

The Supernatural Worldview of the NT

Jesus and the Gospels

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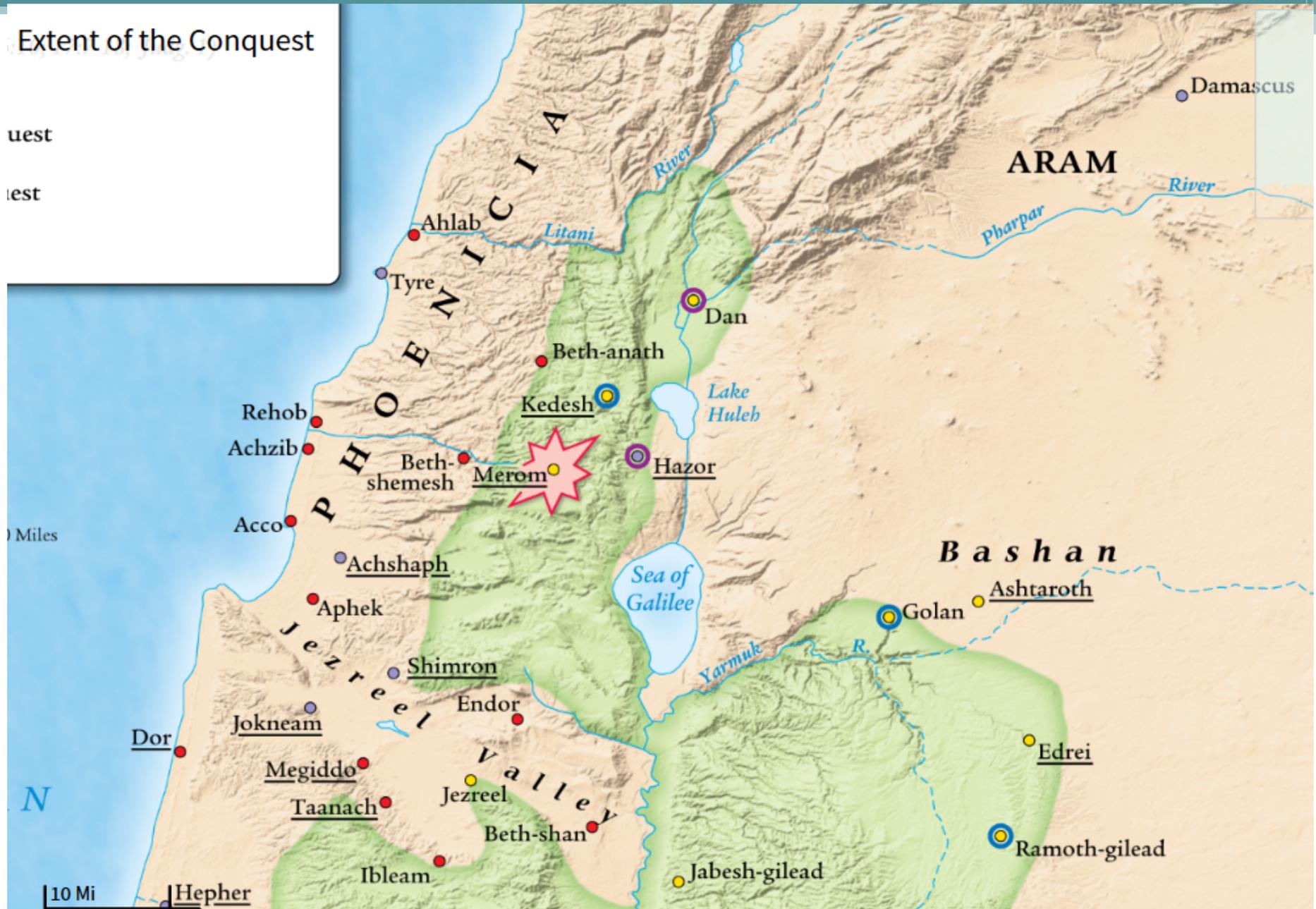
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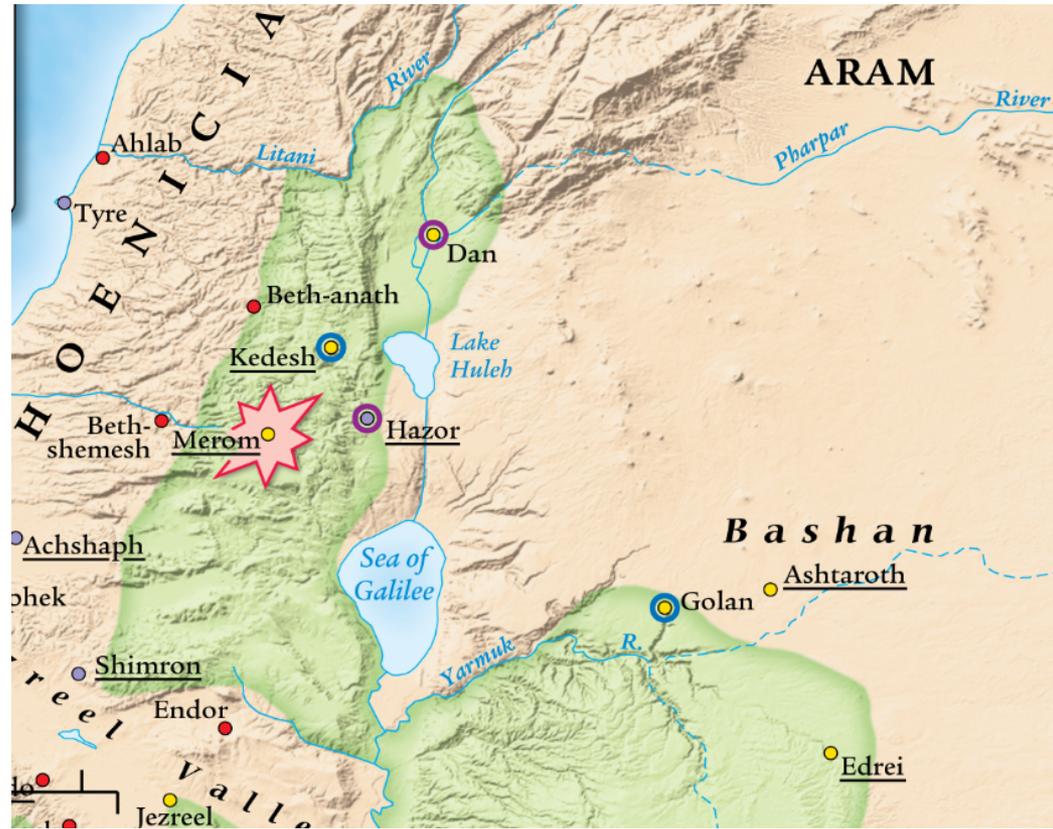




Tribal Allotment

Deut 1:4 - Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and in Edrei.

Josh 9:10 - ... the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon the king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth.



Josh 12:4 - and Og king of Bashan, one of the remnant of the Rephaim, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei⁵ and ruled over Mount Hermon and Salecah and all Bashan . . . **Deut 3:11** (For only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit.)

Bashan

- Domain of Rephaim; Canaanite hell and “place of the serpent”
- Domain of Baal, co-regent of El
 - Satan figure (Baal-Zebul)
 - Lord of the dead (defeated Mot, rose from dead)
 - Lord of the Rephaim; giants and evil spirits who inhabit the Underworld
- Mount Bashan (= Hermon) and its associations)
 - Gen 6, sons of God (Watchers), nephilim (Rephaim)

Psalm 68

¹⁵ O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan; O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan!

¹⁶ Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God desired for his abode, yes, where the LORD will dwell forever?

Psalm 68

¹⁷ The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary.

¹⁸ You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.

Summary

Victory over Bashan meant:

- Dominion over Hermon, Rephaim, evil spirits, nephilim (Gen 6)
- Dominion over death / the gates of hell
- Defeat of Baal-Zebul, lord of the dead,

The Ministry of Jesus

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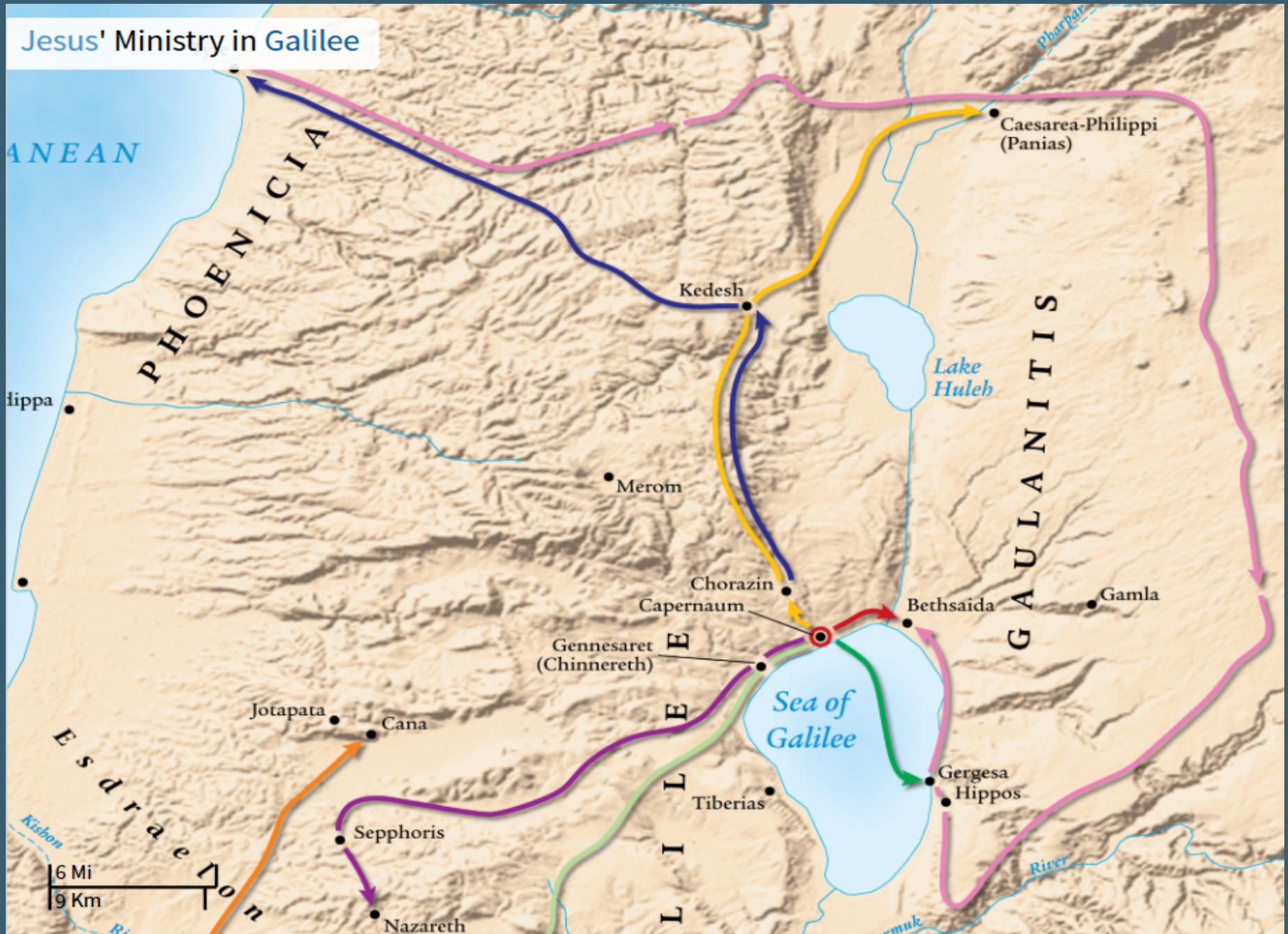
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Jesus' Ministry in Galilee



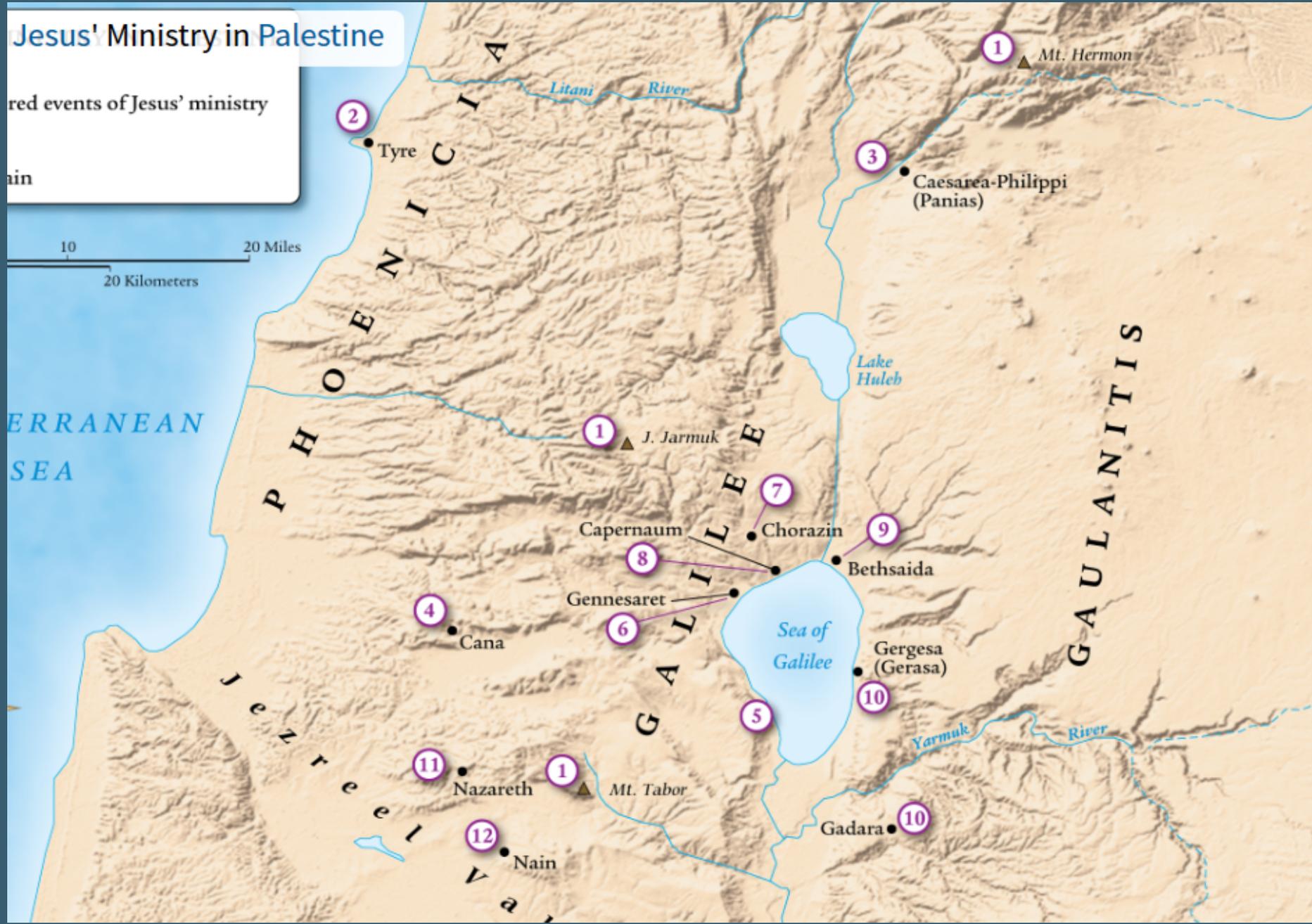
Jesus' Ministry in Palestine

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Caesarea Philippi / Banias / Panias

- Mark 8:27-30 (Matt 16:13-16; Lk 9:18-20)
 - **Peter's Confession** ("And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi")

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“Gates of Hell”

- You are Peter, and **on this rock** I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not be able to withstand it.
 - **Catholics** argue “rock” (petra) is Peter
 - **Protestants** argue “rock” is God/Christ (1 Cor 10:4)
 - **Neither correct:** The rock is where they are standing, at the foot of Hermon (Panias)

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“against” not in original text (just verb + object);

better: “the gates of hell will not *withstand* it”

heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, ⁱyou are Peter, and ^jon this rock² I will build my church, and ^kthe gates of ^lhell³ shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you ^mthe keys of the kingdom of heaven, and ⁿwhatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed⁴ in heaven.” ²⁰ ^oThen he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was

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- Mark 9:2-13 (Matt 17:1-8; Luke 9:28-36)
 - “And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain”

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Transfiguration

- In early church tradition, the location of the mount of transfiguration was believed by many to be Mount Tabor.
- The earliest witness to this tradition is the 4th century A.D.
- The gospels themselves give no name, and so the tradition has no biblical precedent.

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- Mount Hermon is considered by many the better choice since it is much higher than Tabor (8,500 feet vs. 1,843 feet), which would fit better with the description of a “high mountain” by Mark (and in Matthew 17:1).
 - Avraham Negev, *The Archaeological Encyclopedia of the Holy Land* (3rd ed.; New York: Prentice Hall Press, 1996, c1990); “Tabor, Mount (Place),” ABD, 305.
 - *Jesus and His World: An Archaeological and Cultural Dictionary*; John J. Rousseau and Rami Arav (Fortress, 1995), 209-210

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Sending of the 70 (Luke 11:17-20)

- ¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸ And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”