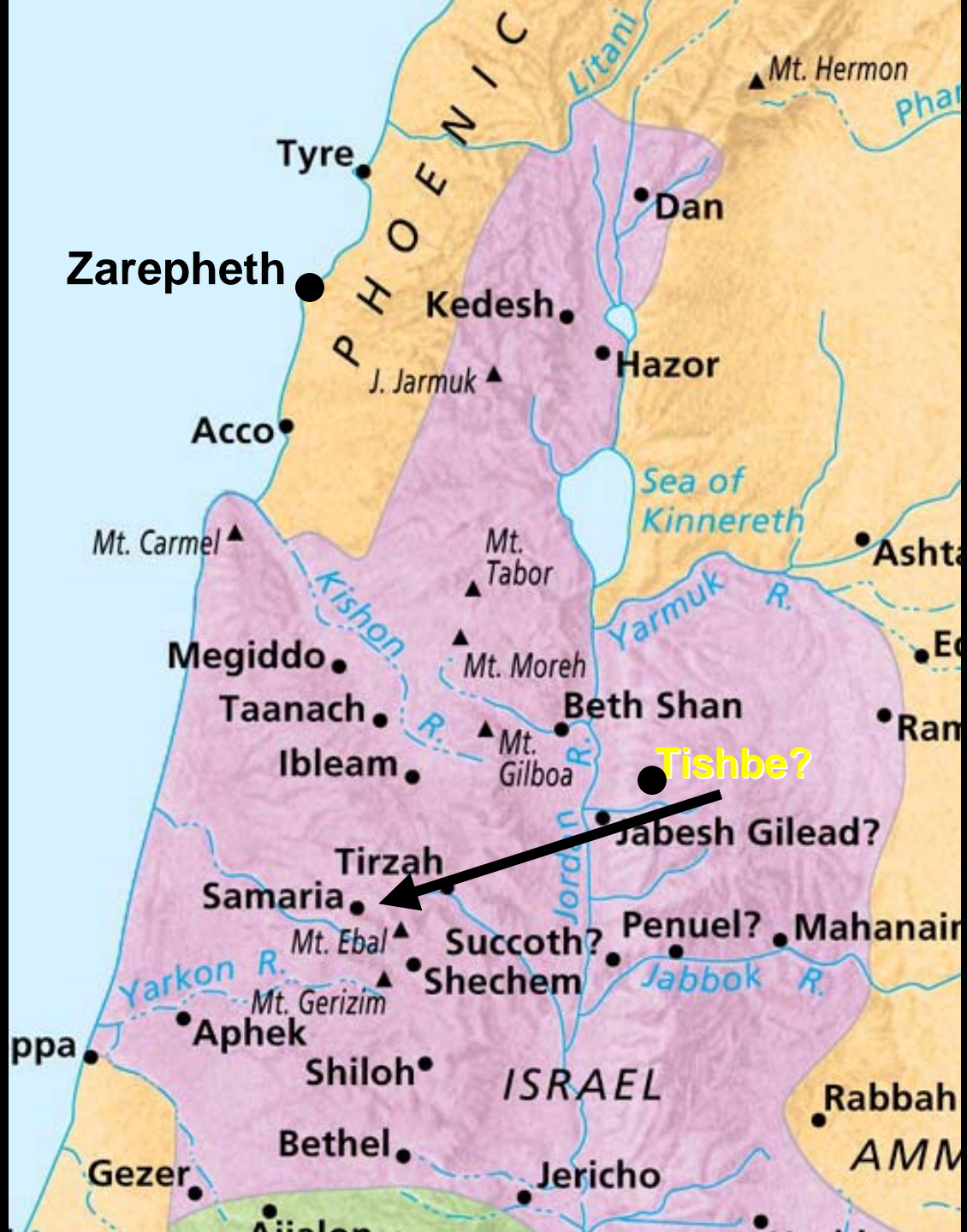


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Elijah (אֱלִיָּהוּ *ʿēlîyāhu*),

My God is *Yahweh*



Zarepheth

Tyre

Kedesh

Dan

Hazor

Acco

Mt. Carmel

Mt. Tabor

Sea of Kinnereth

Ashta

Megiddo

Taanach

Ibleam

Beth Shan

Tishbe?

Mt. Moreh

Mt. Gilboa

Jabesh Gilead?

Tirzah

Samaria

Succoth?

Penuel?

Mahanair

Shechem

Jabbok R.

Yarkon R.

Aphek

Shiloh

ISRAEL

Rabbah

AMM

Gezer

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Deut. 6:14, “You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you,”

Deut. 7:4, “For they will turn your sons away from following Me to serve other gods; then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you and He will quickly destroy you.”

Deut. 11:16, “Beware that your hearts are not deceived, and that you do not turn away and serve other gods and worship them.

Deut. 11:17, “Or the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and He will shut up the heavens so that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its fruit; and you will perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

Deut. 11:18, “You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.”

Deut. 32:17, “They sacrificed to demons who were not God, to gods whom they have not known, new gods who came lately, whom your fathers did not dread.”

Deut. 30:19, “I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;”

Deut. 32:47, “For it *is* not a futile thing for you, because it *is* your life, and by this word you shall prolong *your* days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess.”



Statuette of Baal, the Canaanite weather god,” from Minet-el-Beida (15th–14th century B.C.).

GOD

Personal-Infinite

INFINITE-
IMPERSONAL
Universe

FINITE UNIVERSE

Man
Animals
Vegetation
Matter/Energy



God
Man
Nature

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Leviticus 26:18, ““And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

Leviticus 26:19, ““I will break the pride of your power; I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze.

Leviticus 26:20, ““And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit.””

Deut. 28:23, “And your heavens which *are* over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you *shall be* iron.

Deut. 28:24, “The LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.”



“I tell thee, O Prince Baal
I declare, O rider of the clouds.

Seven years shall Baal fail,
eight the rider of the clouds.
There shall be no dew, no rain,
no surging of the two depths,
not the goodness of Baal’s voice.”



The heavens rain oil,
the wadies run with honey,
So I know that the mighty one,
Baal, lives,
Lo, the Prince, the Lord of the
earth, exists.

1 Kings 17:2, “Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

1 Kings 17:3, “Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.”

When life seems hopeless.....

God is preparing you for the future ministry

2 Cor. 1:4, “who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

God is teaching you about grace

2 Cor. 1:5, “For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.”

B. The Promise (v. 4) “And it shall be that you shall drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there.”