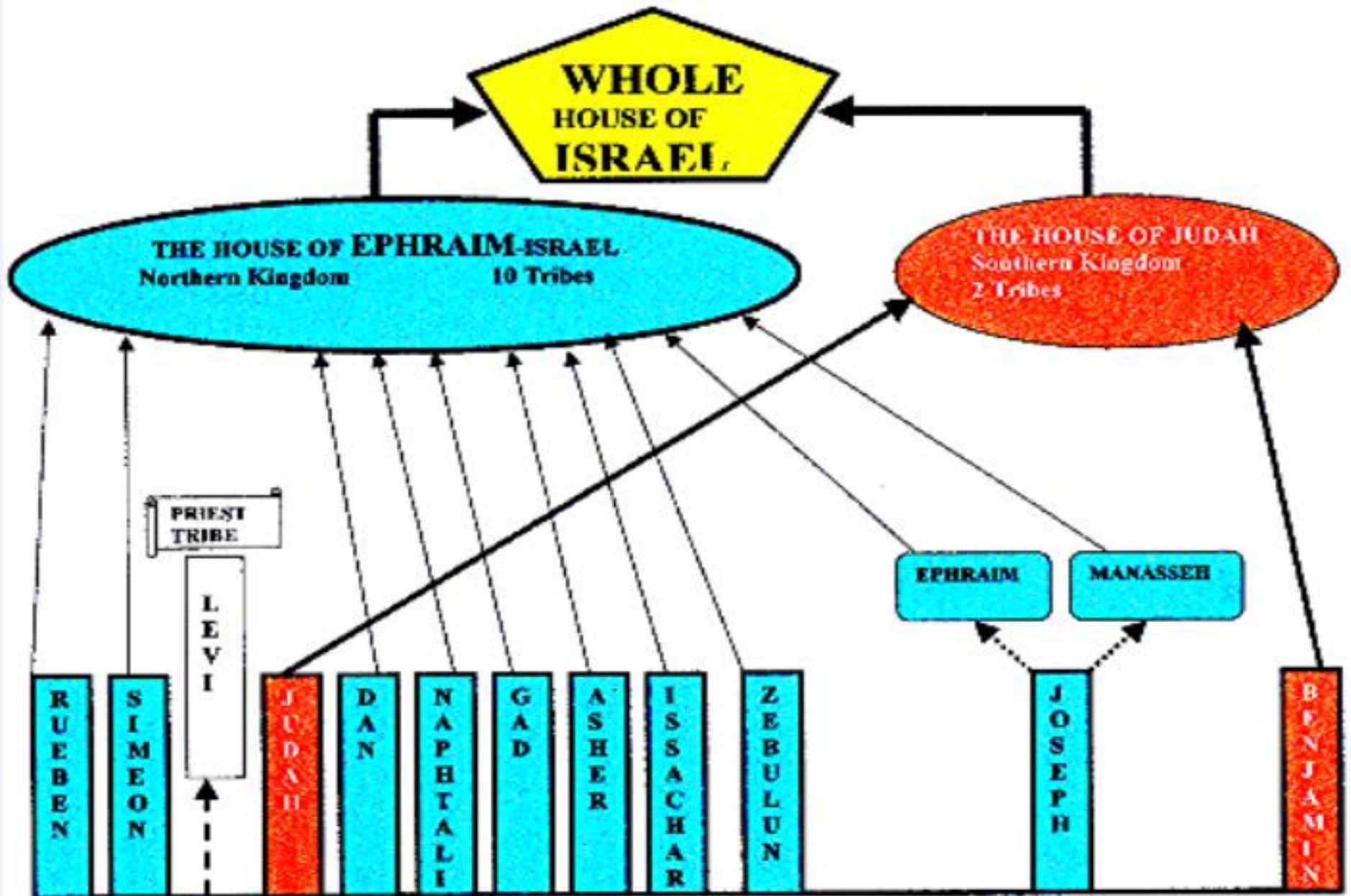


# GENESIS 49



# ZEBULUN

- Merchant and trader
- Land bridge between the Sea of Galilee and the Mediterranean
- Via Maris ran through Zebulun's territory
- The Bible characterizes Zebulun in a good light





# ISSACHAR



- Almost nothing is said of Issachar
- Jewish scholars tried to find good things to record about Issachar
- Describe them as great Torah Scholars
- Legend: Zebulun was a merchant in order to provide Issachar with funds to study and not work!
- Issachar the “donkey” is NOT derogatory





# PECKING ORDER AMONG THE 12 SONS



- The 4 sons of Jacob's concubines were less regarded by the sons of Leah and Rachel
- No indication that Jacob thought less of those 4 than his other sons
- Exception was Joseph



# DAN

- Dan means “judged”
- Bilah, concubine, was Dan’s mother
- Rachel felt “judged” by God for having a dried up womb
- Samson of the tribe of Dan
- **Shofet** = judges
- Samson a deliverer of his tribe
- Palestine is Greek for Philistine





# PHILISTINES



➤ Dan bordered the land of the Philistines

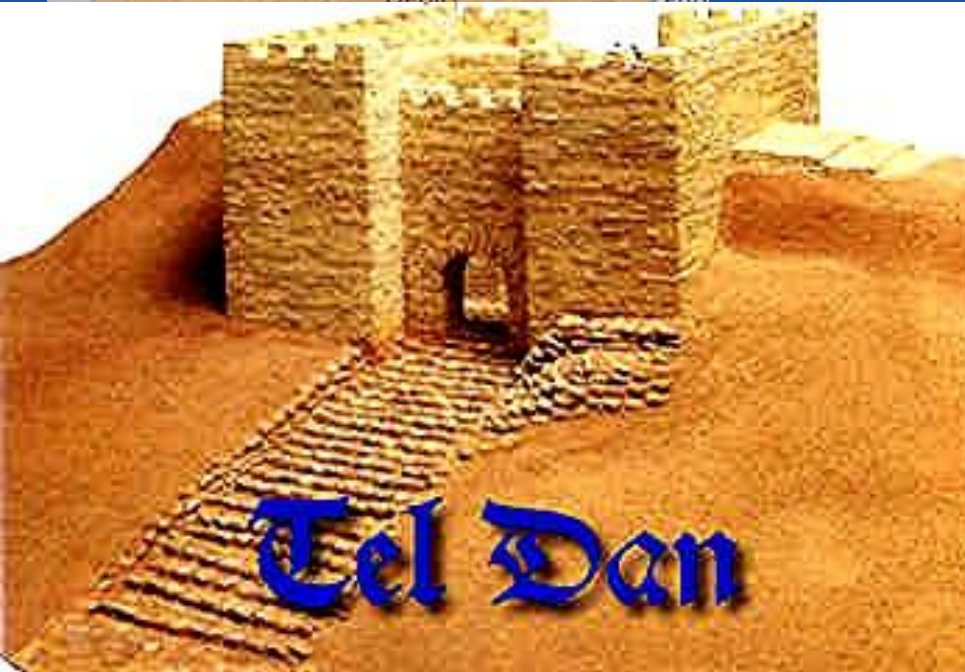
➤ Dan eventually gave up their land and migrated north

➤ Conquered Laish, changed name to Dan

➤ Set up calf worship

➤ Dan's tribe diminished in size

➤ Missing from tribal list of Rev. 7 and 1<sup>st</sup> Chron.



# JUDGED

- Hebrew is a “root-word” language
- ***Din*** = judge      punishment, retribution
- ***Dan*** = judged      same basic meaning
- ***Shofet*** = Judge      magistrate, leader
- Dan’s name was his destiny
- Many calamities plagued Dan





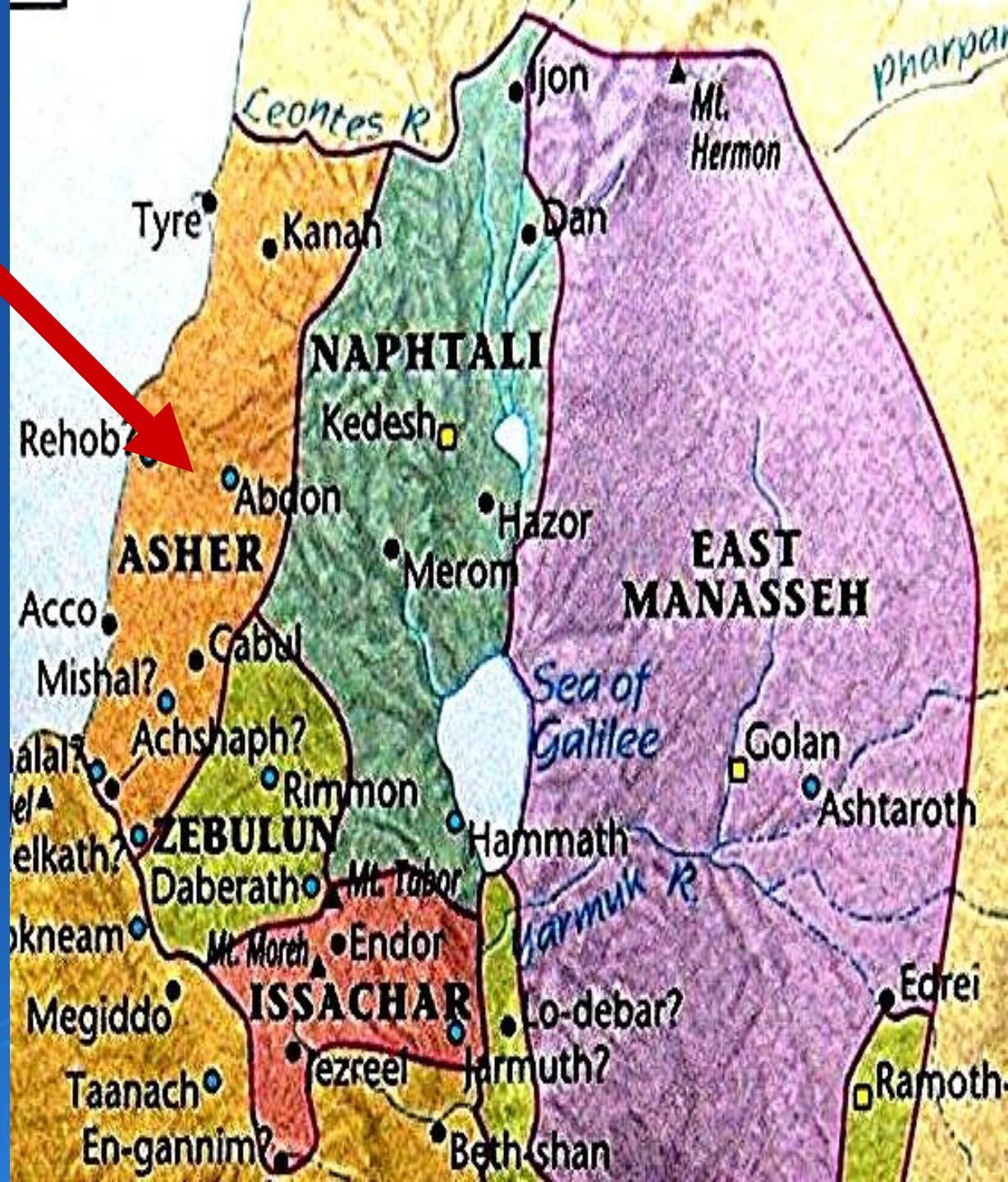
# GAD

- A concubine's son
- Prophetic "blessing" says Gad will be constantly under attack
- Located on the east side of the Jordan
- Warred with Moab and Ammon
- Gilead is the same place as Gad



# ASHUR

- Means “happy”
- Lived on very fertile soil
- Ashur avoided military conflicts





# NAPHTALI

- Last of the concubine's sons
- Hind = female deer
- Graceful beauty, quick to react
- Naphtali became the area called the Galilee
- Blessed by being the place where Jesus lived and recruited his disciples





# JOSEPH



- Joseph's blessing would be realized through his sons Ephraim and Manasseh
- No more tribe of Joseph
- Fruitfulness was the focal point of Joseph's blessing
- Ephraim and Manasseh together 75,900
- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest tribe, Judah at 74,600



# THE ASSYRIAN EXILE : EPHRAIM IS SCATTERED

