

The King is Coming!

A 6-week Study of the Book of Judges
Session 3

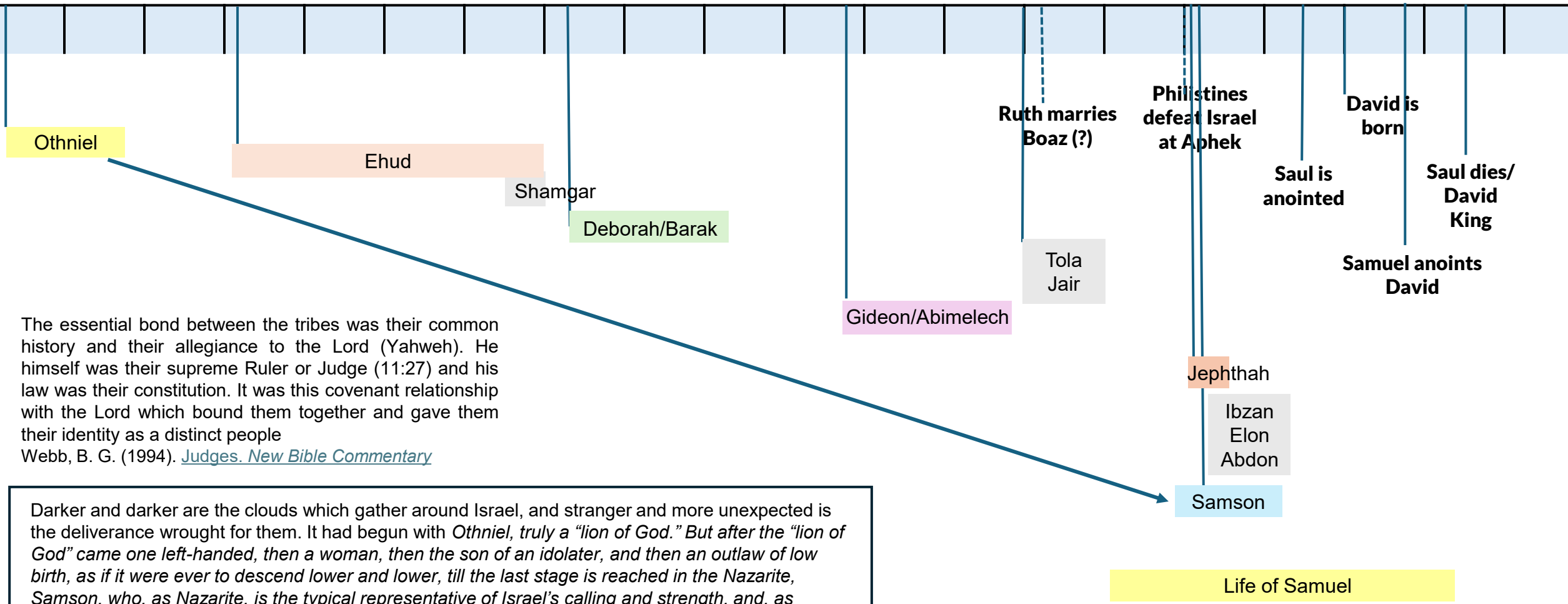
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*all dates are B.C.
and are approximate

Timeline of the Judges

THE KING IS COMING!

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The essential bond between the tribes was their common history and their allegiance to the Lord (Yahweh). He himself was their supreme Ruler or Judge (11:27) and his law was their constitution. It was this covenant relationship with the Lord which bound them together and gave them their identity as a distinct people
Webb, B. G. (1994). [Judges. New Bible Commentary](#)

Darker and darker are the clouds which gather around Israel, and stranger and more unexpected is the deliverance wrought for them. It had begun with *Othniel*, truly a "lion of God." But after the "lion of God" came one left-handed, then a woman, then the son of an idolater, and then an outlaw of low birth, as if it were ever to descend lower and lower, till the last stage is reached in the Nazarite, *Samson*, who, as Nazarite, is the typical representative of Israel's calling and strength, and, as *Samson*, of Israel's weakness and spiritual adultery. Yet each period and each deliverance has its characteristic features and high points.
Edersheim, A. (1975). [Bible History: Old Testament \(Vol. 3, p. 119\)](#).

“TURN AWAY/ASSIMILATE”

“CRY”

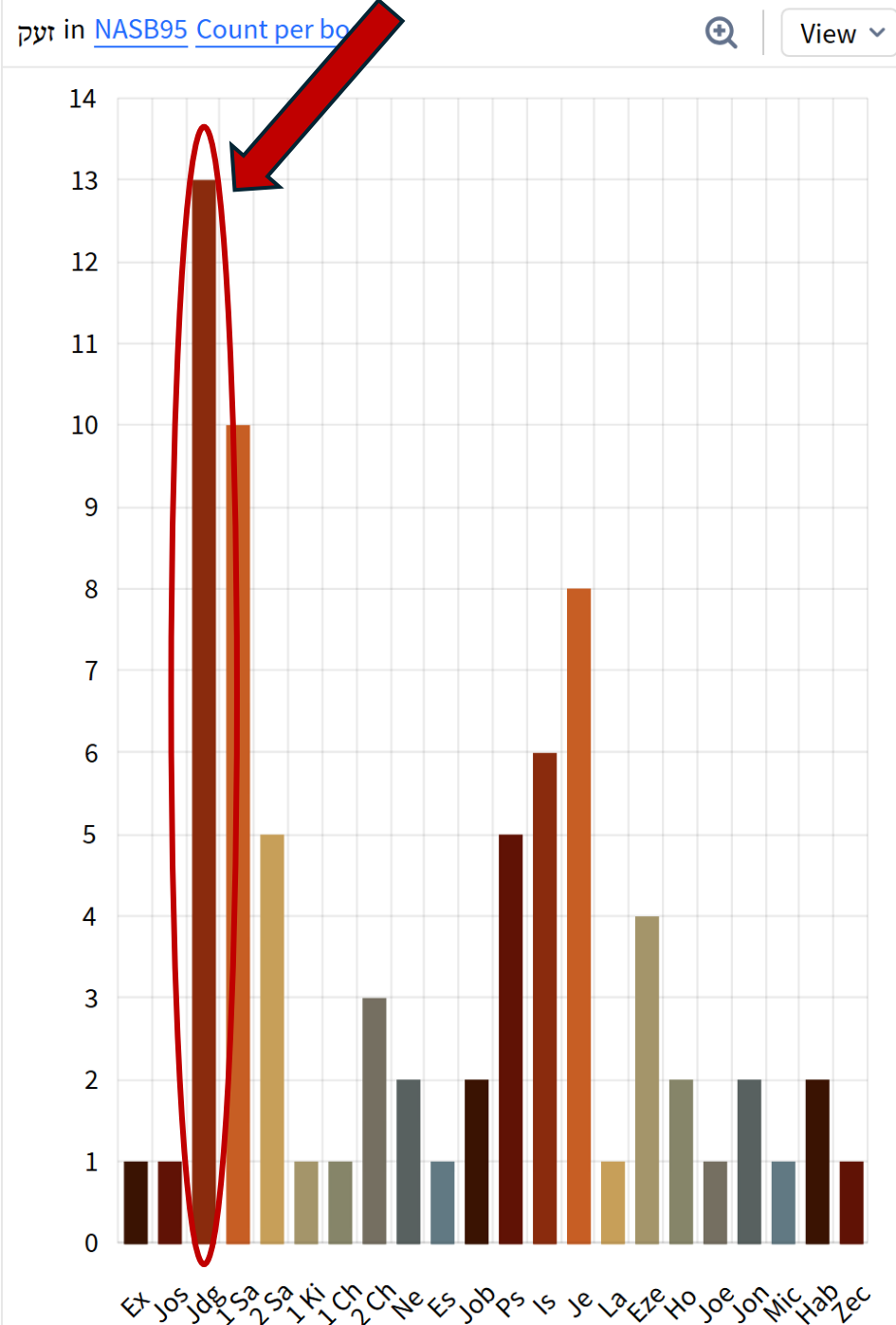
“DELIVERER”

OTHNIEL 3:7-11

3:7 The sons of Israel did what was _____ in the sight of the Lord...and forgot...and served... Corrupt/ _____	3:8 GOD sold them— _____ “Double wicked” 8 years 3:9 When the sons of Israel _____ to the Lord	3:9 The Lord raised up a _____ for the sons of Israel, to deliver them, Othniel, the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother 3:10 The Spirit of the Lord came upon him
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EHUD 3:12-30

3:12 The sons of Israel again did _____ in the sight of the Lord...	3:12 So the Lord strengthened _____, king of Moab (with Ammon and Amalekites) 18 years 3:15 When the sons of Israel _____ to the Lord	3:15 The Lord raised up a _____ for them, Ehud, the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a left-handed man. 3:28 The Lord has given your enemies, the Moabites, into your hands.
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Cry Out 13x

The basic meaning of this root is “to cry for help in time of distress.” The word is used almost exclusively in reference to **a cry from a disturbed heart, in need of some kind of help.**

The cry is not in summons of another, but **an expression of the need felt.** Most frequently, the cry is directed to God. When the Israelites were being invaded annually by the Midianites, they expressed this cry (Jud 6:6–7).

TWOT

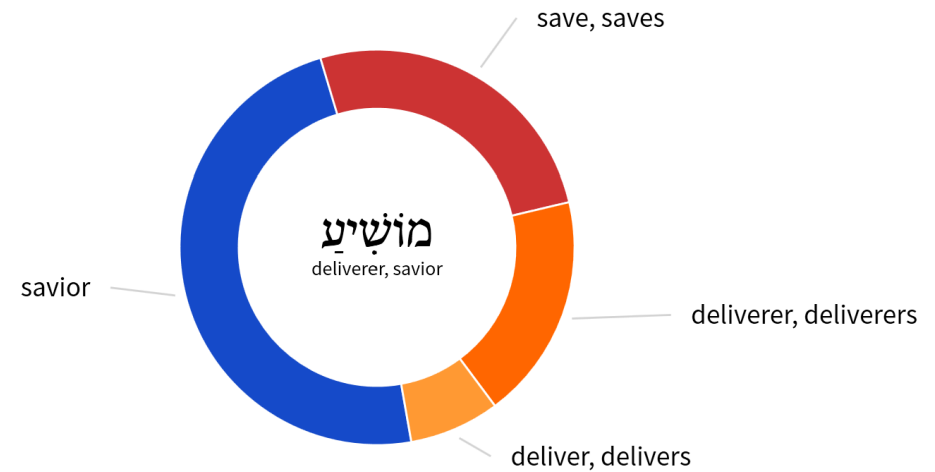
Deliverer

To move from distress to safety requires deliverance. Generally, **the deliverance must come from somewhere outside the party oppressed. The one who brings deliverance is known as the “savior.”**

In the OT the word has strong religious meaning, for it was Yahweh who wrought the deliverance. Thus he is known as the **“God of our salvation”** (Ps 68:19f. [H 20f.]).

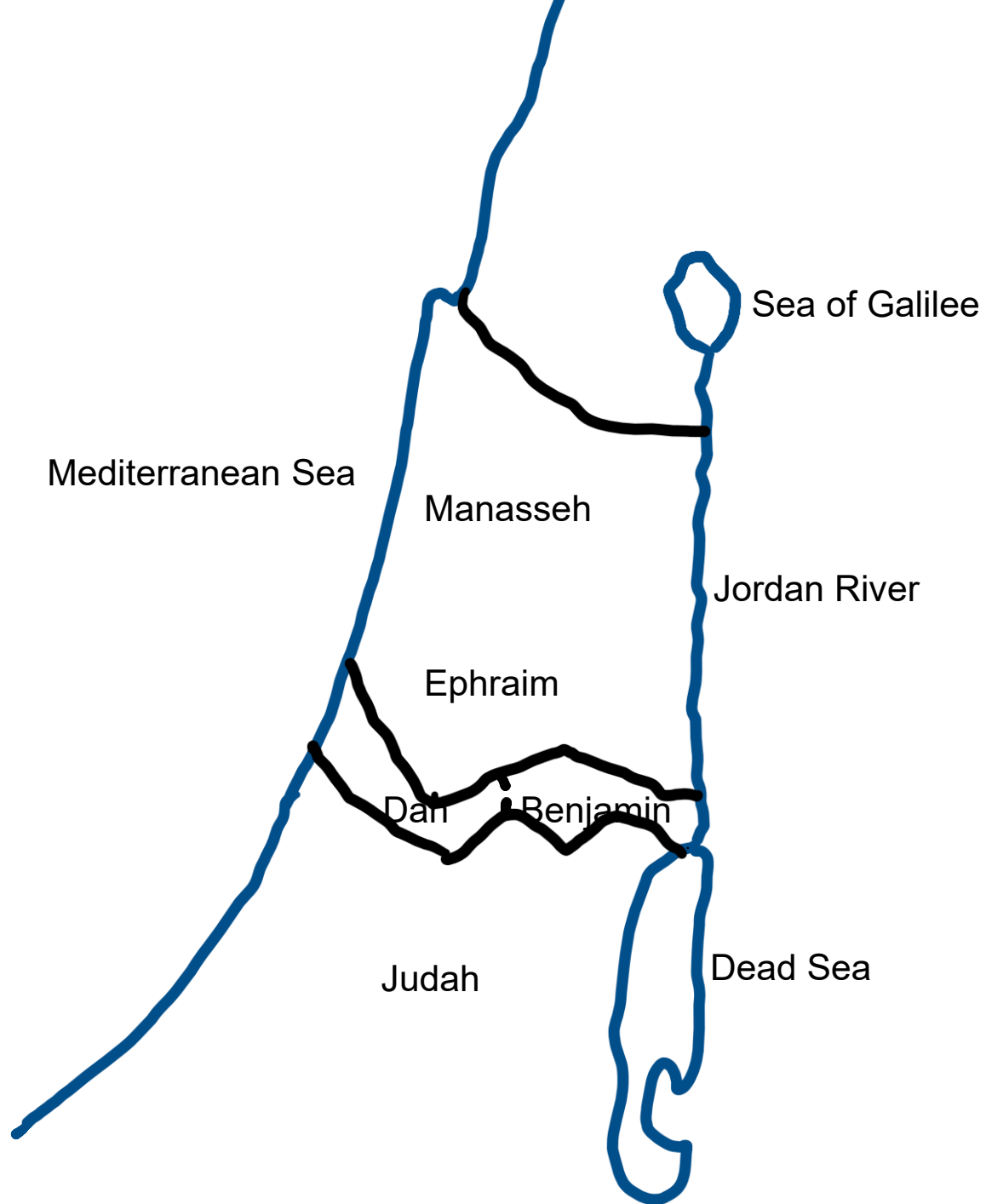
Although salvation could come through a human agent, it was only because God empowered the agent.

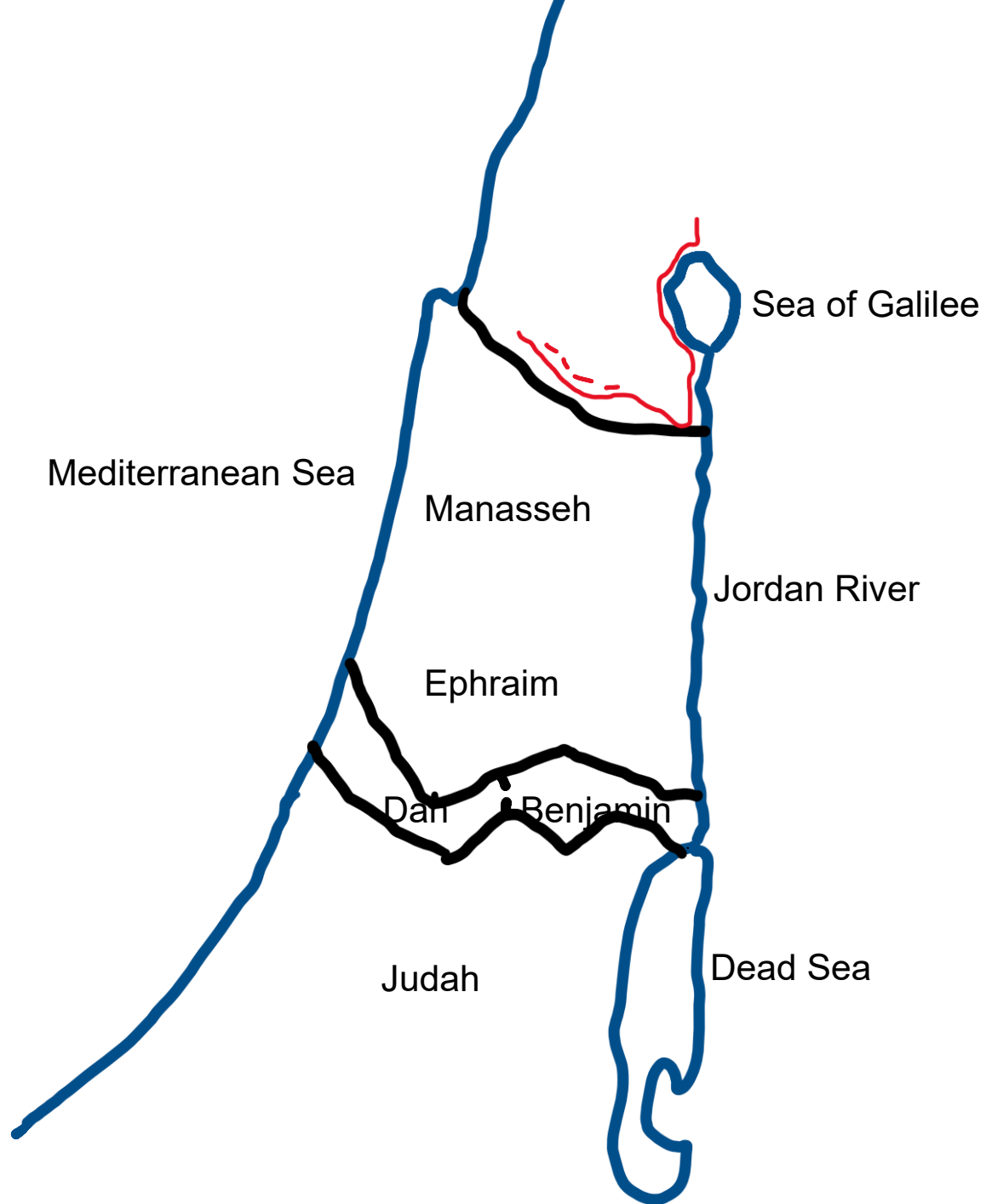
In the NT the idea of salvation primarily means forgiveness of sin, deliverance from its power and defeat of Satan. Although the OT begins to point in this direction, **the majority of references to salvation speak of Yahweh granting deliverance from real enemies and out of real catastrophies.** (TWOT)

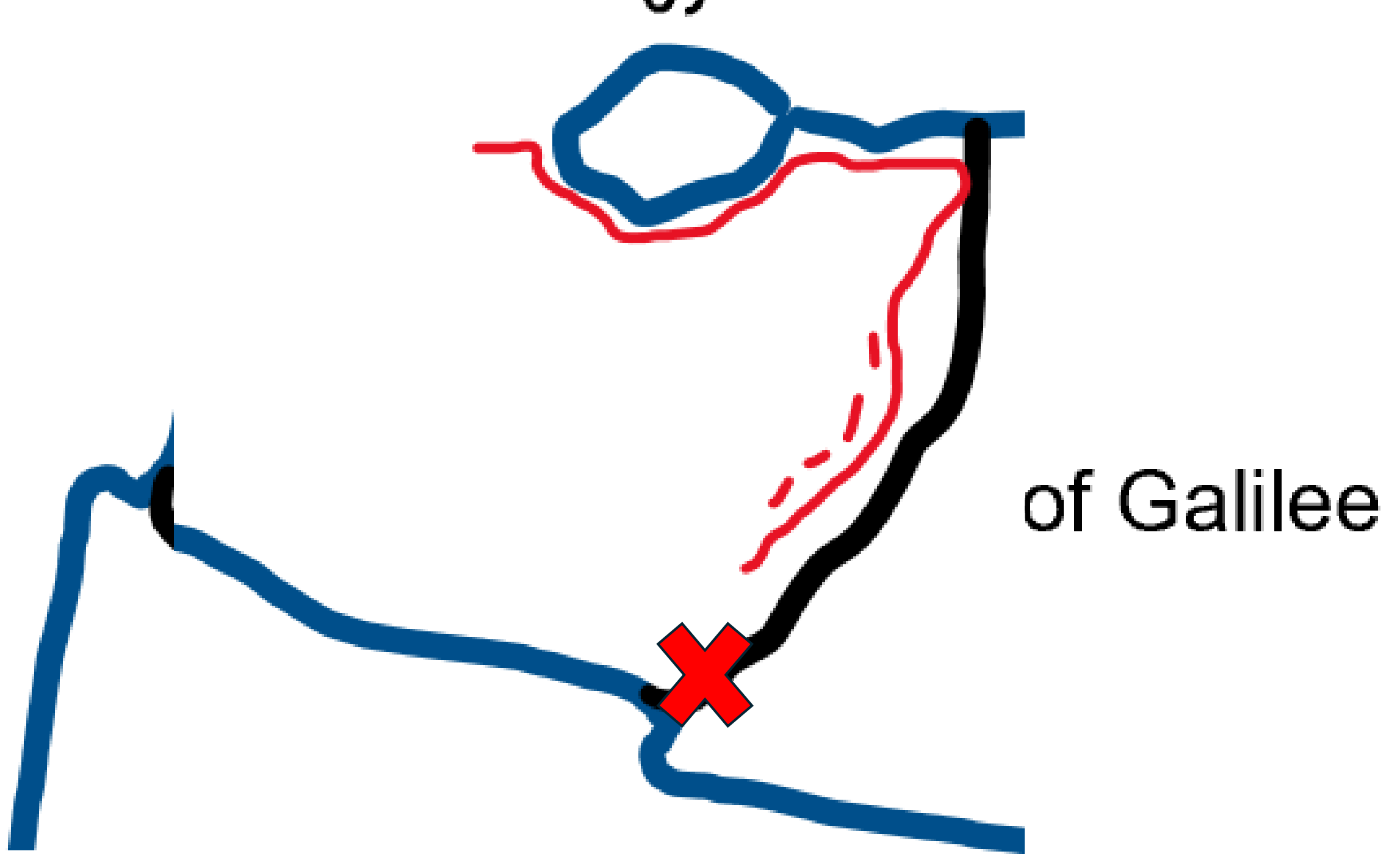


DEBORAH/BARAK 4:1-5:31

4:1 Then the sons of Israel again did _____ in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died.	4:2 And the Lord sold them into the hand of _____ (and Sisera) 900 chariots, oppressed severely for 20 years 4:3 The sons of Israel _____ to the Lord	4:4 Now Deborah, a prophetess...was _____ Israel at that time. 4:6-7 Now she sent and summoned Barak...'Behold, the Lord, the God of Israel, has commanded...'I will draw out to you Sisera...and I will give him into your hand.'
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Mt. Tabor

Hill of Moreh

Mt. Gilboa

Mt. Carmel

This part of the Jezreel Valley is especially given over to swampy conditions.... Near Taanach on its southern edge were the “waters of Megiddo,” the staging ground for Sisera’s force of 900 chariots that became trapped in a morass of mud and mire when in a thunderstorm “*the stars fought [against them] from the heavens*” (*Judg 4:3; 5:19–21*).

Wright, P. H. (2020). (p. 194). Holman Reference.

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GIDEON 6:1-8:35 (Ch. 9)

6:1 The sons of Israel did what was _____ In the sight of the Lord...	6:1 And the Lord gave them into the hands of _____ 7 years 6:6 And the sons of Israel _____ to the Lord	6:12 The angel of the Lord appeared to _____ and said to him, "The Lord is with you, O valiant warrior."
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Mount Gilboa

The Harod Valley viewed southwestward

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Mt. Gilboa

**The Valley of Harod where the Midianites stole
the harvest from the Israelites for seven years.**



Mount Gilboa (central section) viewed across the Harod Valley



The Hill of Moreh viewed northward across the Harod Valley from near Ein Harod

⦿ Come, ⦿ Come Immanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And **ransom** captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, **free**
Thine own from Satan's **tyranny**;
From depths of hell Thy people **save**,
And give them victory over the grave.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And **close the path to misery**.

O come, Thou Root of Jesse's tree,
An ensign of Thy people be;
Before Thee rulers silent fall;
All peoples on **Thy mercy call**.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our king of Peace.

Author unknown, possibly 12th Century (*Veni, veni Emmanuel*).
Translated from Latin to English by John Neale, 1851.