

Judges

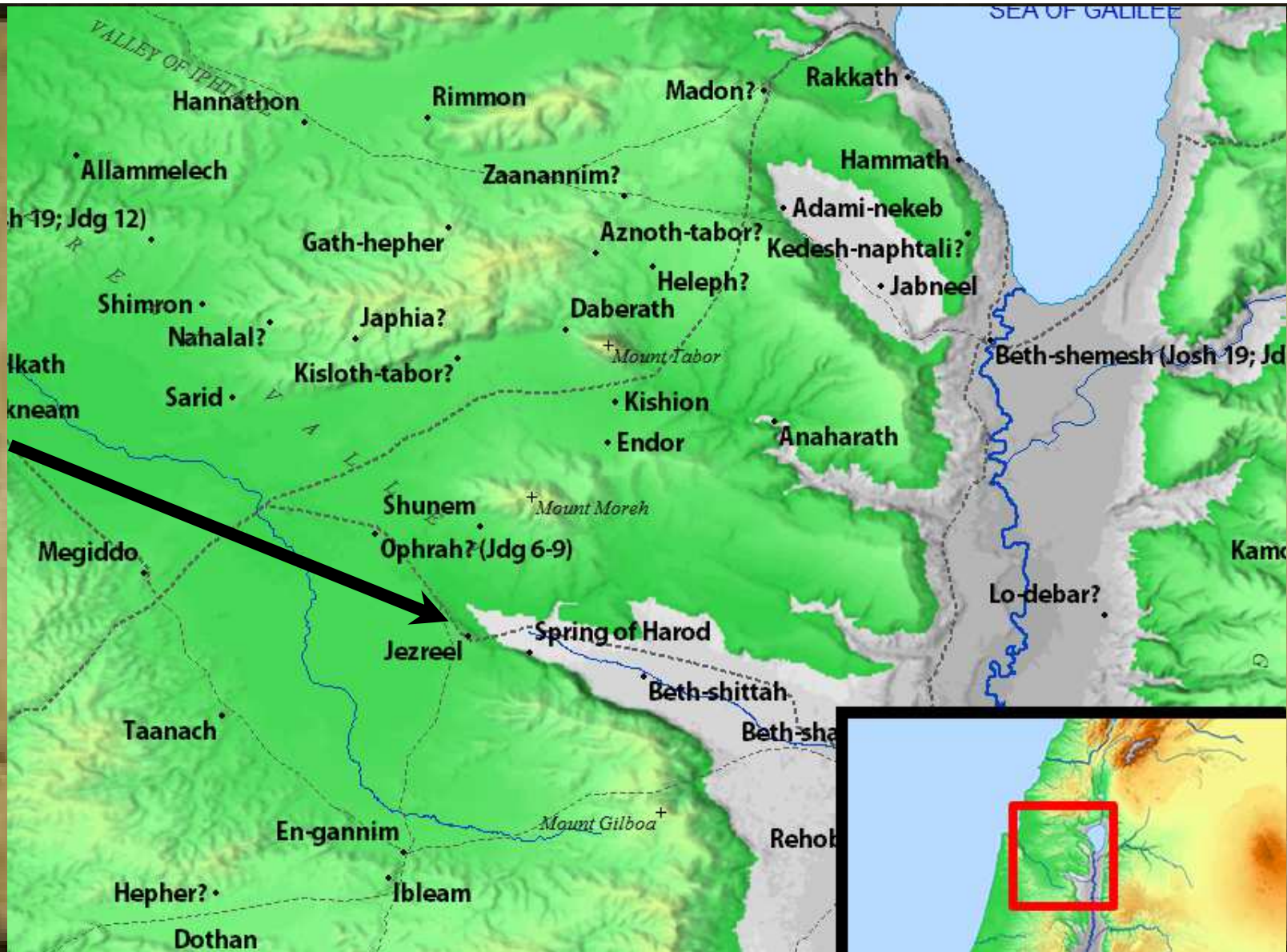
broken people :: faithful God

Cycle #4 - Judges 7 -

- **Gideon has been called -**
 - **Mighty/Valiant Warrior!**
 - **Offering accepted**
 - **Altar built...**
 - **Cleaned up his “family”**
 - **Been given a new name**
 - **Been “fleeced”, twice!**
 - **And been challenged to trust God...**

Choosing Men...

- **Gideon starts with 32,000 men...**
 - **Not a great number compared to the enemy**
 - **“too many for me” says God (7:2)**
 - **Pride of the win...**
 - **22,000 go home (afraid and trembling).**
 - **Still too many! “I will test them”**
 - **I will pick the ones I want!**
 - **“lappers” = 300! Vs 7**



Needy Warrior?

- **Vs. 8 – they take the provisions...**
 - **Trumpets are mentioned specifically**
 - **“Midian was below” 135,000+ camels**
- **God knows our hearts...**
 - **Same night...**
 - **“Arise, go down against the camp...”**
 - **“I have given it...”**
 - **“BUT IF...”**

God KNOWS

- **What we need, feel and fear...**
- **“If you are afraid...” 1st group...**
- **Go with Purah (Branch)...**
 - **Shield bearer, servant, helped with idols**
 - **We all need to be with people who we can trust and share our hearts with!**
 - **Blessed friendship: Barnabas & Saul...**

Strength...

- **Vs. 11 – you will hear... hearing!**
 - **Be careful what goes into your ear!**
 - **Hands made strong... *ka'zok* Josh 1:6**
 - **12 – numerous as locusts...**
- **God ordained walk...**
 - **2 sentries... “I had a dream...**
 - **Barley loaf (yuck) rolls into camp strikes the main tent, flipped over...**

I know what that means...

- **His friend...**
 - **When did he start interpreting dreams?**
 - **Nothing less?! Sword of Gideon!**
 - **Your name and power are known!!!**
 - **God has given...**
 - **WHAT???**

Gideon and God...

- **He hears and worships! (15)**
 - **Bowed in worship, right there!**
 - **Give God glory NOW!!!**
 - **When we wait, we forget!**
- **He returns to camp, encourages them**
 - **Breaks into 3 companies...**
 - **Trumpets, empty torches and pitchers...**
 - **LOOK AT ME, DO WHAT I DO (17)**

For the Lord and for Gideon

- **His name now becomes a shout!**
 - **God keeps who you are!**
- **In the valley...**
 - **Watch changes... “middle watch” 10-2pm**
 - **“Did you hear about the dream...”**
- **Gideon/Men take places on the hills...**
 - **300 trumpets = 300 divisions!**

God...

- **Smashed pitchers, blow the trumpets**
- **Torches all around...**
- **“A sword for the Lord and Gideon!!!”**
- **Stand in place... (7:23, 8:4)**
- **Enemy runs! PANIC!!!**
- **Ephraim gets miffed! (6:35 not called)**

Next week:



Gideon – continues...

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