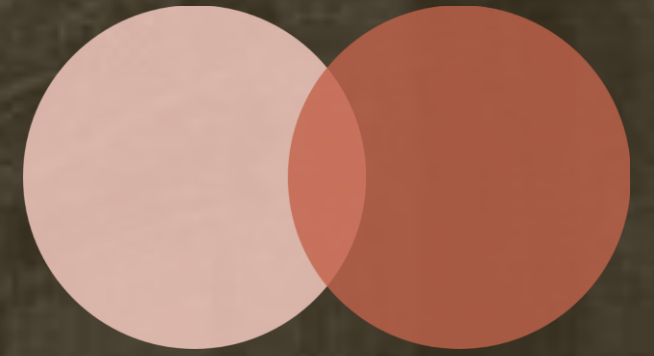


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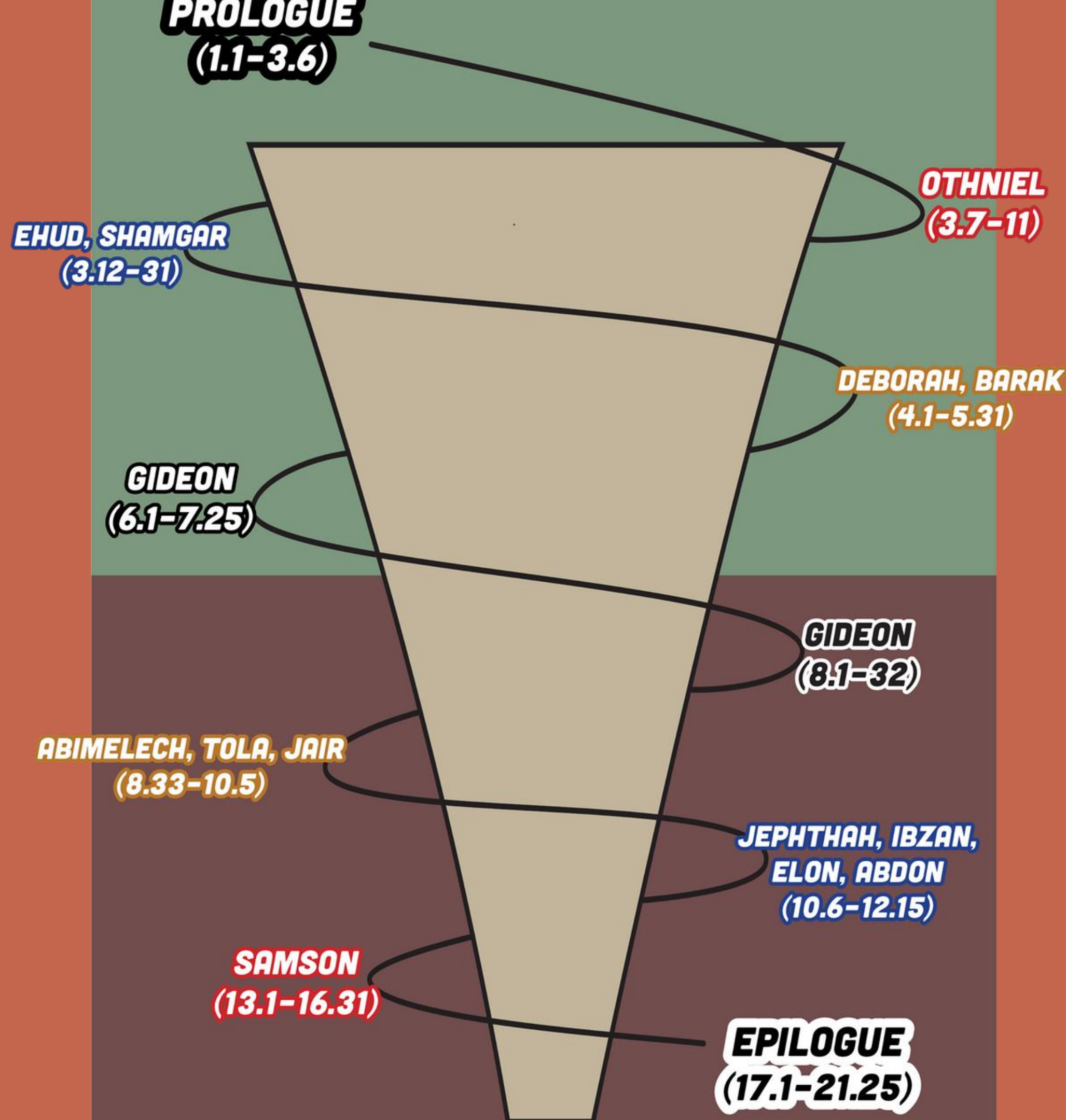


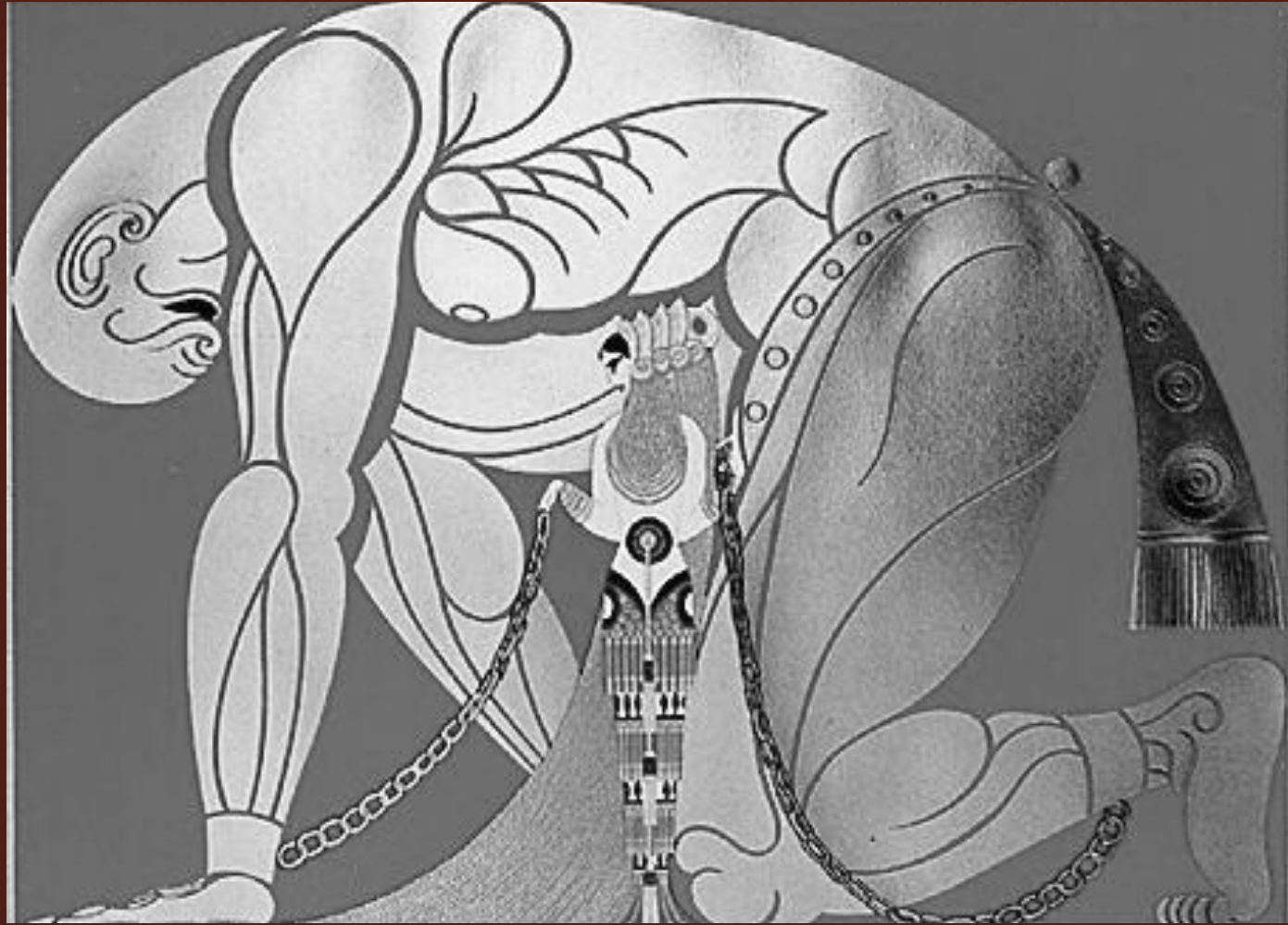
# FAILED SAVIORS.

2. Failure to Follow God (Jgs 2.1–3.6)

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**WAY'S RING  
STRUCTURE:  
"FATAL  
FUNNEL"  
MARIA  
MCCRAY**





# DISCERNING THE PURPOSE OF THE BOOK?

## DETERMINING PURPOSE?

How do we do this? Does it matter?

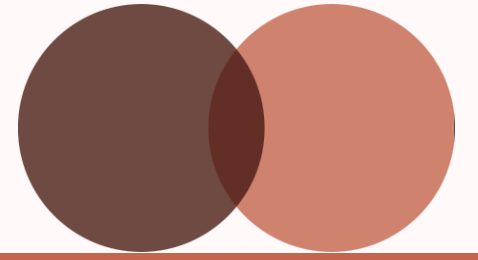
## READING BETWEEN THE LINES

Comparing *similar* stories to determine differences! (e.g., Mark and Luke)

## READING BETWEEN THE LINES

Comparing the stories *in the book* to determine repeated elements!

# Angelic Interpretation (Judges 2.1-5)



- **TRANSITION**

From narrative to interpretation (cf. Exd 23.20–33; 34.11–15)

- **MESSENGER (2.1A)**

The Commander of the ARmy of the LORD (cf. Gilgal, Jos 5.9–14)

- **MESSEGE (2.1–3)**

The same as Exd 23; 34!  
Contra Jos 9.

- **“BOKIM” (2.5)**

Destruction is promised already... so they “Weep”



# INTERPRETATION:

## JUDGES 2.6–20A

### ANOTHER GENERATION (2.7–10)

Is this verse literal and chronological or ironic and literary?

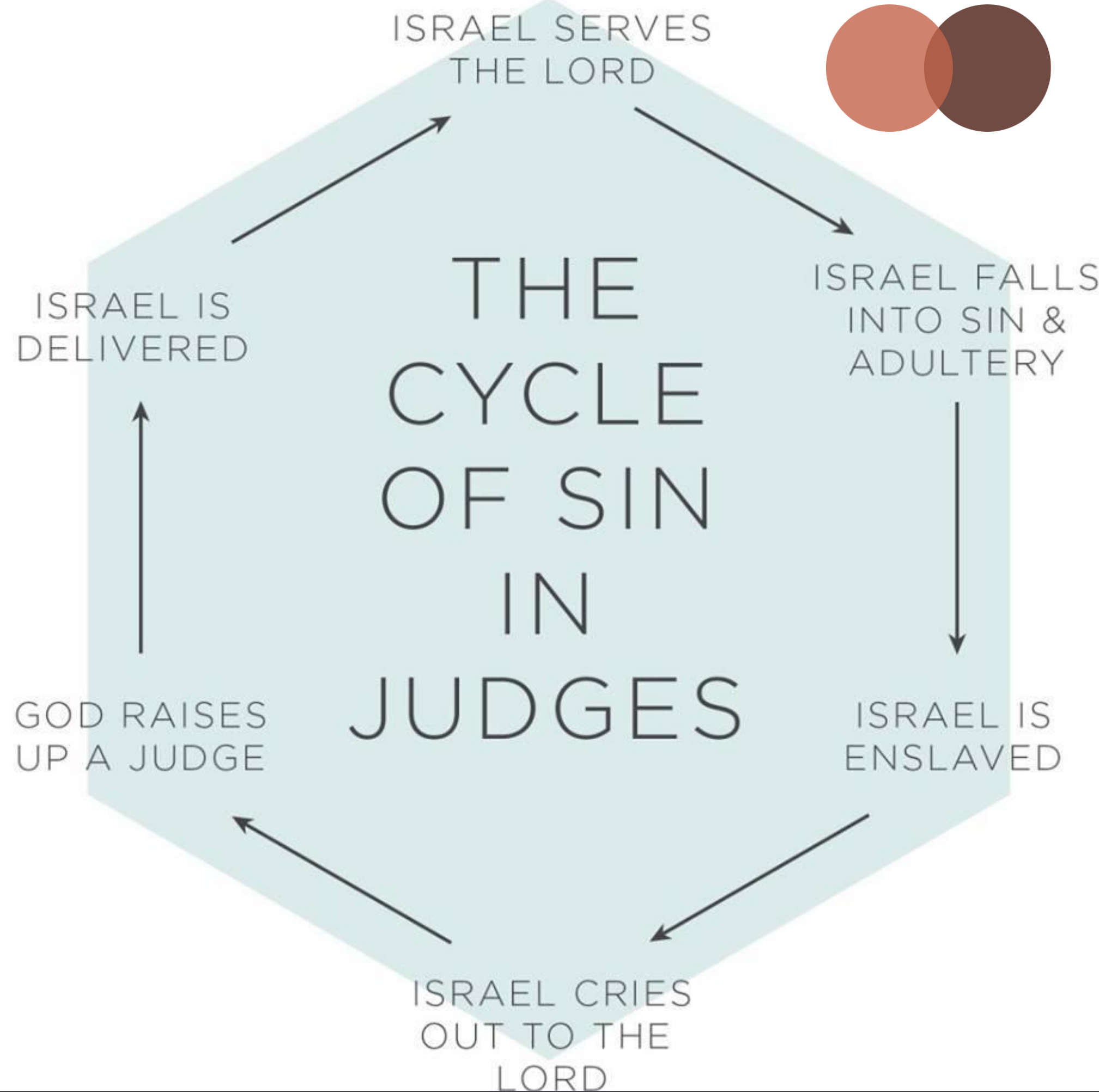
### BAALS AND ASHTEROOTH (2.13)

The primary Canaanites gods-  
-a storm god and his consort.

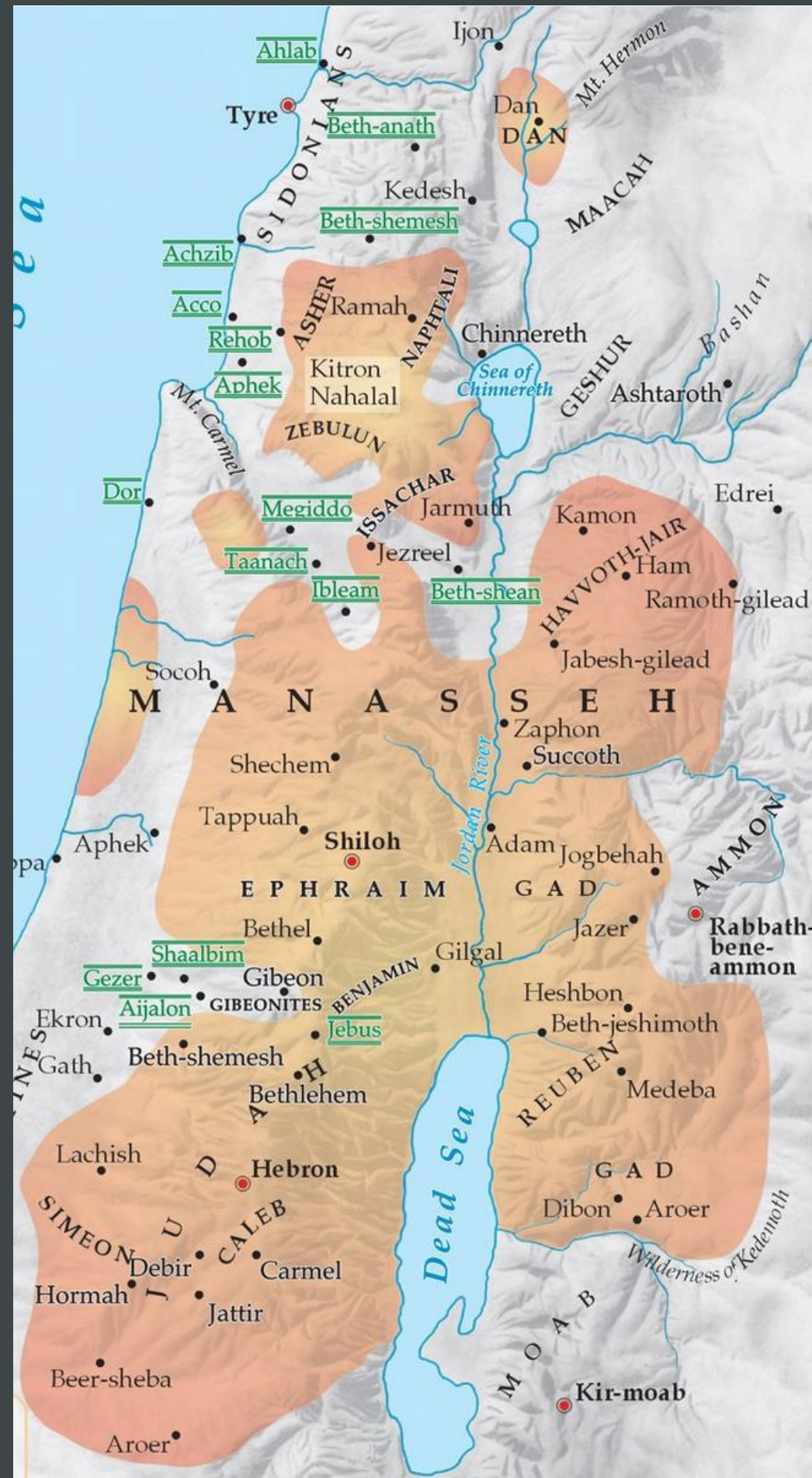
### THE HAND OF THE LORD (2.14–20)

Presents the “cycle of sin in Judges” for the first time.

# THE “CYCLE OF SIN” IN JUDGES (2.13–19)



# GOD'S INTERPRETATION (2.20B-22)



## ACCUSATION (2.20B)

“This nation” (not “my people”)

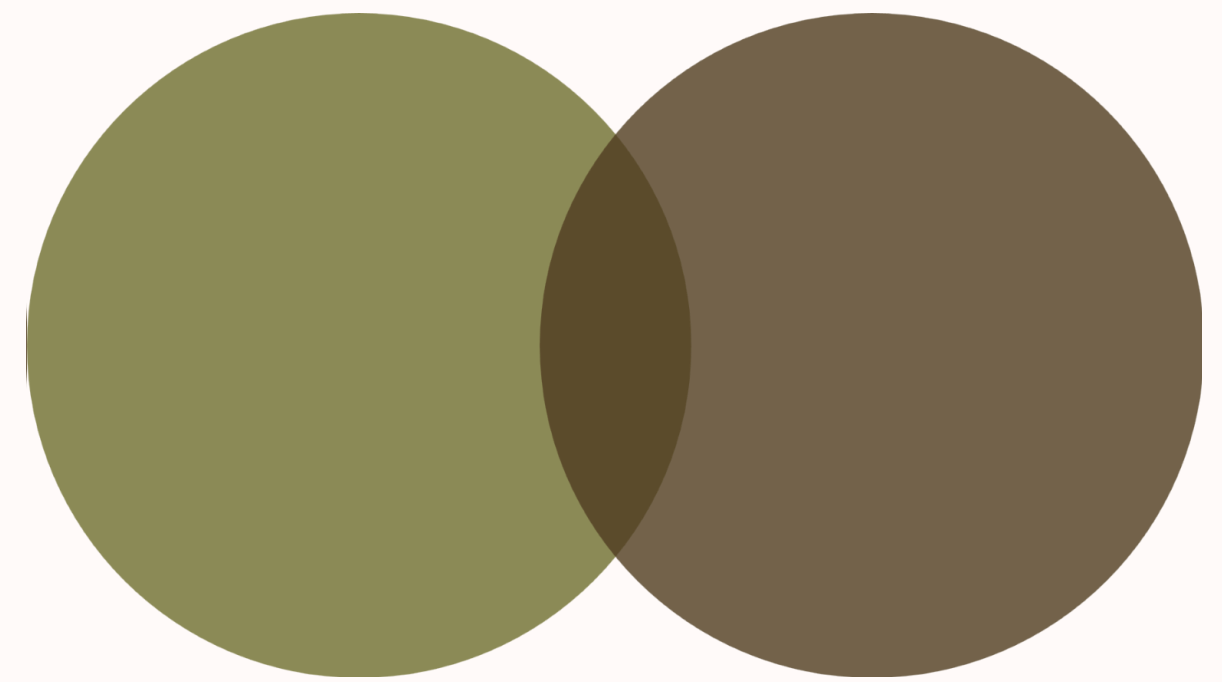
## REACTION (2.21)

Should God drive them out?

## MOTIVATION (2.22-23)

*Another shot at the same test.*

# The Nature of the Test (3.1-3)



## 3.1

“These are the nations” (a summary)

## 3.1B

“Who hadn’t experienced all the wars in Canaan” (???)

## 3.2

“So they might learn war”

## 3.3

*A different list from ch1 (and even the rest of the Bible, cf. Amos 9.7)*



FAILED SAVIORS.



**“IF THEY WOULD  
OBEY...”**

Judges 3.4–6

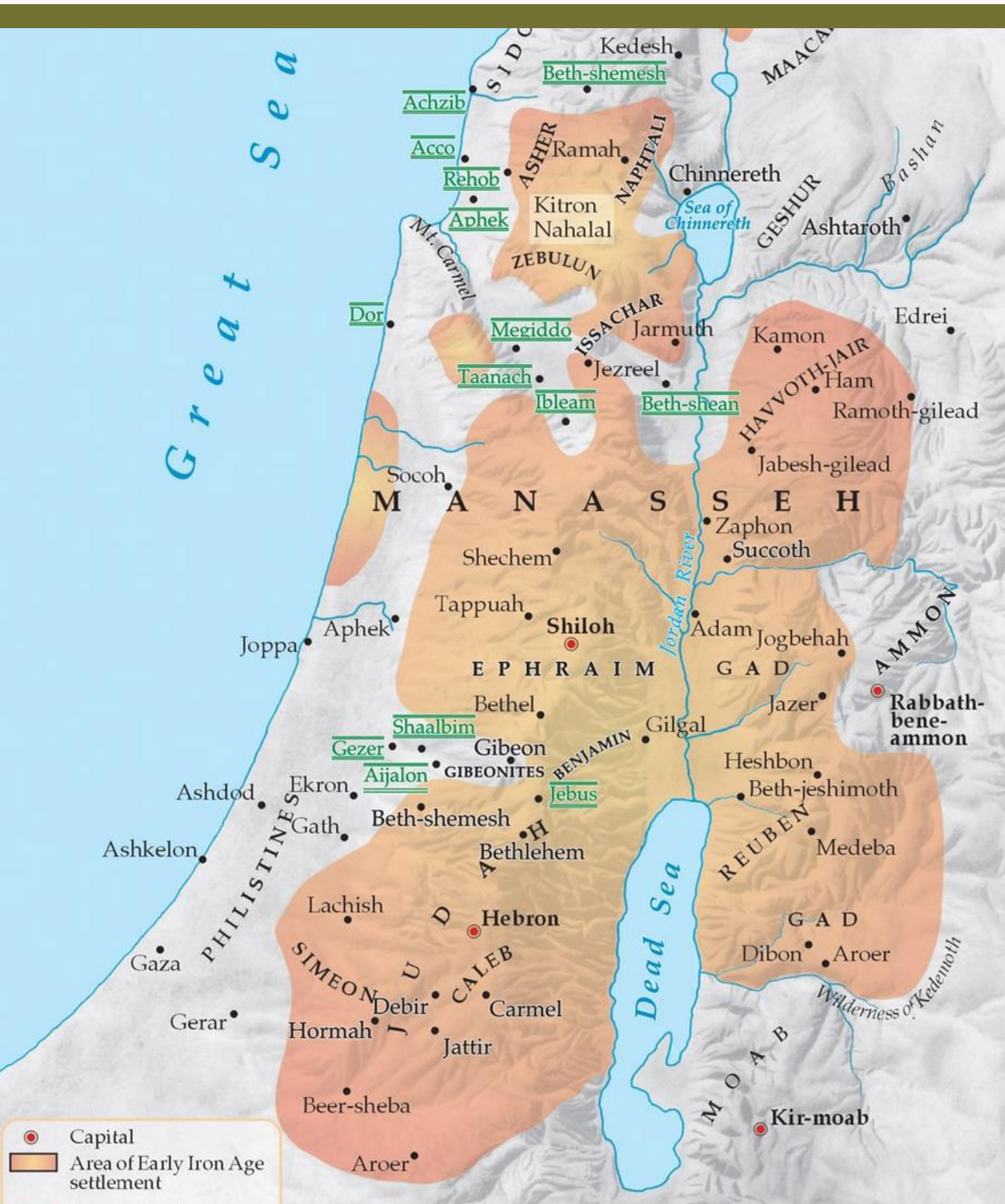
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# ISRAEL'S SITUATION

POOR, SUBSISTANCE  
FARMERS

# CANAAN'S SITUATION

CITY STATES AND MONO-  
ETHNIC GROUPS



# THEMES IN JUDGES

THE PROLOGUE  
(JGS 1.1-3.6)

## CANAANIZATION

In every sphere of life.

## SOCIAL INJUSTICE

Taking advantage of the weak of society.

## INTRODUCING THE THEMES

Functions as a true “prologue”



# NEXT CLASS:

## 3. FAILURE TO KEEP THE LAND (JGS 3.7– 31)

### THOUGHTS QUESTIONS:

1. What is the “City of Palms” (cf. Dtr 34.2; 2 Chr 28.18) and why does it matter?
2. What do we think about Ehud? What do we think of his tactics?
3. Where is God in this story?

