

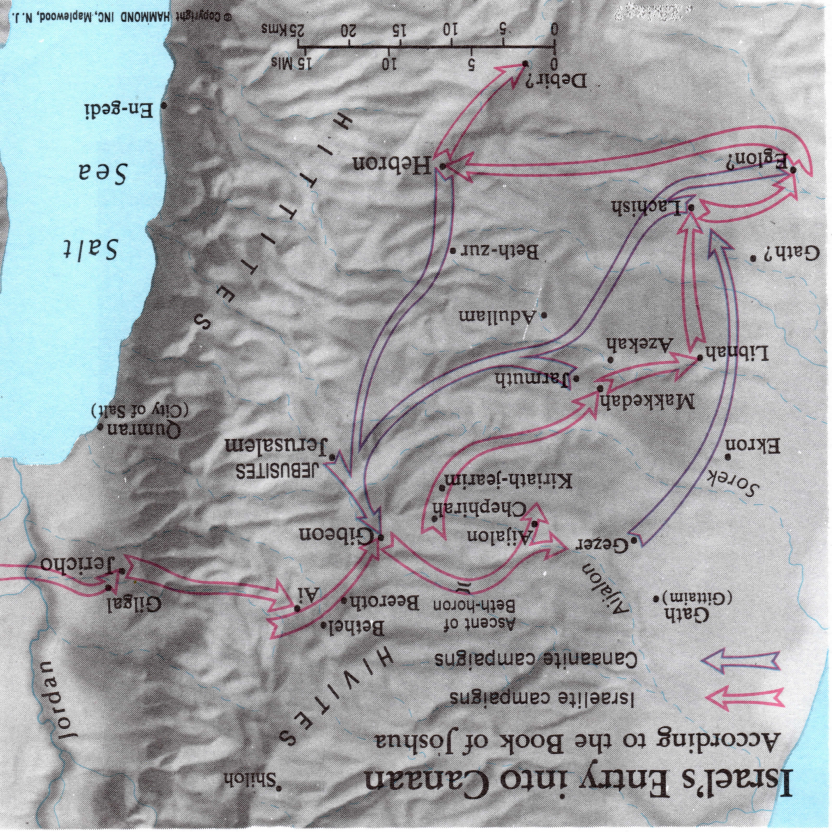
Mount Tabor, where the forces of Deborah gathered to give battle to the army of Sisera (Judges 4:6f.). A torrent turned the Esdraelon plain in the foreground into a quagmire, rendering Sisera's Canaanite chariots ineffective.



Bronze figurine of a young bull found at a cult center on a hill near Mt. Ebal; circa 1200 B.C.

**Early Israelite Settlement in Canaan**

- Area settled by Israelites
- Twelve Israelite tribes
- Unconquered Canaanite city (according to Judges 1)



The fortress-temple of Baal-berith, probably the scene of Joshua's covenant (Joshua 9:4f.), was built at Shechem around 1650 B.C. and with modifications continued in use throughout the Period of the Judges.