

# Important Geography Through 2 Samuel

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## PLACES FOR MAP #1

NAME	WHY IT IS IMPORTANT
MESOPOTAMIA	The “land between the rivers”. Abraham’s home territory.
CANAAN	The land God promised to Abraham. It was occupied by people cursed by God.
EUPHRATES	“The river”. Flowed south from Mts. of Ararat past Babylonia and Ur.
GREAT SEA	The western border of Canaan.
MTS. of ARARAT	Where Noah’s ark landed.
BABYLONIA (or, SHINAR)	Where the Tower of Babel was built.
UR	Abraham’s birthplace.
HARAN	Abraham moved here with his family before traveling alone to Canaan.
EGYPT	Where Joseph ruled and the Israelites were enslaved.
MIDIAN	Abraham and Keturah’s very cunning descendants. Moses fled from Pharaoh to Midian and married a Midianite.
RED SEA	Israel crossed it on dry land when leaving Egypt.
MT. SINAI	Where Israel received the Law and the Old Testament began.
KADESH-BARNEA	The south border of Canaan, where Israel was camped when 1) Moses sent the 12 spies into Canaan. 2) Moses struck the rock to which he should have spoken.
SYRIA	One of Israel's constant OT enemies.
LEBANON	Country immediately north of Israel.

**CITIES FOR THE FIRST MAP #2**

<b>CITY</b>	<b>WHY IT IS IMPORTANT</b>
BEERSHEBA	Abraham built an altar and planted a grove here.
BETHEL	Abraham worshipped here. Jacob dreamed of a ladder reaching into heaven here.
BETHLEHEM	David's hometown.
BETH-SHEAN	The Philistines hanged the bodies of Saul and his sons on the walls of this city.
EN-GEDI	One of David's hiding places while fleeing from Saul.
GIBEAH	The men of this city of Benjamin sinned so greatly that the other tribes almost eradicated Benjamin from Israel. King Saul's headquarters.
GIBEON	The inhabitants of this city, and some others around it, successfully deceived Joshua and escaped being put to death.
GILGAL	Where Joshua and Israel first camped in Canaan's land. Joshua built an altar here and circumcised Israel's men. Where Saul was confirmed as Israel's king (1Sam. 11:14-15).
HEBRON	Abraham camped here. Nearby, at Mamre, are buried Abraham & Sarah, Isaac & Rebekah, and Jacob & Leah. David reigned over Judah here for seven and one-half years.
JABESH-GILEAD	Saul began his reign by rescuing this city from Ammon. The men of this city came by night and rescued the bodies of Saul and his sons from the walls of Beth-shean.
JERUSALEM	God chose it to be capital of the United Kingdom of Israel.
JERICHO	The first city in Canaan conquered by Joshua and Israel.
RABBAH	The capital of Ammon.

**CITIES FOR THIS SAME FIRST MAP #2**

<b>CITY</b>	<b>WHY IT IS IMPORTANT</b>
SHECHEM	Where Dinah was molested here. A city of refuge.
SHILOH	The first capital of Israel, being the first “permanent” location for the tabernacle in Canaan. It was forsaken by God.
SHITTIM	Where Israel was camped when Moses died. Where Moses numbered Israel the 2 <sup>nd</sup> time, after the forty years of Wilderness Wanderings.
SODOM	Where Lot lived before it was destroyed for immorality.
PENUEL	Jacob wrestled with an angel here. Jacob’s name changed to Israel here.
BEZER, GOLAN, KEDESH, & RAMOTH-GILEAD	With Hebron and Shechem, these were Israel’s Cities of Refuge.

**MOUNTAINS FOR THE SECOND MAP #2**

<b>MOUNTAINS</b>	<b>WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT</b>
MT. PISGAH	Where Moses viewed Canaan's land and then died.
MT. HERMON	Largest mountain in this region. Northeast of the Sea of Chinneroth.
MT. EBAL & MT. GERIZIM	Two mountains in the center of Canaan's land. Shechem lies between them in the valley.
MT. GILBOA	Where Saul and Jonathan died.
MT. CARMEL	A contest between Jehovah and the gods was held there (2Kings). The gods lost.

**RIVERS FOR THIS SAME SECOND MAP #2**

<b>RIVERS</b>	<b>WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT</b>
ARNON	The border between the tribe of Reuben and Moab.
JABBOK	The large river which flows out of Gilead into the Jordan.
JORDAN	Along with the Salt Sea, the eastern border of Canaan's land.
KANAH	The brook which divides Ephraim and Manasseh.
KISHON	The river which flows past Mt. Carmel into the Great Sea.

**SEAS FOR THIS SAME SECOND MAP #2**

<b>SEAS</b>	<b>WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT</b>
GREAT SEA	The western border of Canaan.
SALT SEA	Part of the eastern border of Canaan. The Jordan River empties into it.
SEA OF- CHINNERETH	The principle source of the Jordan.

**NATIONS FOR THE THIRD MAP #2**

<b>NATIONS</b>	<b>WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT</b>
EDOM	Descendants of Esau, Israel's twin brother.
MOAB & AMMON	Descendants of Lot, Abraham's nephew.
LEBANON	The nation due north of Israel.
PHILISTIA	Invaders in Canaan's land who possessed permanently a huge part of Judah's territory along the Great Sea.
SYRIA	An implacable enemy of Israel to the northeast.

**TERRITORIES FOR THIS SAME THIRD MAP #2**

<b>TERRITORIES</b>	<b>WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT</b>
CANAAN	Where the descendants of cursed Canaan lived. The land which was promised by God to Abraham.
GILEAD	The hill country east of the Jordan River.
BASHAN	The hill country east of the Sea of Chinneroth. It is known for its fat cattle.
NEGEV	The desert area in southern Canaan and extending farther south.

**ALSO ON THIS SAME THIRD MAP #2, LOCATE THESE TRIBES**

Judah  
Simeon  
Benjamin  
Ephraim  
both parts of Manasseh