

# JOSHUA

## Overview

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# HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

## GEN 12:1-7

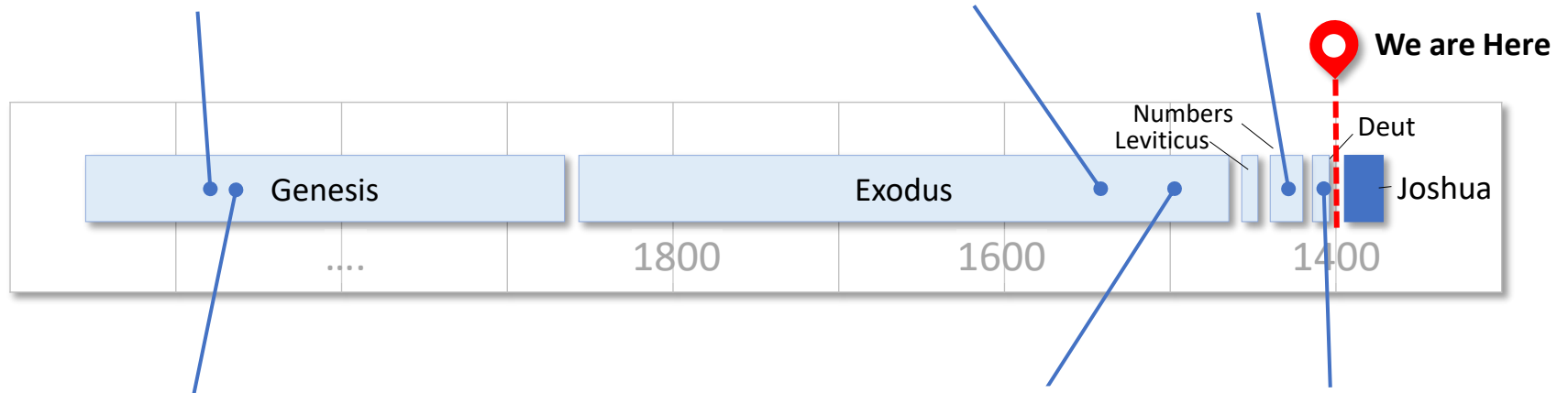
Abraham called v7 God will give land of Canaanites to him

## EX 6:1-7

Remembers covenant, will redeem with mighty acts of judgement

## NUM 13-14

Spy out Canaan, people rebel! Judgement, wander 40 yrs



## GEN 15:12-16

descendants enslaved – will return later when sin of Amorites full

## EX 12-14

Passover and leave Egypt. Cross Red sea Pharaoh army destroyed

## DEUT 7:1-11

Given land because God is faithful. Obey God, destroy inhabitants



This is a **big** moment in Israel's history

→ Moses is Dead – will they follow Joshua? Will Israel cross into the promised land?

# LITERARY STRUCTURE

<i>Time (approx)</i>	1 month					~7 years							~8 years											
<i>Chapter</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>Theme (land)</i>	ENTERING					TAKING							POSSESSING					ALLOTING			KEEPING			
<i>Events</i>	Joshua installed	Spy out Jericho	Cross Jordan	Stone Memorial	Covenant Rituals	Jericho	Sin of Achan	Ai	Gibeon Deception	South Campaign	North Campaign	Kings defeated	Land Remaining	Caleb	Judah	Joseph, Ephraim	Manasseh	Survey and lots	Joshua	City of Refuge	Levite Towns	Altar Crisis	Charge Leaders	Charge Israel
<i>Location</i>	Shittim				Gilgal	Central			S	N	Whole	Gilgal					Shiloh			Gilead	Shechem			



## ENTERING

- Be strong and courageous
- Memorial to God's mighty acts
- Covenant Rituals



## TAKING

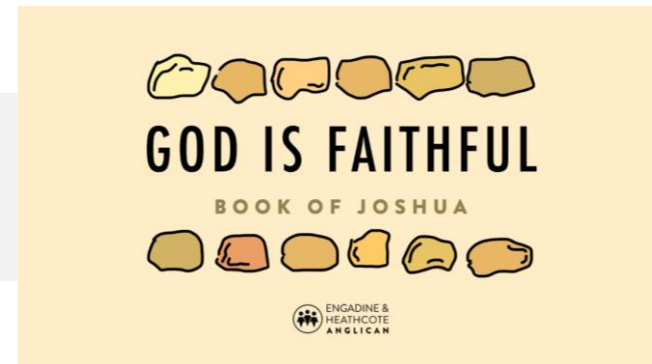
- Summary of key battles
- Central, South, North
- Land has rest from war



## POSSESSING

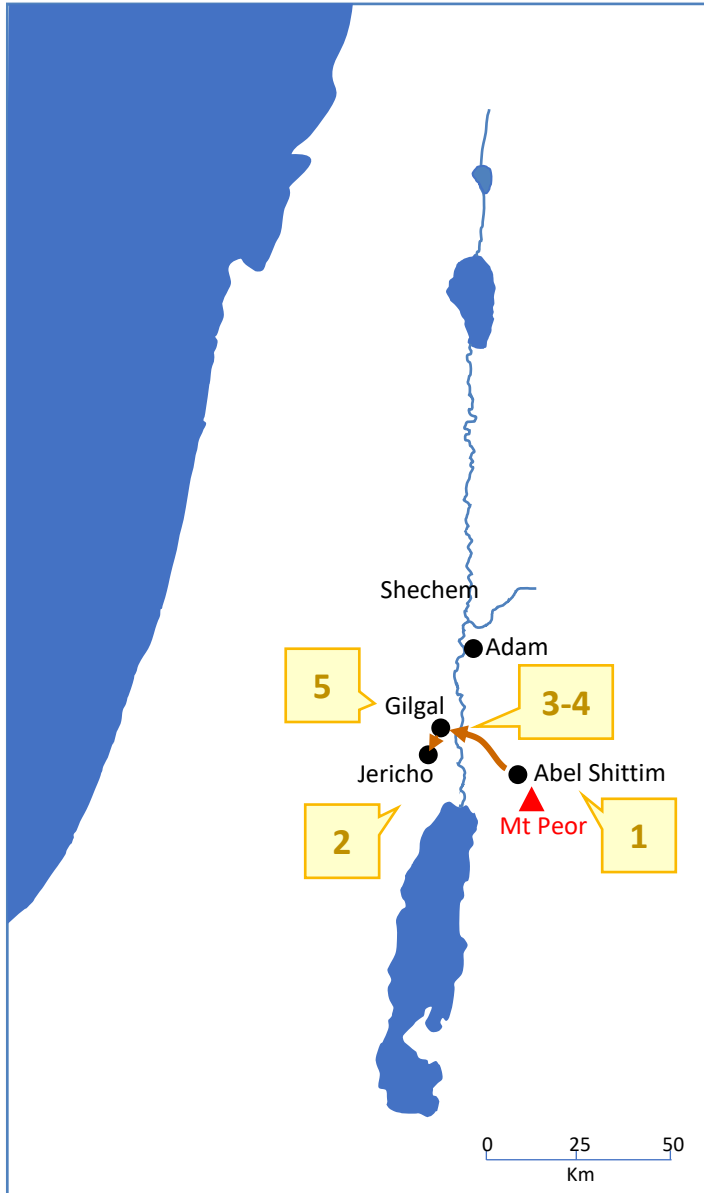
- Progressive settlement to go
- Detailed description of lots
- Charged with following God

- ➔ God's faithfulness to his promises (Josh 21:43-45)
- ➔ Remember God's acts and serve in faithfulness (Josh 24:14-15)



# JOSHUA 1 - 5: ENTERING

1 month					~7 years								~8 years															
1	2	3	4	5	TAKING								POSSESSING															
ENTERING					ALLOTING								KEEPING															
Joshua initiated	Spies sent to Jericho	Cross Jordan	Stone Memorial	Covenant Renewed	Jericho	City of Achan	AI	Shiloh	Deception	South	North	W	Campaign	W	White	Land divided	Remaining	Caleb	Josh	Joseph, Gad, Simeon	Manasseh	Survey and lots	Joshua	City of refuge	Levite towns	Four cities	Charge Levites	Charge Israel
Shittim					Central								Shittim								Gilead		Shechem					



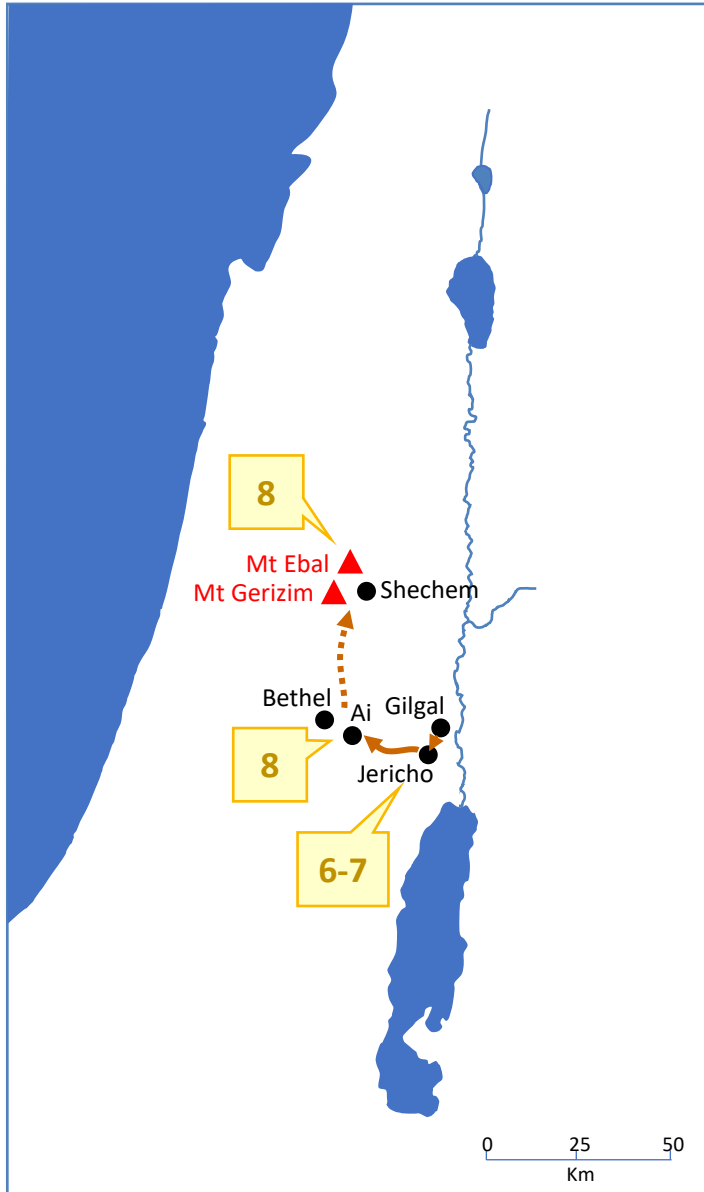
## Observations

- Joshua encouraged by God’s promised presence in leading Israel.
- Israel avoids previous failures (Num 13-14) and obey God to enter the land
- Rahab’s faith based on hearing about God’s mighty acts in Exodus – over 40yrs ago
- Stone memorial to God’s acts - for Israel and the world
- Mana stopping God’s provision for Israel is now via produce of land as promised

➔ Remembering God’s mighty acts should result in faith

# JOSHUA 6 - 8: TAKING (1)

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Joshua reaches Shiloh	Spies see Jericho	Cross Jordan	Spies	Memorial at Gilgal	Jericho	Site of Achan at Ai	Gilboa	Deception	South	Campaign S	North Campaign N	Emp. released	Land remaining	Caib	Josh at Bethel	Josh at Shechem	Josh at Shechem	Josh at Shechem	Josh at Shechem	Josh at Shechem	Josh at Shechem	Josh at Shechem	Josh at Shechem	Josh at Shechem
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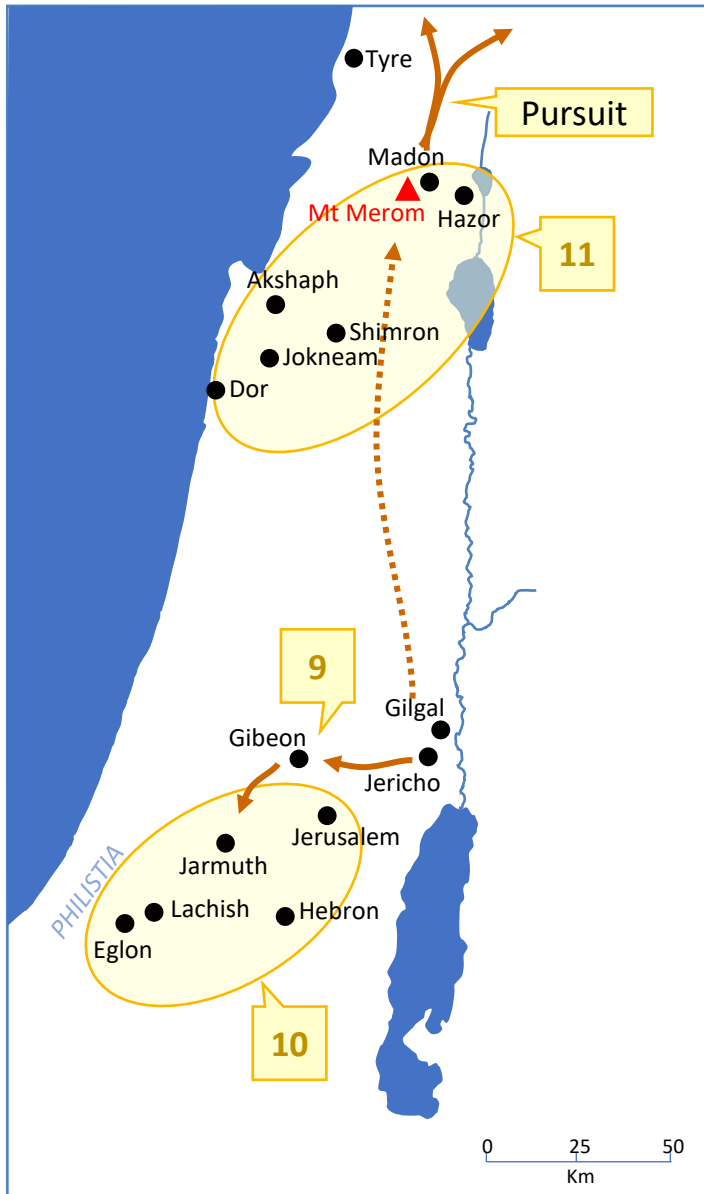
## Observations

- Narrative structure emphasises curses and blessings
- These events serve to reinforce that Israel will only take the land if they are in covenantal relationship with God.
- Judgment on Sin is very serious (Canaan, Achan) but mercy exists, as shown to Rahab
- Shechem – recite blessings and curses as required by Moses. Success is through submission to God’s word not military might

➔ Covenant relationship in action, blessings and curses.

# JOSHUA 9 – 11: TAKING (2)

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Joshua instructed	Spies sent to Jericho	Cross Jordan	Scout	Memorial	Jericho	Siege of Achan	All	Gibeon	Deception	South	Campaign	North	Campaign	Temp. released	Land	Remaining	Can't	Joshua	Deception	Homestead	Survey and	Joshua	City of refuge
Shimron				Gilgal	Central			TAKING	S	N	Whole	POSSESSING						ALLOTING					KEEPING



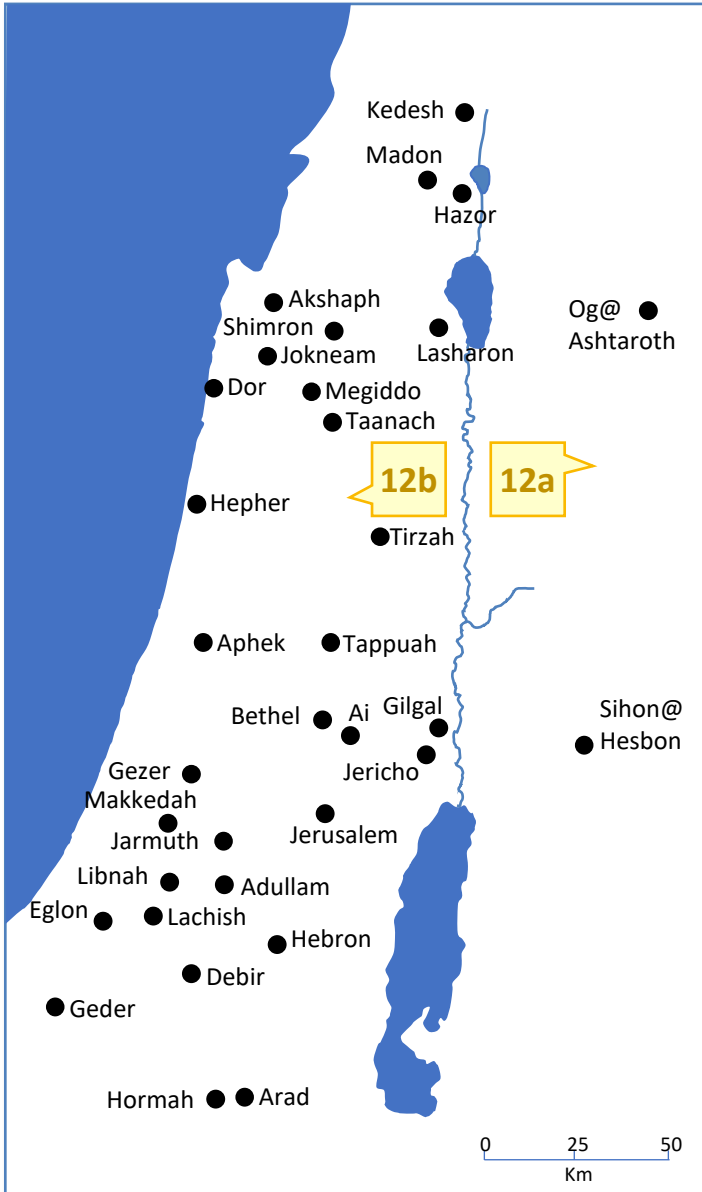
## Observations

- See Sovereignty and human responsibility
  - ➔ God hardens Kings hearts, God fights for Israel
  - ➔ yet Joshua still has to take it – ‘wars’ a long time – requires endurance
- Dependence on God requires wisdom – we see negative and positives here
- Obedience to commands of Moses repeated many times.

➔ Israel receive inheritance and rest

# JOSHUA 12: TAKING (3)

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Joshua Israel	10 Spy out Jericho	11 Cross Jordan	12 Rings	13 Mural of Covenant	14 Gilgal	15 Jericho	16 Site of Achan	17 Ai	18 Gibson	19 Deception	20 South	21 Campaign	22 North	23 Campaign	24 Emp. released	25 Land	26 Remaining	27 Caleb	28 Judah	29 Simeon	30 Levi	31 Ephraim	32 Manasse	33 Survey and lots	34 Joshua	35 City of Refuge	36 Levite Towns	37 Achan's Goods	38 Charge leaders	39 Charge Israel	
ENTERING					TAKING							POSSESSING				ALLOTING				KEEPING											
Shimon					Central							S				N				Whole				Grail				Shechem			



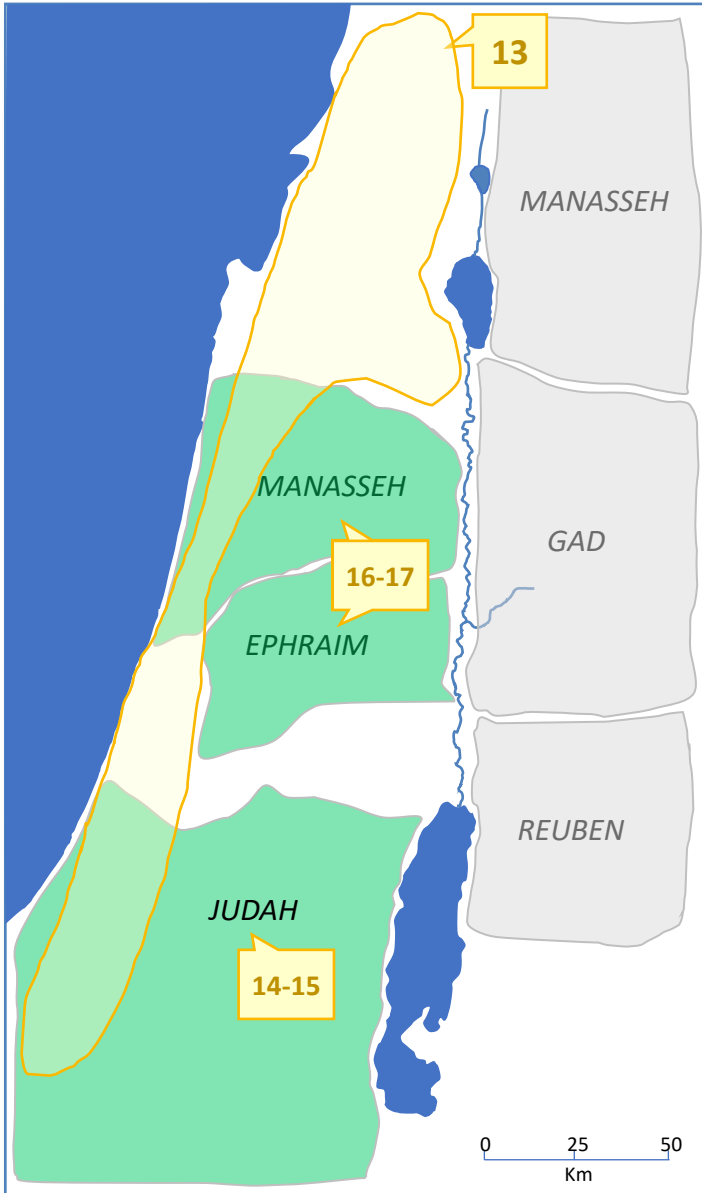
## Observations

- Unity of Israel important – all part of the Inheritance
- Emphasises that God's promise to Abraham in Gen 15 fulfilled
- Itemisation of God's goodness in giving all these kings over

➔ God is victorious over enemies

# JOSHUA 13 - 17 POSSESSING

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Spy out Jericho					Gibeon							Land Remaining											
Cross Jordan					South							Caleb											
Shimshon					Campaign							Judah											
					North							Ephraim											
					Whole							Manasseh											
												Survey and lots											
												Joshua											
												City of Refuge											
												Levite Towns											
												Ben Gilead											
												Chariot leaders											
												Chariot war											



## Observations

- God will drive out remainder, Joshua to ensure land allocated
- Remembering past victories (Og, Bashan) under Moses, Israel finds assurance that God’s covenant love persists into present time as well.
- Caleb’s faith anchored in God’s promises takes action. Compare this to others, they appear lacking zeal, subjugating rather than destroying.

➔ Faith remembers God’s past actions and looks forward to fulfilment of his promises.







# HOW CONCEPT OF LAND IS DEVELOPED IN THE BIBLE (1)

## Genesis to Joshua

- Land promised to Abraham
- Israel redeemed from Egypt to inherit the land
- Under Joshua they take the land and have rest

Establishes a pattern: A redeemed people living with God, under his rule in his place having rest from their enemies



## Judges & Kings

- Judges fail to possess remaining land
- Future kings persist in idolatry and disobedience
- Israel and Judah both exiled – curses of covenant

Israel understood their relationship with God and the inheritance of the land as inseparable – big question is can they be restored ?



## Prophets

- Loss of land mourned (Lamentations)
- Ideal land pictured:
  - Isaiah 60 New Zion all nations, perfect existence
  - Ez 47 ideal boundaries, glorious future,
  - Isaiah 66 new heaven and new earth God's people rejoice and live in peace
- Jer 31&33 Remnant restored, New covenant

Future described using concepts of the past – a place where God's people will live in perfect obedience



The return from Exile doesn't match the prophets words – partial reclamation of the land under foreign rule, covenant disobedience still occurs, we look forward to fulfilment

# HOW CONCEPT OF LAND IS DEVELOPED IN THE BIBLE (2)

Land is not used directly, rather the concept of inheritance is the key



## New Testament

- Gal 3 All believers are true children of Abraham and will inherit promises.
- Heb 3-4 promise of rest still stands – enter it by not being disobedient
- 1 Pet 1 Redemption via Jesus leads believers into their inheritance (not perish, spoil, fade, cf land)

Our inheritance is a heavenly reality kept for us. Life in the promised land foreshadow eternal life.

## Future

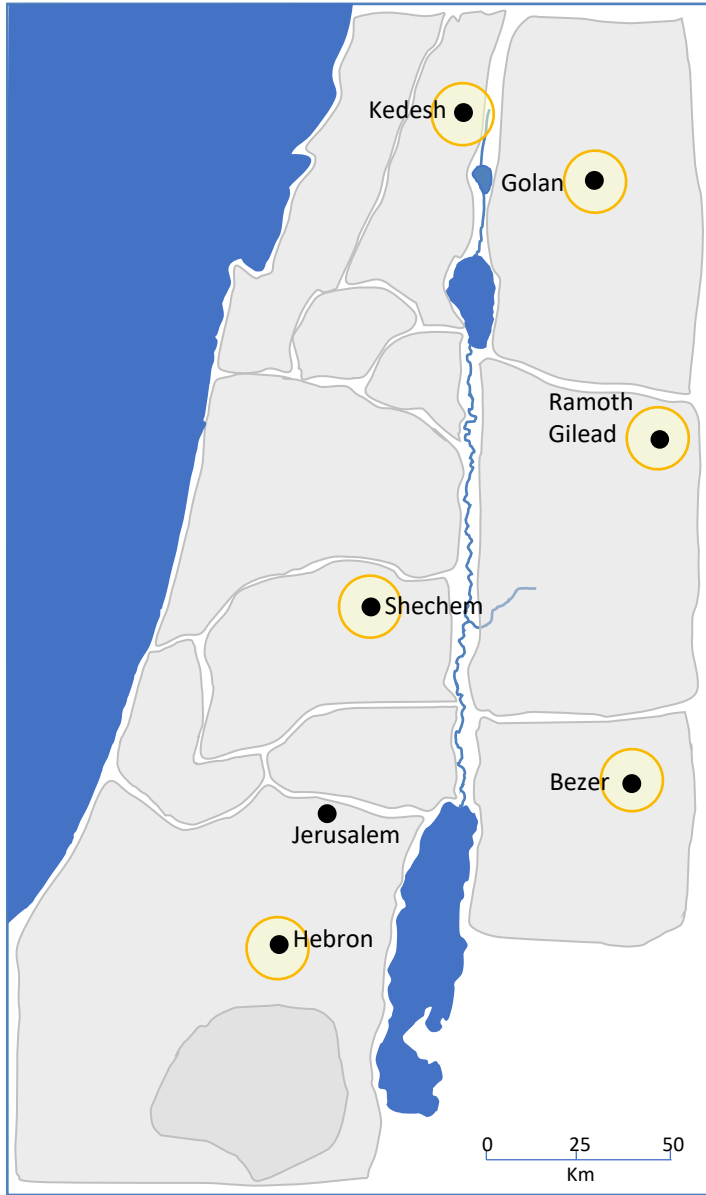
- Rev 21 new heaven and new earth (no death, mourning, pain) God dwells with his people

Promised inheritance – God's people living in God's presence forever.

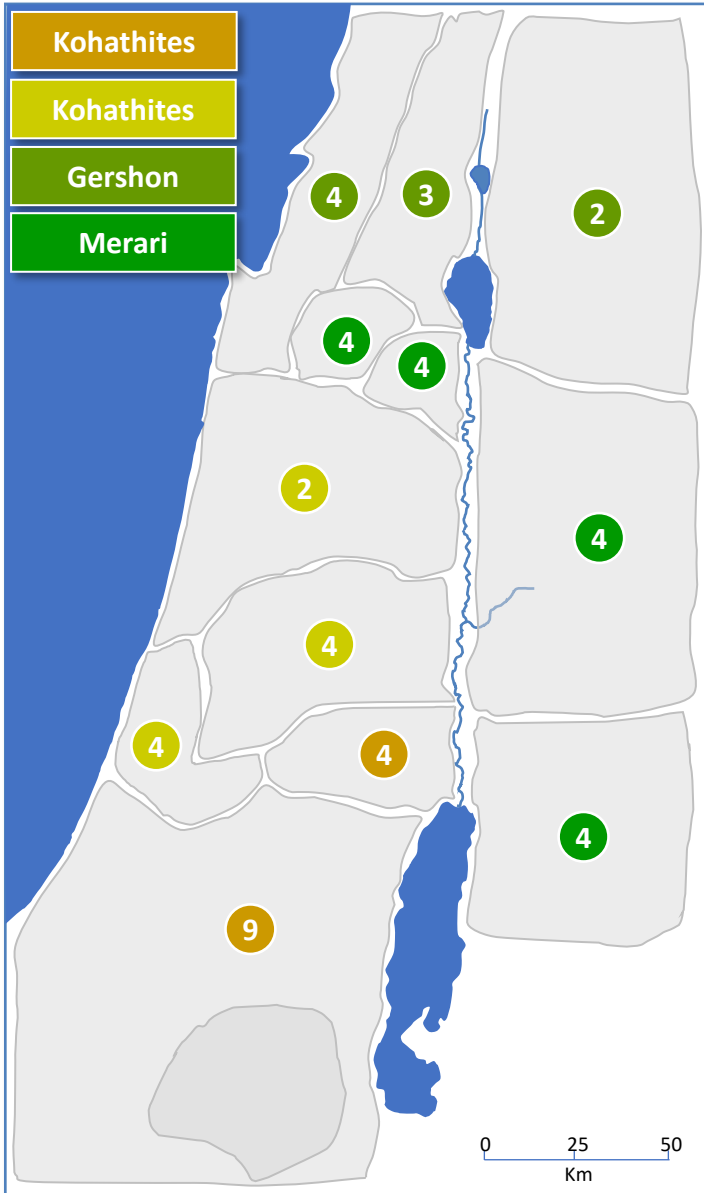
# TRIBAL ALLOTMENT



# JOSHUA 20 CITIES OF REFUGE



# JOSHUA 20 LEVITE TOWNS



# MOUNTAINS

