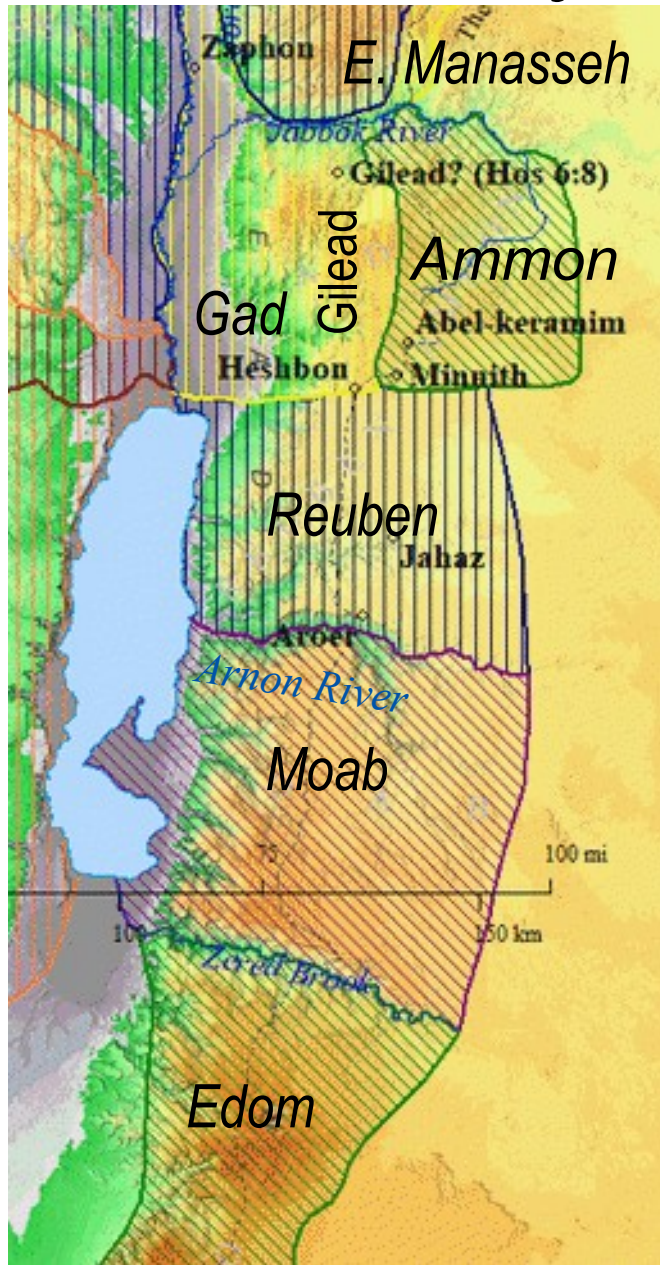
into captivity unto Sihon king of the Amorites.

30 We have shot at them; Heshbon is perished even unto Dibon,

and we have laid them waste even unto Nophah, which reacheth unto Medeba.

31 Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

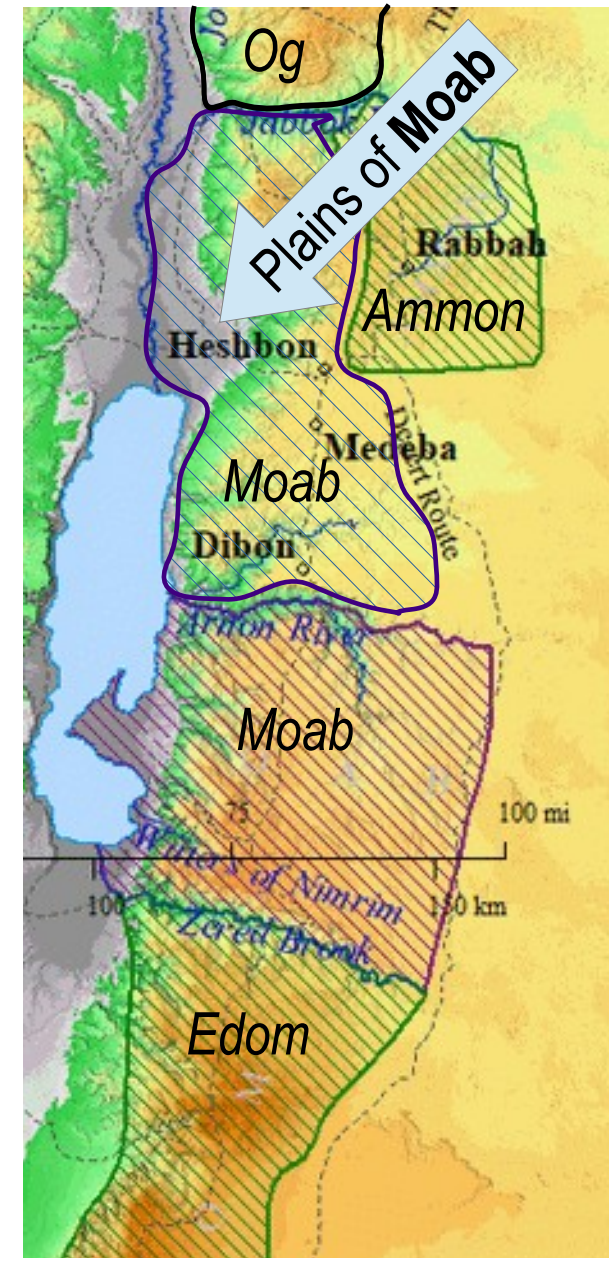
History of the Disputed Territory (2)



Days of Jephthah (1070)



At the Conquest (1400)



Before Sihon (1500?)

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Whose God was Chemosh?

24 Wilt not thou possess that which **Chemosh thy god** giveth thee to possess?

1Kings 11:7 Then did Solomon build an high place for **Chemosh, the abomination of Moab**, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for **Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon**.

2Kings 17:26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of **the God of the land**: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of **the God of the land**.

Compare:

Judg 10:14 Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.