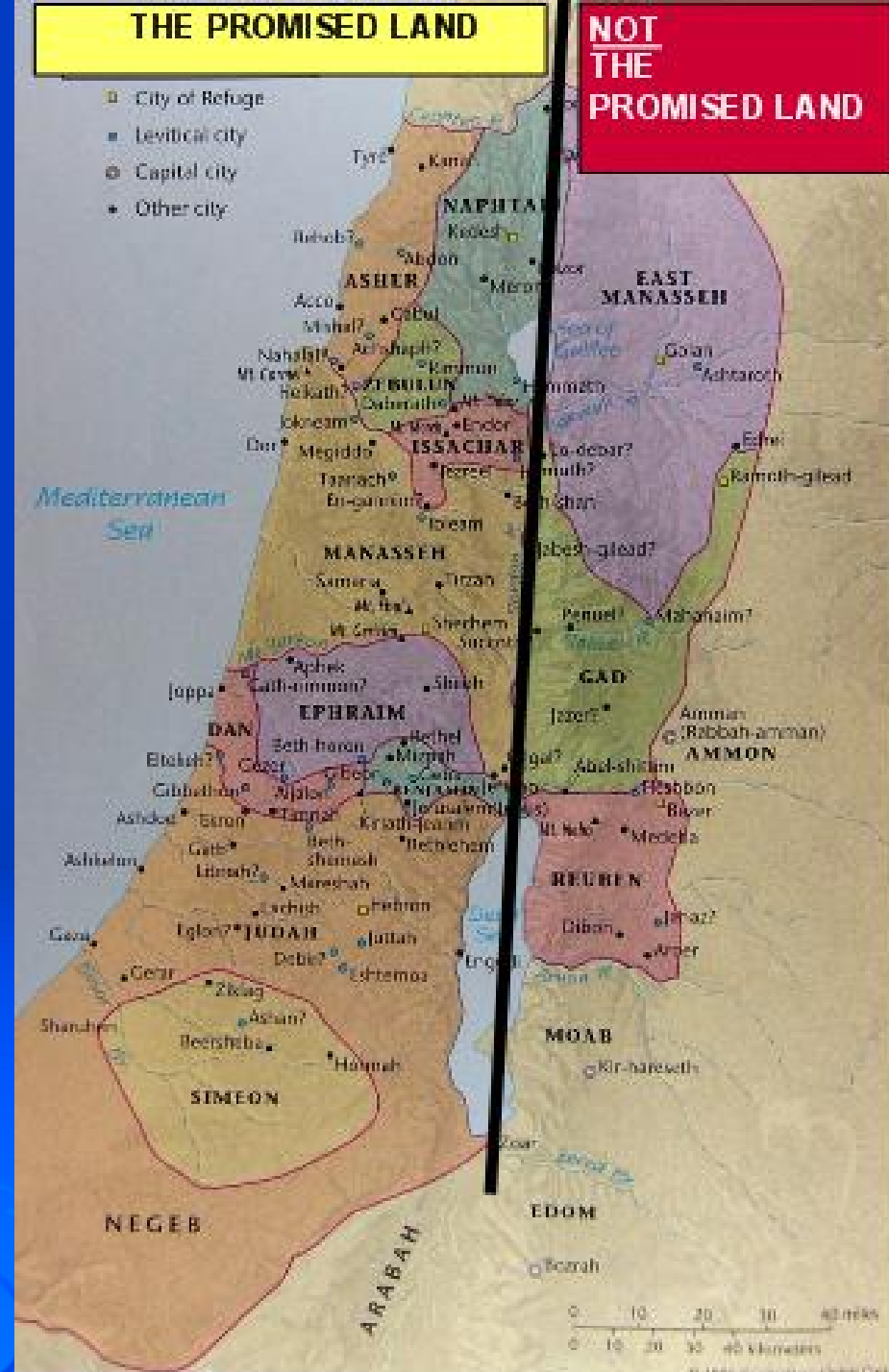
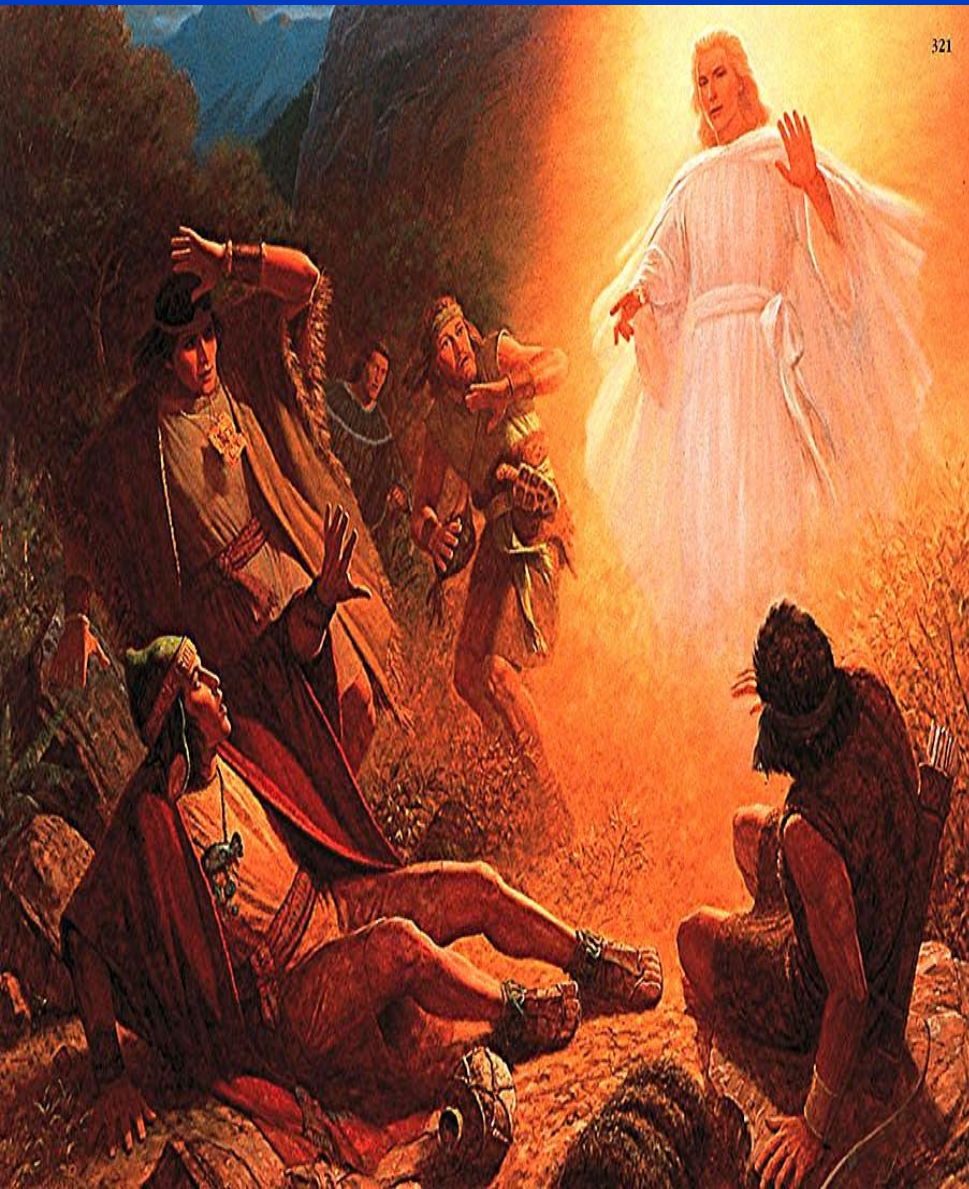


REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE

- Makhir (Manessah), Reuben, Gad, Judah, Simeon, Dan, Asher all refused to join the Holy War
- Passivity, selfishness, preference of profit to allegiance
- Kishon River swelled by a flashflood to help defeat Sisera



ANGEL OF THE LORD



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- Meroz is thought to be a town or village
- ***Malach YHWH*** = messenger of Yehoveh
- ***Malach*** = ANY kind of messenger
- A malach refutes all attempts to worship Him
- ***Malach YHWH*** accepts worship

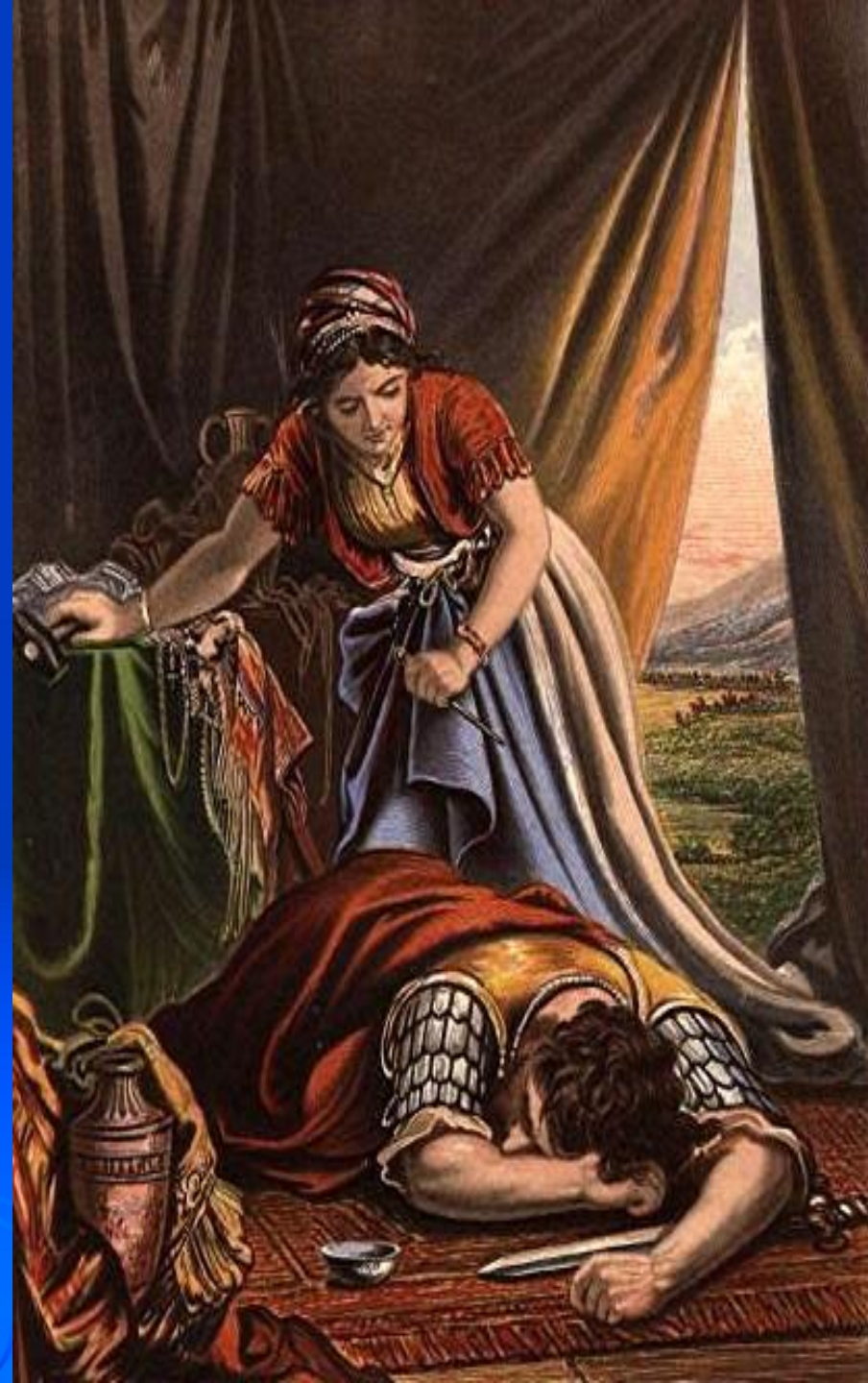
RABBIS SAY THIS MALACH WAS DEBORAH OR BARAK



- Judaism tends to humanize spiritual events
- This is speaking of a manifestation of God
- Shophetim NEVER given the title of “angel of the Lord”
- This Angel of the Lord speaks in the 1st person (“I” or “Me”)

YA'EL A GENTILE WOMAN

- Ya'el the wife of Hever the Kenite
- *“blessed more than all women”* is NOT a literal pronouncement of God elevating Ya'el's status
- Ya'el knew that NOT to help God's people is the same as being against them
- No such thing as neutrality in God's economy
- This was war so Ya'el's actions must be seen in that context



DEBORAH MOCKS SISERA'S MOTHER

- Sisera's mother wonders why her son isn't back from the battle, yet
- She concludes it's because there's so much booty to divide up
- Captured women were often taken home as sex slaves
- Story ends with: ***“and the land had rest....”***



JUDGES

CHAPTER 6

- Gideon begins the 2nd half of the period of the Judges
- The 5th cycle of rebellion, apostasy, oppression, deliverance
- After rescue Israel would be true to YHWH, but then in time backslide into idolatry

*	Judges/Leaders	Dates (B.C.)	Notes	Deliverer?
1	Othniel	(1373-1334)		Yes
2	Ehud	(1316-1237)		Yes
3	Shamgar	(1265-1252)	He falls within the period of Ehud.	Yes
4	Barak and	(1237-1198)	Concurrent	Yes
5	Deborah			Yes
6	Gideon	(1198-1151)		Yes
	Abimelech	(1151-1149)	Self-appointed over a tribe. Not actually a judge.	N/A
7	Tola	(1149-1126)		No
8	Jair	(1126-1105)		No
	Eli	(1107-1067)	Not included in the Book of Judges	N/A
9	Jephthah	(1087-1081)		Yes
10	Ibzan	(1081-1075)		No
11	Elon	(1075-1065)		No
12	Samson	(1069-1049)		Yes
	Samuel	(1067-1020)	He overlaps with the period of Samson; but he is not included in the Book of Judges.	N/A
13	Abdon	(1065-1058)	He falls within the period of Samuel.	No

JOSHUA DIDN'T DRAIN THE SWAMP

- The remaining alligators (Canaanites) thrived and became pests
- Seems like no matter how many cycles of foolishness of Israel and the Church we'll keep doing the same things!!
- Next cycle begins with the words: ***"..the people did what was evil in God's eyes...."***



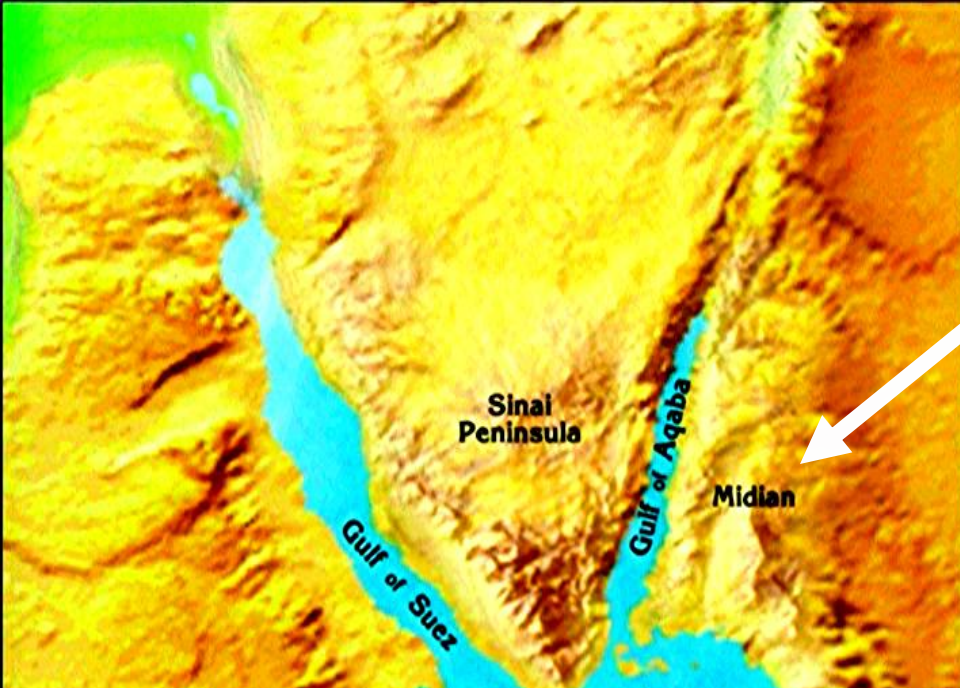
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EVIL MORE DECEPTIVE THAN OVERT

- Doing what is right in our own eyes IS EVIL!!
- Israel did NOT set out to do evil
- Israel would DENY they were committing sin and idolatry
- Prophets knew they would suffer at the hands of the people God was accusing



MIDIAN

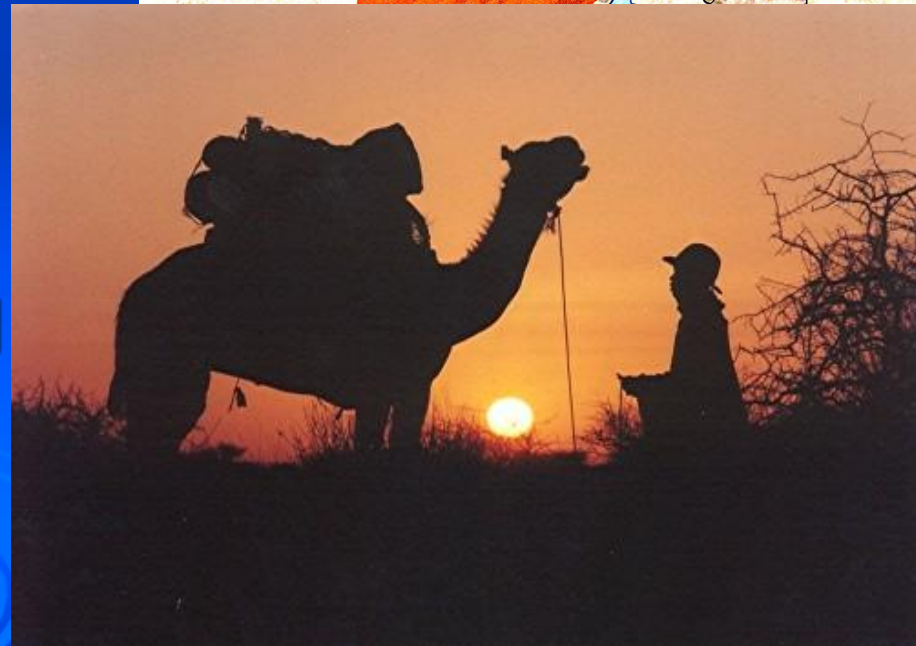


- Midian a semi-nomadic tribe
- Related to Israel through Abraham
- Midian oppressed Israel for 7 years before God acted
- Midian, Amalek, and “children of the east” were allies
- Only wanted the produce, not to conquer the land
- Islamic law is a law of nomads and predators

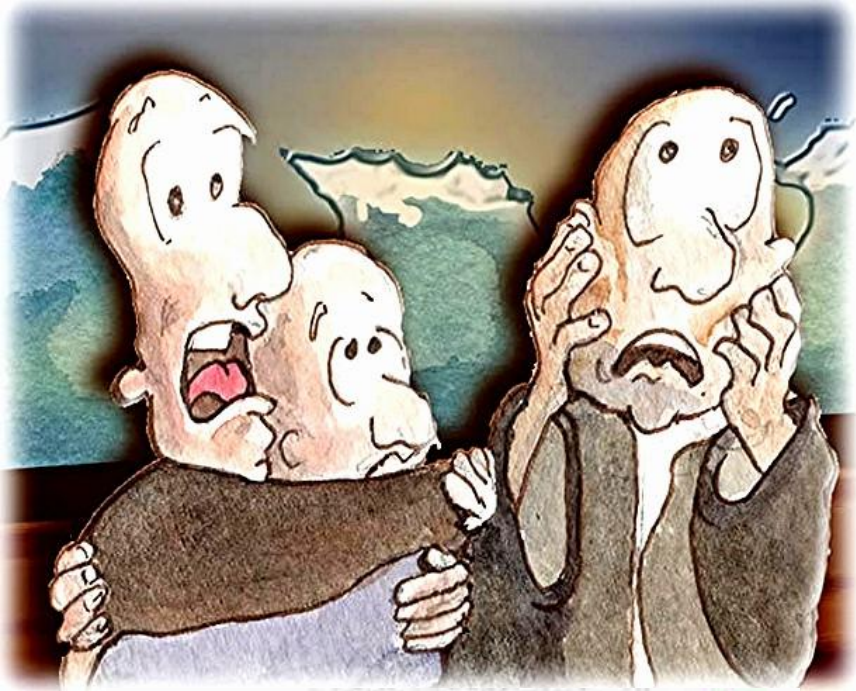


NOMADS CAME ON CAMELS

- In the 8th year the invaders came and set up tent camps
- Took all the produce and flocks
- Camels were the weapons platform of Ishmael, the Arabs
- Took over 7 years for Israel to finally cry out to God for His help



FEAR WAS THE PROBLEM



- An unnamed prophet rebukes God's people
- The Lord wanted His people to know that HE brought this calamity on them as punishment
- Fear causes us to compromise and appease!
- The rise of Islam has the world in fear
- The world's leaders say that showing tolerance for Muslims and recognizing Allah is the answer

