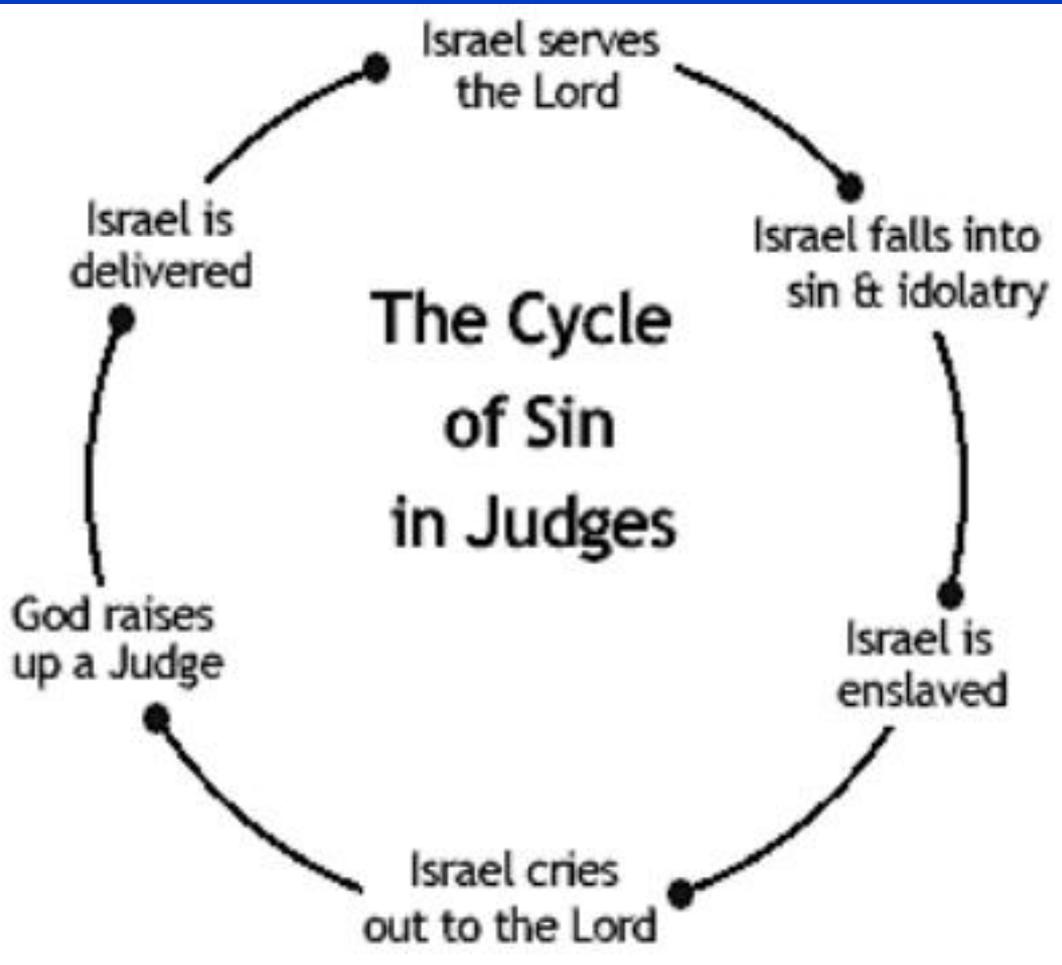


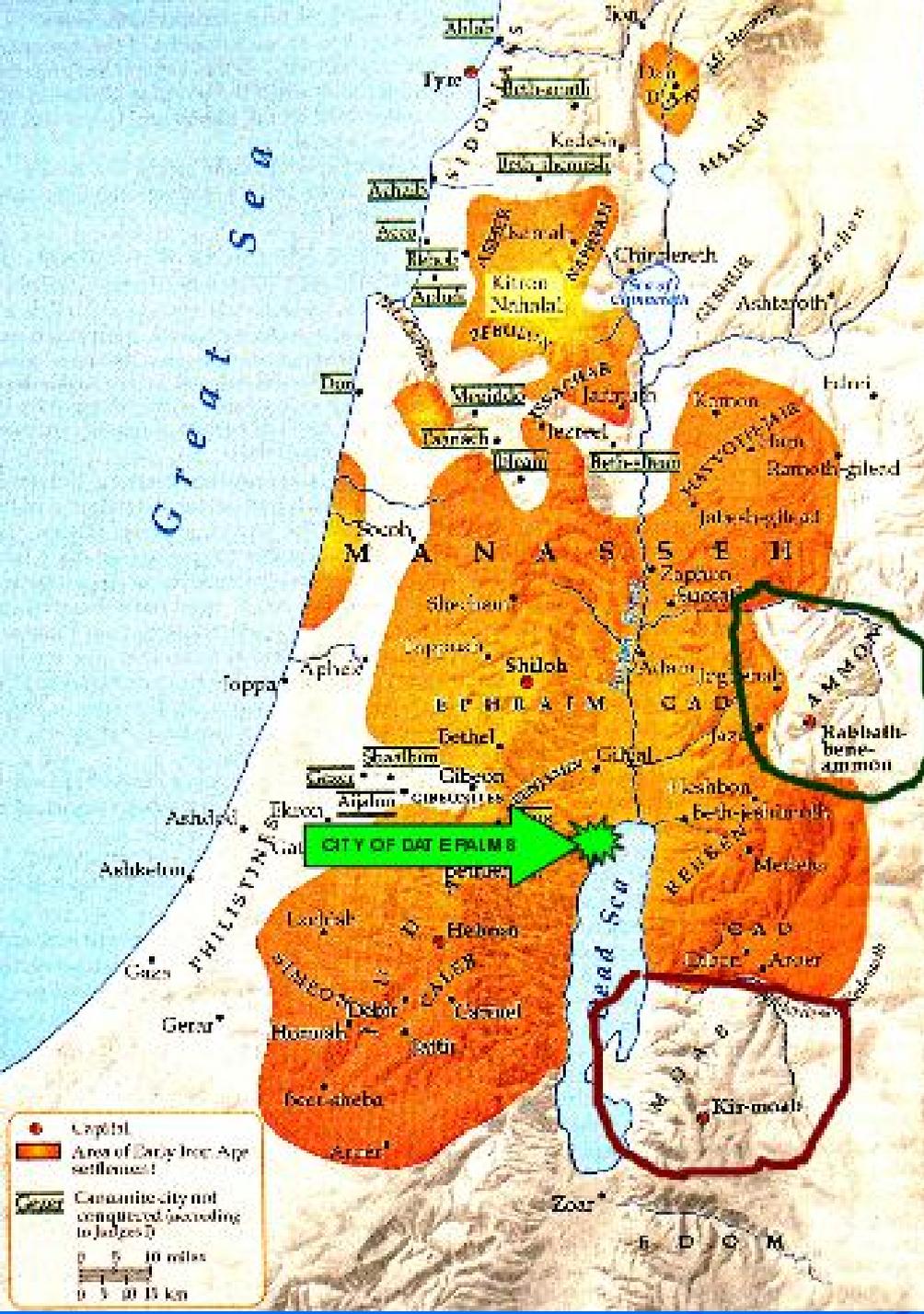
PATTERN OF THE JUDGES



- Othniel 1st Judge
- Ehud 2nd Judge
- Not every Judge fit the mold or filled the same function
- Disagreement over who was and wasn't a Shofet due to the inconsistencies

KING EGLON OF MOAB

- Othniel died after 40 years of judging
- 2nd cycle of apostasy begins
- Moab, Ammon, and the Amalekites were allies
- Attacked City of Date-Palms and conquered surrounding area
- Moab ruled over some of Israel for 18 years



EHUD: TRIBE OF BENJAMIN

- Benjamin the tribe most under pressure from Moab
- Ehud from the clan of Gera
- Left-handed
- “Bound up on the right”
- Left-handedness seen as a disability
- Binyamin means “son of my right hand”



EHUD DEVICES A PLAN TO ASSASSINATE THE KING OF MOAB

- Ehud went with a group of Israelites to pay tribute to Eglon
- Tribute = taxes from the conquered people
- Ehud designed a special sword about 18" in length, with no cross-piece
- Hid it under his clothes on the upper right leg



QUARRIES AT GILGAL



- Ehud and Israelites leave after presenting tribute
- Ehud turns back at the “quarries” at Gilgal
- Psillim = quarries = sculptured statues
- Same place that Joshua erected a monument
- Conquerors place their gods at the holy places of the conquered people

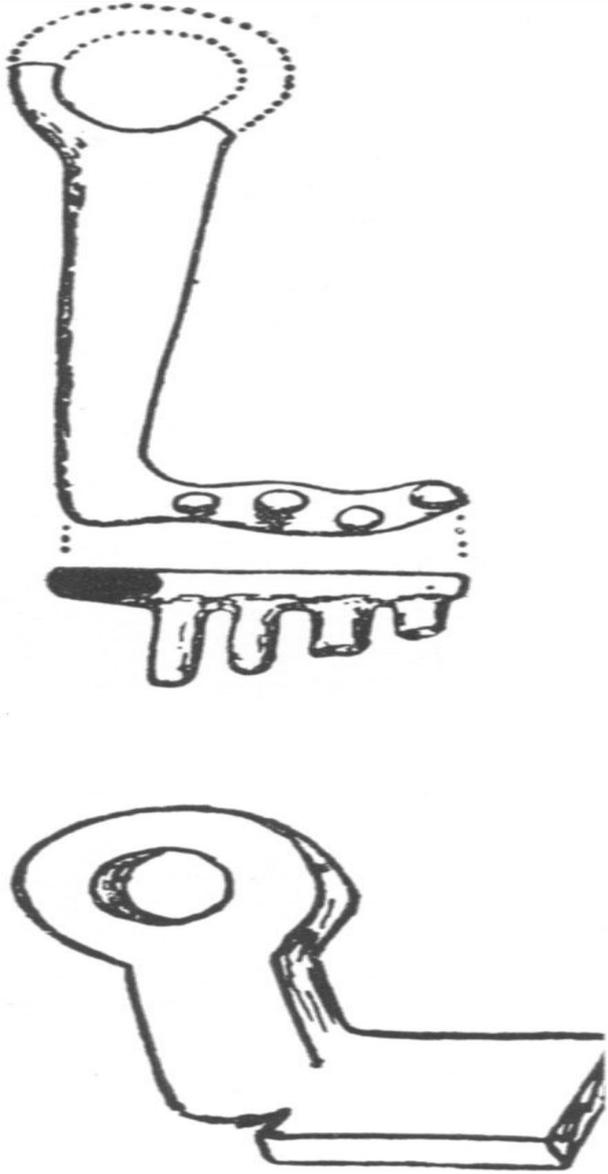


EHUD KILLS KING EGLON

- King is in upper floor of 2-story building
- They are alone because Ehud says he has a secret message for the King
- Ehud pulls out the sword and buries it in the king's belly until the handle disappears and the sword comes out of the King's backside



EHUD MAKES HIS ESCAPE



- Ehud left the sword in Eglon, locks the doors to the chamber, and leaves
- The ancient key system operated such that you could LOCK it without a key, but you needed a key to UNLOCK the door
- Servants thought the King was using the toilet, so they waited for him to come out
- Ehud escaped back through Gilgal and up into the Hills of Ephraim

EHUD ISSUES CALL TO BATTLE



- Blows Shofar to call the people to arms
- With Eglon dead there would be uncertainty and a vacuum of leadership
- Israel captured the fording places of the Jordan River and cut-off the Moabite soldier's escape route
- All 10,000 Moabite troops were killed
- 80 years of rest in the land followed

SHAMGAR THE 3RD SHOFET

- Shamgar NOT a Hebrew name
- Family name was “Anath”
- Anath was goddess of sex and war
- Shamgar WAS a Hebrew man, with a gentile name, and the family name honored a Canaanite goddess!!!
- Improvised weapons needed because Philistines routinely completely disarmed the conquered people



THE OX GOAD

- Ox goad 8 – 9 feet long
- Pointed metal tip on one end
- Sharpened chisel end on the other for scraping dirt off of the plow
- No mention of God raising up Shamgar, or putting the Holy Spirit upon him
- NEVER called a Judge, but was called SAVIOR
- Shamgar probably lived during the same time as Ehud
- Shamgar dealt with tribes on the WEST side of Canaan



JUDGES 4: THE STORY OF DEVORAH



- REVIEW:
- Joshua conquered Canaan due to obedience to YHWH
- After Joshua's death Israel slid into idolatry
- People from Edom oppressed Israel, God raised up Othniel
- People from Moab oppressed Israel, God raised up Ehud
- Philistines oppressed Israel, God raised up Shamgar
- **BACK TO SQUARE ONE!!!**



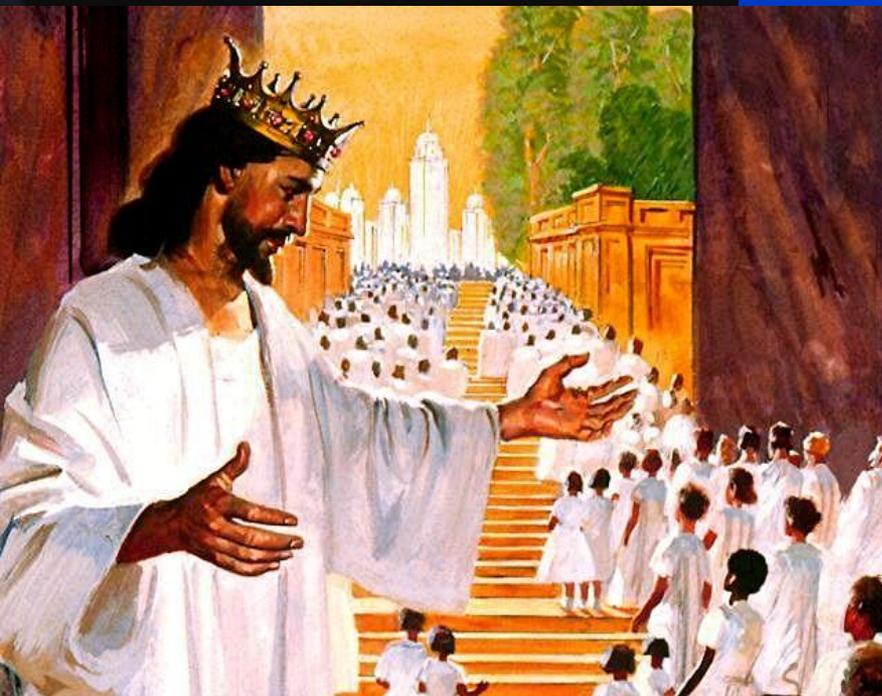
STORY OF JUDGES SHOWS ISRAEL'S NEED FOR A KING

- All mankind needs and wants a king!!
- YHWH wanted to give Israel a king in the mold of Yehoshua (Joshua)
- We are re-living the era of the Judges
- Every society in history, of any kind of government, has eventually failed
- **NO SOCIETY THAT is NOT OBEDIENT TO GOD'S COMMANDS WILL SURVIVE**



ANTICHRIST IS THE WORLD'S KING!

- Mankind **MUST** be ruled by a king, it's the way we are made
- Men want a king to be in **OUR** image
- God wants a king to be in **HIS** image
- Yehoshua (Joshua) was the one and only example
- Yehoshua (Messiah Yeshua) will be the 2nd king to rule by God's commands



YAVIN, KING OF HATZOR

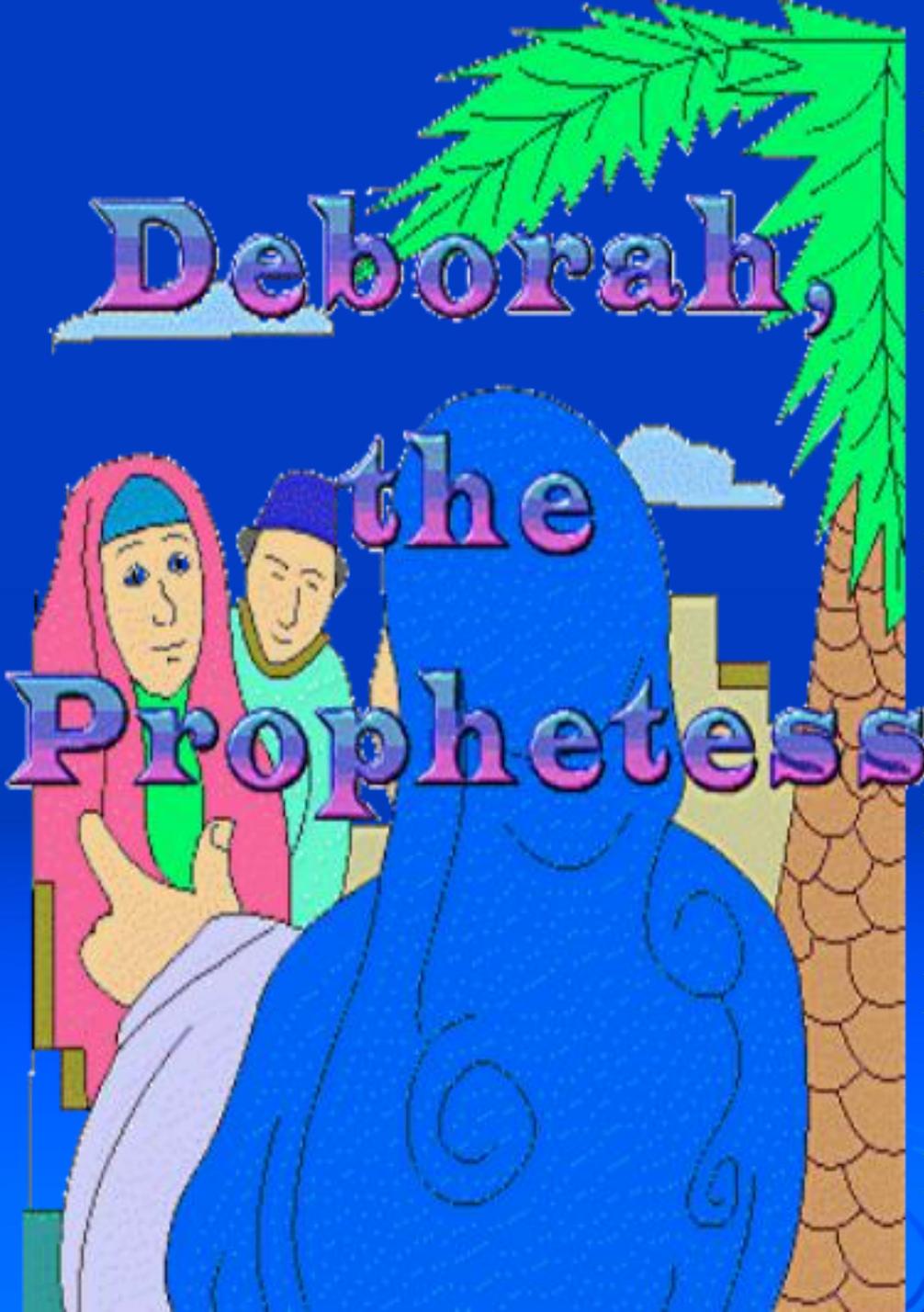
- Yavin ruling ruthlessly over the northern Israelite tribes
- Yavin a dynastic title, not his personal name
- Sisera was Yavin's military commander
- *Harosheth HaGoyim* = Woodland of the Gentiles
- Hatzor located on the Via Maris trade route
- 200 acres
- 40,000 people



SISERA'S ARMY WAS ENORMOUS

- 900 iron chariots in Sisera's army
- Northern tribes were under Yavin's oppression for 20 years
- From an earthly/human standpoint, it was the Canaanites military might that kept Israel subjugated
- From a heavenly/spiritual standpoint it was God's punishment





- *Ishah neviah* = woman of prophecy
- Only Miriam and Huldah were also given the same title
- Jewish tradition says Lappidoth and Barak are the same person
- Debra called a JUDGE, but never a SAVIOR
- Devorah dispensed ha-mishpat, means “justice”
- She decided judicial matters