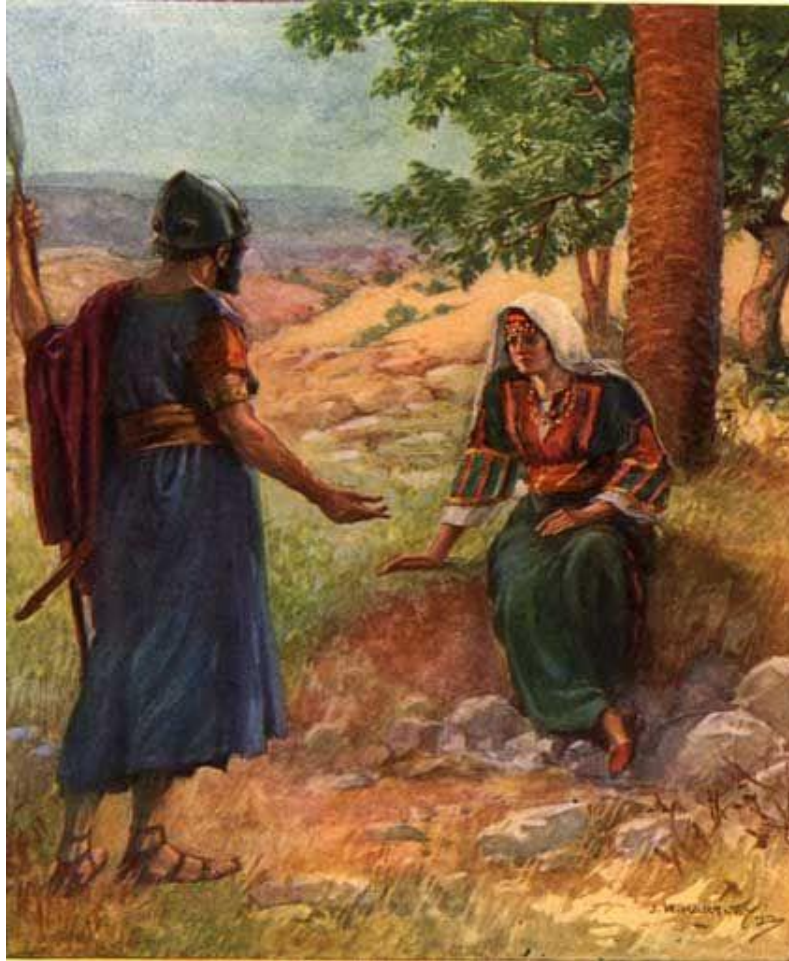


Deborah and Barak

Judges 4



The Cycle Is Repeated (1-3)

- Falling into disobedience (1)
- Divine chastening (2)
- The nation cries out to the Lord (3)

The Lord Raises Up a Judge for Israel (4-10)

- Deborah is introduced (4-5)
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 - She was judging the nation

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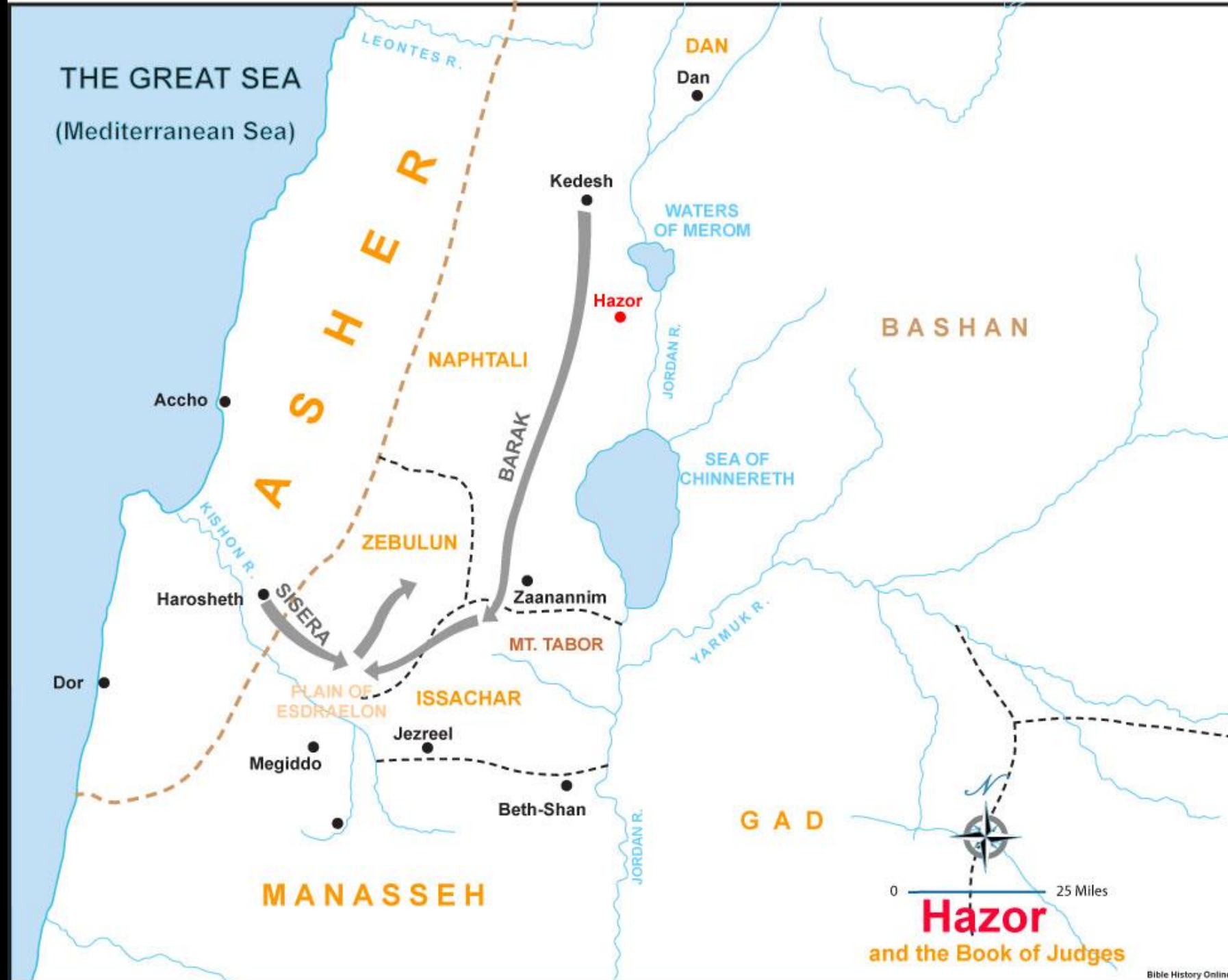
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- The Lord responds to the nation's cries through Deborah
- Deborah summons Barak and gives him the Lord's command and His promise (6-7)
- Barak's reply: a conditional offer of obedience (8)
- Deborah's encouragement / Barak's loss of blessing (9)
- Barak and Deborah take action (10)

The Lord Is True to His Promise (11-24)

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 - Background – Judges 1:16

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Implications / Application

- There is encouragement that comes from Barak, who ultimately was commended as a man of faith. Hebrews 11:32-34
- Praise God that He is faithful and does just as He says!
- Here once again, the Lord demonstrates His patience and grace
- Thank the Lord that He has been patient with each of us, providing time to turn to Him! *“Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?”* Romans 2:4