

**Joshua's Final Words**  
**Lesson 8**  
**Joshua 23-24**

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# **Outline of Joshua**

- 1. The Conquest of the Land – Joshua 1-12**
- 2. The Division of the Land – Joshua 13-21**
- 3. The Possession of the Land – Joshua 22-24**

# History in Joshua

- ▶ **History – factual**
- ▶ **God's plan for creation**
- ▶ **Personal salvation**
- ▶ **Salvation of all of creation**
- ▶ **God's ways**

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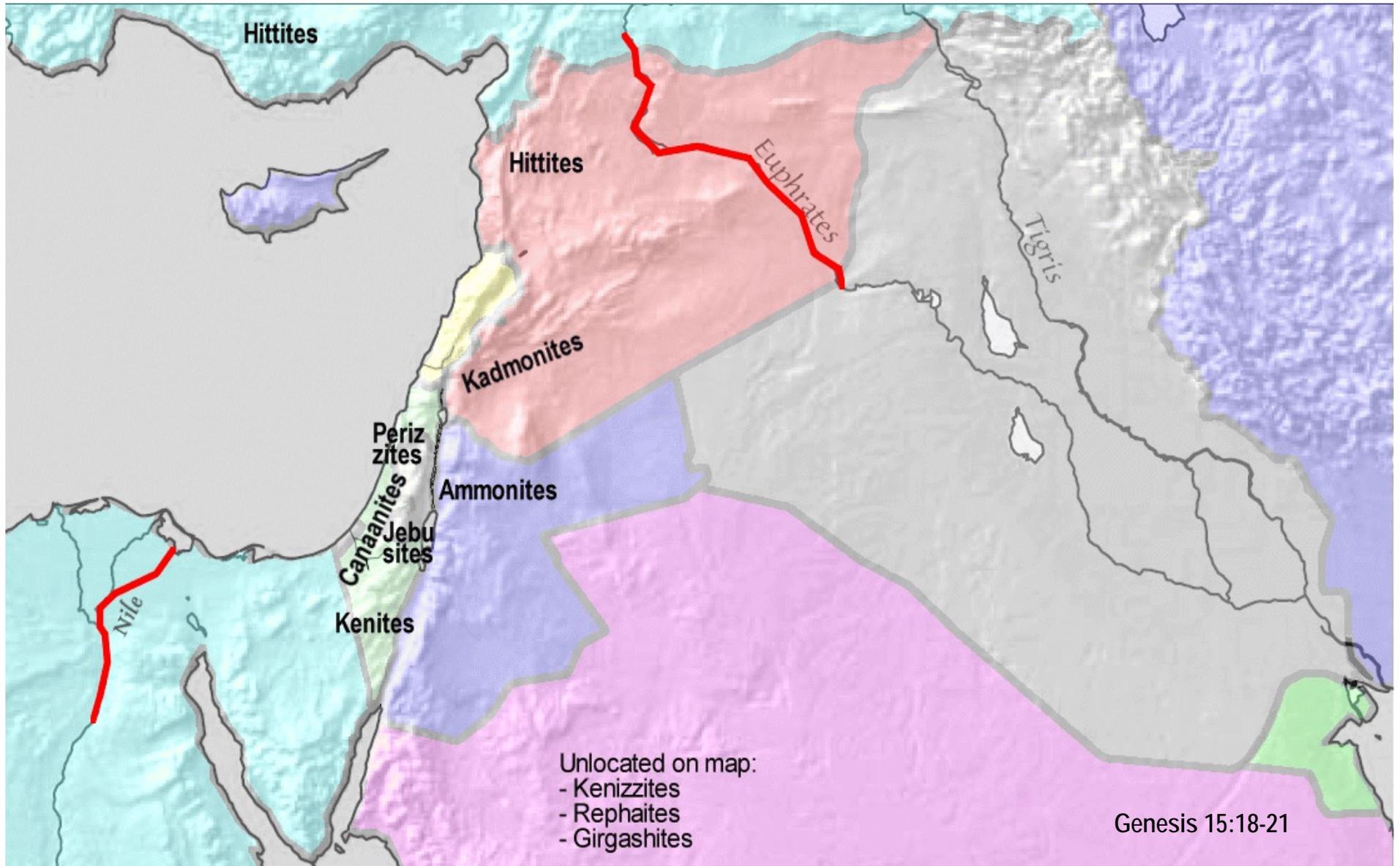
- ▶ **Joshua's first words – Joshua 1:8**
- ▶ **Joshua's work – conquest and occupation**
- ▶ **Joshua's final words**
- ▶ **Outline**
  - Joshua 22 – The people speak
  - Joshua 23 – Joshua speaks
  - Joshua 24 – Joshua calls to service

## **2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tribes return home – Joshua 22**

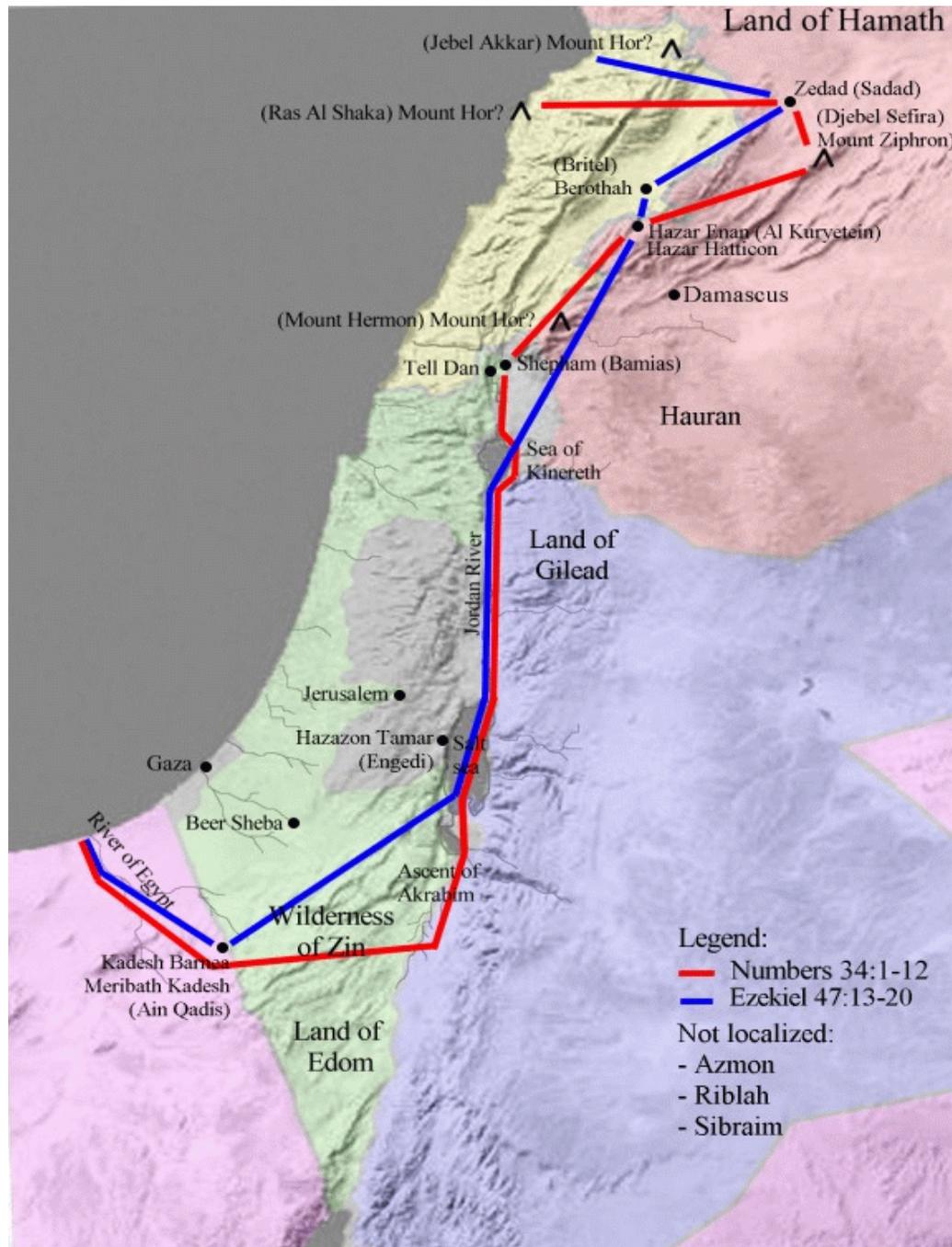
- ▶ **Initial appearance – (1:12-18)**
- ▶ **Crossing the Jordan – (4:12-13)**
- ▶ **Trans-Jordan conquest – (12:6)**
- ▶ **Trans-Jordan division of the land – (13:8-33)**
- ▶ **Final return to trans-Jordan – (22)**

# **Territory of Israel**

**Genesis 15:18-21**  
**Numbers 34:1-12**  
**Ezekiel 47:13-20**



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# **Selection of land by 2½ tribes**

- ▶ **Numbers 32**
- ▶ **Selected by “sight”**
- ▶ **Approved by Moses (1:15; 4:12; 12:6; 13:8-33; 22:4,7)**
- ▶ **According to the Word of the LORD (22:9)**

# The congregation of Israel prepares for war

- ▶ A Great Altar is built by the Jordan
- ▶ MA'AL – מַעַל – 35 times in Old Testament
- ▶ transgress, commit trespass, act unfaithfully
- ▶ Victim: God
- ▶ Numbers 5:11-27 – adulterous woman

# Israel's History of *MA'AL*

- ▶ Peor (Numbers 25) – fornication and idolatry
- ▶ Achan (Joshua 7) – stealing the accursed thing from God
- ▶ Israel suspects *MA'AL*

# Civil war prevented

- ▶ The explanation in Joshua 22:21-29
- ▶ Recognition of the greatness of God
- ▶ Recognition of their duty toward Him
- ▶ A replica of the altar
- ▶ Sincerity applauded by the other tribes

# The Stone Witness

- ▶ Noble intent
- ▶ Human inventions are without power
- ▶ Future of Trans-Jordan: 2 Kings 10:32-33
- ▶ Joshua's witness

# Joshua Speaks – Joshua 23

- ▶ Remember the LORD (3-5)
- ▶ Keep the Law of Moses (6-7)
- ▶ Hold fast to the LORD your God (8-10)
- ▶ Take heed to yourself (11-13)
- ▶ Joshua's death (14-16)

# **Joshua calls to serve the LORD**

## **Joshua 24**

- ▶ **A lesson from history (24:2-13)**
  - Terah and Abraham (24:2-3)**
  - Isaac (24:4)**
  - Children of Israel in Egypt (24:5-7)**
  - Current generation (24:8-13)**

# **History understood . . . or misunderstood**

- ▶ **Fear the LORD and serve Him (14-15)**
- ▶ **We will serve the LORD our God (16-18)**
- ▶ **You cannot serve the LORD (19-20)**
  - He is a holy and jealous God**
  - He will not forgive your transgressions**
- ▶ **No, but we will serve the LORD (21-25)**

# The witness

- ▶ **Their profession**
- ▶ **Their conduct – put away idolatry**
- ▶ **Their heart – incline your heart to the LORD**
- ▶ **The covenant – renewed**

# Another stone witness

- ▶ **The Words of the Book of the Law**
- ▶ **A stone monument to the words of the LORD**
- ▶ **Lest you deny your God**
- ▶ **Joshua 1:8**

# Final Events

- ▶ **Death of Joshua**
- ▶ **Burial of Joseph**
- ▶ **Death of Eleazar**

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- ▶ **The symmetry of Joshua**
- ▶ **The hope of Joshua**