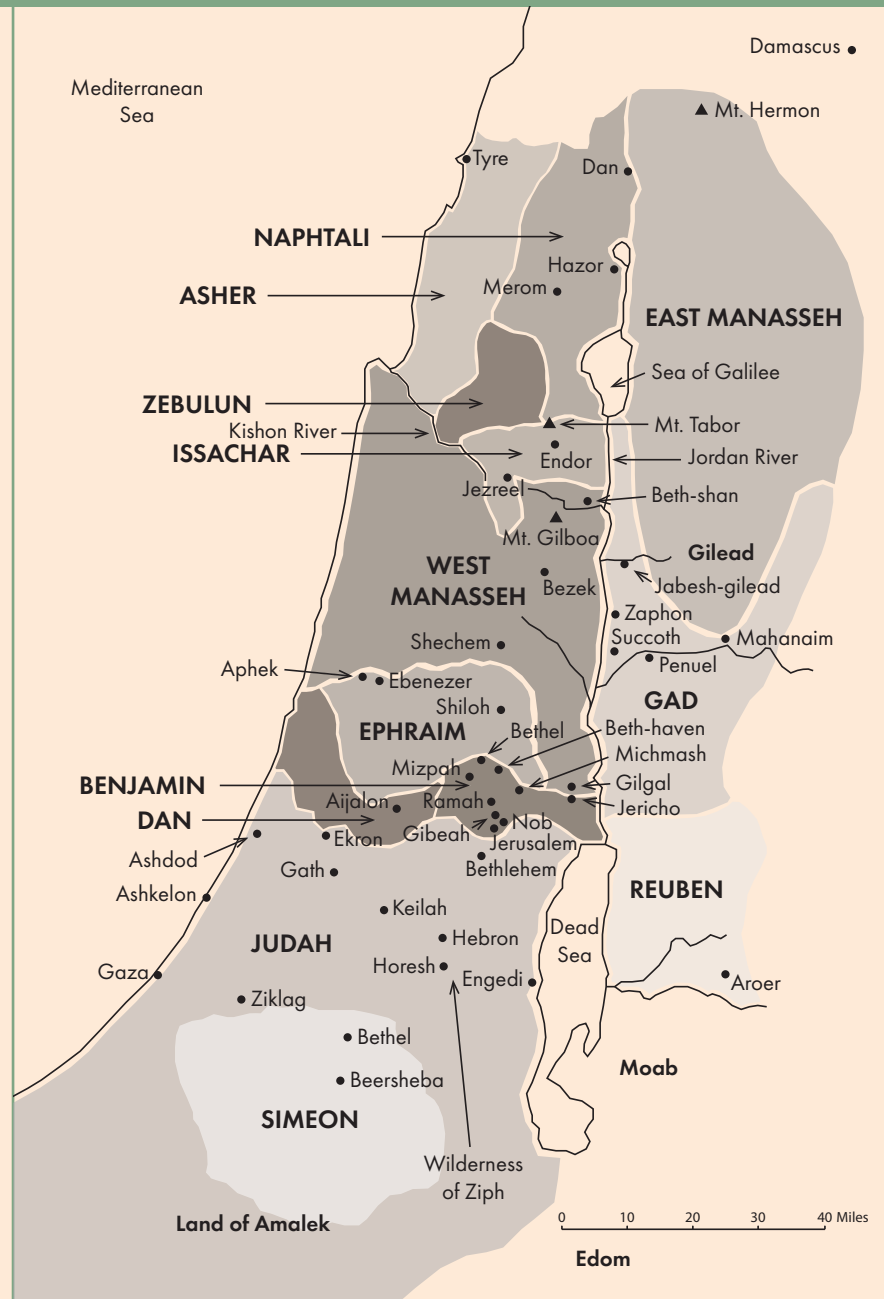


When

- Saul reigned as king over Israel from approximately 1095 B.C. to 1055 B.C.
- 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.

Key Characters

- **Benjamin** – A son of Jacob who would become the patriarch of the Tribe of Benjamin.
- **Saul** – The son of Kish. He was a Benjaminite who became the first king of Israel.
- **Jonathan** – The son of Saul and the best friend of David.



Where

- Saul was from Gibeah.

Outline

- **THE DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN AND THE FAMILY OF KING SAUL (8:1-40):**
 - + 1 Chronicles 8 is a record of the descendants of Benjamin, the son of Jacob by Rachel.
 - + Many of the descendants of Benjamin were already mentioned (7:6-7:12), so why is another list included in chapter 8?
 - + This genealogy is important because it traces the descendants of Benjamin to Saul.
 - + Saul was the first king of Israel. His death is where the historical narrative of chapter 10 picks up.
 - + You can read about the reign of Saul in 1 Samuel.
 - + Saul's son, Jonathan, did not become king in his father's place, because God took the kingdom away from Saul's family due of his disobedience.

Application

- Your good choices can be the foundation of your children's success, but your bad choices can be cause them to never achieve their potential.
- Jonathan was killed alongside his father on Mount Gilboa during a battle with the Philistines.
- This was partially due to God's rejection of Saul for his disobedience.
- By all biblical accounts, Jonathan was an honorable man with a lot of potential, but Saul's rebellion against God brought ruin to his whole household.
- As a father or a mother, you have a great responsibility to make choices that will establish your household as a place where God is honored, and children can flourish.