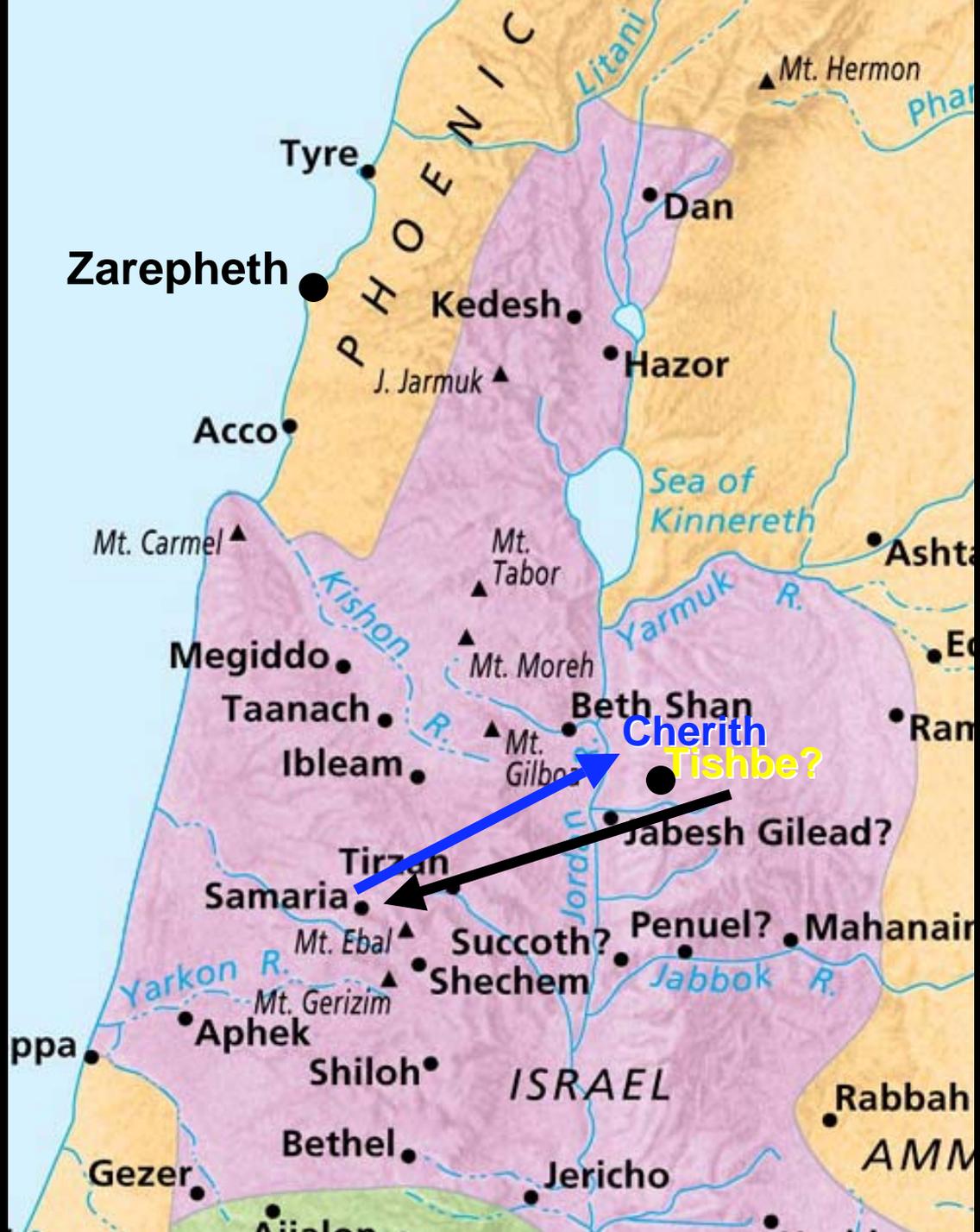


1 Kings 17:1, “And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, ‘As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.’”

1 Kings 17:2, “Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,”

The Command (v. 3)

1 Kings 17:3, “Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.”



Zarepheth

Tyre

Kedesh

Dan

Hazor

J. Jarmuk

Acco

Mt. Carmel

Mt. Tabor

Sea of Kinnereth

Yarmuk R.

Ashta

Megiddo

Mt. Moreh

Beth Shan

Taanach

Ibleam

Mt. Gilboa

Cherith

Tishbe?

Ram

Jabesh Gilead?

Tirzah

Samaria

Penuel?

Mahanair

Succoth?

Shechem

Jabbok R.

Aphek

Shiloh

ISRAEL

Rabbah

AMM

Gezer

Bethel

Jericho

Ai

The Test

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“test, trial, tempting, temptation;”

πειραζω (*peirazō*),

“try, test, put on trial, tempt”

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

James 1:5, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

James 1:6, “But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.”

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.*”

B. The Promise (v. 4) – “And it shall be that you shall drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there.”

C. The Response (vss. 5, 6) – “So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and lived by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he would drink from the brook.”

When life seems hopeless...

God is preparing you for the future ministry

2 Cor. 1:4, “who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

God is teaching you about grace

2 Cor. 1:5, “For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.”

Faith-Rest Drill

STEP ONE: Claim a promise

STEP TWO: Think through the doctrinal rationales embedded in the promise

STEP THREE: Appropriate the doctrinal conclusions