

Judges Series

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The Battle is ALWAYS
the Lord's
Judges 5:1–8

JUDGES

2021

When Chaos Was King

Outline of “Judges” (Chieftains, Tribal Rulers, Leaders)

1:1–3:6

Introduction

**How Israel went from
spiritual victory
to being worse than
the Canaanites**

Incomplete obedience

Compromise

Failure

Cycles of discipline

3:7–16:31

Paganization of the Leadership

Othniel (the best)

Ehud

Shamgar

Deborah

Gideon

Tola, Jair

Jephthah

Ibzan, Elon, Abdon

Samson (the worst)

17:1–21:25

Paganization of the Priests

Chap. 17–18

and the

People

Chap. 19–21

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I. Introduction (Judges 5:1)

II. Call to praise (Judges 5:2–3)

III. God's prior deliverance (Judges 5:4–5)

IV. Bad times, but God raises up (Judges 5:6–8)

**V. A call for praise for Yahweh's righteous acts
(Judges 5:9–11c)**

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What is “praise”?

Praise in Scripture means a public recital of the acts of God on behalf of an individual or the people as a whole. Any time the objective works of God in history are recited before men, that is praise. Praise usually also connotes a spontaneity to it. Praise psalms also may contain some lament, but the major emphasis is praise.

Thanksgiving, Declarative, or Descriptive Praise

The psalmist acknowledges how God has answered the prayer (Psalm 21, 30, 32, 34, 40, 66).

Psa. 50:14, “Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.”

Heb. 13:15, “Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.”

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כְּנַעַן *kena*ˁan proper Canaan

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פָּרַע *para*^c

qal infinitiveConst

to let go, neglect,

uncover; Num. 5:18, 6:5

פְּרָעִים *pera*^{c-1}

comm masc plur abs

long hair of head, locks

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2־בָּרַךְ *barakh*-2

piel imper masc plur

to bless, to praise, to salute

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**“YHWH, when You went out from Seir,
When You marched from the field of Edom,
The earth trembled and the heavens poured,
The clouds also poured water;**

Judg. 5:5,

**“The mountains gushed before the YHWH,
This Sinai, before YHWH Elohim of Israel.”**

1. Seir is first mentioned as Seir the Horite who inhabited the land promised to Abraham—in land that in the future would be identified as the land of Edom. Seir was the personal name of the progenitor of the people who inhabited the land, a Horite.

Gen. 36:20, “These were the sons of Seir the Horite who inhabited the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,

Gen. 36:21, “Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. These were the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir, in the land of Edom.”

Gen. 14:6, “and the Horites in their mountain of Seir, as far as El Paran, which is by the wilderness.”

1 Chron. 1:38, “The sons of Seir were Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.”

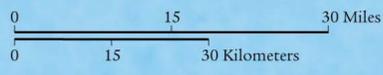
2. Deuteronomy reminds them that by the time of the Exodus, the Edomites, the descendants of Esau, Jacob's twin brother, had taken over that territory, south and east of the Dead Sea.

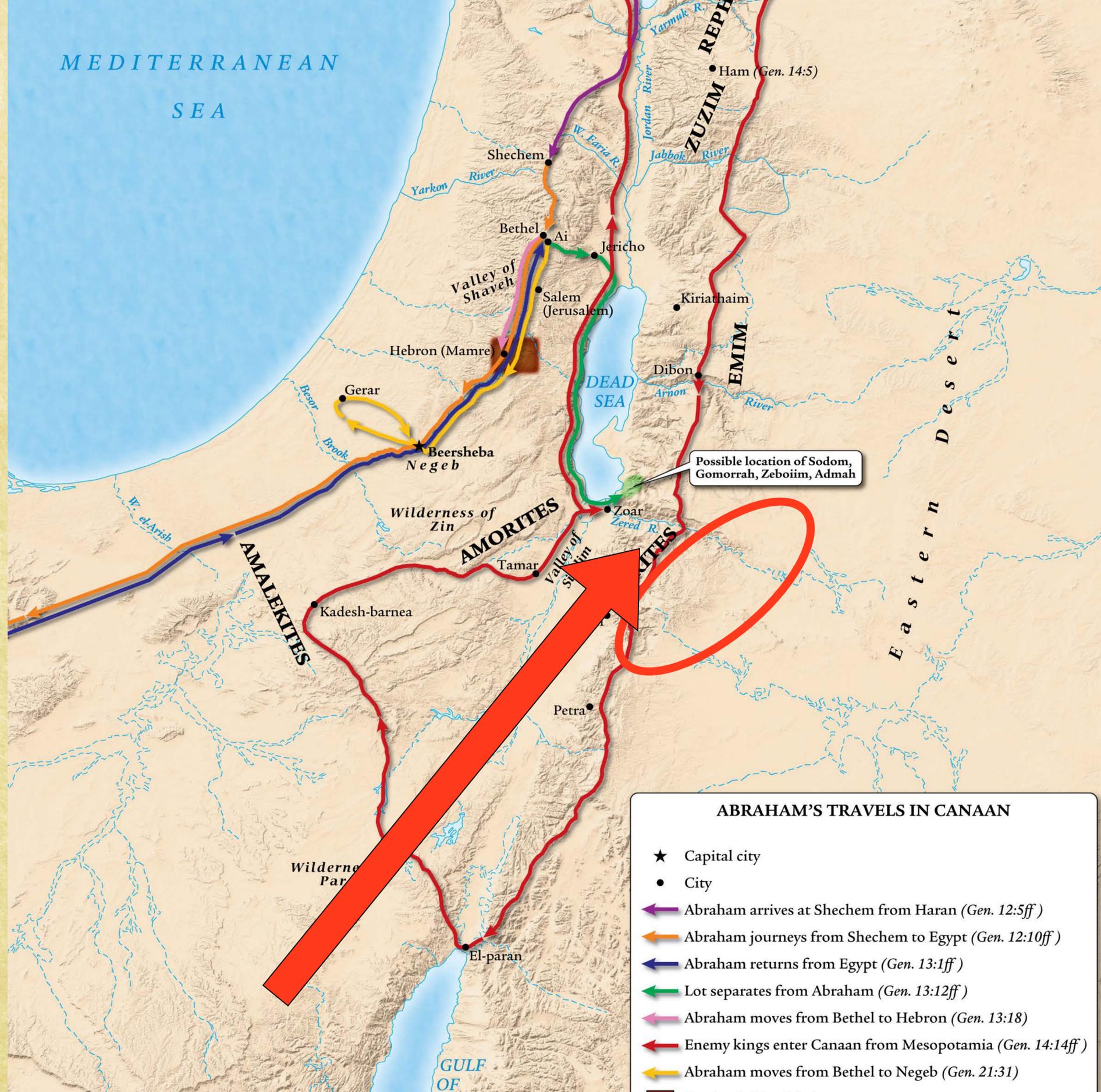
Deut. 2:12, “The Horites formerly dwelt in Seir, but the descendants of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their place, just as Israel did to the land of their possession which the LORD gave them.)”

Deut. 2:22, “just as He had done for the descendants of Esau, who dwelt in Seir, when He destroyed the Horites from before them. They dispossessed them and dwelt in their place, even to this day.”

3. Sinai is the location where God entered into covenant with the nation Israel and revealed the covenant, the Torah, to Moses. This is a defining moment for Israel. And then we see the progression of God's victory as He moved from the south through Seir and Edom to the land He promised Israel.

- Town beyond Israelite control
- Town not captured (*Josh. 13:1-7; 16:10; 17:7-18; Judg. 1*)
- City of refuge
- Town burned by Israelites in conquest
- ★ Major battle sites of Israel's conquest
- Area of Israel's control





ABRAHAM'S TRAVELS IN CANAAN

- ★ Capital city
- City
- ← (Purple arrow) Abraham arrives at Shechem from Haran (*Gen. 12:5ff*)
- ← (Orange arrow) Abraham journeys from Shechem to Egypt (*Gen. 12:10ff*)
- ← (Blue arrow) Abraham returns from Egypt (*Gen. 13:1ff*)
- ← (Green arrow) Lot separates from Abraham (*Gen. 13:12ff*)
- ← (Pink arrow) Abraham moves from Bethel to Hebron (*Gen. 13:18*)
- ← (Red arrow) Enemy kings enter Canaan from Mesopotamia (*Gen. 14:14ff*)
- ← (Yellow arrow) Abraham moves from Bethel to Negeb (*Gen. 21:31*)

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חָדַל *ḥādal* I, cease, abandon

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**Judg. 5:11, “Far from the noise of the
archers, among the watering places, there
they shall recount the righteous acts of
the LORD, the righteous acts *for* His
villagers in Israel; Then the people of the
LORD shall go down to the gates.”**

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