

# January 1 Joshua 22 **Settled**

As for me and my house,  
we will serve the LORD  
Joshua 24:15

Israel Tribe Allotments  
Joshua 13:8 – 19:49  
● City ○ City uncertain location  
▲ Mountain peak




Joshua Crossing the Jordan with Ark of Covenant  
c. 1800, by Benjamin West

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# Conquest and Challenges of Israel's Settlement

1. Dec 4 Commissioned Joshua 1 Lord Calls Joshua
2. Dec 11 Conquest Joshua 6 Jericho Walls Down
3. Dec 18 Savior Announced Luke 1 *Angel Gabriel to Mary*
4. Dec 25 ... *Merry Christmas* ...
-  5. Jan 1 Settled Joshua 22 *Heart, Honor, Home*
6. Jan 15 Value All Prov. 24 & Mark 10 *Sanctity of Life Sunday*
7. Jan 22 Rebellion's Cycle Judges 2 Return to God to Live
8. Jan 29 Willing Servants Judges 4 Deborah Lifts Barak
9. Feb 5 Timid Warrior Judges 6 Angel Charges Gideon
10. Feb 12 Compromised Potential Judges 16 Samson & Delilah
11. Feb 19 Faith Through Trials Ruth 1 Ruth Helps Naomi
12. Feb 13 Redeemed & Secure Ruth 3-4 Noble Ruth Wins

## Lesson Author's Theme

# The rewards of faithfulness come with the expectation of continued obedience

### Joshua 22

- 1-3 A Promise Kept – Tribes of Reuben, Gad, Half-Manasseh Faithful
- 4-5 Ongoing Responsibility – Return to Homes East of Jordan—Obey
- 6-8 Welcomed Blessing – Joshua Blessed Them & Return with Gold



Obedience is Rewarded ... look and see ... THEIR reward was GREAT!

Obedience is What God wants ... always ... **OUR Fidelity and Faithfulness**



## **Key Verse Joshua 22:5**

**Only carefully obey the command ...  
Moses the LORD's servant gave you:**

**to love the LORD your God, walk in all His  
ways, keep His commands, remain faithful  
to Him, and serve Him with all your heart  
and all your soul.**





## With respect to Love and Obedience



At Shiloh ...

Joshua charges ... even pleads with the  
Eastern Tribes of Gad, Reuben & half-Manasseh

Pleads with them most of all to **LOVE GOD**

Then, with a load of gold,

Joshua sends them **HOME**

After five years of battle,

they were going **HOME**

No matter where you are . . . or have been

Few things are **BETTER** than ... going **HOME**

*Few things are sweeter than*

***Home Sweet Home***





When we look at “Obey” in 1400 B.C.  
Our New Testament ethic ...

*We HURT and have trouble*

As seen at Jericho ... hopefully made clear

After FIVE years of “**O b e d i e n c e**”

Israel CONQUERS most of the land ...

**Kill, Displace or Enslave MOST ... lots of killing**

We will trust God ... on the ethics of so much killing

Killing of apparently INNOCENT people that our N.T. Love

*Cannot ... will NOT ... allow us a FULL Comfort ...*

**With Jericho & the above behind us – what’s GOOD?**



## Alternate Title

# Heart, Honor, Home

just for fun ...

not truly scientific > >

# 3H<sup>3</sup>

- ✓ May or may not find this worth much: **3H<sup>3</sup>** implies **HxHxH cubed**
  - ✓ No matter how you arrange them, can't have one *without* the other
  - ✓ **Heart** = Honor & Home
    - ✓ **Honor** = Heart & Home
    - ✓ **Home** = Heart & Honor
- Greater ONE gets...**  
**the Greater the Others!**

Together they multiply ... and each multiplies each other ...

As one grows, all grow ... **What is a HOME without HEART & HONOR**



The challenge ahead of us is monumental

How to condense the settlement of Israel ...

Obedience ... yes ... *yet there is more ...*

How can we bring that “obedience” **HOME** to us ...

In the year A.D. 2016 ... ???

I want to touch their **HEARTS** ... the  
**HEARTS** of Manasseh, Rueben and Gad

Most of all ... from this passage ...

hope we touch your **HEARTS** ...



Seeing words here ... **Heart – Honor – Home**

Ohh, how we ALL know and cherish ...

Few times in Scripture do have the privilege to **SEE**  
them **WORK** together and **GROW**  
in such a stupendous manner ...

Each of us have good portions of these ...

When they grow ... so does our

**LOVE grow**





**Heart** – takes a lot of *Heart* to come out of the wilderness and take a strange Pagan land

**Honor** – takes a lot of *Honor* to keep your word & commitment for FIVE years of BATTLE

**Home** – really, *Home* is what the fight is ALL about

**Heart, Honor, Home**



**3H<sup>3</sup>**

# Joshua ... His Charge at Shiloh

Settled—they had conquered *most* of the land!

By Joshua 18, Joshua camped at **Shiloh**

18:3 implies **COWARDICE**, as Joshua asked  
7 Tribes **WHY** they had been **SLACK** dividing land

Joshua sends out a survey team & casted lots

By Joshua 22:9, he gives a speech to  
Half of Manasseh, Gad & Reuben

They finally leave to go **HOME** ...

**Home Sweet Home** ...

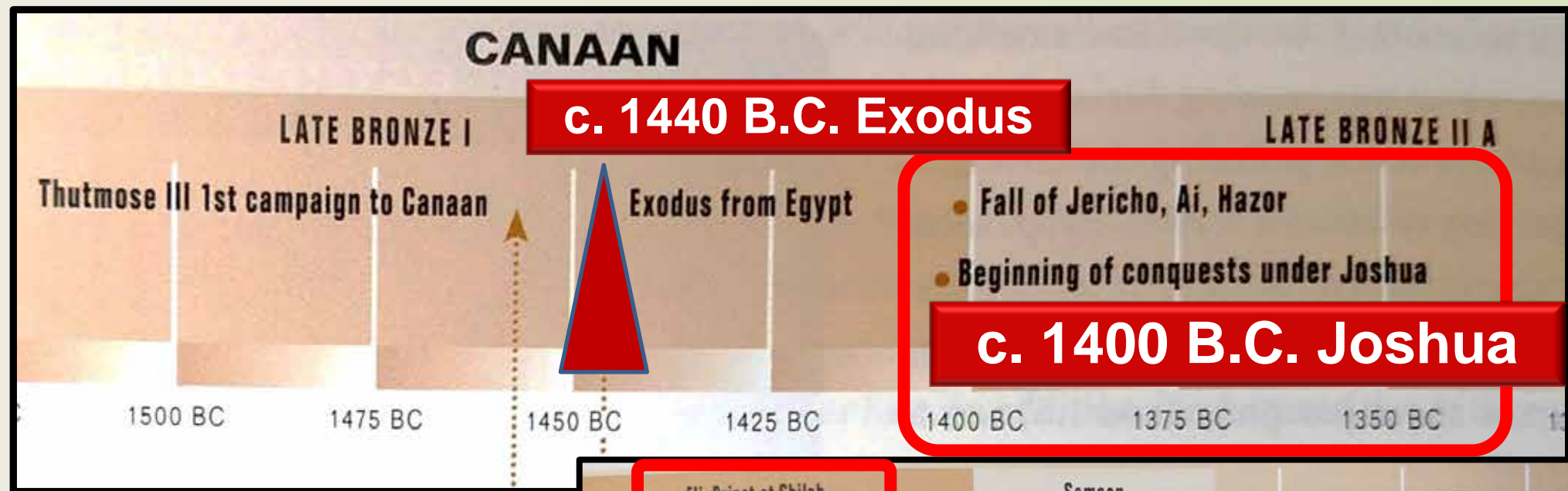
Going **HOME** to their families ...

*a very GOOD DAY*

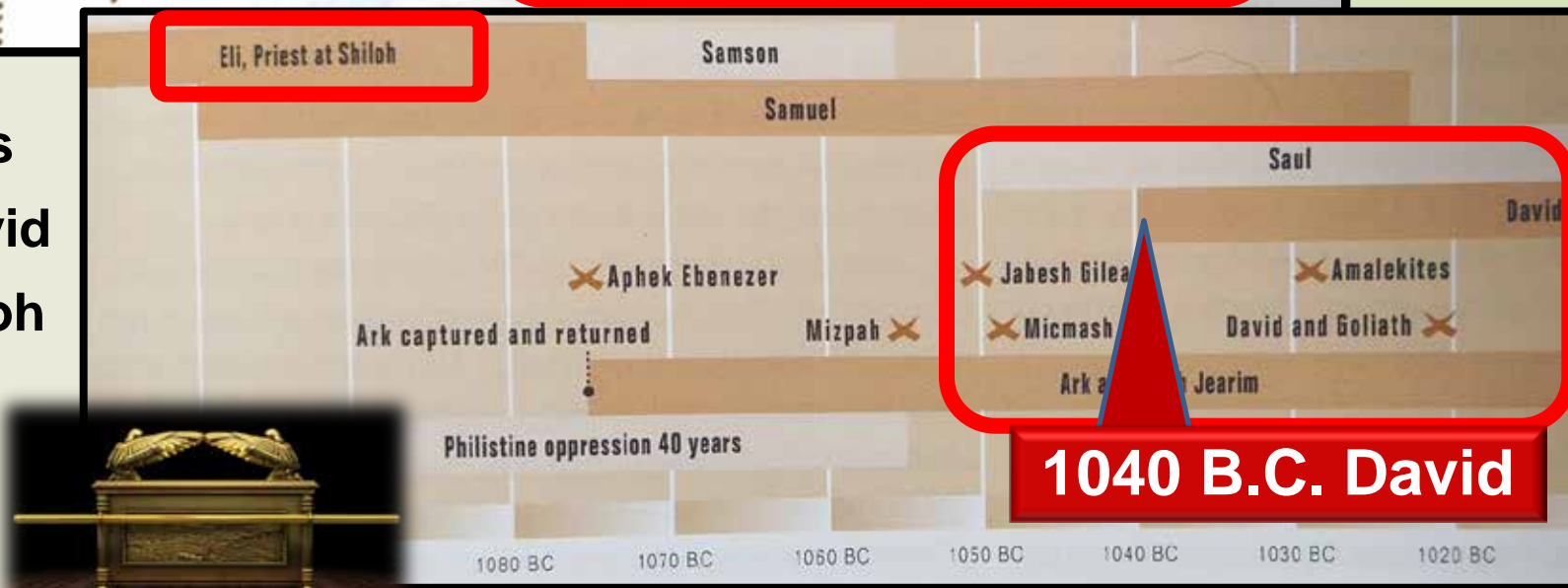




# Timeline ... From Joshua to 1 Samuel



300 yrs from the Exodus  
See the rise of King David  
Ark with Joshua at Shiloh  
Ark **STILL** in Shiloh  
w Eli 300 yrs later ...

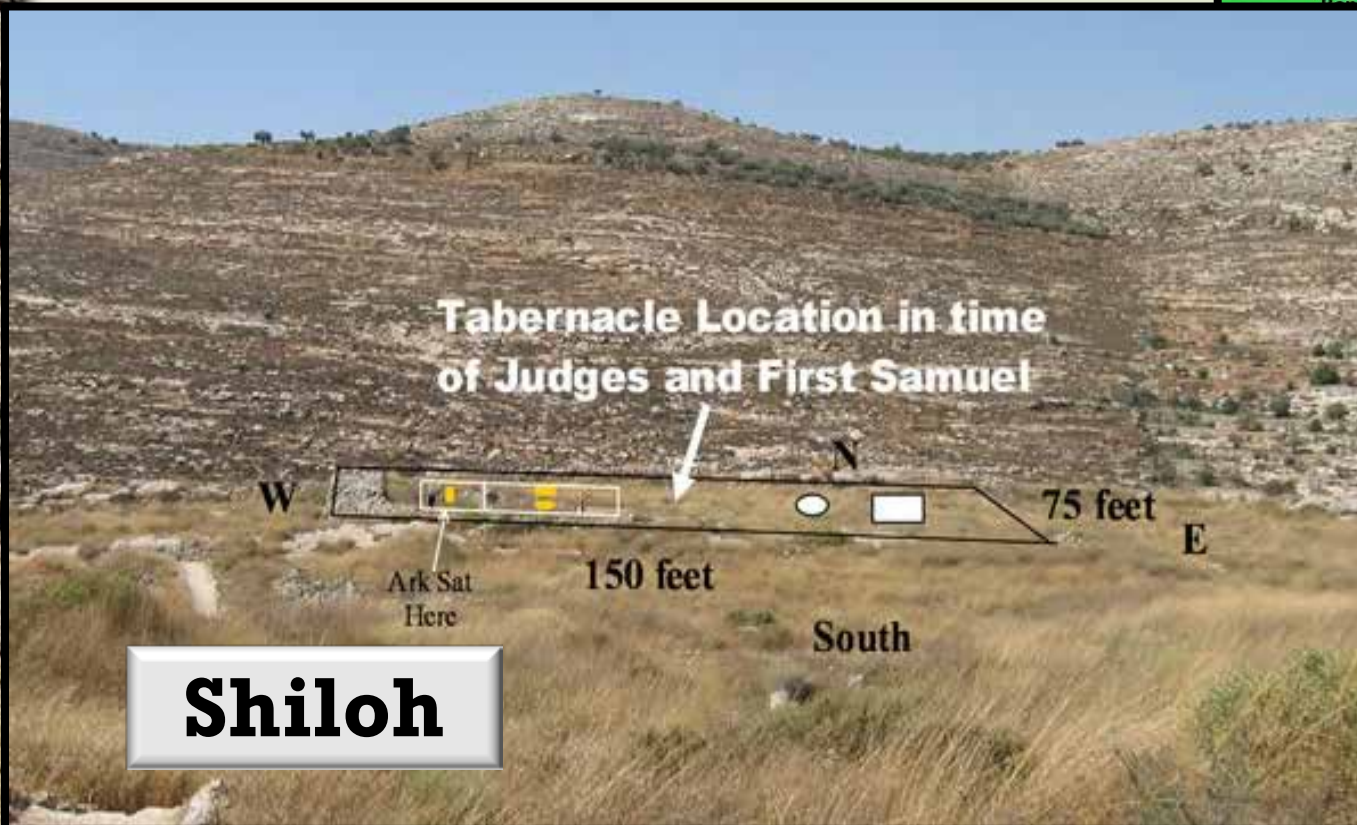




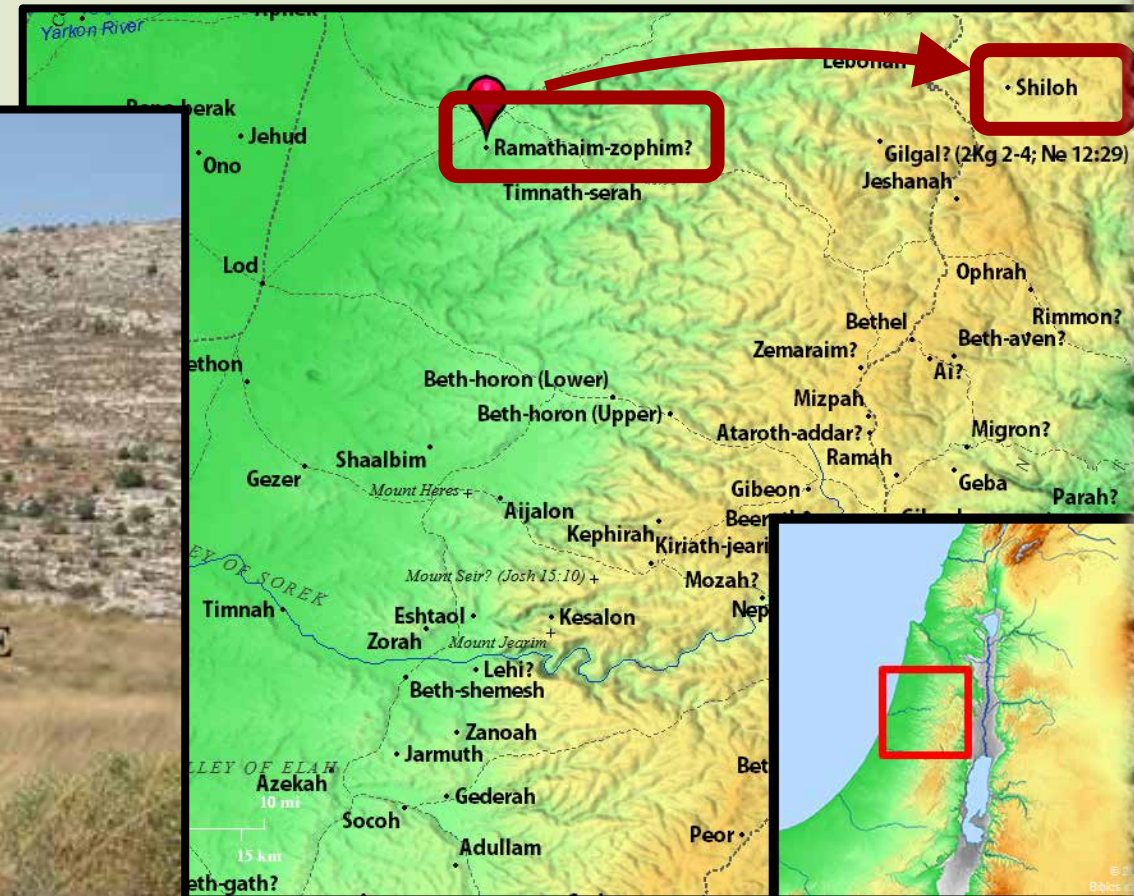
# 300 years *AFTER* Joshua in 1 Samuel

A certain man from Ramathaim . . . goes to Shiloh

- ✓ Elkanah with 2 wives, Hannah and Peninnah
- ✓ Went to Shiloh each year to worship
- ✓ **To Hannah, Samuel was born**

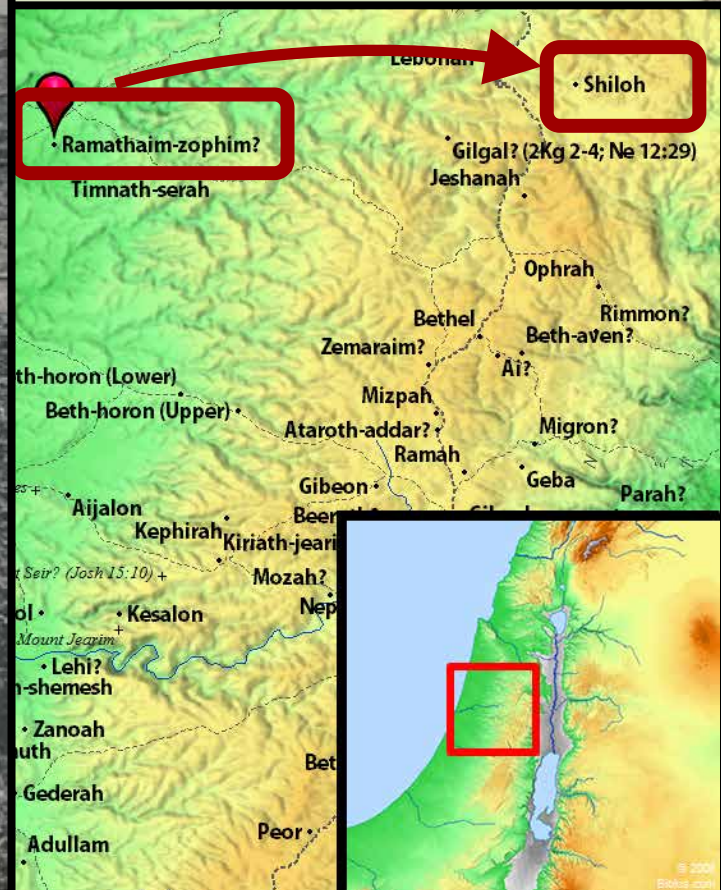


**Shiloh**



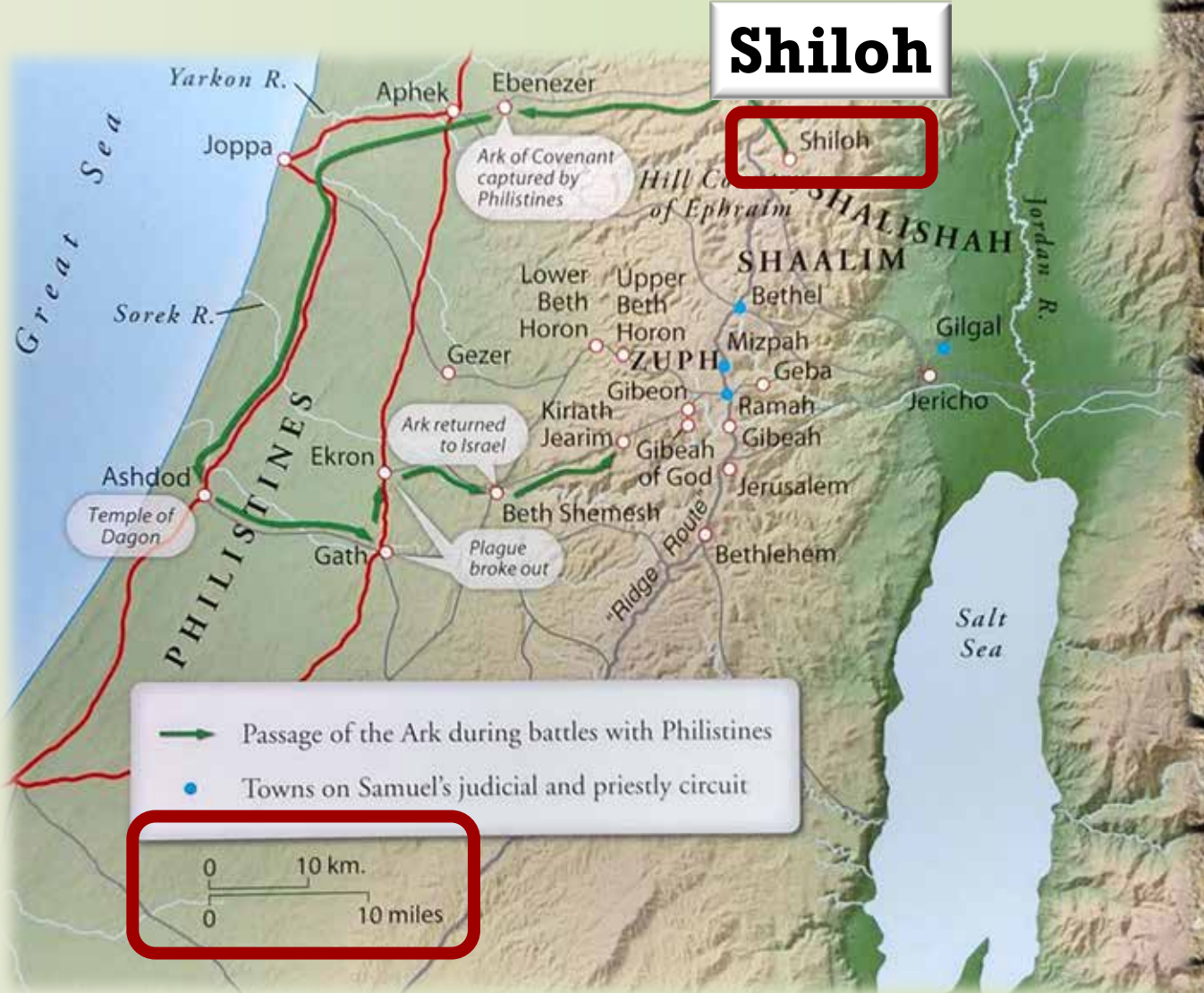


# Shiloh c. 1909





# Eli at Shiloh versa Tyler County





# Joshua ... and Tyler County

c. 1400 B.C. Israelites are at Shiloh (Ark there for 300 years)

Notice Tyler County

See Woodville

Think *Shiloh-Woodville*

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Where's Kountze?

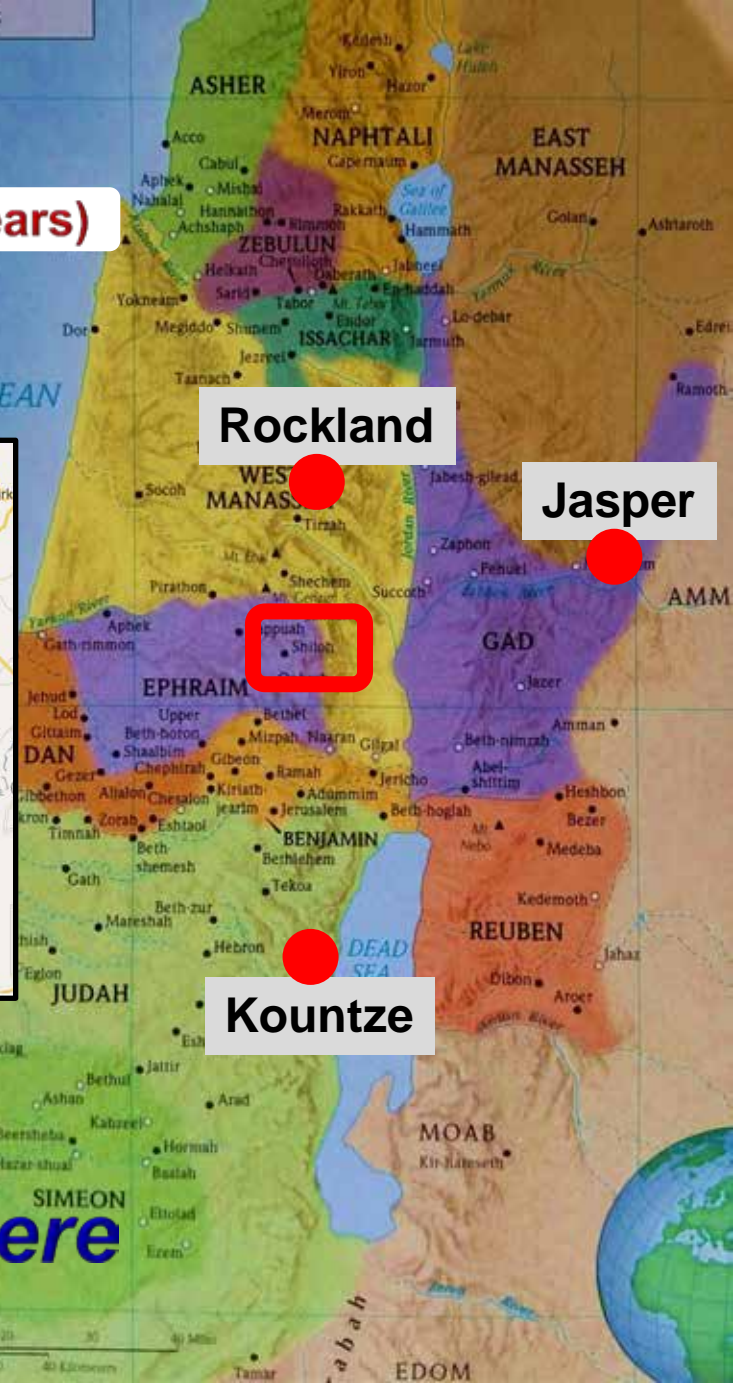
Where's Rockland?

Boring to us ... *perhaps*

Because we don't

***LIVE THERE***

***Nor do we HAVE to FIGHT here***





**Heart ... what heart!**

**NOT** present in the 40 years of wandering

**No Military Training in the Wilderness**

**None** that we are told ...

Take Jericho ... **KILL ALL** ... *sad, not good*

**CLEARLY** God Himself took the Walls

Children Bible Studies and Songs **CONFIRM**

**NO EASY** task ... several times **FEAR** is present ... and **GOD** saying to Joshua

***Fear Not***

Heart – what is **HEART?**

**Love of Family and Country**

**Fortitude, Determination, Courage!**





# Heart ... what heart!

## HEART

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.

*Helen Keller*





Heart ... what heart!

HEART

Keep love in your heart. A life  
without it is like a sunless garden  
when the flowers are dead.

*Oscar Wilde*

You must see, ANY follower of GOD, Yahweh,  
**CANNOT** enjoy the killing they did!





Heart ... what heart!

**HEART**



You **MUST** see that Obedience at times is  
**NOT PLEASANT**

Not in 1400 B.C. ... or ... A.D. 2016

But **ESPECIALLY** in 1400 B.C.  
Killing **CANNOT** be a pleasant task



**HEART** is Love of Family & Country  
**AND**

**HEART** is Courage to GO where God Calls  
**often**

**WITHOUT Full Understanding**





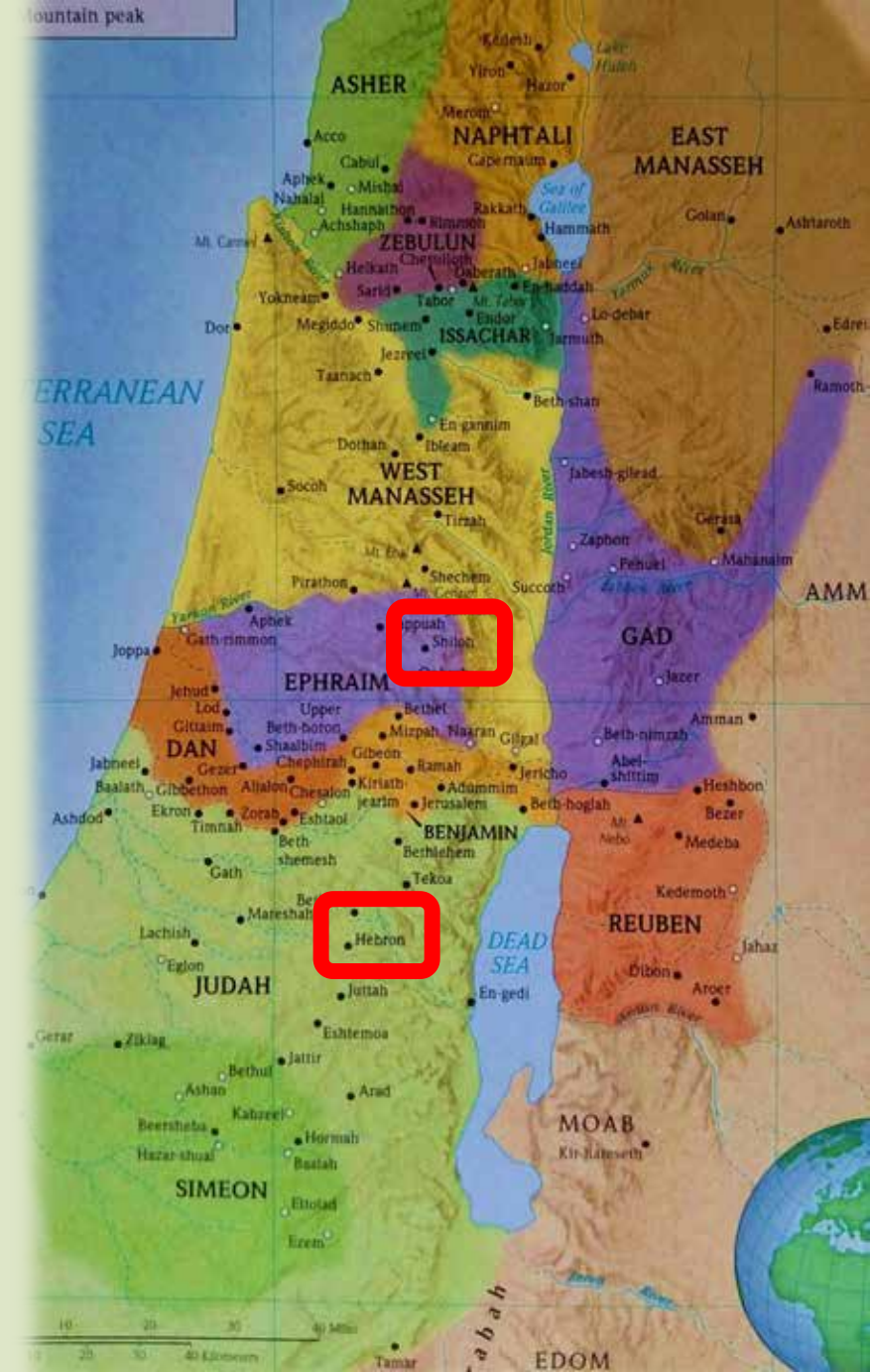
# Conquest by Joshua

Joshua 13, Joshua is OLD ... God him tells  
of land **NOT yet conquered** ... then

**13:7-8 Therefore, divide this land as an inheritance to the nine tribes and half the tribe of Manasseh." With the other half of the tribe Manasseh, the Reubenites and Gadites had received the inheritance Moses gave them beyond the Jordan to the east ...**

**Chapter 14, Caleb appeals to Joshua  
for HIS inheritance ... Hebron granted**

**Chapter 15 & following, land is divided ...**





## Chuck Swindoll outlines Joshua

## Then Joshua divides the land ...

chapter 13-21 ... lot of *LISTS* of cities

OUTSIDE CANAAN / PROMISES GIVEN	Commissioning the Leader Preparing the People		Conquering the Enemy		Dividing the Spoil				Warning the Victors		INSIDE CANAAN / PROMISES FULFILLED
	Invasion of land		Subjection of land		Distribution of land				The Conclusion		
	CENTRAL CAMPAIGN				PHASE ONE		PHASE TWO		PHASE THREE		
The commission (1)	Jericho (6)	Southern campaign (10)	Rueben, Gad ½ Manasse (13)	Benjamin (18)	Cities of refuge (20)	Civil war threat (22)	Separation (23)				
The spying (2)	Defeat at Ai (7)	Northern campaign and survey (11)	Caleb's autobiography (14)	Simeon, Zebulun, Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, Dan, Joshua (19)	Levites - 48 towns (21)		Service (24)				
The Jordan (3)	Victory at Ai (8)	Summary by kings (12)	Judah (15)								
The memorials (4)	Gibeonites (9)		Ephraim (16)								
The consecration (5)			½ Manasse (17)								
CHAPTERS 1-5	CHAPTERS 6-9	CHAPTERS 10-12	CHAPTERS 13-17	CHAPTERS 18-19	CHAPTERS 20-21	CHAPTER 22	CHAPTERS 23-24				

## Joshua ... Charge at Shiloh

Joshua 22:42-43: Each of these cities had its own surrounding pasturelands; this was true for all the cities. So the Lord gave Israel all the land He had sworn ... they settled there.

44 The Lord gave them **REST ON EVERY SIDE** according to all He had sworn to their fathers. None of their enemies were able to stand against them, for the Lord handed over all their enemies to them.

45 None of the good promises the Lord had made to the house of Israel failed.  
*Everything was fulfilled.*

**EVERYTHING was fulfilled!**  
*though NOT all was taken yet*





## Joshua ... Charge at Shiloh

By Joshua 18, Joshua camped at Shiloh & sent out a survey team ... then casted lots for land

Joshua 22:9, we are at **Shiloh ... Land Taken**

After Joshua's speech, Half of Manasseh, Gad & Reuben leave to go HOME ...

They get to go HOME ...

*Hearts* Full ... *Honor* Intact ... and *HOMESICK*

**Home Sweet Home ...**

**Go HOME to their families ...**

To grapple with this homecoming, we must look a little at the **EXTENT** of the Conquest





# 12 Sons of Jacob ... 12 Tribal Allotments

Few things in the Bible are ***MORE boring*** or more ***tedious*** than:

- ✓ Genealogies – begat, begat, begat ...
- ✓ Tribal Allotment City Lists
- ✓ Leviticus Laws on Offerings

**BORING**

Usually these passages are avoided ...  
or at best ***speed read*** ...

***Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay***

Sometimes even the digging to find relevance  
... ***can still be tedious*** ...

**Notice: 12 Tribal Allotments**





# 12 Sons of Jacob ... 12 Tribal Allotments

Jacob had 12 sons by 4 women



Jacob Refusing to Let Benjamin Leave, 1829,  
by Eugene Roger (1807-1840)  
Musee des Beaux-Arts, Rouen, France

mothers		12 Sons Jacob	
	<b>1</b>	Leah	<b>1</b> Reuben
		Leah	<b>2</b> Simeon
		Leah	<b>3</b> Levi
		Leah	<b>4</b> Judah
Rachel's Servant	<b>2</b>	Bilhah	<b>5</b> Dan
Rachel's Servant		Bilhah	<b>6</b> Naphtali
Leah's Servant	<b>3</b>	Zilpah	<b>7</b> Gad
Leah's Servant		Zilpah	<b>8</b> Asher
		Leah	<b>9</b> Issachar
		Leah	<b>10</b> Zebulun
	<b>4</b>	Rachel	<b>11</b> Joseph
		Rachel	<b>12</b> Benjamin

## 12 Sons of Jacob ... 12 Tribal Allotments

Jacob had 12 sons by 4 women

He worked hard for Rachel ...

He dealt with Laban the father

12 Sons ... yet ...

Look at the Tribal Allotments ...

You don't see Levi or Joseph

Yet, look at the map and COUNT  
the number of Tribal Allotments

Still there are 12 Tribal Allotments

	mothers		12 Sons Jacob
	Leah	1	Reuben
	Leah	2	Simeon
	Leah	3	Levi
	Leah	4	Judah
Rachel's Servant	Bilhah	5	Dan
Rachel's Servant	Bilhah	6	Naphtali
Leah's Servant	Zilpah	7	Gad
Leah's Servant	Zilpah	8	Asher
	Leah	9	Issachar
	Leah	10	Zebulun
	Rachel	11	Joseph
	Rachel	12	Benjamin



# 12 Sons of Jacob ... 12 Tribal Allotments

Quarterly's map is very good

Count the allotments, still comes to 12 ... *for 12 tribes*

*WITHOUT* Levi & Joseph  
.... that equals 10 ... *hmmm???*

For Joseph ... 2 tribes of  
**Manasseh & Ephraim**

**Joseph got a *double* portion**

Manasseh Lion's Share – 2 large parcels E & W of the Jordan River

E & W Manasseh became entities in their own right in Israel's affairs

12 Allotments
Asher
Naphtali
Zebulun
Issachar
<b>Manasseh</b>
Gad
Reuben
<b>Ephraim</b>
Benjamin
Dan
Judah
Simeon





# 12 Sons of Jacob ... 12 Tribal Allotments

Tribe of Levi was given only cities

Other tribes supported Levi

... as Levi took care of worship

Moses, Aaron, Samuel, Ezekiel  
were all Levi's descendants

## 6 of those Cities of Refuge

East – Golan, Ramoth & Bezer

West – Kedesh, Shechem & Hebron

*yeah—Sanctuary Cities!!*

## Four divisions of Levite Cities

13 cities Aaronite division

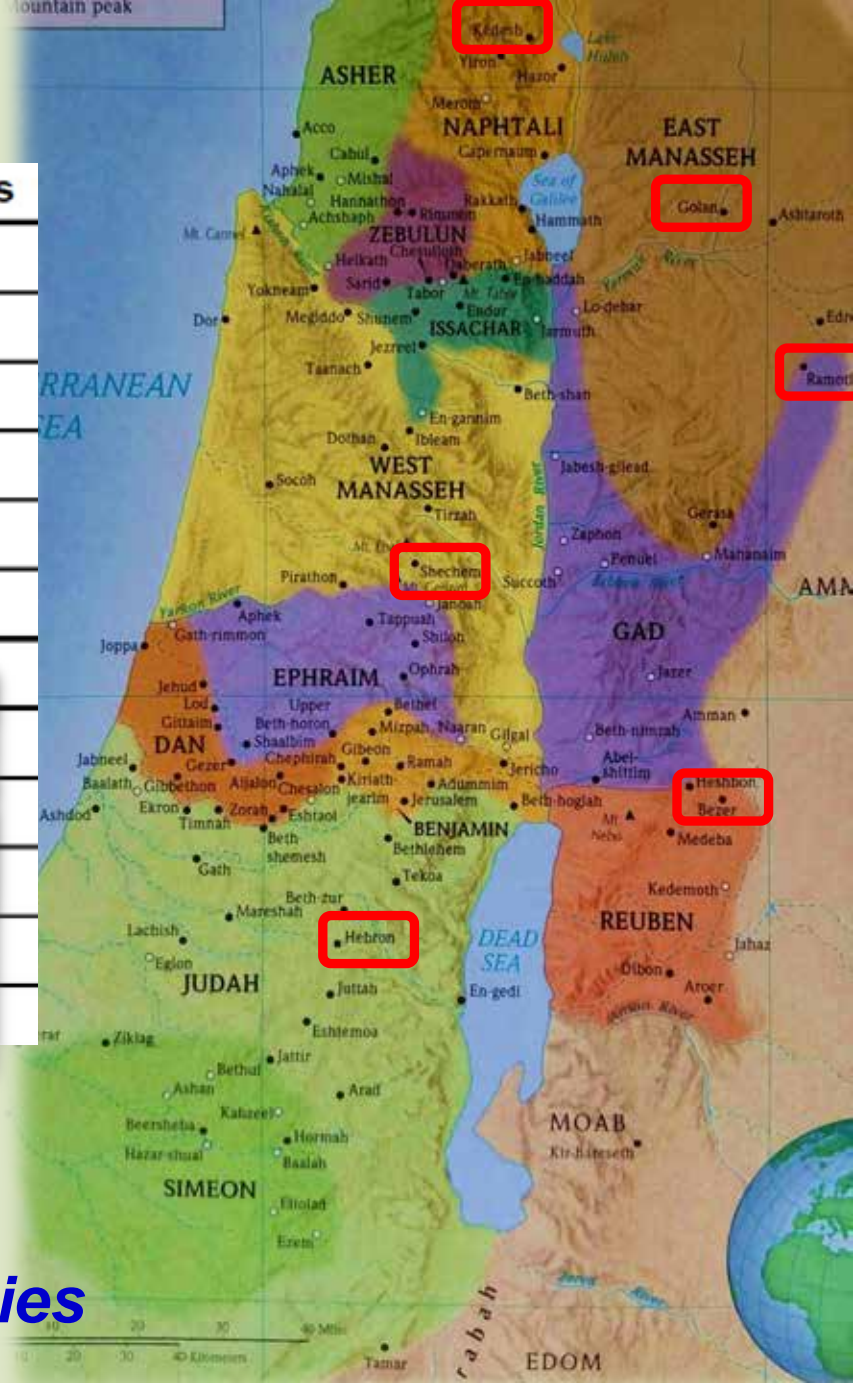
13 cities Gershonite division

10 cities Kohathite division

12 cities Merarite division

**= 48 Levitical Cities**

12 Allotments
Asher
Naphtali
Zebulun
Issachar
Manasseh
Gad
Reuben





12 Sons of Jacob ...

Northern Tribal Allotments

HONOR



*Honor – what is it?*

**In the Military ... doing one's duty Facing Danger**

**Holding the line – Standing by Your Partner**

*And much, much more ...*





# 12 Sons of Jacob ...

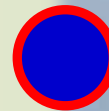
## Northern Tribal Allotments

There are  
a LOT  
of cities  
TAKEN

Asher



Naphtali



Zebulun



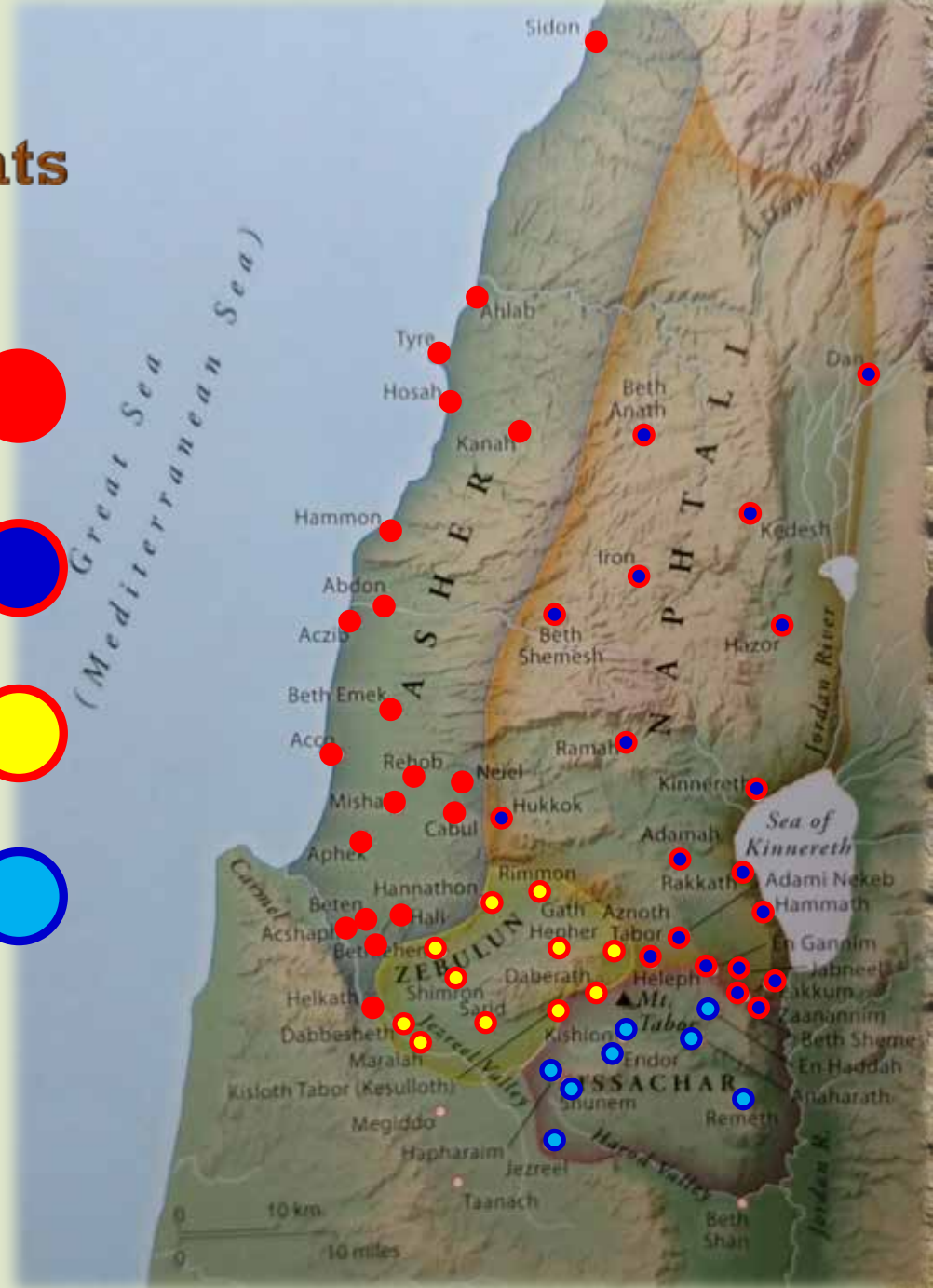
Issachar



Honor – what is it?

*Most basic is  
being GOOD & hating evil*

*And much, much more ...*





# 12 Sons of Jacob ...

## Northern Tribal Allotments

Honor – what is it?

Not giving up when  
the going gets tough!

Means Family, Country,  
and God are

**MORE** important than **SELF**

*And much, much more ...*



# 12 Sons of Jacob ...

## Middle Tribal Allotments

Honor – what is it?

*Means: respected*

*“in high esteem”*

*“deserving  
esteem”*

*“keeping an  
obligation”*

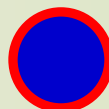
*“keeping your word”*

*NOT Lying or Cheating*

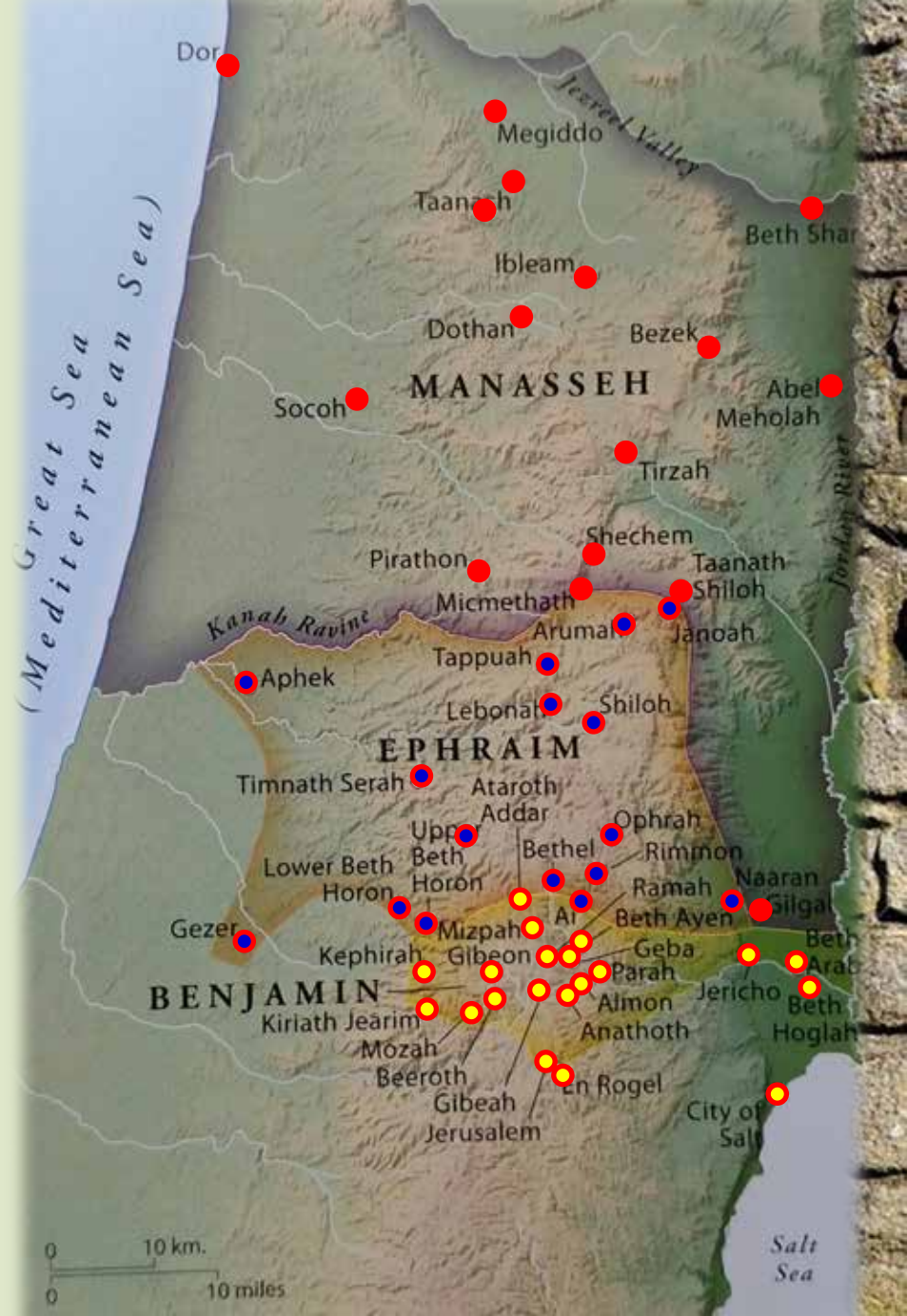
**Manasseh**



**Ephraim**



**Benjamin**





# 12 Sons of Jacob ...

## Southern Tribal Allotments

### Honor – What is it?

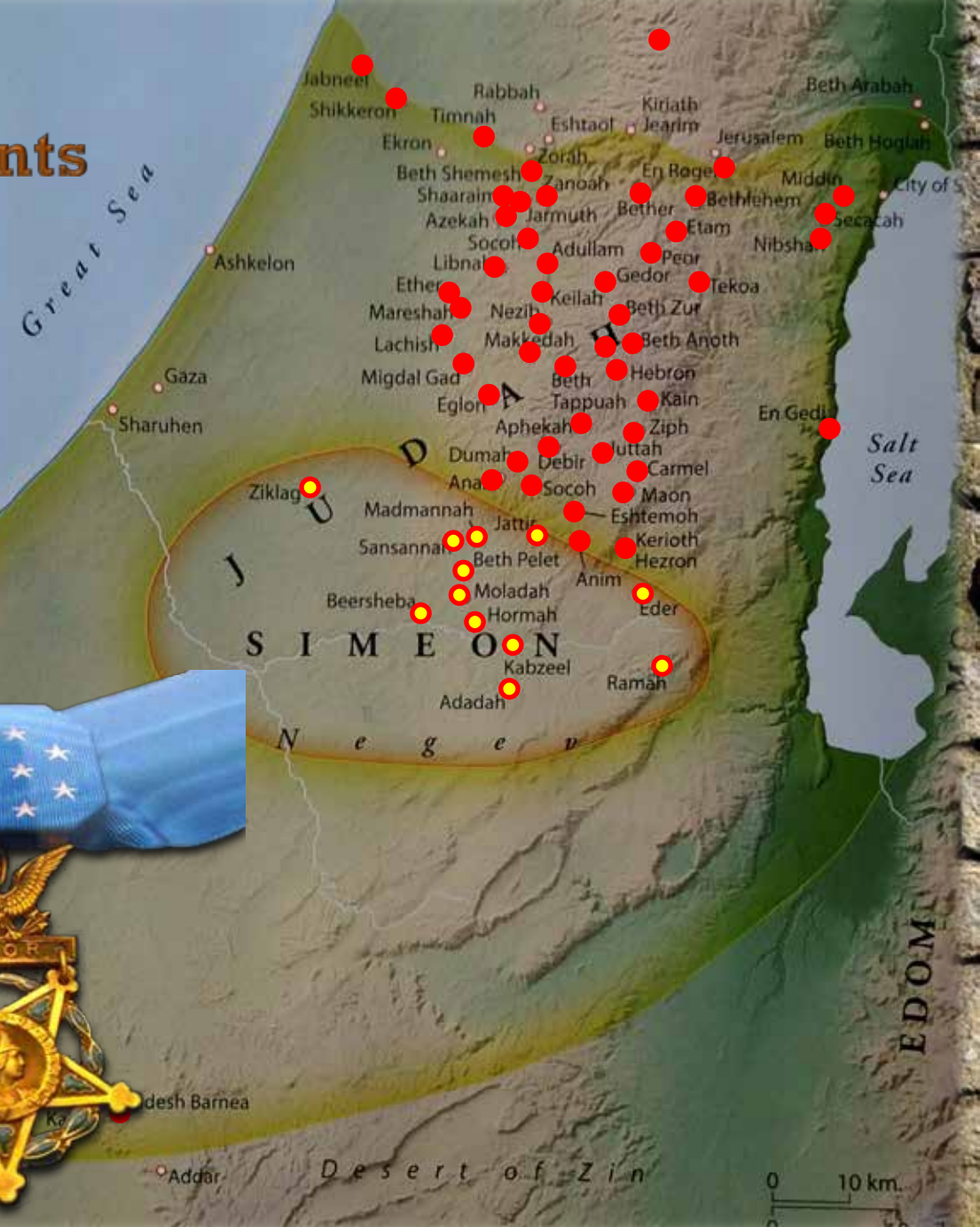
Dr. Samuel Johnson,  
in his 1755 *Dictionary  
of the English Language*  
(1755), defined honor:

“nobility of soul,  
magnanimity, and a  
scorn of meanness.”

Magnanimity is from the Latin  
*Magna-Animus* – “Great Mind”

Magnanimity – forgiving an insult  
or injury; free from petty resents,  
free from vindictiveness

Judah ●  
Simeon ●





# 12 Sons of Jacob ... 12 Tribal Allotments

Color Boundaries are arbitrary ...

Based solely upon the “cities” mentioned

*Discrepancies:*

- ✓ Num. 32 – Gad gets Aroer & Dibon
- ✓ Josh. 13 – Reuben gets Aroer & Dibon
- ✓ Josh. 13 – Reuben & Gad get Heshbon
- ✓ 1 Chron. 6 – only Gad gets Heshbon

One explanation is the eastern cities were given UNDIVIDED to Manasseh, Gad, Reuben

Settlements evolved to favor one tribe

Gad becomes important – 1 Chron. 12:8-15 lists several **Gadites** in David’s “Mighty Men”  
*Mighty Help to David*





# 12 Sons of Jacob ... 12 Tribal Allotments

Honor – What does Honor mean

Among many things, it means willing to be able to face an uncertain future

For a cause GREATER than oneself ...

Honor means being **True to God** and  
to **Your People** ... to **Your Church** ...

Honor means I will **sacrifice my life**  
for **ANOTHER**

Heart is the **seat** of our dearest feelings

Honor is a dear **Code of Conduct** saying  
“right” cannot be bought ...





# 12 Sons of Jacob ... 12 Tribal Allotments

What does Honor mean in 1400 B.C. Israel?

BOUNDARIES back then were NOT locked

Back then, this was ONE Nation *Under God*

In truth & fact, this was the

**FIRST Nation Under God**

Aaaahhhh ... you DO understand that?

That the fate, destiny, prosperity of the U.S.A.  
is *TIED with* Israel ... for *better or worse*

Understand—fate of the WORLD tied to Israel

Hosea and MANY prophets pictured God's  
relation to Israel as a

**Marriage** *for better or worse*





# 12 Sons of Jacob ... 12 Tribal Allotments

Genesis 12:3 has NOT changed:

I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Israel was truly ... certainly ... absolutely

## FIRST Nation Under God

We have come close to completely forsaking Israel ... in the last several years ...

Of the Tribal Allotments ... as confusing and boring as they may seem ...

Realize ... God was **NATION BUILDING**

you know ... that is God's prerogative ... to build and tear down





# 12 Sons of Jacob ... 12 Tribal Allotments

We do NOT know what the ORIGINAL  
Founding Fathers of Israel looked like ...

So ... maybe this will help

See Asher, Gad, Zebulun ... Reuben?

- Asher
- Naphtali
- Zebulun
- Issachar
- Manasseh
- Gad
- Reuben
- Ephraim
- Benjamin

John Adams

John  
Hancock

Alexander  
Hamilton

George  
Washington

John Jay

Patrick  
Henry

James  
Madison

Samuel  
Adams

Thomas  
Jefferson

Ben Franklin

## Founding Fathers ALL of Them

*Signing Declaration of Independence, 1819*  
by John Trumbull, 12 x 18 feet  
in the United States Capitol Rotunda



# 12 Sons of Jacob ... 12 Tribal Allotments

Now then ... maybe it is NOT so boring

Look again at the map

Those Twelve Sons of Jacob were  
revered, respected ... **HONORED**

**as Founding Fathers ... to Israel**

No one forgot them ... *no one but us*

If we **TOTALLY** forget, so goes *our U.S.A.*

Likewise, what brought them together?

Ohhh ... you know this so, so very well ...

1400 B.C. or A.D. 1776 ... same thing

Loyalty ... and their **Sacred Honor**

*waaaay back ... when Honor mattered as much at **LIFE***

12 Allot

Asher

Naphtali

Zebulun

Issachar

**Manasseh**

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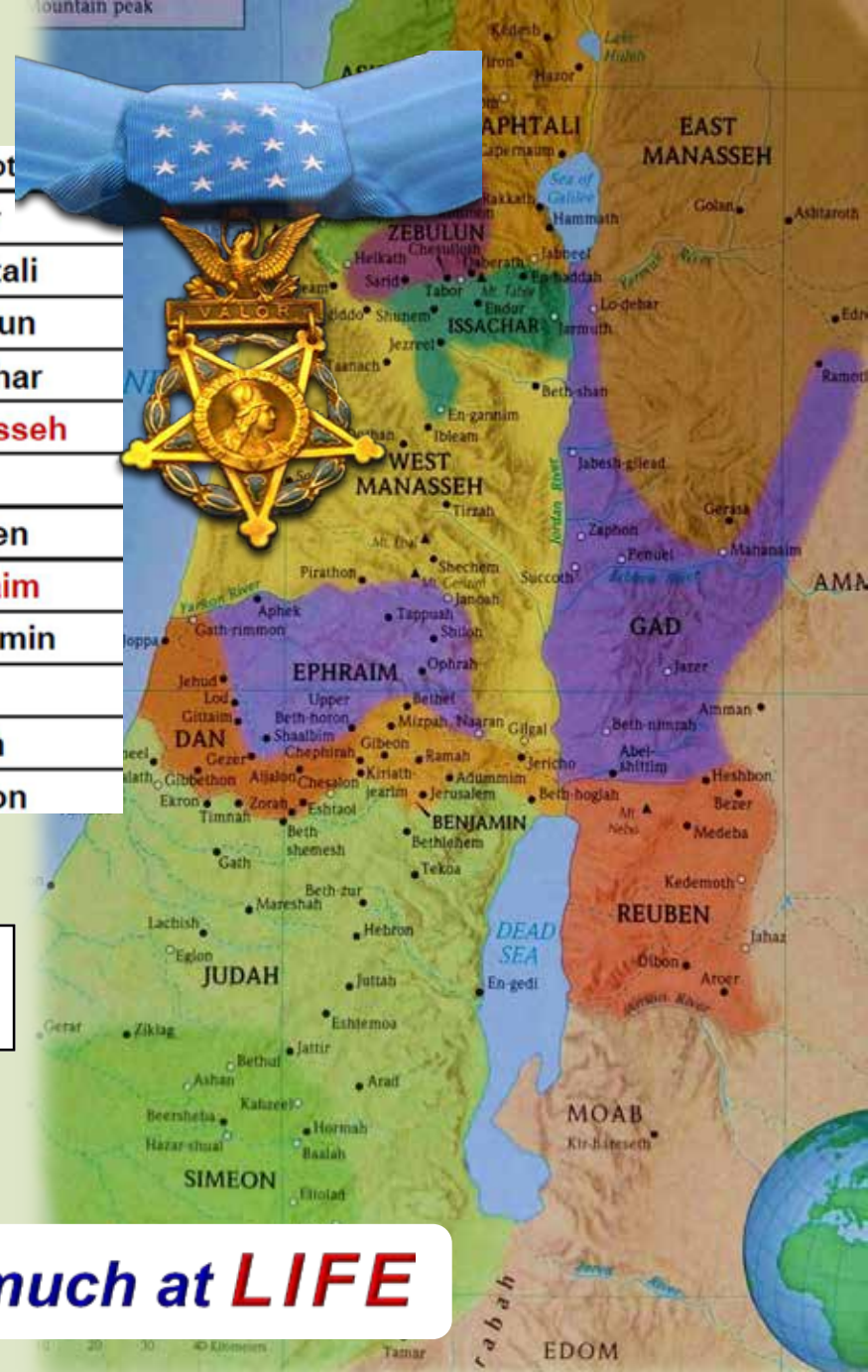
**Ephraim**

Benjamin

Dan

Judah

Simeon



## **Joshua 22:1-3 A Promise Kept – Reuben, Gad, Manasseh Faithful**

**<sup>1</sup> Joshua summoned the Reubenites, Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, <sup>2</sup> and told them, "You have done everything Moses the Lord's servant commanded you and have obeyed me in everything I commanded you.**

**<sup>3</sup> You've not deserted your brothers even once this whole *TIME* but have carried out the requirement of the command of the Lord your God.**

**That is ... the Eastern Tribes were Faithful and Courageous for:**

**Five Years of Conquest**

**Five whole years AWAY from home ... on the march**

**East, West ... North and South ... Fighting ... Killing & Displacing**

**Enslaving and Settling**



## Joshua 22:1-3 A Promise Kept – Reuben, Gad, Manasseh Faithful

So ... you have **HALF** the heart of the lesson.

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# **Five Years of Conquest**

## **Joshua 22:4-5 Ongoing Responsibility – Return to Homes**

**4 Now that He has given your brothers rest, just as He promised them, return to your homes in your own land that Moses the Lord's servant gave you across the Jordan.**

**5 Only carefully obey the command and instruction that Moses the Lord's servant gave you: to **LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD**, walk in all His ways, keep His commands, remain faithful to Him, and serve Him with all your heart and all your soul."**

**3 You have not deserted your brothers even once this whole time but have carried out the requirement of the command of the Lord your God.**

**Honor – what is HONOR? ... keeping your word ... and more**

**Let me offer up something for you ...**



## Joshua 22:4-5 Ongoing Responsibility – Return to Homes

Call it the Maness Homestead Equation ...  **$3H^3$**

Don't have to be Einstein to figure this out ...

you will IMMEDIATELY see ... **Heart x Honor x Home =  $3H^3$**

Call it  **$3H^3$**  that is ... **3 H's cubed** ... in the Maness Homestead Equation

Works any which way you turn: *can't have one without the other two*

*Said in another way ... What's a*

**Heart = Honor & Home** - *Heart without Honor & a Home?*

**Honor = Heart & Home** - *Honor without a Heart & a Home?*

**Home = Heart & Honor** - *Home without a Heart & Honor?*

**Heart x Honor x Home =  $3H^3$**

# Settling Down ... *finally!*

It might NOT mean a lot to YOU

But it meant a GREAAAT Deal to the Eastern Tribes

O.T. Israel was about 11,000 mi<sup>2</sup>  
*over 8,000 mi<sup>2</sup> today ... 1/10th size of Florida*

Tyler County 936 mi<sup>2</sup> ... 1/11th of O.T. Israel  
w 22k pop.

Dallas County 912 mi<sup>2</sup> ... *tad smaller*  
w 2.5 million pop.

Israel today has 8.1 million pop.

We do NOT know the pop. of Israel 1400 B.C.

But there were a LOT of people ... *killed or displaced*





## Settling Down ... *finally!*

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## Descendants of Manasseh, Gad, and Rueben ... **FIVE YEARS** in battle

**Five YEARS of BATTLE .. NOT EASY ...**

**11:14, Like Jericho, they killed *ALL in Hazor*.  
archaeology showing 15th cen. 40-100k pop.**

**15:63, *Not displace Jebusites* from Jerusalem**

**16:10, Ephraim *didn't* displace all from Gezer**

- NOT told How Many were killed ...
- NOT told How Many COULD NOT displace





# Settling Down ... *finally!*

## HOME – what is it?

HOME is FAMILY ... each diverse

HOME is FAMILY ... each cherished

Husband & Wife ... Children

Father & Mother ... Grandparents

Magical mixture of extended members

Magical mixture of a few friends ...

Spiritual mixture in a Church Home ...

FAMILY – where our Honor & Hearts reside

FAMILY – **where REST is Sweet  
and HOPE Lives**





# Settling Down ... *finally!*

**GOING HOME** meant a **GREAT Deal** to the Eastern Tribes

**Descendants of Manasseh, Gad, and Rueben ... FIVE YEARS** in battle

**FIVE Years** away from their families ...

**FIVE Years** ago, the families said **GOOD BYE** to **Soldiers crossing the river near Jericho**

**FIVE Years** ago, the families East of Jordan began to build homes ...

That is, women, weaker old men & children  
*began to build homes east of Jordan*



## Joshua 22:6-8 Welcomed Blessing – Joshua Blessed Them

<sup>6</sup> Joshua blessed them and sent them on their way, and they went to their *HOMES*.

<sup>7</sup> Moses had given [territory] to half the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, but Joshua had given [territory] to the other half, with their brothers, on the west side of the Jordan. When Joshua sent them to their homes and blessed them,

<sup>8</sup> he said, "Return to your homes with great wealth: a huge number of cattle, and silver, gold, bronze, iron, and a large quantity of clothing. Share the spoil of your enemies with your brothers."

Very easily ... you can and immediately see ...

Heart, Honor, Home – intermingle in sweet, sweet concourse

**No place ... no place like home!**



## Joshua 22:6-8 Welcomed Blessing – Joshua Blessed Them

You see ... it's been 45+ years since the Exodus from Egypt

ONLY Joshua & Caleb knew ... ALL the rest heard stories of their 400 years in Egypt from their Mom & Pop & Grandpas ...

They were WANDERERS ... Vagabonds in hostile country

Now—after five years of BATTLE—soldiers are going HOME ...

Soldiers of the Eastern Tribes, Gad, Reuben, Manasseh ... *tired*

*Heart* – Heart is the seat of our precious feelings for others

*Honor* – Honor is the “Code of Goodness” we stand by in battle

*Home* – Home is the treasured, hallowed ground that grew both the Good Heart and Honor

# Settling Down ... *finally!*

Gad, from which David will get  
some Mighty Men 300 years hence

Mom & two kids, NOW 5 & 7 yrs old

Waiting these FIVE years ...

7-yr-old Johnny says, "I miss Dad," but truth  
be told, he *cannot recall what Dad looks like*

Wife-Mom-Homebuilder ... rougher, tougher,  
with some grey hair ... hopes and prays

So many killed ... Her Husband, she LOVES

Waits and prays ... you see ... you must see

Mom and kids did **NOT KNOW WHEN** ...

**FIVE years ... is a LONG time**





# Settling Down ... *finally!*

Gadite warriors head for *HOME*

Now, remember, they GREW up wandering the desert ...

I suppose there was military training as the camps moved from spot to spot

Now heading home, many with scars

Gadites did not have far to go ...

Manasseh had a long way to go ...

Some with 5-year-old wounds they received shortly after Jericho ...

Some Gadite soldiers limped from fresh wounds ... *thinking of HOME all the way*





# Settling Down ... *finally!*

Gadite warriors head for **HOME**

I suppose it was a cool day when  
they crossed Jordan going east

Gadites passed through Jericho

HOMEWARD bound ... at long last ...

Wives cry as they see their husbands come

Children run ... run ... run ... run ...

Old cry, too, with pride in their hearts ...

Home at long last ...

Peace at long last ...

**Heart ... Honor ... Home ...**





# Settling Down ... *finally!*

Bringing it all HOME ...

A teenager plays in Woodville

Basketball ... tennis ... football

Go Woodville Eagles! ! !

Goes to school ...

1st through 12th

Hunts & fishes with  
Dad and Uncles

Mom bakes pies on  
Thanksgiving

Ham basted on X-Mas





# Settling Down ... *finally!*

He passes the U.S. Flag at the School

**INSIDE** the school too

Sees the U.S. Flag at the Post Office

U.S. Flag flies from several homes

U.S. Flag flies from businesses

The teenager ... hardly notices

The teenager grows up ...

Gets a part-time job ...

George, named after

George Washington &

His favorite uncle George





## Settling Down ... *finally!*

George cannot afford college

But his Father was a U.S. Marine

George joins the U.S. Marine Corps

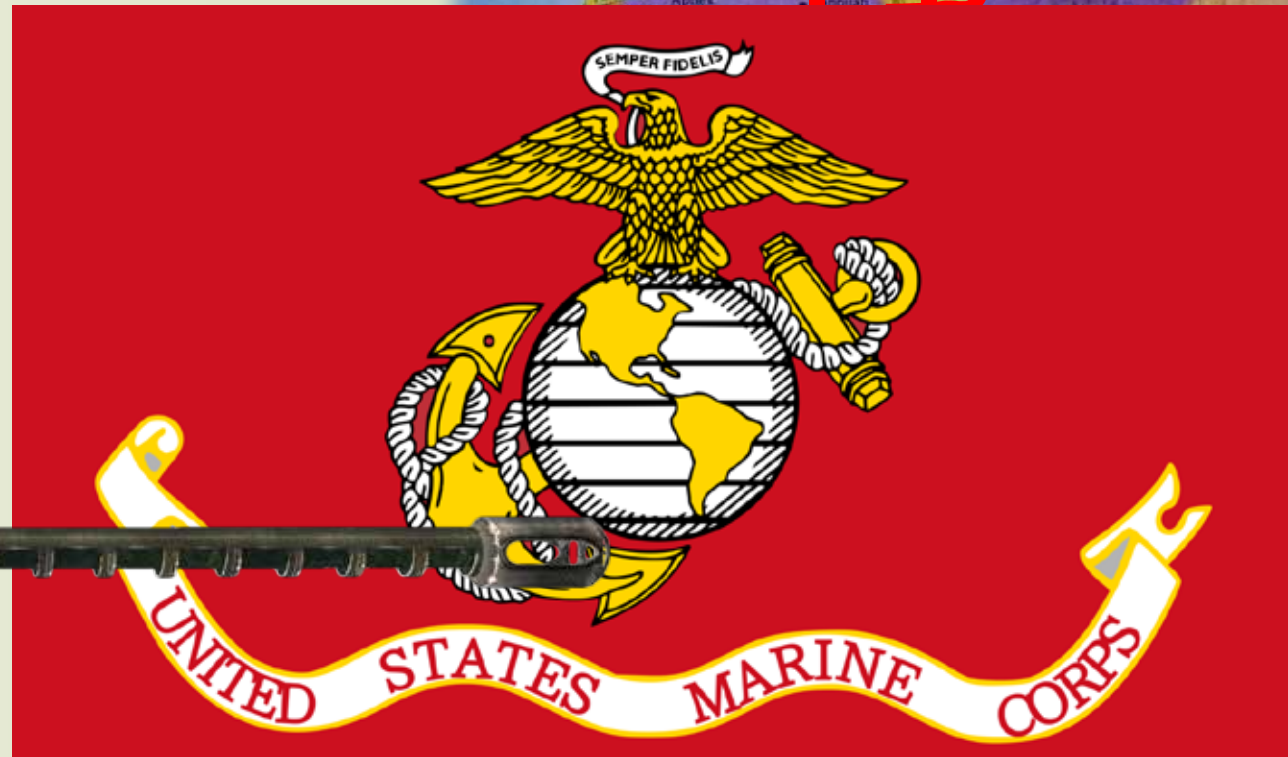
Off he goes ... Boot camp is rough ...

He makes friends ...

He was ALWAYS a good hunter

He progresses to Sniper School

George earns his stripes ...



## Settling Down ... *finally!*

George is finally deployed to Iraq  
His job is to COVER his fellow soldiers  
His job is KILL the enemy  
BEFORE they KILL his fellow soldiers  
George is wounded in his knee,  
but only minor ...  
George is back to his post in a week  
George racks up 33 confirmed kills  
George, ah, saw many more killed  
many more killed ...  
He never knew death like this





# Settling Down ... *finally!*

George lost several friends  
George had NEVER lost before  
George had NEVER lost a  
Friend or Family before  
George was NEW to GRIEF  
SEEING ... friends SHOT ... Killed  
These TEARS were new to George  
He thanked God ... **he LIVED**  
WAR ... WAR is terrible ...  
George thought of HOME ...  
George LONGED for HOME





## Settling Down ... *finally!*

George is finally allowed to go home

George's 3 years **SEEMED** like 10 YEARS

George catch's the first flight he can ...

He's 23 ... a MAN ... a War Veteran ...

Of course, did **NOT** fly First-class

They have a 3-hour layover in  
Atlanta, Georgia

WHO CARES? ... they can ...

*They can truly Sleep A N Y W H E R E*

Who CARES?

**they are GOING HOME**





# Settling Down ... *finally!*

George finally arrives ... **H O M E**

A tear comes to his eye ...  
as he taxi passes his old High School

*Flag ... U.S. FLAG flying in the wind*

He is almost home ...

He passes the U.S. Post Office ...

*U.S. FLAG flying in the wind*

You see, George LEFT innocent ...

3 yrs ago, George LEFT a young man

Now George sees the FLAG as much  
more than Stars and Stripes





# Settling Down ... *finally!*

George looks at the Flag ...

He thinks of Pete, killed in Iraq ...

He thinks of Sam, lost a leg in Iraq ...

George had a **HEART** & a **HOME** ...

NOW ... 3 years later ...

George has **HONOR** ...

Oh, George had a little **HONOR** before,  
but it was untried ... childish ...

Today, coming **HOME** ...

George has **REAL HONOR** ...

***Proven HONOR ...***





# Settling Down ... *finally!*

Somethings **ONLY** adults grasp

A child can know a little ... only a little

Oh, the best ... the very best is

When George's **HONOR** was **TESTED**

When George's **HONOR** was **HAMMERED**

When George's **HONOR** was **PROVEN**

George's **HEART & HOME GREW** too

Why ... because **NOW** ...

George had Paid the **PRICE** for **HONOR**

And **THEN** ...





# Settling Down ... *finally!*

Taxi pulled into his parent's **HOME**

There on the front porch ... *waiting*

his Momma and Daddy ... *smiling*

George's **HEART, HONOR, HOME** ...

Came together like **NEVER** before ...

**HEART, HONOR, HOME** churned ...

Roiled ... boiled ... overflowed ...

Tears of joy ... Tears of **HOMECOMING**

**HEART, HONOR, HOME** those are

a *FEW* of the fountains of **LOVE**

In **EVERY** Age ... **EVERY** Tribe





# Settling Down ... *finally!*

The Eastern Tribes' ... Soldiers

**Crossed the Jordan River ...**

Manasseh, Reuben, Gad ... after 5 years

They were **HOME** ...

Weary ... wounded ... yet ...

**HEARTS** lifted ... **CHILDREN** smiling

**HONOR** secure ... their **WORD** kept

**HOMES** warmed ... *words fail us*

Home Sweet Home ...

One Nation Under God ...

**LOVE** and **Peace** ... *for little awhile*





**In All Our Journeys, good & bad,  
May Your Heart & Honor  
Always Find Rest in Your**

**Good Home**

**View from Mt. Nebo**



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