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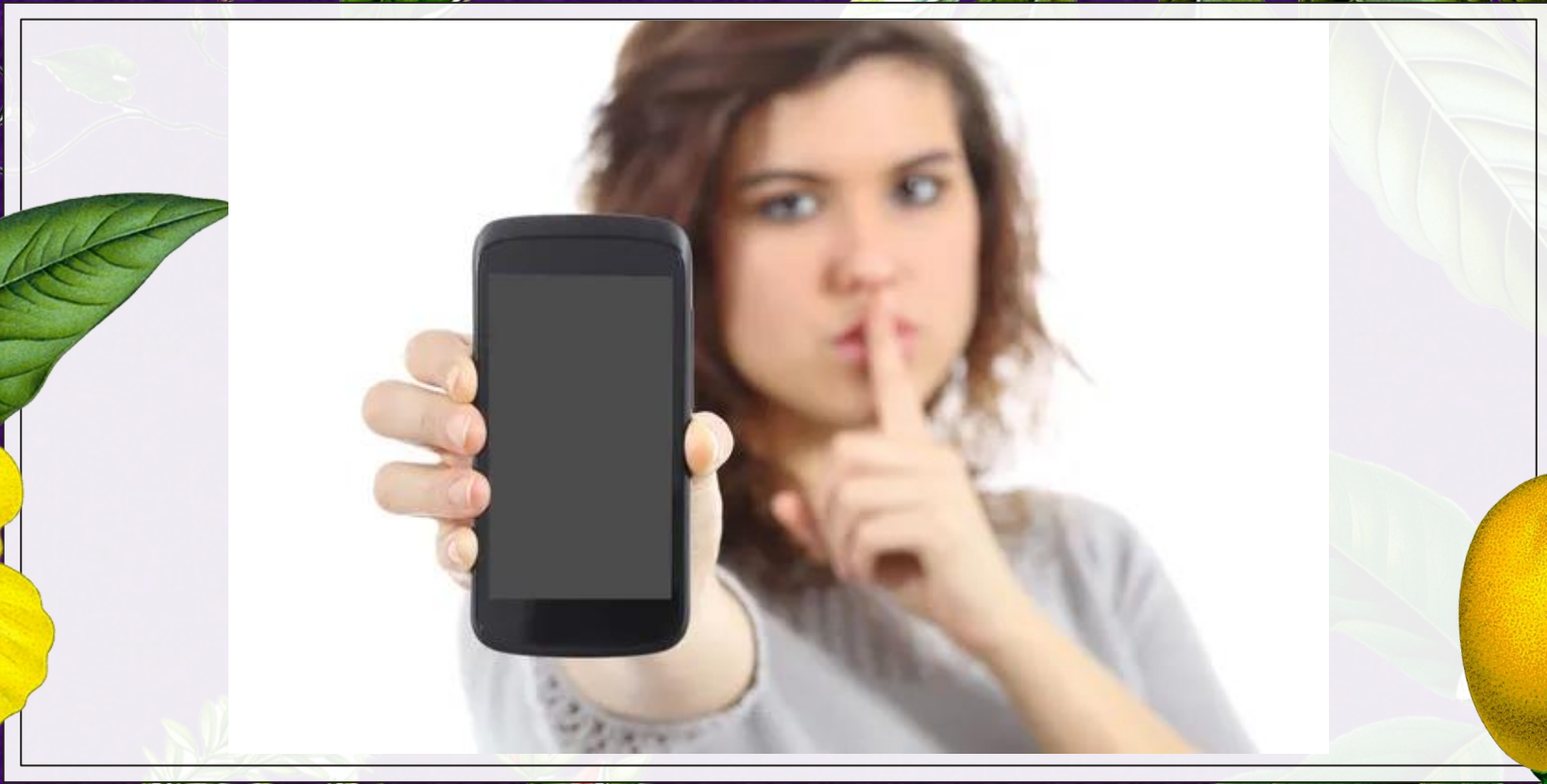
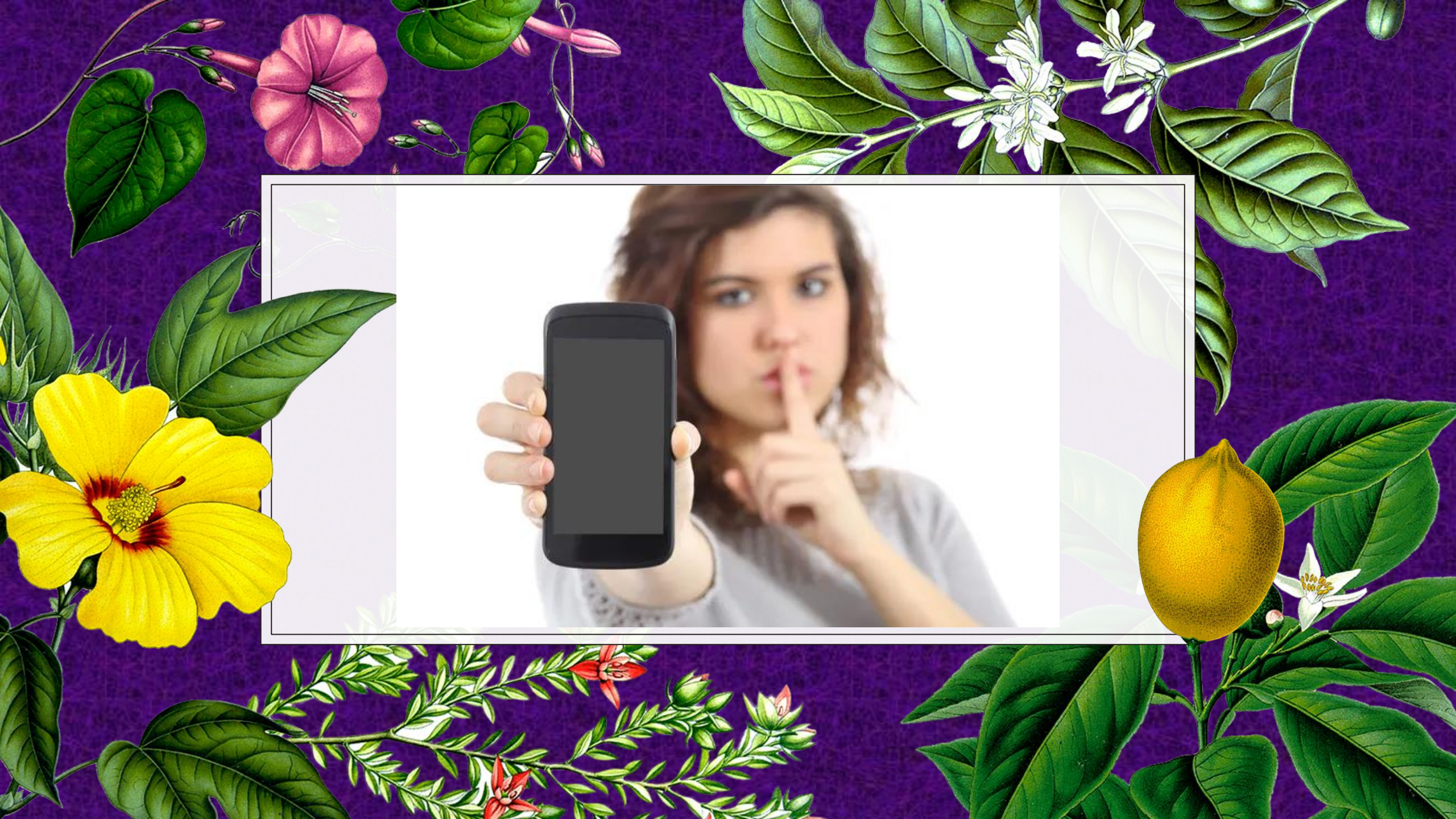
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Joshua 8

Victory at Ai



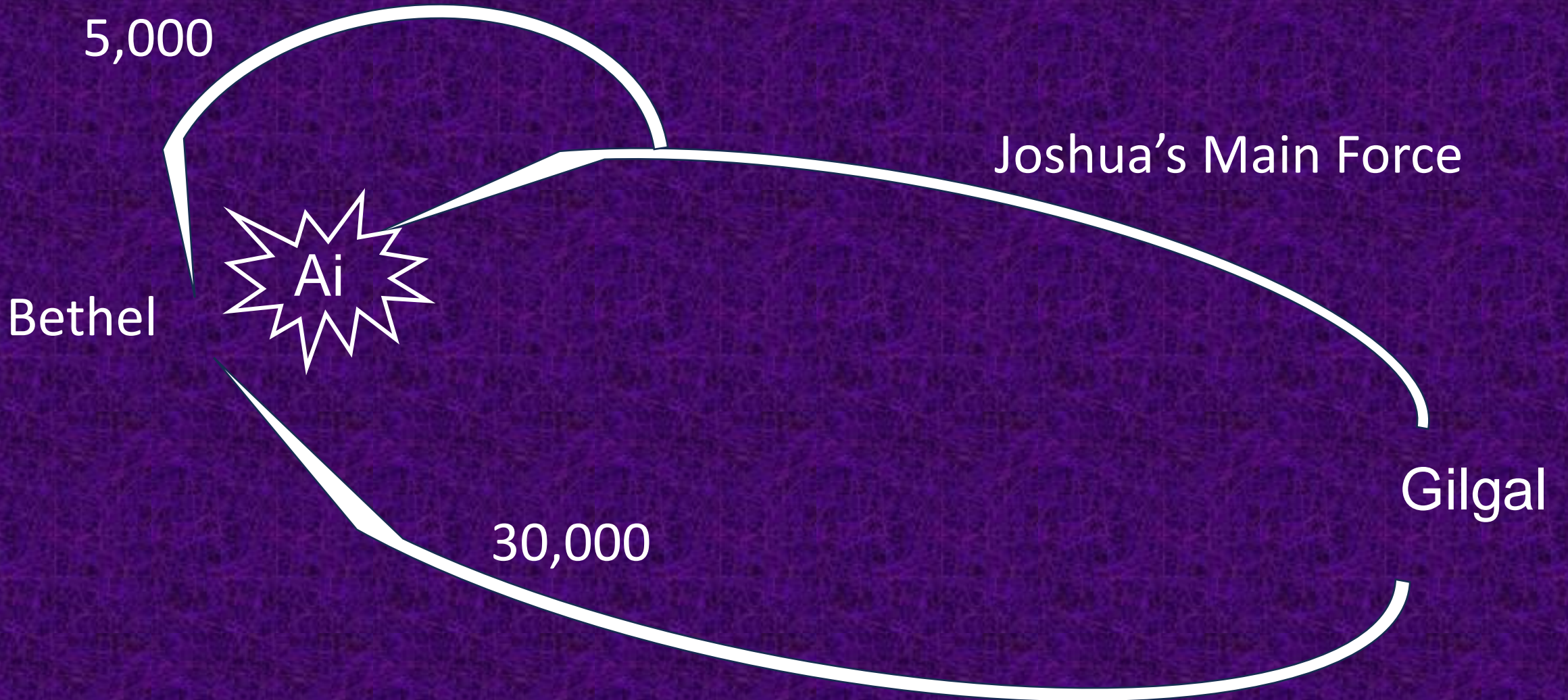
About 15 miles UPHILL from Jericho to Ai



Timing of the Battle of Ai

Mon PM	8:3	30,000 sent to ambush W of Ai.
Mon PM	8:9	Joshua & rest stay in Gilgal.
Tues AM	8:10-11	Joshua & rest go to Ai & camp.
Tues	8:12	Joshua sends 5,000 to block help from Bethel.
Tues PM	8:13	Joshua spends the night in the valley.
Wed AM	8:14	Battle begins

Battle of Ai





Shechem
33 km

Beitin
Beth-aven

Jebel Abu Ammar
(high ridge)

Wadi el-Gayeh
(shallow valley)



et-Tell **Ai of Abraham**

Kh. el-Maqatir
Abraham's altar
Ai of Joshua
Ephraim of Jesus

Deir Dibwan
(modern)

El Bireh
Bethel

Ancient highway of Patriarchs

Wadi Sheban
(deep valley)

Modern Hiway 60

Jerusalem
12 km

Ramallah
(modern)



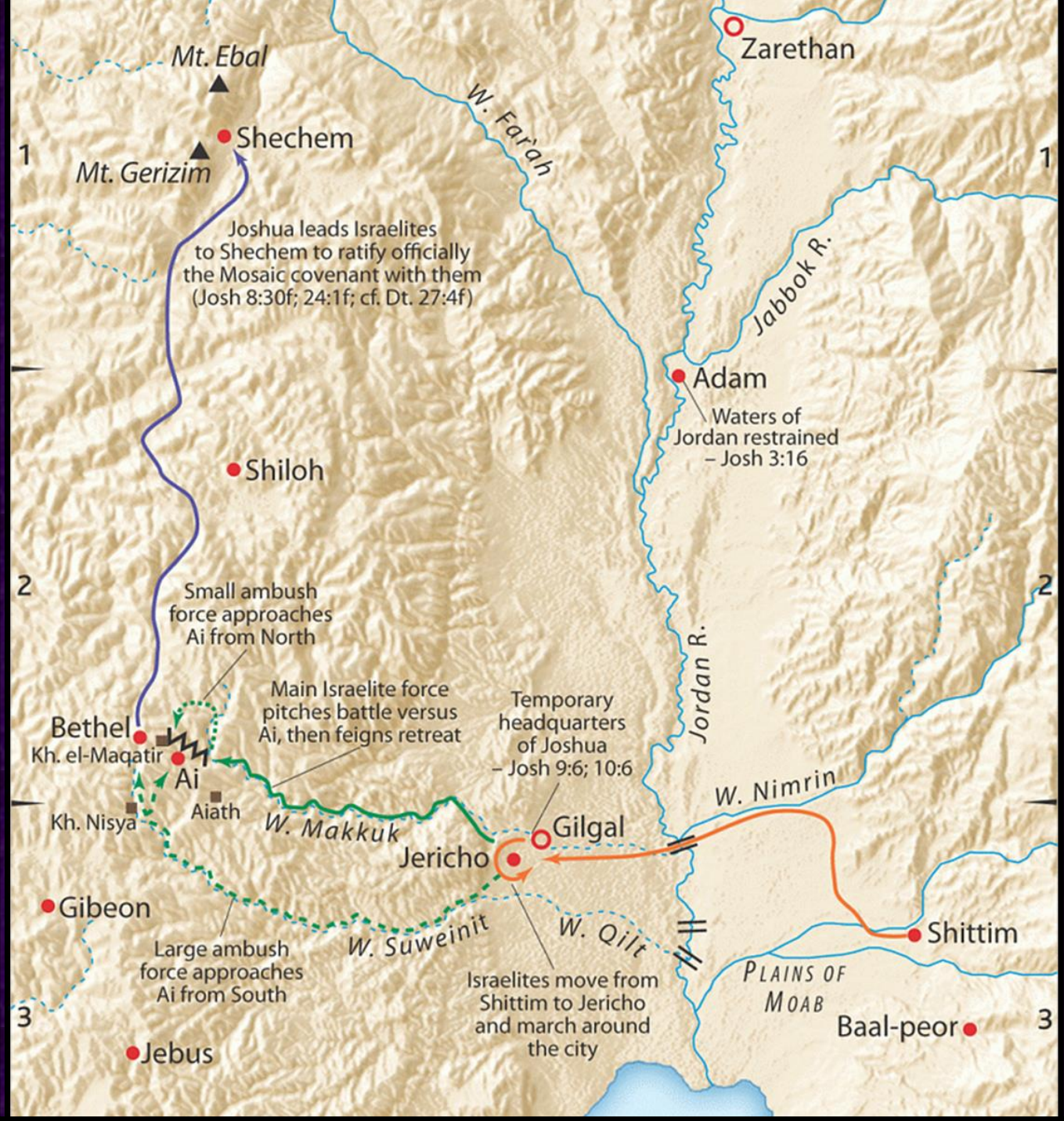
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Galatians 3:13

- Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”).
- Jesus became *herem* (devoted to destruction), so that we don't have to be!



Amarna Letters

- Written in cuneiform on clay tablets
- From leaders of Canaanite city states to Egypt, asking for help because they were Egyptian vassals
- They were being invaded by those they called the *Apiru* or *Habiru* (nomadic raiders)—could have been the Hebrews, but not exclusively.
- Egypt failed to reply or send aid.





Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal



Mt. Gerizim to South; Mt. Ebal to North

- Ebal—3080 ft above sea level
- Gerizim—2890 ft above sea level
- Peaks about 1.5 to 2 miles apart
- Gerizim has a fertile area fed by springs—more lush—blessings
- Ebal is stark & rocky—curses

Mt. Gerizim to South; Mt. Ebal to North

- The Valley of Shechem between them is about 3 mi. long & 1600 ft. (500 yds.) wide.
- Visible from much of the land because of their height & central location—reminders to the people to be obedient & deserving of God's blessings, not curses.
- In the valley between the two mountains is a natural amphitheater where sound travels unusually well.

Shechem

- 1st place Abram stopped & built an altar to God
- Where God promised to give this land to Abraham's descendants (Gen.12:6-7)
- Where Shechem raped Dina, Jacob's daughter, & motivated Simeon & Levi's slaughter of all of the men in the city (Gen. 34:1-29)
- Where Joseph's bones were buried (Josh. 24:32)

Shechem

- Became one of the cities of refuge (Josh. 21:20–21)
- Where King Solomon's son Rehoboam was inaugurated king (1 Kings 12:1)
- Where Jesus met the woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5-35)

Joshua's Circular Altar on Mt. Ebal (protected by a later, larger altar)



Folded lead tablet from Mt. Ebal



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Chiastic Message of the Tablet (Defixio)

A. You are cursed by the god *yhw*—cursed.

B. You will die,

C. Cursed –

C'. Cursed,

B'. you will surely die.

A'. Cursed you are by *yhw*—cursed.

**The divine name YHW
from Mt. Ebal
in proto-alphabetic script**



Drawing by Gershon Galil

Acts 13:38–39

Therefore let it be known to you, brothers,
that through Him forgiveness of sins
is proclaimed to you, and through Him
everyone who believes is freed from
all things, from which you could not be freed
through the Law of Moses.