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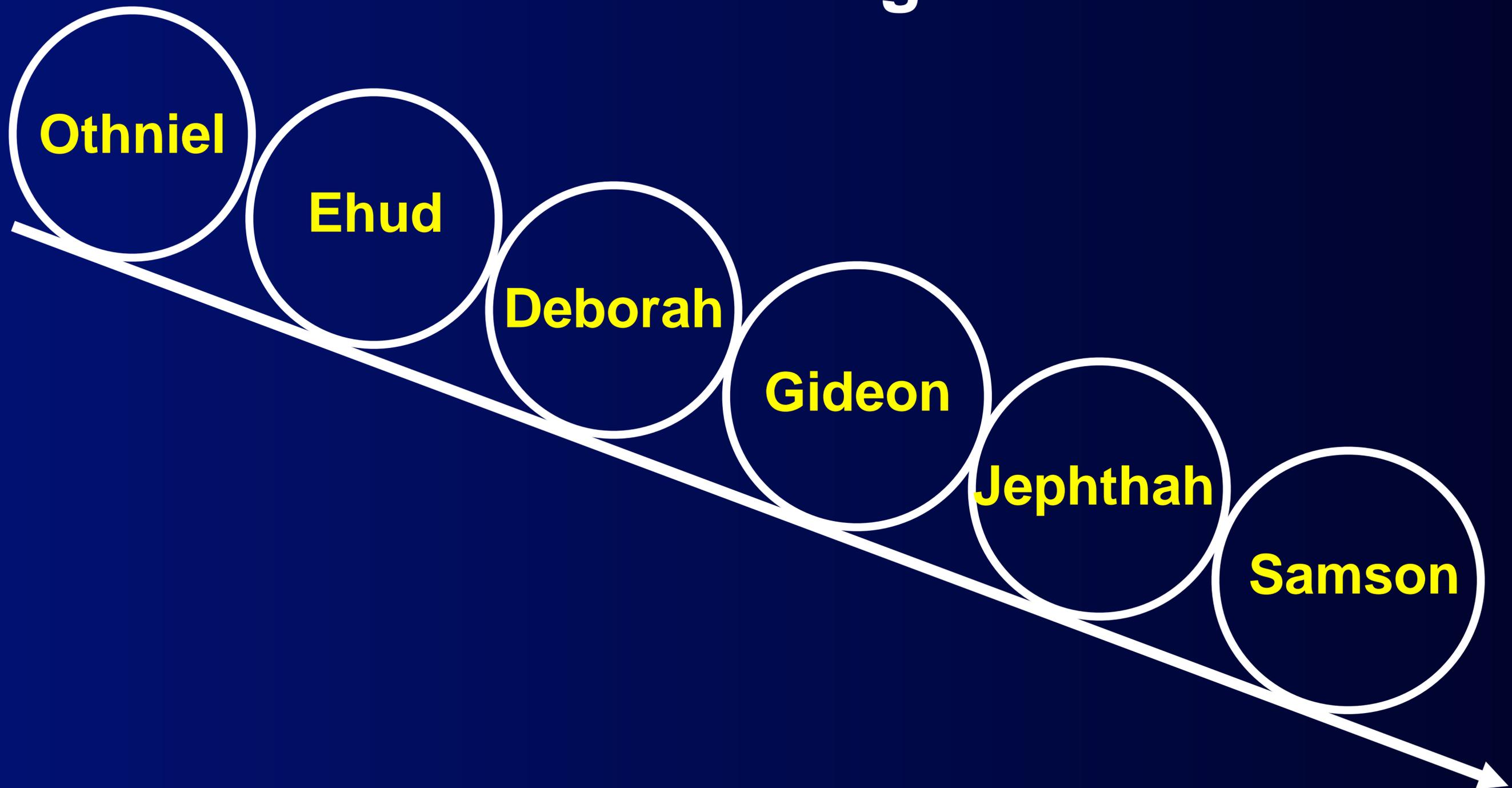
Testing
Judges 16:1–4

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When Chaos Was King

Deterioration of Positive Volition in the Judges



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[NKJV]**

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פָּעַם *pa'am*

**qal infinitiveConst
to disturb, trouble, feel
troubled, stir up**

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of the LORD
began to stir
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Mahaneh-dan,
between Zorah
and Eshtaol.”



Six Basic Divisions

- 1. In Samson's father-in-law's house (Judges 15:1–3)**
- 2. Economic destruction by jackals (Judges 15:4–8)**
- 3. Samson is captured (Judges 15:9–13)**
- 4. Jackasses killed by a jackass jaw (Judges 15:14–15)**
- 5. God's blessing even on a rebel (Judges 15:16–19a)**
- 6. Self-absorbed Samson (Judges 15:19b–20)**

Judg. 15:14, “When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting against him. Then the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him; and the ropes that were on his arms became like flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds broke loose from his hands.

Judg. 15:15, “He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, reached out his hand and took it, and killed a thousand men with it.” [NKJV]

צִלַּח *tzalach*

qal wawConsec 3 fem sing
to rush upon (1 Sam. 10:6)



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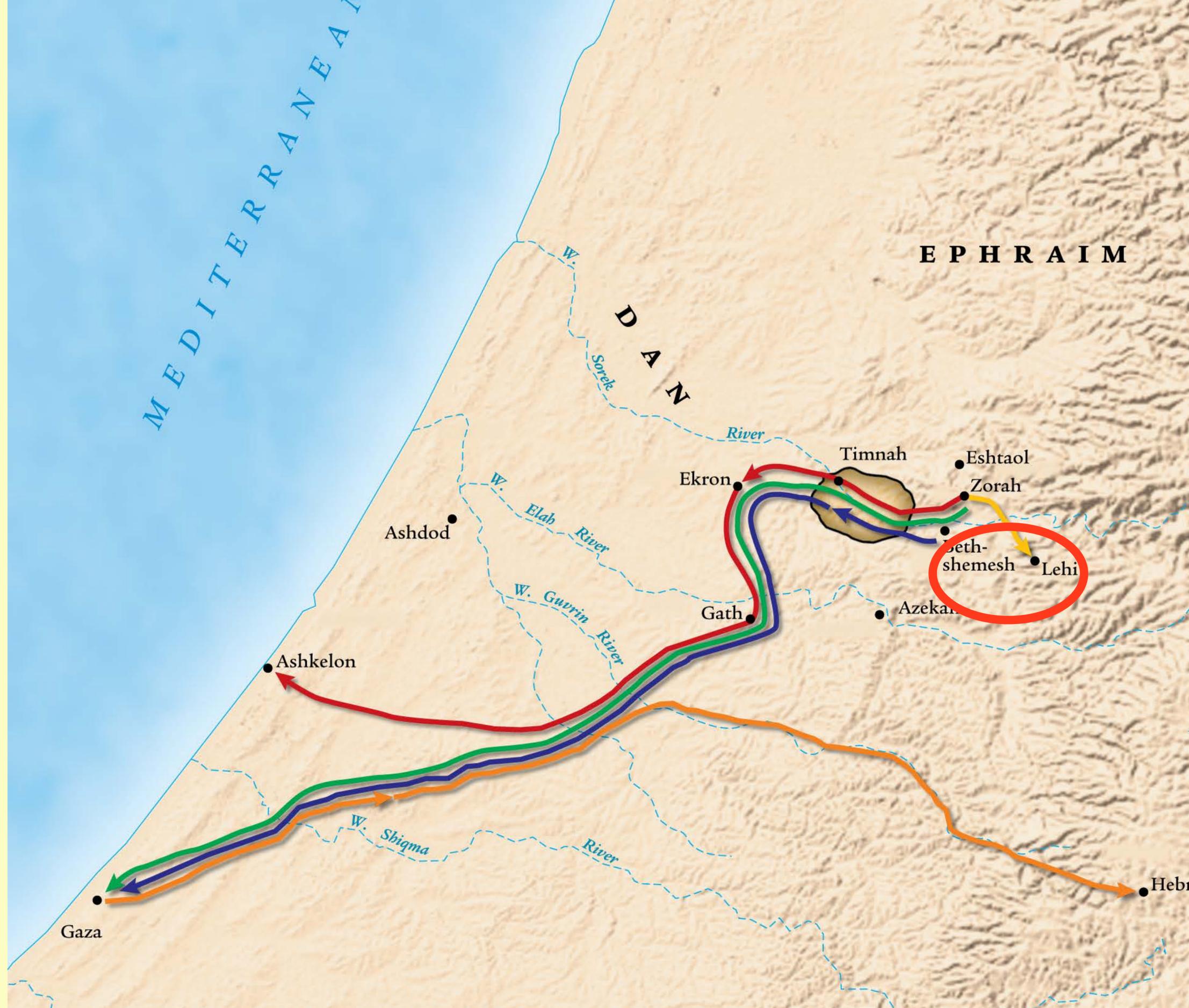
Judg. 15:16, “Then Samson said: ‘With the jawbone of a donkey, Heaps upon heaps, with the jawbone of a donkey I have slain a thousand men!’ ” [NKJV]

“ ‘With a jackass’s jawbone I have made jackasses [or heaps] of them, with a jackass’s jawbone I have killed a thousand men.’ ”

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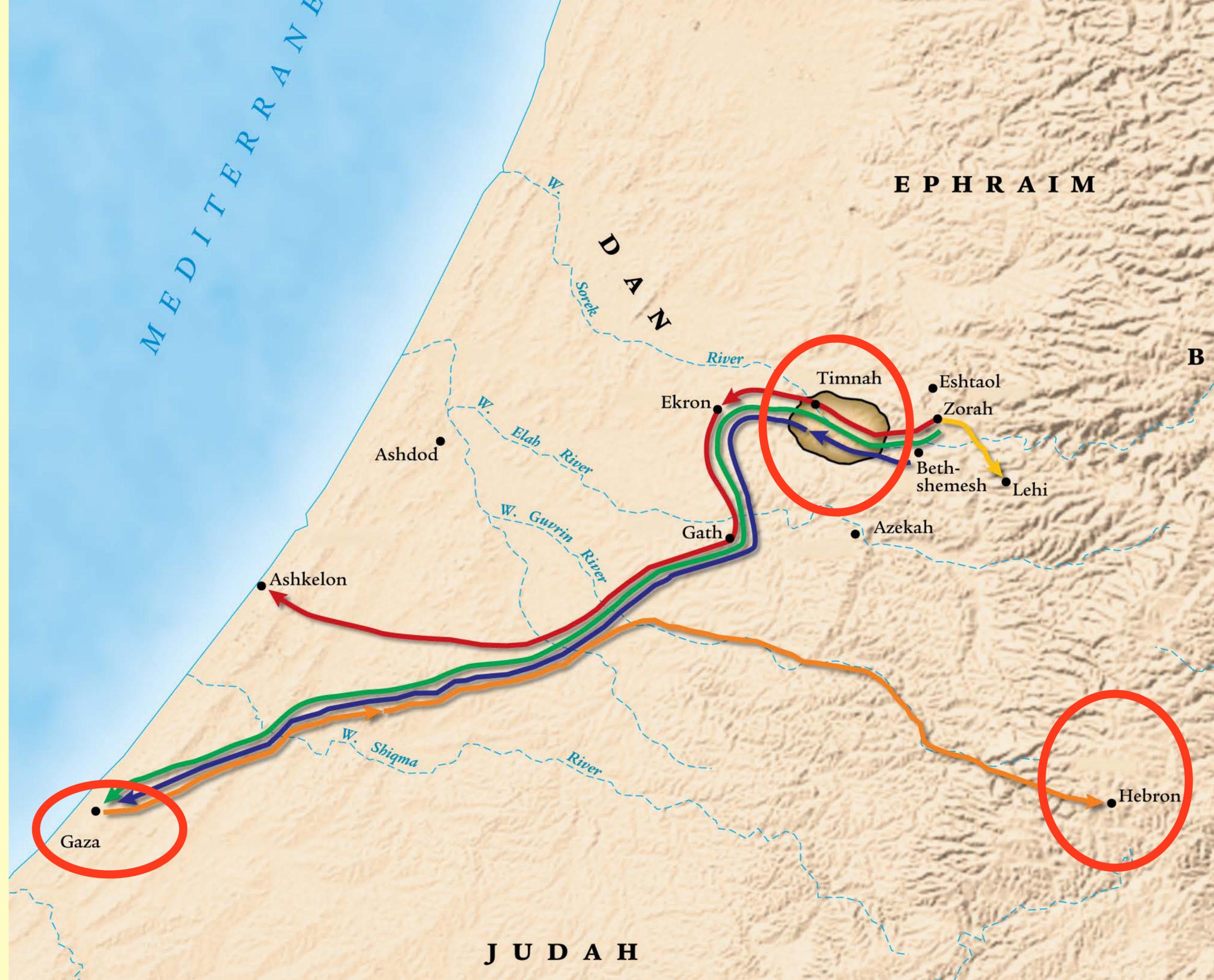
Judg. 15:17, “And so it was, when he had finished speaking, that he threw the jawbone from his hand, and called that place **Ramath Lehi.**”
[Jawbone Hill]
[NKJV]



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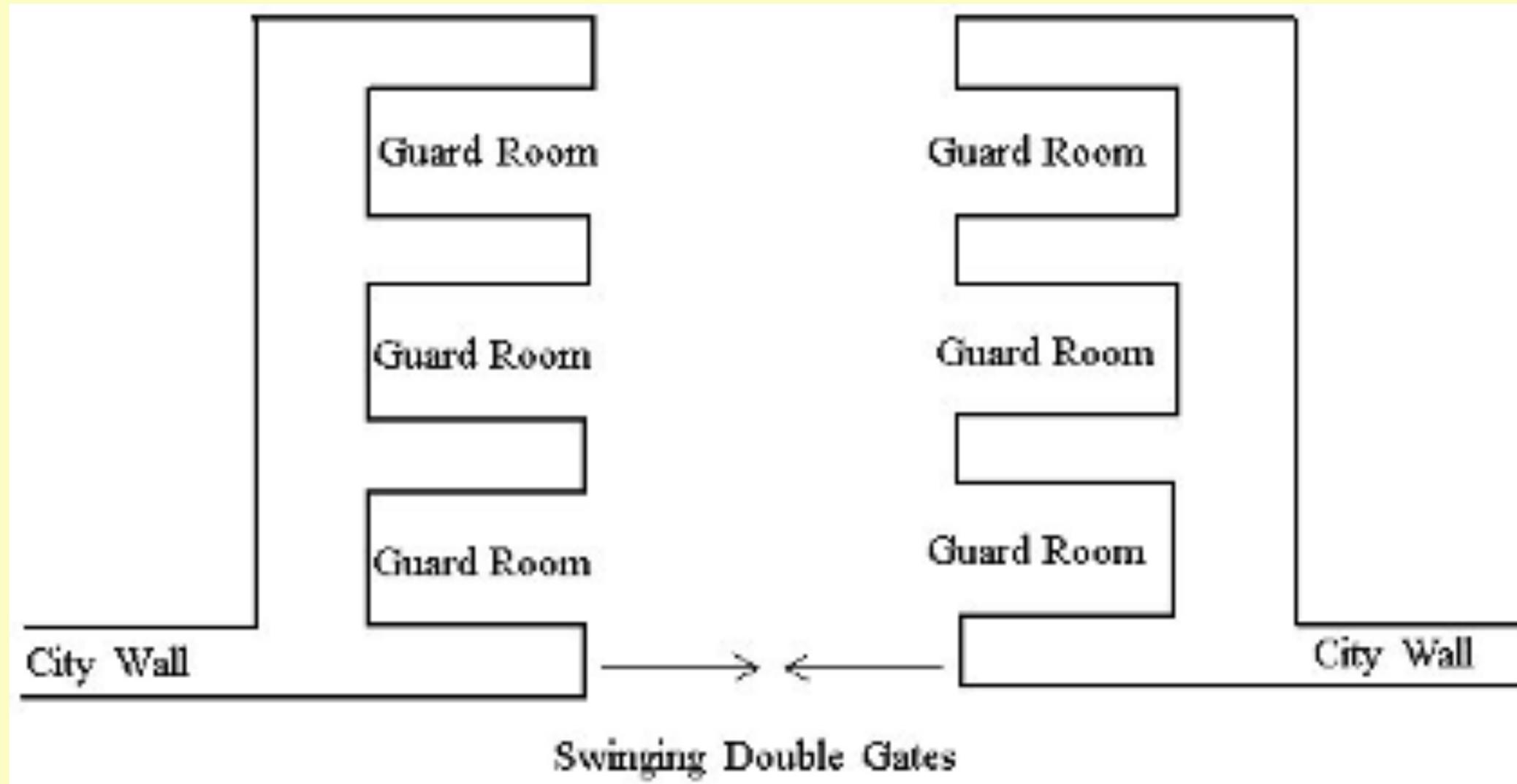
1 John 2:16, “For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.”

Judg. 16:1,
“Now Samson
went to Gaza
and saw a harlot
there, and went
in to her.”
[NKJV]



Judg. 16:2, “When the Gazites were told, ‘Samson has come here!’ they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. They were quiet all night, saying, ‘In the morning, when it is daylight, we will kill him.’ ” [NKJV]

Ancient City Gates



(תקופת הברזל או)



(1) insets-offsets wall
(2) outer gatehouse
(3) inner courtyard
(4) inner six-chambered gatehouse

בתקופה האשורית (732-630 לפסה"נ לערך)
הוחלף השער הפנימי בשער בעל שני תאים,
שבשרידיו ניתן להבחין מעל השער הקדום.

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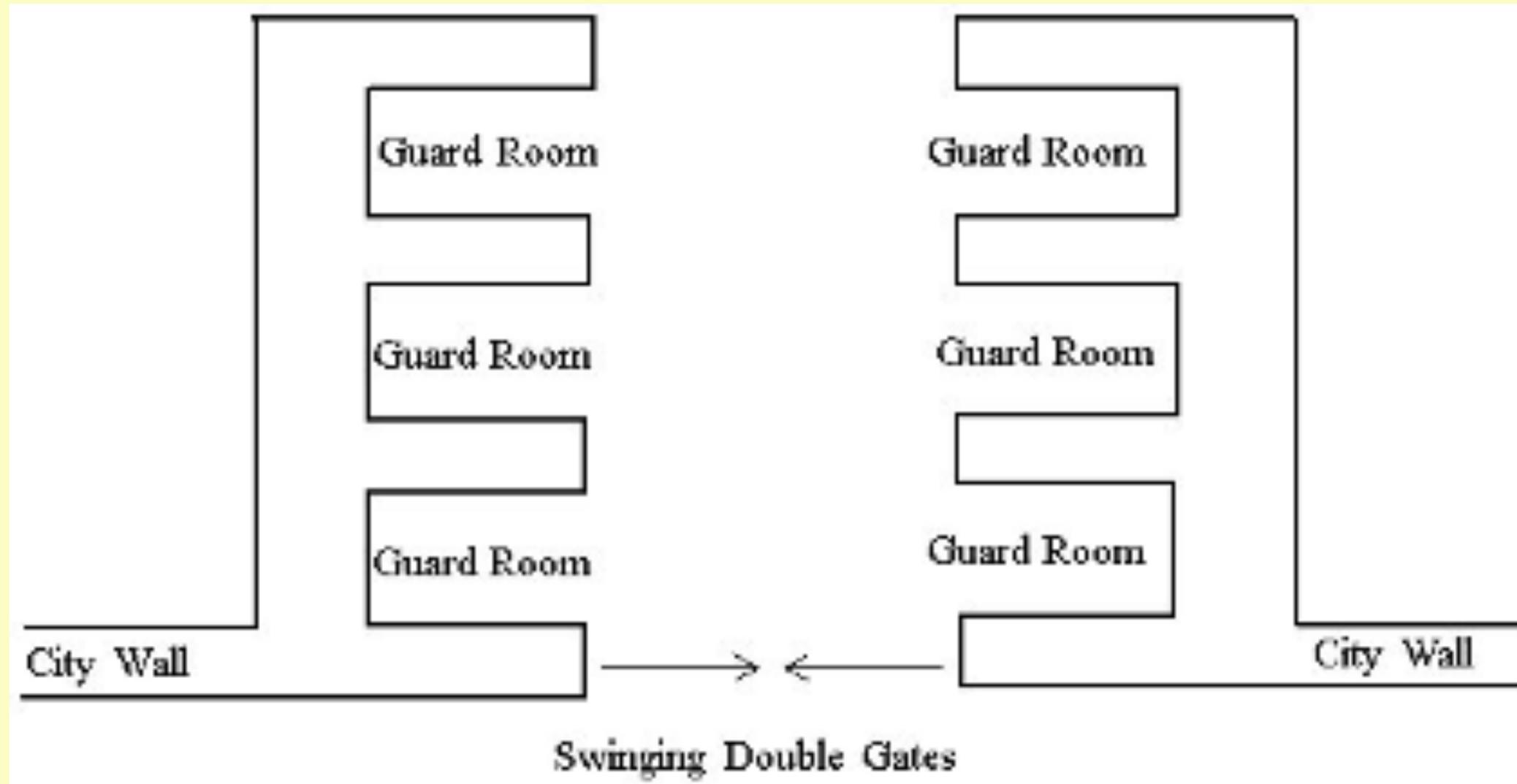




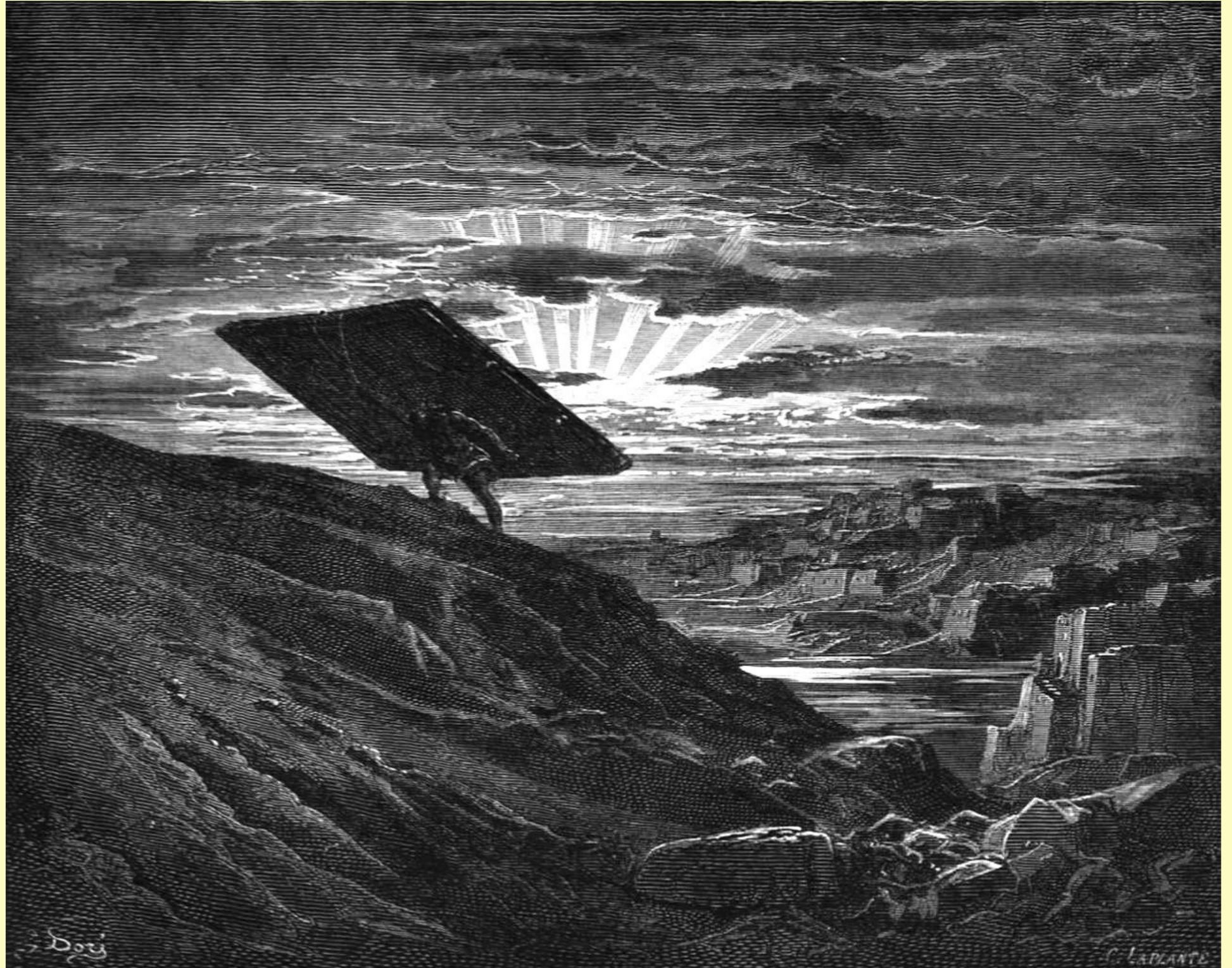




Ancient City Gates



Judg. 16:3, “And Samson lay low till midnight; then he arose at midnight, took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two gateposts, pulled them up, bar and all, put them on his shoulders, and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron.”
[NKJV]



- 1. Samson continued to fraternize with the enemy.**
- 2. Samson had become a national enemy.**
- 3. Samson was 45 miles from his home.**

The writer uses a number of word for “seeing” and “knowing.”

***rā'â*, “to see” (vv. 5, 18);**

***higgîd*, “to tell, declare” (vv. 6, 10, 13, 15, 17, 18a, 18b);**

***yāda'*, “to know” (vv. 9, 20);**

***dibbēr kězābîm*, “to declare falsehood,” that is,
“to lead away from knowledge” (vv. 10, 13);**

***tālal*, “to deceive” (vv. 10, 13, 15).**

Judg. 16:4, “Afterward it happened that he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

Judg. 16:5, “And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, ‘Entice him, and find out where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and every one of us will give you eleven hundred pieces of silver.’ ”

Judg. 16:15, “Then she said to him, ‘How can you say, “I love you,” when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and have not told me where your great strength lies.’

Judg. 16:16, “And it came to pass, when she pestered him daily with her words and pressed him, so that his soul was vexed to death,

Judg. 16:17, “that he told her all his heart, and said to her, ‘No razor has ever come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother’s womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.’ ” [NKJV]

What the Bible Teaches About Testing



1 Cor. 10:13, “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

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**πειρασμός *peirasmos* masc sing nom (m) temptation, test
πειράζω *peirazō* aor pass infin to tempt, test; try [evaluate]**

1 Cor. 10:1, “Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea,”

1 Cor. 10:2, “all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

1 Cor. 10:3, “all ate the same spiritual food,

1 Cor. 10:4, “and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

1 Cor. 10:5, “But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.”

1 Cor. 10:6, “Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

1 Cor. 10:7, “And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, ‘The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.’

1 Cor. 10:8, “Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell;

1 Cor. 10:9, “nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents;

1 Cor. 10:10, “nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.”

1 Cor. 10:11, “Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

1 Cor. 10:12, “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

1 Cor. 10:13, “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

James 1:2, “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

James 1:3, “knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

James 1:4, “But let endurance have its maturing work, that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.”