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Verse for the weak

"Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby".

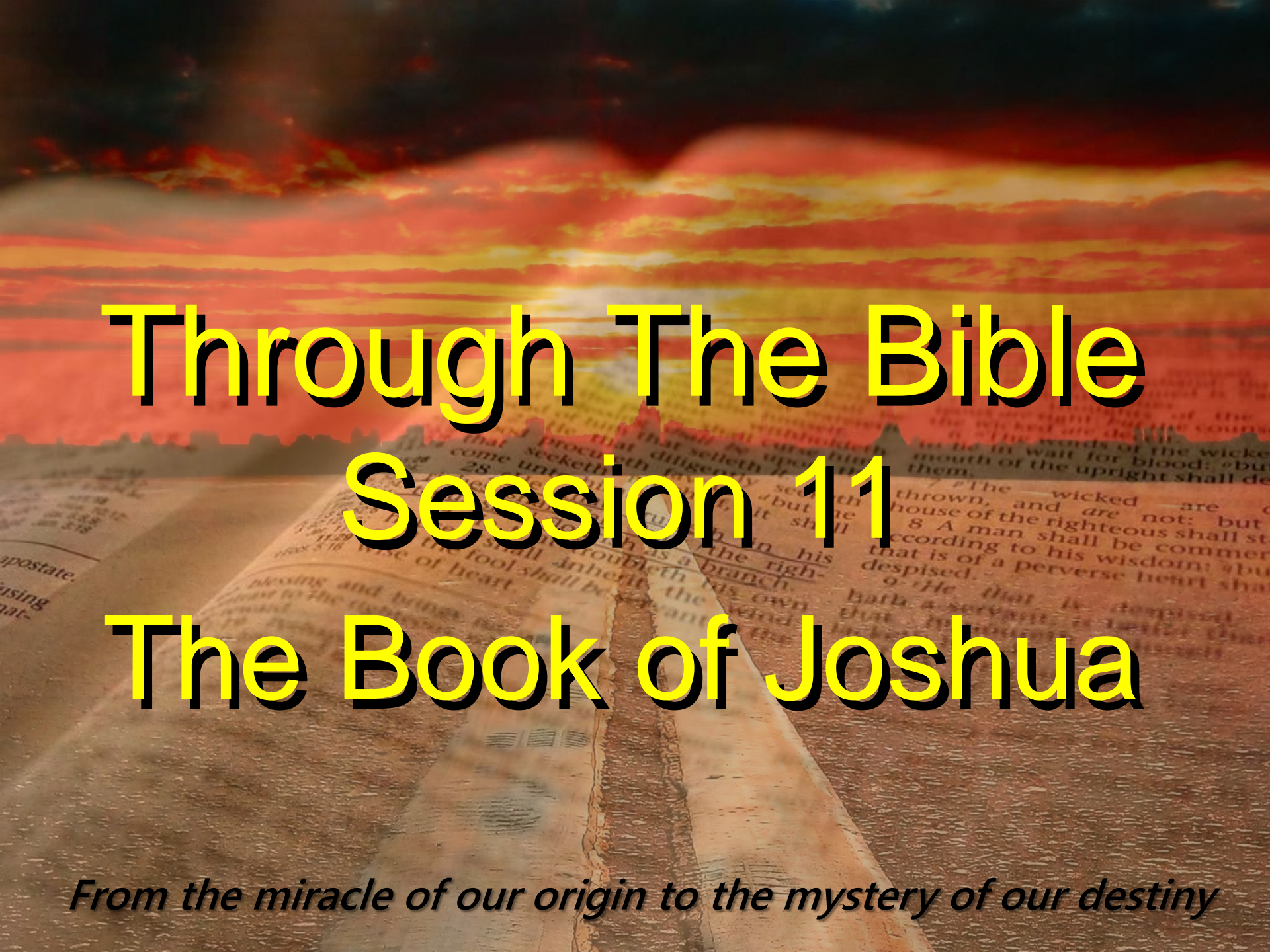
Hebrews 12:11





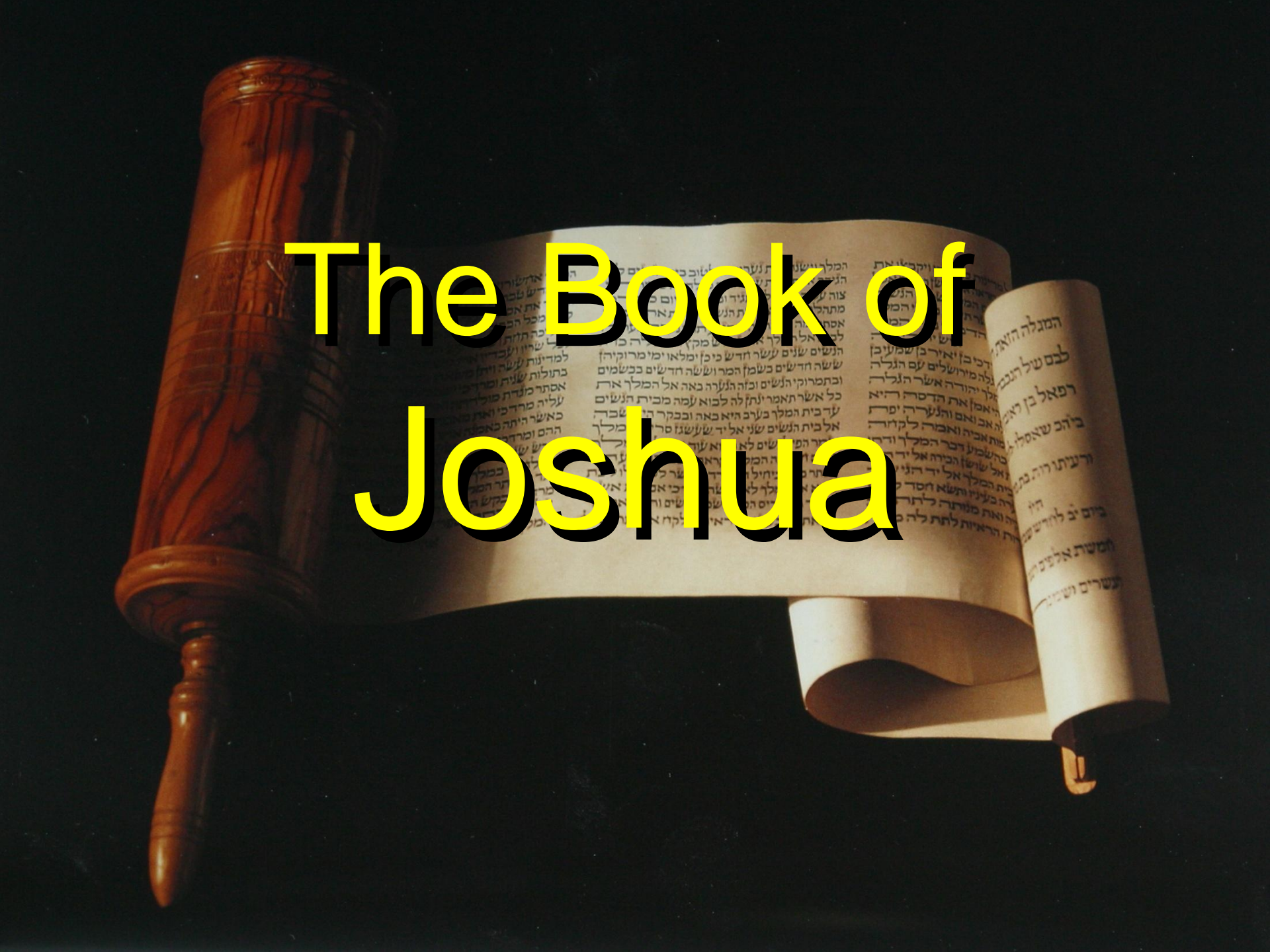
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Through The Bible Session 11 The Book of Joshua

From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny

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The Book of Joshua

Overview of the Book

Historical

- Continuation of the Torah
- Introduces Israel to the Land
- The bridge between the birth of the nation & the subsequent history
- The effects reverberate even to today

Practical

- An instruction manual for spiritual warfare
- Training the church to be overcomers
- Deuteronomy gives the 'why' of obedience...
- Joshua gives us the 'how'
- This book is about Victorious Christian Living

Overview of the Book

Joshua 1

- Introduction to Joshua and his divine commission

Joshua 2 - 4

- Rahab and the two spies. Crossing the Jordan. Two sets of stones.

Joshua 5 - 6

- Spiritual preparation. Encounter with the Captain of the Lord's Host. Conquest of Jericho. Jubilee year.

Joshua 7 - 8

- Defeat at Ai. Sin in the Camp. Victory.

Overview of the Book

Joshua 9 - 10

- Covenant with Gibeon. Battle at Bethhoron.
- The Long Day of Joshua
- Completion of the Southern conquest.

Joshua 11 - 12

- Northern Campaign. Joshua's military strategy

Joshua 13 - 24

- The division of the land among the 12 tribes

Models

Joshua vs. Ephesians

What Ephesians explains *doctrinally*, Joshua illustrates *practically*.

Joshua

Israel entering and
possessing

Earthly inheritance

Given to Abraham

Ephesians

Church entering
and possessing

Heavenly inheritance

Given in Christ

Models

Joshua vs. Ephesians

What Ephesians explains *doctrinally*, Joshua illustrates *practically*.

	Joshua	Ephesians
1) Predestined inheritance of a chosen people	Gen 13:14,15 / Ex 13:5	Eph 1:3,4
2) Way opened by a divinely appointed leader (name: "The Lord is my Salvation")	Josh 1:6 / Deut 31:7	Eph 1:18-22
3) Gift of grace, received by faith (By law, Israel could never become entitled to Canaan)	Josh 1:1,2	Eph 2:5-8
4) Sphere of striking divine revelation "All the people of the earth might know..."	Deut 28:10 Josh 4:24	Eph 3:8-10
5) Joshua and Ephesians: scene of conflict!		Eph 6:12

Joshua

- Joshua dispossessing the usurpers from the Land

- 10 nations, 3 fall leaving 7

- Joshua sends in two 'spies'

- Commander of the Army of the Lord fights the battle

- 7 trumpets blown

- 'Adoni-Zedek' sets himself up as king of Jerusalem

- At the battle of Beth Horon 'signs in the Sun, Moon & Stars

- The people hide themselves in caves to flee from God's wrath

- The book ends with a covenant with God who'd delivered them

Revelation

- Yeshua dispossessing the usurpers from the Land

- 10 nations, 3 fall leaving 7

- Jesus sends in two witnesses

- Jesus fights the battle

- 7 trumpets blown

- Anti-Christ sets himself up as 'king' of Jerusalem

- Rev 6:12 'signs in the Sun, Moon & Stars

- The people hide themselves in caves to flee from God's wrath

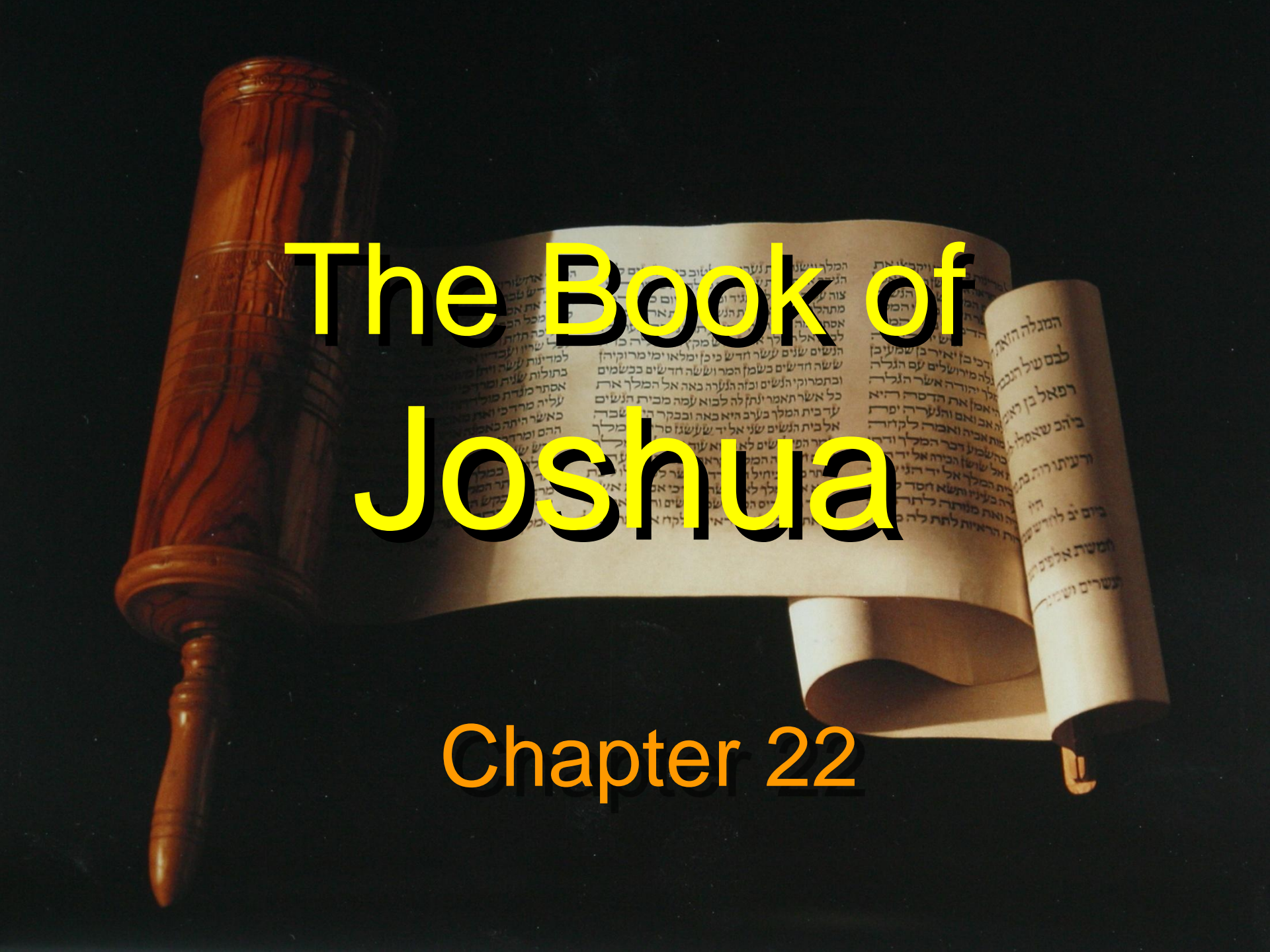
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Theme

- Crossing over Jordan often used as idiom of death...
- Thus Jordan seen as a type of heaven.
- But... There are continual battles to be fought in Canaan! (not my idea of Heaven!!)
- Not about life after death: life after “birth”!
- His goal: not just deliverance *from Egypt, but to the Promised Land* (Gen 14:13-17; Ex 3:7,8).
- Hebrews (3 & 4): “into His rest...”
- Ephesians: seated “in the heavenlies...”
- Romans 8:30:
- Predestined—> called—> justified—> glorified

Mystical

- **Joshua as a “type” of Christ**
- (“Type” is a foreshadowing or model of)
- • Namesake: *Ye-ho-shua* = *Jesus* (*Greek*)
- Prophet: foretold God’s plan
- Priest (!): Moses’ minister (**Ex 33:11**)
- King: Commander of the Host (Israel)
- • He came after Moses (**John 1:17; Rom 8:3-4; 10:4-5; Gal 3:23-25**); ‘what Law could not do...’
- He leads to victory (**Rom 8:37; 2 Cor 1:10; 2:14**);
- He is our advocate when we have suffered defeat;
Cf. Josh 7:5-9 (1 John 2:1-2);
- He allots our inheritance (**Eph 1:11, 14; 4:7-11**)



The Book of Joshua

Chapter 1

¹ Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

² Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel..

Joshua 1:1-2

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

Joshua 1:3-4

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: **for then** thou shalt make thy way prosperous, **and then** thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua 1:8-9

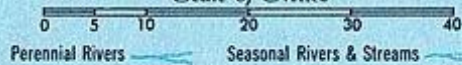
- Why such an exhortation to Joshua?
- Remember who Joshua was to face

IO Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

II Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

Joshua 1:10-11

- God had promised them the Land
 - ‘Every place they put their foot’
- The victory was already theirs
 - They simply had to claim it



The Israelites were unable to capture the fortified towns of the plains during the early period of settlement.

Although all of Bashan was assigned to the half tribe of Manasseh, it is doubtful that settlement reached beyond the Yarmuk Valley.

The Israelites were under constant attack from Philistine invaders who occupied the coastal area at about this time.

During the period of Judges, invading Ammonites, Moabites and Midianites were repulsed by the Israelites.

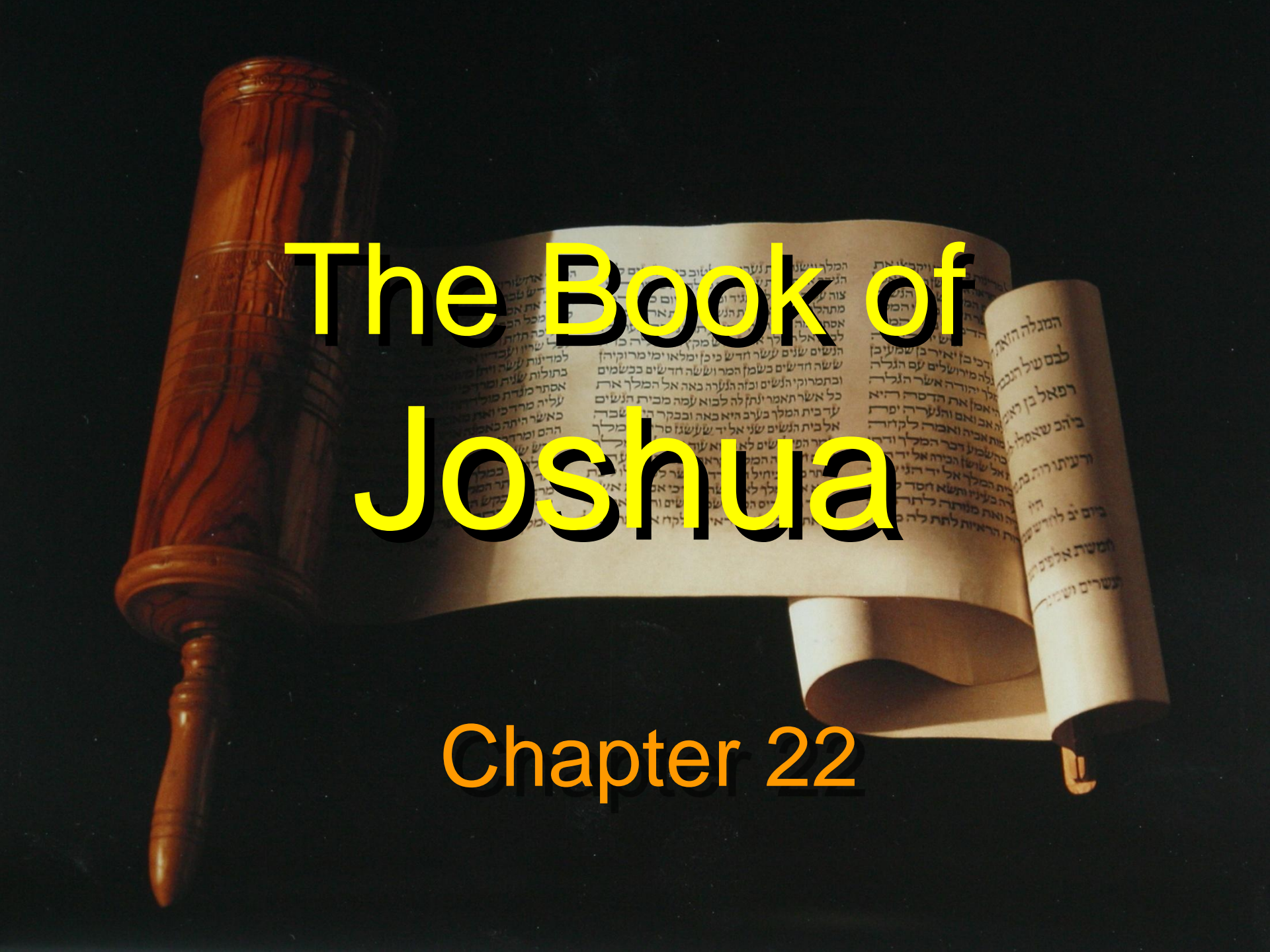
Gilgal



Victory Assured

³¹ What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31

An open scroll of the Book of Joshua, showing Hebrew text. The scroll is resting on a wooden handle. The text is written in black ink on a light-colored parchment. The scroll is partially unrolled, showing several lines of text. The background is dark, making the scroll and the text stand out.

The Book of Joshua

Chapter 2

I And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

Joshua 2:1

- Why two?
 - Maybe thinking back to 38 years earlier?
 - Two faithful men is better than a multitude
 - Two is the number of 'witness'
 - These two witnesses give testimony to the ears that will hear

2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country.

3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country.

Joshua 2:2-3

The king's Anxiety

- 5 miles from the Israeli camp to Jericho
- The cloud by day & pillar of fire clearly visible...
- The God of Israel was coming!
- Sodom & Gomorrah located just south of Jericho in the plains of the Dead Sea
- The king of Jericho would have known of the results of God's judgment!



⁶ But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.

Joshua 2:5-6

Rahab

31 By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

Hebrews 11:31

Rahab

- 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.*
- 25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?*

James 2:24-25

The (Earthy) Genealogy of Christ

Abraham

Isaac

Jacob

Judah

Pharez

Hezron

Ram

Amminadab

Nahshon

Salmon



Rahab

Boaz

Obed

Jesse

David

Solomon

Rehoboam

Abijah

Asa

Jehoshaphat

Jehoram

Ahaziah*

Joash*

Amaziah*

Uzziah

Jotham

Ahaz

Hezekiah

Manasseh

Amon

Josiah

Jehoiakim*

Jehoiachin*

Salathiel**

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Eleazar

Matthan

Jacob

Joseph

(Matthew Ch 1)

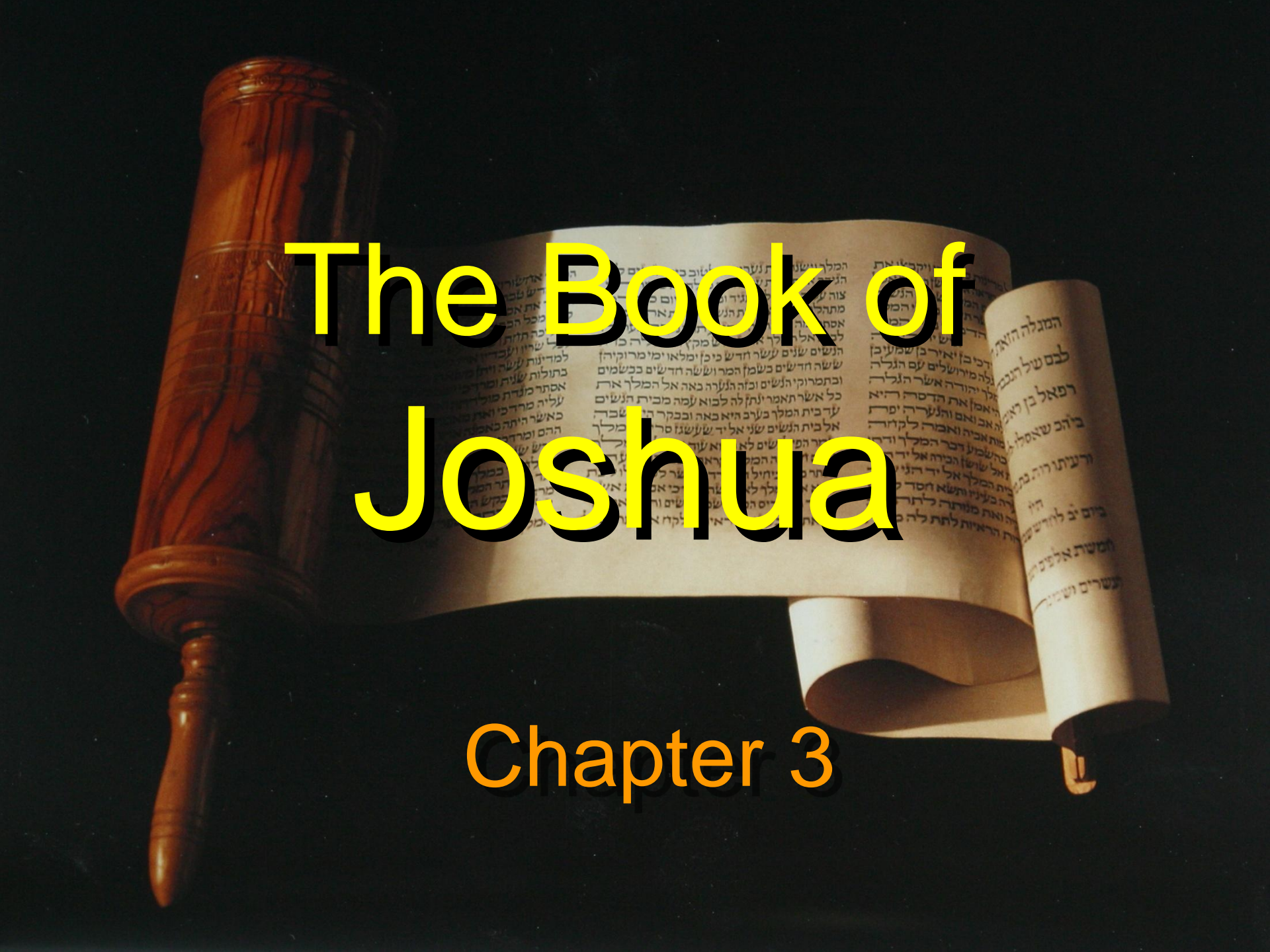
Rahab

- Gentile
- Sinner
- Not part of the covenants & promises
- Justified by faith
- Her faith was accompanied by works
- She becomes a gentile bride and is joined to the commonwealth of Israel

²³ So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all things that befell them:

²⁴ And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

Joshua 2:23-24



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Chapter 3

Sanctification & Trust

- Joshua now instructs the people on how they are to cross the Jordan
- The Ark (the Law/God's Word) will go before them
- The people are not told to sharpen their swords, or prepare for battle, but simply to sanctify themselves
- *"ye have not passed this way heretofore"* Josh 3:4
- We do not know the way!
- We need keep the Word forever before us:
- *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"* Psalm 119:105

12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man.

13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.

Joshua 3:12-13

- “Waters never part until our feet get wet!”

14 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)

Joshua 3:14-15

- Two months earlier or two months later and they could have waded across the Jordan!
- Why does God wait until the worst possible time to act?

Thine Be The Glory

- 27* But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;
- 28* And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:
- 29* That no flesh should glory in his presence.

1 Cor 1:27-29

Crossing The Jordan

- They were to keep their eyes on the Ark
 - Not to be distracted by the floods or Jericho
- As the Ark went down into the depths to secure their passage...
 - So has Jesus secured a way through death
- The water was removed back to Adam
 - So our sin has been removed 'east to west'
- The Ark remained in the depths until all were across
 - Jesus has safely carried us: 'not lost one'

Victory Through Death

- Just as the Ark went down into the Jordan...
- So did all the people
 - *There at Calvary Jesus died: there he stood firm until everything that God the Father had commanded God the Son to say to his people was finished...But there is something more than that... The deepest, most real, and most wonderful meaning of Calvary is that not only did Jesus die there for my sins, but I died with Him and in Him. Without a real spiritual revelation to your heart of this, you will never be a victorious Christian.*

Victory Through Death

- Just as the Ark went down into the Jordan...
- So did all the people
 - *Now, I imagine that many of you have visions of some great project that you are going to do for God, but you are always planning a scheme and thinking out a method by which you can win souls for Jesus. Very good, but it is only second best. God's best for you is to die! He has nothing for any of us, outside of Christ, except judgement and death; it must be 'Jesus only'! The thing that God is calling on some people to do, people who want to do big things for him, is to die with Jesus.*
 - Alan Redpath – Victorious Christian Living

A Beautiful Death

5 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

Psalm 116:15

A Beautiful Death

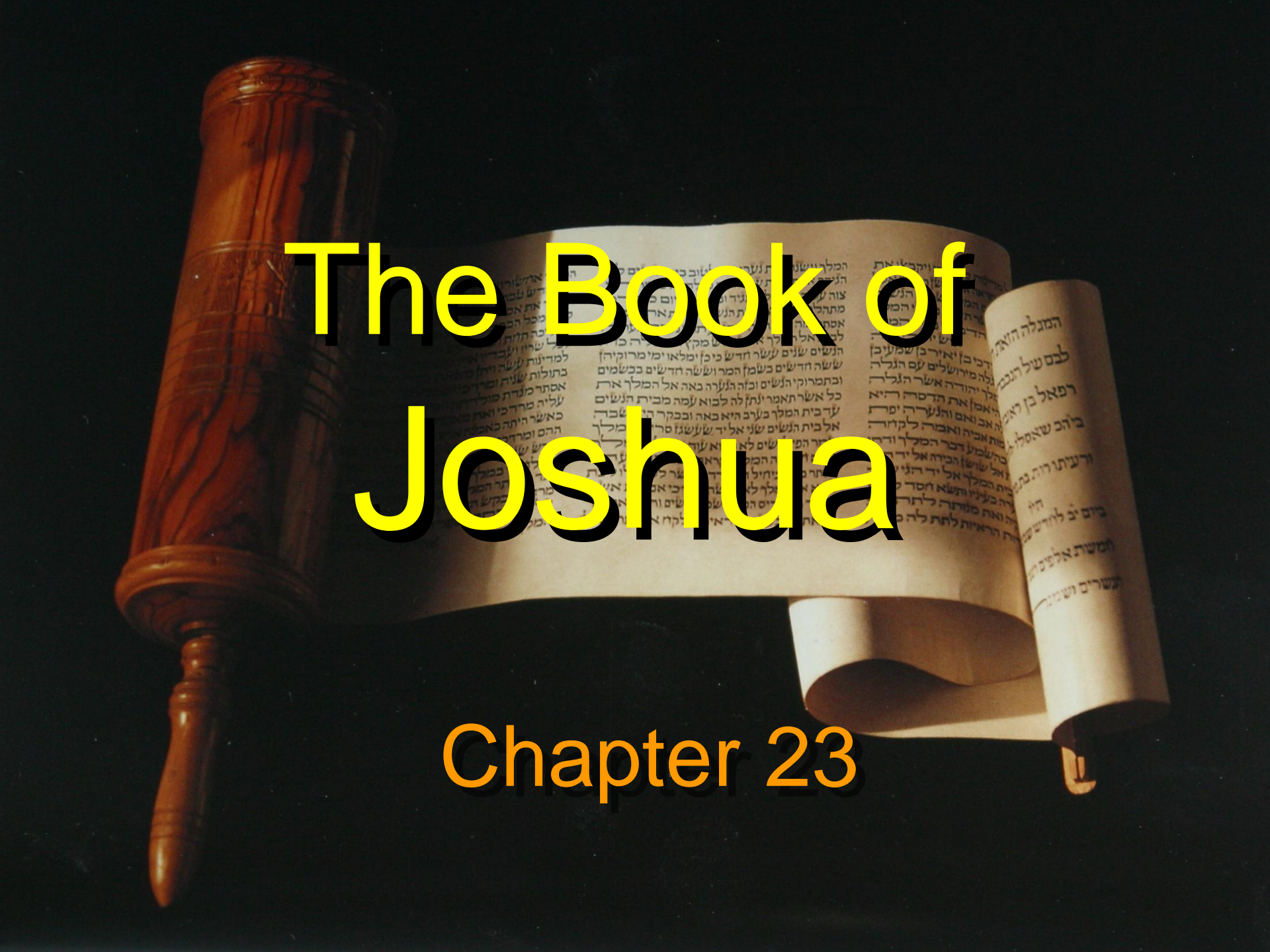
²⁰ I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

A Beautiful Death

“They that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh”—it is going to cost the natural in you everything, not something. Jesus said—If any man will be My disciple, “let him deny himself” i.e., his right to himself, and a man has to realise Who Jesus Christ is before he will do it. Beware of refusing to go to the funeral of your own independence”

– Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*,



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Chapter 4

¹ And it came to pass, when **all the people** were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,

² Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,

³ And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, **twelve stones**, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night.

Joshua 4:1-3

8 And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9 And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.

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Bethabara 'house of passage'

²⁸ These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

John 1:28

⁹ And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

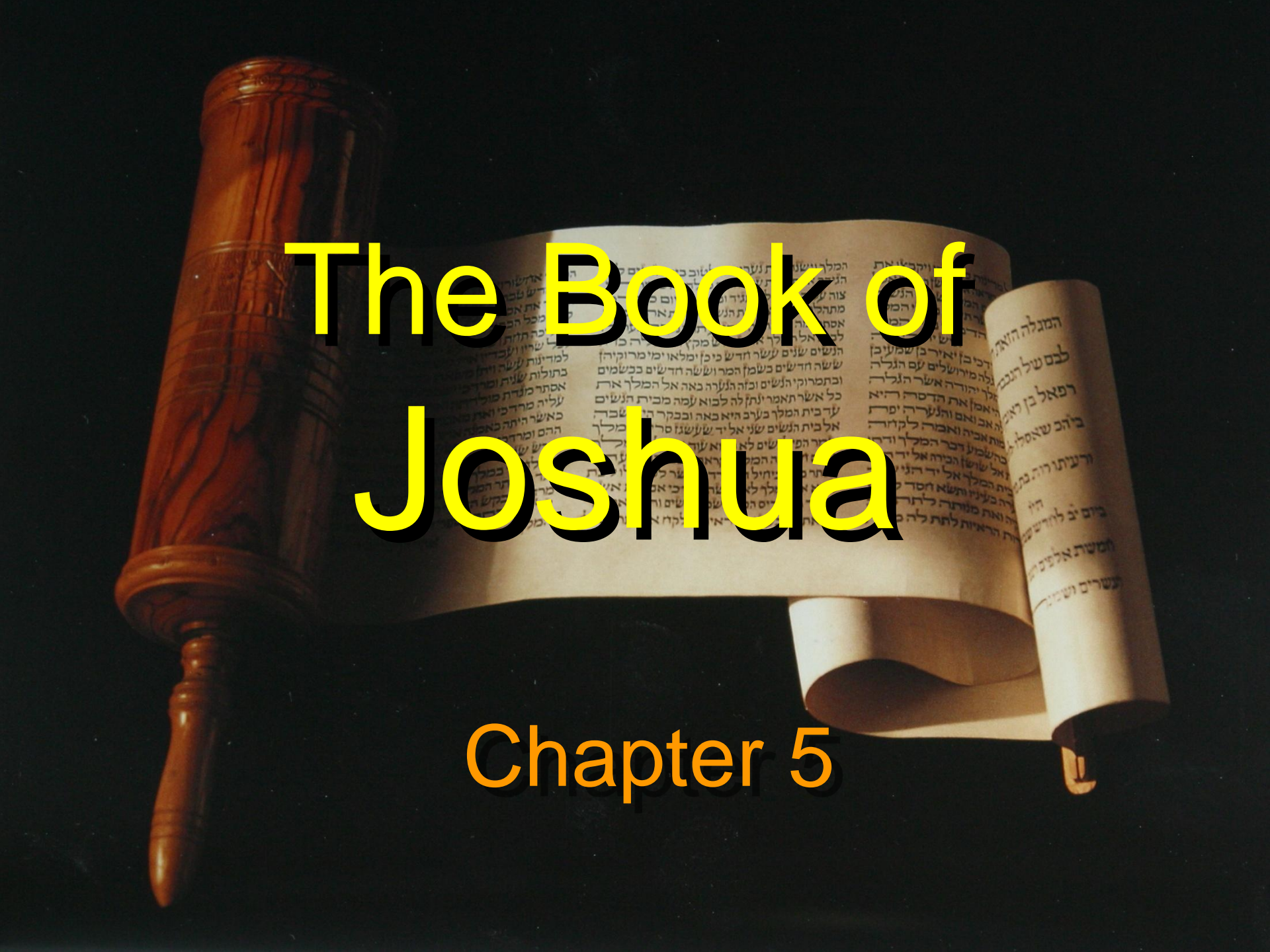
Matthew 3:9

21 And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones?

22 Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.

23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:

24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.



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Chapter 5

¹ And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

Joshua 5:1

² At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.

³ And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

Joshua 5:2-3

- They were getting ready to face a powerful enemy!
- They needed to be on top physical form (?)
- *“God’s delays are infinitely more profitable than our haste”*

Preparation for Battle

- *The rite of circumcision was an outward testimony to the fact that the land was to be possessed in the weakness of the flesh, through suffering, very often, of the body. It symbolised the weakness and almost death, as it were, of everything that man can be, in order that the possession of the land should be given to them unmistakably in the sovereign grace of God.*
 - Alan Redpath, *Victorious Christian Living*

10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.

Joshua 5:10

- *“Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over”*

Psalms 23:5

Passover

- The Passover had been ordained in Egypt as a memorial of their deliverance from slavery and bondage
- It had then been celebrated at the foot of Mt Sinai
- But then not again for 38 years!
- No uncircumcised person could eat of the Passover (cf Exodus 12:48)

The Feast of Passover

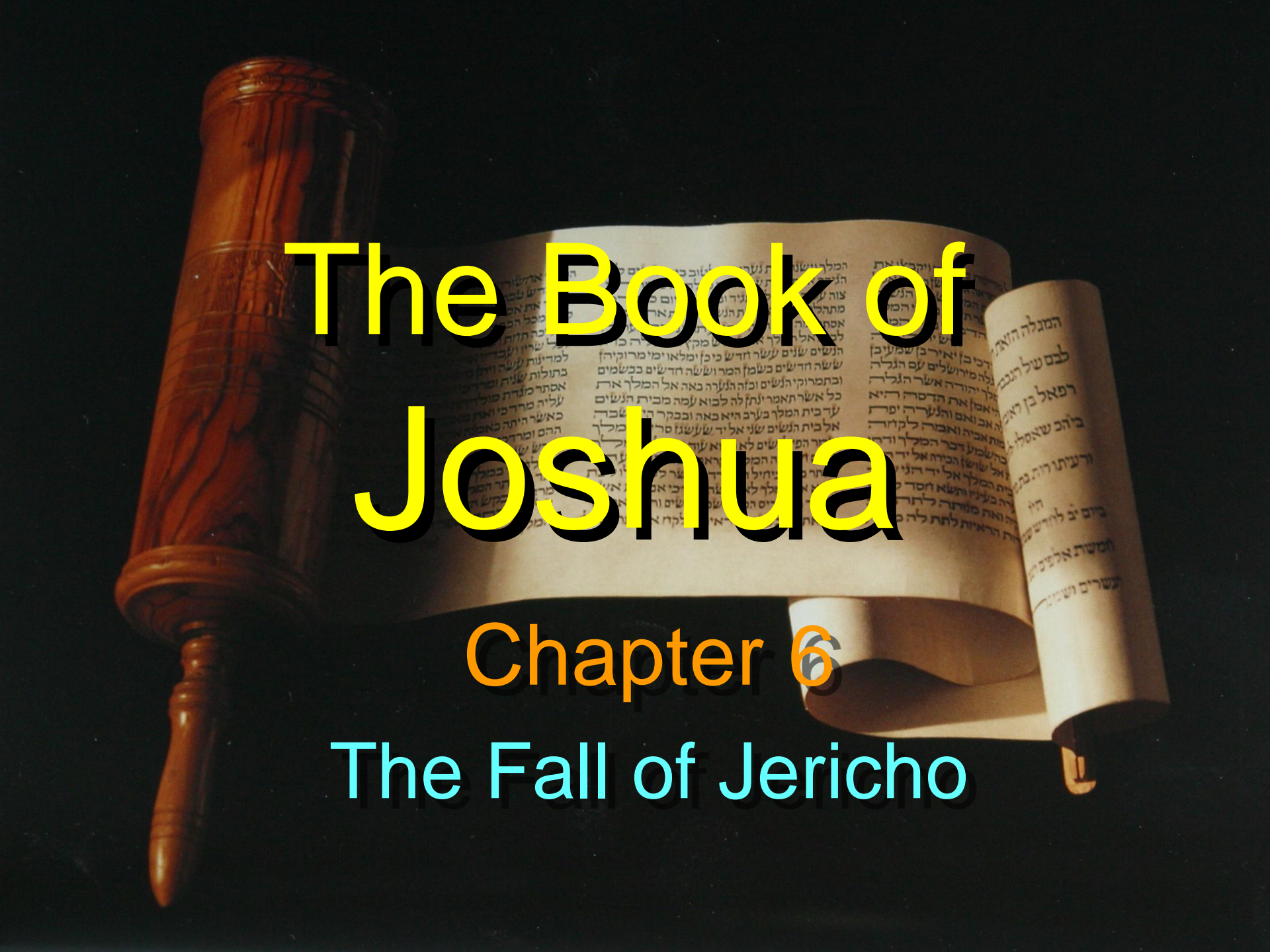
Let me say to you with all the earnestness of my heart that there can never be any feasting on the Lord in your heart, any real worship of God, if there is disobedience to God in your life. If sometimes Sunday worship means little to you, and sometimes you never get anything out of your Bible, ask yourself if this is not because you have forfeited your right to blessing... But immediately the rite of circumcision was renewed they kept the Passover. The moment they obeyed, heaven opened and they feasted in fellowship with God

- Alan Redpath, Victorious Christian Living

13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?

15 And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.



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Chapter 6

The Fall of Jericho

20 So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that **the wall fell down flat**, so that the people **went up into the city**, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

21 And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

Joshua 6:20-21

The Historical Fall of Jericho



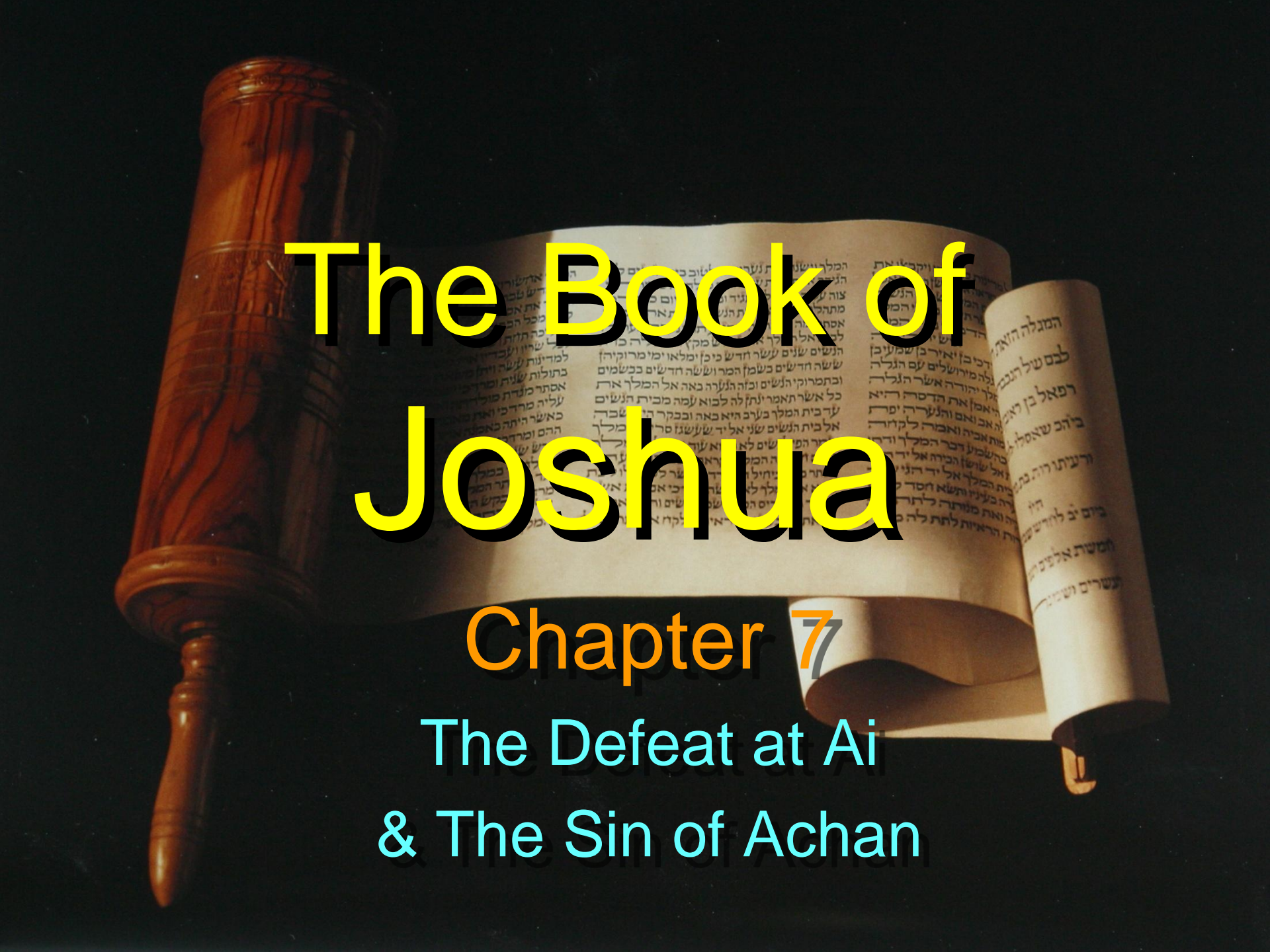
Schematic cross-section diagram of the fortification system at Jericho based on Kenyon's west trench.

The Historical Fall of Jericho

- *“The destruction was complete. Walls and floors were blackened or reddened by fire, and every room was filled with fallen bricks, timbers, and household utensils; in most rooms the fallen debris was heavily burnt.”*
 - Kathleen Kenyon (from her excavation report)

²⁷ So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was noised throughout all the country.

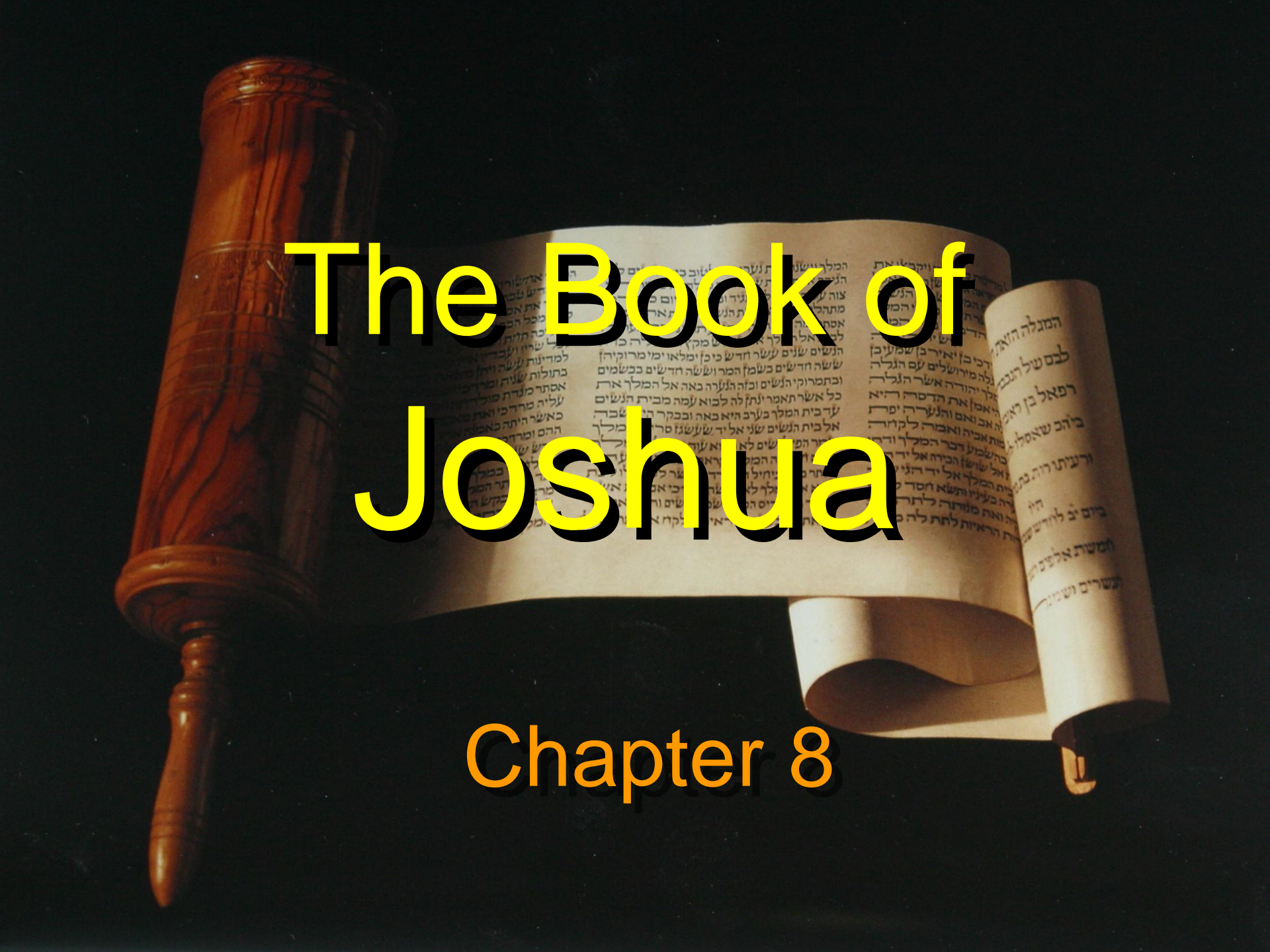
Joshua 6:27



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Chapter 7

The Defeat at Ai
& The Sin of Achan



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Chapter 8

I And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land:

Joshua 8:1-2

- God takes Joshua back to basics
- Your life in the Land is to be a life of continually trusting in God

The Walk of Faith

7 For we walk by faith, not by sight:

2 Corinthians 5:7

Numerical Superiority?

- Why was Joshua to now take all the army?
- To learn the lesson not to trivialise the battle
- Our smallest foes can inflict the greatest harm
- That *'little sin'* that *'doesn't matter'* can cripple a soldier of God
- 'We always fail in our strongest suit'
 - Cf. Peter draws his sword, then denies Jesus
 - Samson: trusted in his own strength

30 Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel in mount Ebal,

32 And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel

Joshua 8:30,32

Signing of the Covenant

Deuteronomy 27:2-3

“And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass over Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaister them with plaister:

And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law”

The Agreement

- The requirements and expectations have now been set. (Deut Ch 5-26)
- Both 'parties' know their obligations
 - They have avouched to walk in His ways and keep His statutes
 - God has avouched to provide, protect and lift up the Nation
- The contract has been signed (Deut Ch27)
- Penalties for breach of contract (Deut Ch28)

Blessings

Mt Gerizim (Fruitful)

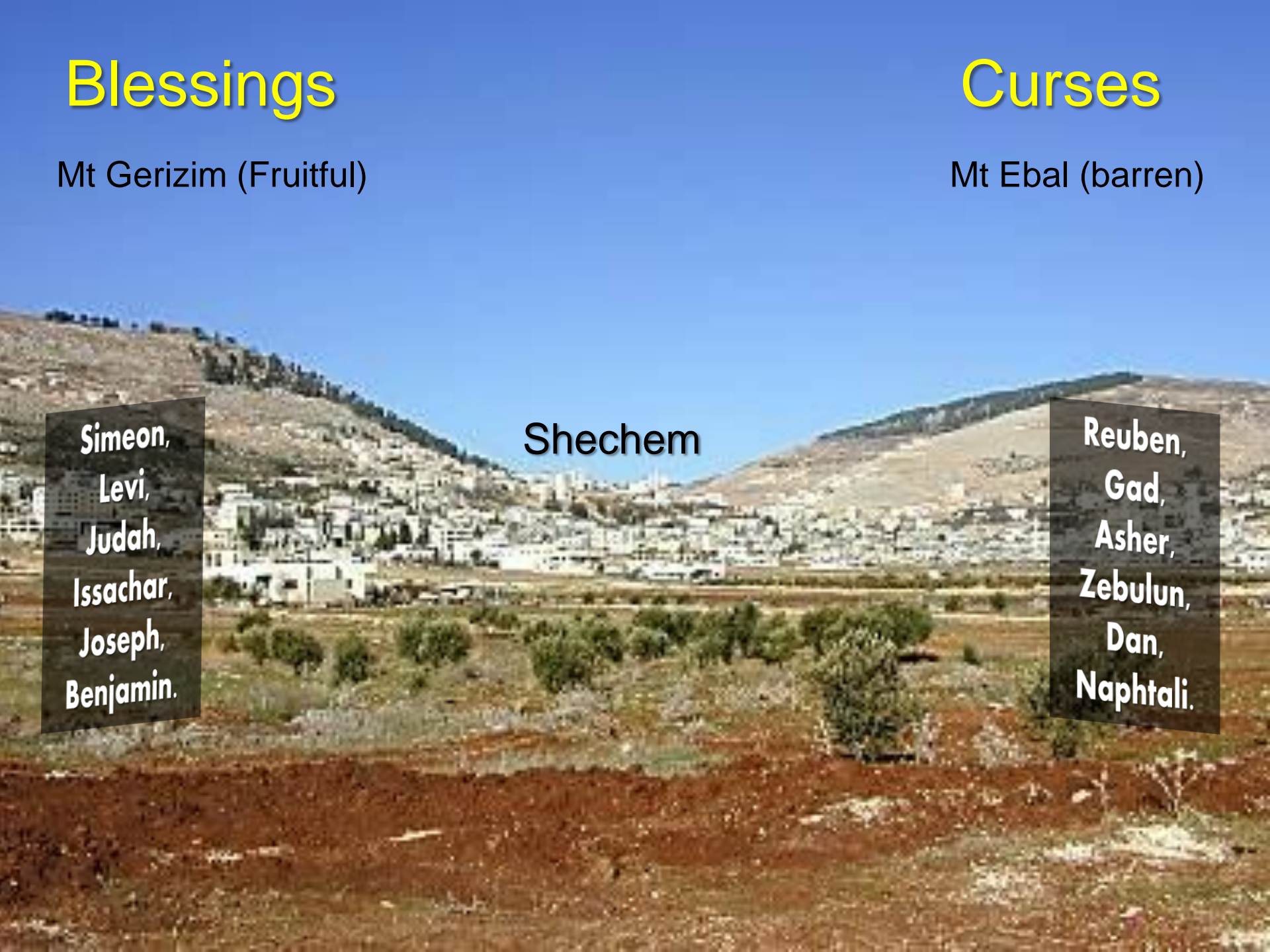
Curses

Mt Ebal (barren)

Shechem

Simeon,
Levi,
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Benjamin.

Reuben,
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Zebulun,
Dan,
Naphtali.



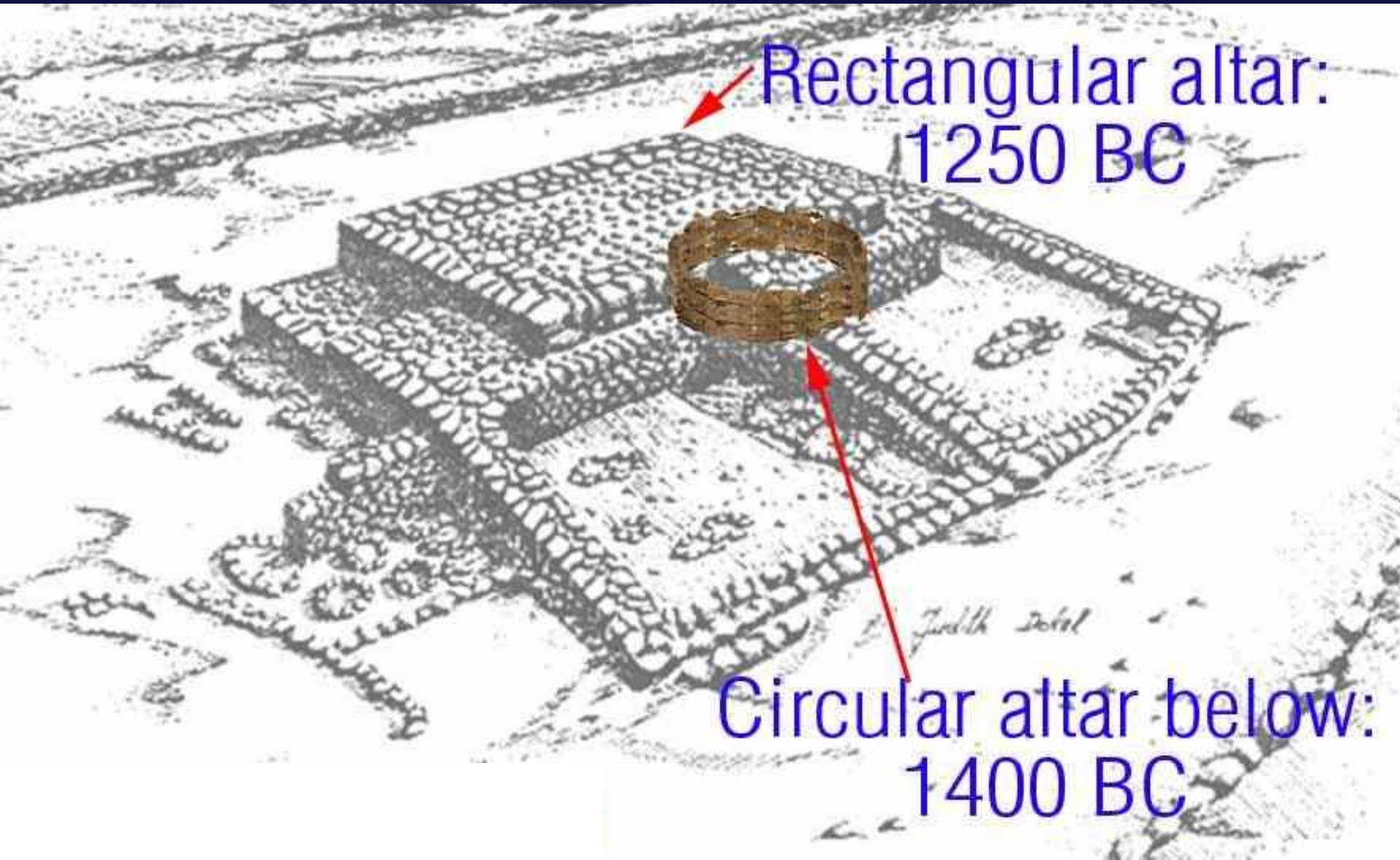
Joshua's Altar on Ebal



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Rectangular altar:
1250 BC

Circular altar below:
1400 BC

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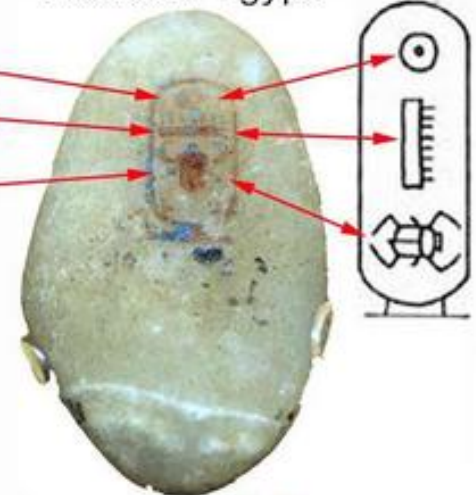


Scarab found at Joshua's Altar

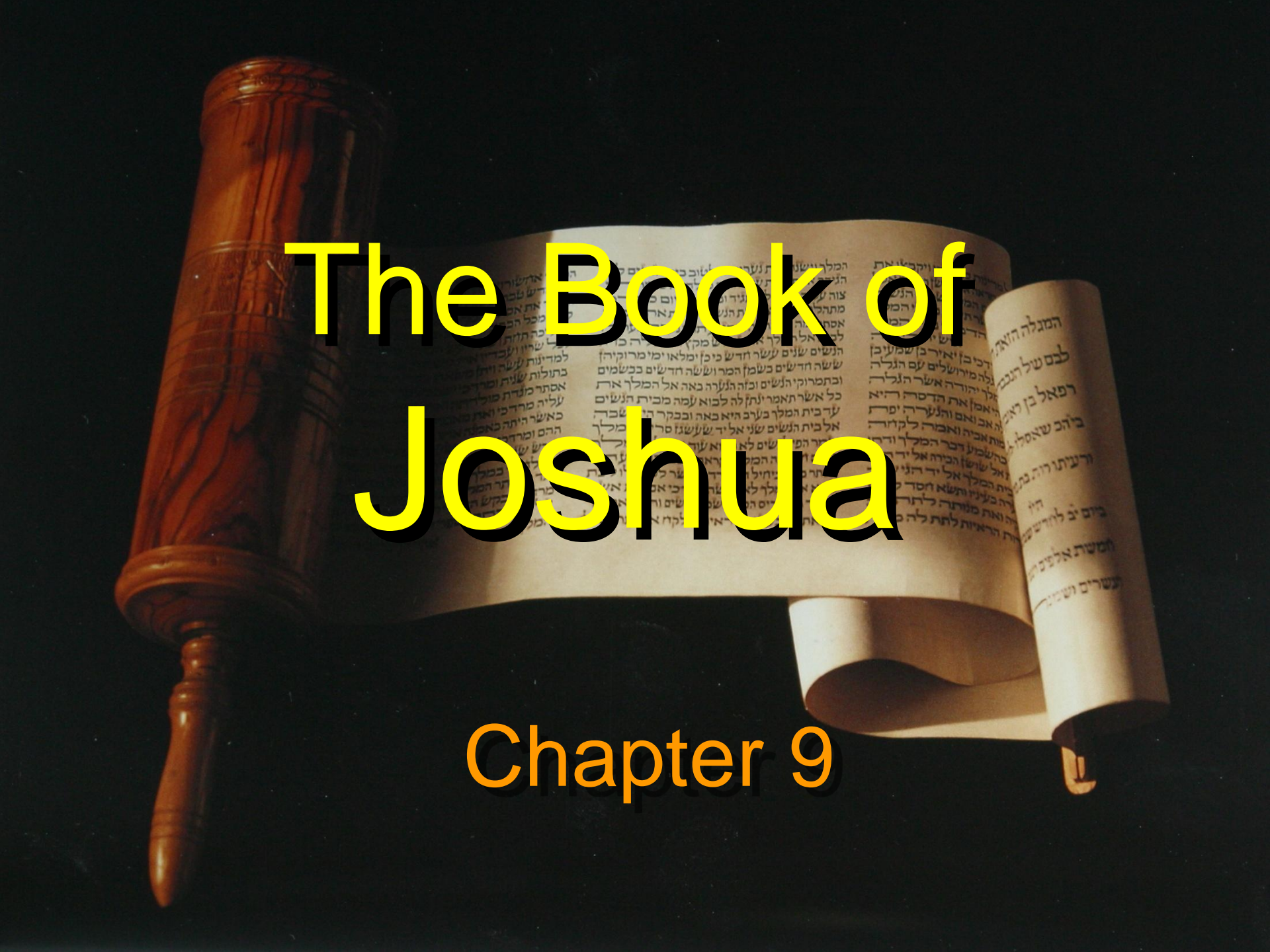
Cartouche of Tuthmose III
1479-1425 BC



Found in Egypt



Found at Joshua's
Altar inside an
offering structure.

A wooden scroll with Hebrew text, partially unrolled, set against a dark background. The scroll is made of light-colored wood and has a handle at the bottom. The text is written in black ink on a light-colored parchment. The scroll is unrolled from the left side, showing several pages of text. The text is in Hebrew and appears to be from the Book of Joshua, Chapter 9. The scroll is set against a dark background, which makes the light-colored scroll stand out. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the wood and the details of the text.

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Chapter 9

The Battleground

“As Joshua began the conquest of the Promised Land, he faced three formidable enemies: Jericho, Ai, and the Gibeonites. These three enemies of Joshua represent the enemies of the Christian today. Jericho represents the world; Ai represents the flesh; and the Gibeonites represent the devil.

You will recall that Joshua’s strategy was to first take Jericho, located right in the center of the land, then to take Ai which stood northeast of Jericho. To the south was an alliance of Gibeonites”

J. V. McGee

The Battleground

“As you recall, Jericho represents the world. How do you overcome the world? By faith. Ai represents the flesh. How do you overcome the flesh? Not by fighting it, but by recognizing your weakness, confessing to God, and letting the Spirit of God get the victory. Remember that it was God who said, “I’m going to give you Ai.”

Now we have the third enemy, the Gibeonites, who represent for us the devil. Since Ephesians in the New Testament corresponds to the Book of Joshua in the Old Testament, we find an important parallel here:

J. V. McGee

Our Subtle Foe

- 10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- 11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against **the wiles of the devil**.
- 12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:10-12

6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

*7 And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, **Peradventure ye dwell among us;** and how shall we make a league with you?*

8 And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye?

Joshua 9:6-8

- Why even ask this question?

9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,

10 And all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which was at Ashtaroth.

Joshua 9:9-10

14 And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD.

15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them.

Joshua 9:14-15

- Israel's judgment here was based on sight & their own opinion

Covenants of Peace

15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities which are very far off from thee, which are not of the cities of these nations.

16 But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth:

Deuteronomy 20:10-16

¹⁶ And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them.

Joshua 9:14-16

- If only they had waited!
- If only we held back from making a covenant with the 'wiles of the Devil'!
- We live in the moment, we are always in a hurry!
- God inhabits eternity

Waiting on Him

¹⁴ Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Psalm 27:14

Covenant Keeping God

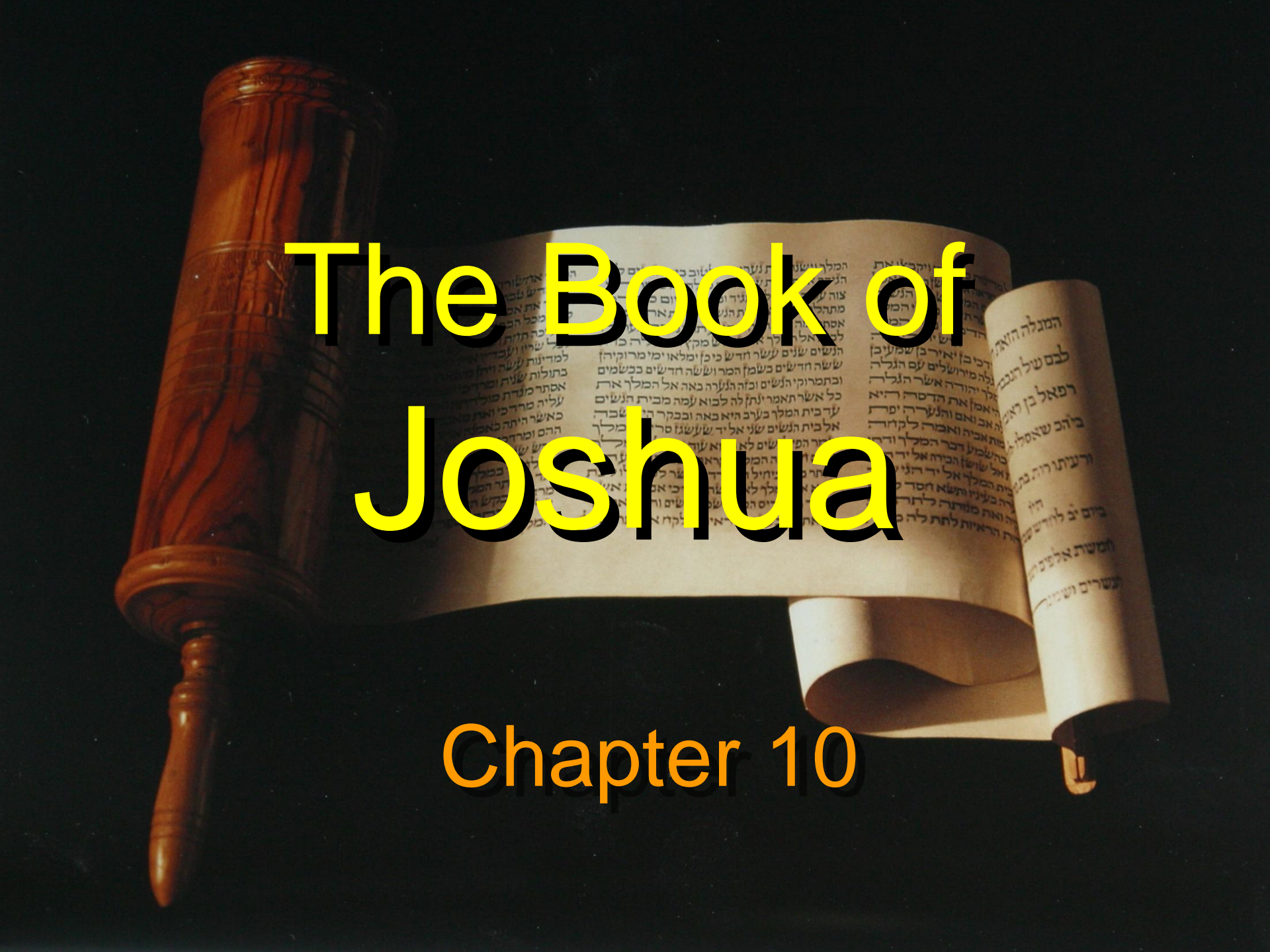
- Ref: 2 Samuel 21:1-14
- If God honours a covenant made with the Gibeonites...
- How much more will he keep His covenants with Israel...
- And with all who are sealed by the blood of His Son!

21 And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation; as the princes had promised them.

Joshua 9:21

Lessons to Learn

- We might have been deceived by the wiles of the Devil...
- But we can turn it to be a servant
- The Gibeonites brought wood that would be used to offer worship on the alter.
- They brought water that would be used for cleansing
- We must turn our failures into opportunities to grow
 - 1 Chron 12:4
 - “Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty”
 - Neh 3:7 -
 - “And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite”

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The Book of Joshua

Chapter 10

The Battle for the Heart

- Joshua 10 records the battle for the heart of the land of Canaan.
- Typologically it speaks of the battle for our own hearts.
- In Canaan there was a self appointed king, with his own righteousness...
- This king in the Land was opposed to the moving of God's Spirit

¹ Now it came to pass, when **Adoni-zedek** king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them;

² That they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and **all the men thereof were mighty.**

Joshua 10:1-2

- Adoni-zedek = the lord of righteousness
- The Lord has brought to nothing the mighty!

3 Wherefore Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying,

4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel.

Joshua 10:3-4

5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.

6 And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us.

Joshua 10:5-6

- What should we do when under seige?
- Appeal to our Jehoshua!

7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour.

8 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.

9 Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night.

Joshua 10:7-9

- From Gilgal to Gibeon is c.26 miles
- This journey should have taken an army 3 days!
- It took Joshua around 12 hours.
- 4000ft ascent

10 And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Beth-horon, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah.

11 And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

Joshua 10:10-11

12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

Joshua 10:12-13

14 *And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.*

Joshua 10:14

The Battle of Beth-Horon

- Kings confederate under “Adonai-Zedek,” king of Jerusalem

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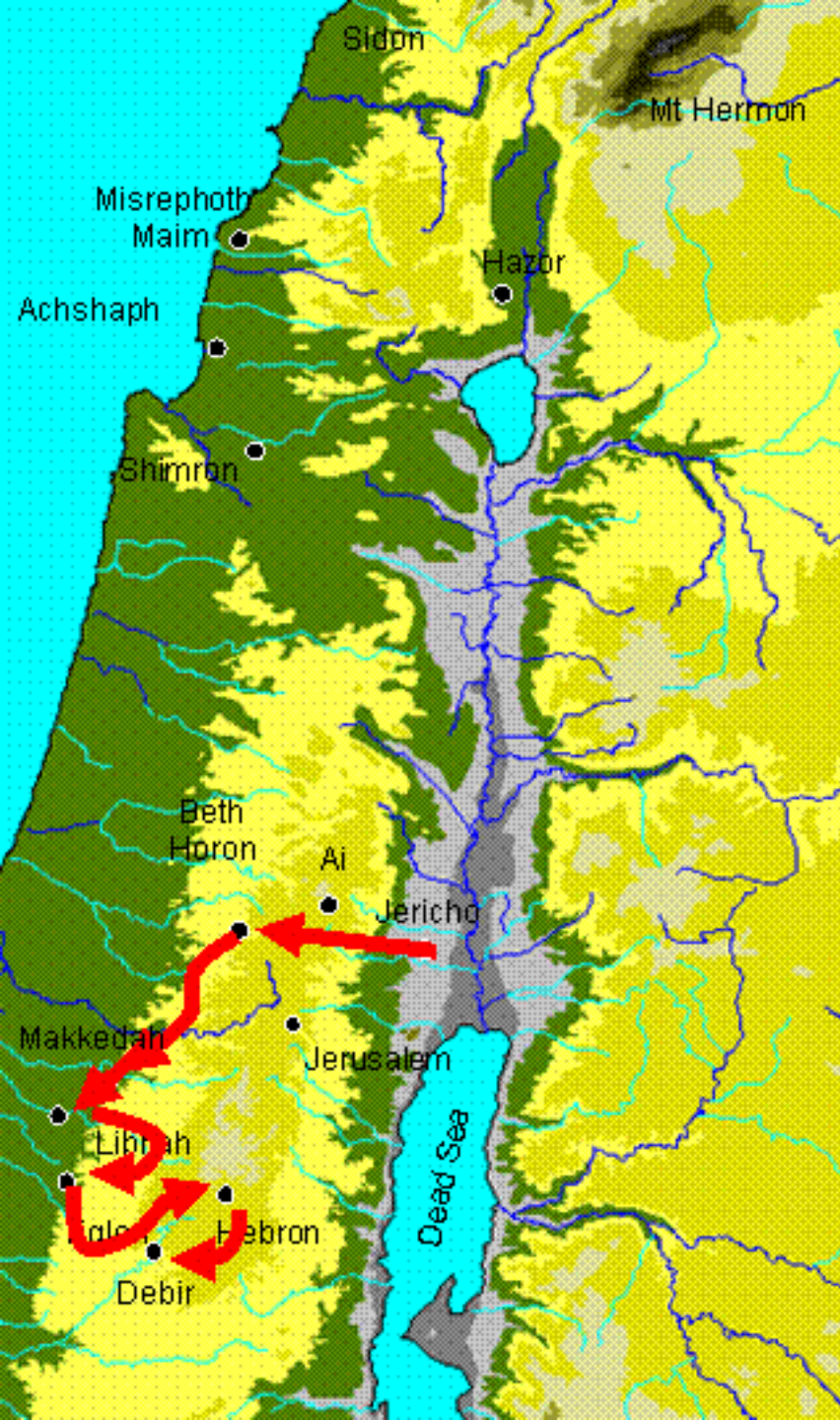
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- The kings hide in a cave and are dealt with



The Campaign

South Joshua 10

Treaty with Gibeonites

Battle of Beth Horon

Quick surprise attacks



The Campaign

North

Joshua 11

King Jabin of Hazor's alliance
Slower guerilla war..

South

Joshua 10

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15 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

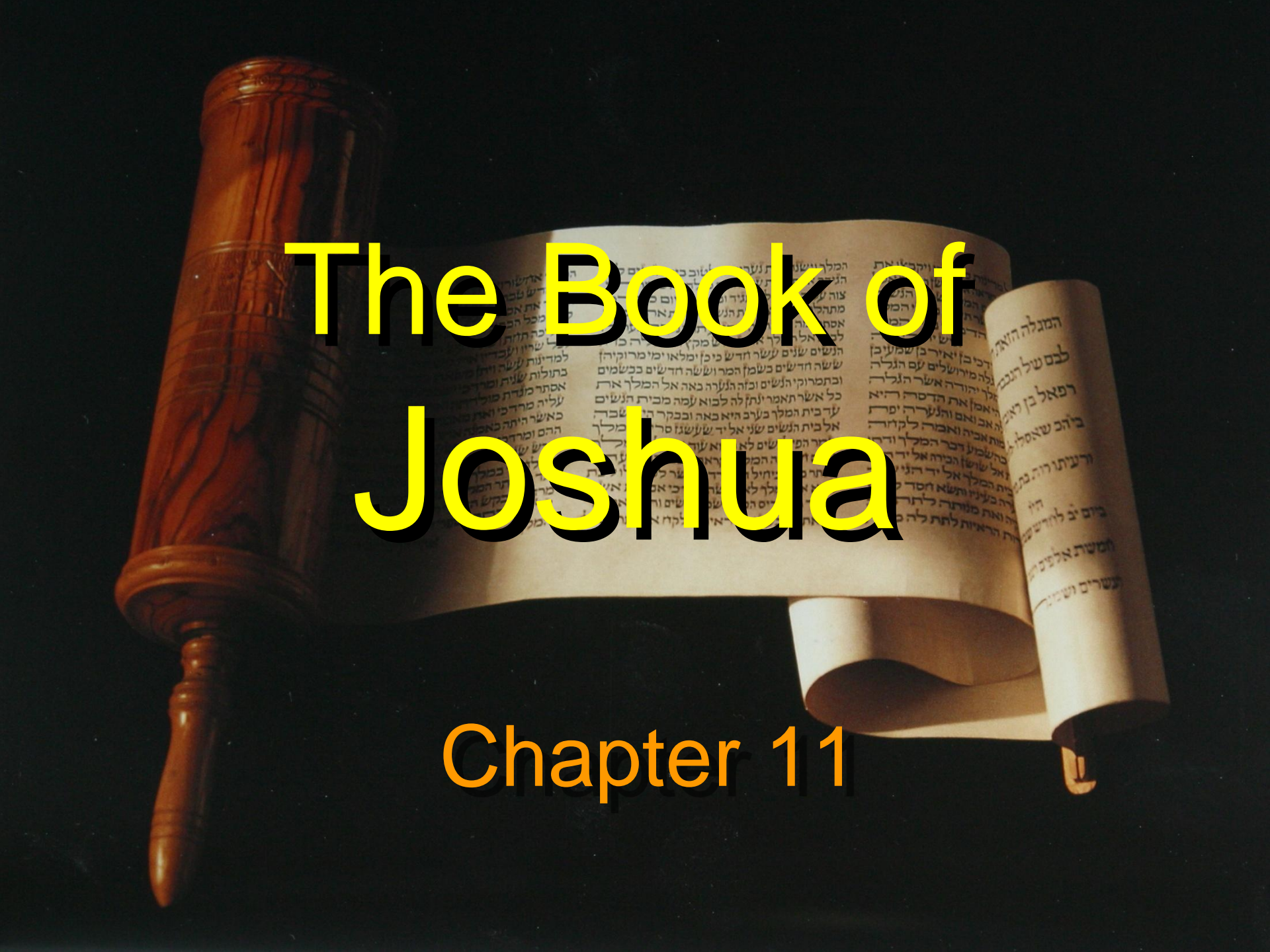
Joshua 10:15

- Great rejoicing as they returned home
- They would see the pile of stones reminding them of the God who had wrought their deliverance and brought them into this land
- God's covenant with them was eternal

42 And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.

43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

Joshua 10:42-43



The Book of Joshua

Chapter 11

21 And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities.

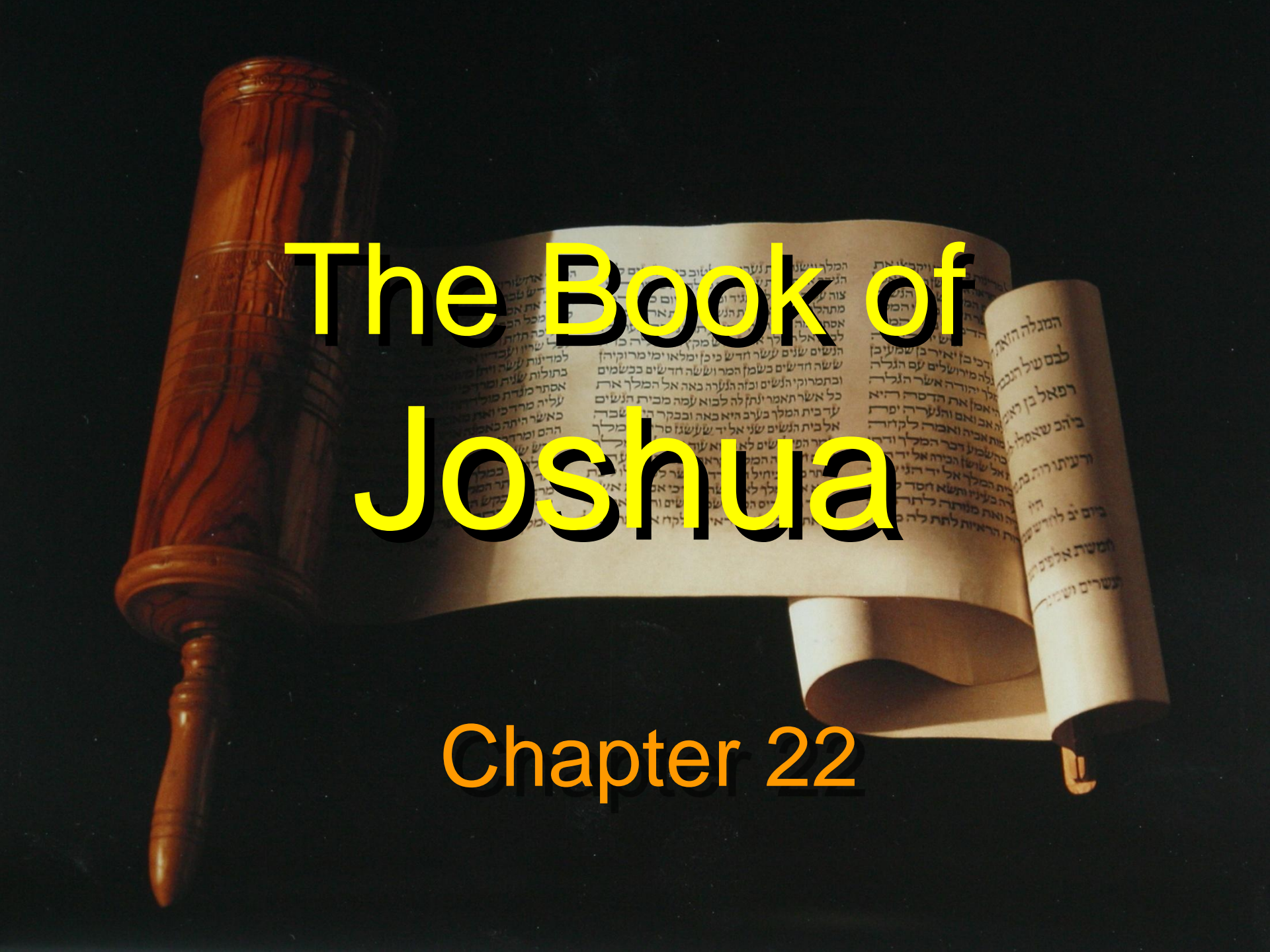
22 There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.

Joshua 11:21-22

²³ So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

Joshua 11:23

- From ch 14:7,10 we find that the campaign lasted 7 years.



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Chapter 12-21

The Division of the Land

The Land Divided By Lot

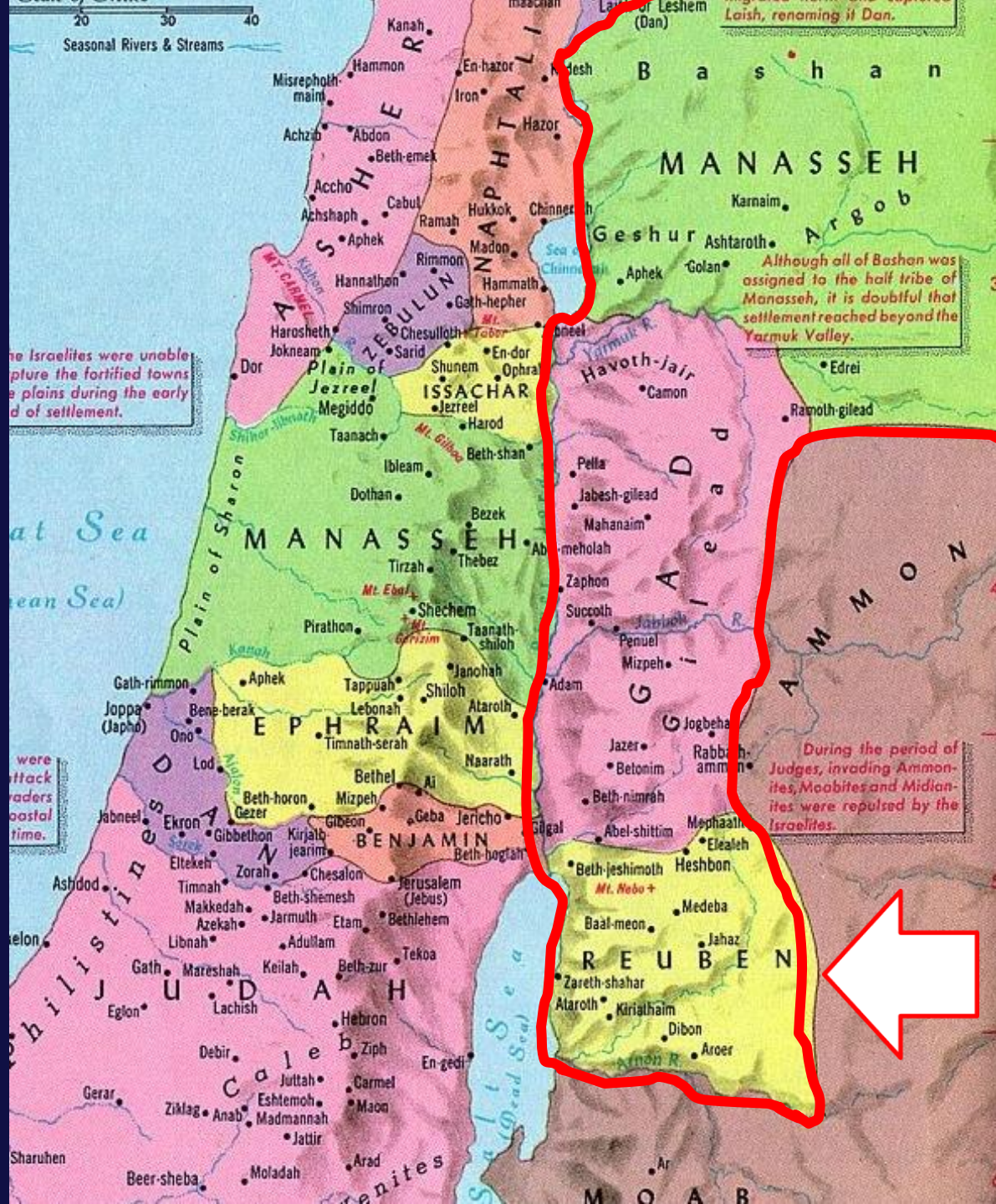
- The Lord chose their inheritance
- Abraham was willing to let the Lord chose
- We too frequently want to chose our own lot...
- Or complain about the lot we have been given

I Now Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.

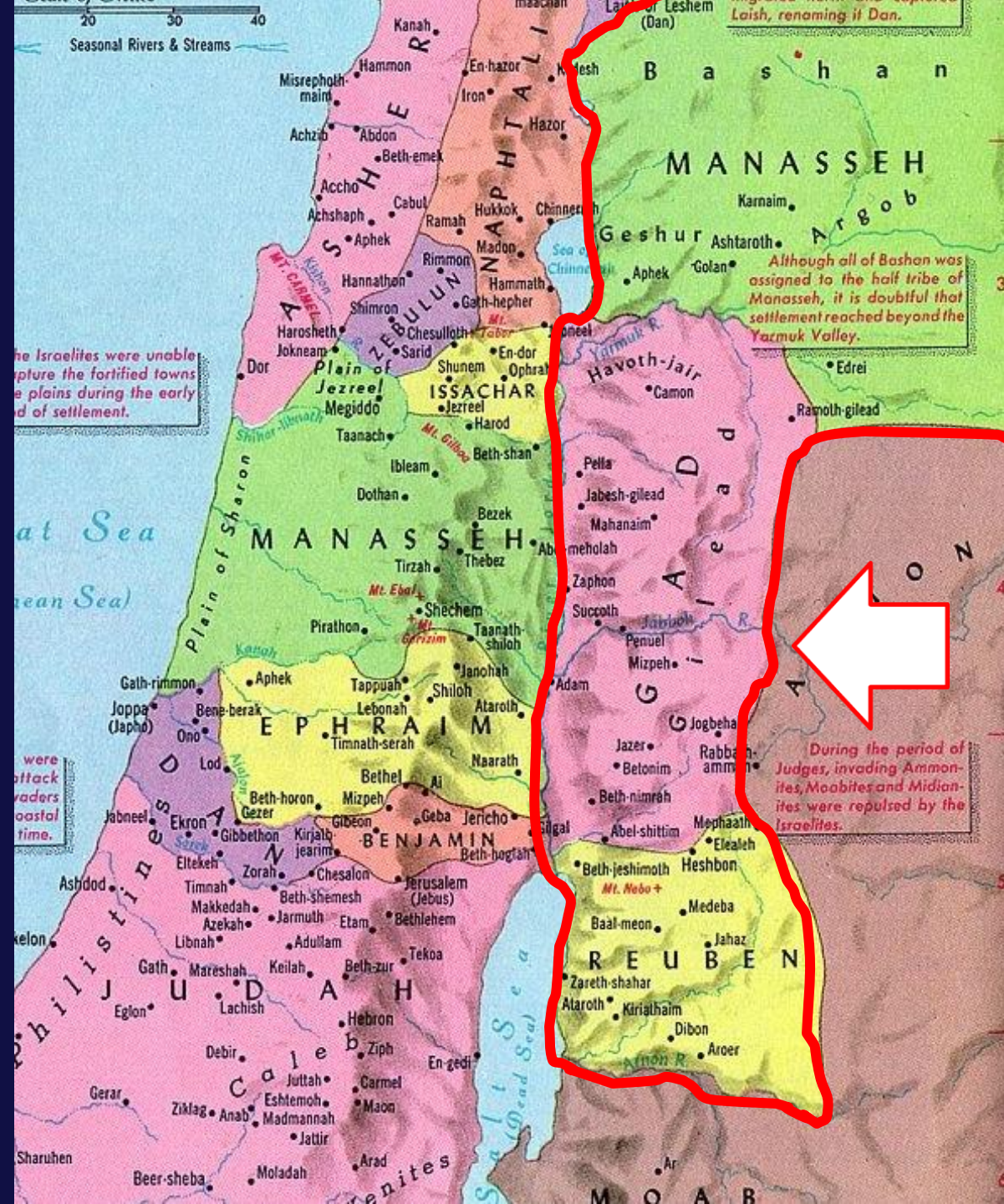
Joshua 13:1

- Time to retire?
- Still much to do
- *“The greatest battles are fought just before the war is won” Alan Redpath*

The Tribe of Ruben



The Tribe of Gad



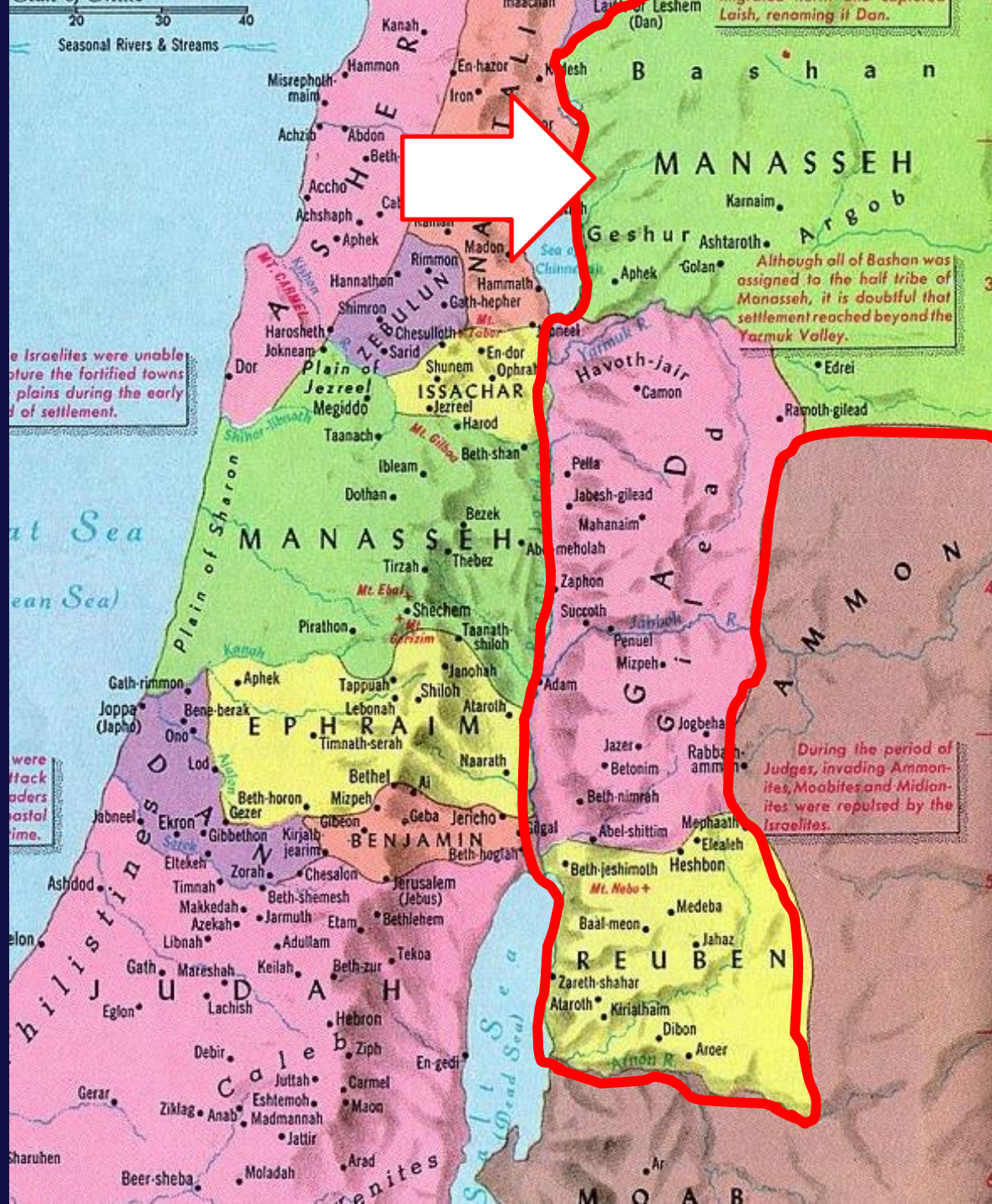
The Israelites were unable to capture the fortified towns of the Jezreel plain during the early period of settlement.

Although all of Bashan was assigned to the half-tribe of Manasseh, it is doubtful that settlement reached beyond the Yarmuk Valley.

During the period of Judges, invading Ammonites, Moabites and Midianites were repulsed by the Israelites.

were attacked by invaders from the coastal time.

The Tribe of Manasseh

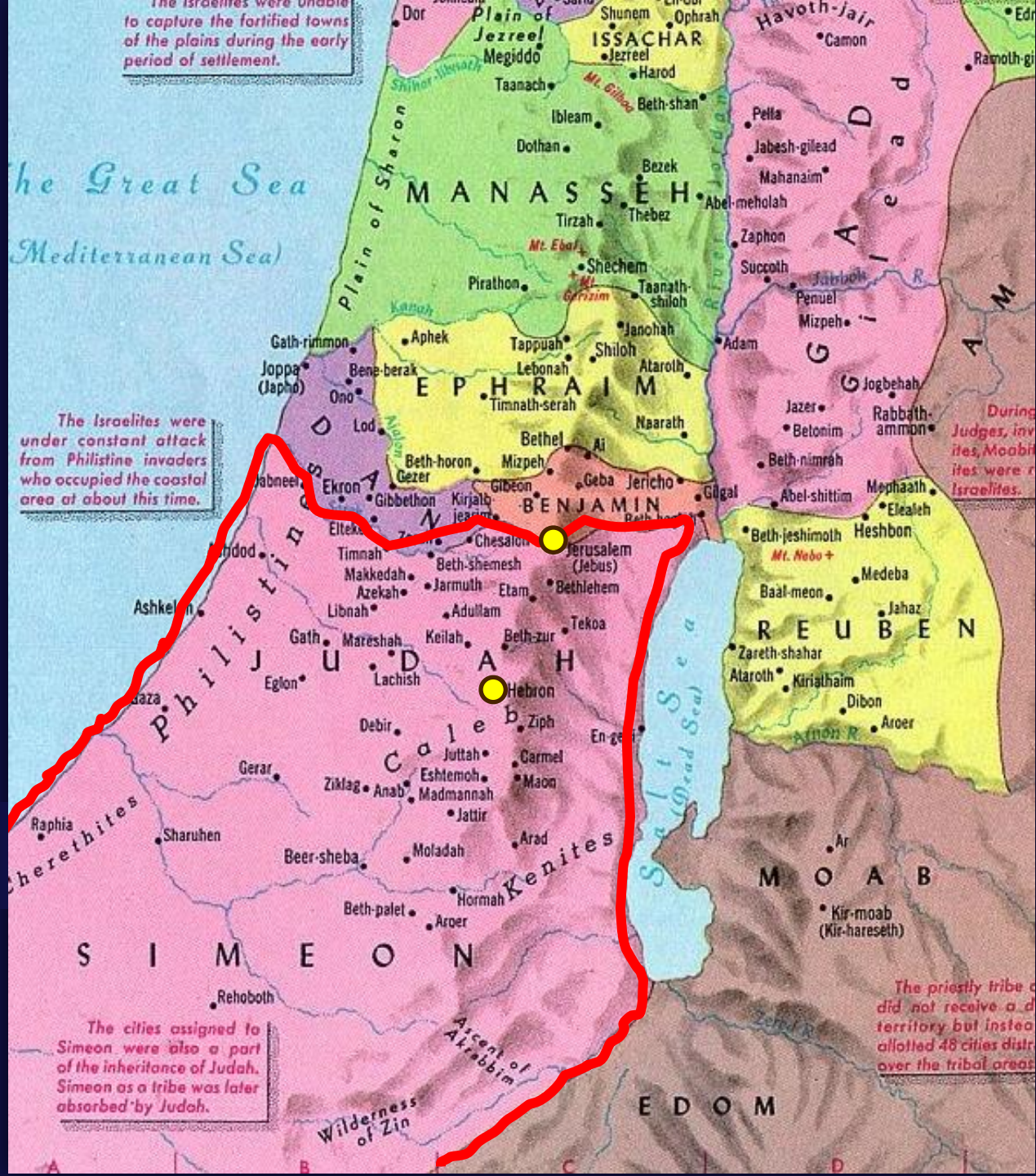


32 These are the countries which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side Jordan, by Jericho, eastward.

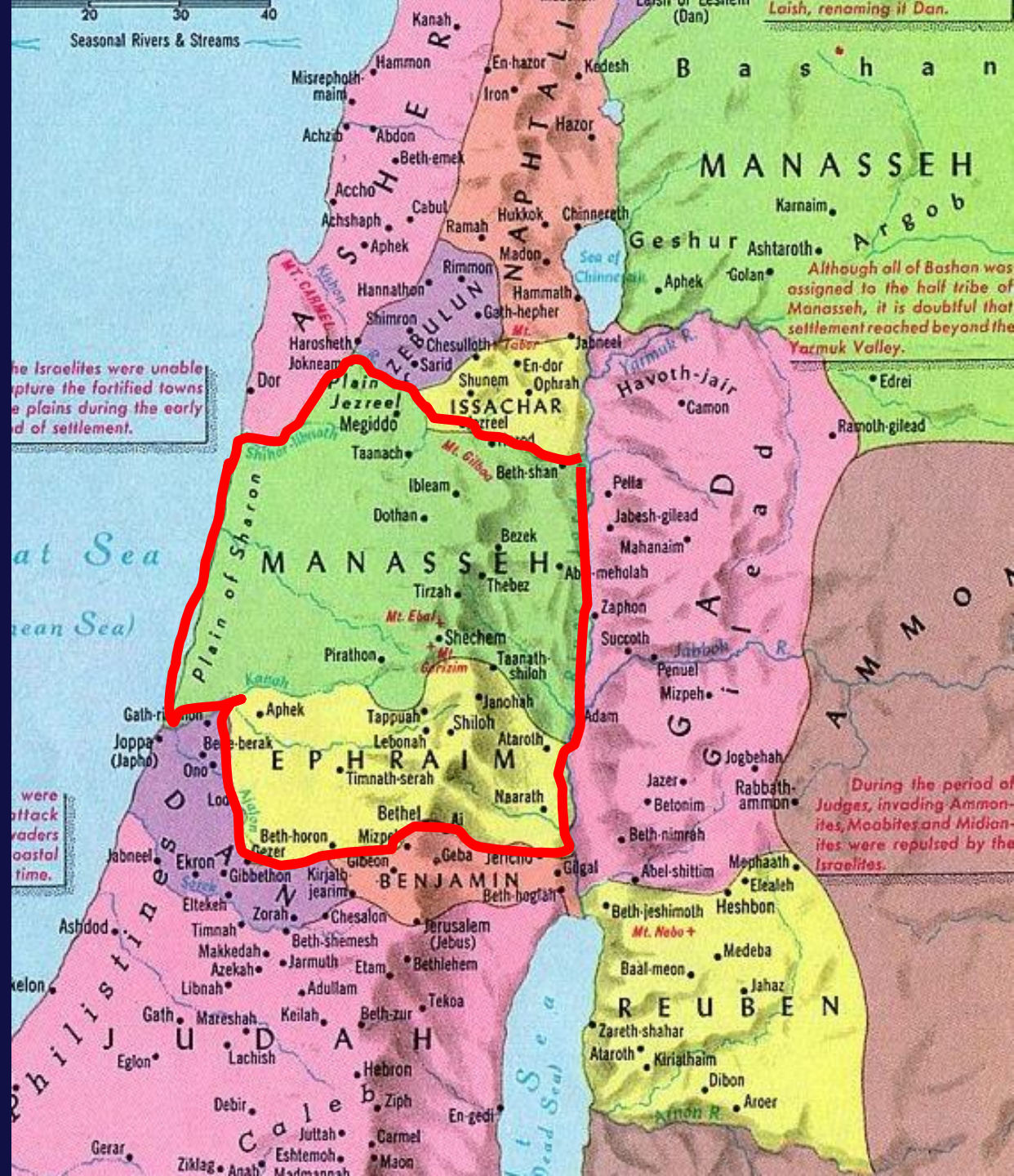
33 But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave not any inheritance: the LORD God of Israel was their inheritance, as he said unto them.

Joshua 13:32-33

The Tribe of Judah (& Simeon)

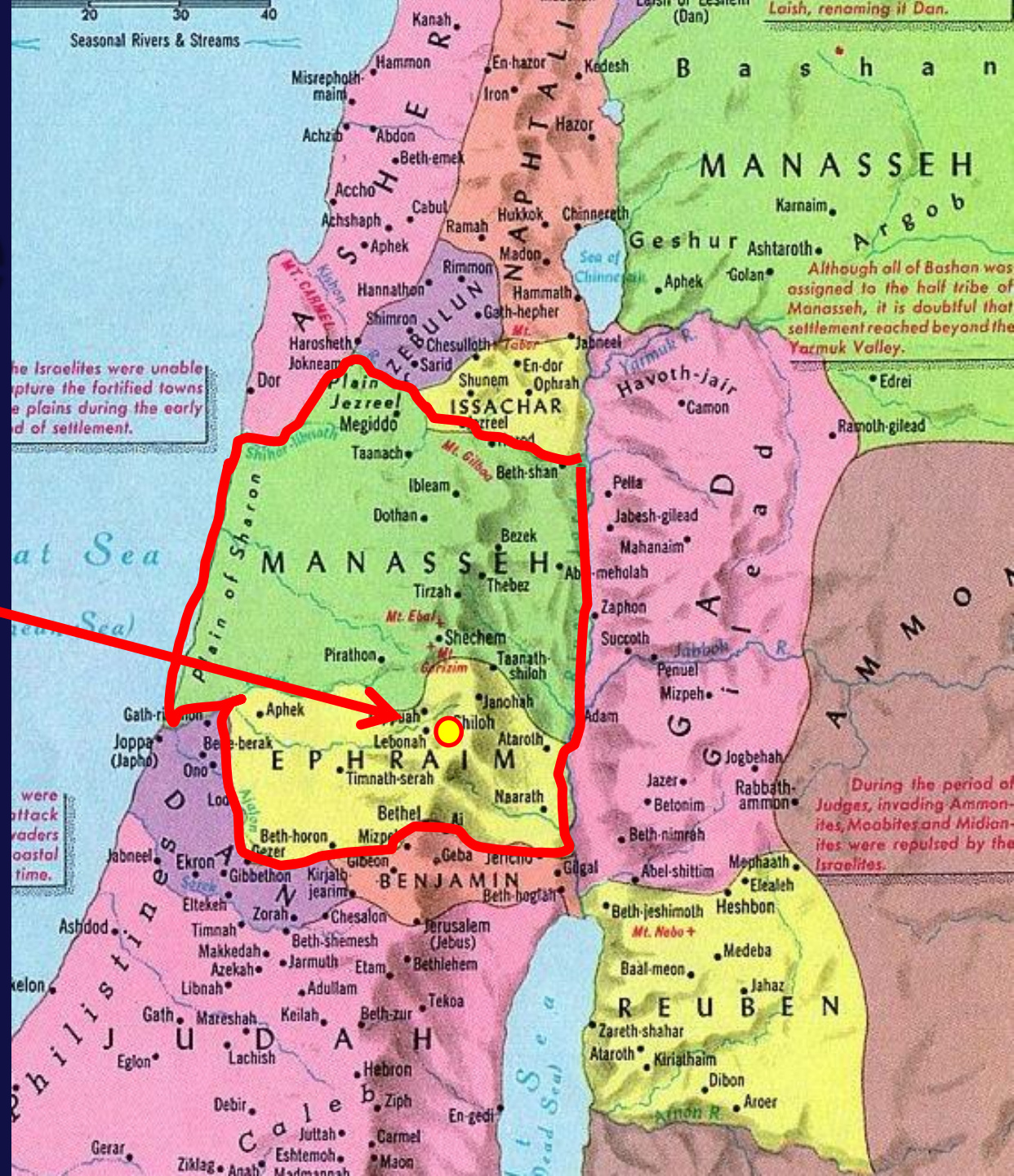


The Tribes of Joseph Manasseh & Ephraim



The Tabernacle

Shiloh



I And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

Joshua 18:1

- Notice when the Land was subdued:
- The Tabernacle represented the dwelling of God in their midst

God's Dwelling In Us

- ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
- ¹⁷ Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:16-23

Shiloh (Rest)

The rise

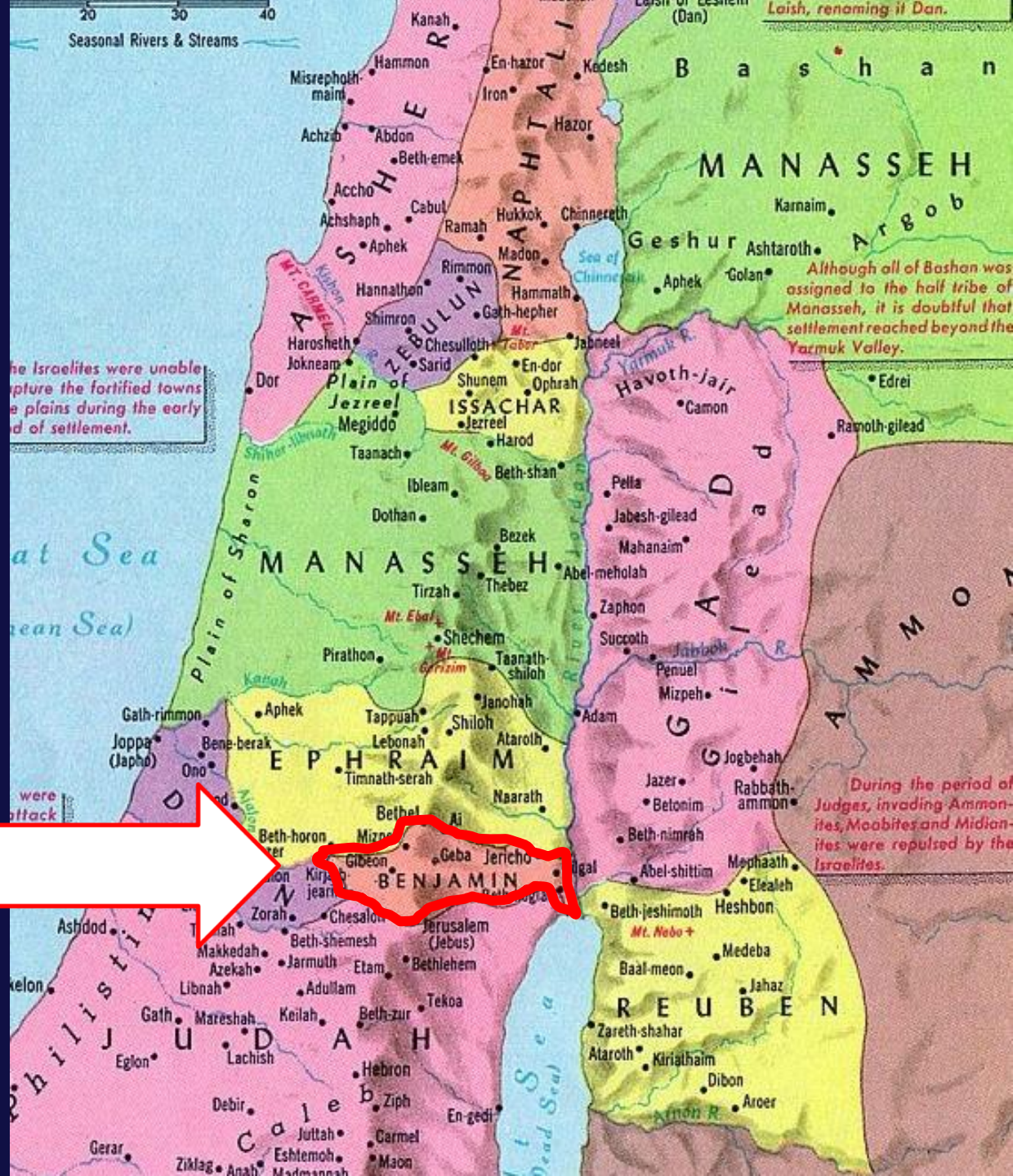
- The first permanent home of the Tabernacle
- The place where Jephthah's daughter served (*Judges 11*)
- The place where Eli ministered during the time of the Judges (*1 Sam 1:3*)
- The place of Hannah's pilgrimage
- The place where Samuel served (*1 Sam 3*)

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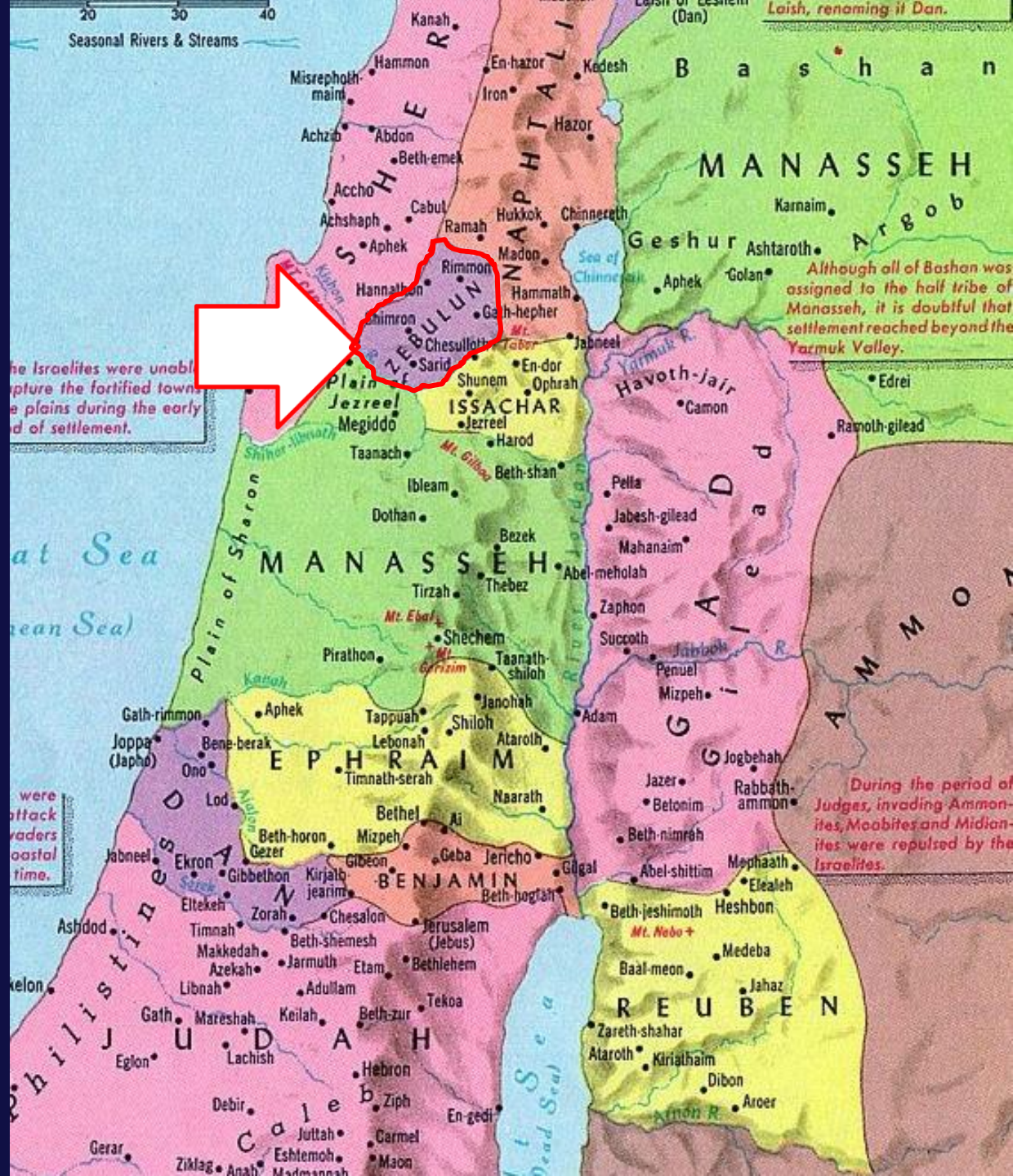
The fall

- The Ark was removed and captured by the Philistines (1 Sam 4)
- Shiloh then declines in importance
- Shiloh eventually left in ruins
 - *“But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel”* (Jeremiah 7:12)
- The difference: the Word was removed!

The Tribe of Benjamin



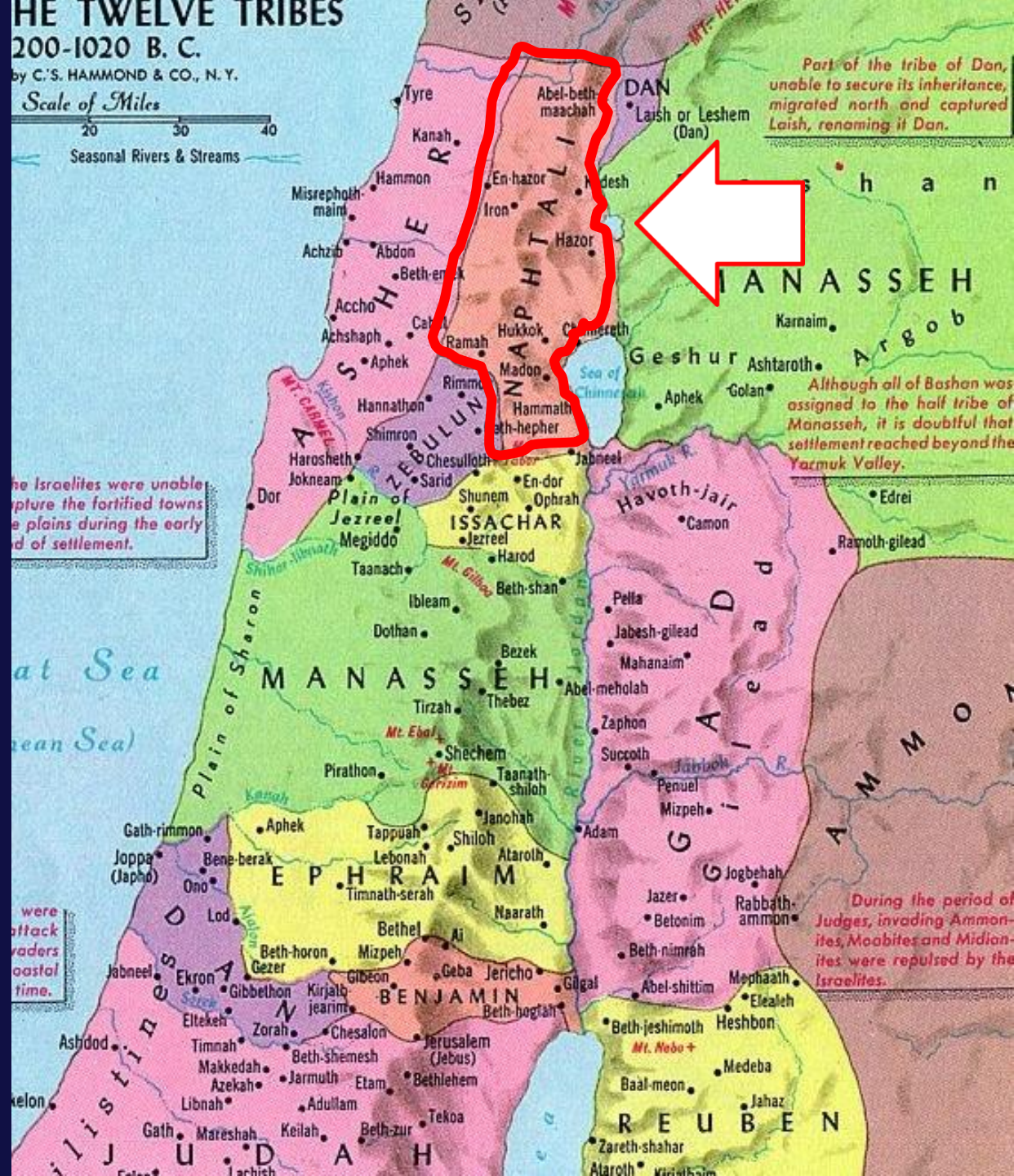
The Tribe of Zebulun



The Tribe of Issachar



The Tribe of Naphtali



The Tribe of Dan

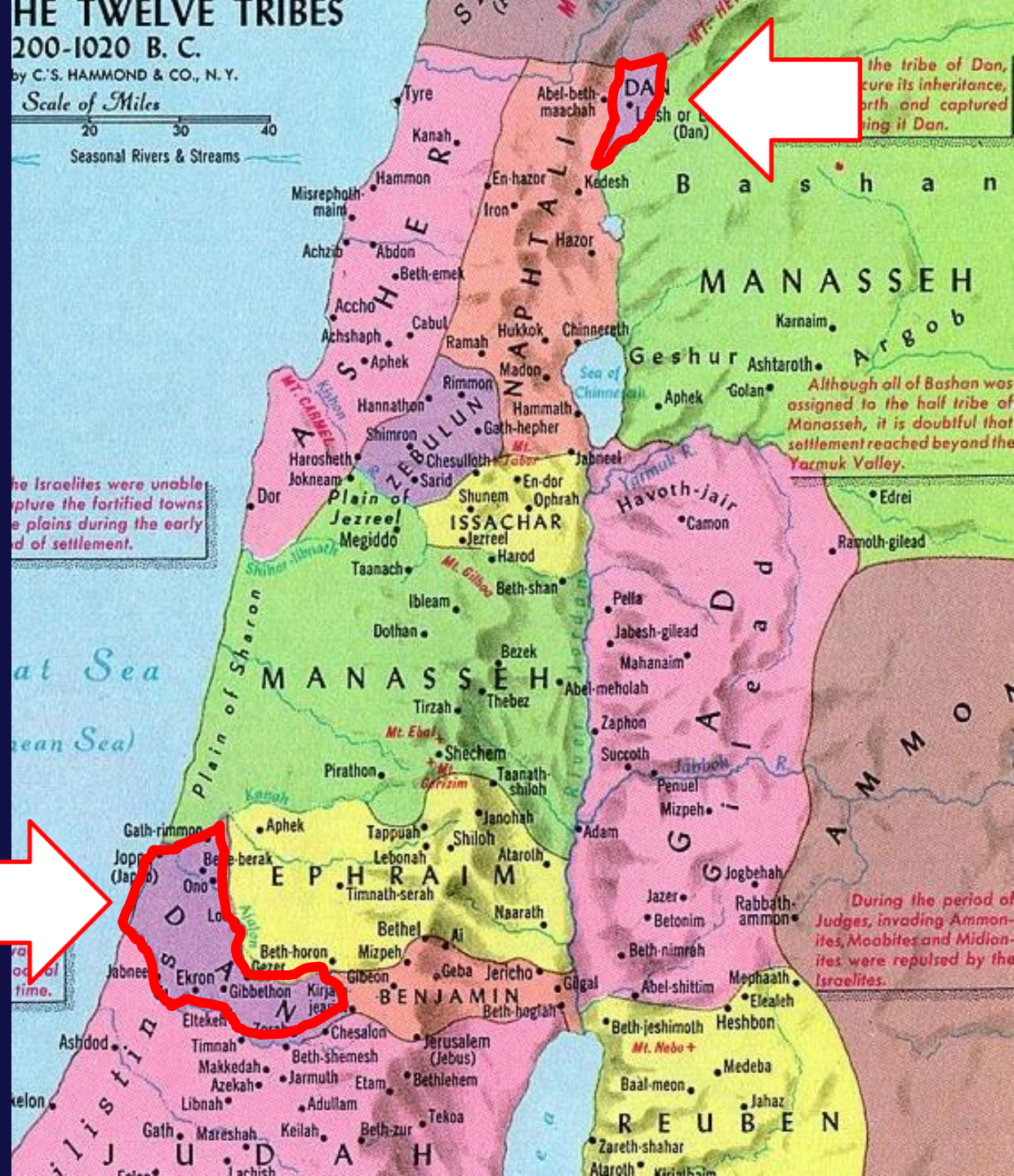


47 And the coast of the children of Dan went out too little **for them:** therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

Joshua 19:47-48

The Tribe of Dan



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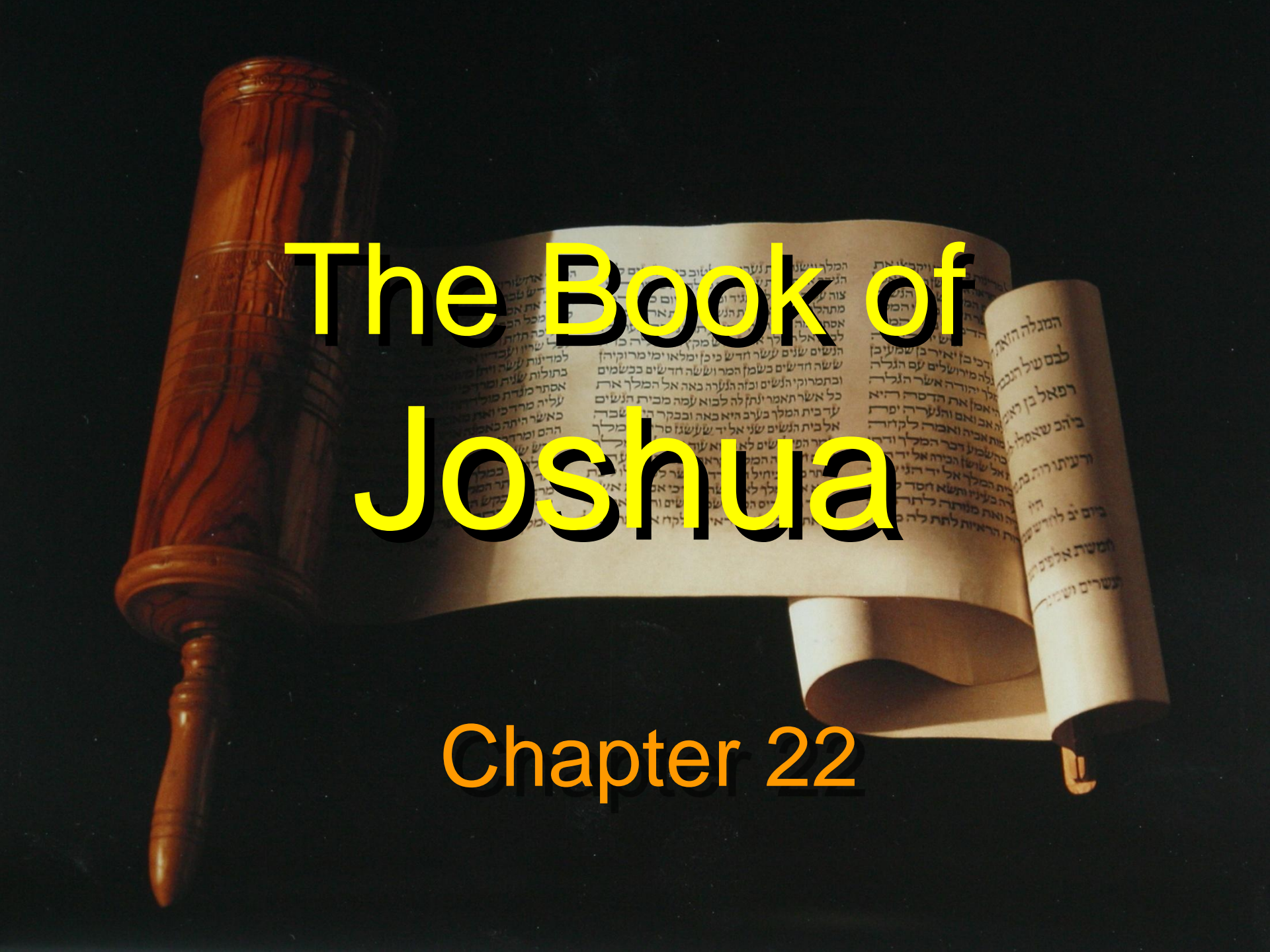
- ‘From Dan to Beer-Sheba’
 - ‘from the north to the south’
- Under Jeroboam Dan becomes a centre for idolatry.
- When we reject God’s borders for our lives, seeking more, we end up in idolatry

49 When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them:

50 According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, even **Timnath-serah** in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

Joshua 19:49-50

- “Abundant portion”



The Book of Joshua

Chapter 22

II And the children of Israel **heard say**, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel.

Joshua 22:11

The Folly of Presumption

¹³ He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.

Proverbs 18:13

Judge not, that ye be not judged.

Matthew 7:1

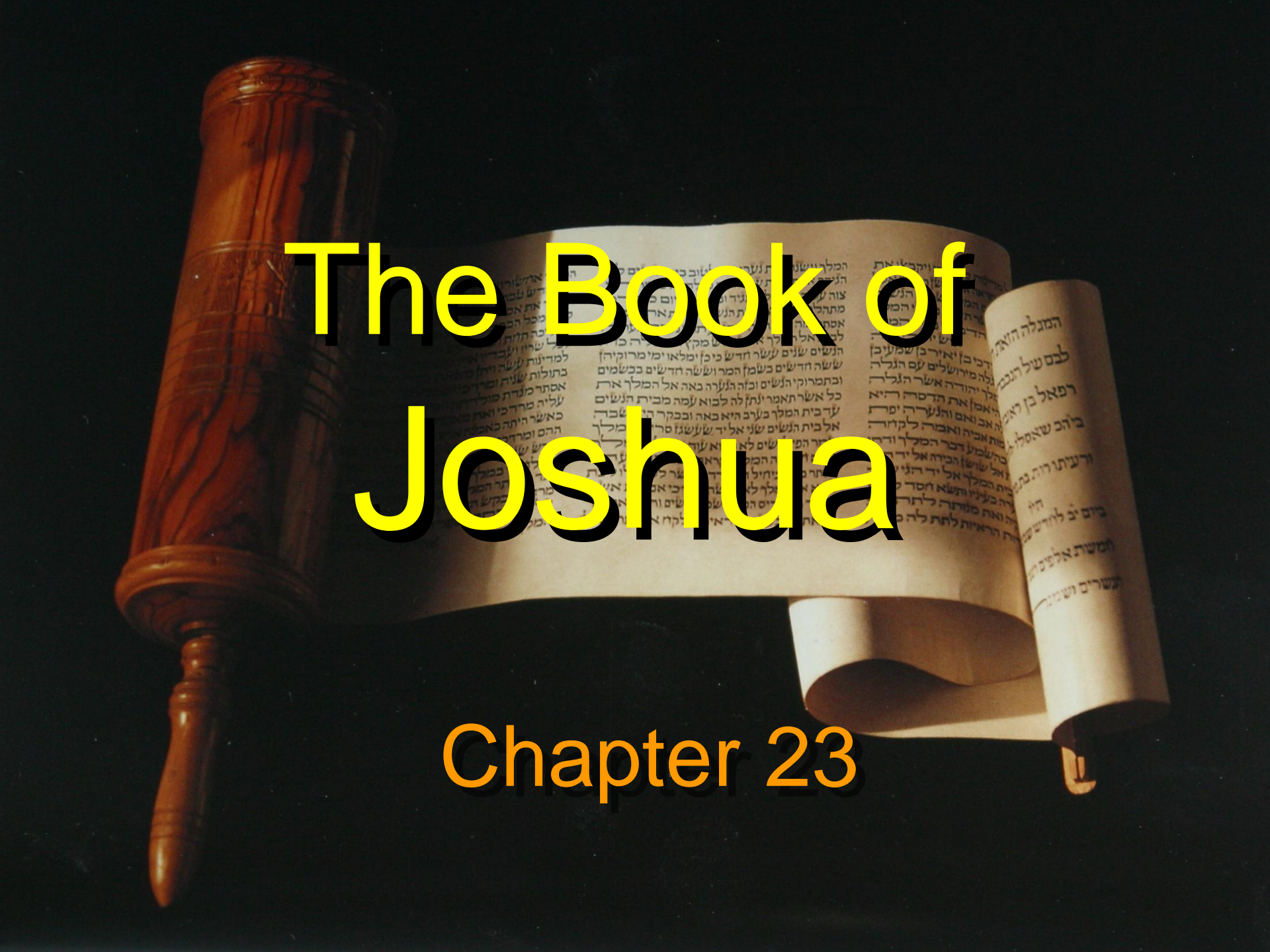
Stop having a measuring rod for other people. There is always one fact more in every man's case about which we know nothing. The first thing God does is to give us a spiritual spring-cleaning; there is no possibility of pride left in a man after that. I have never met the man I could despair of after discerning what lies in me apart from the grace of God.

Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*

The Object of our Trust

Our Lord trusted no man; yet He was never suspicious, never bitter, never in despair about any man because He put God first in trust; He trusted absolutely in what God's grace could do for any man. If I put my trust in human beings first, I will end in despairing of everyone; I will become bitter, because I have insisted on man being what no man ever can be—absolutely right. Never trust anything but the grace of God in yourself or in anyone else.

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Chapter 23

¹ And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age.

² And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and stricken in age:

³ And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God is he that hath fought for you.

Joshua 23:1-3

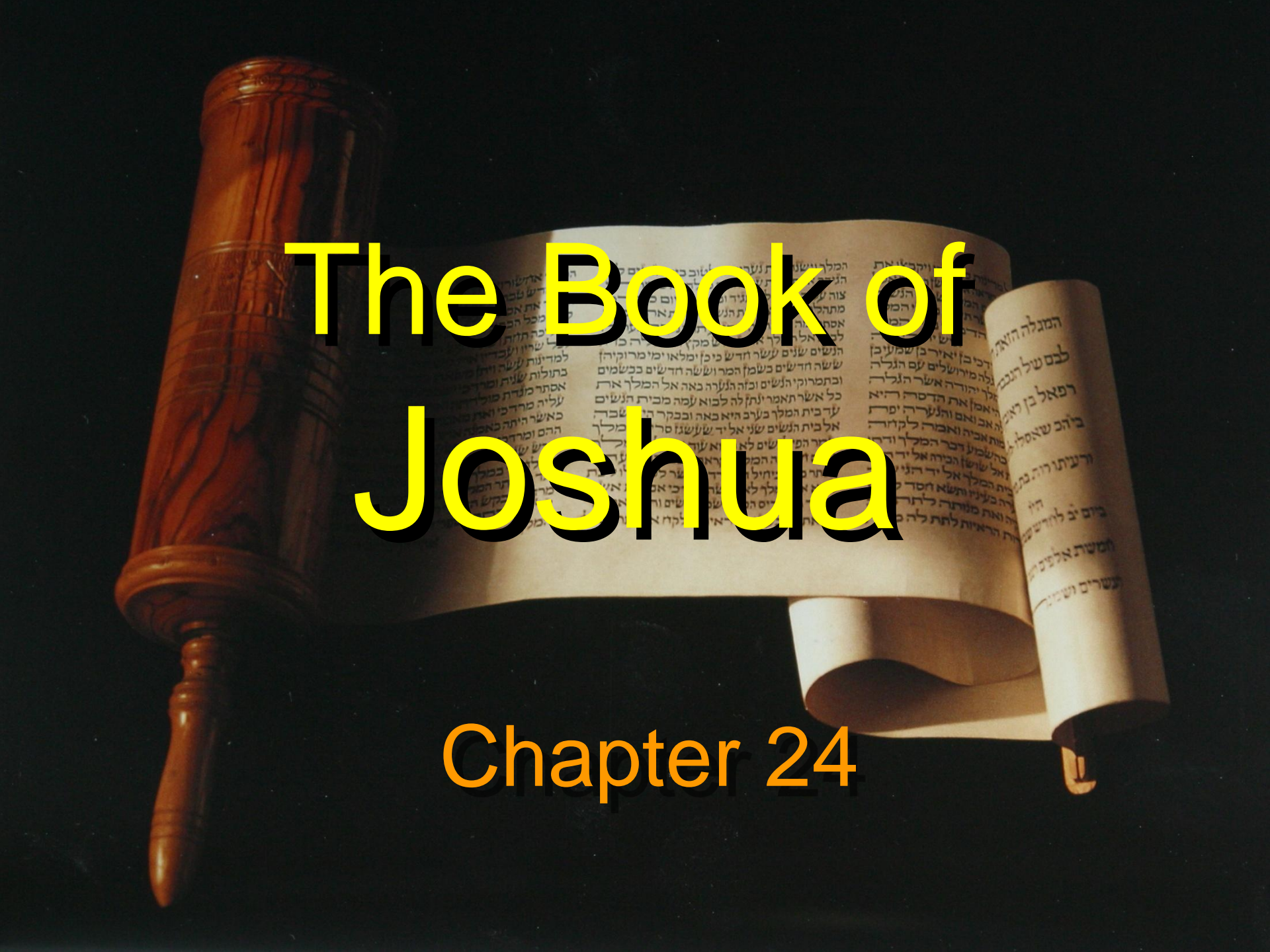
4 Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward.

5 And the LORD your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you.

Joshua 23:4-5

15 Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

16 **When** ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.



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Chapter 24

I And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem...

Joshua 24:1

Blessings

Mt Gerizim (Fruitful)

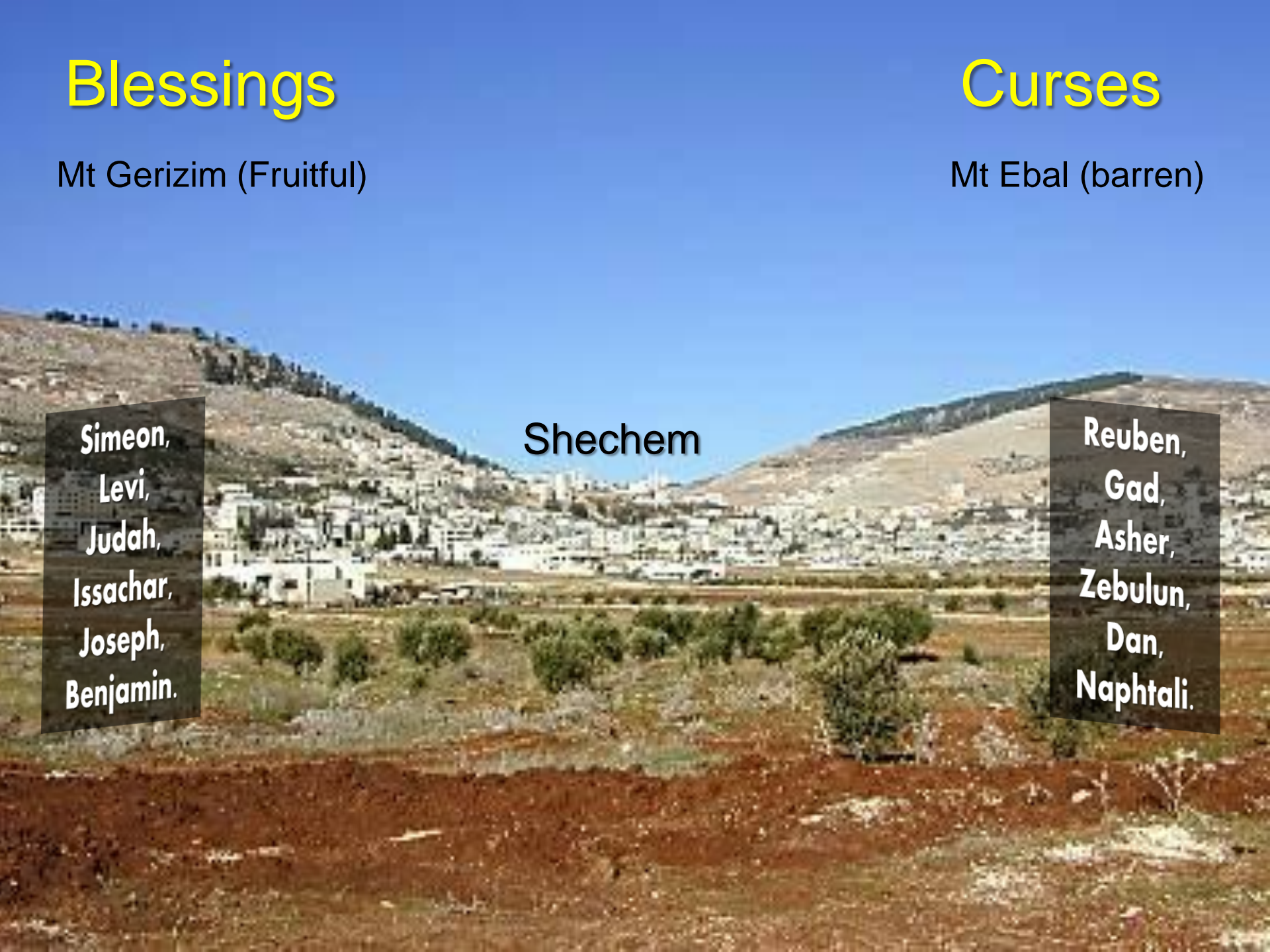
Curses

Mt Ebal (barren)

Shechem

Simeon,
Levi,
Judah,
Issachar,
Joseph,
Benjamin.

Reuben,
Gad,
Asher,
Zebulun,
Dan,
Naphtali.



² And Joshua said unto all the people...

¹³ "And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat"

Joshua 24:2, 13

14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

Joshua 24:14

¹⁵ And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:15

26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

27 And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.

28 So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

Joshua 24:26-28

29 And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.

Joshua 24:29-30

³¹ And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel.

Joshua 24:31

32 And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill that pertained to Phinehas his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim.

Joshua 24:32-33

The Book of Joshua: Summary

- The practical message of the Book of Joshua is that God keeps His promises and enables His servants to succeed if they will trust Him and obey His Word.
- The spiritual message is that God has a rich inheritance for His children now, and they can claim it by faith (Cf. Hebrew 3 & 4; and Ephesians).
- But we must choose this day whom we will serve



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