

Northern Kingdom Location Study



Teacher Guide

Note to Bible Study leader – This Bible study could be done in two ways.

The first way is with some preparation by the students before playing the game. In this case, in addition to the guide there is a worksheet that would be done independently by the students beforehand. See the [Locations Worksheet](#). As you are playing the game, at the start of each round you would point out the next location on the guide and then go over the questions from the student worksheet. This would take the most time for the students beforehand but would be the fastest option while playing Kings of Israel.

The second way to cover this Bible study is to use it as a study occurring during the game. At the start of each round you would ask the question/questions listed for one of the locations. The students would then look up the Bible passages, read them, and then answer the question. This way would take the longest during the game because of the lack of preparation and the research needed.

The final version is to also use it as a study occurring during the game. At the start of each round you would ask the question/questions listed for one of the locations. If the students answer the questions

correctly you would continue play, if not then there is a hint for each set of questions. If they are unable to answer after the hint then the students would then look up the Bible passages, read them, and then answer the question. This version would not be as fast as the first option but usually quicker than the second option.

Besides these questions, this guide also lists a few other events or quotes regarding that location that might also be useful to cover. Discuss them as you see fit.

This Bible study is not meant to cover every single thing that was discussed about each location, just most of it.

Very Important Locations

Bethel

What famous moment in Jacob's life occurred at Bethel?

Hint: He had this vision while resting here.

-The site of Jacob seeing the stairway to heaven was at Bethel.

[Genesis 28:10-19](#)

What evil thing did Jeroboam I build at Bethel?

Hint: They appear in the game.

-Jeroboam I built a golden calf at Bethel (and also installed new priests there that were not Levites).

[1 Kings 12:26-33](#)

Who later destroyed that object?

Hint: He was one of Judah's kings.

-Josiah of Judah later destroyed the altar there.

[2 Kings 23:14-15](#)

Other items of note:

Abram also built an altar near here sometime after God told him to leave his people and that he will become a great nation.

[Genesis 12:8-9](#)

Amos mentions that Bethel is to be nothing.

[Amos 5:5, 7:13](#)

Jericho

Who was the leader when the walls of Jericho fell down?

Hint: He came after Moses.

-Joshua

Who were the only people saved from destruction when the wall of Jericho fell down?

Hint: One of the people saved help keep some Israel spies safe.

-Rahab, her family, and all belonging to her.

[Joshua 6](#)

What tax collector met Jesus and repented in Jericho?

Hint: After meeting Jesus he gave half of his money to the poor and paid back everyone he cheated.

Zacchaeus met Jesus and repented.

[Luke 19:1-9](#)

Other items of note:

A man named Hiel rebuilt Jericho years after the wall came down but there was a curse on those who would try to do so, (see [Joshua 6](#)) so Hiel lost two sons.

[1 Kings 16:34](#)

King Zedekiah and his men were overtaken by Nebuchadnezzar in Jericho. Zedekiah's men were scattered, his sons were killed, and Zedekiah was blinded and taken away.

[2 Kings 25:1-7](#)

A blind man named Bartimaeus was healed by Jesus in Jericho.

[Mark 10:46-52](#)

Joppa

What prophet tried to escape from going to Ninevah by coming to Joppa?

Hint: He tried to sail away but it did not go well.

-Jonah

[Jonah 1:1-3](#)

Peter had a vision in Joppa that Jews were able to do what from then on?

Hint: In the past it was unclean to do so.

-Eat foods that used to be considered unclean

[Acts 10:9-16](#)

Other items of note:

Joppa was a port city that received cedars from Lebanon for building the temple and rebuilding the temple

[2 Chronicles 2:15-16](#) and [Ezra 3:7](#).

Peter brought back to life a woman named Tabitha there. - [Acts 9:36-42](#)

Mount Carmel

What prophet made a sacrifice that brought down a pillar of fire in Mount Carmel?

Hint: This happened during the time of King Ahab.

-Elijah

The false prophets of what god were killed after the pillar of fire came down?

Hint: This was probably the most mentioned false god in the Old Testament.

-Baal

[1 Kings 18:16-40](#)

Samaria

What king built up Samaria and made it the capital of the Northern Kingdom?

Hint: He came after Zimri.

-Omri

[1 Kings 16:23-24](#)

What king besieged Samaria and ended the nation of the Northern Kingdom of Israel?

Hint: He was the king of Assyria.

-Shalmaneser, king of Assyria

[2 Kings 17:1-6](#)

Other items of note:

Ahab built idols in Samaria during his reign, causing much anger to God.

[1 Kings 16:29-33](#)

Ben-Hadad, king of Aram, besieged the city but was repelled by Ahab's army.

[1 Kings 20:1-21](#)

Other Nations

Ammon

What god did the Israelites worship that originated from the Ammonites?

Hint: It sounds like a burrowing animal.

-Molech

[1 Kings 11:7](#)

Israel fought with the Ammonites often. Name three leaders from Israel that defeated the Ammonites.

Hint: One was a Judge, two were Kings.

-Jephthah, Saul, and David (or Joab)

[Judges 11:29-33](#)

[1 Samuel 11:1-11](#)

[2 Samuel 10](#)

Other items of note:

The Ammonites originate from Lot's incestual relationship with his daughter.

[Genesis 19:36-38](#)

The Ammonites were forbidden to enter the Assembly of the Lord because they did not help the Israelites on their journey from Egypt.

[Deuteronomy 23:3-4](#)

Aram

Aram assisted what other nation in their battle against King David?

Hint: This nation was close to them.

-Ammon

[2 Samuel 10:6](#)

What king of Aram besieged Samaria?

Hint: The second part of his name, "Hadad", refers to one of their gods.

-Ben-Hadad

[1 Kings 20:1](#)

Other items of note:

The Arameans originated from Shem, one of Noah's sons.

[Genesis 10:22](#)

King Ahab was killed by an Aramean accidentally.

[1 Kings 22:29-35](#)

Hazael, king of Aram, also attacked Israel and reduced its size.

[2 Kings 10:32-33](#)

Judah

When did the Northern Kingdom of Israel split off from Judah?

Hint: It was the start of a long reign of bad kings.

-When Solomon's son Rehoboam was next to become king, Jeroboam I and Israel rebelled against him and separated from Judah.

[1 Kings 12:1-20](#)

What leader destroyed the nation of Judah?

Hint: There is a famous story involving this king and Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

-Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon

[2 Kings 24:8-12](#)

Moab

The Israelites were oppressed by Eglon, king of Moab, until what judge rescued them?

Hint: This judge came after Othniel.

-Ehud

[Judges 3:12-30](#)

What god the Israelites worshipped originated from Moab?

Hint: Solomon made a high place for this god.

-Chemosh.

[1 Kings 11:7](#)

What famous Biblical woman was from Moab?

Hint: She had a book of the Bible named after herself.

-Ruth

[Ruth 1:1-5](#)

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[Genesis 19:36-37](#)

The Moabites were forbidden to enter the Assembly of the Lord because they did not help the Israelites on their journey from Egypt.

[Deuteronomy 23:3-4](#)

David defeated the Moabites and brutally eliminated many of them.

[2 Samuel 8:2](#)

After King Ahab died, the Moabites rebelled against the tribute they had to pay. They were defeated in battle.

[2 Kings 3:4-6, 24-25](#)

Moabite raiders attacked Israel during the spring in the time of Elisha.

[2 Kings 13:20](#)

Philistia

What judge destroyed a Philistine temple that was filled with many of their leaders?

Hint: It was the last thing he did before he died.

-Samson

[Judges 13:1, 16:25-30](#)

At one point, what great item did the Philistines take from Israel?

Hint: It contained the Ten Commandments.

-The Ark of the Covenant

[1 Samuel 4:1-11](#)

What king of Israel committed suicide, rather than to be taken prisoner by Philistia?

Hint: He spent a lot of time chasing David.

-Saul

[1 Samuel 31:1-6](#)

Other items of note:

The Philistines originate from Ham, one of Noah's sons.

[Genesis 10:13](#)

The Philistines worshipped the god Dagon.

[Judges 16:23](#)

Samuel was a great leader against the Philistines.

[1 Samuel 7:1-14](#)

Phoenicia

What evil daughter of a Phoenician king married King Ahab?

Hint: She wanted Elijah dead.

-Jezebel

[1 Kings 16:30-32](#)

Other items of note:

Solomon worked with Hiram, king of Tyre (a city within Phoenicia), with building the temple.

[2 Chronicles 2:1-16](#)

Important Locations

Aphek

At one point, David offered his services to the Philistines while he was being pursued by

Saul. In Aphek David and his men were told back home because the Philistines were afraid what would happen?

Hint: They were afraid he was going to do something in battle.

-The Philistine commanders were afraid David would turn against them in battle

[1 Samuel 29](#)

Dan

Abram went as far as Dan to rescue what captured person?

Hint: He was his nephew.

-Lot

[Genesis 14](#)

Other items of note:

King Jeroboam built a golden calf in Dan.

[1 Kings 12](#)

Dothan

Who was famously sold into slavery at Dothan?

Hint: He was sold into slavery by his brothers.

-Joseph

[Genesis 37](#)

Other items of note:

The Arameans tried to unsuccessfully capture Elisha when he was in Dothan.

[2 Kings 6](#)

Hazor

What was important about Joshua capturing Hazor?

Hint: It had the same importance as Samaria was to Israel.

-Hazor was the head of the northern kingdoms of Canaan.

[Joshua 11:1-11](#)

Other items of note:

A king named Jabin of the Canaanites oppressed Israel from Hazor until he was destroyed.
[Judges 4](#)

During King Pekah's reign, Hazor was taken over by the Assyrians.
[2 Kings 15:29](#)

Jabesh-Gilead

Who came to the rescue of Jabesh-Gilead when they were besieged by the Ammonites?

Hint: This was before he became king.

-Saul
[1 Samuel 11:1-11](#)

Other items of note:

After Saul was defeated, the men of Jabesh-Gilead came and recovered his body and the bodies of his sons.
[1 Samuel 31:11-13](#)

David later took the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan and took them to be buried with Saul's father.
[2 Samuel 21:11-14](#)

In Judges the people of Jabesh-Gilead did not assemble before God like they were told to so they were executed and their virgin women were given to the tribe of Benjamin for their wives.
[Judges 21:1-14](#)

Kedesh

Who could come to Kedesh to avoid being avenged?

Hint: These people accidentally did something.

-Any Israelite who accidentally or unintentionally killed someone.
[Joshua 20](#)

Other items of note:

Kedesh was lost to the Assyrians during the reign of Pekah.
[2 Kings 15:29](#)

Megiddo

Who did the Israelites not drive out of Megiddo that they were told to?

Hint: They were the original inhabitants of Israel.

-The Canaanites

[Judges 1:27](#)

Other items of note:

Two kings of Judah died there: Ahaziah and Josiah.

[2 Kings 9:14-29](#) and [2 Kings 23:29-30](#)

Mount Ebal

What did Moses and the priests pronounce to the Israelites on Mount Ebal?

Hint: Later a list of Blessings were pronounced.

-A list of curses.

[Deuteronomy 27:9-26](#)

Other items of note:

God also told the Israelites to build an altar there and Joshua later did that

[Deuteronomy 27:4-8](#)

[Joshua 8:30-31](#)

Mount Gilboa

What king died on Mount Gilboa?

Hint: He committed suicide.

-King Saul

[1 Samuel 31](#)

Mount Nebo

(FYI - Mount Nebo appears a little North of its actual location on the Kings of Israel board.)

What did Moses get to see from Mount Nebo before he died?

Hint: It was some land.

-Moses was shown the land of Israel by God.

[Deuteronomy 34:1-8](#)

Mount Tabor

Who did Barak and Deborah defeat at Mount Tabor?

Hint: They were named after their land.

-The Canaanites

[Judges 4](#)

Shiloh

What was originally set up in Shiloh?

Hint: It traveled with the Israelites as they wandered through the desert.

-The Tent of Meeting (Ark of the Covenant)

[Joshua 18:1](#)

Other items of note:

Part of Israel was divided amongst the tribes here.

[Joshua 18:1-10](#)

Hannah, Samuel's mother, prayed for a son in Shiloh and if she was given a son promised to dedicate him to God.

[1 Samuel 1:1-20](#)

God appeared to Samuel in Shiloh.

[1 Samuel 3](#)

The prophet Ahijah was from Shiloh.

[1 Kings 11:29](#)

Tirzah

During the reigns of Baasha, Elah, Zimri, and Omri, what was important about Tirzah?

Hint: Samaria later took its place.

-Tirzah was the capital of the Northern Kingdom.

[1 Kings 15:33](#)

Other items of note:

Tirzah is also used as a description of beauty that a lover is being compared to in Song of

Songs.

[Song of Songs 6:4-5](#)

Minor Locations

(Not included in Worksheet)

Acco

The only listing for Acco in the Bible is in Judges 1. When the Israelites left Egypt and took over the soon-to-be nation of Israel they were supposed to eliminate all of the native people because of their evil practices. Acco is one of the locations that the Israelites did not wipe out as God had instructed them.

[Judges 1:27-32](#)

Cabul

Solomon gave the land of Cabul to the king of Tyre for his help in building the temple. The king of Tyre did not like his gift.

[1 Kings 9](#)

Chinnereth

Chinnereth is briefly mentioned as being a fortified city owned by the tribe of Naphtali.

[Joshua 19:35](#)

Dor

There were two mentions of Dor in the Bible, both having to do with the boundaries of the tribe of Manasseh.

[Joshua 17:11](#) and [1 Chronicles 7:29](#)

Hammath

Hammath is briefly mentioned as being a fortified city owned by the tribe of Naphtali.

[Joshua 19:35](#)

Hammath is also mentioned in 1 Chronicles as the location where the Kenite tribe came from.

[1 Chronicles 2:54-55](#)

Hepher

In 1 Kings there is a listing of all of the chief officials of Solomon. One of Solomon's district governors named Ben-Hesed had Hepher under his control.

[1 Kings 4:10](#)

Pirathon

One of the Judges, Abdon, originated from Pirathon.

[Judges 12:13-15](#)

David had a group of “Mighty Warriors”, one of which originated from Pirathon. His name was Benaiah.

[2 Samuel 23:8, 30](#)