
JOSHUA

JOSHUA REVIEW

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JOSHUA 6

Conquering Jericho



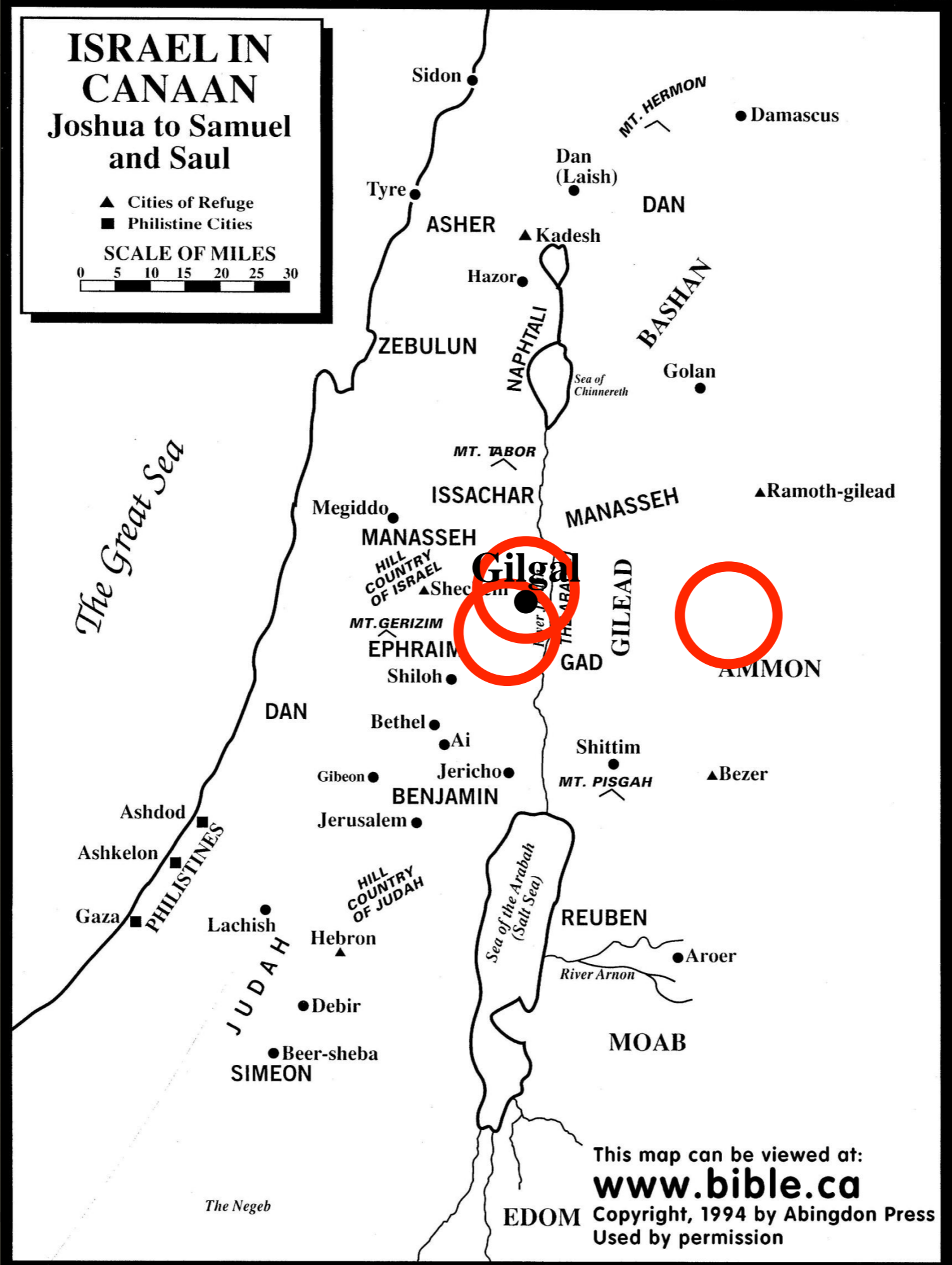
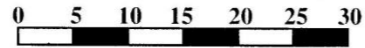
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ISRAEL IN CANAAN

Joshua to Samuel and Saul

- ▲ Cities of Refuge
- Philistine Cities

SCALE OF MILES



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HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

- Located in Jordan plains 5 miles west of the Jordan
 - One of the oldest excavated civilizations
 - Agricultural (Joshua 3:15)
 - Wall technology was not common
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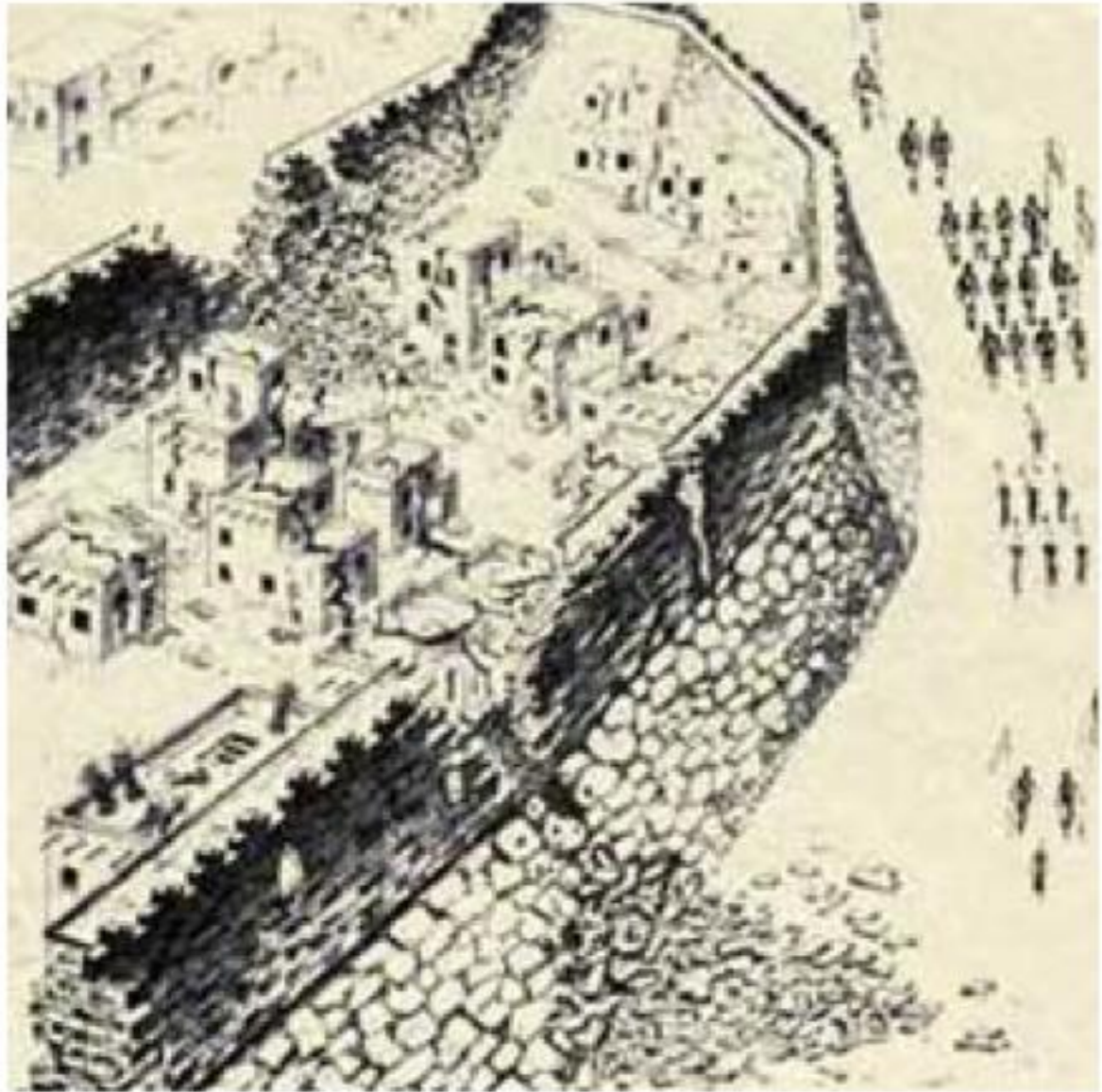
HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

- Walled city 6-9 acres in size
 - Population : a few thousand
 - (estimated based on size and typical persons per acre during that time)
 - Includes those that fled from outside the walls when the Israelites came to town
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ARCHEOLOGY

- Walls found destroyed
 - Section of the wall with a dwelling that appears to be standing
 - 8ft tall section along the north wall
 - Dwellings not destroyed on this section
 - Walls collapsed before city was burnt
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ARCHEOLOGY



- Houses built against the wall
- Joshua 2:15



Burnt grain jars

ARCHEOLOGY

- Burnt grain jars
 - Plundered not Looted
 - During the time of harvest - Joshua 3:15
 - City burnt - Joshua 6:24
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THE CHALLENGE

- 12-15 ft high embankment
 - 20-26 ft high wall, at least 6ft thick
 - Spring providing water in the city
 - At harvest time, plenty of stored food.
 - Could withstand a siege for multiple years
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THE CHALLENGE



- Wall on top of embankment
- Towered ~46' above the Israelites marching around

THE CHALLENGE

- Joshua was an experienced soldier / commander
 - Exodus 17
 - Israel outnumbered Jericho
 - Joshua 8:3 - at least 30,000 men of war
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THE CHALLENGE

Israel was operating under the command of God!

THE CHALLENGE

The trust of the Israelites in God needed to be demonstrated in this battle.

WHY JERICHO?

- Possible military advantage
 - Gilgal used as a base camp
 - Joshua 9:6, 10:6
 - Test of faith and obedience
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THE STORY : THE PLAN

Step 1:

March in a quiet circle 1x a day for 6 days

Step 2:

March 7x around the city on the 7th day, priests blow the trumpet, people shout.

Step 3:

Destroy the city

THE STORY : THE PLAN

What is noteworthy about this plan?

THE STORY : THE PLAN

- Israel is not responsible for the wall
 - The Israelites are dependent on God for success
 - The Israelites are required to do something
 - Even though they had reached the promised land, their work had just begun
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