



ALTAR
OF THE
PRESENT
BRAD GRAY

Judges 10
pg. 250

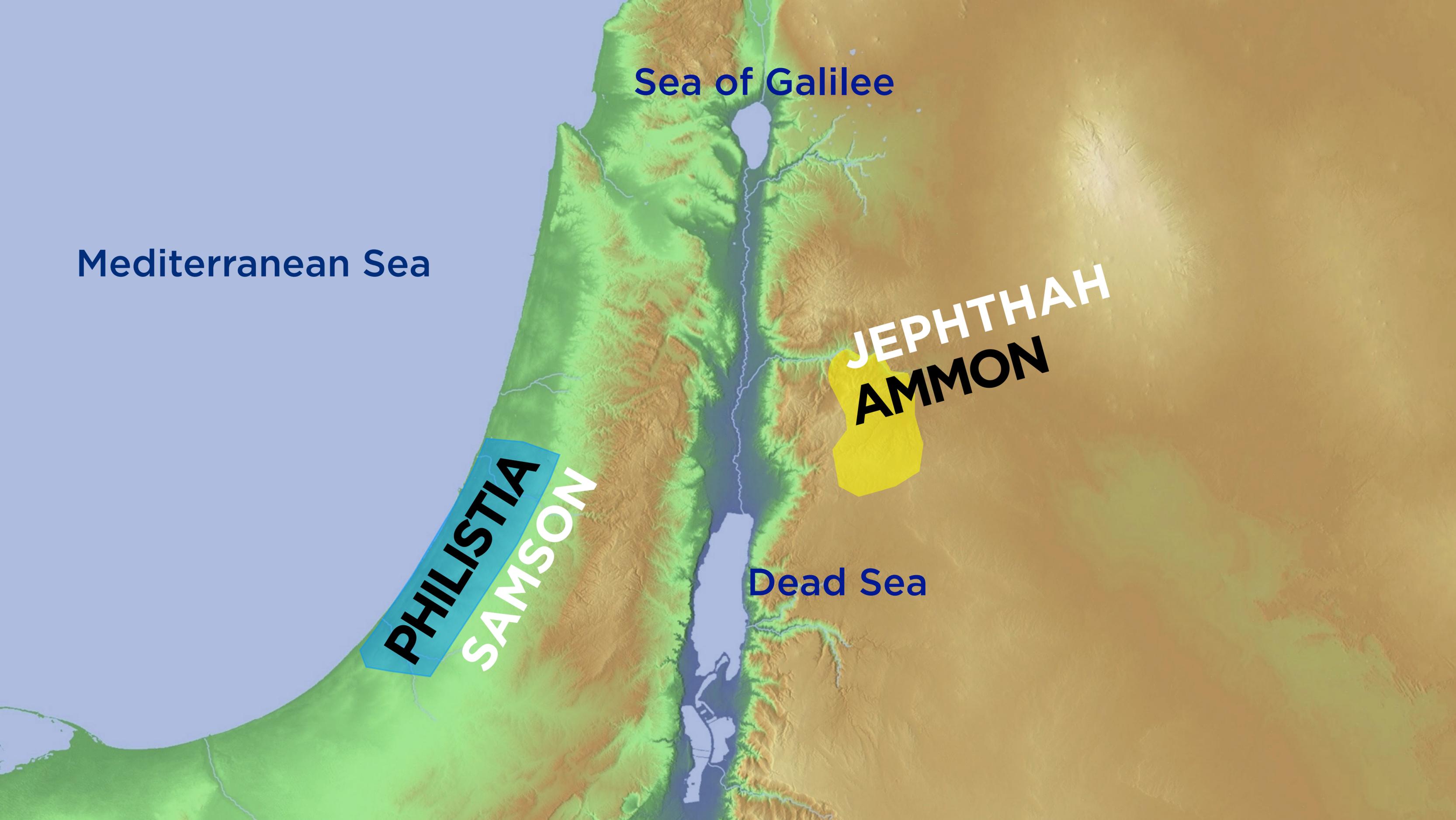
Sea of Galilee

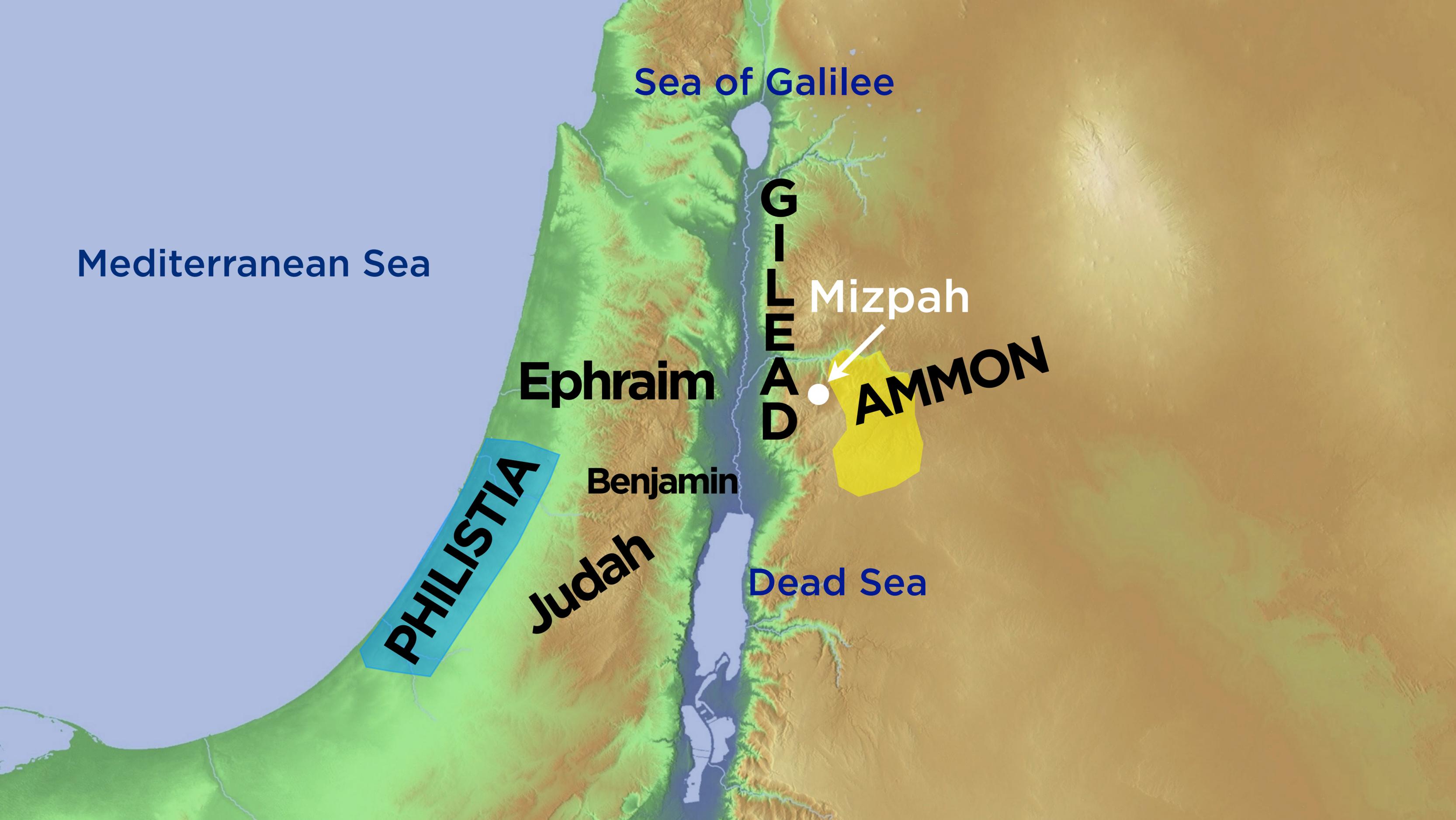
Mediterranean Sea

JEPHTHAH
AMMON

PHILISTIA
SAMSON

Dead Sea





Sea of Galilee

Mediterranean Sea

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Mizpah

Ephraim

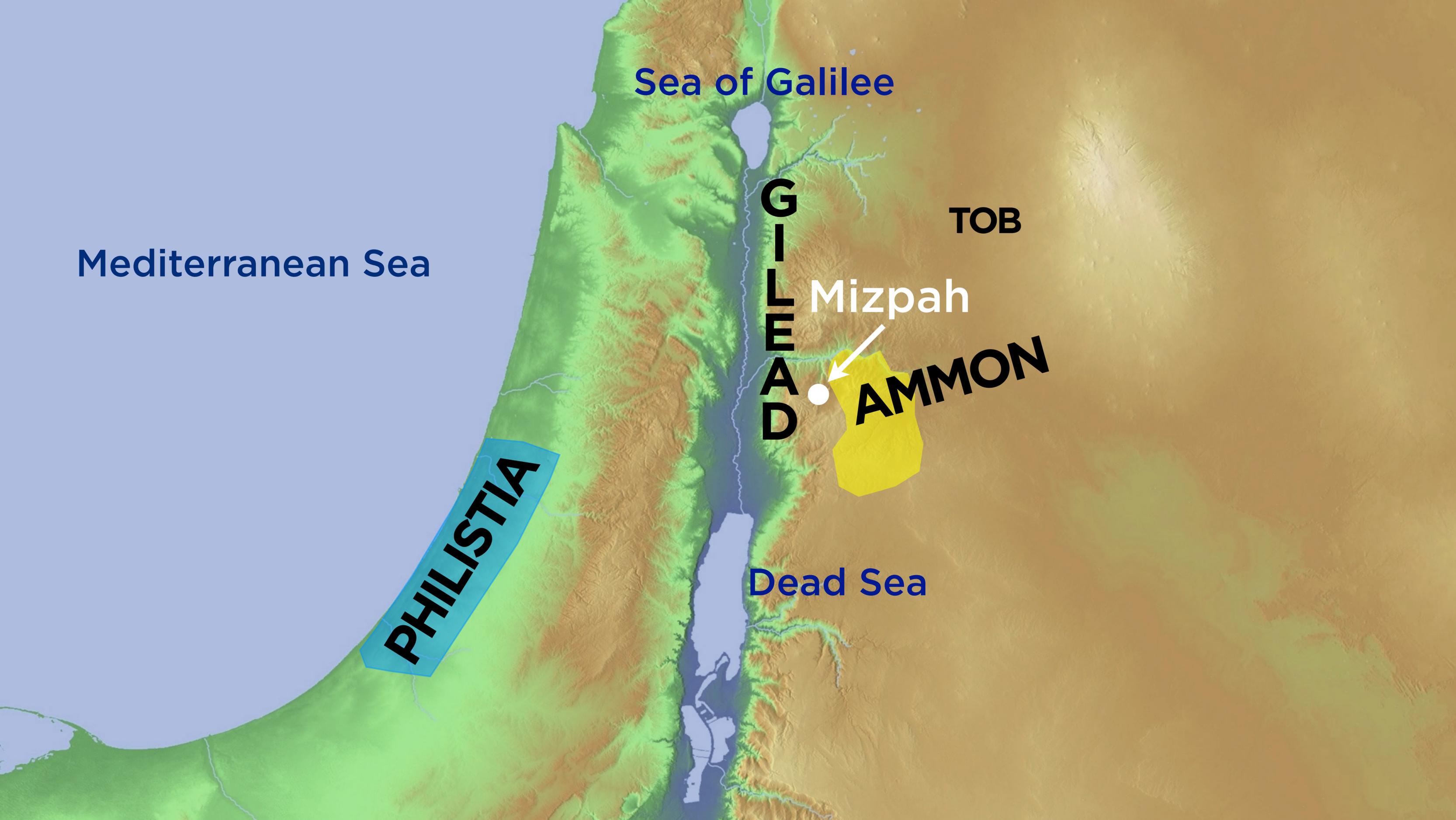
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Benjamin

PHILISTIA

Judah

Dead Sea



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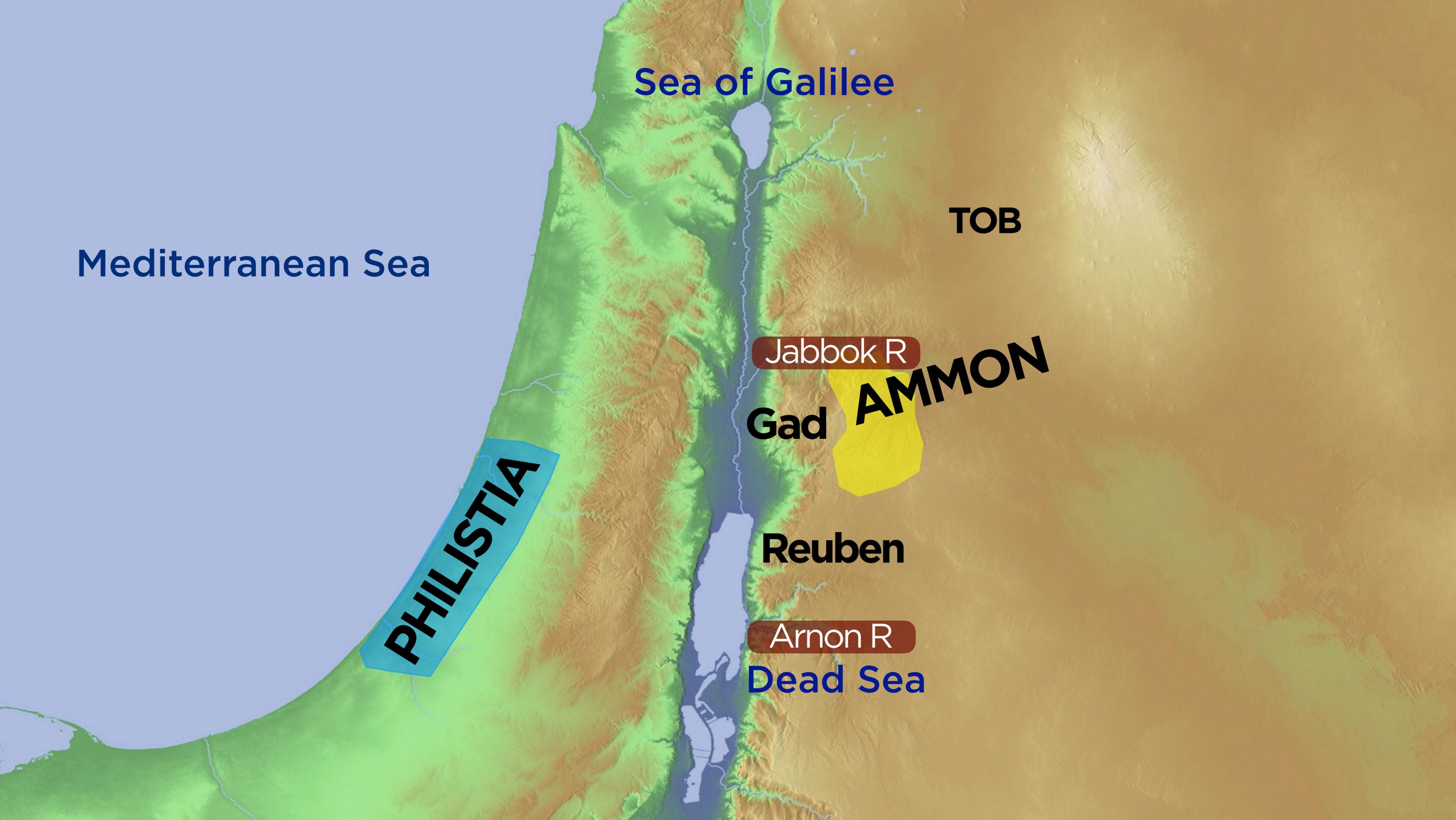
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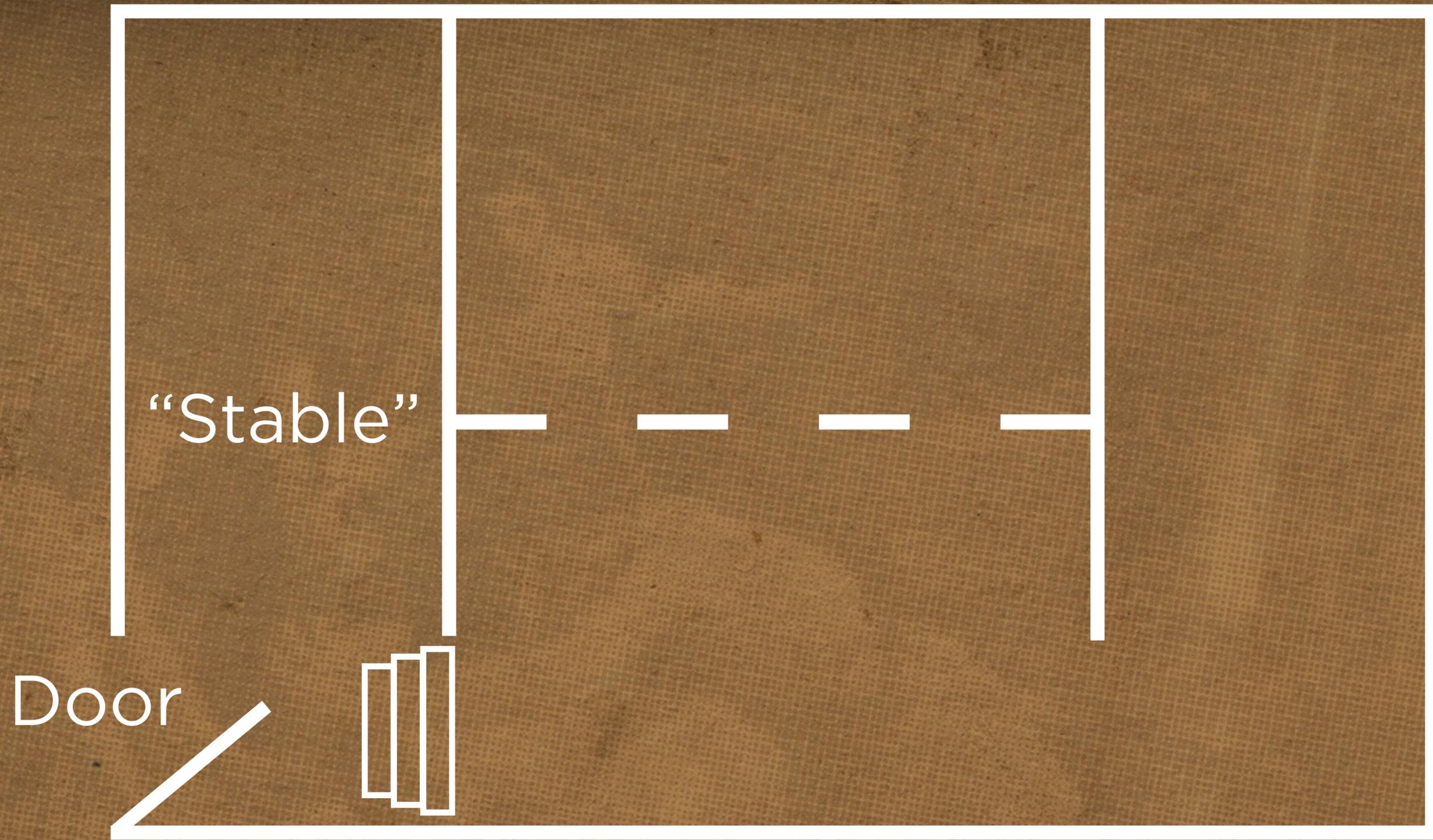
Reuben

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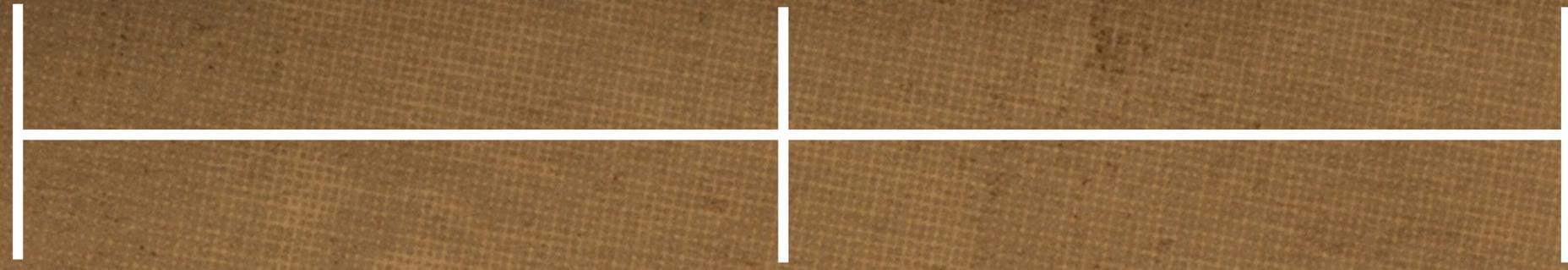






Typical Iron Age "4-Room House"





Jair

30 sons

Jephthah

1 daughter

Ibzan

30 sons
30 daughters

“She was an only child. Except for her he had neither son nor daughter” (vs. 34).

Jephthah sacrificed his future on the altar
of the present.

Over 50% said they would take the pill!

Are you sacrificing your future on the altar
of the present?

There's a blurred line between making a future for your family, and sacrificing your family's future.

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“The vast majority of people today cross the line of sexual sin long before they’re married. I call it *premarital adultery* because when you commit sexual sin today, you’re cheating on the person you’re going to marry later. By choosing to live outside of God’s standards today, you’re conditioning yourself to be even more susceptible to failure later.”

[Craig Groeschel, *Weird*, 153]

According to the Journal of Psychology and Christianity, up to 65% of husbands and 55% of wives will commit adultery by the age of 40.

[as quoted in *Weird*, 147]

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