

Joshua 13

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Joshua 13 – Outline of Book

The Conquest of Canaan - Chs 1-12

- The Crossing - 1:1-5:12
- The Seizing - 5:13-12:24

The Settlement of Canaan (and Transjordanian land) - Chs 13-24

- The Dividing - 13:1-21:45
- The Serving - 22:1-24:33

Joshua 13 - Background

The General Context

- The task not yet complete
- Preparations were complete
- Change of leadership

The Geographical Setting

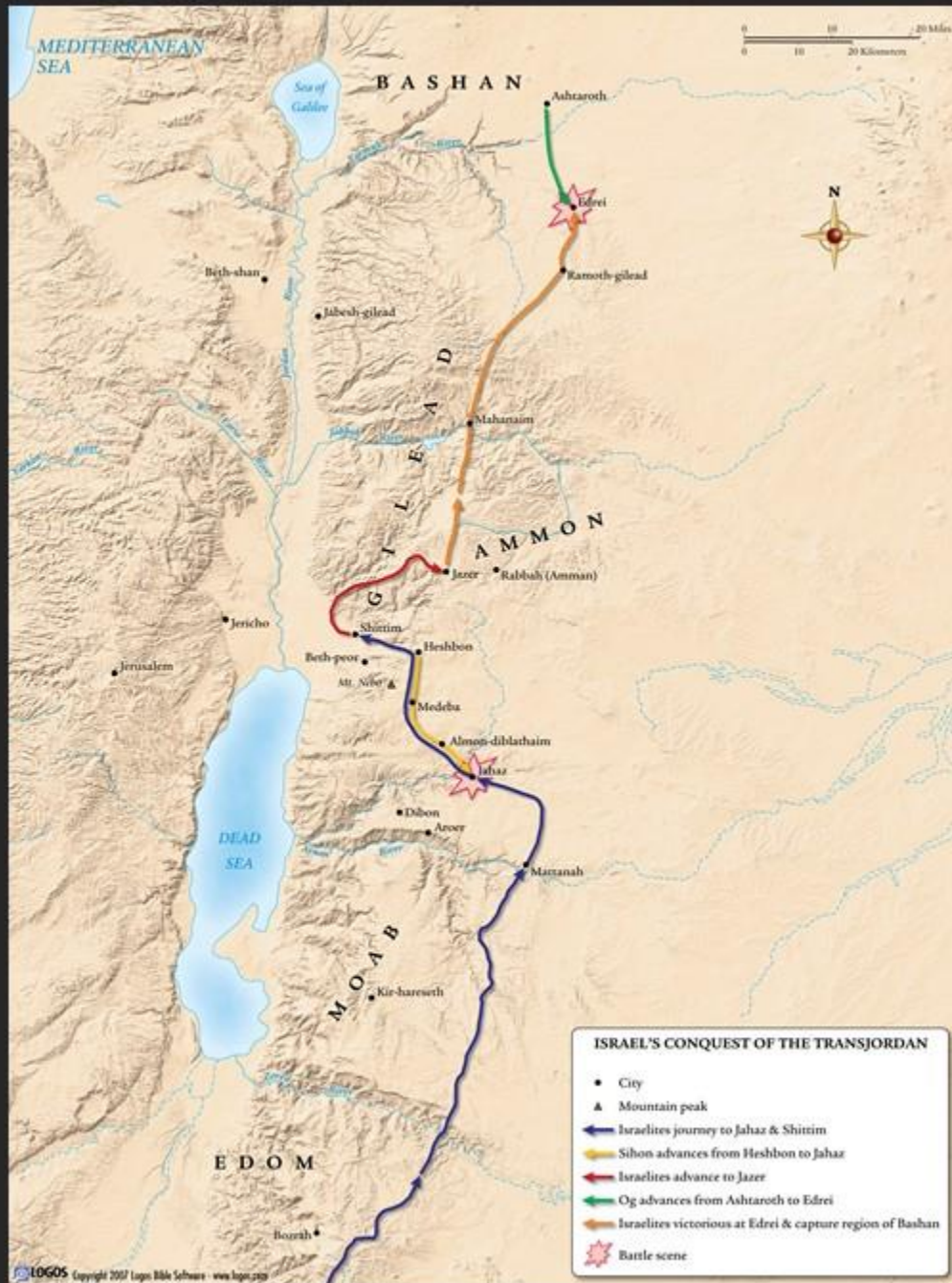
- Refer to the following maps



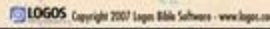
Canaan during the time of Abraham – Genesis 12



Route of the Exodus



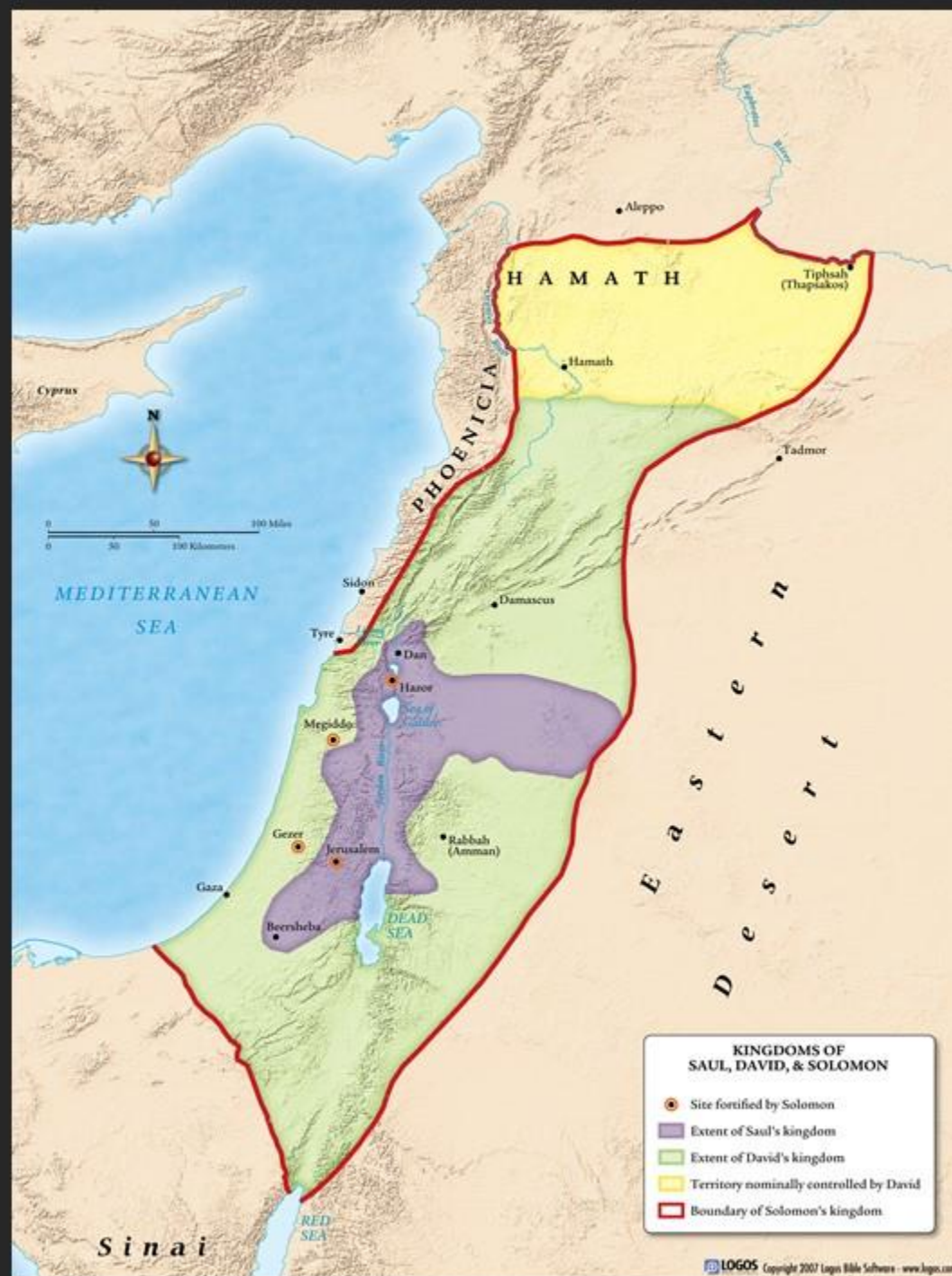
Conquest East of the Jordan under Moses





Promised Land – per Ezekiel

The Kingdom under Saul, David, and Solomon





Modern day Israel

Joshua 13 – Background (cont)

The Theological Context

- Key theme – God the promise keeper
- Three important passages
 - Genesis 12:1-9*
 - Exodus 23:20-33*
 - Deuteronomy 11:18-32*
- Covenantal administration
 - Covenant with Abraham – Promise, and a response of trust*
 - Covenant with Moses – Law, and a response of obedience*
 - Elements of covenant – God's promise, people, place, purpose*
- Significance of the land
- The principle of inheritance

Joshua 13 – Outline of Chapter

Joshua is old and advanced in years

- 13:1 Joshua's leadership is coming to an end

The land still to be possessed West of the Jordan - 13:2-7

- 13:2-6a Survey of the land yet to be claimed and occupied
- 13:6b-7 Joshua to allot the land to the nine and a half tribes

The land already allocated East of the Jordan - 13:8-33

- 13:8-32 The inheritance of Reuben, Gad, and half tribe of Manasseh
- 13:14, 33 The inheritance of the Levites

Joshua 13 – Three key themes

- Inheritance by the Lord's authority
- Inheritance according to the Lord's apportionment/allocation
- Inheritance united through the Lord's mediator

Joshua 13 – Inheritance by the Lord's authority

- Land as a gift of the Lord
- Implications of being a gift of the Lord
- Implications of the survey of the land not yet being possessed

Joshua 13 – Inheritance according to the Lord's allocation

- The means by which the land was apportioned
 - West of the Jordan
 - East of the Jordan
- Apportioned as determined by the Lord
 - East of the Jordan
 - West of the Jordan

Joshua 13 – Inheritance united through the Lord's mediator

- Tribe of Levi – A different inheritance
- Inheritance connected to their priestly role and function
- Levites – An identifying and unifying function



Levitical cities