

2 Chronicles

David's Line Preserved



Key Word

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Preservation

2 Chronicles

Theme

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**David's Line
Preserved**

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Key Verse

"As for you [Solomon], if you walk before me as David your father did, and do all that I command, and observe my decrees and laws, I will **establish your royal throne, as I covenanted with David your father when I said, 'You shall never fail to have a man to rule over Israel'" (7:17-18).**

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Kingdom Statement

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Rejecting to rule under God ended the rule of Solomon (1–9) and Judah's kings (10–36) yet God **preserved** David's line to exhort Israel to proper temple worship.

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Summary Statement

The spiritual perspective on the **preservation of David's line despite the fall and exile of Judah admonishes the remnant to proper temple worship —not the idolatry of the past.**

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Covenant

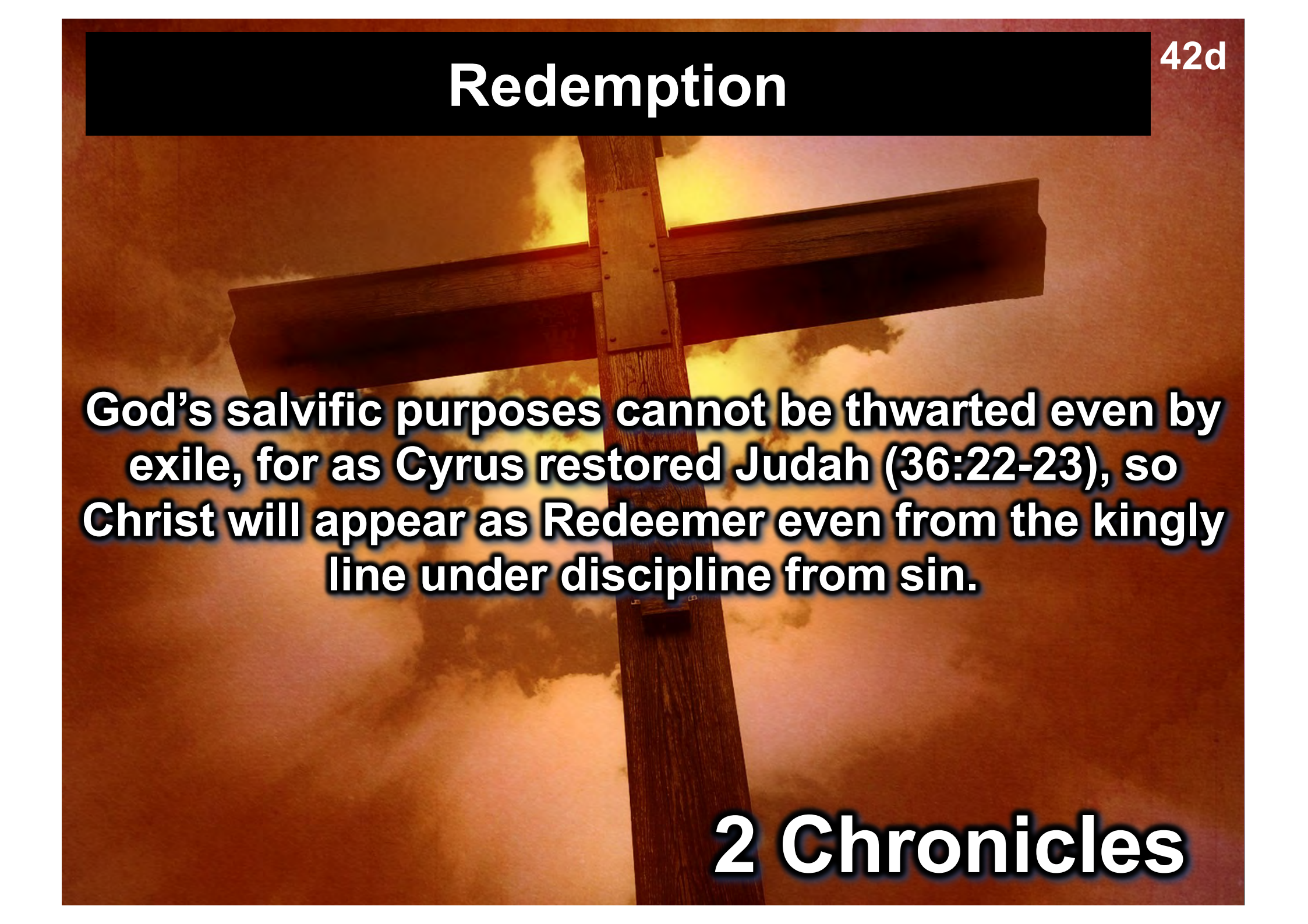
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Though Judah's sin ended the nation in exile, God sustained his covenant with King David (7:17-18) as a model of the people's need to worship according to the Mosaic covenant.

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Redemption

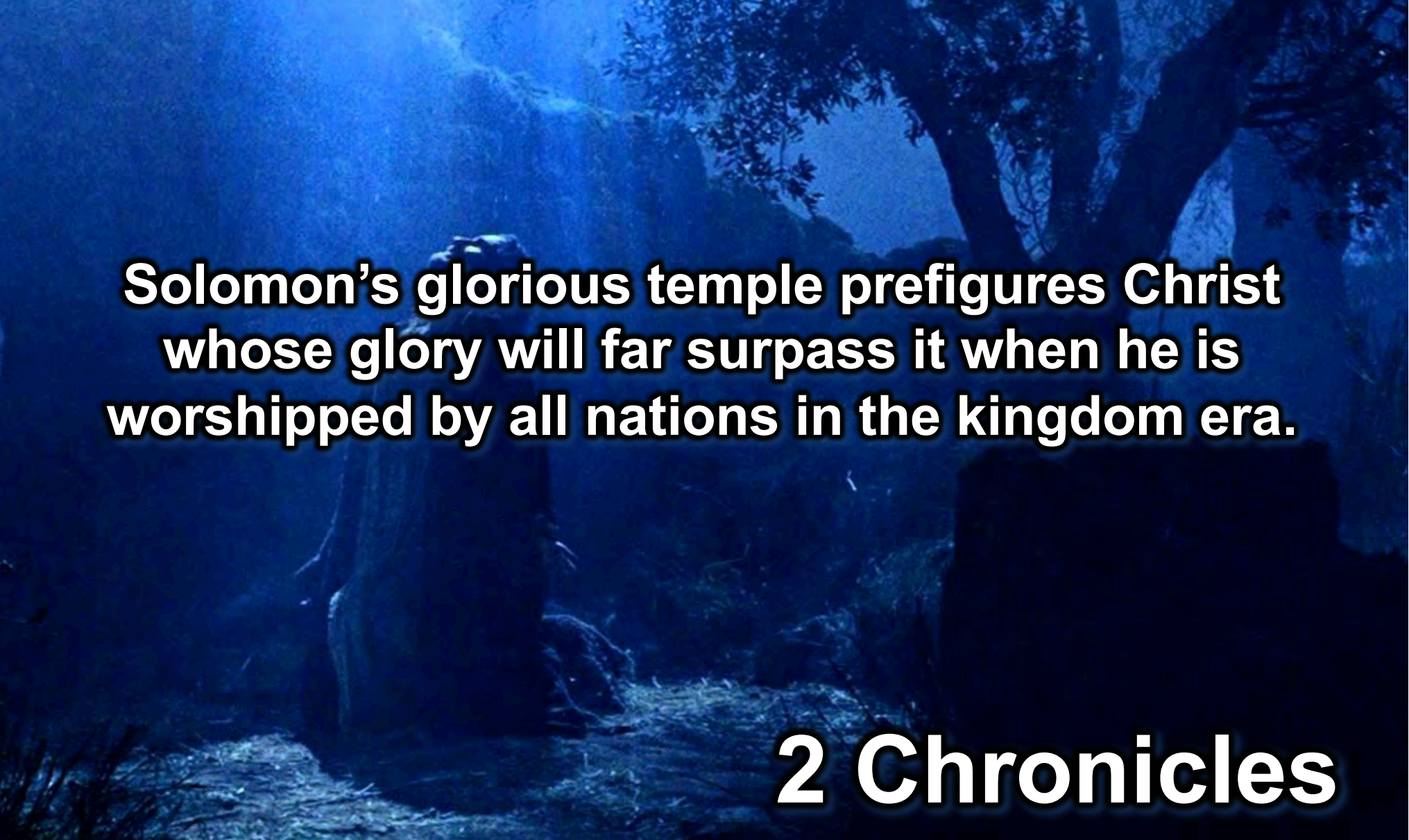
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God's salvific purposes cannot be thwarted even by exile, for as Cyrus restored Judah (36:22-23), so Christ will appear as Redeemer even from the kingly line under discipline from sin.

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Messiah



**Solomon's glorious temple prefigures Christ
whose glory will far surpass it when he is
worshipped by all nations in the kingdom era.**

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Solomon

Davidic Dynasty

Chapters 1–9

Chapters 10–36

Temple Constructed

Temple Destroyed

Royalty

Ruins

40 Years

393 Years

971-931 BC

931-538 BC

**Wealth &
Wisdom
1**

**Temple
Construction
2–7**

**Successes
& Death
8–9**

**Kingdom
Divides via
Rehoboam
10–12**

**7 Bad,
8 Good
Kings
13–35**

**4 Bad Kings then
Judah Falls
36**

1 Kings 1–11

1 Kings 12–22

2 Kings 1–25

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|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Request for God's wisdom | 8 Solomon's cities and sacrifices | 30 Observance of the Passover |
| 2 Enlistment of Hiram's help | 9 Observations by Sheba's queen | 31 Further reforms of Hezekiah |
| 3 Initiation of temple construction | 10 Leaders reject Rehoboam's harshness | |
| 4 Garnishments of the temple | 11 Offenses strengthened by Rehoboam | 32 Judah invaded by Assyria |
| 5 New home for ark | 12 Mistake of Rehoboam judged | 33 Unfortunate reign of Manasseh |
| | 13 Overcoming Israel under Abijah | 34 Discovery of the law |
| 6 Offering temple dedication prayer | 14 Narrative of Asa's faith | 35 Account of Passover observance |
| 7 Filling Temple with Glory | | 36 Horror of Judah's captivity |
| | 22 Terrible reign of Ahaziah | |
| | 23 Hailing Joash as king | |
| | 24 Expense of temple repairs | |
| | 25 Keeping idols defeats Amaziah | |
| | 26 Incense offered by Uzziah | |
| | 27 Normal reign of Jotham | |
| | 28 Gross sins of Ahaz | |
| | 29 Spiritual reign of Hezekiah | |
| | 15 Temporal reforms of Asa | |
| | 16 Hypocrisy and Asa's death | |
| | 17 Revival under King Jehoshaphat | |
| | 18 Offenses done by Jehoshaphat | |
| | 19 Use of impartial judges | |
| | 20 God's victory over Moab | |
| | 21 Horrible reign of Jehoram | |



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Barry Huddleston, *The Acrostic Summarized Bible* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992)

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**Yet too often we feel anything
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Chronicles

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**How does God help us be
secure?**

2 ways



I. God **blesse**s our worship.

2 Chronicles 1–9

II. God **preserves us even in
discipline.**

2 Chronicles 10–36

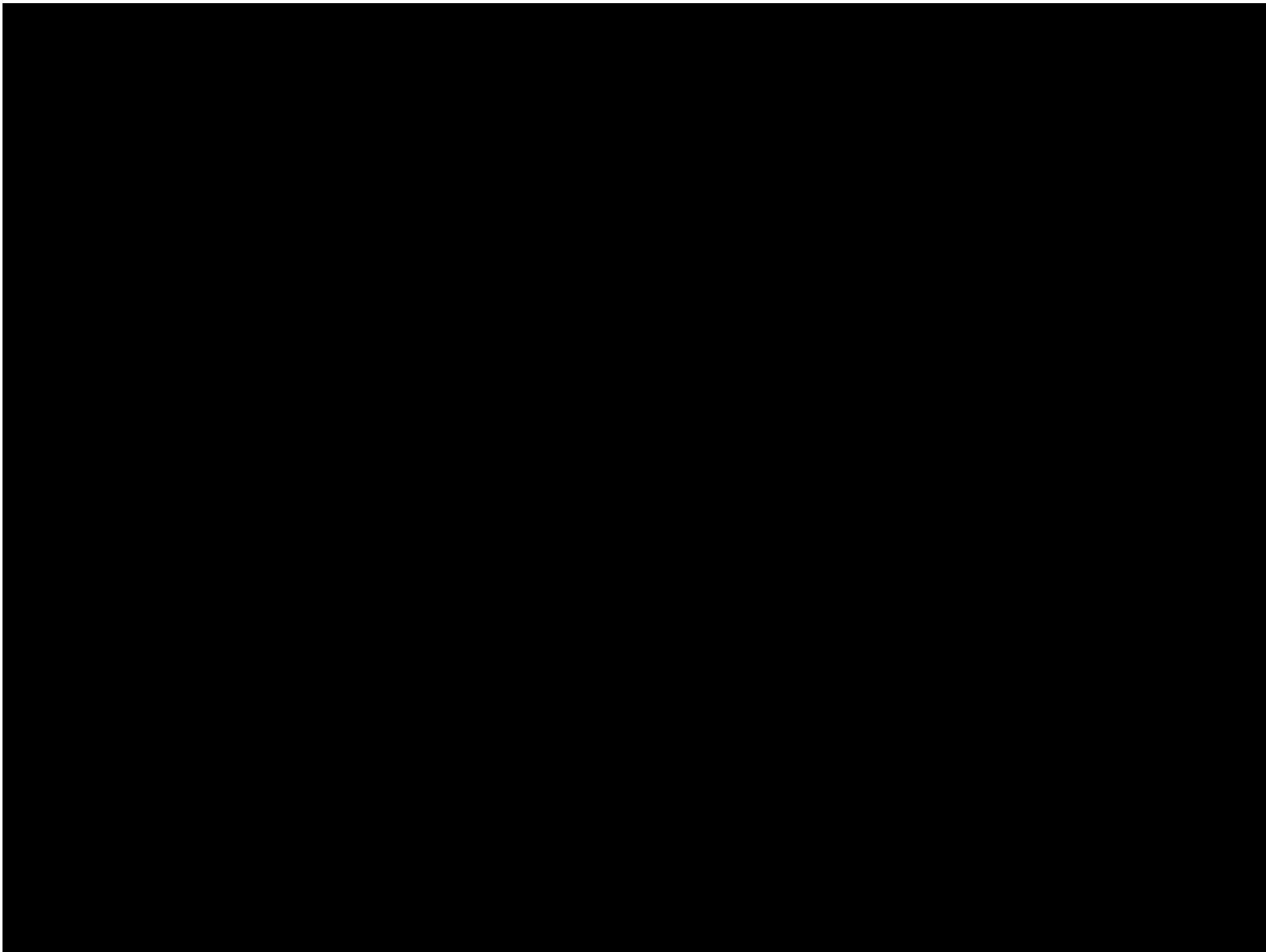
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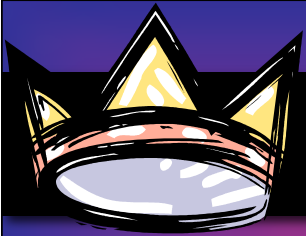
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2 Chronicles Ultimate Security

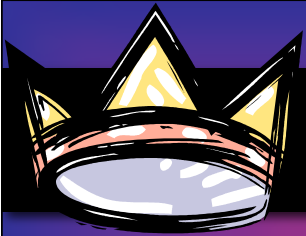
Solomon	Jesus
Son of David	Ultimate Son of David
Established united monarchy of Israel	Established kingdom of God upon earth
He built the temple	He was the temple
Established a kingdom that would last until 586 BC	Established a kingdom that will never end
Chastened because of his iniquity	Chastened because of our iniquities





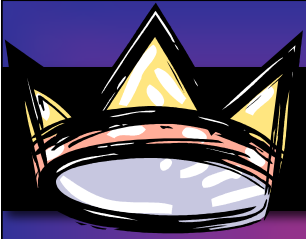
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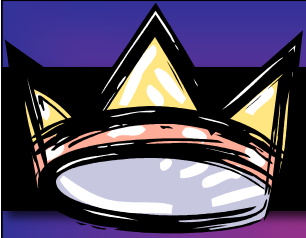
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Placing Key People & Dates

Key Dates

Jeroboam

Saul David Solomon

931

Rehoboam

Hoshea **722**

Josiah

**Jeremiah
wrote Kings**

**Ezra wrote
Chronicles**

Zedekiah **586**

Critical scholars point out many places where the chronologies of Kings and Chronicles do not match—and the reigns of the kings of Israel and Judah seem contradictory. So what should we do?



Oh, well... The Bible just has those contradictions?

The Mystery of the Kings

- ◆ The **total number of years** of the reigns of Israel and Judah in a fixed time span were **not the same**
- ◆ If chronology is worked according to lengths of reign, synchronisms **won't fit** (and vice versa)
- ◆ Seeming **lack of harmony** between OT chronology and that of ANE
- ◆ Why does it matter?
 - It concerns the **historicity** and **reliability** of the Bible and the **accuracy** of its transmission





Is the Chronology of Israel's Kings Necessary?

- ◆ Whether David and Solomon ever even lived was doubted by “Biblical Minimalists” in the July/Aug 1997 issue of *BAR*



Years Kings of Judah Ruled

◆ Rehoboam	17	◆ Jotham	18
◆ Abijam	3	◆ Ahaz	19
◆ Asa	41		29
◆ Jehoshaphat	28		55
◆ Jehoram	2		2
◆ Ahaziah	1	◆ Josiah	31
◆ Athaliah	6	◆ Jehoahaz	3 months
◆ Joash	40		11
◆ Amaziah	25	◆ Jehoiachin	3 months
◆ Azariah (Uzziah)	52	◆ Zedekiah	11
		◆ Total	398

Rehoboam began
Zedekiah ended

Total Years

931 BC

586 BC

345 years

Why the difference?
How can we explain this?

Proposed Reasons for Discrepancies



- a) **Inaccurate** systems used by biblical historians
- b) Accidental **errors of transmission**
- c) Largely **schematic** and **artificial** chronology
- d) **Intentional mutilation** of text to cover up various facts

Proposed Solutions

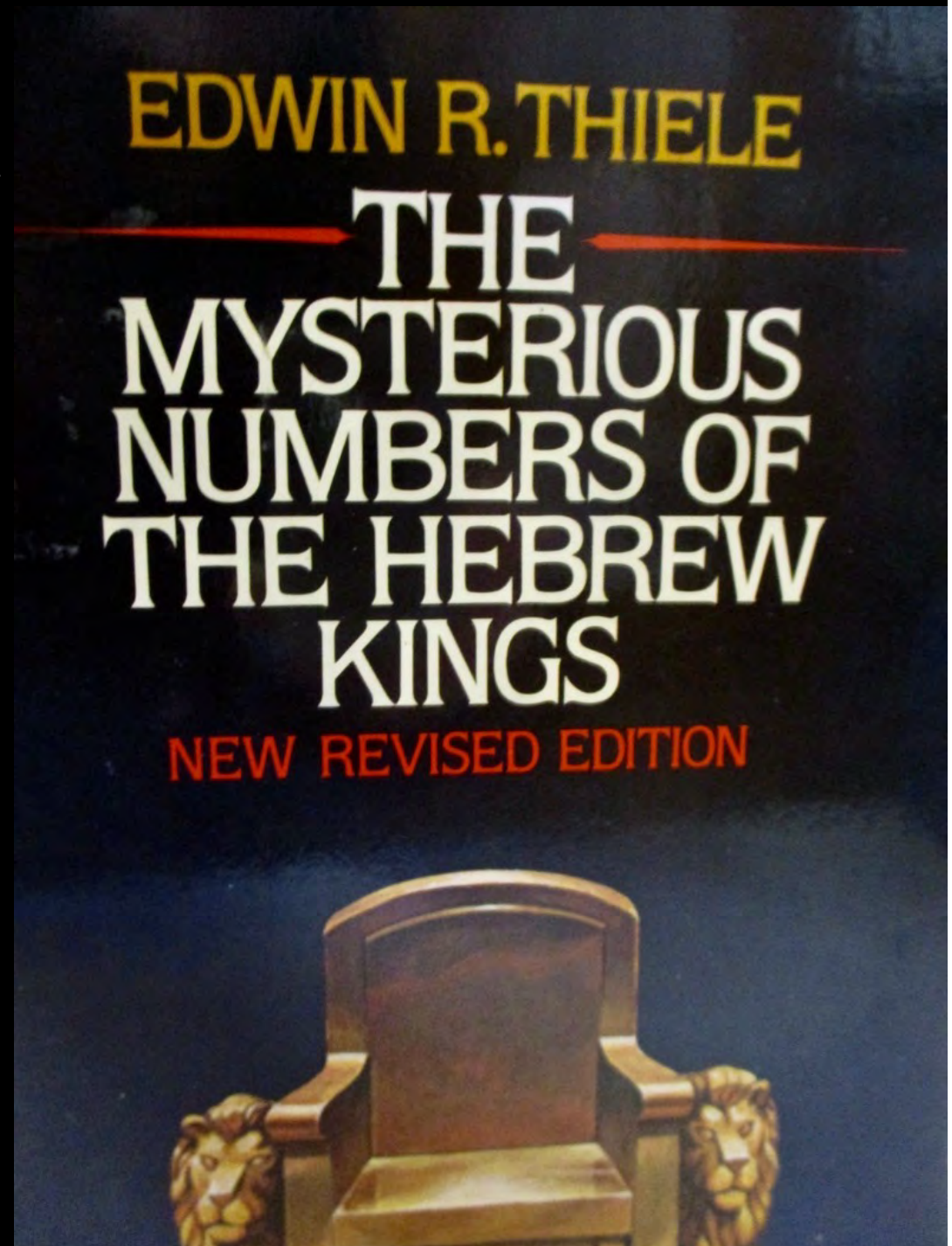
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- 1) **Editorial changes** to the chronological data (3rd century B.C. Septuagint)
 - 2) **Include periods of political chaos** in which no king sat on the throne
 - 3) **Disregard the data** in the Masoretic Text and determine dates with synchronisms with ANE history
 - 4) **Discover original method** of dating

Enter stage...

**Seventh-Day Adventist
OT scholar
Edwin R. Thiele
(pronounced TEE-lee)**



1924-2006



The Exodus Night:

While the Israelites were still in the land of Egypt, the LORD gave the following instructions to Moses and Aaron:

2"From now on, this month will be the first month of the year for you" (Exod. 12:1-2)

Hebrew Calendars

Sacred Calendar Begins

Civil Calendar Begins



Which system did they use to determine the king's reign?

Israel began with Nisan & didn't count accession year

1 Nisan

Mar-Apr

2 Iyar

Sacred Calendar Begins

Did they count the accession year?

Two Key Issues:

Civil Calendar Begins

4 Tammuz

Judah began with Tishri & counted accession year

3 Cheshvan

Sep-Oct

7 Tishri

6 Elul

5 Av

What if the king's reign began here?



Thiele's Solution

- a) **Different Dating Systems** used by Judah and Israel

Judah	Israel
Accession -year system, beginning with Tishri (931-848)	Non-Accession year system, beginning with Nisan (931-848)
Time of alliance and intermarriage with Israel Non-Accession year system, beginning with Tishri for Judah and Nisan for Israel (848-796)	
Accession -year system, beginning with Tishri for Judah and Nisan for Israel (796-586)	



Thiele's Solution

- b) Some **co-regencies** in Israel and Judah
- c) Two instances of **rival reigns** in Israel
- d) Certain synchronisms in 2 Kings 17 and 18 inserted by a **late hand** out of harmony with original pattern of reigns



Chart of OT Kings & Prophets

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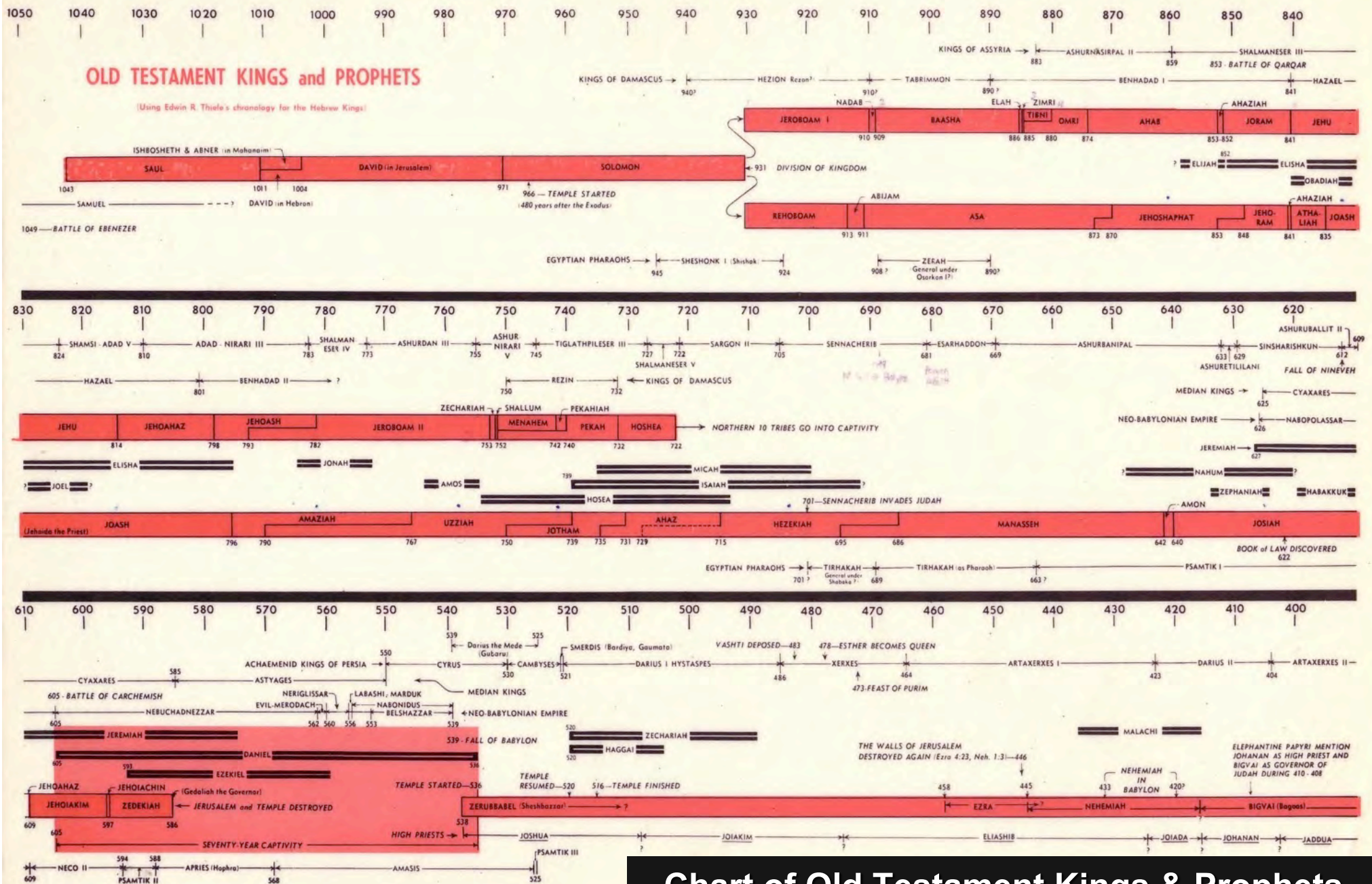


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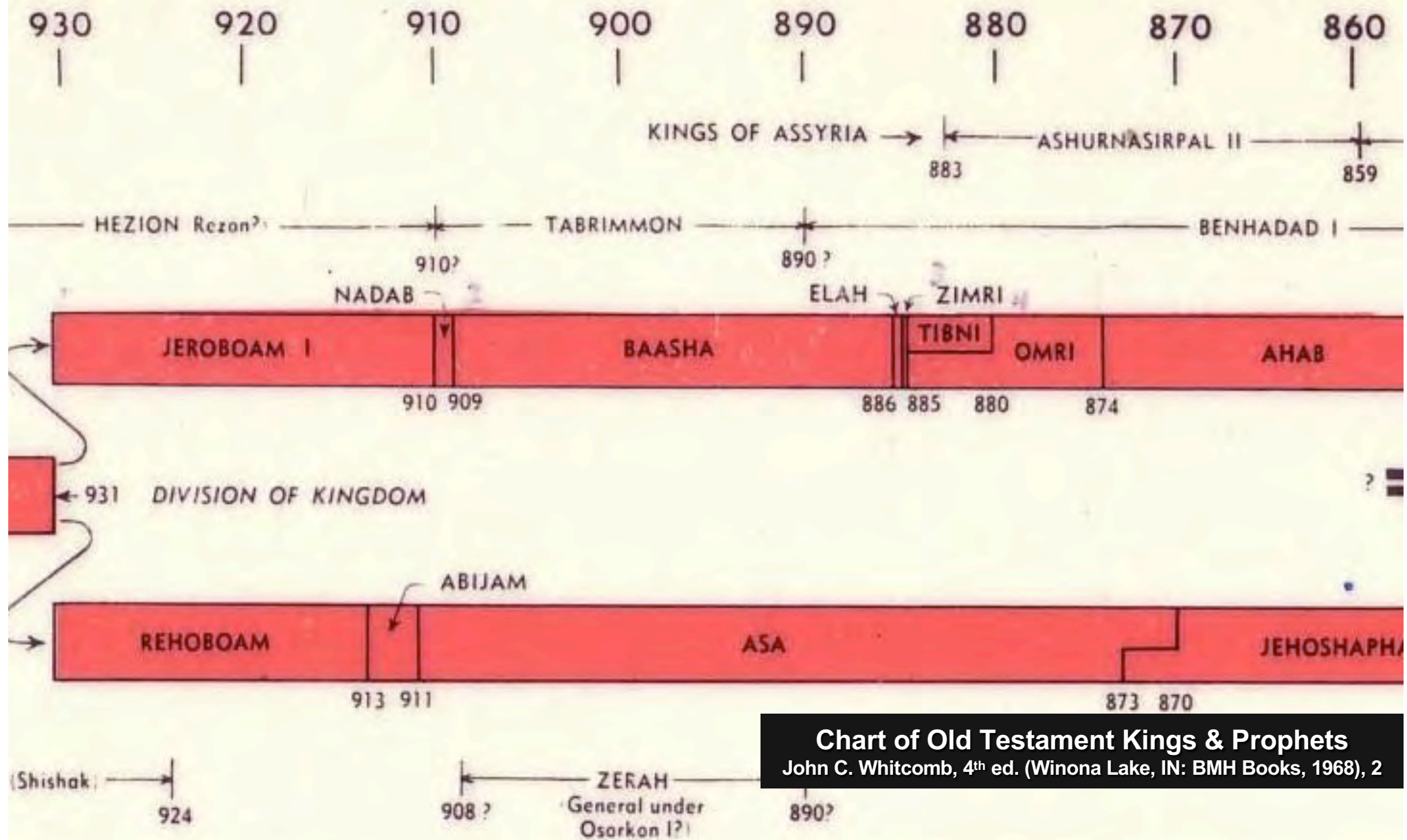


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OT Kings (Animated)

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Has Kim's Chin Zed

Jehoahaz
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19 Kings of Israel (all bad)

Black/Blue = 9 dynasties in Israel

12 Bad Kings of Judah

8 Good Kings of Judah

} One
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Northern Early Kings

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Northern Later Kings

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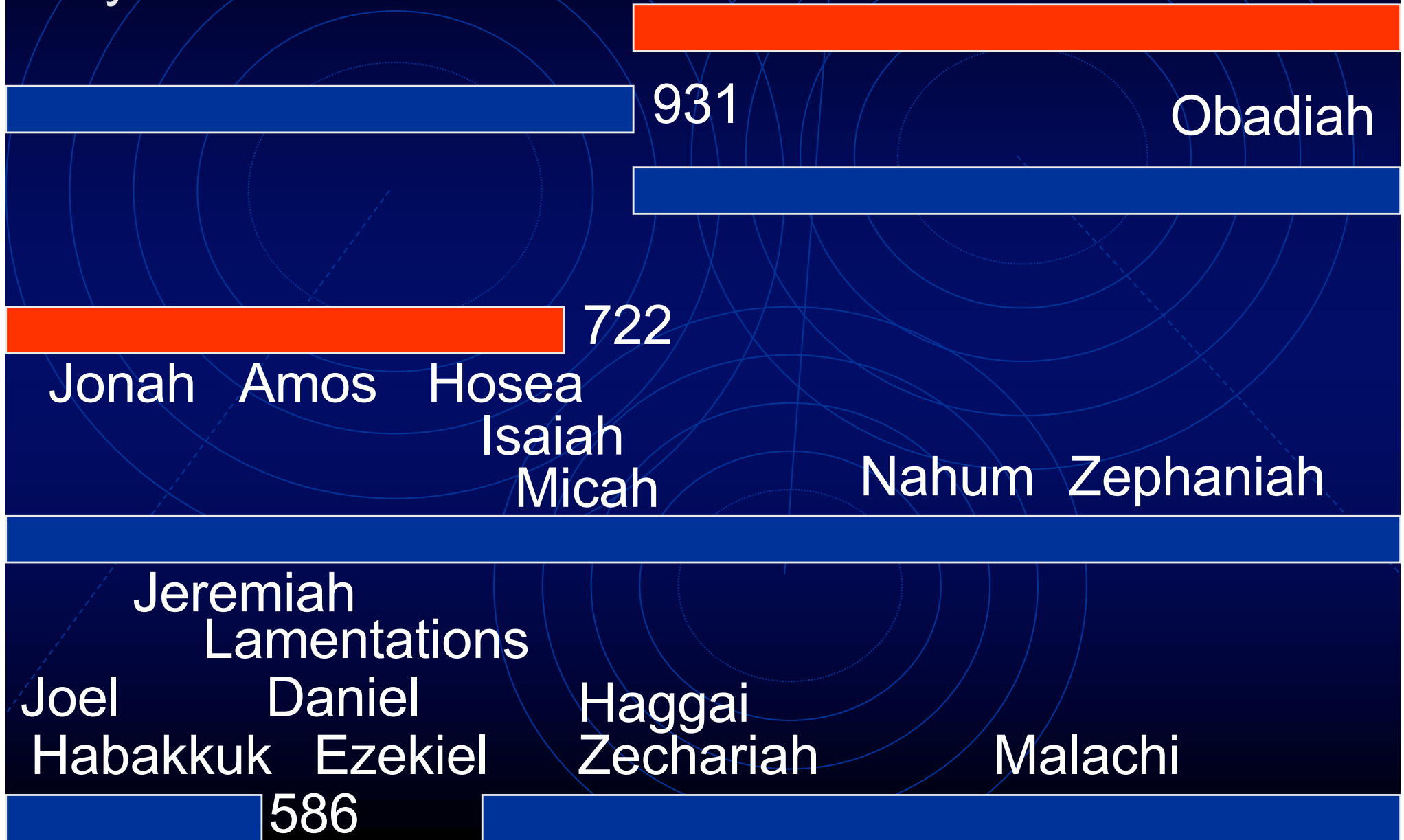
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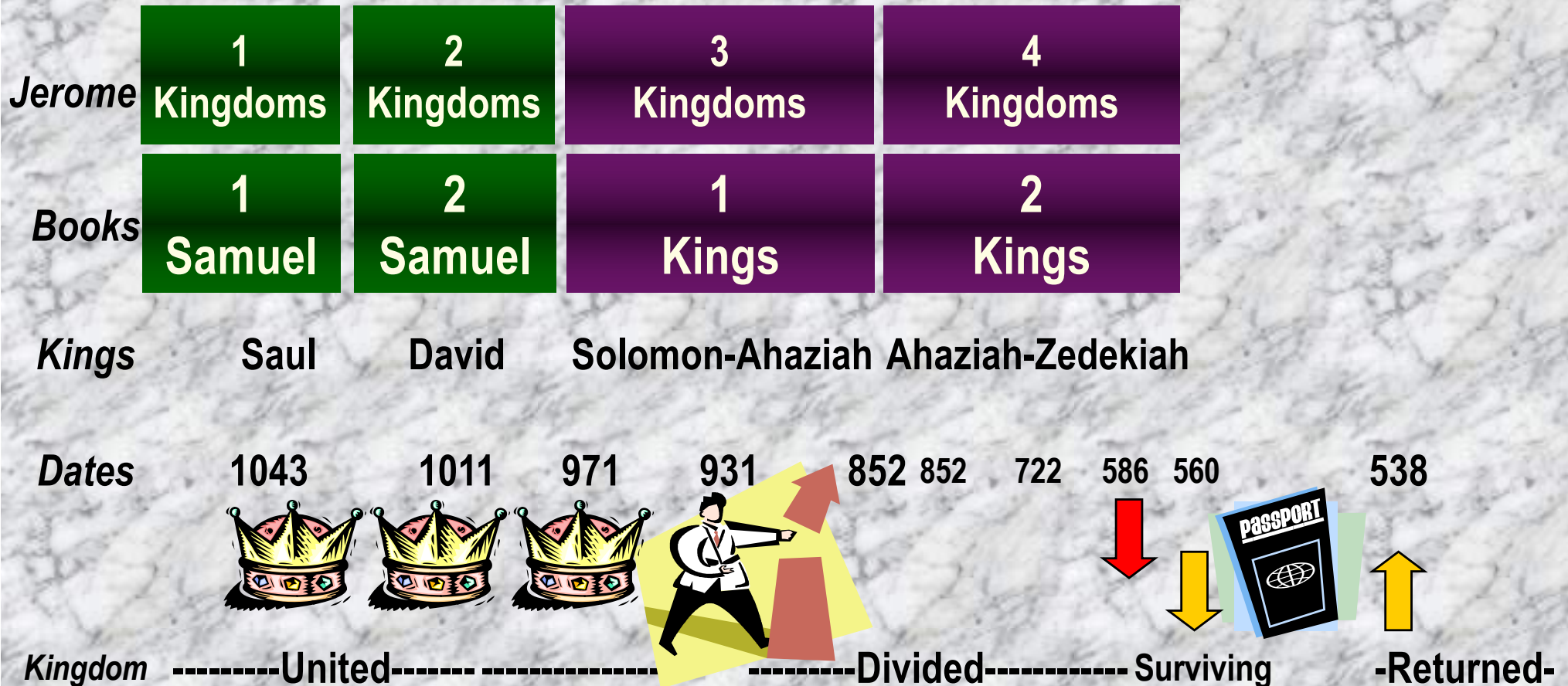
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- First Kings covers 120-years: from 971 BC with the crowning of Solomon to 852 BC during Ahaziah's reign. The year 931 marks the most significant date when Solomon's kingdom split into the northern nation of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah after his death.



1 Chronicles v. 2 Chronicles

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Some contrasts between the two books of Chronicles may prove helpful

	1 Chronicles	2 Chronicles
History	Creation to Solomon enthroned	Solomon to Return from Exile
Dates	4143-971 BC	971-538 BC
Length	3172 years	433 years
Kings	Saul-David (2 kings)	Solomon-Zedekiah (21 kings)
Chapters	29	36
Content	Success of Davidic kingdom	Success of Davidic kingdom (cont'd)
Judgments	No major ones	Judah (586 BC)
Temple	Preparations for Building	Built, then ruined 380 yrs. later
Start & End	Begins with genealogies and David's obedience	Ends with judgment for Davidic kings' disobedience

Solomon

If My People

1 Chronicles		2 Chronicles	
God's Sovereignty 1–9		Solomon 1–9	
David's Service 10–29			
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Prepared	United		
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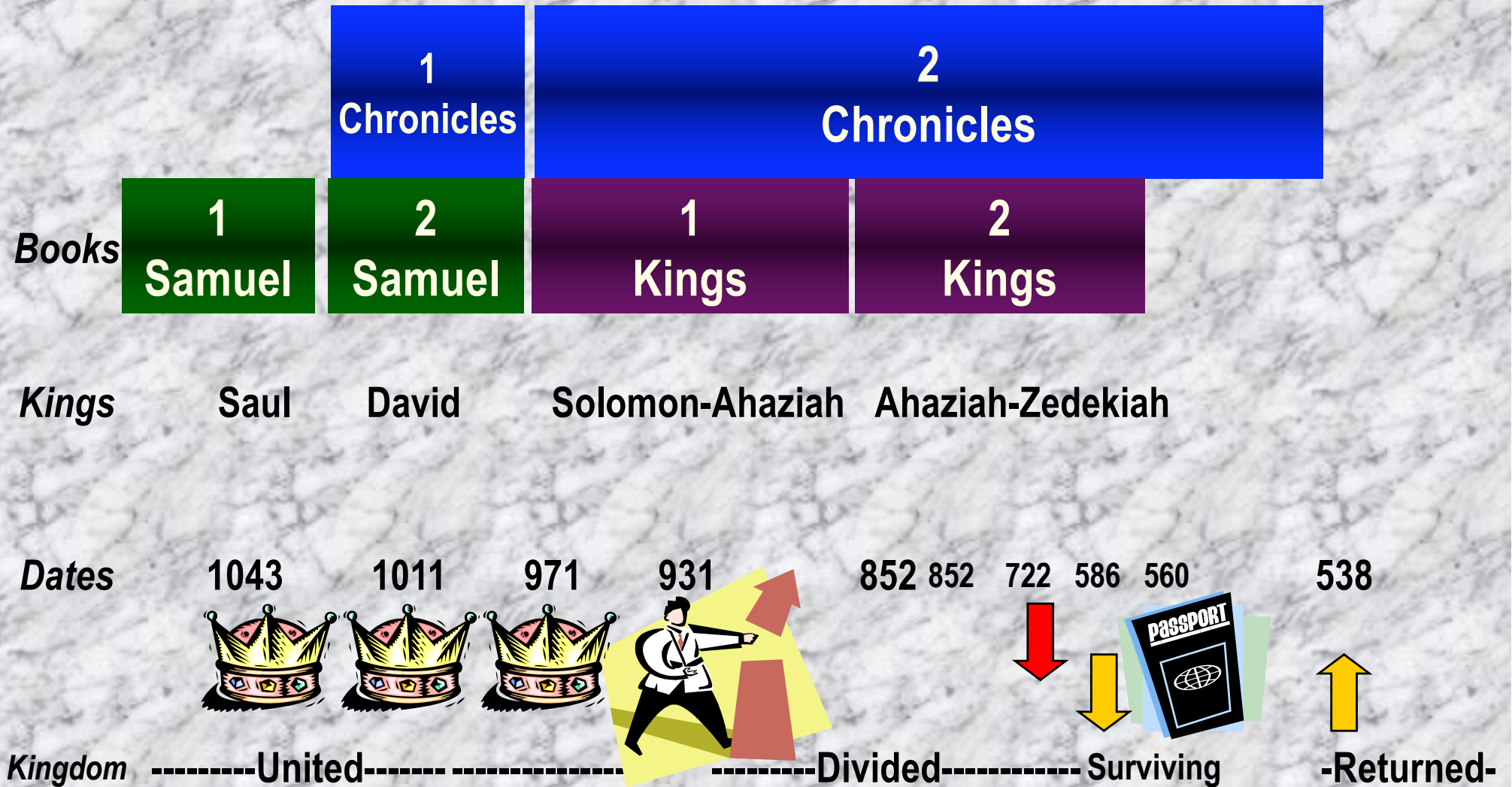
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**Harold
"Hal"
Francis
Griffith**

***27 Dec 1925
-29 Jan 2018***



Hal & Rick

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DEAR DADDY

DADDY I WISH I COULD BE WITH YOU.

I MISS YOU. DO YOU HAVE A OFFICE

WITH A DESK I LIKE TO WORK

IN THE GARDEN TOMMY KATHY ARE
FINE

LOVE

RICKY

**My First Letter to
Dad at Age 6**



Dad & Mom



Taking Care of Carolynn

Early Years

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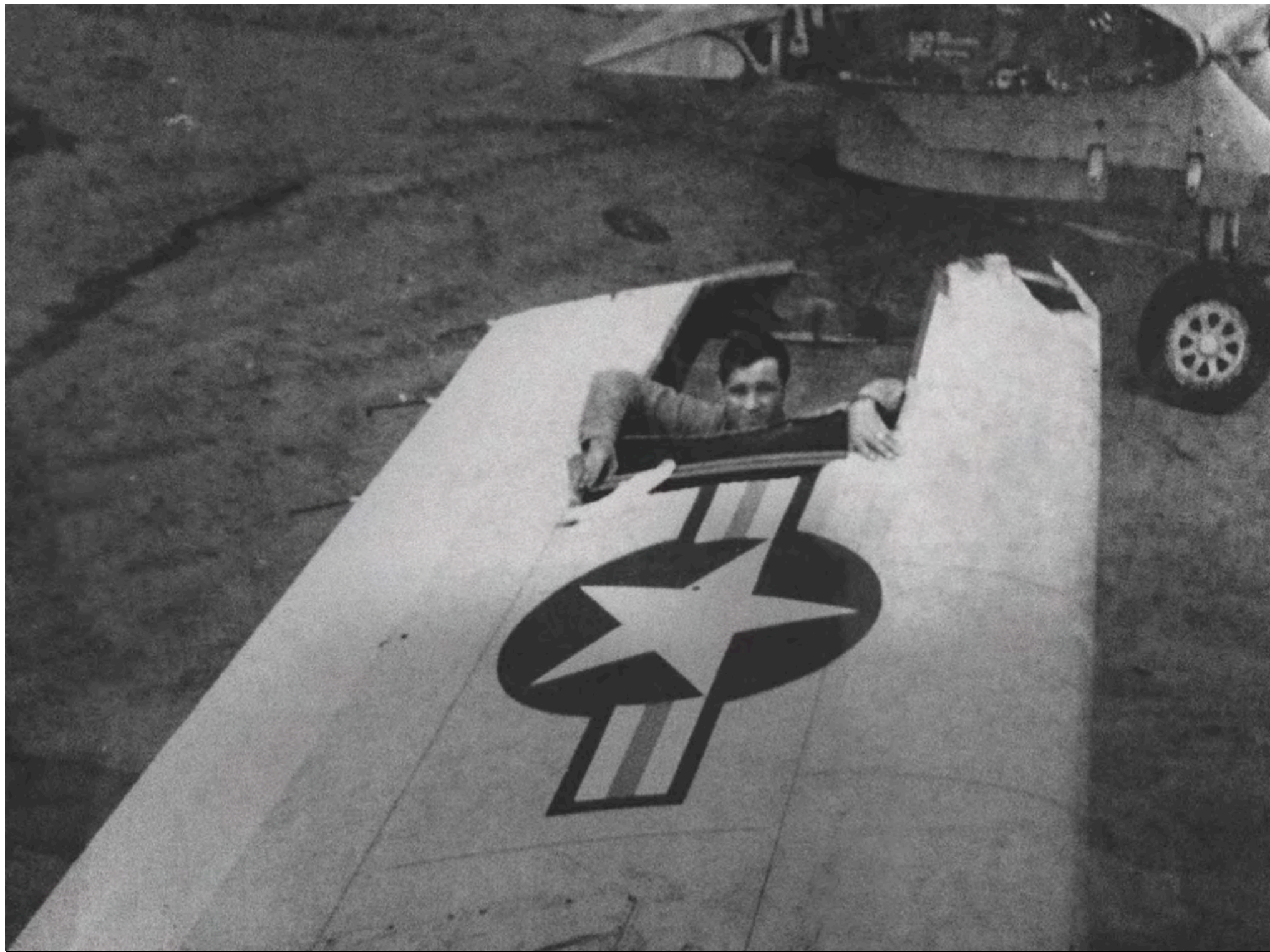
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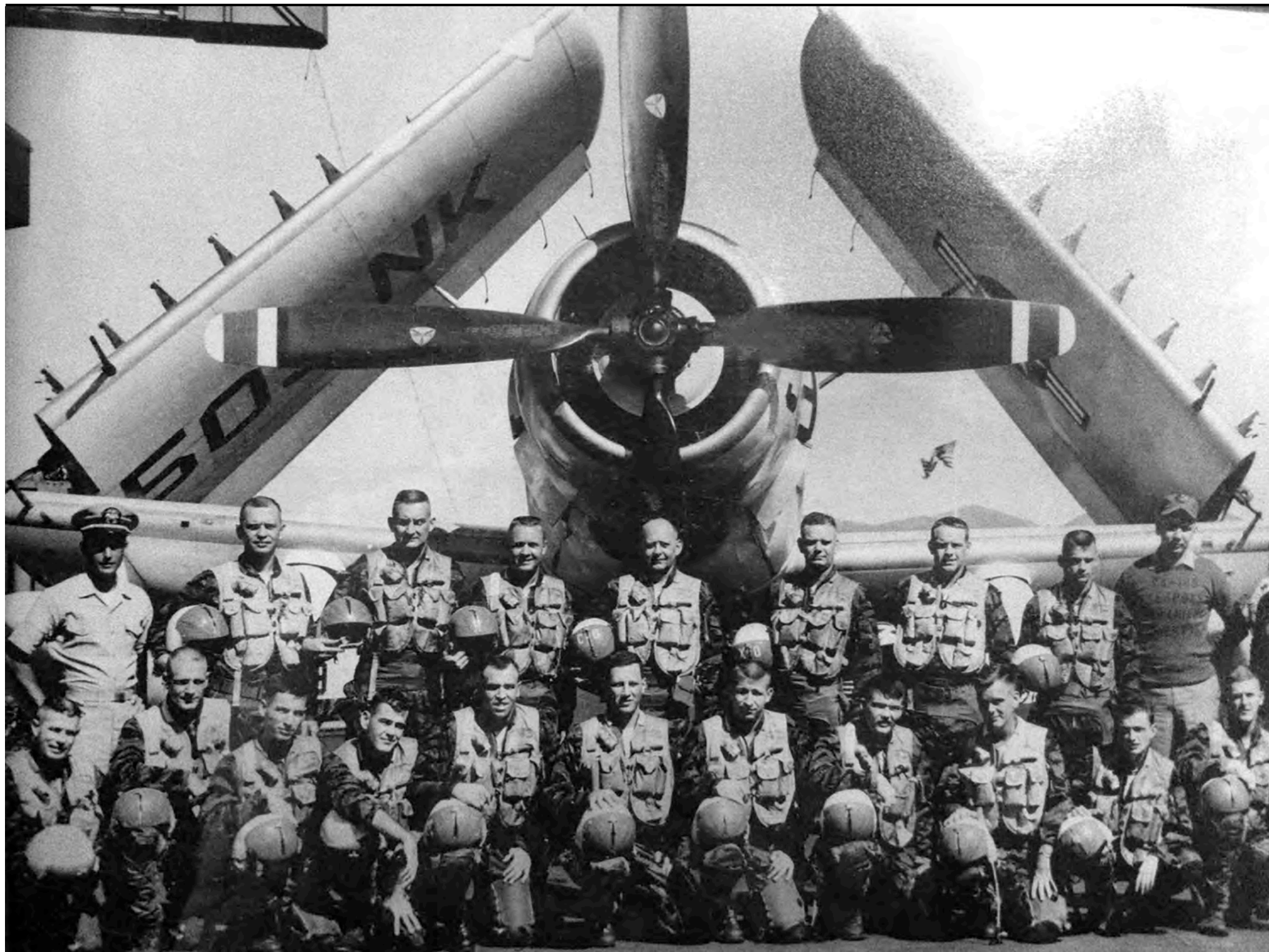
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Captain (1968)







Siblings



Military Funeral Honors



Tuesday, 6 March 2018

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Noun

**1. the state of being free from danger or threat.
"the system is designed to provide maximum
security against toxic spills"**

**synonyms: certainty, safe future, assured future,
safety, reliability, dependability, solidness,
soundness "employees have an interest in the
security of their jobs"**

**God made us to feel secure in our
walk with him.**

**Yet too often we are anything but
secure.**

**How does God help us be
secure?**



Deut. 28: Blessings & Curses

**Your towns and your fields
will be blessed (3)**

**Your children and your crops
will be blessed (4)**

**Your fruit baskets and bread-
boards will be blessed (5)**

**Wherever you go and whatever
you do, you will be blessed (6)**

**Your enemies will attack you from
one direction, but they will scatter
from you in seven! (7)**

**You will lend to many nations, but
you will never need to borrow
from them (12)**

**Your towns and your fields
will be cursed (16)**

**Your children and your crops
will be cursed (18)**

**Your fruit baskets and bread-
boards will be cursed (17)**

**Wherever you go and whatever
you do, you will be cursed (19)**

**You will attack your enemies from
one direction, but you will scatter
from them in seven! (25)**

**They will lend to money to you,
but you will not lend to them
(44)**

Prophetic Curses



Why?

Lev. 26
Deut. 28

Exile

Key Verse

"I declare that the LORD will build a house for you: When your days are over and you go to be with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will **establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will **establish** his throne forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. I will never take my love away from him, as I took it away from your predecessor. I will set him over my house and my kingdom forever; his throne will be **established** forever" (1 Chron. 17:10b-14).**

1 Chronicles

David's Line Established

David's Line

David's Concern (Ark / Temple)

Chapters 1–9

Chapters 10–29

Genealogy

History

Ancestry

Activity

Saul's Throne to David

David's Throne to Solomon

4143-1011 BC (3132 years)

1011-971 BC (40 years)

Davidic
Line
1–3

Tribal
Lines
4–8

Priests /
Levites
9:1-34

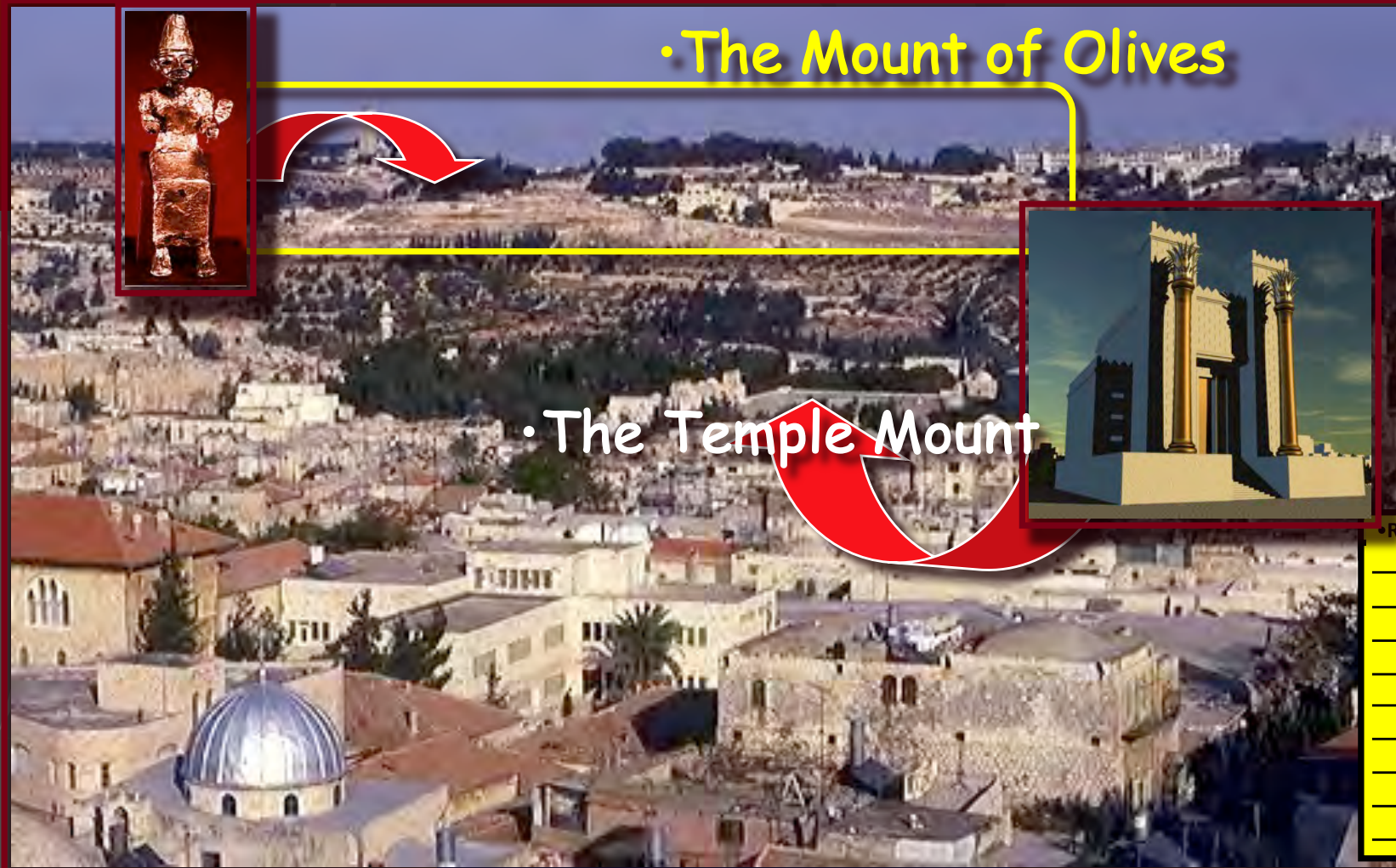
Saul's
Line
9:35-44

Accession
to Throne
10–12

Respect
for Ark
13–17

Military
Victories
18–20

Temple
Prep.
21–29



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IDOL WORSHIP!

The chief reason they had gone into exile was idolatry. How could they be cured of false worship?

Let's Study Through Scripture

The Bible: Book by Book



2 Chronicles Synthesis

David's line preserved



1-9 Solomon

10-36

Davidic dynasty

A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or surrender, set against a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The person is positioned in the lower center of the frame, with their arms spread wide.

**How does God help us be
secure?**

2 ways

I. God **blesse**s our worship.

2 Chronicles 1–9

God blessed Solomon for building the temple (2 Chron 1–9).



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Israel's "First" Temple

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Solomon

Davidic Dynasty

Chapters 1–9

Chapters 10–36

Temple Constructed

Temple Destroyed

Royalty

Ruins

40 Years

393 Years

971-931 BC

931-538 BC

**Wealth &
Wisdom
1**

**Temple
Construction
2–7**

**Successes
& Death
8–9**

**Kingdom
Divides via
Rehoboam
10–12**

**7 Bad,
8 Good
Kings
13–35**

**4 Bad Kings then
Judah Falls
36**

1 Kings 1–11

1 Kings 12–22

2 Kings 1–25

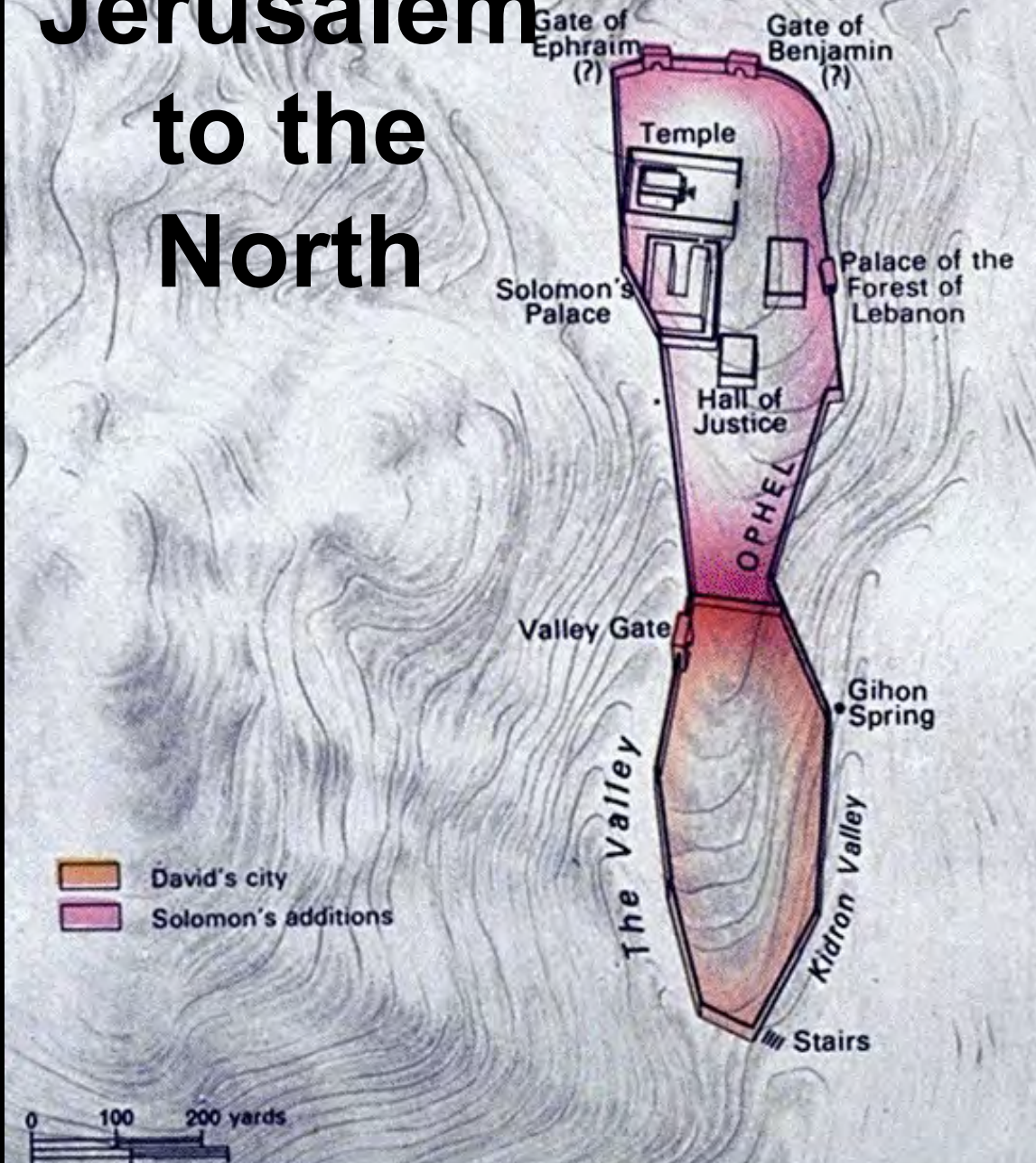
2 Chronicles 1



The Wisdom & Splendor of Solomon

2 Chronicles 2

Expanding Jerusalem to the North



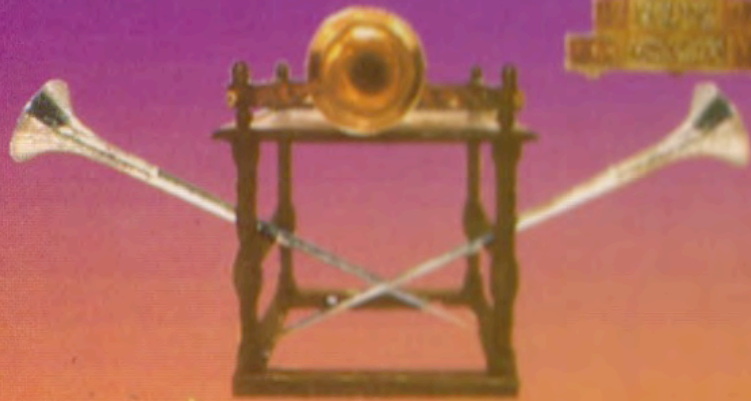
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The Temple

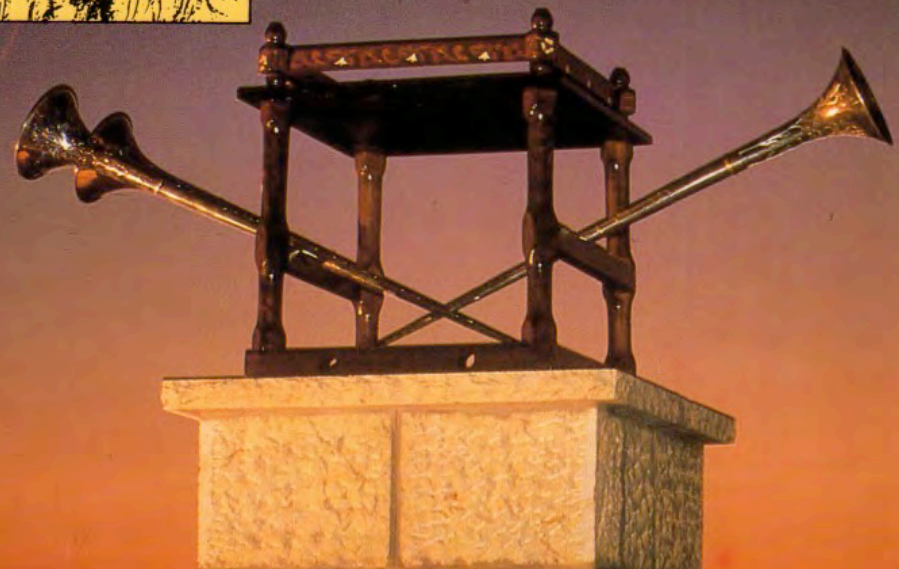
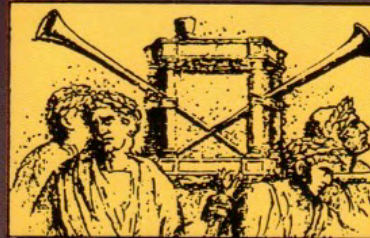


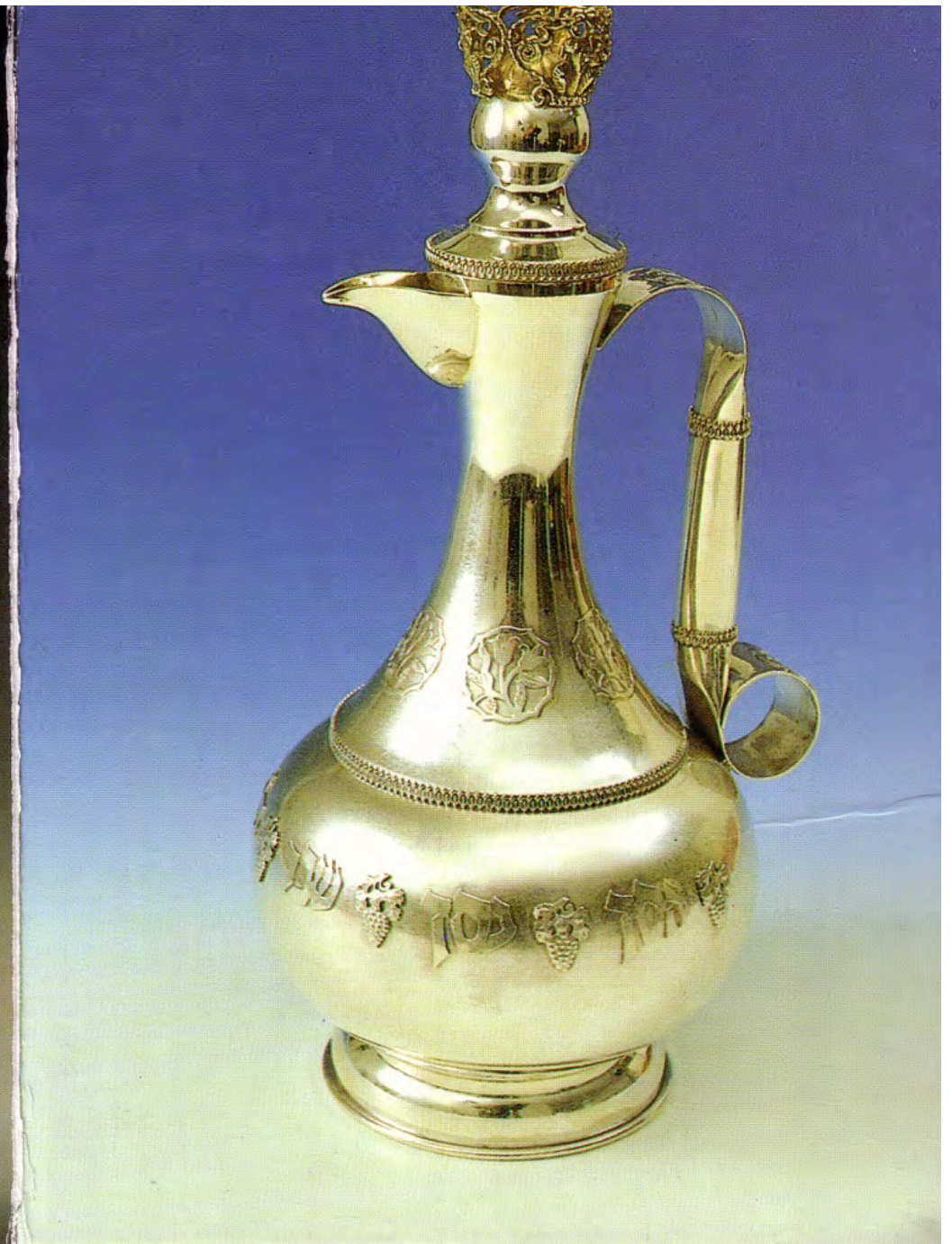
Solomon

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Preparations for the Third Temple





The harp and silver decanter

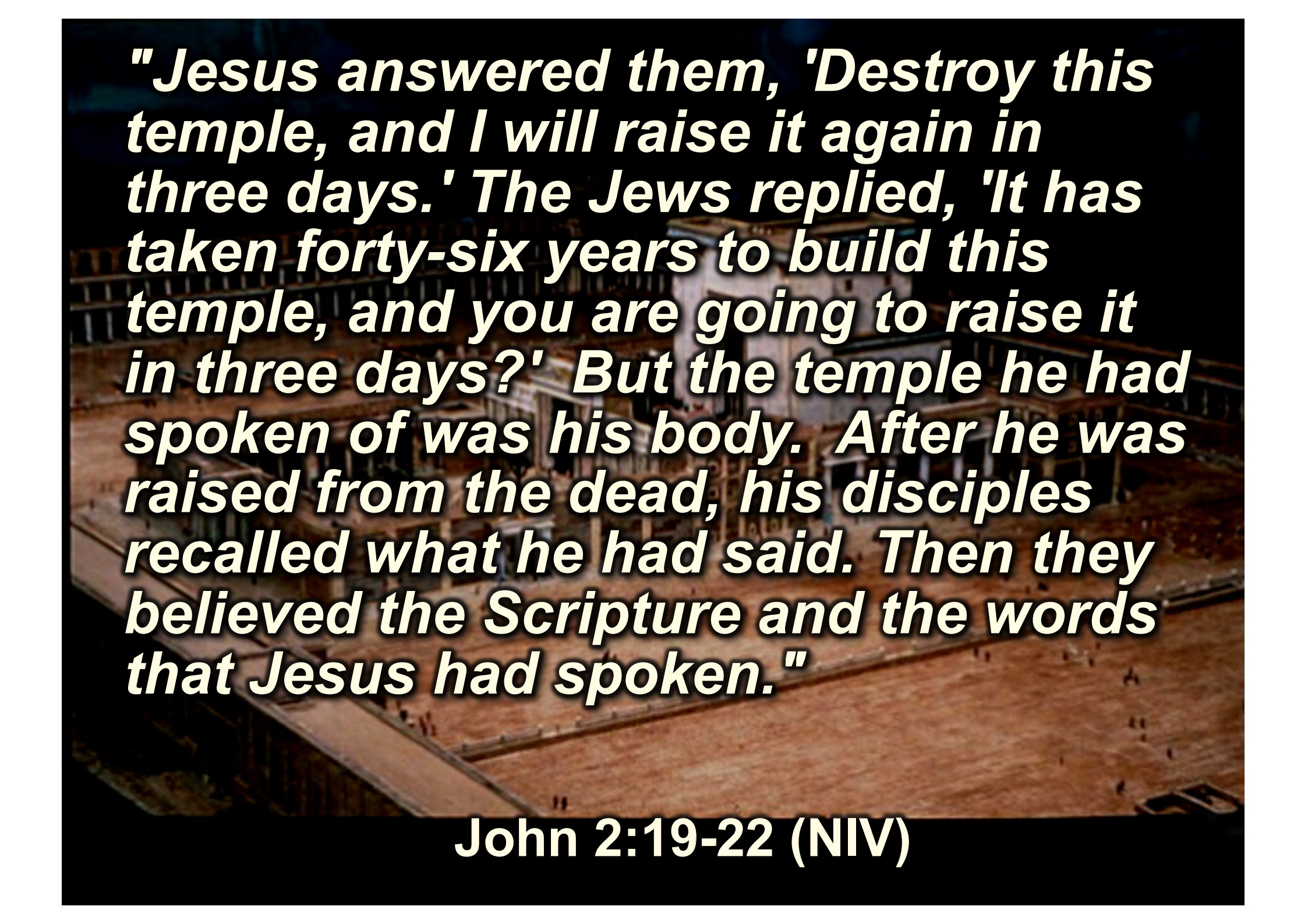
A harp and incense chalice



Menorah (Lampstand)

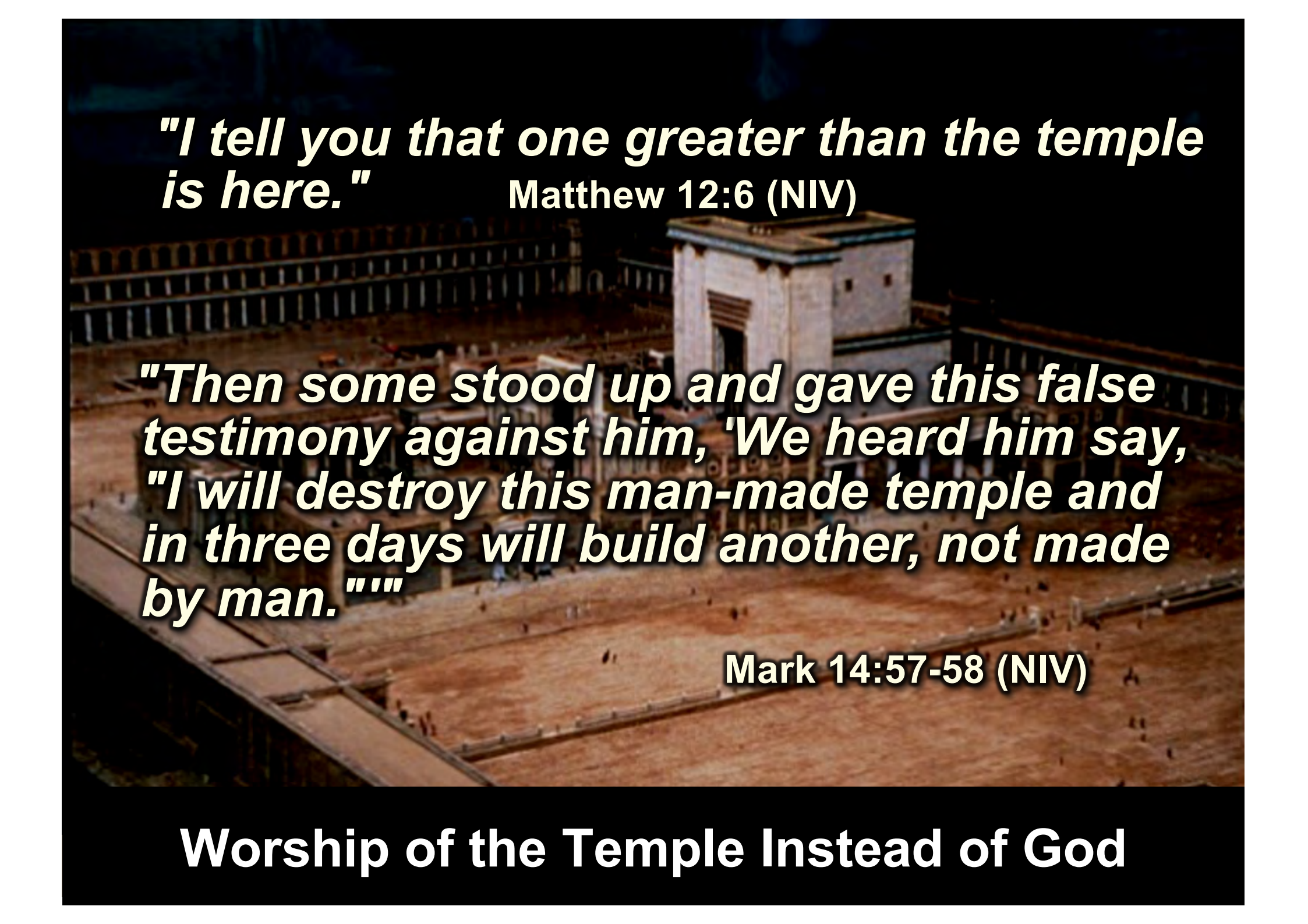


2 Chronicles 4

An aerial photograph of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, showing the large, flat, terraced area with its surrounding walls and the Dome of the Rock in the distance. The image is used as a background for the text.

"Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?' But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken."

John 2:19-22 (NIV)

An aerial photograph of the Temple of Jerusalem, showing the large, rectangular temple platform with its surrounding walls and the central building. The image is used as a background for the text.

"I tell you that one greater than the temple is here." Matthew 12:6 (NIV)

"Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him, 'We heard him say, 'I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.'"

Mark 14:57-58 (NIV)

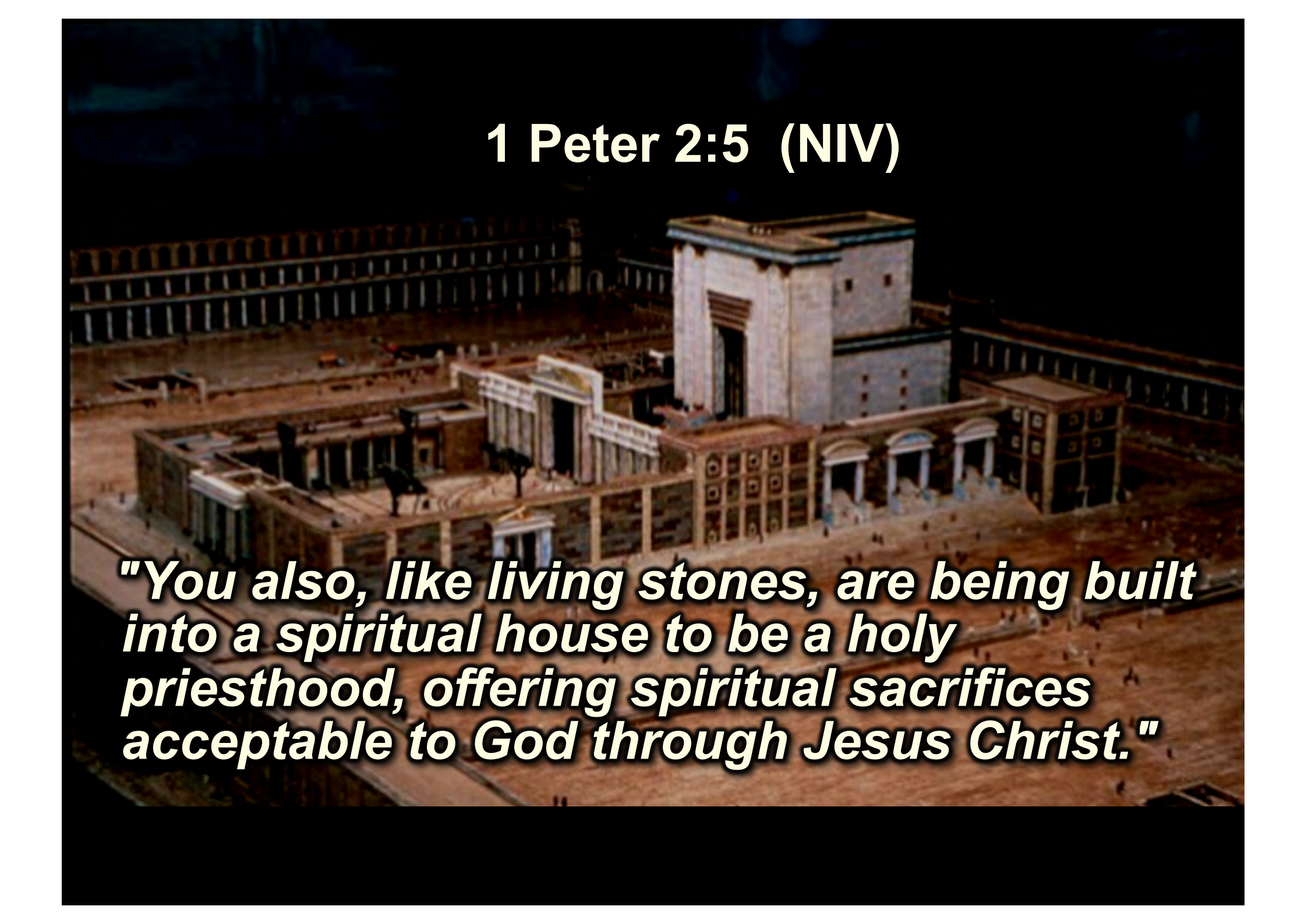
Worship of the Temple Instead of God

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 (NIV)

"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple."

Ephesians 2:21-22 (NIV)

"In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."

An aerial night view of the Temple of Jerusalem, showing the Temple Mount and the surrounding walls. The Temple Mount is illuminated, showing the Temple's structure and the surrounding walls. The surrounding area is dark, with some lights visible in the distance.

1 Peter 2:5 (NIV)

"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

2 Chronicles 5

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Jerusalem: from the South
approaching the Temple Mount

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

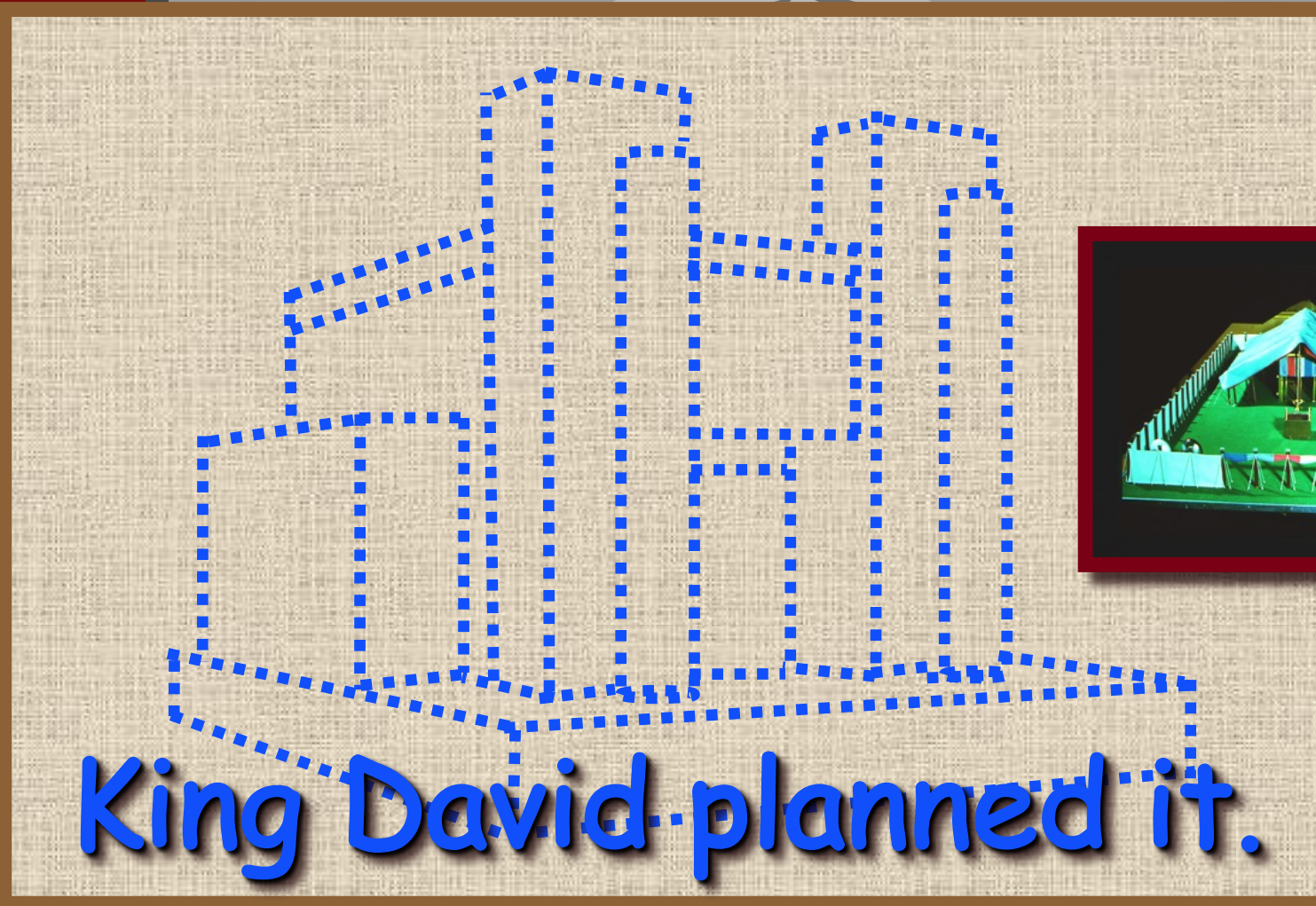


Araunah's threshing floor...

David bought it...

To build the FIRST Temple to the Lord!

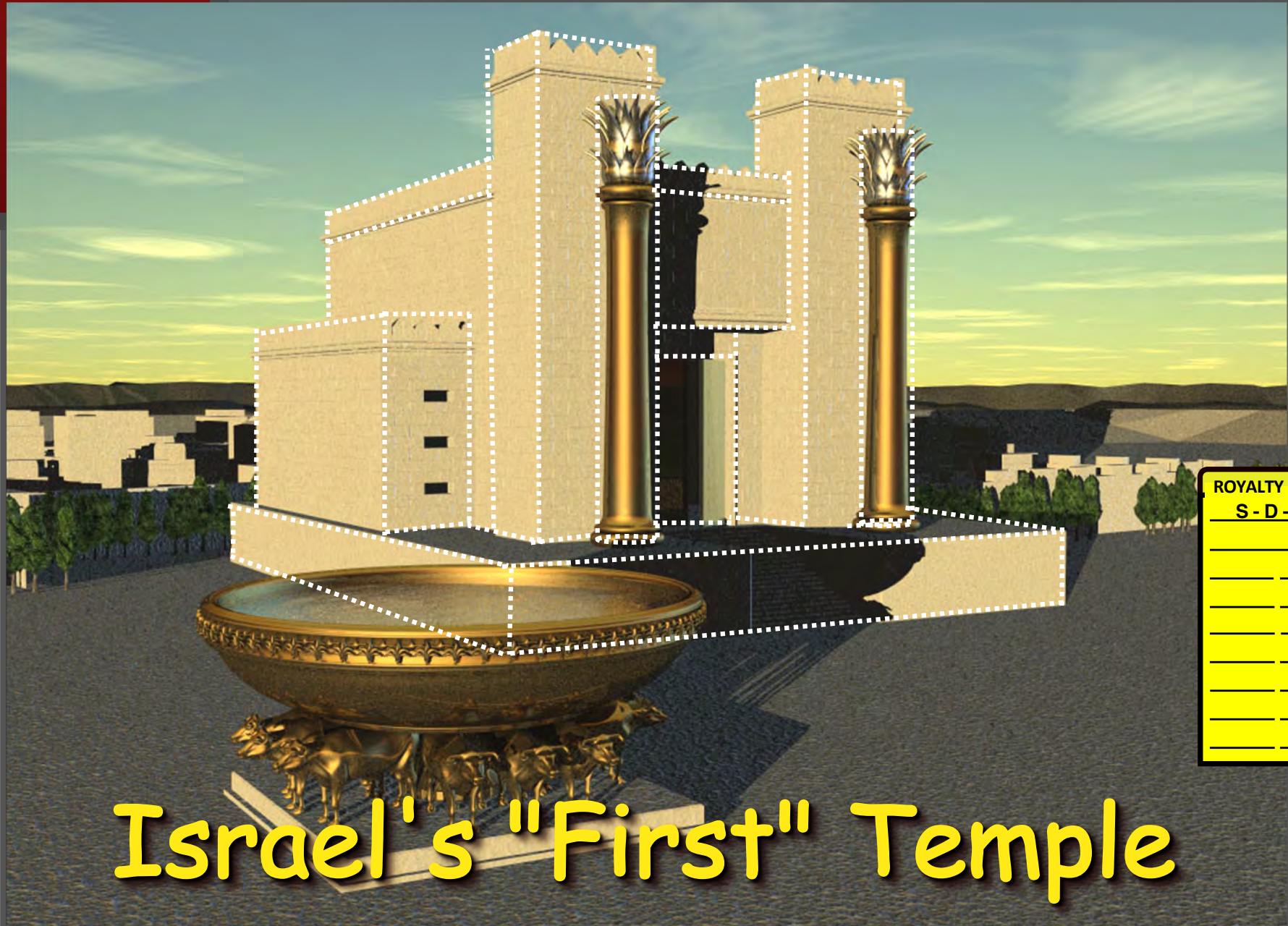
On Mount Moriah!



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

Site of Abraham's Near-Sacrifice of Isaac...Mt. Moriah ...Mt. Zion

HOW DID THE ANCIENTS BUILD THIS?

NO POWER EQUIPMENT!

NO COMPUTERS!

NOT EVEN A SLIDE RULE!

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ONLY MANPOWER!

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Building those amazing structures!

The Western or
"Wailing Wall"

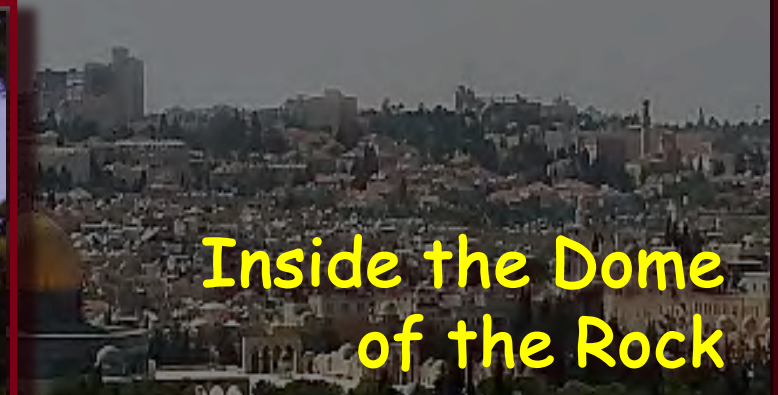


Herod's Temple
Today's Islamic Dome
Before the Ruken

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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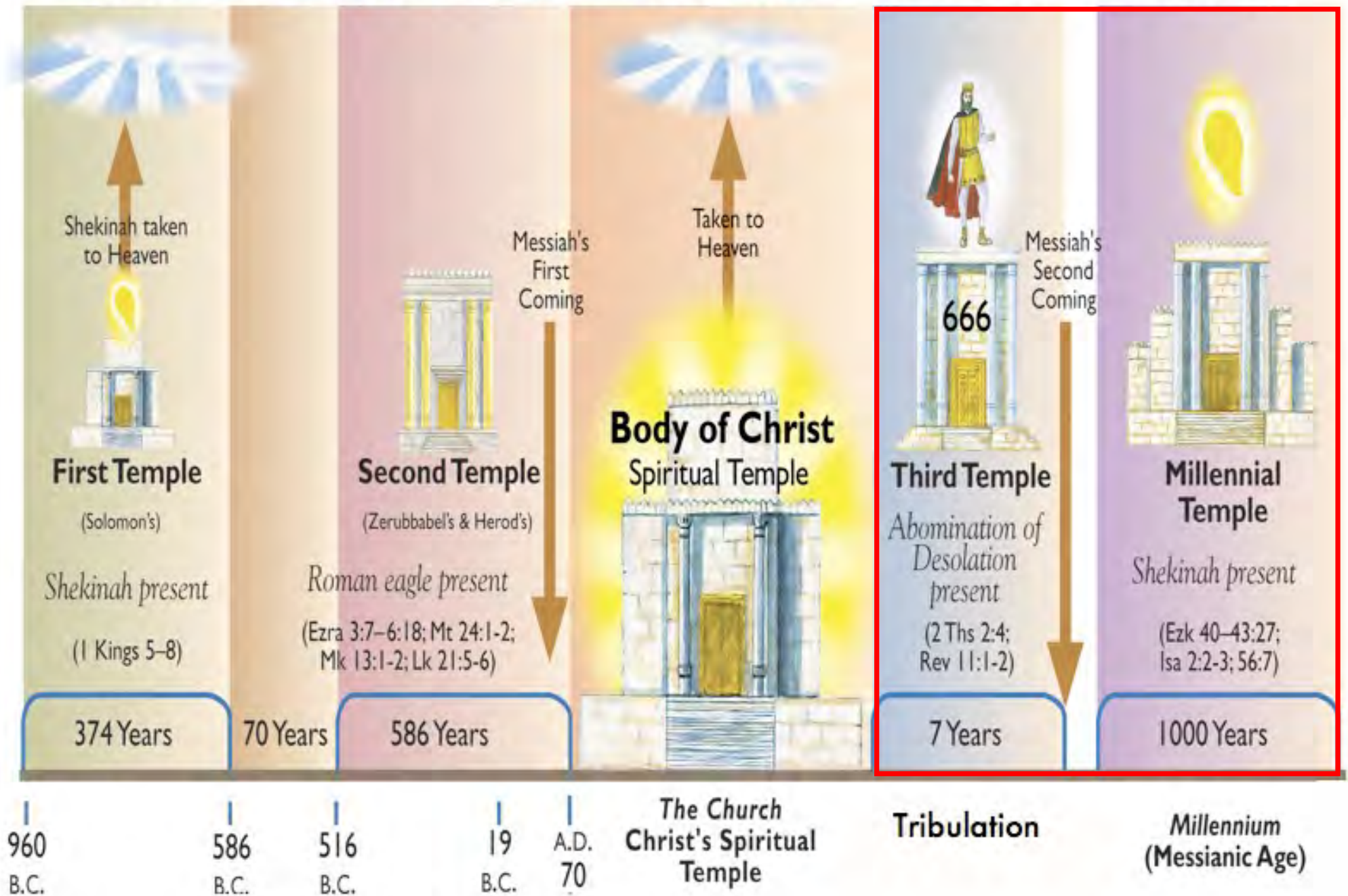
Solomon's Temple Cutaway



A Third Temple Possibility!



THE TEMPLE THROUGH TIME



Temples in the Bible

	Solomon	Zerubbabel/ Herod	Tribulation	Millennial 644
<i>Temple Period</i>	First	Second	Third	Fourth
<i>Description</i>	1 Kings 6–7	Ezra 3–6	Rev. 11:1-2	Ezek. 40–43
<i>Haggai Texts</i>	Haggai 2:3a, 9b	Haggai 1:4, 8-9; 2:3b	—	Haggai 2:7, 9a
<i>Construction</i>	966-959 BC	536-516 BC	Materials being gathered now	Still future
<i>Desecrated by</i>	Israelites and pagan kings	Antiochus, money changers, Pompey, Titus	Antichrist (Dan. 9:27)	No one (Zech. 14:20-21)
<i>Destruction</i>	586 BC (2 Kings 25)	AD 70 (Matt. 24:1-3)	End of Great Tribulation?	Before new heavens and new earth (Rev. 21:22)
<i>Longevity</i>	380 years	606 years	Under 7 years?	1000 years
<i>Sacrifices</i>	Before Christ	Before (approved) and after Christ (unapproved)	After Christ (unapproved)	After Christ (approved)
<i>God's Glory</i>	Filled it (1 Kings 8:10-11)	Didn't fill it	Won't fill it	Will fill it (Ezek. 43:1-5)
<i>Sanctuary</i>	90' x 30' = 2,700 sq. ft.	?	?	87.5' x 175' = 15,312 sq. ft.
<i>Inner Court</i>	150' x 400' = 60,000 sq. ft.	?	?	175' x 427.5' = 74,812.5 sq. ft.
<i>Outer Court</i>	875' x 875' or six times larger!	?	?	875' x 875' = 765,625 sq. ft.



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The Western Wall of the Temple Mount

1 Kings 6:14-38



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THE ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE OF THE TEMPLE MOUNT!

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

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Construction!

Heavy Taxation!

Bankruptcy!

Idolatry!

Solomon's Problems

•2 Sam. 7:4-16

on. 17:3-15

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



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National Repentance

"Then one night the LORD appeared to Solomon and said, 'I have heard your prayer and have chosen this Temple as the place for making sacrifices. ¹³At times I might shut up the heavens so that no rain falls, or command grasshoppers to devour your crops, or send plagues among you. ¹⁴Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.'"

(2 Chronicles 7:12-14 NLT).

1 Kings 6:1

- "In the four hundred and eightieth year after the Israelites had come out of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, the second month, he began to build the temple of the Lord."

The 480 years is a symbolic figure for 12 generations. Because a generation is about 25 years, the actual figure should be 300 years.

966/ 960/ 957 B.C.

300/ 300/ 300 years

1266/1260/1257 B.C.

An Early Exodus (1446)

FOR

- ◆ *1 Kings 6:1*
480 years from
Exodus to the
building of
Solomon's Temple
(966)

- ◆ *Judges 11:26*
Jephthah assigns
300 years between
his day (c.1100)
and the Conquest

Exodus 1446 BC

+ 480 yrs

Temple = 966 BC

+ 4 yrs

Reign Began = 970/71



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2 Chronicles 9

**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.
—1 Kings 10:1 NLT—**



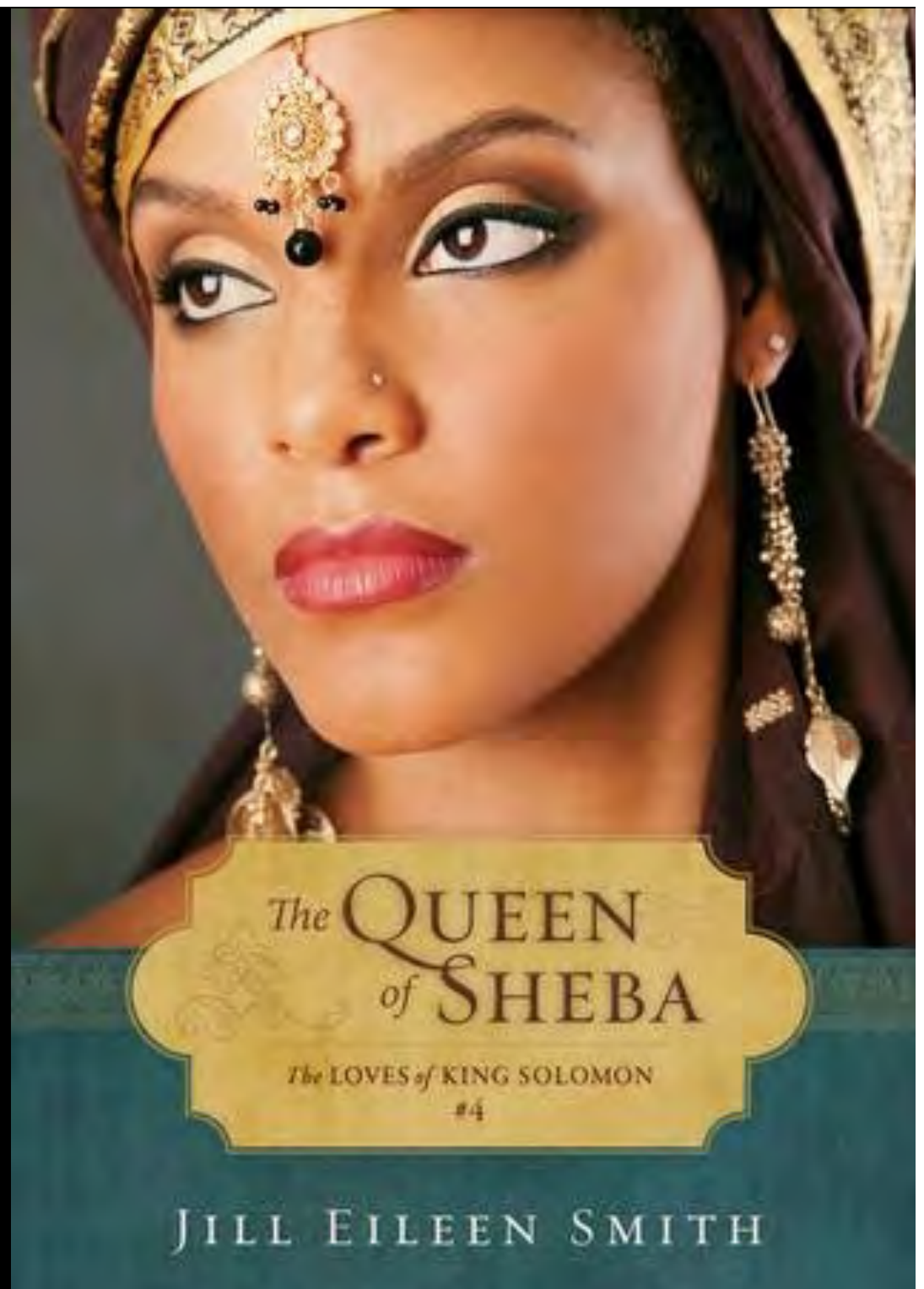
The Queen of Sheba

**She arrived in Jerusalem with a large group of attendants and a great caravan of camels loaded with spices, large quantities of gold, and precious jewels. When she met with Solomon, she talked with him about everything she had on her mind
—1 Kings 10:2 NLT—**



The Queen of Sheba

The Queen of Sheba



Warnings for Kings (1400 BC)

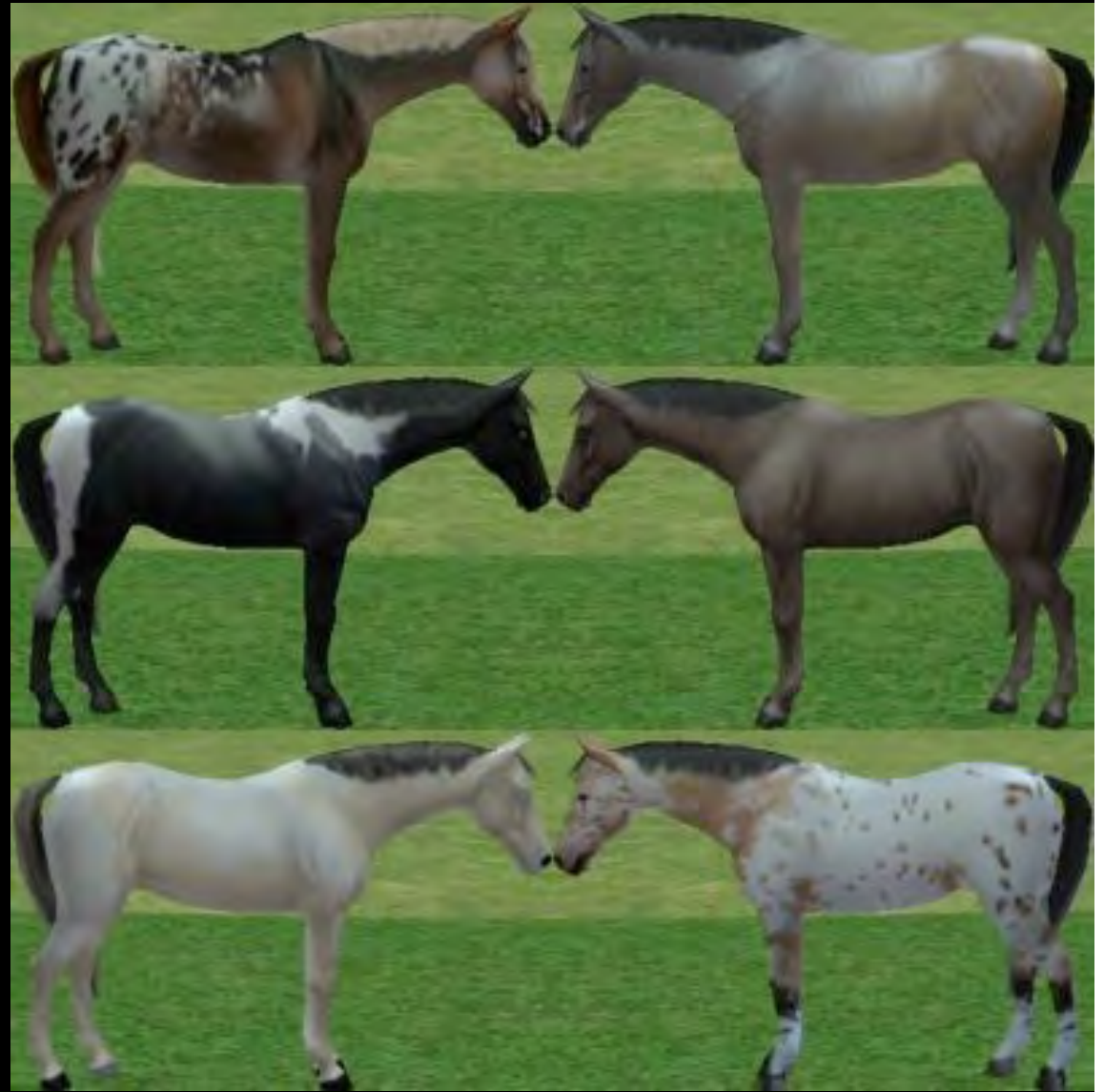
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accumulate large
amounts of wealth
in silver and gold
for himself"
(Deut. 17:17b NLT).**



1 Kings 10:14-21

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 10:26-29

Tyre Destroyed

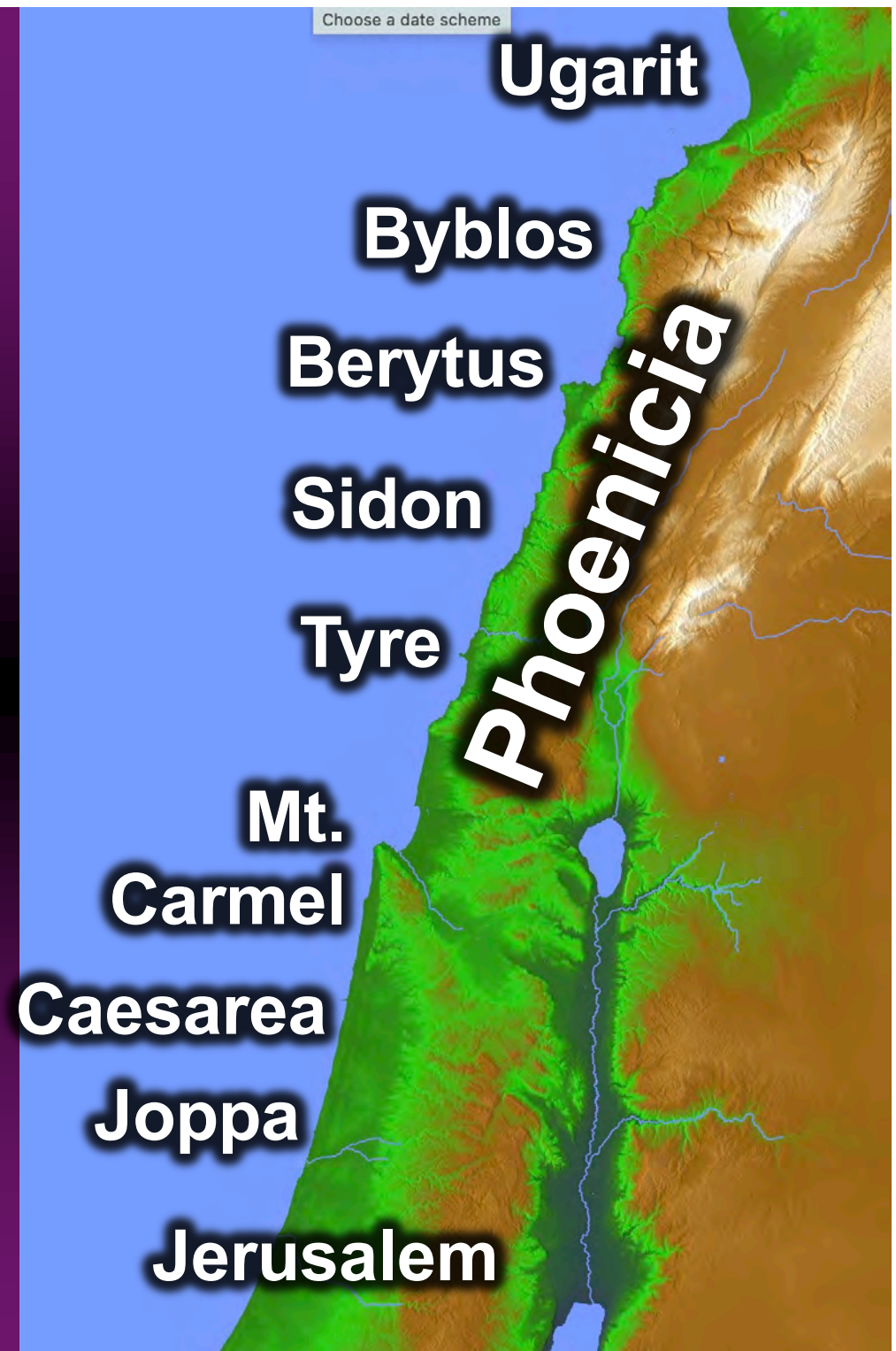
Phoenicia

**“This message came to me
concerning Tyre:
Weep, O ships of Tarshish,
for the harbor and houses of
Tyre are gone!
The rumors you heard in
Cyprus are all true”
(Isaiah 23:1 NLT).**



Geography of Phoenicia

- ◇ Strip of land between the Mediterranean Sea and mountains
- ◇ 'a fertile ground'
- ◇ Heart of the region: Tyre, Sidon and Byblos





Trade

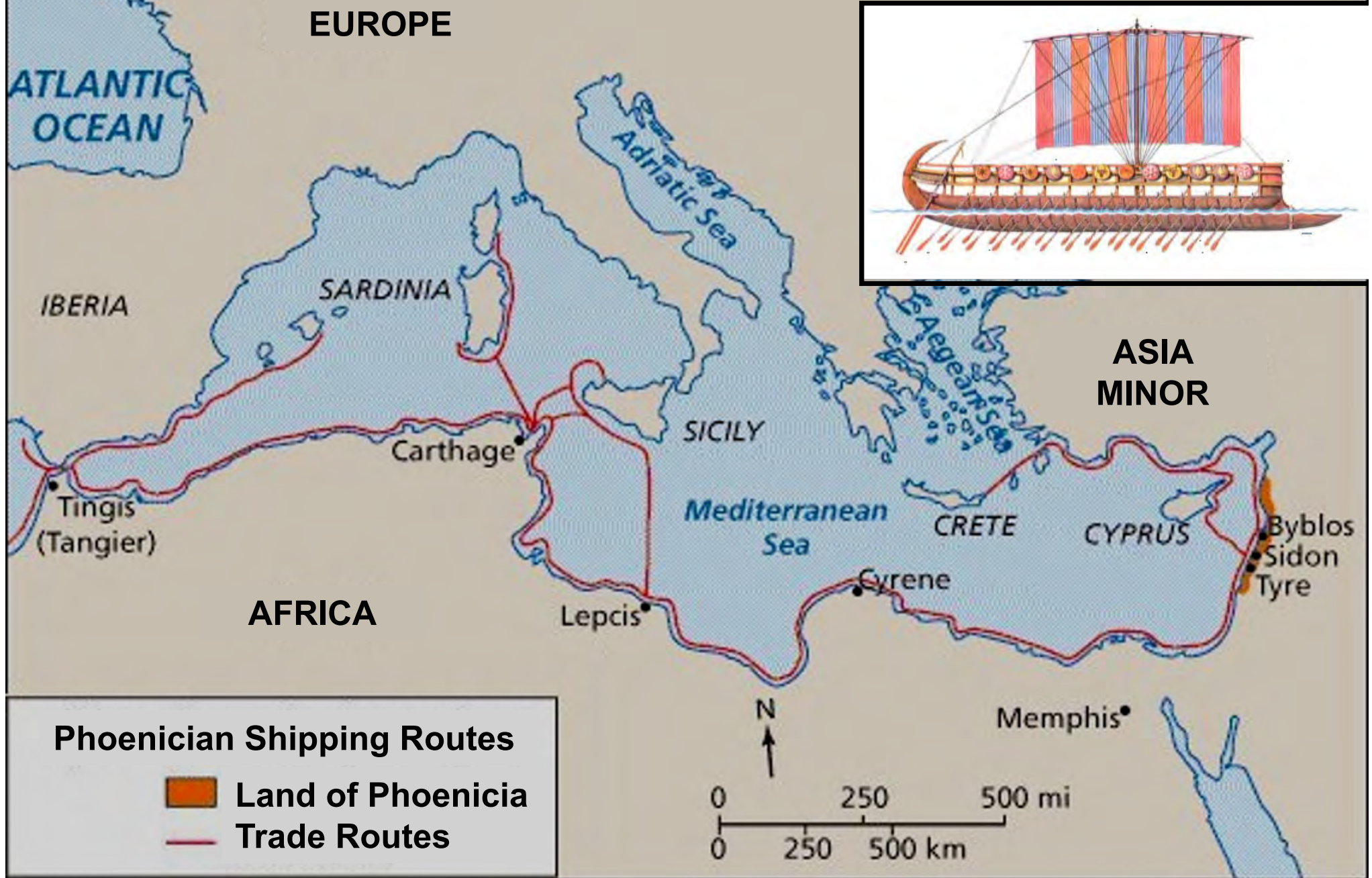


Exported crafts and imported raw materials from faraway countries:



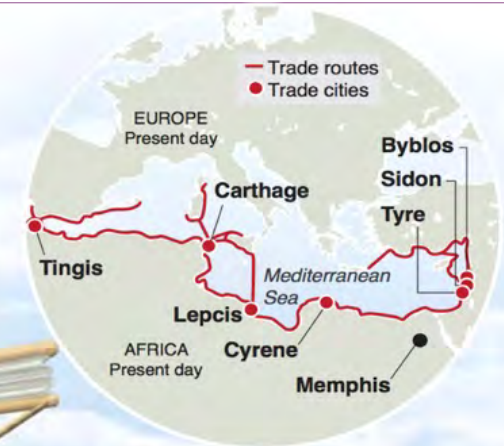
- ♦ bronze – exported to Assyria, Cyprus, Greece, Italy
- ♦ ivory – imported from Syria and re-exported finished product to the west
- ♦ Also glass workings, wool stuffs dyed in purple, etc.

Phoenician Colonies

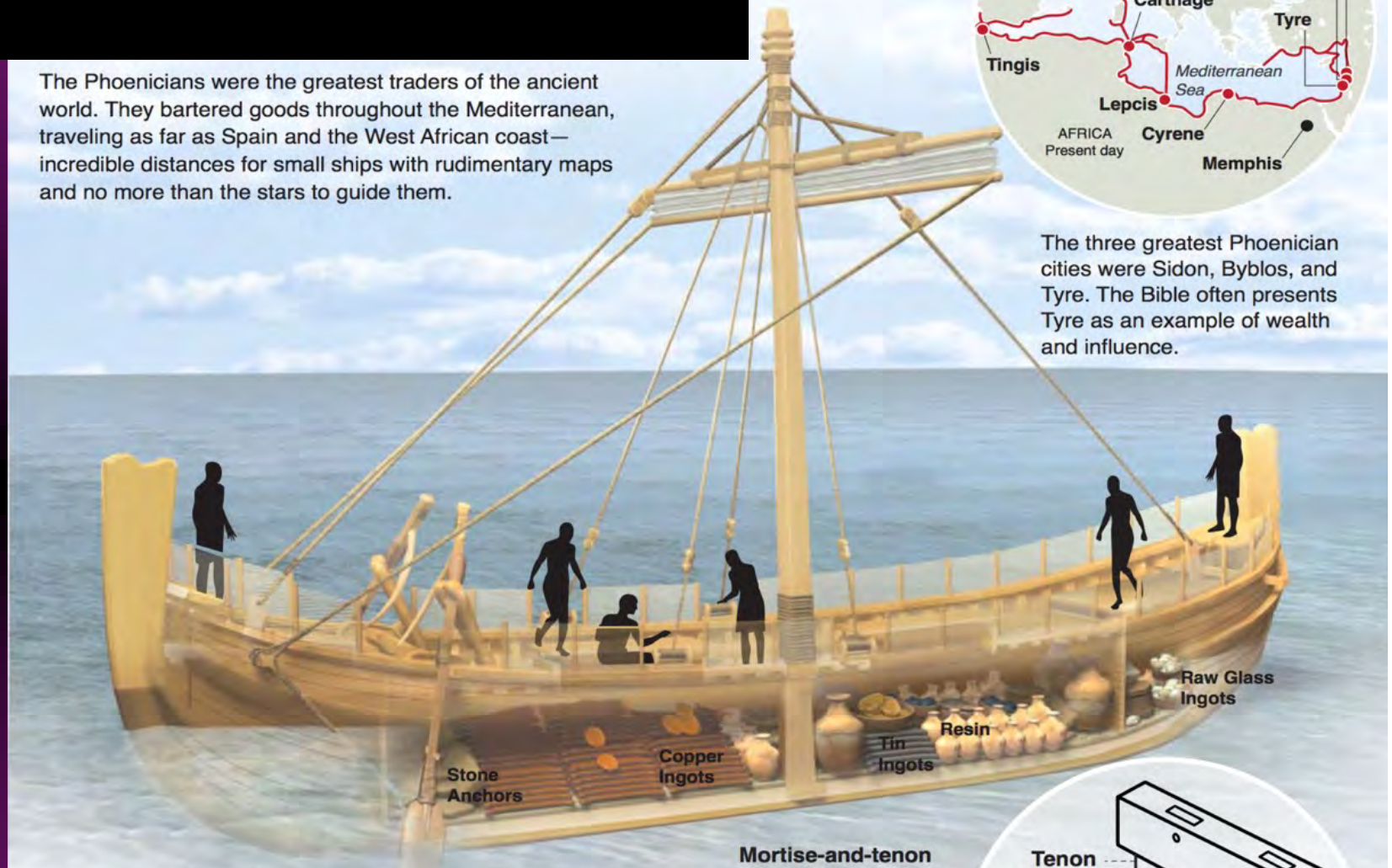


Ancient Phoenician Ship

The Phoenicians were the greatest traders of the ancient world. They bartered goods throughout the Mediterranean, traveling as far as Spain and the West African coast—incredible distances for small ships with rudimentary maps and no more than the stars to guide them.



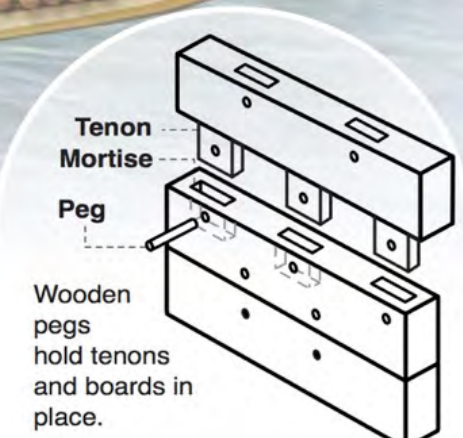
The three greatest Phoenician cities were Sidon, Byblos, and Tyre. The Bible often presents Tyre as an example of wealth and influence.



A Phoenician shipwreck from the 14th century BC was discovered off the coast of Turkey. It was carrying 10 tons of copper, one ton of tin, nearly a ton of terebinth resin (for incense) in 150 jars, a large quantity of raw glass, and many other precious goods.

Mortise-and-tenon construction

Builders would chisel matching square holes (mortises) into the edges of the boards and insert square lengths of oak (tenons).



Trade

Commercially astute –
used trade treaties and
political alliances:

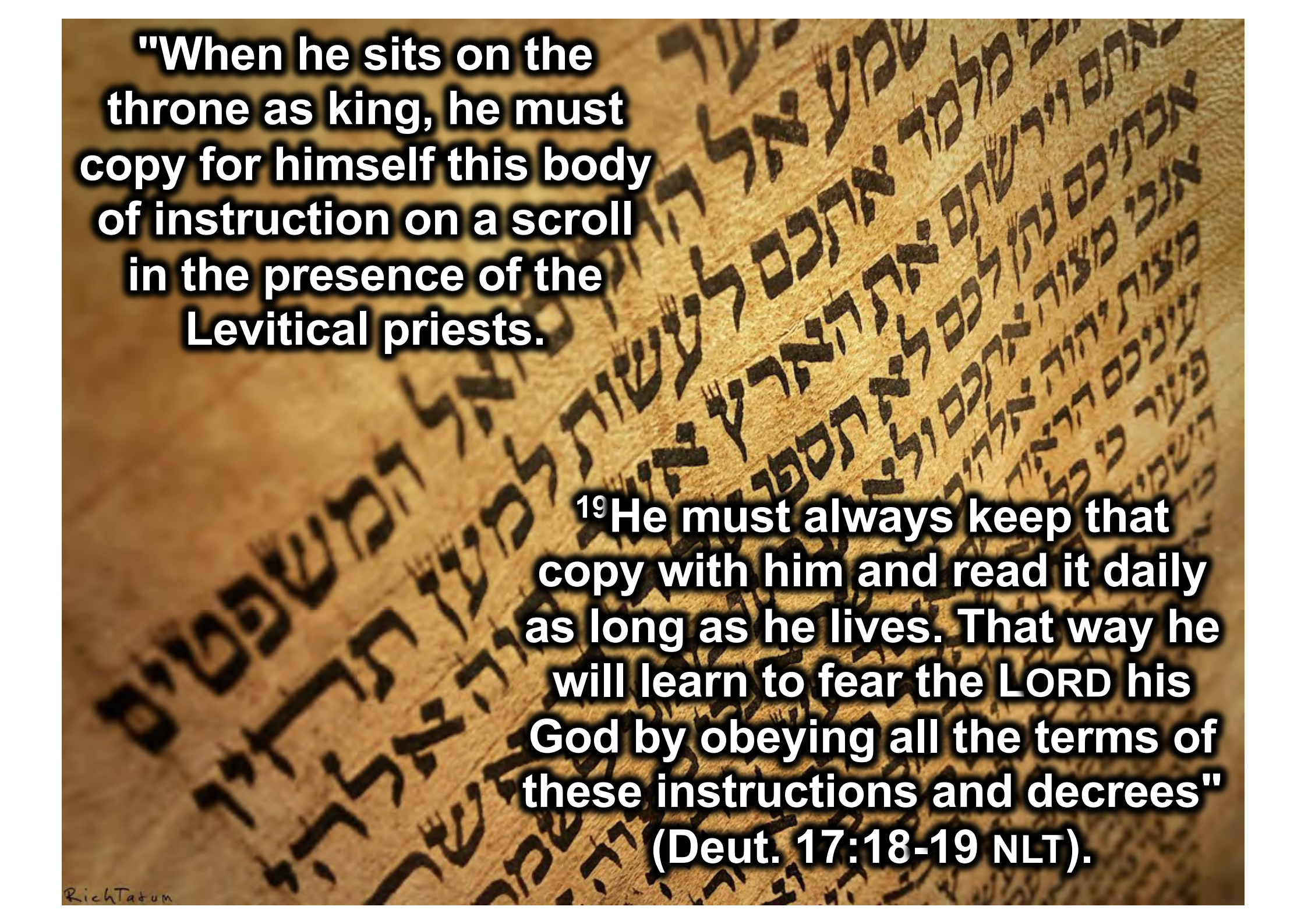


- ◇ Phoenicia was allied in trade with David (2 Sam 5:11, 1 Kings 5:1)
- ◇ Relations between King Hiram and Solomon in building and overseas ventures
- ◇ Export of oil, wine and timber

Warnings for Kings (1400 BC)

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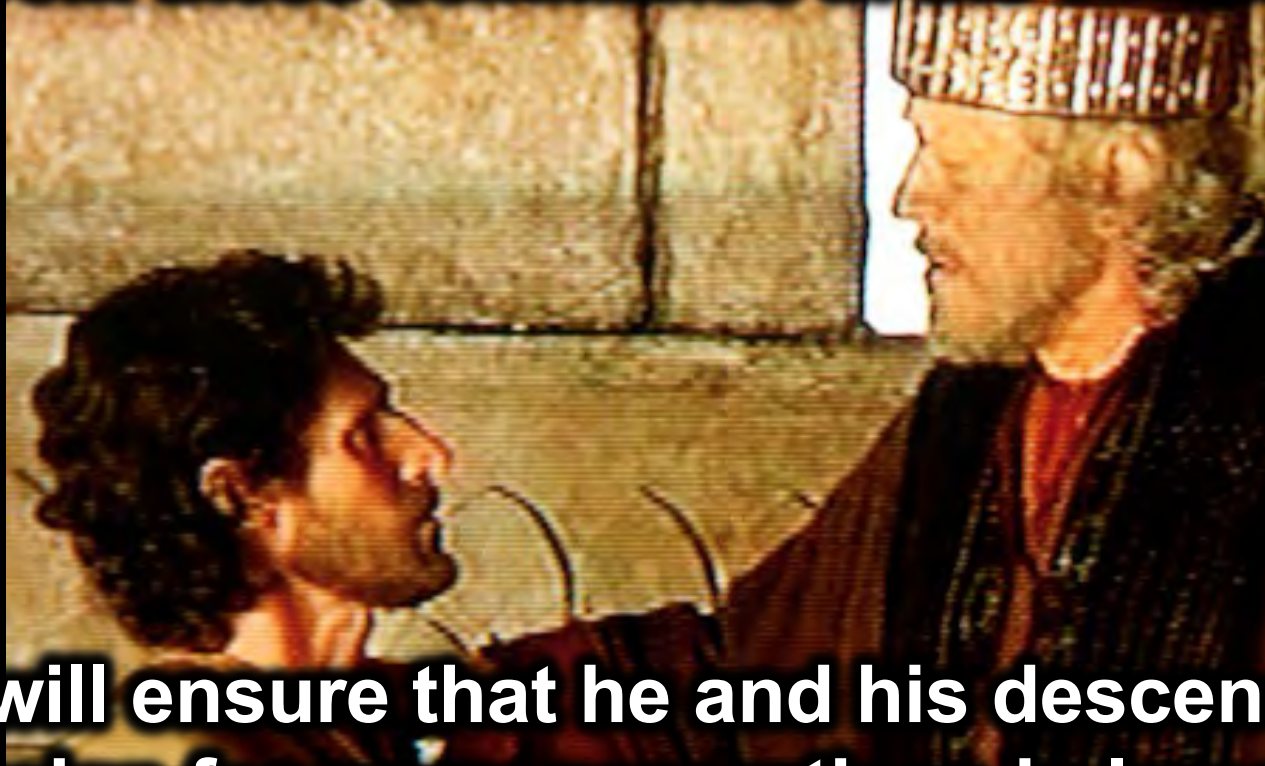
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"When he sits on the throne as king, he must copy for himself this body of instruction on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.

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).

God honors us...

**Solomon
teaches us in**

**1 Chronicles
1–9.**

...when we honor him.

Humility & Repentance

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Key Verse of Joshua

**"Do not let this book of Law
depart from your mouth;
meditate upon it
day and night, so that you
may be careful to do
everything written
in it. Then you will be
prosperous and successful"
——Joshua 1:8——**



**How does God help us be
secure?**



I. God **blesse**s our worship.

2 Chronicles 1–9

**II. God preserves us even in
discipline.**

2 Chronicles 10–36

2 Chronicles 10

The Twelve Tribes



United Kingdom



If My People

1 Chronicles		2 Chronicles	
God's Sovereignty 1-9	David's Service 10-29	Solomon 1-9	Sons 10-36
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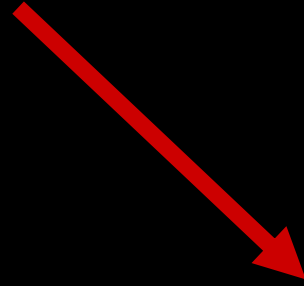
Christ: Greater than the Temple (Matthew 12:6)

Israel

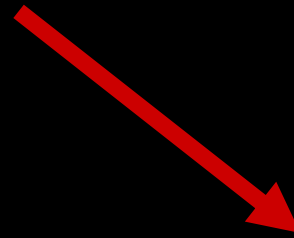
Judah

Decline of Israel

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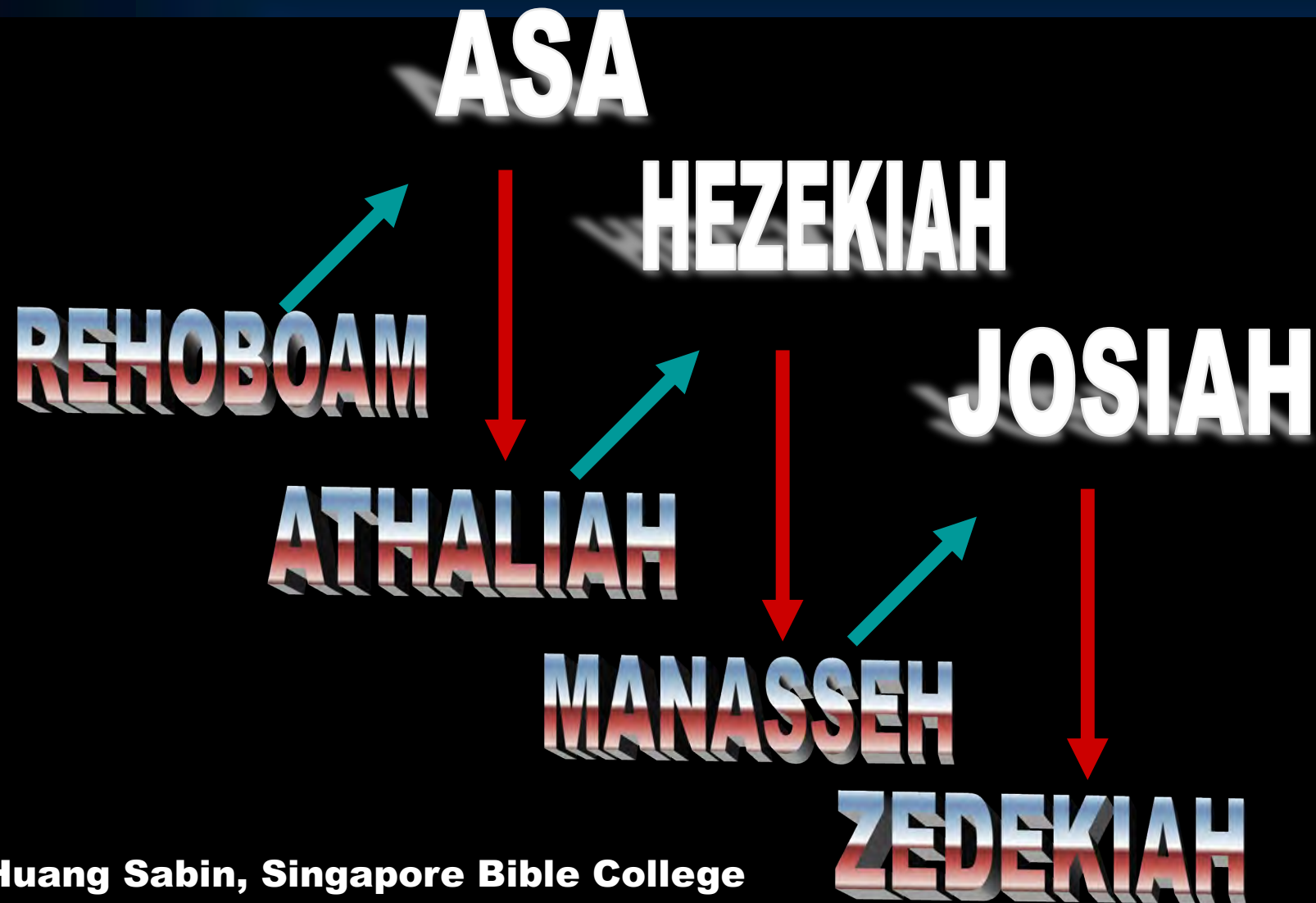


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Decline of Judah



Key Word

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Preservation

The Davidic Line

If My People

1 Chronicles		2 Chronicles	
God's Sovereignty 1-9	David's Service 10-29	Solomon 1-9	Sons 10-36
Genealogy	History		
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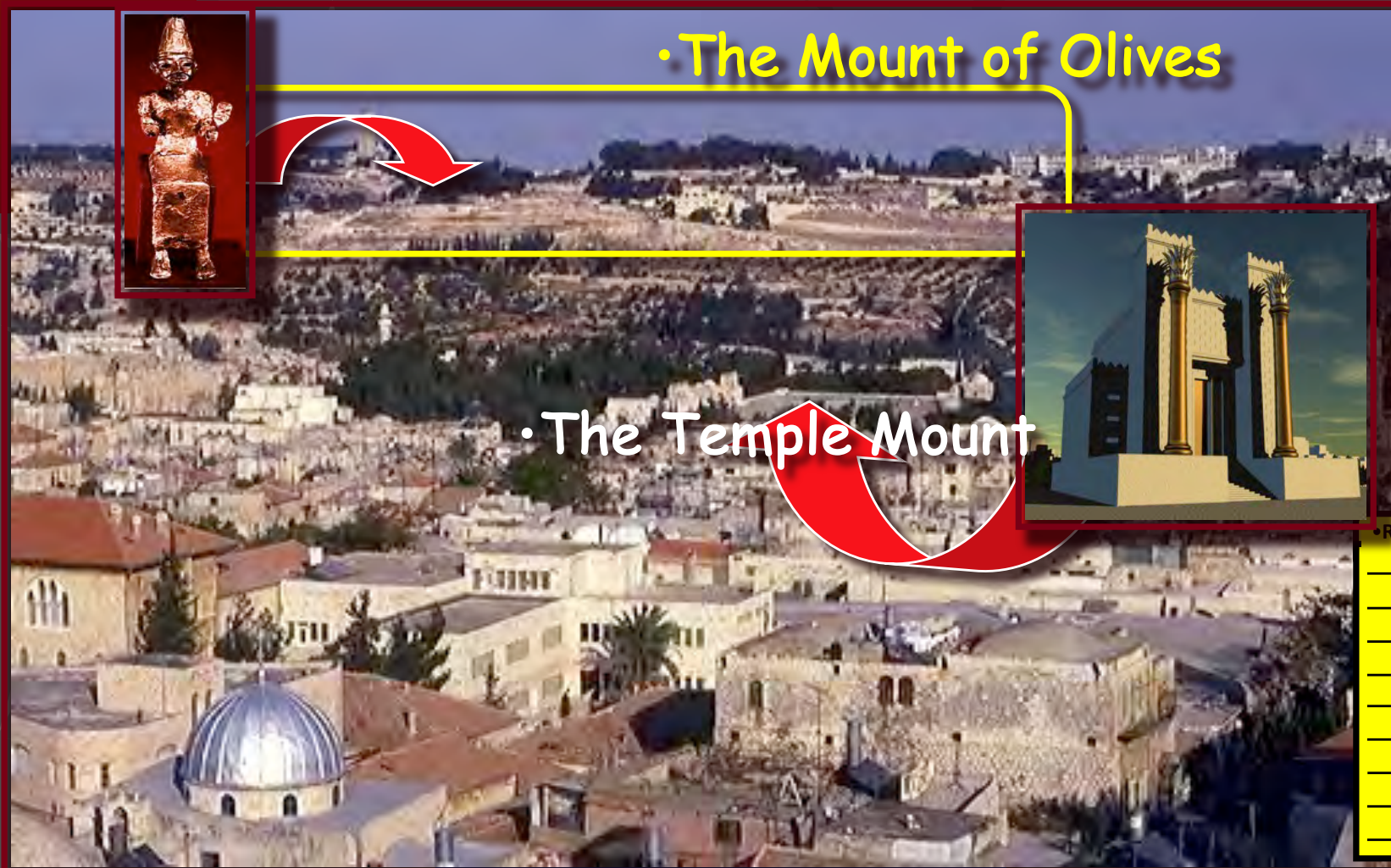
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SOLOMON: REALLY BIG IDEAS!
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IDOL WORSHIP!

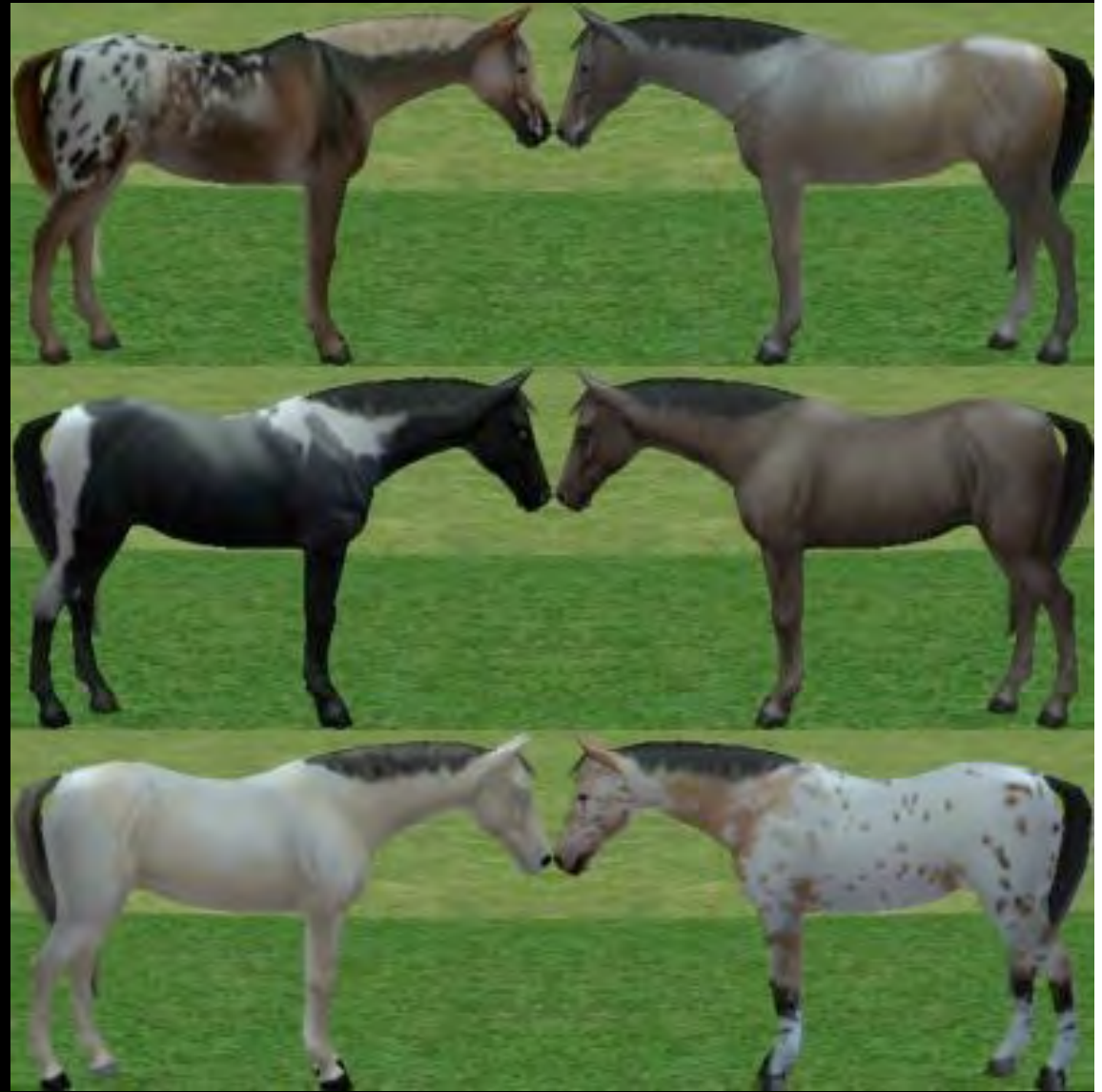
Warnings for Kings (1400 BC)

**"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).**

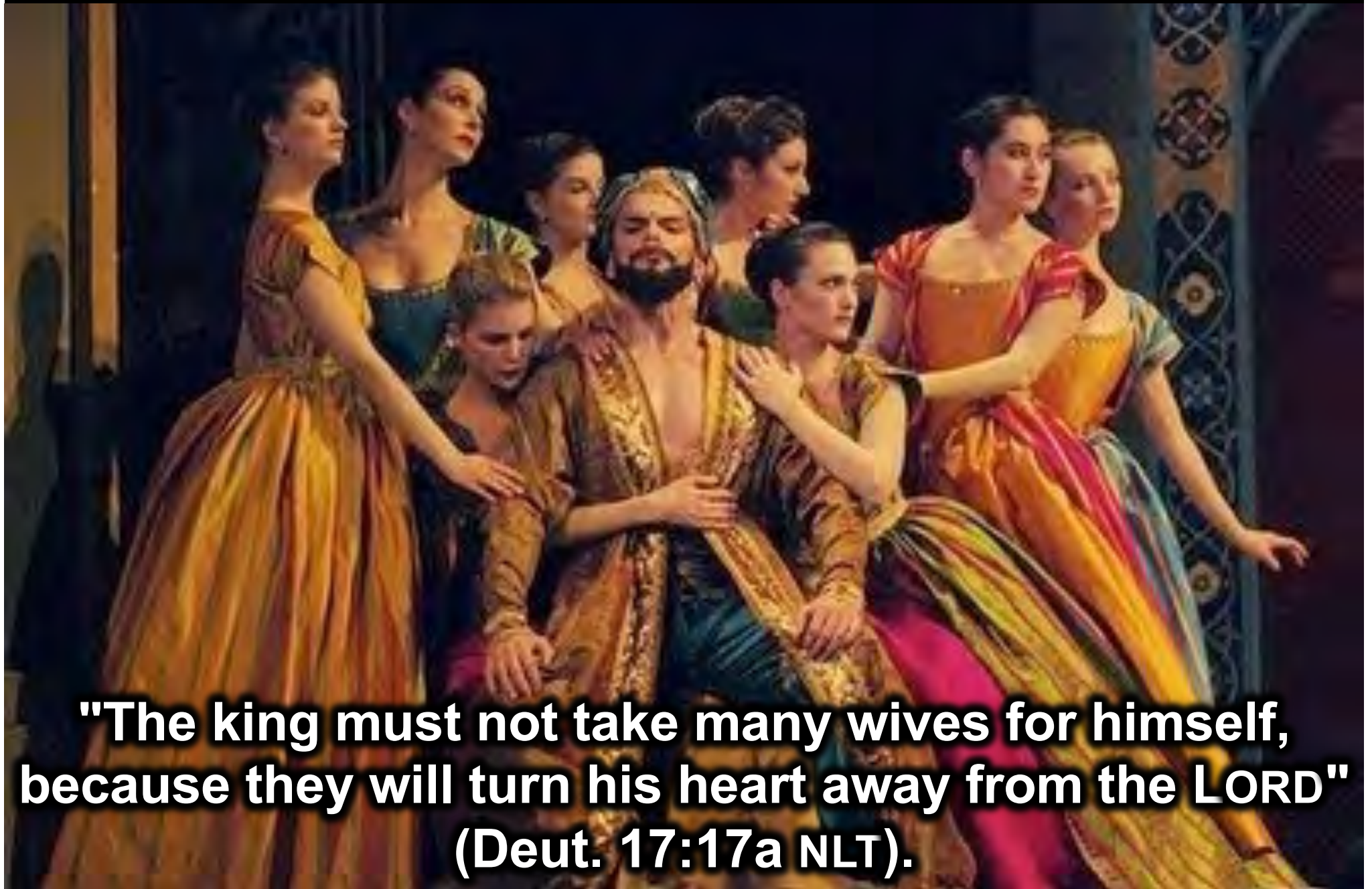


Warnings for Kings (1400 BC)

"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).



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).**

2 Chronicles 11

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)



2 Chronicles 12

“On the day you stood aloof while strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them” (Obadiah 11 NIV).



Shishak



"But when Rehoboam was firmly established and strong, he abandoned the Law of the LORD, and all Israel followed him in this sin. ² Because they were unfaithful to the LORD, **King Shishak of Egypt came up and attacked Jerusalem in the fifth year of King Rehoboam's reign.** ³ He came with 1,200 chariots, 60,000 horses, and a countless army of foot soldiers, including Libyans, Sukkites, and Ethiopians" (2 Chron 12:1-3 NLT).



**Egyptian
Warrior**

"Shishak conquered Judah's fortified towns and then advanced to attack Jerusalem. ⁵ The prophet Shemaiah then met with Rehoboam and Judah's leaders, who had all fled to Jerusalem because of Shishak. Shemaiah told them, 'This is what the LORD says: You have abandoned me, so I am abandoning you to Shishak.' ⁶ Then the leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves and said, 'The LORD is right in doing this to us!'" (2 Chron 12:4-6 NLT).



**Egyptian
Warrior**

"When the LORD saw their change of heart, he gave this message to Shemaiah: 'Since the people have humbled themselves, I will not completely destroy them and will soon give them some relief. I will not use Shishak to pour out my anger on Jerusalem.

⁸ But they will become his subjects, so they will know the difference between serving me and serving earthly rulers'"
(2 Chron 12:7-8 NLT).



**Egyptian
Warrior**

**"So King Shishak of Egypt came up
and attacked Jerusalem. He
ransacked the treasuries of the
LORD's Temple and the royal
palace; he stole everything,
including all the gold shields
Solomon had made"
(2 Chron 12:9 NLT).**



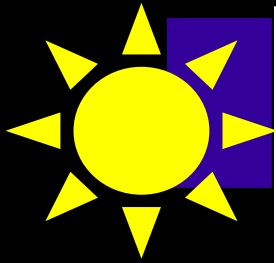
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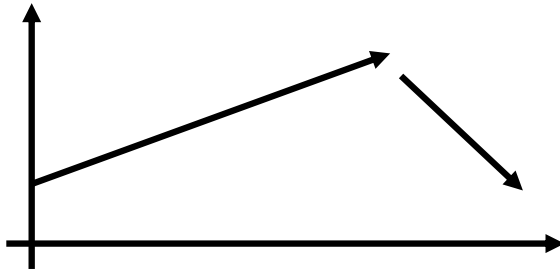
Patterns of Kingly Rule

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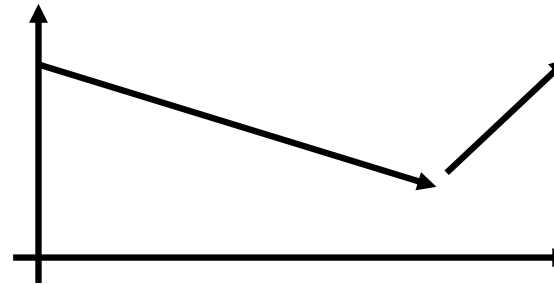
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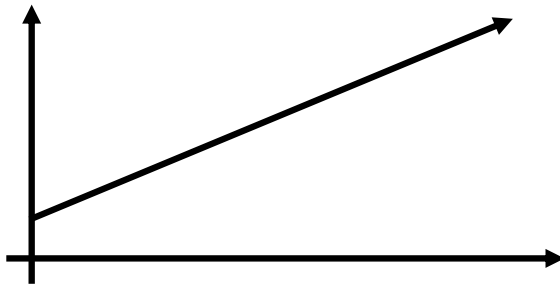
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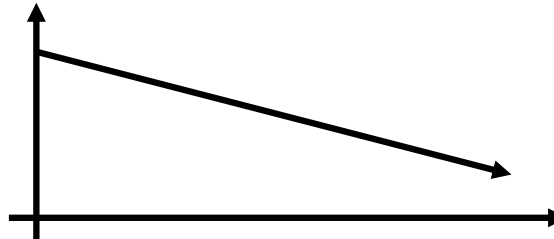
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Jotham (27:6)



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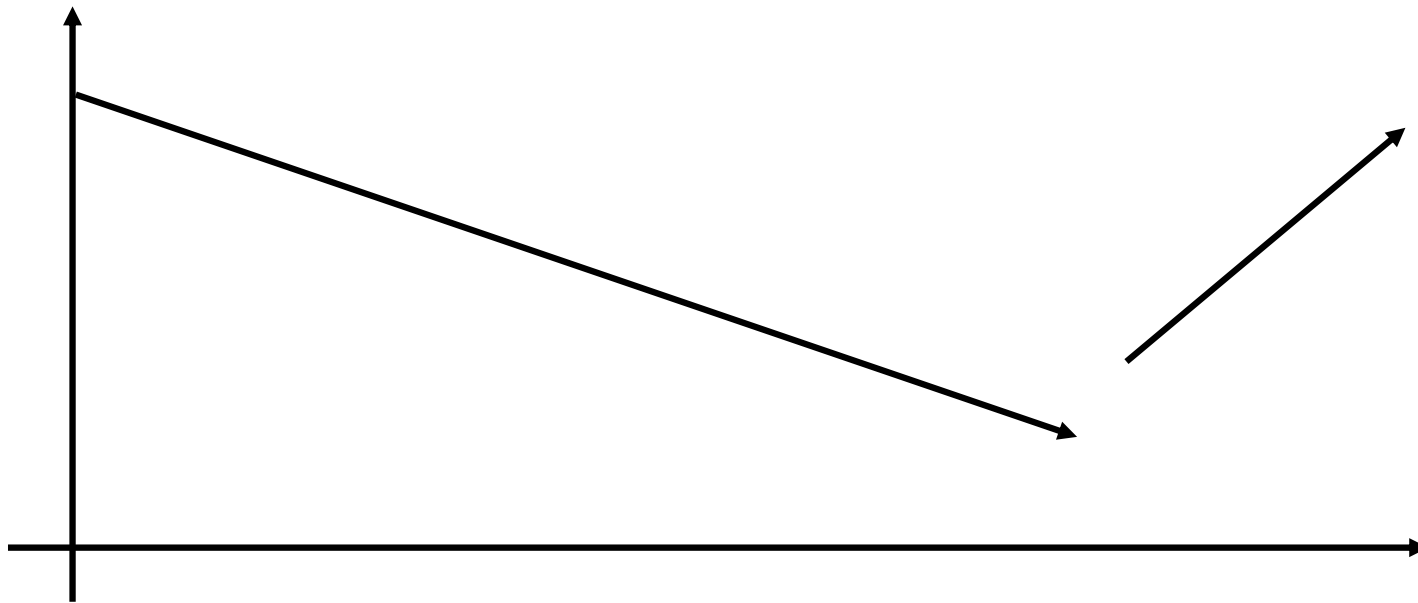


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Rehoboam 11–12

Abijah 13

Asa 14–16 **

Jehoshaphat 17–20 **

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Athaliah 23

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**Kings of Judah
in 2 Chronicles
11–24**

Amaziah 25 *

Uzziah 26 *

Jotham 27 *

Ahaz 28

Hezekiah 29-32 **

Manasseh 33

Josiah 34-35 **

**Kings of Judah
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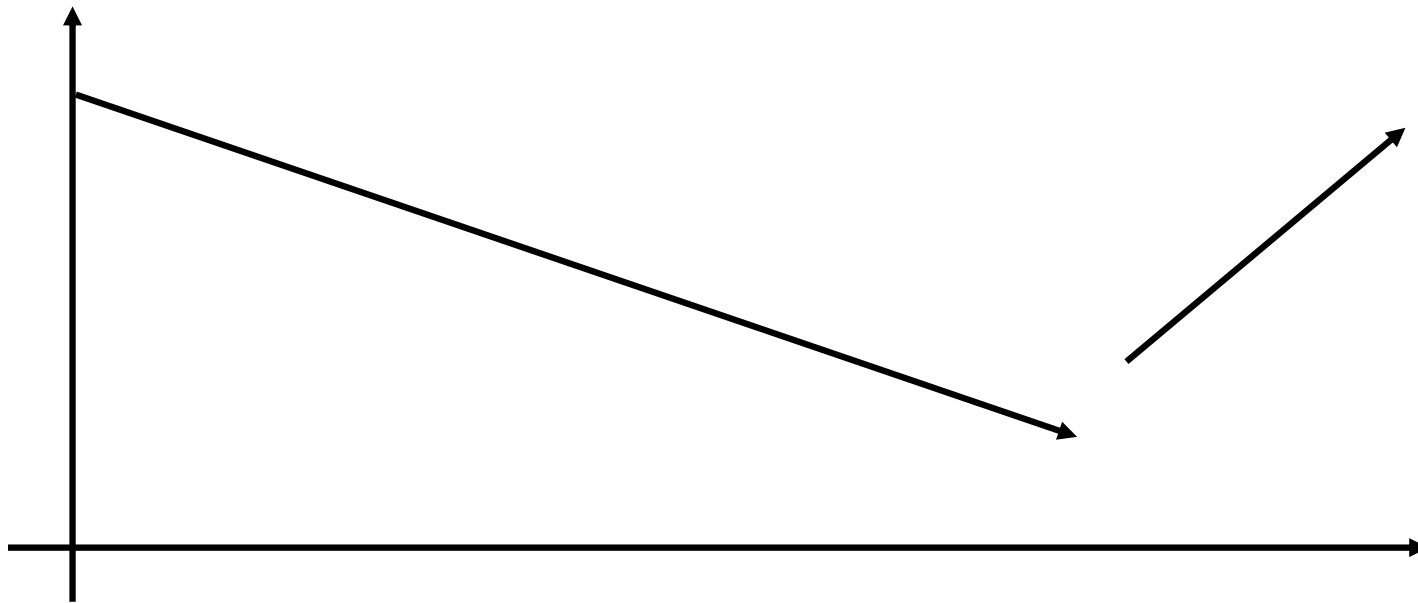
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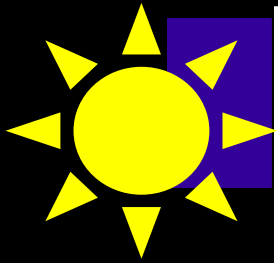


Chronicles vs. Samuel/Kings

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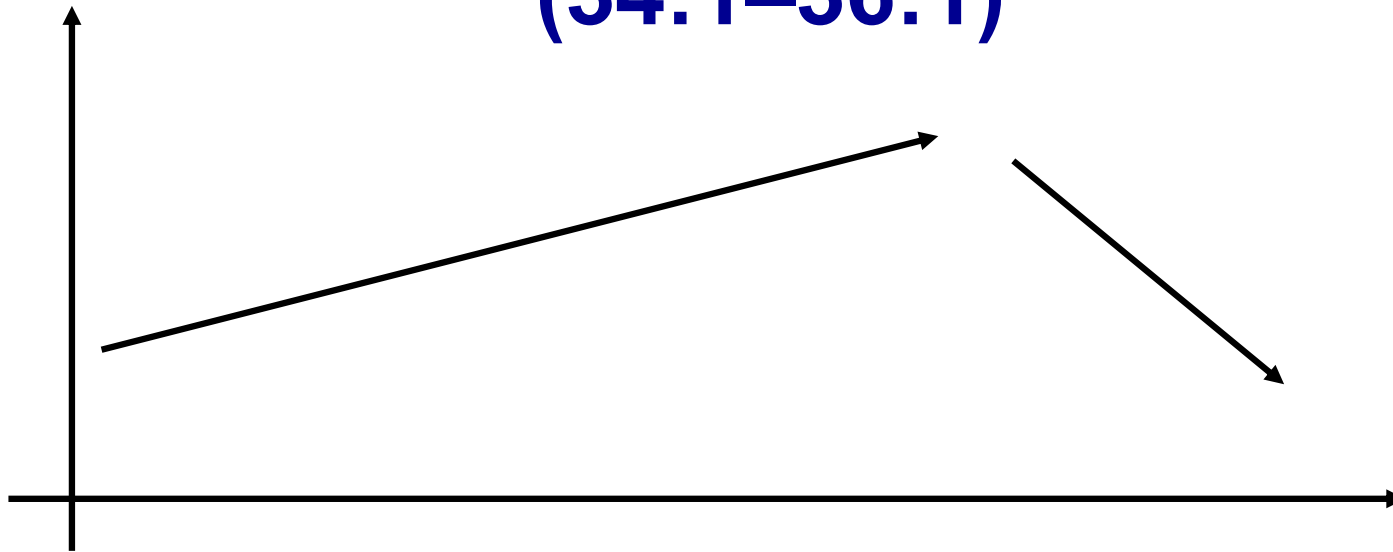
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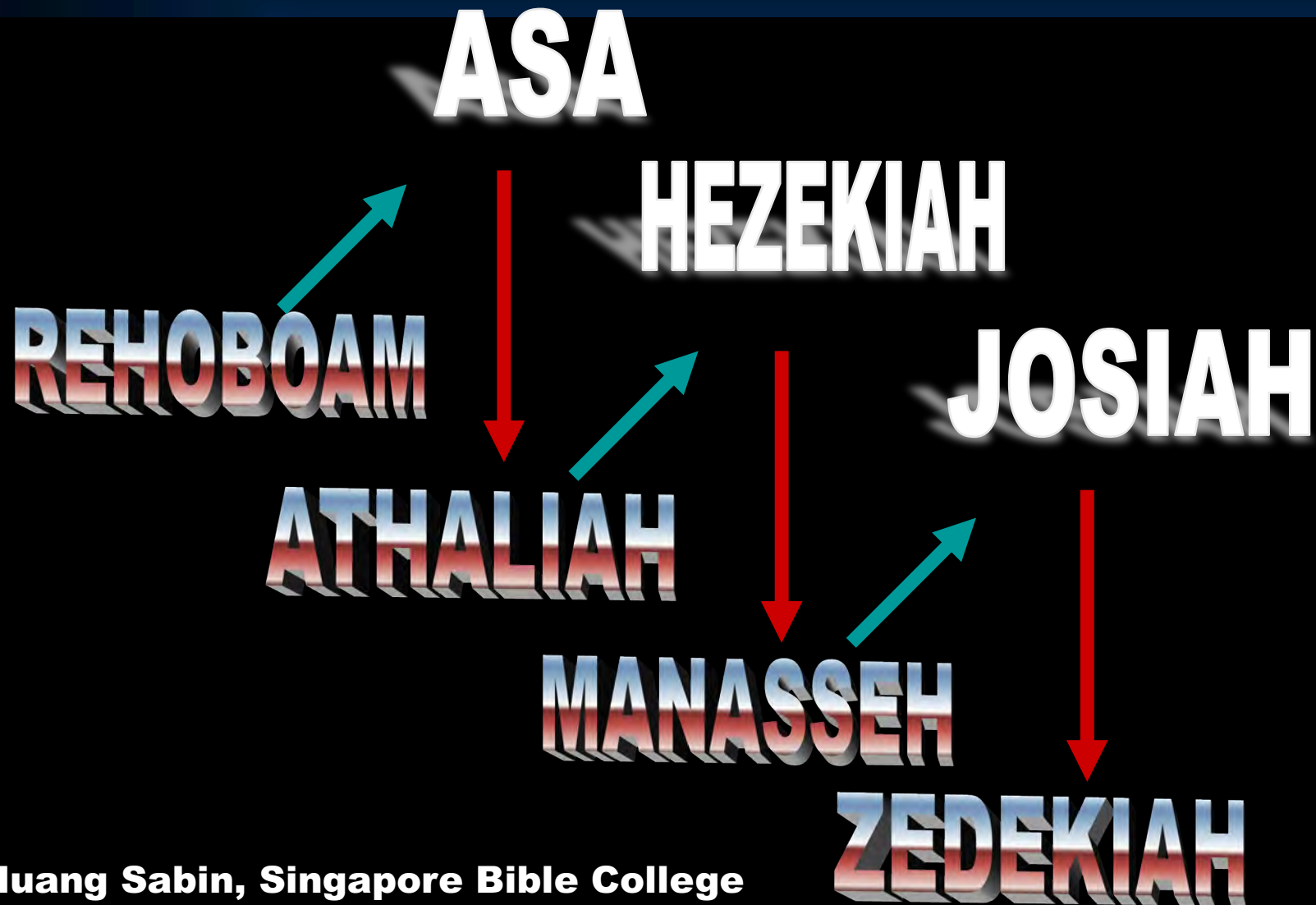


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Decline of Judah



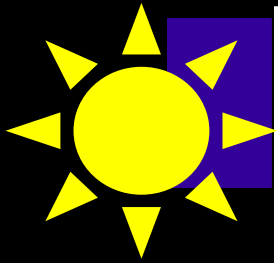
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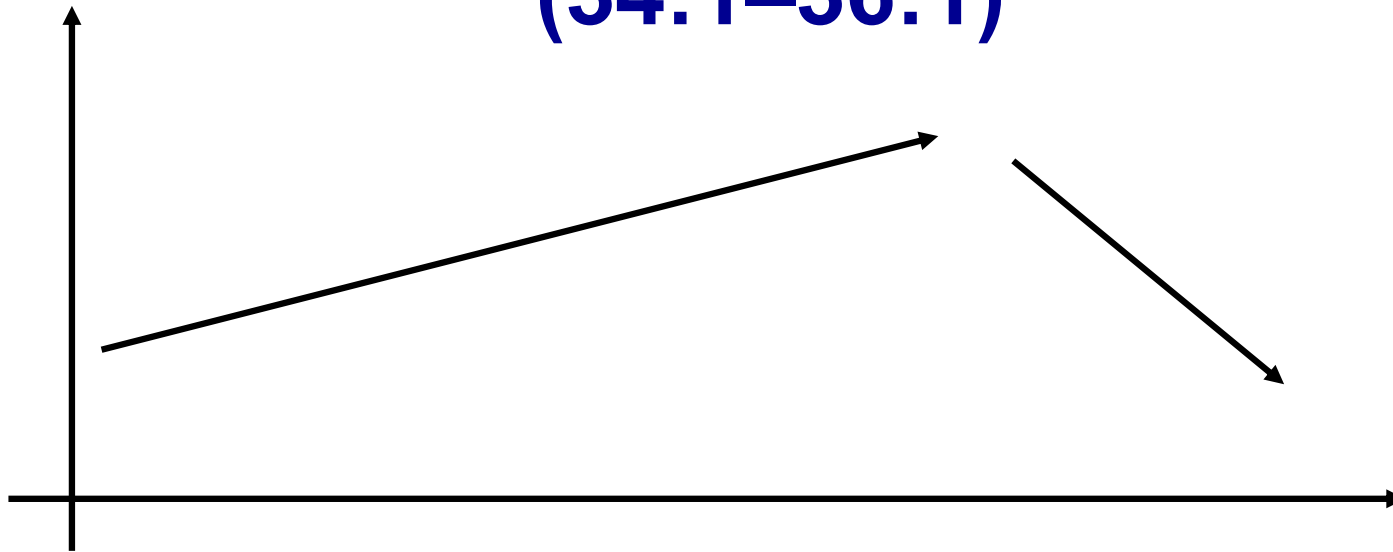
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• NORTH SOUTH

• ISRAEL JUDAH

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•2 Sam 7: 4-16

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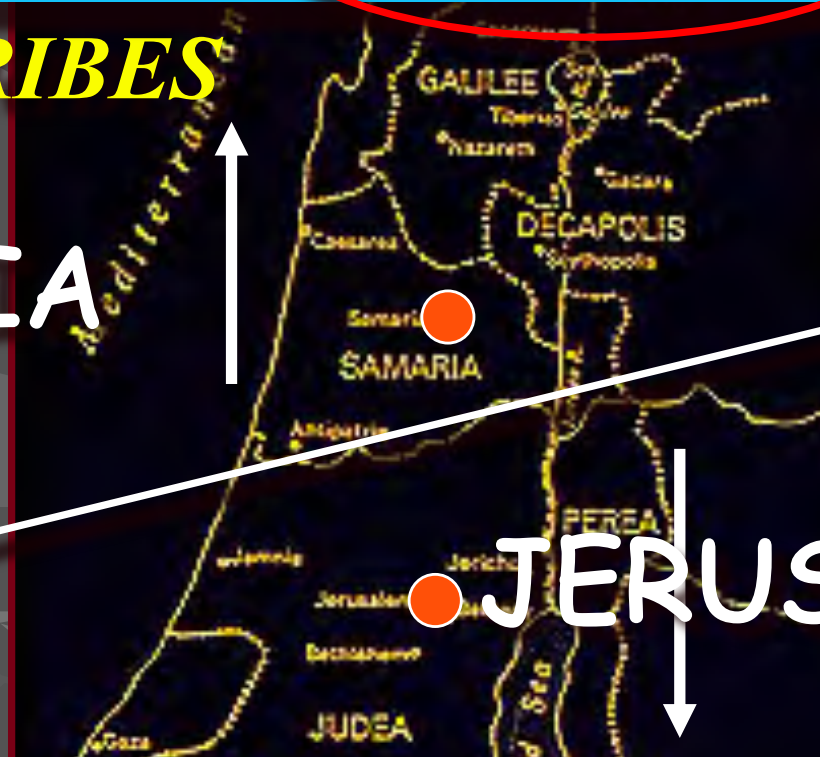
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THE NORTHERN KINGDOM: ISRAEL

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THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM: JUDAH

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Whose Will?

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- Rick, 33
- Susan, 30 something
- Kurt, 4
- Stephen, 1



My Three Sons (1995)



My Three Sons (2015)

2016

***The Griffiths
9 Jan 2016***



**John
(23)**
**Kurt &
Cara (29)**

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Singapore's Strategic Location

10/40 Window

- Poorest Area
- 97% of Unreached



What's God's will for you?



Job Ministry Marriage ?

God's Will?



How can you do **God's will
rather than your own?**



Two Kings



**Three Principles to
Know God's Will**

**I. Don't say
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your mind
(2 Chron.
18:1-4)**



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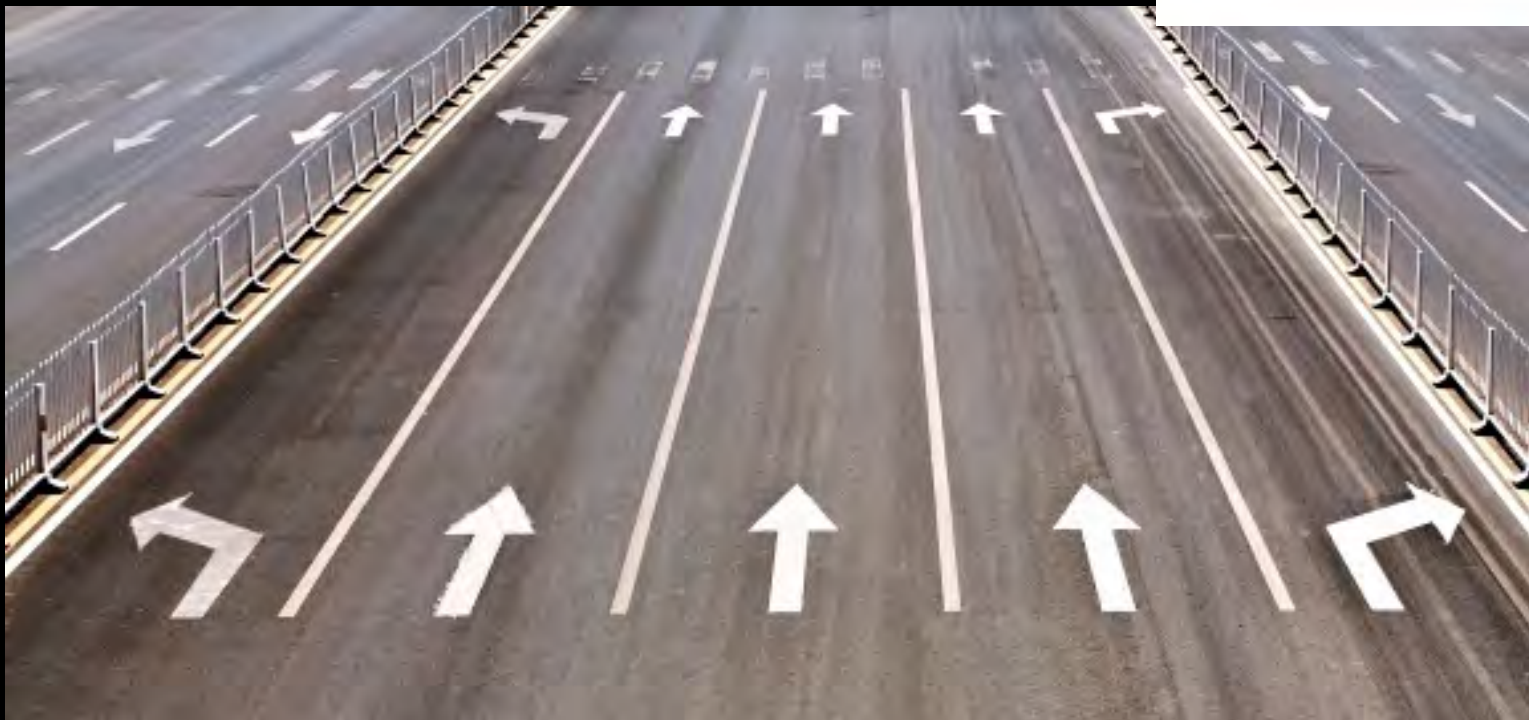
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The Way of the Sea



**Are you asking for
God's will but
your decision is
already made?**



**"Oh, Lord,
use me as You will
—especially as an
advisor!"**

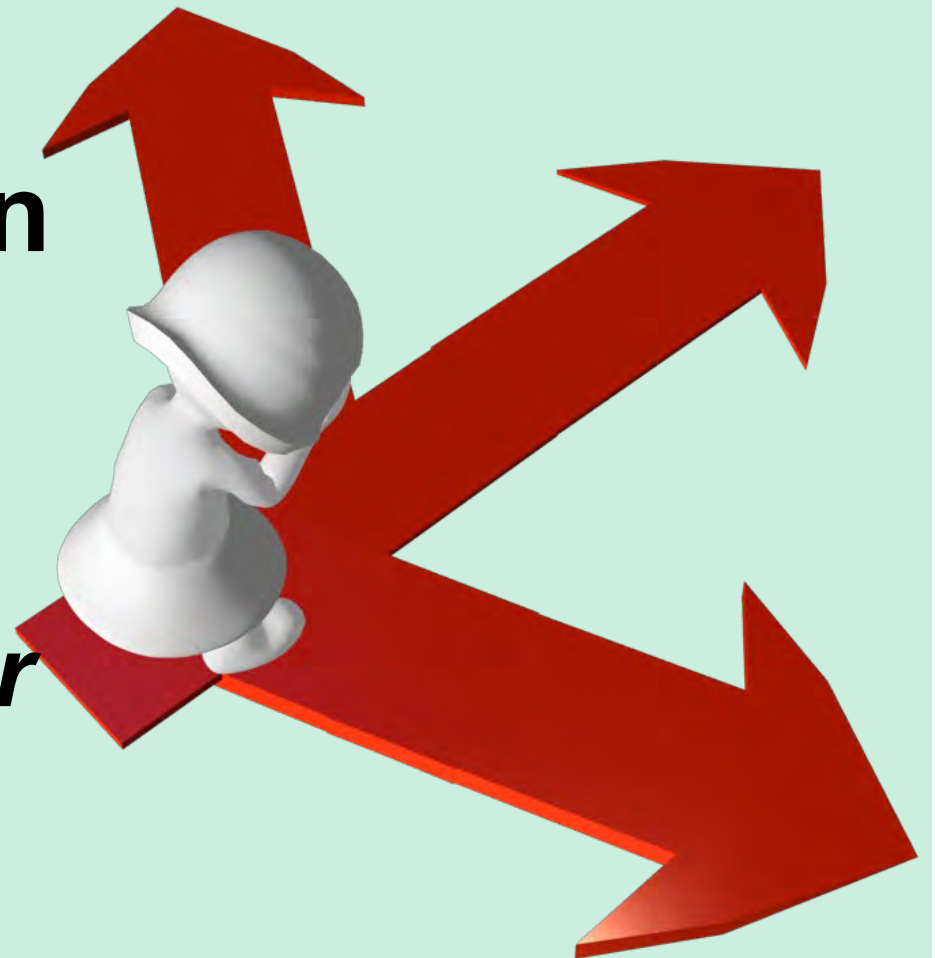
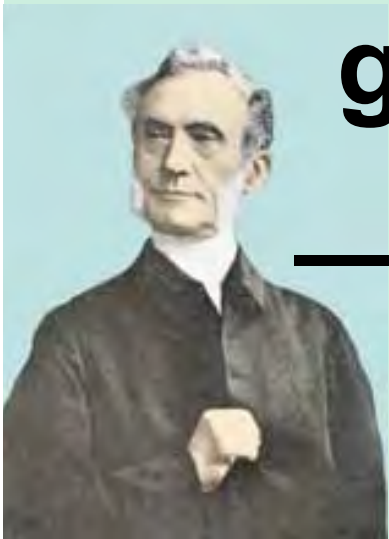


God's Will?



**"I seek at the
beginning to get
my heart into
such a state that
it has
no will of its own
in regard to a
given matter"**

**—George Mueller
(1805-1898)**



How long?

9-15 ADAM ROAD



A black and white close-up photograph of the Lincoln Memorial coin. The coin is circular and features a profile of Abraham Lincoln facing right. The words "IN GOD WE TRUST" are embossed in the center of the coin, below the profile. The coin is set against a dark, textured background.

**IN GOD WE
TRUST**

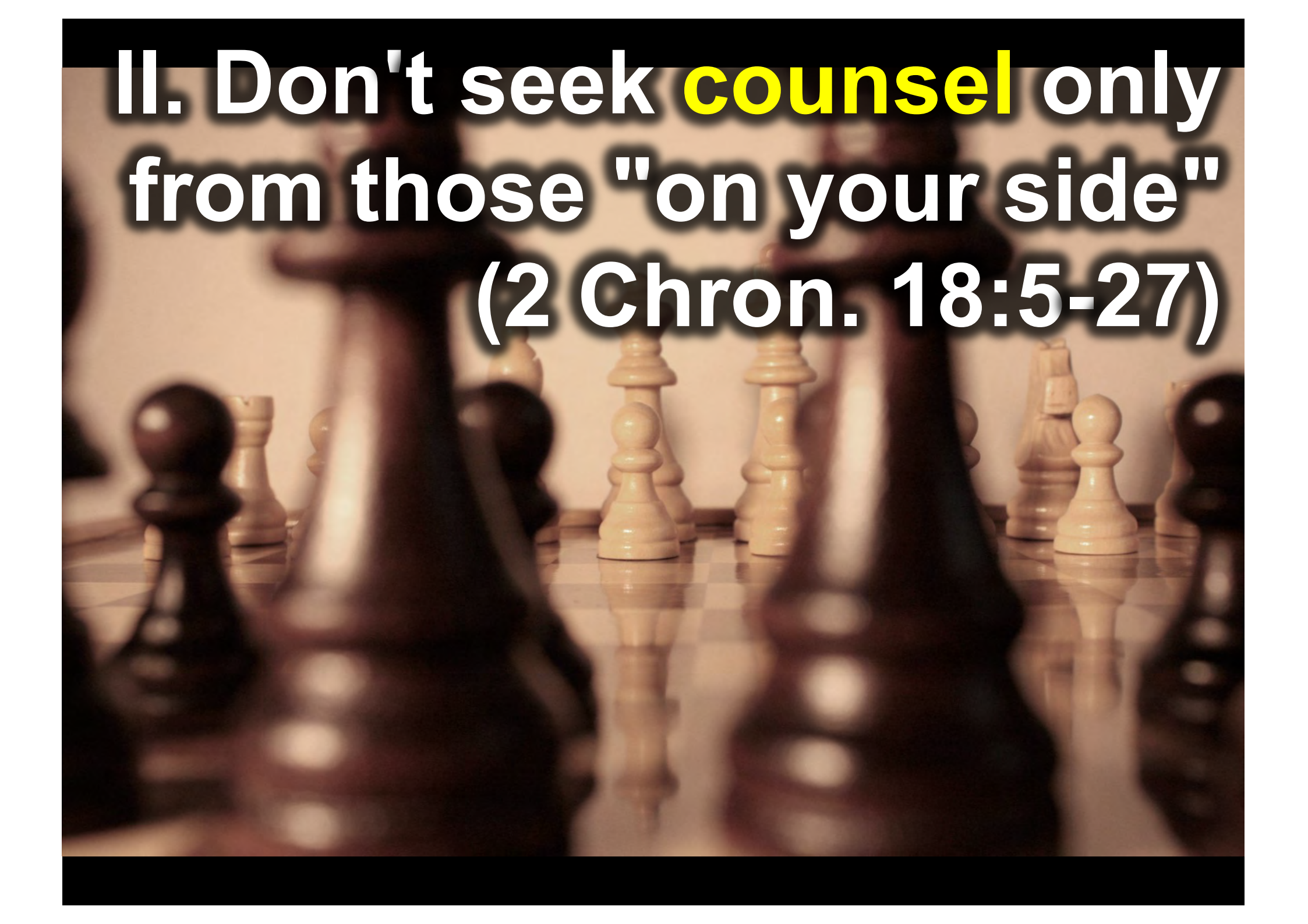
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**But
should
you get
counsel
from
others?**





II. Don't seek **counsel only
from those "on your side"
(2 Chron. 18:5-27)**

2 Chron. 18:5-27



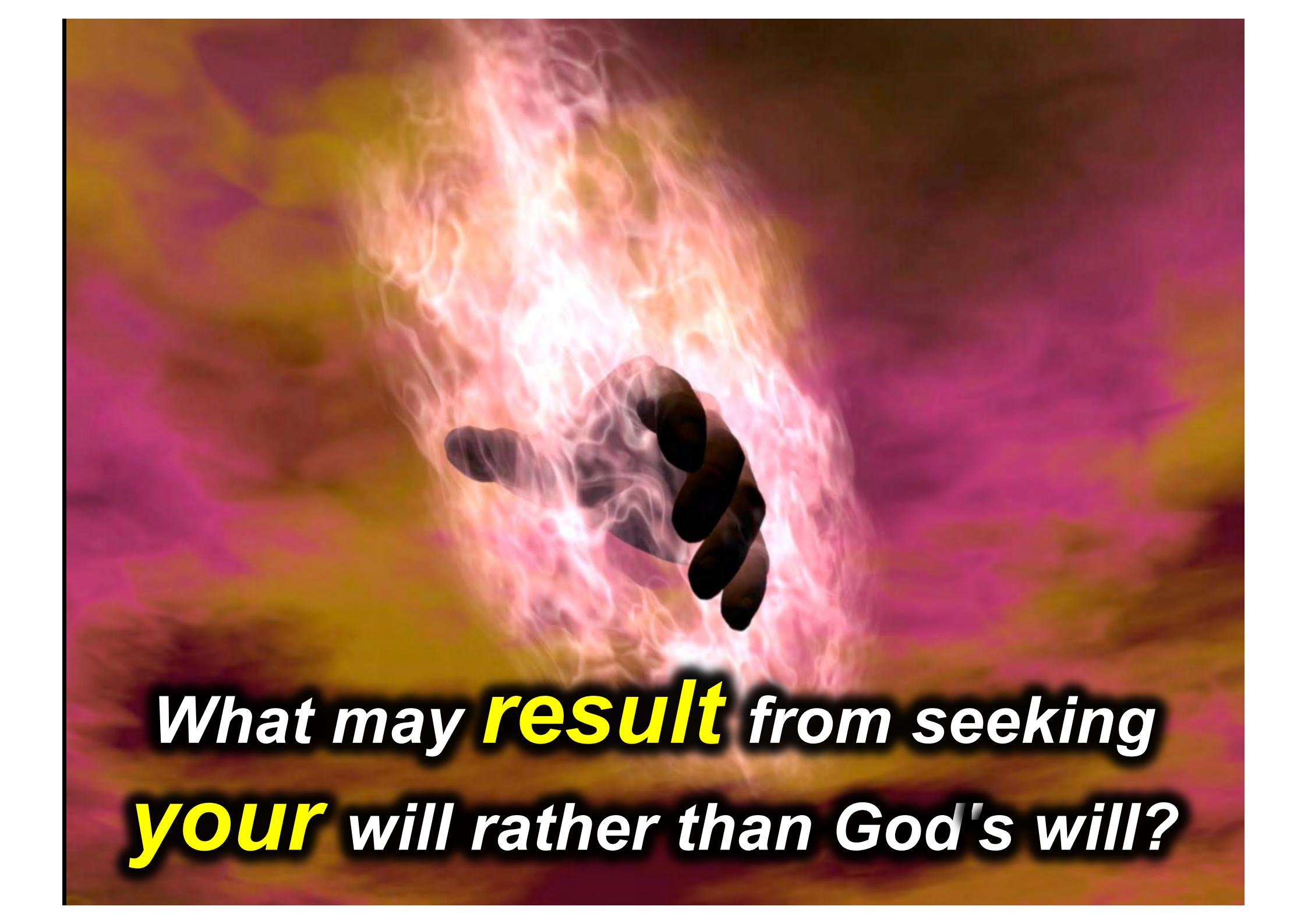
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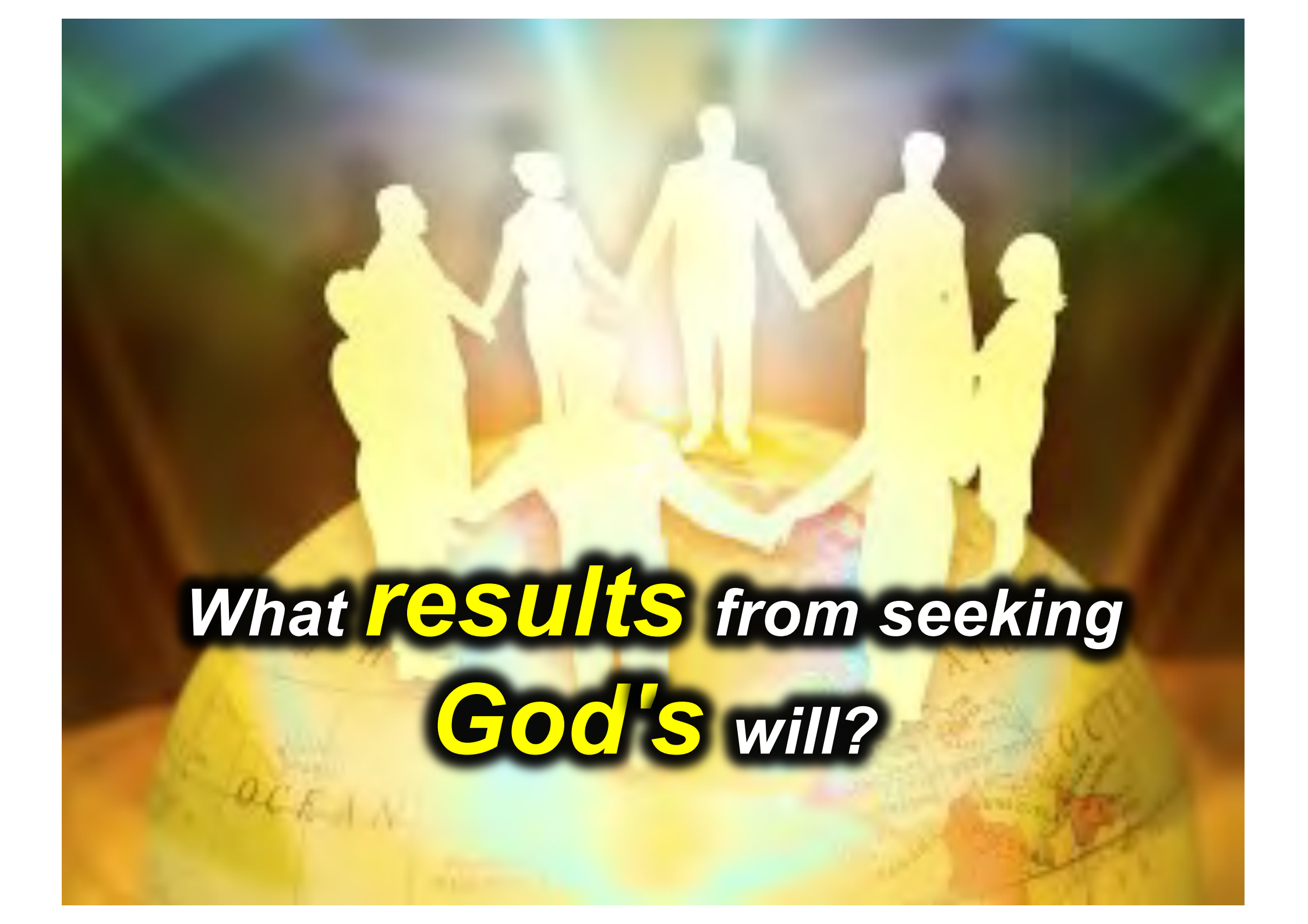


**III. Ignoring God's clear
will is **disastrous**
(2 Chron. 18:28-34)**

2 Chron. 18:28-34

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*What may **result** from seeking
your will rather than God's will?*

A group of seven people, including adults and children, are shown in silhouette, holding hands in a circle. They are standing on a globe that shows continents and oceans. In the background, a vibrant rainbow arches across the sky. The overall scene is bright and hopeful, with a strong light source from above.

*What **results** from seeking
God's will?*

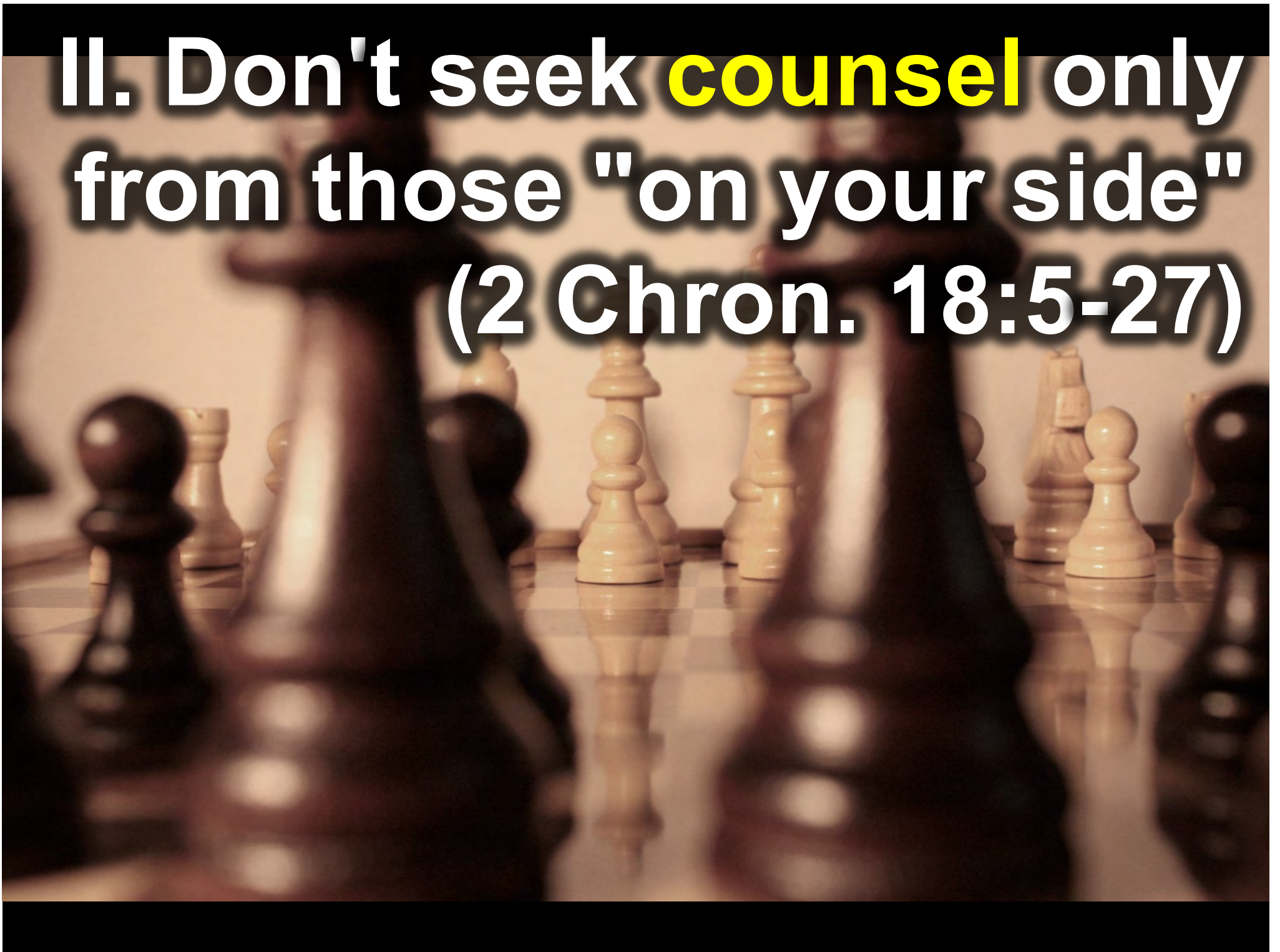
How can you do **God's will
rather than your own?**



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A scenic landscape featuring a calm body of water in the foreground, reflecting the sky and the trees on the opposite shore. The trees are in various shades of green and yellow, suggesting an autumn setting. The sky is filled with large, white and grey clouds, with a hint of blue. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

—Main Idea—

Seek the Lord **sincerely
because ignoring God's clear
will has serious results**

What's **God's** will for you?





Take time out

**YOU WANT TO KNOW GOD'S
WILL**

**God's Will is in
God's Word**

**BUT YOU DON'T READ HIS
WORD**

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Holy Bible

READ
ME!

Open your hand

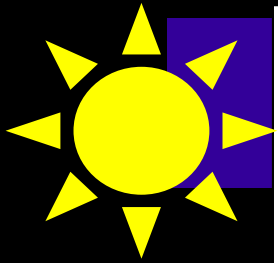


When your will is *God's will*,
you will have *your will*.

—*Charles Spurgeon*

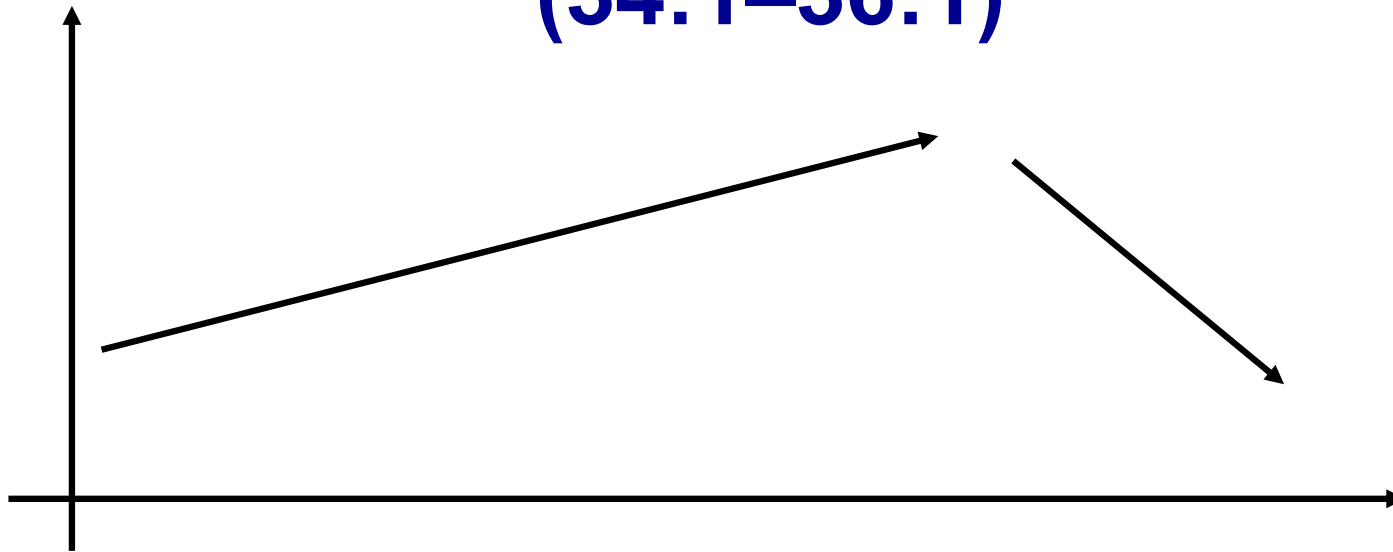
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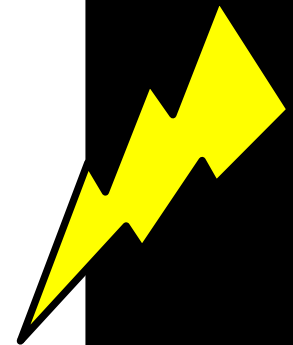
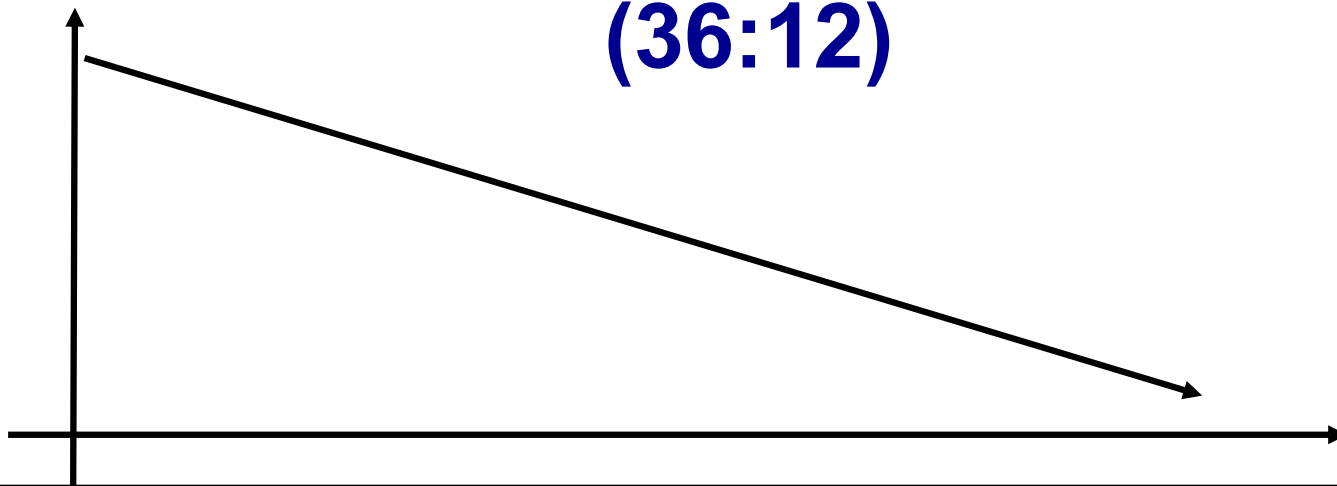


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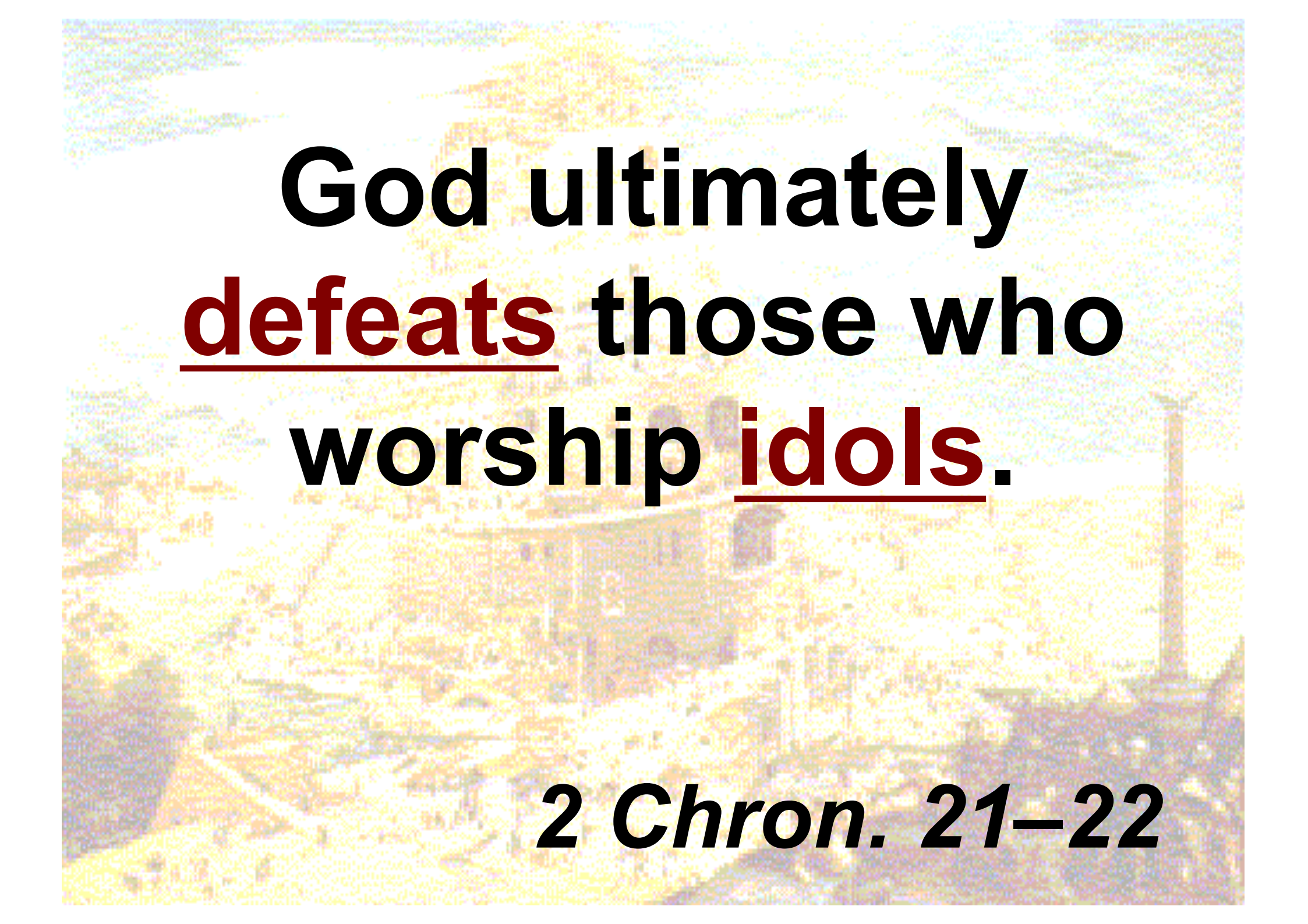
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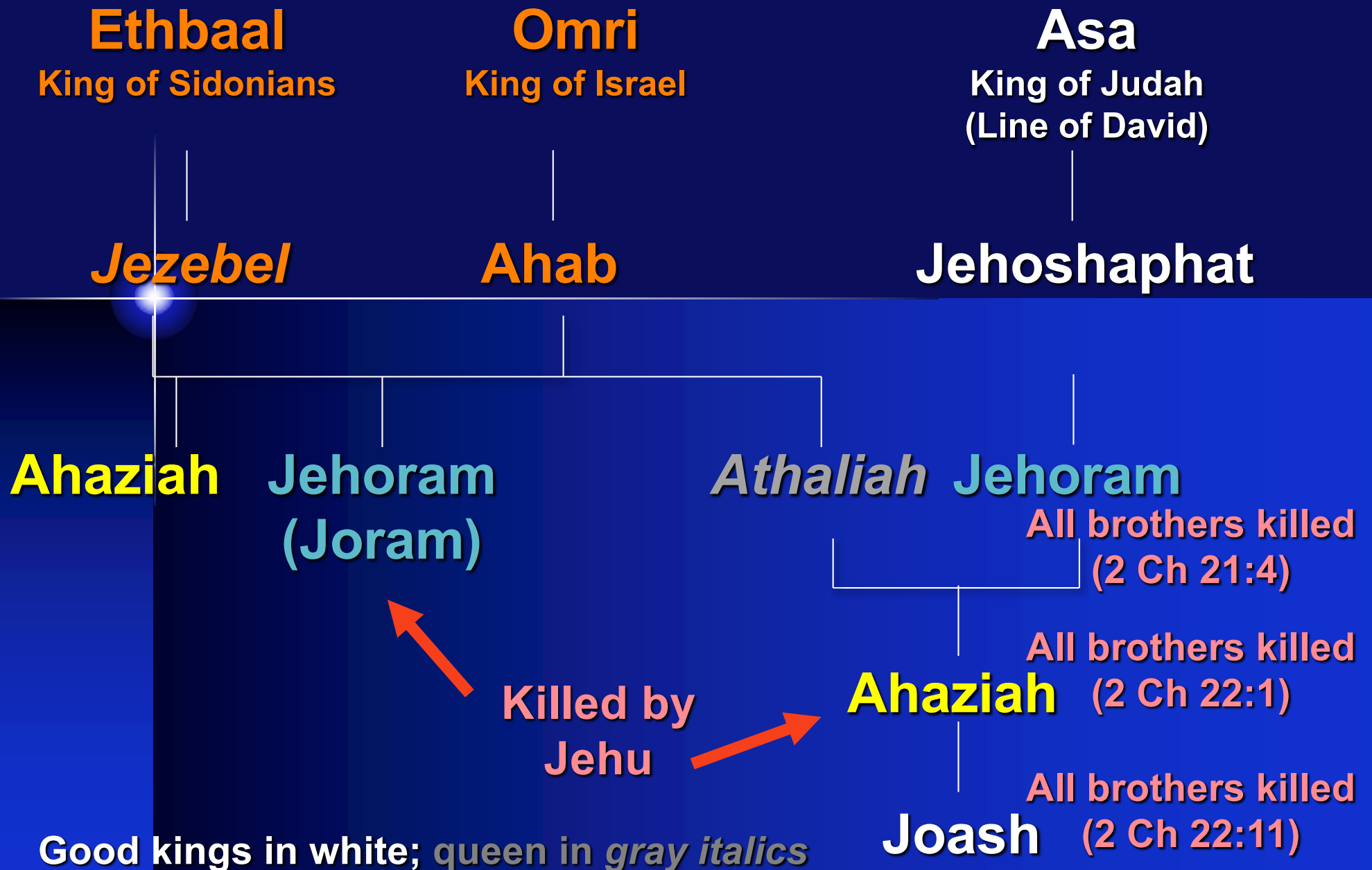
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**God ultimately
defeats those who
worship idols.**

2 Chron. 21–22

Family Wickedness





Faithful By A Thread

**The Davidic
rulers came
down to
only one
man (three
times!)**

2 Chronicles 22

Family Righteousness

Aaron

Priest of Israel

1 Kings 11:2; 2 Chron 22:11

Asa

King of Judah
(Line of David)

Jehoshaphat

Athaliah **Jehoram**

Jehoiada

Jehoshebah



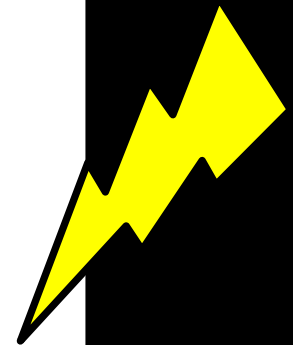
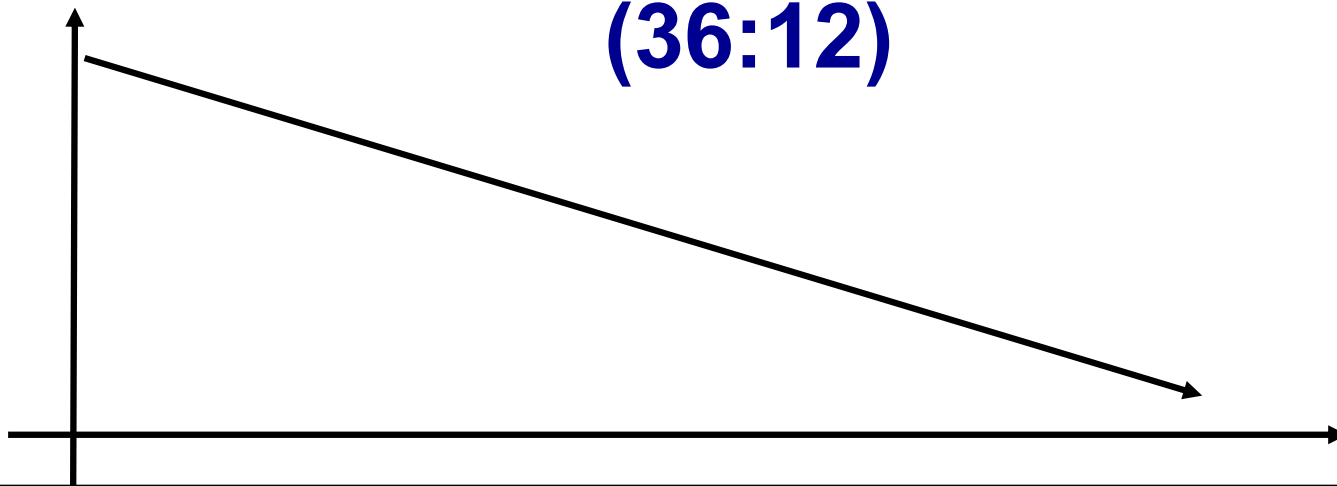
**Unnamed
Nurse**

Joash

Righteous in white; queen in *gray italics*

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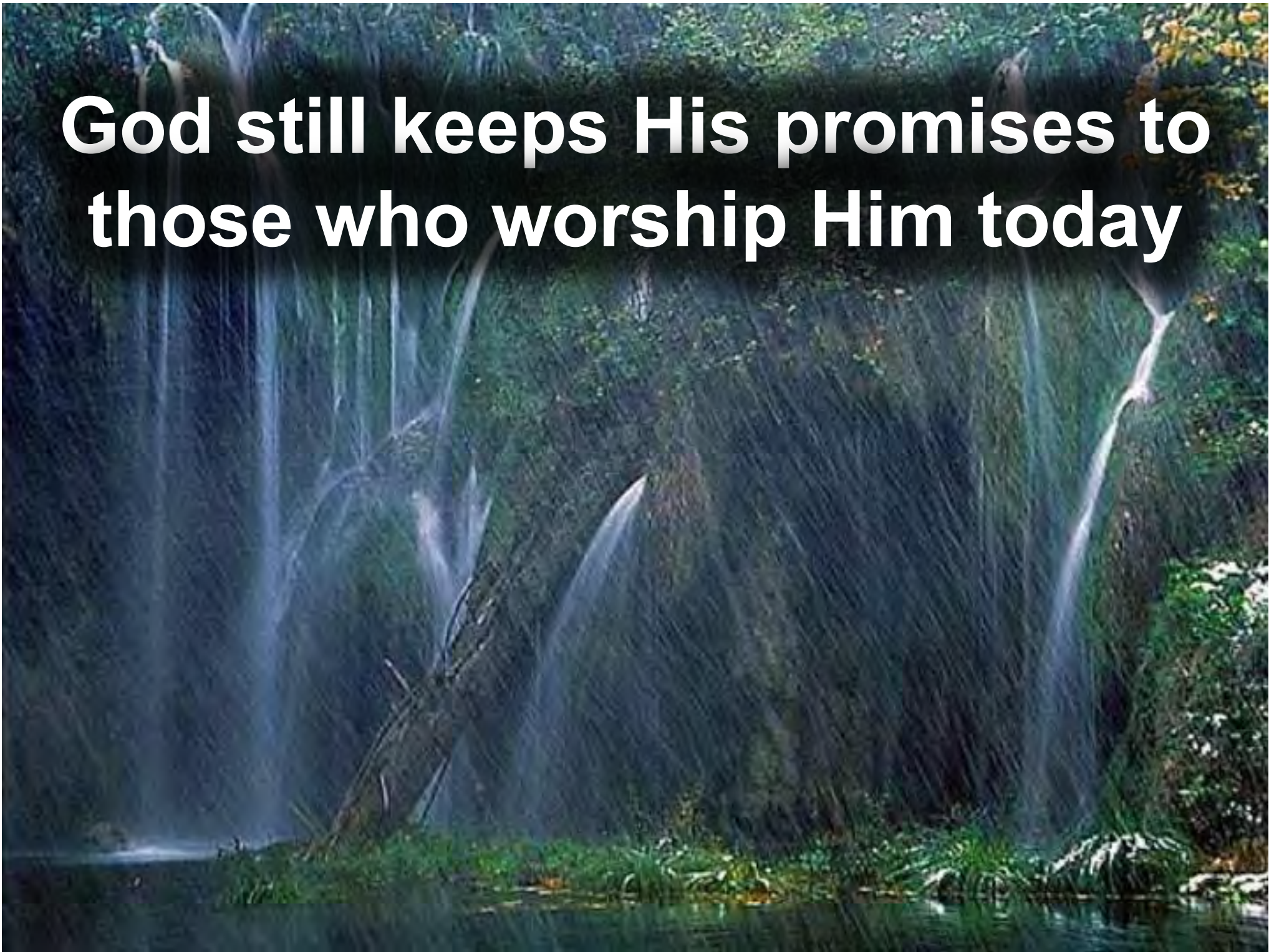


**Jehoiada
Crowns
Joash
(2 Kings
11:12;
2 Chron.
23:11)**



**Athaliah
Killed
(2 Kings
11:15-16;
2 Chron.
23:14-15)**

**God still keeps His promises to
those who worship Him today**

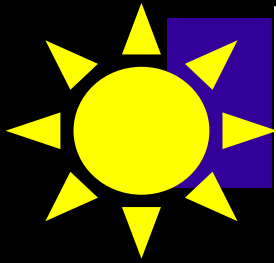




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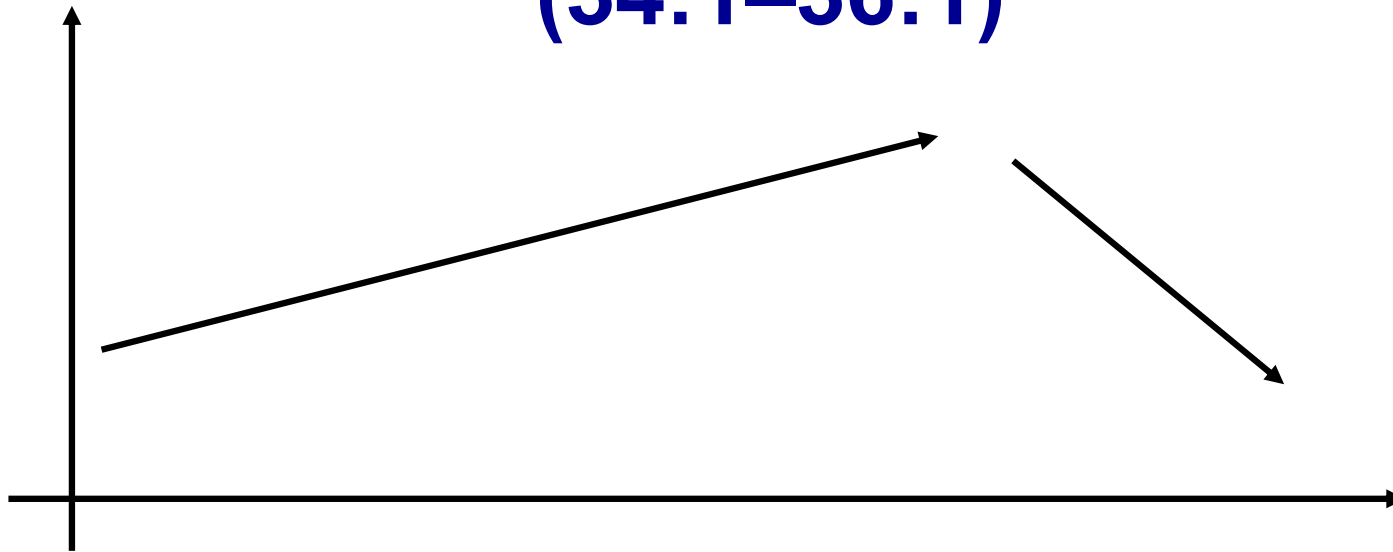
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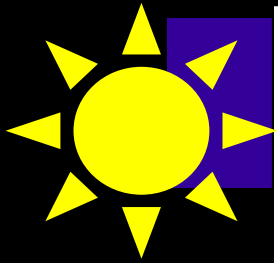
Joash of Judah

- Became king at 7 years old
- "Did what was right in the eyes of the LORD all the years Jehoiada the priest instructed him"
- High places not removed, people continued to offer sacrifices and burn incense there
- Temple repaired
- Attacked by Hazael king of Aram; sent sacred objects, gifts and gold from the temple to Hazael in exchange for his withdrawal



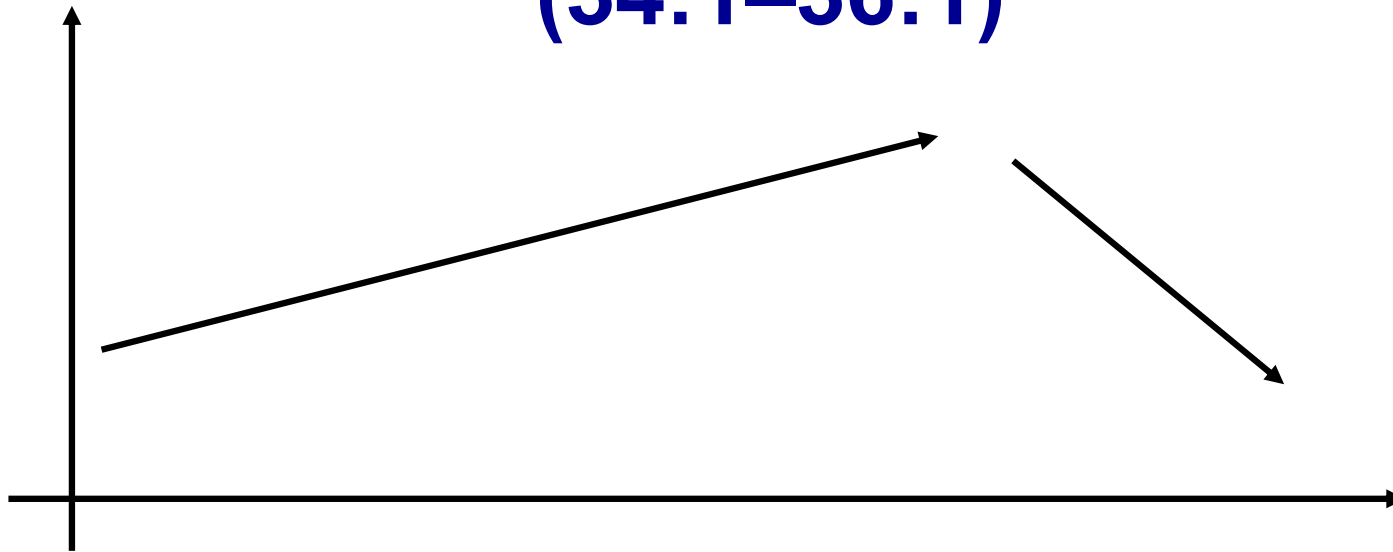
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2 Chronicles 25



Good with a Bad End (8)

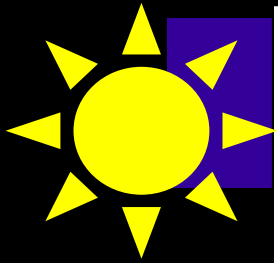
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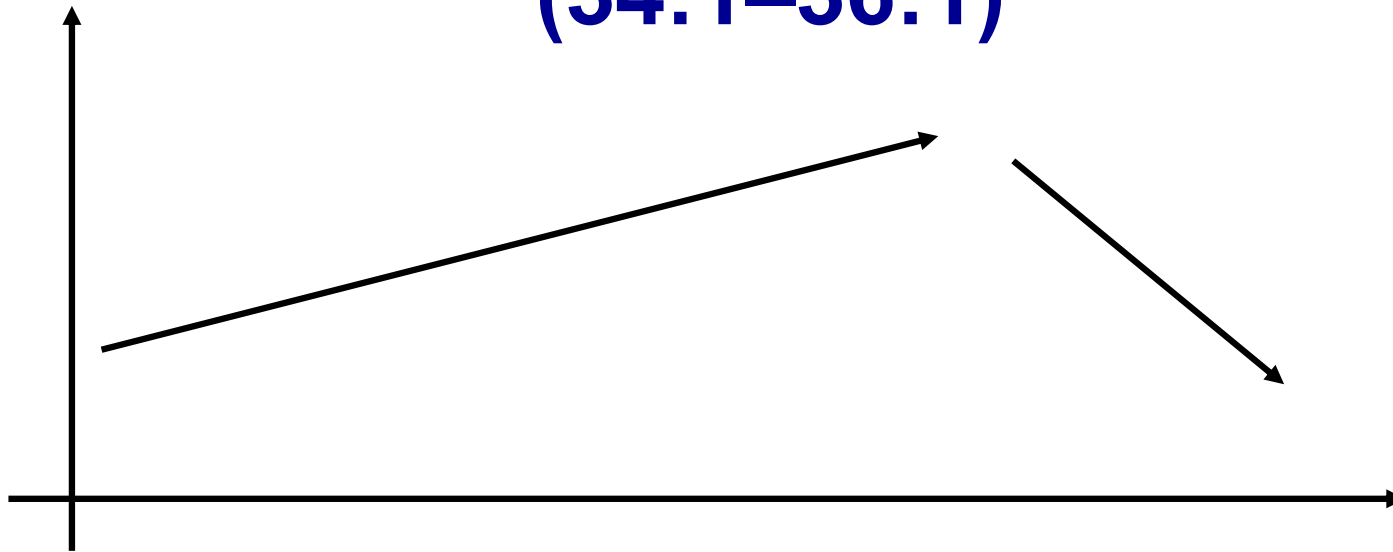
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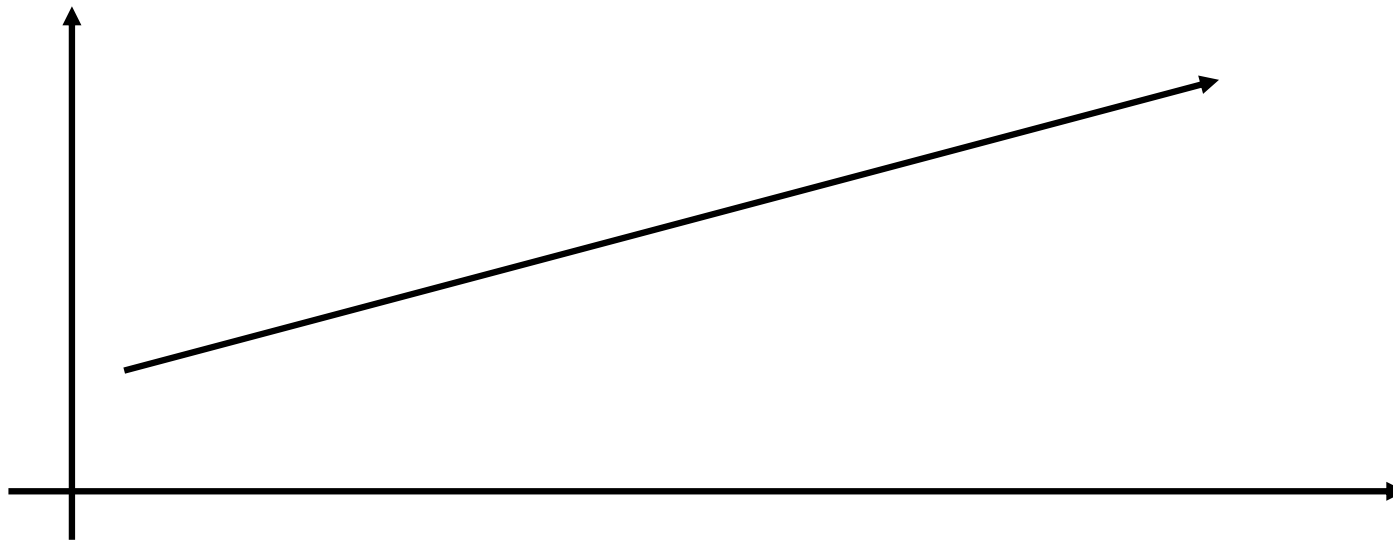
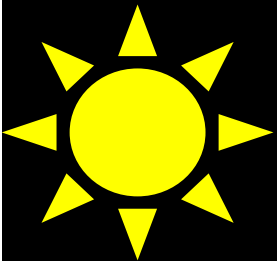
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Good to Better (2)

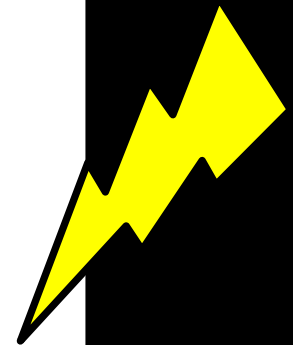
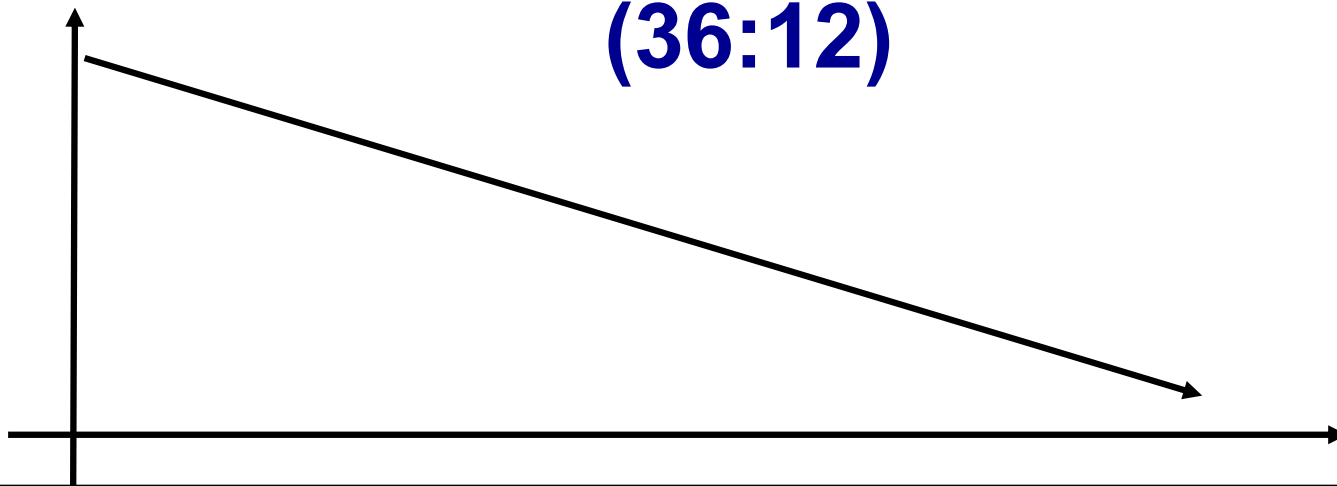
David (1 Kings 3:6),
Jotham (27:6)



2 Chronicles 28

Bad to Worse (9)

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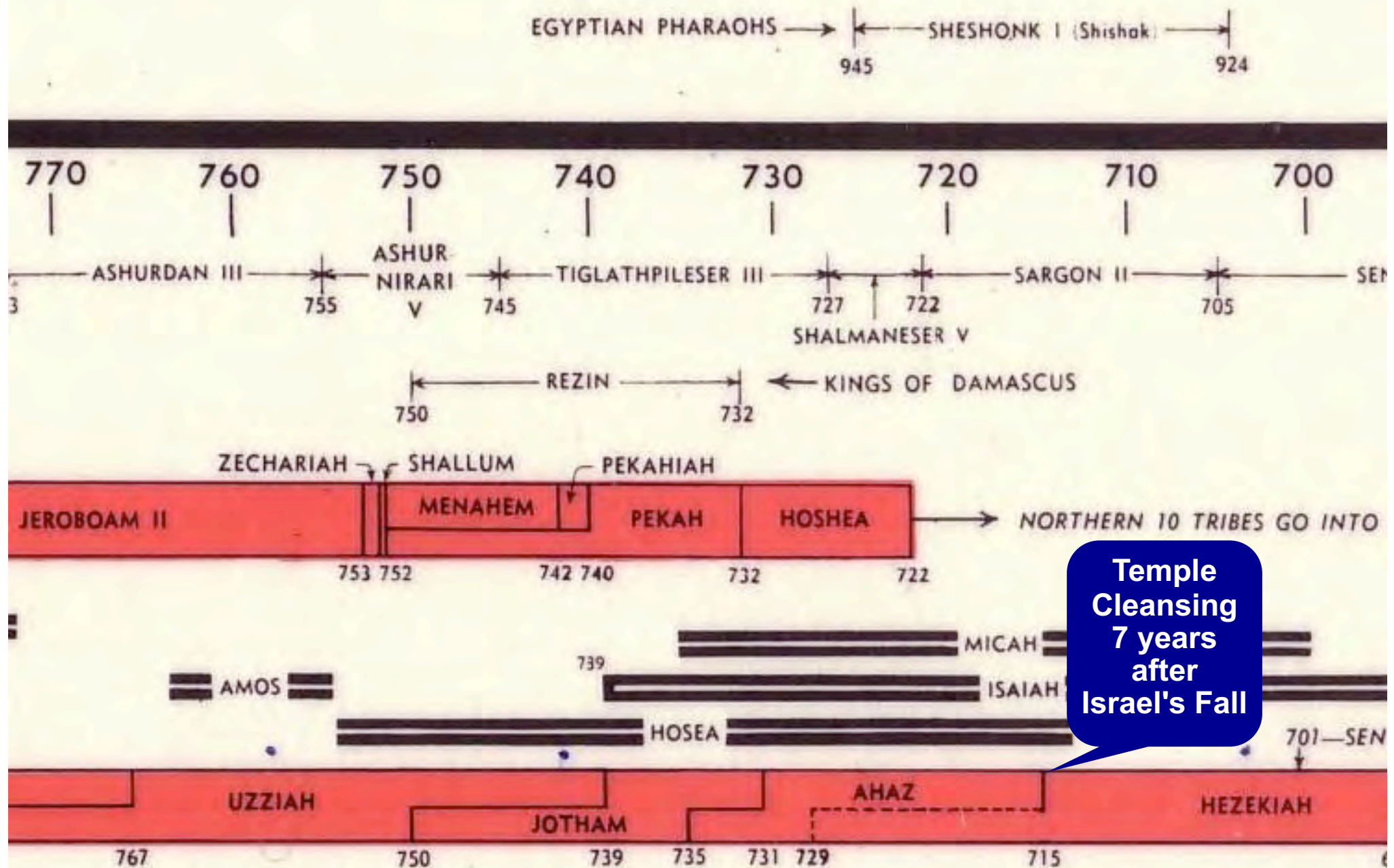


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Chart of OT Kings & Prophets

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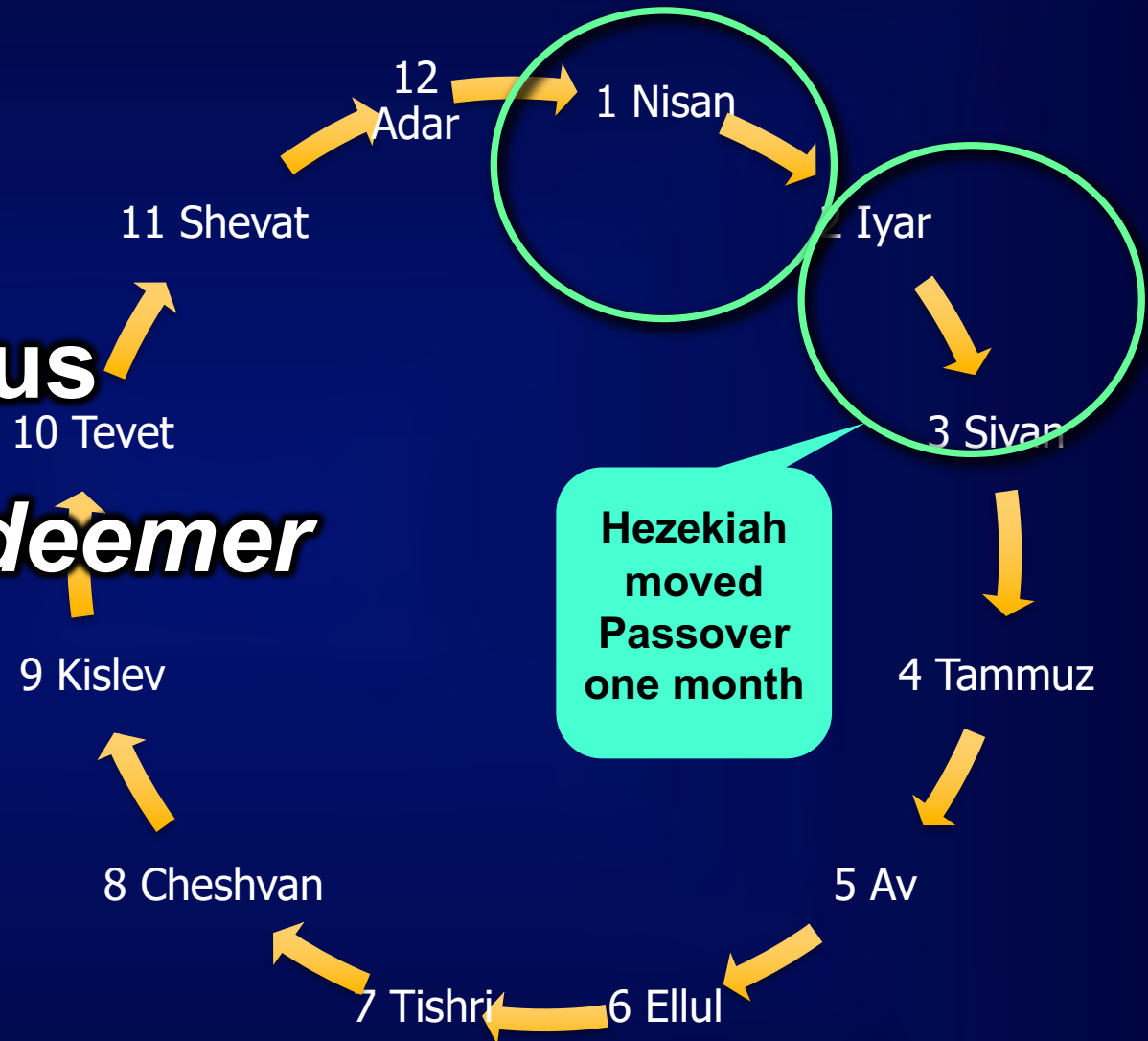
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Feasts

2 Chronicles 30:1-4

Passover

- **Recalls Exodus**
- ***Christ our redeemer***



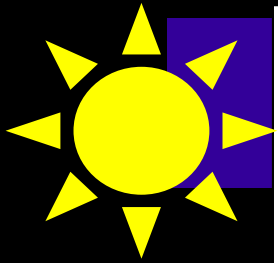
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Chronicles vs. Samuel/Kings

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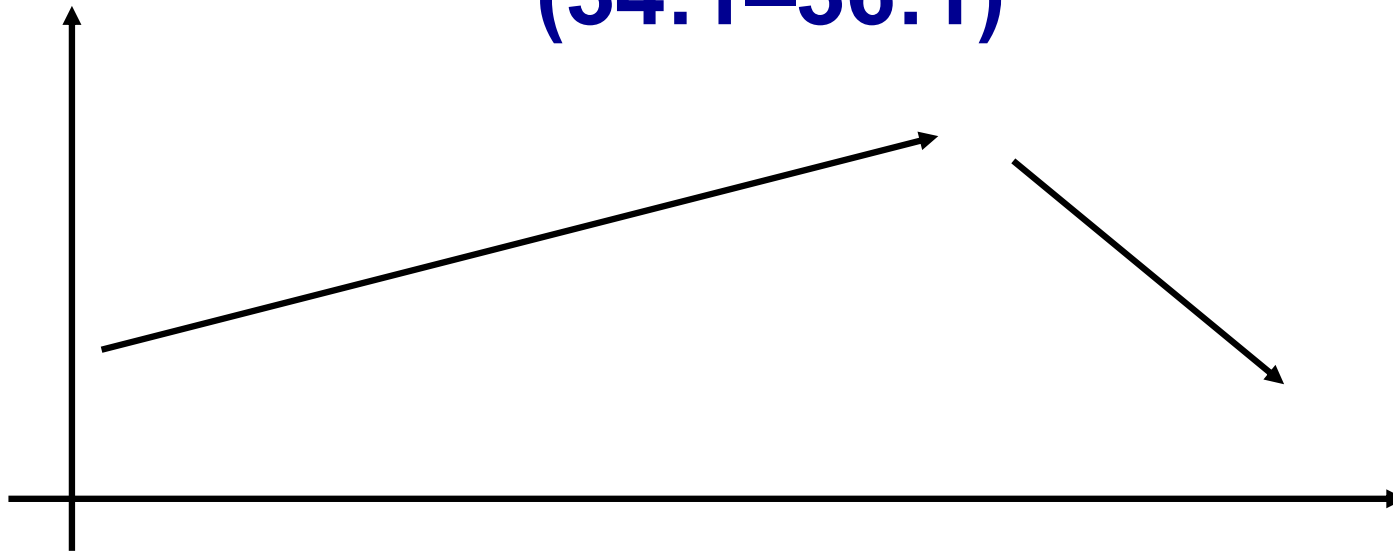
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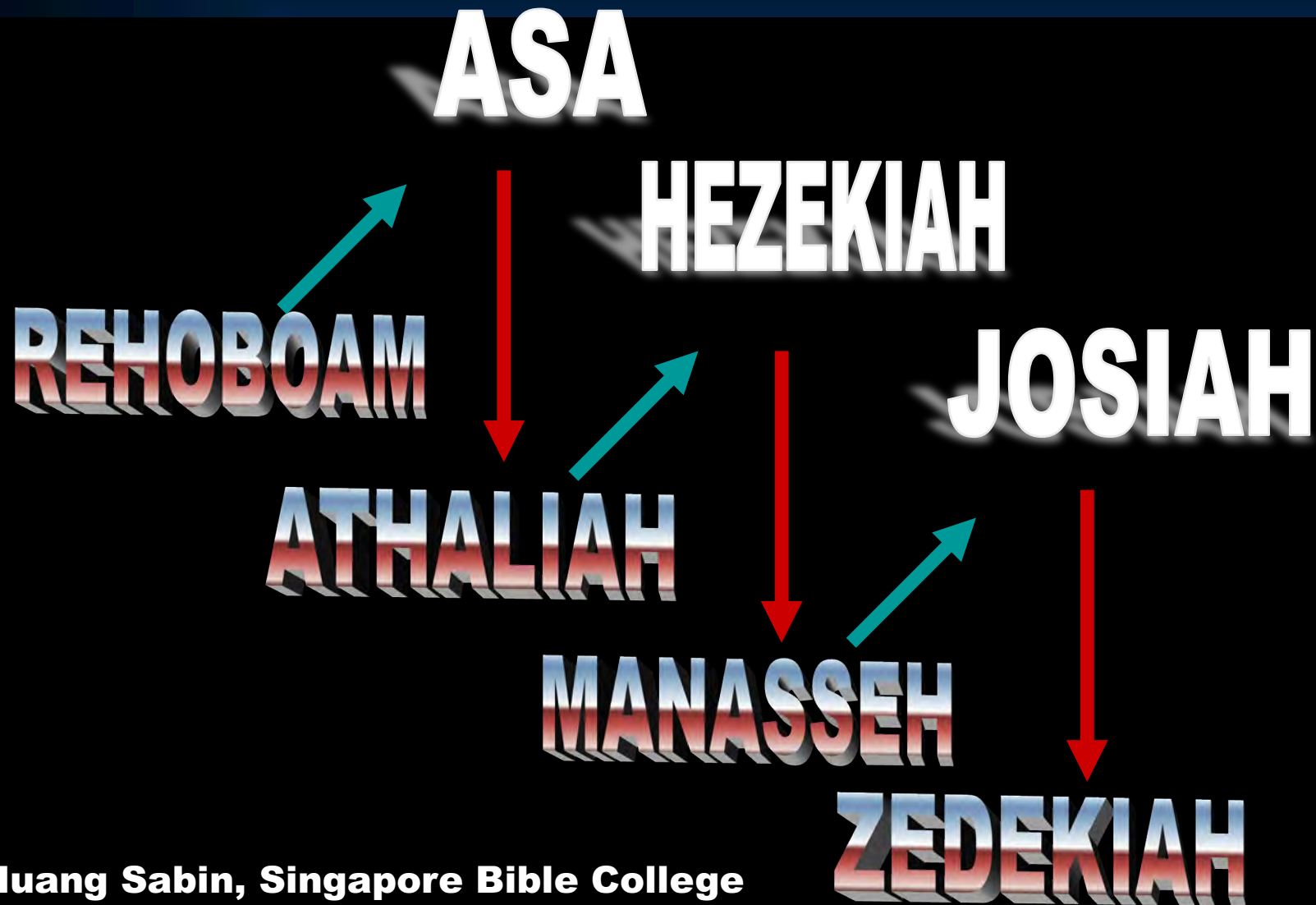


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Decline of Judah



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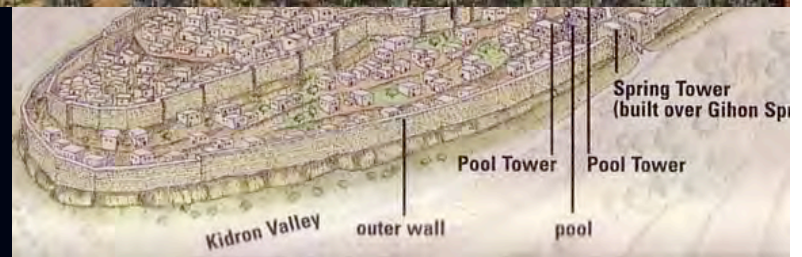
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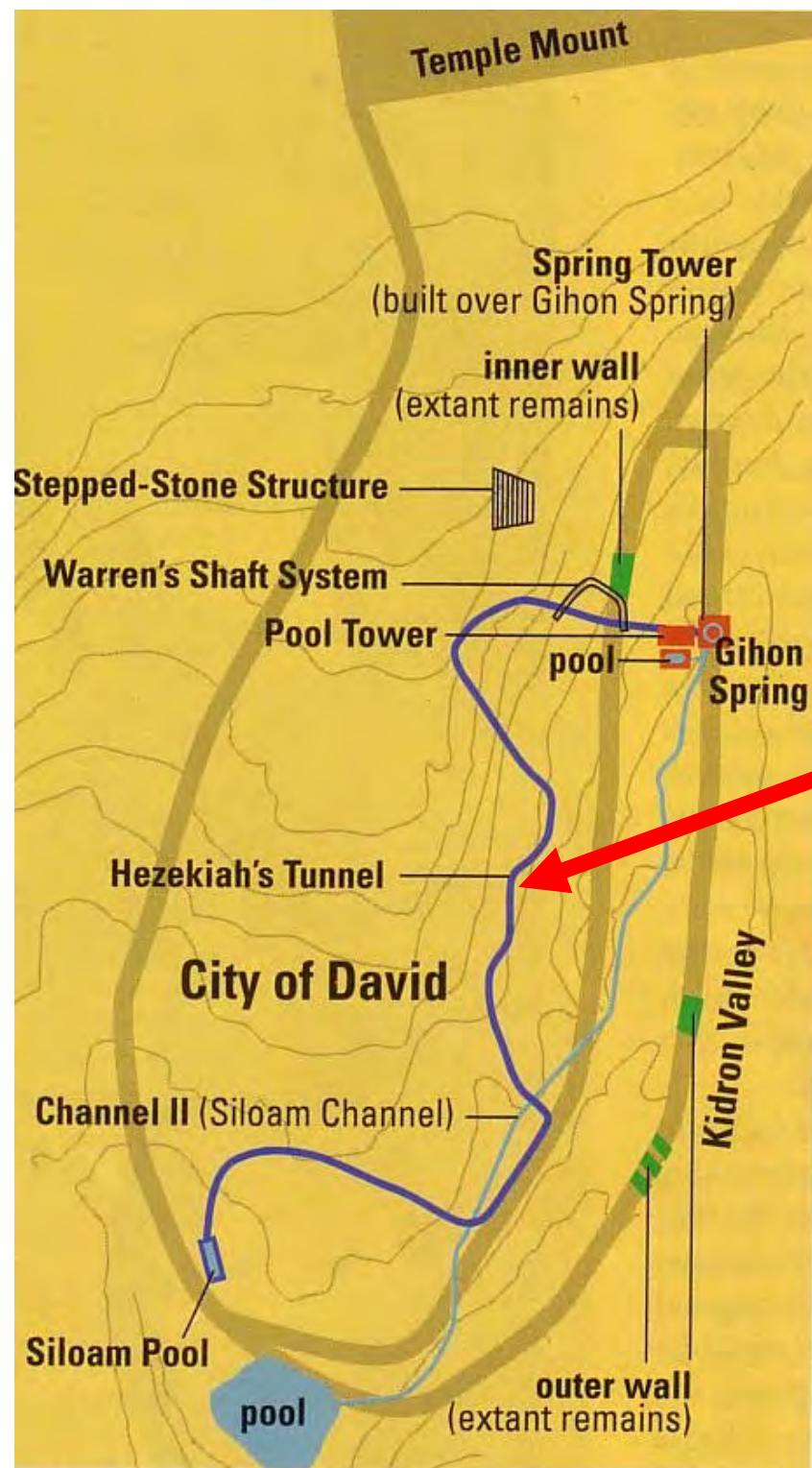
"Then [Hezekiah] worked hard repairing all the broken sections of the wall and building towers on it. He built another wall outside that one and reinforced the supporting terraces of the City of David."

(2 Chron. 32:5)



Eastern City of David





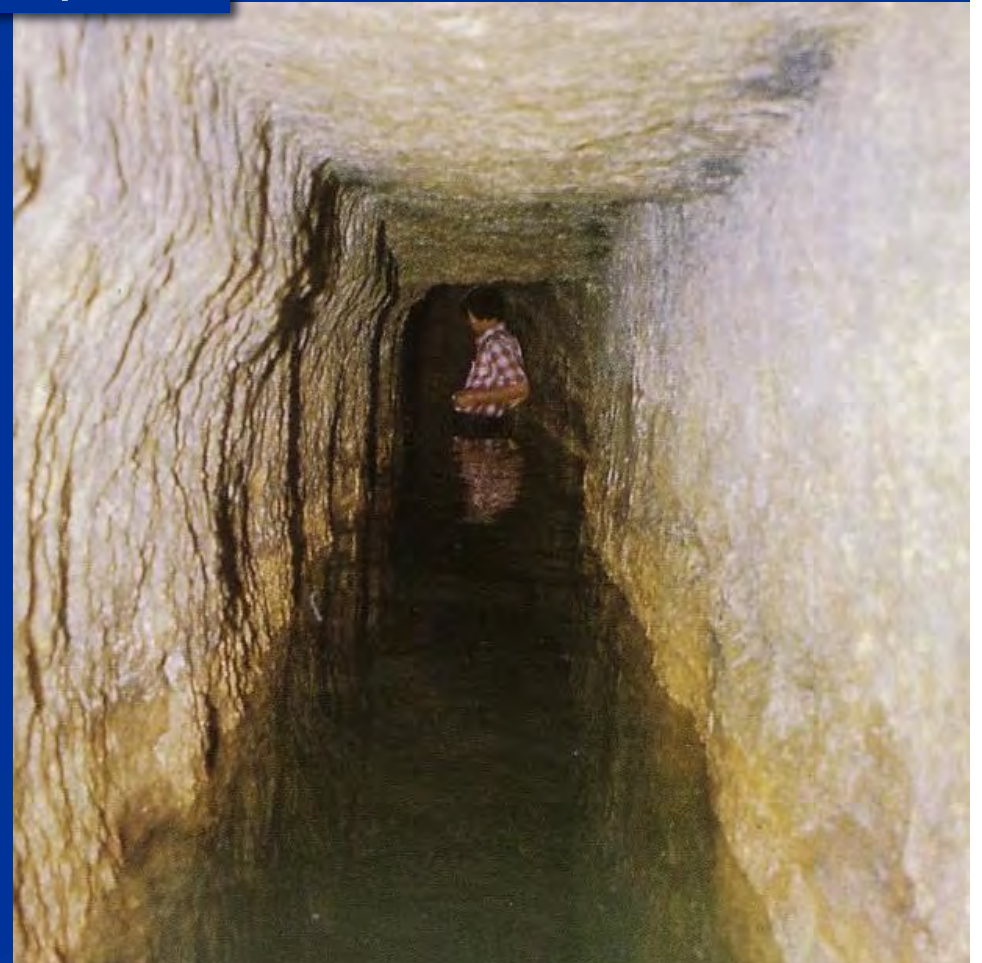
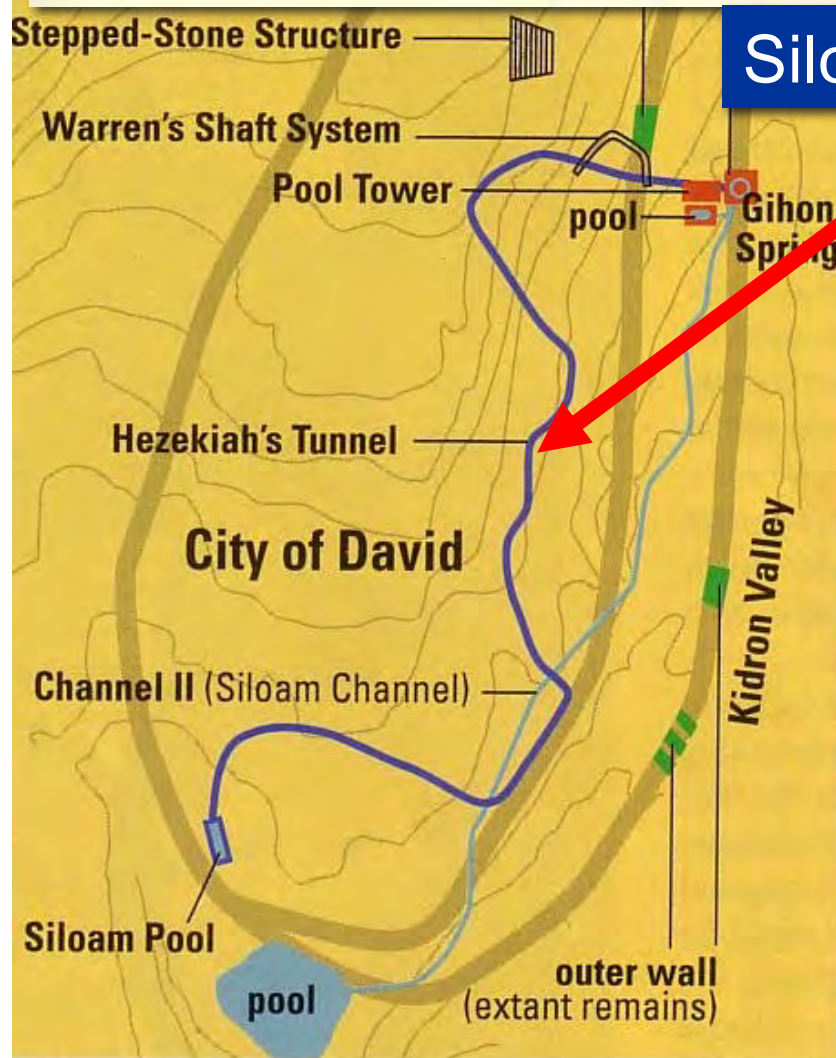
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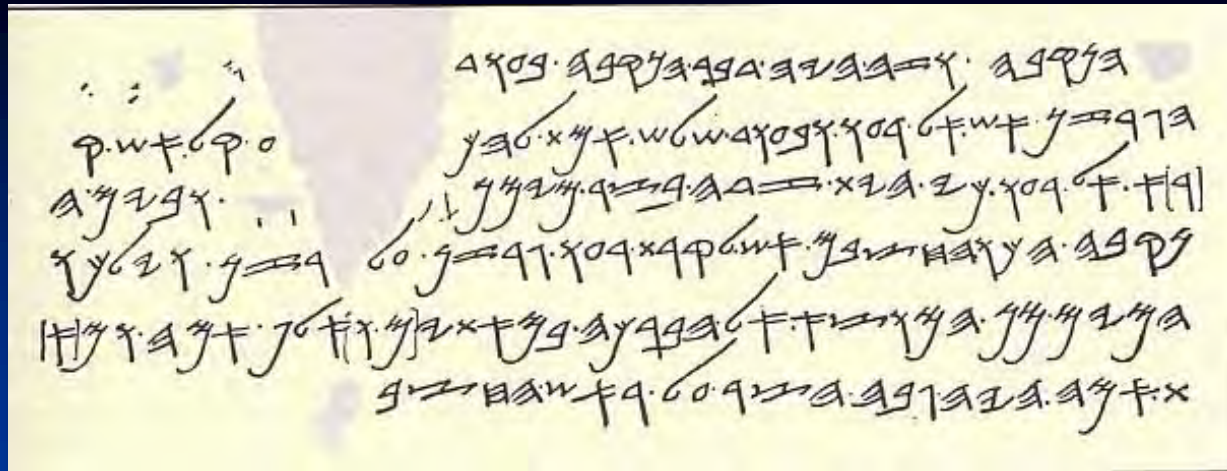


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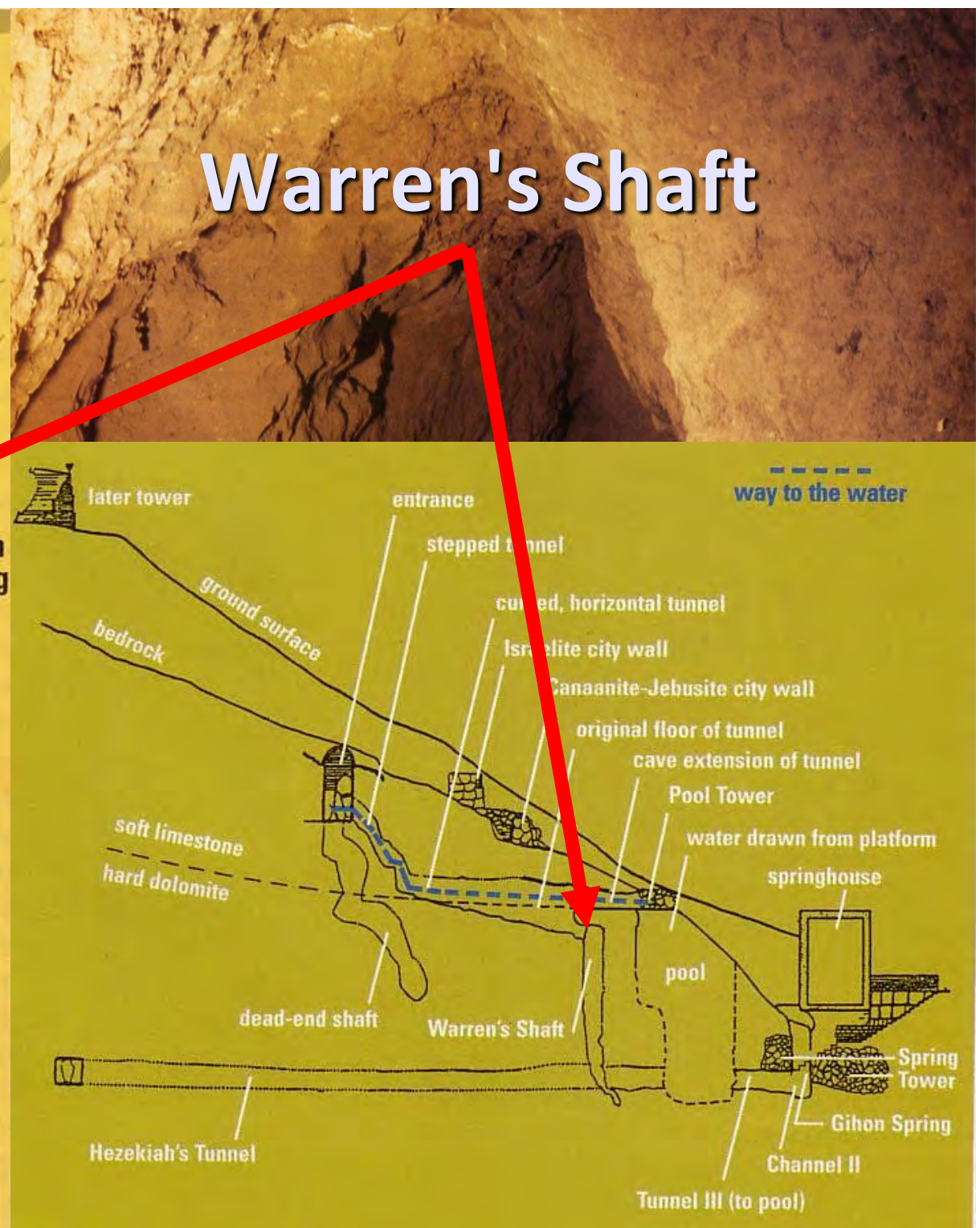
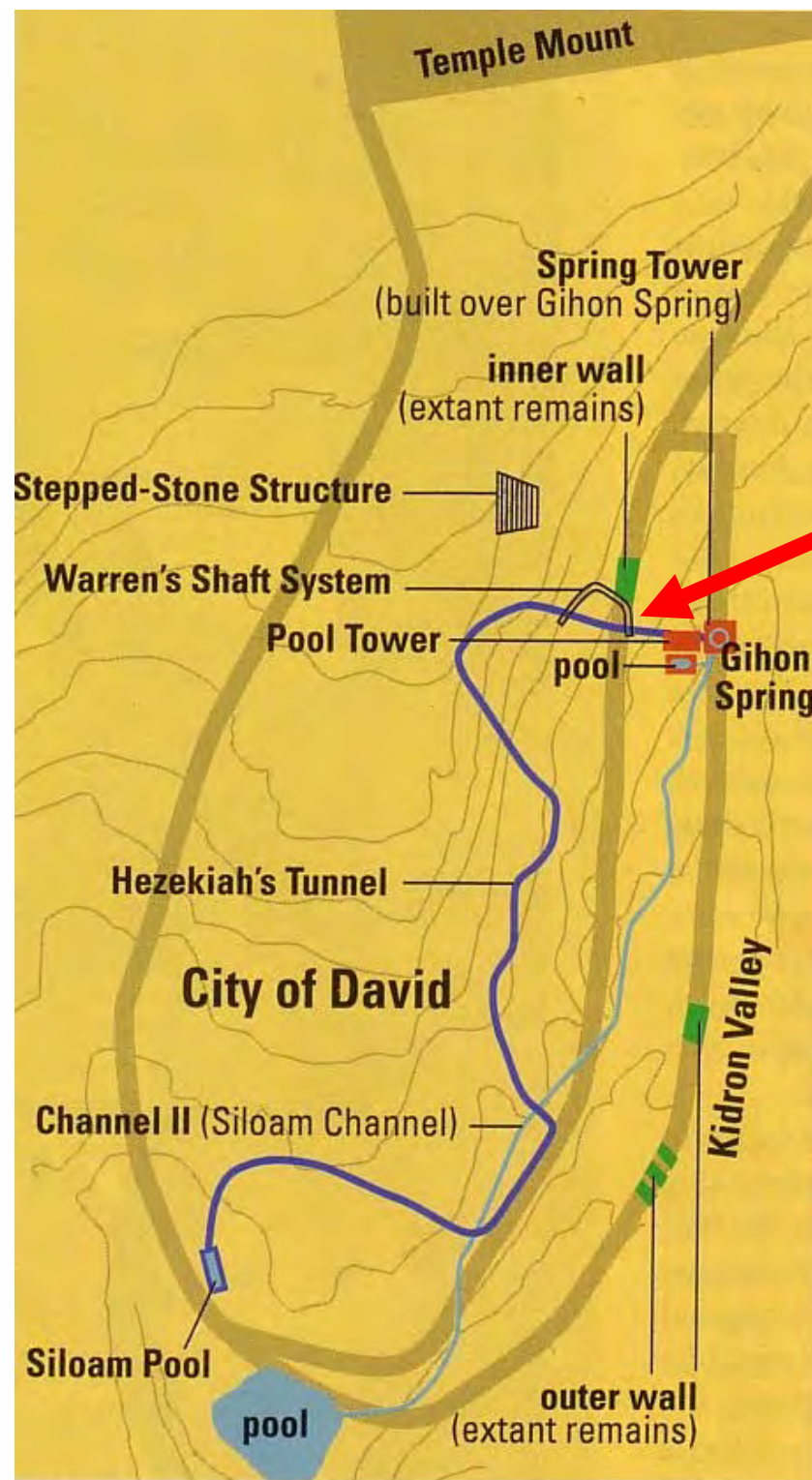
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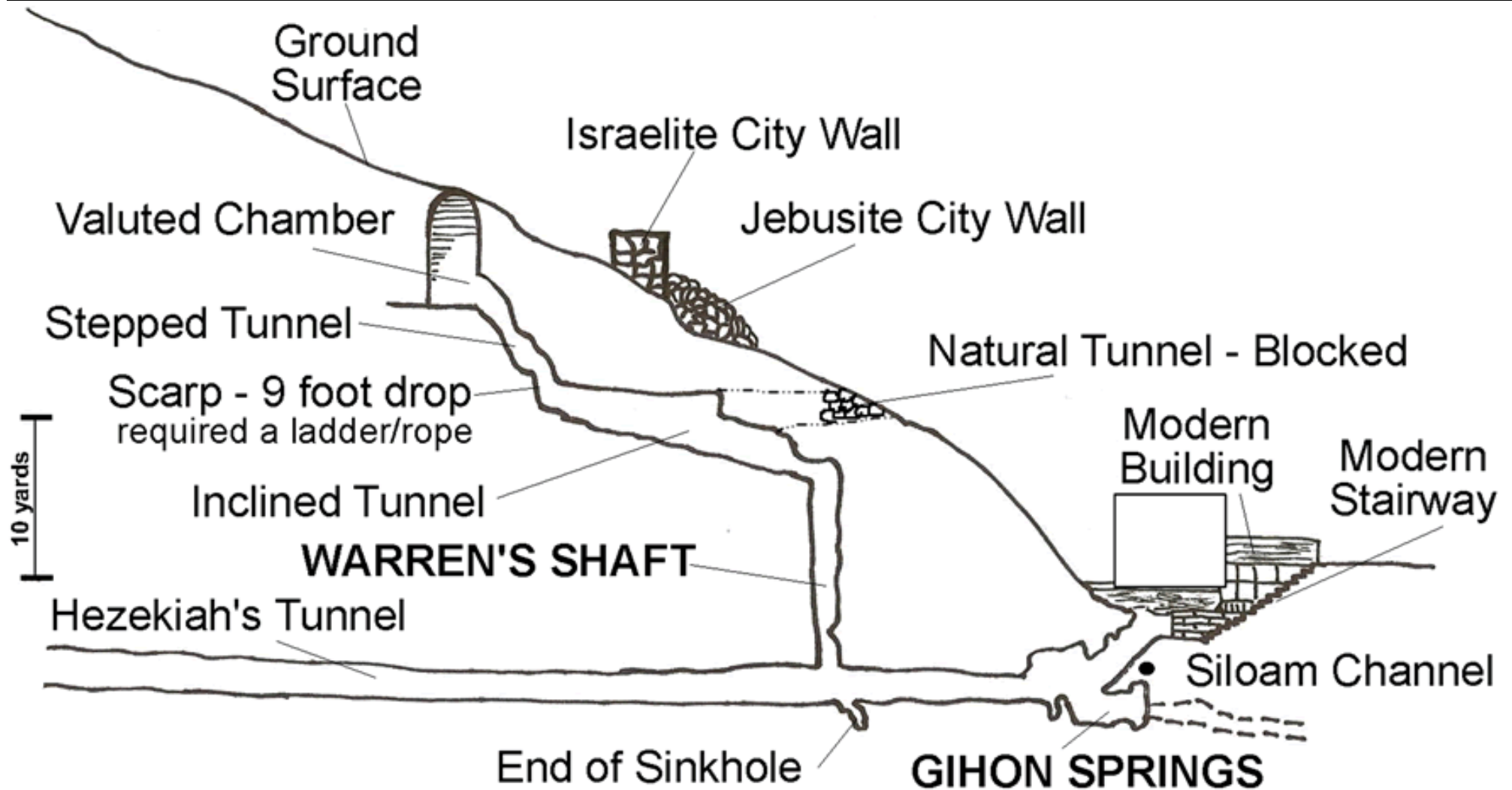


Siloam Inscription

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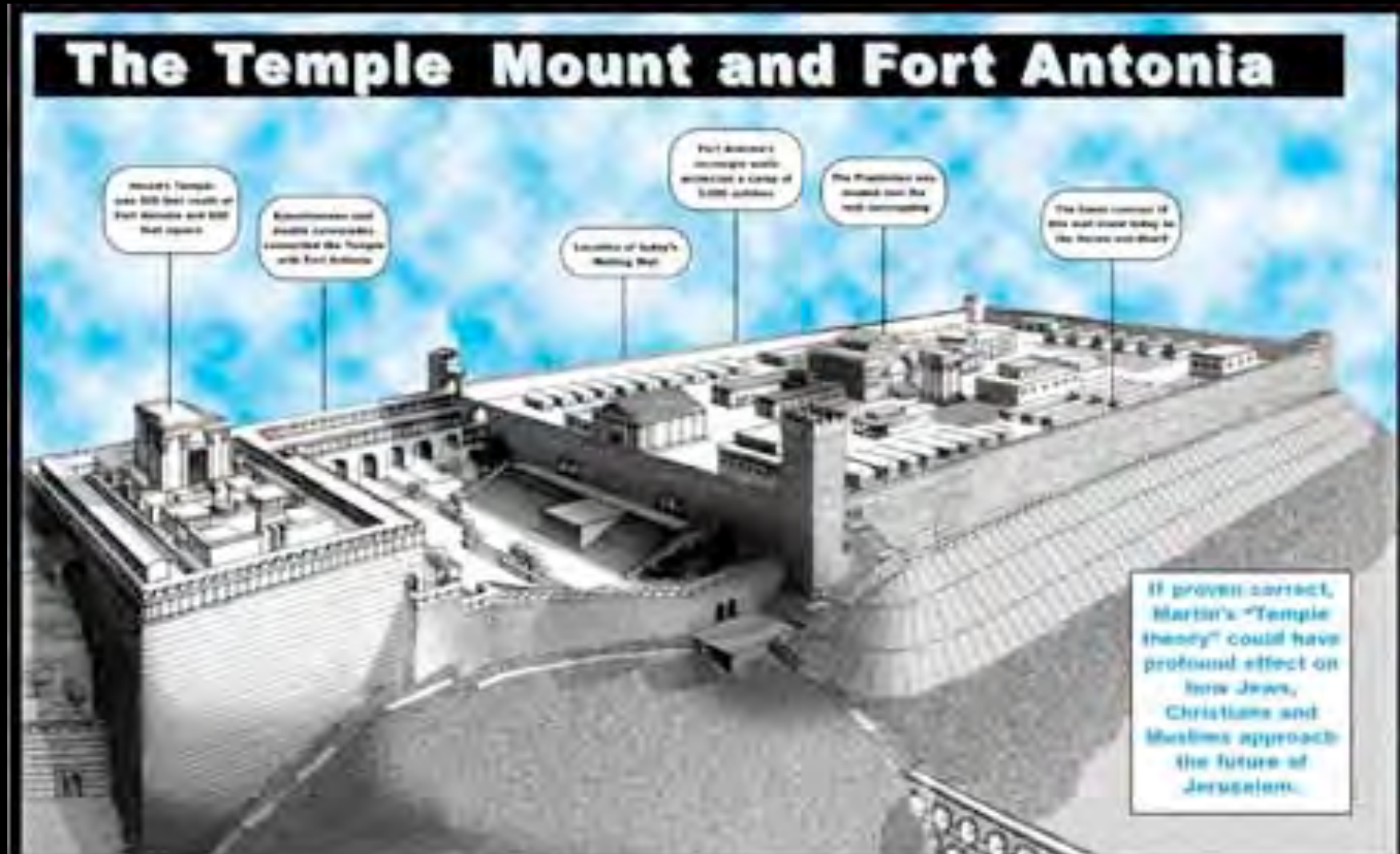


2 Kings 20:20; 2 Chronicles 32:1-4

Hezekiah's Tunnel



Temple Over Gihon Spring?



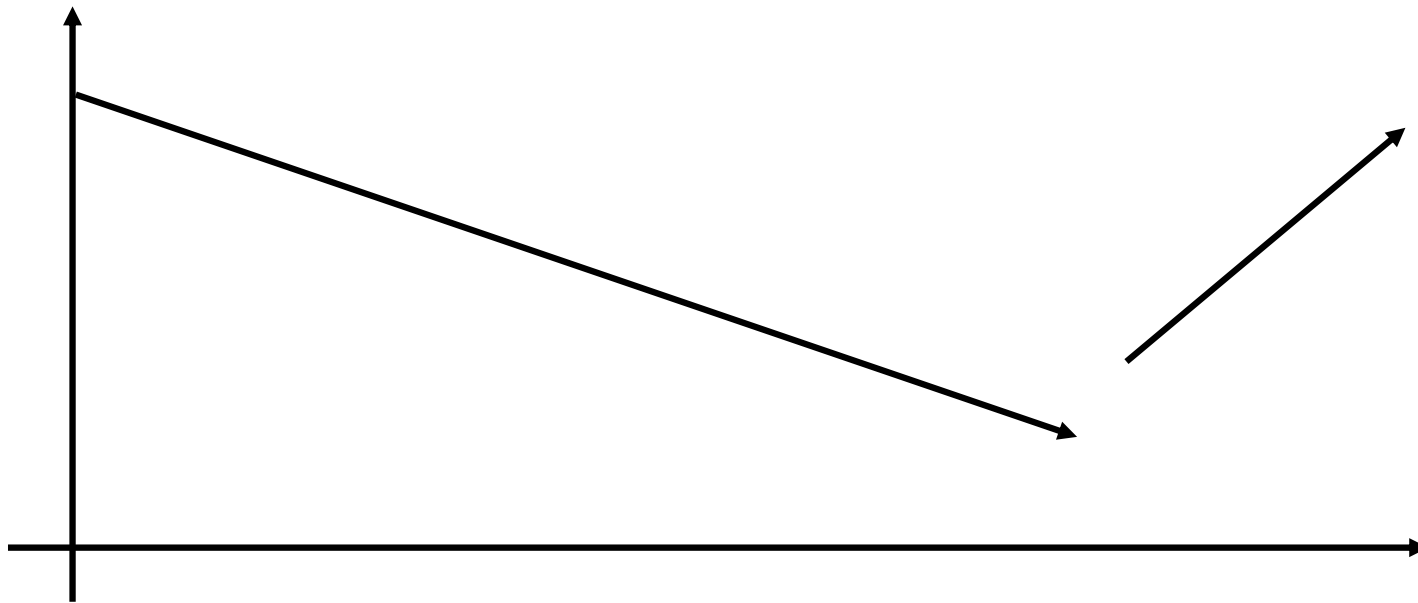
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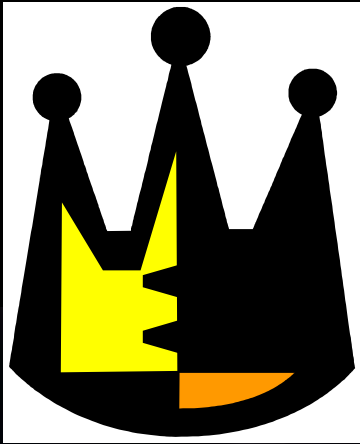
Patterns of Kingly Rule

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Bad with a Good End (3)

Rehoboam (12:6-7, 12), Abijah**
(=Abijam; 13:10; 1 Kings 15:3),
Manasseh (33:12, 19)





Evil Manasseh

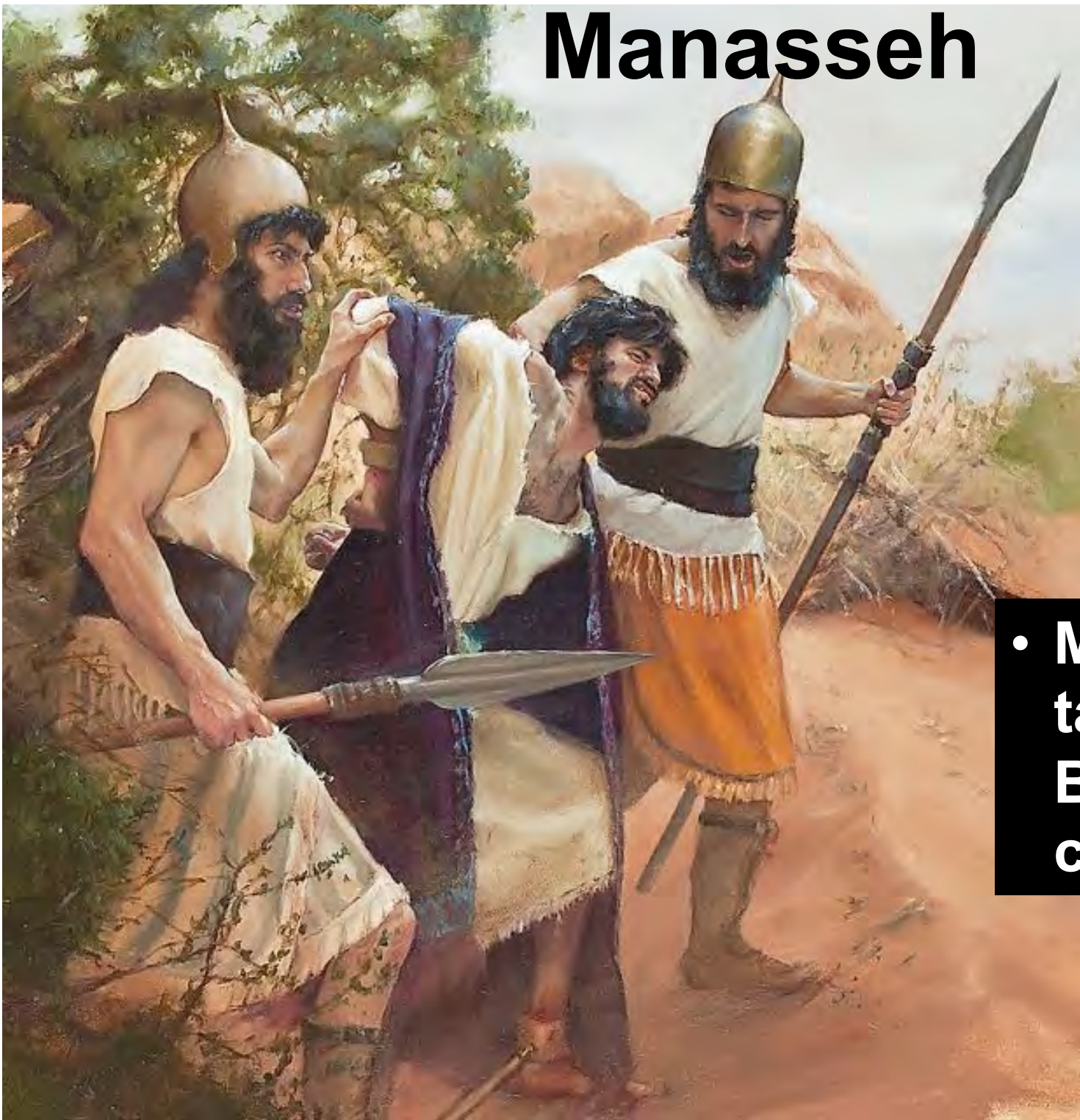
**Manasseh's evil reign
of 55 years reinstituted
all the pagan practices
destroyed by Hezekiah
his father which
vindicated *God's soon
punishment* of exile in
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**Zephaniah preached just after Manasseh
filled both courts with idols**



Manasseh



- Manasseh was taken to Babylon in chains

2 Chron 33:11-17

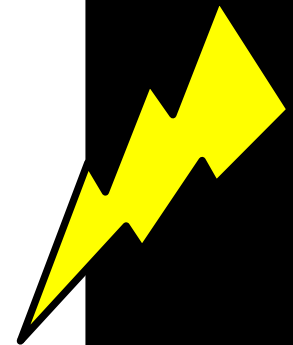
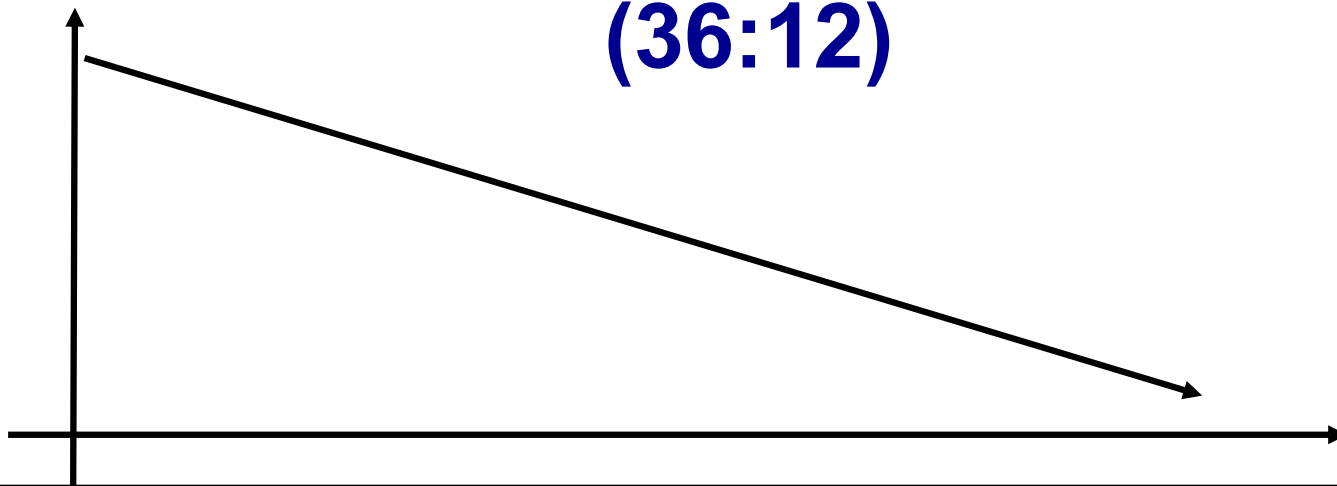
The Prayer of Manasseh



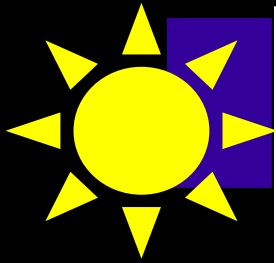
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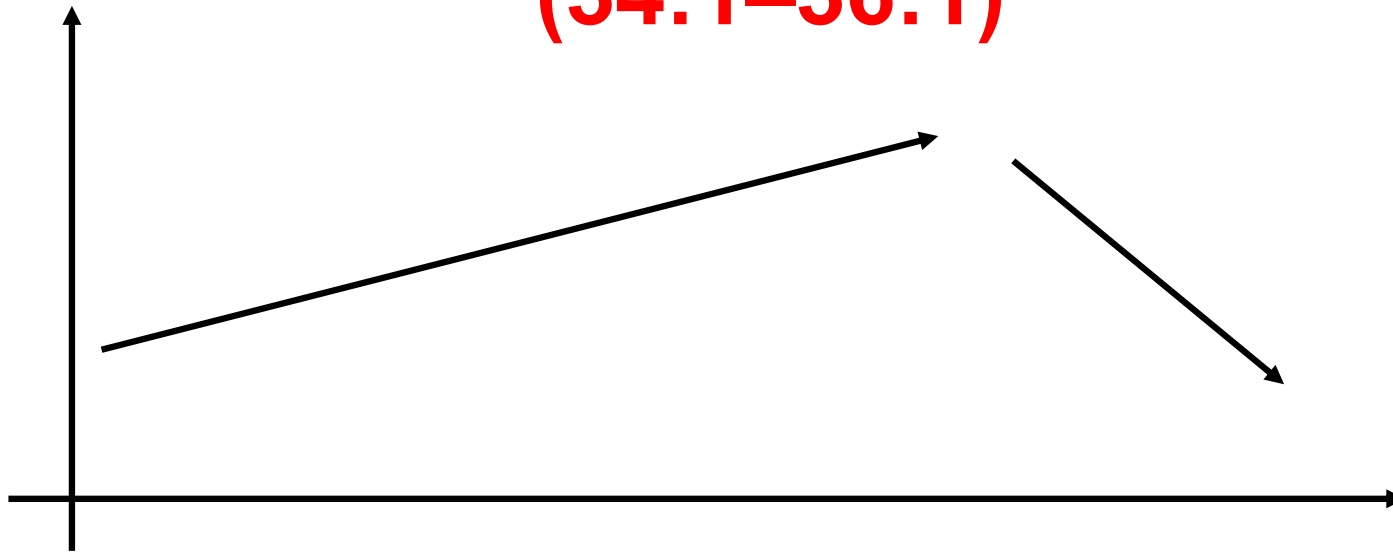


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Josiah—Judah's Last Good King 232 & 342

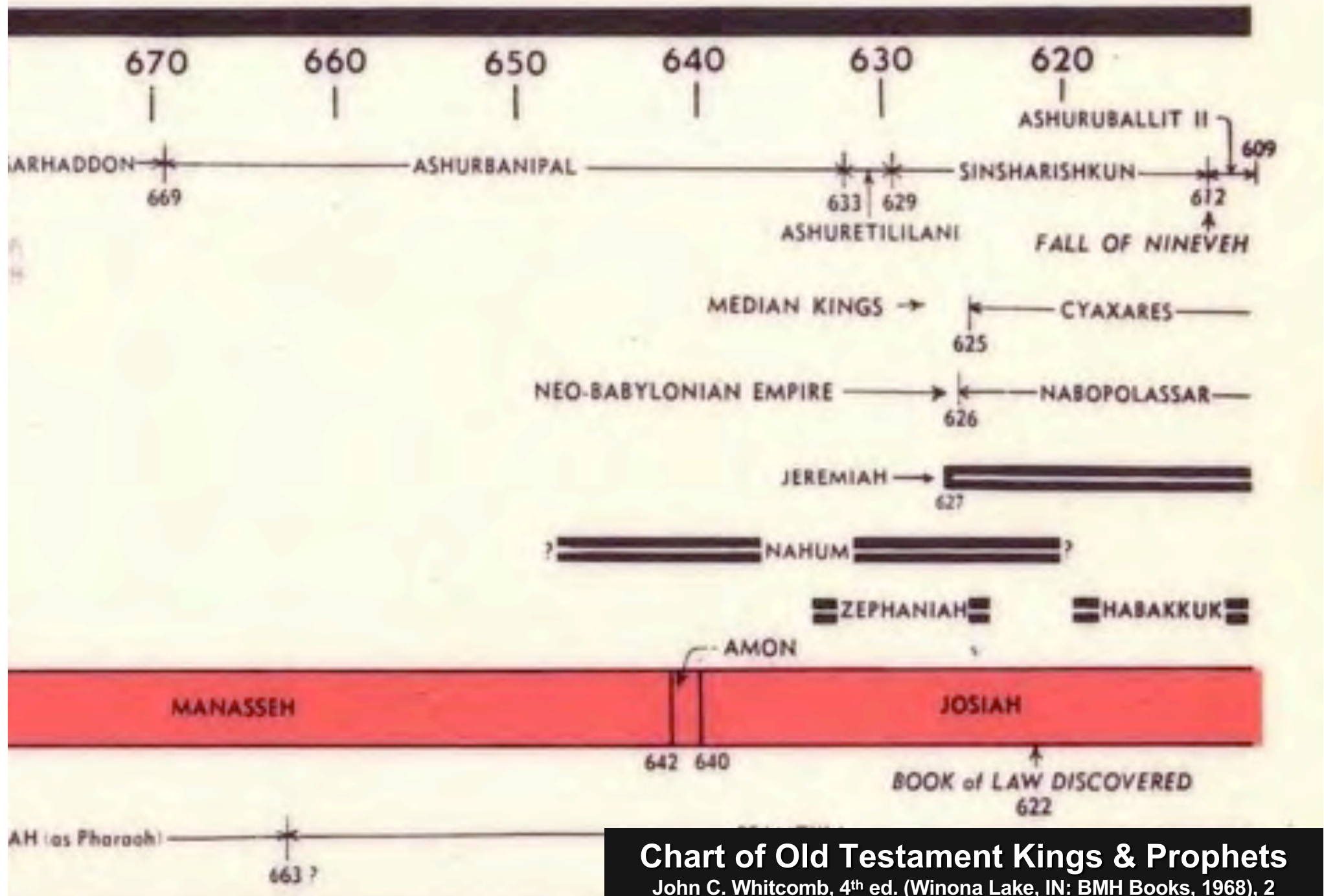


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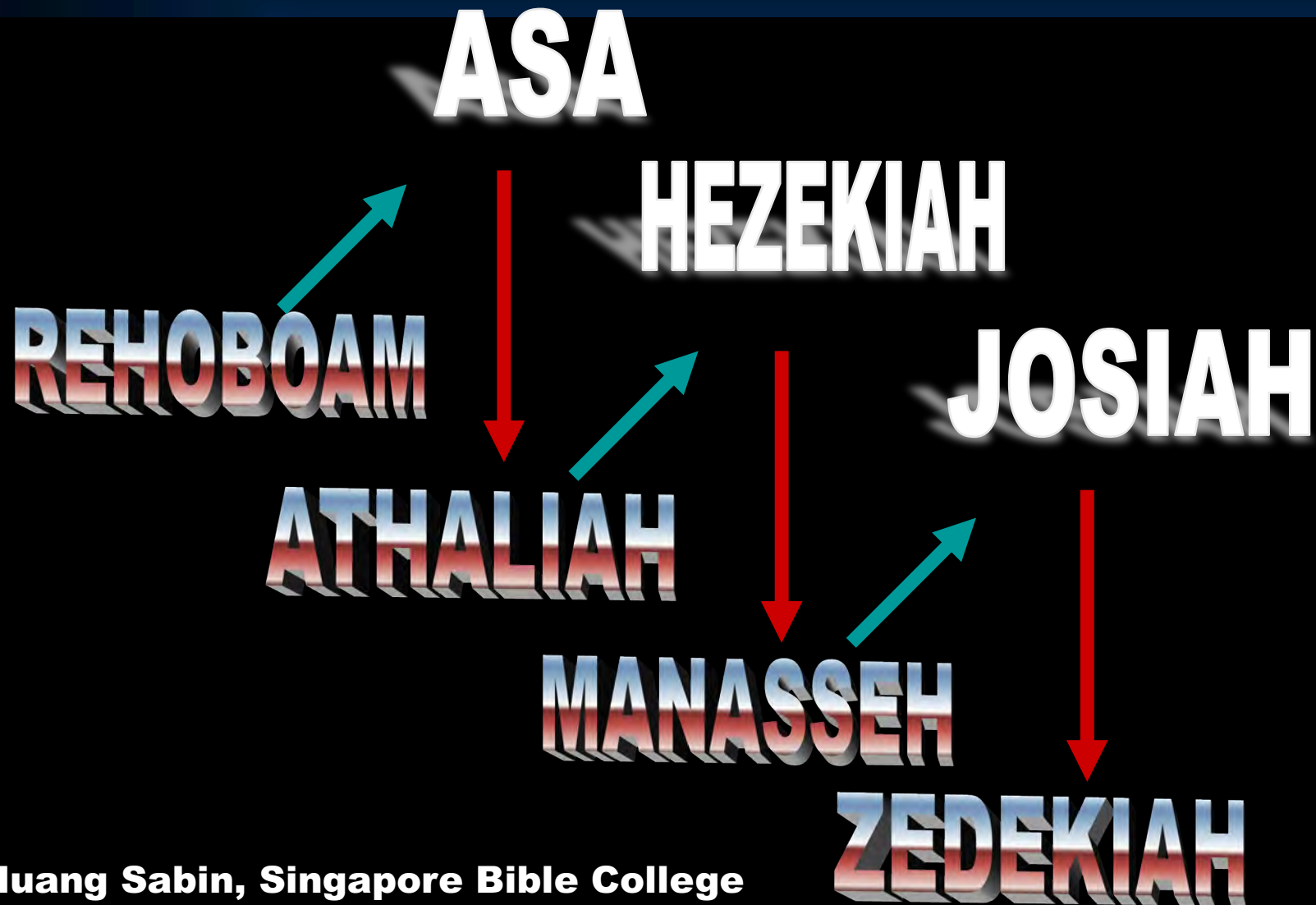
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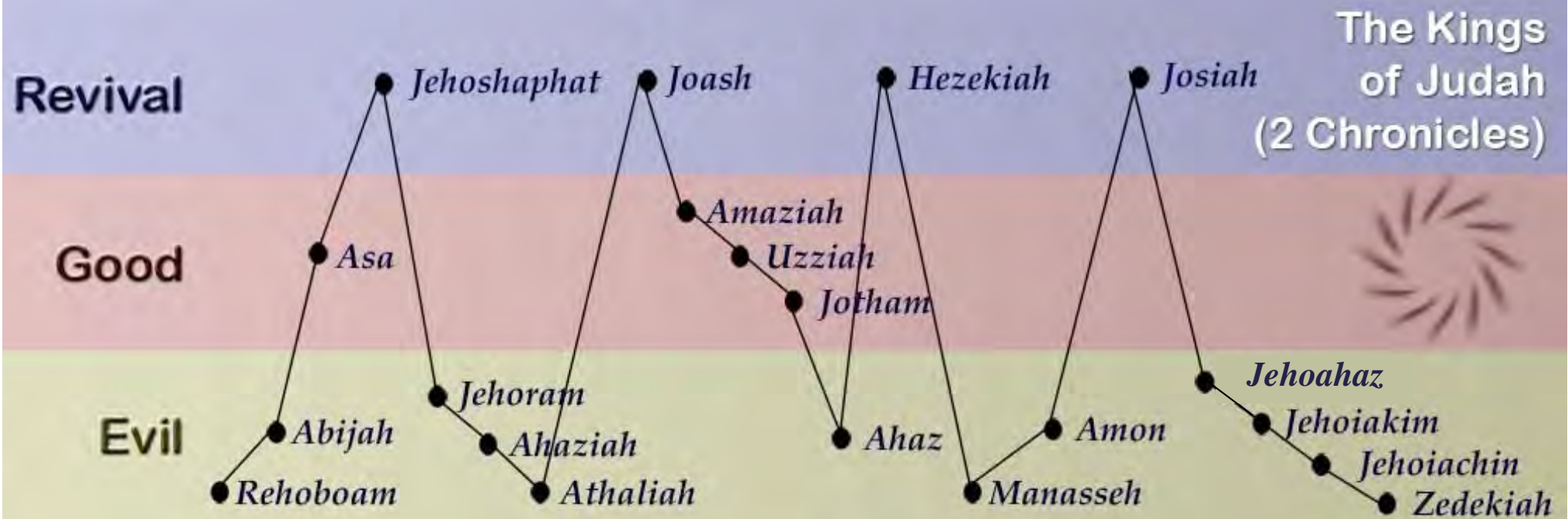
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Decline of Judah



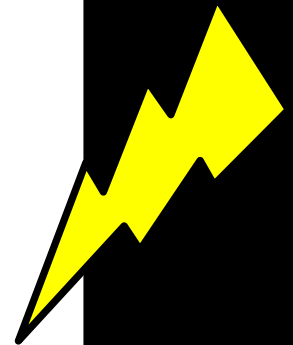
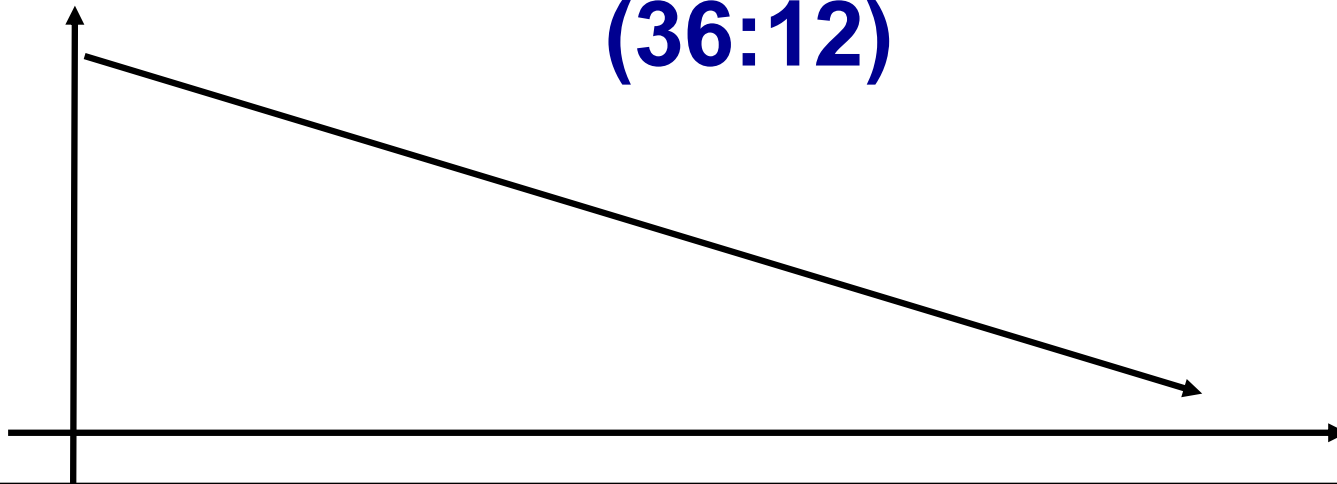
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The Kings of Judah (2 Chronicles)



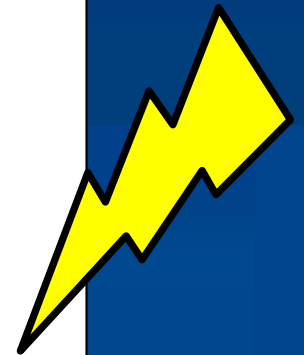
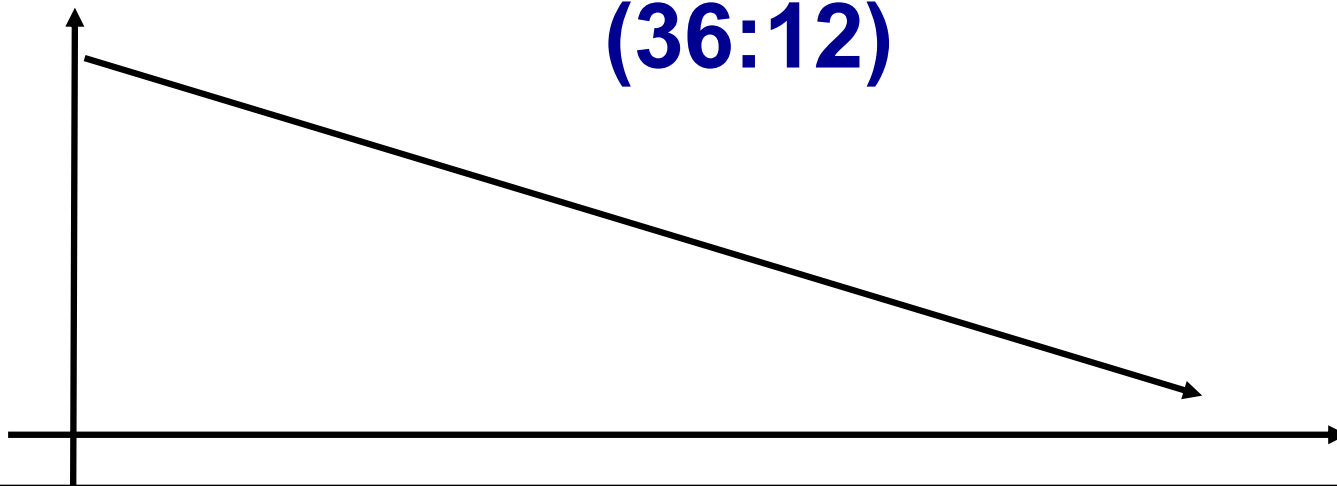
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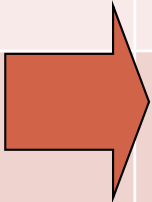
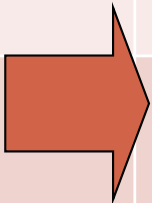


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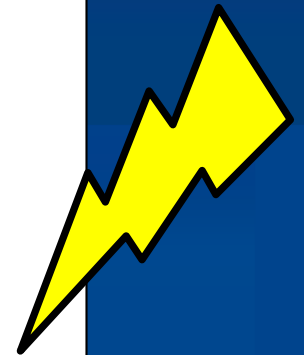
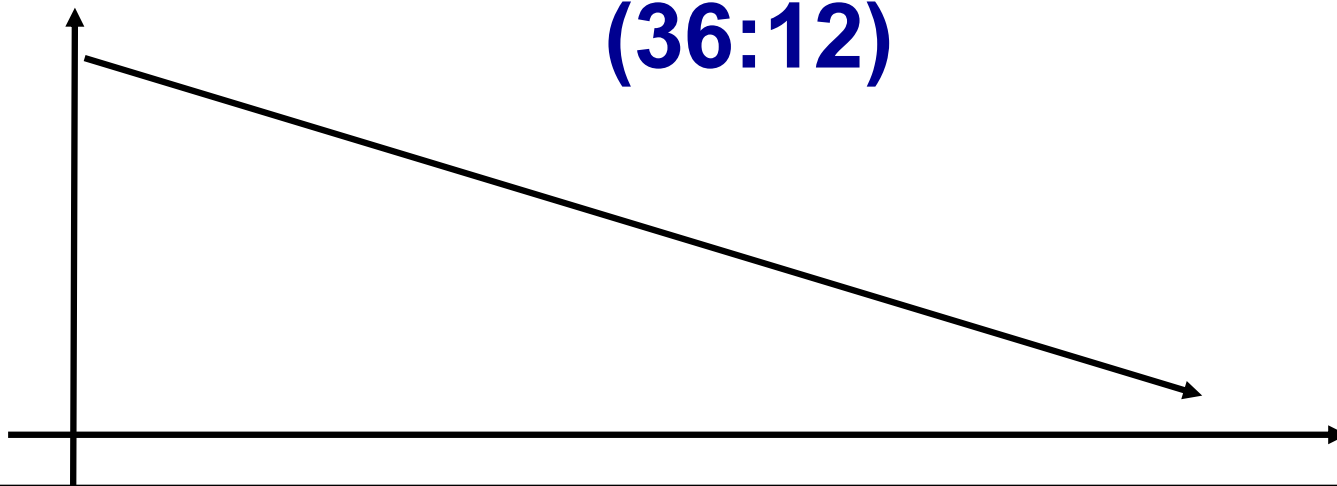


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Babylonian Exile

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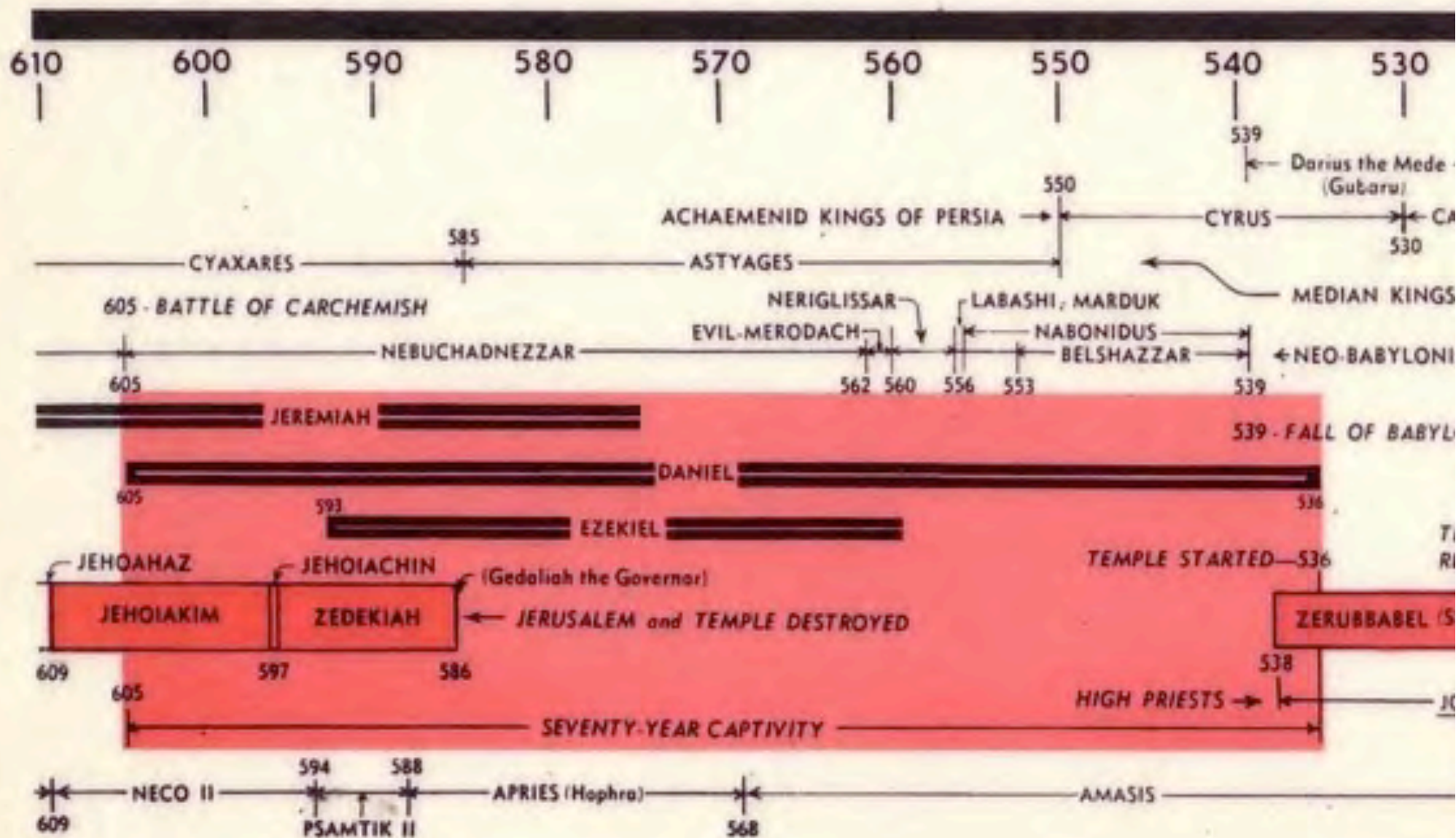
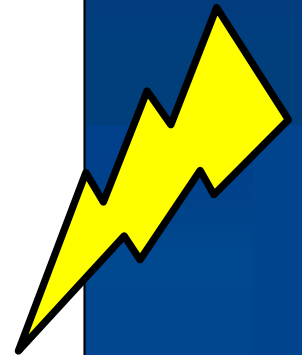
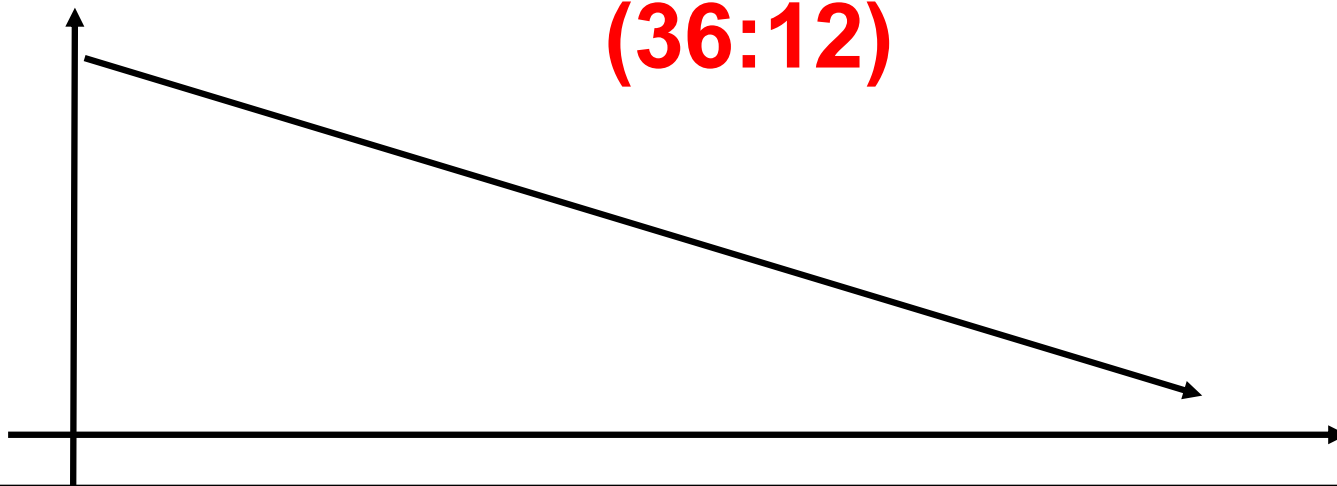


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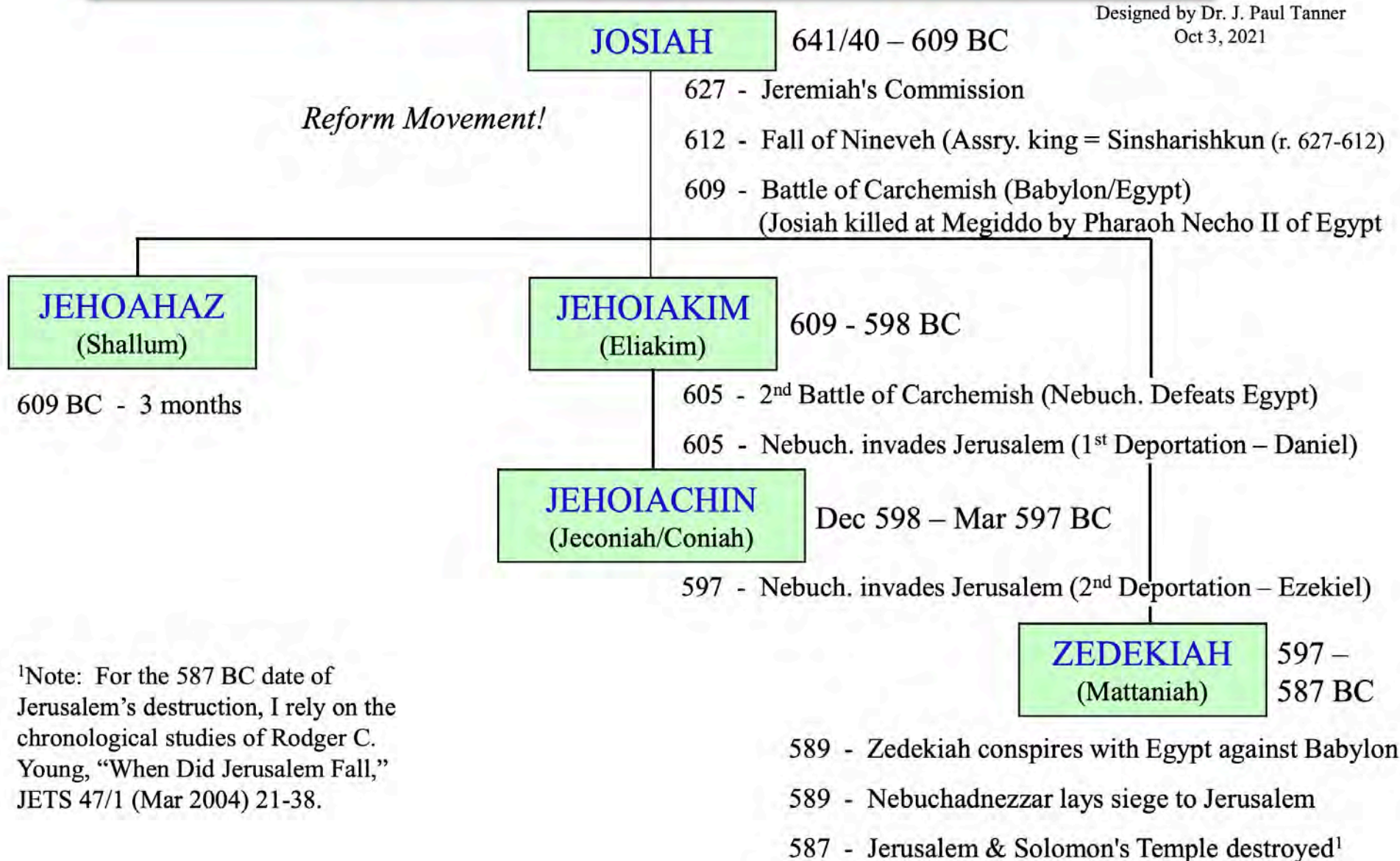


An Evil End to Judah



HISTORICAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

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Egyptian Rulers

Psamtik I	664–610 BC (26th Dynasty)
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Hophra (Apries)	589–570 BC (26th dynasty) - Mentioned in Jer 44:30
Amasis II	570–526 BC (26th dynasty)

Persian Rulers

Cyrus the Great	539-530 BC (the date of his gaining rule over the Medes is debated)
Cambyes II	530-522 BC (brief rule after hm by Bardiya [Herodotus calls him Smerdis])
Darius the Great	522-486 BC (during his rule, the Jewish temple was rebuilt in 516/15)
Xerxes I	486-465 BC (the Bible refers to him as Ahasuerus; king in days of Esther)
Artaxerxes I	465-424 BC (ruler in days of Ezra and Nehemiah; possibly Malachi also)

Jerusalem's Fall

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&
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Key Dates

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Jeremiah

605

Daniel

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Joel

538

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605

Ezekiel

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Jehoiakim

Jehoiachin

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City
Fell

609

(3 mos.)

(11 yrs.)

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Jeremiah

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 Brief Puppet Kings



Downfall of Jerusalem



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ROYALTY ca. 1000 B.C.

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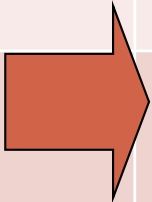
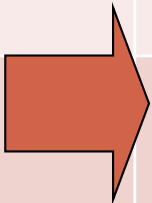
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Two 70-Year Exiles

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People Exile

605 586 539 536 516

Temple Exile

"This entire land will become a desolate wasteland. Israel and her neighboring lands will serve the king of Babylon for **seventy years**.¹² Then, after the **seventy years** of captivity are over, I will punish the king of Babylon and his people for their sins," says the Lord. I will make the country of the Babylonians a wasteland forever"
(Jeremiah 25:11-12).



The Hanging Gardens of Babylon

"In the thirty-seventh year of the exile of King Jehoiachin of Judah, Evil-merodach ascended to the Babylonian throne. He was kind to Jehoiachin and released him from prison on April 2 of that year. ²⁸He spoke kindly to Jehoiachin and gave him a higher place than all the other exiled kings in Babylon. ²⁹He supplied Jehoiachin with new clothes to replace his prison garb and allowed him to dine in the king's presence for the rest of his life. ³⁰So the king gave him a regular food allowance as long as he lived."

—2 Kings 25:27-30 NLT

Kindness to Jehoiachin in Exile



**Ration Tablet
Berlin Museum**

Babylon
excavation
1899-1917



Jehoiachin's Ration Tablet in Exile



B, Vs. II :

38. $\frac{1}{2}$ (PI)	<i>a-na</i> [¹ <i>j</i>] <i>a-'u-DU šarri šá máłja-[a-ḫu-du]</i>
39. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>sila</i>	<i>a-na</i> 2[+ 3 <i>mârê</i>] ^{meš} <i>šarri šá máłja-a-ḫu-du [...]</i>
40. 4 <i>sila</i>	<i>a-na</i> 8 ^{amél} <i>ja-a-ḫu-da-a-a</i> $\frac{1}{2}$ [<i>sila</i> ^{am}]

38.10 *sila* (oil)

for Jaukin, King of Judah.

39. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ *sila* (oil)

for 5 sons of the King of Judah.

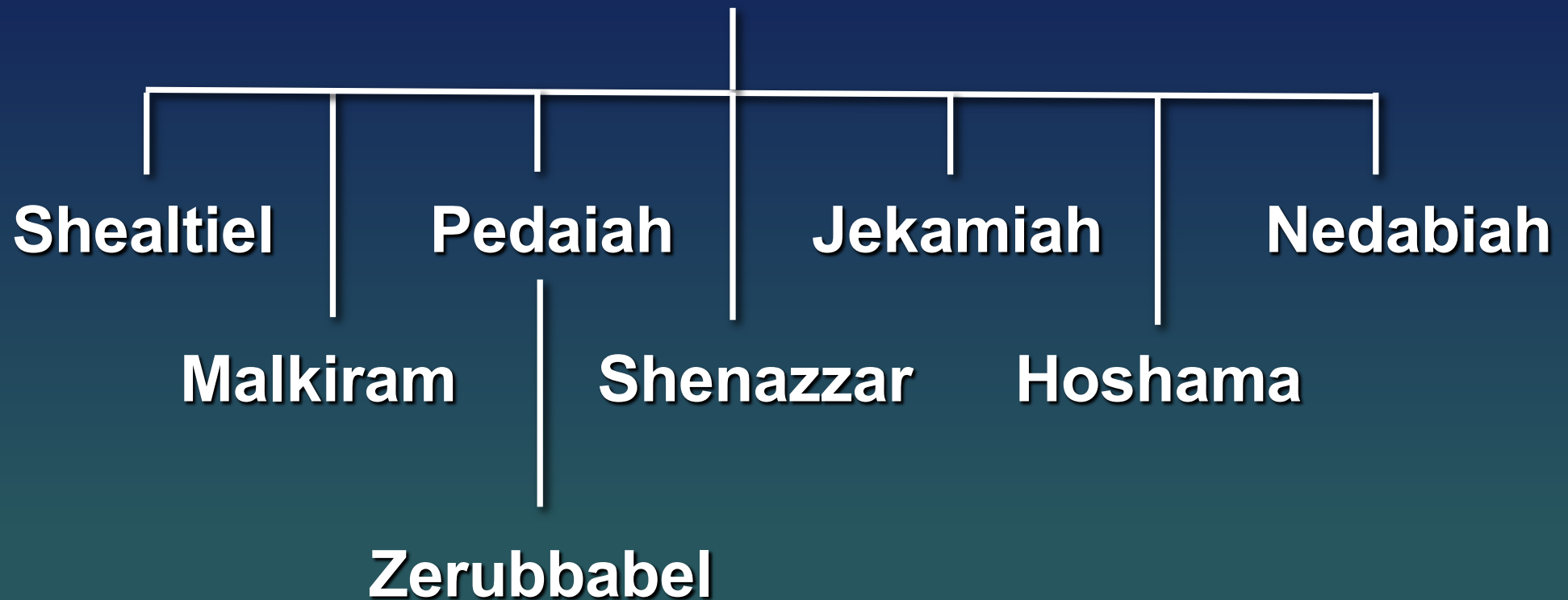
40. 4 *sila* (oil)

for 8 men of Judah; $\frac{1}{2}$ *sila* [for each man].

Grace in Exile

256

Jehoiachin
(Jeconiah/Coniah)
597 (ruled 3 mos.)



1 Chronicles 3:17-19

Chronicles vs. Samuel/Kings

267a

The execution of the Saulites (1 Sam. 21:1-14)	Abijam of Judah defeats Jeroboam of Israel by honoring temple (2 Chron. 13:3-21)
Adonijah's rebellion against his father David (1 Kings 1)	Revivals under 6 kings of Judah, all "sons" of David
David's charge to Solomon to avenge his opposers (1 Kings 2:1-9)	David's charge to Solomon to build the temple (1 Chron. 22:2-19)
Negative information on the kings of Israel (e.g., 1 Kings 13:1-14:20 on Jeroboam; 1 Kings 15:25-21:29 on others)	Positive details about kings of Judah: Asa (1 Chron. 14:6-15:15), Jehoshaphat (2 Chron. 17:1- 19), Hezekiah (2 Chron. 32:27-30), etc.
Stories of Elijah (1 Kings 15:25-21:29) and Elisha (2 Kings 2:1-8:15; 13:14-25) since they ministered primarily in Israel	God's discipline by plague and enemy invasions upon Joram of Judah for his evil ways (1 Chron. 21:11-20)
Negative events after Judah's fall (2 Kings 25)	Renewal of Passover (2 Chron. 30) & other reforms of worship (2 Chron. 31)
The 2 falls of Israel (2 Kings 17:1-41 & 17:5-6; 18:9-12)	The end of Judah's exile (2 Chron. 36:22-23)

**God disciplines us but
never rejects us.**

A photograph of two hands clasped together, with fingers spread, against a dark, moody background. The hands are positioned on the left side of the frame, with one hand slightly above the other. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the skin tones against the dark background.

Eternal Security



Some Despise Security

**MY TEACHING OF
ETERNAL SECURITY,
ALSO KNOWN AS *ONCE
SAVED ALWAYS SAVED
OR THE PERSEVERANCE
OF THE SAINTS*, IS THE
BEST LIE I'VE EVER
DEvised AGAINST THE
RIGHTEOUS. CHANCES
ARE, IF YOU ARE LIKE
MOST, I WILL DECEIVE
AND RECAPTURE YOU
TOO.**

**Ha!
Ha! Ha! Ha!**



***YOU CAN
TRUST ME! I'M AN
ETERNAL SECURITY
TEACHER.***

Assurance in 1 John 5:11-13

62 b) (2)
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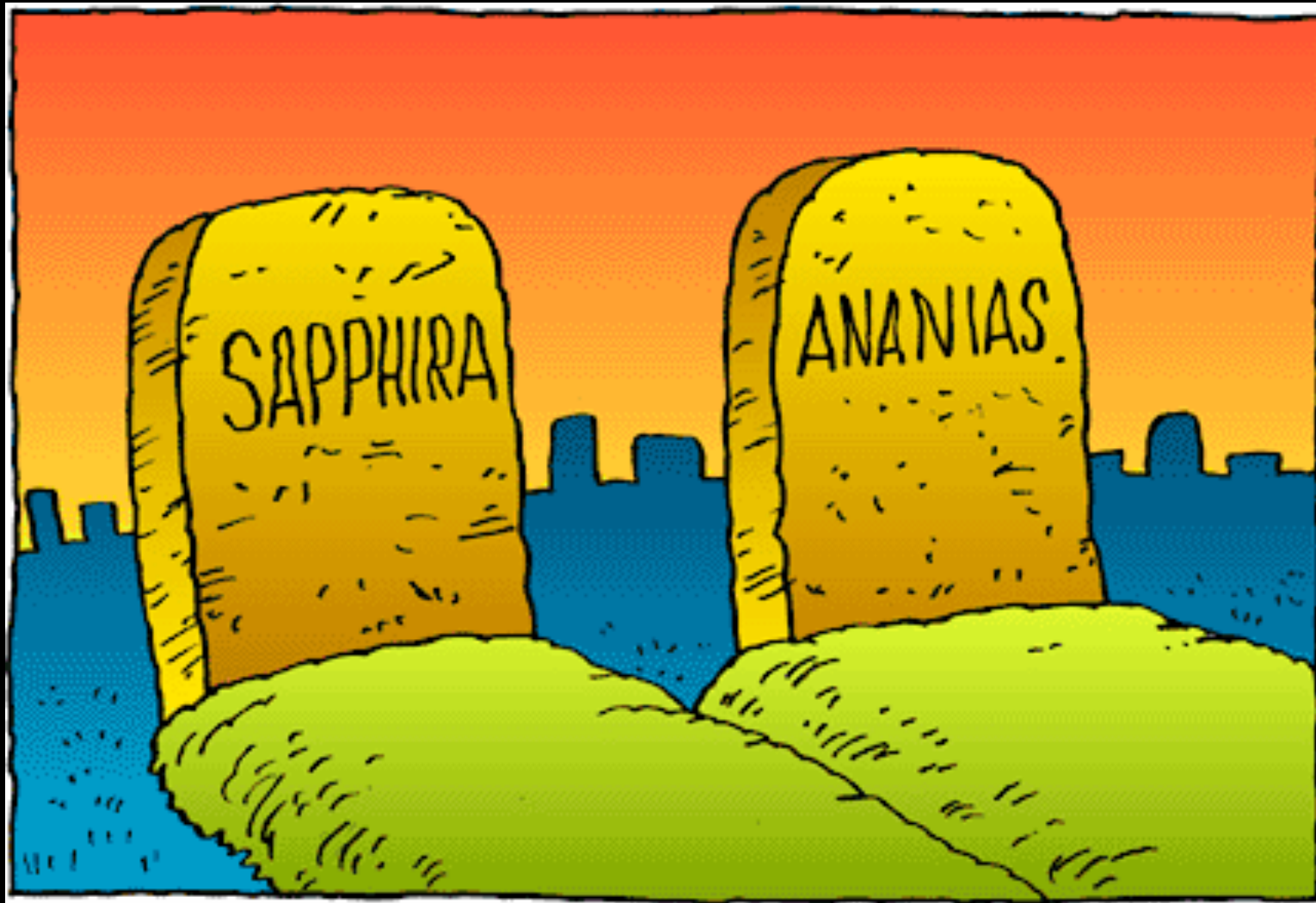
Should we
ever doubt?

Should we
ever doubt?

Should we
ever doubt?

And this is what God has testified:
He **has given us eternal life**, and this life is in
his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son **has life**;
whoever does not have God's Son does not
have life. ¹³I have written this to you who
believe in the name of the Son of God, so that
you may know **you have eternal life.**"

**However, there is still
divine discipline...**



Ananias & Sapphira



Acts 5

Rewards can be lost!

"Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward" (2 John 8 NLT)



**How does God help us be
secure?**



Main Idea of 2 Chronicles

**God blesses and preserves
us to worship him**

**How does God help us be
secure?**

2 ways



I. God **blesse**s our worship.

2 Chronicles 1–9

**II. God preserves us even in
discipline.**

2 Chronicles 10–36

A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, with hands clasped, against a vibrant sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right.

Be Secure

2 Chronicles

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How can you be secure?

You can't.

This is God's work.

But has God secured you?

2 Chronicles Ultimate Security

Solomon	Jesus
Son of David	Ultimate Son of David
Established united monarchy of Israel	Established kingdom of God upon earth
He built the temple	He was the temple
Established a kingdom that would last until 586 BC	Established a kingdom that will never end
Chastened because of his iniquity	Chastened because of our iniquities

**How can you better respond to
his faithfulness in genuine
worship?**





Take time out

Humility & Repentance

"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land"

(2 Chronicles 7:14 NLT).

Holy Bible

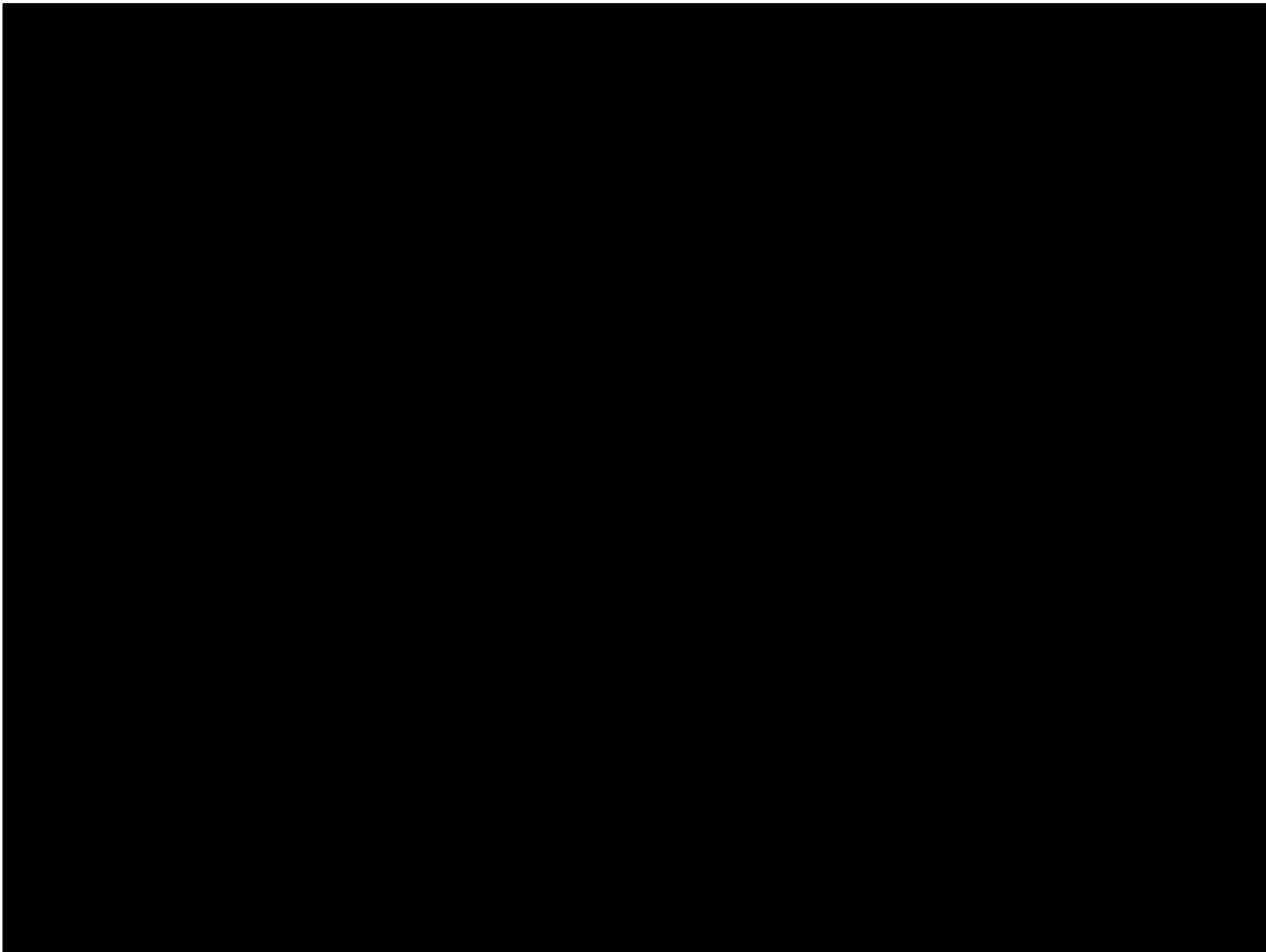
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ME!

Open your hand

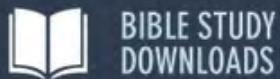


When your will is *God's will*,
you will have *your will*.

—Charles Spurgeon



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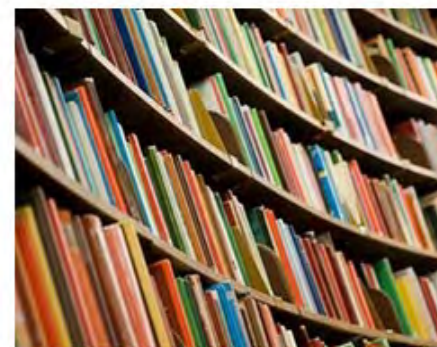
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Revivals in 2 Chronicles

Revival #	1	2	3	4	5	6
Chapters	15	20	23–24	25	29–31	34–35
Kings	Asa	Jehoshaphat	Joash (via Jehoiada)	Amaziah	Hezekiah	Josiah
Actions						
Results						

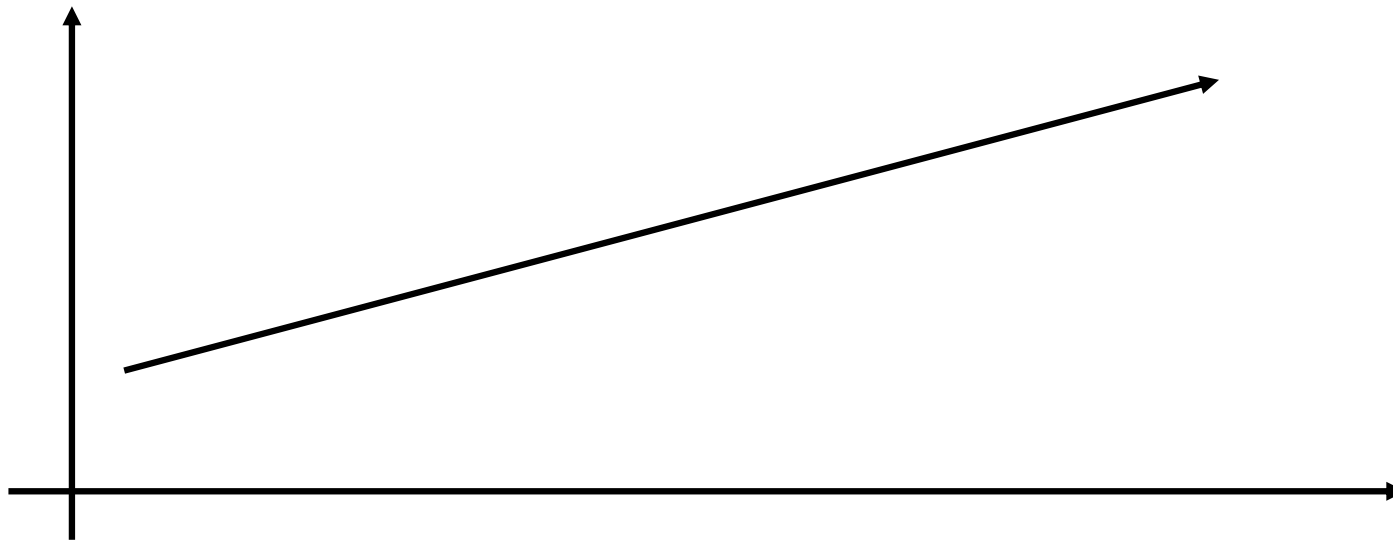
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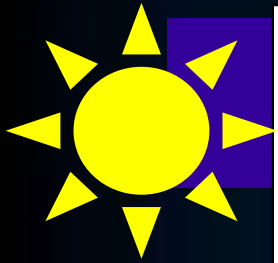
The spiritual perspective on the *preservation* of David's line despite the fall and exile of Judah is given to admonish the remnant to *proper temple worship*—not the idolatry of the past.

Stealing from the temple and leaving it in disrepair (12:9; 16:2-3) is contrasted with replenishing (15:18) and repairing it (24:4-14).

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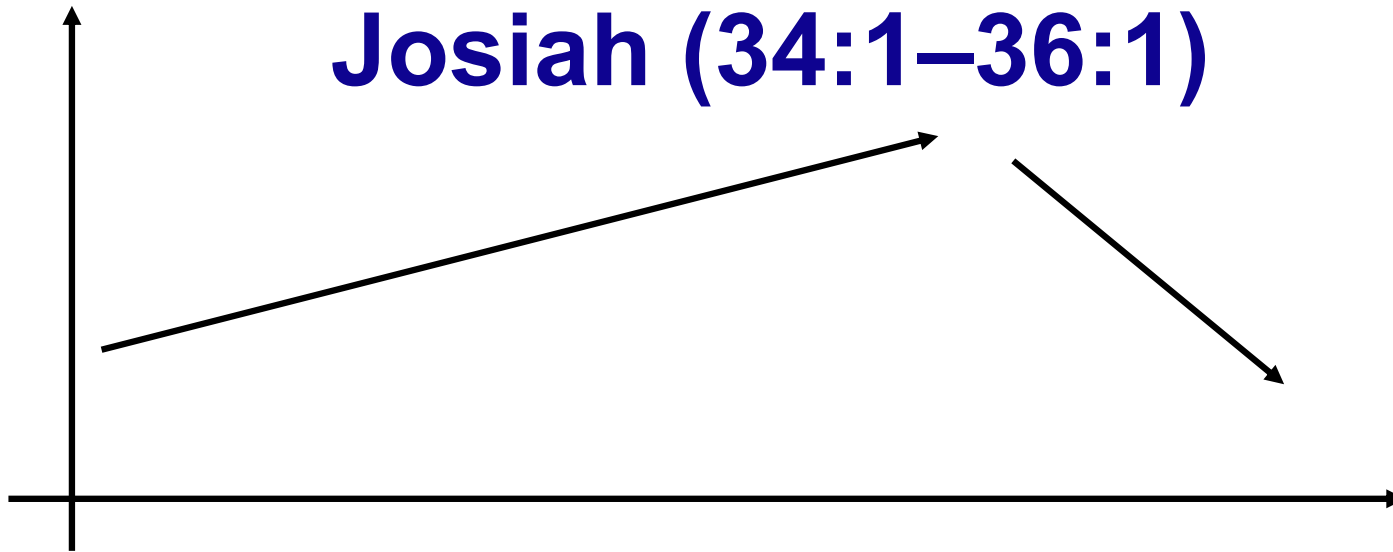
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Good with a Bad End (8)

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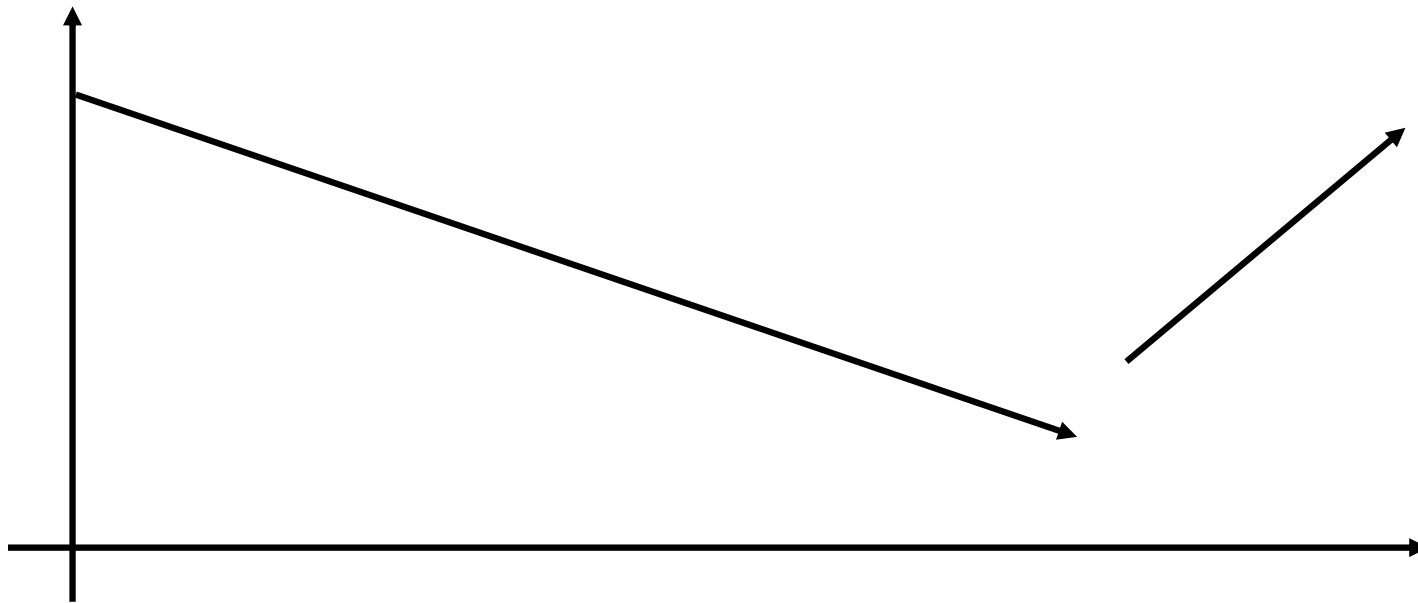


Patterns of Kingly Rule

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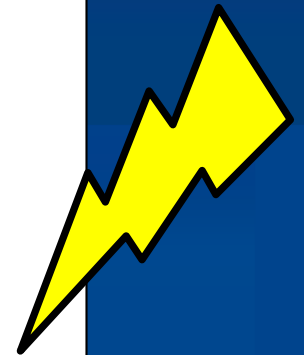
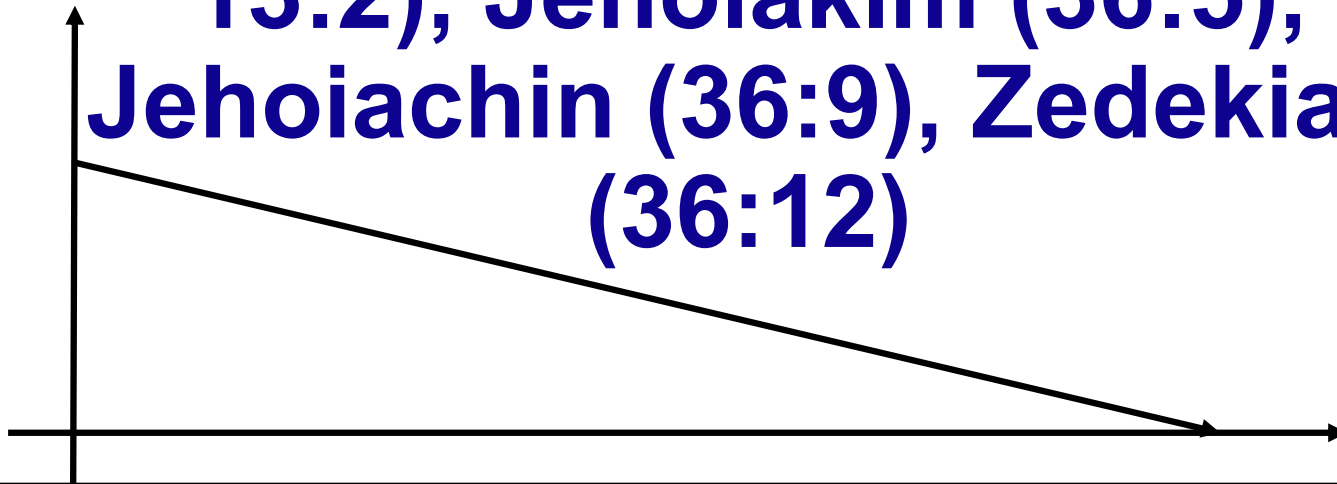
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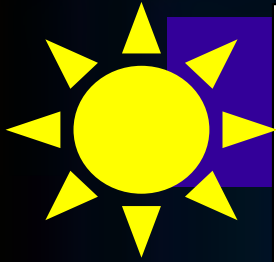
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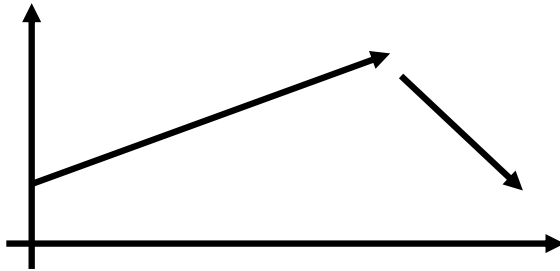
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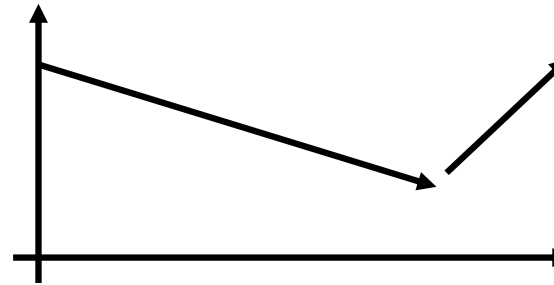
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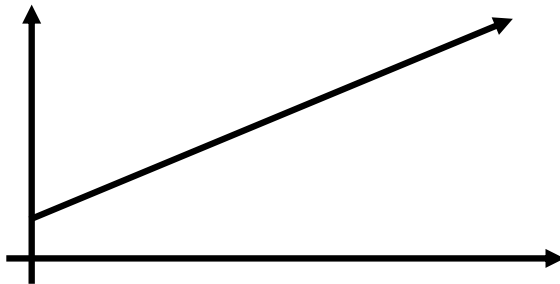
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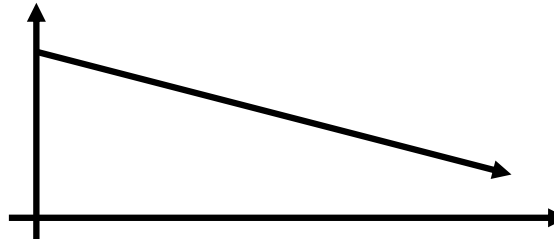
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Application

**Humble yourself when the Lord
exalts you lest you yourself
become your own idol.**

**"Success is never final;
Failure is never fatal;
It is courage [no, humility] that counts."**

—Winston Churchill, adapted

What Empires and What Order? 52



Babylonian



Greek



Assyrian



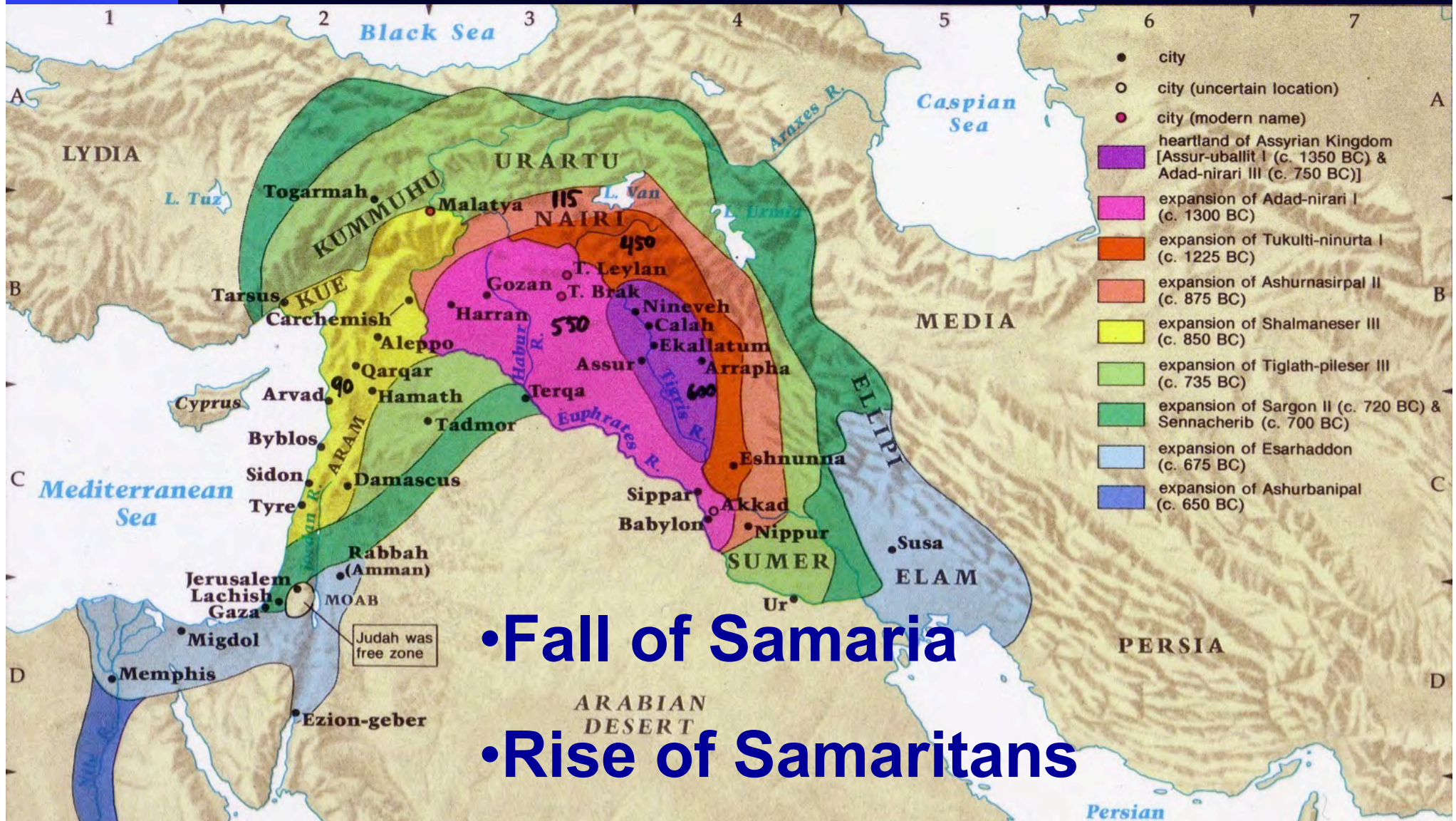
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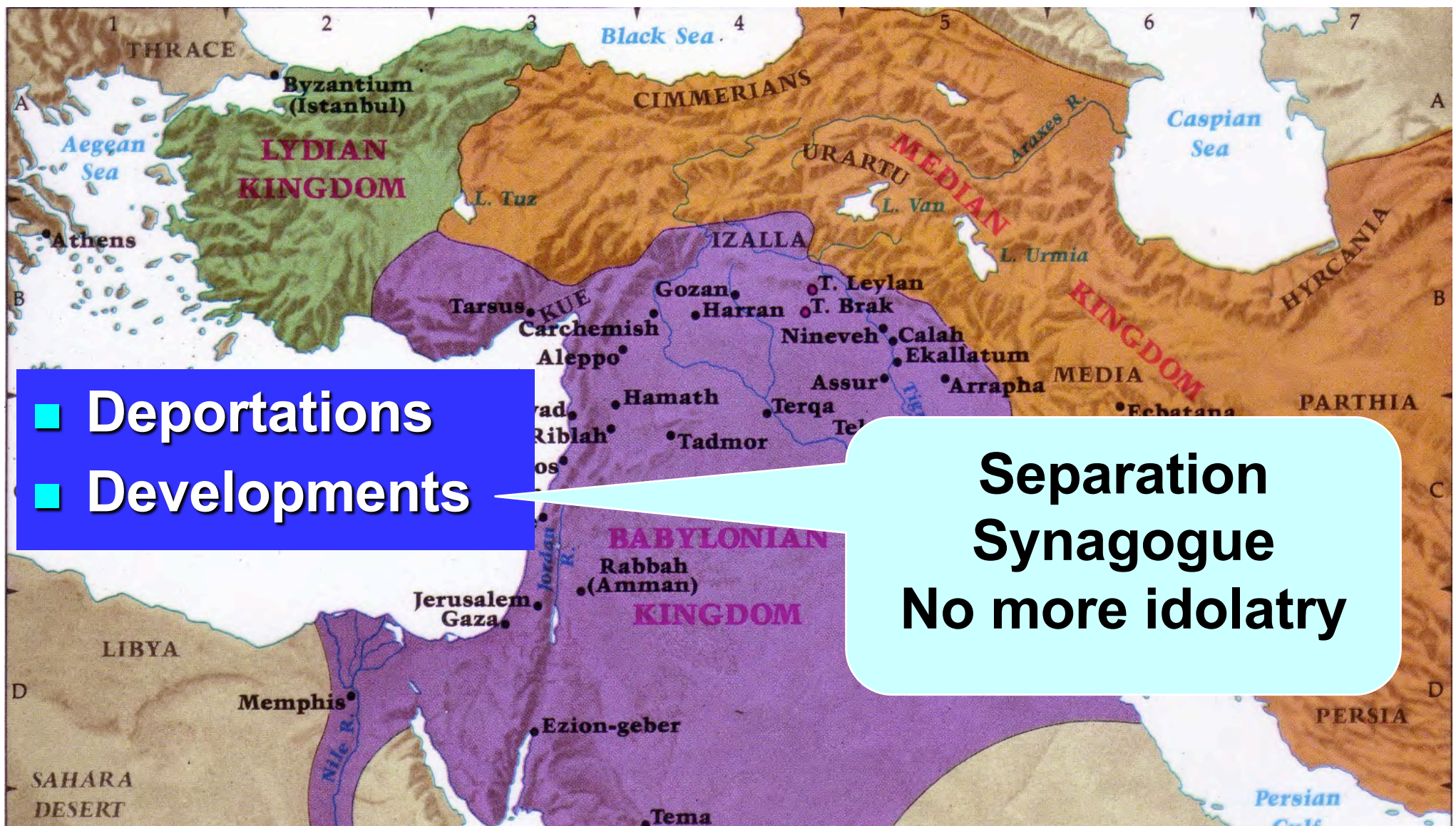
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Assyrian Developments



- Fall of Samaria
- Rise of Samaritans

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■ Deportations
■ Developments

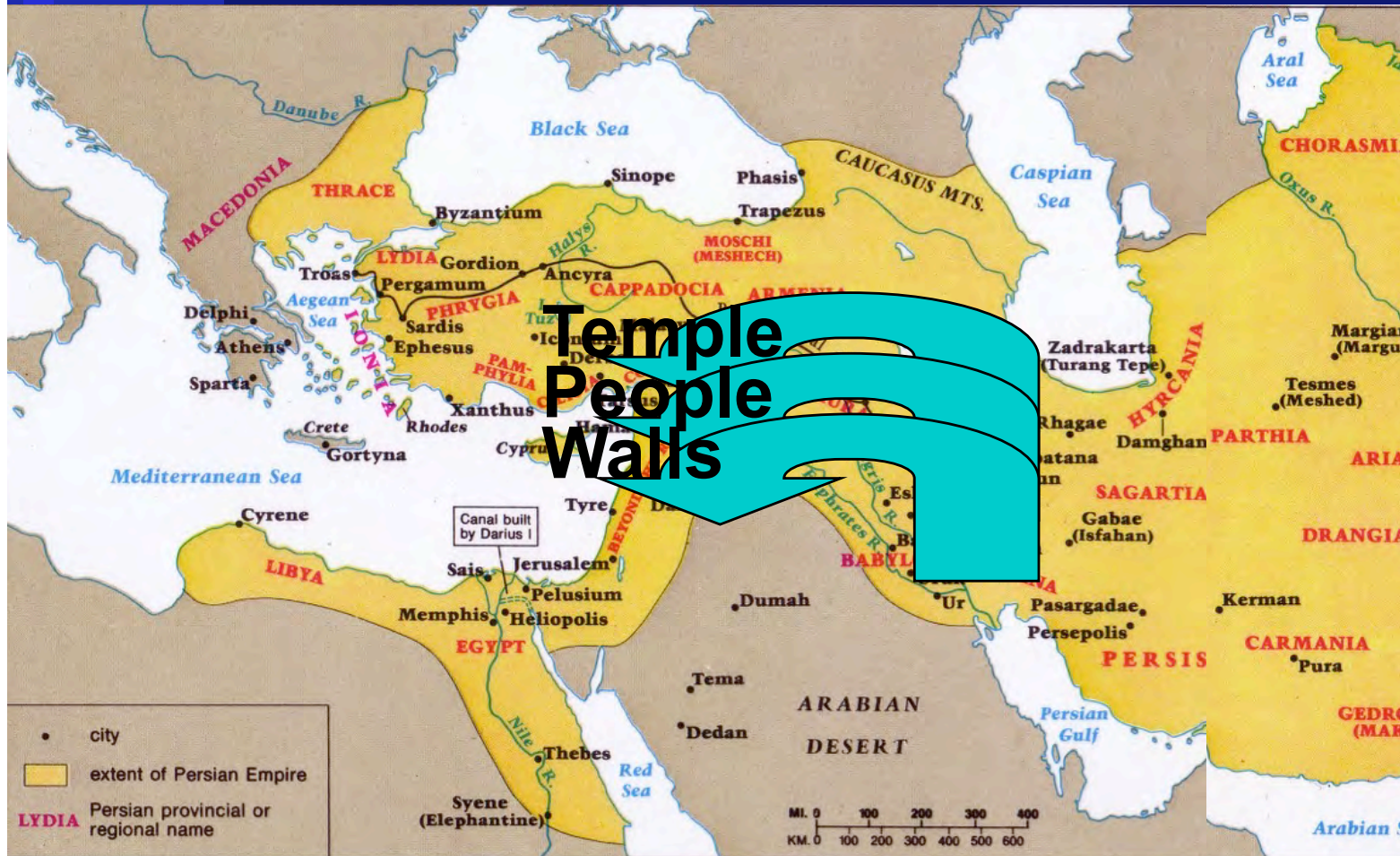
Separation
Synagogue
No more idolatry

Babylonian Rule over Palestine

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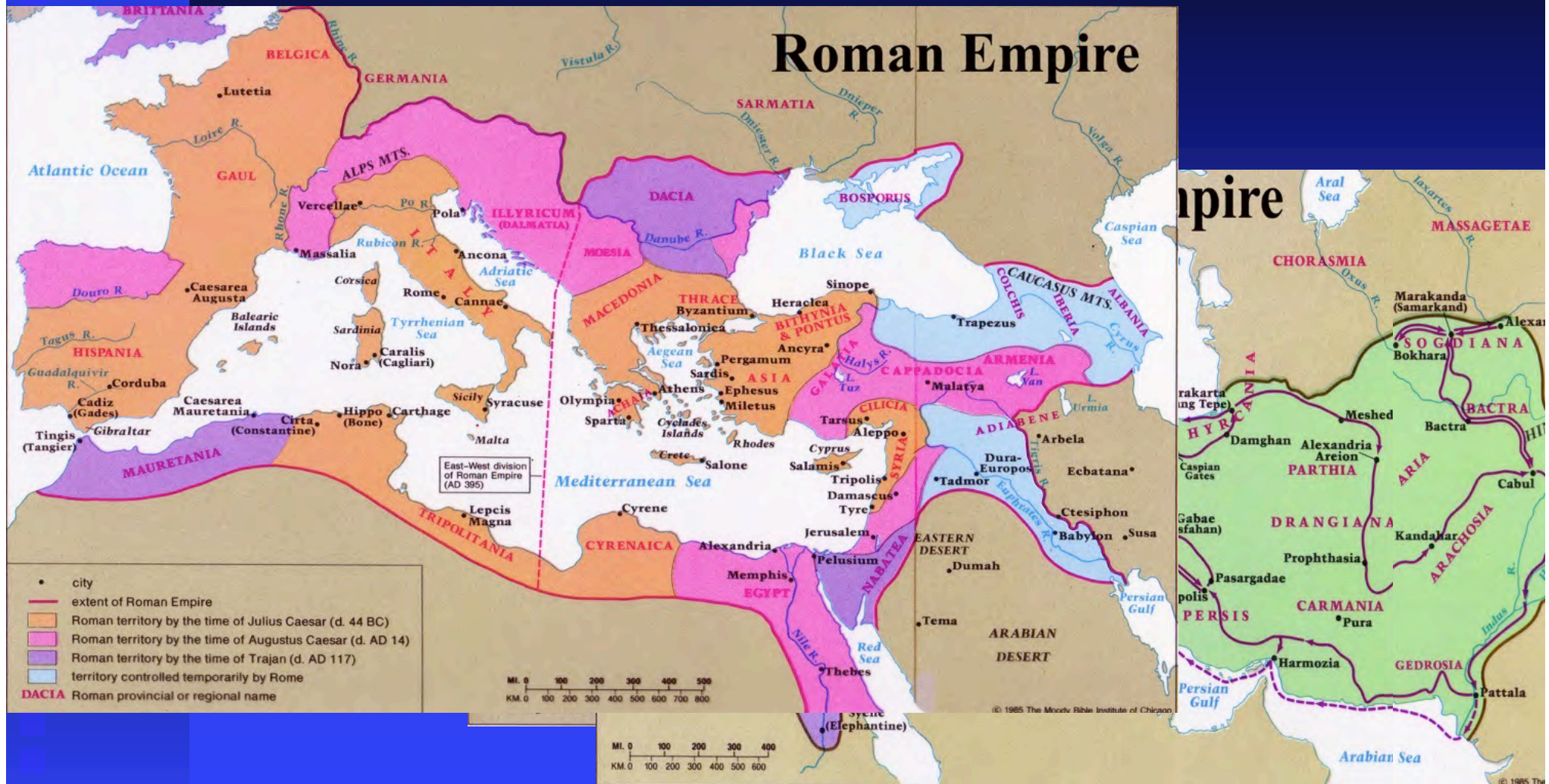
The Persian Era

- Returns
- Developments



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Maps of Intertestamental Empires



Title

- As was true for the Books of Samuel & Kings, so the Books of Chronicles originally comprised a single scroll. The Hebrew name (דִּבְרֵי הַיָּמִים *Dibere Hayyamim*) translates "The Words (Accounts, Events) of the Days," which in modern idiom means "The Events of the Times."
- The book was divided in the Septuagint with the name *Paraleipomenon*, "Of Things Omitted," referring to data lacking in Samuel & Kings. However, this title wrongly implies that Chronicles merely supplies omissions in Kings, which does not explain the parallel accounts and different emphases.
- The English title "Chronicles" is perhaps best. It stems from Jerome's Latin Vulgate (ca. AD 395) as he felt it chronicles the entire sacred history.

Authorship

External Evidence

- The Talmud says Ezra the priest authored the work.
- Some Talmudists believe that Nehemiah wrote the genealogy (1 Chron. 1–9).

Internal Evidence

- It makes sense that the book was written by a priest as it emphasizes the temple, the priesthood, & the theocratic line of David in the kingdom of Judah.
- The style is very similar to the Book of Ezra & both share a priestly perspective: genealogies, temple worship, ministry of the priesthood, & obedience to the Law.
- Ezra's authorship is especially supported in that Ezra 1:1-3 repeats the closing verses of 2 Chronicles 36:22-23 almost identically.

- References to the deportation of Judah (1 Chron. 6:15; 9:1) show that the work was compiled after 586 BC.
- Chronicles was compiled long after the return from Babylon (1 Chron. 3:17-24). This text reveals the latest person in Chronicles was from the 10th generation from the return from Babylon.
- Therefore, the best estimate of the time of the compilation is between about 450-425 BC.
- The work & his ministry in Jerusalem does not stretch beyond ca. 445 (cf. Neh. 12:36).

Recipients

Using the above date of 450-425 BC for compilation, the original readers comprised Jews who had been back in the land for about a century & probably had recently experienced the reconstruction of the Jerusalem walls under Nehemiah.

Occasion

Kings records the history from a political/ethical standpoint, but Chronicles provides the spiritual/priestly perspective. It reminded the people that David's royal line still remained to encourage the small remnant who had returned & built a meager temple compared to Solomon's. Thus Chronicles was recorded to bolster the hopes of those who saw only a vague reminiscence of the glory of former days.

Characteristics

B. "All the books of the Bible, thus far, from Genesis to II Kings have pursued a chronological succession of events, right from Adam's creation to Judah's captivity; but now with the Chronicles we come to a writing which does not carry us forward . . . but goes back and reviews the whole story in order to derive and apply a vital lesson, namely, that ***the nation's response to God is the decisive factor in its history and destiny***"

Characteristics

- D. If one includes the genealogical section (1 Chron. 1–9; beginning 4143 BC) with the narrative (1 Chron. 10–2 Chron. 36; concluding 538 BC) the original single book of Chronicles covers more time than any book of Scripture (3606 years!).
- E. Chronicles is unique in that this writing contains the largest genealogy in the entire Scripture (1 Chron. 1–9).
- F. The Book of Chronicles appears last in the Hebrew Bible.

Argument

- The central idea in Chronicles that unifies the entire account is **the temple**.
- The major part of the account of Solomon's reign is the **construction & dedication** of the temple (**2 Chron. 1–9**), & the remainder of the book includes only the **kings of Judah** as the northern kingdom is not related to the temple & the Davidic line (**2 Chron. 10–36**).
- Thus the emphasis on temple worship in Jerusalem alone is given **to re-establish proper worship** after many years of idolatry at various worship places.

Outline

I. (Chs. 1–9) The reign of **Solomon** shows God's blessing on him in his **obedience in building the temple** to show Israel proper worship.

II. (Chs. 10–36) The reign of the **Davidic dynasty** in Judah **despises the temple**, which God judges in the destruction of the temple at the fall of Jerusalem to teach post-exilic Israel the importance of proper worship in its new temple.

Israel's Later Eastern Neighbors²⁸¹

John H. Walton, Chronological and Background Charts of the OT, 2d ed., 72

MOAB

AMMON

EDOM

930 – At the time of division, all were subjugated to the nation of Israel

**925 – Revolted during
reign of
Jeroboam & gained
freedom**

**925 – Declared freedom
from Jeroboam
853 – Baasha of Ammon
allied with Ahab & others
against
Assyria at Qarqar**

**Remained under the
control of Judah**

**877 – Subjugated by
Omri**

Coalition against Jehoshaphat in 853 defeated at En-gedi (2 Chron. 20:1)

**850 – King Mesha
revolted against Jehoram
of Israel & gained
freedom.
(2 Kings 3:4-27)**

Retained freedom

**845 – Revolted against
Jehoram of Judah & gained
freedom (2 Chron. 21:8-10)**

**794 – Defeated by Amaziah
(2 Chron. 25:11-13)**

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AMMON

EDOM

780 – Uzziah & Jeroboam II subjugated all three

Remained subjugated

**738 – Gained freedom from
Jotham (2 Chron. 27:5)**

**735 – Gained freedom from
Ahaz (2 Chron. 28:17)**

732 – All became Assyrian tributaries

**711 – Conquered by
Sargon**

Remained as Assyrian tributaries

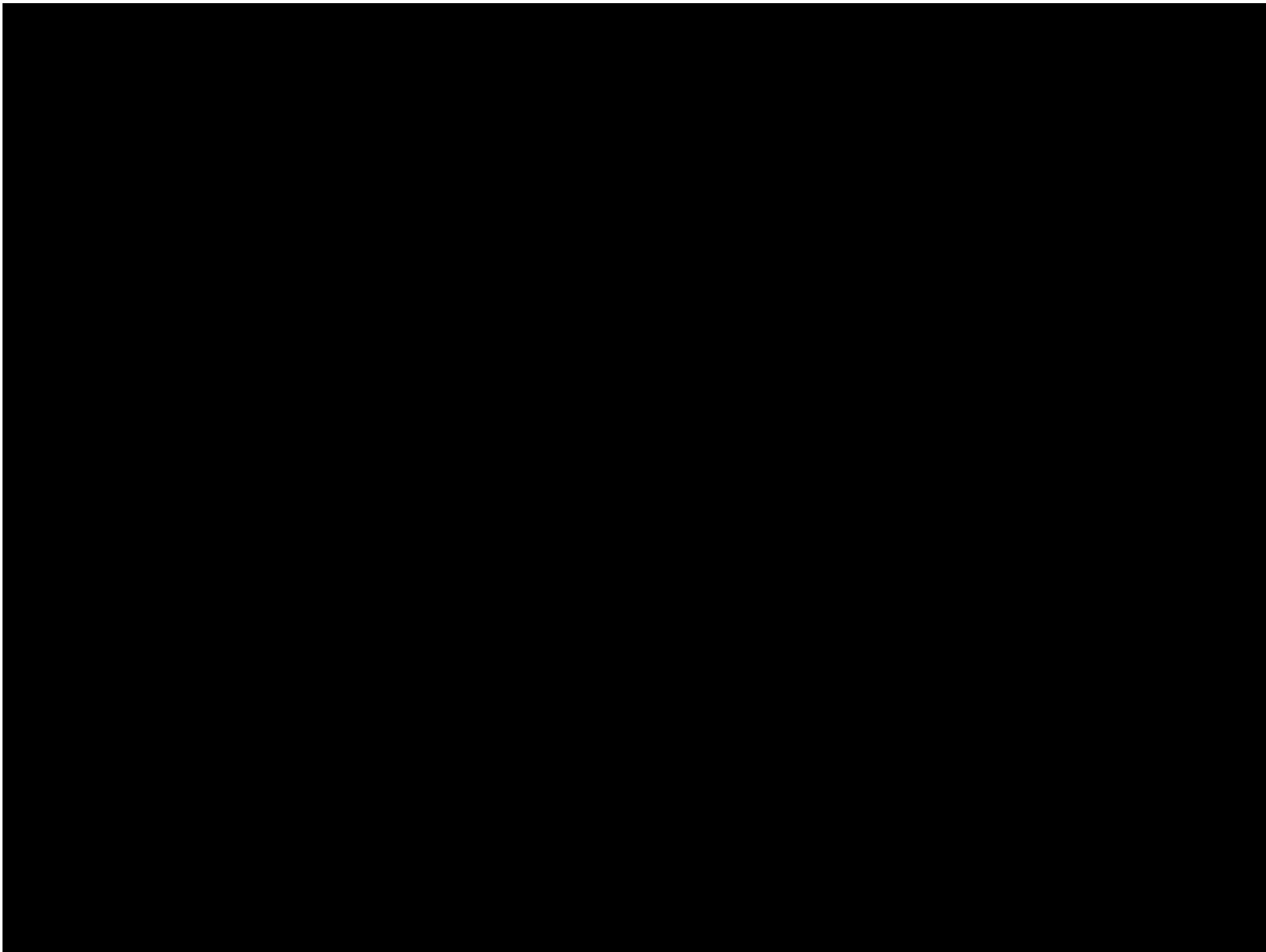
690 – Rebellion suppressed by Sennacherib

**612 – Gained partial freedom with fall of Nineveh – 607 – Raided Judah for
Babylon**

**605 – Subjugated by
Nebuchadnezzar
581 – Rebelled & was
conquered**

**581 – King Baalis
rebelled & was
conquered**

**601 – Became &
remained Babylonian
tributary**



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