

## OLD TESTAMENT TIMELINE

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### 7. CONQUEST

[Joshua]

- Land Conquered.** Joshua became the leader of the nation after the death of Moses [Josh 1:1-6]. God through his leadership, led the nation into the Promised Land. Joshua led the nation across the Jordan river and conquered the city of Jericho, and proceeded to conquer most of Canaan [1–12]. The twelve tribes were established during this time [13–20]. The book ends on a very good note showing how God fulfilled his promises [Josh 21:43-45]!

The promised land is a small piece of land that lies between the Mediterranean Coast and the Sea of Galilee – Jordan River – Dead Sea. It changes names throughout the Old Testament. In Genesis, it is called Canaan, in Joshua, it is known as Israel, and at the beginning of the New Testament, it is called Palestine.

### THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROMISED LAND



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### 8. JUDGES

[Judges – Ruth]

- **Land Ruled.** Judges 2:10 describes the spiritual condition of the nation after the death of Joshua and his generation. It was basically a forsaking of the Lord which resulted in God's anger whereby he gave the people over to their enemies.

However, God in his compassion also raised individuals called Judges who were political and military leaders to bring deliverance [Judg. 2:16, 18-18]. Some were also spiritual leaders [e.g. Samuel]. Judges ruled for a period of approximately 350 years.

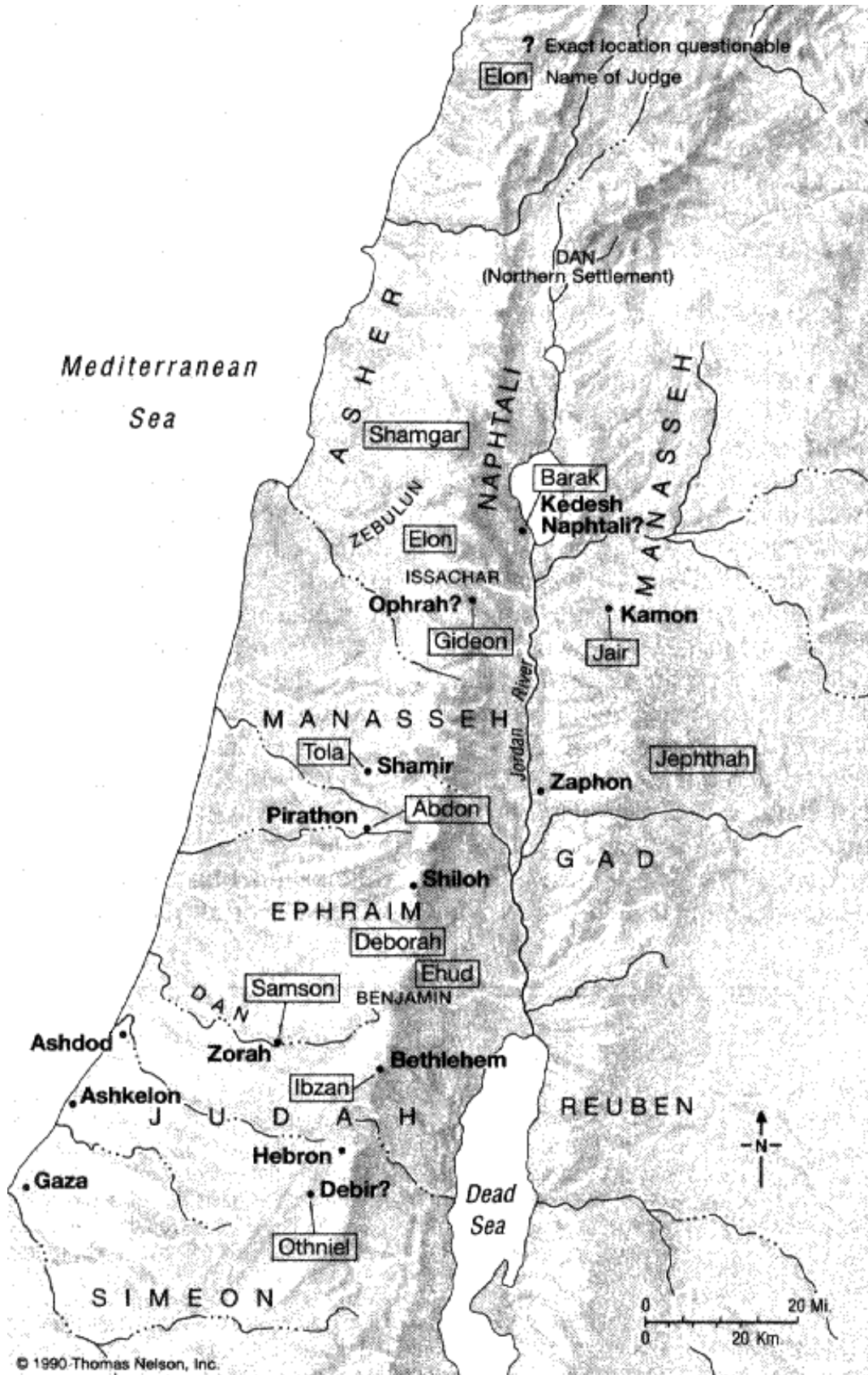
Famous among the judges were **Gideon, Samson, and Samuel**. This period was also characterized by a **repetition of 4 cycles of events**. They can be categorized as follows:

1. **Rebellion** – Israel would rebel and sin against God’s commands [Judg. 3:7].
2. **Discipline** – God would discipline Israel by having them conquered and ruled by their enemies [Judg. 3:8].
3. **Repentance** – Israel would repent and cry out to God for deliverance [Judg. 3:9a].
4. **Deliverance** – God would raise up a deliverer [called as Judge] who would free the land from the enemy power and bring peace for the remainder of that Judge’s life [Judg. 3:9b-11].

However, once that Judge died, they would resort back to their old ways [Judg. 3:12]. And then the cycle would start all over again.

- **Note:** The above-mentioned 4 cycles occurred 7 times within the 350-year period.

# GEOGRAPHY OF JUDGES



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### 9. KINGDOM

[1 Samuel – 2 Chronicles]

- **Kingdom United.** After the period of judges, the Israelites demand for a king and God allowed them to have a king called Saul. From hereon for the next 500 years or so, there would be a series of kings to rule Israel and later Judah [when the kingdom split]. The first [and only] three kings of the United Kingdom are described below. Each ruled for about 40 years.

1. **Saul.** God allows Samuel, the last judge to anoint Saul as the first King due to the demands of the people [1 Sam 8:4-9, 19-22, 10:1, 13:1]. Saul was not a king that walked in the ways of the Lord [1 Sam 13:13-14]. And as a result the Holy Spirit left Saul [1 Sam 16:14]. And God appoints David as the next king [1 Sam 16:13] and the Holy Spirit is removed from Saul and placed on David [1 Sam 16:14]. God brings David into Saul's presence to help him experience relief from demonic torment [1 Sam 16:15-23].

In addition, as David defeats Goliath whom none of the Israelites could fight [1 Sam 17], and with other victories God gave to David, his popularity increased among the people [1 Sam 18:7-9]. This led Saul to try and kill David who escaped from his presence. Finally, Saul dies in a battle with the Philistines [1 Sam 31:3-6].

2. **David.** David then officially becomes the king [2 Sam 5:3-5]. David was a very righteous king and Israel prospered militarily under his leadership. It could be said that Israel truly came into power as a nation under David.

David even wanted to build a temple for the Lord. The Lord told him that Solomon, his son would be the one to build it. However, God in response to David's love for him gave him an astounding promise—a covenant actually called as the Davidic covenant whereby God promised on oath that his descendants would permanently occupy the throne [2 Samuel 7:11b-17]. While this promise had been partially fulfilled through Solomon and his descendants, the ultimate fulfillment would come through Jesus Christ who would come in the line of David.

Despite being a man after God's own heart, David had his weaknesses—particularly when it came to women. One particular incident led to David's downfall—his adultery with Bathsheba, a married woman which led to God's severe judgment [2 Sam 12:7-10]. Eventually David died after 40 years of being a king and his son Solomon becomes the king [1 Kgs 2:10-12].

- 3. Solomon.** Solomon who succeeds David as king starts out very good [1 Kgs 3:5, 9]. In fact the Lord was so pleased with him that he granted him more than he asked [1 Kgs 3:10-14]. Solomon builds the temple [1 Kgs 7:51] in 959 B.C. and dedicates it with a beautiful prayer [1 Kgs 8]. Solomon's period was unparalleled in terms of prosperity [1 Kgs 10:21] and peace [1 Chr 22:9].

Sadly, despite God's clear warnings [1 Kgs 9:1-9], he deviated from the Lord's ways [1 Kgs 11:1-13]. The kingdom would be divided into two after his death. Eventually, Solomon died after ruling for 40 years [1 Kgs 11:42-43].

# UNITED KINGDOM

Map 5: KINGDOM OF DAVID AND SOLOMON



# DIVIDED KINGDOM

Map 6: KINGDOMS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH

