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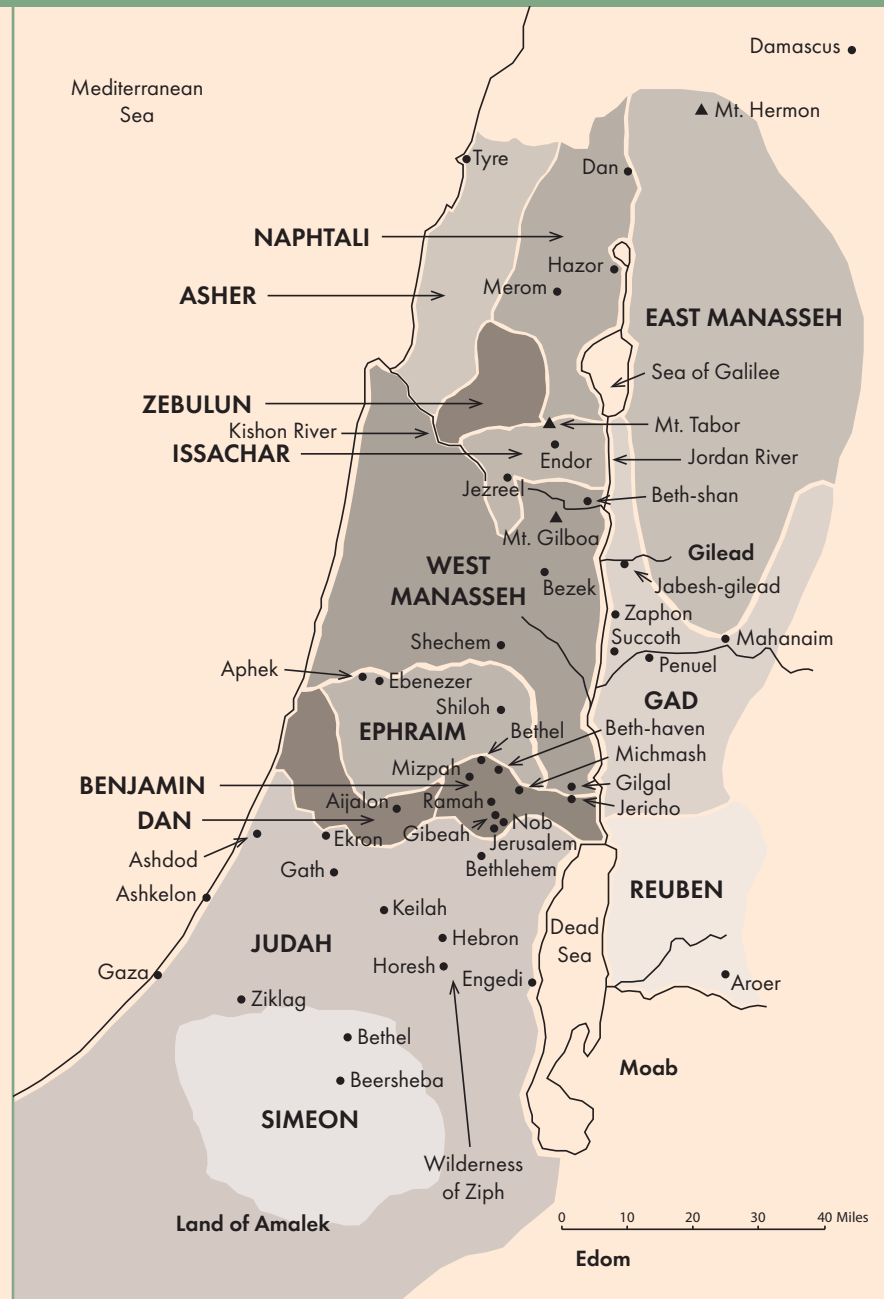
- 1 Chronicles is primarily a record of the reign of King David. 1 Chronicles 10 records the death of King Saul (David's predecessor). The last chapter of 1 Chronicles records the death of David.

- Saul died in approximately 1055 B.C., after reigning over Israel for 40 years.

- David became king over Judah the same year. He reigned over Judah for 7 years and 6 months, before becoming king over all Israel. His reign over all Judah and Israel lasted 33 years.

Key Characters

- 1 Chronicles 4 contains a genealogy of the families of Simeon and Judah, two of Jacob's sons.



Where

- The families of Judah and Simeon were allotted land in the southern part of the Promised Land, west of the Jordan River and Dead Sea.

Outline

- THE FAMILY LINE OF JUDAH (4:1-23):

- + The first 23 verses of 1 Chronicles 4 contain a genealogy of the descendants of Jacob's son Judah.
- + Judah's children eventually became the Tribe of Judah, which was the largest of the 12 Israelite tribes.
- + Special attention is given to Jabez, a descendant of Judah, whose short prayer to God is recorded in verse 10.
- + In his prayer, he asked God to bless him and keep him safe.

- THE FAMILY LINE OF SIMEON (4:24-43):

- + The genealogy of Simeon, another of Jacob's sons, is the topic of the second half of the chapter.
- + The Chronicles writer documents the prominent men of Simeon and some of their accomplishments.

Application

- Most of us, if we're remembered at all, will probably only appear in the record of history as a name on an obscure family tree.
- If you stand out at all, try to stand out for a similar reason to Jabez.
- He stood out from of his relatives because of his faith and reliance on God.