

DIVIDING THE LAND

- The job of conquering Canaan is not yet finished
- God-Principle: Perfect circumstances are never necessary to be obedient or to move ahead
- Joshua 11 – 19 is one continuous story about dividing the land

THE 2 1/2 TRIBES

LIMITS OF ISRAELITE SETTLEMENT AND THE LAND YET TO BE CONQUERED
 JOSH. 13:1-7; 15:63; 16:10; 17:11-18
 JUDG. 1:1-3:6

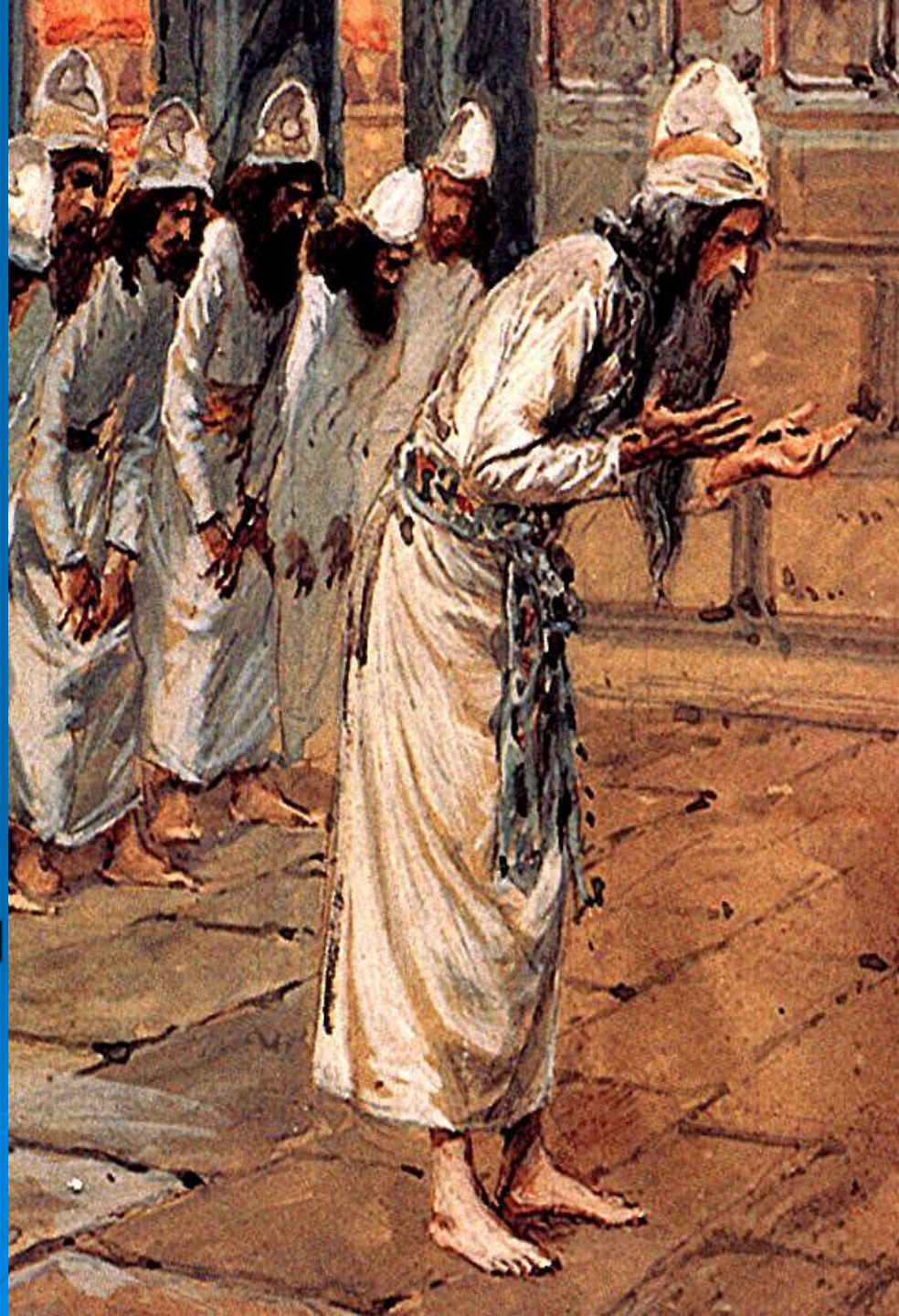
- City
- City (uncertain location)
- City specified by Judges 1 as not taken by Israel
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Limit of Israelite control
- Areas yet to be conquered

- Vss. 8 -13 deal with the Trans-Jordan
- Moses did NOT drive out the Geshurites and the Maakites
- Moses divided the Trans-Jordan before it was fully conquered



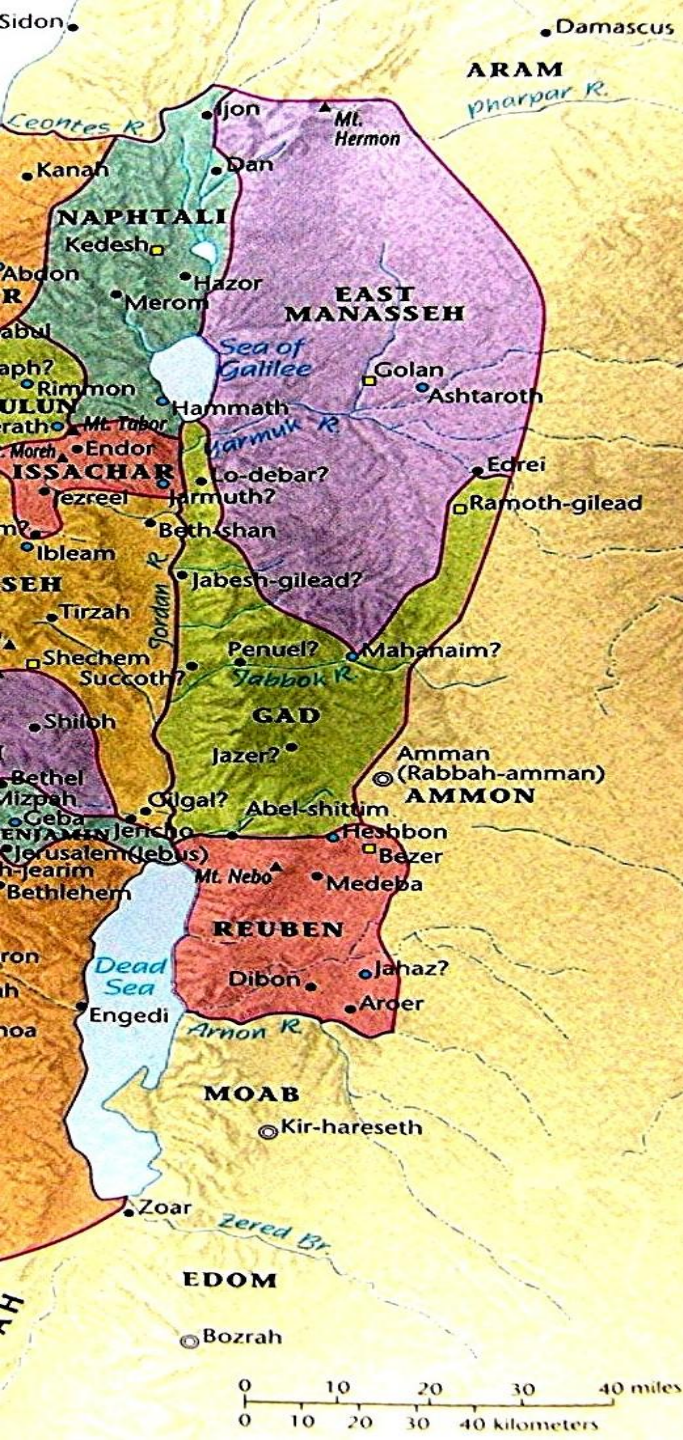
THE LEVITES

- Levites not counted as among the 2 ½ or the 9 ½ tribes of Israel
- Lord is making it clear that it is HIS decision on how the Levites are to be treated
- Levites get NO land, but they do get the “offerings made by fire”
- *Ishsheh* = burnt offerings and any offerings devoted to God
- Levites entitled to some of God’s holy property



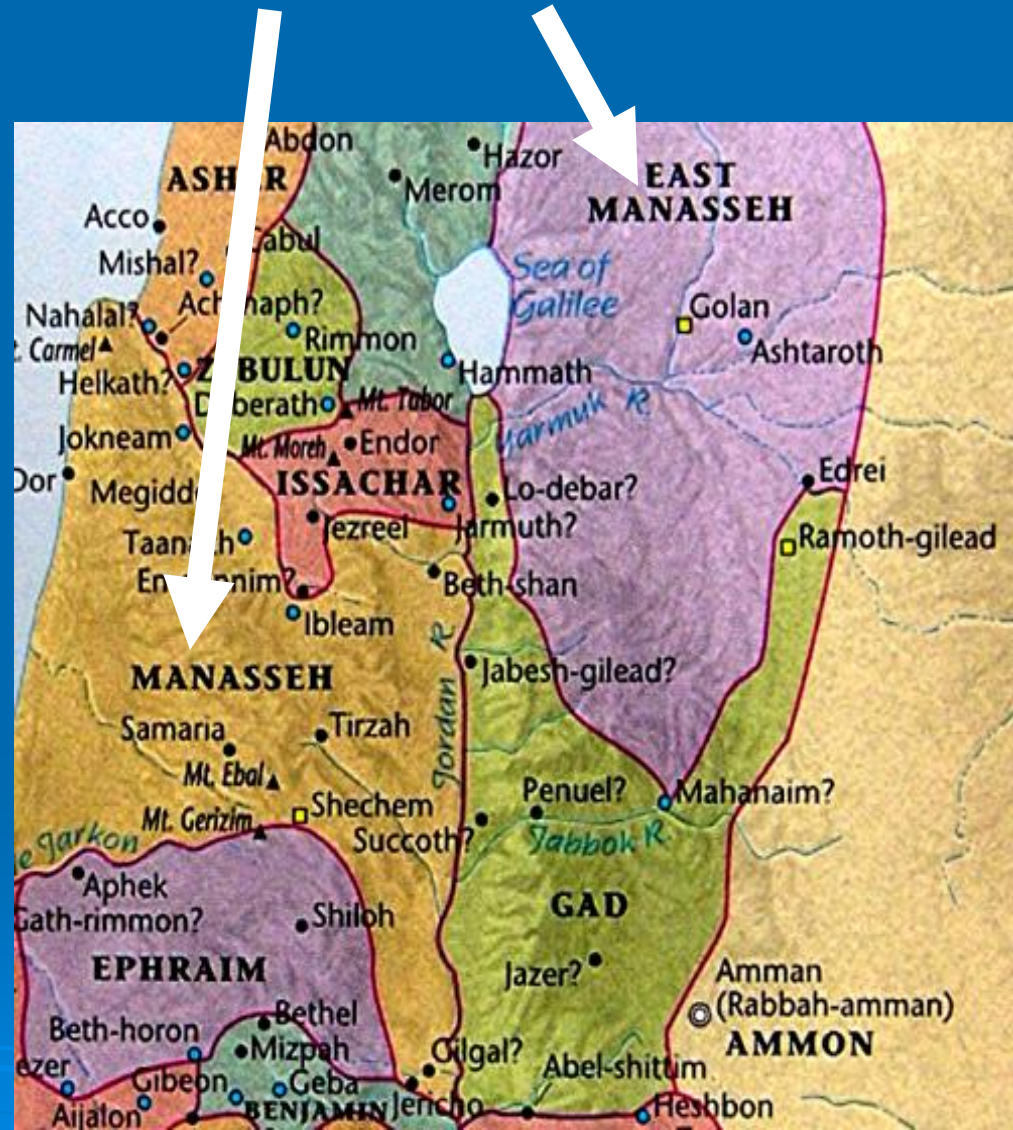
TRANS-JORDAN DEFINED BY TRIBE

- Arnon River southern boundary, Jabbok River northern boundary of Reuben and Gad
- Gad followed the Jordan River starting at the Kinnereth (Sea of Galilee)
- North of Gad was Manasseh
- This was only ½ of the tribe of Manasseh (about ½ of the clans)



THE TWO MANASSEHS

- Manasseh a very large tribe
- About ½ of the clans of Manasseh decided they wanted to have land in the Trans-Jordan
- A compromise allowed both halves of the tribe to live in peace
- But.....the 2 ½ tribes had to agree to send troops to help the 9 ½ tribes conquer Canaan



JOSHUA 14: FROM TRANS-JORDAN TO CANAAN

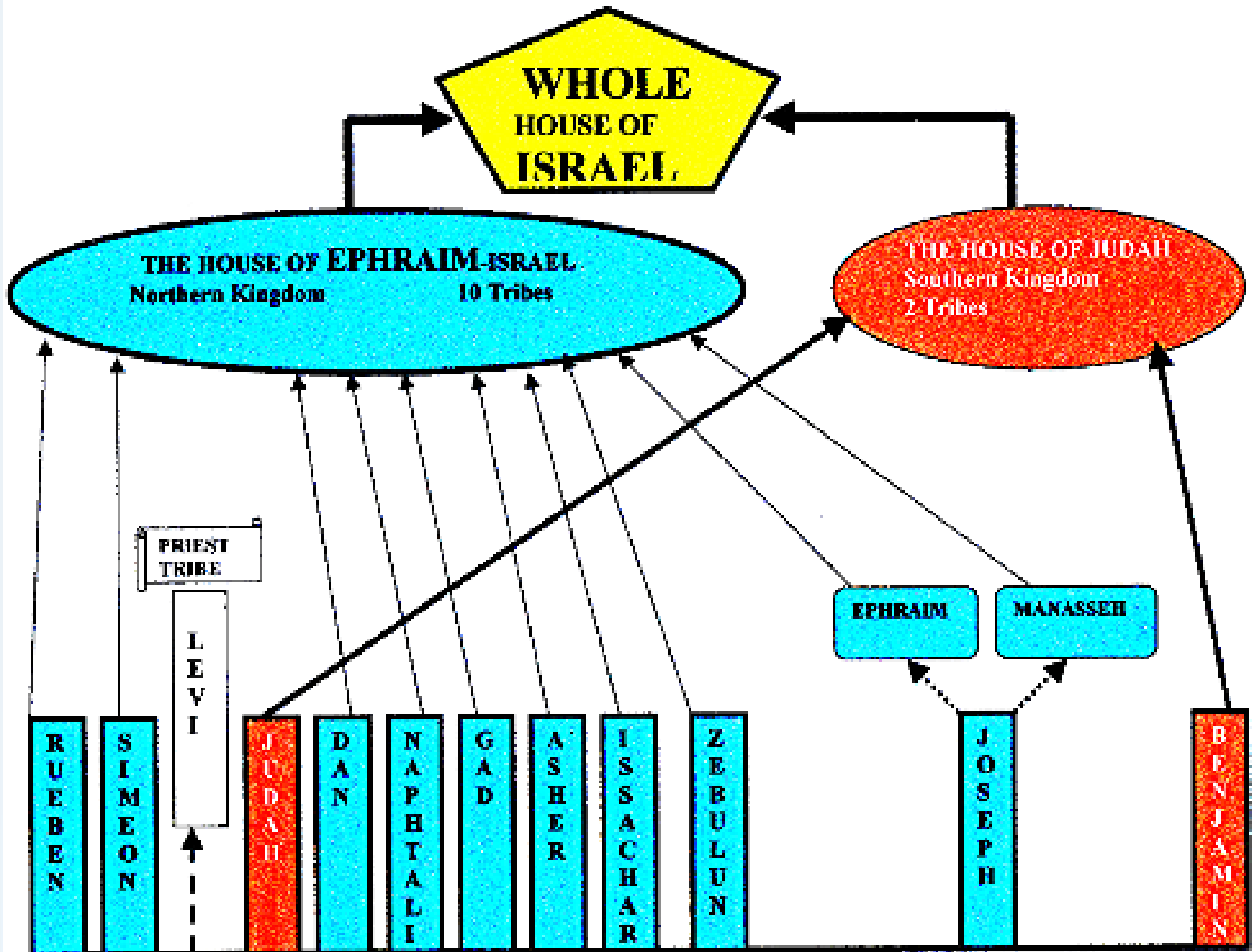


- Main character shifts from Moses to Joshua
- Eleazar High Priest
- Eleazar, Joshua, 10 tribal princes to draw lots for the land
- TWO occasions when lots for the land were drawn
- 1st time Moses, general location
- 2nd time, Joshua, size of the territory



EPHRAIM AND MANASSEH

- Ephraim and Manasseh represented the tribe of Joseph (their father)
- Genesis 48: Jacob's Cross-handed Blessing
- Jacob adopted Ephraim and Manasseh away from Joseph!
- Jacob gave the younger son the "firstborn" blessing



SPECIAL RULES FOR THE LEVITES

- 1) No land. Instead a SPIRITUAL inheritance
- 2) Their earthly portion was to come out of the other tribes' portions
- 3) Levites to have as little equity and hold on this world as possible
- Modern Believers and ministers are to follow these same principles!



KALEV GETS HIS LAND

- 1st land inheritance in Canaan went to tribe of Judah
- Kalev was 1st clan of Judah to get land
- Kalev part of the 12 scouts to reconnoiter Canaan, thought Israel should obey God and take the land
- 38 more years of wandering when Israel refused to enter the Promised Land



And they came unto the brook of Esheol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; Numbers. XIII. 23.

KALEV A KENNIZITE



- Kalev born in the tribe of Judah to Y'funeh
- Y'funeh died and Kalev's stepfather was Kenaz a descendant of the Edomites (from Esau)
- Shows how race/genealogy are generally unimportant to God
- Trust and faith in the God of Israel have always been what matters

KALEV RECEIVES HEBRON

- Kalev's age shows that Israel had crossed the Jordan 7 years earlier
- Anakim (giants) still controlled Hebron
- A tribe is just a collection of clans
- Kalev's clan must have been the most powerful clan in the tribe of Judah
- Later, tribes lost interest in obtaining their inheritance
- They preferred to continue living as Bedouin

