

Danites Move North and Take Idolatry From One to the Many

Judges 18

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The Danite Migration – When?

- Possibilities

- After Samson (c. 1100 BC)
- Soon after Joshua (c. 1340 BC)
- During Joshua (c. 1350 BC)

- Considerations

- Structure of the book of Judges: Ch 17-21 as an appendix
- 18:1 “there was no king of Israel”
- 18:1 “until that day an inheritance had not been allotted”
- 18:30 Priest: “Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Moses”
- 1:34-35 “The Amorites forced the sons of Dan into the hill country”
- Josh 19:47 “sons of Dan went up to Leshem and captured it”

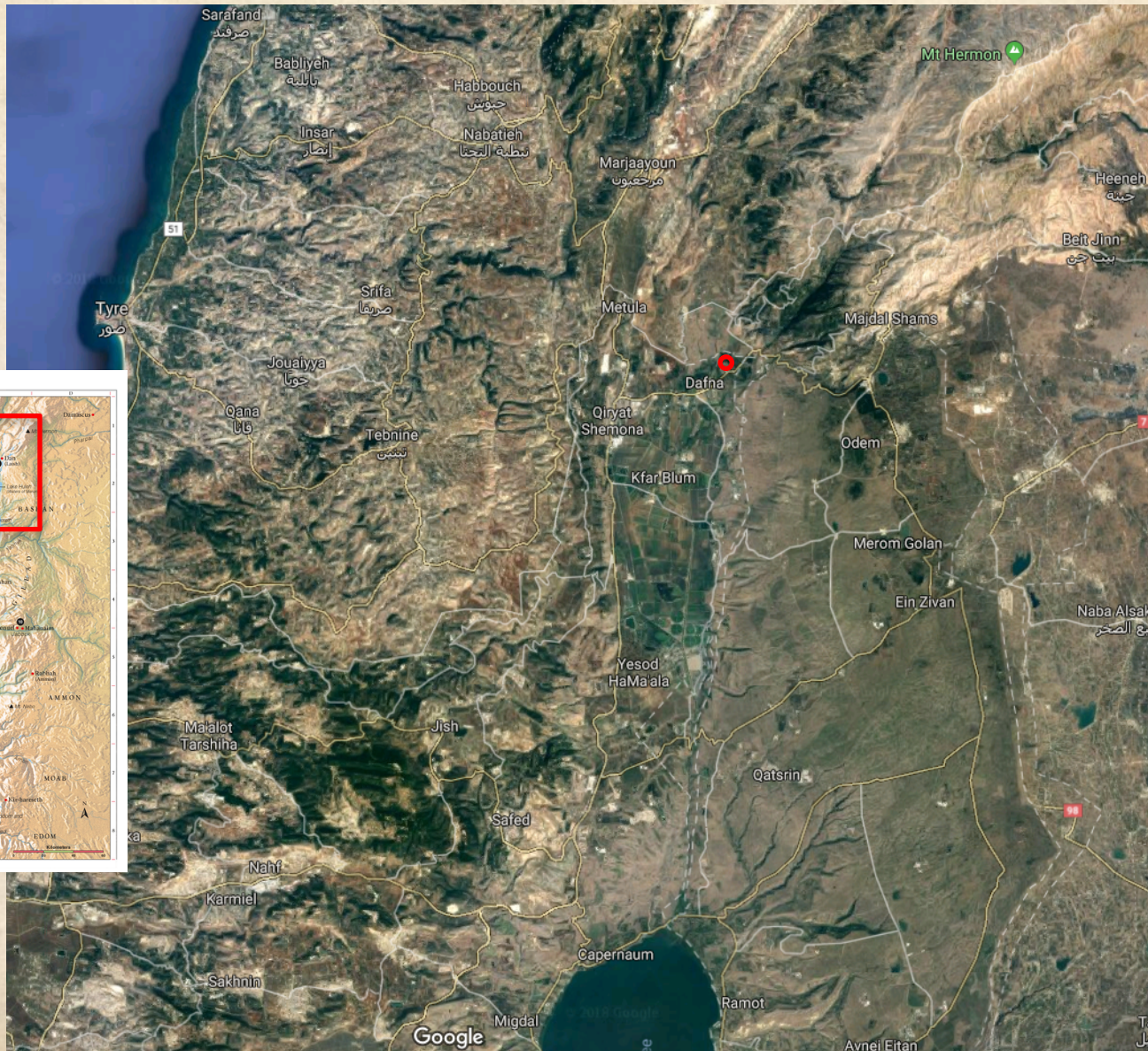
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The Danite Journey

- The people set out with 600 armed men
- The people lodge at Mahaneh-dan
- The people come to the house of Micah
- The spies' plot a robbery
- The spies' intimidating distraction
- The spies rob Micah of his idols
- The priest becomes aware
- The priest is offered a promotion
- The people plan for confrontation
- Micah's revolt
- Micah's retreat



The Danite Conquest & Settlement

- The people strike the city of Laish
- The people setup their idolatry
- The people's legacy of Dan
 - Jeroboam – placed an idolatrous calf here 2 Kg 10:29
 - The region became a center for idolatry
 - On trade routes, their idolatry spread everywhere
 - Dan was conquered by Ben-Hadad 1 Kg 15:20
 - Both Jeremiah and Amos mention Dan in their judgments

Application

- We must fix our hearts upon the Lord at every turn, examining our desires, our motives, our means when we set out to accomplish something
- We must encourage one another to stand firm and not tolerate any of us falling into sin because we don't want to get involved or because of fear