

Structure of Judges 5:2-18 (ABC-ABC) ^{Jdg 5:14-22}

A: Bless the Lord for Patriots	v.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willing people • Bless בָּרַךְ H1288 the Lord 	v.9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willing people • Bless בָּרַךְ H1288 the Lord
B: Celebrate the Victory	3-5 Hear, Kings, the works of the Lord	10-13 Speak, rulers, the works of the Lord
C: Mixed Involvement	6-8 Reticent villages vs. Deborah	14-18 Absent tribes vs. Active ones

Structure of Judges 5:19-31 (DE-DE)

D: Outcome of the Battle	19-22 Canaanite kings defeated by heavenly foes	28-30 False optimism of their women
E: Consequences	On expected allies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 Cursed be Meroz • 24-27 Blessed be Jael 	On other nations re. the Lord: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31a Let enemies perish • 31b Let those who love him prosper

5:14-18, Roster of the Tribes

14 Some from Ephraim, whose root is in Amalek:

Judg. 12:15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of **Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.**

Division of (Mount) Gilead:

Josh 13:24 And Moses gave inheritance unto the tribe of **Gad**, ... 25 And their coast was Jazer, and **all the cities of Gilead**, and half the land of the children of Ammon, **unto Aroer that is before Rabbah**; ... 29 And Moses gave inheritance unto the half tribe of **Manasseh**: ... 31 And **half Gilead**, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were pertaining unto the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, even to **the one half of the children of Machir** by their families.



Who are the Governors (5:9, 14)?

5:9 my heart is toward the
governors חוקקים H2710 of Israel

5:14 out of Machir [western
Manasseh] came down **governors**
מחוקקים

Isa 33:22 For the LORD is our judge,
the LORD is our **lawgiver** מחקק, the
LORD is our king; he will save us.

Related to one of the common words
for God's law, קח H2706 = "statute"

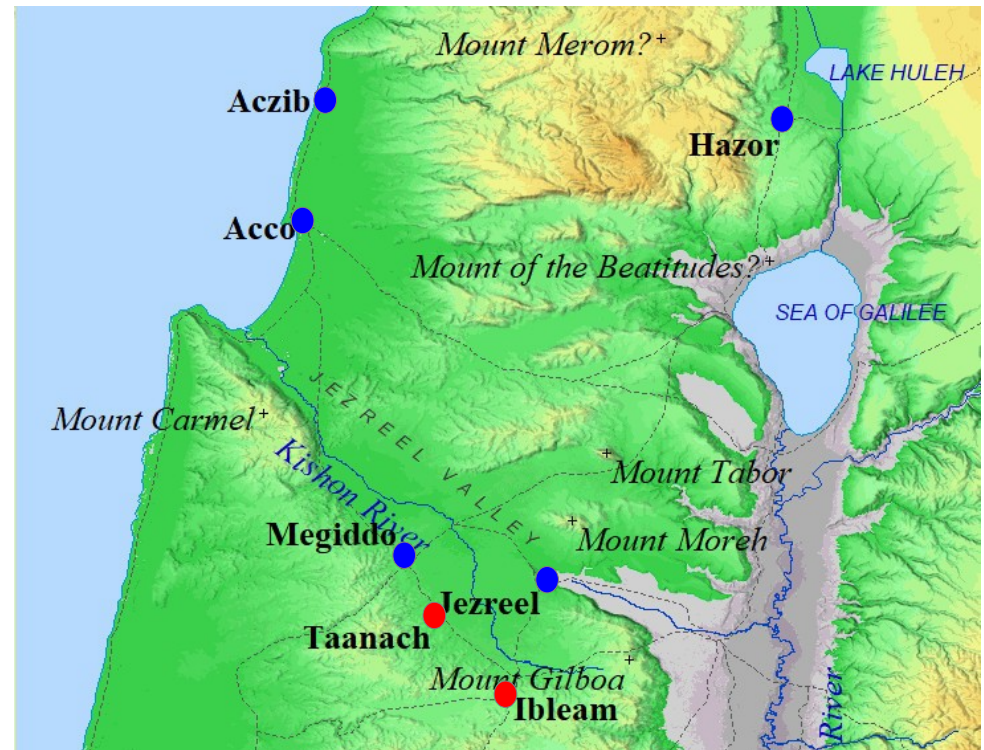
Are these perhaps Levites, the
custodians of God's law?

From the list of Levitical cities:

Josh 21:25 And out of the half tribe of
Manasseh, **Taanach** with her
suburbs, and Gathrimmon (1 Chr
6:70 Bileam ~ **Ibleam**) with her
suburbs; two cities.

Gen. 49:10 The sceptre shall not
depart from Judah, nor a **lawgiver**
from between his feet, until Shiloh
come; and unto him shall the
gathering of the people be.

Psa. 60:7 Gilead is mine, and
Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the
strength of mine head; Judah is my
lawgiver; (= 108:8)

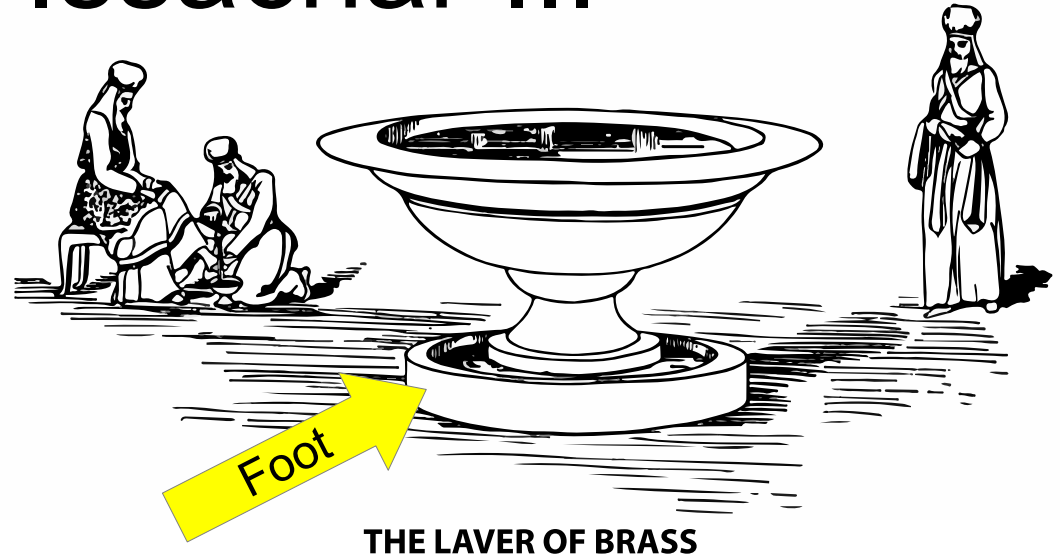


15 Even Issachar ...

“Even” ׀ can be either a particle “even, so, thus” H3651 or a noun “base, support” H3653. For the latter sense:

Ex. 30:18 Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and his **foot** also of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein.

Translate, “Issachar was Barak’s base, his support.” Compare Aaron and Moses supporting Joshua against Amalek:



https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/eBooks/tabernacle/chapter-iii-the-laver-of-brass.cfm

Ex. 17:10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12 But Moses’ hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

Reuben: 5:16 ... to hear the piping of the flocks



Near Kfar Etzion above Elah Valley, between Bethlehem and Hebron.
Van and Anita Parunak, June 1975

Contrast:

Num. 32:17 But we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land. Num. 32:18 We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance.

Dan: 5:17 ... remain[ed] in ships

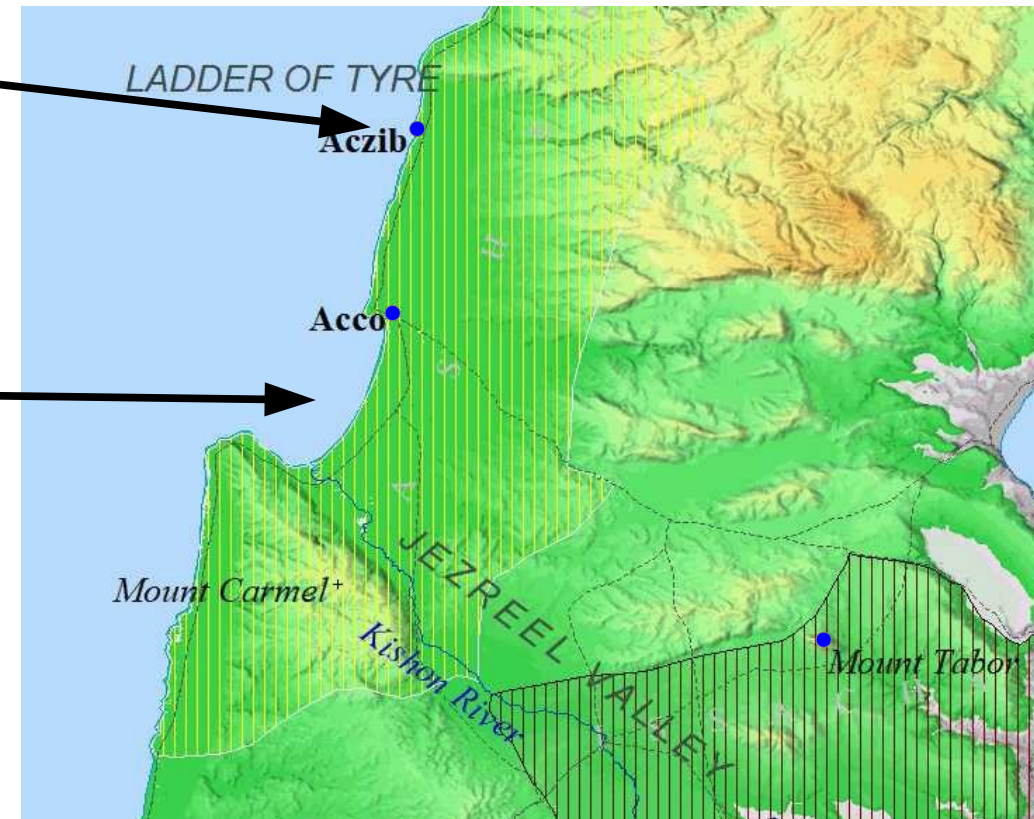


Jdg 18:1 ... the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day all their inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel.

Asher

1:31 Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of **Accho**, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of **Achzib**, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob:

5:17 Asher continued on the sea shore, and abode in his breaches.



20 They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.

Deu 4:19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest **the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host [army] of heaven,** shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? ... 7 When **the morning stars sang together,** and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Dan. 10:2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. 3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

Dan. 10:12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. 13 But **the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me** one and twenty days: but, lo, **Michael, one of the chief princes,** came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. ... 20 Then said he, ... and now will I return to fight with **the prince of Persia:** and when I am gone forth, lo, **the prince of Grecia** shall come. 21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but **Michael your prince.**