

Lesson 1 – June 5

1 Samuel 1:1-28

Answered



LORD Sees the Heart



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1 Samuel

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| 1. June 5 | <i>Answered!</i> | 1-2 | <i>Hannah Prays, Vows, Samuel Born</i> |
| 2. June 12 | Called | 3 | Boy Samuel Clearly God Called |
| 3. June 19 | Worthy! | 4-7 | Philistines Take Ark ... oooops! |
| 4. June 26 | King? | 8-11 | Israel, "Give us a King!" |
| 5. July 3 | Feared | 12 | Thunder and Rain ... to Obey? |
| 6. July 10 | Judged | 13-15 | Samuel Regrets, Rejects King Saul |
| 7. July 17 | Anointed! | 16 | David Anointed—Lord sees the heart |
| 8. July 24 | Delivered | 17 | David Whips Goliath |
| 9. July 31 | Faithful | 18-20 | David and Jonathan's Loyalty |
| 10. Aug. 7 | Blinded | 21-23 | Saul Pursues David & Followers |
| 11. Aug. 14 | Protected | 24-25 | Abigail's Wisdom Saves Home |
| 12. Aug. 21 | Respect | 26-29 | David Spares King Saul's Life II |
| 13. Aug. 28 | Victory | 30-31 | David Pursues Raiders & Saul Killed |

1 Samuel 1:1 to 2:11

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- 1-9** *Hannah's Prayer – deeply hurt, wept, pleads*
- 10-11** **Hannah's Prayer** – deeply hurt, wept, pleads
- 12-18** **Eli's Affirmation** – drunk?—no, broken—“go in peace”
- 19-25** *Back home ... Hannah bears Samuel, then to Shiloh*
- 26-28** **Hannah's Presentation** – “I give the boy to the Lord.”
- 2:1-11** *Hannah's Praise to God* – No Rock like our God.

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Alternative Title

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1 Samuel Intro

Joshua and Judges to Samuel

ü Lot of history – 3,000 years before Samuel

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B.C. 10,000 -3600			ca. 10,000-5000 Neolithic Revolution in the Near East and Egypt
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2700			ca. 3000-2700 Two kingdoms of Egypt: Lower Egypt and Upper Egypt; Dynasties 1-11
2250		3000-1400 Mesopotamian civilization spreads from Sumer to Assyria, Babylon, and Persia	ca. 2700-2500 Old Kingdom in Egypt; capital Memphis
1800		1900-1400 Age of Classical civilization; extensive trade with Egypt	ca. 2500-2200 Middle Kingdom in Egypt; capital Thebes
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Sea Peoples? ... are you kidding?
travel from Greece and Anatolia
and ... wait for it .. **assimilate into Philistines**



"of the sea" in the **Great Karnak Inscription**,
referring to the Eqwesh, Shekelesh, and Sherden

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a cross between Neptune,
Knights Templar and
Moors in Southern Spain

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1 Samuel Intro

Bronze Age

3300–1200 BC

Copper with 12% tin



Proto-writing

Iron Age

1200-500 BC

Iron ore smelted

Meteorites = iron/nickel

Hittites and Sea Peoples

Philistines monopoly on Iron

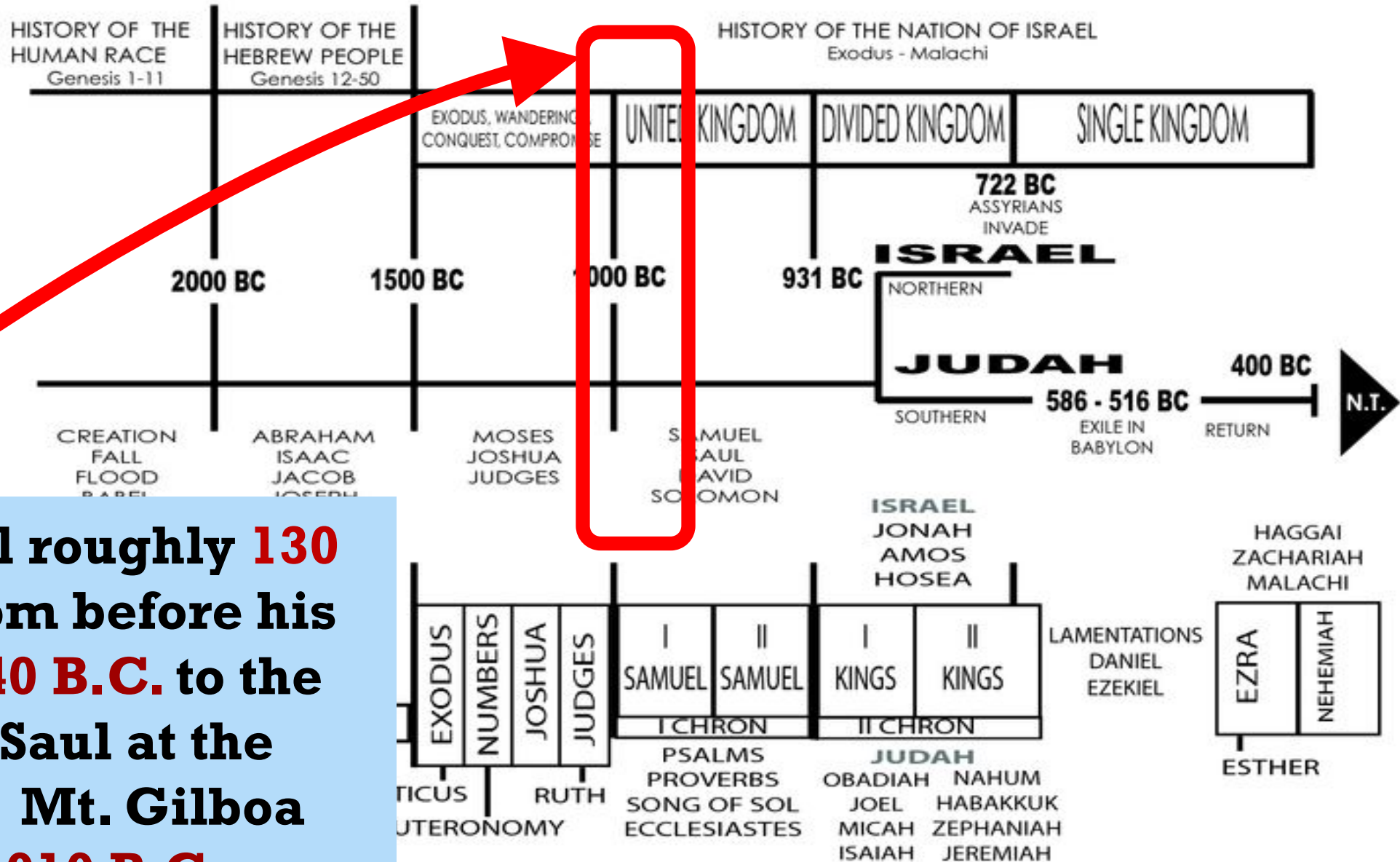
Alphabetic Languages

By 500 BC ... first Steel

Iron with +/- 1% carbon



A CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT



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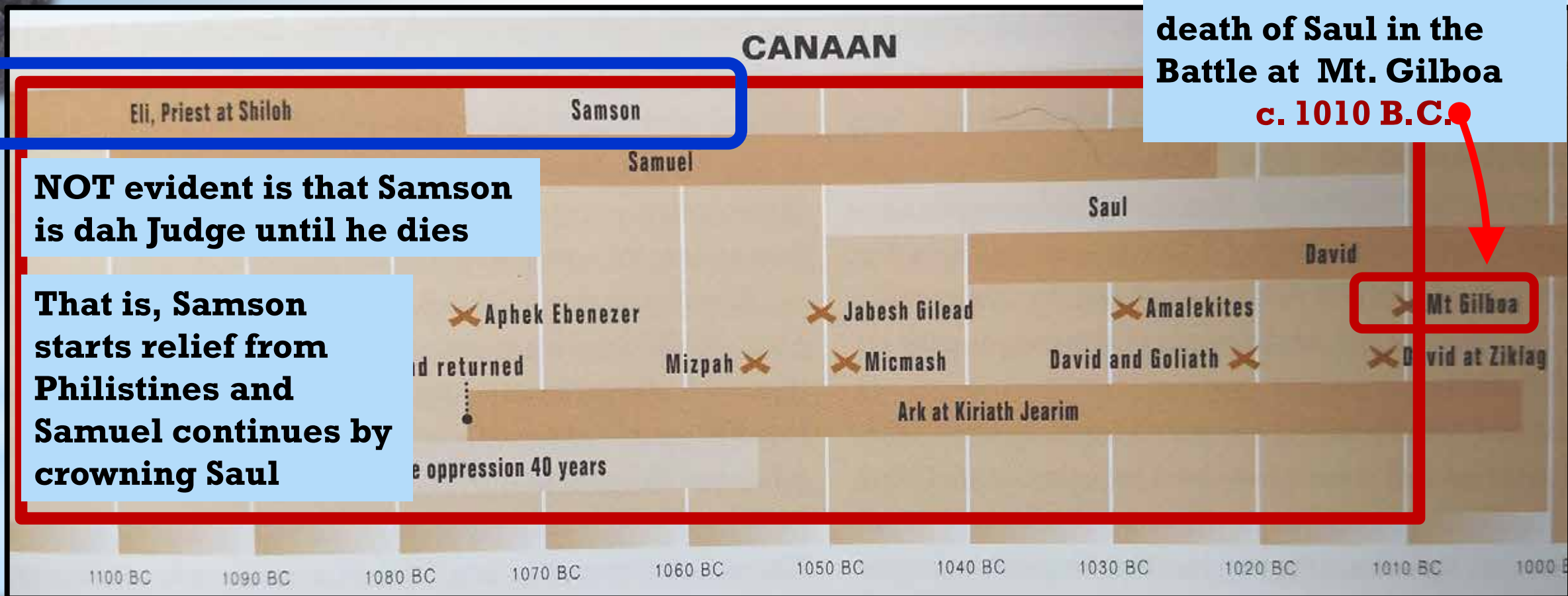
Joshua and Judges to Samuel

ü Tabernacle at Shiloh from Joshua's time

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NOT evident is that Samson is dah Judge until he dies

That is, Samson starts relief from Philistines and Samuel continues by crowning Saul



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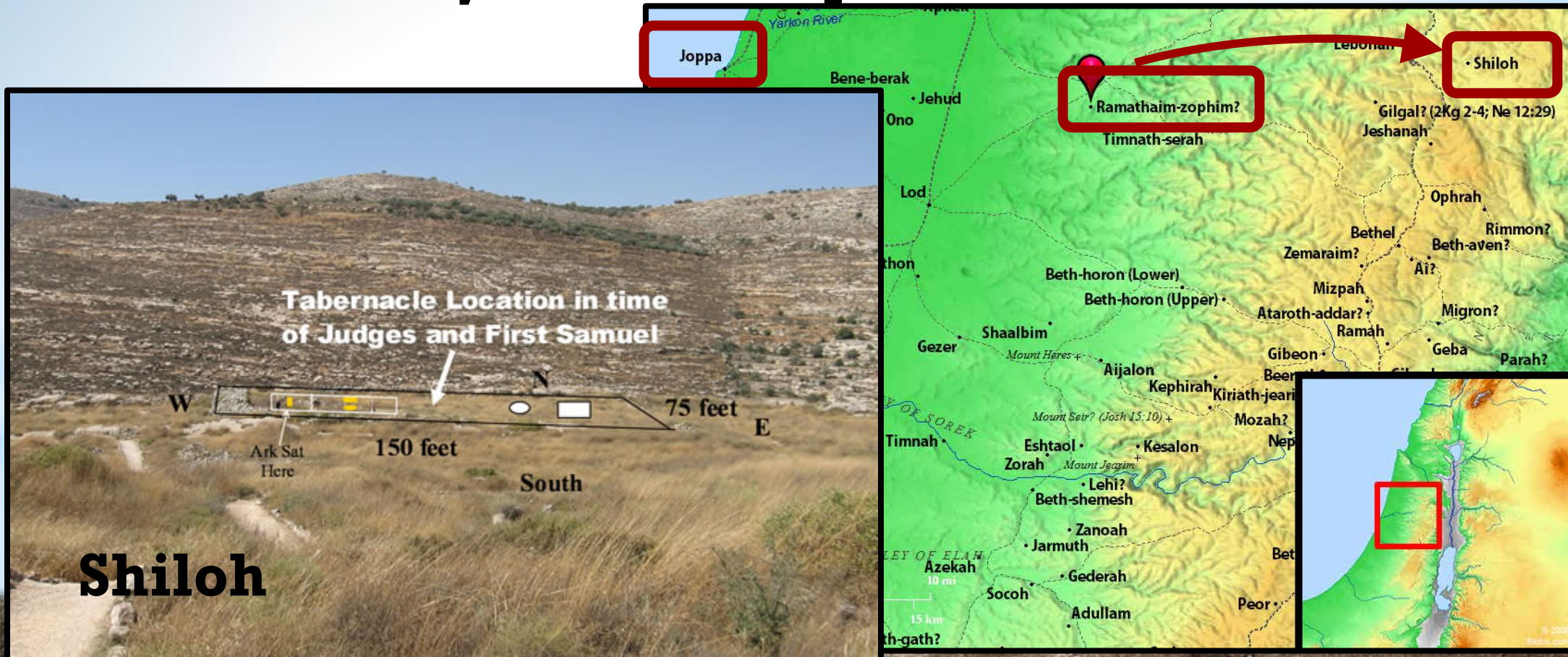
- ✓ Lot of history – 3,000 years before Samuel
- ✓ Tabernacle with Ark of Covenant resides at Shiloh from Joshua's time
- ✓ **LOAD of trouble in Israel ...**
- ✓ 1 Samuel: Samuel the kingmaker!
- ✓ Two kings: Saul and David ...
- ✓ Samuel the last best Judge – about 1100 B.C.
- ✓ Solomon inherits David's Kingdom ... greatest it'll ever be
- ✓ **After Solomon's death, all falls apart ... again**



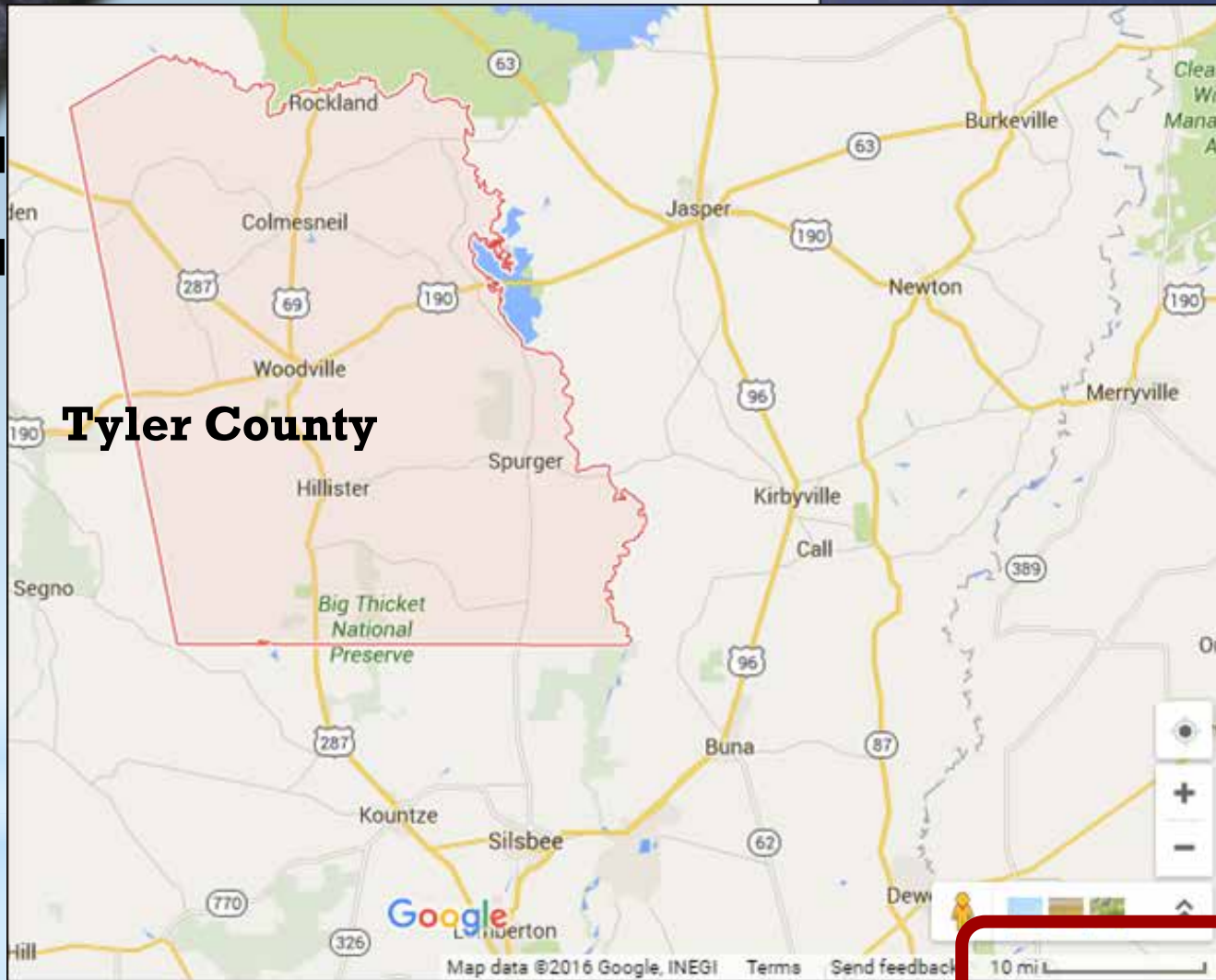
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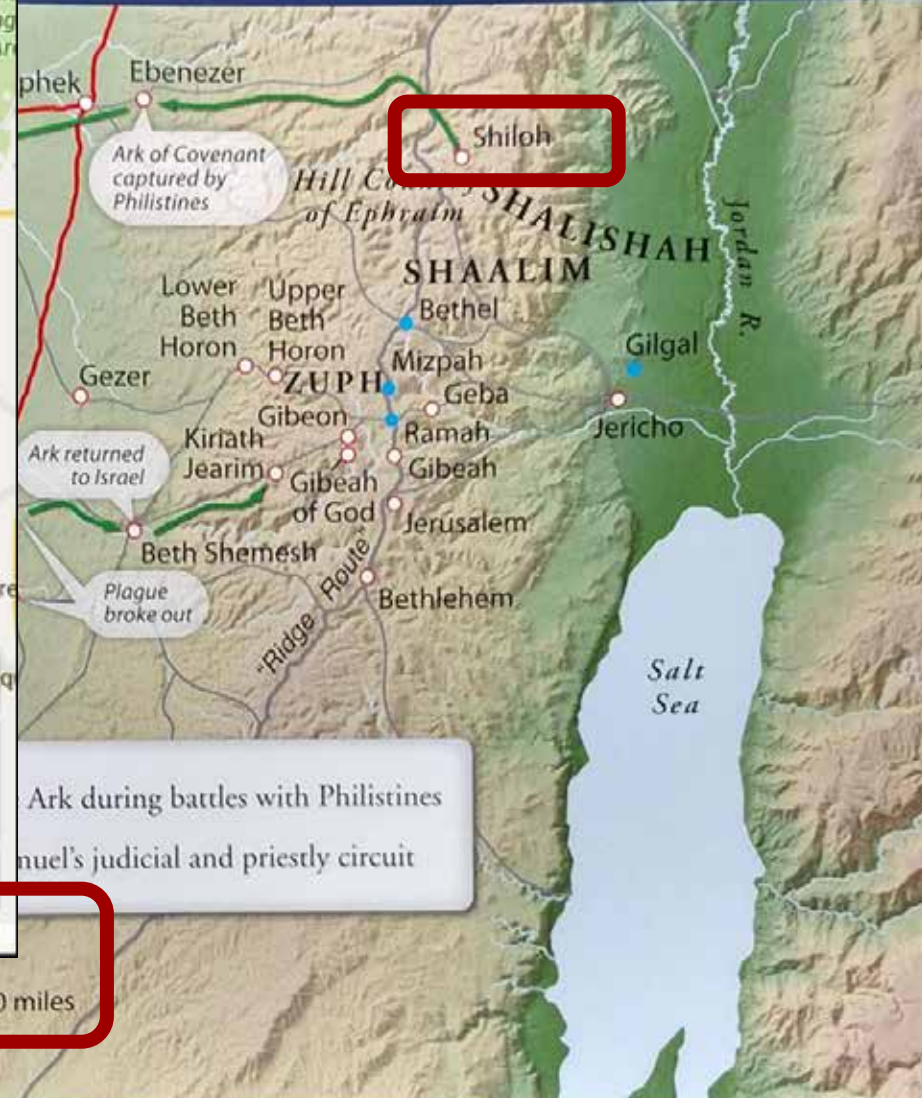
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Tyler County

Shiloh

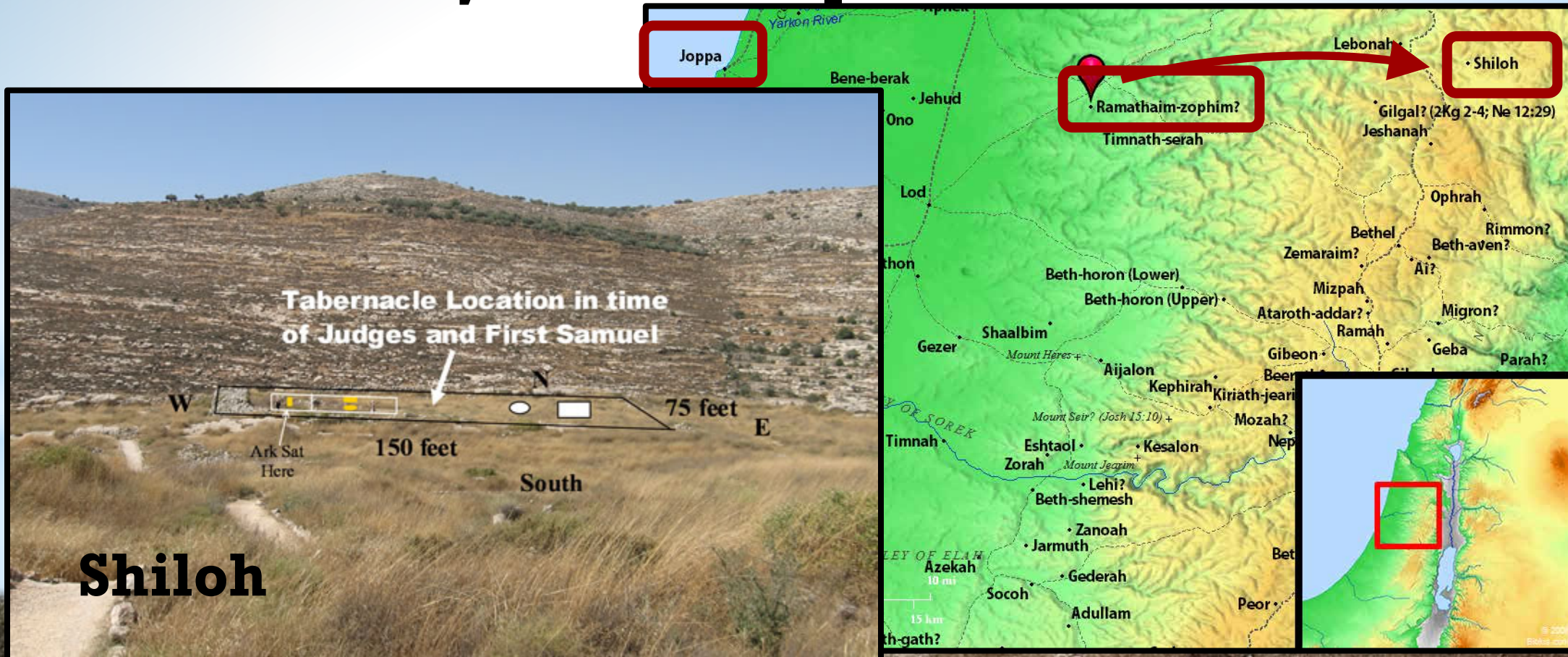
SAMUEL, THE PHILISTINES, AND THE CALL OF SAUL



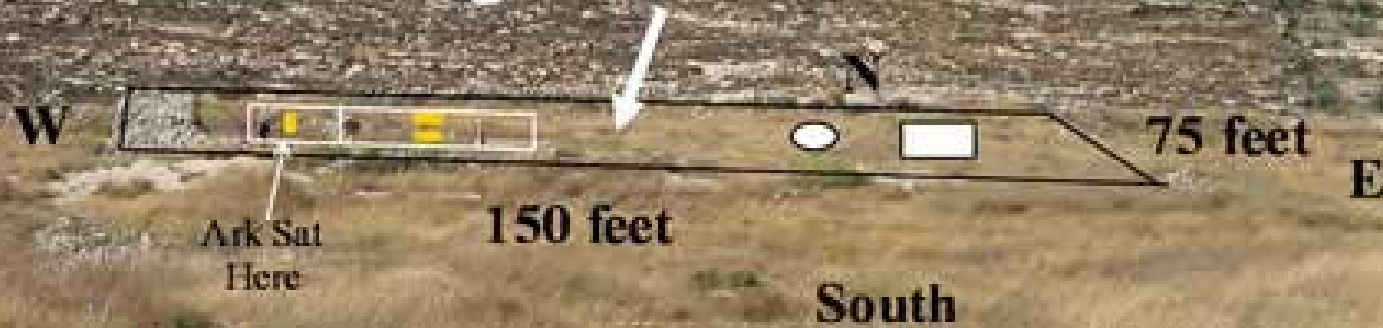
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Tabernacle Location in time of Judges and First Samuel



Shiloh - today



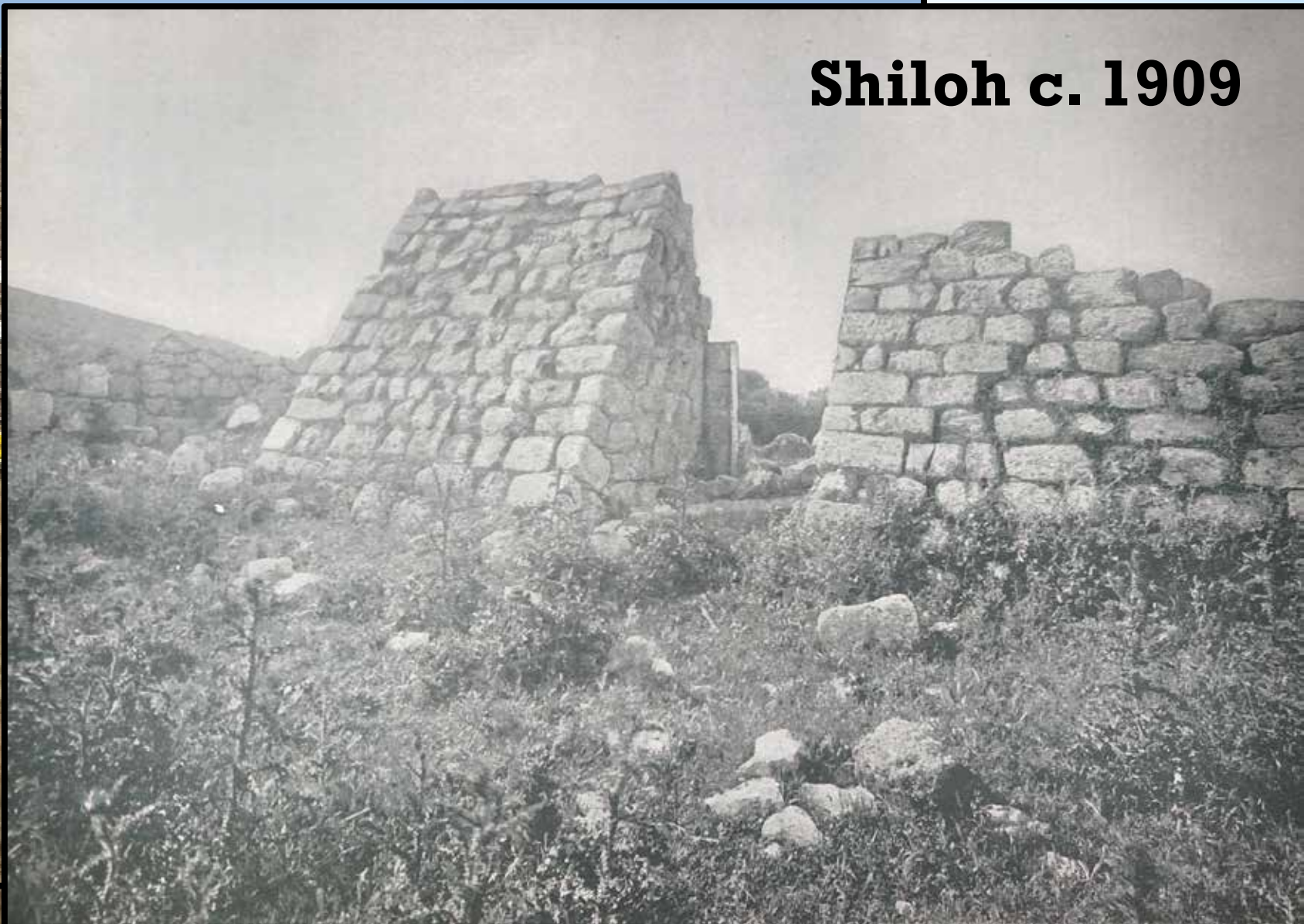


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Shiloh - today



Shiloh c. 1909

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1-9 Hannah's Prayer – deeply hurt, wept, pleads

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- ✓ **Elkanah w/ 2 wives, Hannah and Peninnah**
- ✓ **Went Shiloh each year to worship**
- ✓ ***Got to see this:* 5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb.**

Just because that
works with men does
NOT mean it works
with women

Elkanah ... what a man ... when your woman is sad

**Give her an extra
Burger & Fries**



Hmm ... 3,000 years later ... some men have not changed

1-9 Hannah's Prayer – deeply hurt, wept, pleads

Certain man from Ramathaim

- ✓ **Elkanah w/ 2 wives, Hannah and Peninnah**
- ✓ **Went Shiloh each year to worship**
- ✓ **Yeah ... he really did give Hannah a double portion**
- ✓ **Peninnah bullied Hannah to tears**

Bullies have problems ... babies who never grew up

Often, our “Hannahs” have soft hearts ... not weak

Again, not ALL are expected to be brave

Elkanah FAILED her in several ways ...

Often, our “Hannahs” are the BEST among us

1-9 Hannah's Prayer – deeply hurt, wept, pleads

Hannah = means **Gracious** or **Favor**

you know – easily gives a smile and so kind ... gentle

Peninnah = means **Coral**

*beautiful, colorful growing sharp
rocks in Israel's Gulf of Eilat*

that will CUT your feet to pieces!



Hannah – sister, daughter or wife we'd **ALL** want

Hannah – that sweet person who **NEVER** says anything bad

aaaahhh ... not even against blood-letting **Coral**

10-11 Hannah's Prayer – deeply hurt, wept, pleads
Hannah's World Very Small

¹⁰ In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly.

¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, “LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's **misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.”**

Deep Anguish

What is the source of her pain?

Maternal? As Wife to Elkanah? Cultural Place?

Duty as Wife? Inheritance? Protection?

Come a long way ... have we?

Did you see this on Fox, Friday night?

... it's an ISIS price list

Yazidi & Christian females

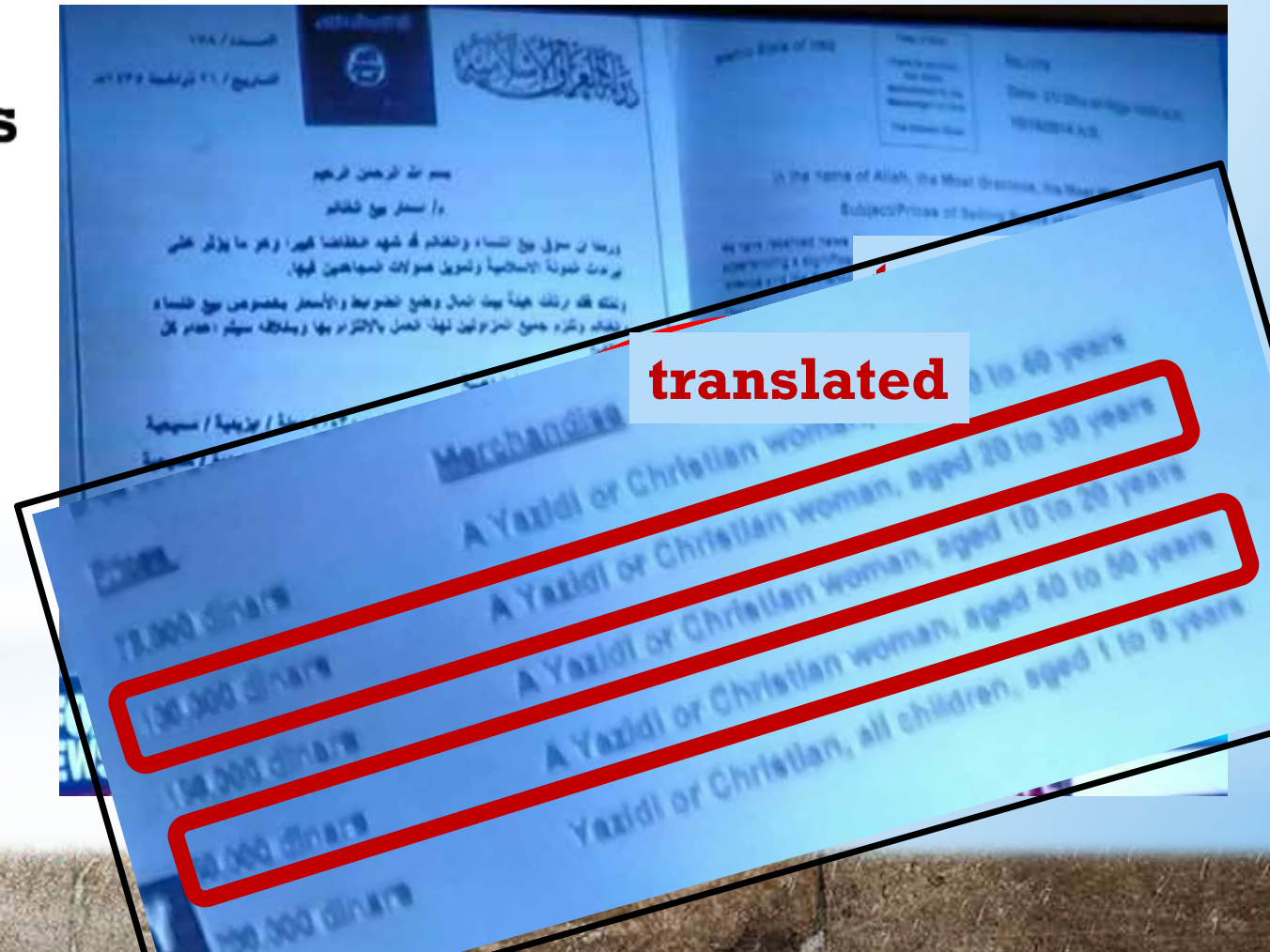
Price higher for younger

Yeah, after 3,000 years

10-20 yrs old ... \$130

1-9 yrs old ... \$172

**What was it like
for Hannah?**



10-11 Hannah's Prayer – deeply hurt, wept, pleads

Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me ... I will give him to the Lord.

Deep Anguish for Her Duty?

Meaning in Life?

Maternal? As Wife to Elkanah? Cultural Place? Duty as Wife? Protection?

Viktor Frankl – *Man's Search for Meaning* (1946)

“In the [Nazi] concentration camp, everything conspired to make a man lose his hold....

Last of human freedoms is the ability to choose one's attitude in a given set of circumstances.”

Frankl saw that those who survived found something to “LIVE” for.

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Hannah's World Very Small

“Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me ... I will give him to the Lord.”

She lives in Ramathaim, size of Warren, perhaps a 300 ALL her life

No internet, no CNN, no News – in complete submission with only a FEW stories of great civilizations of Egypt and Hittites

With a husband, Elkanah, ignorant of her misery

In 1100 B.C., what gave her MEANING in her life?

a Son

No Son ... no life worth anything IN HER OWN EYES

With a Son ... she has meaning and worth

10-11 Hannah's Prayer – deeply hurt, wept, pleads

While in Shiloh Hannah Prays

Eli looks, listens, judges – she must be drunk!

Ladies? — ever felt men clueless?

Then you KNOW some of how Hannah felt!

**3,000 years ... and Men
aaahh ... still slow**

South

Shiloh



12-18 Eli's Affirmation – broken – “go in peace”

Eli thinks Hannah Drunk

“Not so, my Lord,” Hannah replied, “I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer;

I was pouring out my soul to the Lord.



12-18 Eli's Affirmation – broken – “go in peace”

in pouring out her soul ... she pleads

¹⁶ Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.”

*not often do we meet **BROKEN** people*

¹⁷ Eli answered, “Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.”

At Eli was not a complete cad ... he had a heart ... very small heart

¹⁸ She said, “May your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

**Not sure ... myself ... that Eli *deserved* that confidence
yet Hannah's soft generous heart believed in HIM**

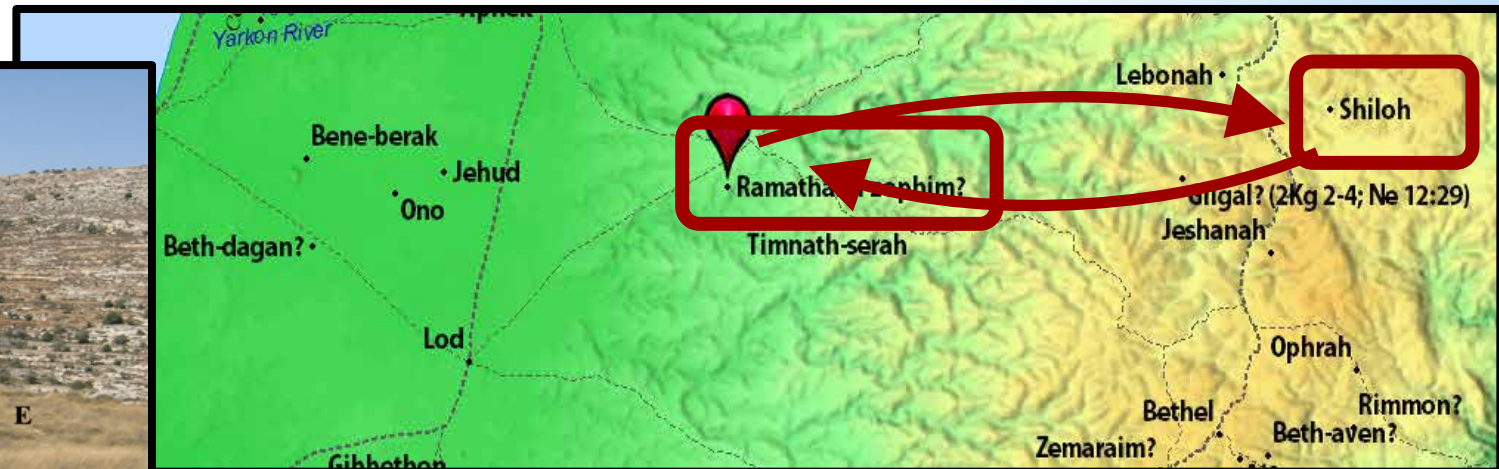
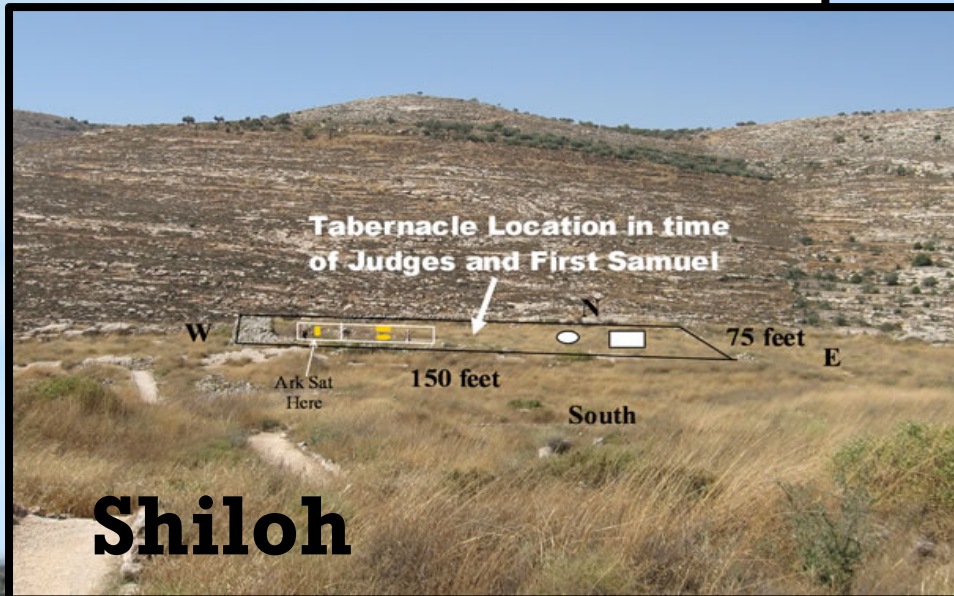
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Return to Ramah

Back home, they get together ... Hannah conceives ... baby-boo

Names him Samuel, “Because I asked the Lord for him.”

Elkanah goes to Shiloh for annual sacrifice “to fulfill his vow.”

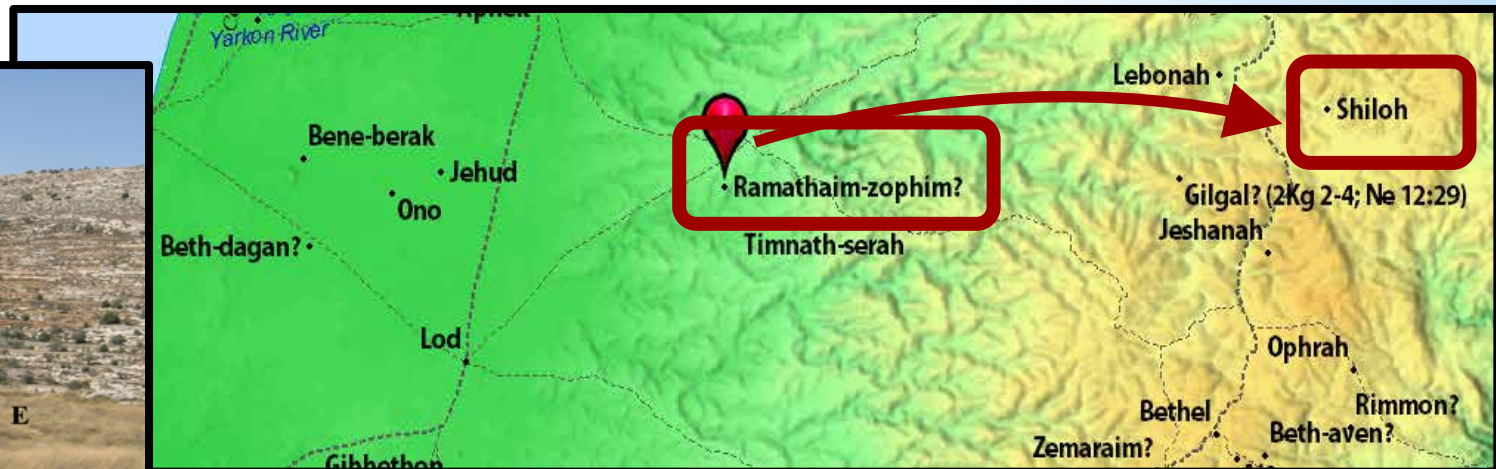
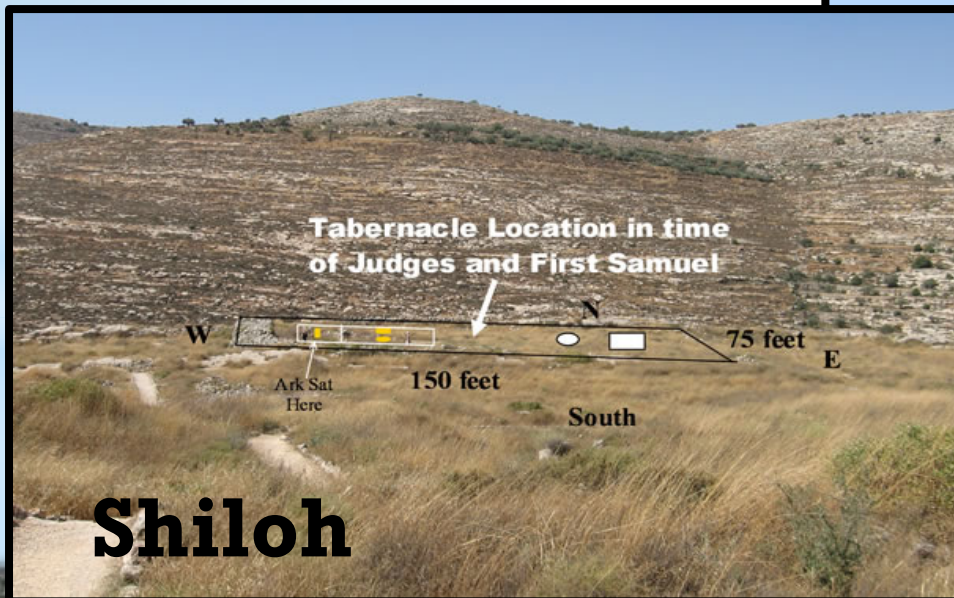


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Hannah stays home

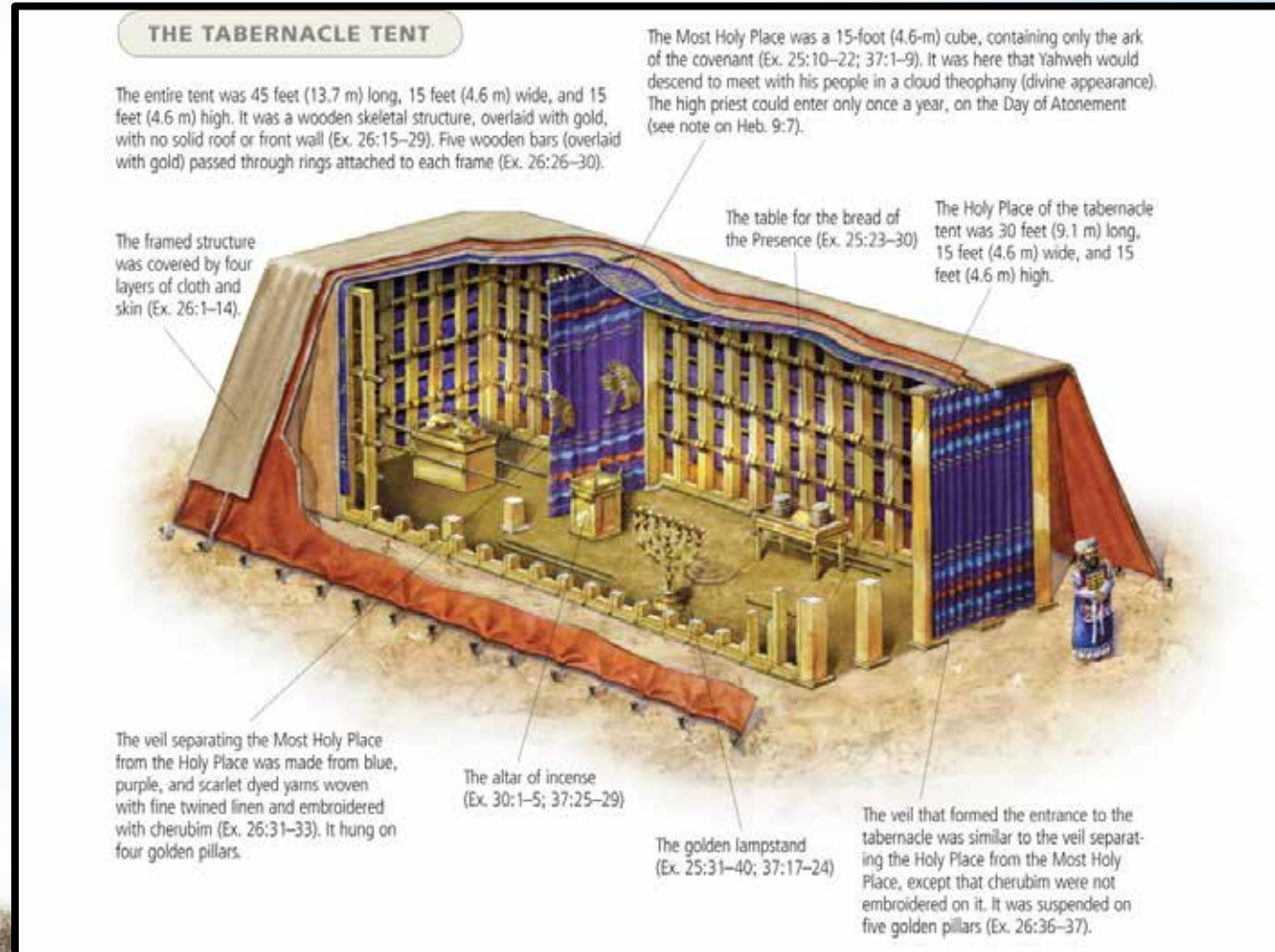
²² Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, “After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the Lord, and he will live there always.”

Vs. 24, takes the boy to Shiloh ... sacrifices ... brings Samuel to Eli



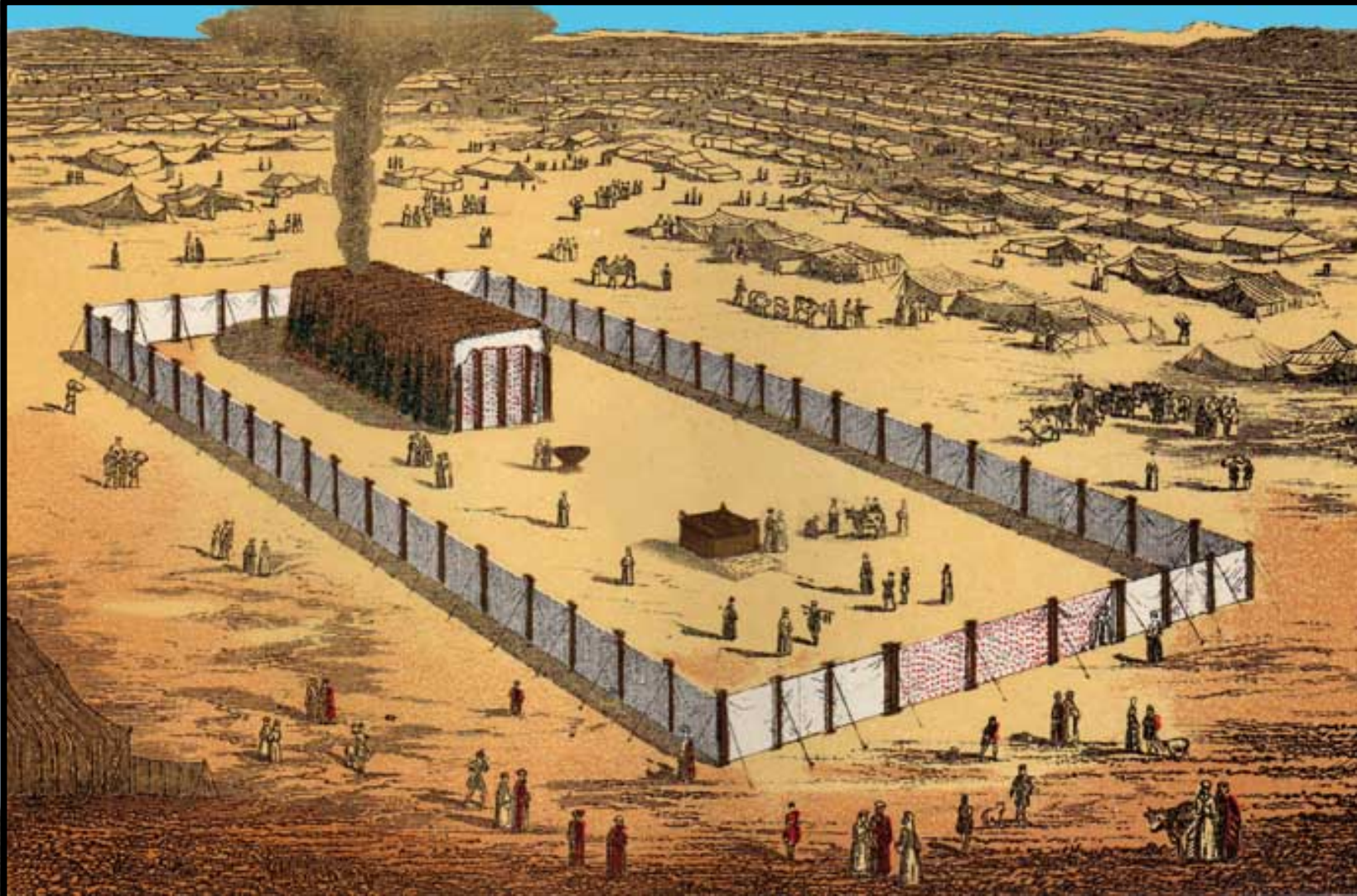
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Most Holy Place was a 15-foot (4.6-m) cube, containing only the ark of the covenant (Ex. 25:10–22; 37:1–9). It was here that Yahweh would appear and to meet with his people in a cloud theophany (divine appearance). Only the high priest could enter only once a year, on the Day of Atonement (note on Heb. 9:7).

The table for the bread of the Presence (Ex. 25:23–30)

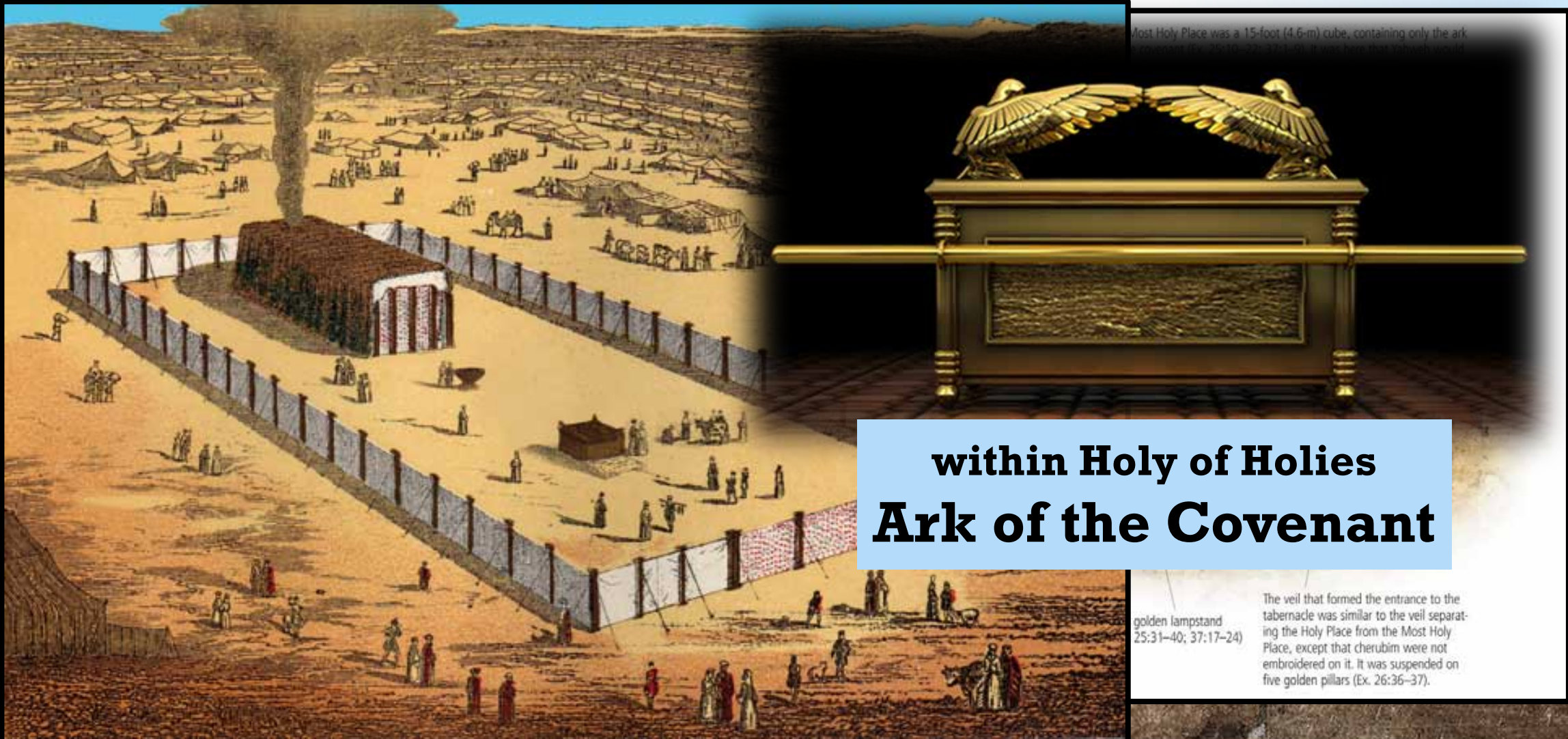
The Holy Place of the tabernacle tent was 30 feet (9.1 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high.

golden lampstand (Ex. 25:31–40; 37:17–24)

The veil that formed the entrance to the tabernacle was similar to the veil separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place, except that cherubim were not embroidered on it. It was suspended on five golden pillars (Ex. 26:36–37).

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²⁶ she said to him, “Pardon me, my Lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord.

²⁷ I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. ²⁸ So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD.” And he worshiped the Lord there.





**Hannah Presents boy
Samuel to the Priest Eli**
Gerbrand van den Eeckhout
circa 1665

2:1-11 Hannah's Praise to God – No Rock like our God.

Hannah's Praise to Mary's Magnificat

Four songs in Luke

1. ***Mary's Magnificat*** – 1:46-55 “My soul doth magnify...”
2. ***Zechariah's Benedictus*** – 1:67-79 “Blessed be the Lord...”
3. ***Angels' Gloria in Excelsis Deo*** – 2:13-14 “Glory to God...”
4. ***Simeon's Nunc dimittis*** – 2:28-32 “Mine eyes have seen”

Several see the Magnificat reflecting Hannah's Praise

One of the Most Beautiful Psalms

Note: “horn” means “strength, honor, glory”

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Hannah's Praise

¹ Then Hannah prayed and said: “My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my horn [*honor, glory*] is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance.

² “There is **no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is **no Rock like our God**.**

No Rock like our God



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Hannah's Praise *continued*

³ “Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the Lord is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed.

⁴ The bows of the warriors are broken, but those who stumbled are armed with strength.

⁵ Those who were full hire themselves out for food, but those who were hungry are hungry no more. She who was barren has borne seven children, but she who has had many sons pines away.

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Hannah's Praise *continued*

⁶ “The Lord brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up.

**⁷ The Lord sends poverty and wealth;
he humbles and he exalts.**

⁸ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes....

**For the foundations of the earth are the Lord's;
on them he has set the world.**

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Hannah's Praise *continued*

⁹ He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness.

It is not by strength that one prevails;

¹⁰ those who oppose the Lord will be broken. The Most High will thunder from heaven; the Lord will judge the ends of the earth. He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.

Selah

***2:1-11 Hannah's Praise to God* – No Rock like our God.**

**¹¹ Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the
boy ministered before the Lord under Eli the priest.**

¹² Eli's sons were scoundrels; they had no regard for the Lord.

skipping several verses

**¹⁹ Each year his mother made him a
little robe and took it to him when
she went up with her husband to
offer the annual sacrifice.**



10-11 Hannah's Prayer – deeply hurt, wept, pleads

Hannah's World Very Small

But she made and kept her vow ... and prayed

What gave HER meaning in HER life?

her family

Serving the Lord



which is much more than we can say for Eli

What gives YOU meaning?
May we keep our vows and
pray as well as Hannah



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