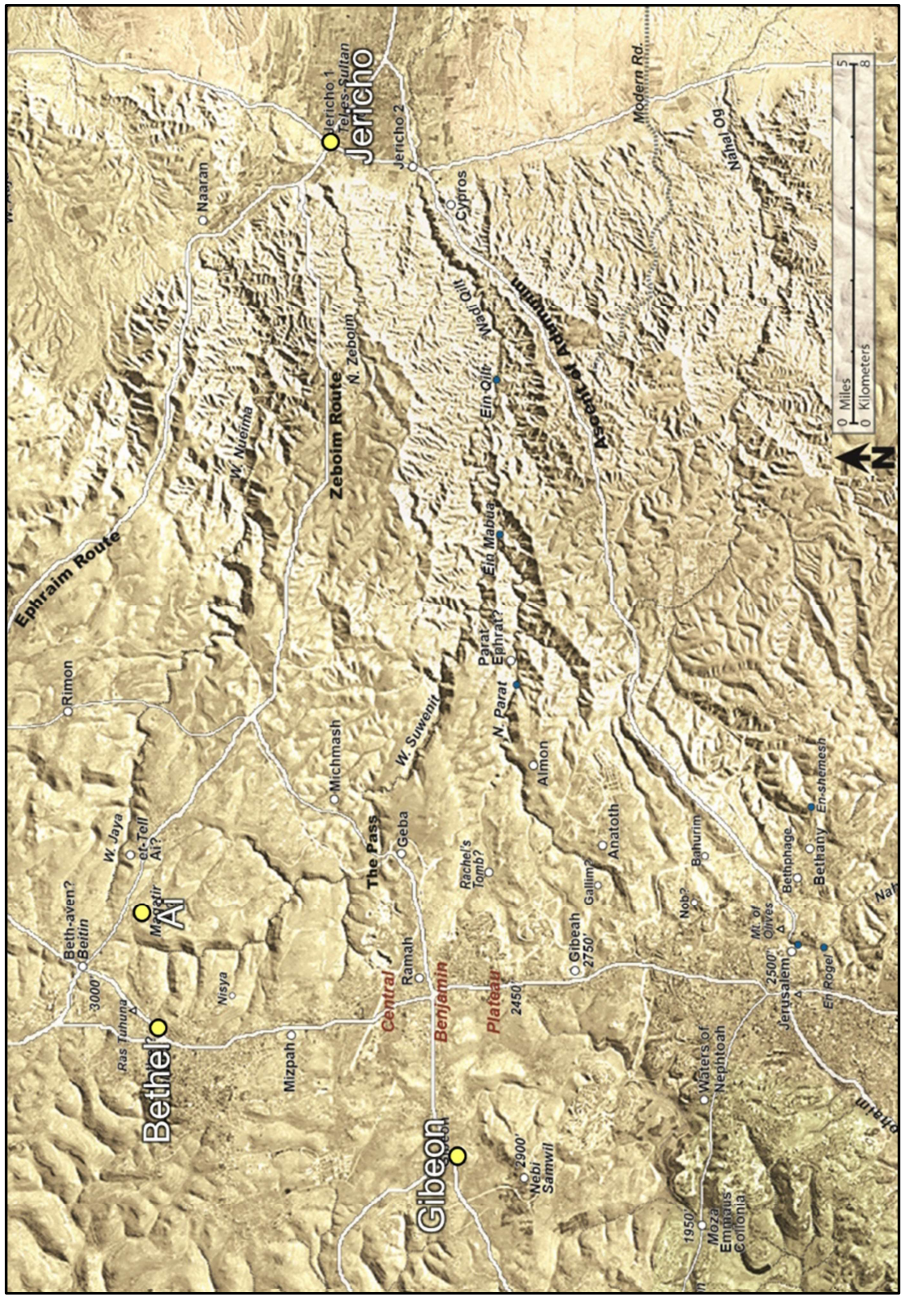
Joshua 9
The Gibeonite Affair



▲ Gibeon was about 7 miles from Bethel and Ai, and 17 miles from Jericho. This map is adapted from map 1-9 of the *Satellite Bible Atlas*, by Bill Schlegel.

▲ *The Craftiness of the Gibeonites*, by James Tissot, circa 1899.

Josh 9:15 – "*Then Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live; and the leaders of the congregation swore an oath to them*."
It is important to note that such oaths included lists of curses should either side break the oath, as well as blessings for keeping it. These were not undertaken lightly, and there were serious consequences for breaking them.

<u>Points to Ponder</u>

- Be careful about entering into any agreement _____.
- It might be a good idea to seek God's _____ when faced with a decision.
- God expects us to _____ our promises, even if we have been duped.