

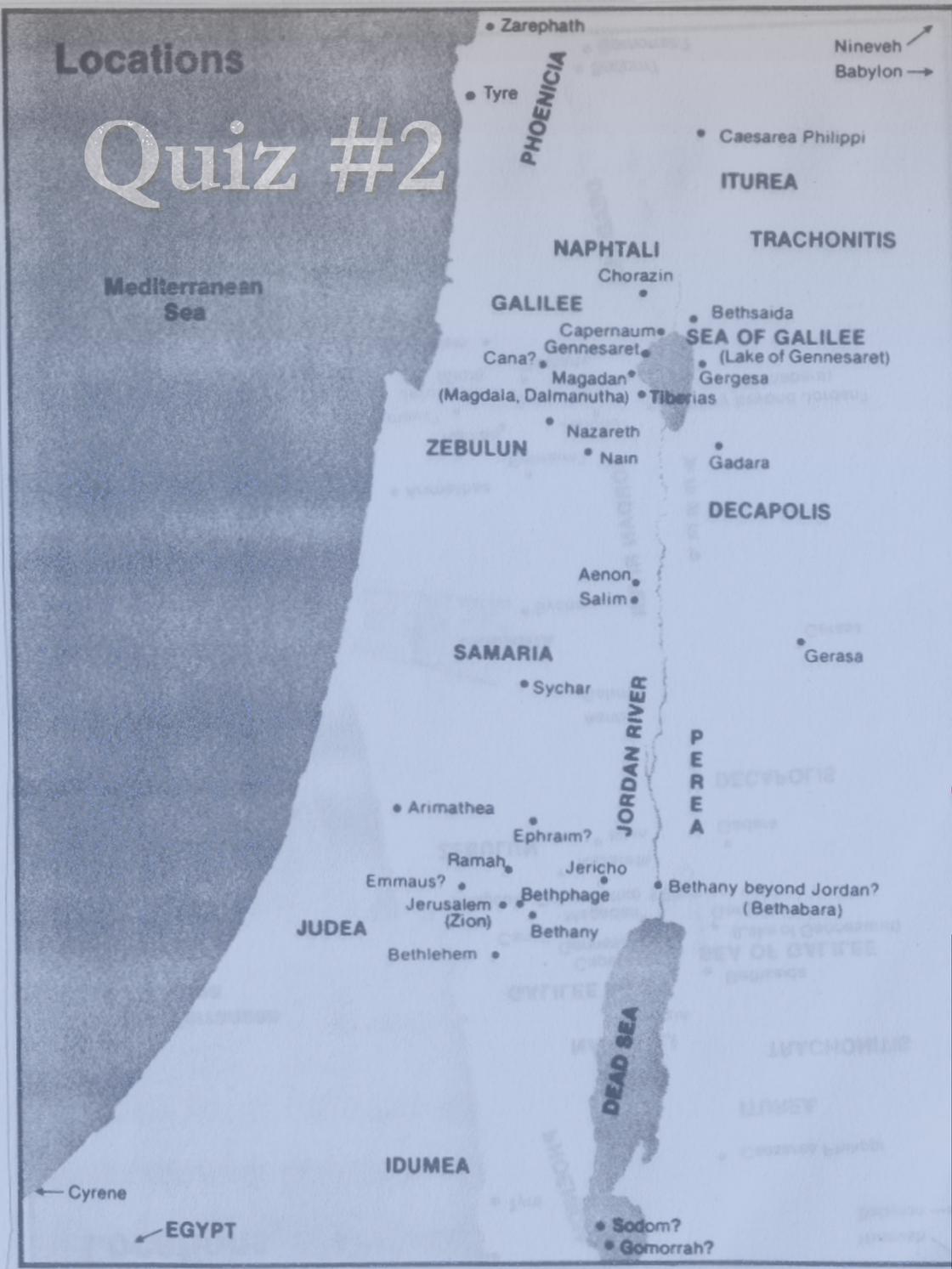
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- Longitudinal Areas
- Southern Cities
- Dead Sea Scrolls



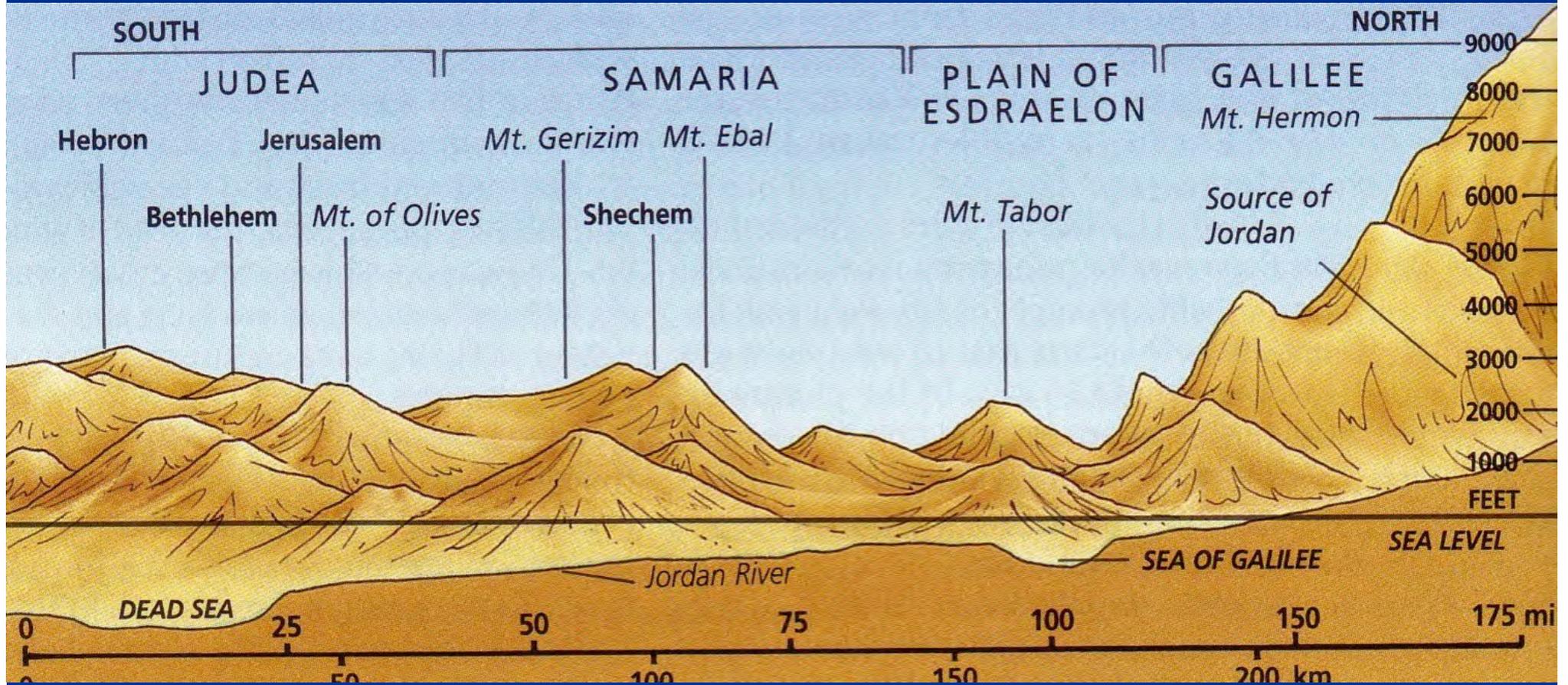
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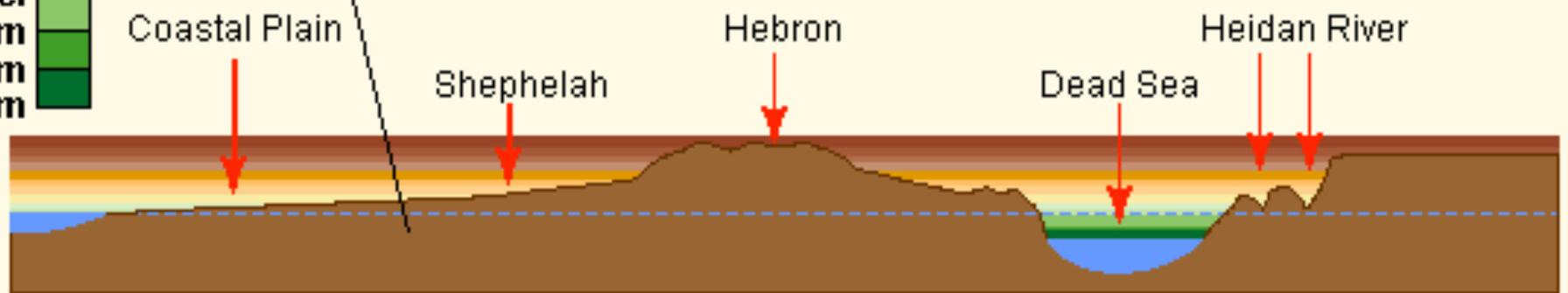
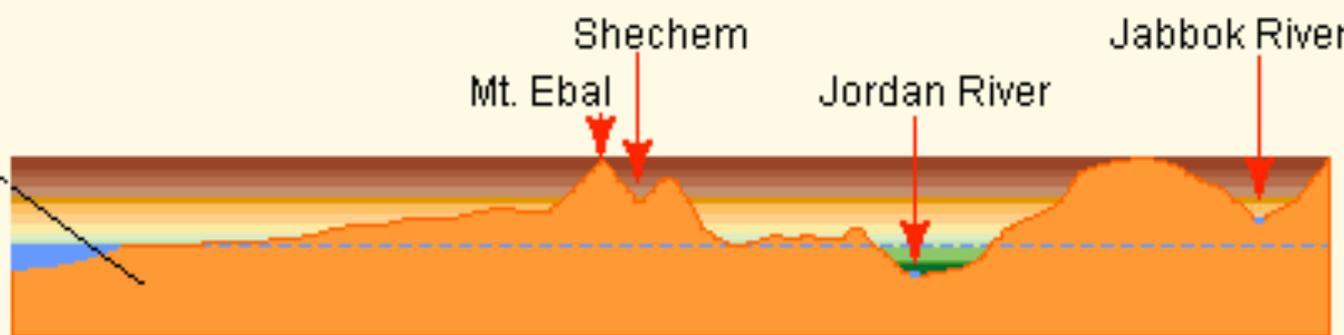
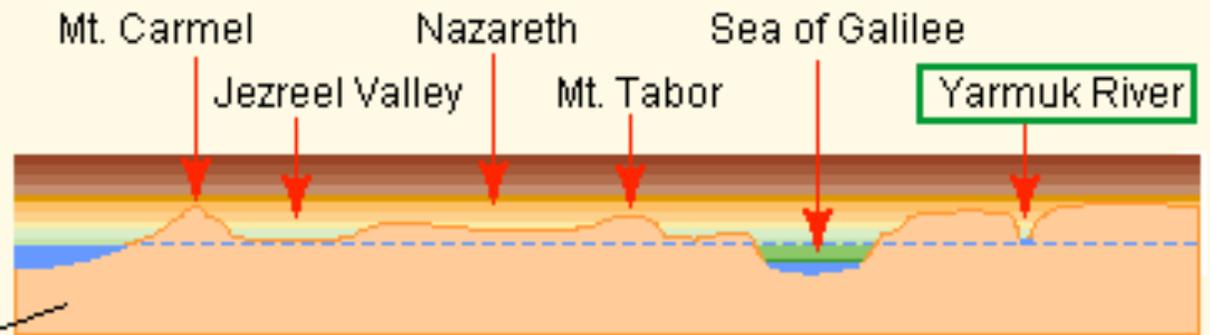
Quiz #2: Every Geographical Location in the Gospels

South-North Elevations

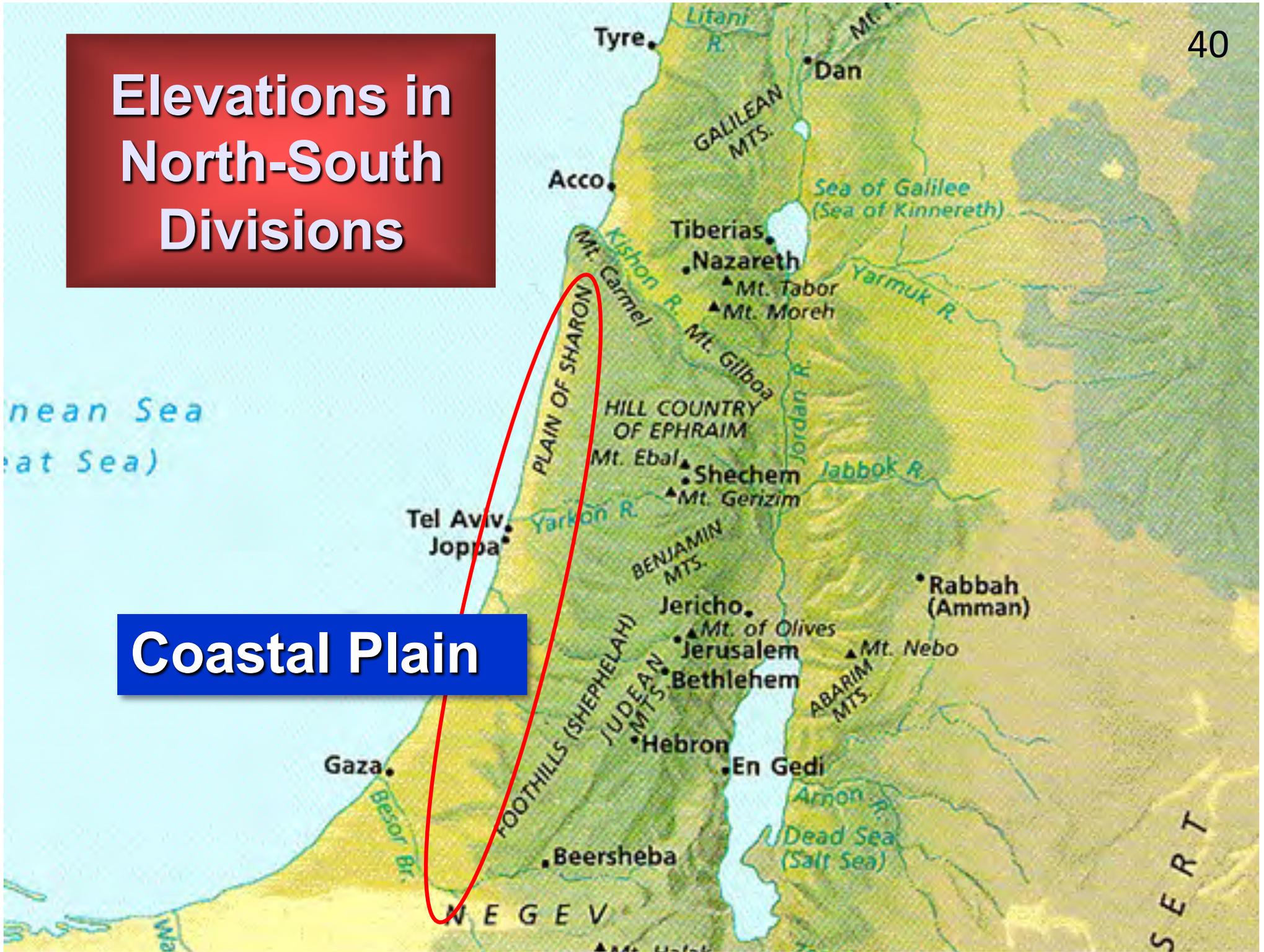


East-West Elevations

Cross Section East-West



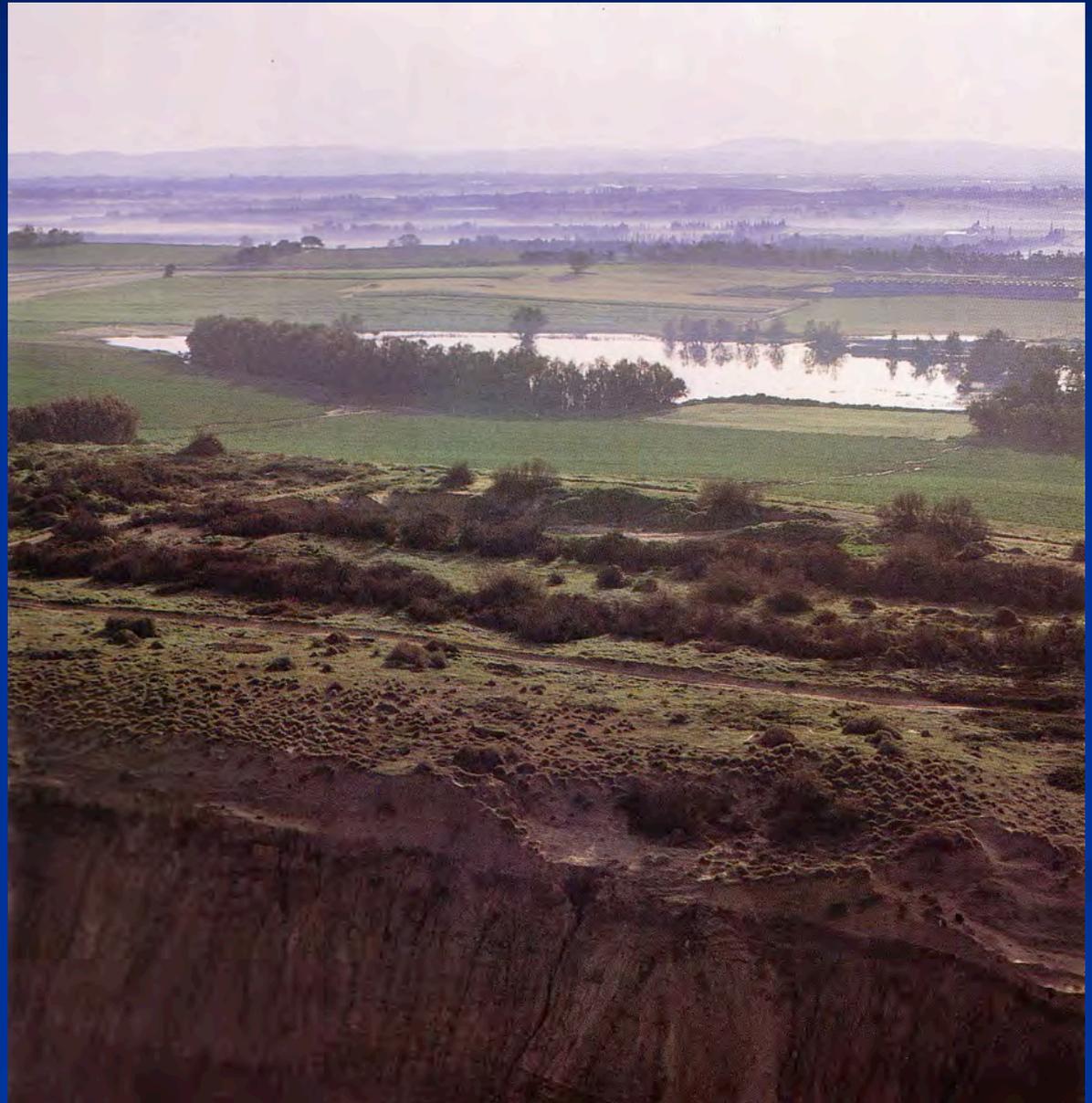
Elevations in North-South Divisions



Coastal Plain

Coastal Plain

- Kurkar
(sandstone)
ridges in the
foreground
while looking
east to the
foothills



Coastal Plain

- Tyre



Coastal Plain

■ Caesarea



Coastal Plain

■ Gaza



Elevations in North-South Divisions



Shephelah

■ Valleys and Hills



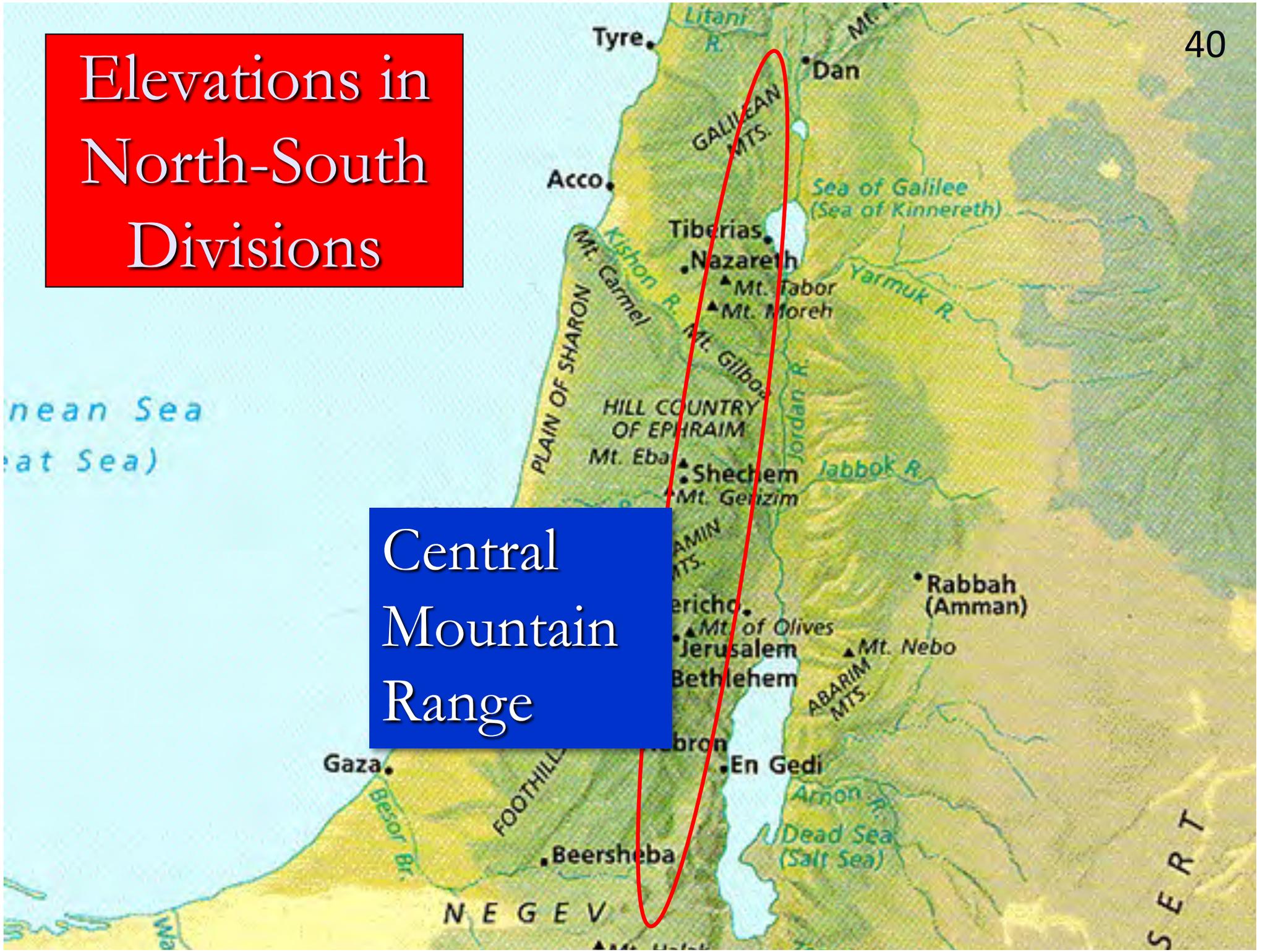
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- Farmland



Elevations in North-South Divisions

Central Mountain Range



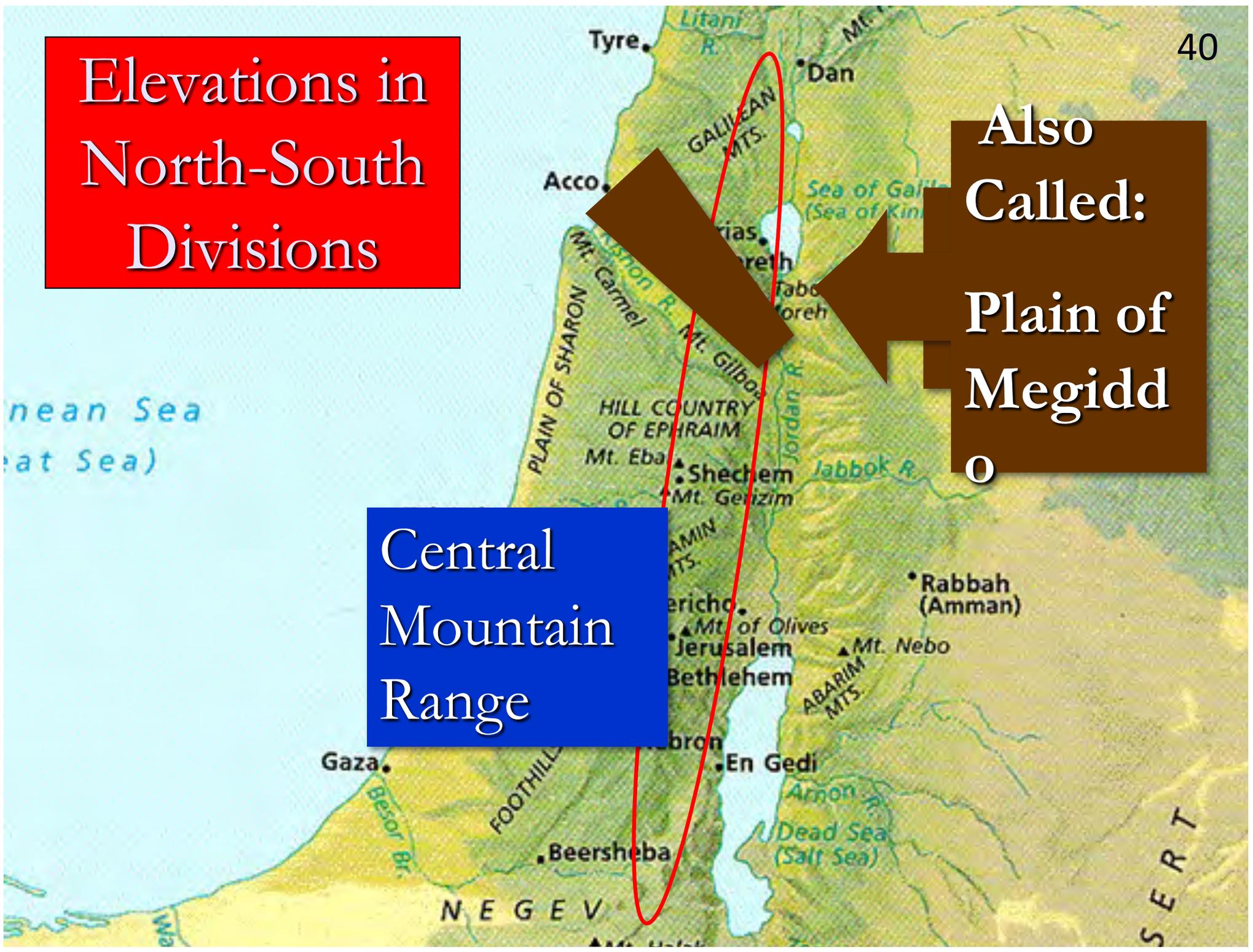
Judean Hills



Elevations in
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Also
Called:
Plain of
Megiddo

Central
Mountain
Range



Mount Tabor in the Jezreel Valley



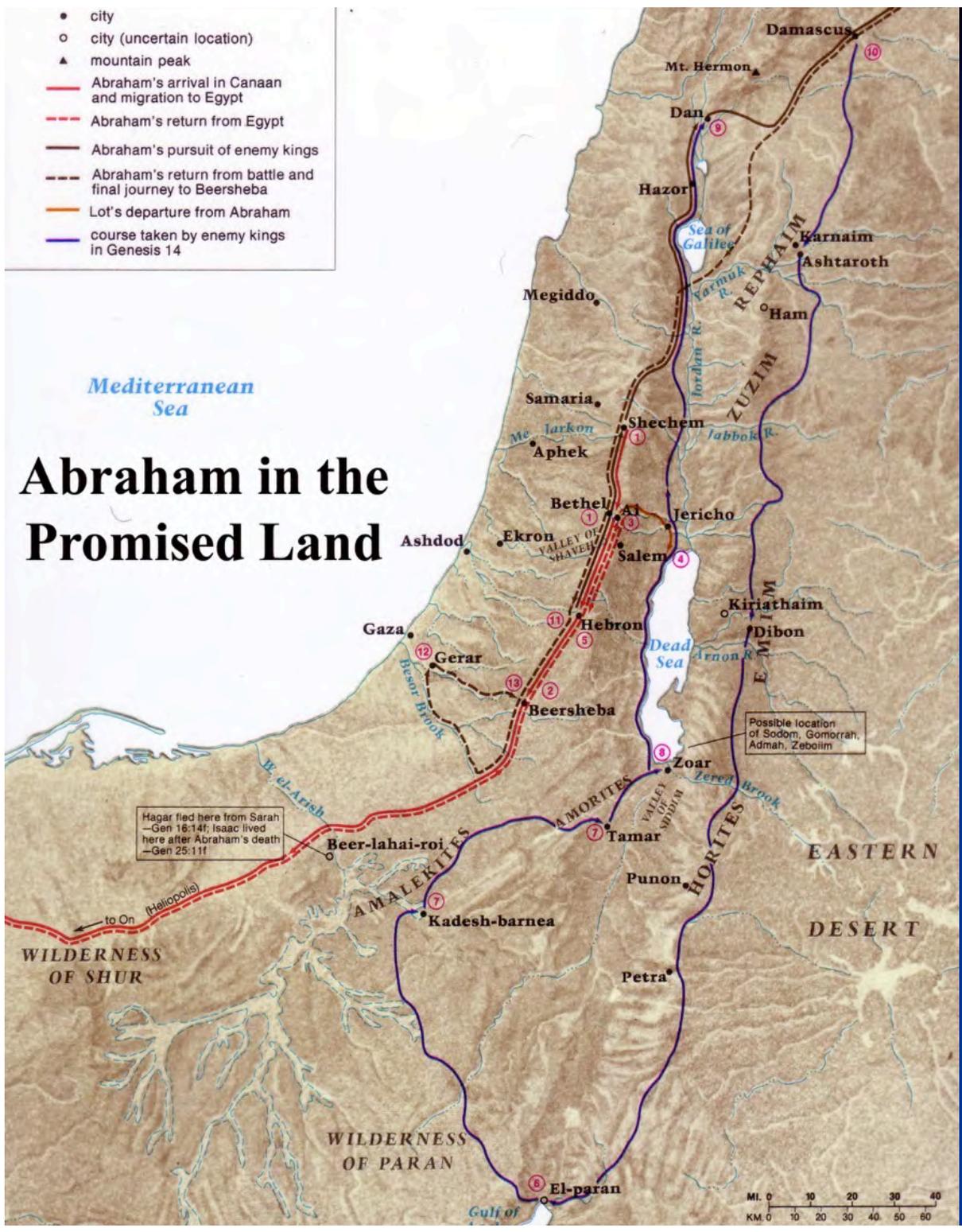
Central Mountain Range

- A ridge causes water to flow east or west
- The higher elevation is in the south



- city
- city (uncertain location)
- ▲ mountain peak
- Abraham's arrival in Canaan and migration to Egypt
- - - Abraham's return from Egypt
- Abraham's pursuit of enemy kings
- - - Abraham's return from battle and final journey to Beersheba
- Lot's departure from Abraham
- course taken by enemy kings in Genesis 14

Abraham in the Promised Land

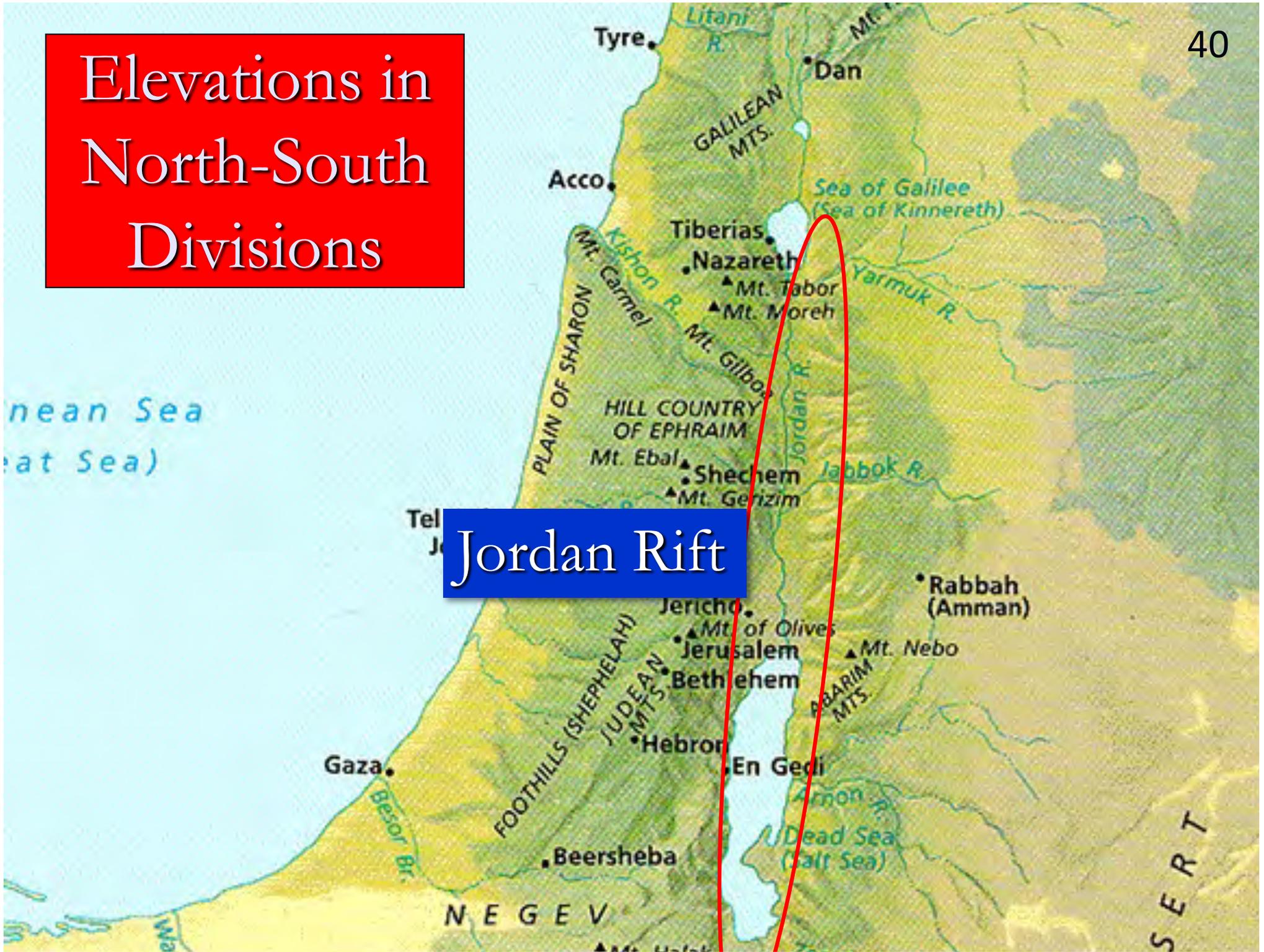


Abraham followed the Central Spine

The Wilderness of Judea



Elevations in North-South Divisions



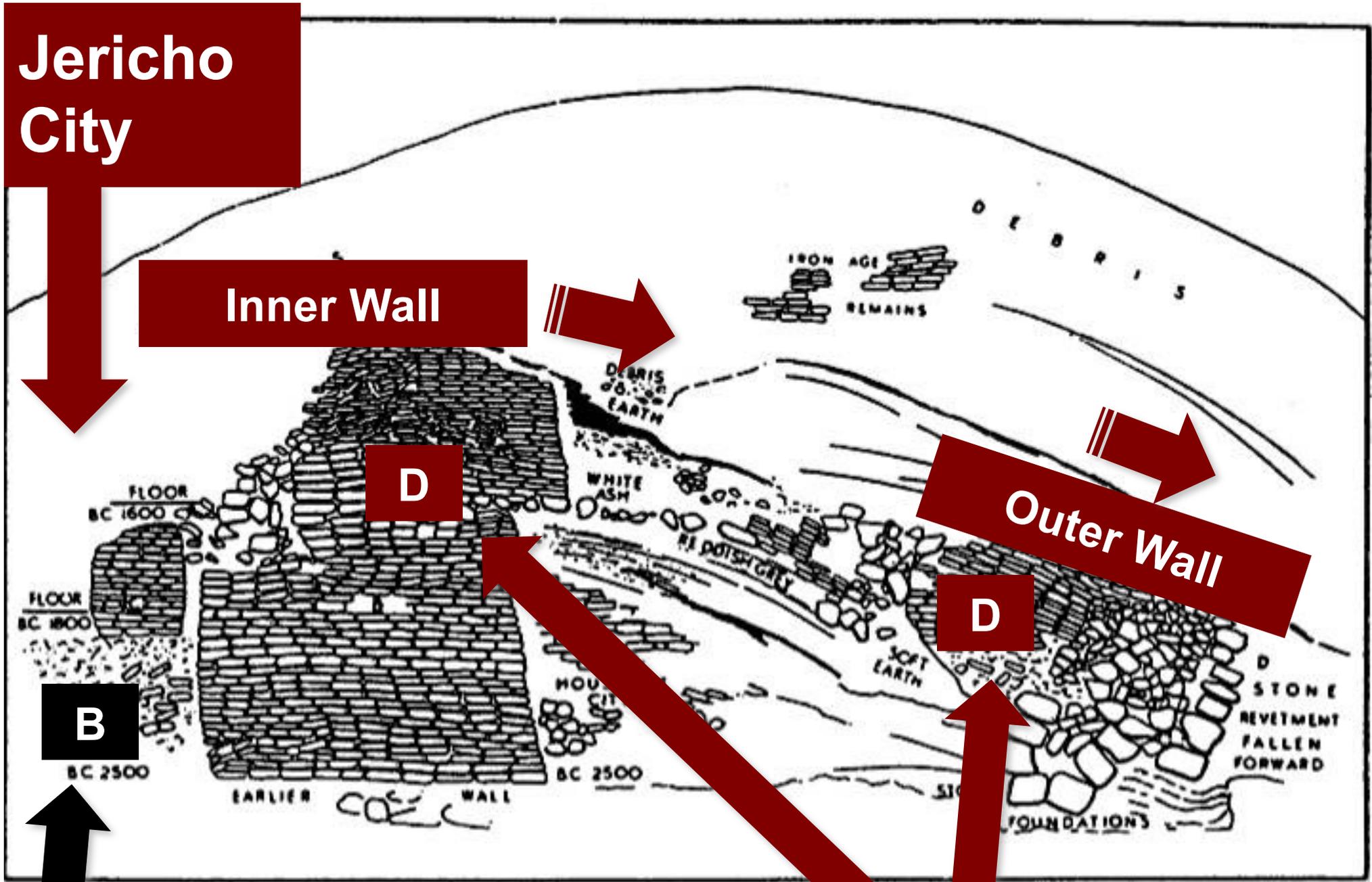
Jordan Rift

Jordan Rift

■ Deep Depression

From the
Wilderness of
Judea looking
east to the Salt
Sea below



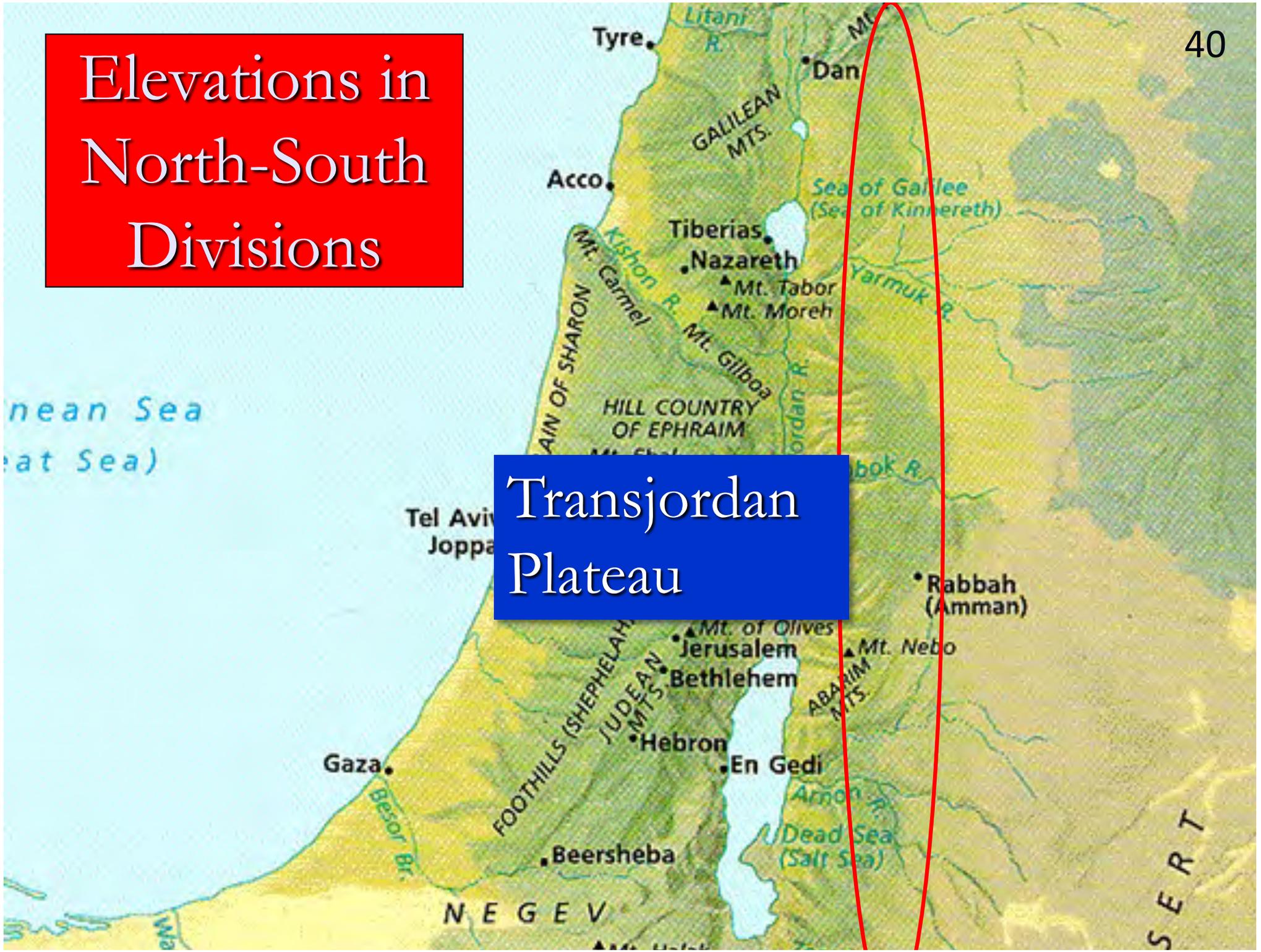


The Fallen Walls of City IV (From a measured Drawing)

B. Brick wall of the 2nd City on the western scarp. DD. Walls of 4th City

Elevations in North-South Divisions

Transjordan Plateau

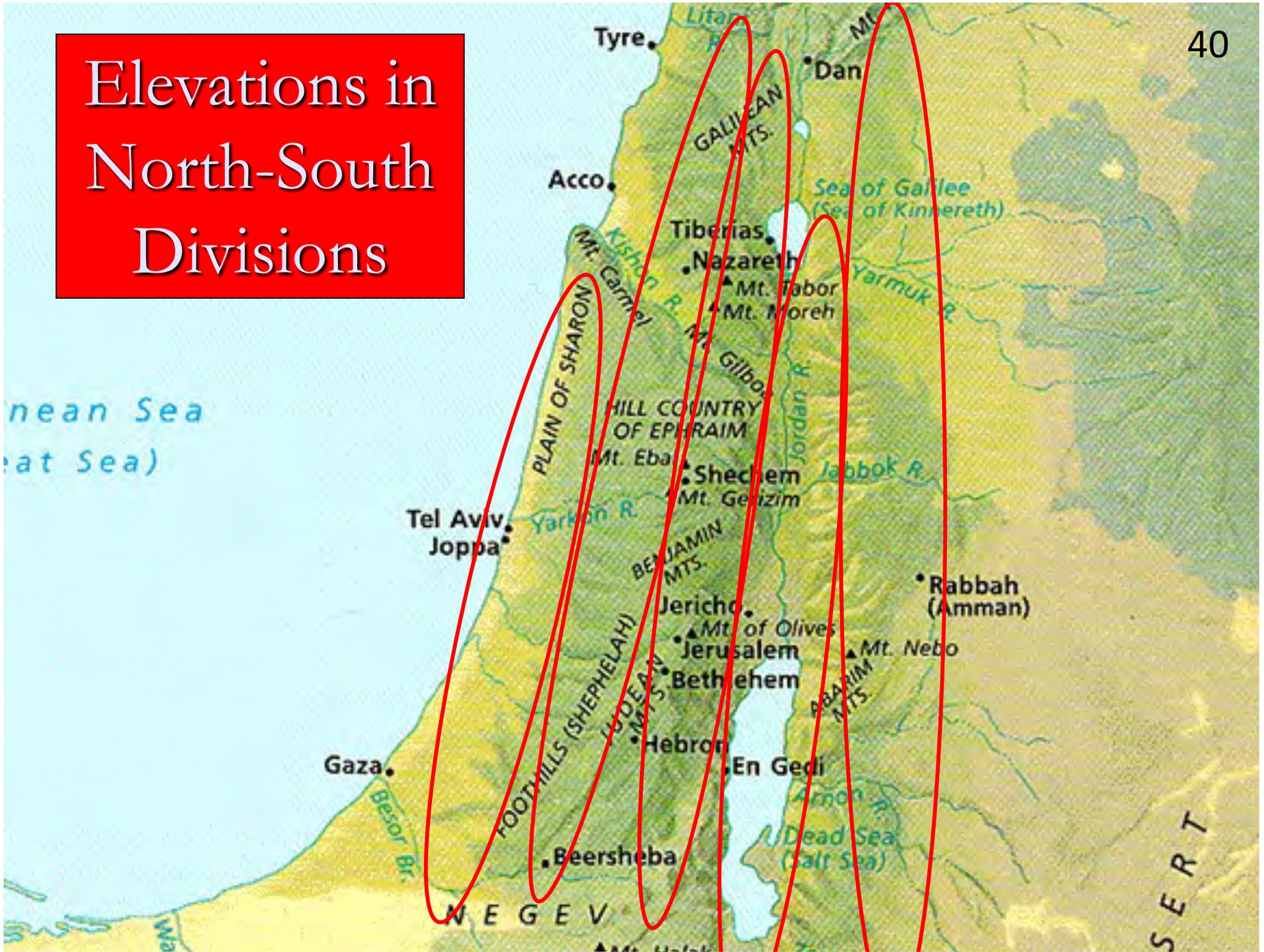


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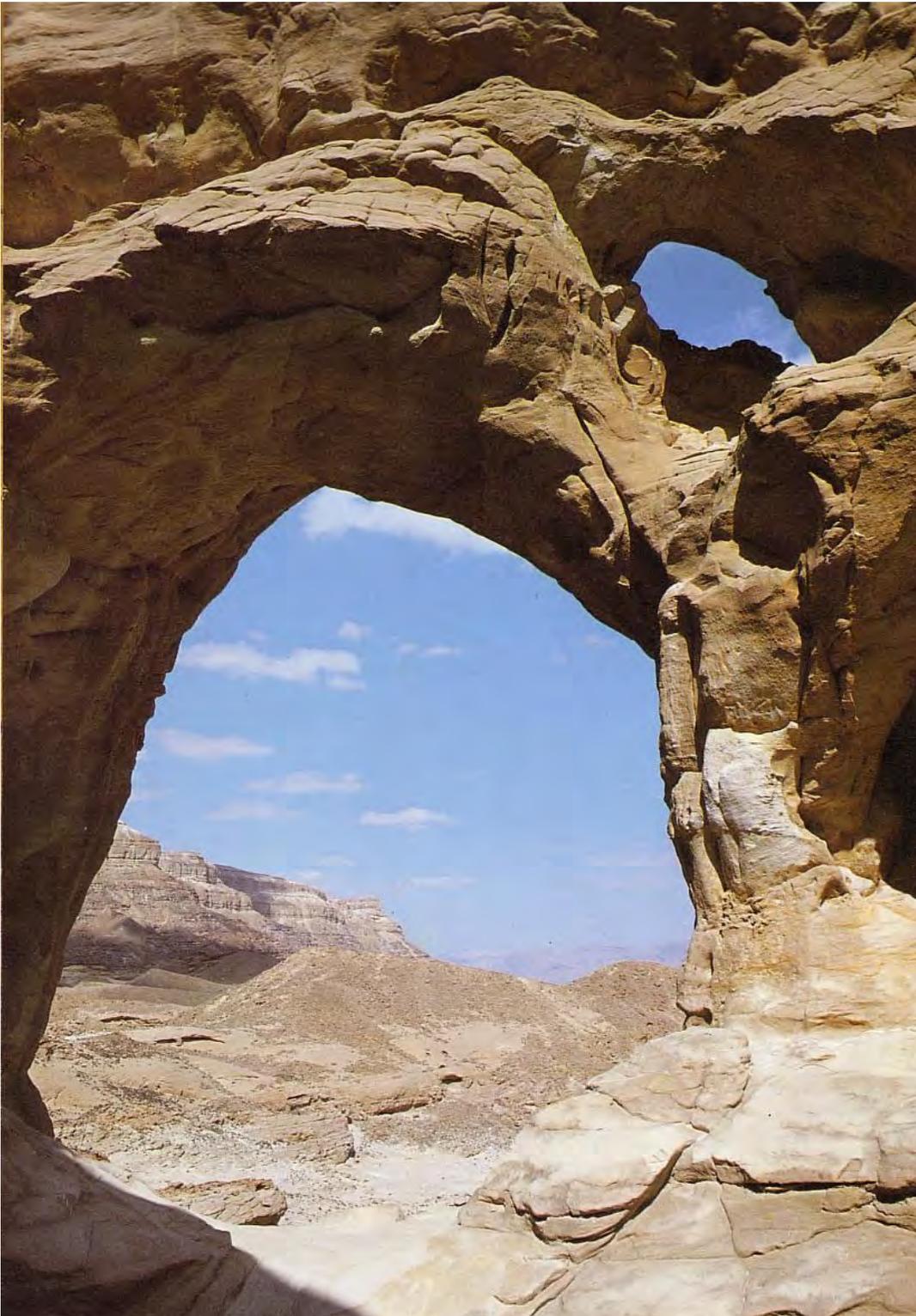
- Mt. Nebo



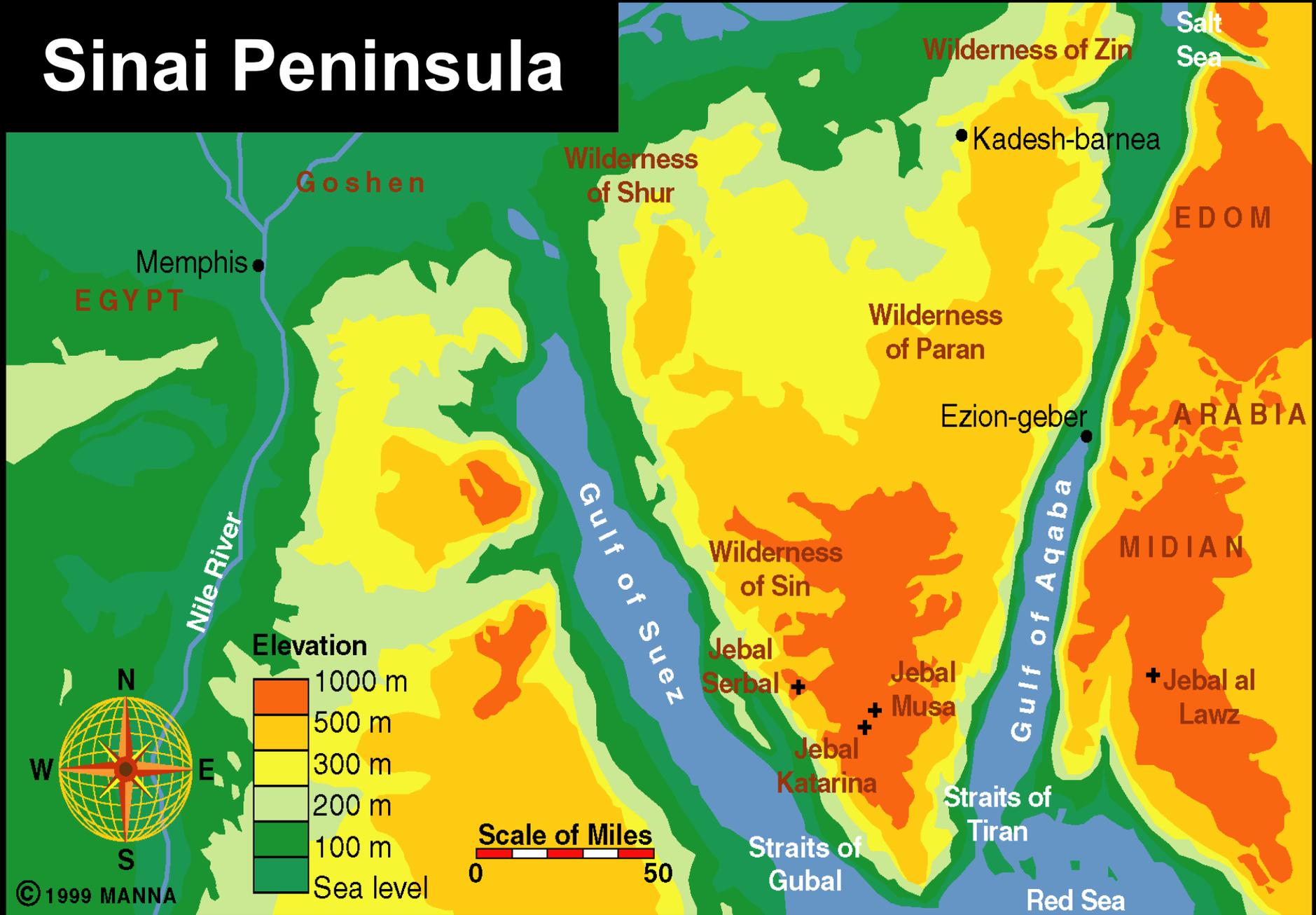
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The Negev

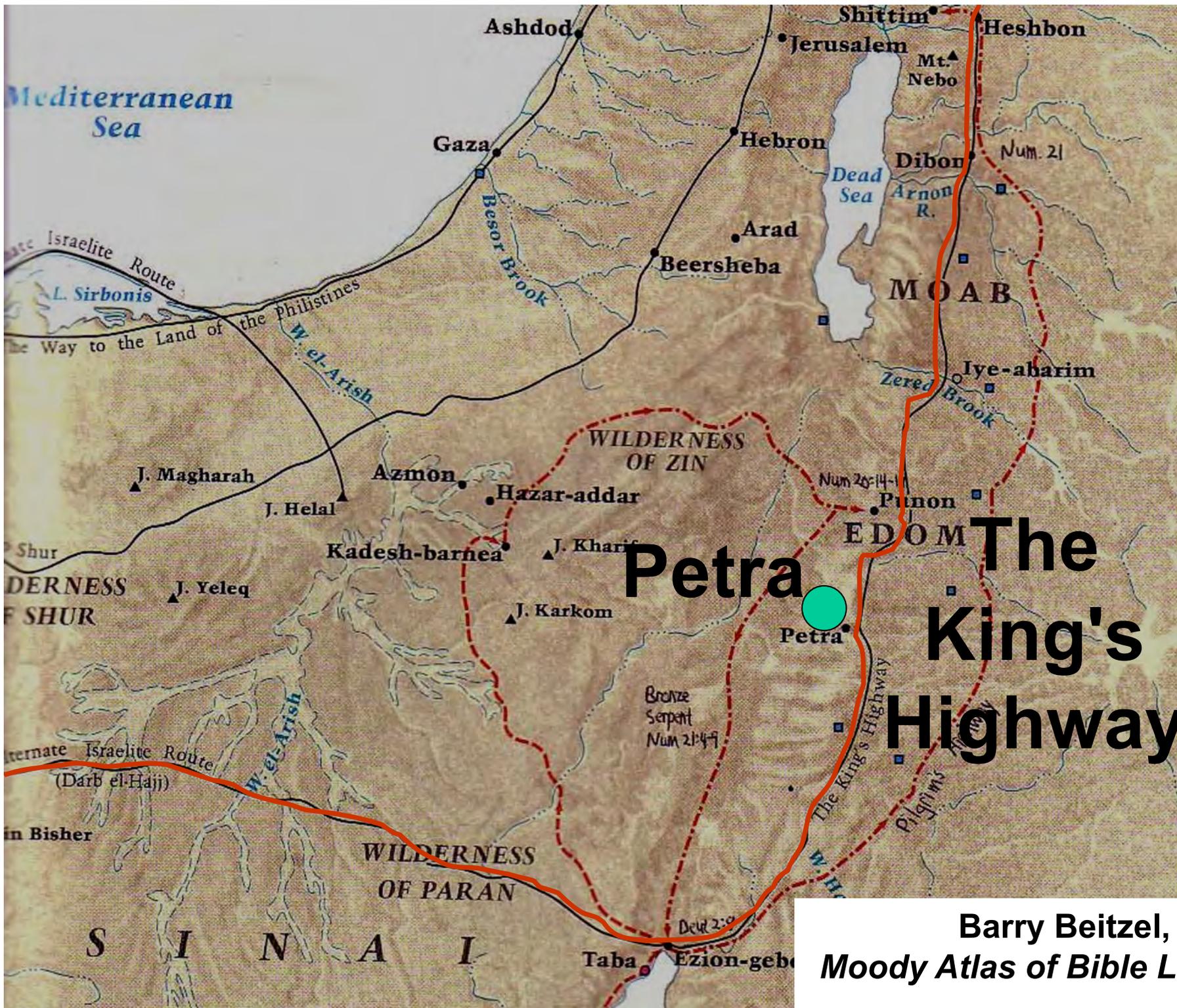


Sinai Peninsula



Egypt to Mesopotamia Trade





Petra
The King's Highway



Barry Beitzel,
 Moody Atlas of Bible Lands, 87

The Spice Trade



The Spice Trade Route

- city
 - international artery
 - regional thoroughfare
 - secondary roadway
- ① Central ridge road
 - ② Coast road
 - ③ Beqa' valley road
 - ④ Jericho road
 - ⑤ Joppa-Amman road
 - ⑥ Rift valley road
 - ⑦ Road of the wilderness (Pilgrims' Highway in post-biblical times)
 - ⑧ Acco valley road
 - ⑨ Ephraim lateral road
 - ⑩ Beersheba bay road
 - ⑪ Road to Moab
 - ⑫ Way of the Sea (Isa 9:1)
 - ⑬ Arabah road
 - ⑭ Sorek valley road
 - ⑮ Guvrin valley road



**The Negev is desolate
but sheep are now there**



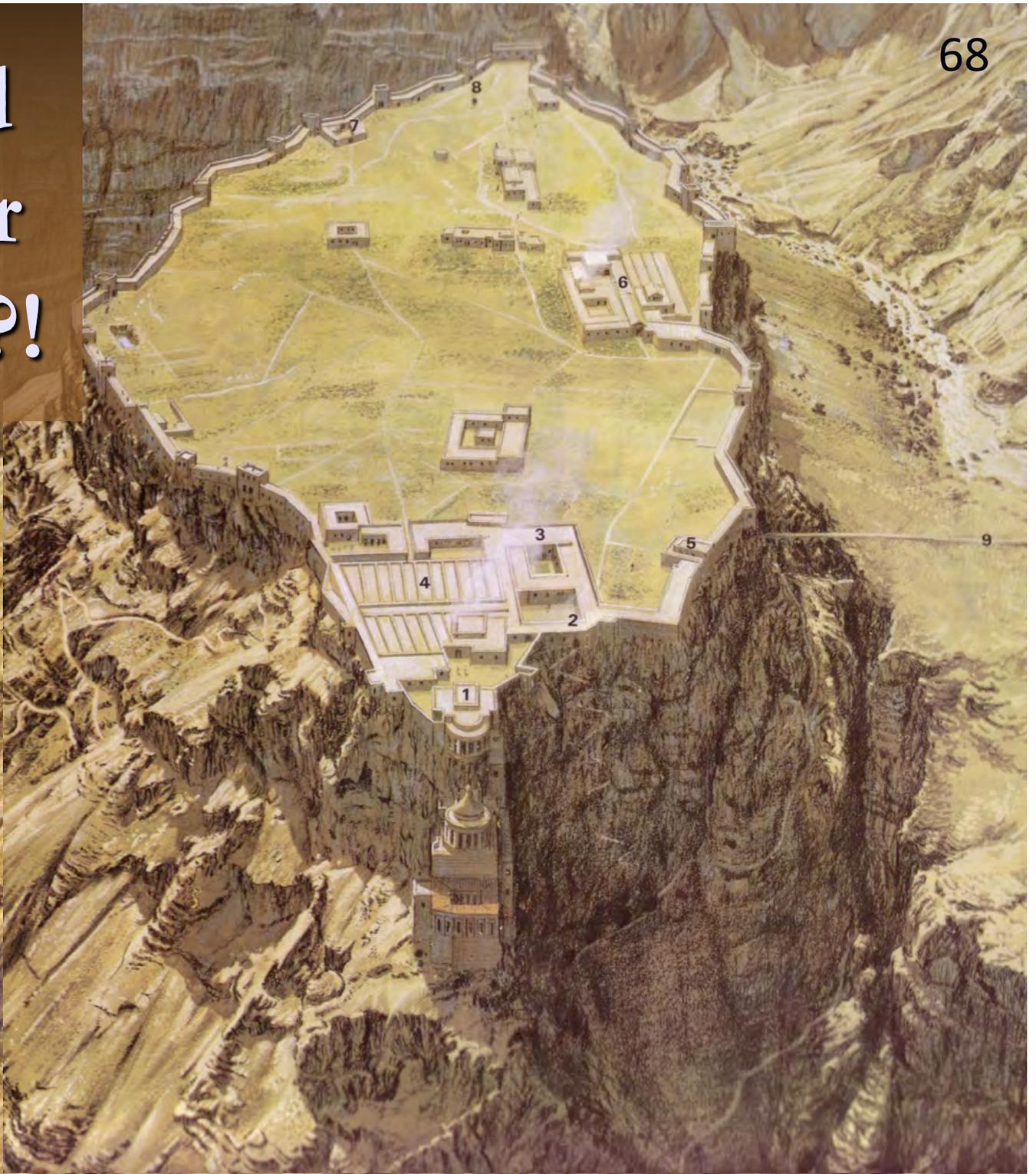
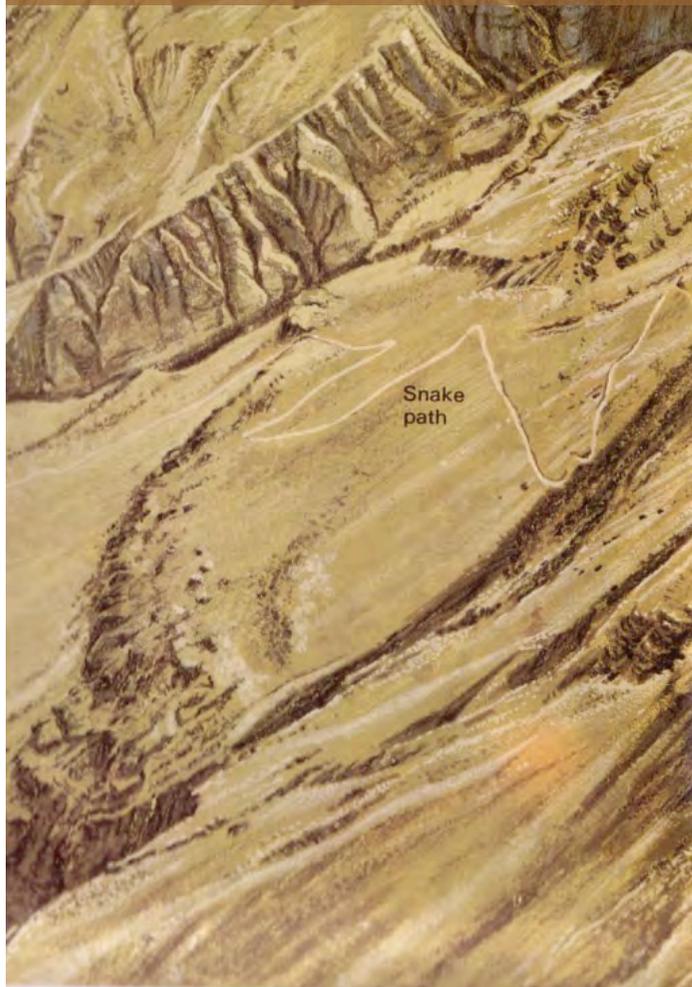


The Negev is Blooming!

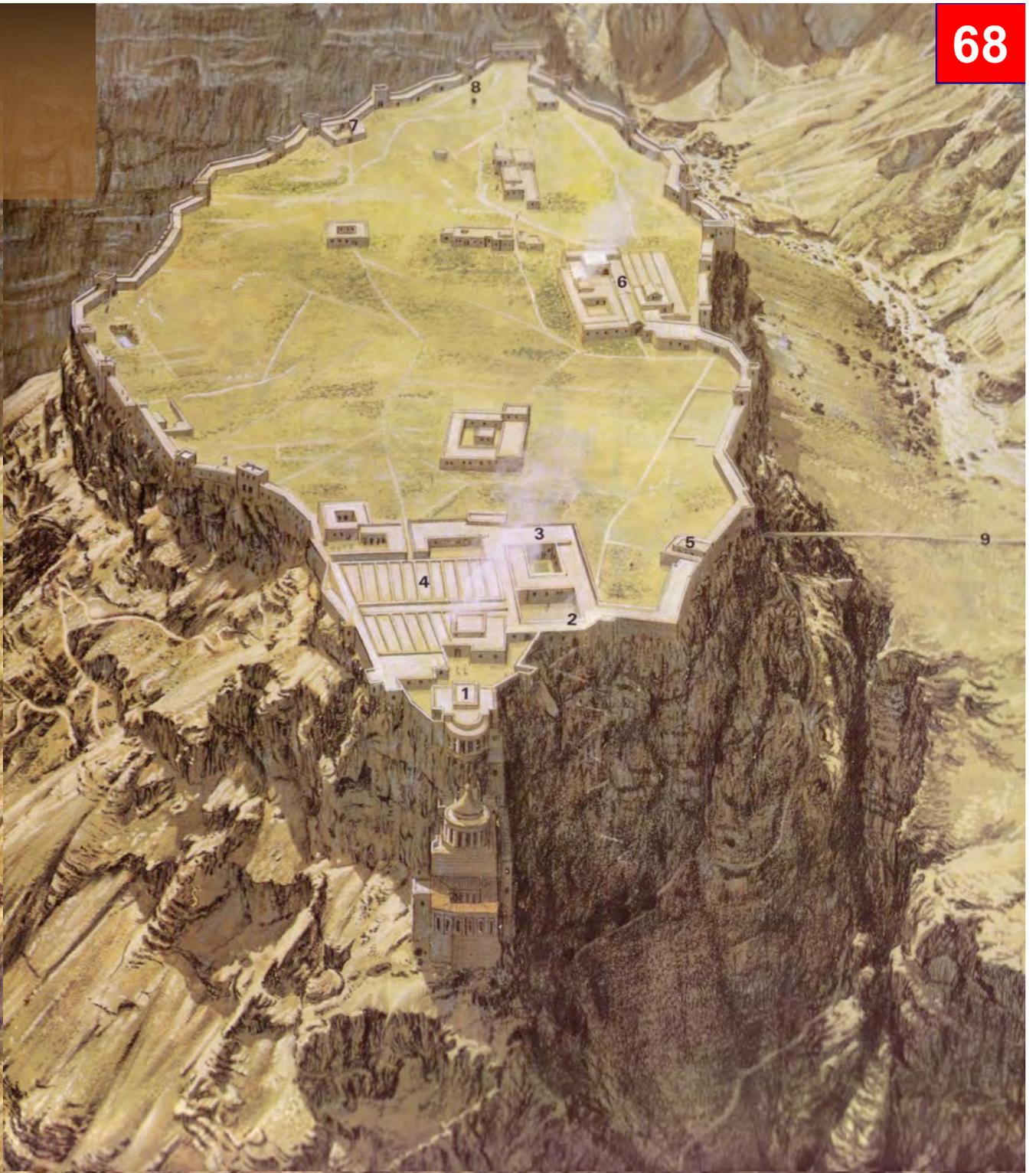
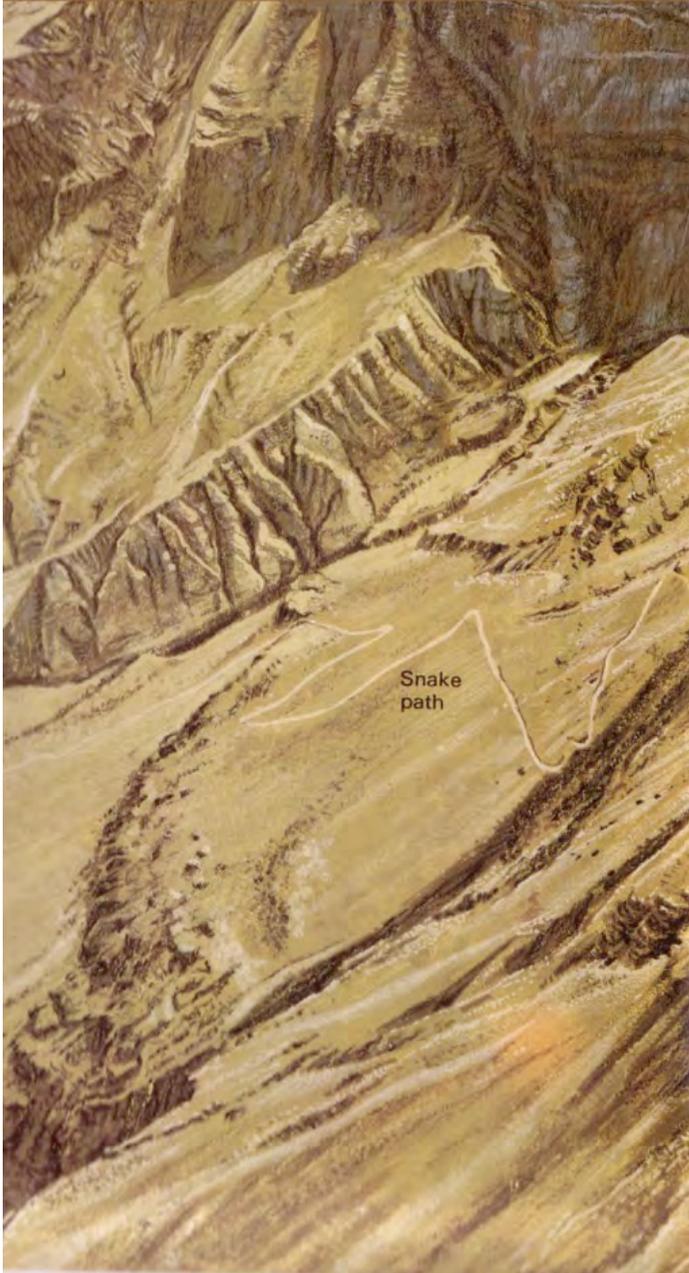
Israel has a massive
effort to water the
Negev for crops and
population
redistribution.

How would
you conquer
this fortress?!

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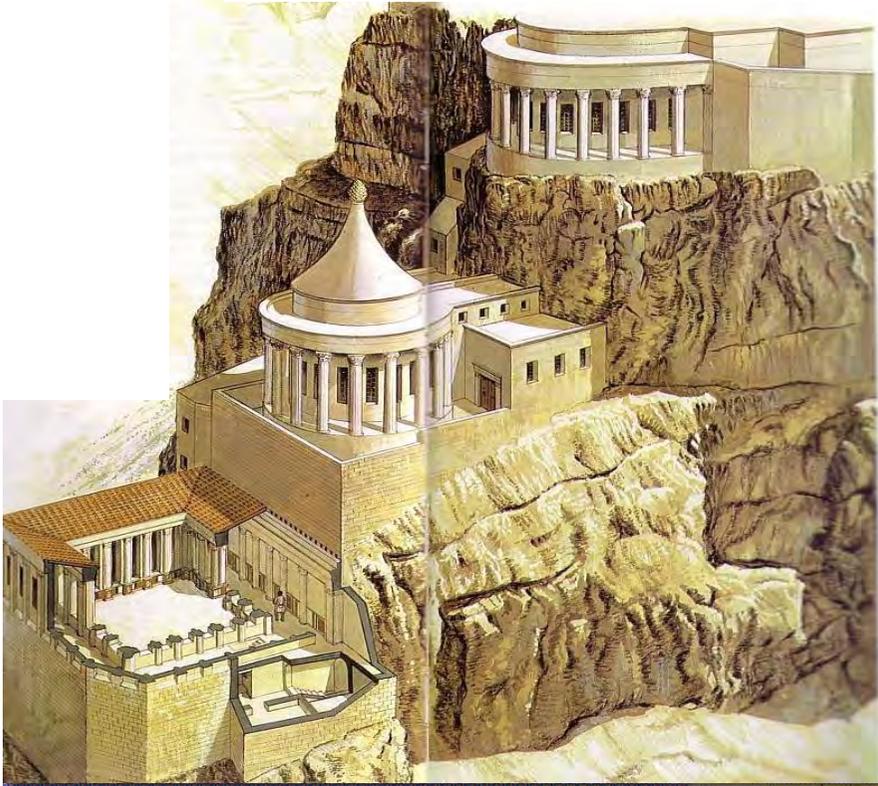


Masada



Northern Masada Palaces

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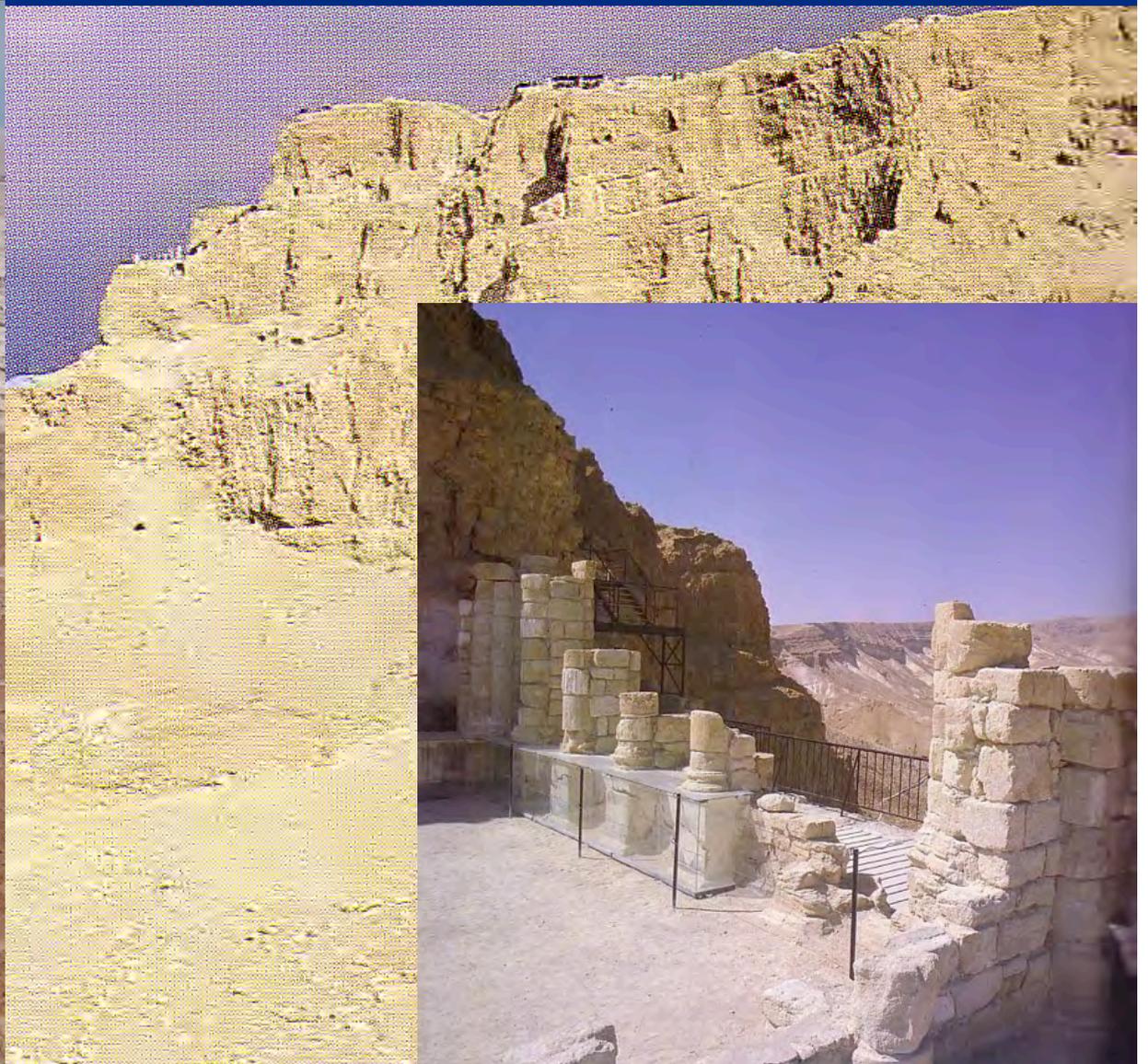
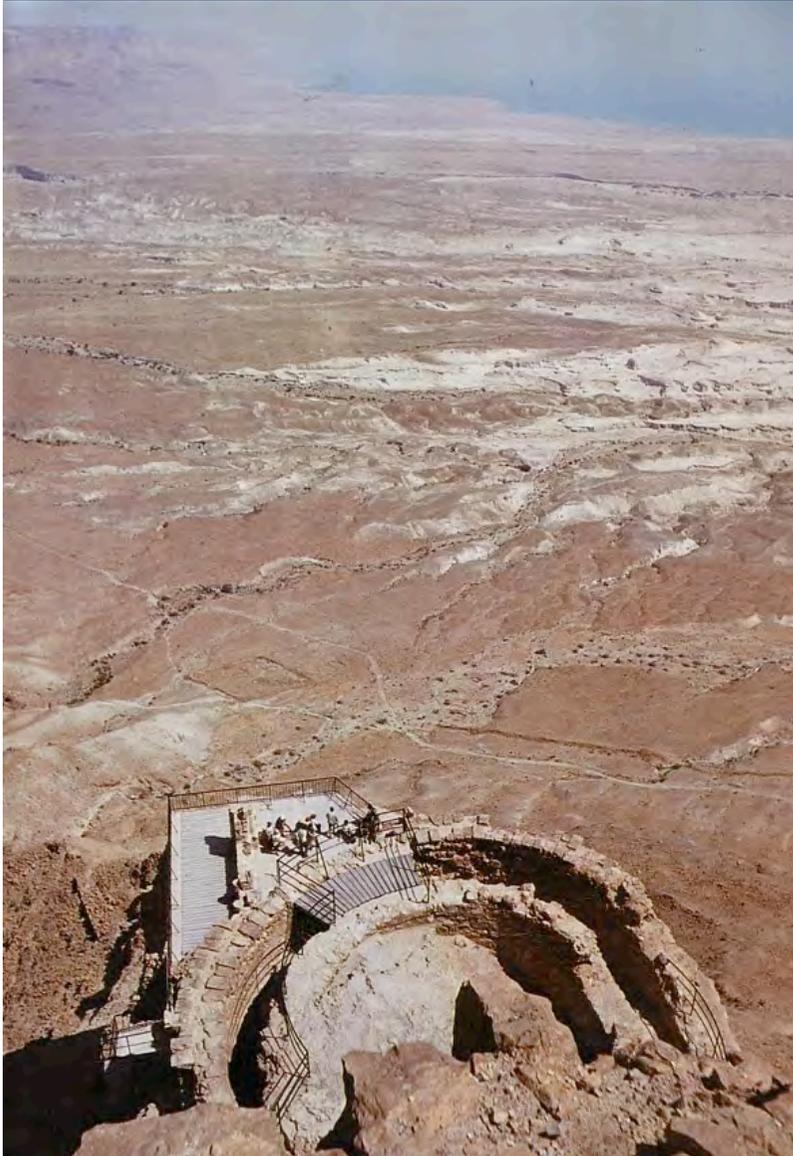


Bath Houses



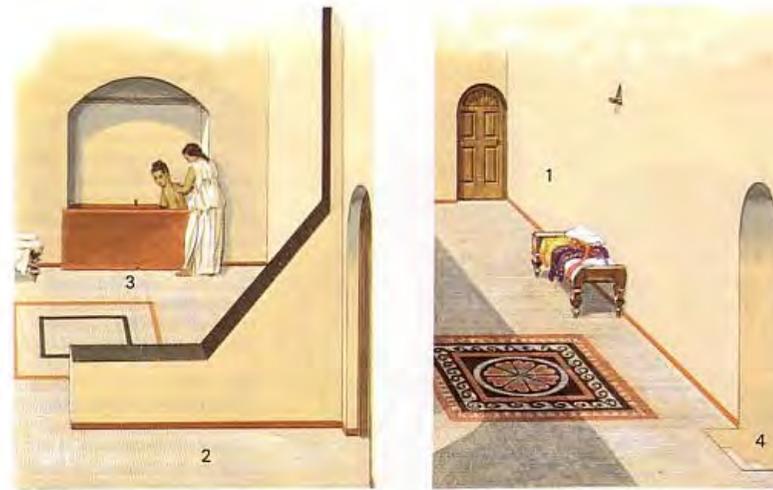
Herod's Northern Masada Palace

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Masada Bath Houses

*Luxury living
while your
armies fight
for you!*



ABOVE: Herod's private bathrooms in the Western Palace.
1 Changing room
2 Warm room
3 The hot room with bath
4 Stairs leading down to the cold bath

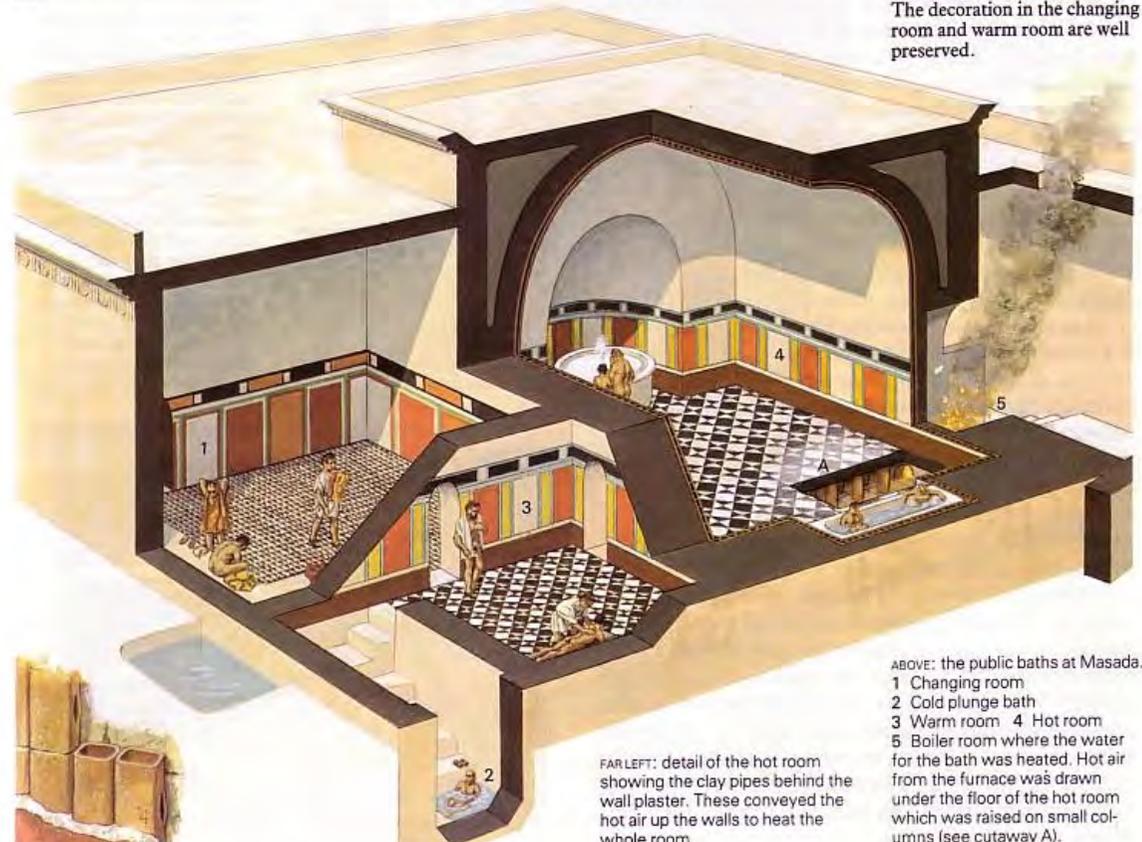


LEFT: bathhouse utensils from Pompeii. The hot room made the bather perspire. The curved strigils were used to scrape the skin down. The little jar contained oil which was used to massage the bather.

In the royal quarters of the Western Palace the archaeologists uncovered Herod's private bathrooms. These are of Graeco-Roman type. They are the best preserved rooms in the palace. Their mosaic floors are almost intact.

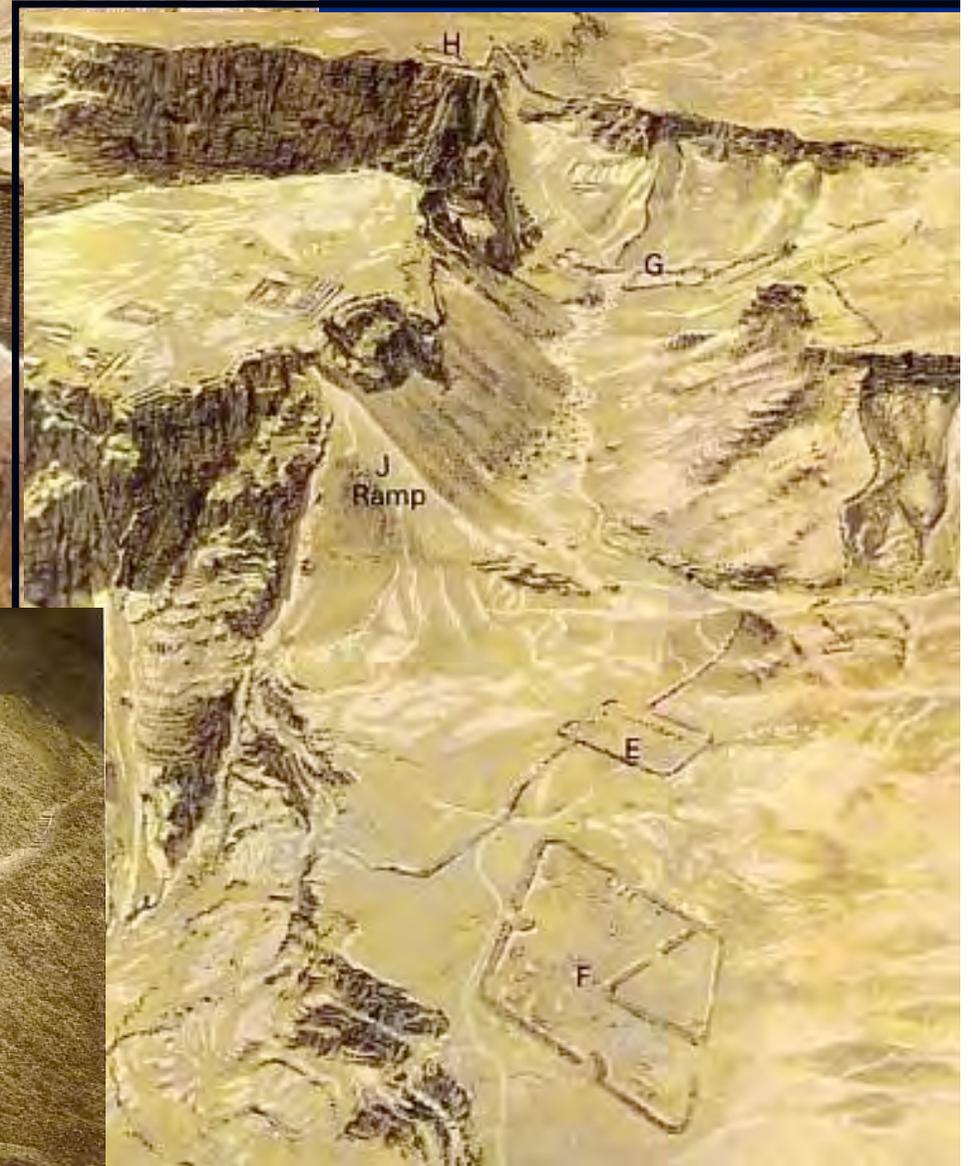
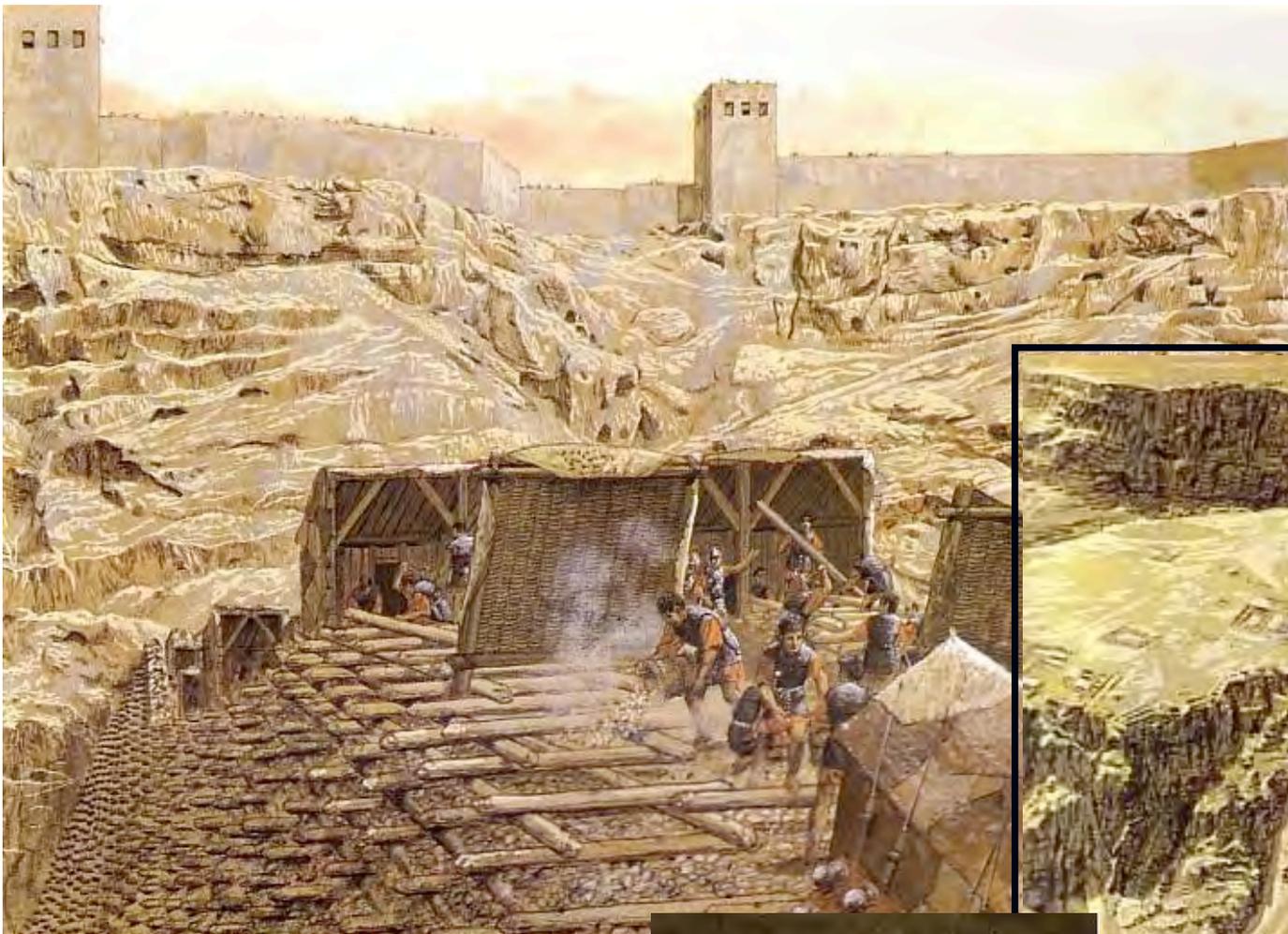
The bathrooms contain a changing room with a fine mosaic in it. This leads off to a small warm room, which in turn leads into a hot room. This has a bath set in an alcove at the far end. The room and the water are heated by a furnace behind the bath. On the other side of the changing room steps lead down to a cold plunge bath.

The public bathhouse
Just behind the Hanging Palace is a public bathhouse. This is a typical Graeco-Roman installation with cold, warm and hot rooms. It was probably built primarily for Herod's foreign visitors. There are similar baths at the palaces at Jericho and Herodium. The decoration in the changing room and warm room are well preserved.



ABOVE: the public baths at Masada.
1 Changing room
2 Cold plunge bath
3 Warm room 4 Hot room
5 Boiler room where the water for the bath was heated. Hot air from the furnace was drawn under the floor of the hot room which was raised on small columns (see cutaway A).

FAR LEFT: detail of the hot room showing the clay pipes behind the wall plaster. These conveyed the hot air up the walls to heat the whole room.



The Ramp of All Ramps



The Fall of Masada (AD 73)





TRIUMPH OF TRAINING: Although fierce, the Celts are no match for our soldiers.

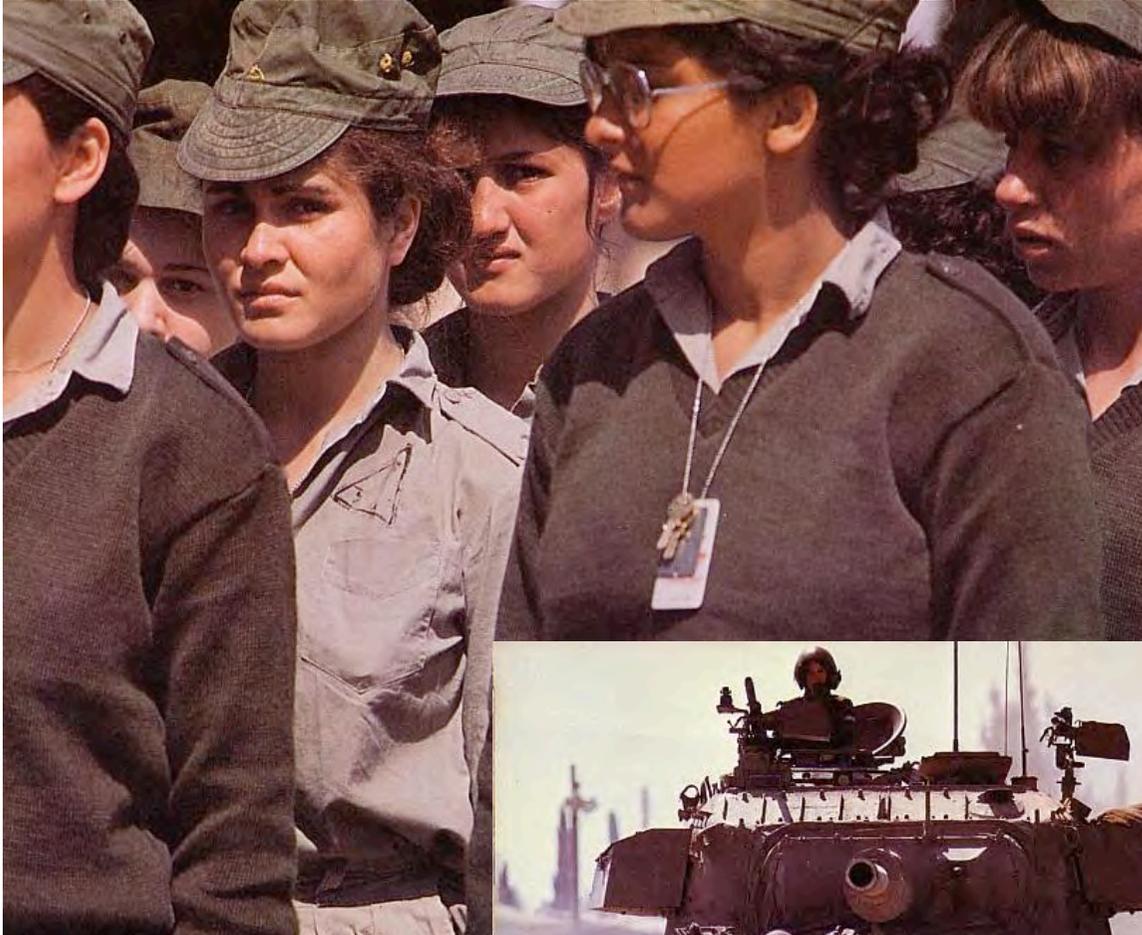
INTO BATTLE

WHILE OUR INTREPID reporter was with the legion, in A.D. 80, he witnessed a fierce battle between our brave soldiers and one of the Celtic tribes. He sent back this account . . .

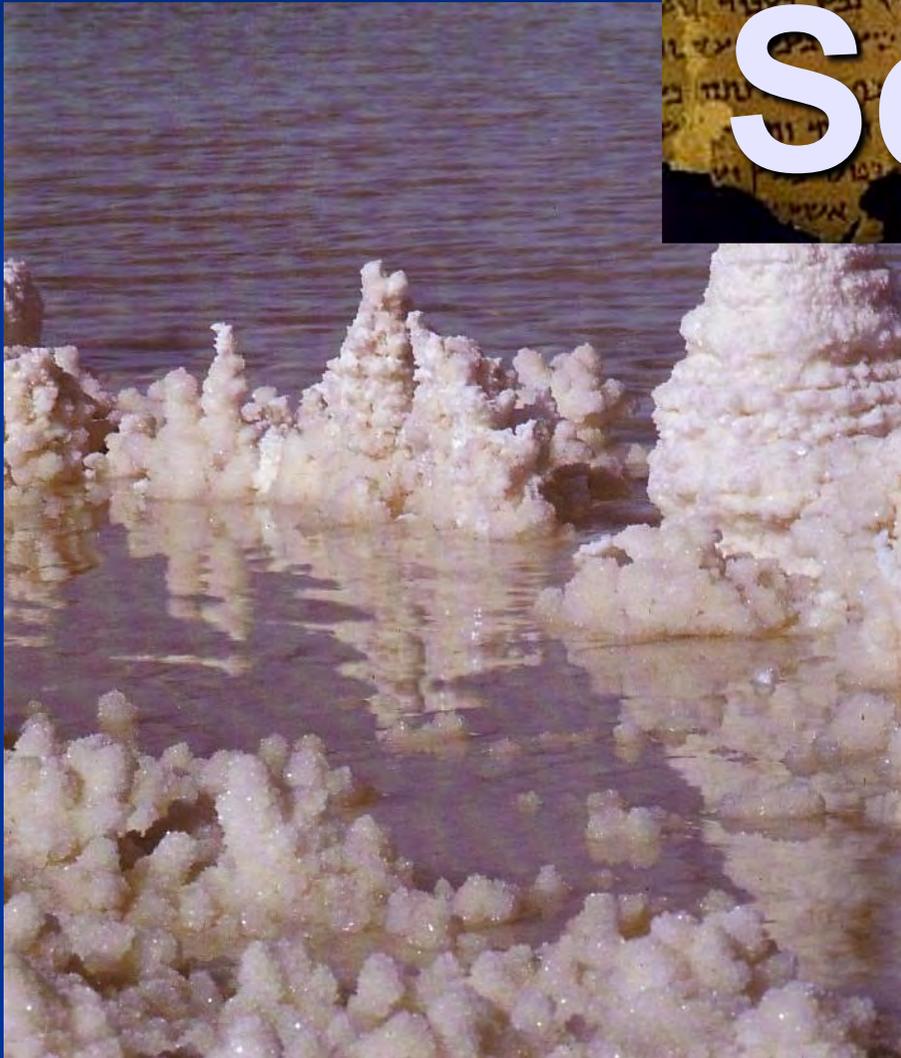
legionaries broke into a trot. Drawing their short swords, they closed in on the enemy and began stabbing and slashing.

Rome Had a Fierce Army

“Never Again!”



The Dead Sea Scrolls



*The most
significant
literature found in
the history of the
church*

Location of
the Dead
Sea

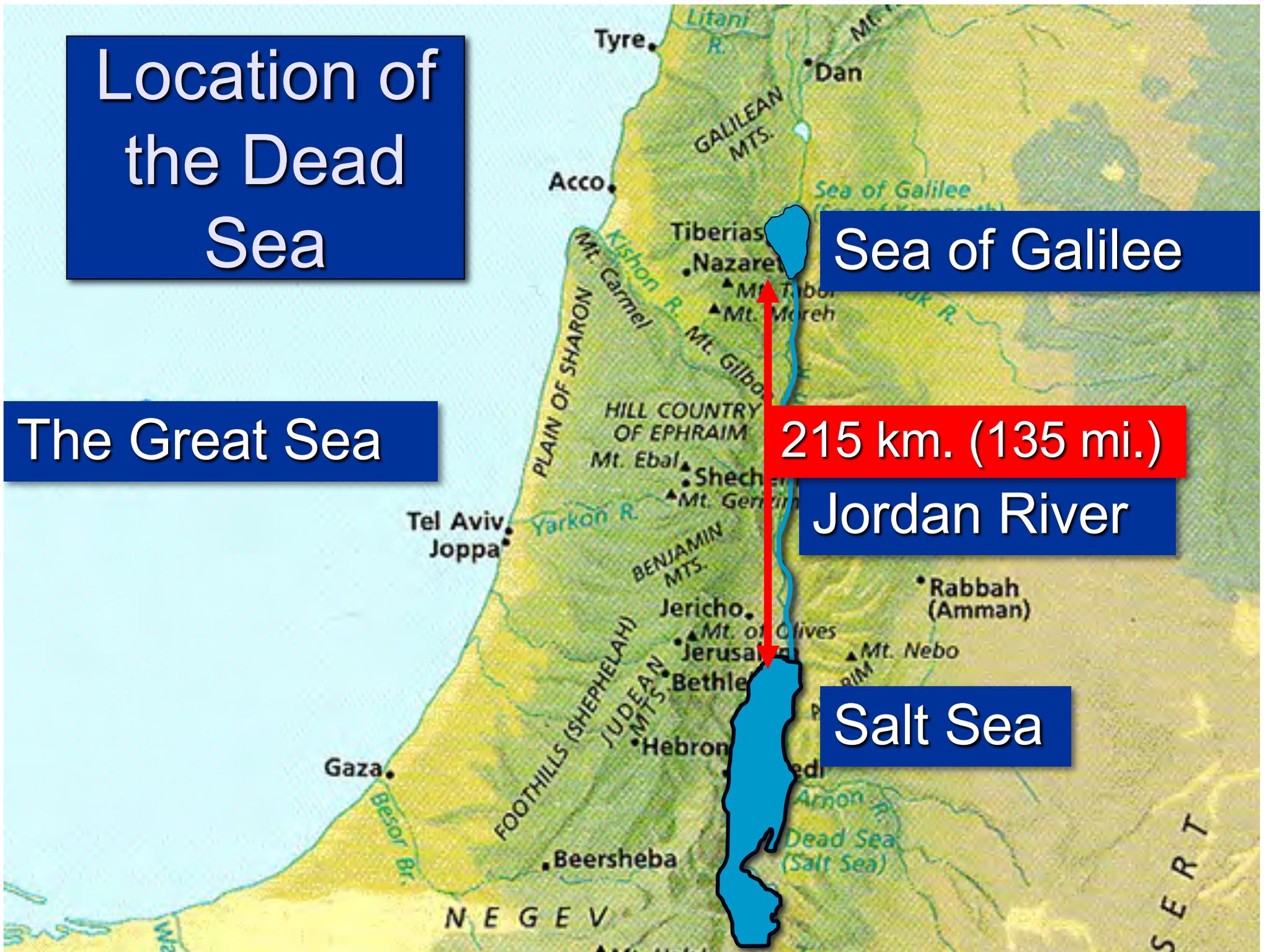
The Great Sea

Sea of Galilee

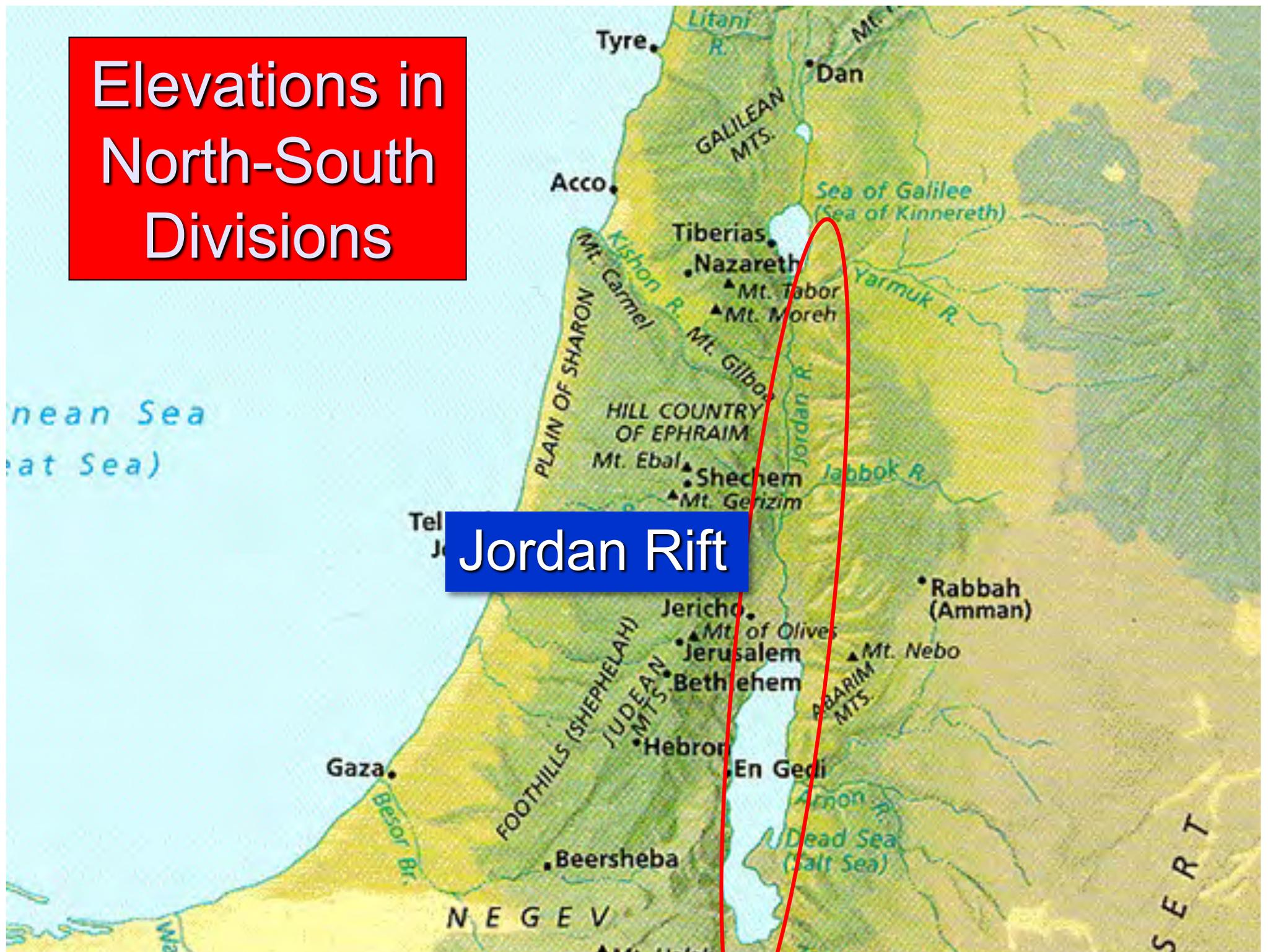
215 km. (135 mi.)

Jordan River

Salt Sea



Elevations in North-South Divisions



Jordan Rift

Baptismal Site of Jesus



The Jordan Rift

- **Deep Depression**

**From the
Wilderness
of Judea
looking east
to the Salt
Sea below**



From the Heights



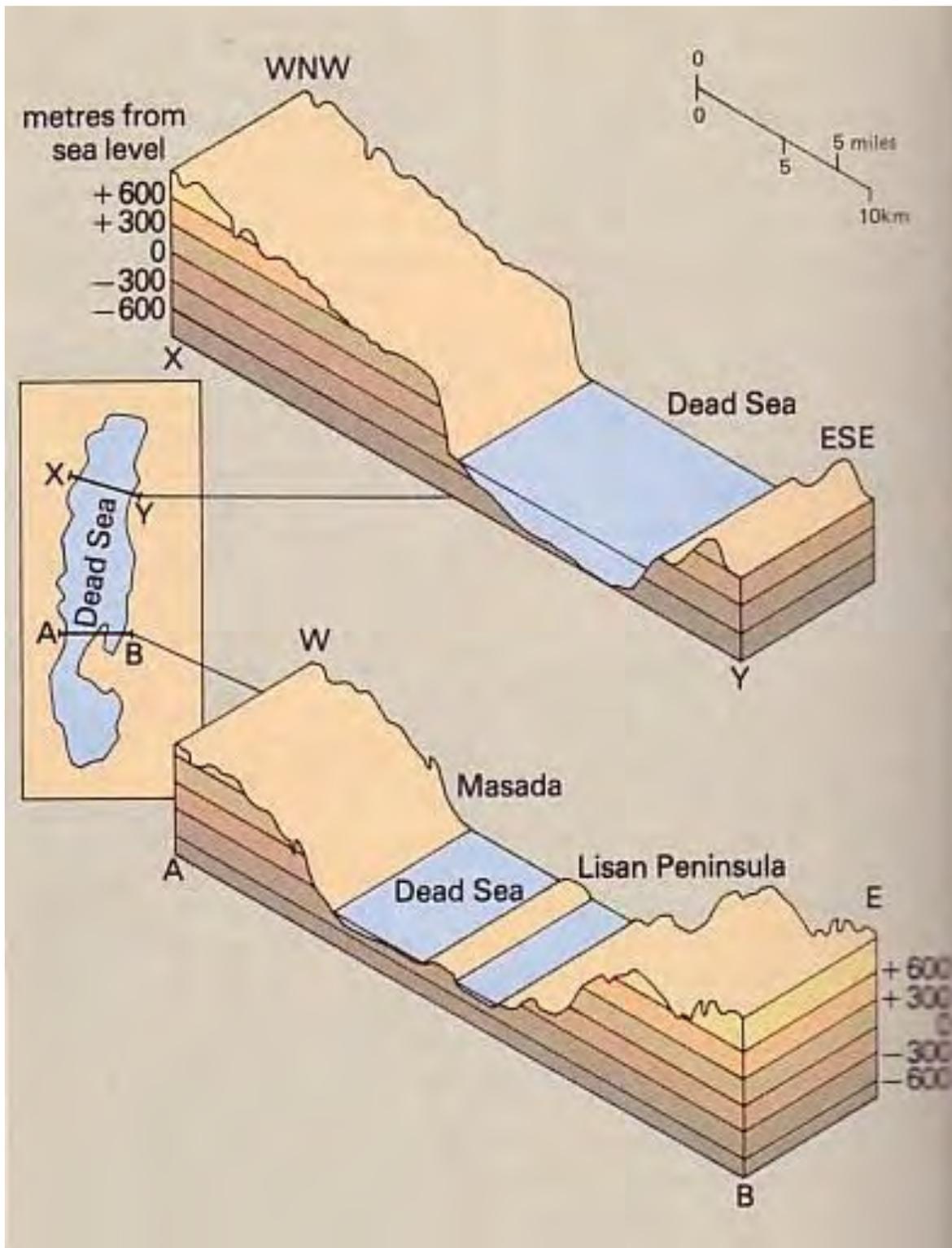
The lowest spot on earth (-394 m.)

3-4 in. rain/year

3 sections now

Dropped 12 m. since 1975—was 20 m. higher in the 1st cent. AD

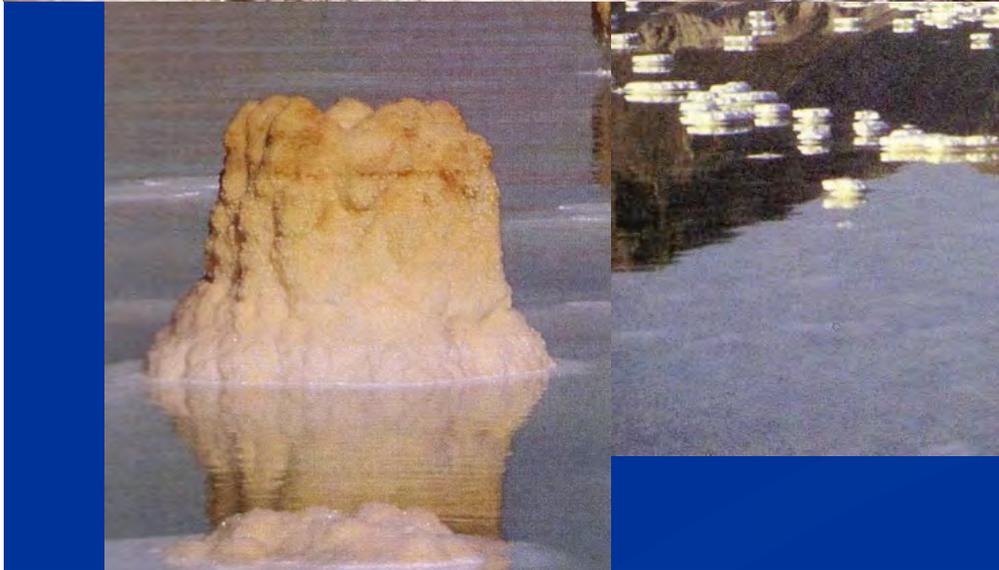
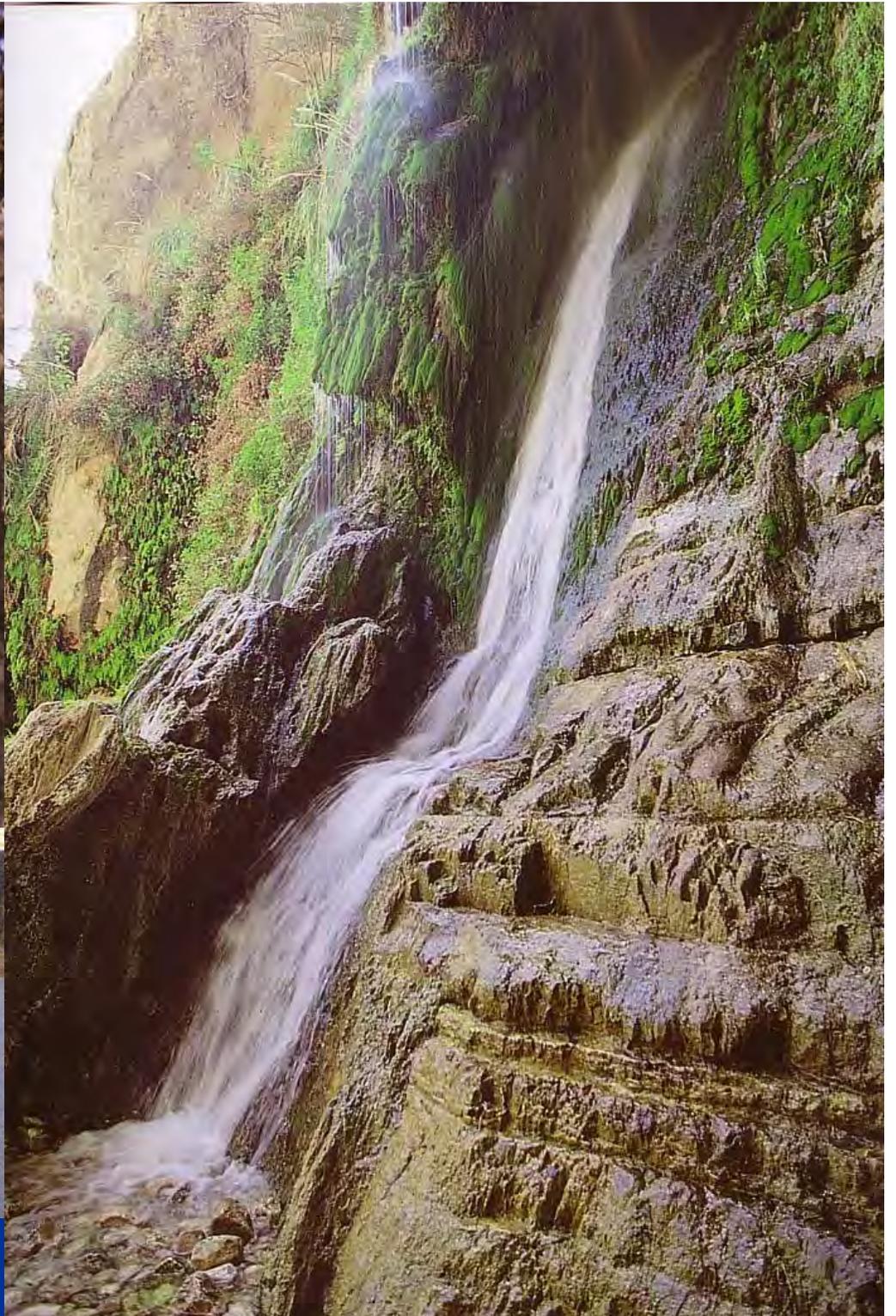
Israel makes US\$1 billion/yr. from potassium for fertilizer





Crops from a Fresh Water Oasis

En Gedi



Resorts of Salt?





The Highest Salt Content on Earth

6 times the salt content of sea water

27% solids with 7% salt

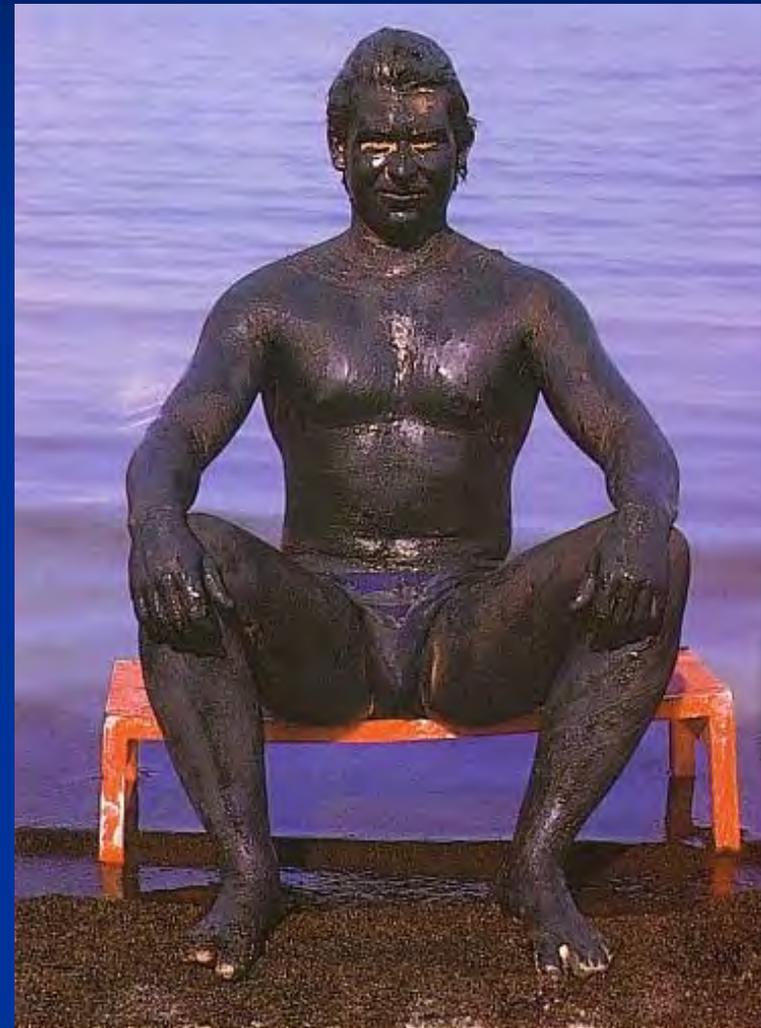
Float effortlessly

No outlet

I enjoyed it too!



Dead Sea Mud



- Great for the skin (they say)
- You can't get too much



Rick, Randall, Tim

**Stings the
skin but
feels great!**

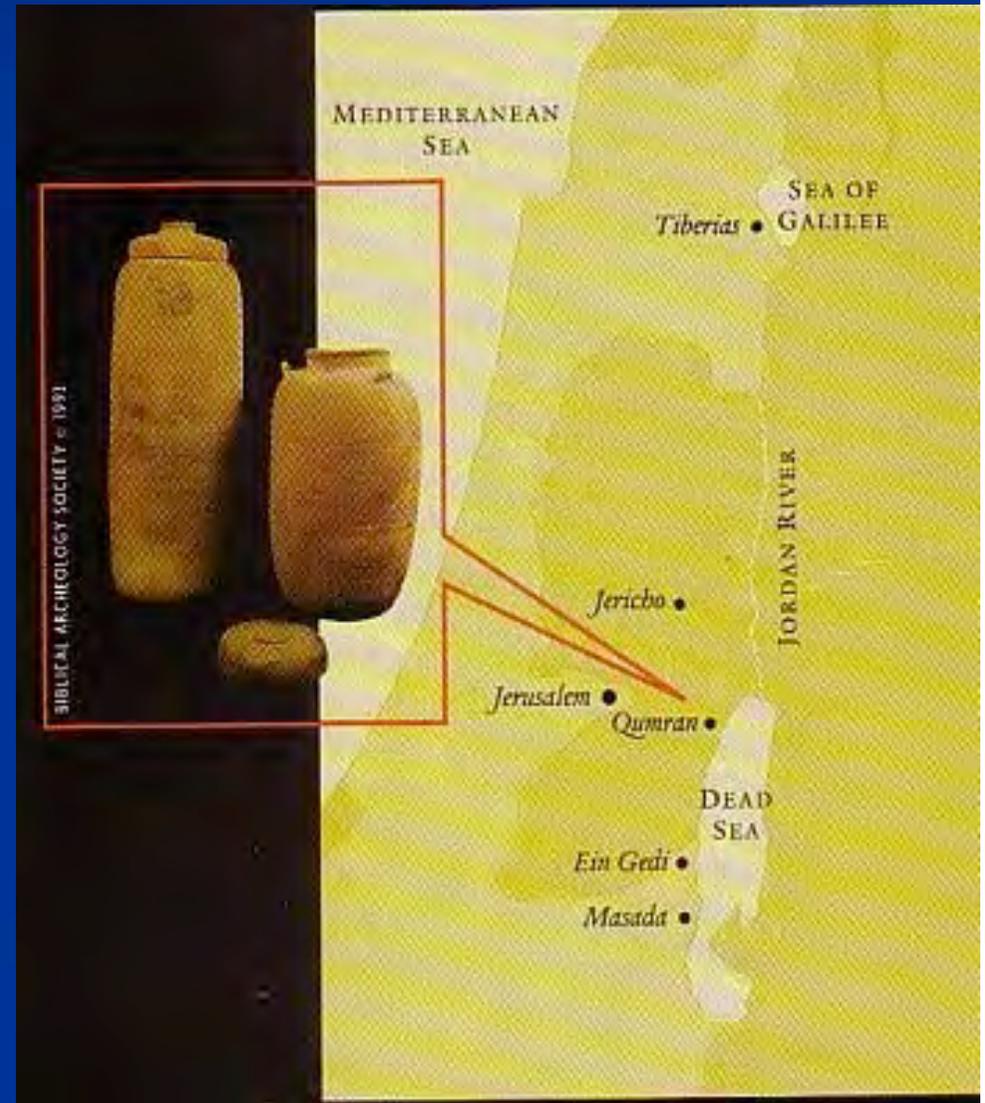




Pure
Pleasure!?

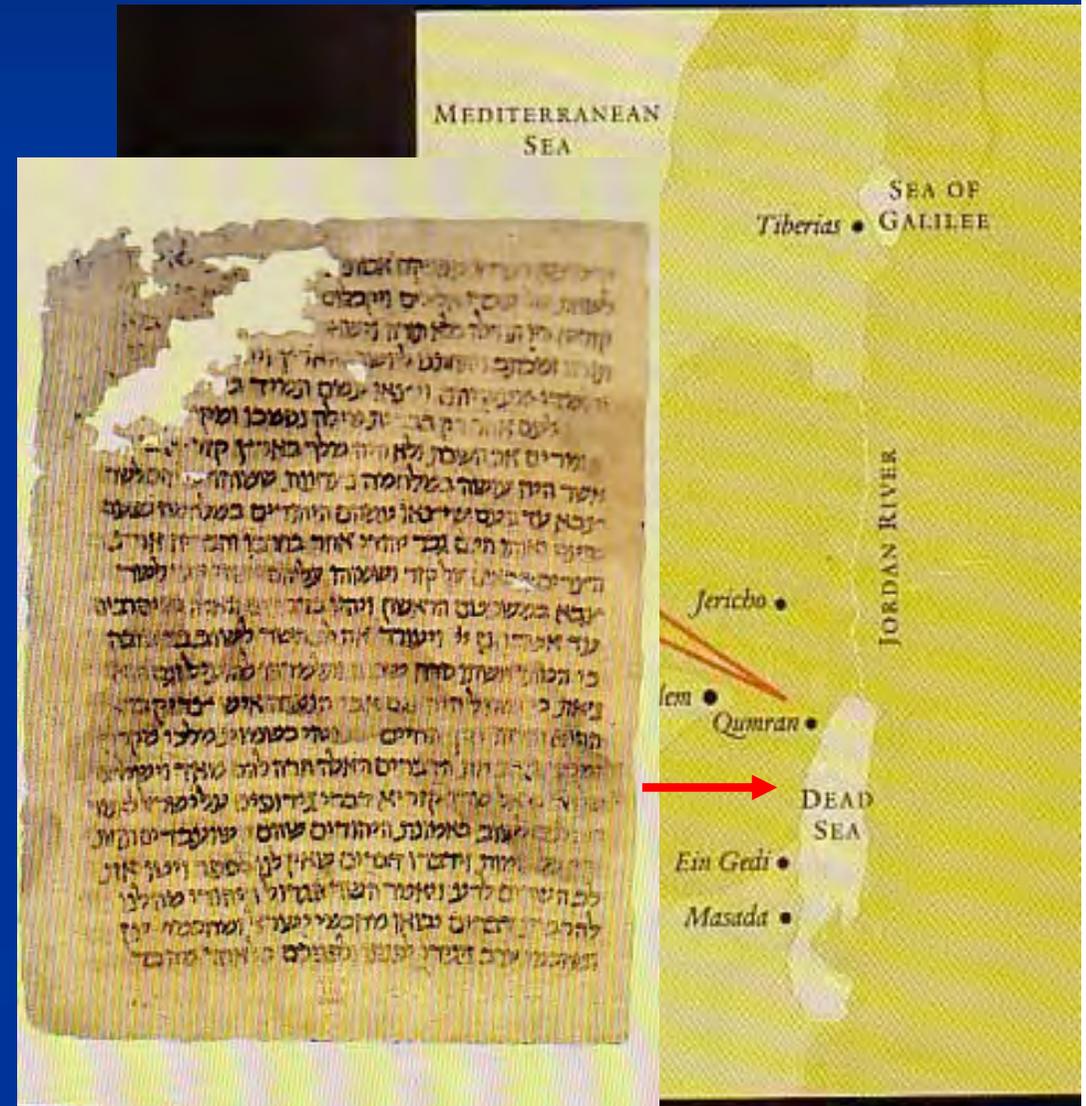
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History of the Dead Sea Scrolls



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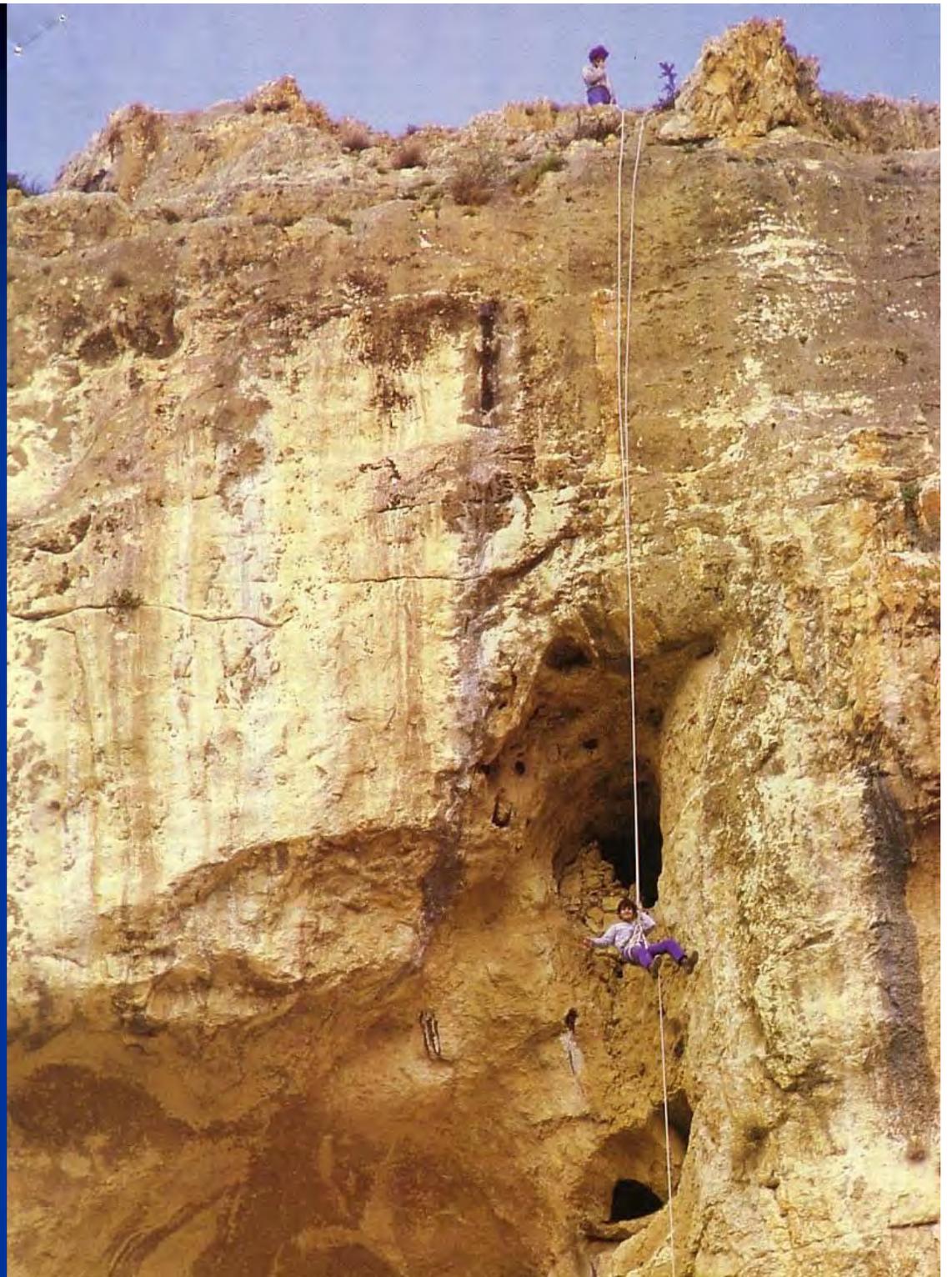
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- Bar Kochba letters (1952, 1960-61)
- Hundreds of scrolls and 18,000 fragments followed (1947-1956)



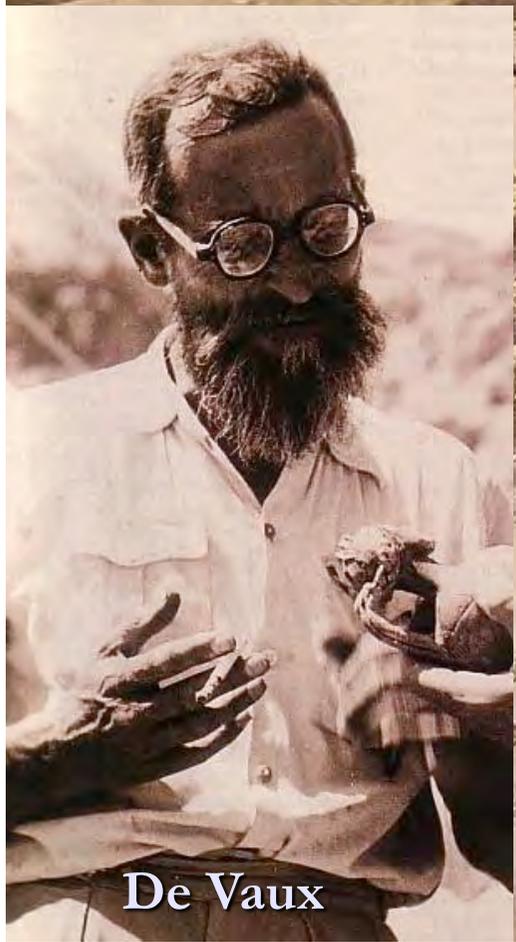
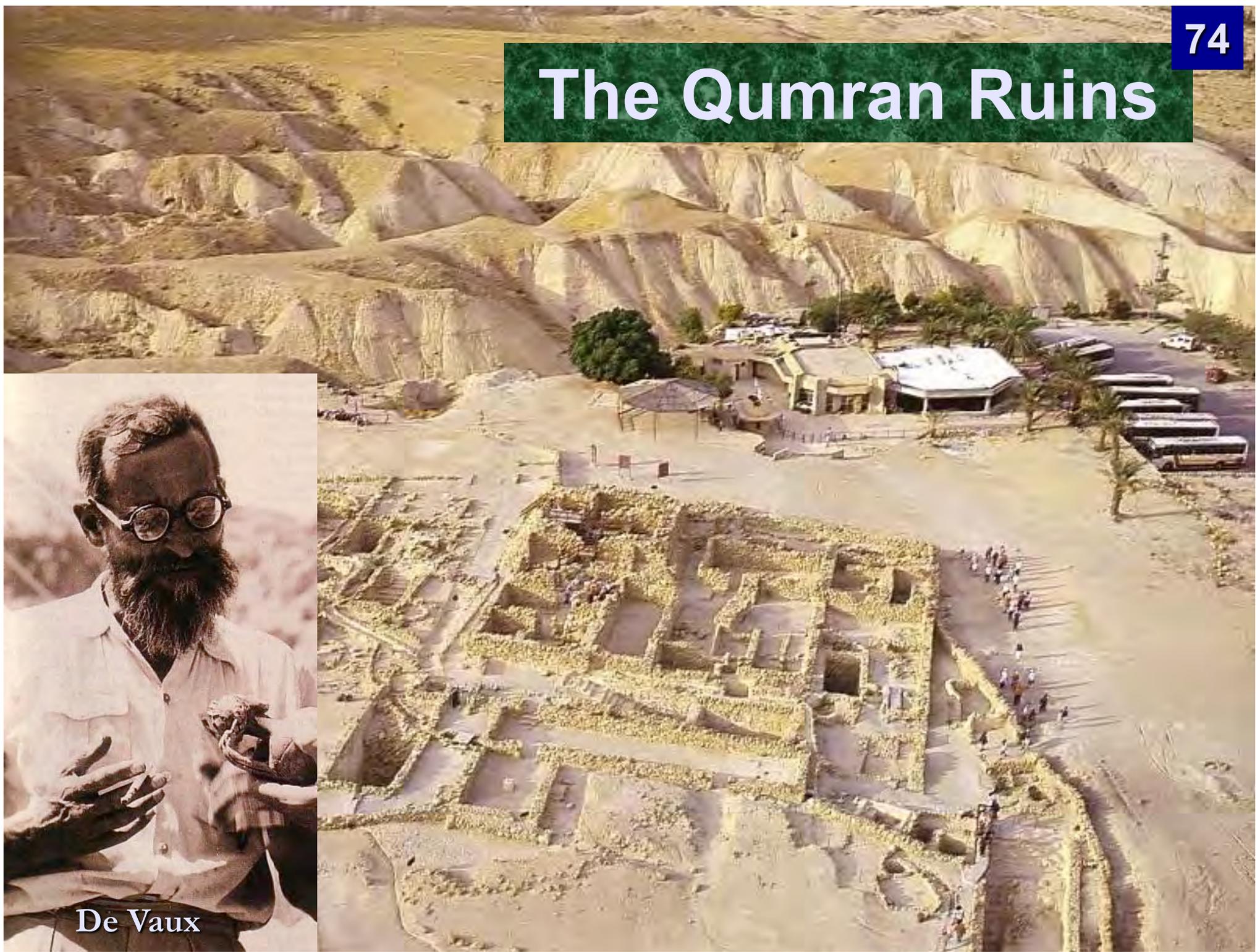


- Often getting scrolls from the hills wasn't easy

■ Sometimes it was near impossible!

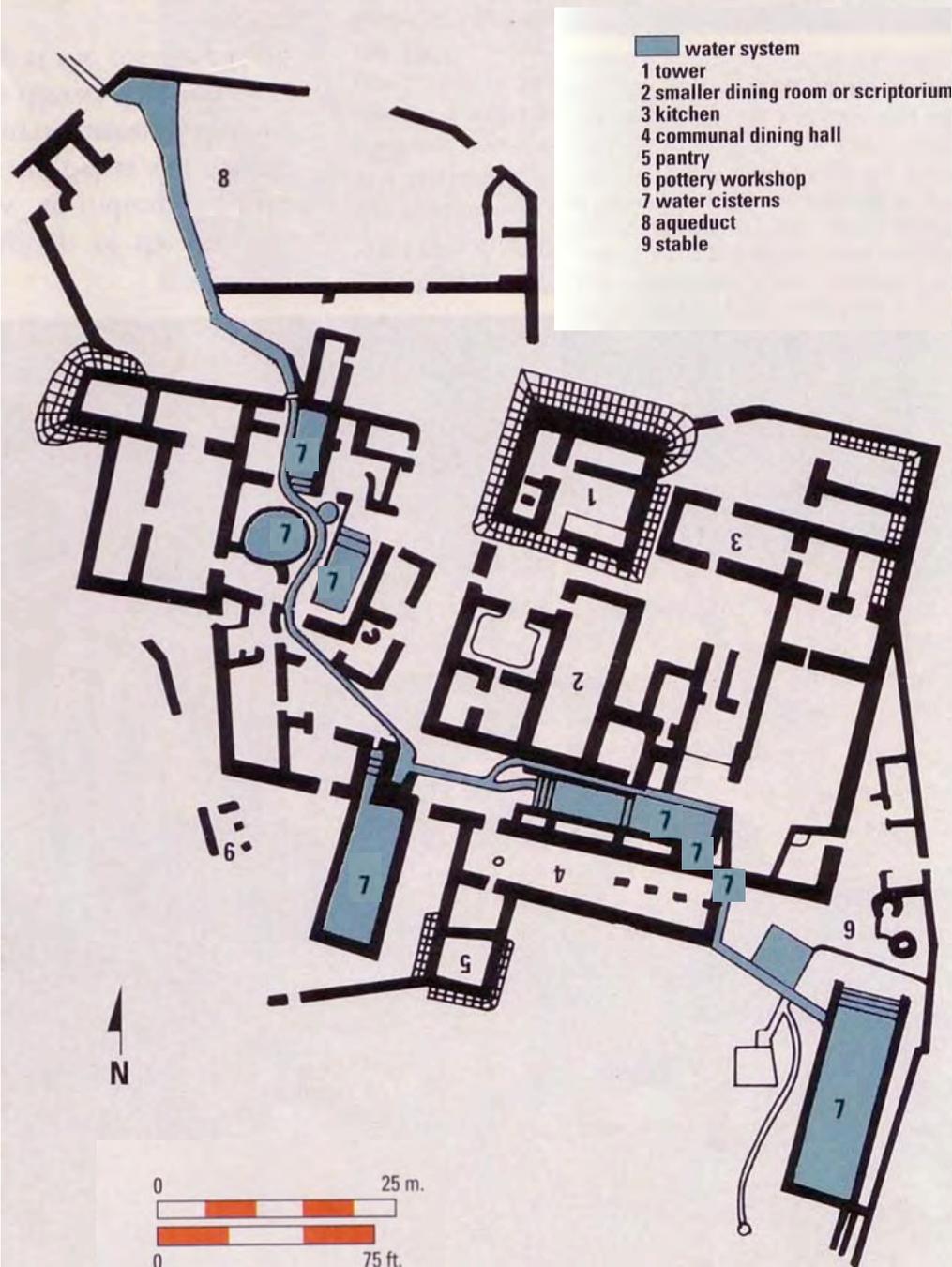


The Qumran Ruins



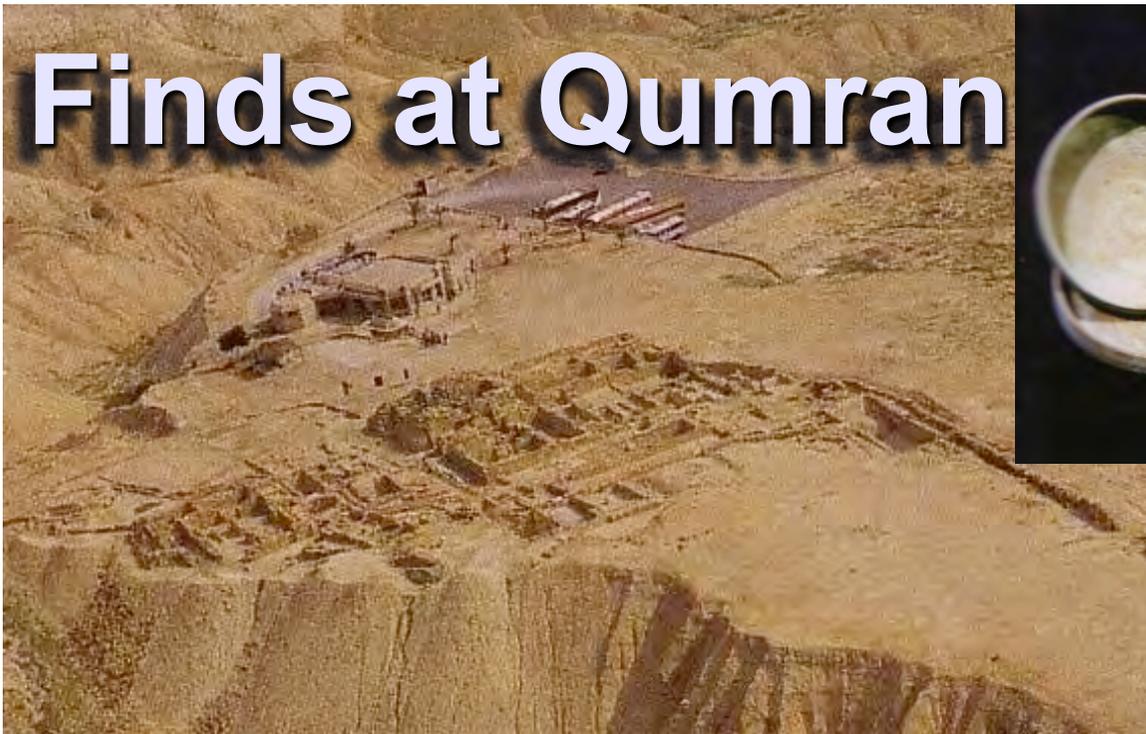
De Vaux

Map of the Qumran Community



THE SIMPLE GRID of the Qumran settlement (left) has perplexed scholars trying to determine who lived here. Rooms 2 and 4 on the plan would have provided ample dining space for large crowds, and the sophisticated water system (in blue on the plan) snaking through the Qumran settlement ensured the availability of water even after several dry seasons.

Finds at Qumran

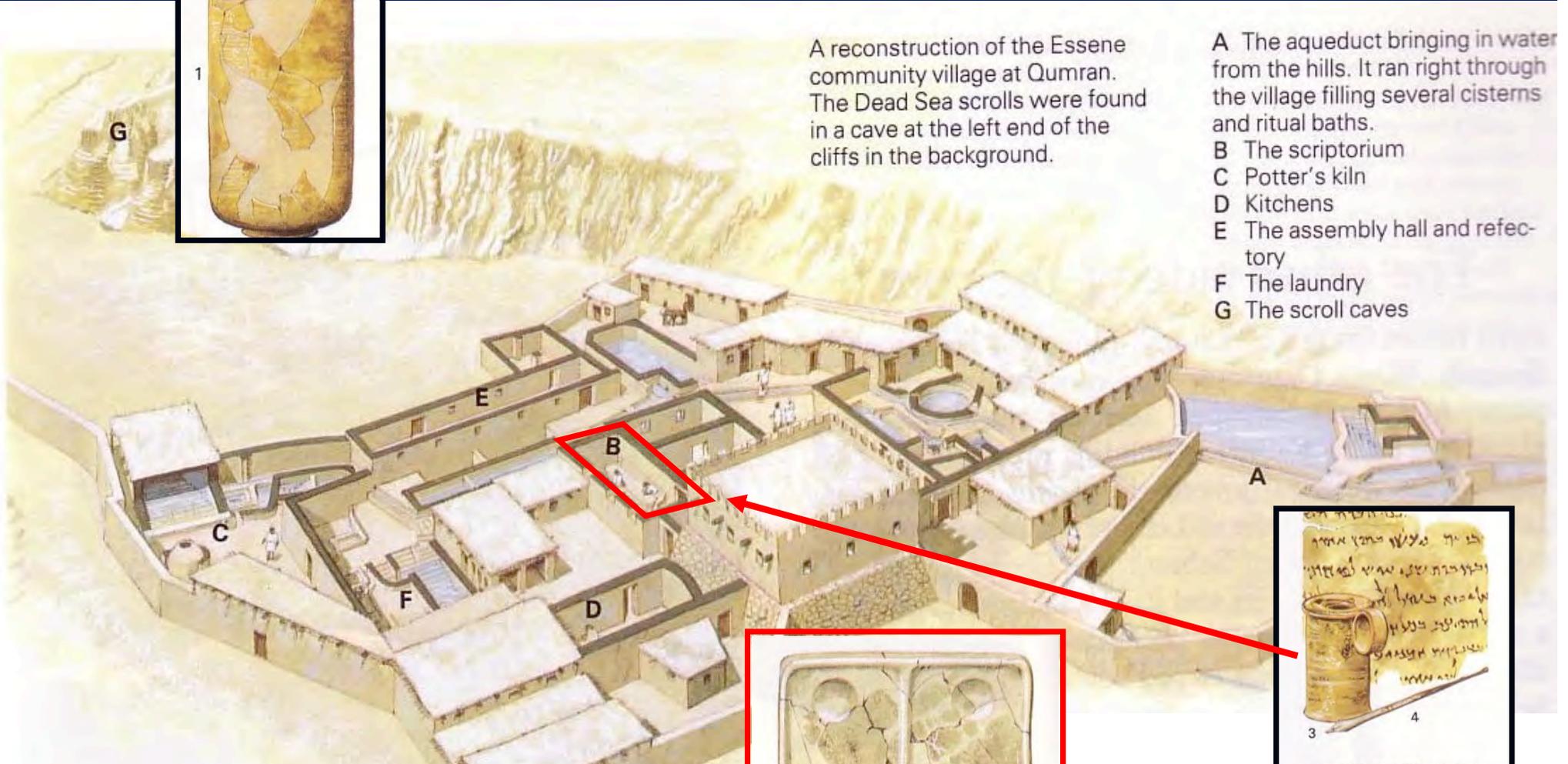


The Qumran Community



A reconstruction of the Essene community village at Qumran. The Dead Sea scrolls were found in a cave at the left end of the cliffs in the background.

- A The aqueduct bringing in water from the hills. It ran right through the village filling several cisterns and ritual baths.
- B The scriptorium
- C Potter's kiln
- D Kitchens
- E The assembly hall and refectory
- F The laundry
- G The scroll caves



RIGHT: a writing palette found in the scriptorium at Qumran.



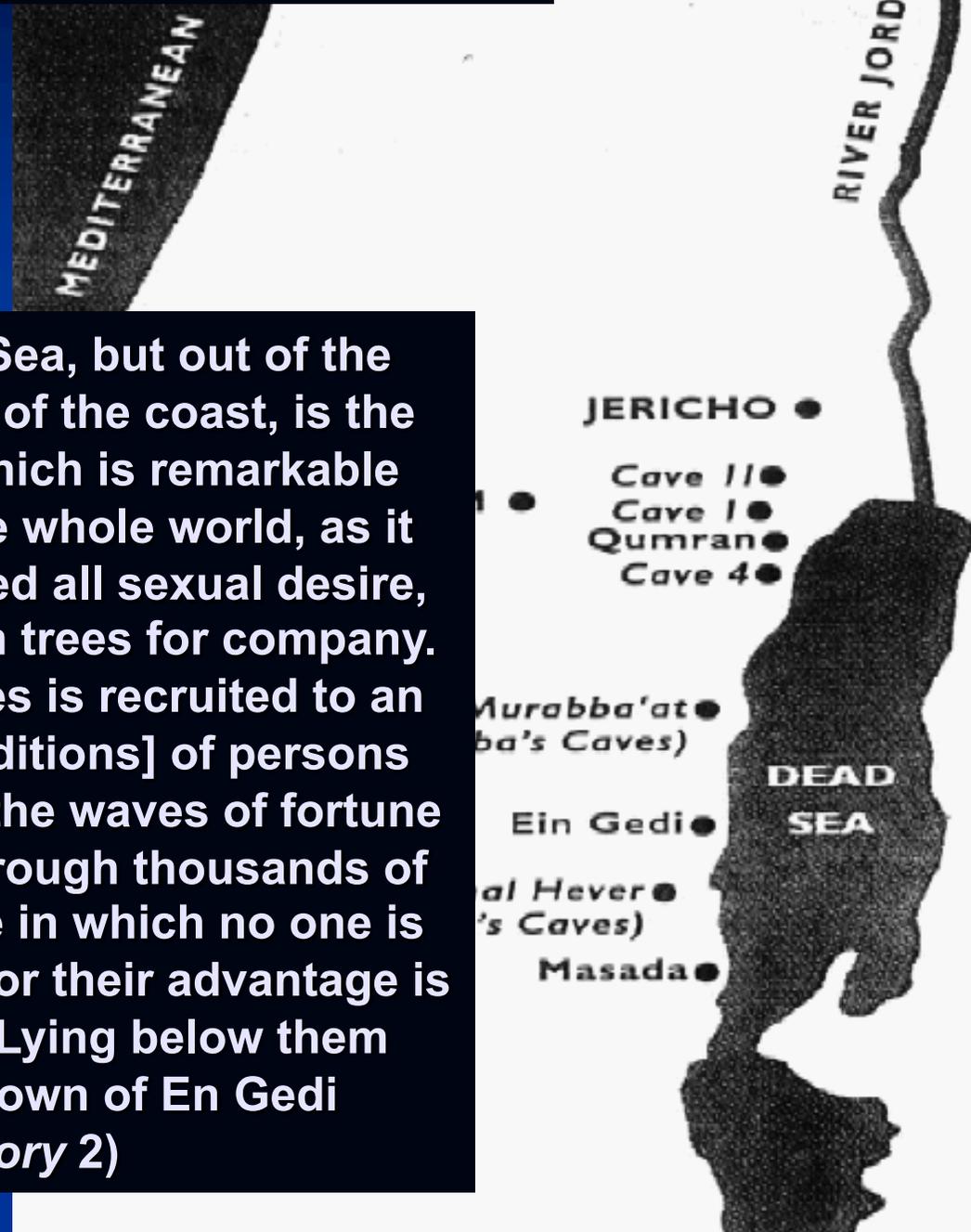
ABOVE: 1 One of the jars containing the Dead Sea scrolls
 2 A fragment of one of the scrolls
 3 A clay inkwell
 4 A reed pen

Who were the Essenes?

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■ North of En Gedi (Pliny the Elder)

"On the west side of the Dead Sea, but out of the range of the noxious exhalation of the coast, is the solitary tribe of the Essenes, which is remarkable beyond all the other tribes in the whole world, as it has no women and has renounced all sexual desire, has no money, and has only palm trees for company. Day by day the throng of refugees is recruited to an equal number by numerous [additions] of persons tired of life and driven thither by the waves of fortune to adopt their manners. Thus through thousands of ages (incredible to relate), a race in which no one is born lives on forever; so prolific for their advantage is other men's weariness of life! Lying below them [Essenes] was formerly the town of En Gedi
(Pliny, *Natural History* 2)



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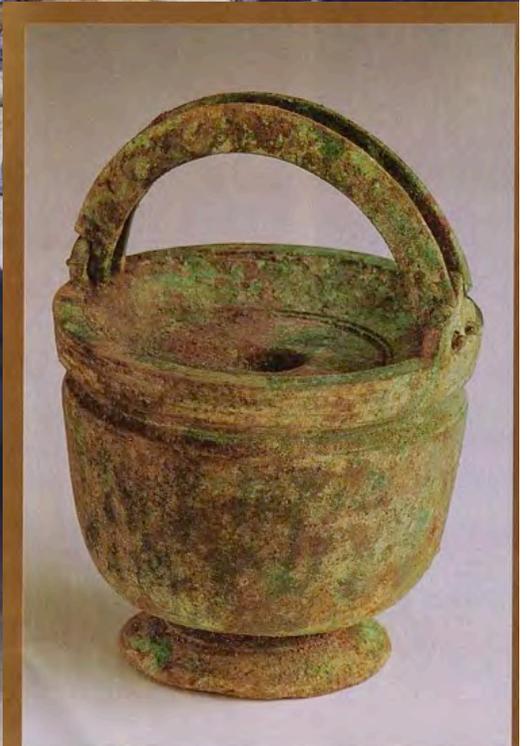
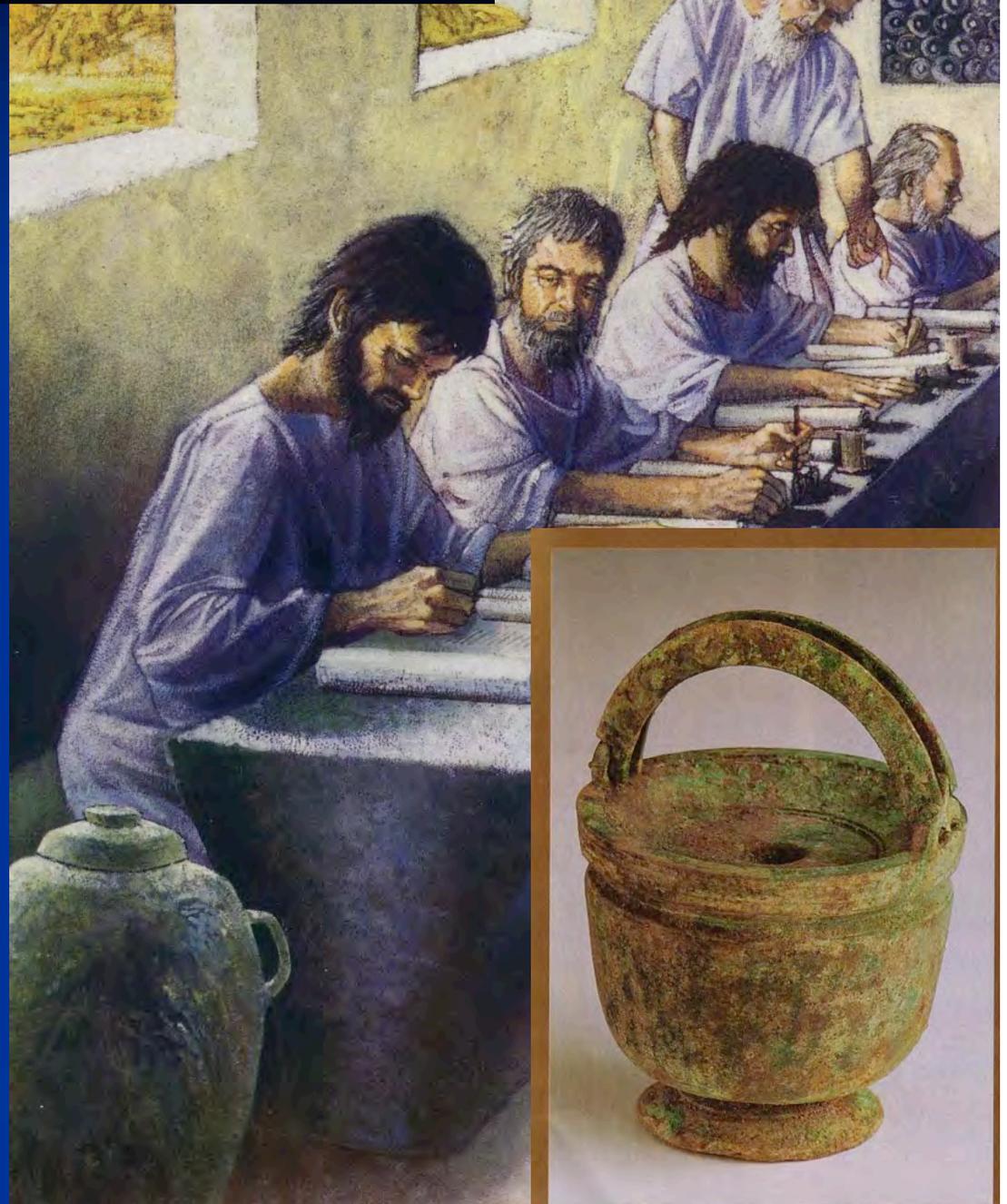
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- Scriptorium
- Sectarian writings



Why did the Essenes form?

- **The high priesthood was corrupt**



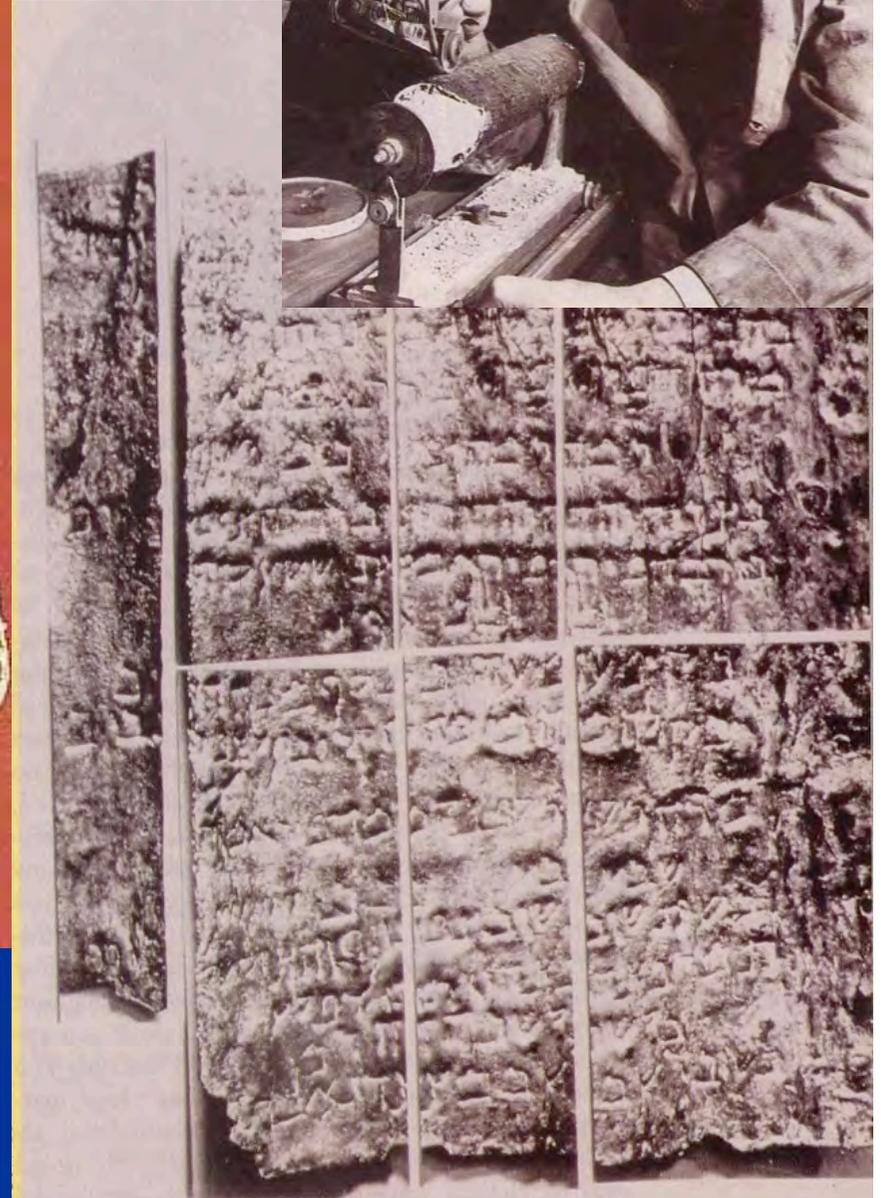
Annas & Caiaphas of the NT era continued the corrupt practices of Jason and Menelaus (175 BC). So the Essenes withdrew to the desert during the reign of Simon (143-135 BC)

What Scrolls were Found?

- Every OT book but Esther (e.g., 11QPs)
- Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha
- Commentaries (e.g., 1QpHab)
- Collections of OT passages on a theme
- Sectarian writings
 - *Manual of Discipline*
 - *Temple Scroll*
 - *War Scroll*

The Copper Scrolls

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- Provide detailed plans for the third temple

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No NT manuscripts

Significance of the DSS

5. Proves conservative dating of OT books

When was Daniel written?

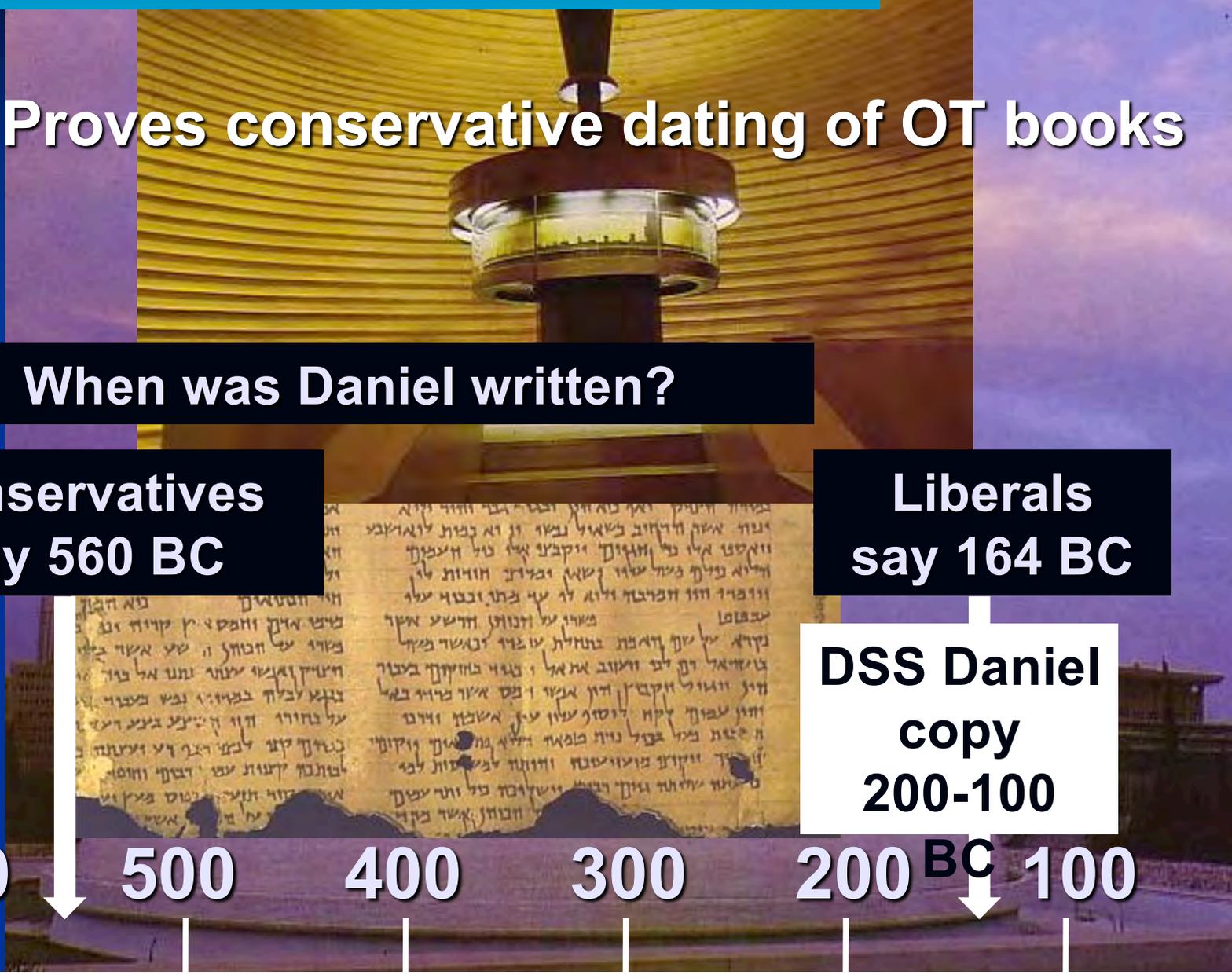
Conservatives
say 560 BC

Liberals
say 164 BC

DSS Daniel
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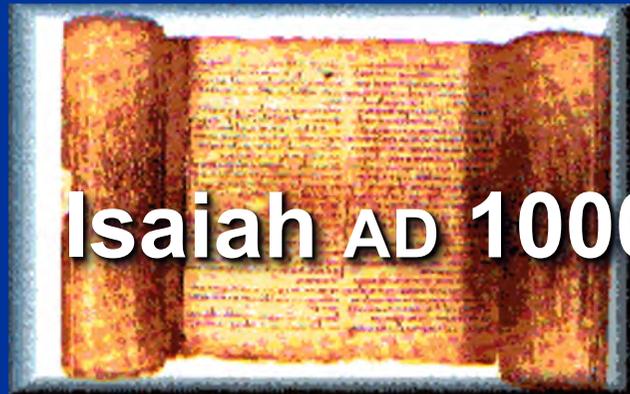
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Shrine of the Book



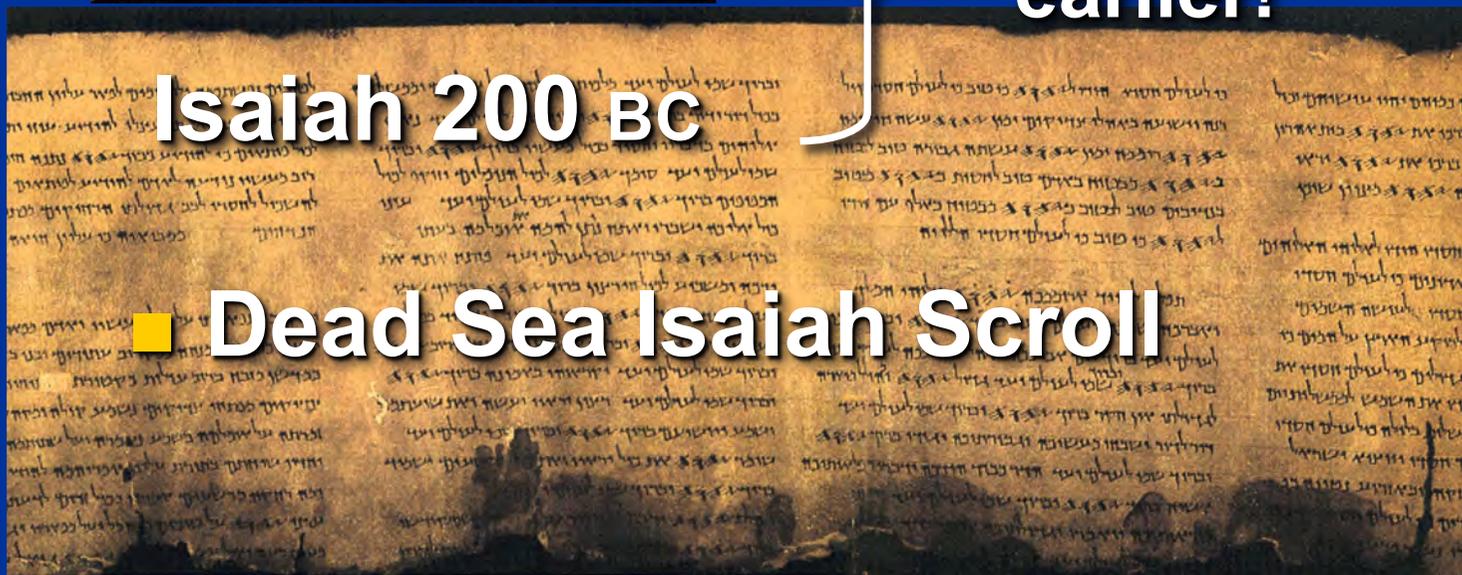
6. Transmission of OT accurate

- Masoretic Isaiah Scroll



Isaiah AD 1000

1200 years earlier!

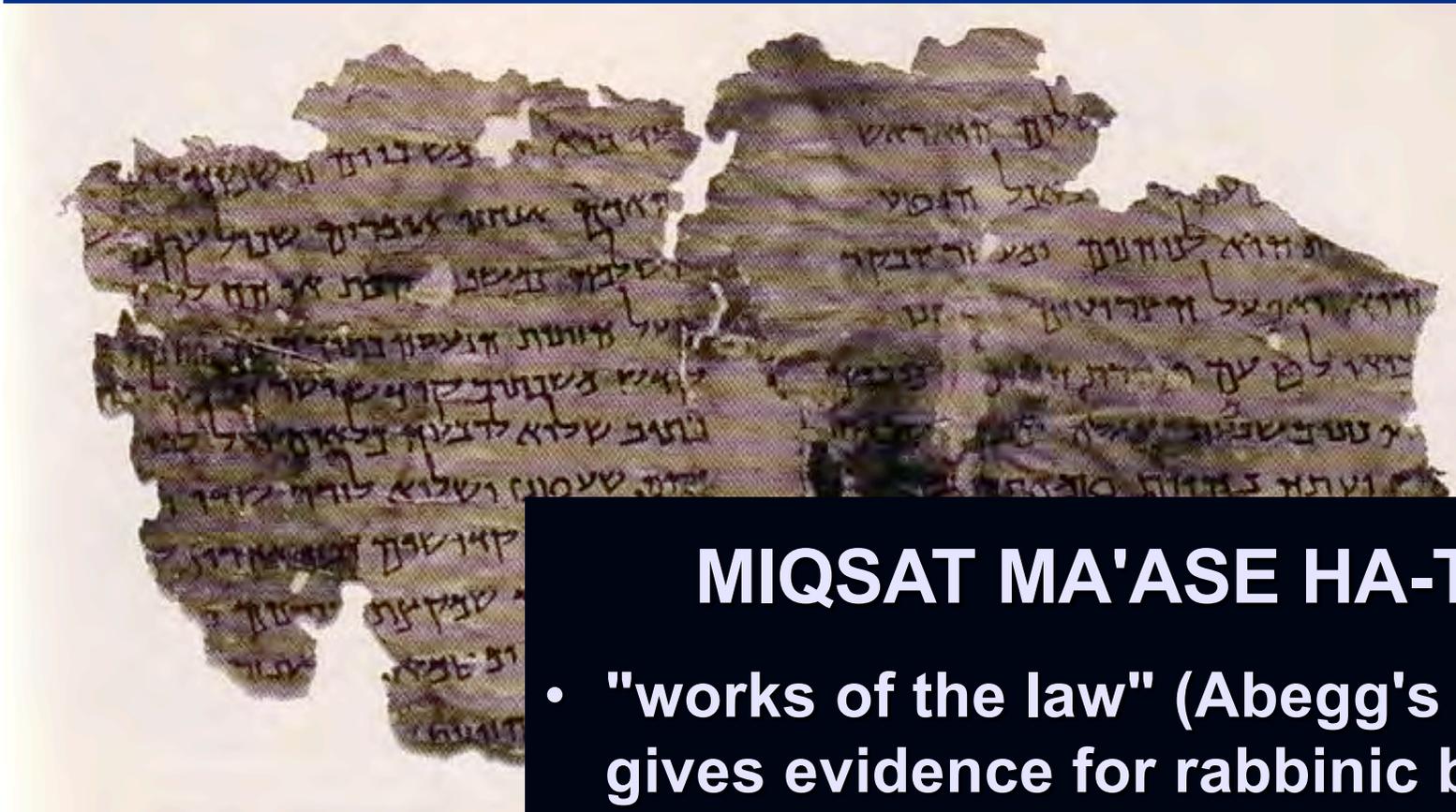


Isaiah 200 BC

- Dead Sea Isaiah Scroll

This Isaiah scroll matches the A.D. 1000 Masoretic Text upon which all modern translations are based 99% of the time.

7. MMT shows that Paul's opponents who taught salvation by the law were indeed real people.



MIQSAT MA'ASE HA-TORAH

- "works of the law" (Abegg's translation gives evidence for rabbinic belief in salvation by works, which Paul argues against in Galatians.)

Paul versus Legalists

Legalists

"The one who does righteousness stores up life for himself with the Lord"

Psalms of Solomon
(about 50 BC)

"Miracles, however, will appear at their own time to those who are being saved by their works"

2 Baruch
(about AD 100)

Paul

"But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him **without keeping the requirements of the law**, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are"

(Rom. 3:21-22 NLT)

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Paul

"Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit **by obeying the law of Moses**? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ."

(Gal. 3:2 NLT)

Where did John grow up? ⁸⁰

NIV Luke 1:80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel.

The Wilderness of Zin

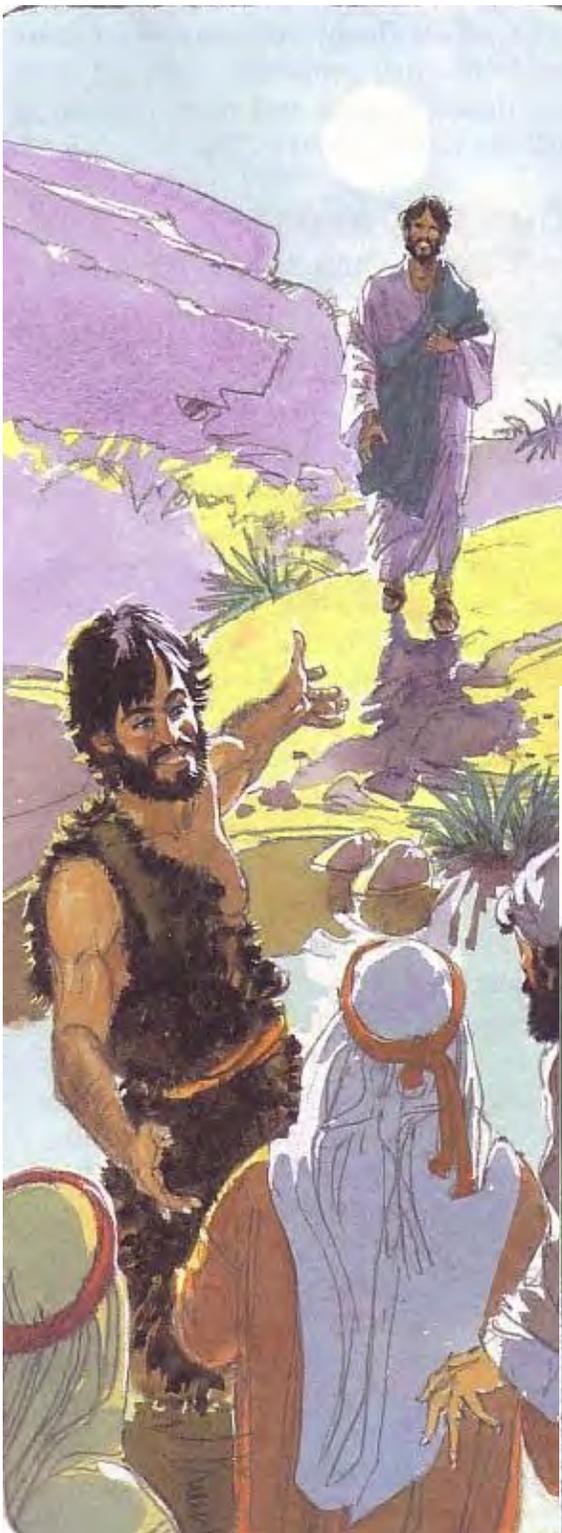
John the Baptist

- Where did John get the concept of immersion and repentance?



Essenes loved the Word of God





John the Baptist

- Where did John get the concept of immersion and repentance?



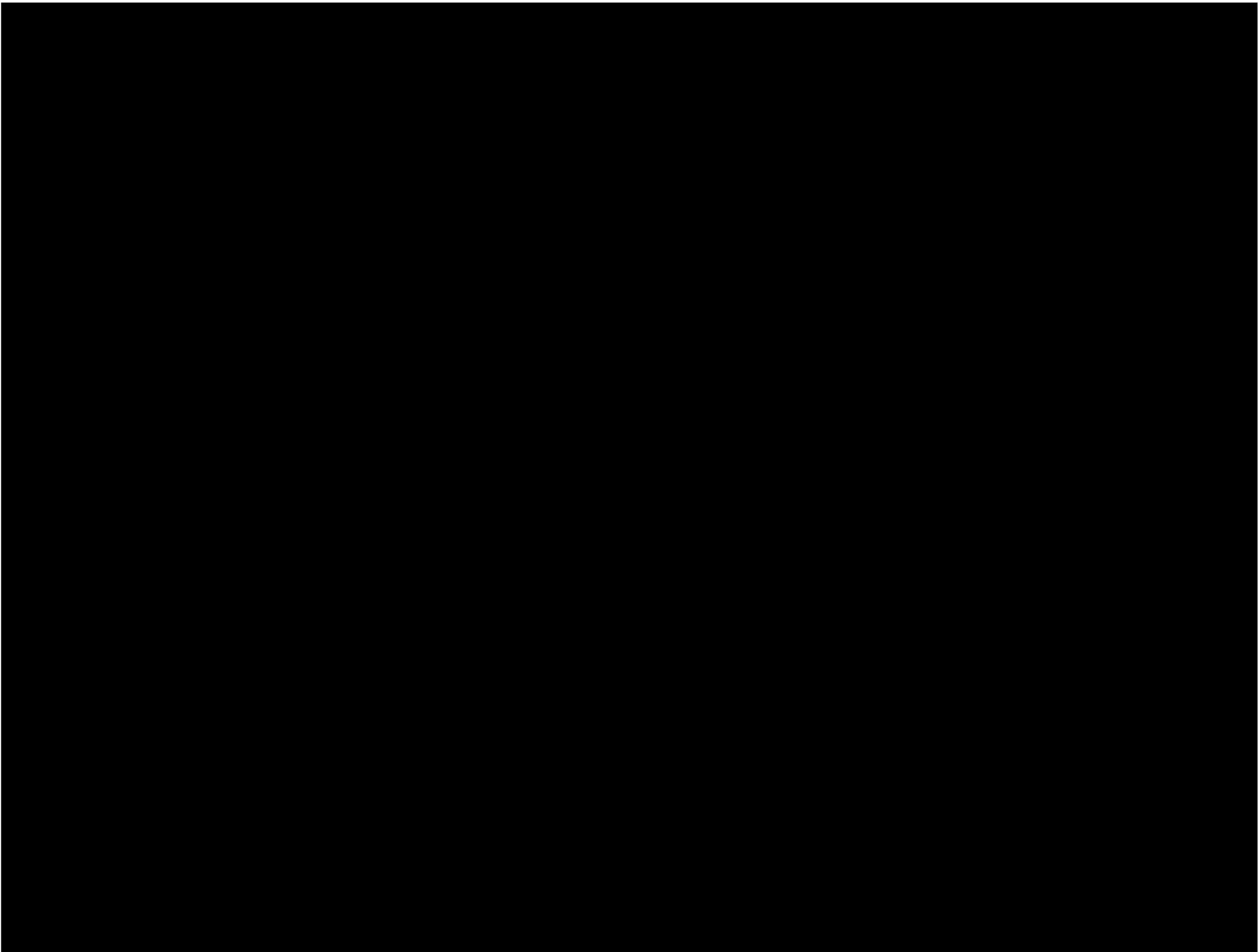
The Essenes vs. John & Jesus

Essenes & John

- Appeal to Isaiah 40:3
- Call to repentance & baptism
- Anticipated imminent kingdom of God
- Water, spirit, & fire
- Strange diet
- Criticized religious leaders

Essenes & Jesus

- Criticized temple leaders
- Forbade divorce & remarriage
- Spiritual offerings
- Saw God's people as spiritual temple



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