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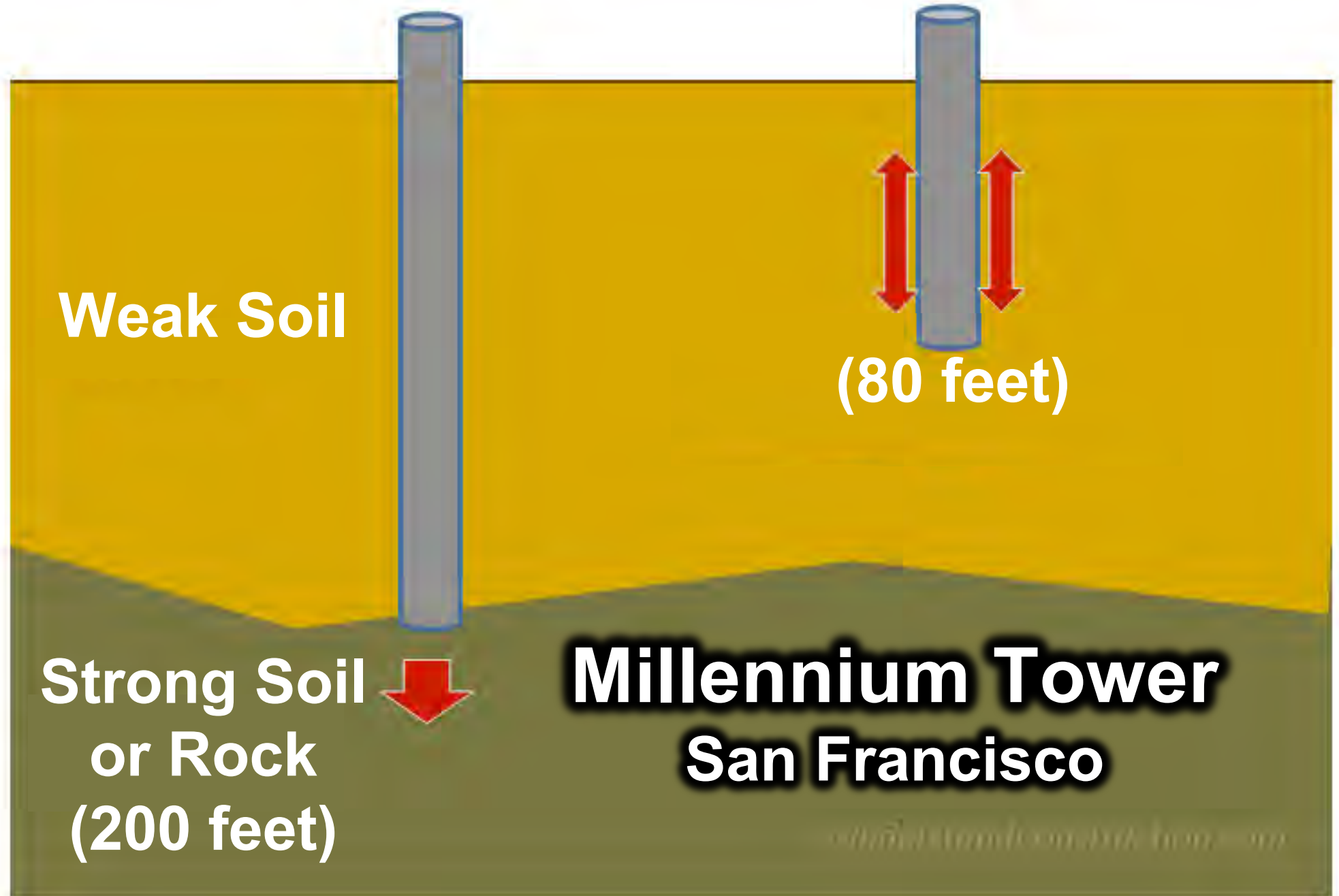
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End Bearing Pile

Friction Pile



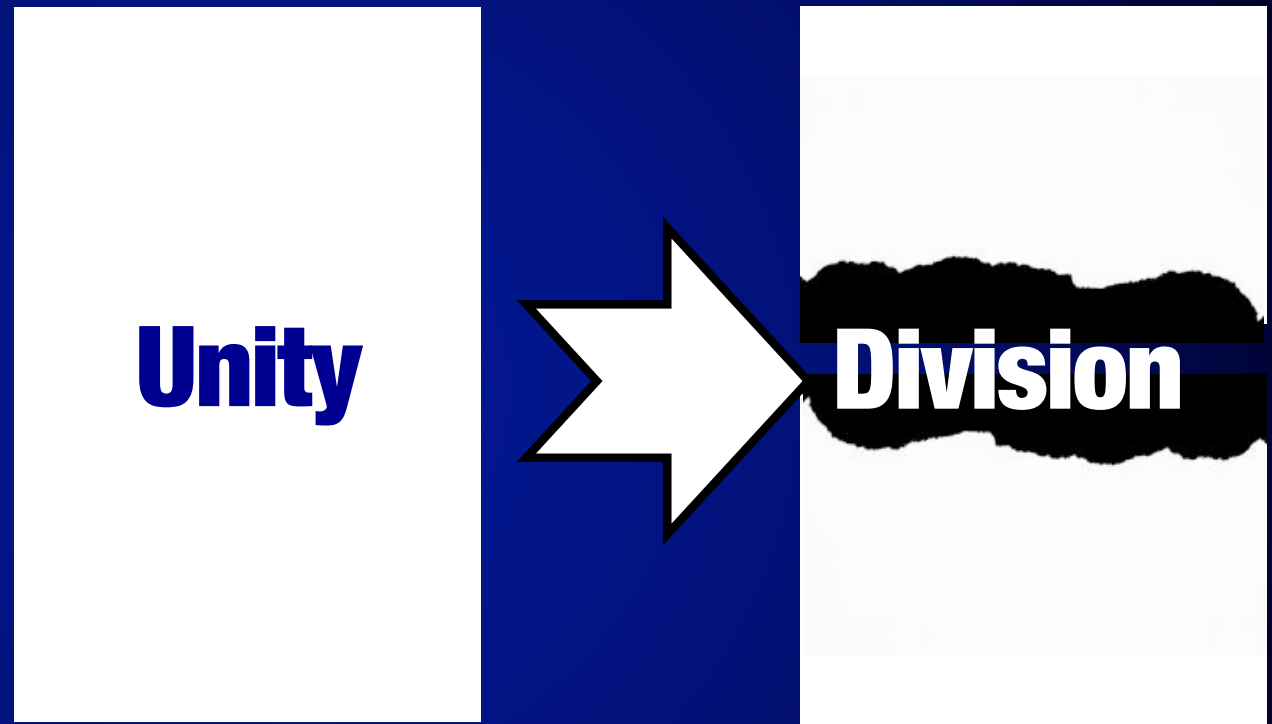
Is your spiritual foundation getting

stronger

or

Weaker?

Why does unity sometimes lead to division?



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**Our unity is only as strong as our
trust in Christ as our foundation.**



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Main Idea

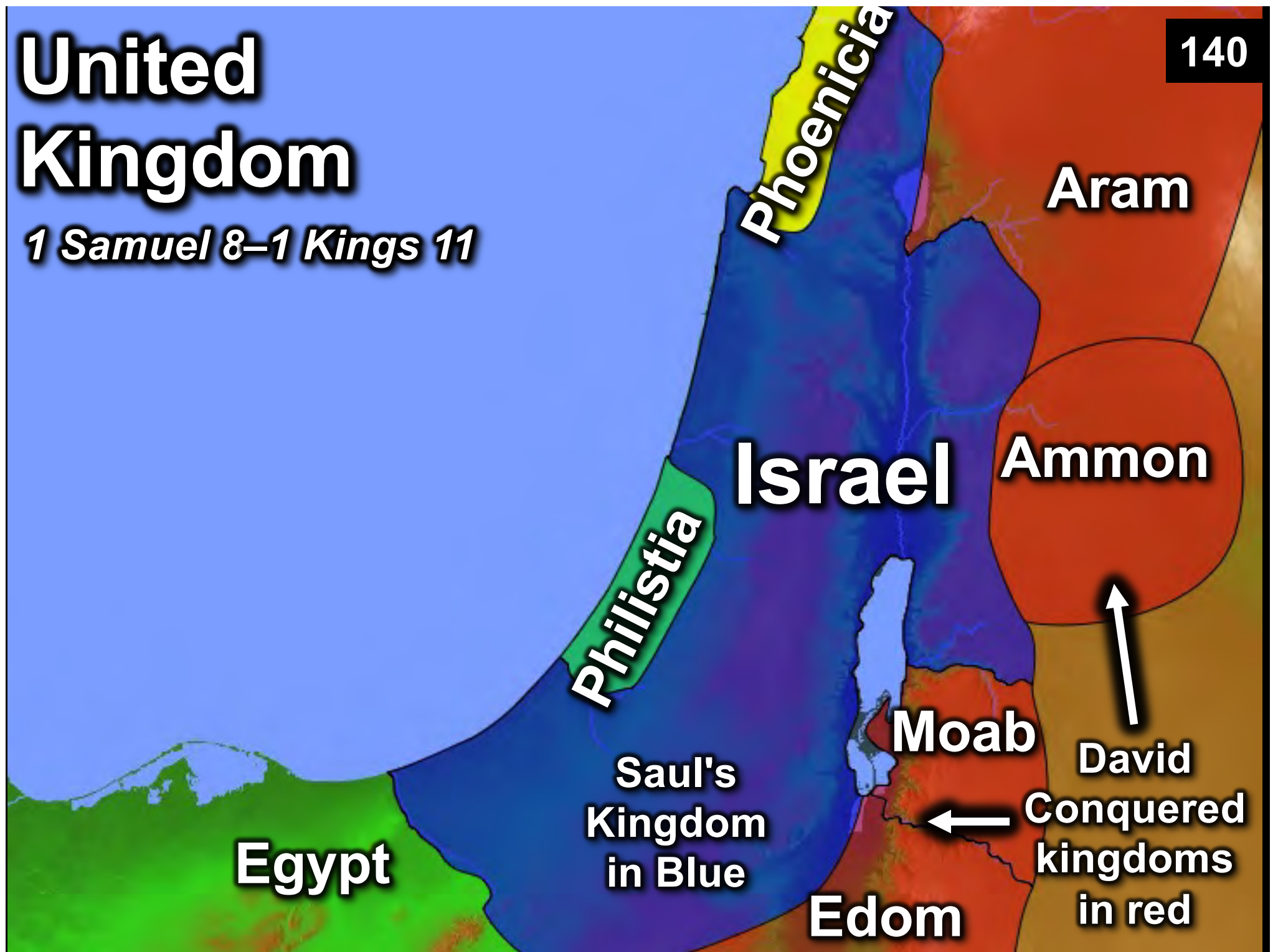


The United Kingdom

Saul—David—Solomon

United Kingdom

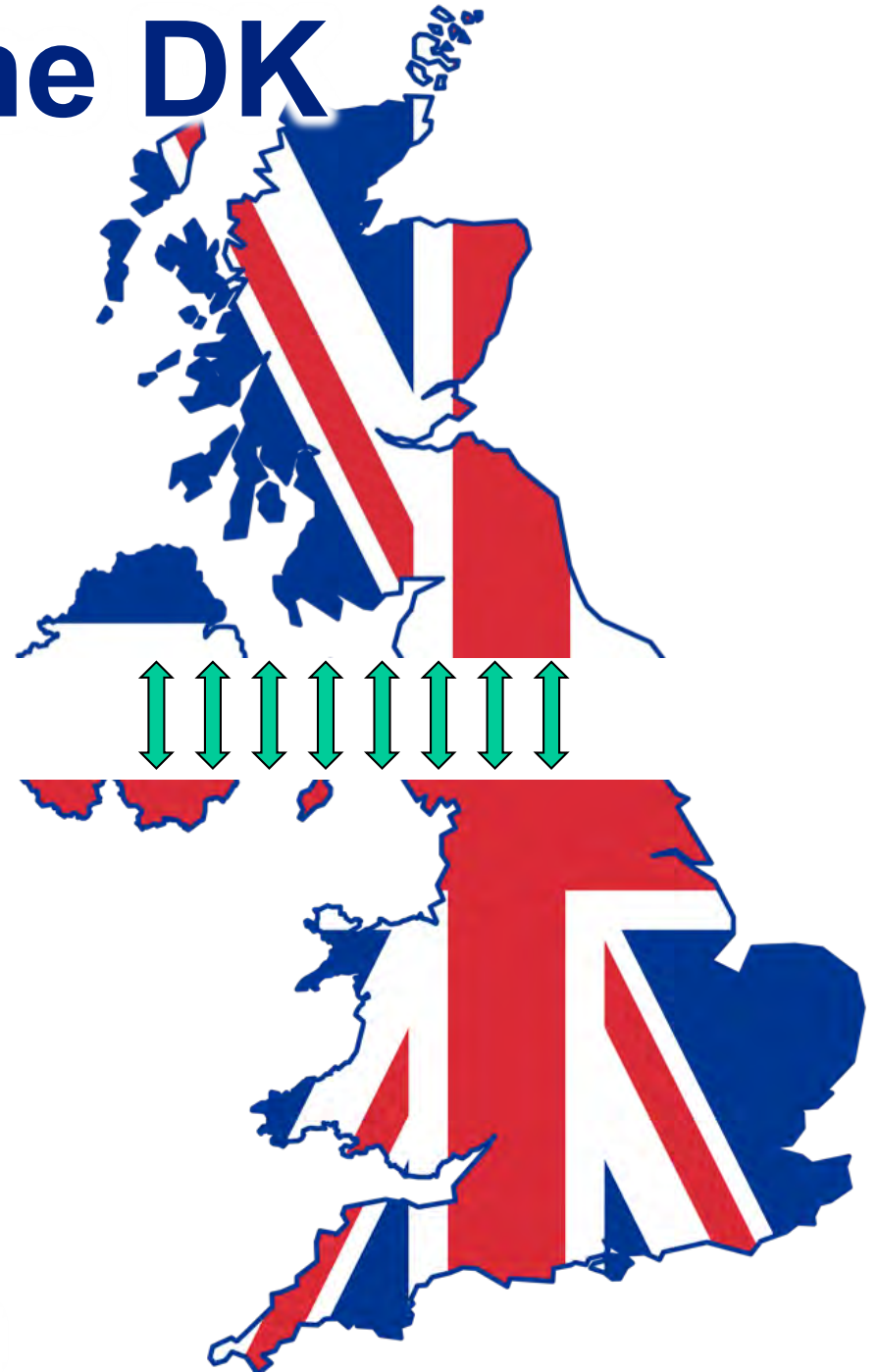
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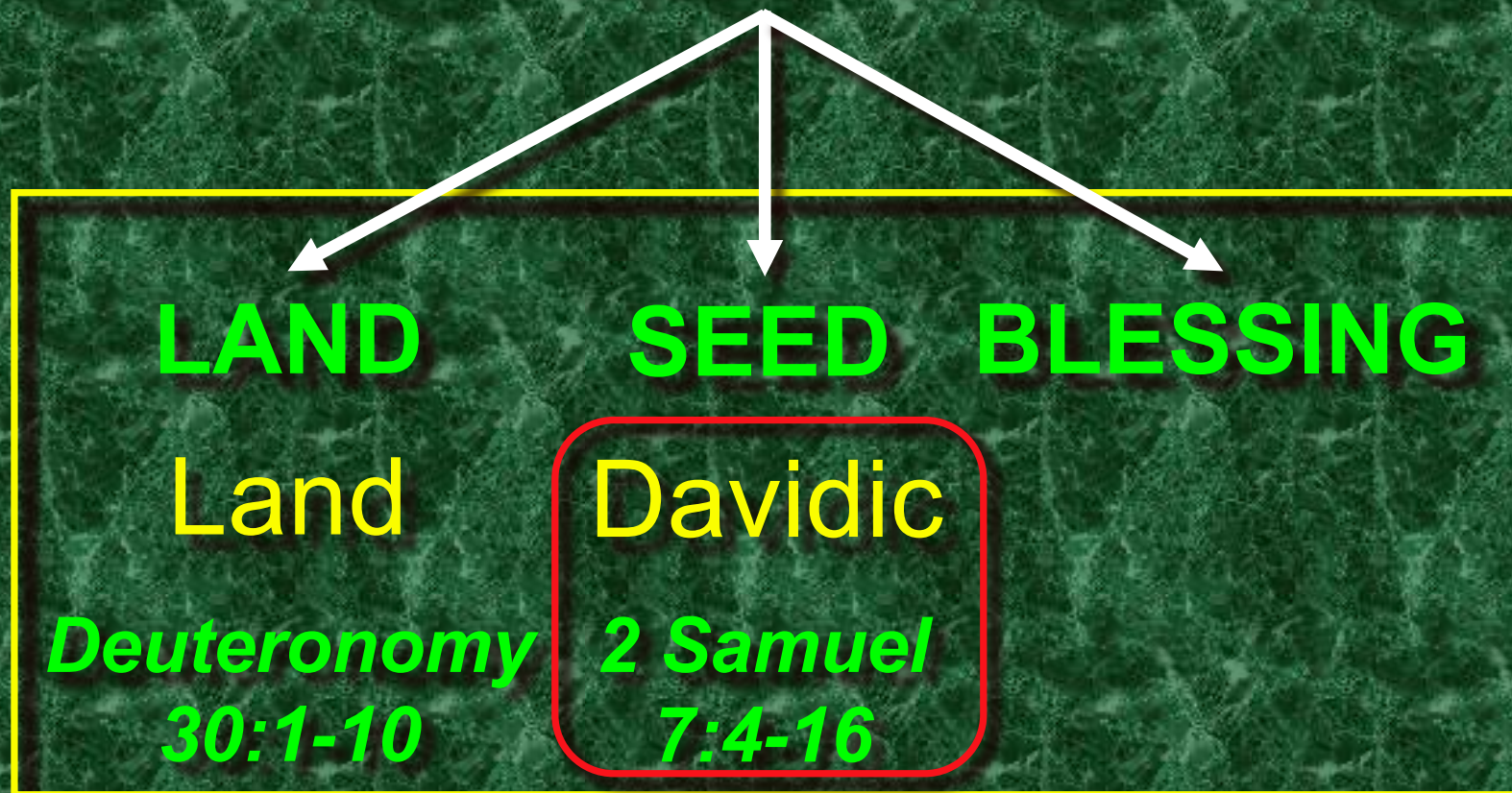
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Saul—David—Solomon

The Abrahamic Covenant ("The Call")

Genesis 12:1-3



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THE DAVIDIC COVENANT ITS THREE GUARANTEES

2 Samuel 7

¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.

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Outline

Establishment of Solomon

1 Kings 1–2

Rise of Solomon

1 Kings 3–8

Decline of Solomon

1 Kings 9–11

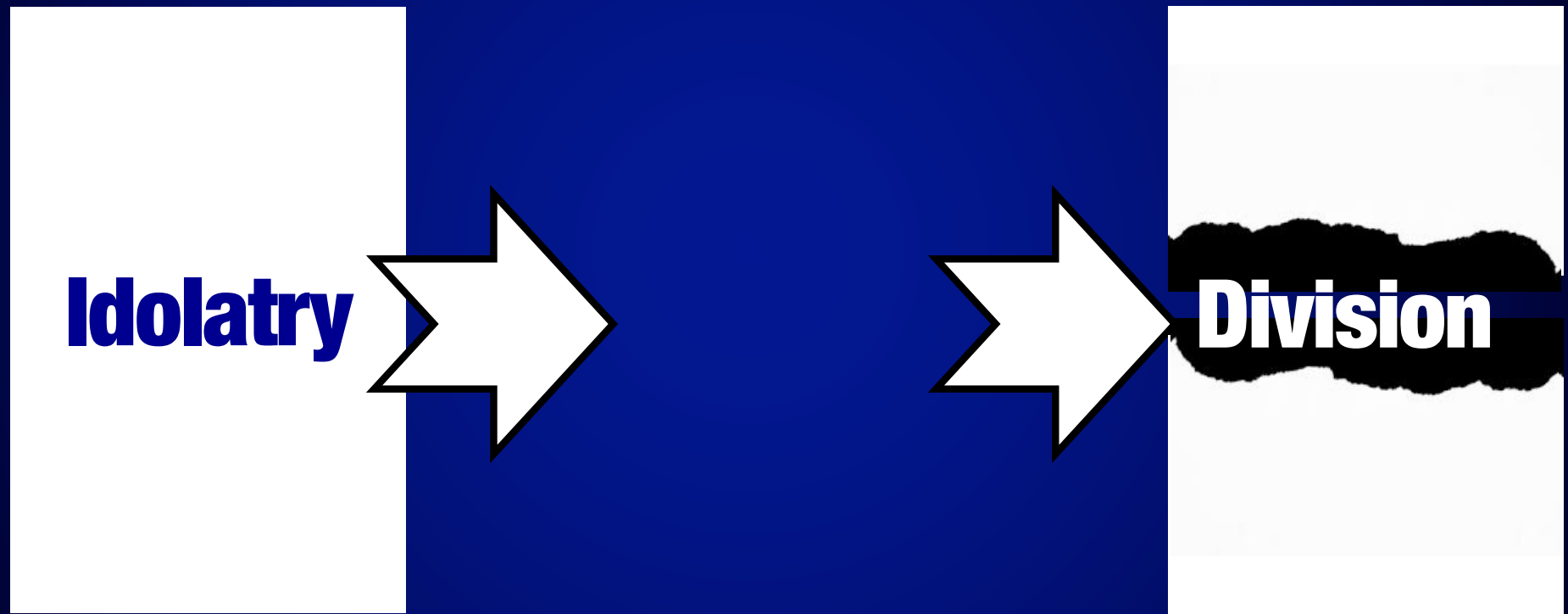
Early Divided Kingdom

1 Kings 12:1–16:28

Elijah & Ahab

1 Kings 16:29–22:40

I. Idolatry leads to division
(1 Kings 1–11; 971-931 BC).



Why does unity sometimes lead to division?

1 Kings 1

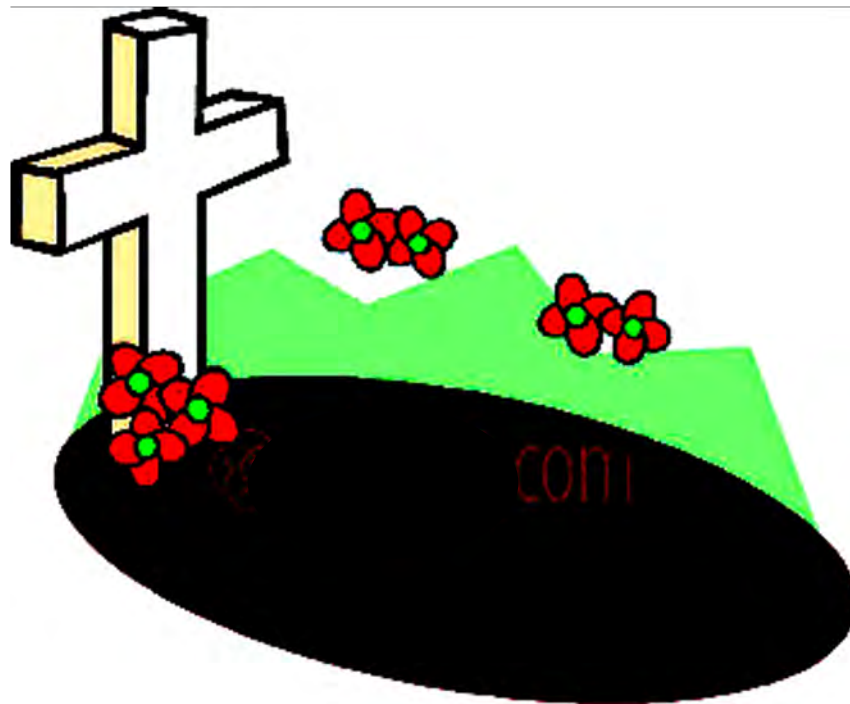
Division of the Kingdom

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Establishment of Solomon (David Dies)

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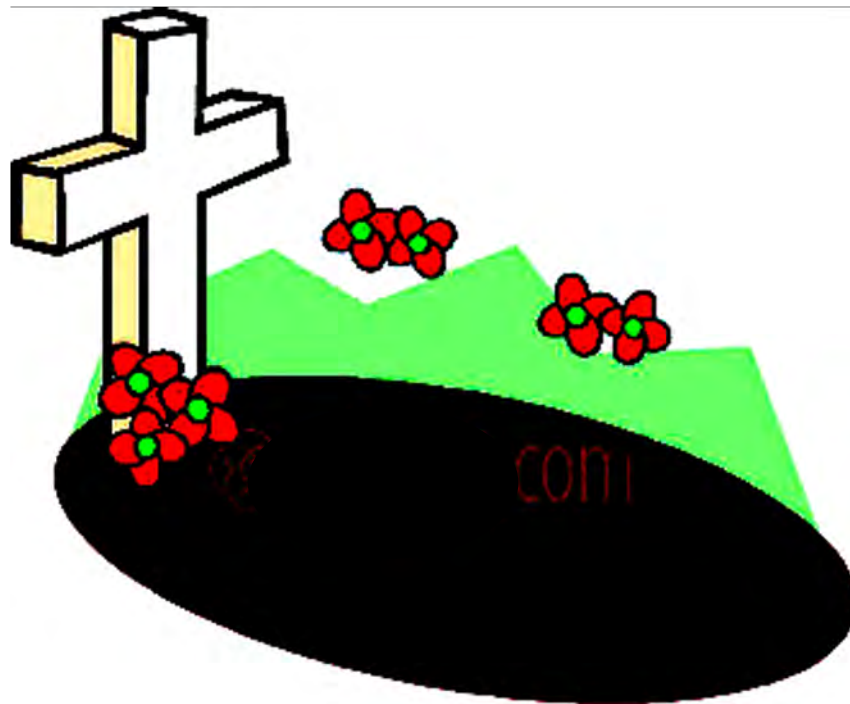


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- **Coronation of Solomon (1:32-53)**

1 Kings 2

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- **David's Instruction To Solomon (2:1-9)**
- **David's Death (2:10-11)**

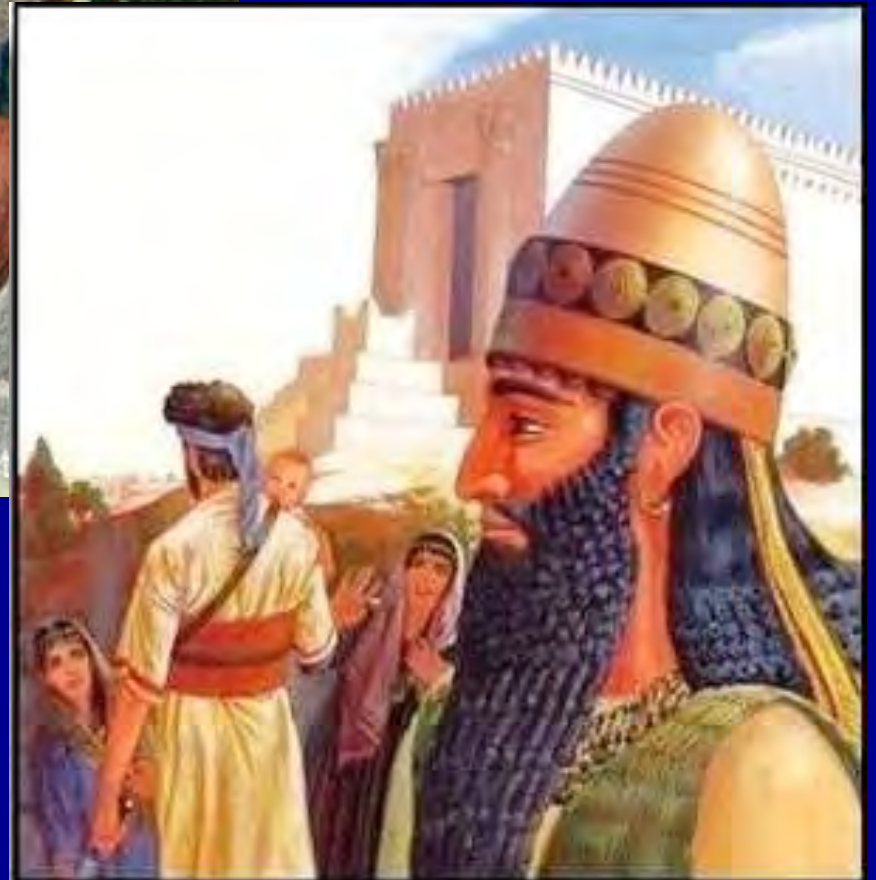
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Solomon Asks for Wisdom 1 Kings 3:1-15



Rise of Solomon

1 Kings 3–8

- Endowment of Wisdom (3:1-28)



1 Kings 4

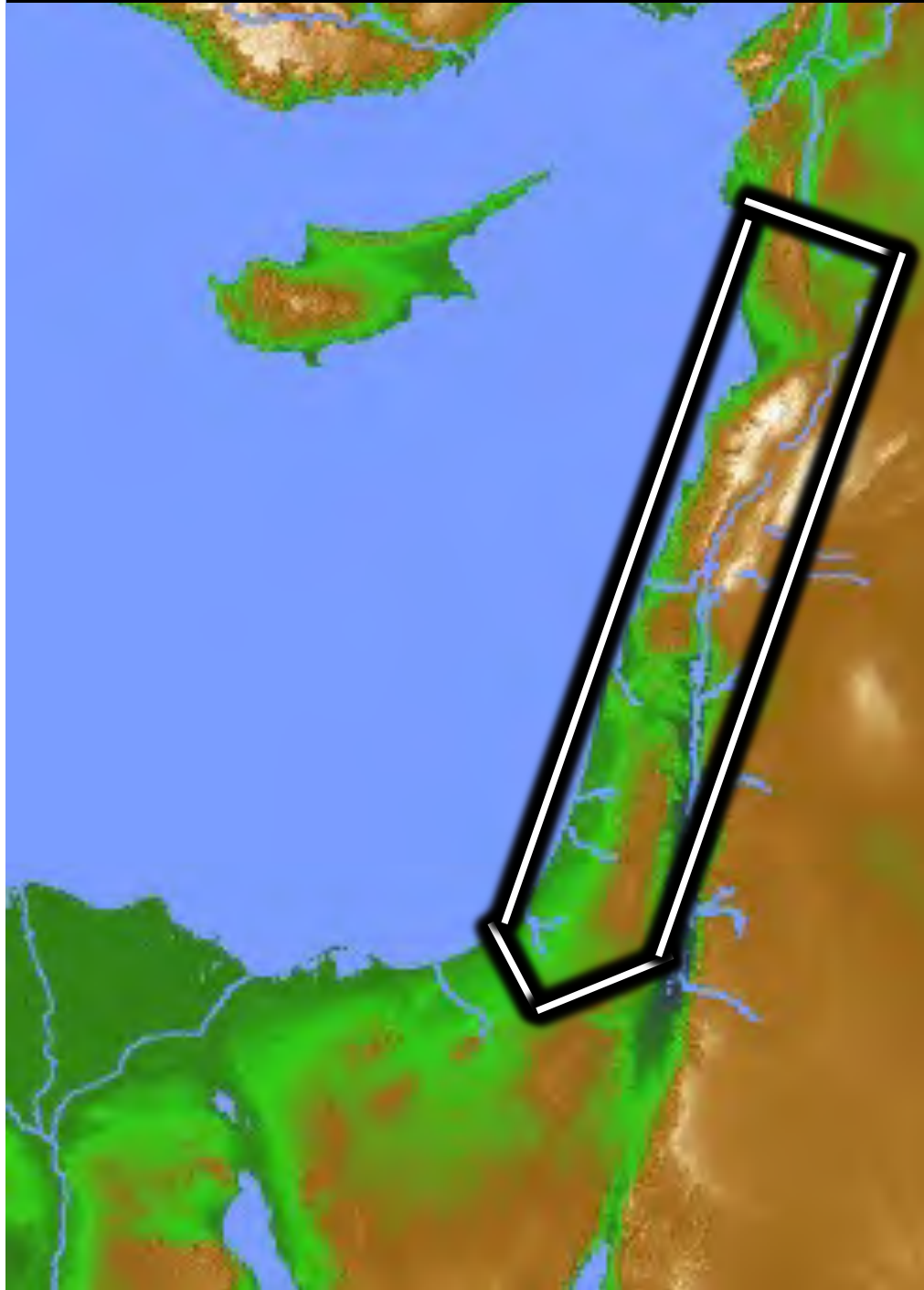
Rise of Solomon

1 Kings 3–8

- **Organization of the Kingdom**
(4:1-34)
- **The Building of the Temple**
(5:1–6:38)



Kingdom of David & Solomon (1 Kings 4:21)



1 Kings 5

2 Sam. 24:18-24; 2 Chron. 3:1



The Temple Mount: Jerusalem's Global Focal Point

2 Sam. 24:18-24; 2 Chron. 3:1



Ancient Threshing Floor

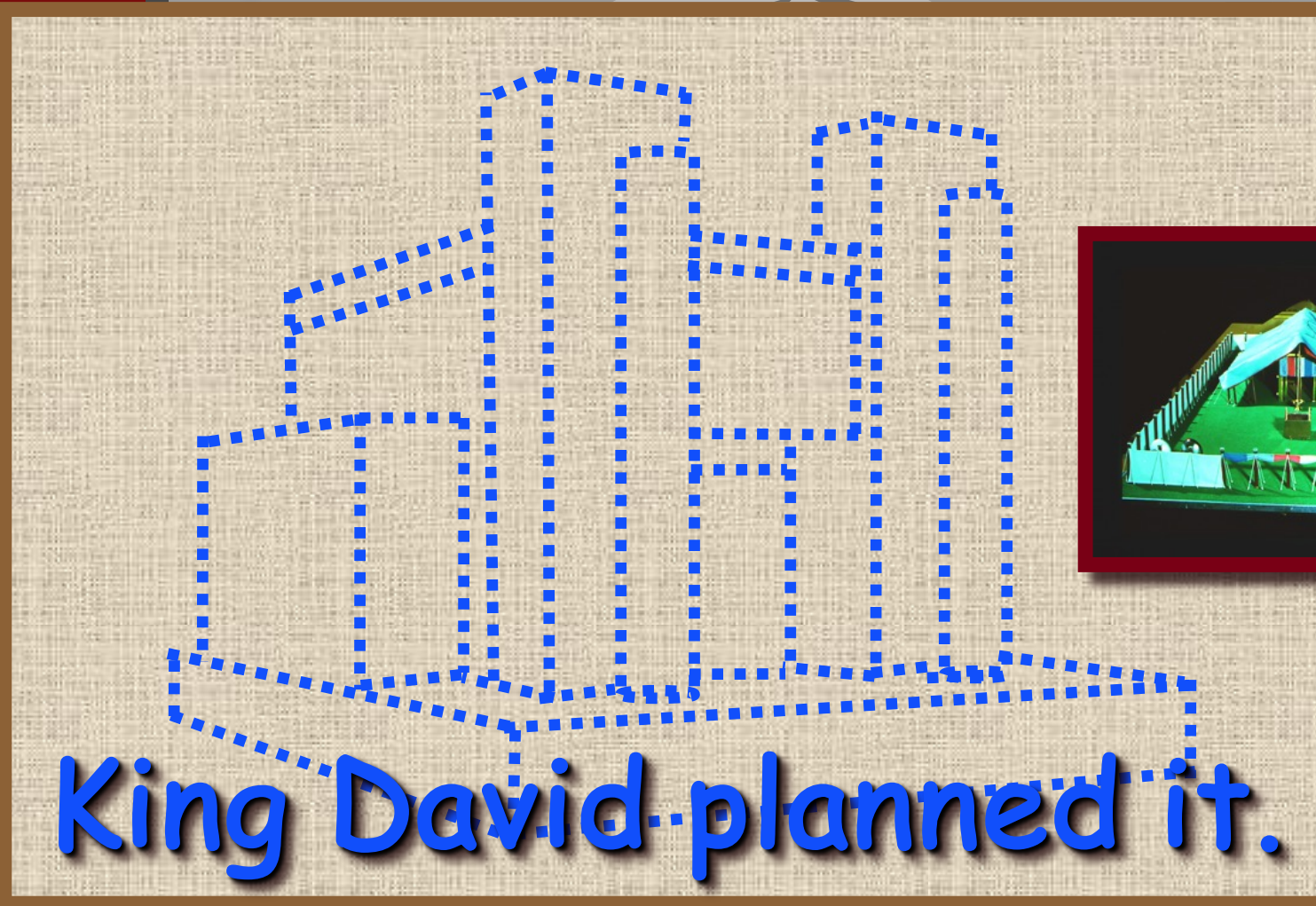


Araunah's threshing floor...

David bought it...

To build the FIRST Temple to the Lord!

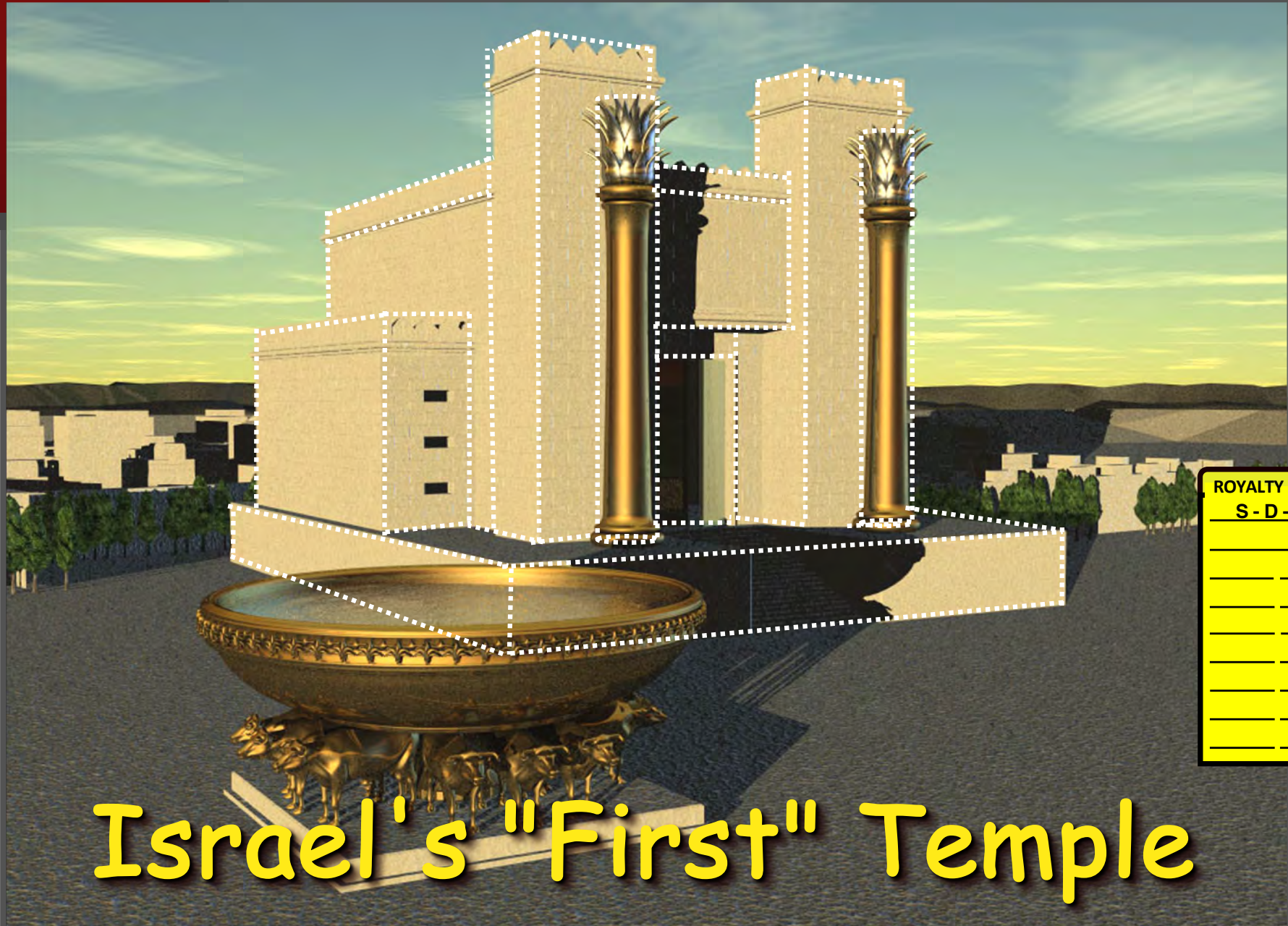
On Mount Moriah!



King David planned it.

But...his son Solomon
was to build it!

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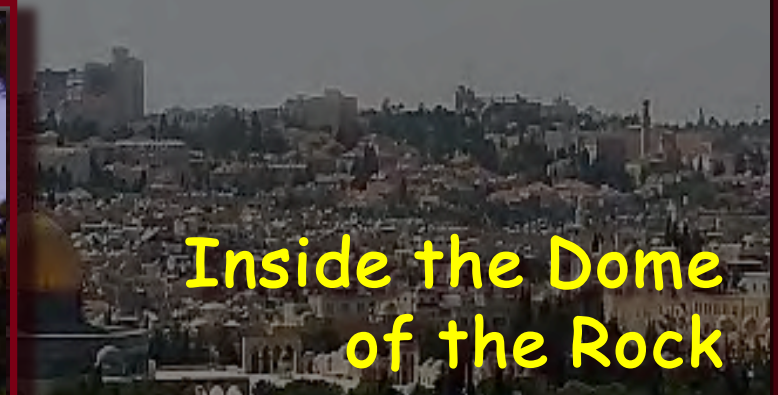
Israel's "First" Temple

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Jerusalem's Temple Mount Today



Dome of the Rock on
The Temple Mount



Inside the Dome
of the Rock



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Praying at The Wall



The Western Wall of the Temple Mount

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THE ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE OF THE TEMPLE MOUNT!

- **Spiritual**
- **Theological**
- **Political**
- **Geographical**
- **Eschatological**

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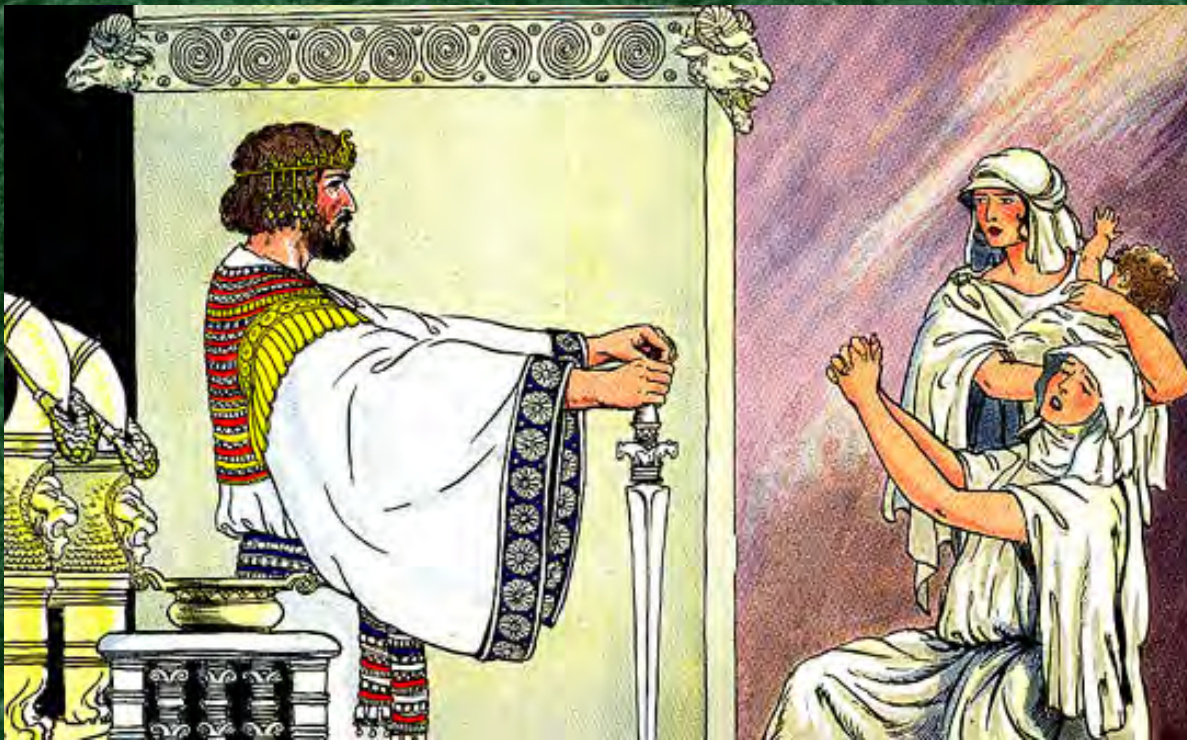


The Temple Mount in Today's Jerusalem: A Prime Focal Point of Planet Earth



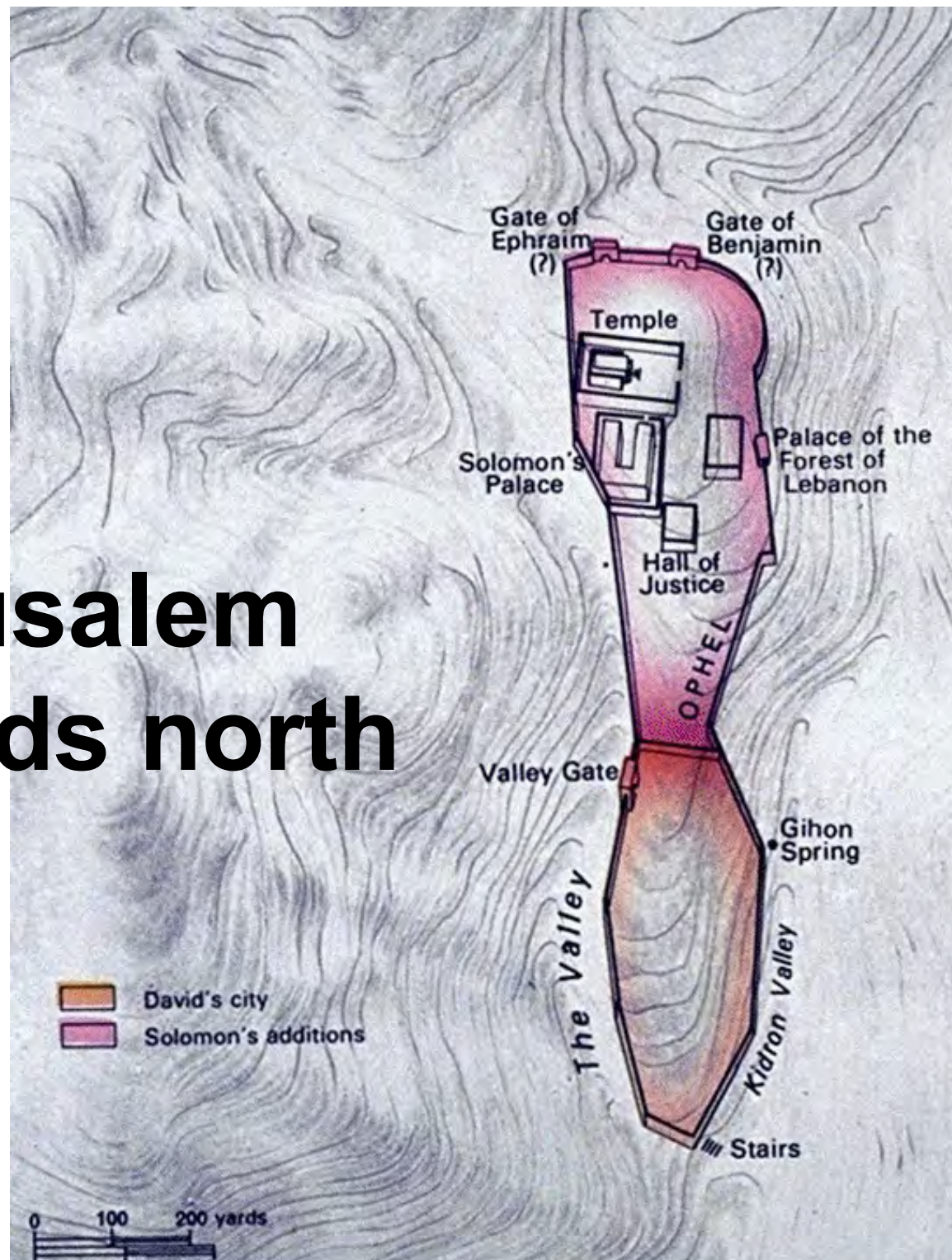
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1 Kings 6



Solomon's Wisdom & Glory (1 Kings 3–8)

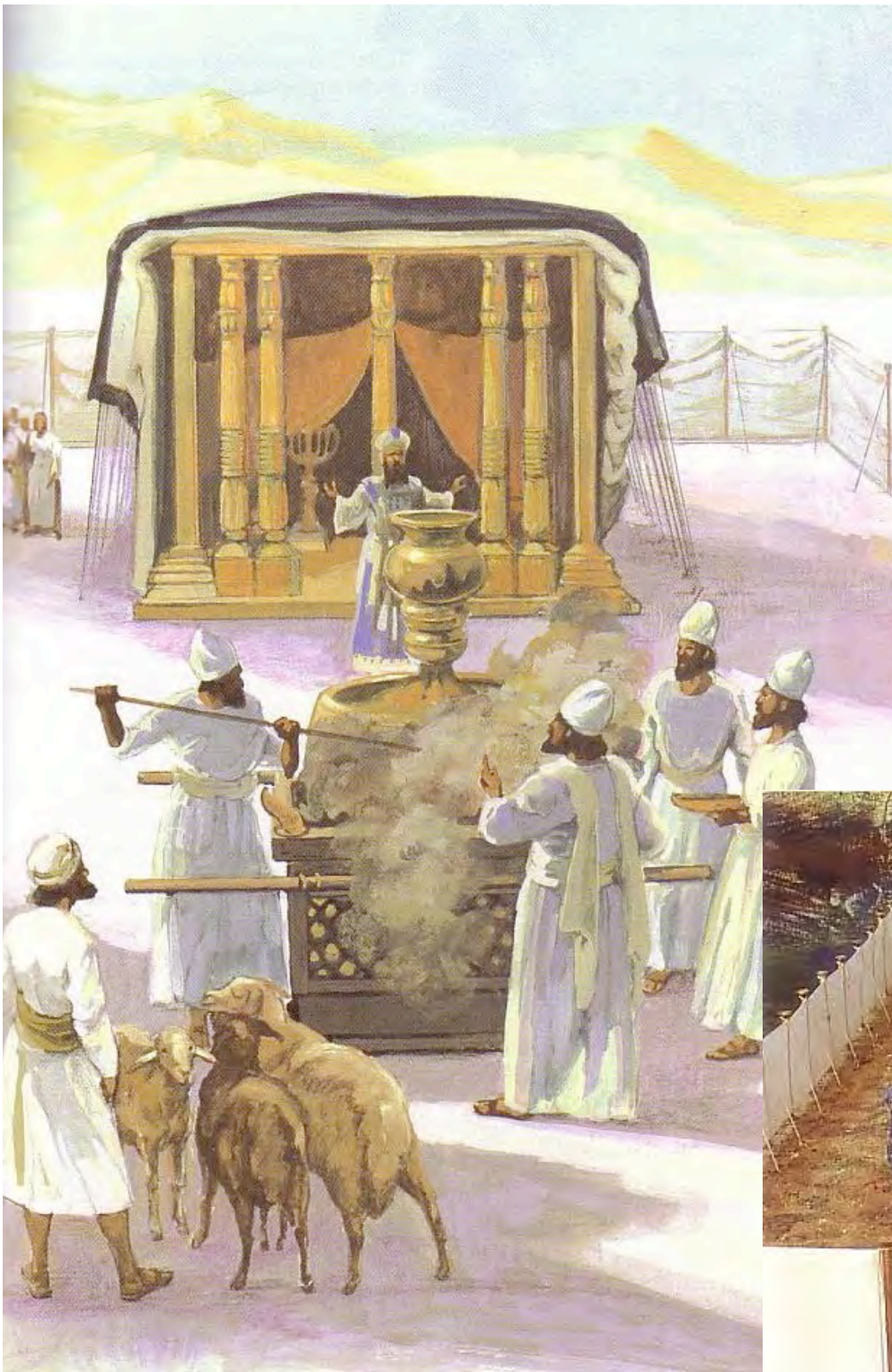
Jerusalem expands north



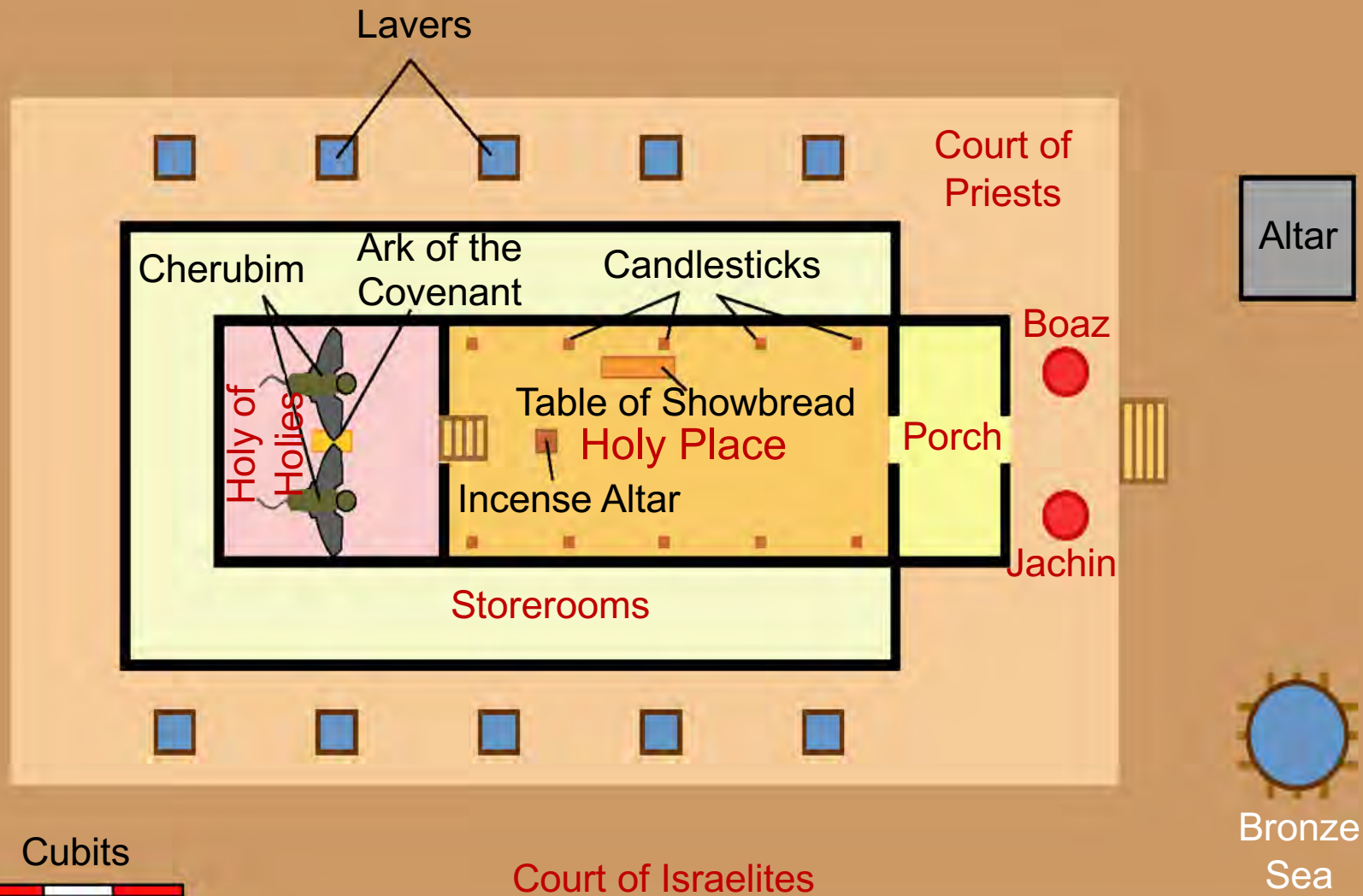
The Temple



The Tabernacle



Solomon's Temple



Rise of Solomon

1 Kings 3–8

Temple Furnishings (7:9-51)



Golden pot
of manna



Altar of
incense



Golden
candle stick



Brazen laver



The ark of
the covenant



Table for the
bread of presence



1 Kings 7

Rise of Solomon

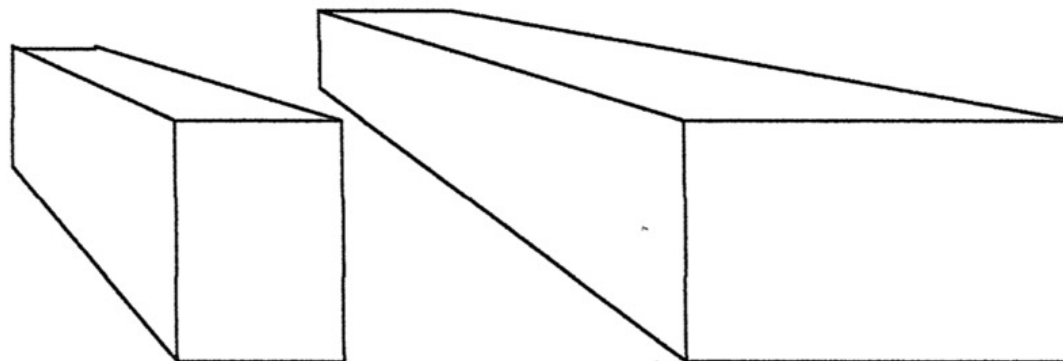
1 Kings 3–8

- **Solomon's Palace (7:1-8)**



Comparing Buildings

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Solomon's...	Temple (1 Kings 6:1-2)	Palace (1 Kings 7:1-2)
Height	30 cubits (13.5 meters)	30 cubits (13.5 meters)
Width	20 cubits (9 meters)	50 cubits (23 meters)
Length	60 cubits (27 meters)	100 cubits (46 meters)
Construction	966-959 BC (7 years; 1 Kings 6:38)	959-946 BC (13 years; cf. Hag 1:2-4)
Location	Rock of Moriah: place where Abraham offered Isaac (Gen 22:14), later the threshing floor of Araunah (2 Sam 24:16), and later the temple (1 Chron 22:1; 2 Chron 3:1)	Just south of the temple, which was next to the palace of Pharaoh's daughter, wife of Solomon (2 Chron 8:11)

1 Kings 8

**The Great Sea was
supported by 12 oxen**



Rise of Solomon

1 Kings 3–8



- The Dedication of The Temple (8:1-66)



1 Kings 9

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Decline of Solomon

1 Kings 9–11

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1. God reaffirms the Davidic Covenant (9:1-9)



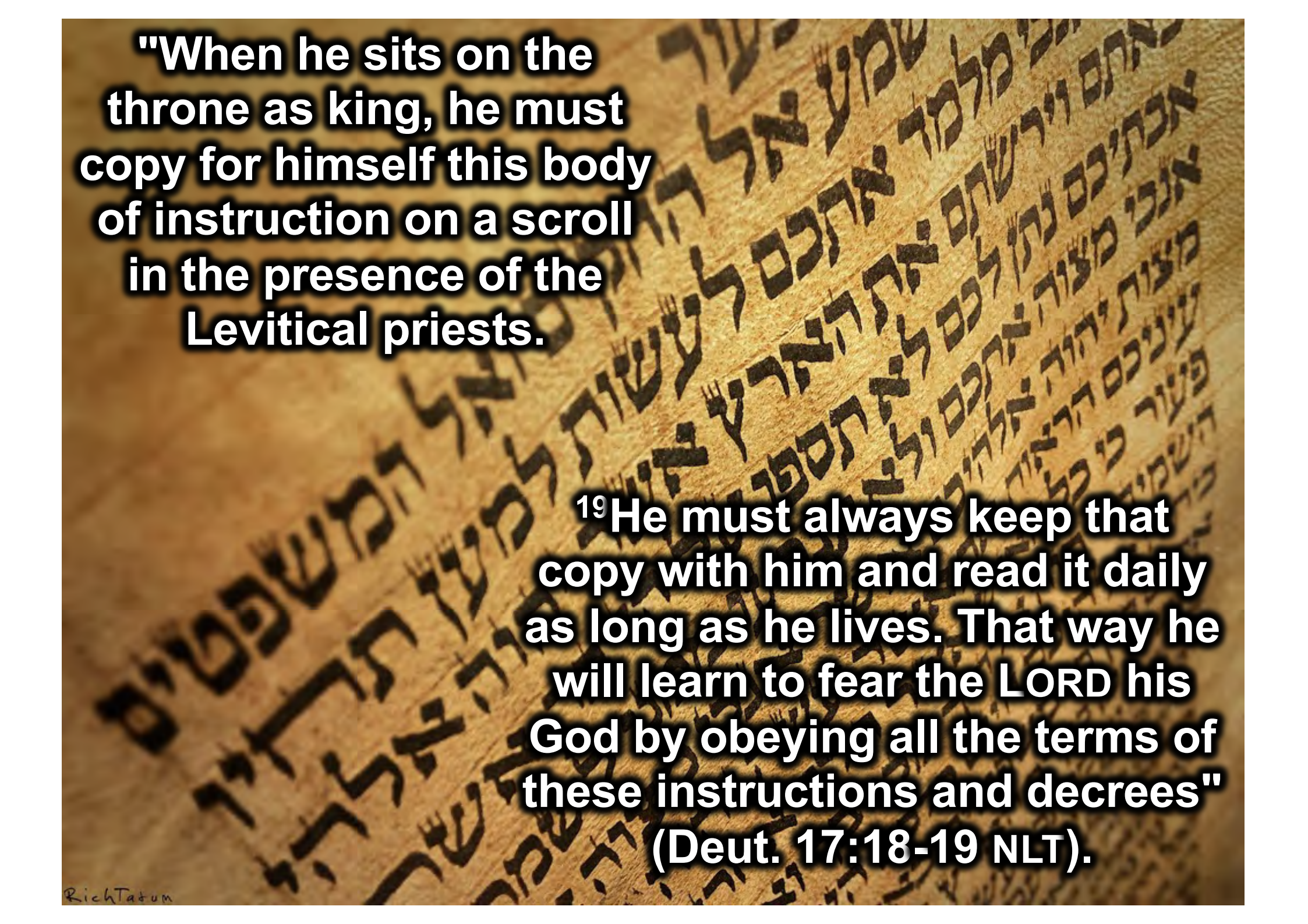
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2. Compromises (9:10–11:8)

- Cities given away
- Slavery
- Wealth
- Horses
- Intermarriage
- Multiple wives

3. God's Chastening (11:9-43)

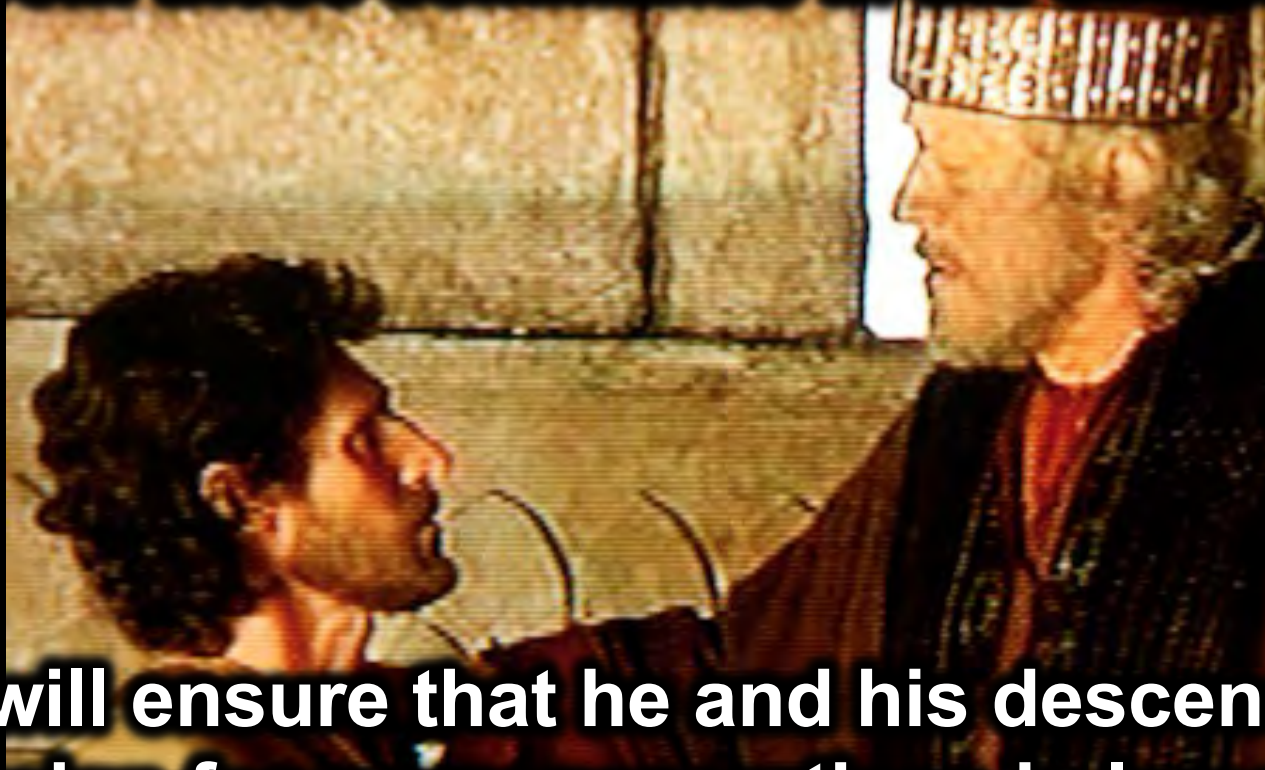
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"When he sits on the throne as king, he must copy for himself this body of instruction on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.

¹⁹He must always keep that copy with him and read it daily as long as he lives. That way he will learn to fear the LORD his God by obeying all the terms of these instructions and decrees" (Deut. 17:18-19 NLT).

Warnings for Kings (1400 BC)

"This regular reading will prevent him from becoming proud and acting as if he is above his fellow citizens. It will also prevent him from turning away from these commands in the smallest way"



"And it will ensure that he and his descendants will reign for many generations in Israel"
(Deut. 17:20 NLT).

Warnings for Kings (1400 BC)

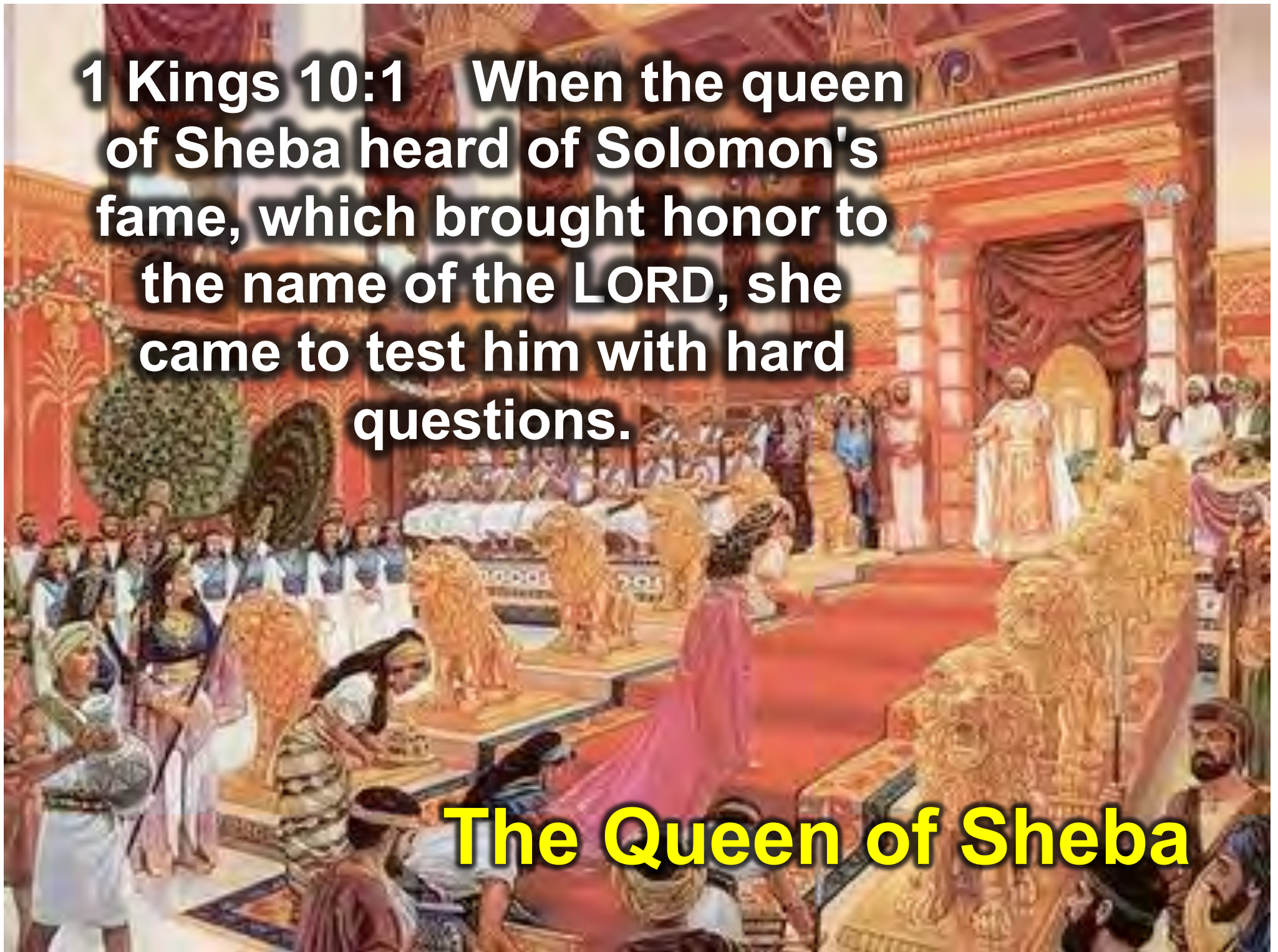
**"You are about to enter the land the LORD your God is giving you. When you take it over and settle there, you may think, 'We should select a king to rule over us like the other nations around us.' ¹⁵ If this happens, be sure to select as king the man the LORD your God chooses. You must appoint a fellow Israelite; he may not be a foreigner"
(Deut. 17:14-15 NLT).**



1 Kings 10

1 Kings 10:1 When the queen of Sheba heard of Solomon's fame, which brought honor to the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions.

The Queen of Sheba



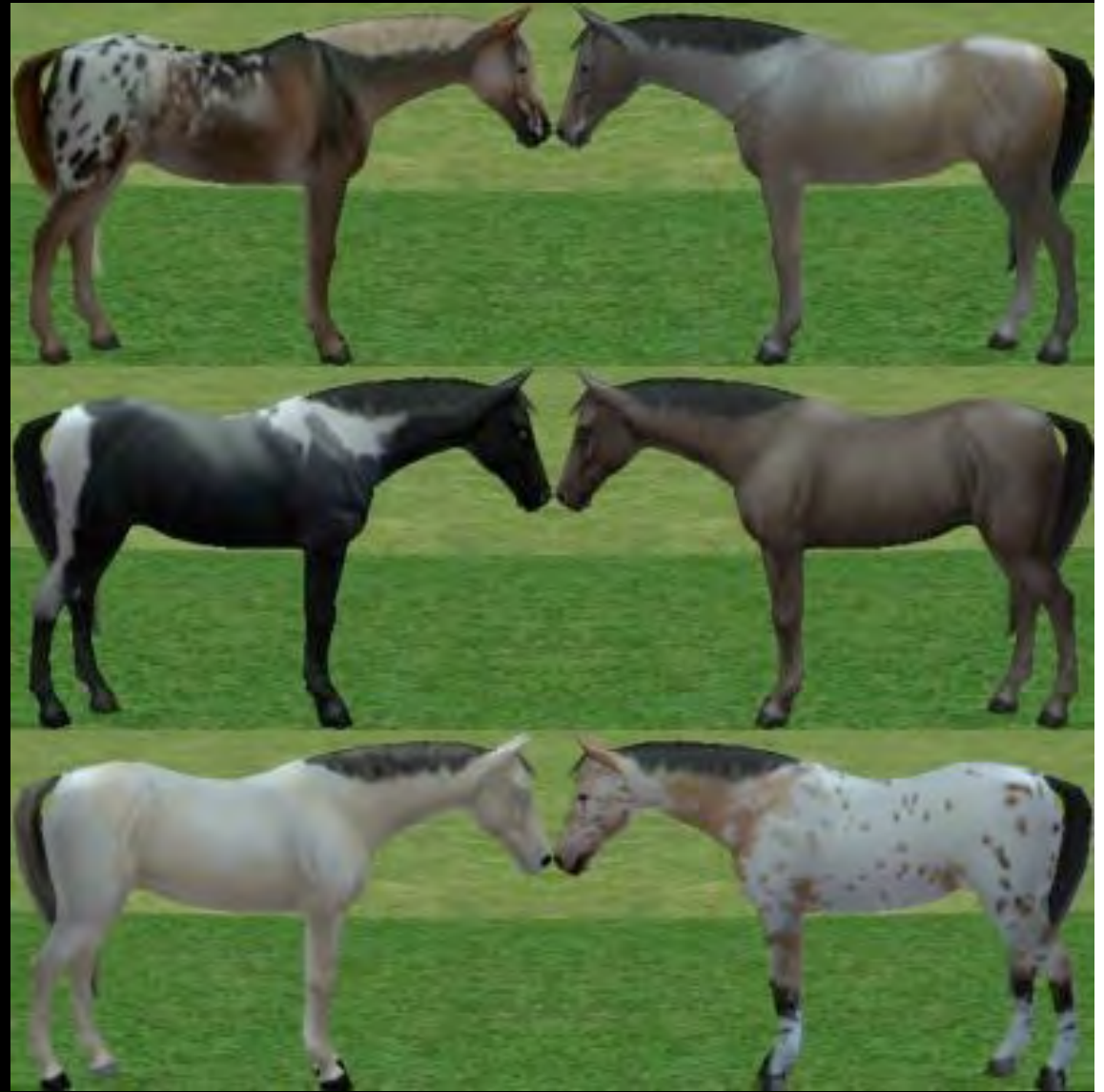
Warnings for Kings (1400 BC)

**"And he must not
accumulate large
amounts of wealth
in silver and gold
for himself"
(Deut. 17:17b NLT).**



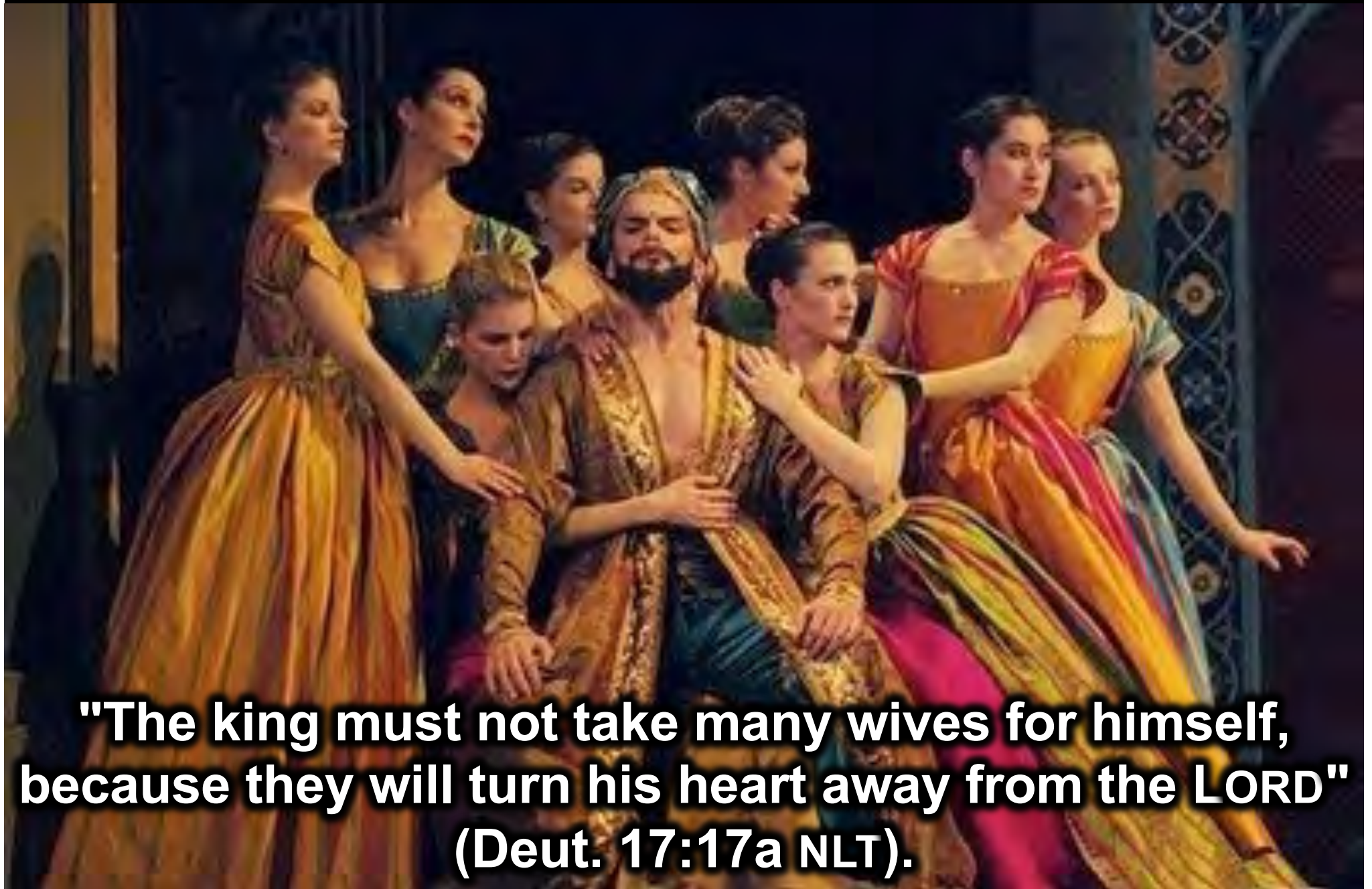
Warnings for Kings (1400 BC)

"The king must not build up a large stable of horses for himself or send his people to Egypt to buy horses, for the LORD has told you, 'You must never return to Egypt'" (Deut. 17:16 NLT).



1 Kings 11

Warnings for Kings (1400 BC)



**"The king must not take many wives for himself,
because they will turn his heart away from the LORD"
(Deut. 17:17a NLT).**



**Women and
money turned
Solomon's
heart away**



Decline of Solomon

1 Kings 9–11

- **Solomon's Apostasy Due to Wives (11:1-3)**



Chapter 11 = Bankruptcy



Solomon's Enemies

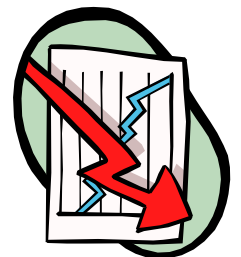
(1 Kings 11:26-40)



Decline of Solomon

1 Kings 9–11

- **Solomon's Death**



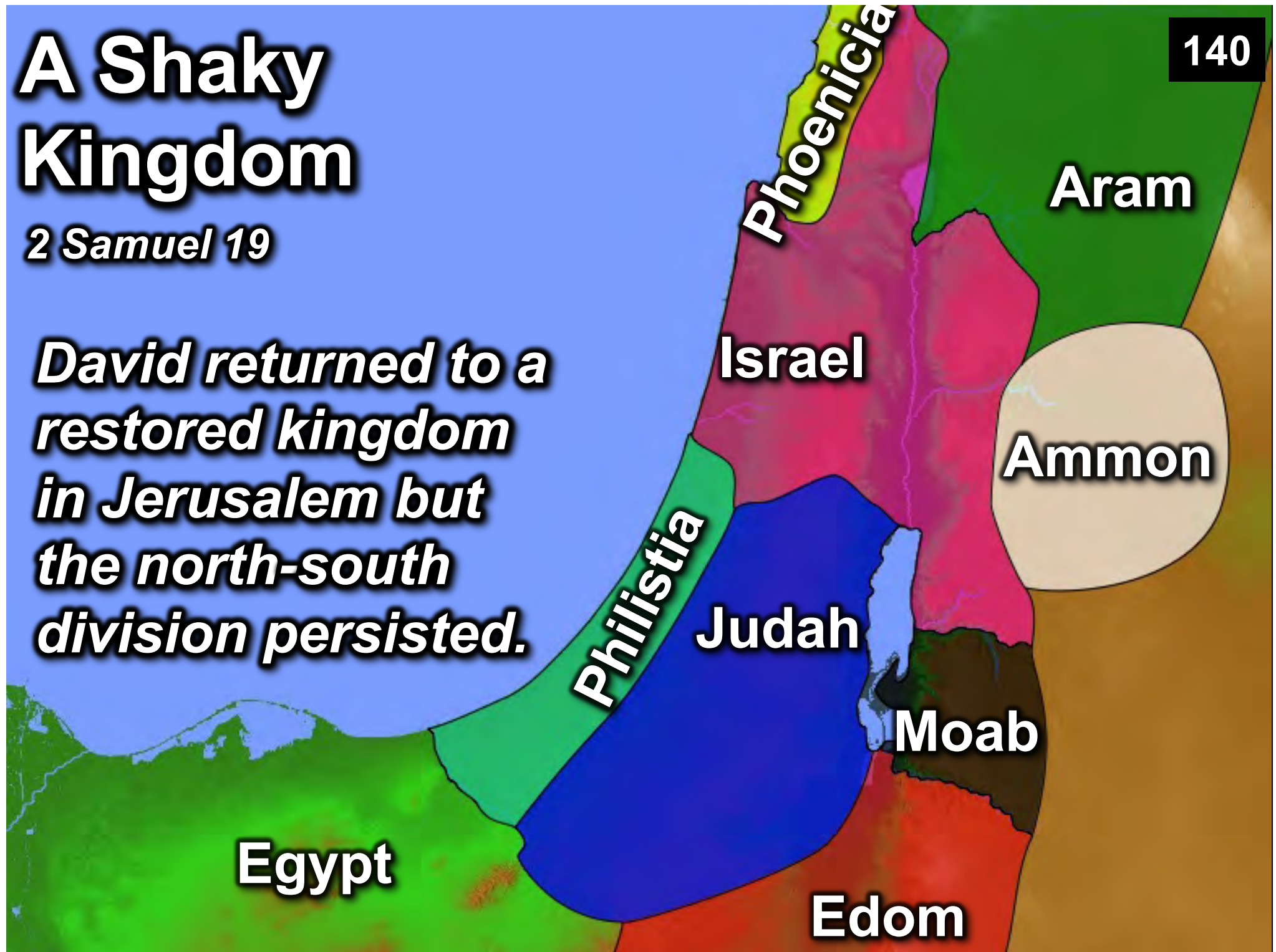
The Significance of 1 Kings 12

The Kingdom in Tranquility	Chapter 12	The Kingdom in Turmoil
God rules His people through a king: SOLOMON	Split of the Kingdom	God speaks to His people through a prophet: ELIJAH

A Shaky Kingdom

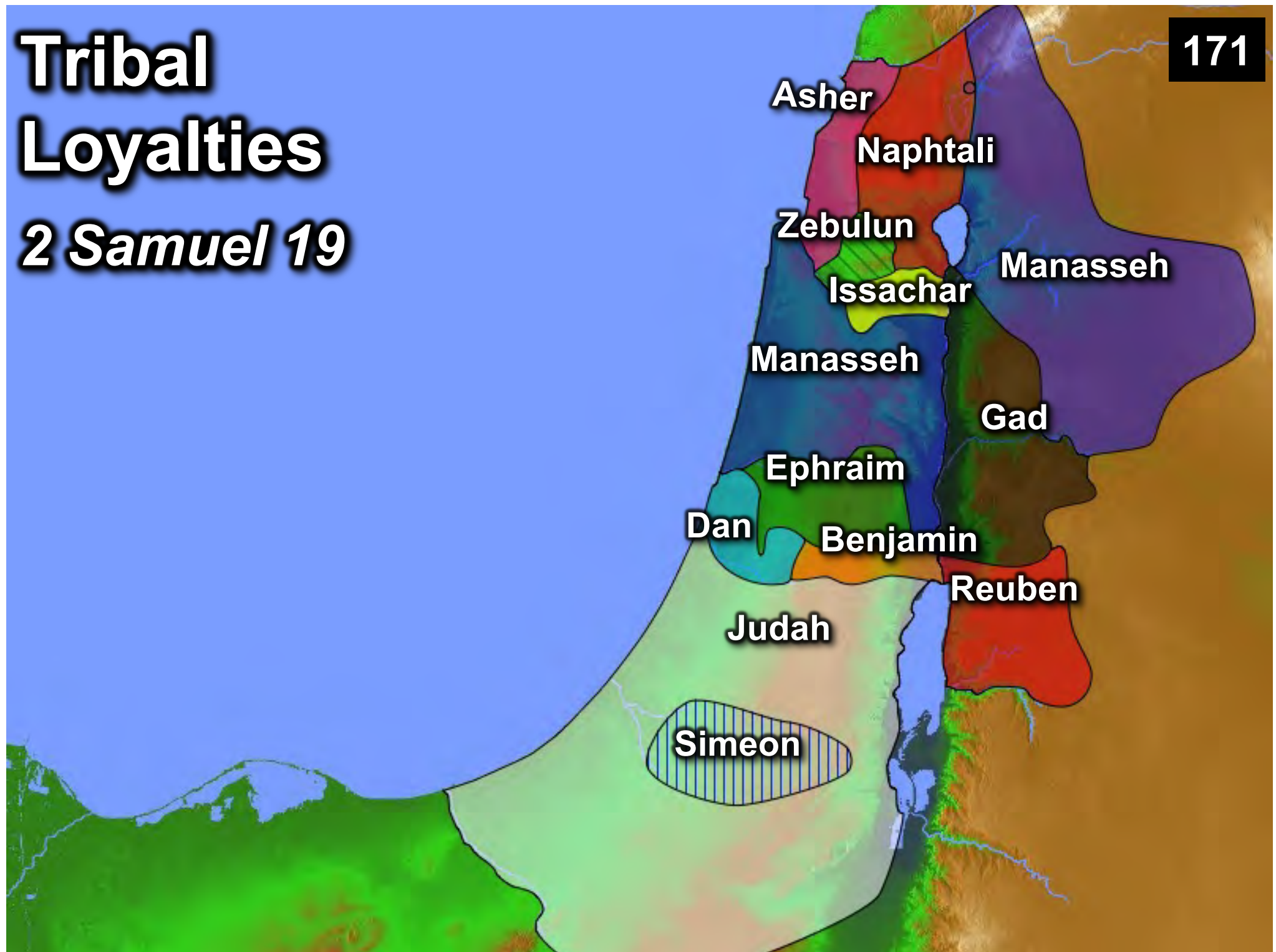
2 Samuel 19

David returned to a restored kingdom in Jerusalem but the north-south division persisted.



Tribal Loyalties

2 Samuel 19



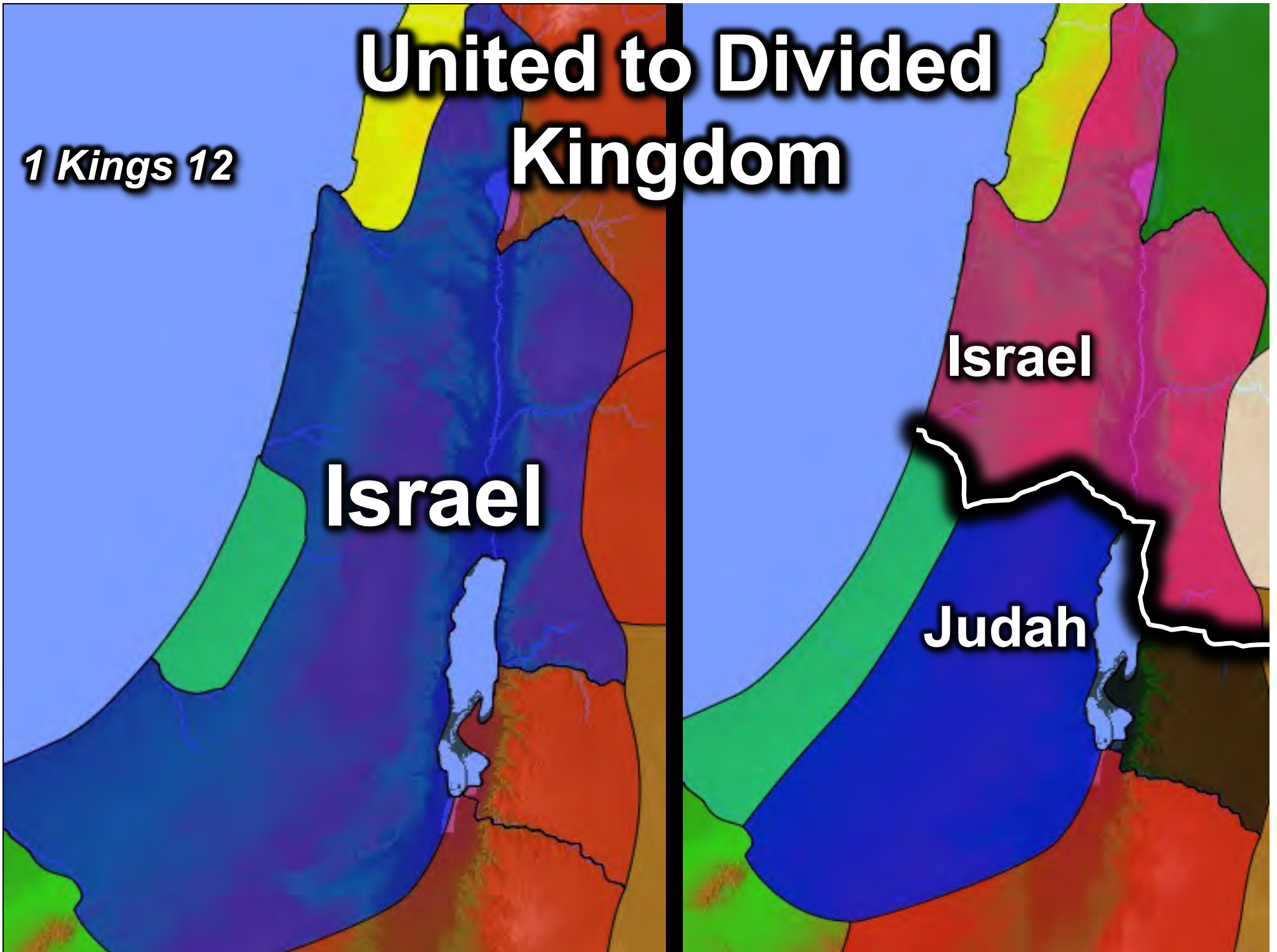
United to Divided Kingdom

1 Kings 12

Israel

Israel

Judah

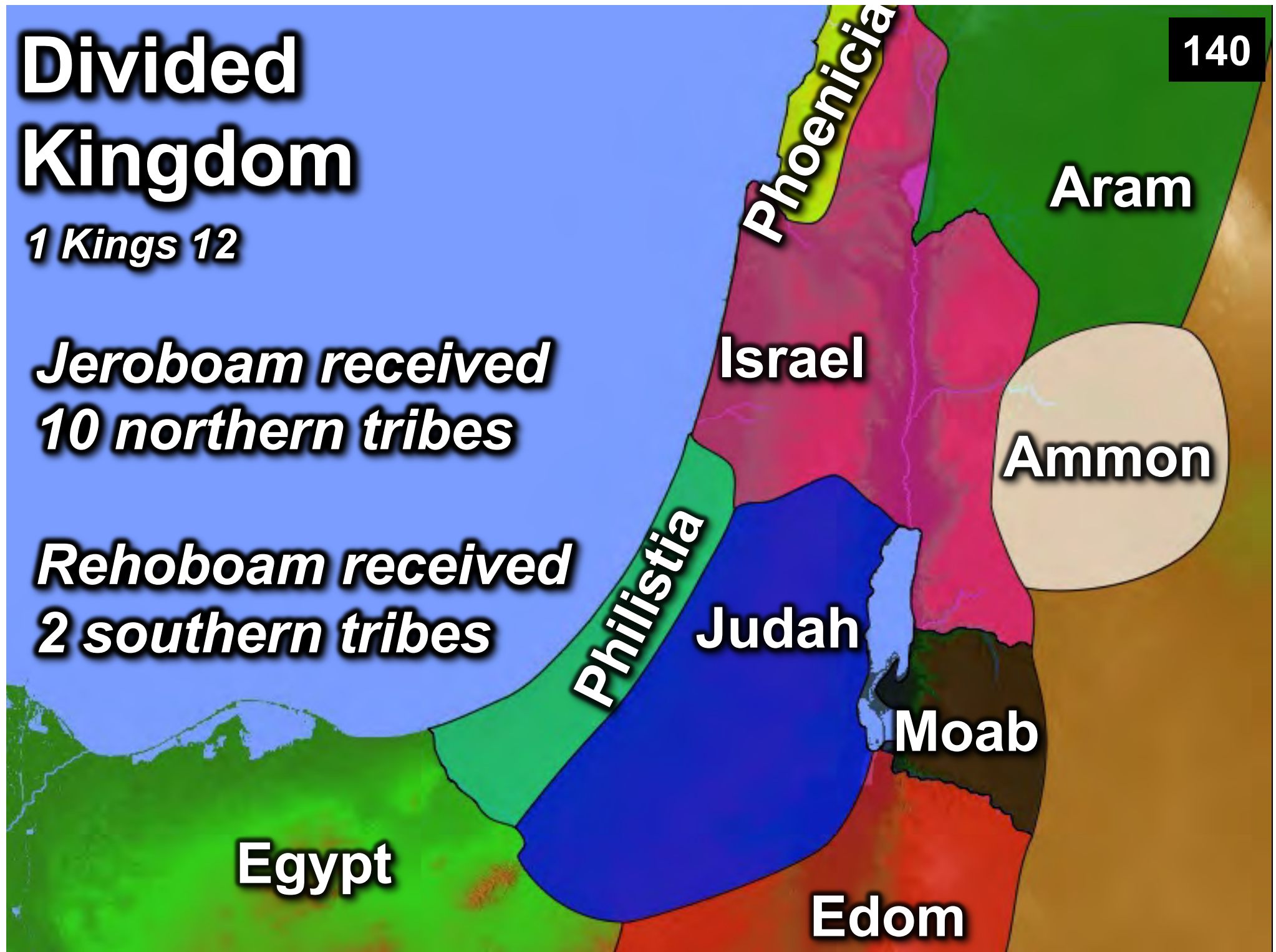


Divided Kingdom

1 Kings 12

*Jeroboam received
10 northern tribes*

*Rehoboam received
2 southern tribes*



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ROYALTY ca. 1000 B.C.

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2 Sam. 7:4-16
1 Chron. 17:3-15

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SOLOMON: REALLY BIG IDEAS!
BIG ISSUE: BILLS COMING DUE.

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ROYALTY ca. 1000 B.C.

Construction!

Heavy Taxation!

Bankruptcy!

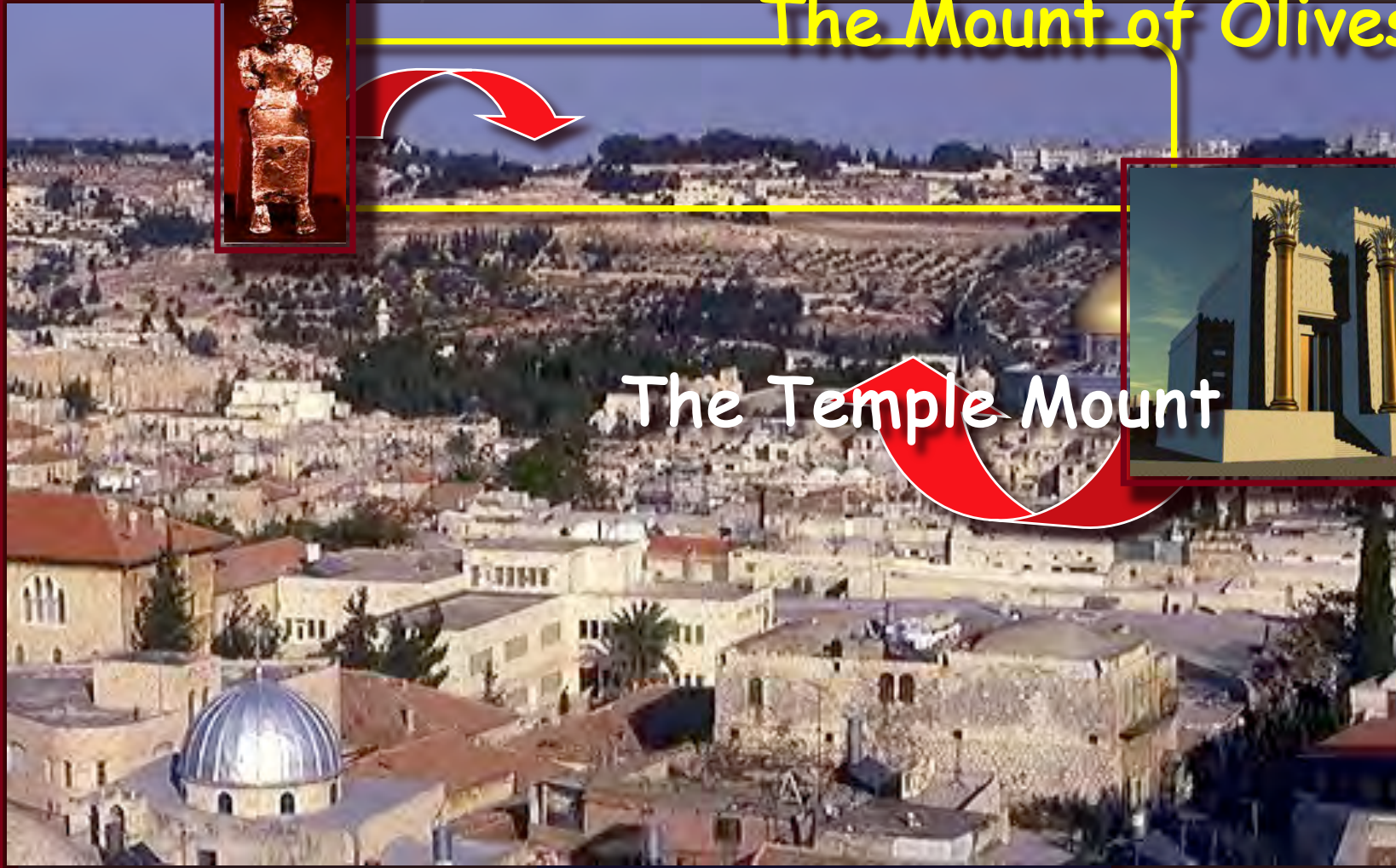
Idolatry!

Solomon's Problems

2 Sam. 7:4-16
1 Chron. 17:3-15

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The Mount of Olives



The Temple Mount



4-16

7:3-15

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IDOL WORSHIP!

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After Solomon...

ROYALTY ca. 1000 B.C.

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<<<< **SPLIT** >>>>

<u>NORTH</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
<u>ISRAEL</u>	<u>JUDAH</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>
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DC

2 Sam. 7: 4-16

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<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
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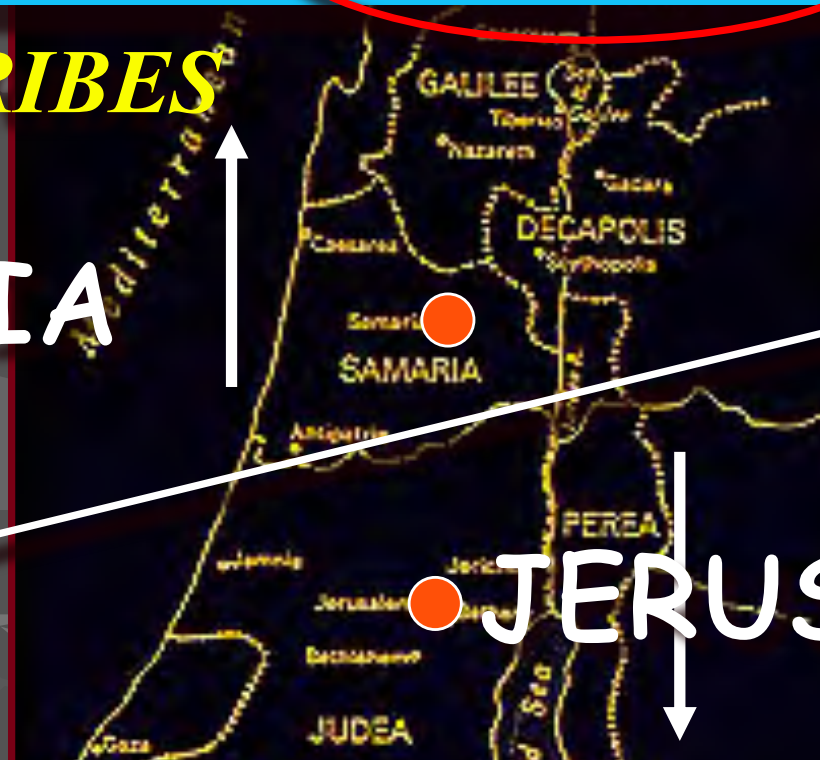
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THE NORTHERN KINGDOM: ISRAEL

10 TRIBES

SAMARIA

2 TRIBES

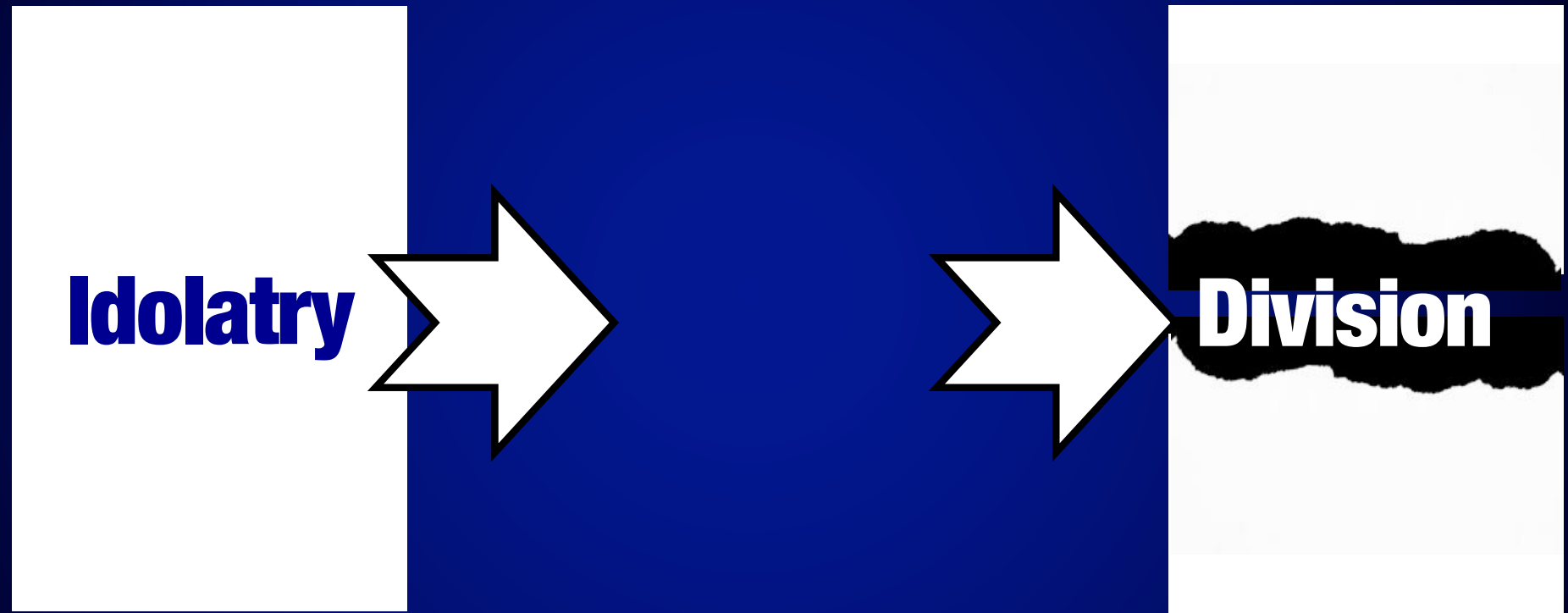


JERUSALEM

ROYALTY	
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... SPLIT ...	
North	South
Israel	Judah
10	2

THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM: JUDAH

I. **Idolatry** leads to division (1 Kings 1–11; 971-931 BC).



Why does unity sometimes lead to division?

II. Ignoring God's **Word** leads to division (1 Kings 12–22; 931-852 BC).



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1 Kings 12

Early Divided Kingdom

1 Kings 12:1–16:28

- **Disruption of the Kingdom at Shechem (12:1-24)**



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Division of the Kingdom



A family divides...



Inventing Paganism...

Jeroboam set up calf
idols at Bethel and
Dan (1 Kings 12:26–
33)



1 Kings 13

The Golden Calf



Altar of Jonathan (grandson of Moses) in 1340 BC (Judges 18:30)

**Jeroboam set up his golden calf on the very same
altar in 931 BC (1 Kings 12:26-33)!**

- **The Israelite
Kingdom
Begins Under
Jeroboam
(12:25–14:20)**



Tel Dan

**Jeroboam's altar split in half (1 Kings 13:1-5,
31-32)**



Tel Dan

1 Kings 14



**Jeroboam's wife
identified by the
blind prophet
Ahijah to predict
her son Abijah's
death (14:1-18)**

Early Divided Kingdom

1 Kings 12:1–16:28



- **Judgment by Egypt & Mixed Kings (14:21–15:24)**
- **Five Evil Kings of Israel (15:25–16:21)**

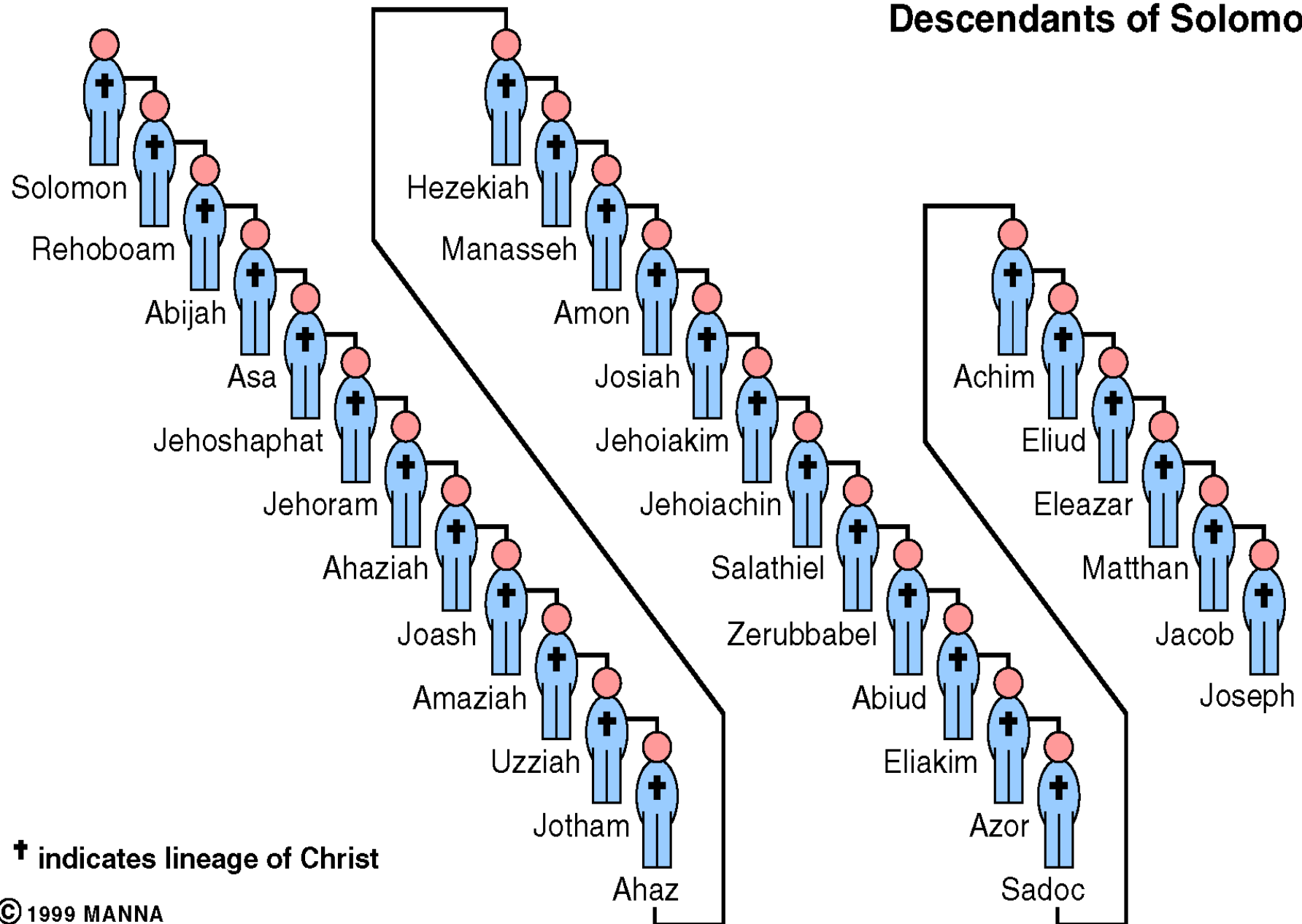
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Descendants of Solomon



1 Kings 16

Judah

- Rehoboam 931-913
- Abijam 913-911
- Asa 911-870

- Jehoshaphat 874-848

Israel

- Jeroboam I 931-910
- Nadab 910-909
- Baasha 909-886
- Elah 886-885
- Zimri 885
- Tibni 885-880
- Omri 885-874
- Ahab 874-853
- Ahaziah 853-852

Placing Key People & Dates

Key Dates

Jeroboam

Saul David Solomon

931

Rehoboam

Hoshea 722

Josiah

Zedekiah 586

Importing Paganism...

Jeroboam set up calf idols at Bethel and Dan (1 Kings 12:25-33)

Ahab & Jezebel import Baal worship to Israel (1 Kings 16:29-34)



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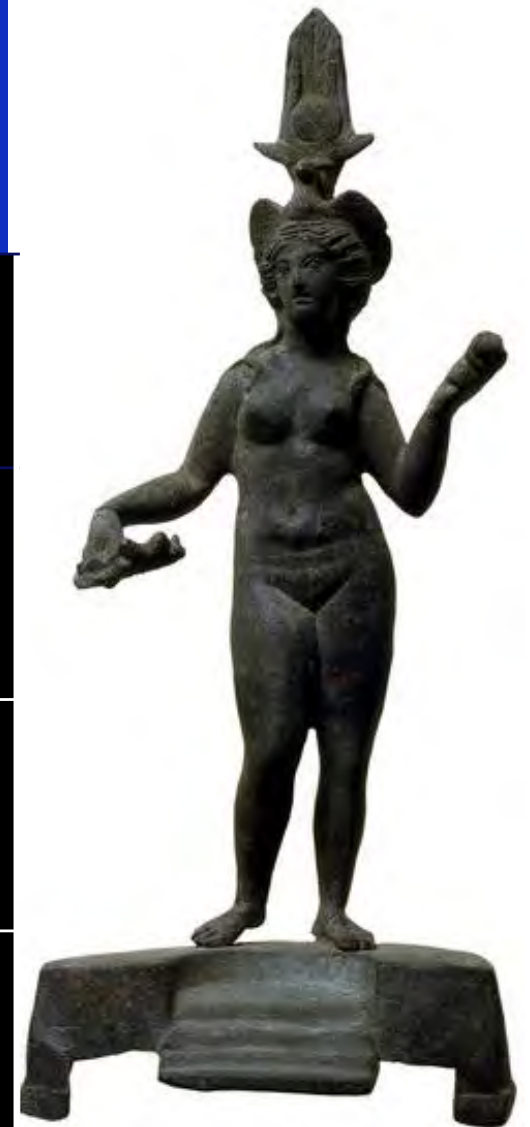
1 Kings 17



Phoenician Religion

♦ In various cities these deities were known by different names:

Cities	Tyre	Sidon	Byblos
Father god	--	Baal Shamaym	El
Mother god	Astarte	--	Baalat
Young male god	Melqart	Eshmun	Adonis



CANAANITE HIGH GOD

Prince of the earth, god of fertility, lord of sky and earth, god of thunder and lightning etc

Lord, master, owner

Chief male deity of the Phoenicians and Canaanites

Worshipped in the high places of Moab (Num. 22:41)

BAAL



ELIJAH FED BY RAVENS

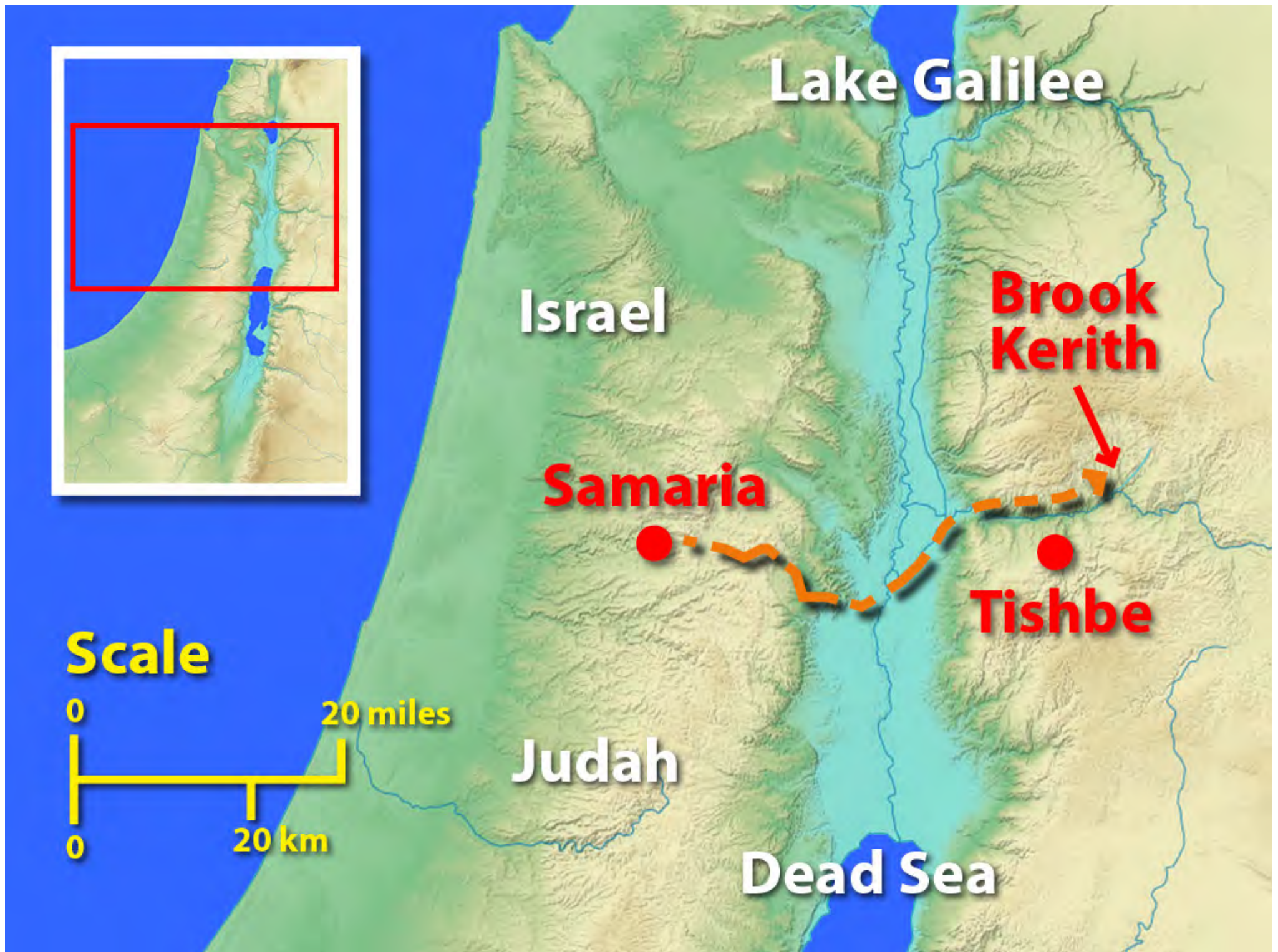
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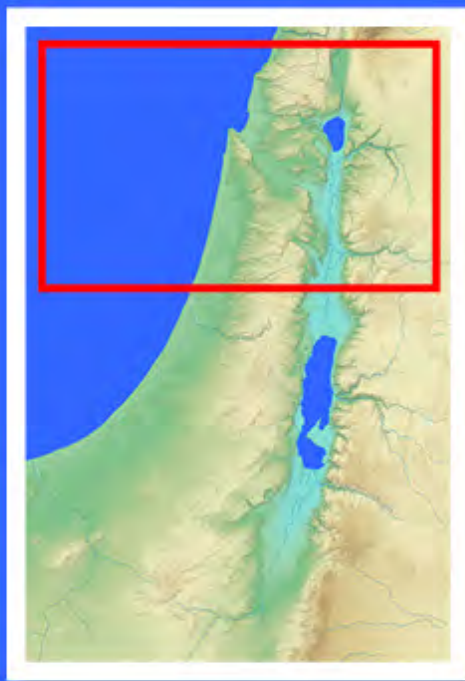












Zarephath

Phoenicia

**Lake
Galilee**

Israel

**Kerith
Brook**

Samaria

Tishbe

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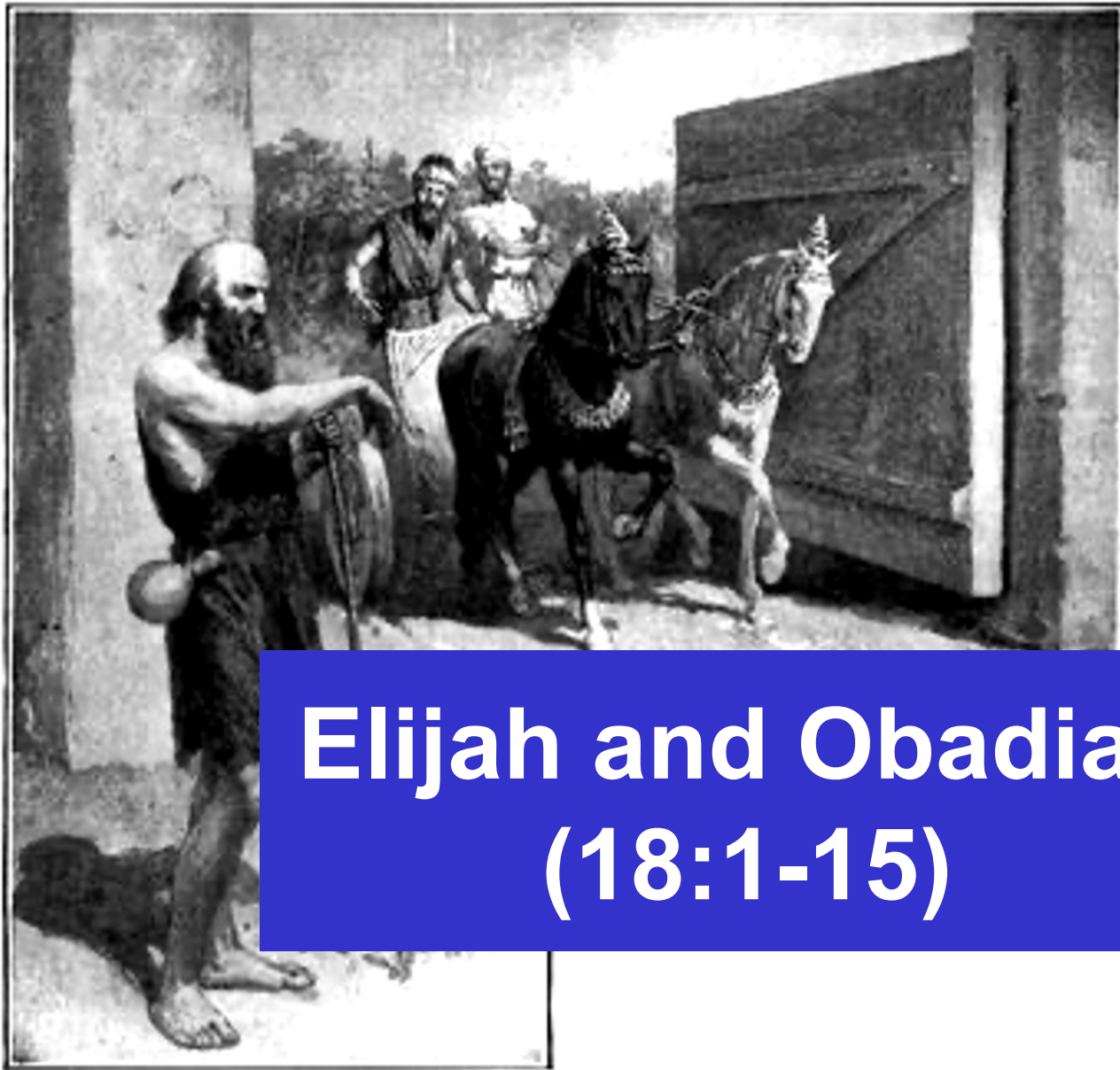




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1 Kings 18



Elijah and Obadiah (18:1-15)

Elijah confronted
850 prophets at
the end of a 3.5
year drought in
the land of the
"thunder god" and
"rain god."



Elijah on Mount Carmel (18:16-46)



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1 Kings 18:41-42

ELIJAH PRAYS FOR RAIN

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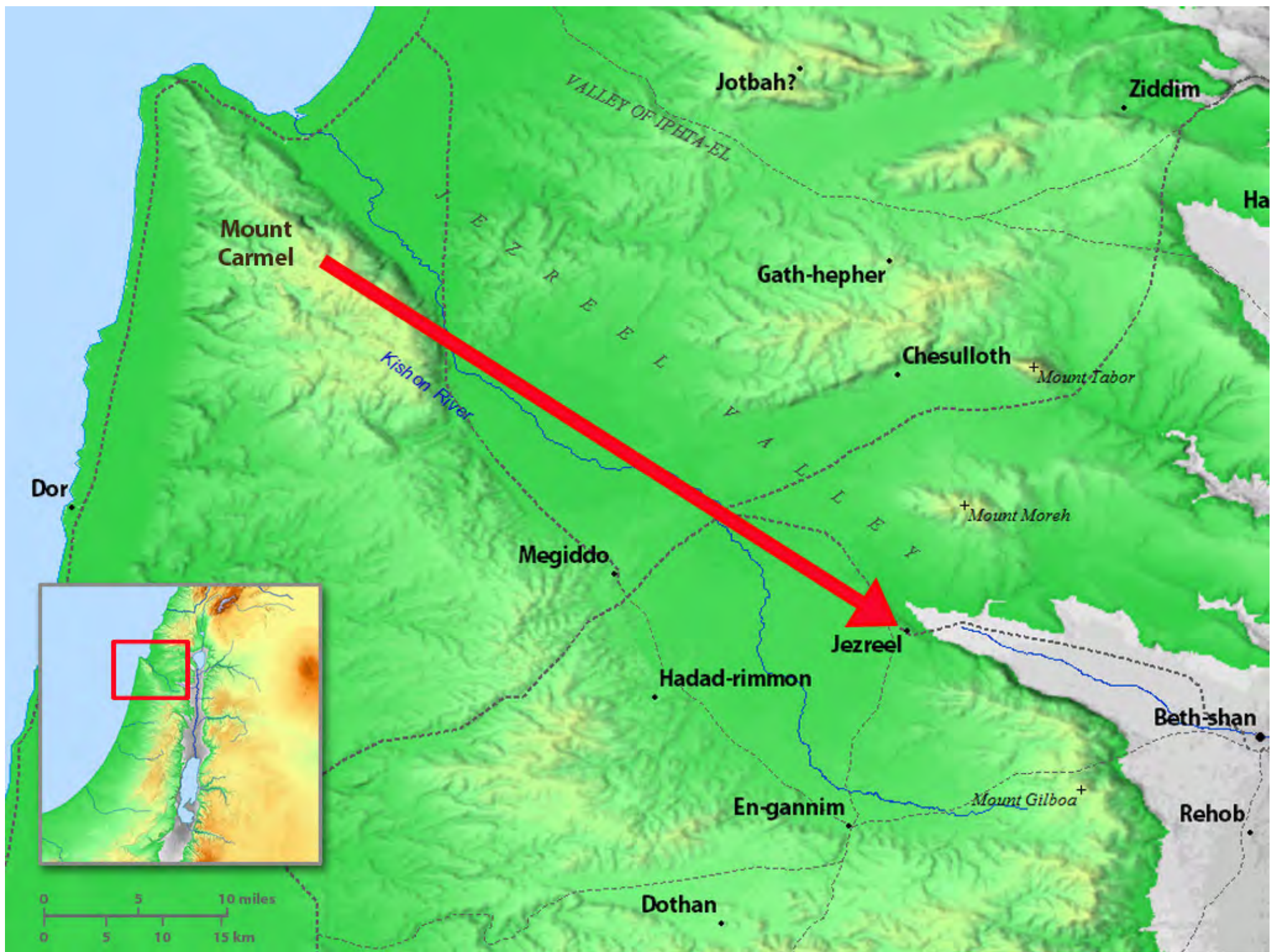












**The power of the
LORD came upon
Elijah and,
tucking his cloak
into his belt ...**



Elijah's Run

**... he ran ahead of
Ahab all the way
to Jezreel (18:46)**



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Elijah at Sinai

**The Lord
Appears
To Elijah
(19:9-18)**

1 Kings 19



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ELIJAH ANOINTS ELISHA TO SUCCEED HIM

1 Kings 19:15-21

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1 Kings 20

Elijah & Ahab

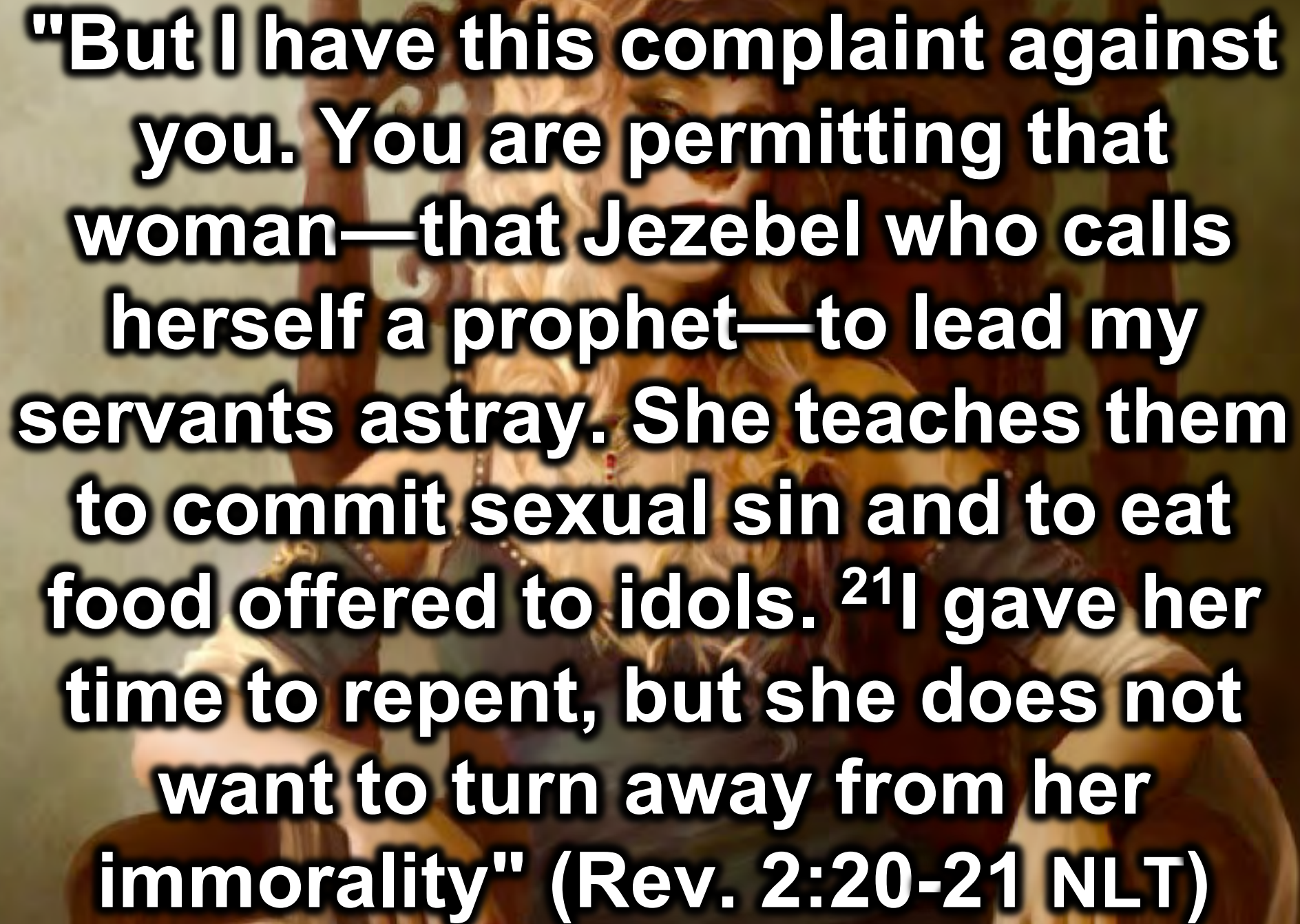
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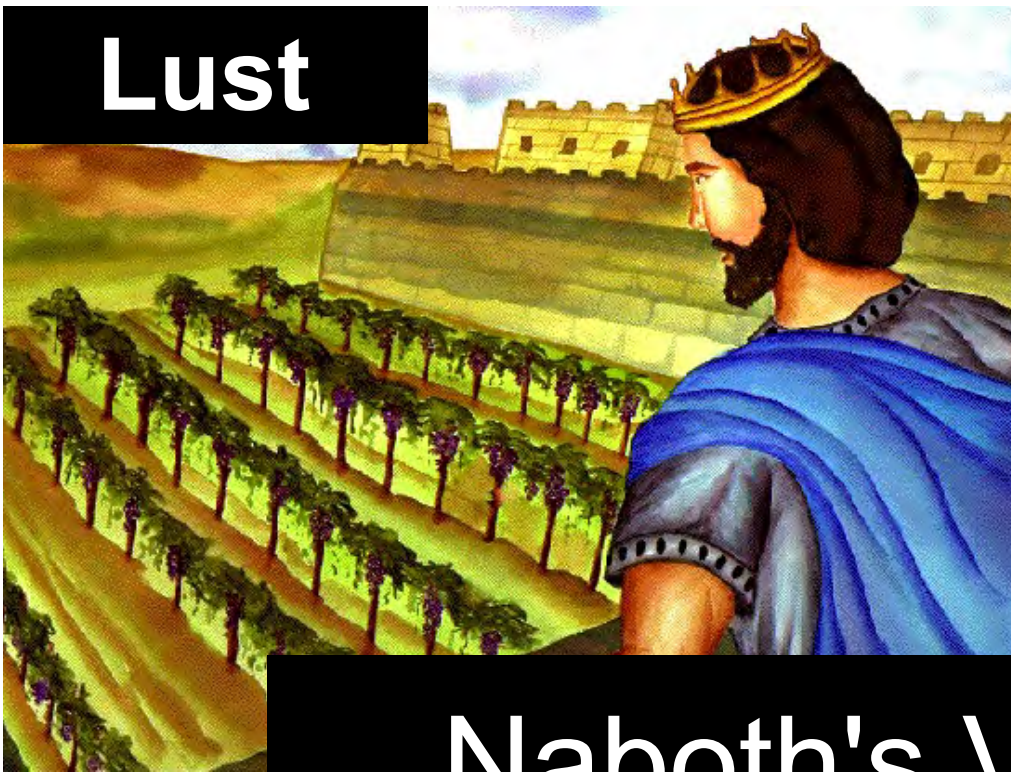
**Who
was
Jezebel?**





"But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman—that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet—to lead my servants astray. She teaches them to commit sexual sin and to eat food offered to idols. ²¹I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to turn away from her immorality" (Rev. 2:20-21 NLT)

Lust

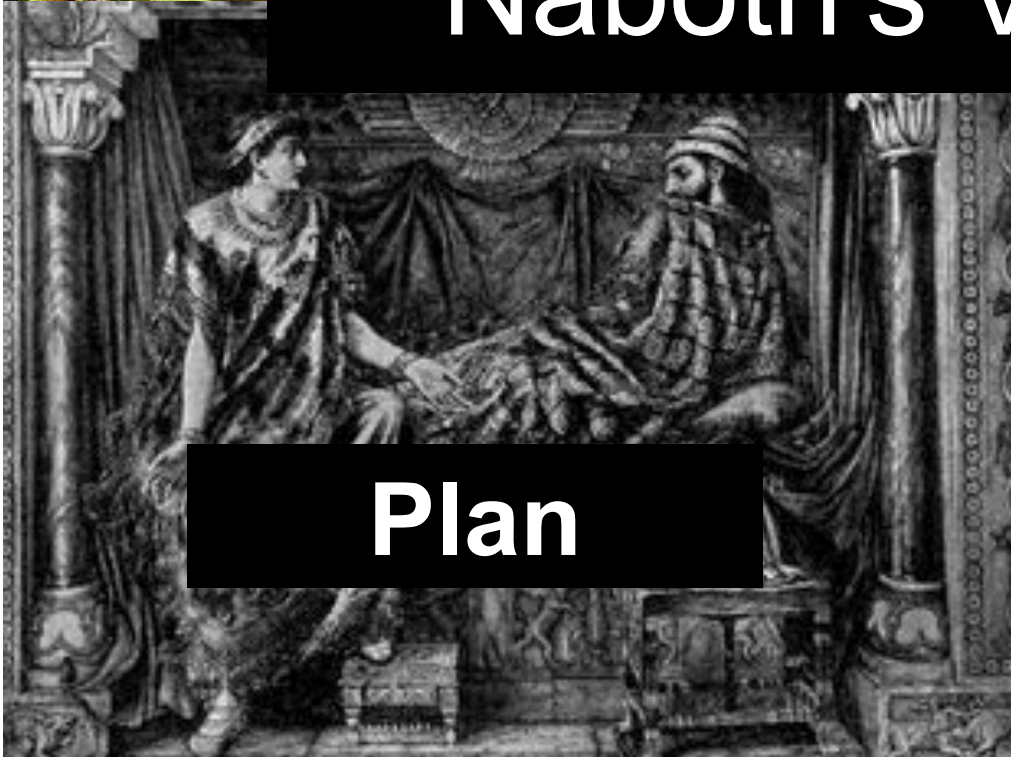


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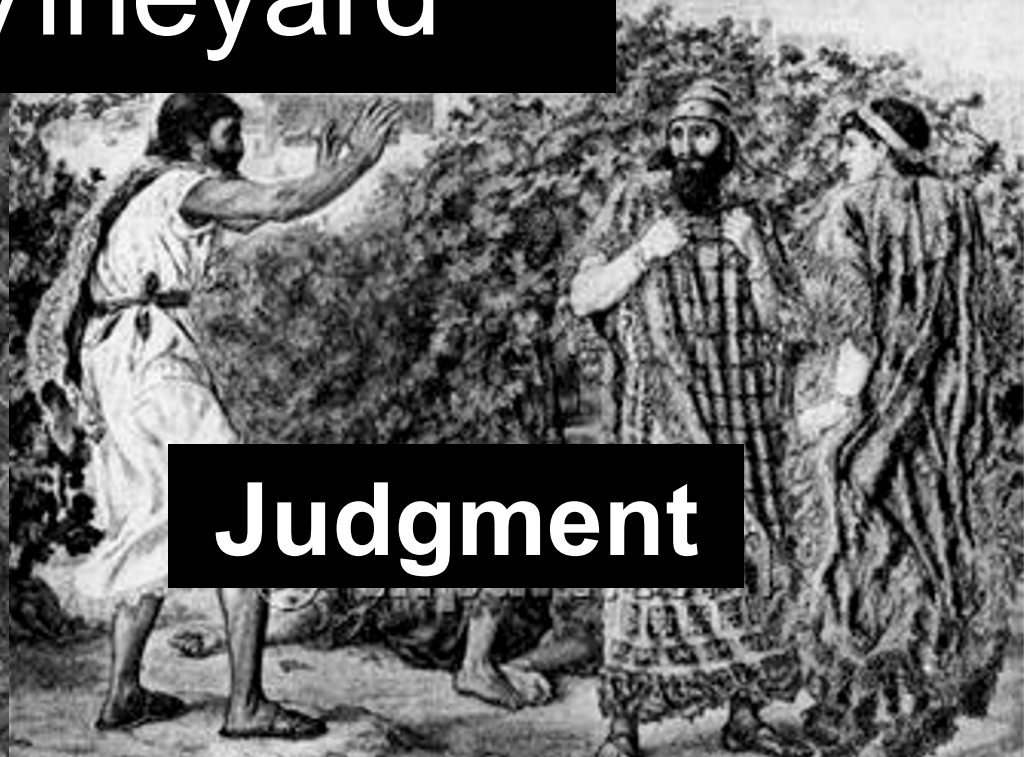


Naboth's Vineyard

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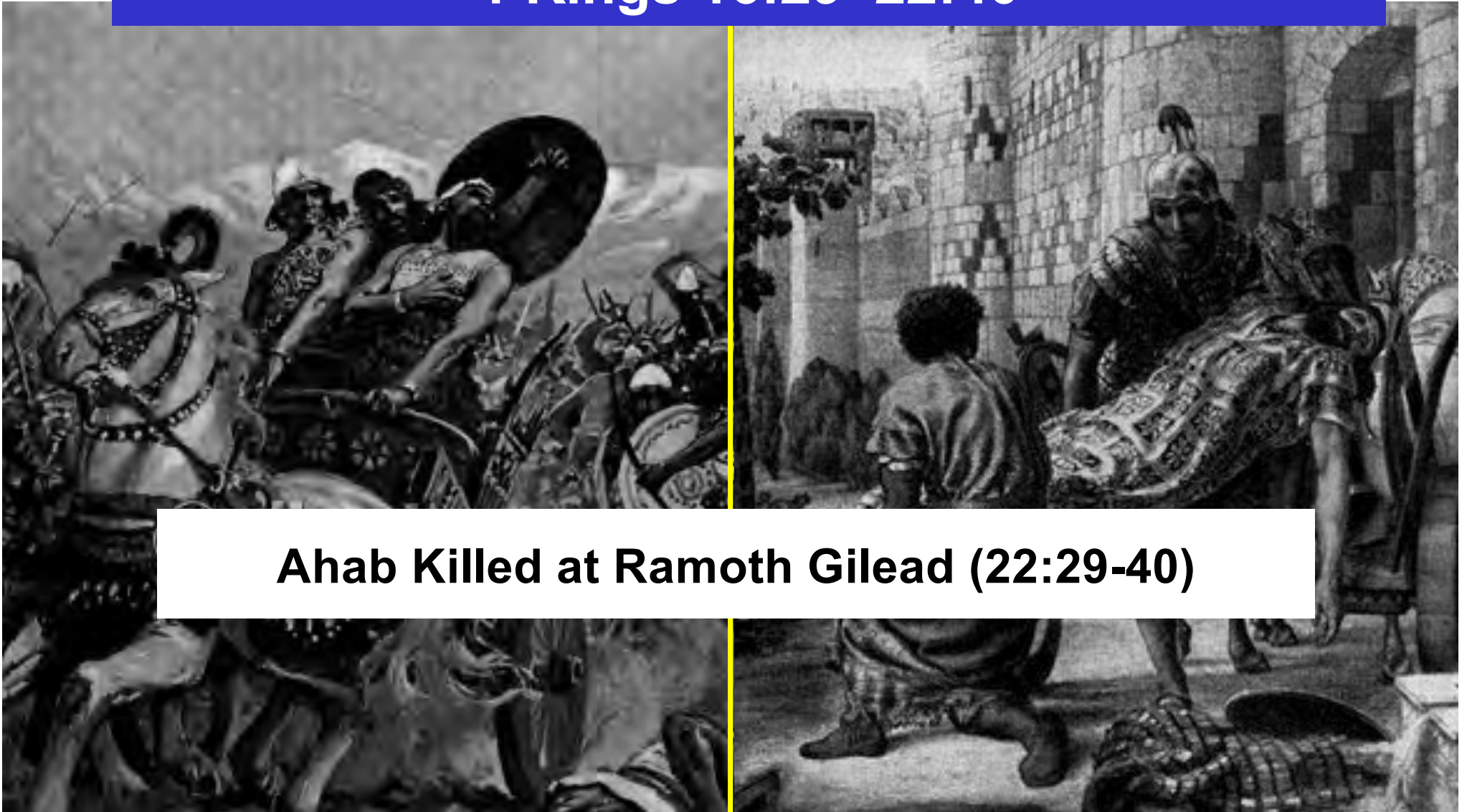
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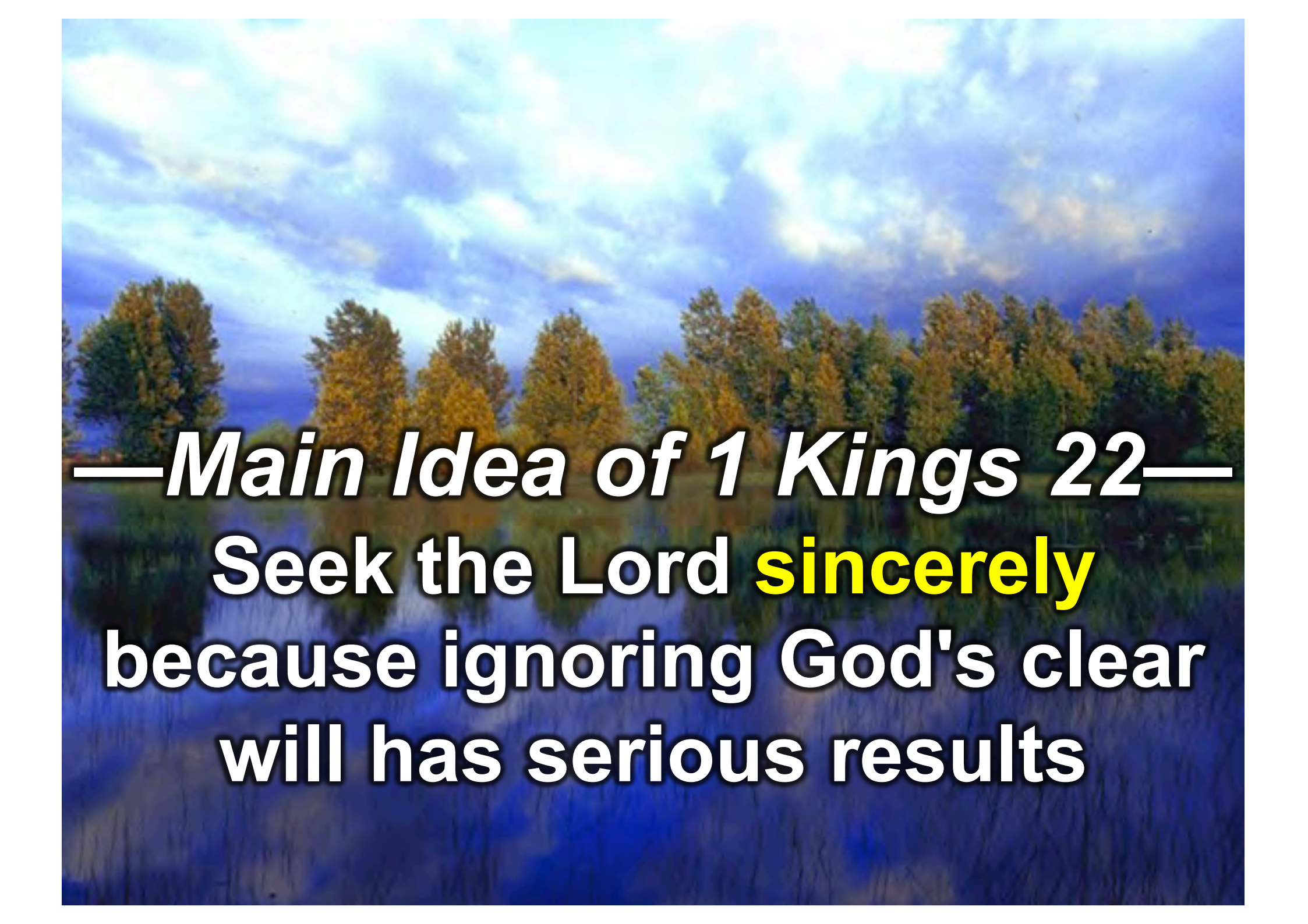
1 Kings 22

Elijah & Ahab

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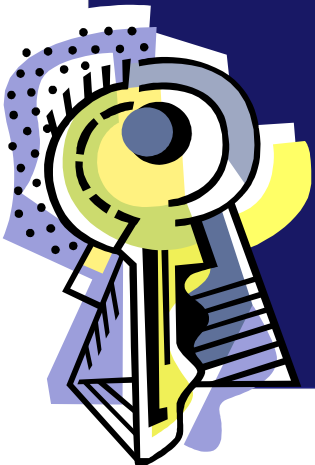
Ahab Killed at Ramoth Gilead (22:29-40)

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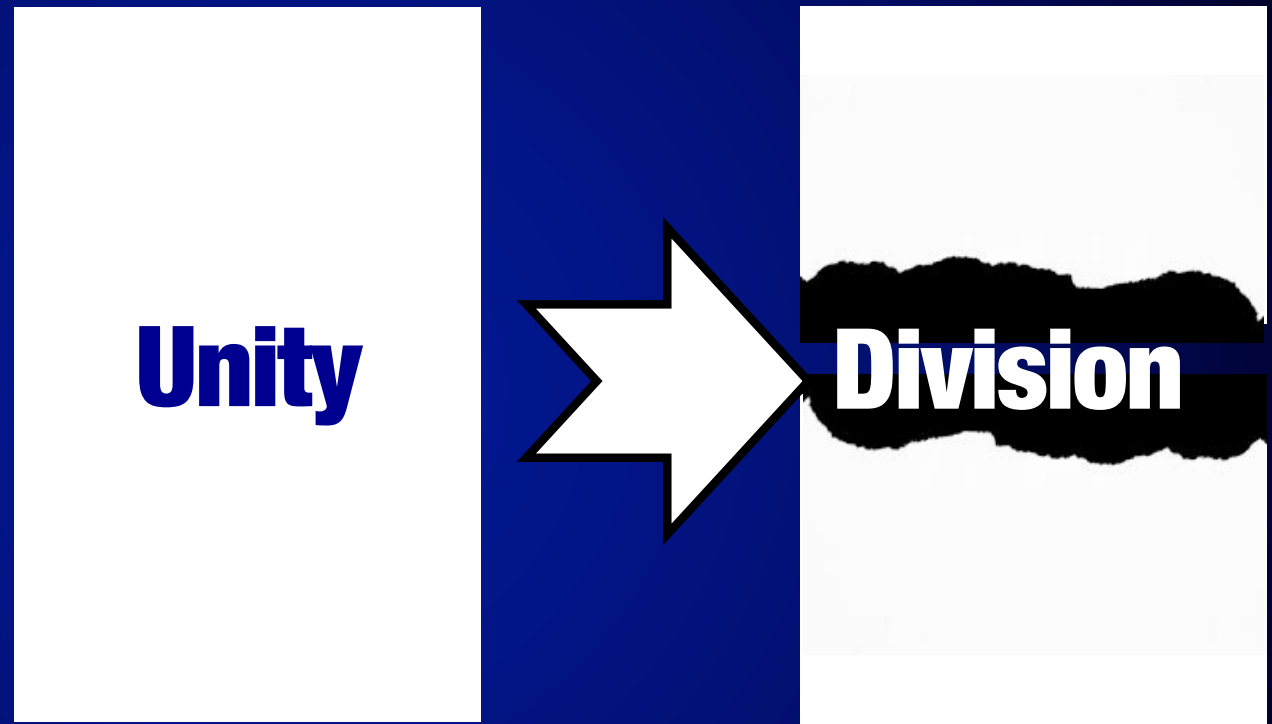
—Main Idea of 1 Kings 22—
Seek the Lord *sincerely*
because ignoring God's clear
will has serious results

1 Kings Key Word

vision



Why does unity sometimes lead to division?

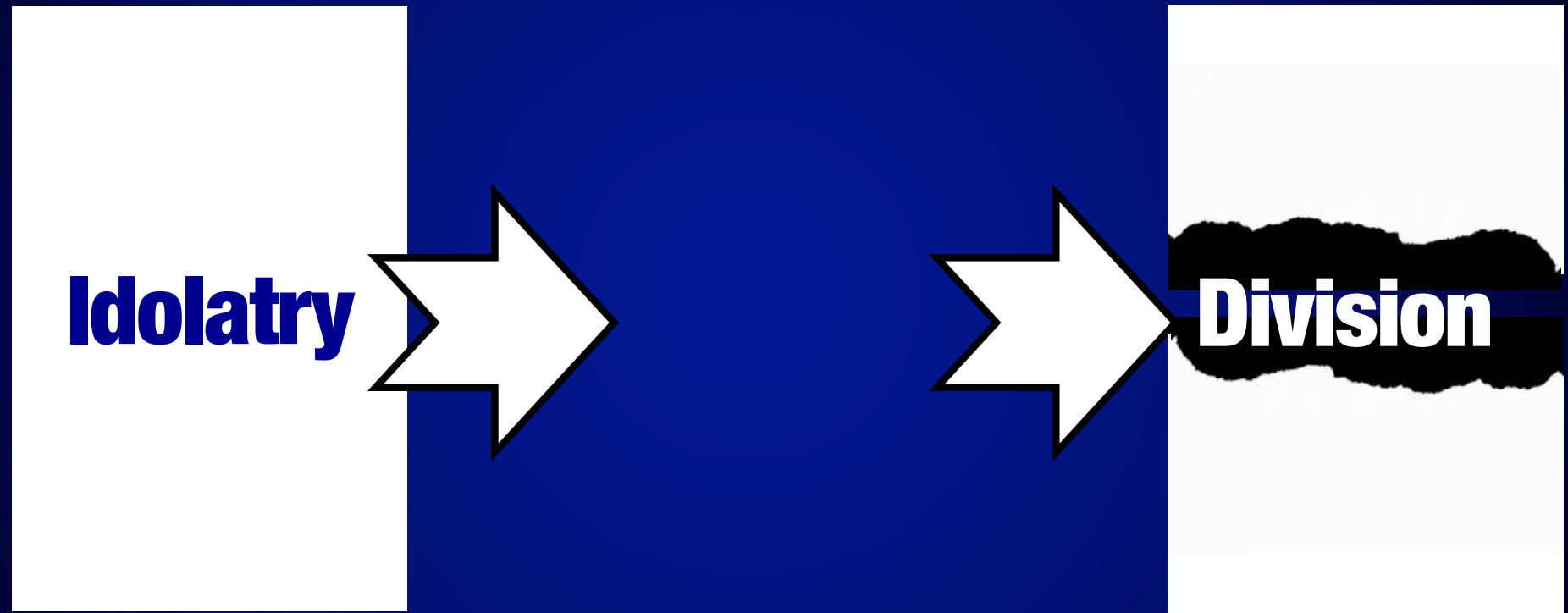


**Our unity is only as strong as our
trust in Christ as our foundation.**



1 Kings
Main Idea

I. **Idolatry** leads to division (1 Kings 1–11; 971-931 BC).



Why does unity sometimes lead to division?

II. Ignoring God's **Word** leads to division (1 Kings 12–22; 931-852 BC).



Why does unity sometimes lead to division?

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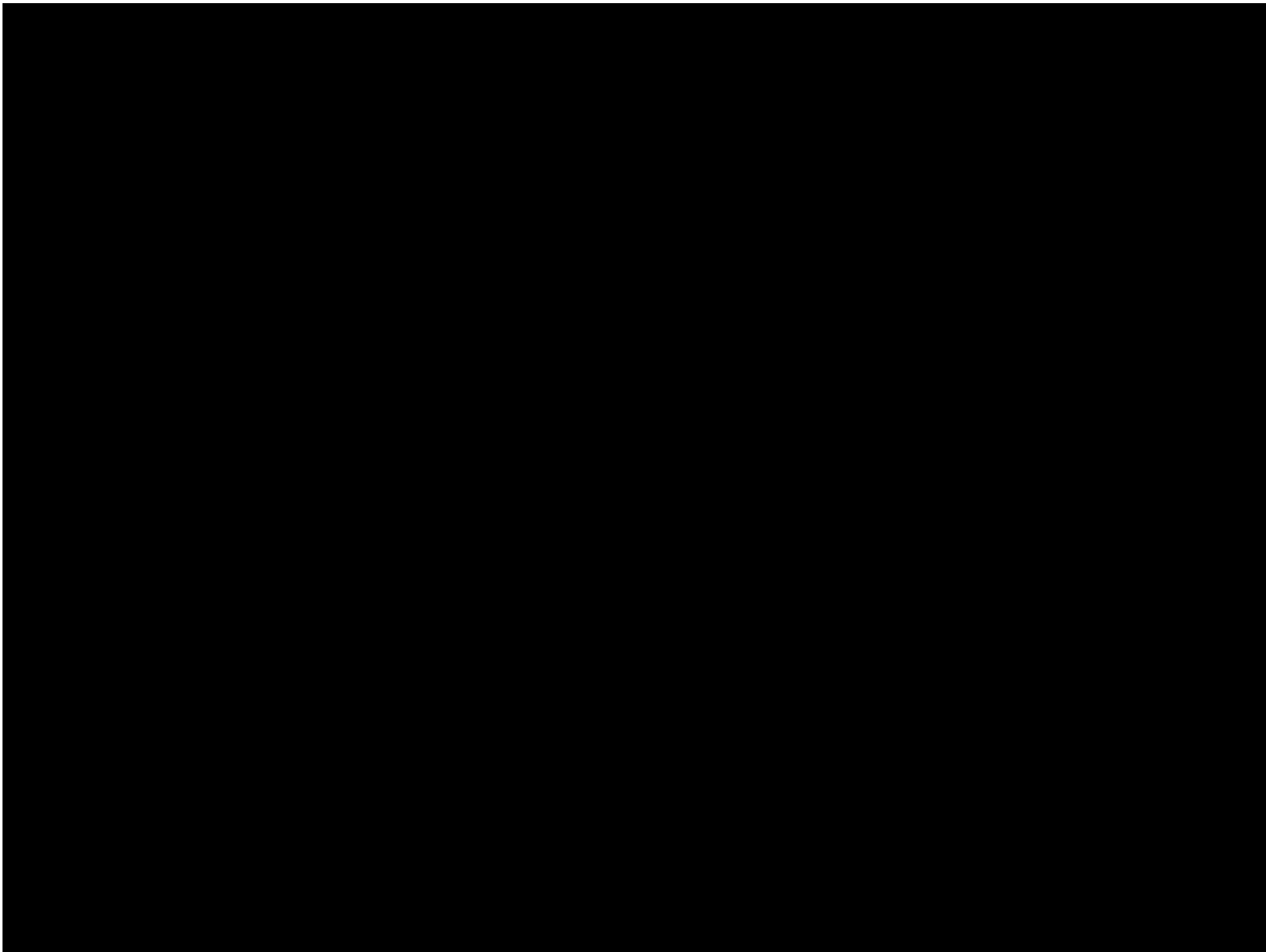
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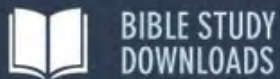
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