

THE PROMISED LAND

- City of Refuge
- Levitical city
- Capital city
- Other city

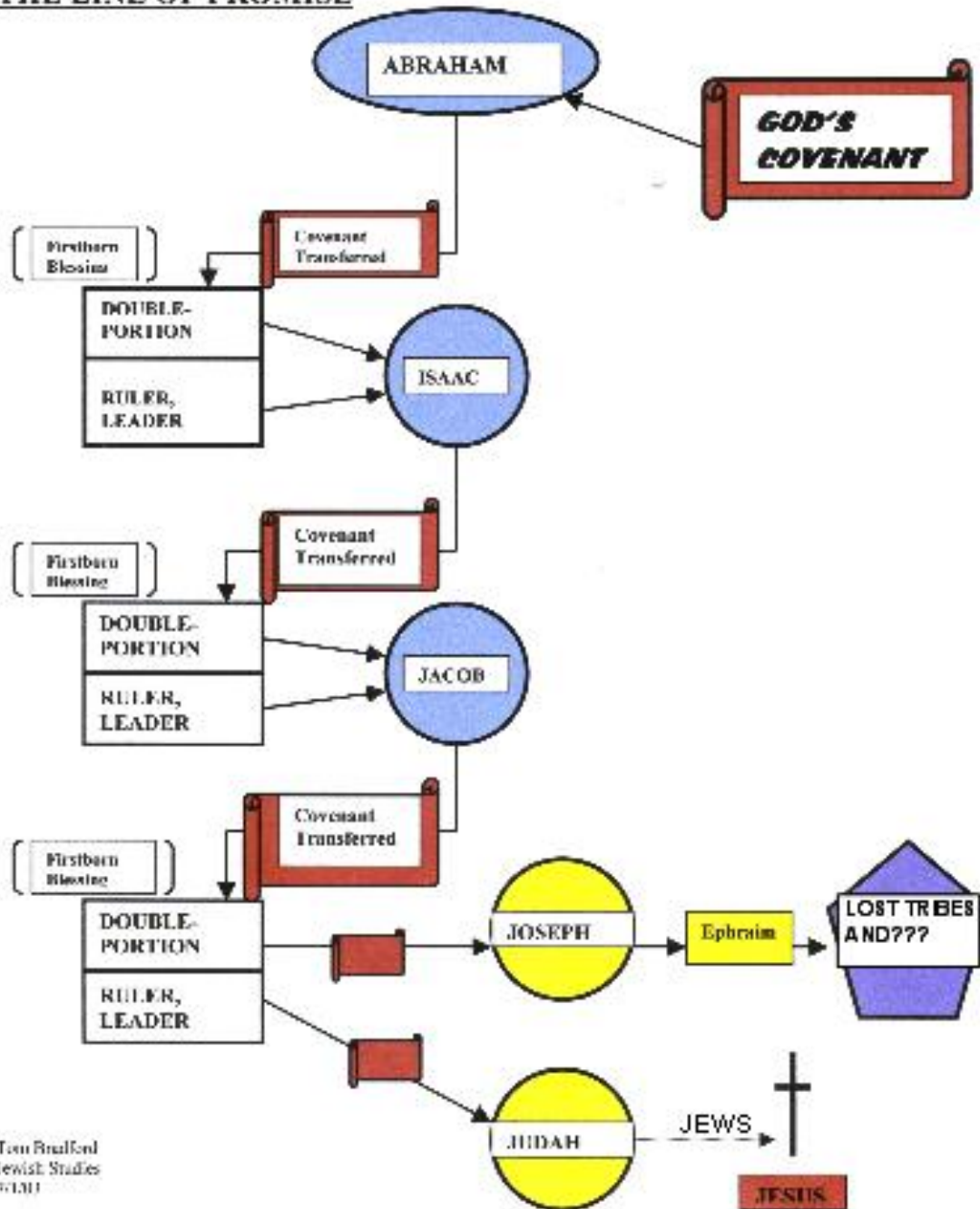
NOT THE PROMISED LAND



JOSHUA CHAPTERS 15, 16, 17

- Judah and Ephraim were the 2 most important tribes
- Judah and Ephraim each received a portion of the **FIRSTBORN BLESSING** given by Jacob to his sons

THE LINE OF PROMISE



FIRSTBORN BLESSING

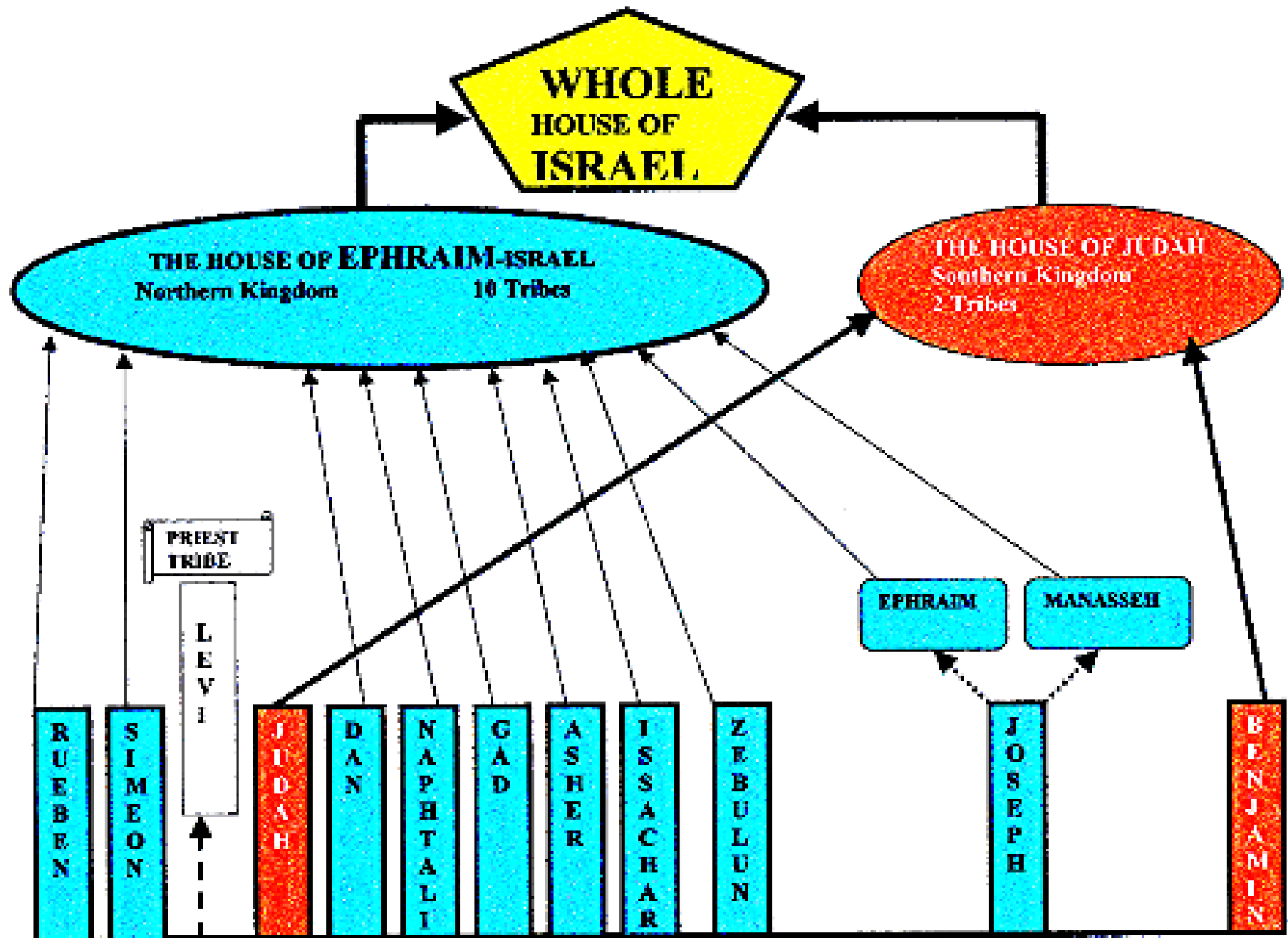
- Leadership, wealth, control passed down by the Firstborn Blessing
- Blessing consisted of 2 parts
- 1) double portion
- 2) right of rule

JACOB'S CROSS-HANDED BLESSING

- Ephraim and Manasseh were Joseph's Egyptian born sons
- Manasseh the 1st born
- Jacob placed his right hand onto Ephraim's head
- Joseph tried to correct his father, Jacob, but Jacob rebuked him
- Ephraim and Manasseh NOW Jacob's sons (not grandsons)

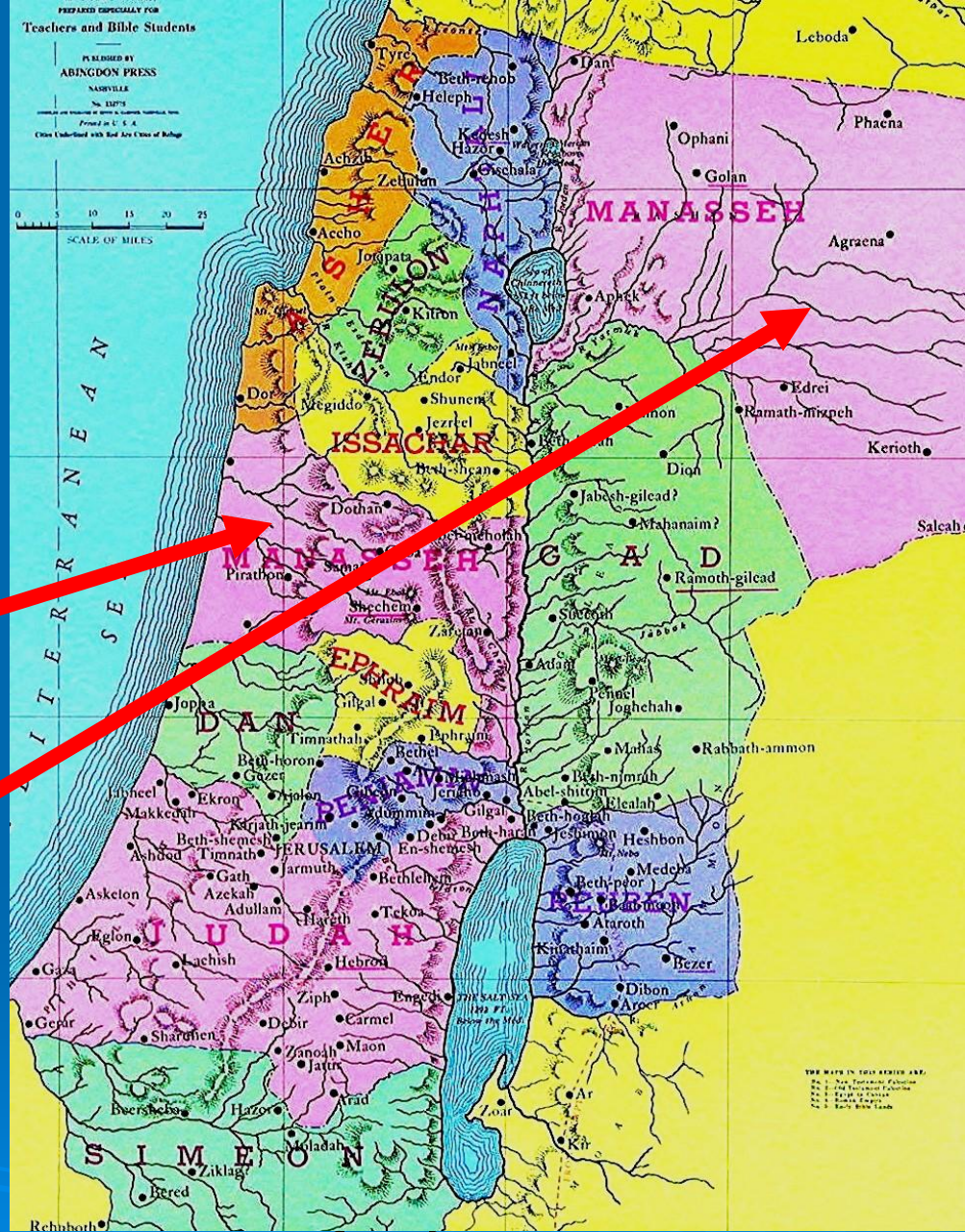


HOW THE 12 TRIBES MAKE UP THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL



MANASSEH GOT TWO LAND PORTIONS

- Promise of Gen. 48:18
- Manasseh received 1 portion INSIDE the Promised Land
- And another portion OUTSIDE of the Promised Land



2 IMPORTANT THEMES



- 1) The promises and prophecies of the Torah to the Patriarchs followed the pattern given by the Lord
- 2) Judah received the 1st land allotment in the Promised Land, with Kalev being the first recipient

JOSHUA 15: JUDAH'S PORTION

- Judah received a large portion because it was a large tribe
- Judah given coastal lands that belonged to the Philistines
- The giving of the land inheritance was MORE than a gift
- It was also the assigning of the responsibility to finish conquering that territory!!

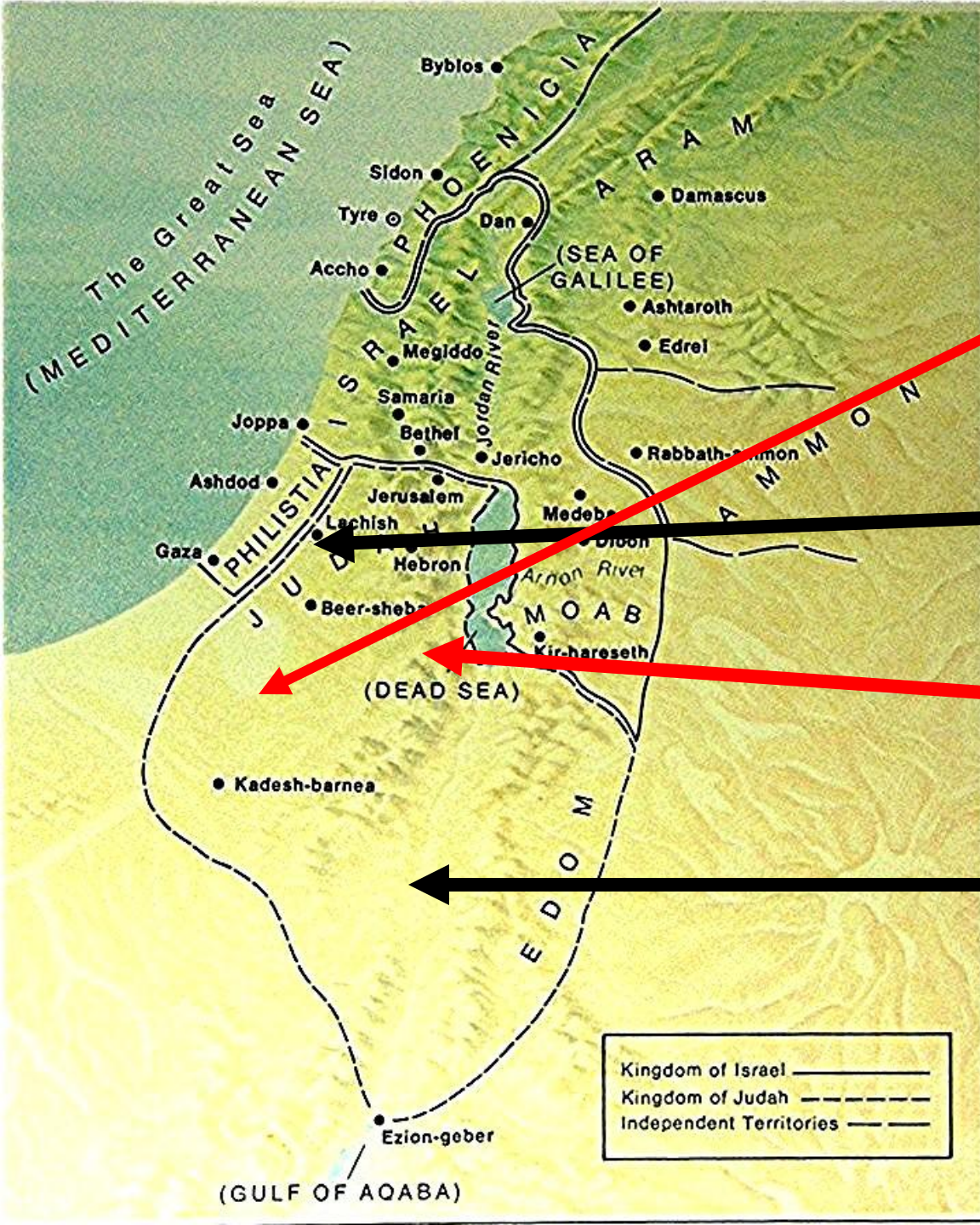


CALEB ASKED FOR HEBRON

- Kalev (Caleb) asked for an unconquered area, Hebron
- After Joshua's death Kalev's clan routed out the Anakites from Hebron
- However Caleb had trouble taking Debir
- He awarded his daughter Achsah to Othniel for capturing Debir
- Othniel was Achsah's uncle!



4 DISTRICTS OF JUDAH



1) Negev

2) Shefelah

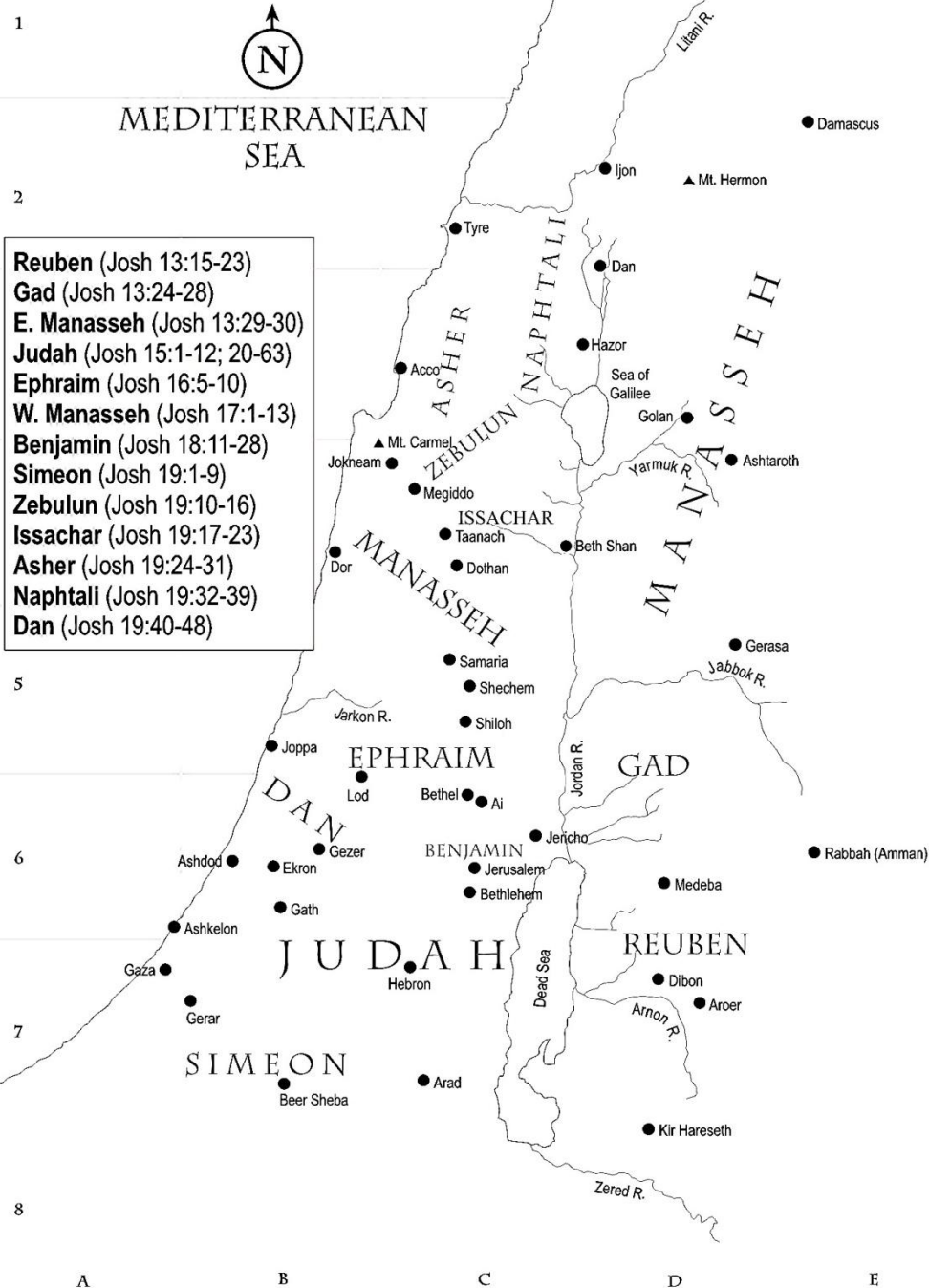
3) Mountains

4) Desert

Kingdom of Israel —————
Kingdom of Judah - - - - -
Independent Territories - - - - -

VILLAGE CLUSTERS

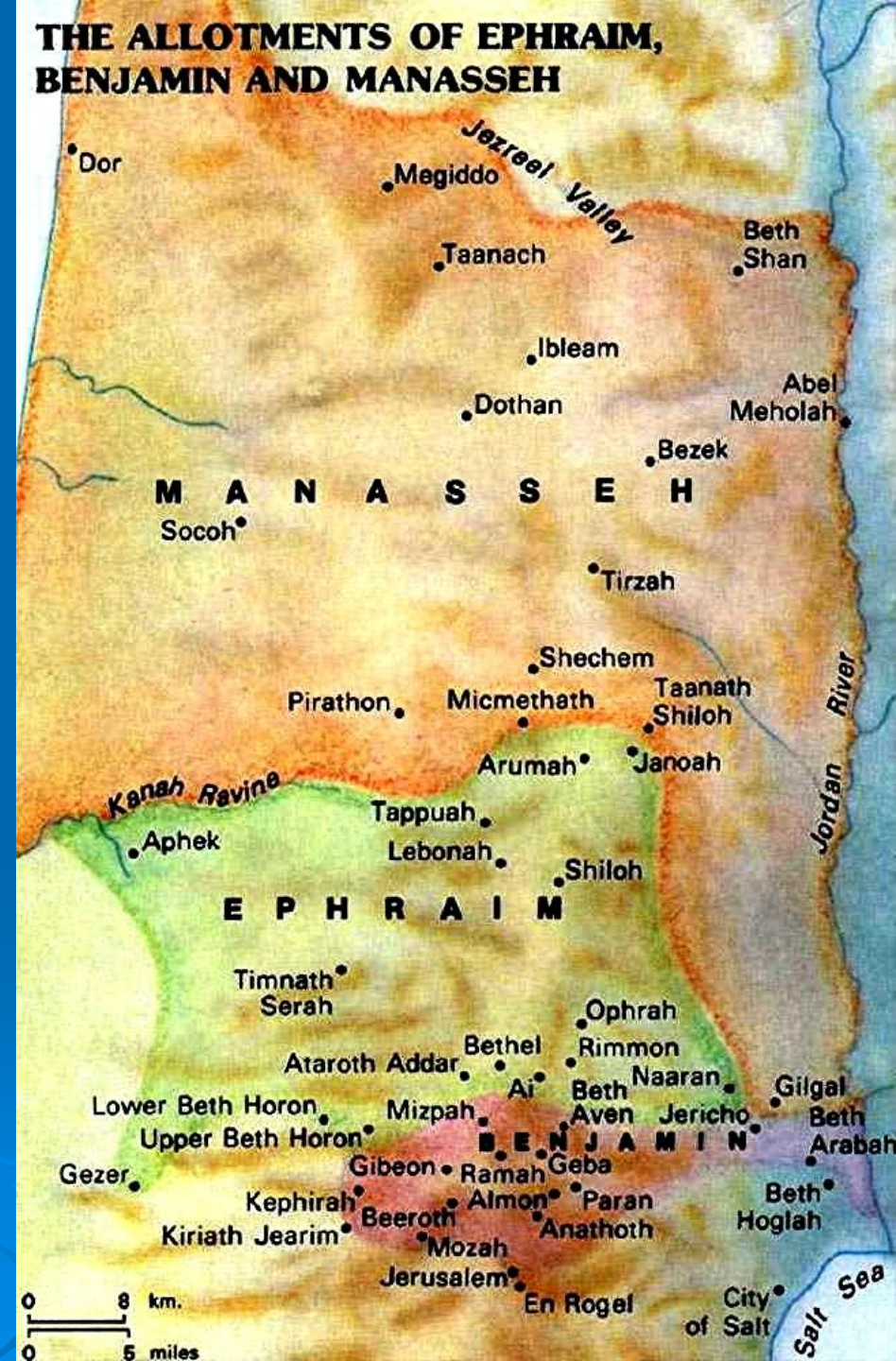
- Areas suitable for settlement separated by rivers, mountains, or desert
- Village clusters were interdependent
- Usually populated predominately by one clan
- Jerusalem still in the hands of the Jebusites at this time



THE JOSEPH TRIBE

THE ALLOTMENTS OF EPHRAIM, BENJAMIN AND MANASSEH

- Joshua Chapter 16
- Only ONE LOT is drawn for Ephraim and Manessah TOGETHER!
- Boundaries of first 5 verses is both tribes when taken as a whole
- Verse 6 begins the split of the land of Joseph into his 2 tribes
- Ephraim is the first to get a land allotment



MANASSEH GETS 2 LAND PORTIONS!!



- Manasseh or Manessah are OK
- 1st verse emphasizes that Manessah WAS the firstborn of Joseph
- Not always easy or straightforward trying to apply God's instructions
- Manessah received a huge portion of land