





ISRAEL OR PALESTINE?

Thinking Biblically About the Land of Israel

REASON FOR STUDY:

To think biblically about Israel and the land.

2 KEY POINTS MADE:

1. God promised the land to Abraham (the first Jew) and his descendants.
2. God ratified that promise with a unilateral, unconditional covenant.





QUESTION #1:

Why did God
choose the people
Israel?

Purpose 1:
A kingdom of
priests.

Purpose 2:
A holy nation.





Concept #1

Israel was to be a
godly influence
on a wicked
world.

"This is Jerusalem.
I have set her in *the center of the nations*,
with countries all around her" (Ezekiel 5:5)



QUESTION #2:

Why did God
choose the land
of Israel?



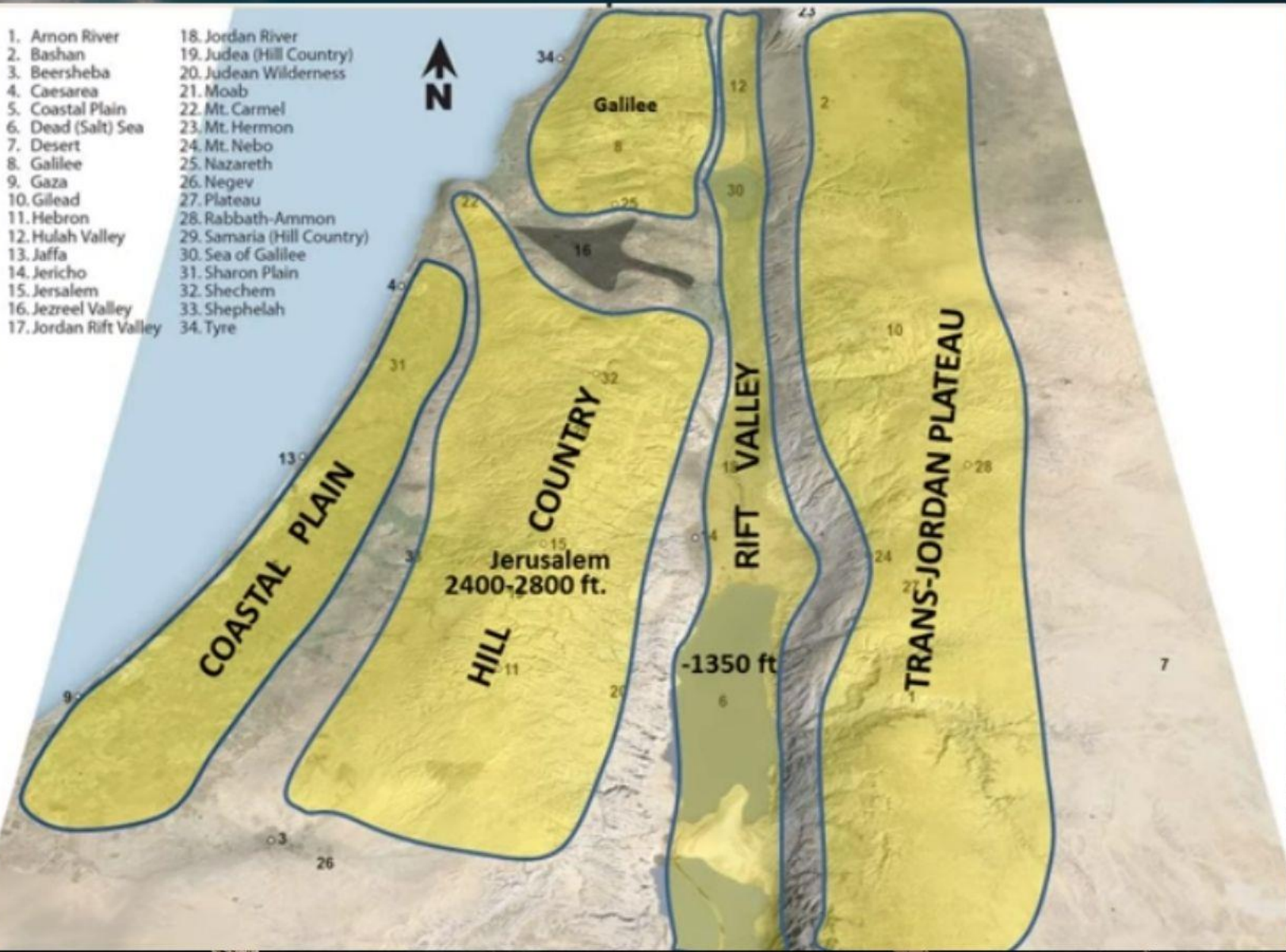
The land of Israel is the
center stage upon
which God displayed
Himself.

The more you
understand the land,
the more you
understand the Bible.

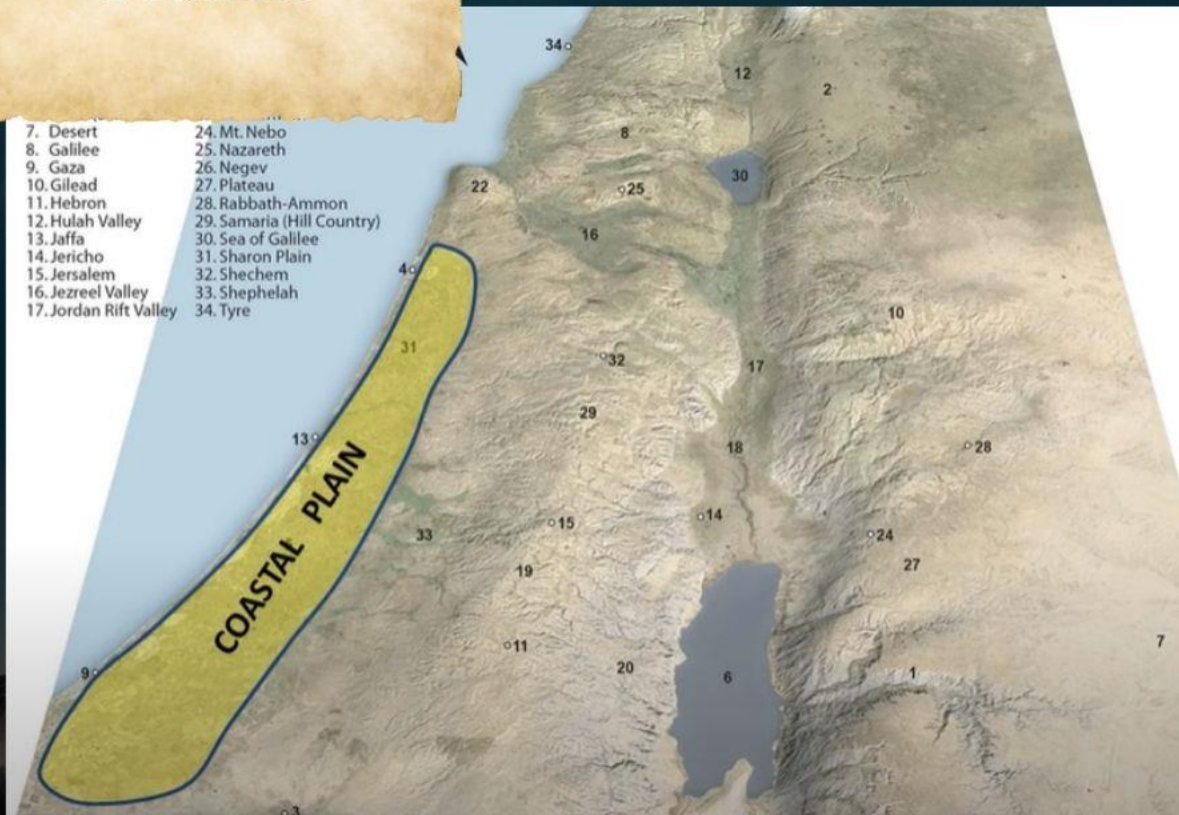






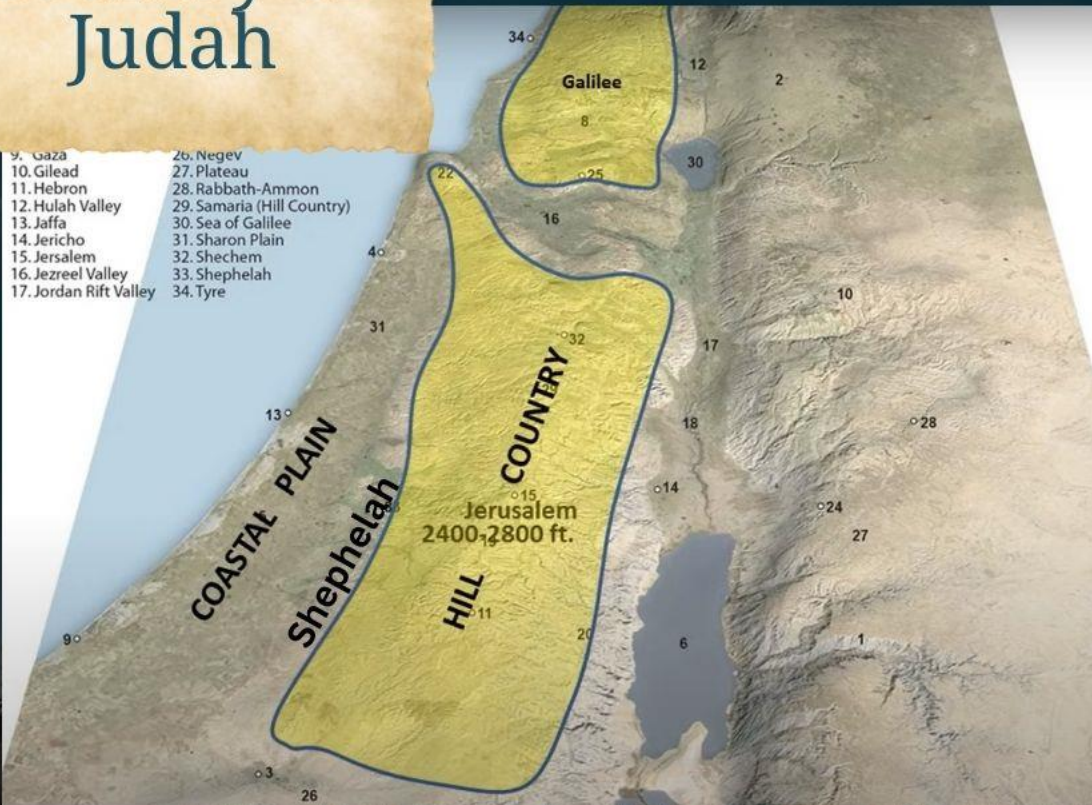


Coastal Plains



Rugged Hill Country of Judah

- 9. Gaza
- 10. Gilead
- 11. Hebron
- 12. Hulah Valley
- 13. Jaffa
- 14. Jericho
- 15. Jerusalem
- 16. Jezreel Valley
- 17. Jordan Rift Valley
- 26. Negev
- 27. Plateau
- 28. Rabbath-Ammon
- 29. Samaria (Hill Country)
- 30. Sea of Galilee
- 31. Sharon Plain
- 32. Shechem
- 33. Shephelah
- 34. Tyre

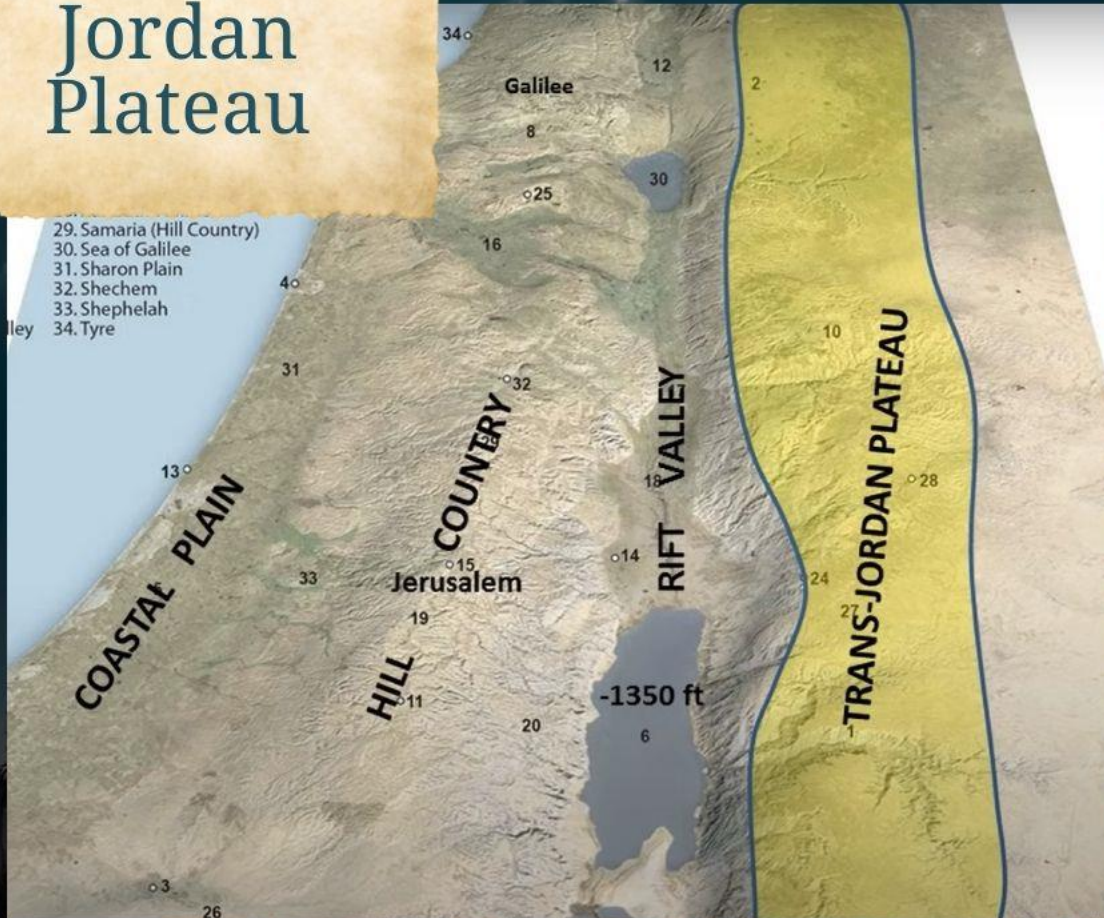


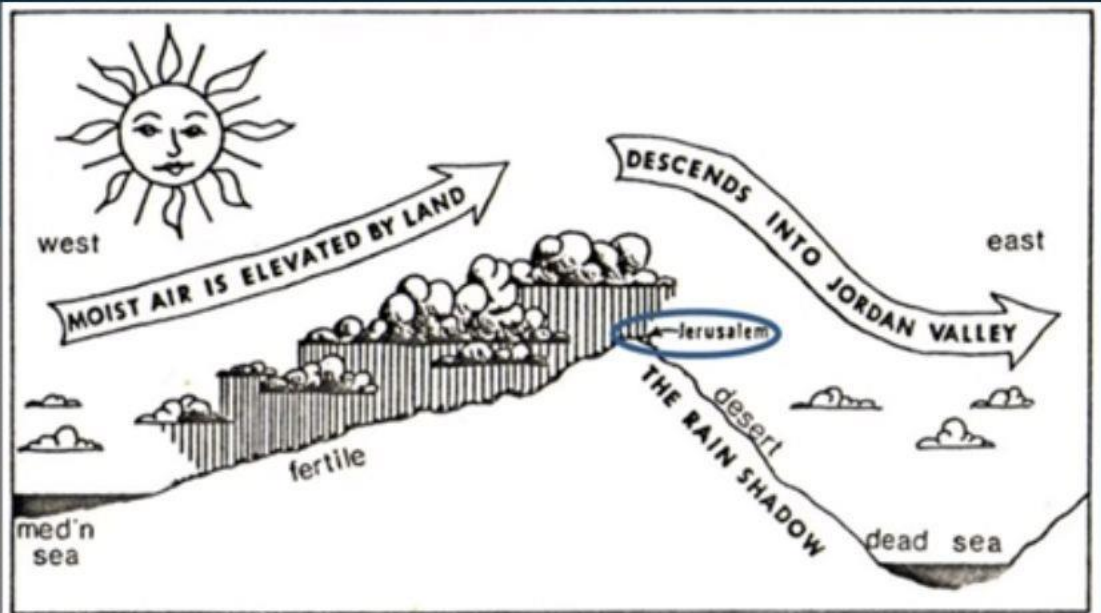
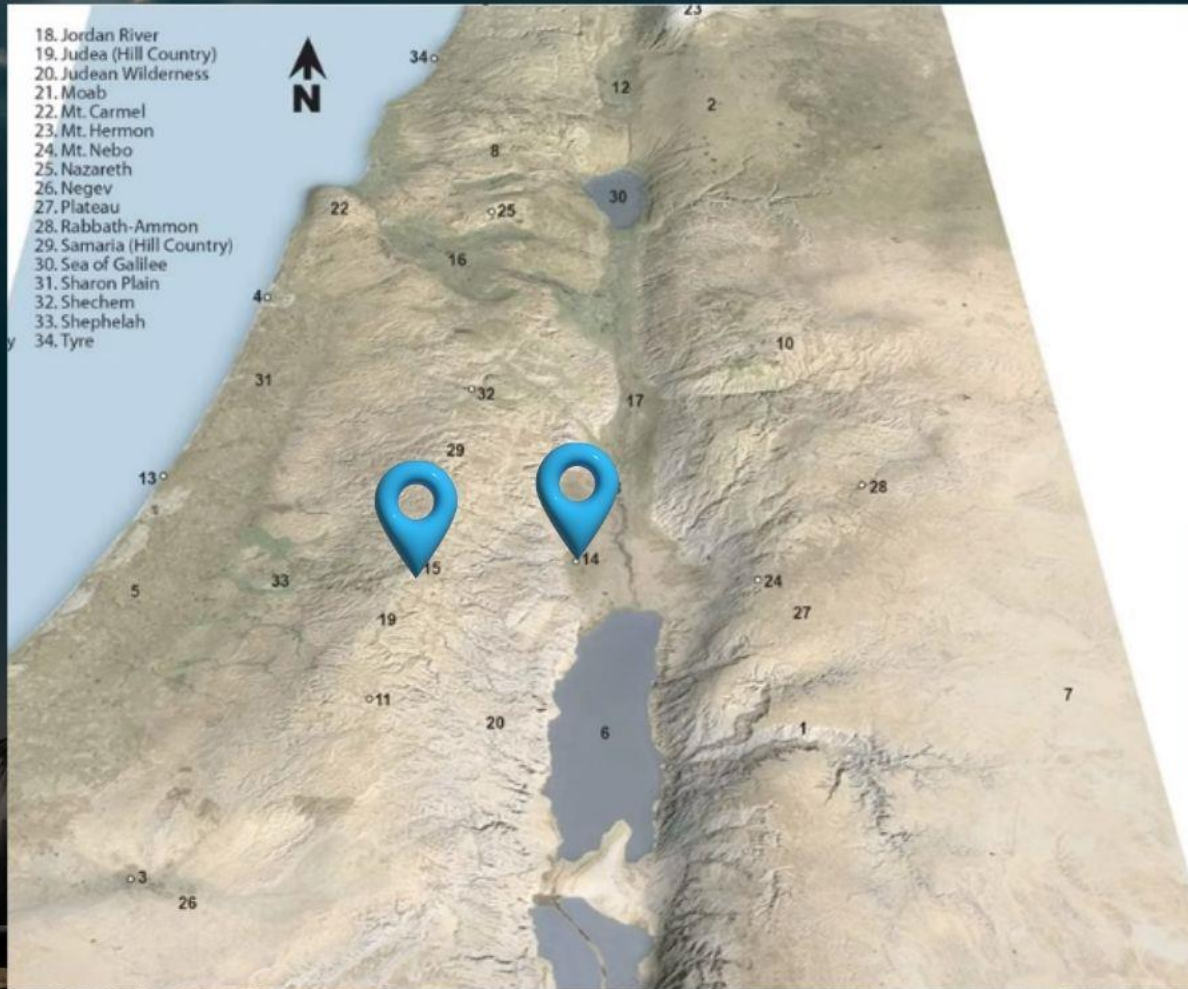
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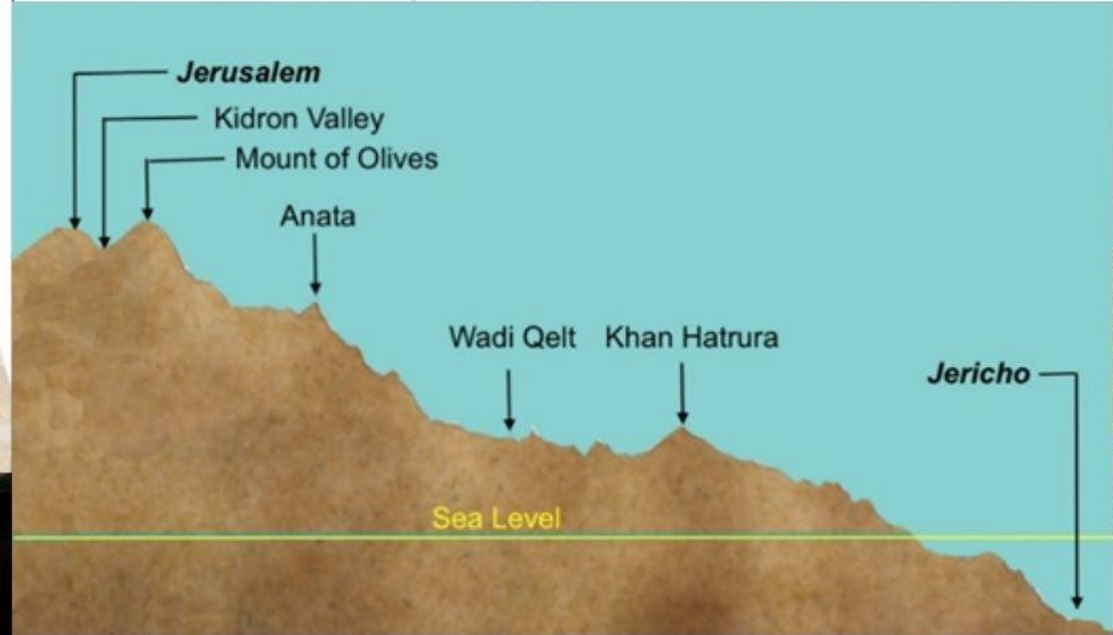


Trans-Jordan Plateau





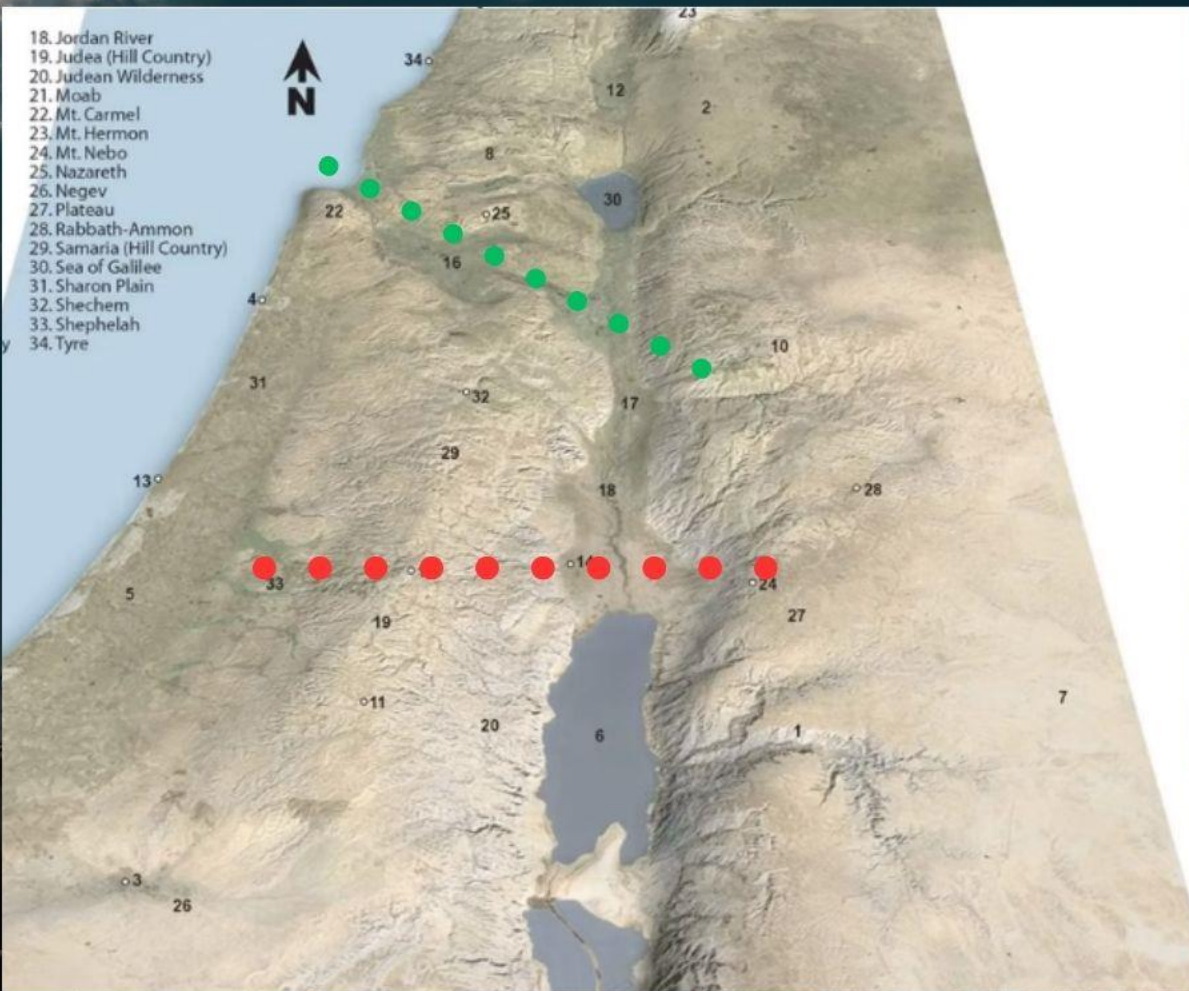
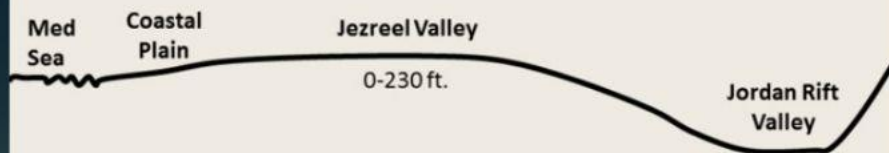
The prevailing wind in Israel is from west to east. The moist air above the Mediterranean Sea is pushed upward by the mountains, and rain results. When the air descends into the Jordan Valley, rain is prohibited and a "rain shadow" results.



Travel West-East through Jezreel Valley

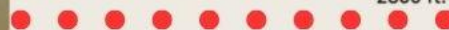


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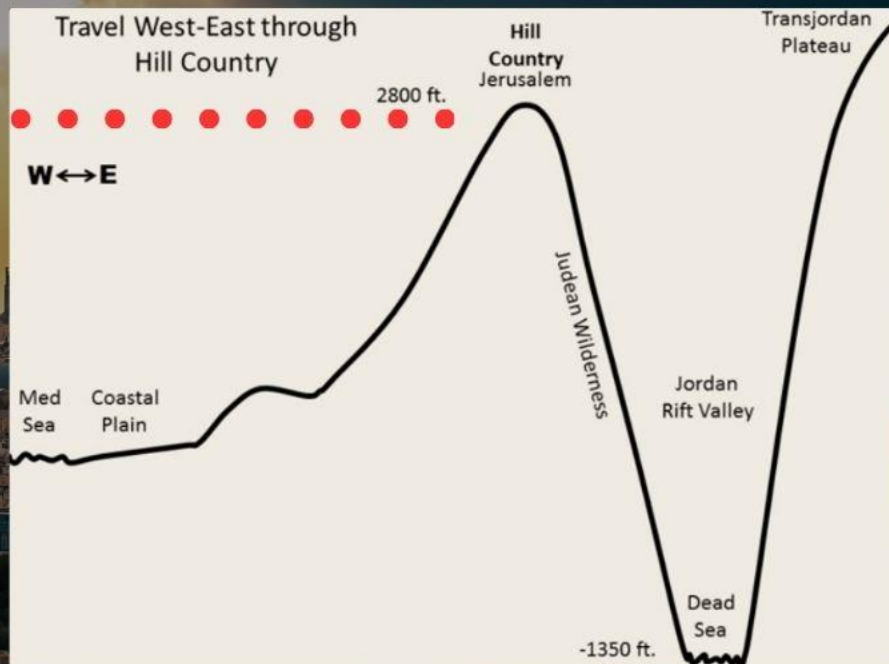


- 18. Jordan River
- 19. Judea (Hill Country)
- 20. Judean Wilderness
- 21. Moab
- 22. Mt. Carmel
- 23. Mt. Hermon
- 24. Mt. Nebo
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Travel West-East through Hill Country



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Former rains ➡ Oct/Nov ➡ Barley ➡ Needed to live

Latter rains ➡ Mar/Apr ➡ Grapes/Olives ➡ Needed to enjoy life



4 Major N/S Routes

1. Coastal Plain / Via Maris
2. Ridge Route / Patriarchs
3. Jordan Rift Route
4. The King's Highway

Concept #1

Israel was to be a godly and instructive influence on the wicked world.

Concept #2

God placed Israel in the most strategic spot on the international highway of the ancient world to influence the world.





Ezekiel 5:5

“This is Jerusalem, I have placed her in the center of the nations, with countries round about her”

Ezekiel 5:8

“I will execute judgments among you in the sight of the nations.”



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