

General Instructions for Geographical Markings for Regional Study Maps

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1. It is probably the easiest, and most fun, to mark the maps in conjunction with two or three other people.
2. You will need *five highlighters*: **red** or pink, **orange**, **blue**, **green**, and **yellow**.
3. The maps should be done in numerical order: 1, 2, etc. otherwise confusion may reign!
4. To assist your work, the markings are grouped according to the quadrants of each map sheet.
5. Within a given quadrant, the markings generally go from upper left to right, middle left to right, etc.
6. If your colors are too dark, and are *obscuring names*, then underline the names.
7. If instructed to highlight a road to a *city near the edge of the map*, **continue** highlighting the road to the edge of the map.
8. *Sample for road instructions*: “(URQ) Gerasa wnw → Jabesh-gilead” = “in the Upper Right Quadrant of the map, mark the road that runs west-northwest from Gerasa towards Jabesh-gilead”.

Map Quadrants Below

ULQ Upper Left Quadrant	URQ Upper Right Quadrant
LLQ Lower Left Quadrant	LRQ Lower Right Quadrant

n = north = west
s = south e = west
ne = northeast, etc w.
sse = south-southeast, etc.

Markings for RSM #1 – Middle East

HIGHLIGHT THE FOLLOWING REGIONS, GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES, AND CITIES

GREEN: (ULQ) Italy, Adriatic Sea, Greece, Aegean Sea, Macedonia, Black Sea, Anatolia; (LLQ) Mediterranean Sea, Sahara Desert, Egypt, Nile River, Sinai Peninsula, Red Sea; (URQ) Armenia, Mt. Ararat, Assyria, Caspian Sea, Tigris River, Aram, Mesopotamia, Euphrates River; (LRQ) Babylonia, Euphrates River, Arabia, Persia, Persian Gulf.

RED/PINK: (ULQ) Athens, Byzantium, Pergamum, Ephesus; (LLQ) Gaza, Memphis, Thebes; (URQ) – (LRQ) Haran, Damascus, Babylon, Ur.

Markings for RSM #2 – Land Between

HIGHLIGHT THE FOLLOWING REGIONS, GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES, AND CITIES

GREEN: (ULQ) Sharon, Samaria; (LLQ) Philistia, Judah, Negev, Southern Highlands; (URQ) Galilee, Aram-Damascus, Golan, Bashan, Gilead, Ammon; (LRQ) Moab, Edom.

RED/PINK: (ULQ) Tyre, Acco, Megiddo, Apehek, Joppa, Gezer, Jerusalem; (LLQ) Gaza (circle!), Gerar, Beer-sheba, Hebron, Oboda; (URQ) Dan, Damascus (circle!), Hazor, Ramoth-gilead, Beth-shan, Gerasa, Rabbah, Medeba, Jericho; (LRQ) Bozrah, Petra.

HIGHLIGHT THE FOLLOWING ROADS

RED/PINK: (LLQ) from south to north: Raphia ne → Gaza → Ashdod → (ULQ) Apehek → Gath [-padalla] → Megiddo ne → (URQ) Adamim → Chinnereth n → Hazor → Abel-beth-maachah n → Ijon ne → off the map; (URQ) Abel-beth-maachah e → Dan → Damascus e → off the map; (LLQ) Gaza → Gath → Ekron → Lod → Apehek.

Markings for RSM #2 (continued)

BLUE/GREEN: (URQ) Damascus s → Karnaim → Ramoth-gilead → Gerasa → Rabbah s → follow road that passes between ‘el’ and ‘Amad’ of Umm el Amad → **(LRQ)** Jiza and follow the road that encounters no sites until Qatrana → Rujm el-Abyad → Qasr el-Bint → due south off the map; Rabbah sw → Elealeh → Medeba → Libba → Valtah → Dibon → Qasr → Arabatha → Thona → Motha → Iye-abarim → Kh. edh-Dharrah → past Bozrah → Negla → due south off the map.

ORANGE: (URQ) Megiddo n → Acco (stay on the marked road) → Tyre → Sidon; **(URQ)** Gerasa wnw → Jabesh-gilead nw → Beth-shan nw → Acco (on sea); **(URQ)** Ramoth-gilead w → Beth-arbel nw → Yenoam? nw → Hannathon → Acco; **(LLQ)** Gaza se → Gerar → Beer-sheba → Aroer se → Tamar → Bozrah; **(LRQ)** → to the green road that you marked; **(LLQ)** Gaza sse → Obodah → Petra; **(LRQ)** → near green road that you marked above; **(LLQ)** Beer-sheba ne → Debir → Hebron → Bethlehem; **(ULQ)** → Jerusalem → Bethel → Shiloh → Shechem → ne → Tirzah → Beth-shan; **(ULQ)** Shechem nw → Samaria (*Sebaste*) nne → Jezreel.

YELLOW: (ULQ) Gezer ne → Lower Beth-horon → Gibeon → Jericho (north) → **(URQ)** Rabbah; **(URQ)** Abel-beth-maachah w → **(ULQ)** Tyre.

Markings for RSM #3 – Northern and Central Arenas

HIGHLIGHT THE FOLLOWING REGIONS, GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES, AND CITIES

GREEN: (ULQ) Upper Galilee, Lower Galilee, Mt. Carmel, Jezreel Valley, Harod Valley; **(LLQ)** Sharon Plain, Samaria, Philistine Plain, Shephelah, Judah, Wilderness; **(URQ)** Huleh Basin, Upper Golan, Lower Golan, Bashan, Lower Gilead; **(LRQ)** Upper Gilead, Ammon, Medeba Plateau.

BLUE: (ULQ) Kishon Stream, Hill of Moreh; **(LLQ)** Yarkon River, Mt. Ebal, Mt. Gerizim; **(URQ)** Mt. Hermon, Mt. Tabor, Yarmuk River; **(LRQ)** Jabbok River.

RED/PINK: (ULQ) Tyre, Acco, Nazareth, Megiddo; **(LLQ)** Caesarea, Samaria, Shechem, Joppa, Aphek, Gezer, Bethel, Lower Beth-horon, Gibeon, Ramah, Jerusalem, Gath; **(URQ)** Dan, To Damascus, Hazor, Capernaum, Karnaim; **(LRQ)** Beth-shan, Ramoth-gilead, Gerasa, Jericho, Rabbah, Heshbon, Medeba.

HIGHLIGHT THE FOLLOWING ROADS

RED/PINK: (LLQ) from south to north: To Ashkelon ne → Jabneel → Ono → Aphek → Yaham → Aruna → Megiddo **(ULQ)** → Afula → Mt. Tabor **(URQ)** n → Adamah → Chinnereth n → Hazor → Abel-beth-maachah n → Aram AND e → Dan → To Damascus **(LLQ)** Gath → Ekron → Gibbethon → Lod → Aphek.

BLUE: (LRQ) (Jiza) n → Bezer? n → Rabbah n → Gerasa → Ramoth-gilead → **(URQ)** Karnaim → Naveh → off map near #280 in margin.

ORANGE: (ULQ) Megiddo n → Sarid → Shimron → T. Akko → Achzib → Tyre → Ahlab → To Sidon; **(LLQ)** Bethlehem → Gibeah → Ramah → Bethel → Lebonah → Michmethath → Shechem ne → Tirzah → Rehob → Beth-shan; **(LLQ)** Shechem wnw → Shechem Valley → Socoh; **(LLQ)** Shechem wnw → Samaria → e of Dothan → Jezreel; **(LRQ)** Gerasa nw → Jabesh-gilead nw → Beth-shan nw → Jezreel nw → Sarid nw → Acco; **(LRQ)** Ramoth-gilead nw → Beth-arbel wnw → Yenoam? nw → **(ULQ)** Hannathon nw → Acco.

YELLOW: (LLQ) Gezer → Aijalon Valley → Lower Beth-horon → Gibeon → Ramah → Geba → Michmash → Jericho (north) → **(LRQ)** Abila → Rabbah; **(LRQ)** Jericho → Beth-jeshimoth → Medeba.

Markings for RSM #4 – Southern and Central Arenas

Special corrections for THIS map: the scale in the LLQ is wrong:

KM: change 10 → 5; 20 → 10; 30 → 15; 40 → 20; 50 → 25; and 60 → 30.

MI: change 10 → 5; 20 → 10; 40 → 20

HIGHLIGHT THE FOLLOWING REGIONS, GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES, AND CITIES

GREEN: (ULQ) Coastal Plain, Shephelah, Philistine Alluvial Plain; **(LLQ)** Western Negev, Eastern Negev; **(URQ)** Ephraim, Upper Gilead, Ammon, Benjamin, Medeba Plateau, Hill Country, Wilderness; **(LRQ)** Moab.

BLUE: (ULQ) Yarkon River, Aijalon Valley, Sorek Valley, Elah Valley; **(LLQ)** Nahal Beer Sheva, Nahal Besor; **(URQ)** Kelt Canyon, Rephaim Valley, Kidron Canyon, Mt. Nebo; **(LRQ)** Arugot Canyon, Arnon Mujib Canyon.

RED/PINK: (ULQ) Joppa, Aphek, Gezer, Emmaus, Lower Beth-horon, Beth-shemesh, Gath, Azekah; **(LLQ)** Gaza, Gerar, Beer-sheba, Mareshah, Lachish, Hebron, Arad (T. Arad); **(URQ)** Shiloh, Rabbah, Bethel, Gibeon, Ramah, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Herodium, Jericho (north), (Kh. Qumran), Heshbon, Medeba; **(LRQ)** En-gedi, Massada, Machaerus, Dibon, Kir [-hareth].

HIGHLIGHT THE FOLLOWING ROADS

RED/PINK: (LLQ) Gaza ne → **(ULQ)** Ashkelon → Ashdod → Jabneel → Ono → Aphek; **(LLQ)** Gaza e → (T. el-Hesi) ne → Gath → Ekron → Gibbethon → Lod → Aphek.

ORANGE: (LLQ) Gaza se → Gerar se → Beer-sheba se → Aroer; **(LLQ)** Gaza sse → (t. el-Fara – south) se → to Elath, Arabia; **(LLQ)** Beer-sheba ne → Debir → Hebron n → Halhul → **(URQ)** Bethlehem → Jerusalem → Ramah → Bethel → Shiloh.

YELLOW: (ULQ) Gezer e → Aijalon Valley ne → Lower Beth-horon → **(URQ)** Gibeon → Ramah → Geba → Michmash → Jericho (north) → Abila → Rabbah; **(URQ)** Jericho (north) → Beth-jeshimoth → Medeba.

Markings for RSM #5 – Galilee and Jezreel Valley

HIGHLIGHT THE FOLLOWING REGIONS, GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES, AND CITIES

GREEN: (ULQ) Upper Galilee, Lower Galilee, Mt. Carmel; **(LLQ)** Jezreel Valley, Shephelah of Carmel, Iskandar Uplift, Sharon Plain, Samaria; **(URQ)** Upper Golan, Lower Golan; **(LRQ)** Lower Gilead, Upper Gilead.

BLUE: (ULQ) Kishon Stream; **(LLQ)** Hill of Moreh; **(URQ)** Yarmuk River; **(LRQ)** Yarmuk River, Mt. Tabor, Harod Valley, Mt. Gilboa.

RED/PINK: (ULQ) Acco, Nazareth; **(LLQ)** Megiddo, Caesarea; **(URQ)** Hazor, Capernaum; **(LRQ)** Beth-shan.

HIGHLIGHT THE FOLLOWING ROADS

RED/PINK: (LLQ) To Aphek and Egypt n → Yaham n → Aruna ne → Megiddo ne → (Afulah) → nne → Daberath n → **(URQ)** Mashkanah ene → Arbela ne → Chinnereth n → Hazor.

ORANGE: (LLQ) Megiddo n → Sarid → **(ULQ)** Shimron → T. Akko n → To Tyre and Sidon; **(LLQ)** (Sanur) nne → Ibleam n → Jezreel; **(LRQ)** Jabesh-gilead nw → Beth-shan nw → **(LLQ)** Jezreel nw → Sarid nw → **(ULQ)** Acco; **(LRQ)** Beth-arbel wnw → Yenoam? nw → Jabneel nw → **(ULQ)** Hannathon → Acco; **(URQ)** Chinnereth e → Capernaum ne → Bethsaida? ne → To Bashan and Damascus; **(URQ)** Bethsaida? w → Chorazin w → Ramah w → **(ULQ)** Acco; **(LRQ)** [near horizontal fold] Yenoam? e across the Jordan River and then n → **(URQ)** Kefar Harub ne → (Fiq) ne → Caspein ne → To Bashan and Damascus.

Markings for RSM #6 – Heartland of Judah

HIGHLIGHT THE FOLLOWING REGIONS, GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES, AND CITIES

GREEN: (ULQ) Coastal Plain, Shephelah; **(LLQ) – (URQ)** Ephraim, Central Benjamin Plateau, Benjamin; **(LRQ)** Hill Country, Judah, Wilderness.

BLUE: (ULQ) Aijalon Valley, Sorek Valley, Elah Valley; **(LLQ) – (URQ)** Suweinit Canyon, Chesalon Canyon, Sorek Canyon, Rephaim Canyon, Valley of Rephaim, Kidron Canyon.

RED/PINK: (ULQ) Gezer, Emmaus, Aijalon, Ekron, Beth-shemesh, Gath, Azekah, Socoh; **(LLQ)** Mareshah, Lachish, Adoraim (T. Beit Mirsim); **(URQ)** Lower Beth-horon, Bethel, Gibeon, Ramah, (Nebi Samwil), Jerusalem, Hushah?, Bethlehem, Herodium; **(LRQ)** Tekoa, Hebron, Carmel.

HIGHLIGHT THE FOLLOWING ROADS

RED/PINK: (LLQ) (Zeita) ne → **(ULQ)** Gath n → Ekron n → Gibbethon n → off the map.

ORANGE: (LLQ) to Beer-sheba (in the Negev) n → Debir ne → **(LRQ)** Hebron n → Halhul → **(URQ)** (Khadr) e → Bethlehem n → Jerusalem n → Ramah n → Bethel n → to Shechem.

YELLOW: (ULQ) Gezer e → Aijalon Valley ne → Lower Beth-horon → **(URQ)** Gibeon → Ramah → Geba → Michmash → to Jericho; **(URQ)** Gibeon sw → (Biddu) sw → Kiriath-jearim w and then nw → **(ULQ)** Aijalon; **(URQ)** road just n of Jerusalem e and ne → Bahurim ene → To Jericho; **(ULQ)** Aijalon s → Eshtaol s → Zanoah s → Elah Valley s → **(LLQ)** Keilah s → Tricomia ssw → (T. Beit Mirsim) ssw → To the Negev; **(ULQ)** Aijalon s → Eshtaol sw → Beth-shemesh sw → Azekah sw → **(LLQ)** Mareshah sw → Lachish sw → off the map; **(URQ)** (Khadr) w → Hushah? wnw → **(ULQ)** Beth-shemesh nw → Timnah nw → off the map; **(URQ)** (Khadr) w → Hushah? sw → **(ULQ)** Timnah sw → Elah Valley/Socoh w → Gath; **(LRQ)** Beth-zur nw → Libnah? (Kh. T. el-Beida) nnw → **(ULQ)** Gath; **(URQ)** Bethlehem ssw → **(LRQ)** Tekoa se → to En-gedi and Moab; **(LRQ)** Hebron sse → Carmel s → to Arad (in the Negev).

Markings for RSM #7 – Land of Benjamin and Its Approaches

HIGHLIGHT THE FOLLOWING REGIONS, GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES, AND CITIES

GREEN: (ULQ) Coastal Plain, Remote Interior of Ephraim; (LLQ) Shephelah, Judah; (URQ) Ephraim, Rift Valley; (LRQ) Benjamin, Wilderness.

BLUE: (ULQ) Shiloh Canyon; (LLQ) Aijalon Valley, Sorek Valley, Elah Valley, Sorek Canyon, Rephaim Canyon; (URQ) Baal Hazor, Jordan River; (LRQ) Central Benjamin Plateau, Suweinit Canyon, Kelt Canyon, Ascent of Adummim, Mt. of Olives, Kidron Canyon.

RED/PINK: (ULQ) Aphek; (LLQ) Gezer, Emmaus, Lower Beth-horon, Gibeon, (Nebi Samwil), Beth-shemesh, Gath, Azekah; (URQ) Shiloh, Bethel; (LRQ) Ramah, Lookout, Jericho (north), Jericho (south), Jerusalem, (Kh. Qumran), Bethlehem.

HIGHLIGHT THE FOLLOWING ROADS

RED/PINK: (LLQ) Gath n → Gibbethon n → Lod n → Aphek.

ORANGE: (LLQ) (Khadr) e → (LRQ) Bethlehem n → Jerusalem n → Ramah n → (URQ) Bethel n → Jeshanah n → Anuathu Borcaeus n → off map.

YELLOW: (LLQ) Gezer e → Aijalon Valley ne → Lower Beth-horon → (URQ) Gibeon → (LRQ) Ramah → Geba → Michmash → Jericho ese → Aenon, Bethany; (LLQ) Gibeon sw → (Biddu) sw → Kiriath-jearim w and then nw → (ULQ) Aijalon; (LLQ) Aijalon s → Eshtaol s → Zanoah s → Elah Valley; (LLQ) Aijalon s → Eshtaol sw → Beth-shemesh sw → Azekah sw → off the map; (LLQ) (Khadr) w → Hushah? wnw → Beth-shemesh nw → Timnah nw → off the map; (LLQ) (Khadr) w → Hushah? sw → Timnah sw → Elah Valley/Socoh w → Gath; (LRQ) road just n of Jerusalem e and ne → Bahurim ene → Ascent of Adummim ne → Jericho; (LRQ) Bethlehem ssw → off the map.