

The Story of God: The Bible as Narrative

**Act 2: Scene 8 - Occupying the Land
Judges
Building a Nation**

Act 1: Scenes 1-5

Genesis 1-11

Act 1:

Scene 1 - Creation

Scene 2 - The Fall

Scene 3 - Cain's Sin

Scene 4 - The Flood

Scene 5 - The Tower of Babel

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Scene 1 – The Founding Fathers

3rd of the 6 Main Covenants
Abrahamic Covenant

- 1) Land
- 2) Descendants = Nation
- 3) Blessings
- 4) Curse those that curse you (protection)
- 5) Bless ALL Nations

Scene 2 – The Tribal Framework

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Scene 3 – The Formation of a People

Scene 4 – The Choosing of a Leader

Scene 5 – The Deliverance of Israel

Scene 6 – The Giving of the Torah

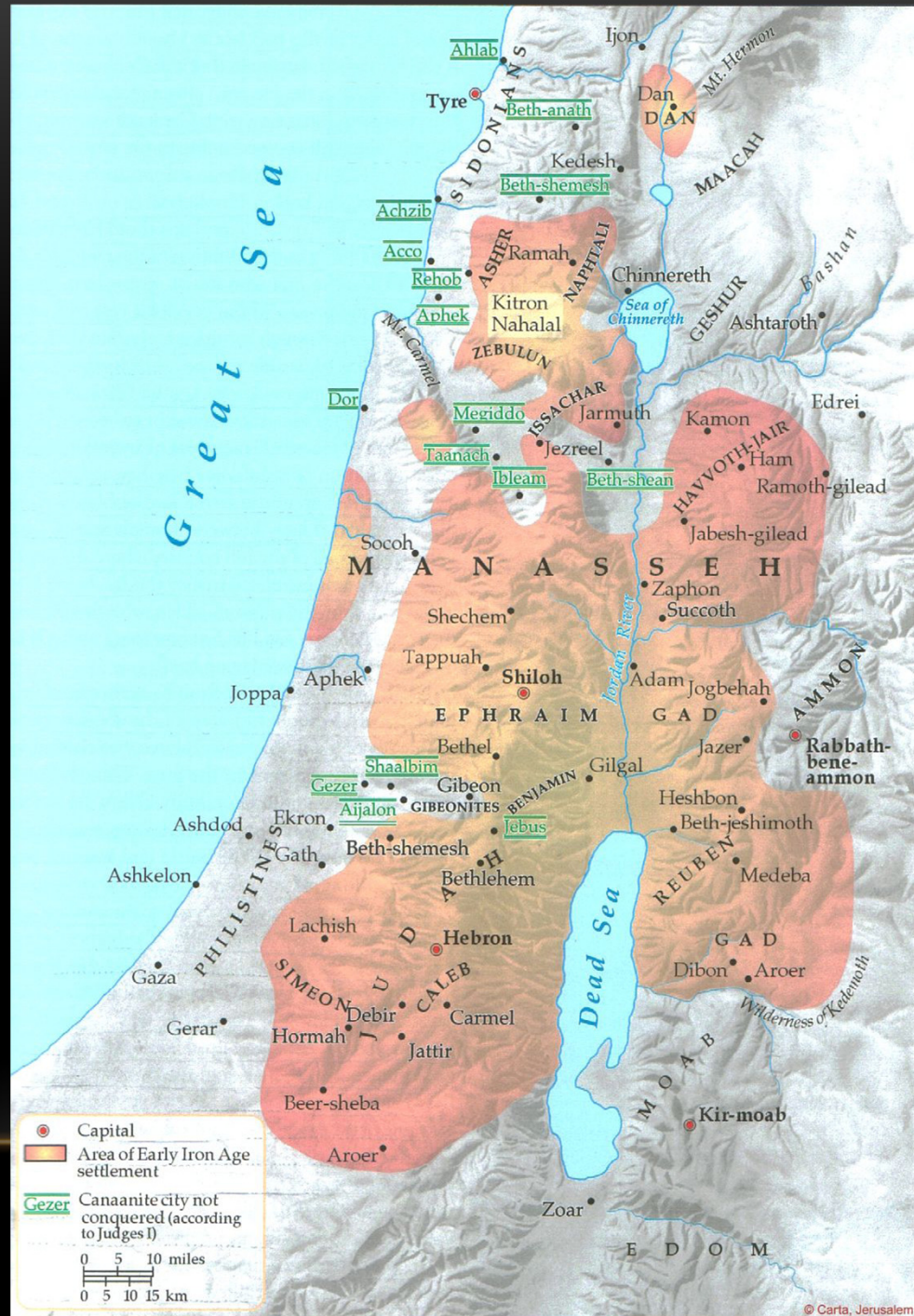
Scene 7 – Conquering the Land

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Timeline:

- Adam – Noah = roughly 1000 yrs.
- Noah – Abraham = roughly 1000 yrs.
- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob & 12 sons = roughly 250
- Egypt = roughly 400 yrs.
- Getting to Sinai = 3 months
- Receiving Torah = 1 yr.
- Edge of the Land = turn 11 days into 40 years
- Conquering the Land = 70 yrs.



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Judges:

Time of the Judges = roughly 350 yrs.

Covers the Books of Judges, Ruth & I
Samuel 1-7

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Judges: Scene 8 – Occupying the Land

General Breakdown of the Book of Judges

- 1) Chapters 1-3 = unconquered areas
- 2) Chapters 3-16 = Stories of the Judges
- 3) Chapters 17-21 = Flashback on the moral condition

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- Judges 1:1
 - 1) 12 Tribes
 - 2) Working mostly independently
 - 3) With no real Leader
 - 4) They are dispersed

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Key Principles to Understanding this Time

1. 4 times = “And everyone did what was right in their own eyes”
 - Judges 17:6
 - Judges 2:18

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Moses & Joshua	The Judges
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Figures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tribal Leaders
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Life-long Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited mostly to military
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authority was everything	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited in times of Peace
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spanned times of peace/war	

The Judges



Some of them received only a brief mention in the Book of Judges.

These Minor Judges were:

1. Shamgar 3:31
2. Tola 10:1-2
3. Jair 10:3-5
4. Ibzan 12:8-10
5. Elon 12:11-12
6. Abdon 12:13-15.

The other Judges are viewed in greater detail in the Book of Judges:

1. Othniel 3:7-11 a nephew of Caleb, delivered Israel from the Mesopotamians.
2. Ehud 3:12-30 was lefthanded and killed Eglon, king of Moab.
3. Jephthah 11:1--12:7 was a harlot's son who defeated the Amorites.
4. Gideon 6:11-8:35 led 300 Israelites to defeat the entire army of the Midianites.
5. Samson 13:1--16:31 delivered Israel from the Philistines. Known for his great strength.
6. Deborah 4:1--5:31 urged Barak to attack the mighty army of the Canaanites.
7. Samuel

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Key Principles to Understanding this Time

2. Forgotten God
 - Judges 2:1-5, 10
3. Idolatry
4. Major Priestly problems
5. Severe Moral problems



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Repeating Pattern in Judges

1. Israel forgets God, violates the covenant with God
2. God gets upset & hands them over
3. Israel cries out
4. God raises up a Judge

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Two Stories – A Glimpse of Israel During the Judges

Story # 1 – Micah – Chapters 17 & 18

- Judges 18:1-2

Story # 2 – Levite and his concubine – Chapter 19

- Judges 19:30
- Judges 21:25





