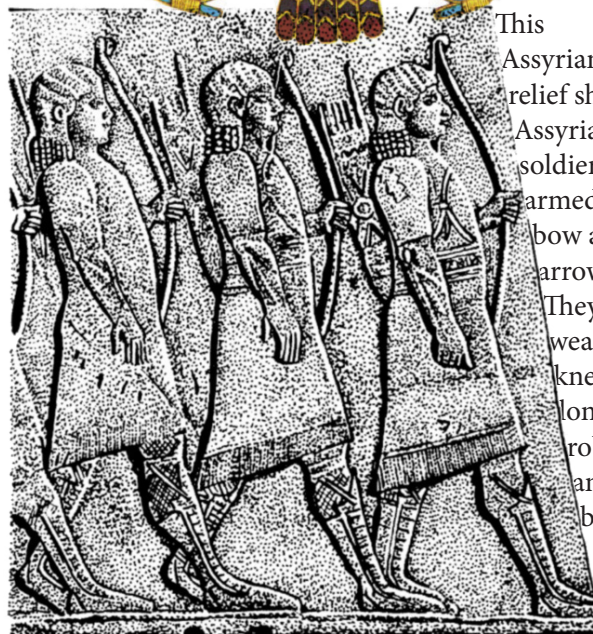
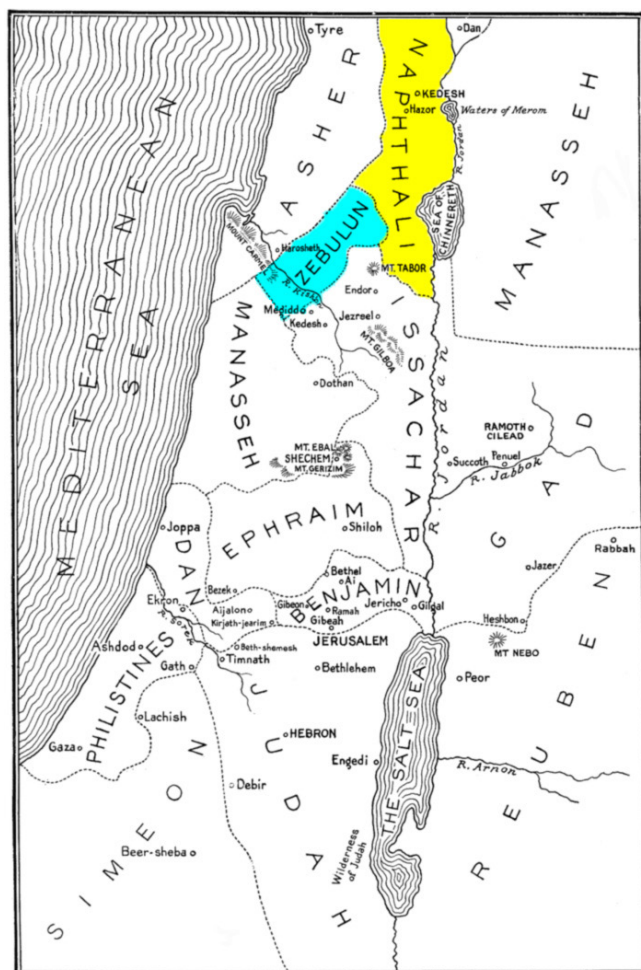


LESSON 9



Depicting the traditional sun god Re-Harakhti, this pendant was found in Tutankhamun's tomb near Thebes.



This Assyrian relief shows Assyrian soldiers armed with bow and arrow. They are wearing knee-long robes and boots.

The reason assigned for the fact that the unbelieving people of Judah had fallen into a night without morning is that there was a morning coming whose light, however, would not rise upon the land of Judah first, but upon other parts of the land. By the land or territory of Naphtali we are to understand the upper Galilee of later times, and by the land of Zebulun lower Galilee. Ever since the times of the judges, all these lands had been exposed, on account of the countries that joined them, to corruption from Gentile influence and subjugation by heathen foes. The northern tribes on this side, as well as those on the other side, suffered the most in the almost incessant war between Israel and the Syrians, and afterwards between Israel and the Assyrians; and the transportation of their inhabitants, which continued under Pul, Tiglath-pileser, and Shalmanassar, amounted at last to utter depopulation. But these countries would be the very first that would be remembered when that morning dawn of glory should break. Matthew informs us (Matt. 4:13ff) in what way this was fulfilled at the commencement of the Christian times.

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