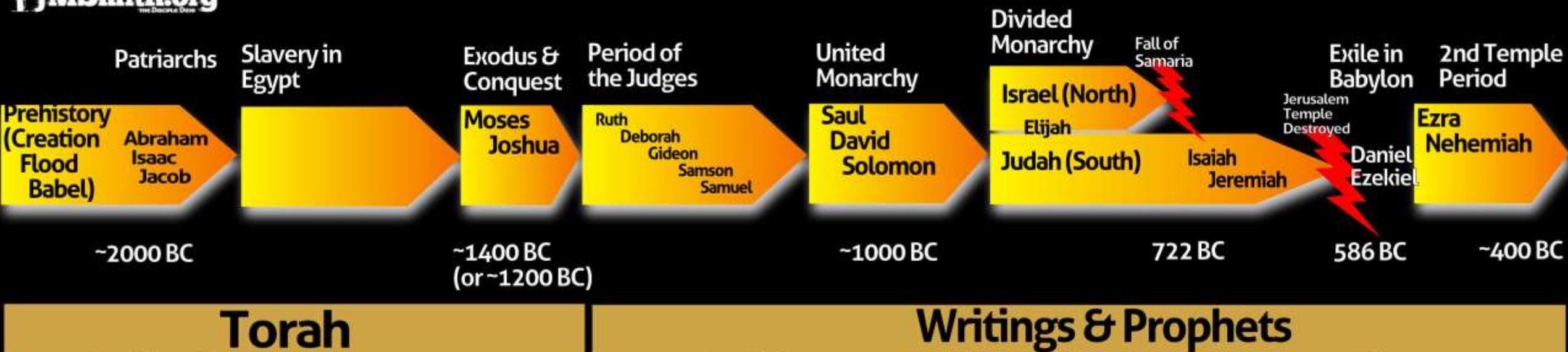




Make Us a King to Judge Us Like the Nations

1 Samuel 8:1-9



Old Testament Historical Overview

- Ten Centuries since the Call of Abraham (2,000 B.C.)
- Eight Centuries Since Jacob's Children Went to Egypt (1,800 B.C.)
- Five Centuries Since the Moses and the Exodus (1,520 B.C.)
- Three and a half centuries since the Conquest of Canaan (1,400 B.C.)
- Three and a half centuries of Leadership under the Judges



God's Design for Israel – 1 Sam. 8:7

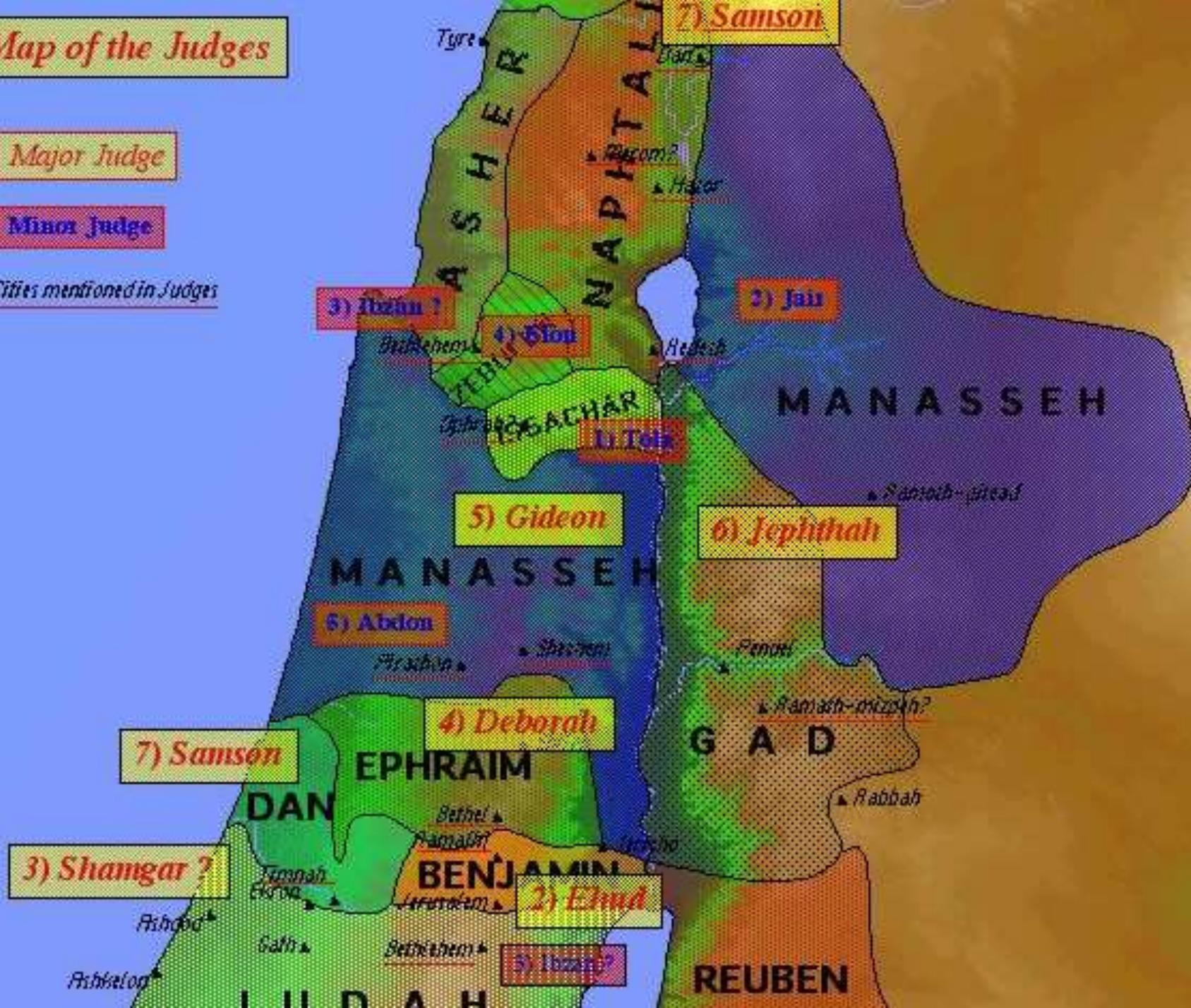
- He Spoke Through the Prophets
- He was Judge (ruling through the Judges)
- He was the King
- *No Centralized Government*

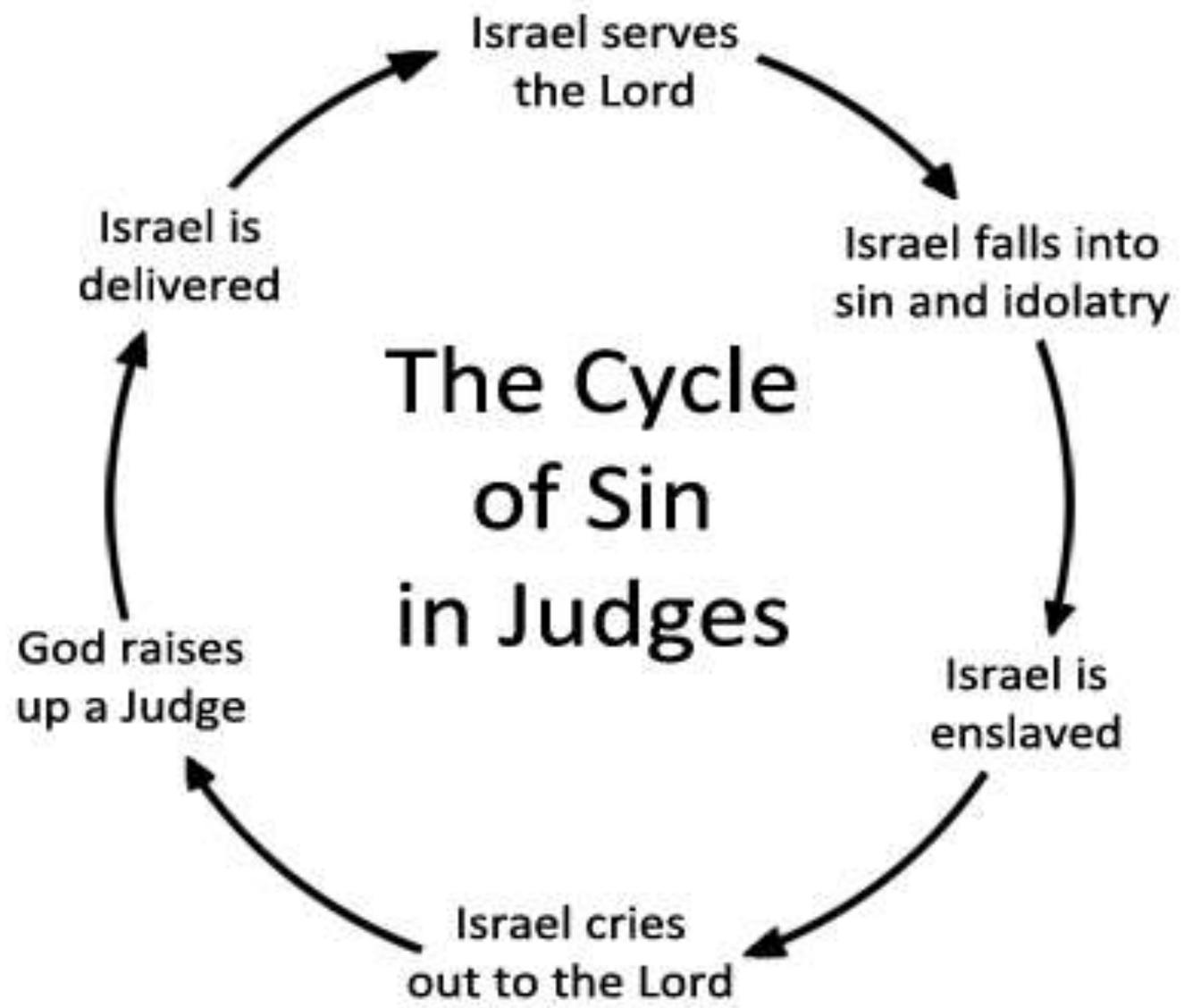
Map of the Judges

Major Judge

Minor Judge

Cities mentioned in Judges







Make Us a King to Judge Us

1 Samuel 8

(4) Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah,

(5) and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations."

(6) But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." So Samuel prayed to the LORD.

They Have Rejected Me

(7) And the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.

(8) According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day—with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also.

(9) Now therefore, heed their voice. However, you shall solemnly forewarn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them."



This Will Be the Behavior of the King

(10) So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who asked him for a king.

(11) And he said, "This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint *them* for his own chariots and *to be* his horsemen, and *some* will run before his chariots.

(12) He will appoint captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties, *will set some* to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and *some* to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots.

(13) He will take your daughters *to be* perfumers, cooks, and bakers.

- (14) And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give *them* to his servants.
- (15) He will take a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants.
- (16) And he will take your male servants, your female servants, your finest young men, and your donkeys, and put *them* to his work.
- (17) He will take a tenth of your sheep. And you will be his servants.
- (18) And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the LORD will not hear you in that day."

“I Said in My Heart, I Will Test You with Mirth... Ecclesiastes 2:3-10

(3) I searched in my heart *how* to gratify my flesh with wine, while guiding my heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* good for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives.

(4) I made my works great, I built myself houses, and planted myself vineyards.

(5) I made myself gardens and orchards, and I planted all *kinds* of fruit trees in them.

(6) I made myself water pools from which to water the growing trees of the grove.

(7) I acquired male and female servants, and had servants born in my house. Yes, I had greater possessions of herds and flocks than all who were in Jerusalem before me.

(8) I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the special treasures of kings and of the provinces. I acquired male and female singers, the delights of the sons of men, *and* musical instruments of all kinds.

(9) So I became great and excelled more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me.

(10) Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my reward from all my labor.

Your Father Made Our Yoke Heavy

1 Kings 12:4-16

(4) "Your father made our yoke heavy; now therefore, lighten the burdensome service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you."

(6) Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who stood before his father Solomon while he still lived, and he said, "How do you advise *me* to answer these people?"

(7) And they spoke to him, saying, "If you will be a servant to these people today, and serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever."

(8) But he rejected the advice which the elders had given him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him.

(9) And he said to them, "What advice do you give? How should we answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father put on us'?"

(10) Then the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you should speak to this people who have spoken to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make *it* lighter on us'—thus you shall say to them: 'My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's waist!

(11) And now, whereas my father put a heavy yoke on you, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!' "

(16) Now when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying: "What share have we in David? *We have* no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Now, see to your own house, O David!" So Israel departed to their tents.

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM



Lake Galilee

ISRAEL

Shechem

Mediterranean Sea

Jerusalem

JUDAH

Dead Sea



JEROBOAM



REHOBOAM

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