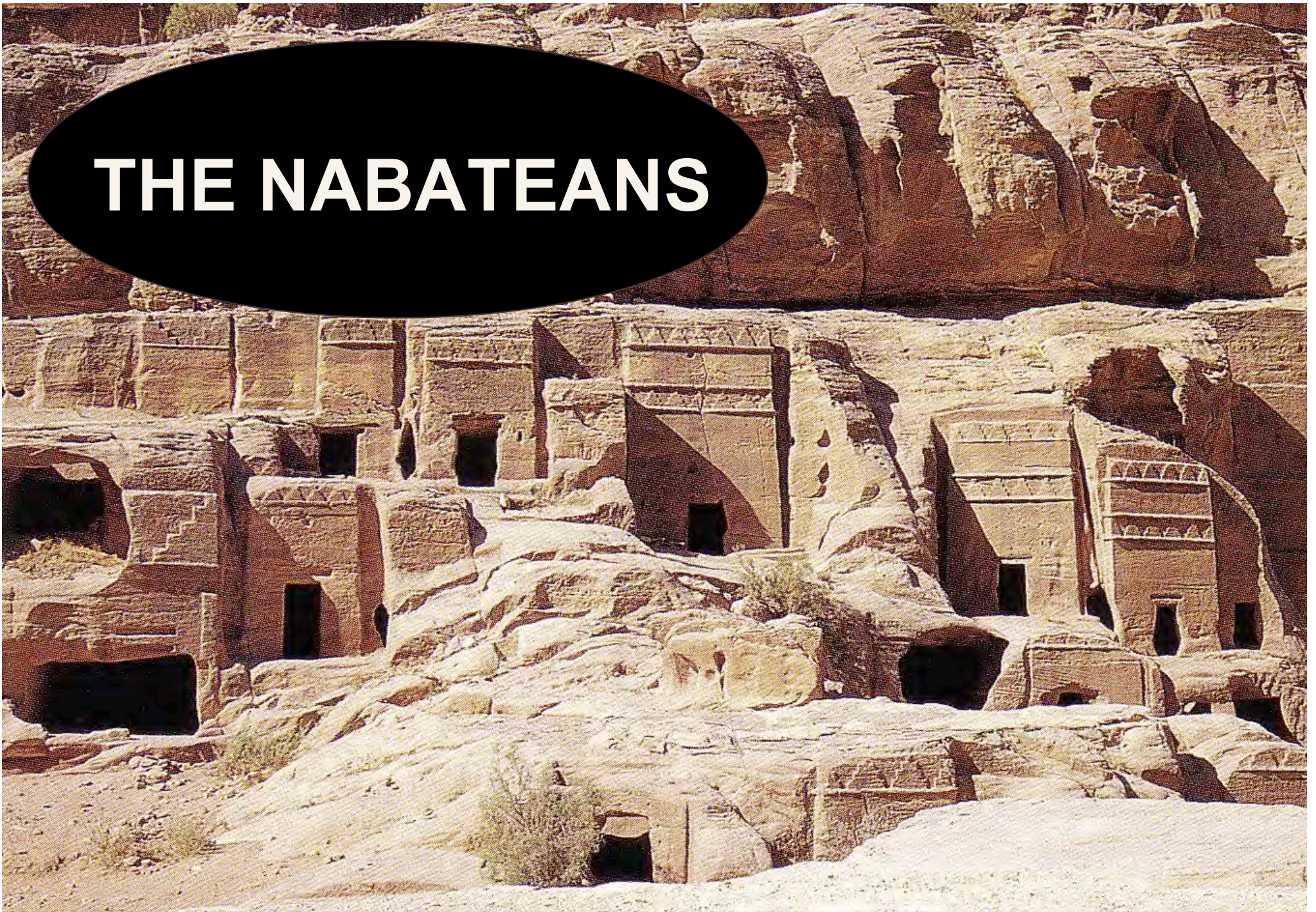
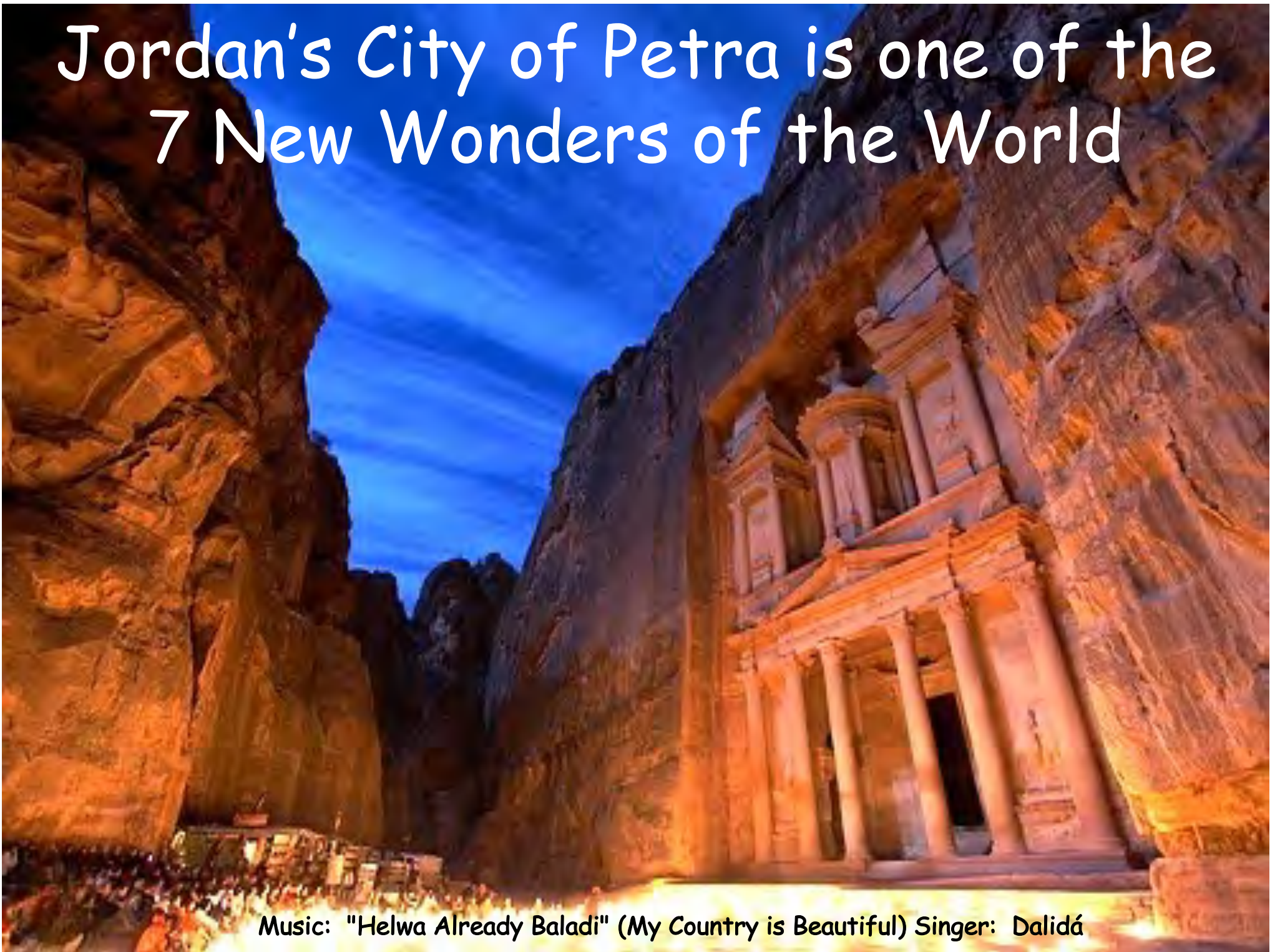


THE NABATEANS



Jordan's City of Petra is one of the 7 New Wonders of the World



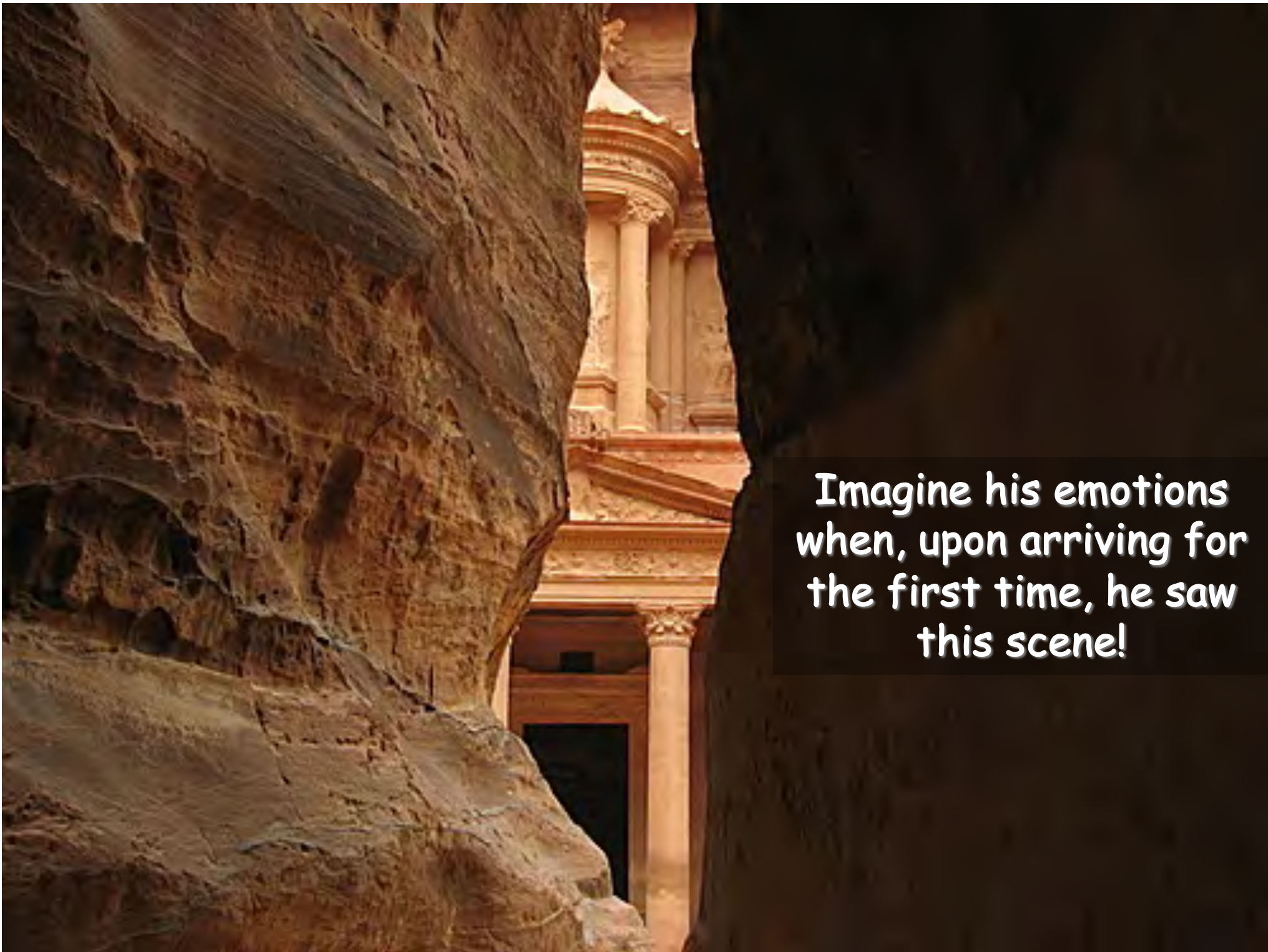
Music: "Helwa Already Baladi" (My Country is Beautiful) Singer: Dalidá

For 600 years it was thought that this city, in the middle of the desert of Jordan, was not real but only legendary like the Atlantis and Troy



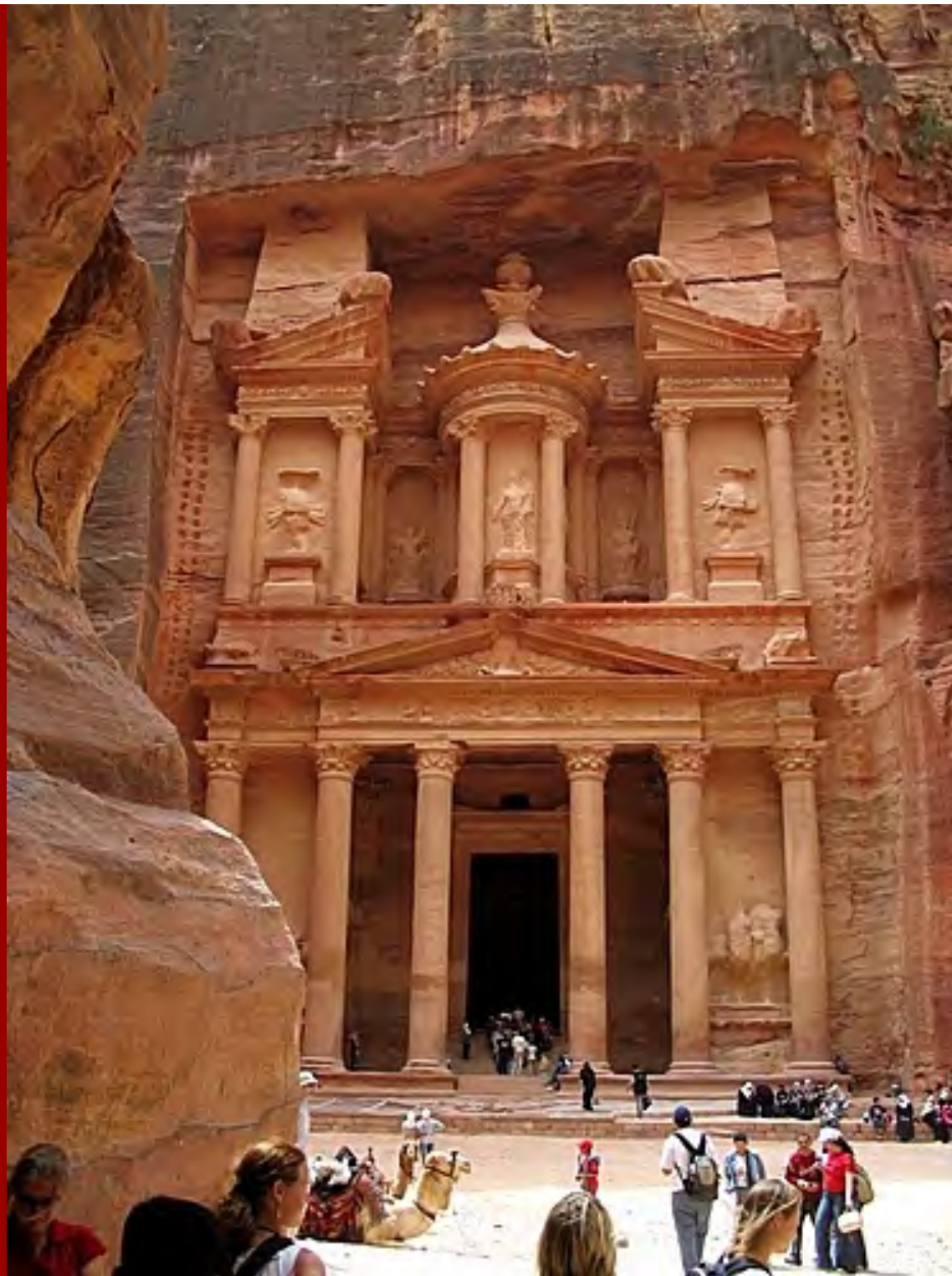
The Swiss explorer who managed to find it in the 19th century had to travel through impressive paths as this among mountains of stone.

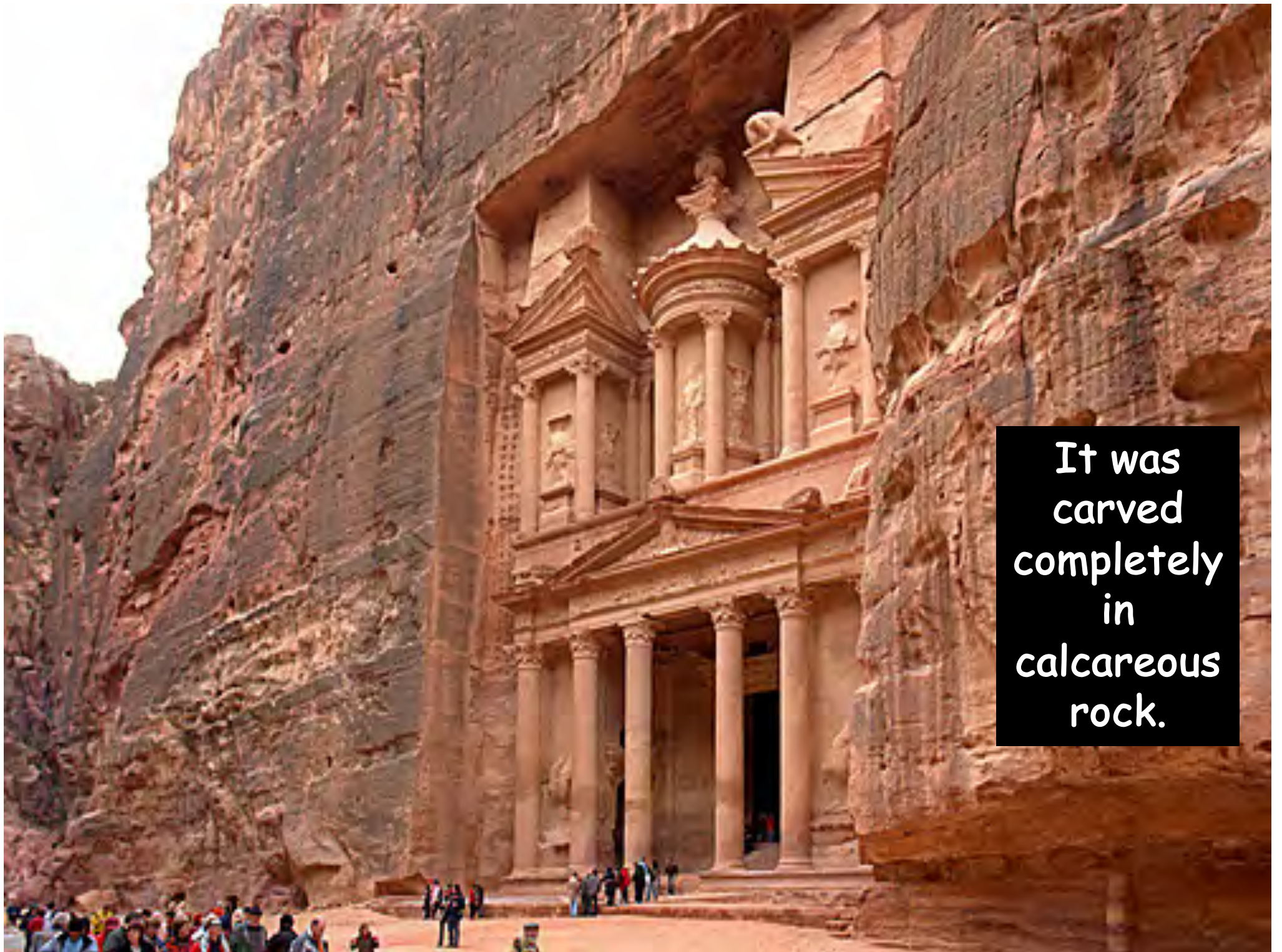




Imagine his emotions
when, upon arriving for
the first time, he saw
this scene!

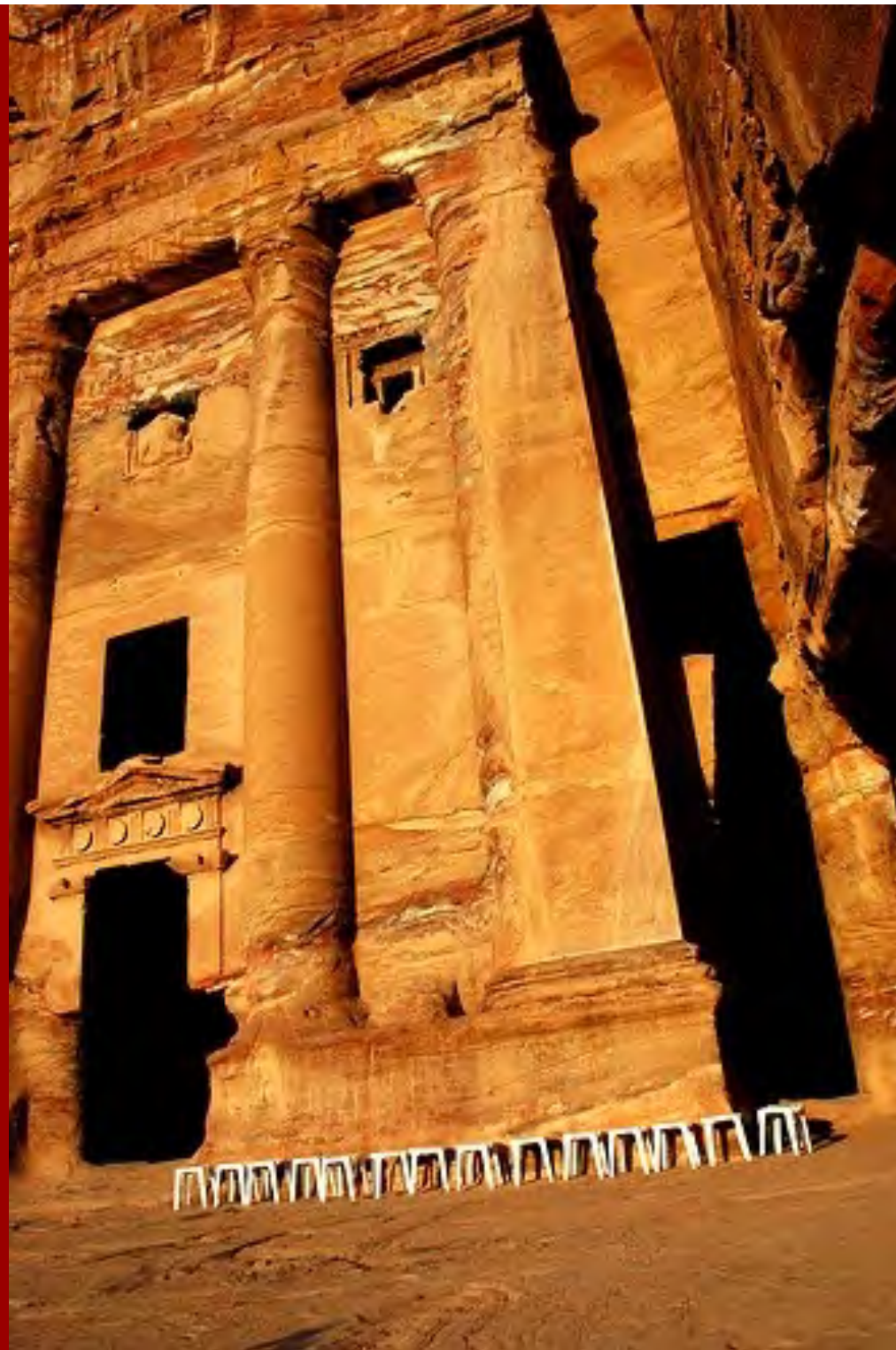
The Palace of Petra, a temple in Greek style (Hellenic), is also called "The Treasury" and is 42 meters high



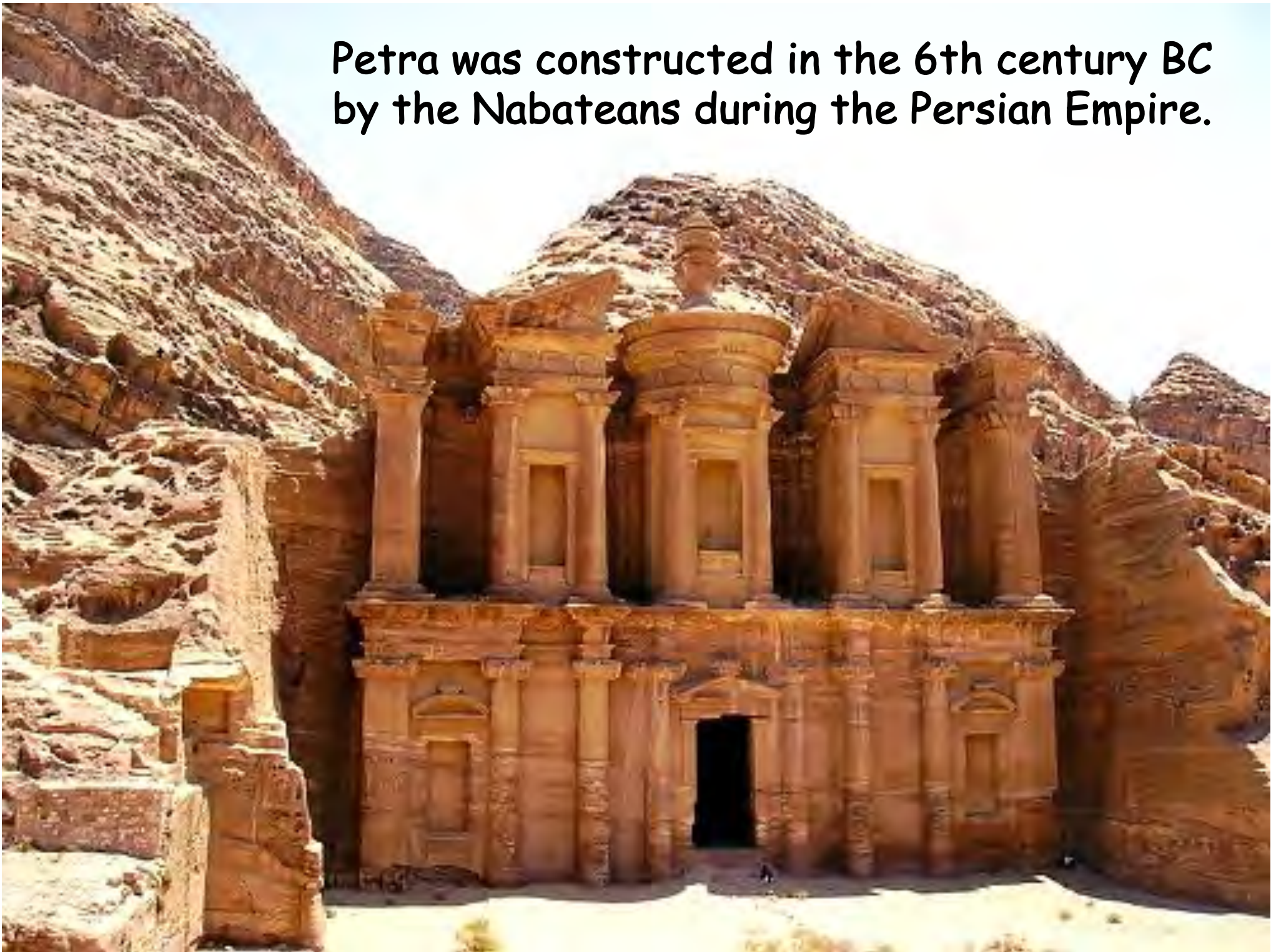


It was carved completely in calcareous rock.

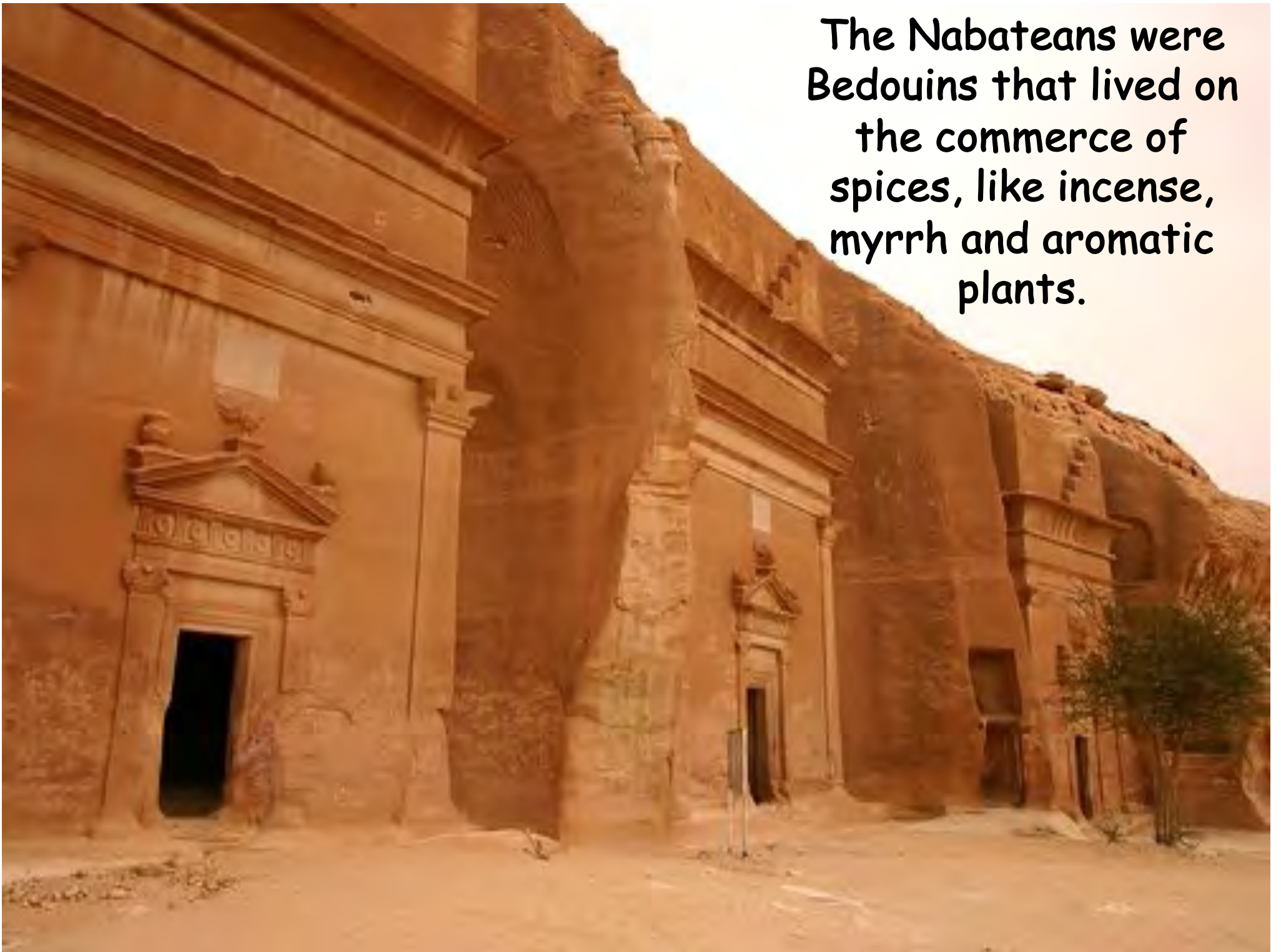
But the palace
is only one
among
the many
magnificent
constructions in
Petra,
all carved in
calcareous rock.



Petra was constructed in the 6th century BC by the Nabateans during the Persian Empire.



**The Nabateans were
Bedouins that lived on
the commerce of
spices, like incense,
myrrh and aromatic
plants.**





By the year AD 60 Petra was conquered and became part of the Roman Empire.

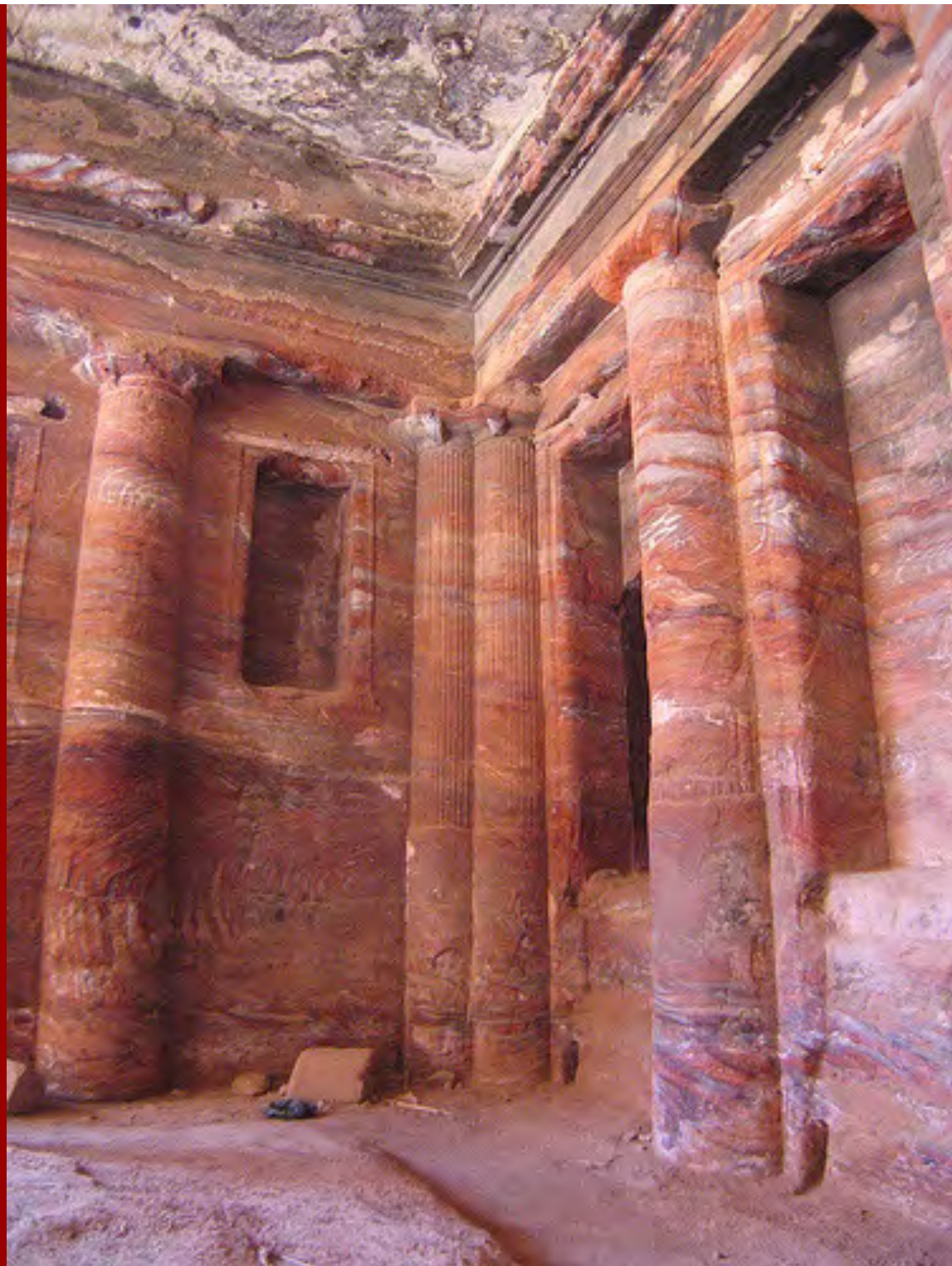
Through the years,
the wind has left
its contribution,
carving the most
beautiful forms
in the mountains of
calcareous rock.



Petra was
utilized for
the final
scene of the
movies
Indiana Jones
and The Last
Crusade



Note the details
in the interior
carvings



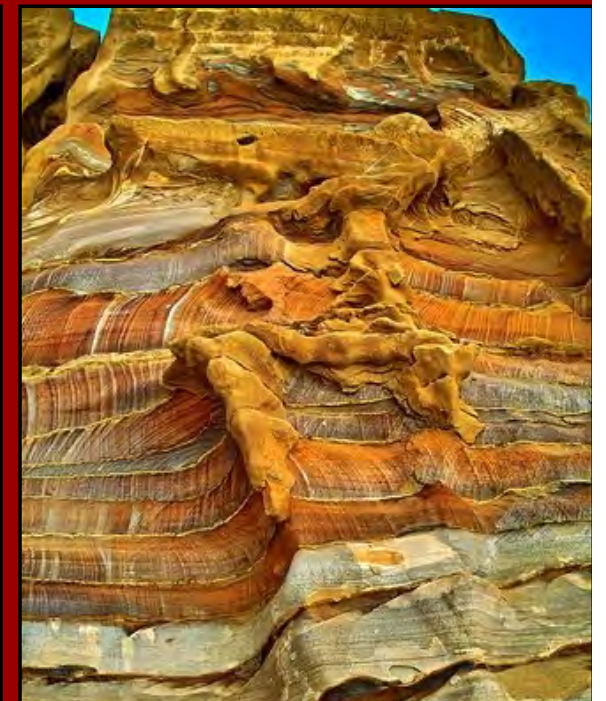
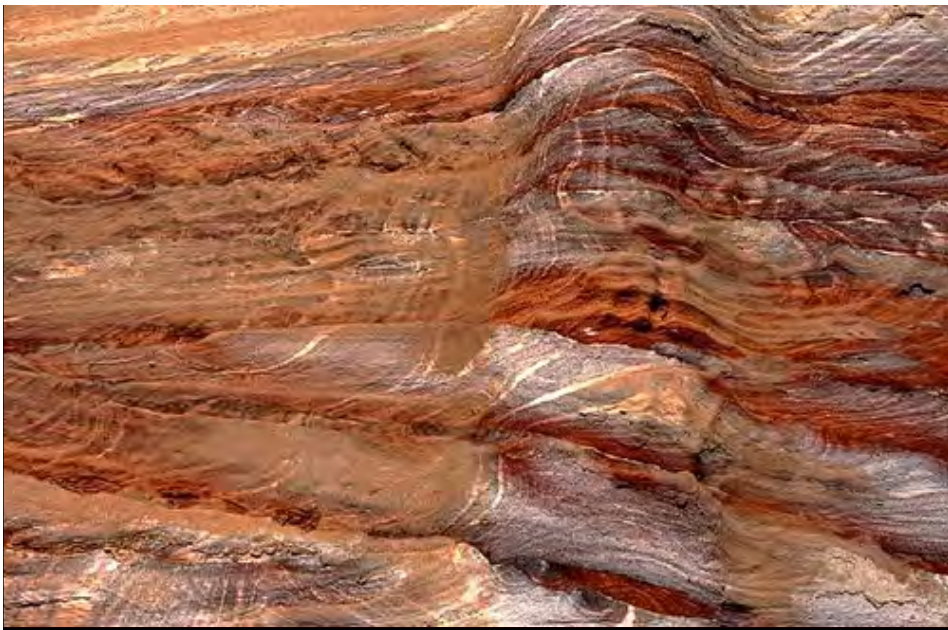
The colors in the stones are natural.





The natural colored geological composition of the sand is favorable for "natural paintings" such as these.





These formations found in the walls of some mountains take one's breath away!

The Nabateans also carved a sophisticated hydraulic system with tunnels and tanks of water to bring water to Petra



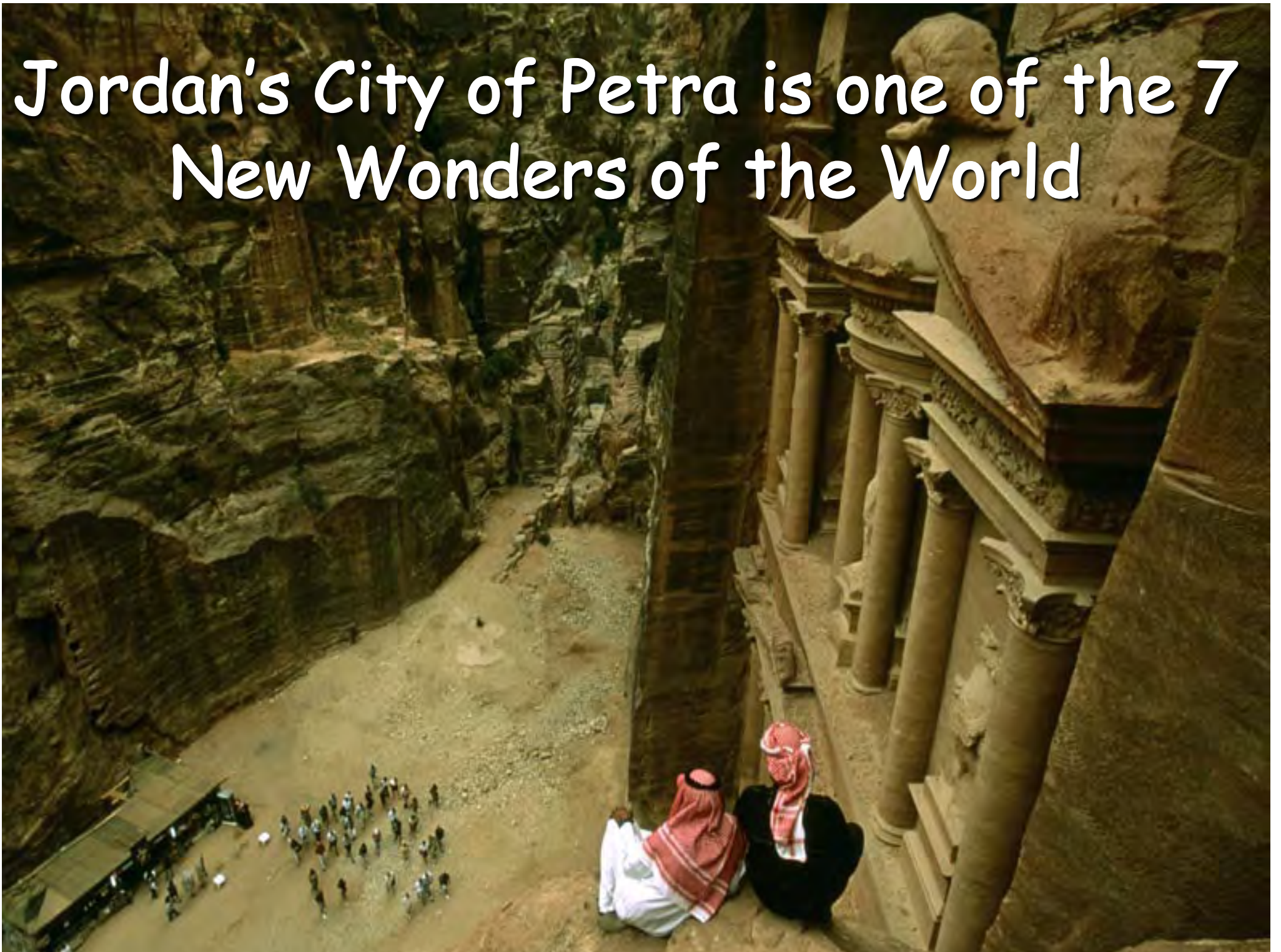


This theater, in Greek-Roman style, sat 4,000 spectators.

In AD 551 a second great earthquake destroyed almost all the city, so Petra was never again inhabited.



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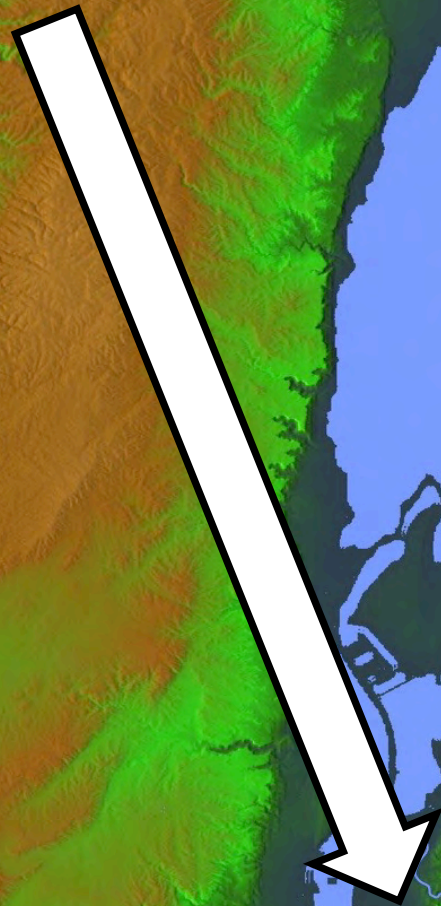


**“The vision of Obadiah”
(Obadiah 1 NIV).**

No king = No Time Period



ISRAEL



EDOM

**“This is what the
Sovereign LORD
says about Edom”
(Obadiah 1b NIV).**

**"We have heard a message from the LORD:
An envoy was sent to the nations to say,
'Rise, and let us go against her for battle'—"
(Obadiah 1c NIV).**



**“See, I will make you small among the nations; you will be utterly despised”
(Obadiah 2 NIV).**



"The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty dwelling, who say in your heart, 'Who will bring me down to the ground?'" (Obadiah 3)



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Geographical Setting



Jacob

Israel

Esau

Edom



**God chose Jacob,
not Esau**



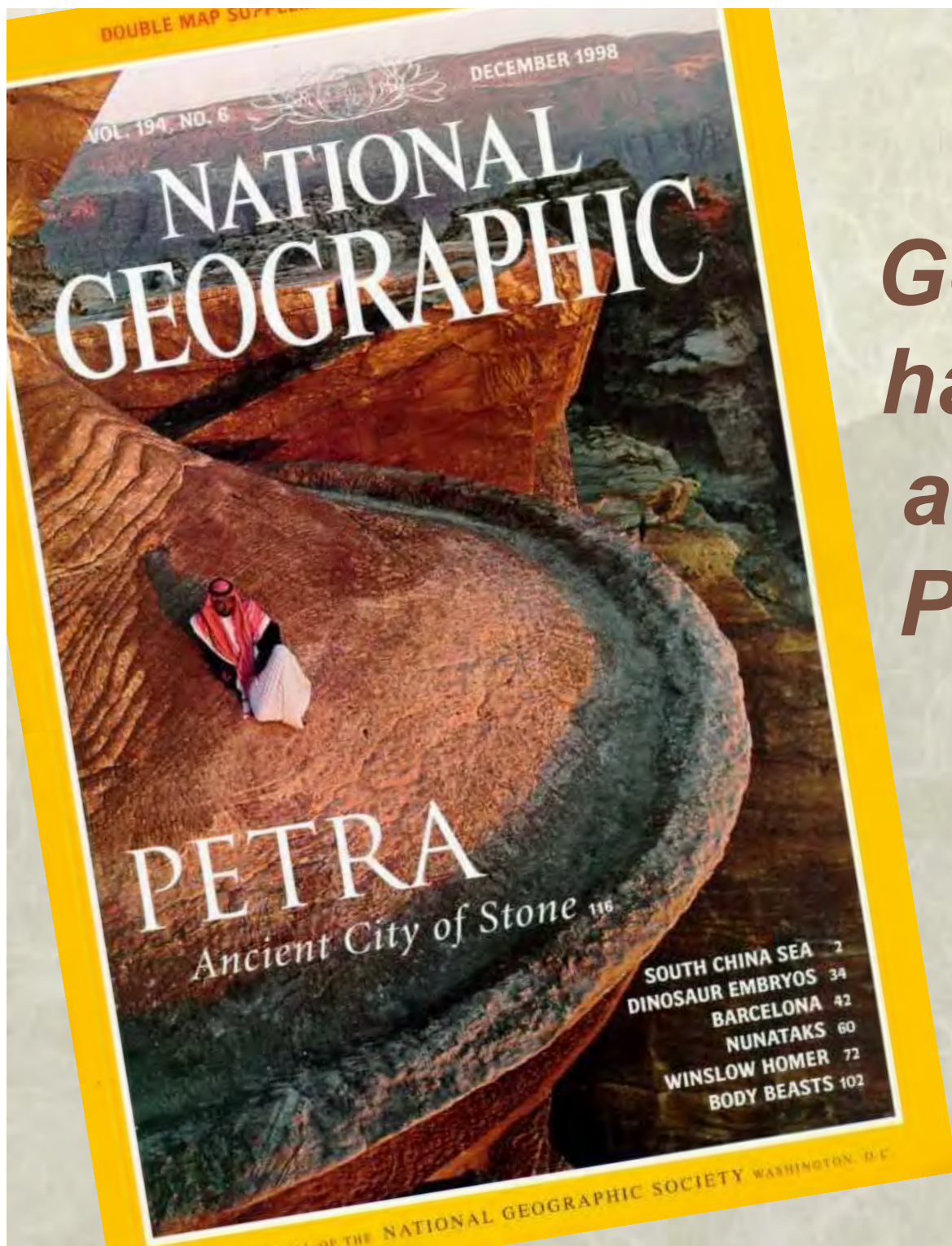
Genesis 27:1-40

Purpose

The book of Obadiah has a twofold purpose:

1. to delineate God's judgment on Edom for its lack of brotherly concern for Judah
2. to set forth the final triumph of right in the Day of the LORD





***National
Geographic
has several
articles on
Petra back
to 1907***

Here's Dec. 1998



PETRA

ANCIENT CITY OF STONE

BY DORIS BELT

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ANNIE GRIFFITHS BELT

*Reaching on a rocky
carved two millennia ago,
a Bedouin carries the
relics of the Nabataean,
whose ancient capital
beckoned from the sands
of southern Jordan. For-
gotten for centuries, Petra
still abides with mysteries
of the past; this immense
building, Al Deir (the
Monastery), was probably
a Nabataean temple.*



Imagine living in this terrain!

The Siq
(pronounced "seek")

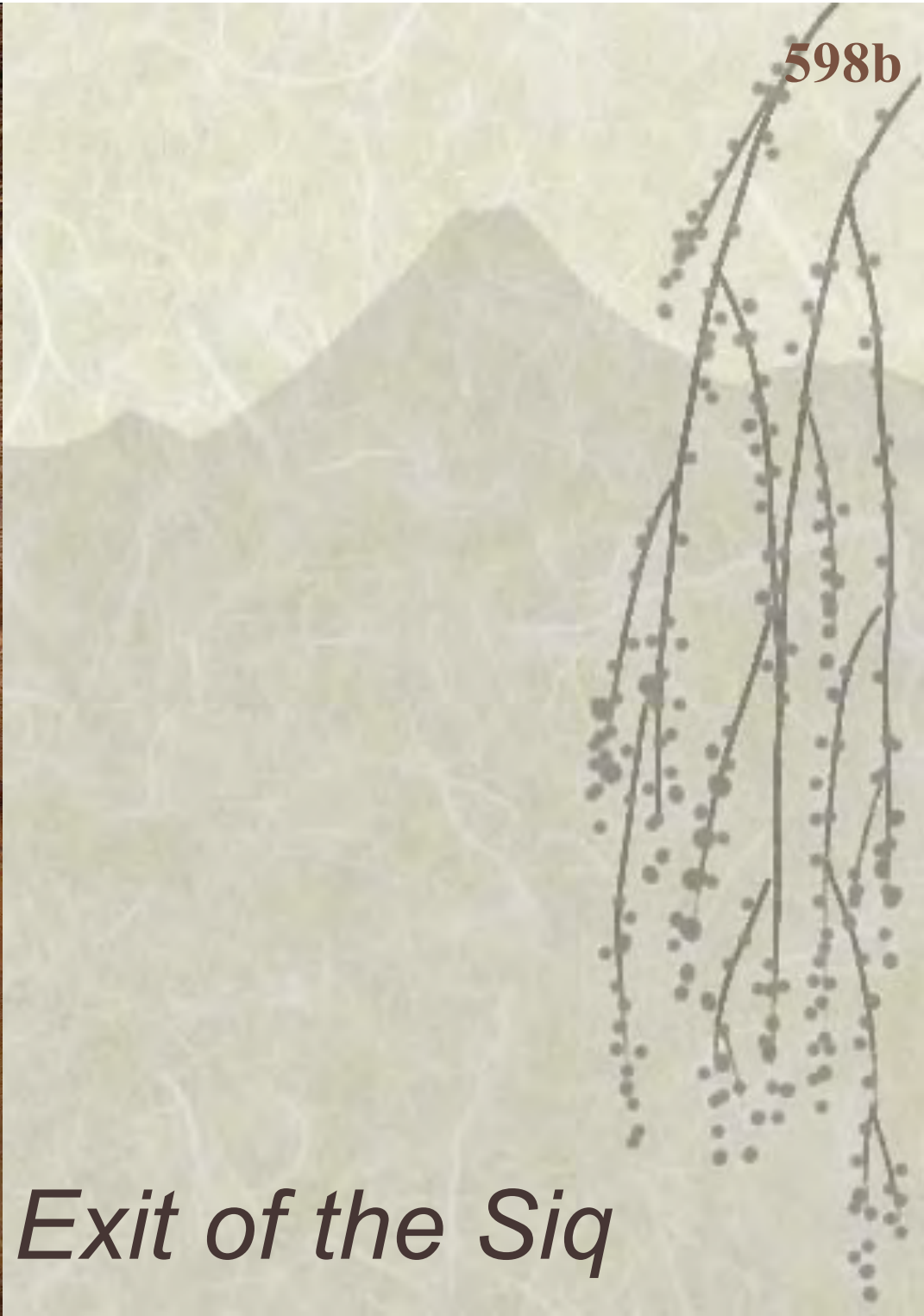
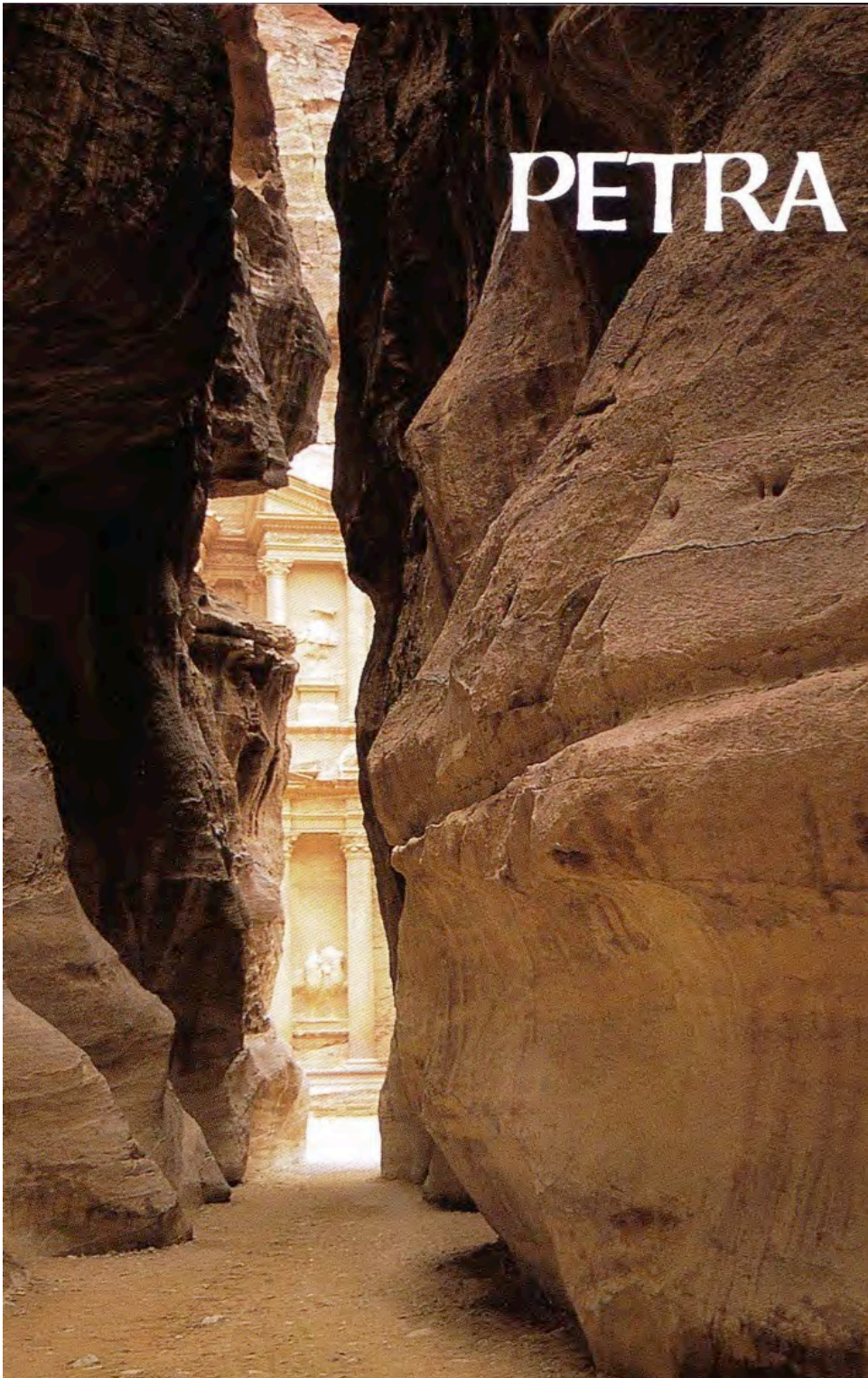
The only
entrance to
Petra

Water Course





Water channels were buried for centuries

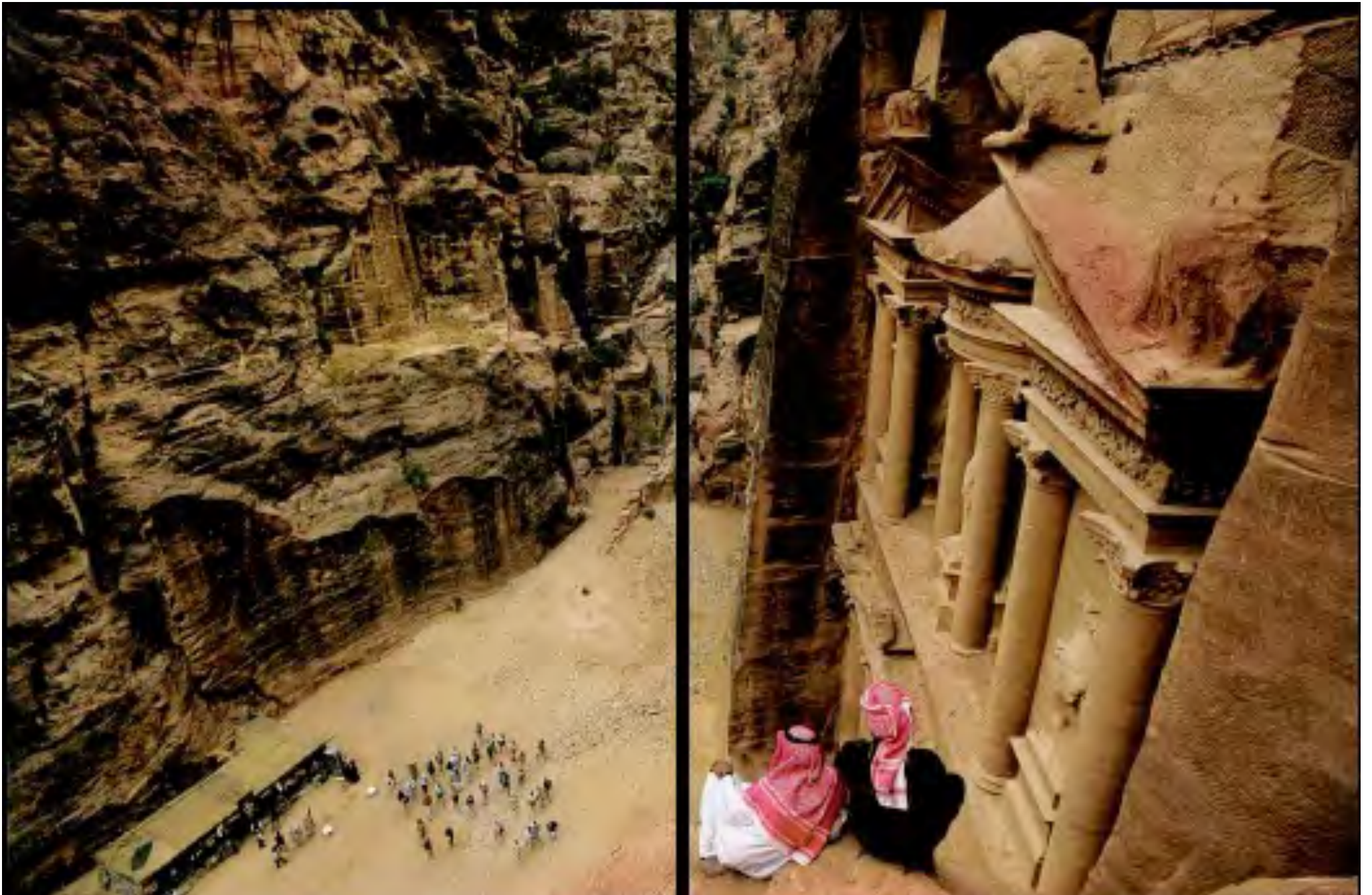


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The Treasury

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From atop the Treasury

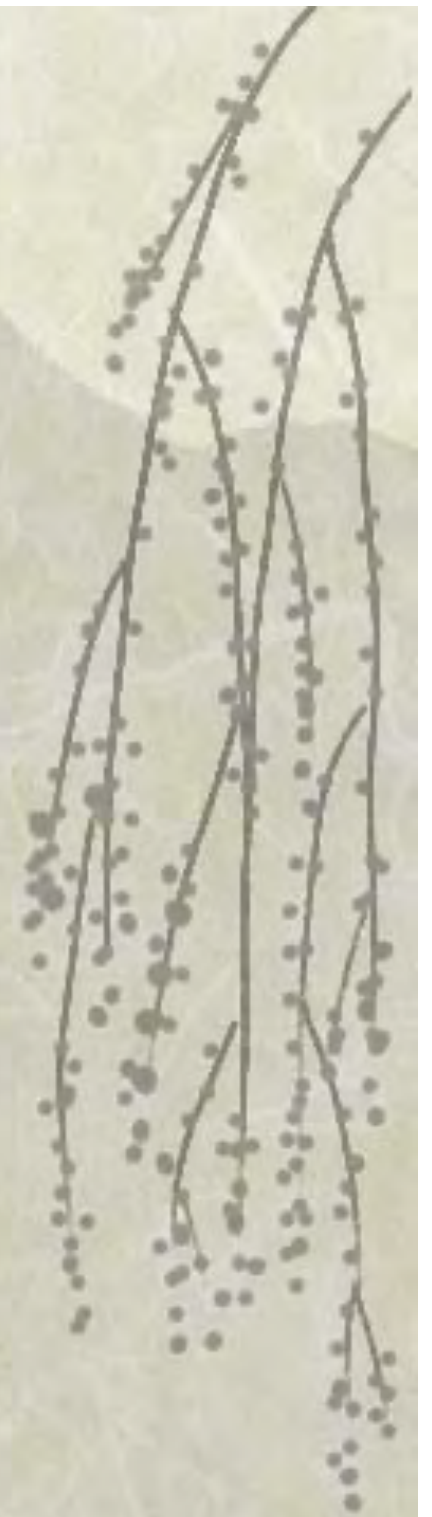
***Nabataean
engineers
ingeniously
collected the
mere 6 inches of
annual rainfall.***





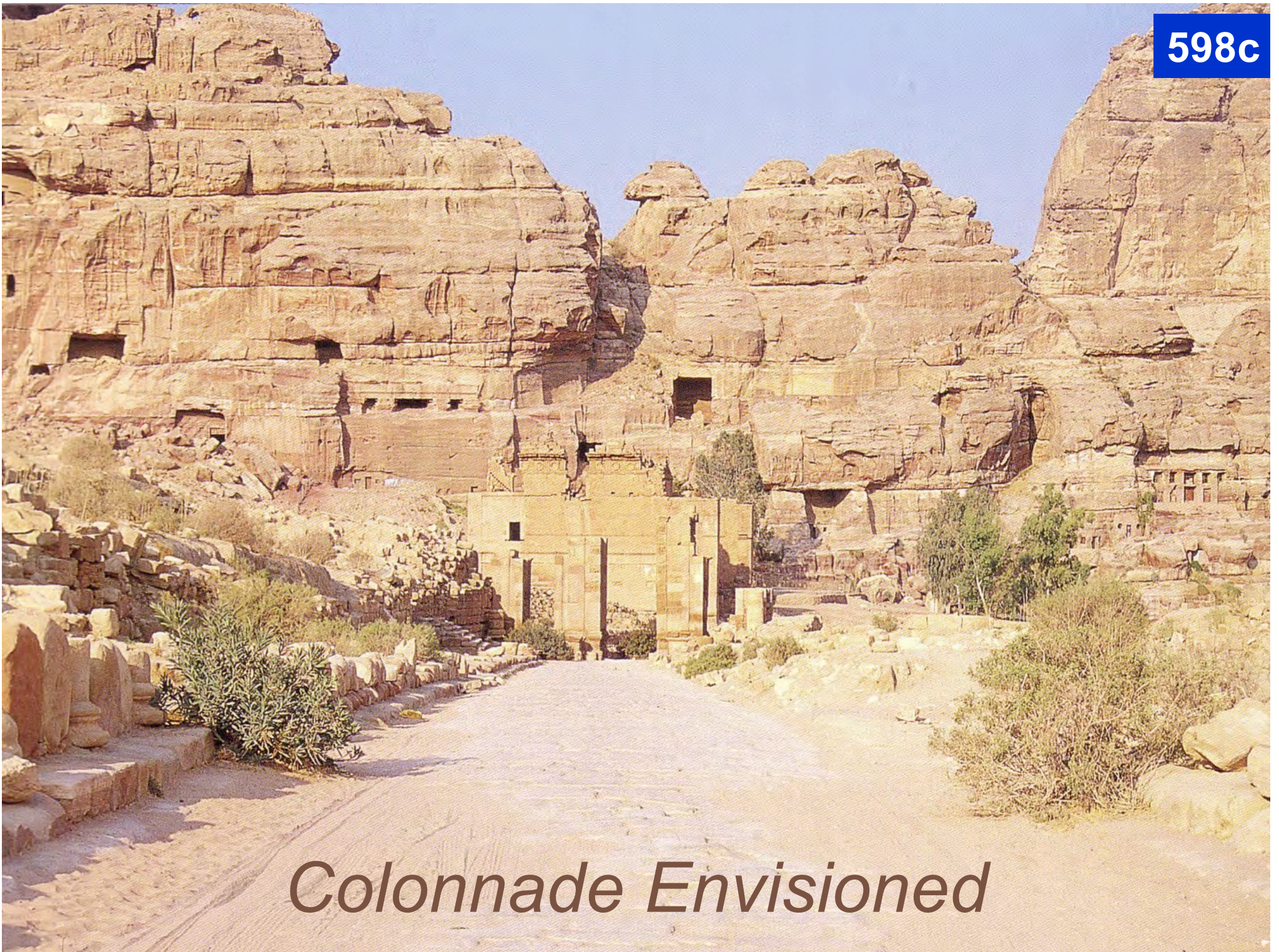
Nabatean tombs east of the city center

*Byzantine Church Mosaic
(5th century)*



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Colonnade Envisioned



Colonnade Realized

Nymphaleon



Nymphaleon



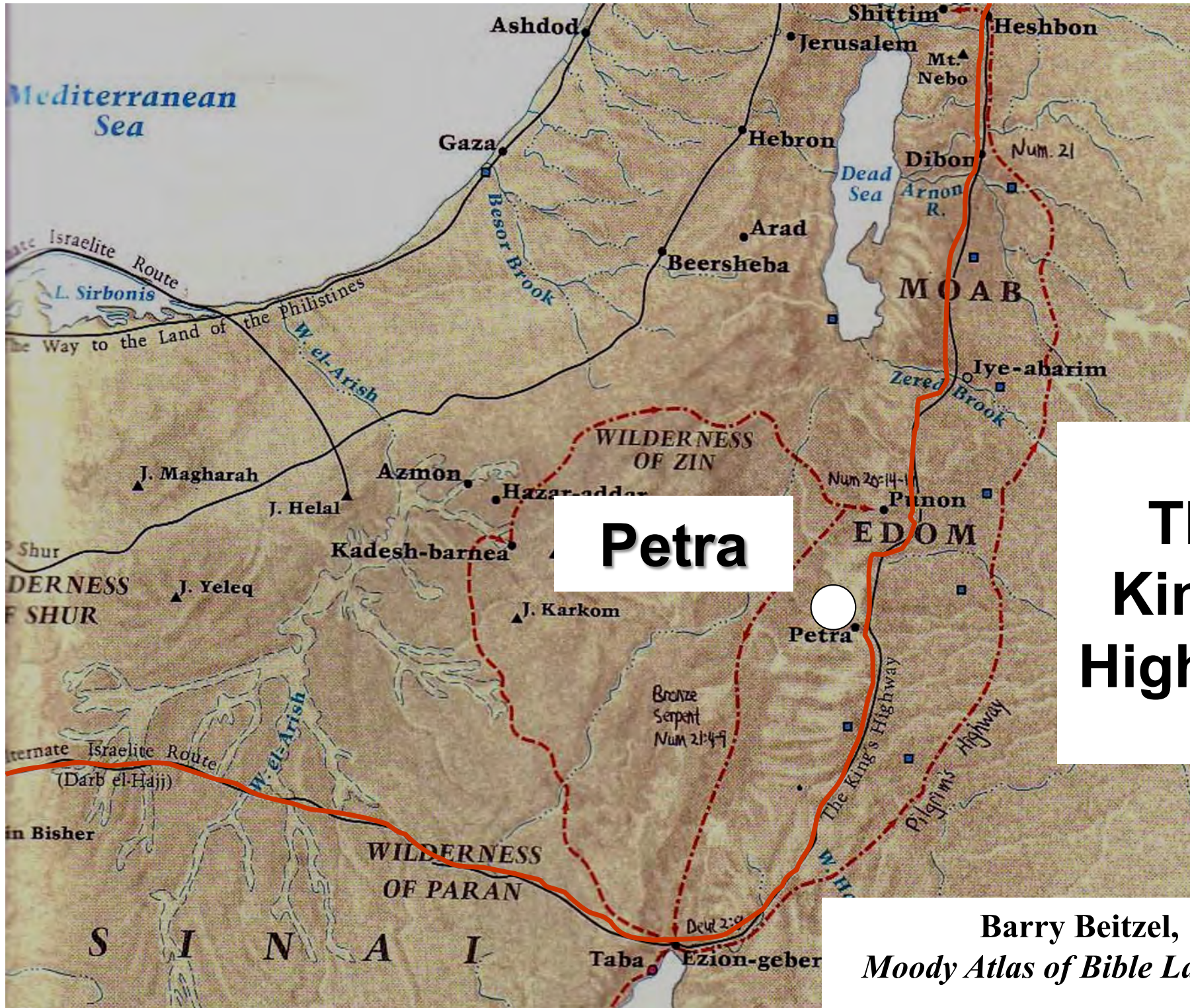


Who Lived at Petra?

- ❖ **Horites** (Gen. 14:6):
Pre-1850 (“hill country of Seir”)
- ❖ **Edomites** (Amos 1:12):
1850-552 BC (“Sela” Heb. “rock”)
- ❖ **Nabataeans** (not in Bible)
552 BC-AD 106 (“Petra” Gr. “rock”)
- ❖ **Romans** (post-NT)
Post-AD 106 (“Hadriana”)

Egypt to Mesopotamia Trade



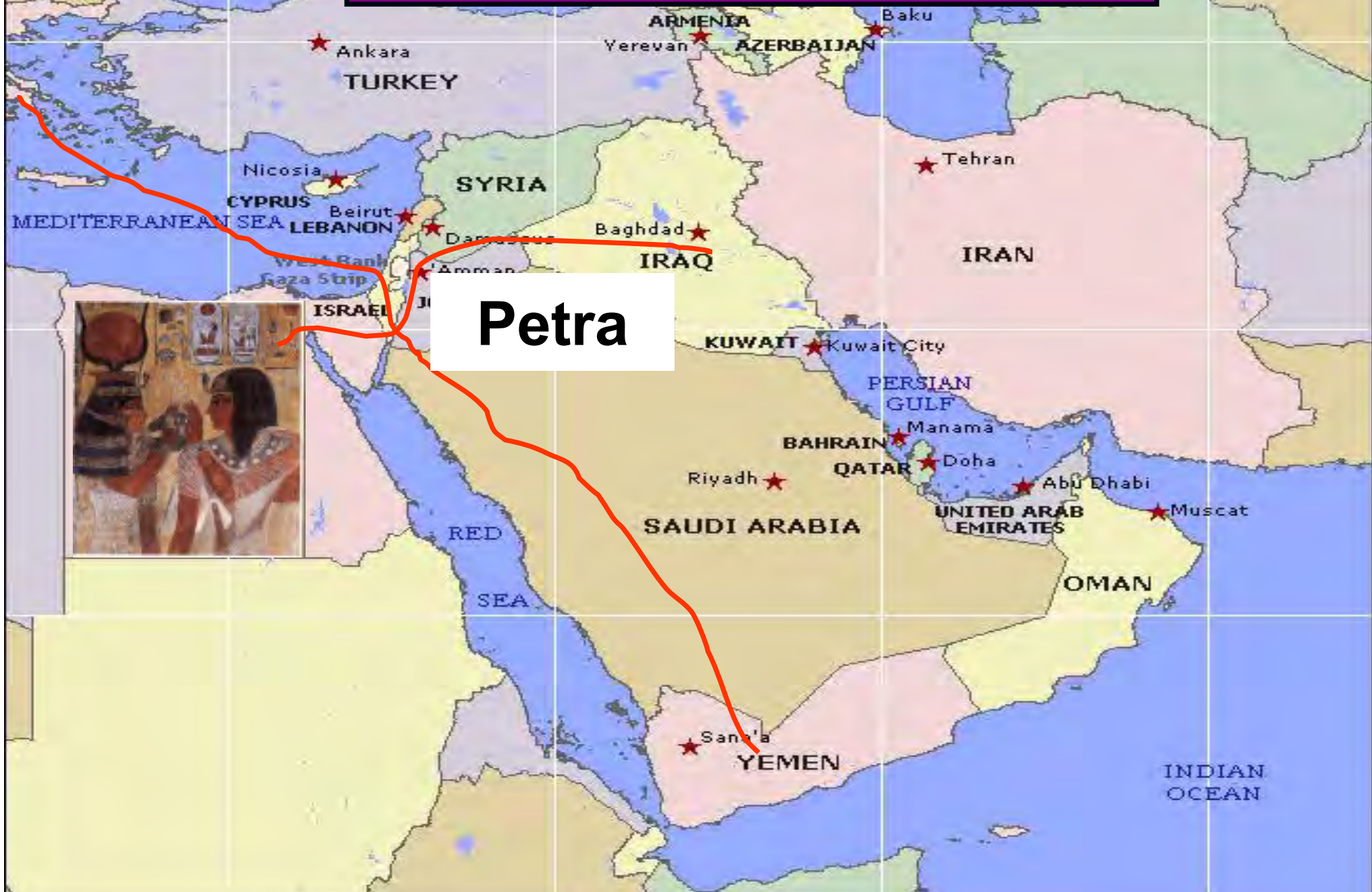


Petra

The King's Highway

Barry Beitzel,
Moody Atlas of Bible Lands, 87

The Spice Trade



Petra

Obadiah 4 (NIV)



**“Though you soar like the eagle
and make your nest among the stars,
from there I will bring you down,”
declares the LORD.**

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and make your nest among the stars,
from there I will bring you down,”
declares the LORD (Obadiah 4 NIV).**





**“If thieves came at night and robbed you (what a disaster awaits you!), they would not take everything. Those who harvest grapes always leave a few for the poor. But your enemies will wipe you out completely!”
(Obadiah 5 NLT).**

How does God respond to

PRIDE

????



God **humbles** the proud
but **exalts** the humble

—Main Idea of Obadiah—

Calls to Humility

- ❖ **God judges the prideful who try to destroy his people.**
- ❖ **God "does unto you" as you have "done unto others" (v. 15).**
- ❖ **The eventual and final fate of Edom is the fate of all the wicked – death.**
- ❖ **The eventual and final reward of God's people is life abundant.**



"The LORD Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled)."

An open book with a pen resting on it, illuminated by warm light. The book is open to a page with text, and the pen is positioned on the left page. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly wood or stone, with a warm, golden light source creating a soft glow around the book.

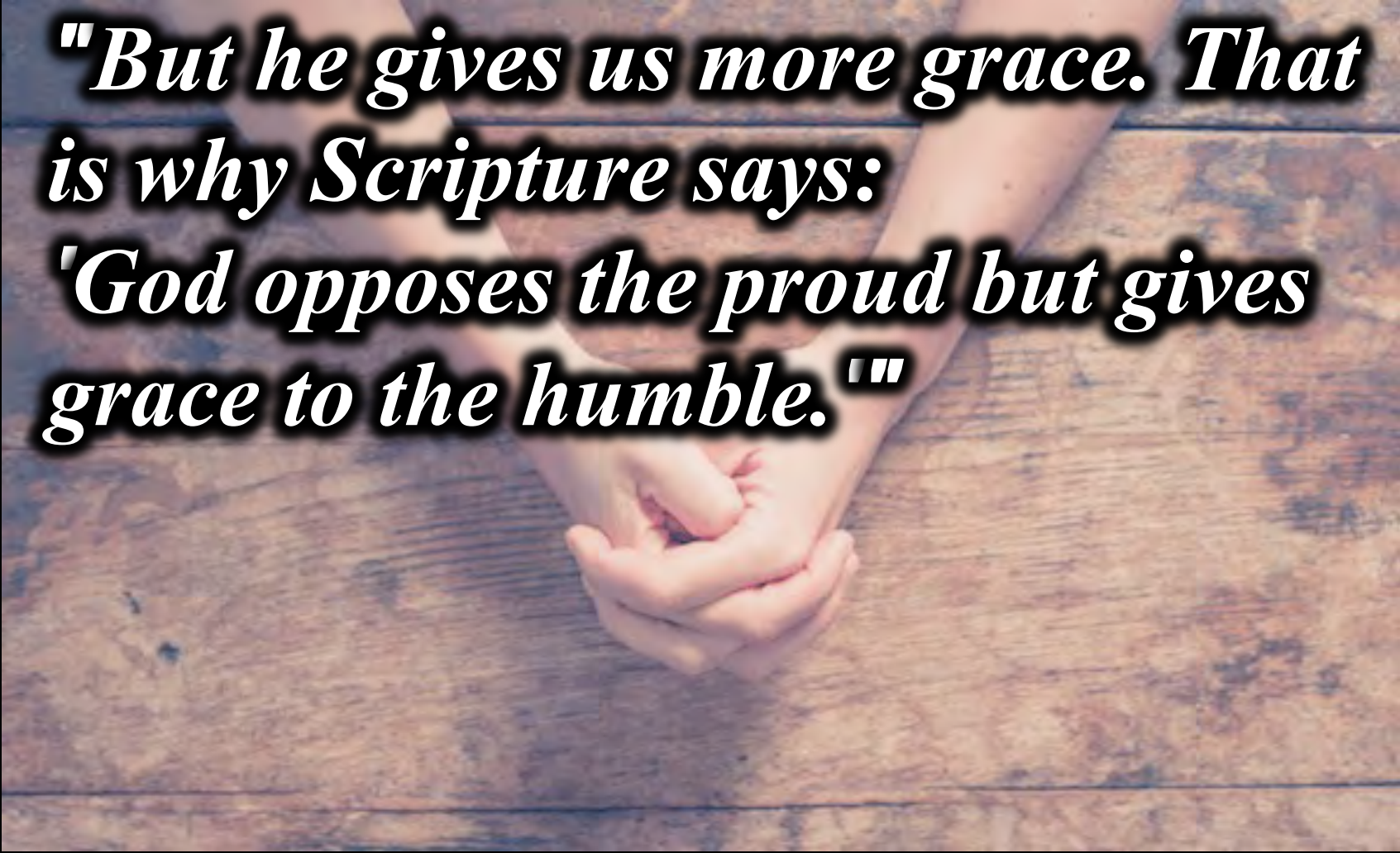
Isaiah 2:12 (NIV)



***and whoever
humbles himself
will be exalted."***

***"For whoever
exalts himself
will be humbled***

Matthew 23:12 (NIV)



"But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.'"

James 4:6 (NIV)

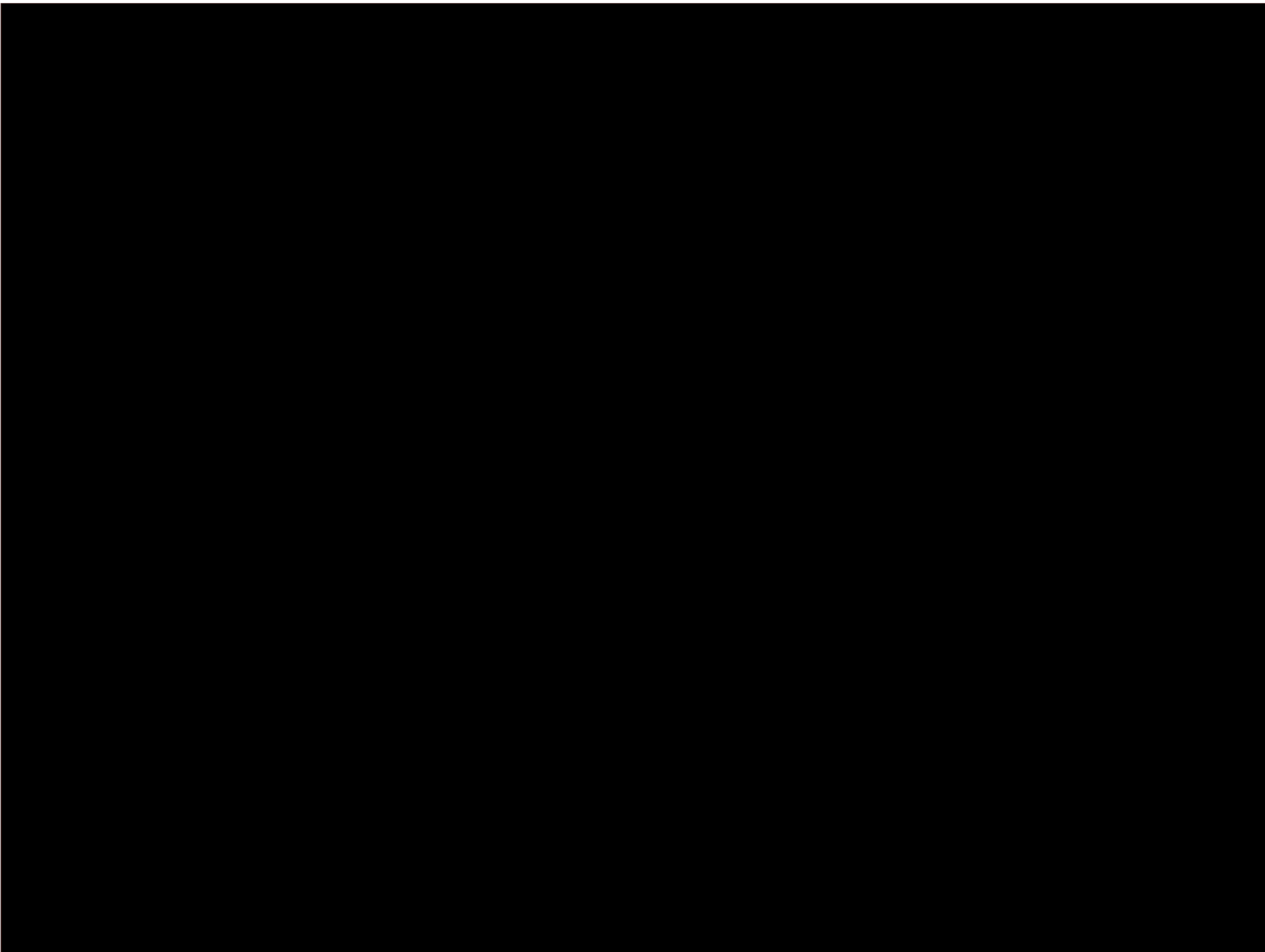
**Humility does not mean
you think less of yourself.**

**It means you think of
yourself less.**

—*Ken Blanchard*—

**In what area of your life
do you need to curb pride?**





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