

משכן

*The Tabernacle*



Tabernacle in the Wilderness  
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# The History of the Ark



**“Jerusalem is in the center of the world,  
the Temple Mount is in the center of  
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the Temple is in the center of the Temple  
Mount,  
the Holy of Holies is in the center of the  
Temple,  
and the Ark is in the center of the Holy of  
Holies.”**

**Midrash Tanhuma, Kedoshim 10**



**Num. 4:5, “When the camp sets out, Aaron and his sons shall go in and they shall take down the veil of the screen and cover the ark of the testimony with it;**

**Num. 4:6, “and they shall lay a covering of porpoise skin on it, and shall spread over it a cloth of pure blue, and shall insert its poles.”**

Deut. 10:8, “At that time the LORD set apart **the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD**, to stand before the LORD to serve Him and to bless in His name until this day.”

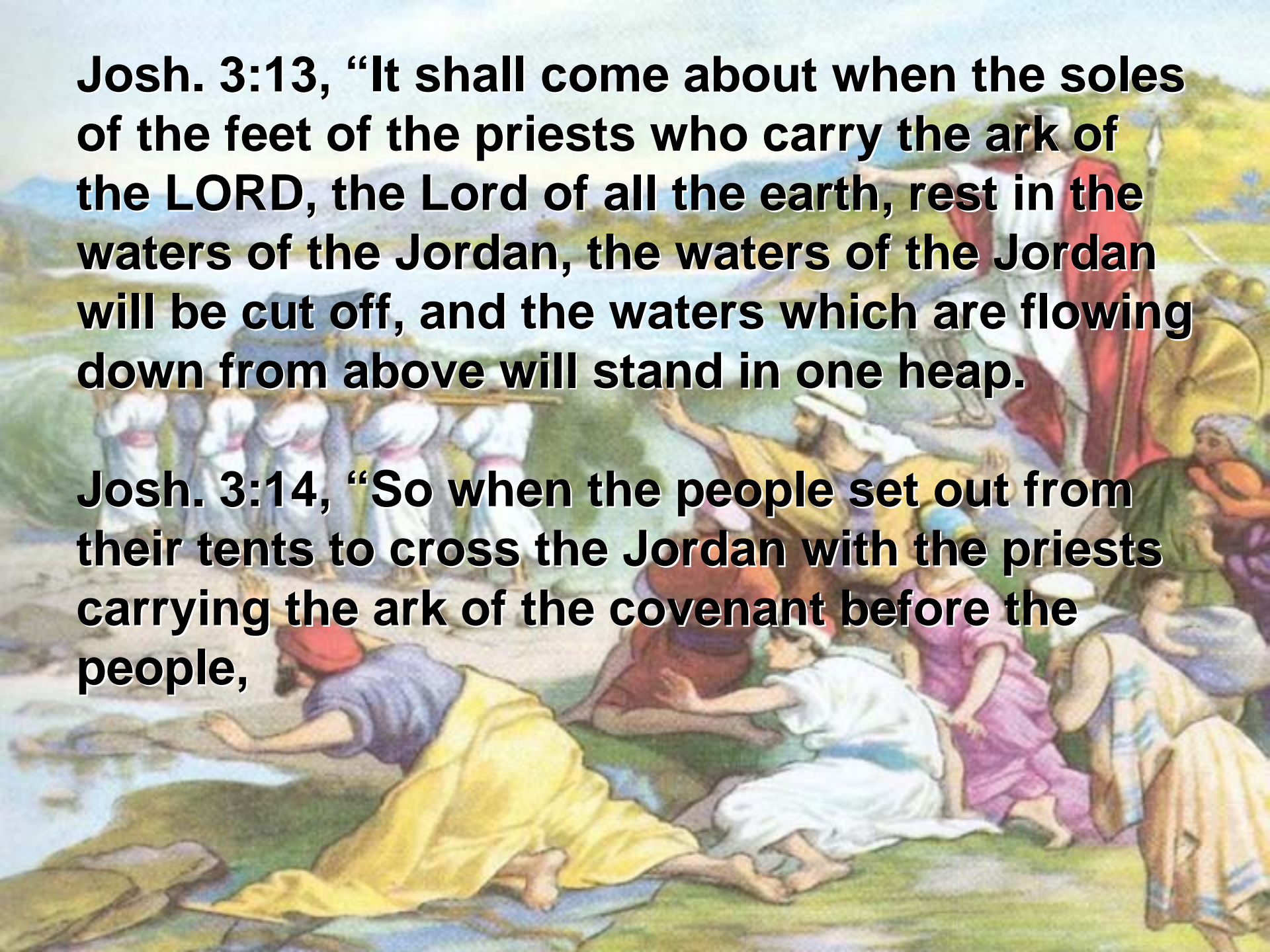
Num. 7:9, “But he did not give *any* to the sons of **Kohath because theirs was the service of the holy objects, which they carried on the shoulder.**”

**Josh. 3:11, “Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over ahead of you into the Jordan.**

**Josh. 3:12, “Now then, take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man for each tribe.**

**Josh. 3:13, “It shall come about when the soles of the feet of the priests who carry the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan will be cut off, and the waters which are flowing down from above will stand in one heap.**

**Josh. 3:14, “So when the people set out from their tents to cross the Jordan with the priests carrying the ark of the covenant before the people,**





**Josh. 3:15, “and when those who carried the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests carrying the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of harvest),**



**Josh. 3:16, “the waters which were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap, a great distance away at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those which were flowing down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. So the people crossed opposite Jericho.**



**Josh. 3:17, “And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan.”**



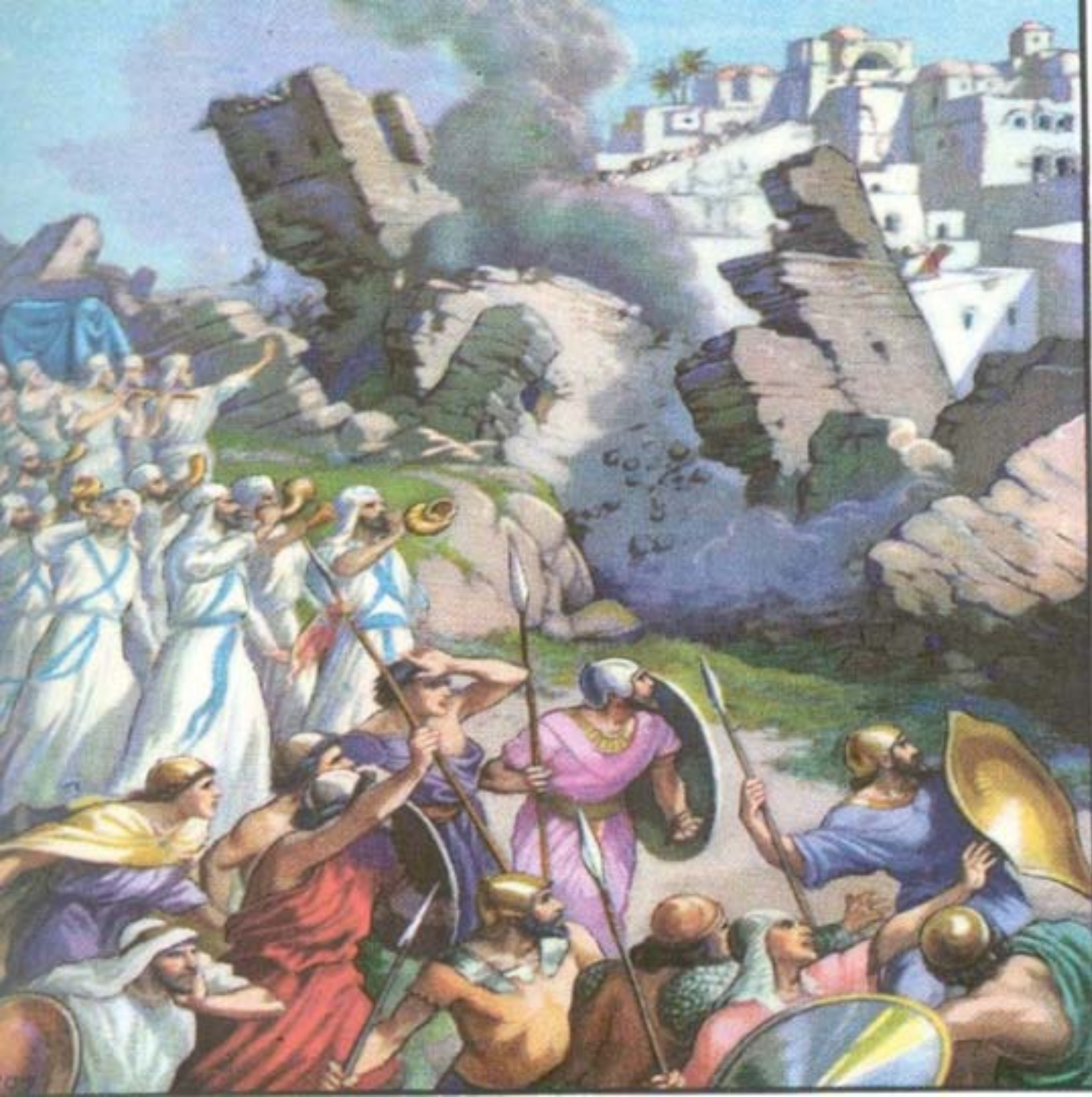
**Josh. 6:3, “You shall march around the city, all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do so for six days.**

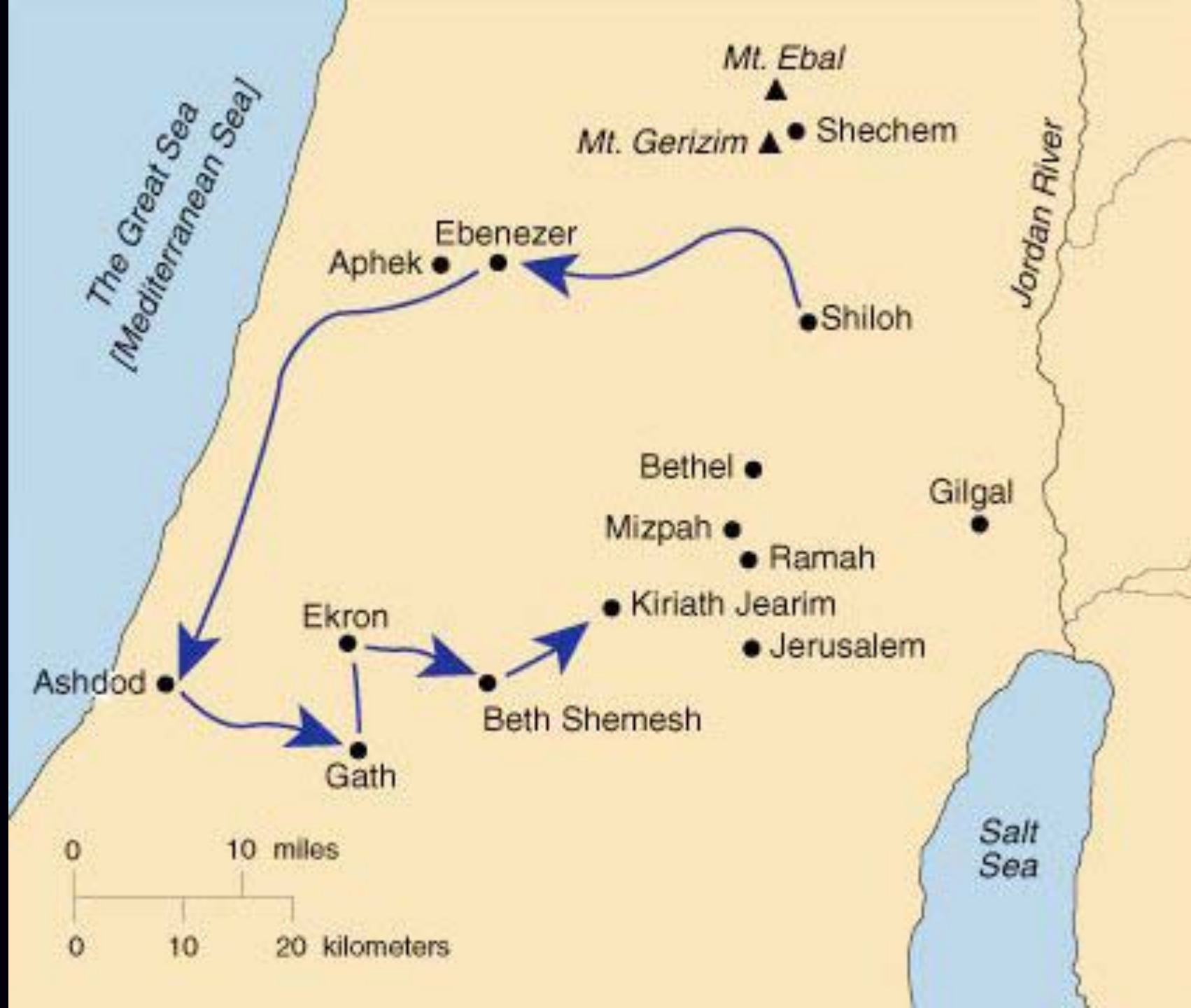
**Josh. 6:4, “Also seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.**



**Josh. 6:5, “It shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people will go up every man straight ahead.**

**Josh. 6:6, “So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, ‘Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the LORD.’”**





**1 Sam. 4:3, “When the people came into the camp, the elders of Israel said, ‘Why has the LORD defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us take to ourselves from Shiloh the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that it may come among us and deliver us from the power of our enemies.’”**





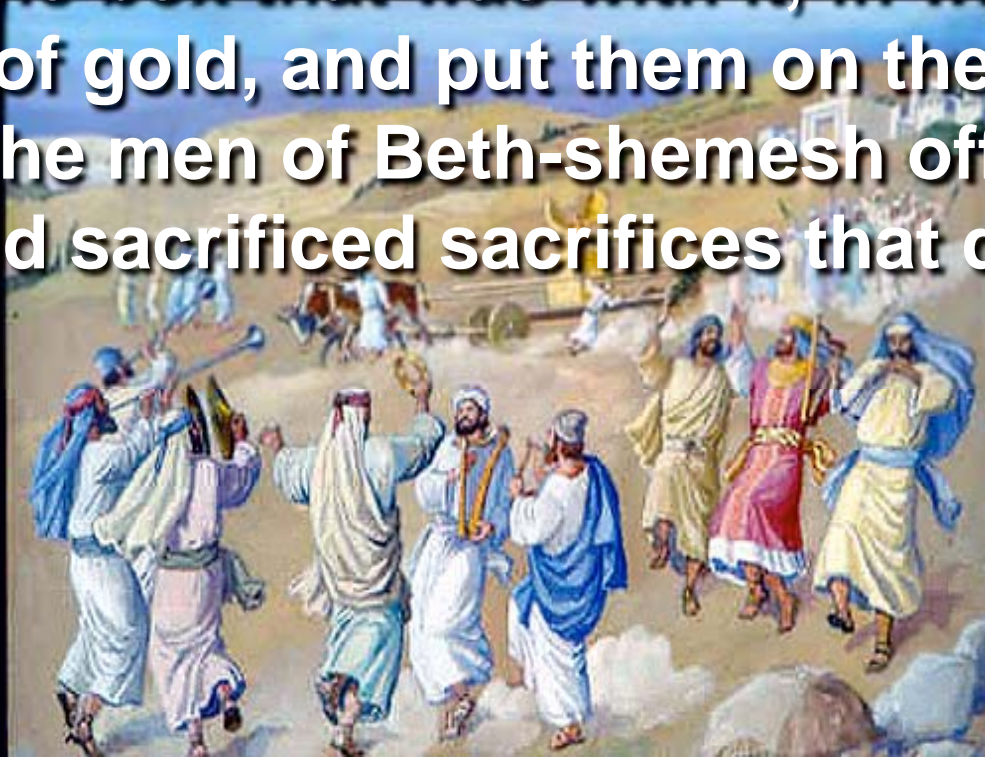
**1 Sam. 4:10, “So the Philistines fought and Israel was defeated, and every man fled to his tent; and the slaughter was very great, for there fell of Israel thirty thousand foot soldiers.**

**1 Sam. 4:11, “And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.”**



**1 Sam. 6:13, “Now *the people of Beth-shemesh* were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley, and they raised their eyes and saw the ark and were glad to see *it.*”**

**1 Sam. 6:15, “The Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the box that was with it, in which were the articles of gold, and put them on the large stone; and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices that day to the LORD.”**



“And He [God] struck down some of the men of Bethshemesh because they had looked into the ark of the LORD. He struck down of all the people, 50,070 men, and the people mourned because the LORD had struck the people with a great slaughter. And the men of Bethshemesh said, ‘Who is able to stand before the LORD, this holy God? And to whom shall He go up from us?’”  
1 Samuel 6:19–20



**“And the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took the ark of the LORD and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.” 1 Samuel 7:1**

