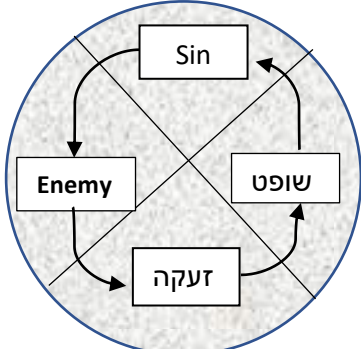
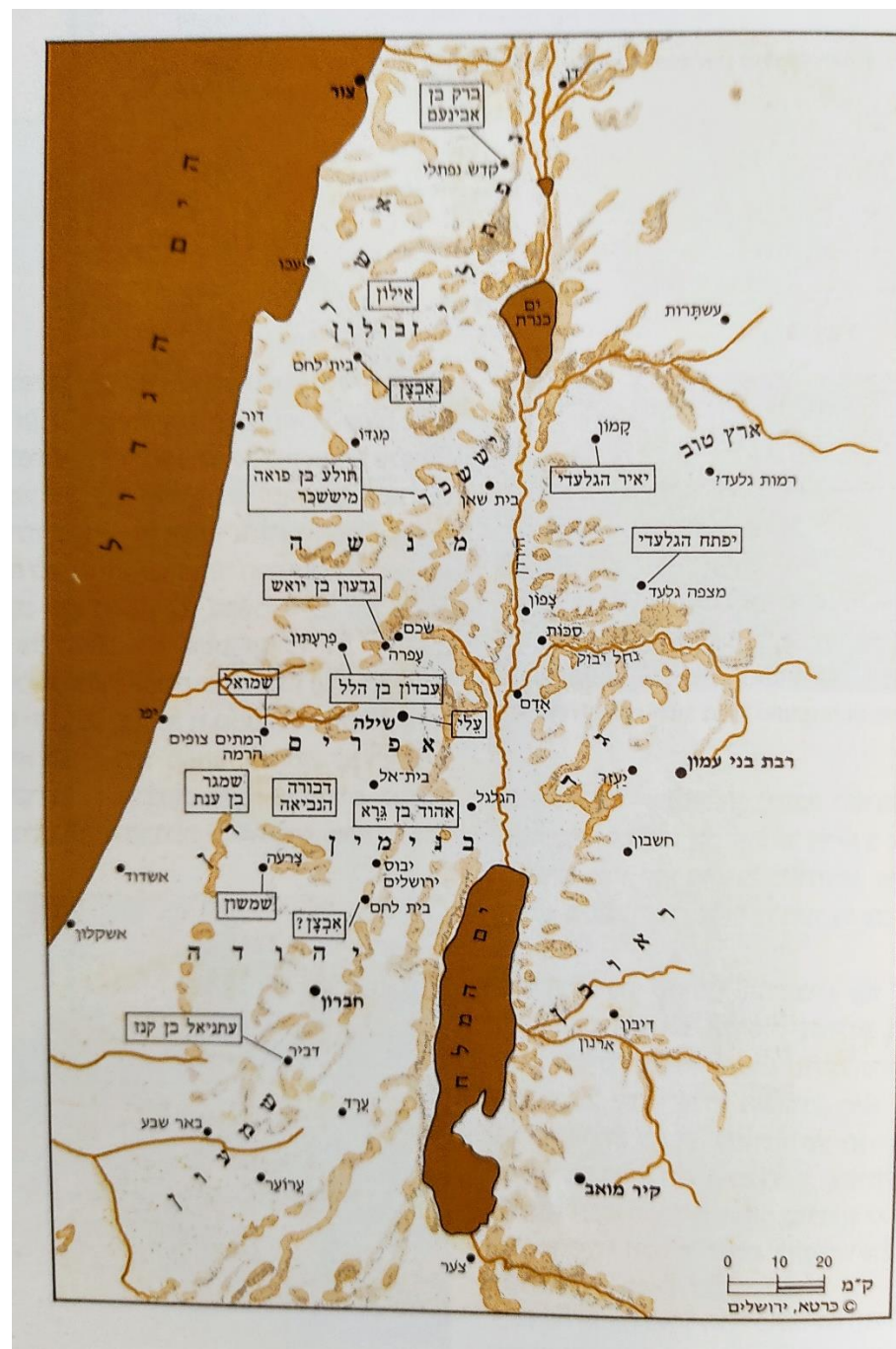


Structure of Sefer Shoftim

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- Timeline:** 8+40+18+80+20+40+7+40+3+23+22+18+6+7+10+8+40+20 = 410 years.
I Kings 6:1 "In the four hundred and eightieth year after the Israelites came out of Egypt, ... [Solomon] began to build the Temple of the Lord."



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שלוש מצוות נצטוו ישראל בשעת כניסתן לארץ. למנות להם מלך שנאמר (דברים יז טו) "שום תשים עליך מלך". ולהכרית זרעו של עמלק שנאמר (דברים כה יט) "ותמחה את זכר עמלק". ולבנות בית הבחירה שנאמר (דברים יב) "לשכנו תדרשו ובאת שמה".

Israel was enjoined with three Commandments upon entering the Land: to appoint a king, as it says, "you shall set a king over yourselves" (Deut. 17:15); to destroy the descendents of Amalek, as it says "erase the memory of Amalek" (Deut. 25:19); and build the Temple, as it says, "you shall seek His habitation, and there you will come" (Deut. 12:5).

Book of Samuel		
Priest	→	Prophet
Mishkan	→	Mikdash
Judge	→	King
Tribal	→	National

Alternative Timeline:

Exodus to Beit Mikdash	480 years
Wilderness	40
Joshua	~ 20?
→ Judges	~ 320 years?
Eli (I Sam 4:18)	40
Samuel (I Sam 7:20)	20
David	40

בבא בתרא יד עמ' ב

שמואל כתב ספרו ושופטים ורות

Samuel wrote his own book, the book of Judges, and the book of Ruth.