

Jerusalem

Exercise #1 – Sampson in the Sorek valley

Read Judges Chapters 13-16 and note the physical locations on Map #1

Where was Timnah (14:3) ? Why were Sampson's parents upset ?

The Philistines organized a confederation of five cities, Gaza, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Gath and Ekron. Can you make observations about their locations on the map?

Exercise #2 – King Saul's first challenge

Read 1 Samuel 13:1-14:46 and trace the conflicts on Map #2

Why were the Philistines on the Central Benjamin Plateau in your opinion ?

Why do you suppose Jonathan and his armor bearer were so successful ?

(note 14:11, the Valley of Zeboim was the route from Michmash to Gilgal)

Exercise #3 – Philistines in the Elah valley

Read 1 Samuel 17:1-54 and trace the conflict on Map #3

Why were the Philistines intent on coming up the Elah Valley ?

Why would Israel choose Socoh to defend the Valley ?

Exercise #4 - Rehoboam

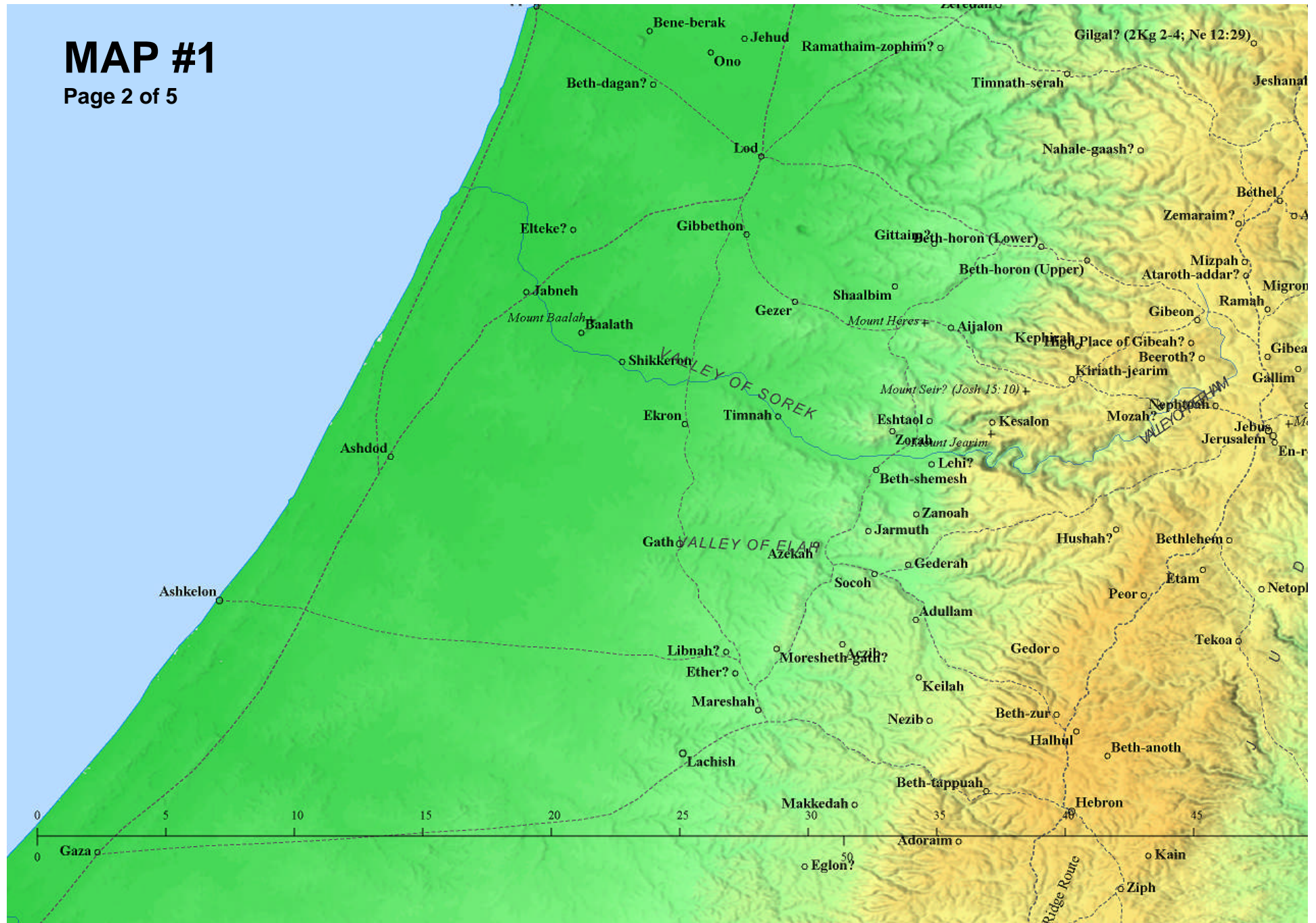
Read 2 Chronicles 11:5-12 and mark the fortified cities Rehoboam built on Map #4

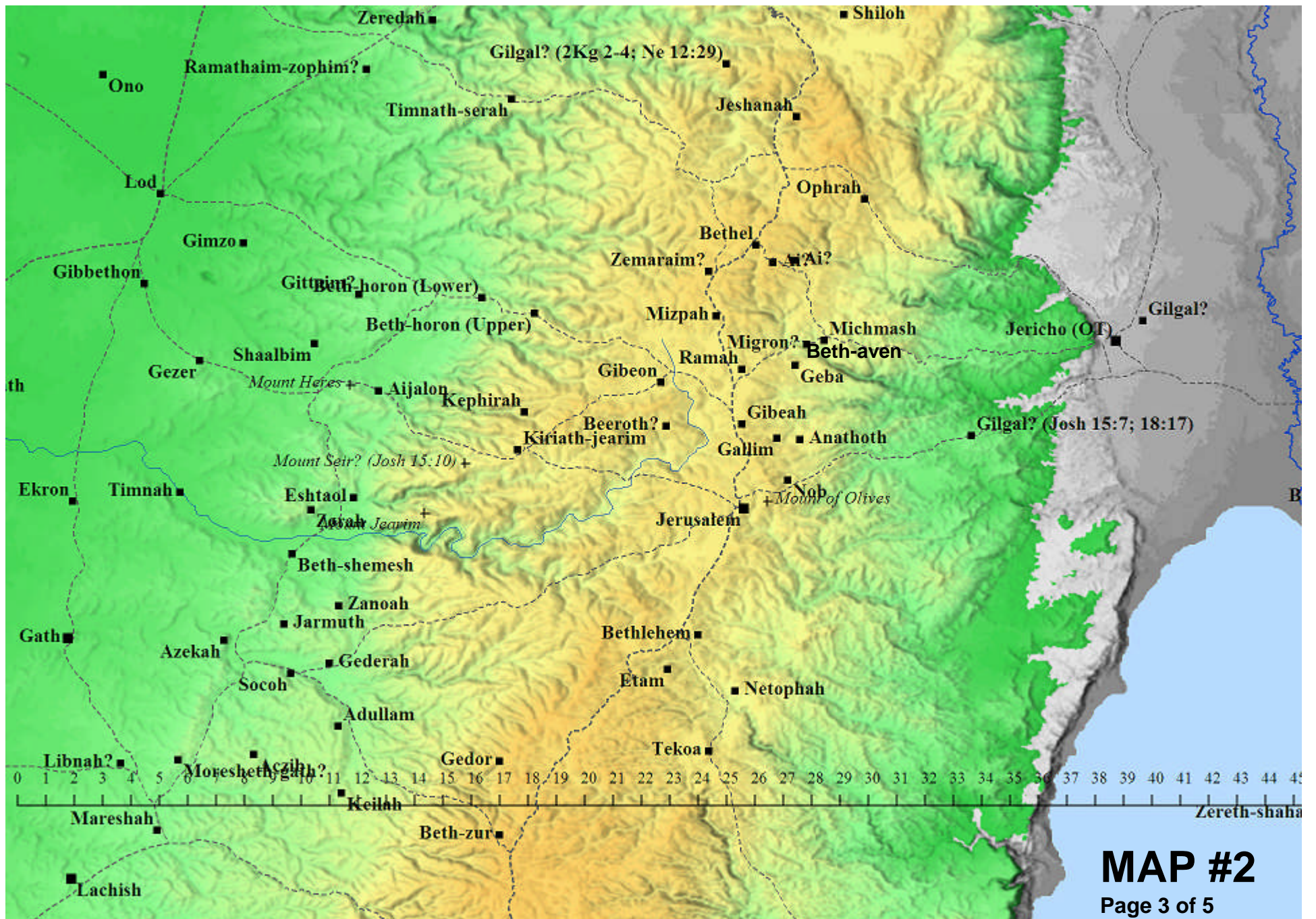
Why do you suppose he chose these cities ?

Who do you think he was concerned about ?

MAP #1

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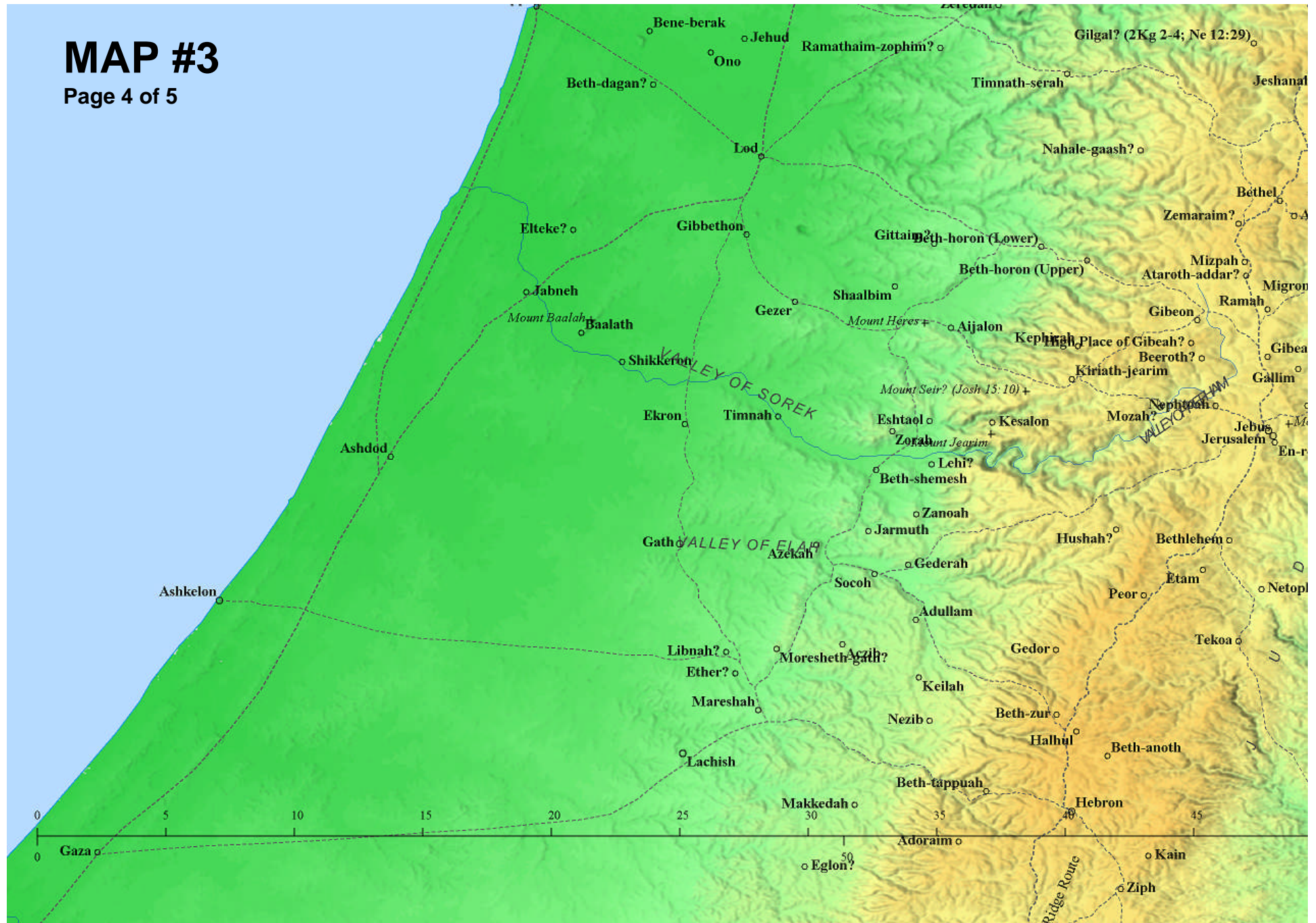




MAP #2

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