

# **JOSHUA – Outline**

**I. CONQUEST of the Land      1 – 12**

**II. DIVISION of the Land      13 – 21**

**III. POSSESSION of the Land 22 – 24**

# **Joshua 7**

(Sin of Achan / Israel)

- DEFEAT at Ai
- Sin of Achan

# **Joshua 8**

- DEFEAT of Ai
- Renewal of the Covenant

# Joshua

7:1 “But...”

Ch. 6 – Fall of Jericho

Ch. 5 – Circumcision  
resumed

Ch. 4 – Memorial Stones

Ch. 3 – Crossing Jordan  
on dry ground

Ch. 2 – Rahab & spies  
at Jericho

Ch. 1 – Joshua commissioned  
– Prepare to cross Jordan

Ch. 7  
Defeat  
at Ai



# “The accursed things” Josh. 7:1

- accursed
- doomed to destruction
- utterly destroyed
- under the ban

– devoted by God

✓ to destruction

just wrath of God

✓ to service

grace of God

Rom. 9:21 – 24

Gal. 1:6 – 9

# Joshua 7:16 – 18

Twelve tribes of Israel

JUDAH

tribe

Zerah

family

Zabdi

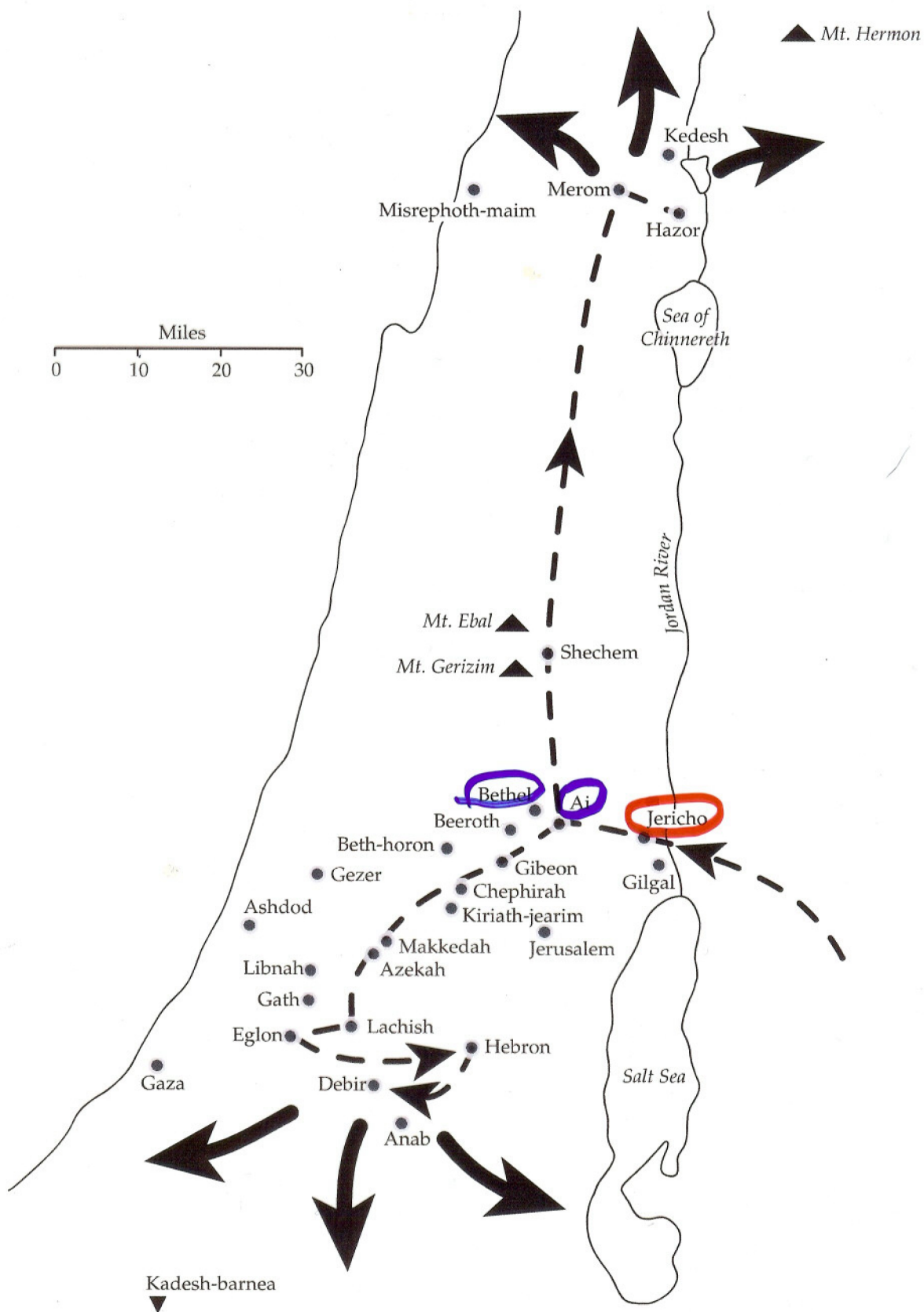
household

Achan

man

trouble

# The Route of Joshua



Joshua 7:21

Gen. 3:6

II Sam. 11:2-6

ACHAN

Eve

David

saw

saw

saw

coveted

desired

(coveted)

took

took

took

concealed

hid

concealed

7:1

anger of  
the LORD  
burned

3:15ff

curse  
judgment

11:27

displeased  
12:14  
judgment

Death

Death

Death

# Some thoughts on Covetousness

- ✓ Covetousness and the 10 Commandments

Exodus 20

- ✓ Covetousness and Idolatry

Eph. 5:5 – 6

Col. 3:5 – 6

- ✓ Covetousness and Faith

- ✓ Covetousness and the character of God good  
— wise  
powerful

- ✓ The remedy for covetousness

Luke 12:15

Col. 3:1 – 4



## Some Principles from the Story of Achan

- Man cannot hide from God (his sin or himself).
- The sin of one weakens / afflicts the whole group.
- We never sin in singular.  
Sin unchecked leads to additional and greater sin.
- The LORD always keeps His Word.  
Cf. 6:18 + 7:12.
- Holy God must judge sin.