

Genesis Series

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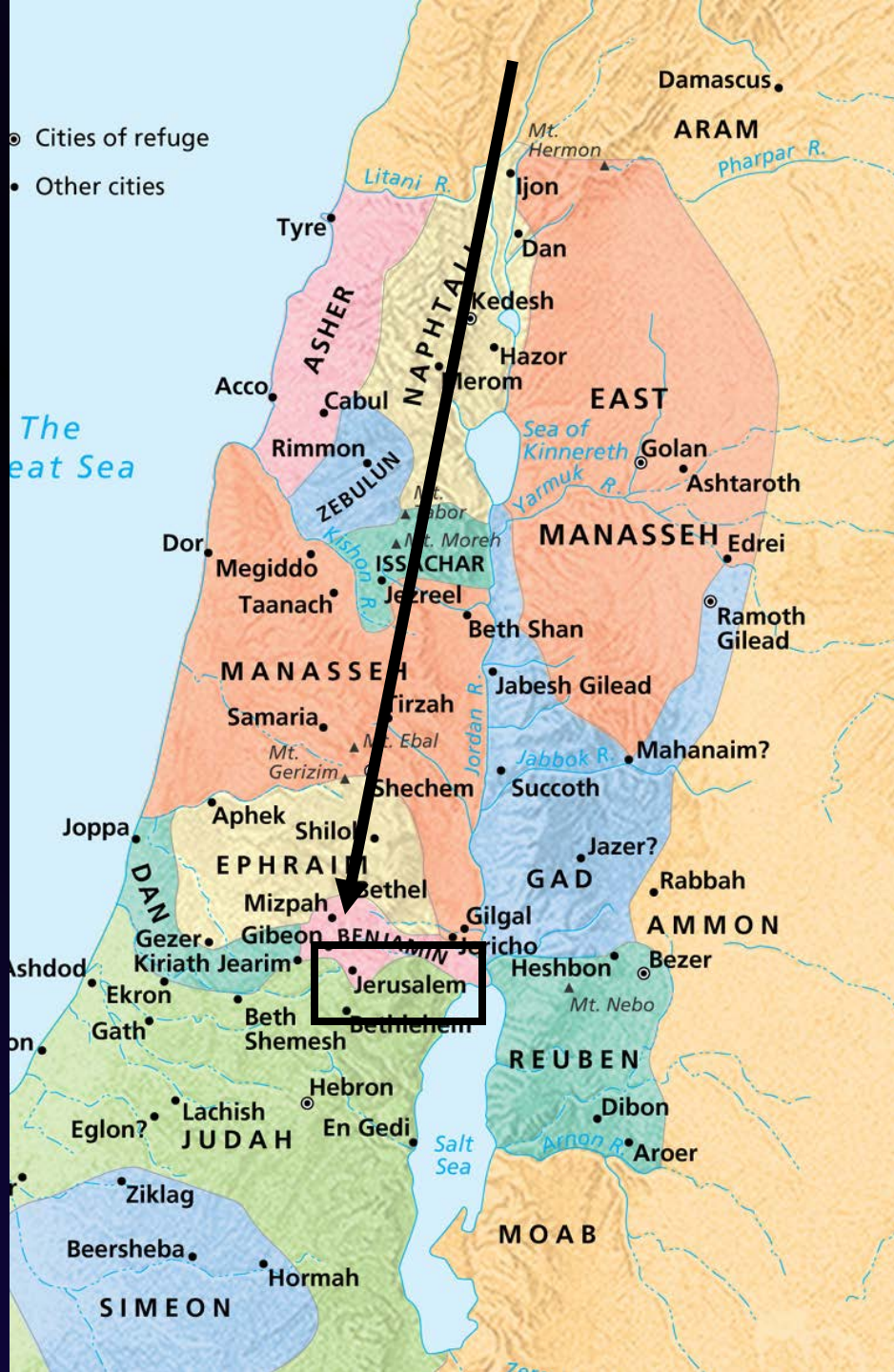
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Genesis 14:17, “And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him.”

- Cities of refuge
- Other cities



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Genesis 14:18, “Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High [*EI Elyon*].”

Hebrews 7:2, “to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated ‘king of righteousness,’ and then also king of Salem, meaning ‘king of peace,’ ”

Hebrews 7:3, “without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.”

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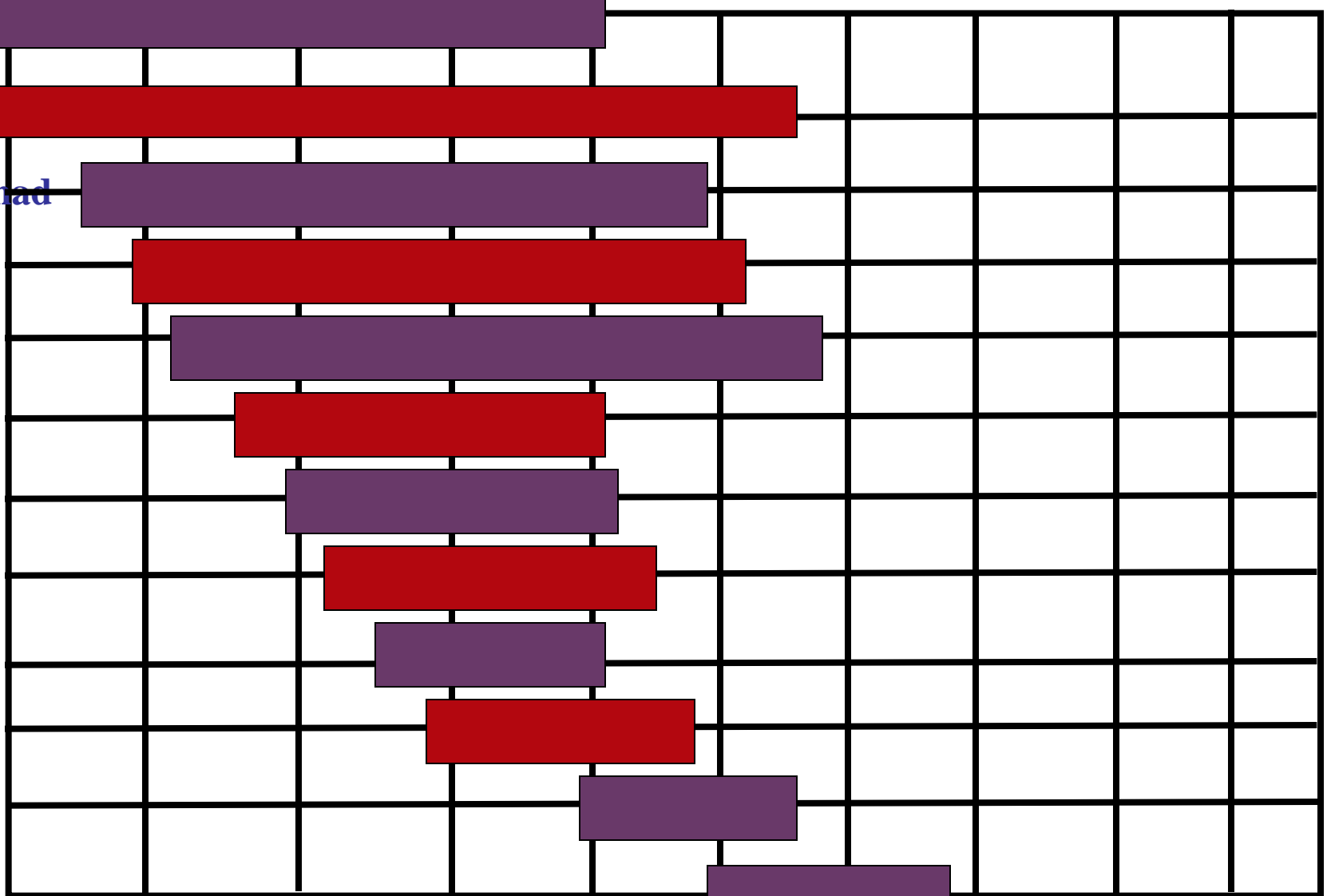
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to Avram*



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**!g"m' *magan* , to deliver, or to hand over
as a gift**

**Genesis 14:21, “Now the king of Sodom
said to Abram, ‘Give me the persons,
and take the goods for yourself.’ ”**

Genesis 14:22, “But Abram said to the king of Sodom, ‘I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,’ ”

Genesis 14:23, “that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich’ ”

Genesis 14:24, “except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.”

1. The **first** time the word “tithe” is used is in Gen. 14:20;

the **last** time the word “tithe” is used is in Heb. 7:2–6, referring to the Gen. 14 episode.

2. The words:

Hebrew: $\text{rfe}[\text{m}]$; *ma'asar*, a tenth or tenth portion of something, from the participle mi , plus the noun for *ten* $\text{rf}[\text{,,}]$, *'eser*; literally, “from ten.”

Greek: de,katoj , *dekatos*, a tenth of something, a tenth portion

LAND GRANT ALONG WITH TITHE OBLIGATIONS (3.82) (*PRU* III 16.276)

“From the present day¹ *Niqmadu*, son of *Ammistamru* king of Ugarit² gave (donated) the village³ *Uḫnappu* to *Kar-Kushuḫ*, son of *Ana[nu]* and to *Apapa*, the king’s daughter, with its tithe (*êšrêtu*) with its custom-duties (*miksu*)⁴ with its gifts (*širku*). Nobody shall raise claims concerning *Uḫnappu* against *Kar-Kushuḫ* and *Apapa* and against the sons of *Apapa*. He (the king) donated *Uḫnappu*. Further: *Kar-Kushuḫ* is pure like the sun forever.⁵ Later he is (also) pure. The temple of *Baal* of the *Ḫazi* mountain⁶ and its priests shall not have claims to *Kar-Kushuḫ*.⁷”

Hammurapi's immediate successor, his son *Samsu-iluna* (1749–1712), continued with what may have been an edict of *Ammi-ditana* (1683–1647)² and concluded with *Ammi-saduqa* (1646–1626). His laws recognize the tithe as the basic unit of taxation.