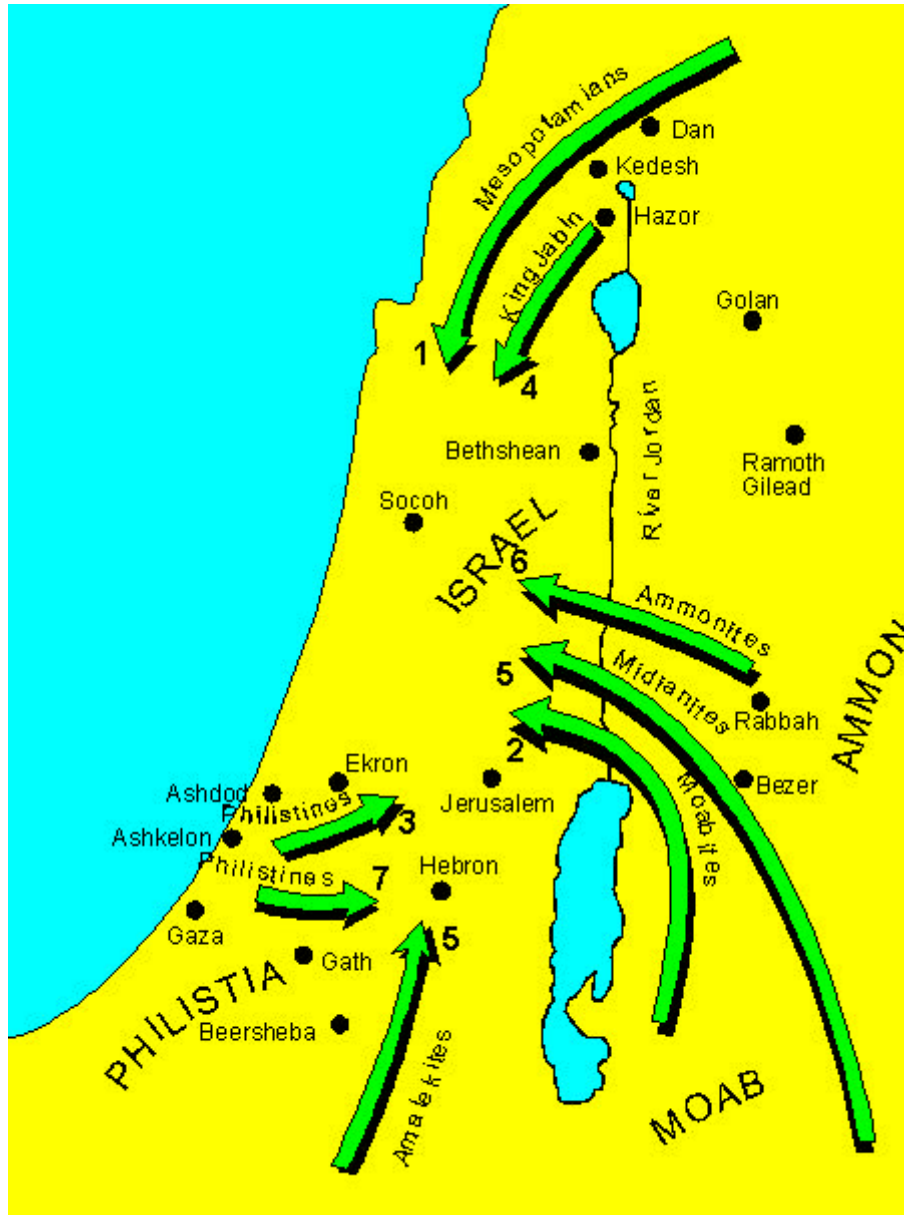


Pressure From All Directions for Israel



Israel Surrounded

Israel's incomplete conquest and the worship of foreign gods caused great problems in the time of the judges. The Israelites came under the rule of one country after another. However several of the judges defeated the enemy armies and liberated Israel.

- 1 **Othniel** defeats King Cushan Rishathaim of Mesopotamia, who had ruled Israel for 8 years (Judges 3:7-11).
- 2 **Ehud** defeats King Eglon of Moab who had ruled for 18 years (Judges 3:12-30).
- 3 **Shamgar** defeats the Philistines (Judges 3:31).
- 4 **Deborah and Barak** defeat Jabin of Hazor, who had ruled Israel 'with cruelty and violence for 20 years' (Judges 4).
- 5 **Gideon** drives out the Midianites and Amalekites who had oppressed Israel for 7 years (Judges 6).
- 6 **Jephthah** defeats the Ammonites, who had ruled for 18 years (Judges 10:6).
- 7 **Samson** did great exploits against the Philistines, who ruled Israel for 40 Years (Judges 13).