

### Land divided among the 12 tribes

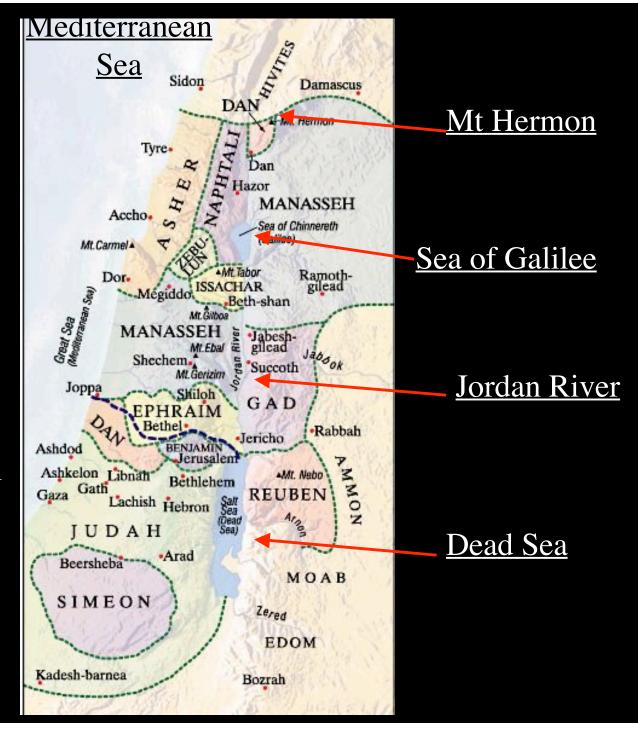
**East of the Jordan:** 

1/2 Manasseh
Gad
Rueben

#### West side:

Asher, Naphtali, Zebulun, Issachar 1/2 Manasseh, Ephraim Dan, Benjiman, Judah Simeon.

Missing: Levi



I (God) will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the LORD and walk in it as their forefathers did." 23 The LORD had allowed those nations to remain; he did not drive them out at once by giving them into the hands of Joshua. Judges 2:22,23

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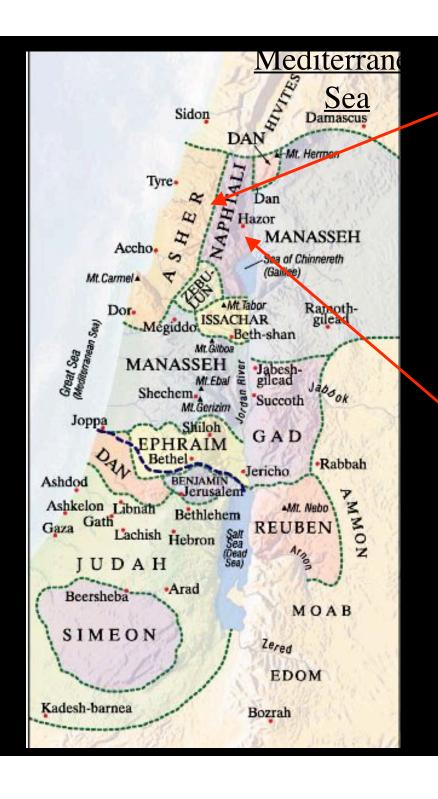
Joshua 24:19 – 20 – 19 You are **not able** to serve the LORD. He is a **holy** God; he is a **jealous** God. He will **not forgive** your rebellion and your sins. 20 If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.



Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Bethshean and its villages...
Judges 1:27



The tribe of **Ephraim** failed to drive out the Canaanites living in Gezer, so the Canaanites continued to live there among them.30 The tribe of **Zebulun** failed to drive out the residents of Kitron and Nahalol, so the Canaanites continued to live among them Judges 1:29,30



The tribe of Asher failed to drive out the residents ... 32 Instead, the people of Asher moved in among the Canaanites, who controlled the land, ... 33 Likewise, the tribe of Naphtali failed to drive out the residents... Instead, they moved in among the Canaanites, who controlled the land.

Judges 1:31-33

### Joshua 23:12 -13 But if you turn away and ally yourselves with the survivors of these nations that remain among you and if you intermarry with them and associate with them, 13 then you may be sure that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations before you. Instead, they will become snares and traps for you, whips on your backs and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land, which the LORD your God has given you.

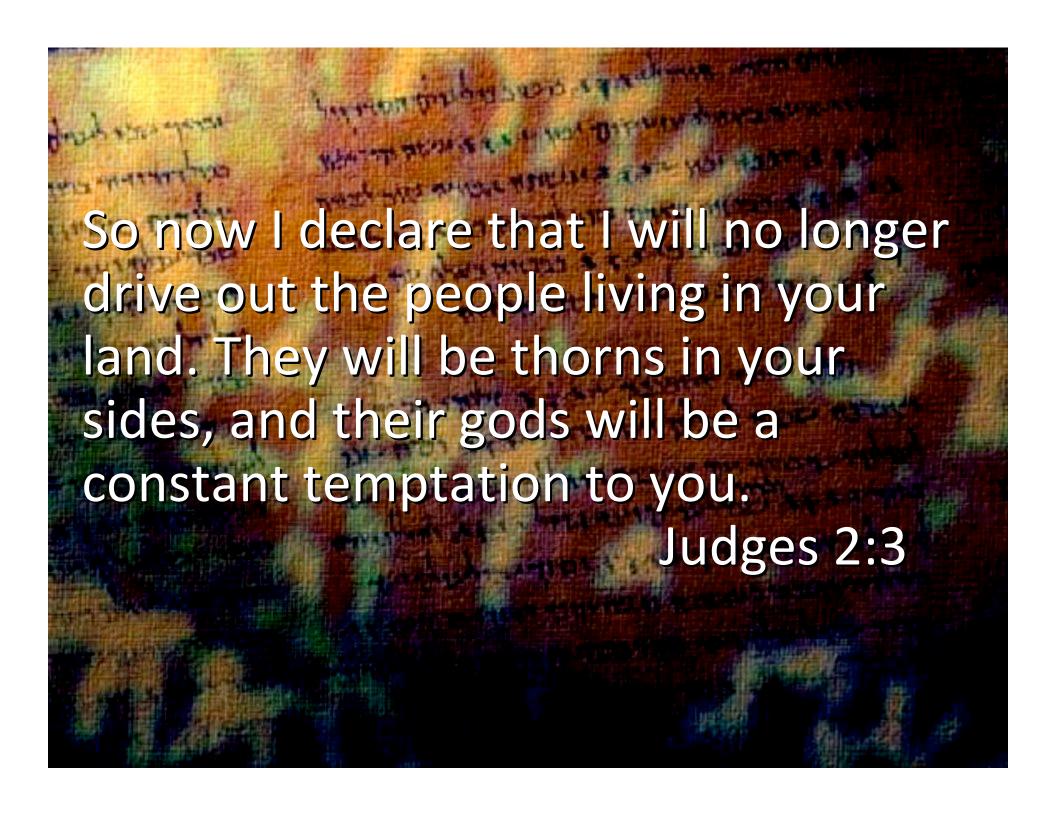
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Victory is not automatic you have to pay attention to your life everyday.

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I brought you out of Egypt into this land that I swore to give your ancestors, and I said I would never break my covenant with you. 2 For your part, you were not to make any covenants with the people living in this land; instead, you were to destroy their altars. But you disobeyed my command. Judges 2:1,2



The Israelites did evil in the Lord's sight and served the images of Baal. 12 They abandoned the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They went after other gods, worshiping the gods of the people around them. And they angered the Lord. 13 They abandoned the Lord to serve Baal and the images of Ashtoreth.

Judges 2:11-13

## What happened to Israel during the times of the Judges?

1. They forgot the things of God had done for them.



After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel.

Judges 2:10



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#### God's response to disobedience:



## God will discipline those He loves.

Every time Israel went out to battle, the Lord fought against them, causing them to be defeated, just as he had warned. And the people were in great distress. Judges 2:15

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature\_will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Galatians 6:7,8

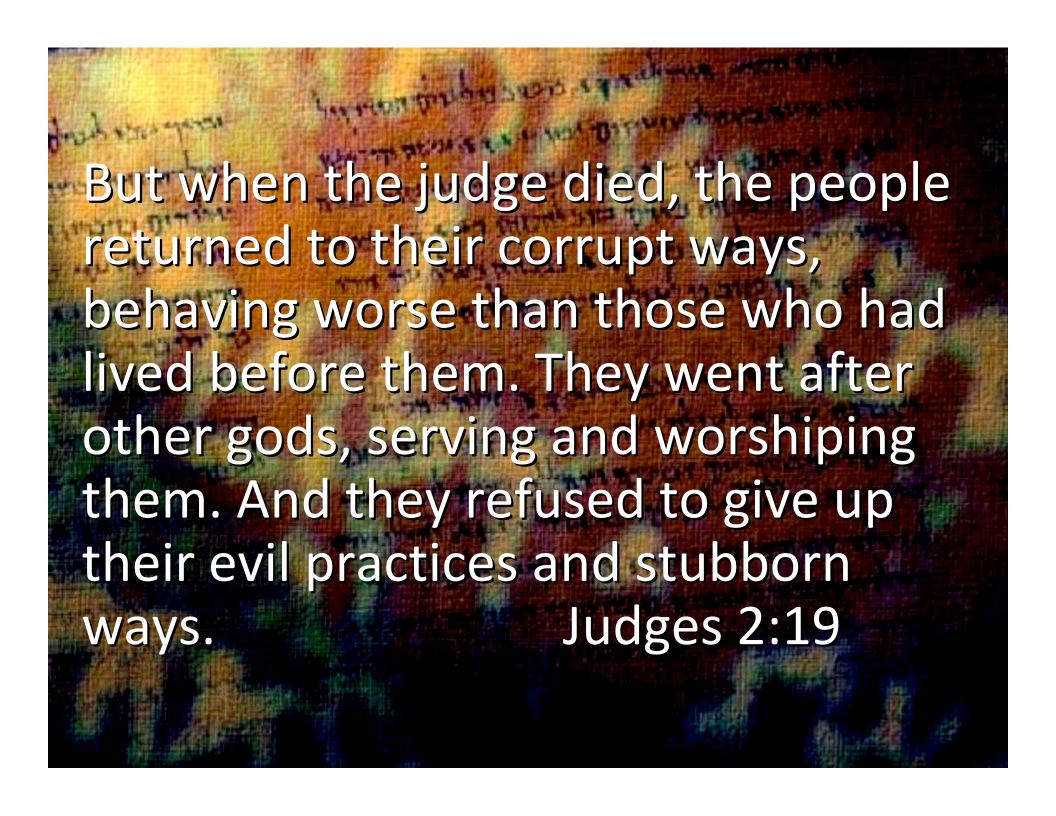
but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. 11No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Hebrews 12:10,11

### God's response to disobedience:

# 2. God will respond mercifully to Hopefully restore us.

Whenever the LORD raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the LORD had compassion on them as they groaned under those who oppressed and afflicted them.

Judges 2:18





"For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them." They had no excuse, but what did they do? "Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man or birds or animals or reptiles." Romans 1:19-23

## 24Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts

26Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts.

28 He gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.



All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3;16,17





