

# Genesis 33-39

The Jacob Cycle

Journey Through Genesis



# Chiasm in Jacob Cycle

A Struggle in childbirth - Jacob born (25:19-24)

B Jacob fears Esau and flees (27:1-28:9)

C Arrival at Harran (29:1-30)

D Jacobs wives are fertile; (29:31-30:34).

FOCAL POINT - BIRTH OF JOSEPH

D' Jacobs flocks are fertile (30:25-43)

C' Flight from Harran (31:1-34)

B' Jacob returns and fears Esau (33:1-20)

A' Struggle in childbirth - Benjamin born (35:1-22)



RIVALRY · BLESSING · PROPHECY ·

CHOICES · OBLIGATIONS · THOUGHTFUL PLANNING ·

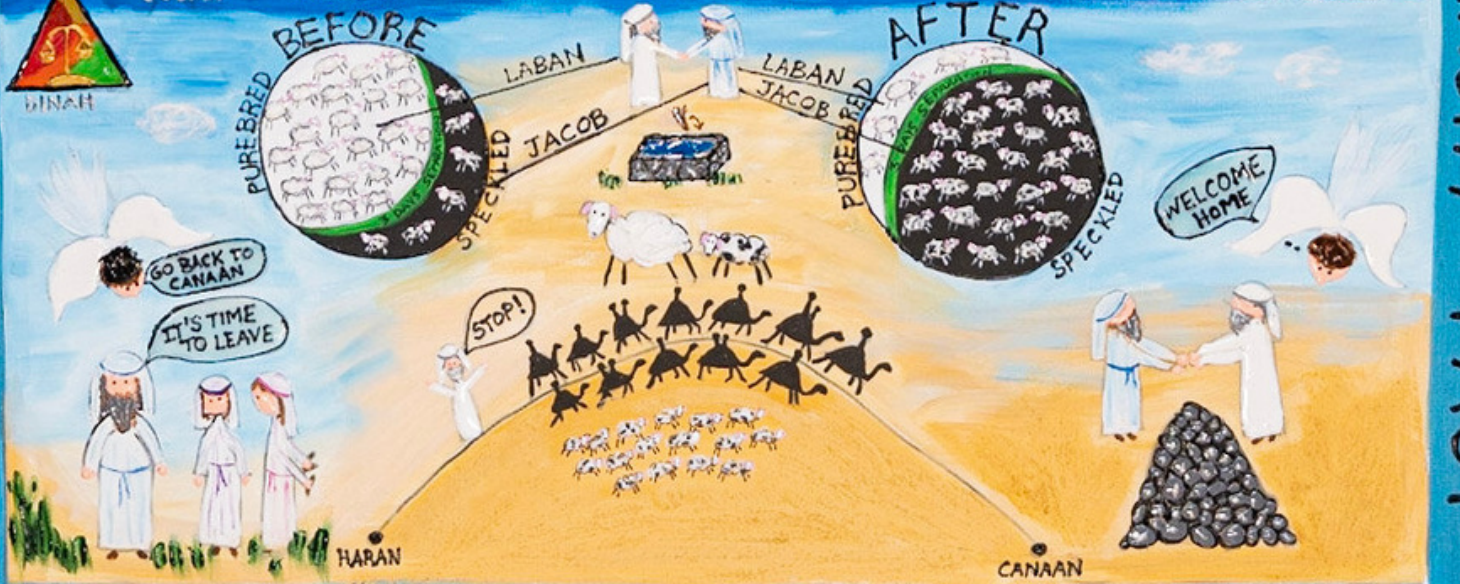


FOLLOWING IN YOUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

JOURNEY · NATION · PROPHECY ·

COMMITMENT · REPUTATION · CONTINUITY · PACT ·

DECEPTION · EMPATHY · DREAM · UNITY · STRENGTH



MISSION · PERSEVERANCE · RETURN



# Overview Pt 6

Genesis 28: All About Marriage  
Dream of Ladders

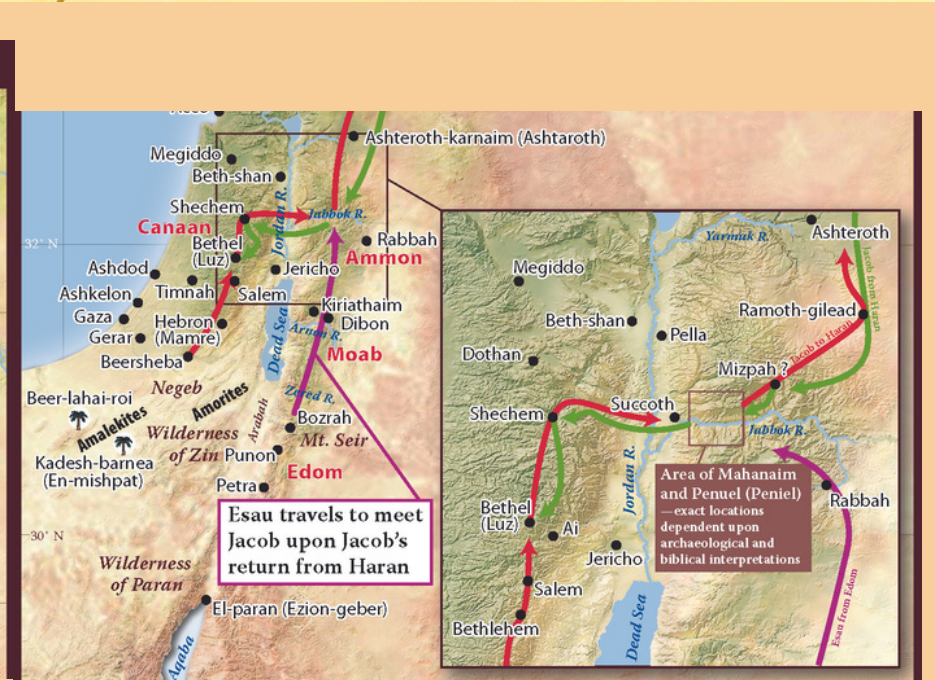
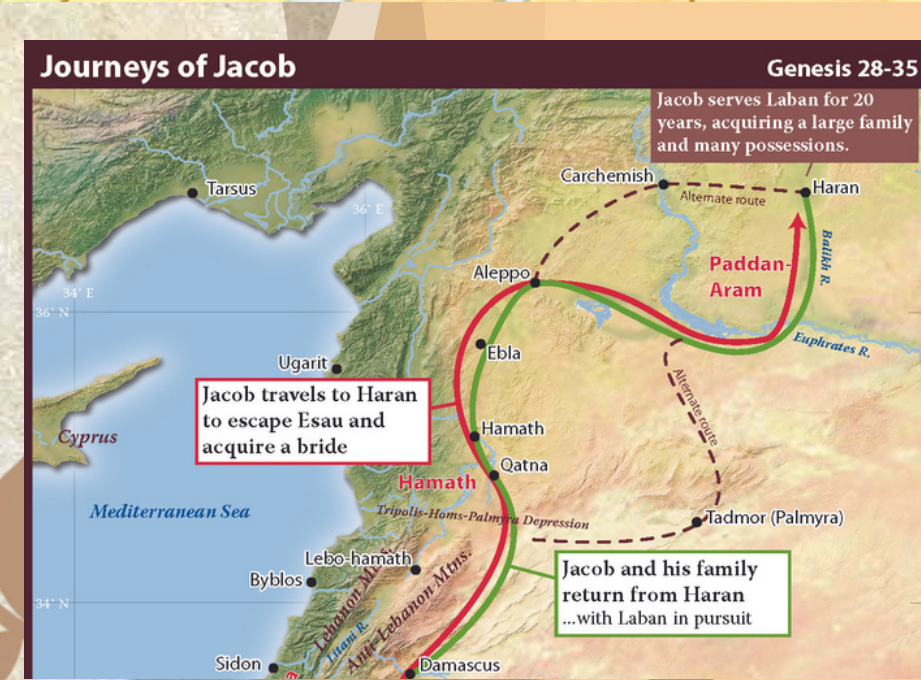
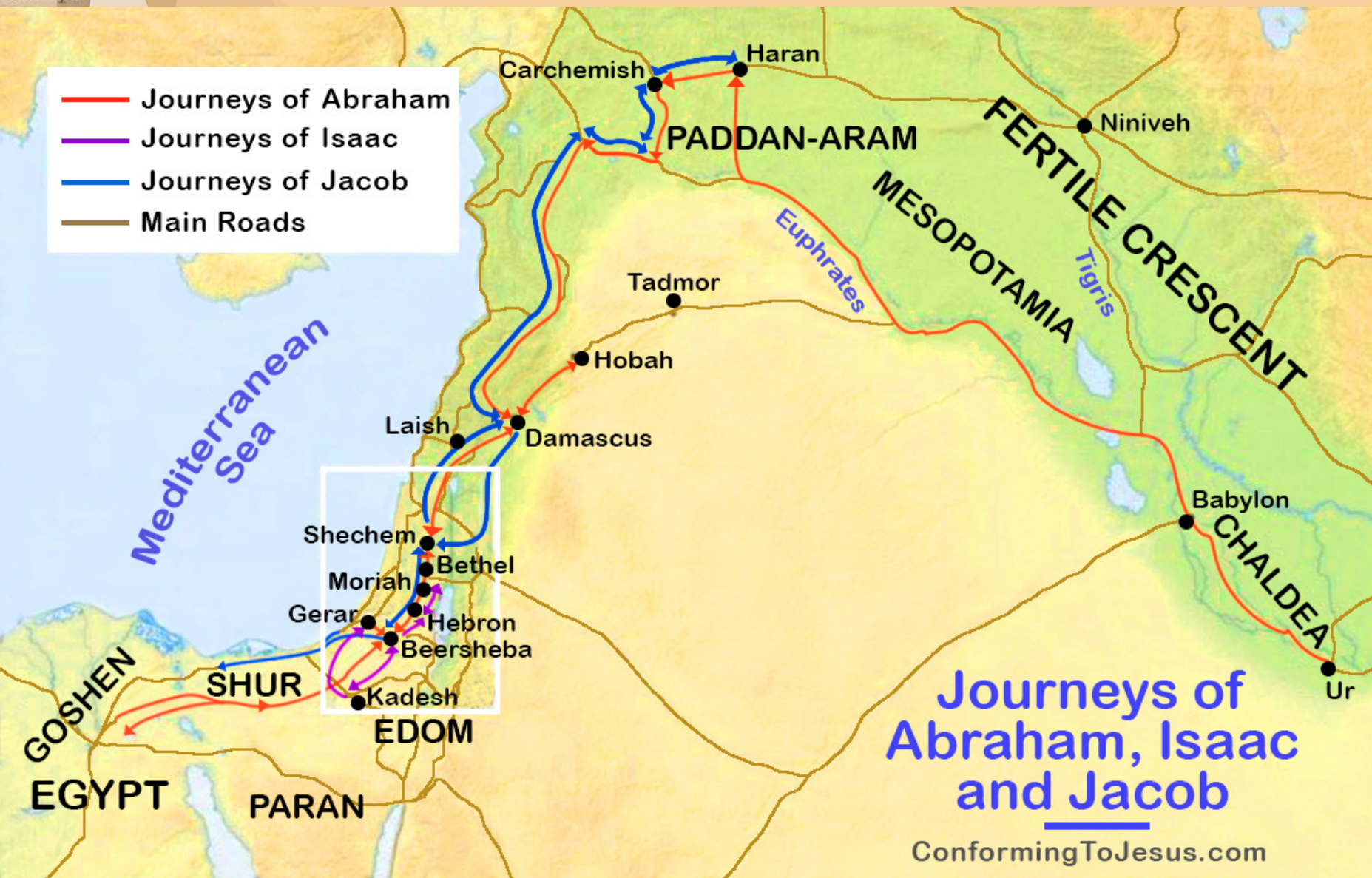
Genesis 29: Jacob Meets Laban & His Daughters  
And 30: Jacob Marries and Has Kids  
The Goats

Genesis 31: Jacob Flees and Laban's Idol Encounter  
Jacob and Laban Make a Covenant

Genesis 32: Jacob Encounters Esau  
And 33: Jacob Wrestles God  
Jacob in Shechem

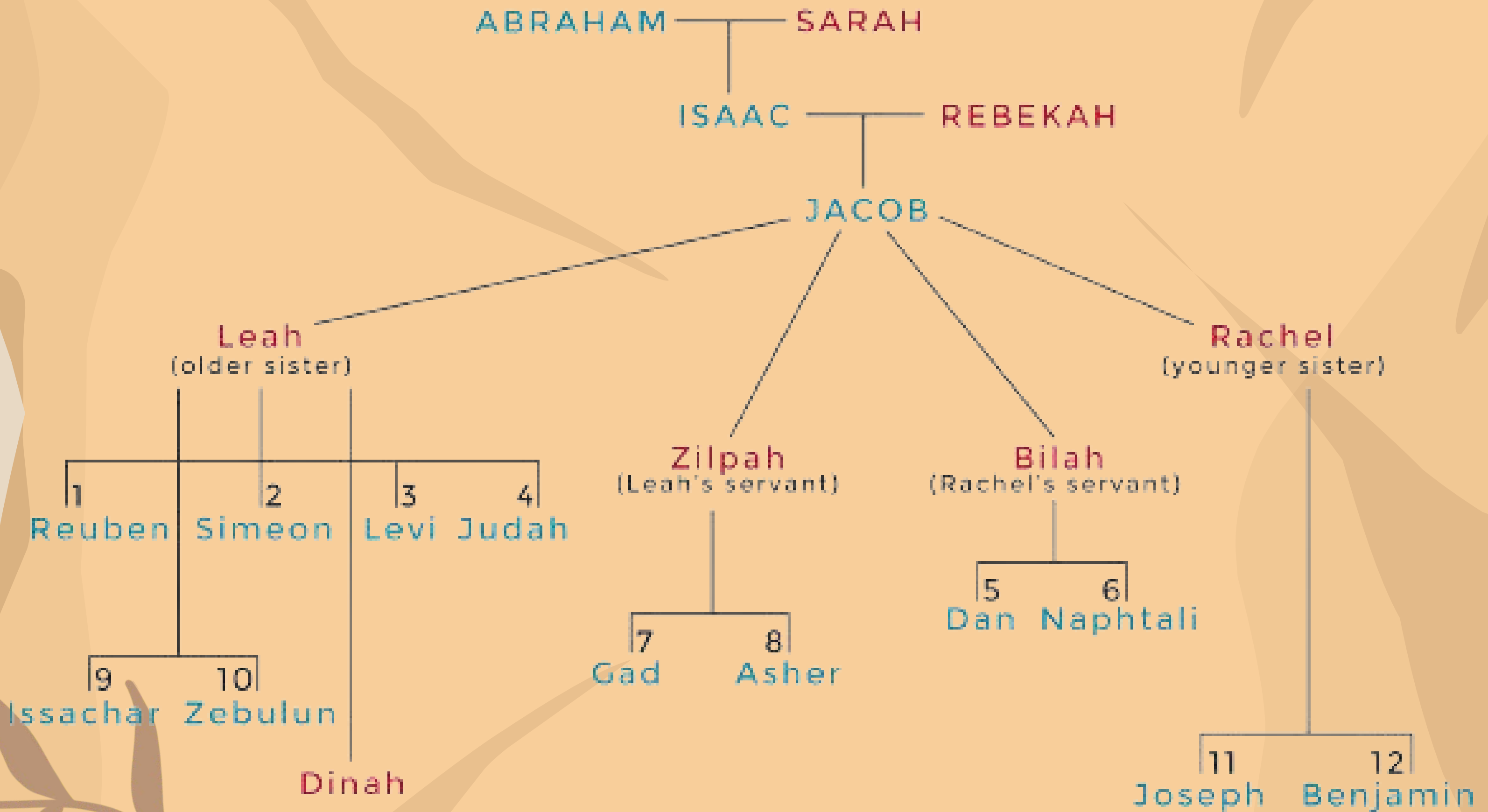


# Jacob's Journey So Far





# 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL





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**RAPE ALERT!!!!**

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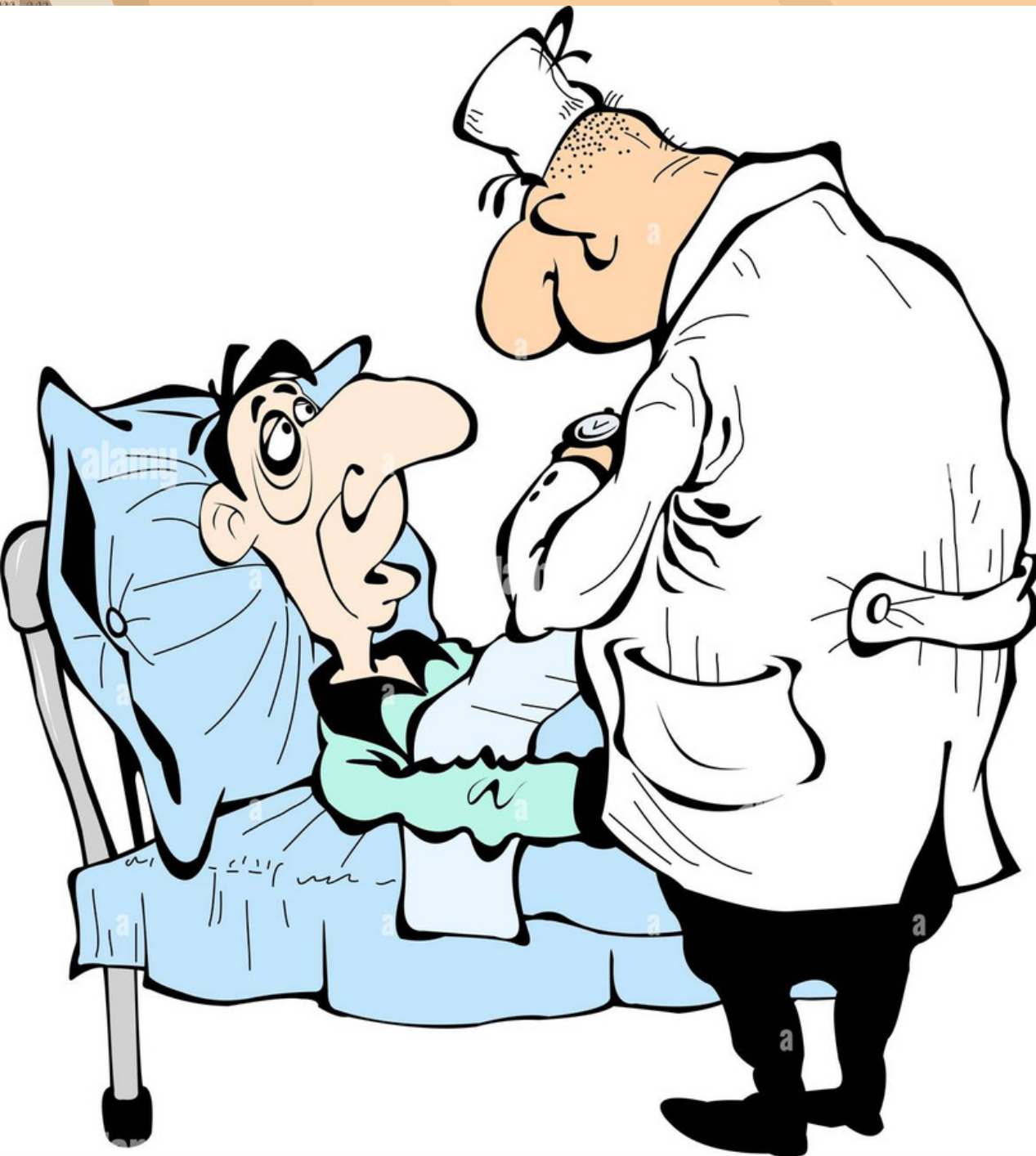
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# Genesis 34: Revenge for Dinah



- While recovering from being circumcised, Simeon and Levi slaughter all the men.
- All the brothers come and plunder the city...including other's wives and kids...plus everything else.
- Israel (Jacob) is upset because the other Canaanites may band against him



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# Genesis 35: Jacob, Bethel and Israel

- Jacob returns to Bethel (House of the Almighty)
- His family purifies themselves of all idols and God keeps them safe from attack on the journey
- Jacob is then named Israel in this Priestly account and renews the covenant of Adam and Abraham. Interestingly this account is about the future, not the past.
- Then he re-re-names the place Bethel.





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# Genesis 35: Birth and Death



- Rachel dies while giving birth to Benjamin (son of my right hand or the south or old age) wanted to call him Ben-oni (son of my vigor or sorrow) and is buried in Bethlehem
- Then Reuben sleeps with Bilhah (Rachel's Servant) showing his unworthiness (wouldn't fit on outline)
- Isaac finally dies

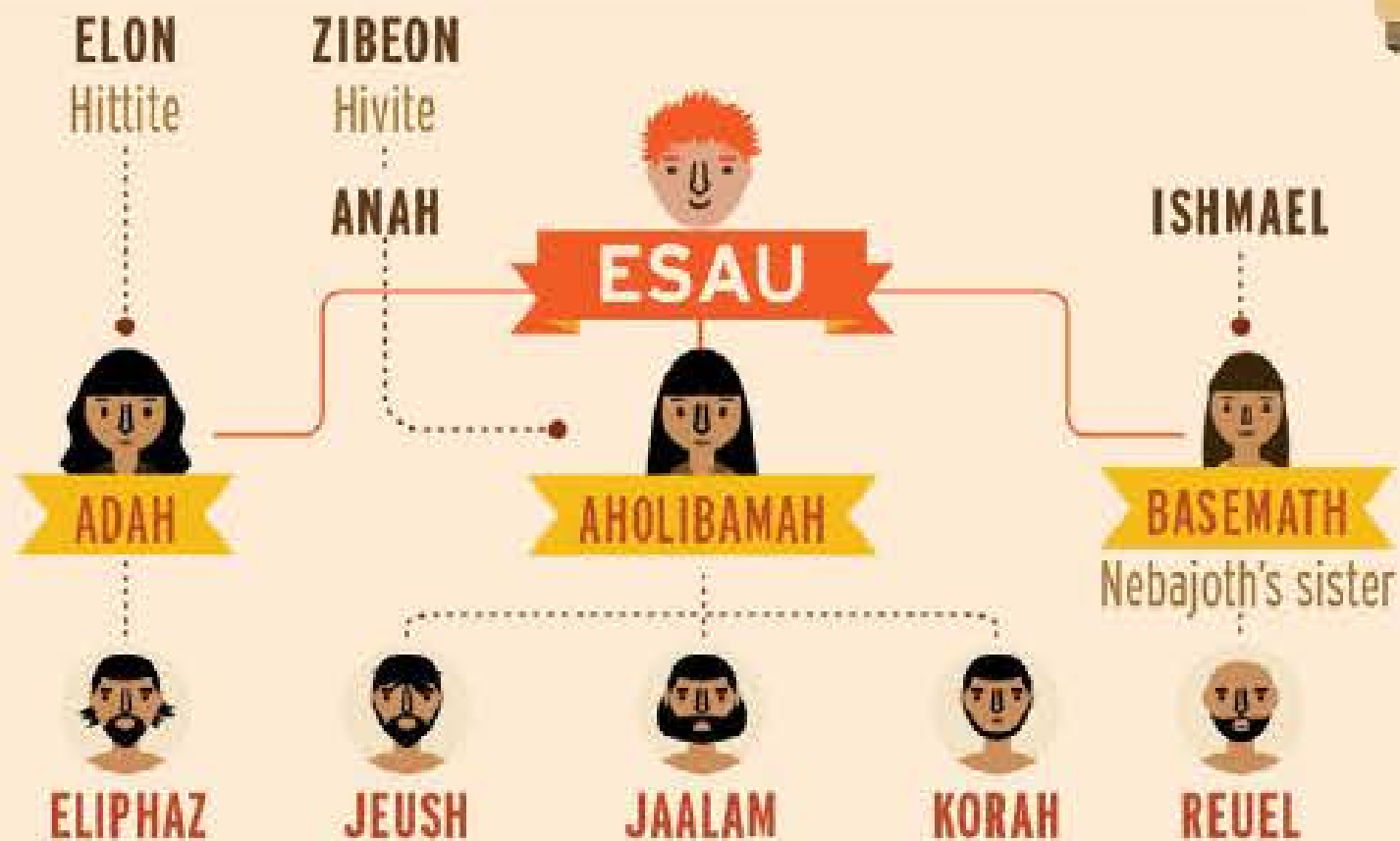






# Genesis 36: Genealogy of Esau

The Genealogy of Esau, who is Edom.



These were the sons born to Esau in Canaan.

## Esau's Descendants

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Then Esau took his...



He acquired in



and left Jacob...

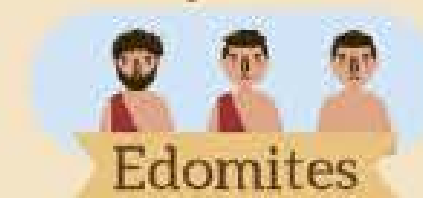


The land was not able to support their livestock.

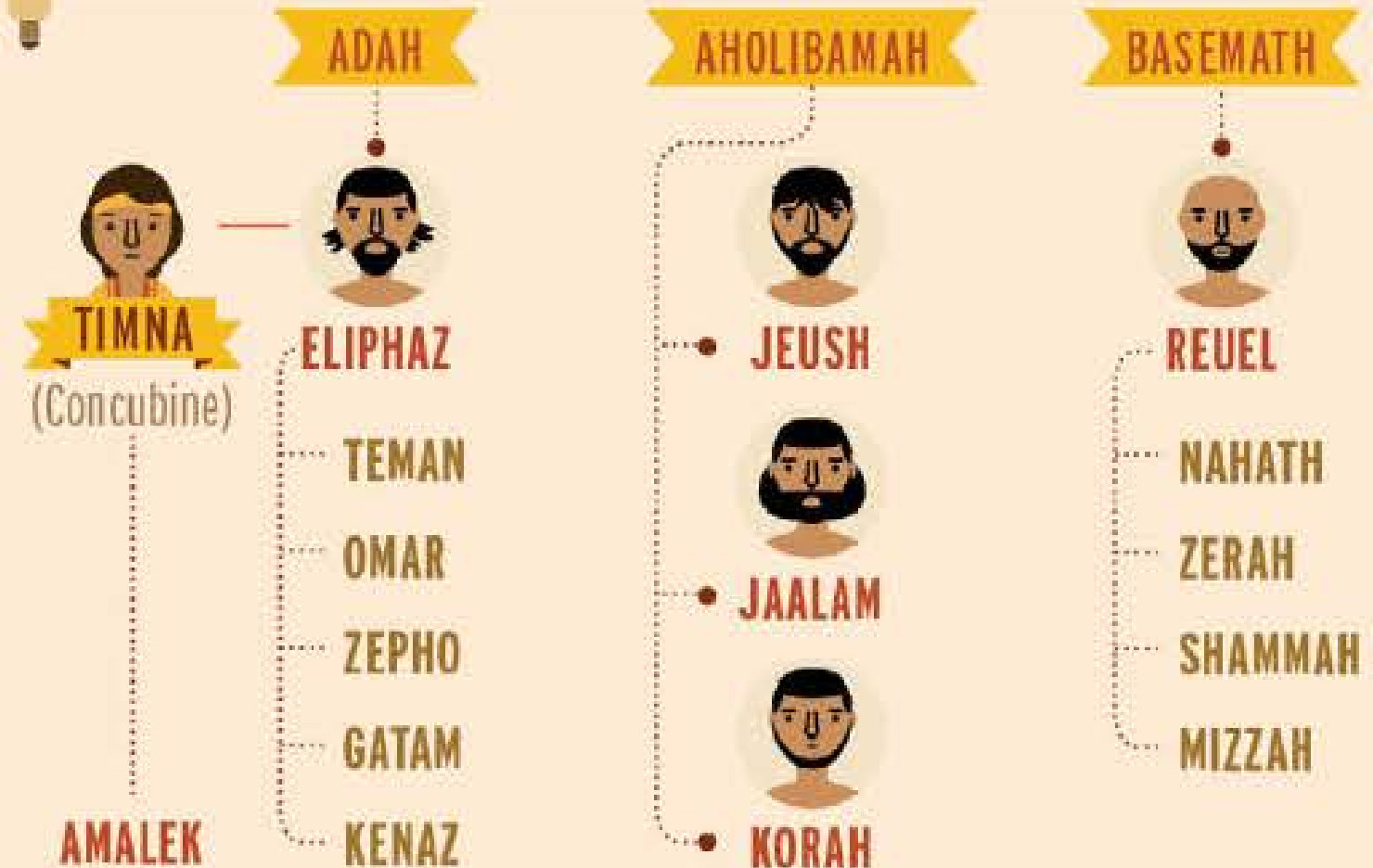


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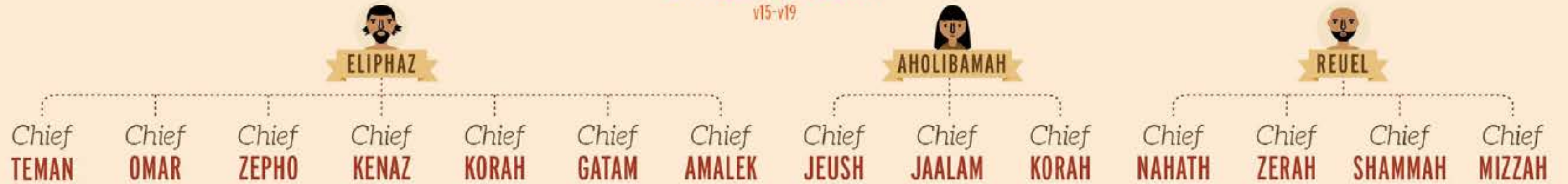




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## Chiefs of Edom

v15-v19



## Original Peoples of Edom

v20-v30

The sons of Seir the Horite who dwelled in the land.



This was the Anah who discovered water while he was pasturing his father's donkeys.

**ANAH**

DISHON      AHOLIBAMAH



CHIEFS  
— of the —  
**HORITES**

Chief LOTAN    Chief SHOBAL    Chief ZIBEON    Chief ANAH  
Chief DISHON    Chief EZER    Chief DISHAN

In the Land of Seir



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# EDOM IN HISTORY



- Historically, the Edomites lived East and were in modern Day Jordan.
- They are mentioned in Egyptian and Babylonian accounts flourishing between 13c and 8c BCE.
- They declined and were pushed south during Babylonian times (when Genesis was written)
- During the Hasmonean time they were converted and assumed into the Jewish population



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**In the beginning**

Genesis 1:1 (narrative)

**Toledot of Sky and Land**

Genesis 2:4 (narrative)

**Toledot of Adam**

Genesis 5:1 (genealogy)

**Toledot of Noah**

Genesis 6:9 (narrative)

**Toledot of Shem, Ham,  
and Japheth**

Genesis 10:1 (genealogy)

**Toledot of Shem**

Genesis 11:10 (genealogy)

**Toledot of Terach**

Genesis 11:27 (narrative)

**Toledot of Ishmael**

Genesis 25:12 (genealogy)

**Toledot of Isaac**

Genesis 25:19 (narrative)

**Toledot of Esau**

Genesis 36:1 and 36:9 (genealogy)

**Toledot of Jacob**

Genesis 37:2 (narrative)



# Beginning the Joseph Story

A Joseph and his brothers (37:1-36)

B Interlude (38:1-30)

C Joseph - hero of Egypt (40:1 - 41:57)

D Brothers trips to Egypt (42:1 - 43:34)

E Final test ( 44:1-34)

**Focal Point - Joseph reveals himself to brothers**

E' Conclusion of test (45:1-28)

D' Jacob and brothers to Egypt (46:1-47:12)

C' Joseph - hero of Egypt (47:13-27)

B' Interlude (49:1-28)

A' Joseph and his brothers (49:29-50:26)



# Beginning the Joseph Story



- Name means "take away" (my reproach) OR "to add" (a son)
- Hebrew names are play on words with lots of double meanings given in the narrative
- Joseph in the cumulation of the Patriarchs (Abraham, Issac and Jacob)..they led to him.
- His story is all about getting Israel into Egypt to connect to the Moses Story in Exodus.
- I love Joseph.



# Genesis 37: Joseph's Dream



- Prophetic Dream
- That the wheat bales of all the brothers bow down to Joseph.
- This dream symbolizes (clearly) that they will submit to Joseph's authority over them
- Later he dreams the same dream with sun, moon and stars including the parents bowing down to them
- Israel (Jacob) considers it
- As all the other young patriarchs, Joseph is over confident....



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# Genesis 37: Jospheh Sold into Slavery



- The brothers were out at the field (sounds like David) and Jospheh goes to check on them but they were in Dothan (15km North)
- They plot to kill him but Reuben says to throw him in a pit
- They sell him to some Ishmaelite's who sell him to Potiphar in Egypt, an official of Pharaoh
- Remember, Joseph's story is to get us into Egypt





ASSYRIA-  
BABYLON

ISRAEL

EGYPT



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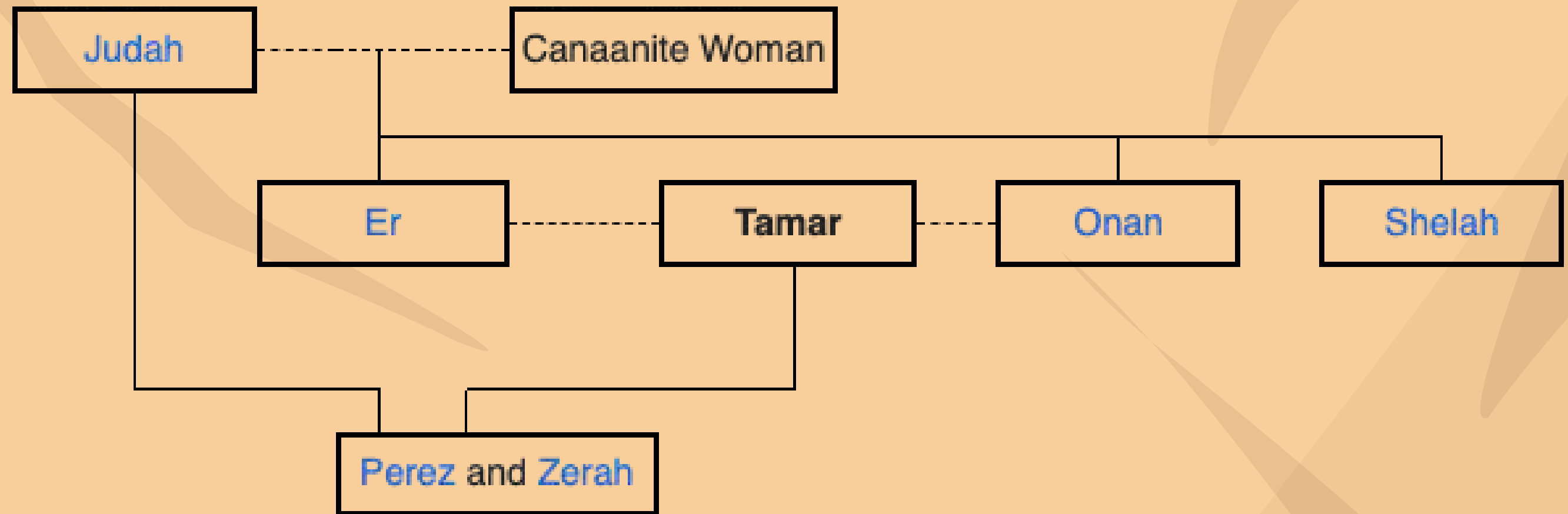
# Genesis 38: Judah and Tamar



- Tamar married Judah's son Er who died so then Onan was asked to fulfill the Levirate Union (provide a son and protection). He "sexed" her but didn't fulfill his duty
- He dies and Judah doesn't give the third son..... so she takes matters into her own hands
- She tempts Judah who impregnates her and she traps Judah as he tries to punish her.
- Her son is an ancestor of David



# Genesis 38: Judah and Tamar



- Levirite Union - Onanism -
- Empowerment - Redemption -



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# Genesis 39: Jospheh and Potiphar's Wife



- Joseph is blessed and becomes "master of the house"
- He was handsome and good looking and Potiphar's wife wants him
- He flees and she gets her revenge by having Potiphar through him in prison
- He prospers in prison as well
- Jospheh is honorable and God blesses him everywhere he goes
- Is Potiphar Jospheh's priestly FiL?



# Wrestling with God





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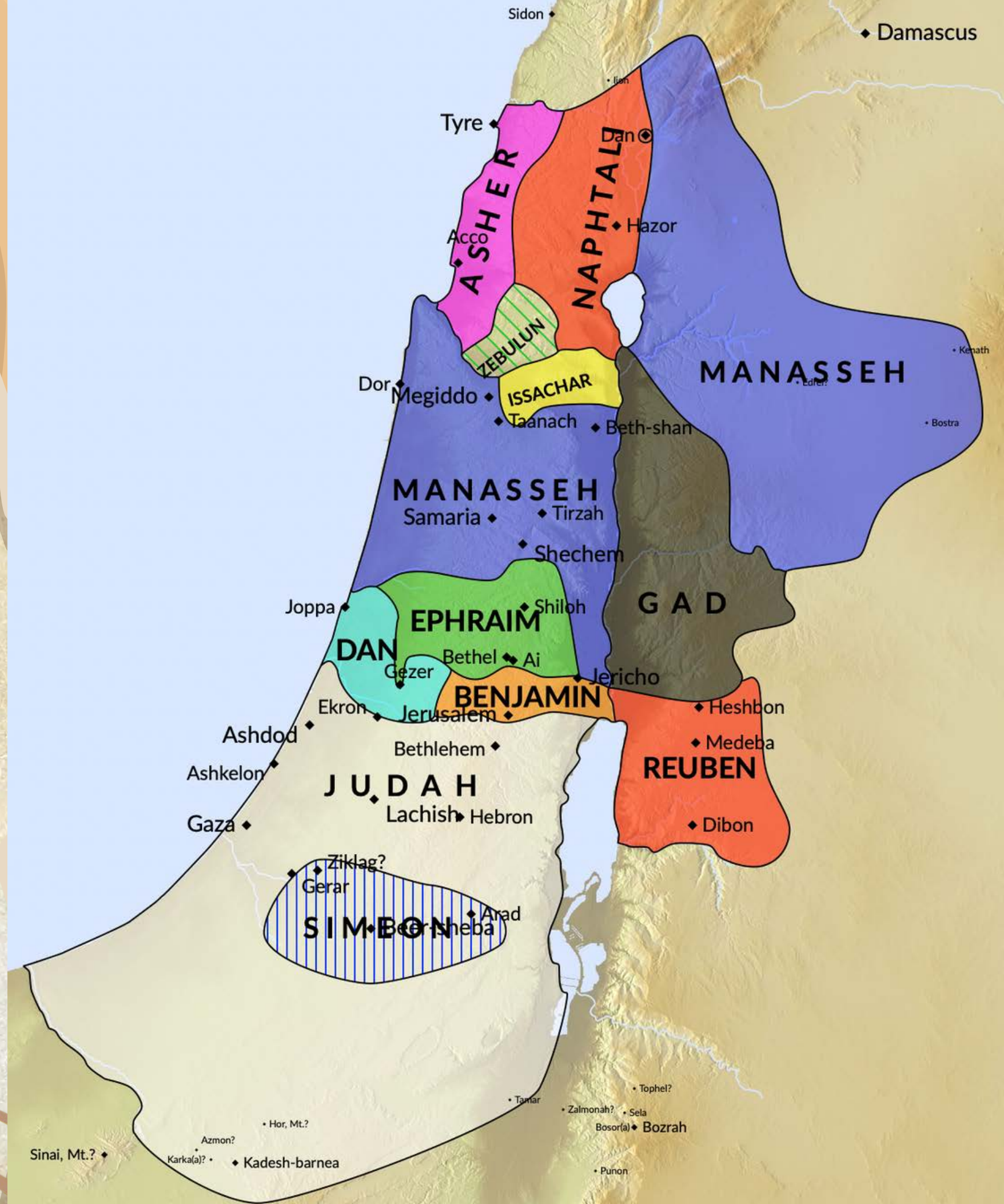
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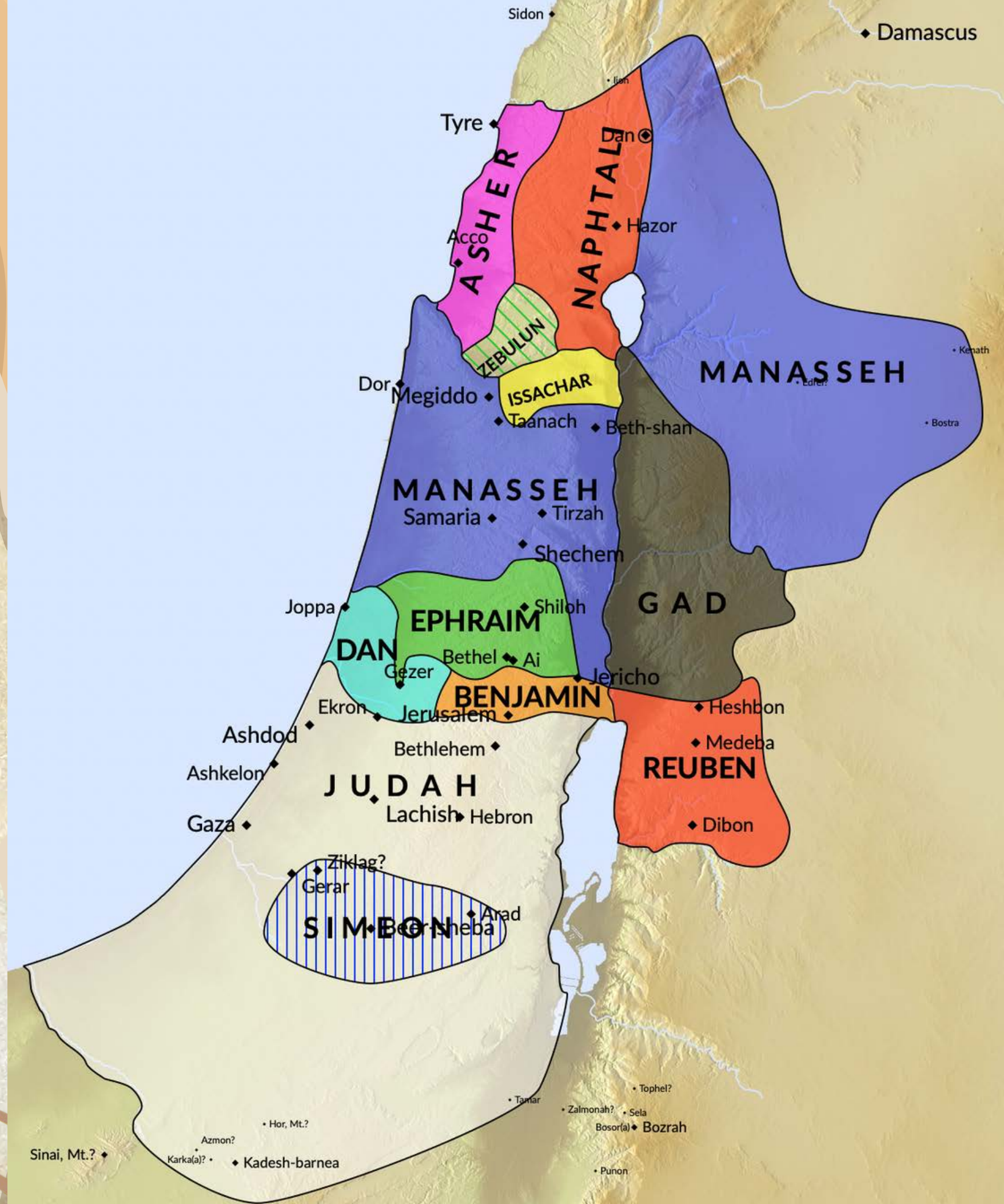
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# The Twelve Tribes

