

Judgment on the 12-Nation Coalition

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Assyria

Ahaz should not trust in the twelve-nation coalition since Assyria will defeat it as God's agent of judgment (Isa 13–23).

Egypt

Edom

Sudan

Arabia

Isaiah 13–23

Nations Prophesied Against (Jeremiah 46–51)

1. **EGYPT (46:1-27)** - To be defeated by Babylonians
2. **PHILISTIA (47:1-7)** - To be overrun by Egyptians
3. **MOAB (48:1-47)** - To be conquered by Babylon
4. **AMMON (49:1-6)** - To be destroyed and re-established in the millennium.
5. **EDOM (49:7-22)** - To become as Sodom and Gomorrah
6. **DAMASCUS (49:23-27)** - To be destroyed in a single day
7. **KEDAR & HAZOR (49:28-35)** - To be destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar
8. **ELAM (49:34-39)** - To be overrun by Nebuchadnezzar and re-established during the millennium
9. **BABYLON (50:1–51:64)** - Final destruction of the empire



Isaiah 13

Phoenicians

Syrians

Left Stage

**Life in
Ancient Israel**

Right Stage

Romans

**Desert Peoples
The "ites"
Gileadites**

**Sea Peoples,
The "ians" (mostly)**

Babylonians

Assyrians

Israelites

Ammonites

Philistines

Moabites

Egyptians

Amalekites

Edomites



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A topographical map of the Near East, showing the Mediterranean Sea to the west, the Persian Gulf to the east, and the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. The land is colored in shades of green and brown. A red starburst shape is placed over the region of Assyria, and a black box is placed over the region of Babylon.

Assyria

Babylon

13:1–14:27

**Can Judah trust Babylon to protect
them from Assyria?
No—Babylon itself is doomed!**



The Plan for Babylon

Isaiah 13:1-14:23

The Name

The Location

The Tower of Babel





Bab-el

"Gate of God"

**“Isaiah son of Amoz received
this message concerning the
destruction of Babylon”**

Isaiah 13:1 NLT

RELIGION

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Babylonians had many gods – Sumerian, Akkadian, imports from mountainous regions (N & E of Meso.) – which reflected their needs and fears

Marduk (Bel / Baal)

- 1. Son of Ea (wisdom)**
- 2. Chief of Babylon's gods (rising sun)**
- 3. Temples & a huge ziggurat (the temple of Esgalia)**
- 4. Wife called Sarpanitu / Son - Nabu**
- 5. Sacred number 10 / Planet Jupiter**
- 6. Statue of pure gold – Babylon**
- 7. Made men and fashioned the world**



OTHER BABYLONIAN GODS

Pantheons – overlapped many cities

Every street bore the name of one of the gods

ISHTAR (goddess) – moon god
ENLIL (Sumerian Nanna) – Venus
SIN (Sumerian King god) – god of justice
SHAMASH (sun of the land) – god of heavens
ANU (Sumerian Enki) – god of war and weather
ADAD (weather god) – In charge of the weather
EA (Sumerian god) – god of wisdom & magic

The city of Babylon



Where
were the
gods?

Everywhere!

Temples and Rituals

A RELIGIOUS METROPOLIS

- 53 temples of the city
- 55 chapels of the city
- 300 chapels of the city
- 600 altars of the city

Babylon, the mother of prostitutes and of
the abominations of the earth
(Revelation 17:5)

the goddess Ishtar
as Nergal and Adad
her altars for different gods

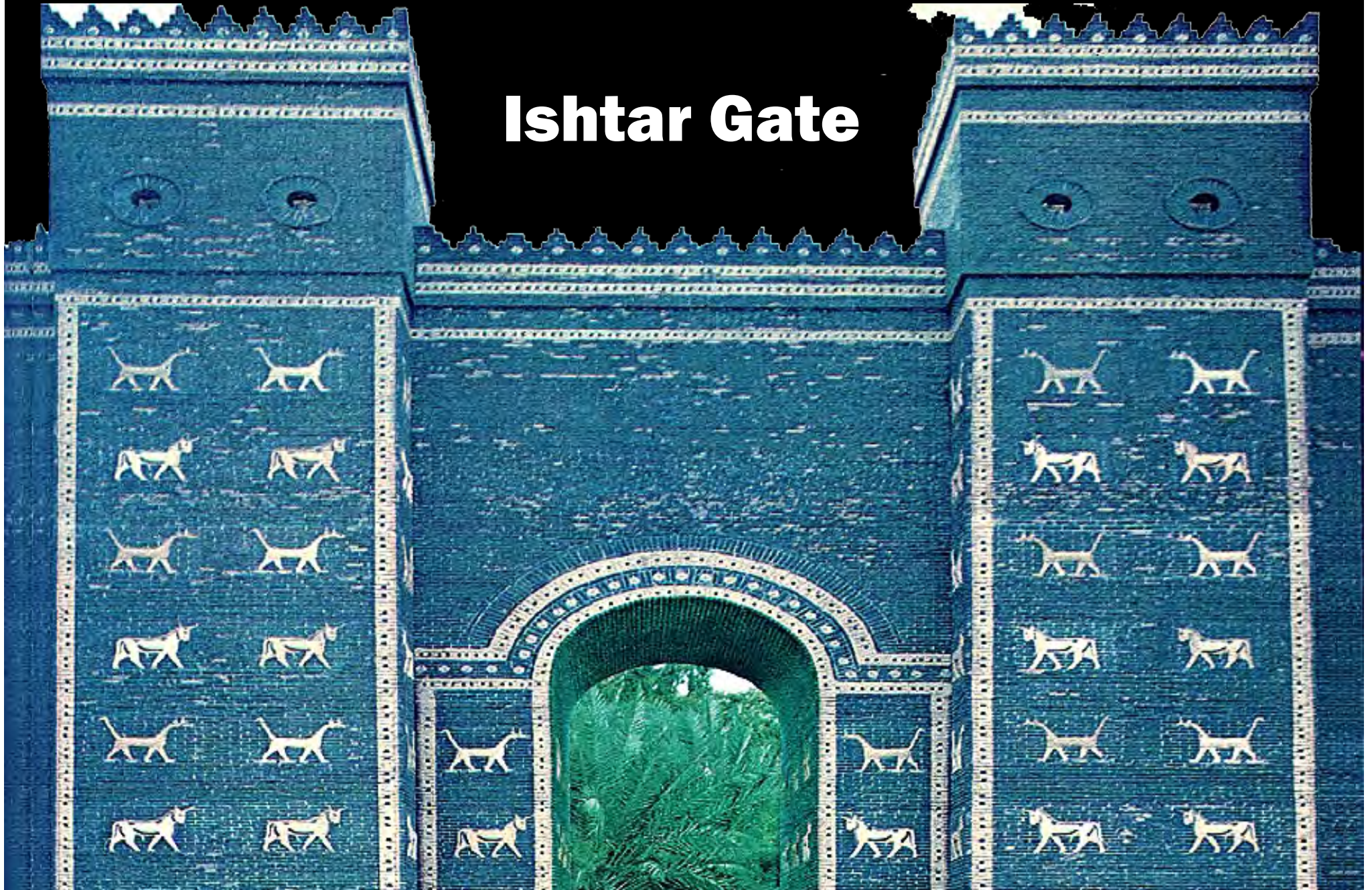
Self-Made Idols Are Useless

Babylon & Us





Ishtar Gate





Israelite Captives



**“Raise a signal flag on a
bare hilltop.**

**Call up an army against
Babylon.**

**Wave your hand to
encourage them**

**as they march into the
palaces of the high and
mighty.**

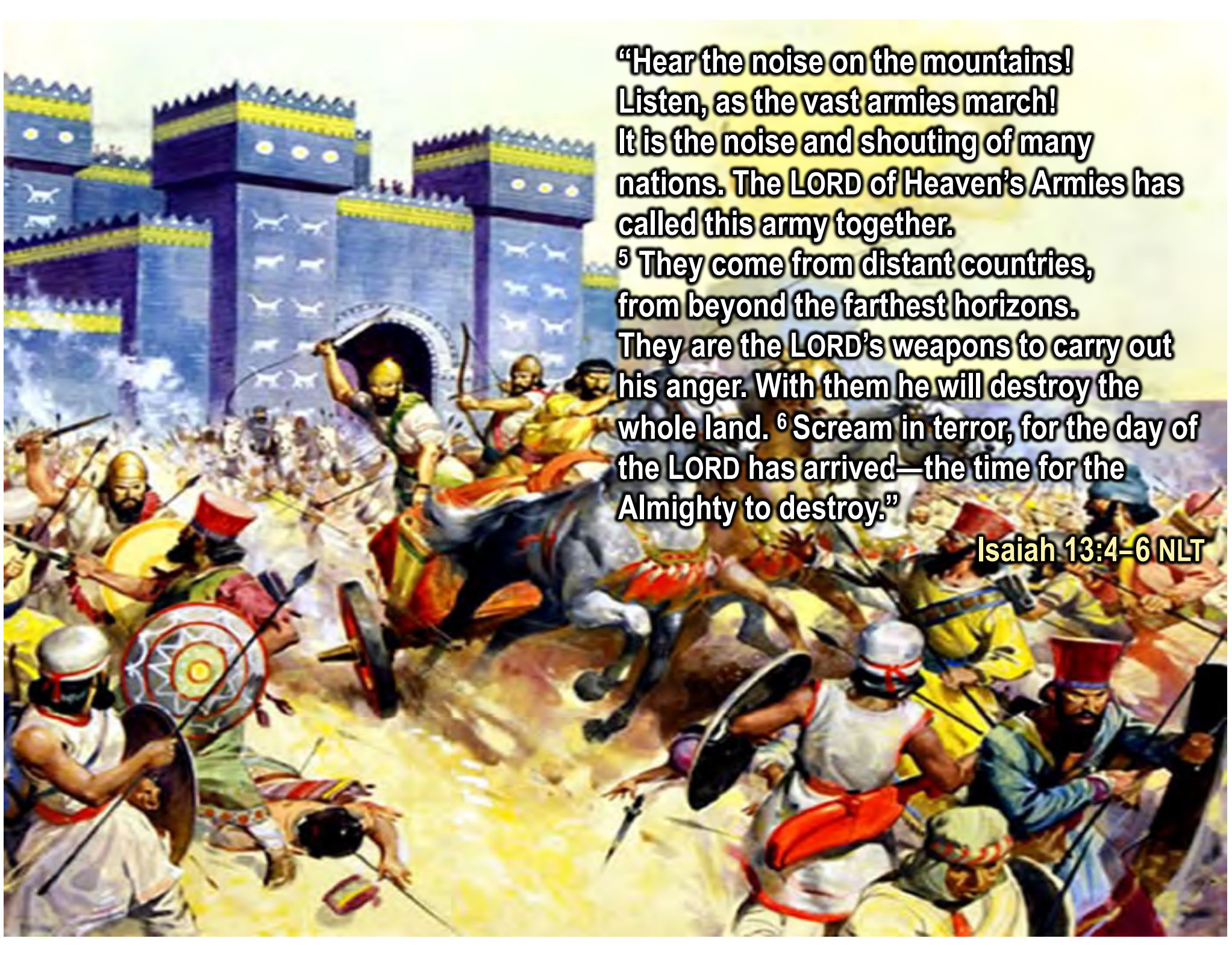
**³ I, the LORD, have
dedicated these soldiers
for this task.**

**Yes, I have called mighty
warriors to express my
anger,
and they will rejoice when I
am exalted.”**

**Assyrians
Conquered
Babylon
(689 BC)**

**Cyrus Also
Conquered
Babylon
(539 BC)**

Isaiah 13:2-3 NLT



**“Hear the noise on the mountains!
Listen, as the vast armies march!
It is the noise and shouting of many
nations. The LORD of Heaven’s Armies has
called this army together.**

**⁵ They come from distant countries,
from beyond the farthest horizons.
They are the LORD’s weapons to carry out
his anger. With them he will destroy the
whole land. ⁶ Scream in terror, for the day of
the LORD has arrived—the time for the
Almighty to destroy.”**

Isaiah 13:4–6 NLT

The Tribulation Judgments

“Therefore all hands will fall limp, and every man’s heart will melt. And they will be terrified. Pains and anguish will take hold of them; They will writhe like a woman in labor. They will look at one another in astonishment, their faces aflame. Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, cruel, with fury and burning anger, to make the land a desolation; and He will exterminate its sinners from it. **For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not flash forth their light; The sun will be dark when it rises, and the moon will not shed its light. Thus I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud, and abase the haughtiness of the ruthless.** I will make mortal man scarcer than pure gold, and mankind than the gold of Ophir. Therefore I shall make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken from its place at the fury of the LORD of hosts in the day of his burning anger.”

Isaiah 13:7–13

Medes will Conquer Babylon (539 BC)



**“Look, I will stir up the
Medes against Babylon.
They cannot be tempted by
silver**

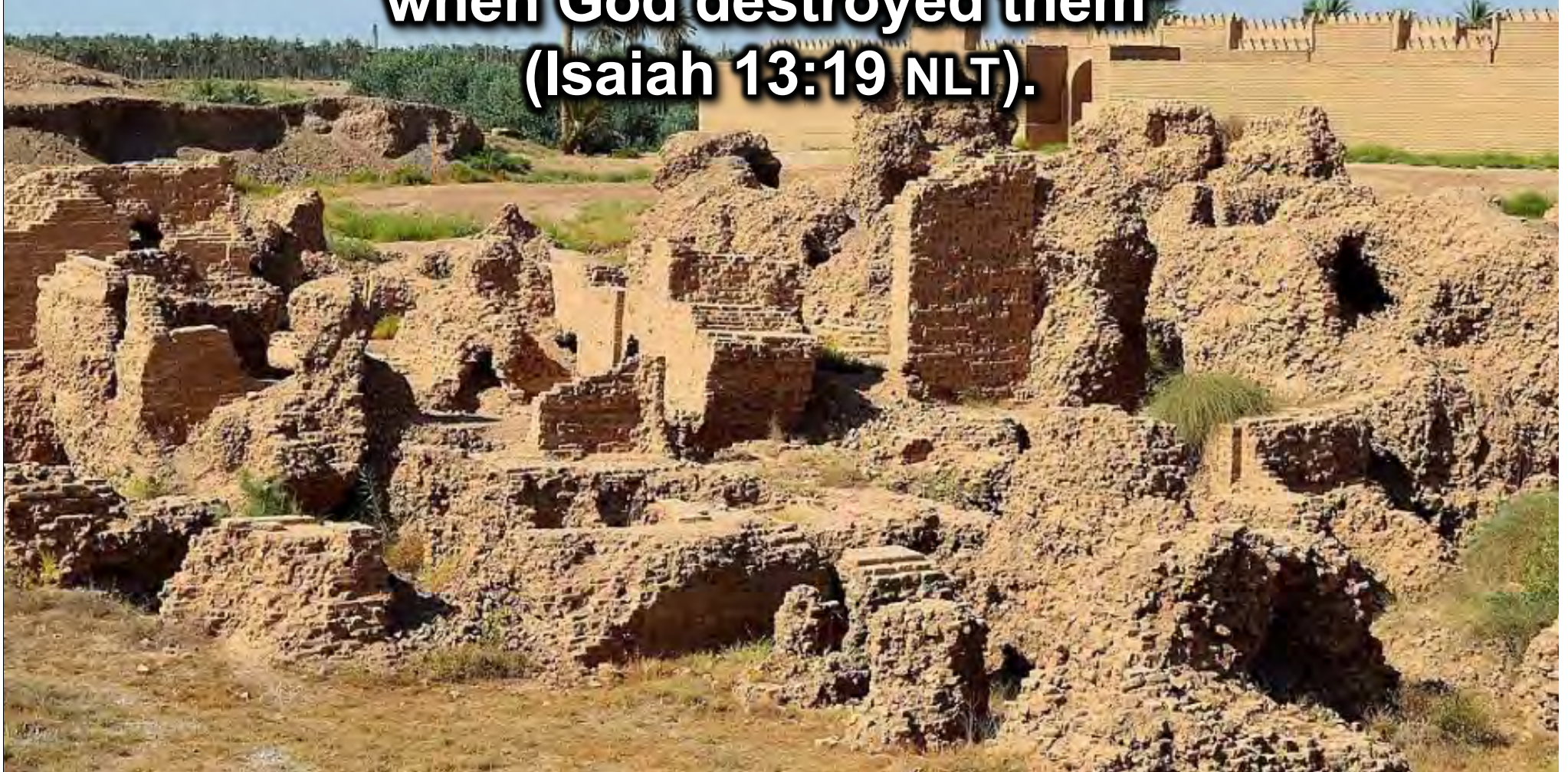
or bribed with gold.

**¹⁸ The attacking armies will
shoot down the young men
with arrows.**

**They will have no mercy on
helpless babies
and will show no
compassion for children”
(Isaiah 13:17-18 NLT).**

Utter Destruction!

**“Babylon, the most glorious of kingdoms,
the flower of Chaldean pride,
will be devastated like Sodom and Gomorrah
when God destroyed them”
(Isaiah 13:19 NLT).**



Utter Destruction!

**“Babylon will never be inhabited again.
It will remain empty for generation after generation.
Nomads will refuse to camp there,
and shepherds will not bed down their sheep”
(Isaiah 13:20 NLT).**



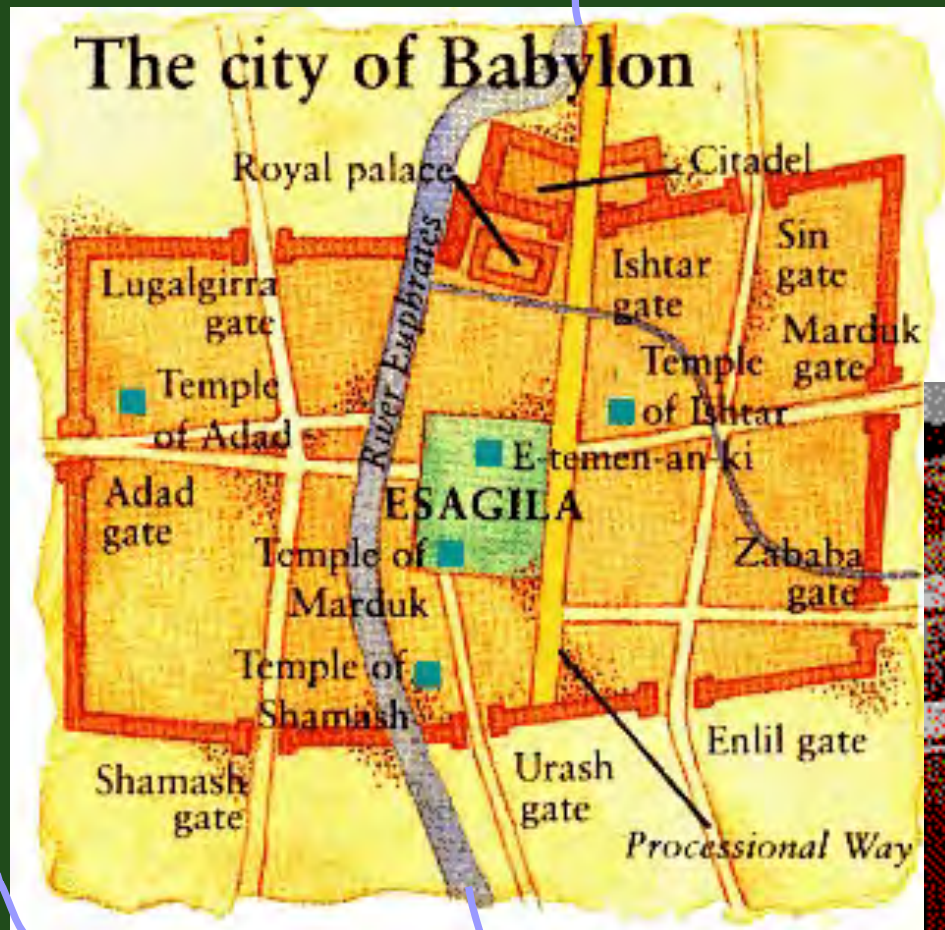
Belshazzar Humbled



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BABYLON FELL (539 BC)

Cyrus entered under the water gates



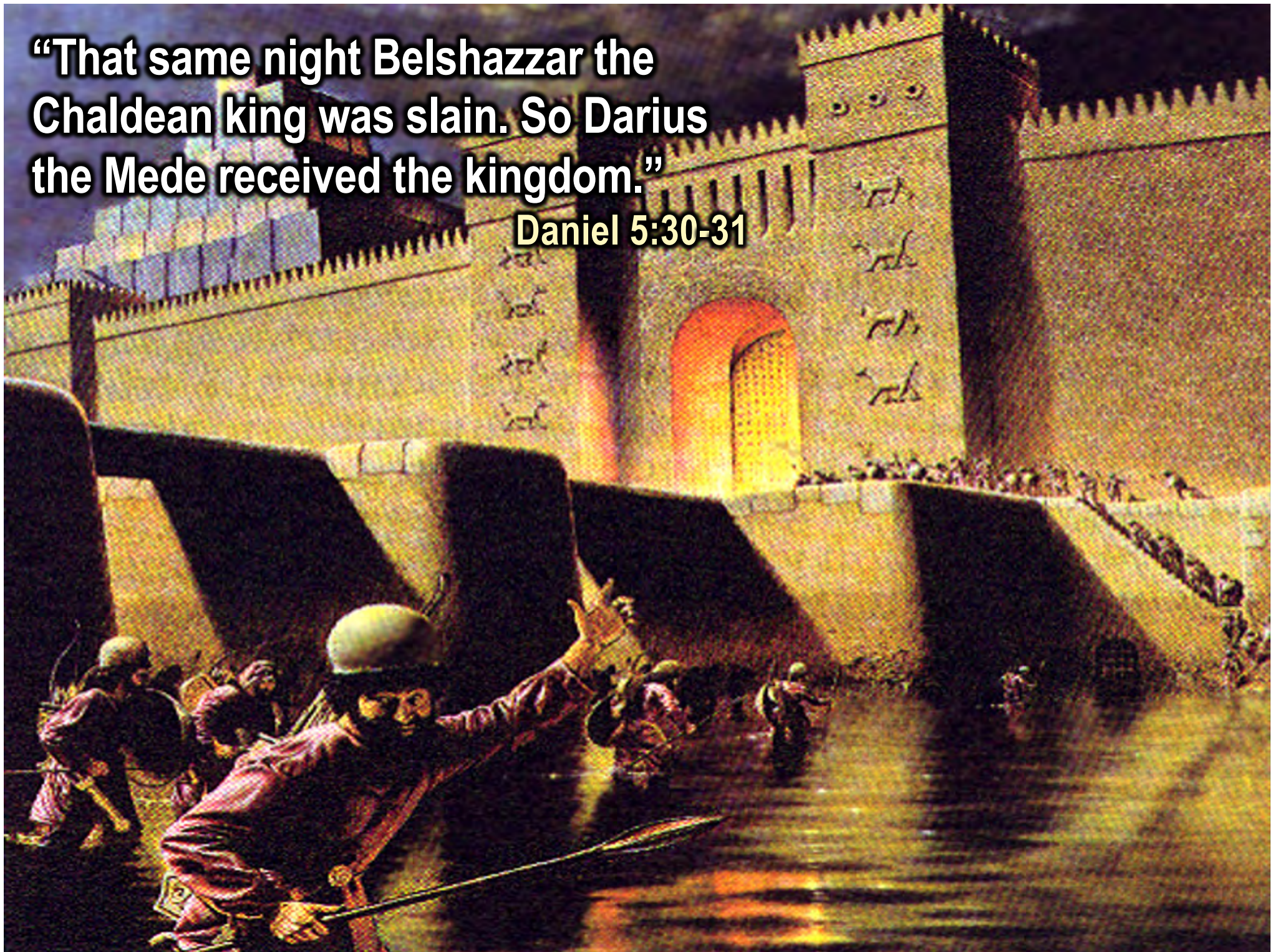
Daniel 5

(Belshazzar's Feast)



**“That same night Belshazzar the
Chaldean king was slain. So Darius
the Mede received the kingdom.”**

Daniel 5:30-31



Babylon's Fall (Herodotus)

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The History of the Persian Wars 1.191 (430 BC)

"[Cyrus] placed a portion of his army at the point where the river enters the city, and another body at the back of the place where it issues forth, with orders to march into the town by the bed of the stream, as soon as the water became **shallow enough**: he then himself drew off with the unwarlike portion of his host, and made for the place where Nitocris dug the basin for the river, where he did exactly what she had done formerly: **he turned the Euphrates by a canal into the basin**, which was then a marsh, on which the river sank to such an extent that the natural bed of the stream became fordable.

"Hereupon the Persians who had been left for the purpose at Babylon by the river-side, entered the stream, which had now sunk so as to reach about midway up a man's thigh, and thus got into the town.

Babylon's Fall (Herodotus)

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"Had the Babylonians been apprised of what Cyrus was about, or had they noticed their danger, they would never have allowed the Persians to enter the city, but would have destroyed them utterly; for they would have made fast all the street-gates which gave upon the river, and mounting upon the walls along both sides of the stream, would so have caught the enemy, as it were, in a trap. But, as it was, **the Persians came upon them by surprise and so took the city.** Owing to the vast size of the place, the inhabitants of the central parts (as the residents at Babylon declare) long after the outer portions of the town were taken, knew nothing of what had chanced, but as **they were engaged in a festival**, continued dancing and reveling until they learnt the capture but too certainly. Such, then, were the circumstances of the first taking of Babylon."

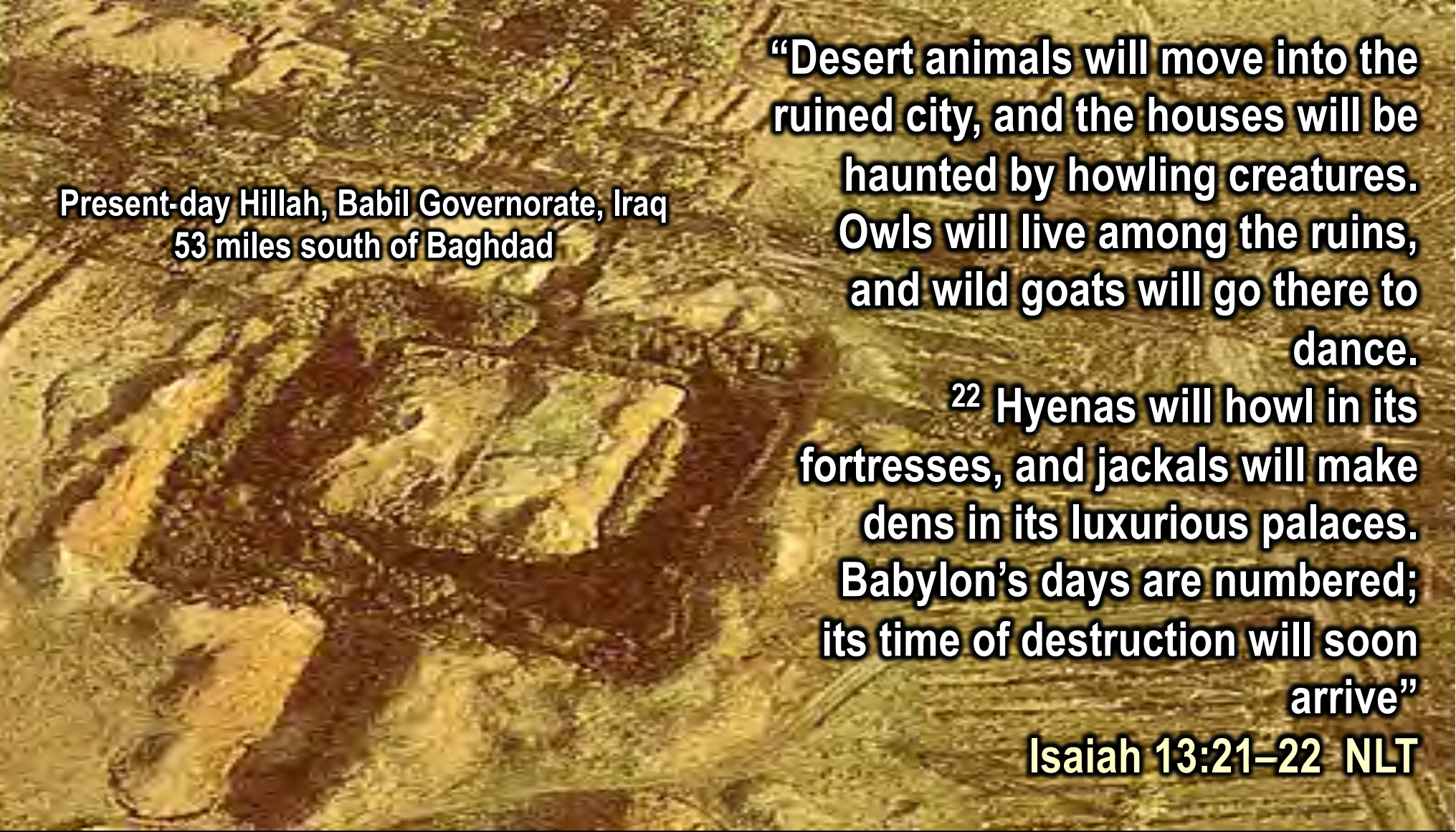
The History of the Persian Wars 1.191 (written over a century later in 430 BC)

When was this prophecy fulfilled?

A photograph showing the ruins of the Babylonian Empire, featuring large, broken mud-brick walls and a line of palm trees in the background under a clear sky.

1. When Babylonian empire ended

538 B.C. by Cyrus (Medes & Persians) when overthrew city



Present-day Hillah, Babil Governorate, Iraq
53 miles south of Baghdad

**“Desert animals will move into the
ruined city, and the houses will be
haunted by howling creatures.
Owls will live among the ruins,
and wild goats will go there to
dance.**

**²² Hyenas will howl in its
fortresses, and jackals will make
dens in its luxurious palaces.
Babylon’s days are numbered;
its time of destruction will soon
arrive”**

Isaiah 13:21–22 NLT

“Her fateful time also will soon come and her days will not be prolonged.” **Isaiah 13:22b**

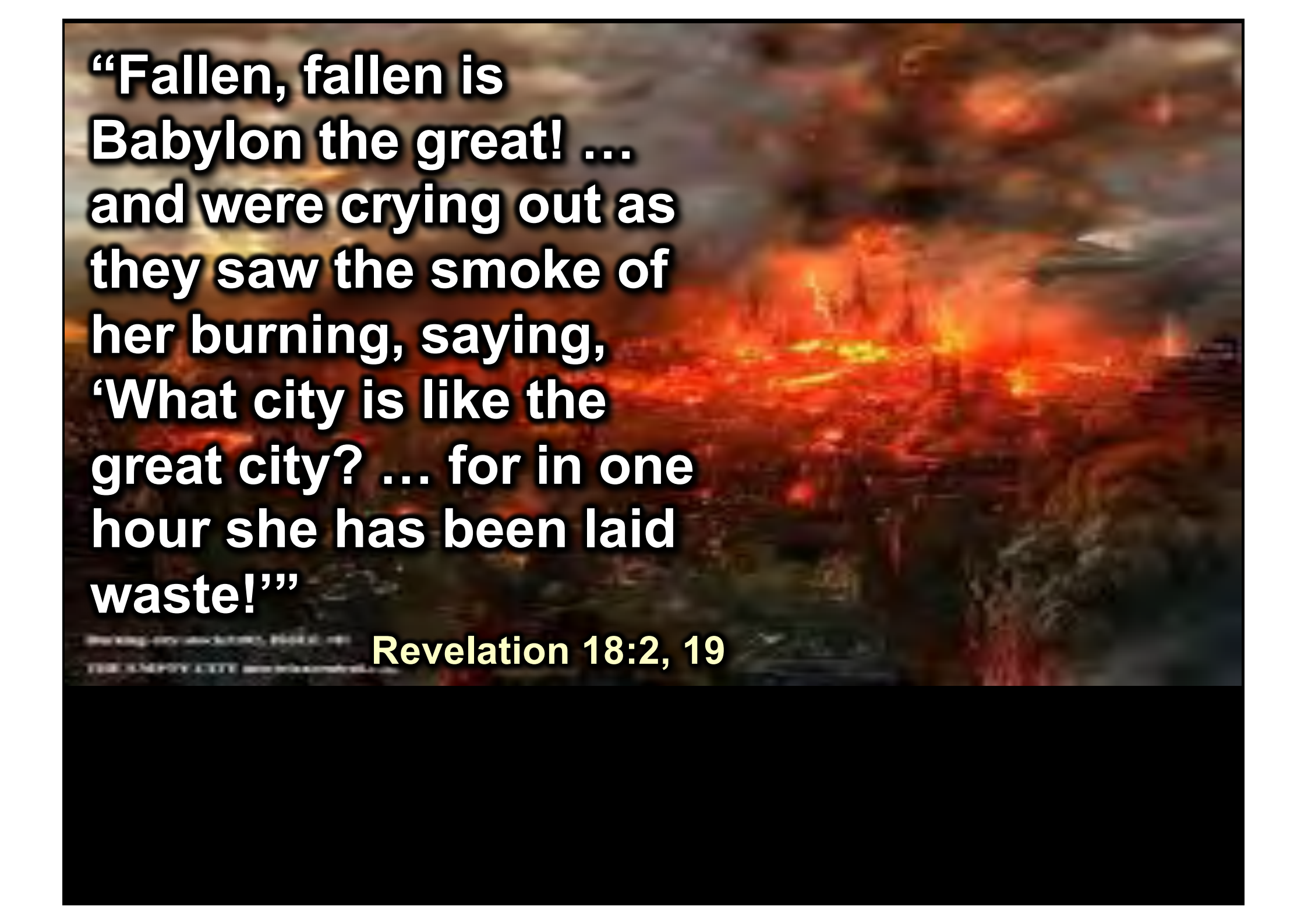


When was this prophecy fulfilled?

When Babylon as a symbol for evil is destroyed

End of Tribulation when Antichrist is overthrown





**“Fallen, fallen is
Babylon the great! ...
and were crying out as
they saw the smoke of
her burning, saying,
‘What city is like the
great city? ... for in one
hour she has been laid
waste!’”**

Revelation 18:2, 19

The background image is a composite of a natural landscape and a dramatic sky. The lower half shows a calm lake reflecting the sky, with dark evergreen trees on the left and rugged mountains on the right. The upper half is a sky filled with swirling clouds in shades of orange, red, and purple, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The title text is centered in the upper half of the image.

God's Plan for Babylon

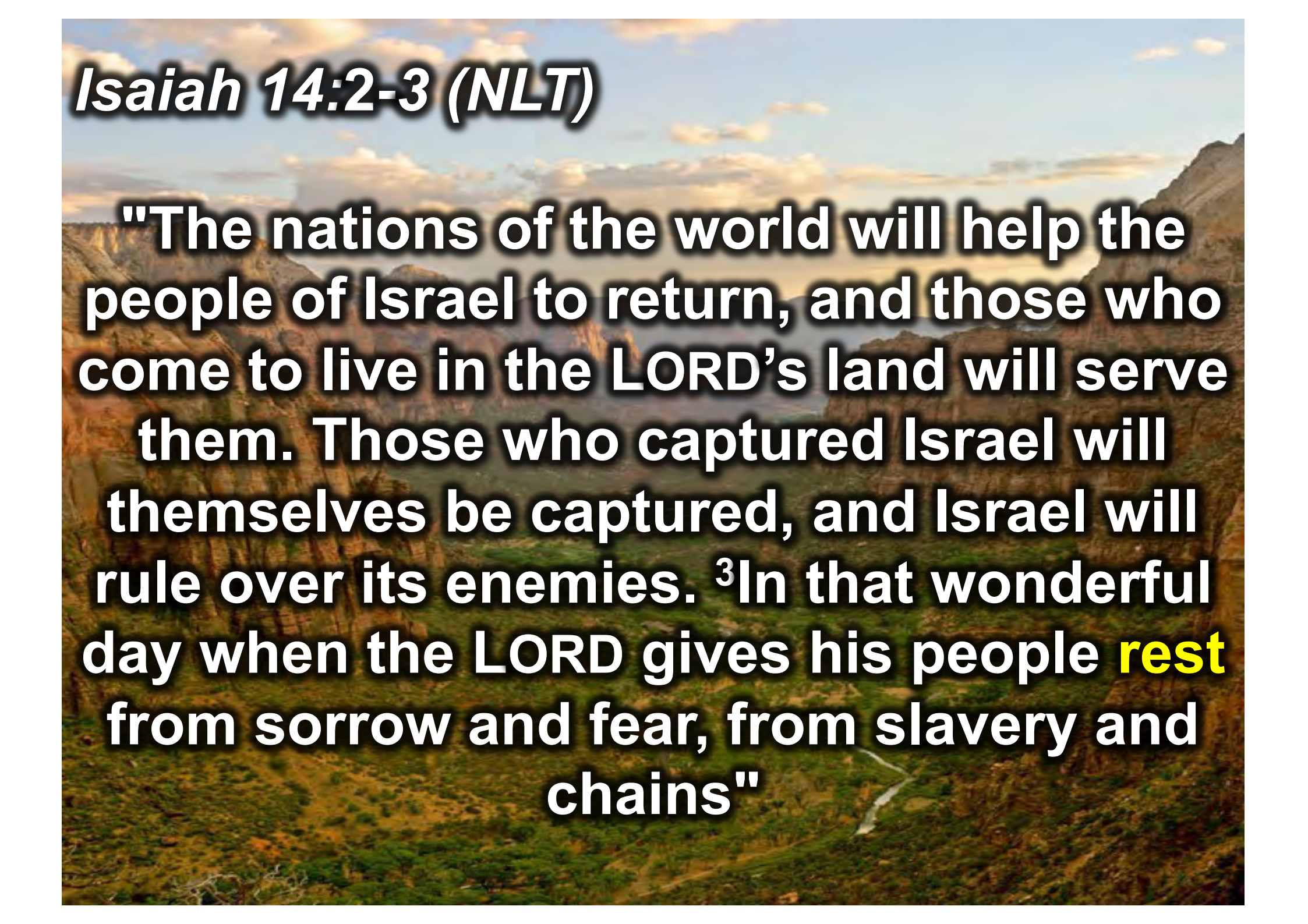
Babylon fell, but will arise in the future that it may fall forever. Babylon falls that Israel may rise and that Israel's Savior may come. Isaiah assures us that the Evil Empire will come to an end and the Everlasting Empire of the Righteous King of kings will come and never end. That is God's word and we will witness it one day.

Isaiah 14

“But the LORD will have mercy on the descendants of Jacob. He will choose Israel as his special people once again. He will bring them back to settle once again in their own land. And people from many different nations will come and join them there and unite with the people of Israel. ² The nations of the world will help the people of Israel to return, and those who come to live in the LORD’s land will serve them. Those who captured Israel will themselves be captured, and Israel will rule over its enemies.”



Isaiah 14:1–2 NLT



Isaiah 14:2-3 (NLT)

"The nations of the world will help the people of Israel to return, and those who come to live in the LORD's land will serve them. Those who captured Israel will themselves be captured, and Israel will rule over its enemies. ³In that wonderful day when the LORD gives his people **rest from sorrow and fear, from slavery and chains"**

THE MILLENNIUM

Triumphal Taunt
Parable against Pride

Larissa

The Punishment of the King of Babylon

“How the oppressor has ceased, and how fury has ceased! The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of rulers which used to strike the peoples in fury with unceasing strokes, which subdued the nations in anger with unrestrained persecution.”

Isaiah 14:5–6

Eschatological Sense of Security and Safety

“The whole earth is at rest and is quiet; They break forth into shouts of joy. ‘Even the cypress trees rejoice over you, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, ‘Since you were laid low, no tree cutter comes up against us.’” **Isaiah 14:7–8**



“Sheol from beneath is excited over you to meet you when you come; It arouses for you the spirits of the dead, all the leaders of the earth; It raises all the kings of the nations from their thrones. They will all respond and say to you, ‘Even you have been made weak as we, you have become like us. Your pomp and the music of your harps have been brought down to Sheol; Maggots are spread out as your bed beneath you, and worms are your covering.’”

Isaiah 14:9–11

“How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! But you said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, I will sit on the mount of the assembly in the recesses of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit.”

Isaiah 14:12-15



The Five “I Wills” of Satan

“But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. ‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’”

Isaiah 14:13–14

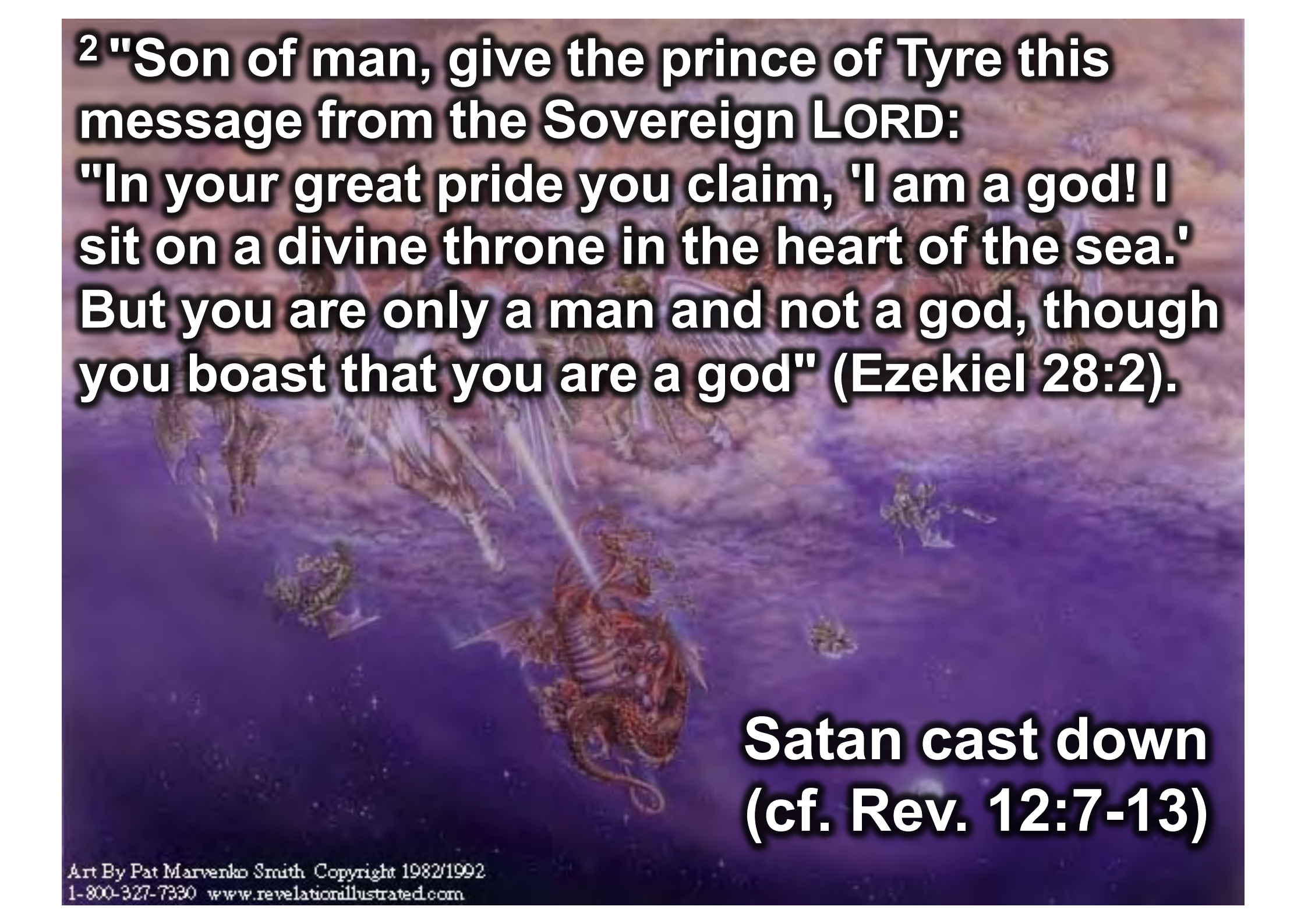
"Son of man, give the prince of Tyre this message from the Sovereign LORD:

'In your great pride, you claim, "I am a god! I sit on a divine throne in the heart of the sea." But you are only a man and not a god, though you boast that you are a god.'"



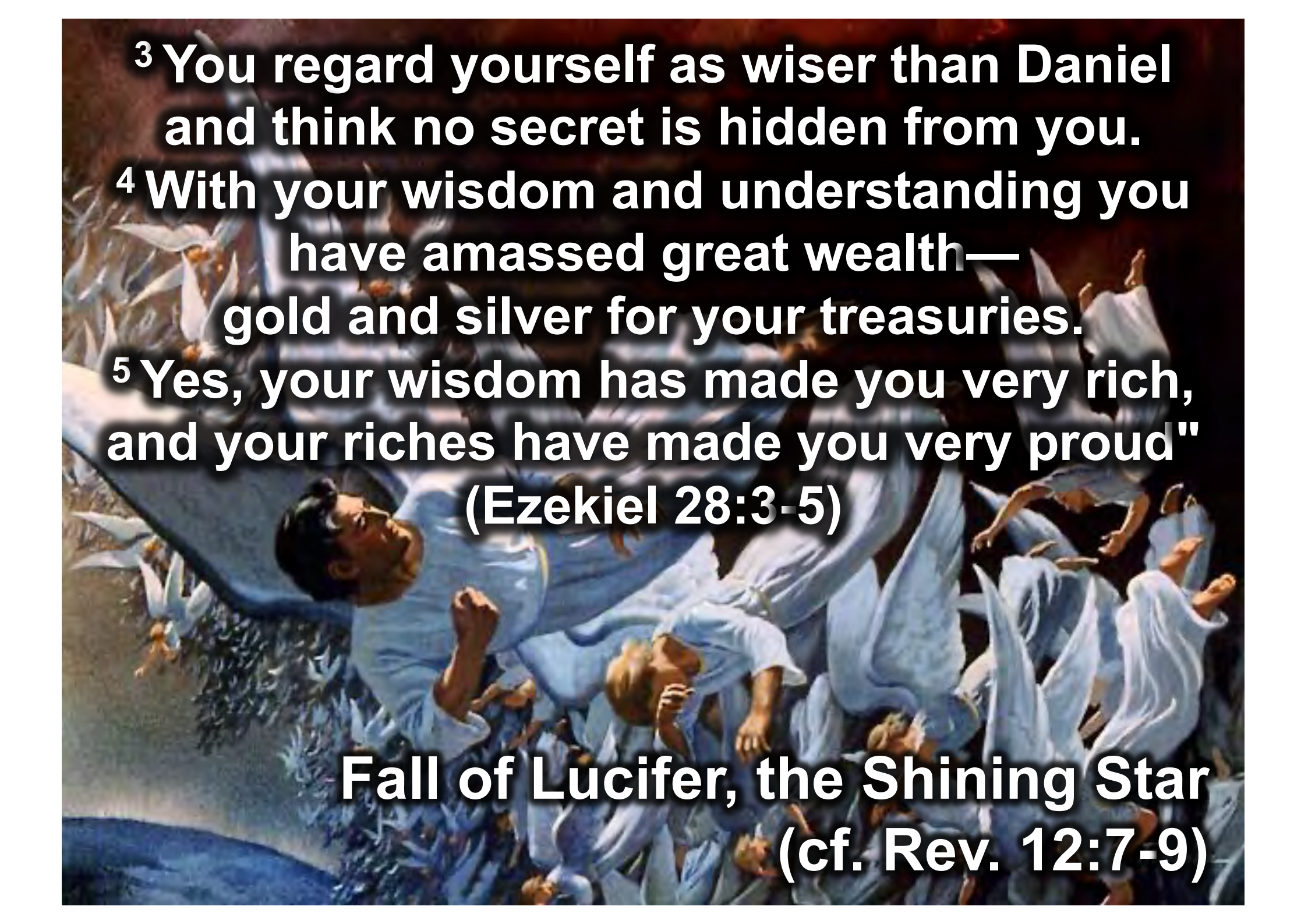
Poseidon's Temple

***Tyre's king regarded himself as the god of the sea
(Ezek. 28:2 NLT)***

The background of the image is a painting depicting a dramatic scene. In the center, a large, multi-headed, dragon-like creature with a human-like face is being cast down into a dark, turbulent sea. The creature is surrounded by other smaller, similar creatures. The sky is a mix of purple and blue, suggesting a storm or a divine event. The overall tone is somber and powerful.

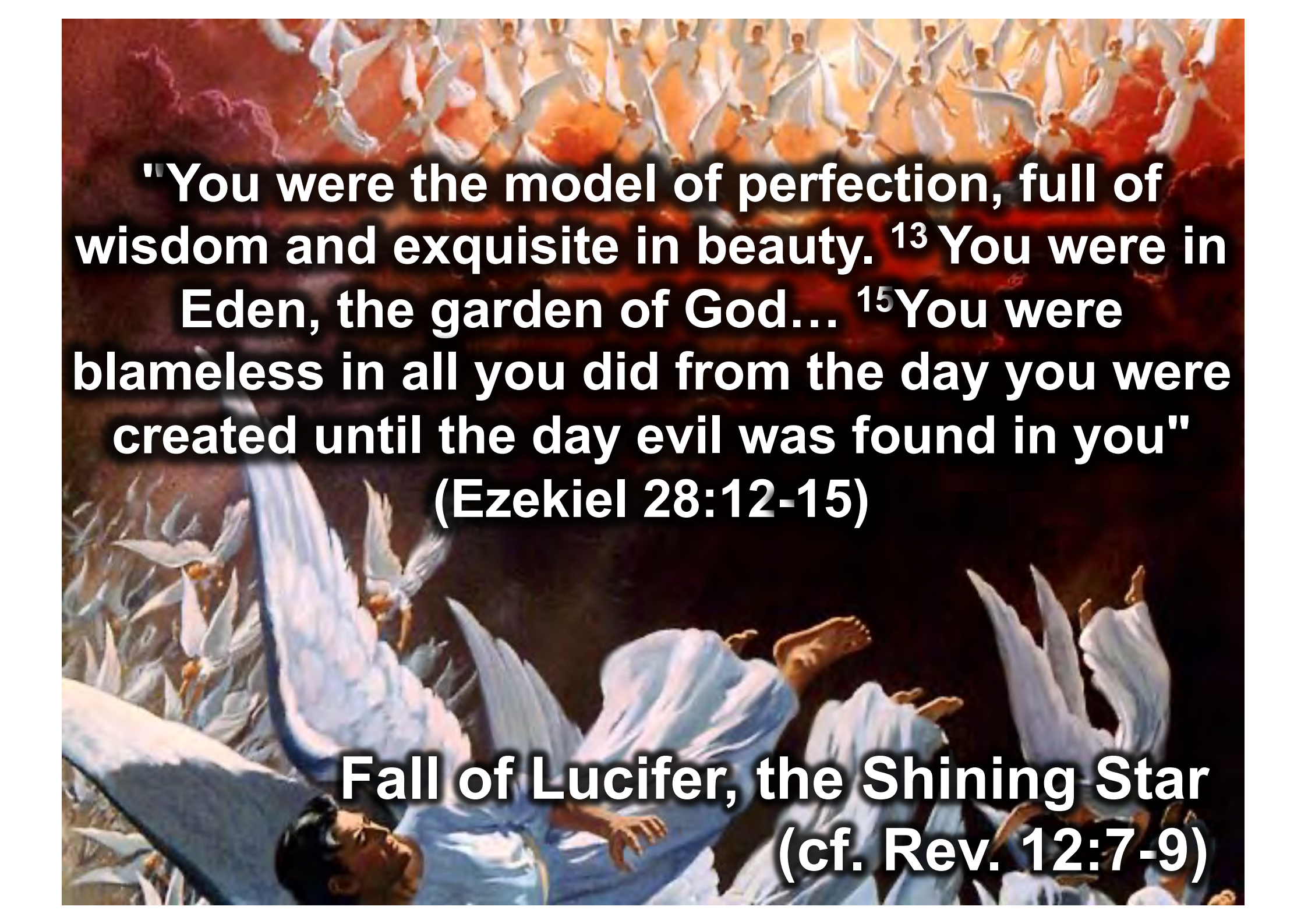
**² "Son of man, give the prince of Tyre this message from the Sovereign LORD:
"In your great pride you claim, 'I am a god! I sit on a divine throne in the heart of the sea.'
But you are only a man and not a god, though you boast that you are a god" (Ezekiel 28:2).**

**Satan cast down
(cf. Rev. 12:7-13)**

A dramatic painting depicting the fall of Lucifer. Lucifer, a large, muscular man with dark hair, is shown falling backwards through a dark, stormy sky. He is wearing a blue robe and has a determined, almost defiant expression. He is surrounded by a large number of other figures, also in blue robes, who are falling with him. The scene is filled with a sense of chaos and movement, with swirling clouds and a dark, ominous background. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

**³ You regard yourself as wiser than Daniel
and think no secret is hidden from you.
⁴ With your wisdom and understanding you
have amassed great wealth—
gold and silver for your treasuries.
⁵ Yes, your wisdom has made you very rich,
and your riches have made you very proud"
(Ezekiel 28:3-5)**

**Fall of Lucifer, the Shining Star
(cf. Rev. 12:7-9)**



"You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and exquisite in beauty. ¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God... ¹⁵ You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you" (Ezekiel 28:12-15)

**Fall of Lucifer, the Shining Star
(cf. Rev. 12:7-9)**



**¹⁶Your rich commerce led you to violence,
and you sinned.**

**So I banished you in disgrace
from the mountain of God.**

**I expelled you, O mighty guardian,
from your place among the stones of fire.**

**¹⁷Your heart was filled with pride
because of all your beauty.**

**Your wisdom was corrupted
by your love of splendor.**

**So I threw you to the ground and
exposed you to the curious gaze of kings"**

(Ezek. 28:16-17)

Five "I wills"

Pride of Place

Pride of Power

Pride of Position

Pride of Presence

Pride of Person



The Site of Babylon's Destruction

“And I will rise up against them, declares the LORD of hosts, and will cut off from Babylon name and survivors, offspring and posterity, declares the LORD. I will also make it a possession for the hedgehog, and swamps of water, and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction, declares the LORD of hosts.” **Isaiah 14:22–23**

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Geography of Philistia

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1. The first three – Ashkelon, Ashdod, Gaza – were all situated on or beside the sea-coast, straddling the line of the Via Maris (Way of the Sea).

2. The other two – Gath and Ekron – were inland cities on the plain somewhere east of the three coastal cities; but archaeologists have not agreed on the original location of these two cities.



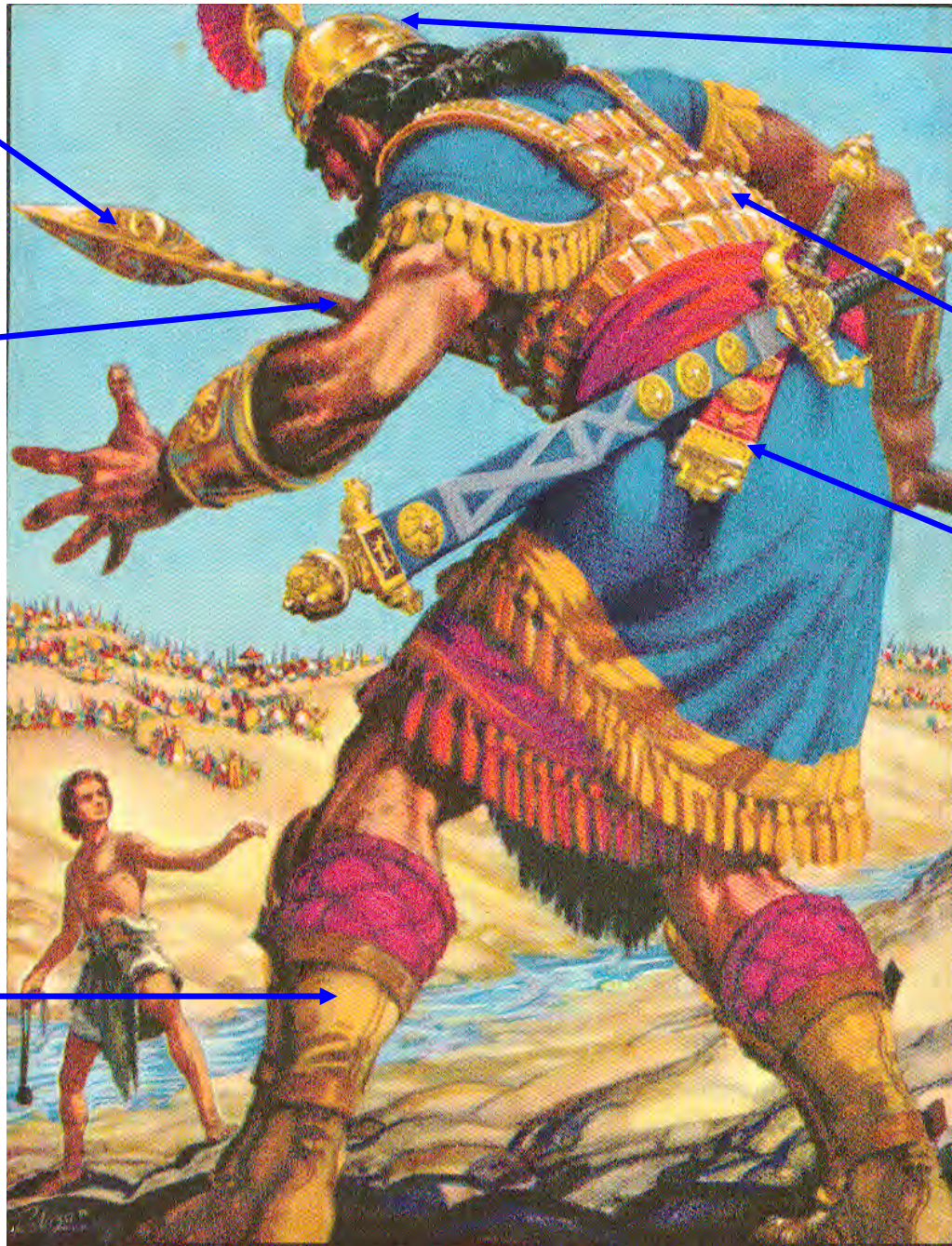
**Philistines
were a
fearsome
people**



Iron point

[Wood]
Spear
Shaft

Bronze
Greaves



Bronze
Helmet

Bronze Armor

Bronze
Javelin

**Goliath's
Armor**

The Philistine Military Capacities

(1 Sam 17:5-7)

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- **Bronze helmet**
- **Bronze coat of scale armor**
(5000 shekels = 57.5 kgs)
- **Bronze greaves (7 kgs)**
- **Bronze javelin**
- **Spear shaft with iron point**
(600 shekels = 11.5 kgs)
- **Shield**



Philistine False Confidence



**“This message came to me the
year King Ahaz died:
²⁹ Do not rejoice, you
Philistines,
that the rod that struck you is
broken—that the king who
attacked you is dead.
For from that snake a more
poisonous snake will be born,
a fiery serpent to destroy you!”
(Isa 14:28-29 NLT).**

Babylon to Conquer Philistia

**“I will feed the poor in my pasture;
the needy will lie down in peace.**

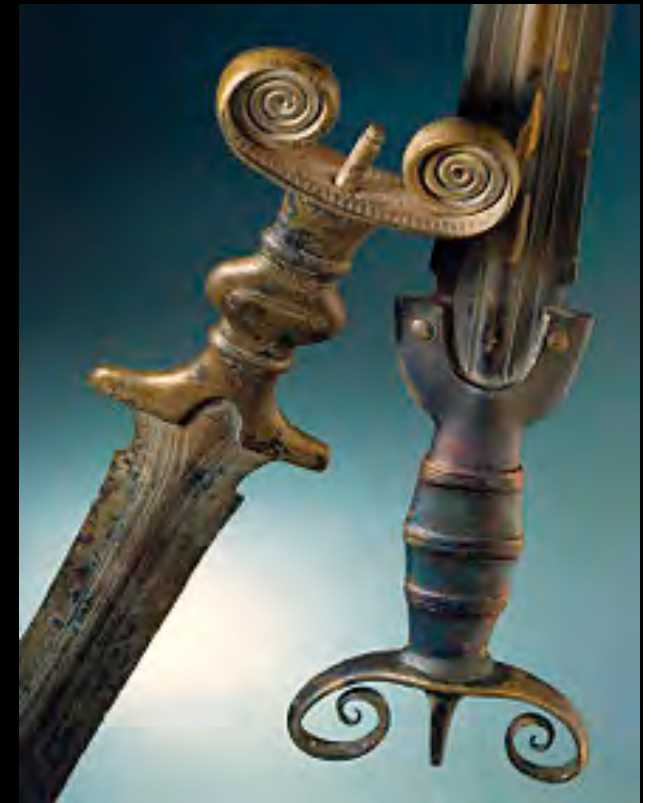
**But as for you,
I will wipe you out with famine
and destroy the few who remain.**

³¹ Wail at the gates!

Weep in the cities!

**Melt with fear, you Philistines!
A powerful army comes like smoke
from the north.**

**Each soldier rushes forward eager
to fight” (Isa 14:30-31 NLT).**



Pentapolis: Ashkelon, Ashdod, Gaza, Gath, Ekron

H am's descendants

I srael's enemy

L arge scale migration

I Samuel 17 (David & Goliath)

S ea People

T emples

I ron spear

Dagon **N** was one of their deities

(2) AG **E**

(Ashkelon, Ashdod, Gaza, Gath and Ekron)

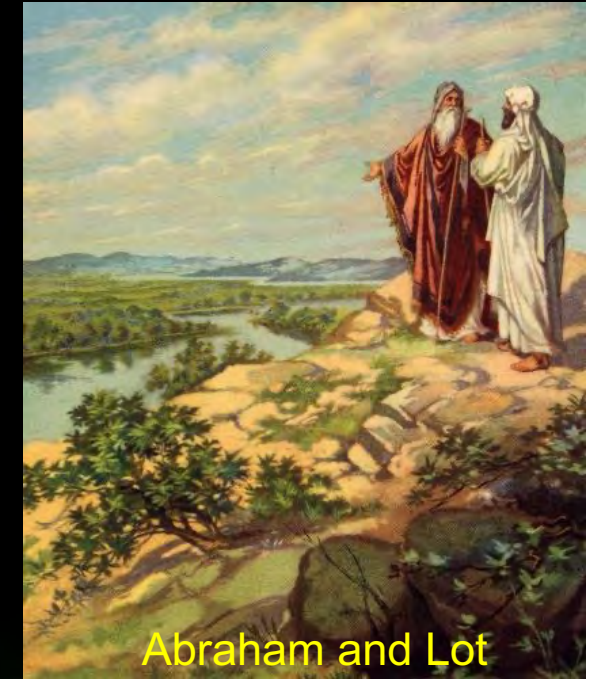
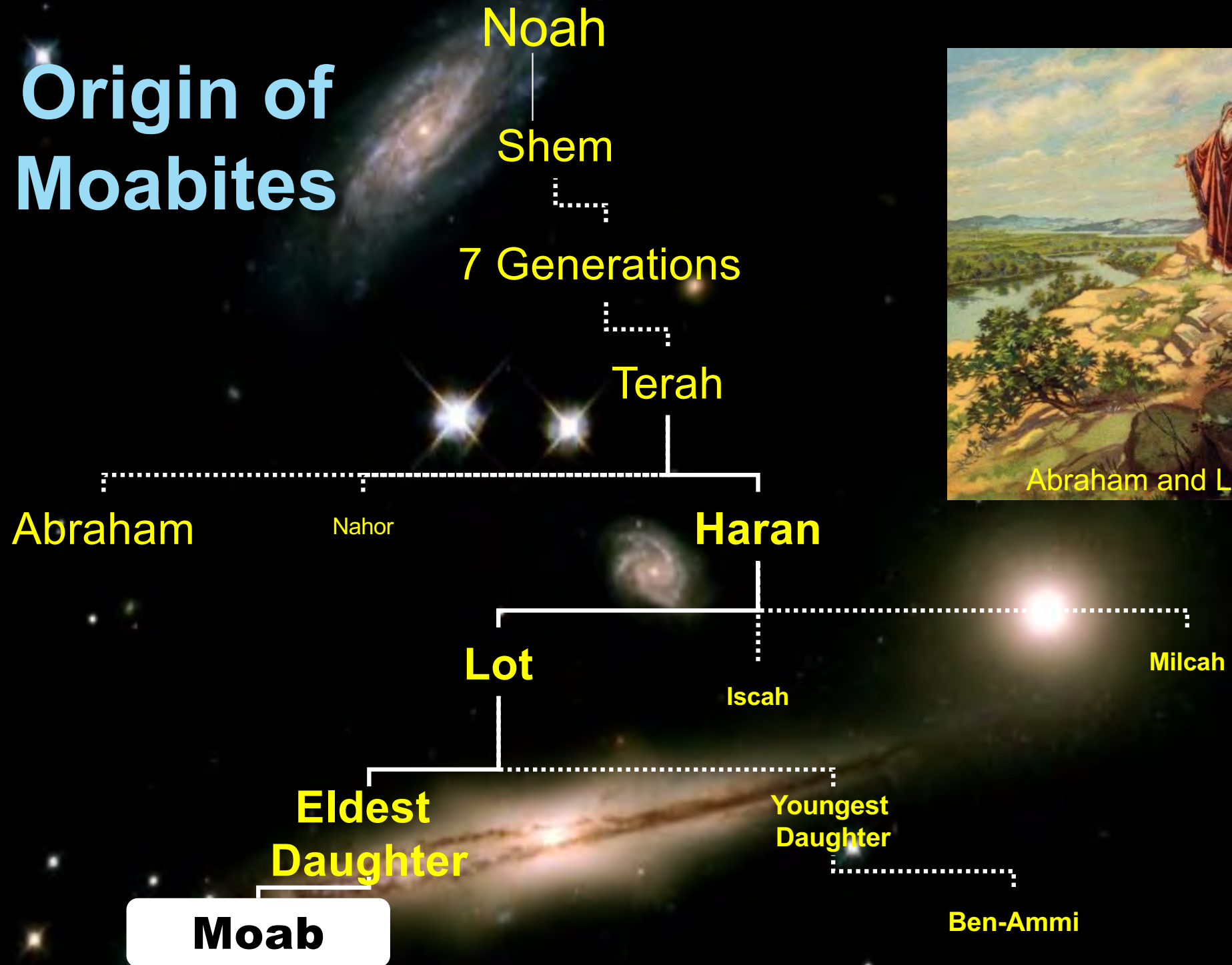


Isaiah 15

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Origin of Moabites



The Arnon Gorge

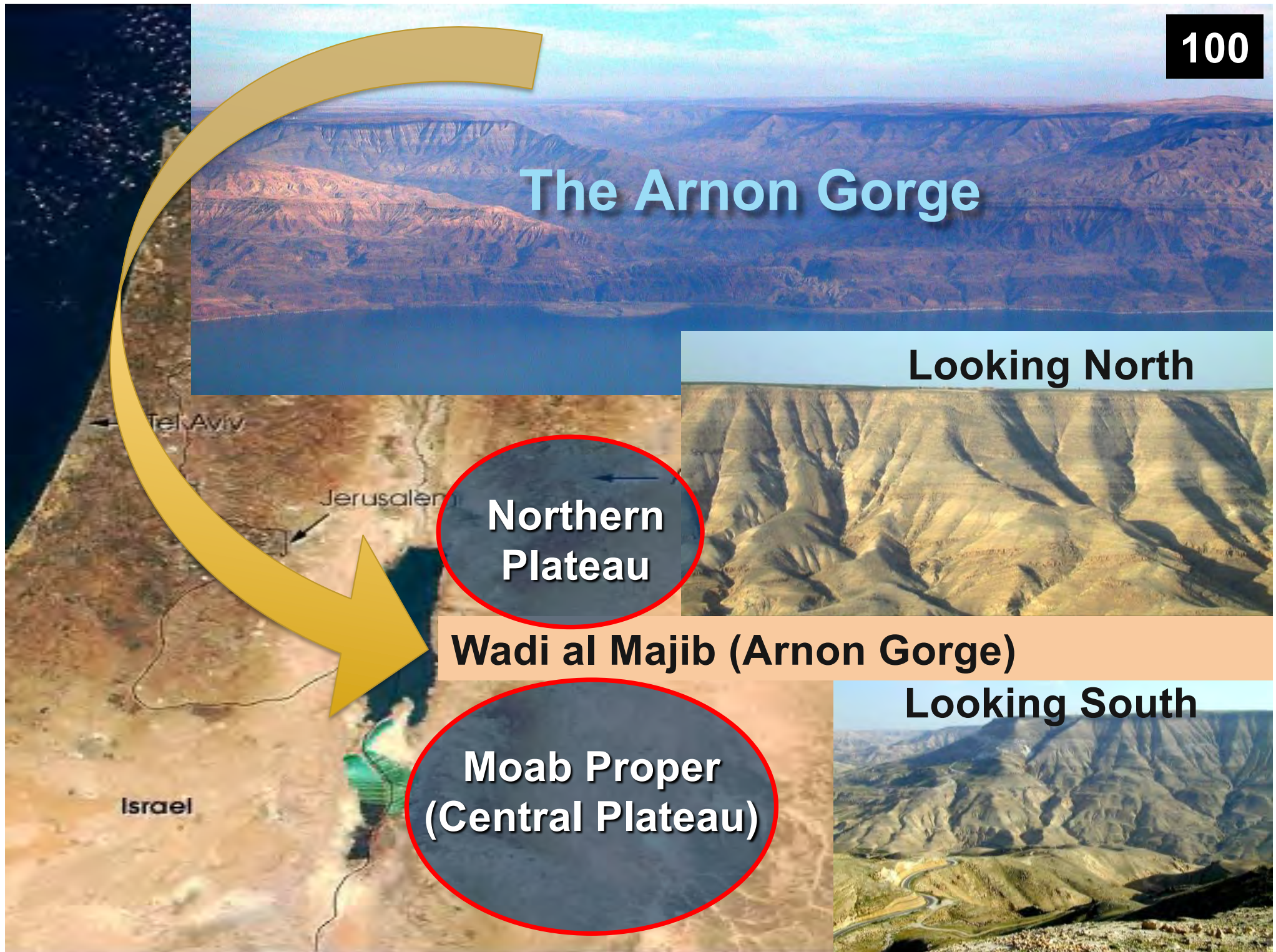
Looking North

Northern Plateau

Wadi al Majib (Arnon Gorge)

Moab Proper
(Central Plateau)

Looking South





Arnon River view to north



Plateaus on Both Sides

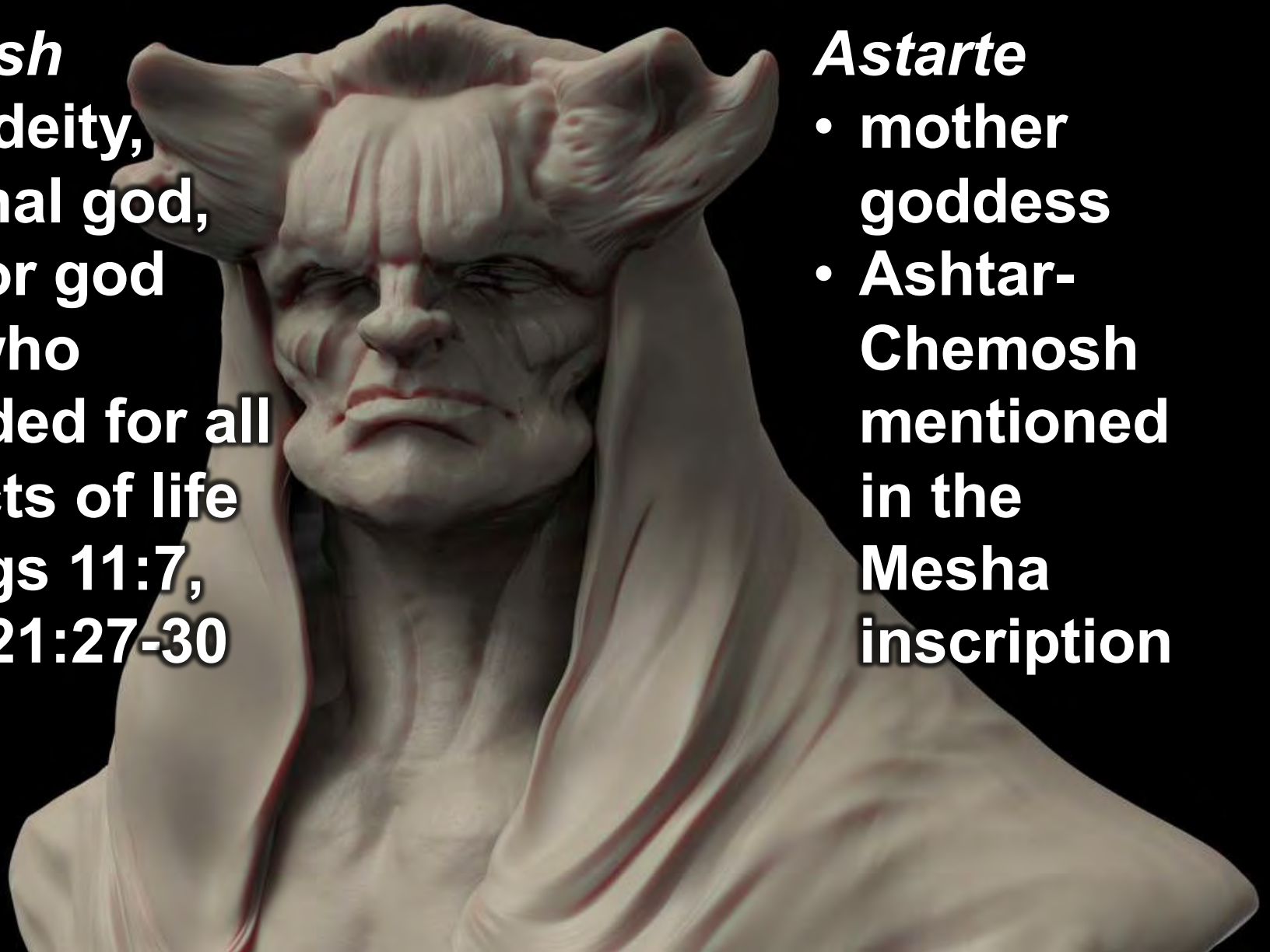
Moabite Deities

Chemosh

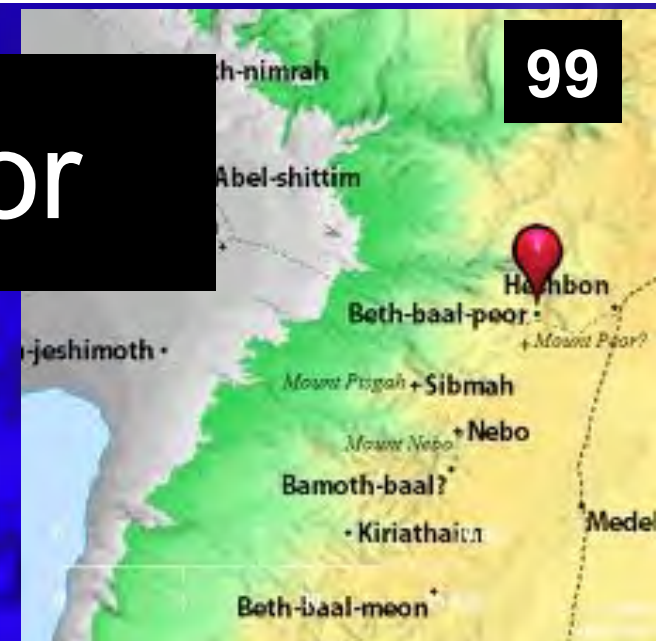
- chief deity, national god, warrior god
- god who provided for all aspects of life
- 1 Kings 11:7, Num 21:27-30

Astarte

- mother goddess
- Ashtar-Chemosh mentioned in the Mesha inscription



Israel's Sin at Baal Peor



“While Israel was staying in Shittim, the men began to indulge in sexual immorality with Moabite women, who invited them to the sacrifices to their gods. The people ate and bowed down before these gods. So Israel joined in worshiping the Baal of Peor. And the LORD's anger burned against them.”

Numbers 25:1-3

Child Sacrifice to Chemosh



Isaiah 16

Babylon to Conquer Moab

**“Send lambs from Sela as tribute
to the ruler of the land.**

**Send them through the desert
to the mountain of beautiful Zion.**

**² The women of Moab are left like homeless birds
at the shallow crossings of the Arnon River.**

³ ‘Help us,’ they cry.

‘Defend us against our enemies.

Protect us from their relentless attack.

Do not betray us now that we have escaped.

⁴ Let our refugees stay among you.

**Hide them from our enemies until the terror is past”
(Isa 16:2-4a NLT).**

Messiah to Rule After Judgment of Moab

**“When oppression and destruction have ended
and enemy raiders have disappeared,
5 then God will establish one of David’s descendants
as king.**

He will rule with mercy and truth.

**He will always do what is just
and be eager to do what is right” (Isa 16:4b-5 NLT).**



Isaiah 17

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Identity – Who were they?

- **Descended from Aram (grandson of Nahor). Nahor and Abraham were brothers, both descended from Shem, the son of Noah**
- **Laban and his brother, Bethuel, were Arameans (Gen 25:20)**
- **Abraham was a wandering Aramean. Refer to OT Backgrounds page 17 chart on the relationship between Jacob (Israel) and Arameans (Deut. 26:5)**
- **Farmers and villagers with no political centralization**

Central and Southern Syria

■ Aram Damascus:

"... the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer, king of Zobar..."(2 Sam. 8:5).

- ◆ In the Hebrew Bible, it is called 'Aram'
- ◆ Other translations called it 'Syria'
- ◆ Aram Damascus is the part of the Aramean world that had the greatest effect on biblical Israel
- ◆ It was also the most powerful state that bordered Israel.

Damascus, Capital of Aram (Syria) Judged

**“This message came to me concerning Damascus:
‘Look, the city of Damascus will disappear!
It will become a heap of ruins’” (Isa 17:1 NLT).**



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Israel Also Judged with Damascus

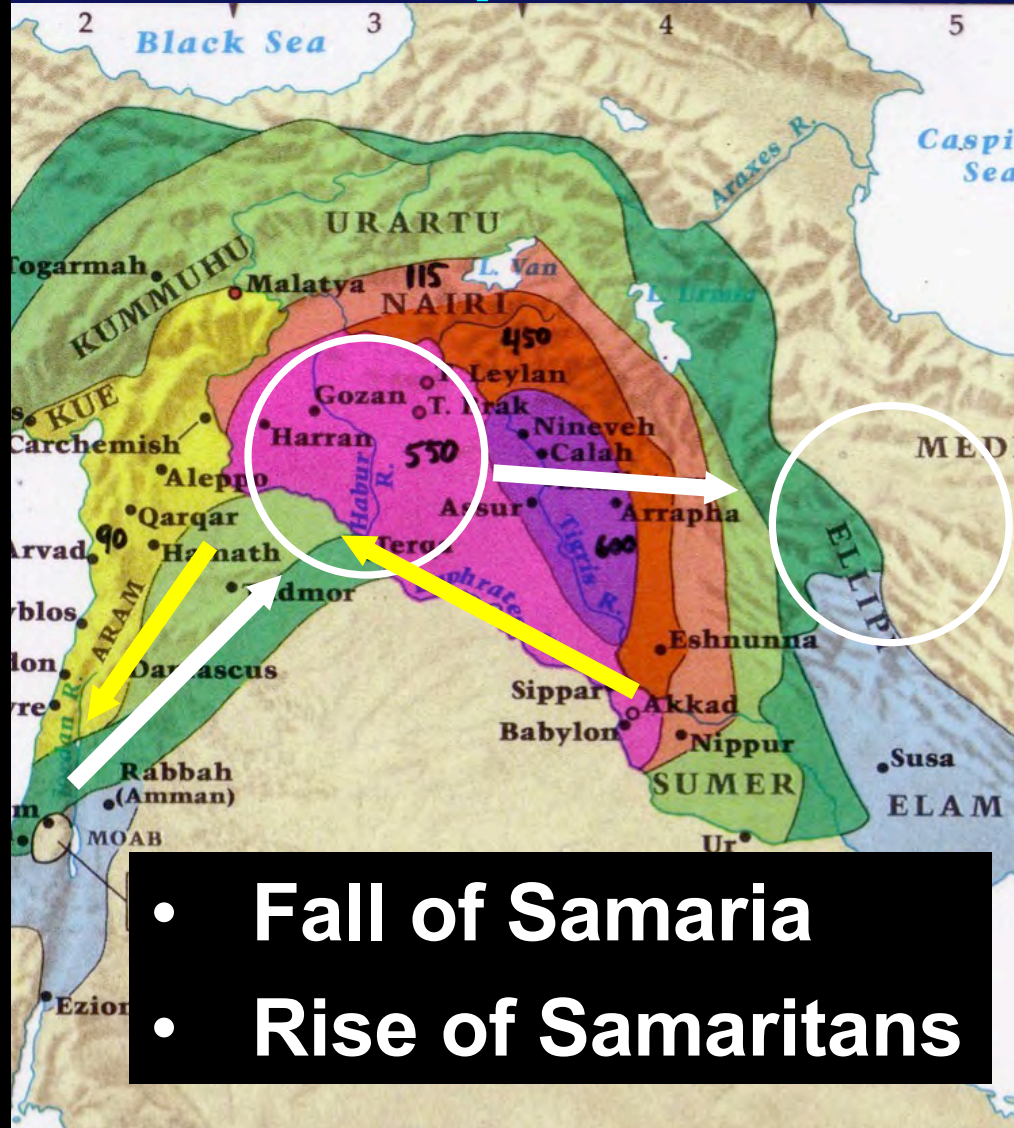
**“The towns of Aroer will be deserted.
Flocks will graze in the streets and lie down
undisturbed,
with no one to chase them away.**

**³ The fortified towns of Israel will also be destroyed,
and the royal power of Damascus will end.**

**All that remains of Syria
will share the fate of Israel's departed glory,
declares the LORD of Heaven's Armies”
(Isaiah 17:2-3 NLT).**

And the king of Assyria transported groups of people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim and resettled them in the towns of Samaria, replacing the people of Israel. So the Assyrians took over Samaria and the other towns of Israel (2 Kings 17:24).

Assyrian Developments



- Fall of Samaria
- Rise of Samaritans

Finally, in the ninth year of King Hoshea's reign, Samaria fell, and the people of Israel were exiled to Assyria. They were settled in colonies in Halah, along the banks of the Habor River in Gozan, and among the cities of the Medes (2 Kings 17:6).

Isaiah 18

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Assyria



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Sudan

**“Listen, Ethiopia [Sudan]—
land of fluttering sails
that lies at the headwaters of the Nile,
² that sends ambassadors
in swift boats down the river.
Go, swift messengers!
Take a message to a tall,
smooth-skinned people,
who are feared far and wide
for their conquests and destruction,
and whose land is divided by rivers”
(Isaiah 18:1-2 NLT)**

Two Suggested Locations of Eden

Barry Beitzel, *Moody Atlas of Bible Lands*, 75

Genesis 2:10-14

Eden

Mt Ararat

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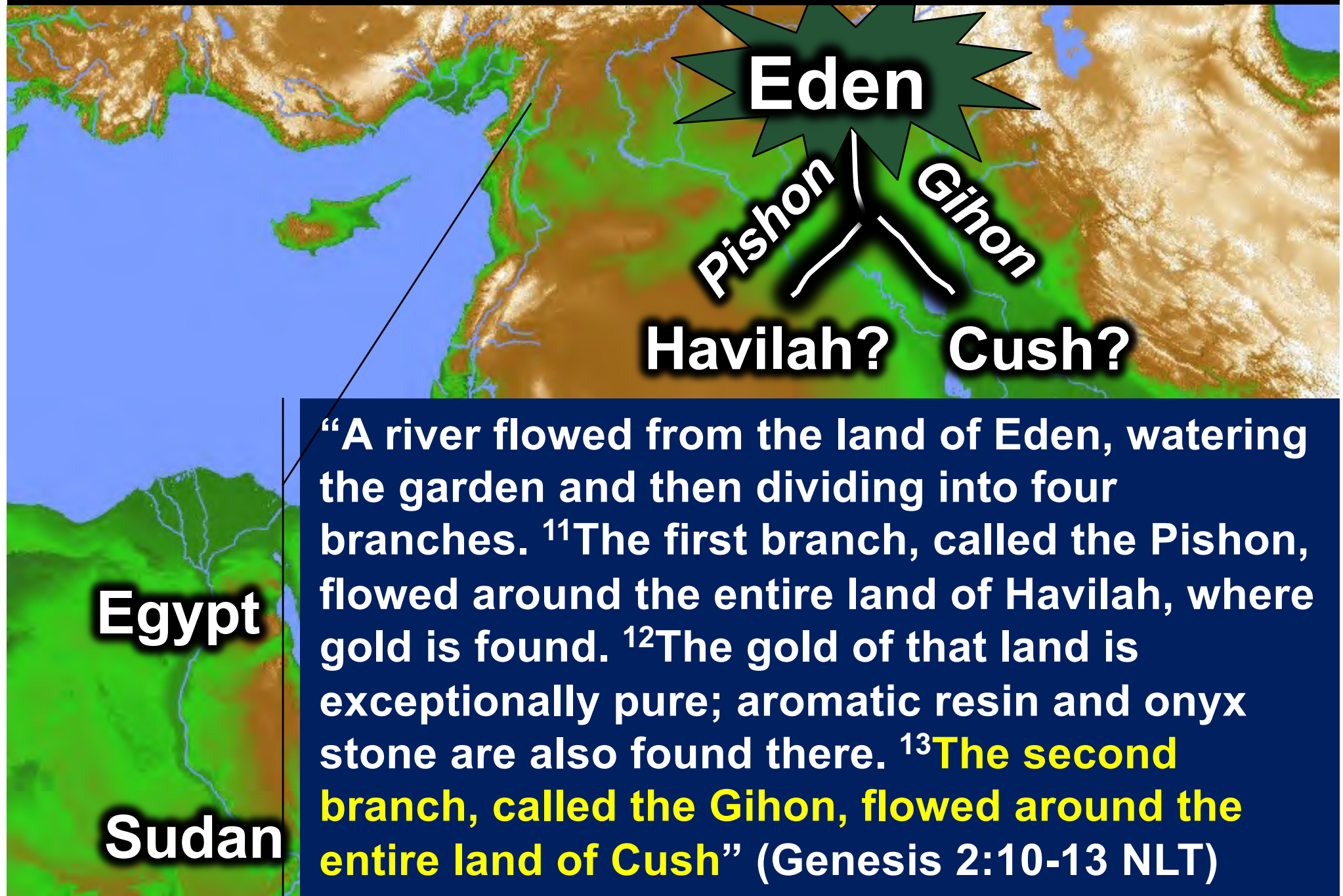
Gihon?
(Ethiopia)

Pishon?
(Saudi Arabia)



Mesopotamian Cush First Noted in Genesis 2

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Rodinia—The World That Perished

The transformation of Adam's world into today's world

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In Genesis 6–8 we read of a catastrophe that impacted the earth in a way unlike any other disaster since that time. Such a catastrophe would impact not only the earth's atmosphere and inhabitants but also its very foundations. The earth's landmass during Adam's day was extremely different from the seven continents of our modern world. But what caused it to change so drastically?

Catastrophic plate tectonics (CPT) is one possible contributing factor.



THE WORLD THAT PERISHED

The transformation of Adam's world into today's world



Rodinia

Most secular and biblical geologists believe that all the land has been together more than once. One of these supercontinents is called "Rodinia" (from the Russian word for "motherland"). Although scientists continue to debate its exact shape, when God spoke the dry land into existence on Day 3 of Creation Week (Genesis 1:9–10), He may have created a landmass similar to Rodinia.



Breakup



Pangaea



Transitional Period



Flood Period

The worldwide Flood covered the entire globe—over the highest mountains of that day by more than 15 cubits (up to 26 ft [8m]) (Genesis 7:20).

Break-Up

The Flood began with a breakup of the "fountains of the great deep" and an opening of the "windows of heaven" (Genesis 7:11; see below). This may have been the result of the breakup of the original supercontinent into huge plates of the earth's crust. These plates split, moved, and collided throughout the duration of the Flood.

Pangaea

There is evidence that suggests that, after the breakup, the land again smashed together, forming another supercontinent called Pangaea. This temporary supercontinent formed and broke up entirely during the Flood.

Transitional Period

Still during the flood, Pangaea broke apart, first into Laurasia and Gondwana and finally into the continents we have today. At the end of this period the Indian subcontinent slammed into the Eurasian plate, forming the Himalayan mountains.



Today's World

Today, we are left with evidence that the continents moved apart in the past. For example, the coastlines of South America and Africa fit together, like pieces of a puzzle.

Catastrophic plate movement also explains the fascinating magnetic pattern found in ocean floor rocks. These rocks record a "zebra stripe" pattern of magnetic pole reversals, switching back and forth between north and south (see below).

"Fountains" and "Windows"

When Noah, his family, and their cargo of animals were safely aboard the Ark, the Flood began.

Thousands of miles of the earth's crust (surface rock plates) split apart along lines traversing the globe. The mantle (hot rock beneath) rose to fill the voids between the splitting plates. When this 2,000°F (1,093°C) rock contacted the cool sea-

water above it, the seawater flashed into steam. This formed a line of steam jets along the boundaries of the plates (possibly the "fountains of the great deep").

The immense and incredibly powerful steam jets shot tens of thousands of feet into earth's atmosphere. Significant amounts of seawater were also lifted into the atmosphere. For several weeks, this

fell to the earth as intense global rain (possibly the "windows of heaven").

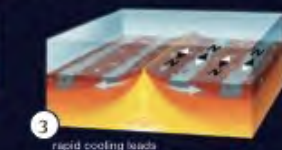
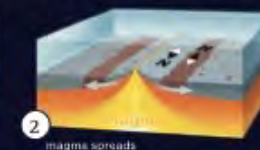
The rising of the mantle through earth's crust also resulted in a temporary rise in the global sea level, causing the oceans to flood the continents.

These simultaneous activities resulted in the dramatic shifting of the earth's crust to produce today's seven continents.

Magnetic Reversals

Within the catastrophic plate tectonics model, heat was rapidly lost from earth's outer core. This cooling resulted in the earth's magnetic field quickly reversing during the Flood. These magnetic reversals were expressed at the earth's

surface as short periods of normal magnetization alternating with short periods of reversed magnetization. Illustrations 1–3 show how the reversals were expressed as a "zebra stripe" pattern on either side of the mid-ocean ridge.



Correct Location of Cush



This is not the Cush of Genesis but a later settlement between Egypt and Sudan as part of Nubia stretching from Aswan, Egypt to Khartoum, Sudan

Assyrians to Be Destroyed



**“All you people of the world,
everyone who lives on the earth—
when I raise my battle flag on the
mountain, look!
When I blow the ram’s horn, listen!
4 For the LORD has told me this:
‘I will watch quietly from my
dwelling place—
as quietly as the heat rises on a
summer day,
or as the morning dew forms
during the harvest’”
(Isaiah 18:3-4 NLT).**

Assyrians to Be Destroyed

“Even before you begin your attack, while your plans are ripening like grapes, the LORD will cut off your new growth with pruning shears. He will snip off and discard your spreading branches” (Isaiah 18:5 NLT).




Assyrians to Be Destroyed



**“Your mighty army will be left dead in the fields
for the mountain vultures and wild animals.
The vultures will tear at the corpses all summer.
The wild animals will gnaw at the bones all winter”
(Isaiah 18:6 NLT).**

Sudanese Worship at Jerusalem



“At that time the LORD of
Heaven’s Armies will
receive gifts from this land
divided by rivers, from this
tall, smooth-skinned
people, who are feared far
and wide for their
conquests and destruction.
**They will bring the gifts to
Jerusalem**, where the LORD
of Heaven’s Armies dwells”
(Isaiah 18:7 NLT).

Jerusalem

Sudan

Isaiah 19

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Egypt Judged (Isaiah 19–20)

**“This message came to me concerning Egypt:
Look! The LORD is advancing against Egypt,
riding on a swift cloud.
The idols of Egypt tremble.
The hearts of the Egyptians melt with fear”
(Isaiah 19:1 NLT).**



Egyptian Civil War

**“I will make Egyptian fight against Egyptian—
brother against brother,
neighbor against neighbor, city against city,
province against province”
(Isaiah 19:2 NLT).**



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Isaiah 20

"Ultimate" Power

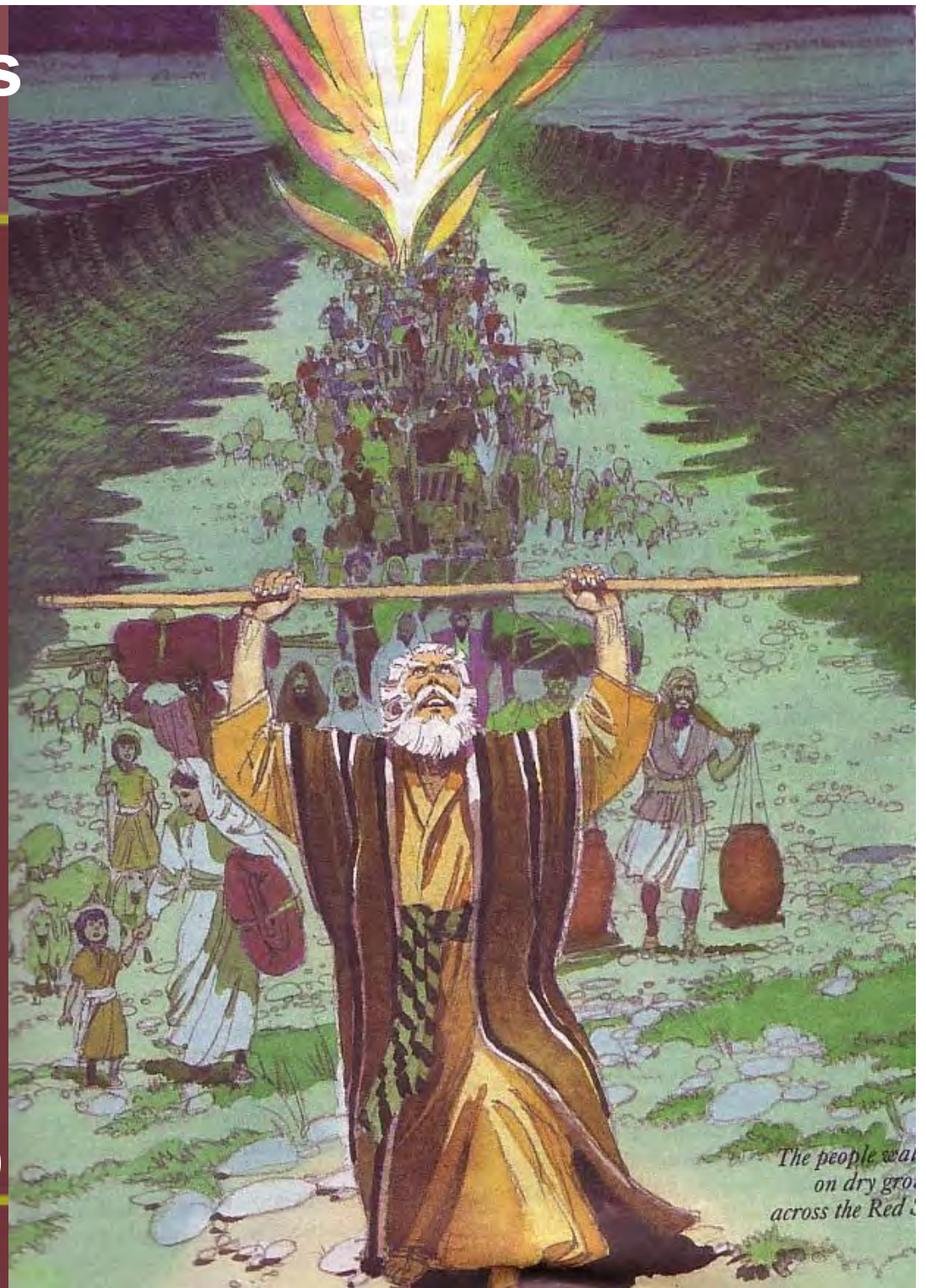


**Who has greater power –
Pharaoh or Yahweh?**



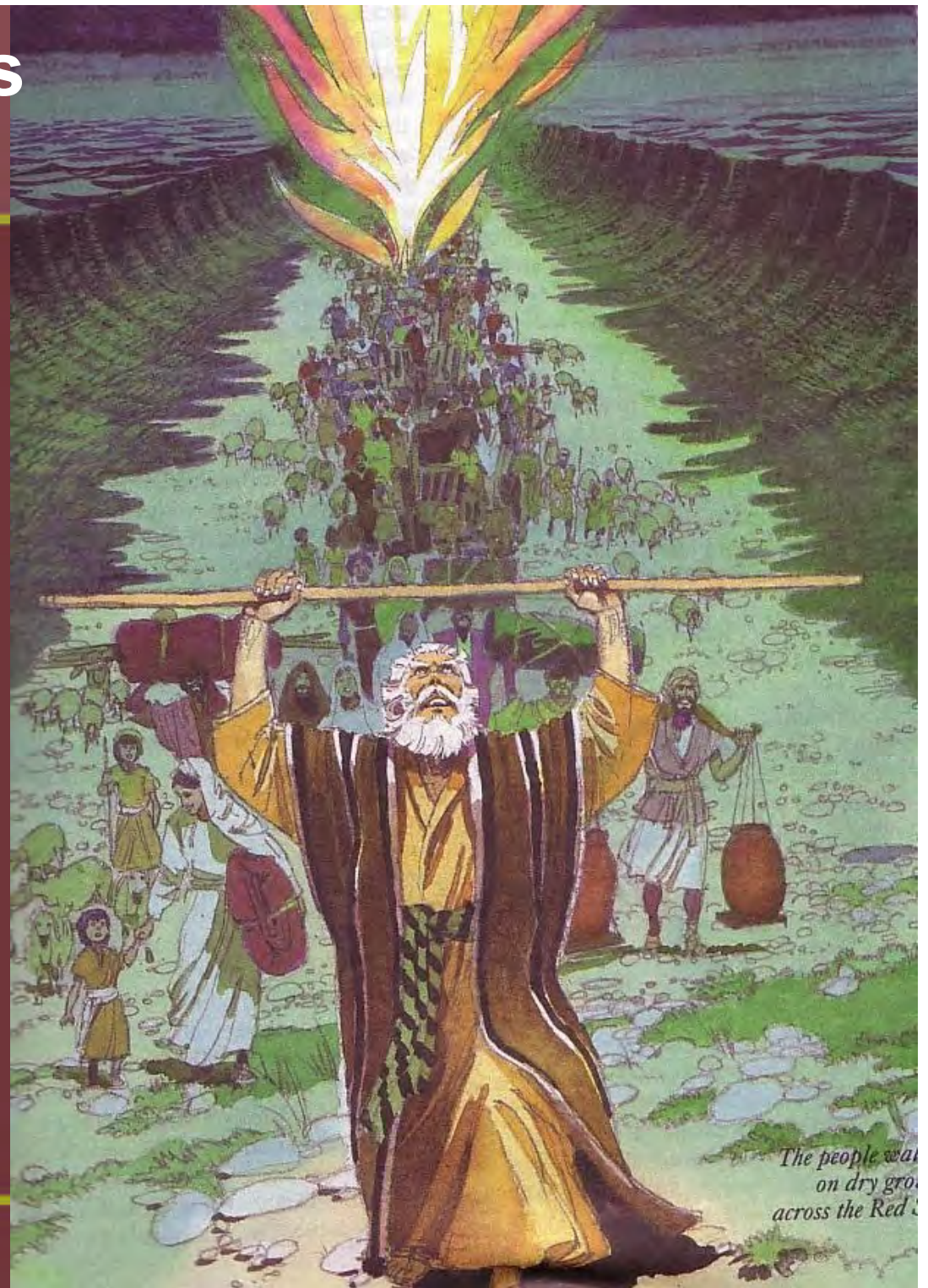
Why is the Exodus so significant?

- God is more powerful than Egypt's gods (12:29, 37)!
- God fulfilled his promise to the day (12:40-41; cf. Gen. 15:15)
- Typology of Passover lamb (12:3-5, 27, 43, 46; cf. John 1:29; 19:36; 1 Cor 5:7-8)



Why is the Exodus so significant?

- Beginning of the nation (6:6-8)
- New calendar (12:2)
- Response of faith to receive new life



Isaiah as an Example to Egypt

“In the year when King Sargon of Assyria sent his commander in chief to capture the Philistine city of Ashdod, ² the LORD told Isaiah son of Amoz, ‘Take off the burlap you have been wearing, and remove your sandals.’ Isaiah did as he was told and walked around naked and barefoot.

**³ Then the LORD said, ‘My servant Isaiah has been walking around naked and barefoot for the last three years. This is a sign—a symbol of the terrible troubles I will bring upon Egypt and Ethiopia’”
(Isaiah 20:1-3 NLT).**

Don't Trust Philistines Either

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“For the king of Assyria will take away the Egyptians and Ethiopians as prisoners. He will make them walk naked and barefoot, both young and old, their buttocks bared, to the shame of Egypt. ⁵ Then the Philistines will be thrown into panic, for they counted on the power of Ethiopia and boasted of their allies in Egypt! ⁶ They will say, ‘If this can happen to Egypt, what chance do we have? We were counting on Egypt to protect us from the king of Assyria’” (Isaiah 20:4-6 NLT)

Isaiah 21

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Babylon by the Sea

“An **oracle concerning **the Desert by the Sea**:
Like whirlwinds sweeping through the southland,
an **invader** comes from the **desert**,
from a land of terror” (Isaiah 21:1 NIV).**

“21:1. In this **oracle (see comments on 13:1) Isaiah pictured an invasion of **the Desert by the Sea** (i.e., Babylon by the Persian Gulf) as being like an approaching **desert** storm. The **invader** was probably Marduk-apal-iddina (Merodach-Baladan) who arose suddenly from the desert regions to revolt against Assyria”
(John A. Martin, “Isaiah,” in *BKC*, 1:1068).**

Babylon by the Sea

“A dire **vision has been shown to me:
The **traitor** betrays, the looter takes loot.
Elam, attack! Media, lay siege!
I will bring to an end all the **groaning** she caused”**
(Isa 21:2 NIV).

“21:2. God gave Isaiah a **vision** about the Babylonian uprising against Assyria. The prophet heard the battle cry for **Elam** and **Media** (north of Elam) to attack Babylon and free it from Assyria. **I** refers to the invader in the vision (see comments on v. 1); he said he would stop **the groaning ... caused by the traitor**, the Assyrian Empire which had caused most nations in the region to ‘groan’ under the devastation caused by her conquests. Apparently Marduk-apal-iddina felt that he would be able to stop the Assyrian advance and thereby liberate the entire region” (John A. Martin, “Isaiah,” in *BKC*, 1:1068).

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Against Dumah (Heb.) or Edom (LXX)

“This message came to me concerning Edom:

Someone from Edom keeps calling to me,

‘Watchman, how much longer until morning?

When will the night be over?’

¹² The watchman replies,

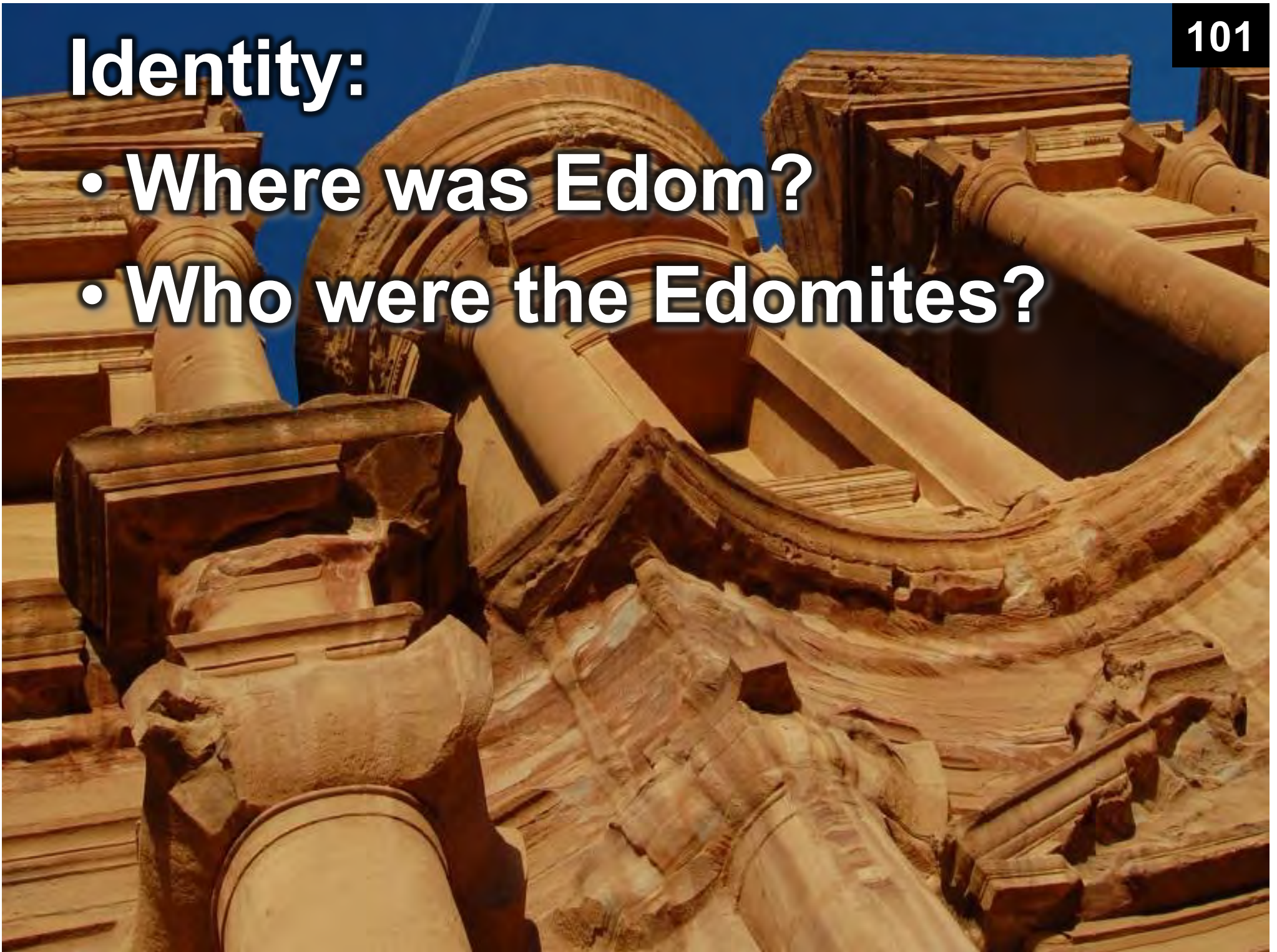
‘Morning is coming, but night will soon return.

If you wish to ask again, then come back and ask’”

(Isaiah 21:11-12 NLT).

Identity:

- Where was Edom?
- Who were the Edomites?



Geography



Edom

- **Three possible origins of the name:**
 - Red sandstone cliffs of the country
 - Esau's red hair at birth
 - Red pottage which Esau took in exchange for his inheritance
- **Land occupied by Esau's descendants, formerly the land of Seir**
- **Referred to as Mount Seir and Idumea in the Bible**

Conquered by Babylon



c. 601 BC Edom became a Babylonian tributary

Glad About Fall of Judah (586 BC)

**Rejoiced over
the fall of Judah**

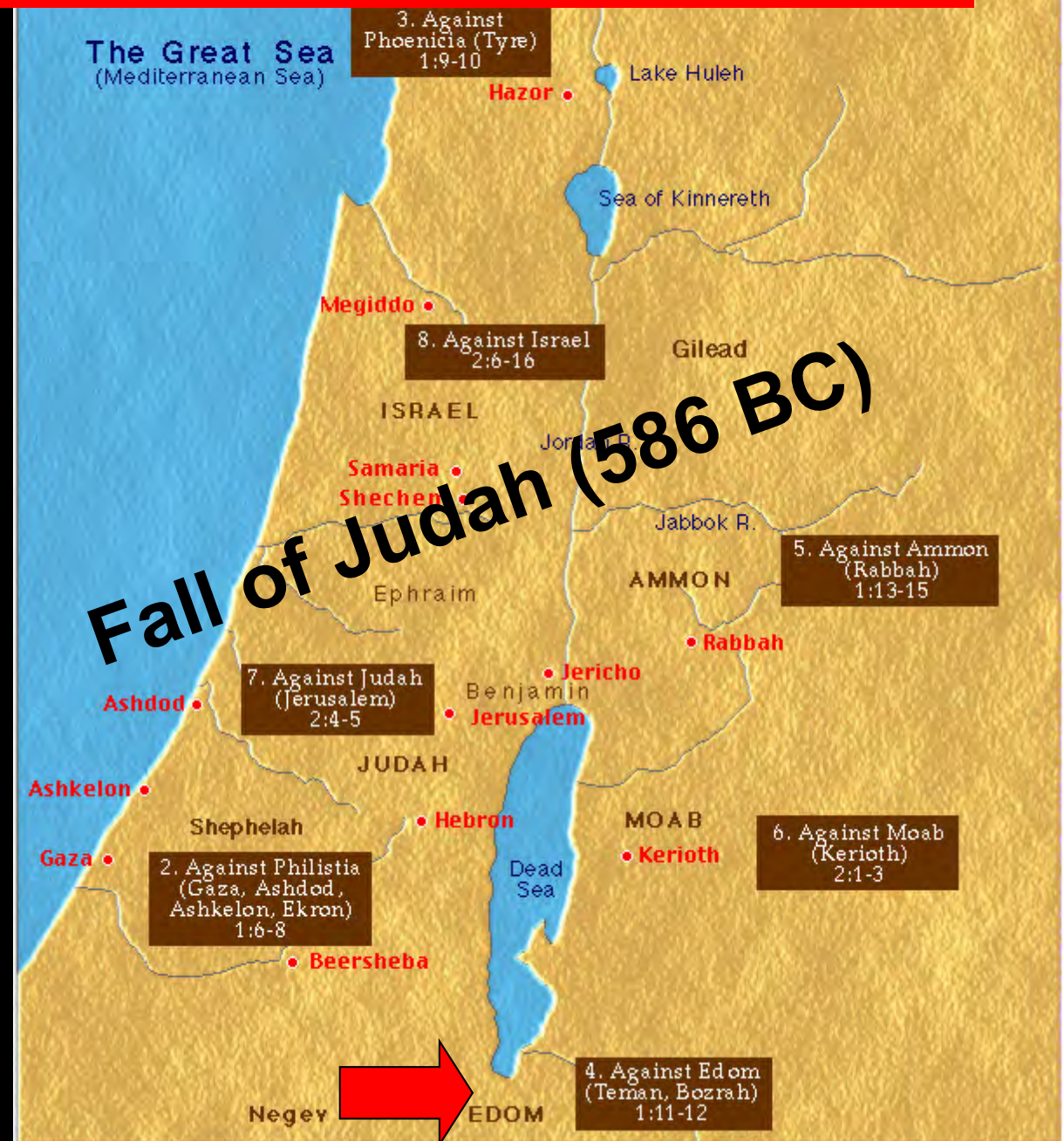
**(Obadiah 11-14;
Psalm 137:7;
Lam. 4:21-22)**



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OT prophets
foretold
judgment on
Edom for her
bitter hatred
(Amos 1:11-12; Jer.
49:7-22; Lam. 4:21-
22; Obad. 10ff;
Ezek. 25:12-14;
35:1-15)





Took advantage of Judah's calamity to migrate into the heart of southern Judah, South of Hebron (Ezek. 35:10-12).

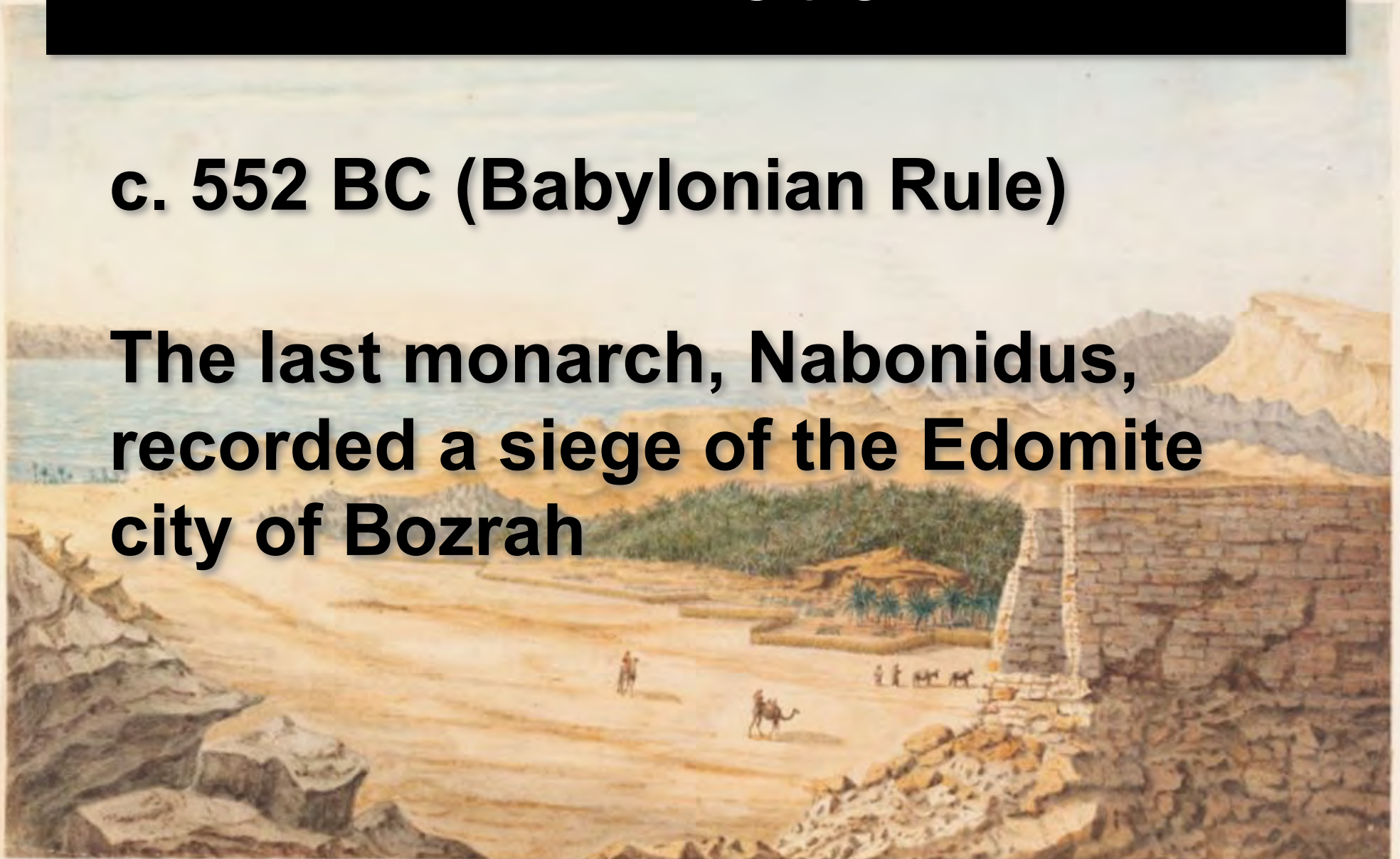


Fall of Judah (586 BC)

Annihilation

c. 552 BC (Babylonian Rule)

**The last monarch, Nabonidus,
recorded a siege of the Edomite
city of Bozrah**



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Arabia Destroyed by Babylon

**“This message came to me concerning Arabia:
O caravans from Dedan,
hide in the deserts of Arabia.**

**¹⁴ O people of Tema,
bring water to these thirsty people,
food to these weary refugees.**

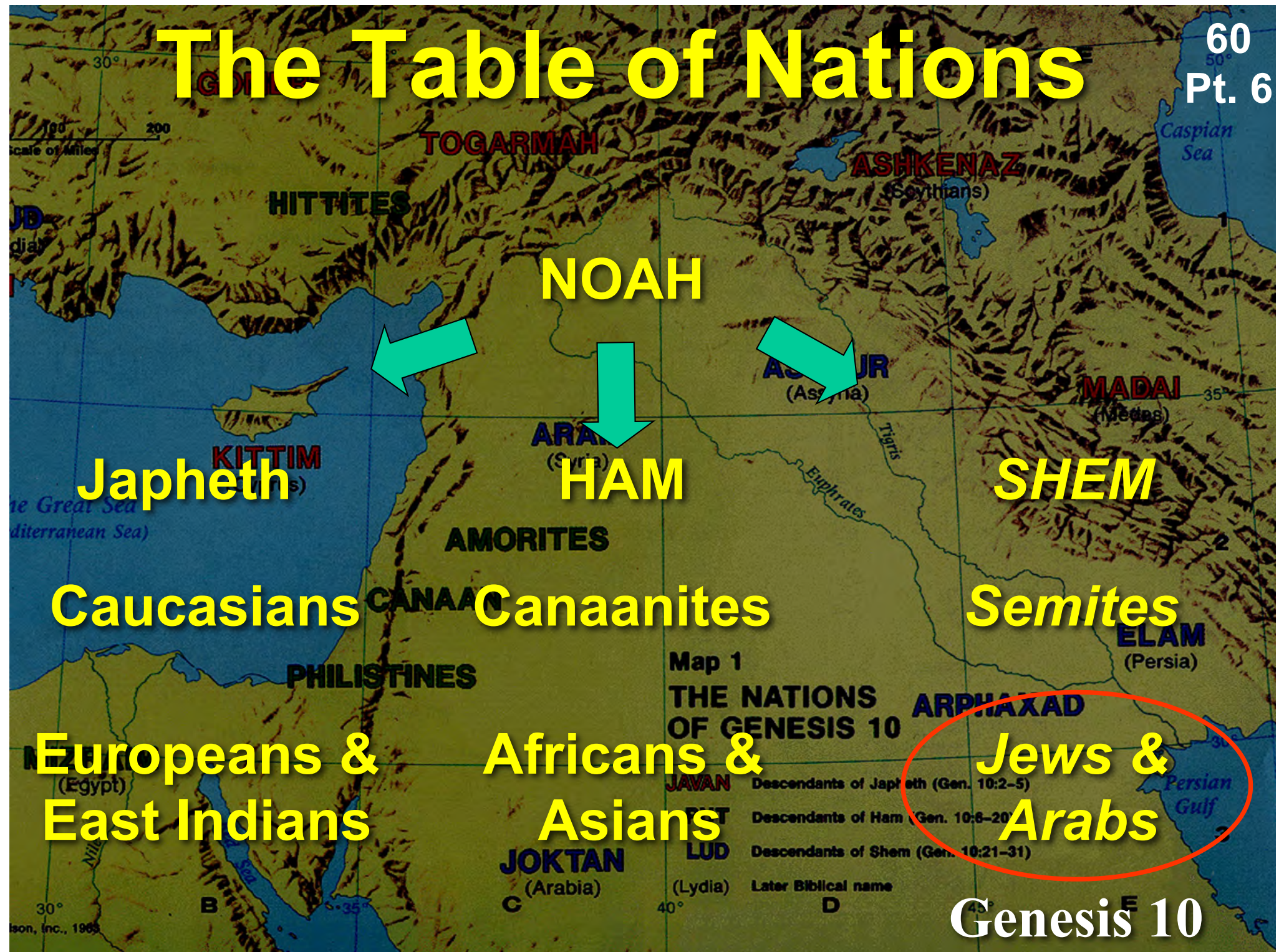
**¹⁵ They have fled from the sword,
from the drawn sword,
from the bent bow
and the terrors of battle”
(Isaiah 21:13-15 NLT).**

Who are the Arabs?

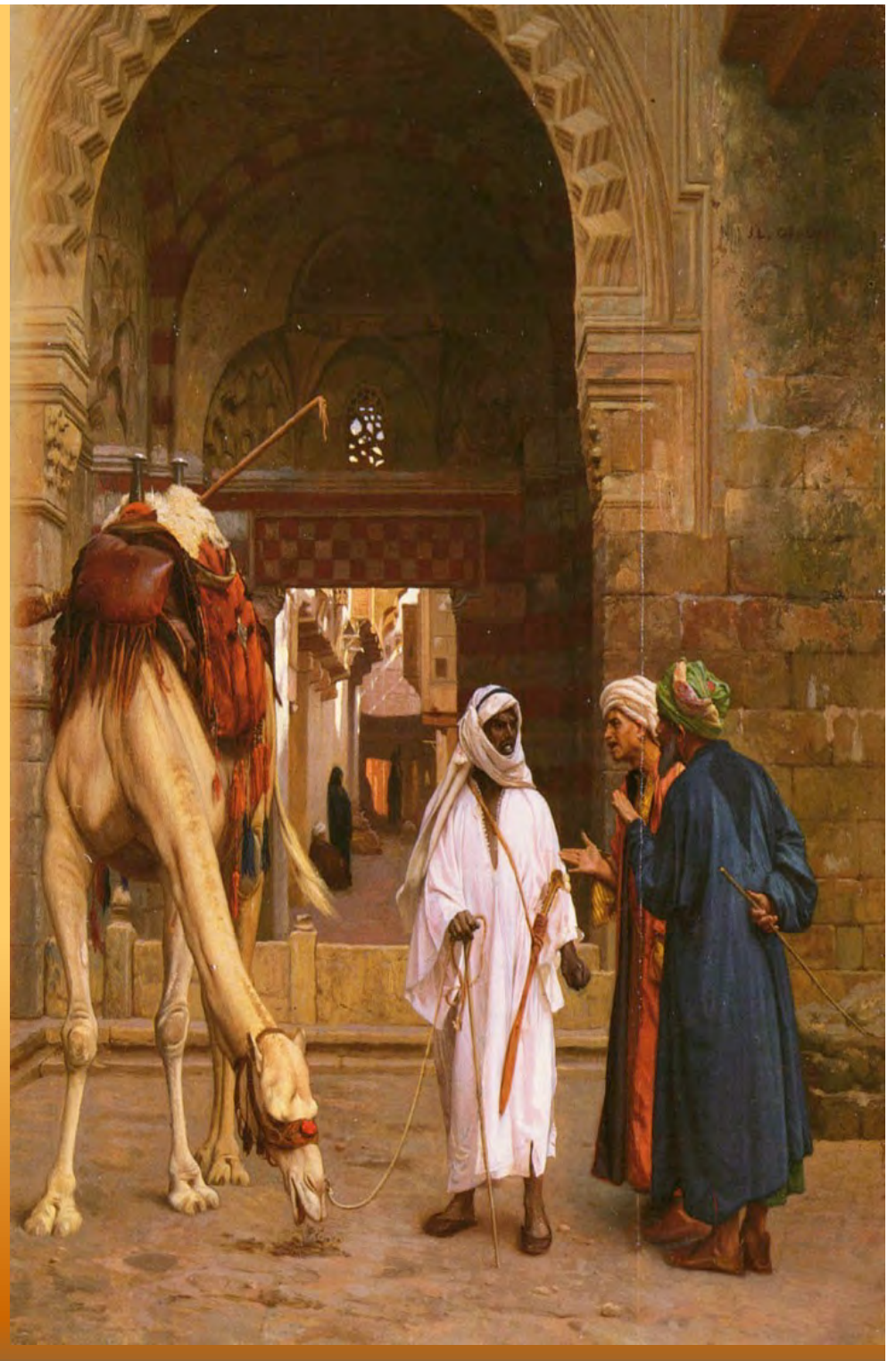
- What country do they live in?
- What do they do?
- What do they eat?
- What do they wear?

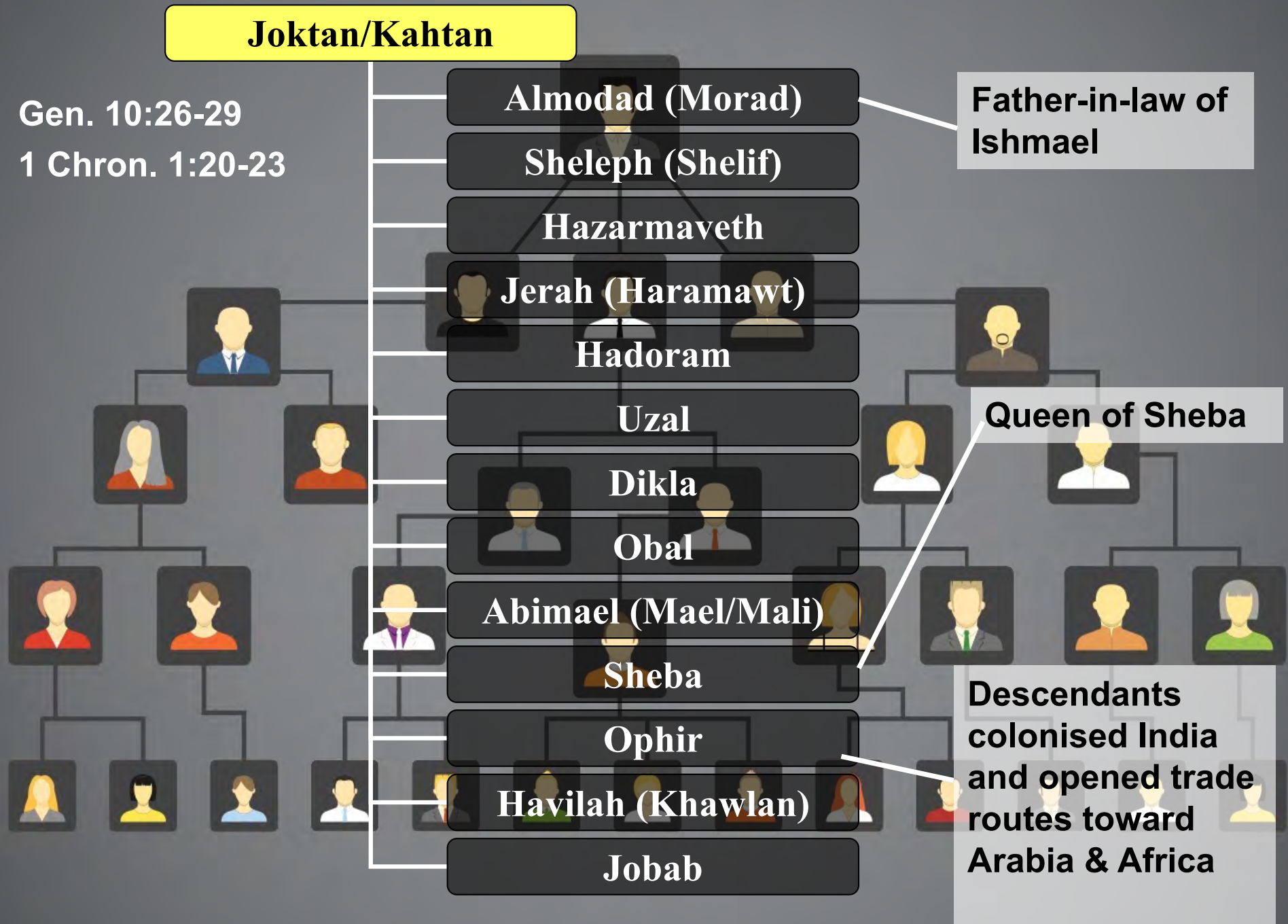
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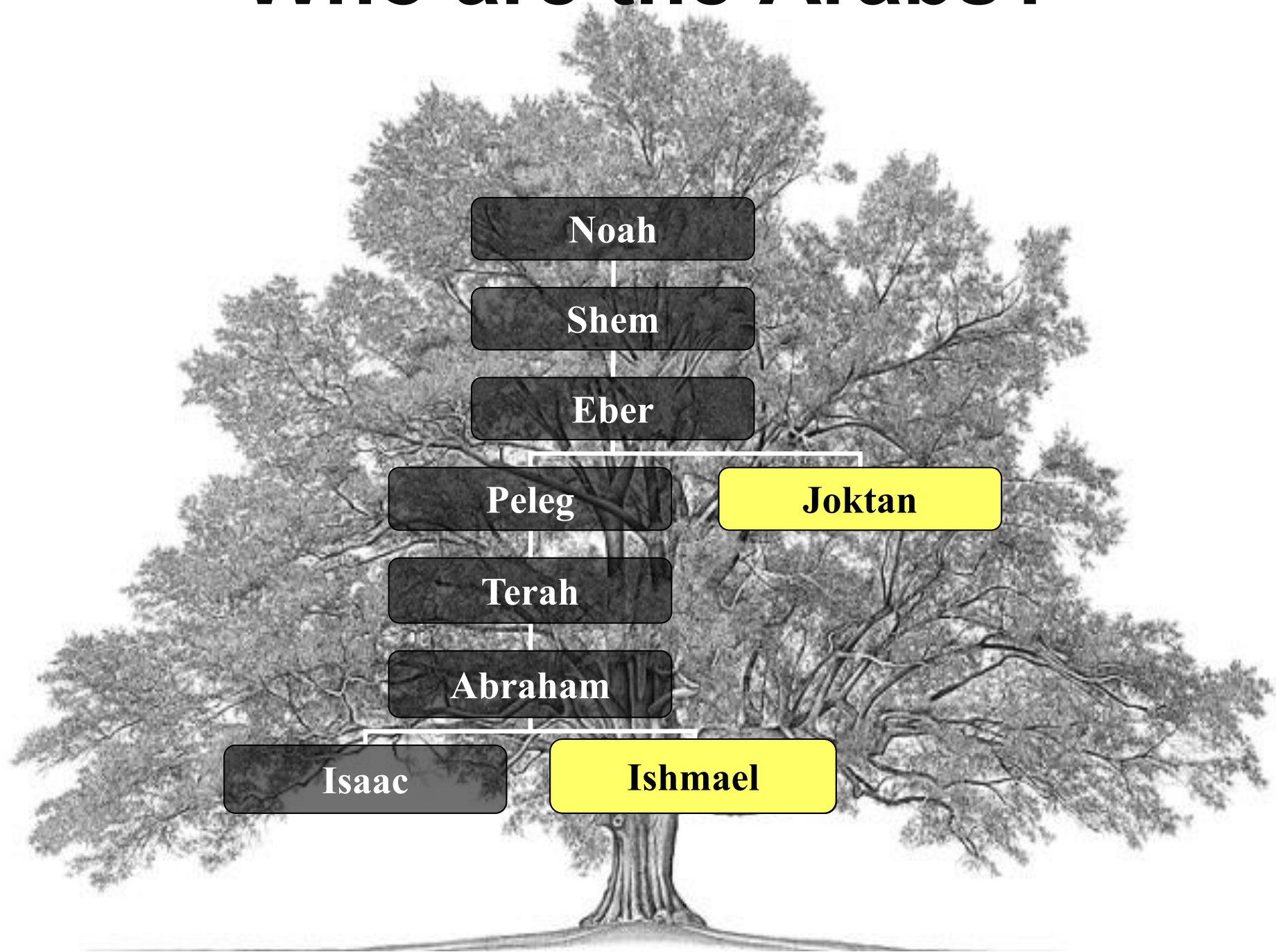


Who are the Arabs?





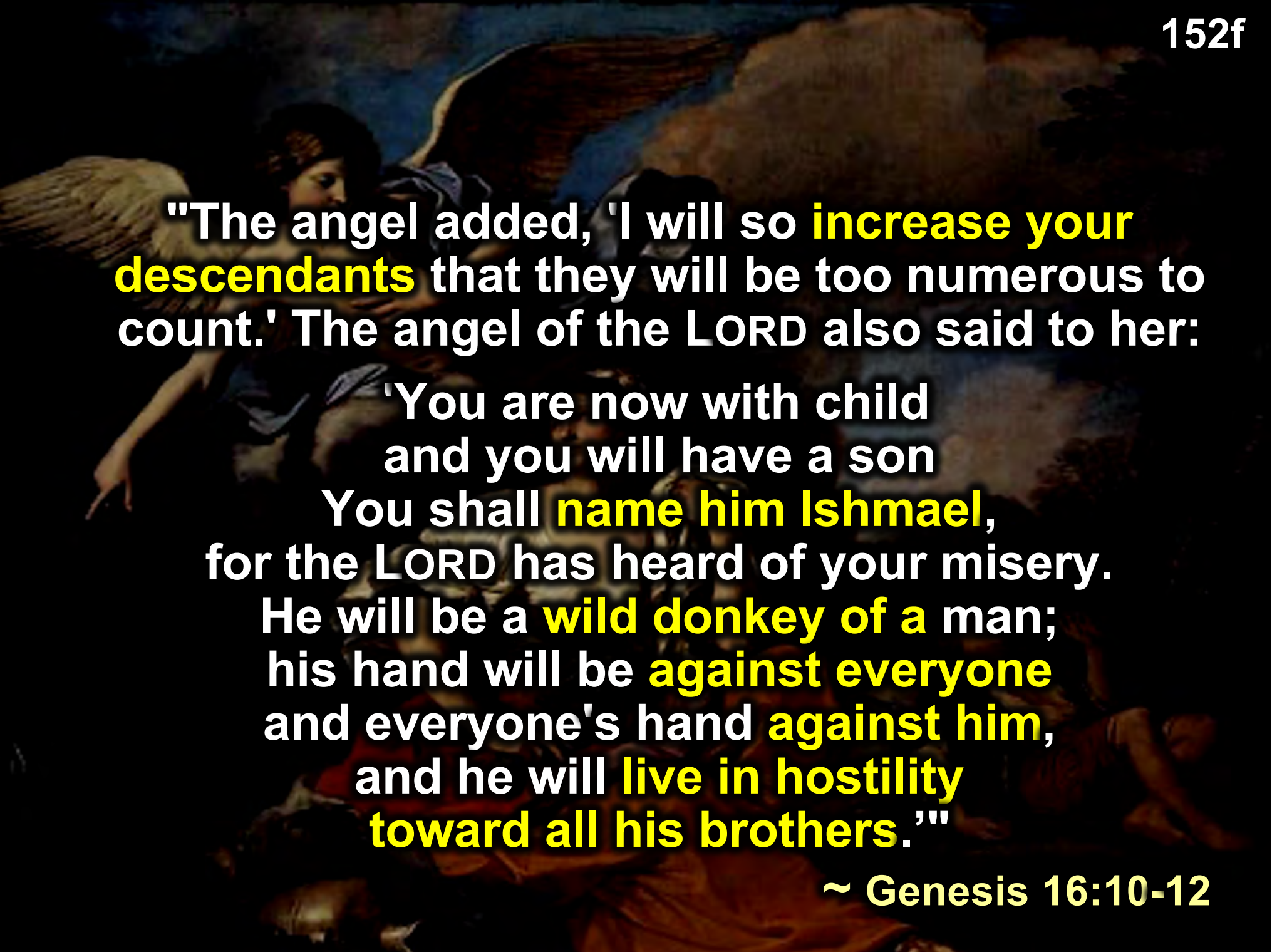
Who are the Arabs?



The Angel and Hagar

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"The angel added, 'I will so **increase your descendants** that they will be too numerous to count.' The angel of the LORD also said to her:

'You are now with child
and you will have a son
You shall **name him Ishmael**,
for the LORD has heard of your misery.
He will be a **wild donkey of a man**;
his hand will be **against everyone**
and everyone's hand **against him**,
and he will **live in hostility**
toward all his brothers.'"

~ Genesis 16:10-12

Ishmael

Nebaioth (Nabataeans)

**King Herod's
mother; founded
Babylon**

Kedar

Adbeel

Mibsam

**Ancestor of
Mohammed**

Mishma (Masamani)

Dumah

Massa (Masani)

Hadad

Tema

Jetur

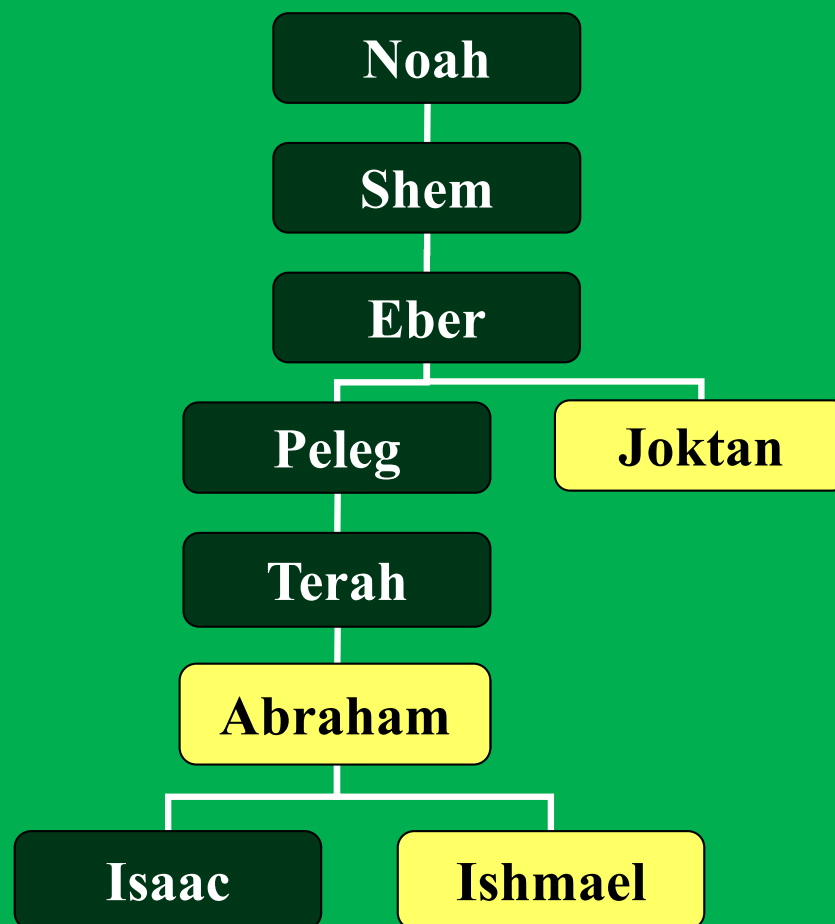
Naphish

Kedemah

Gen. 25:13-15

1 Chron. 1:29-31

Who are the Arabs?



Gen. 25: 2-3

1 Chron. 1:32

Abraham

Zimran

**Descendants
colonized Ethiopia**

Jokshan

Medan

Jethro, Moses' father-in-law

Midian (Midianites)

Ishbak

Shuah

Present Day Arab Countries Surrounding Israel



3 Main Zones of Ancient Arabia



1. Arabia Petraea
(Arabia ruled from Petra)
Parts of Syria and Jordan

2. Arabia Deserta
(Desert Arabia)
Saudi Arabia

3. Arabia Felix
(Happy Arabia)
Yemen and Oman

Arabs to Be Judged

**"The Lord [Adonai] said to me,
'Within a year, counting each day,
all the glory of Kedar will come to an end.
¹⁷Only a few of its courageous archers will survive.
I, the LORD, the God of Israel, have spoken!'"**
(Isaiah 21:16-17 NLT).

Isaiah 22

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Jerusalem's Valley of Vision

**“This message came to me concerning
Jerusalem—the Valley of Vision:
What is happening?**

Why is everyone running to the rooftops?

²The whole city is in a terrible uproar.

What do I see in this reveling city?

**Bodies are lying everywhere,
killed not in battle but by famine and disease.**

³All your leaders have fled.

They surrendered without resistance.

**The people tried to slip away,
but they were captured, too”**

(Isaiah 22:1-3 NLT).



Old City and Kidron Valley from North (BiblePlaces.com)

Isaiah 23

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Assyria

Phoenicia

Syria

Israel

Judah

Philistia

Moab

Edom

Egypt

Sudan

Arabia

Babylon

**Babylon
by the
Sea**



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...

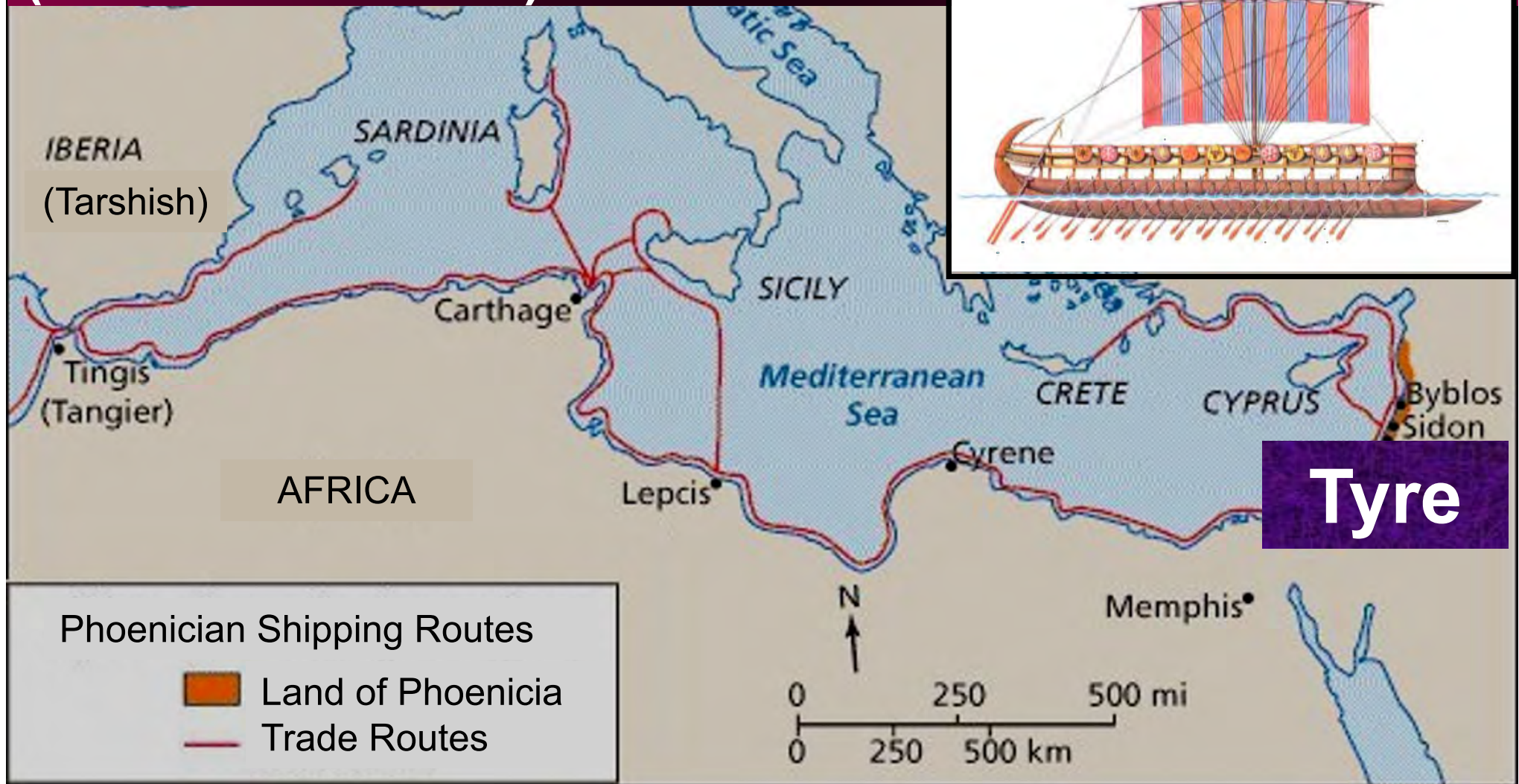


Exported crafts and imported raw materials from faraway countries:



- ♦ 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.

"Tarshish sent merchants to buy your wares in exchange for silver, iron, tin, and lead. ¹³Merchants from Greece, Tubal, and Meshech brought slaves and articles of bronze to trade with you" (Ezekiel 27:12 NLT).

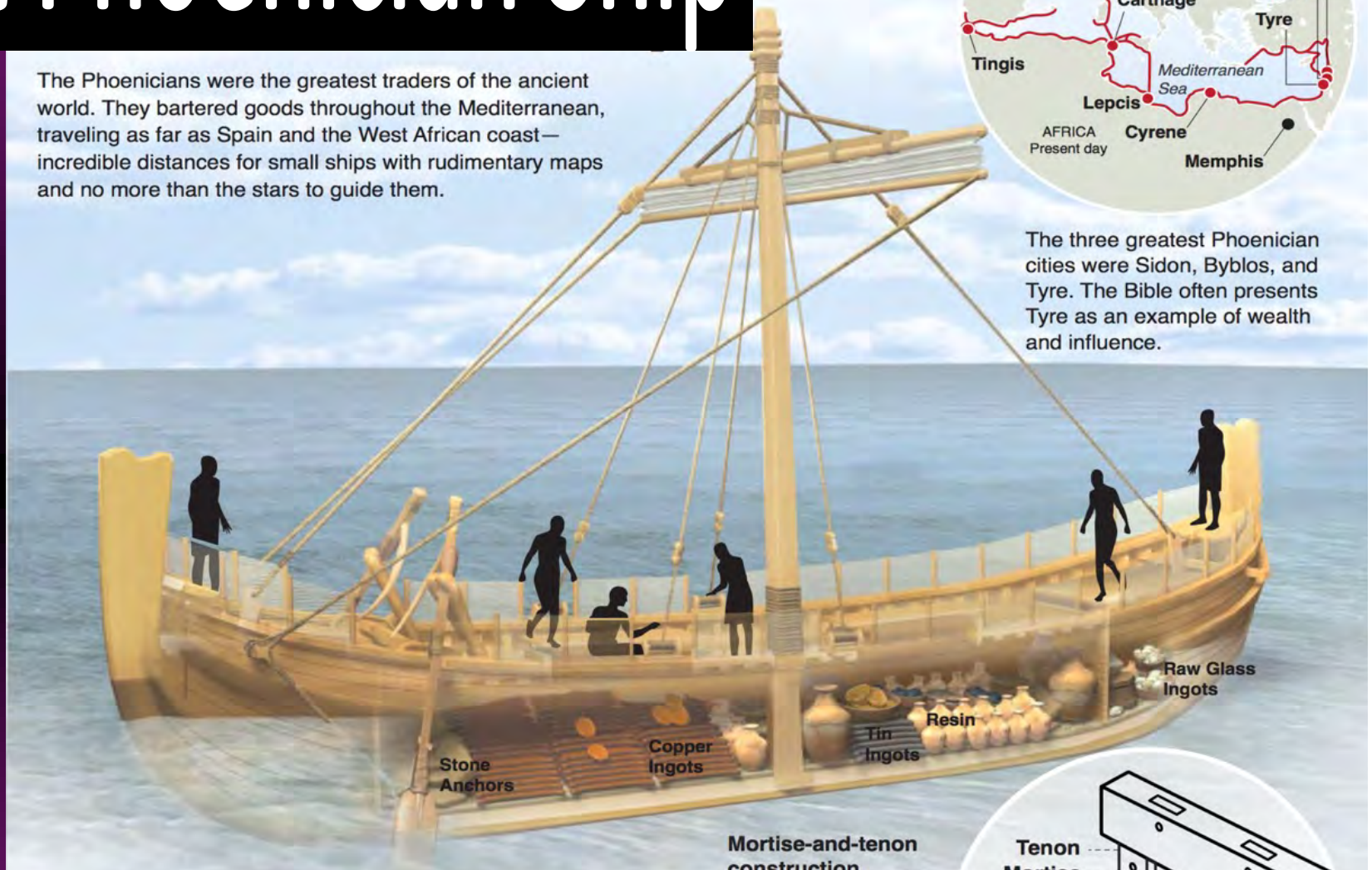


Ancient Phoenician Ship

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.



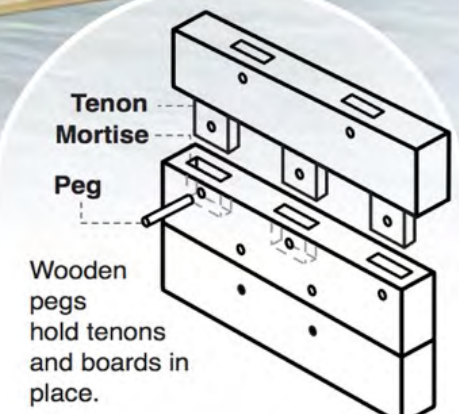
The three greatest Phoenician cities were Sidon, Byblos, and Tyre. The Bible often presents Tyre as an example of wealth and influence.



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).



The Trade of Phoenicia

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Commercially astute:
used trade treaties &
political alliances:



- ◇ Trade with David (2 Sam. 5:11; 1 Kings 5:1)
- ◇ King Hiram helped Solomon in building and overseas ventures
- ◇ Export of oil, wine and timber
- ◇ Called a harlot (Isa. 23:16–17)

Who was the King of Tyre (Isaiah 23)?



Tyrian coins

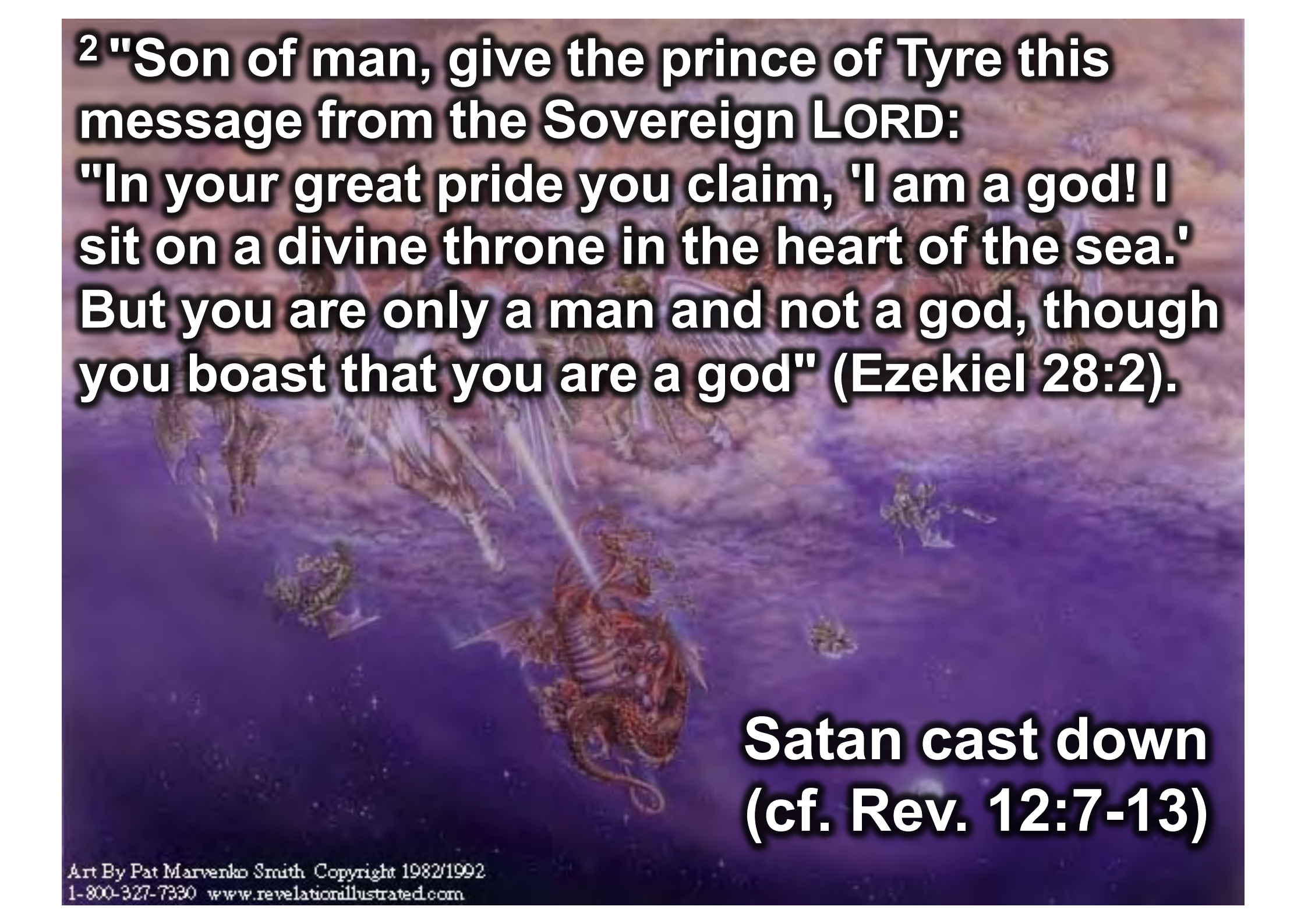
"Son of man, give the prince of Tyre this message from the Sovereign LORD:

'In your great pride, you claim, "I am a god! I sit on a divine throne in the heart of the sea." But you are only a man and not a god, though you boast that you are a god.'"



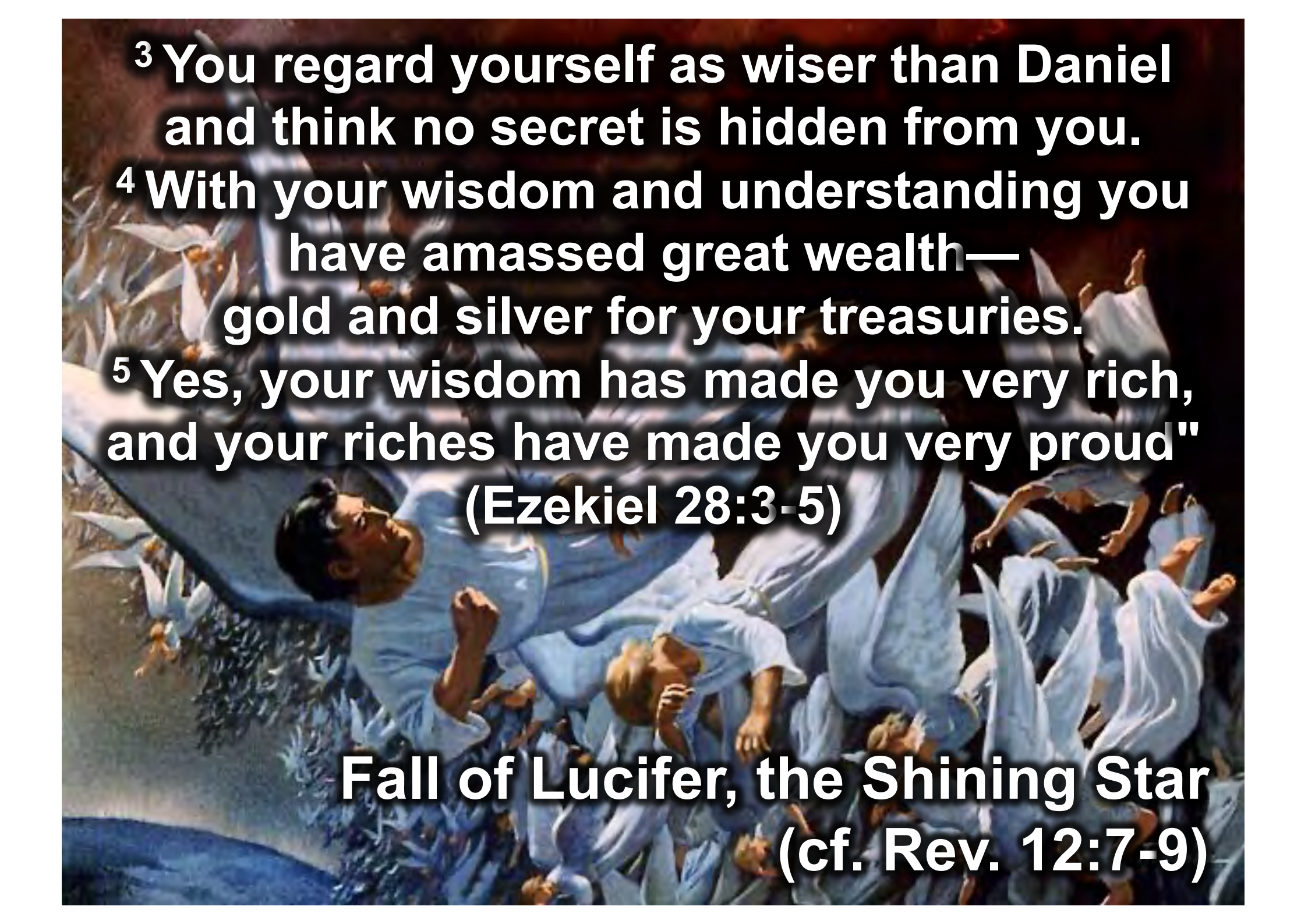
Poseidon's Temple

***Tyre's king regarded himself as the god of the sea
(Ezek. 28:2 NLT)***

The background of the image is a painting depicting a dramatic scene. In the center, a large, multi-headed dragon-like creature, representing Satan, is being cast down into a dark, turbulent sea. The creature has a human-like face with a crown, and its body is covered in scales and tentacles. It is being thrown by several figures who appear to be angels or divine beings, some of whom are visible in the upper part of the image. The sea is dark and stormy, with waves crashing. The overall color palette is dominated by dark blues, purples, and reds, creating a somber and powerful atmosphere.

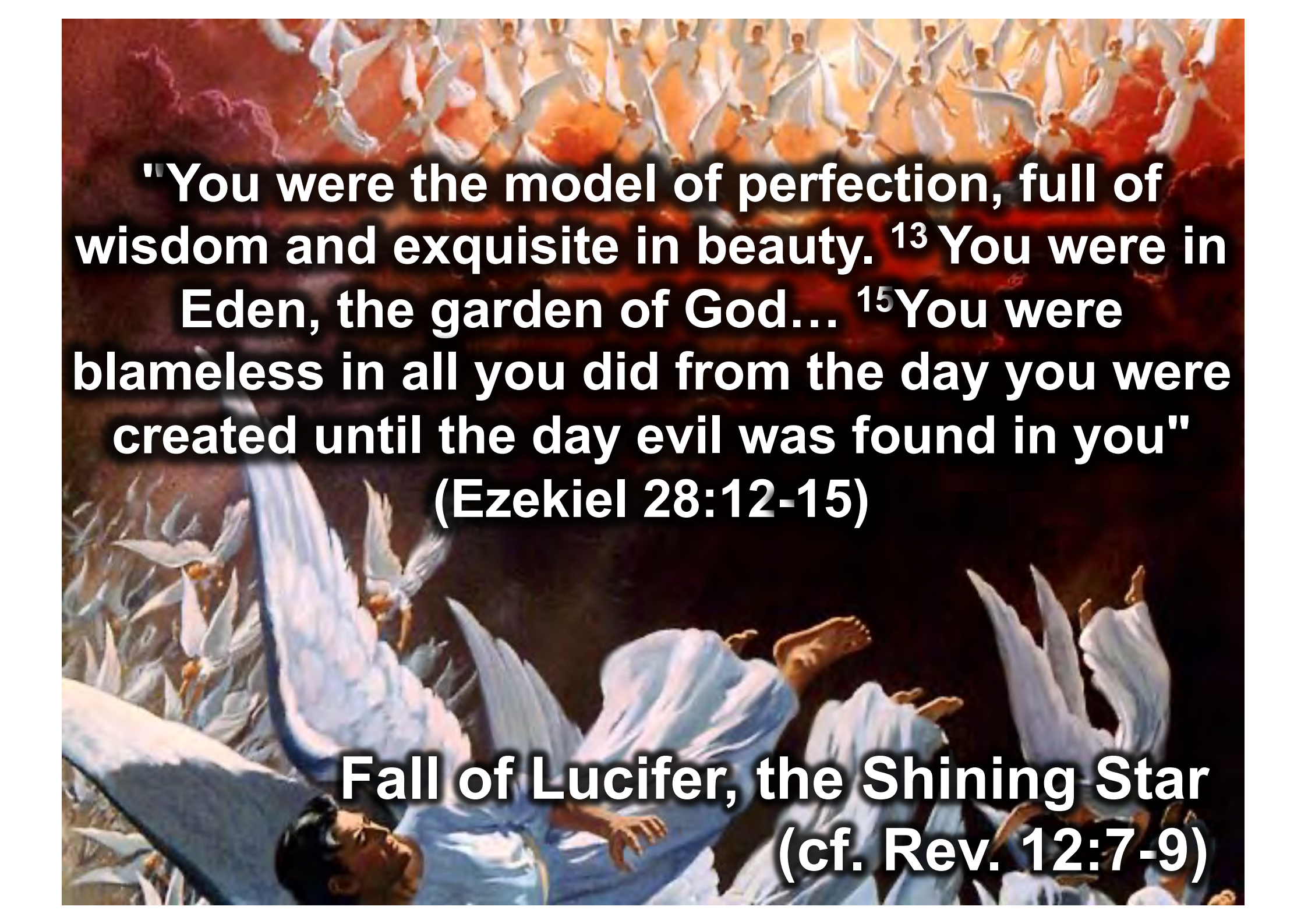
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**Satan cast down
(cf. Rev. 12:7-13)**

A dramatic painting depicting the fall of Lucifer. Lucifer, a large, muscular man with dark hair, is shown falling from the sky, wearing a blue robe. He is surrounded by a large group of angels, also in blue robes, who are falling with him. The background is a dark, stormy sky with swirling clouds. The overall tone is dramatic and somber.

**³ You regard yourself as wiser than Daniel
and think no secret is hidden from you.
⁴ With your wisdom and understanding you
have amassed great wealth—
gold and silver for your treasuries.
⁵ Yes, your wisdom has made you very rich,
and your riches have made you very proud"
(Ezekiel 28:3-5)**

**Fall of Lucifer, the Shining Star
(cf. Rev. 12:7-9)**



"You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and exquisite in beauty. ¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God... ¹⁵ You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you" (Ezekiel 28:12-15)

**Fall of Lucifer, the Shining Star
(cf. Rev. 12:7-9)**



**¹⁶Your rich commerce led you to violence,
and you sinned.**

**So I banished you in disgrace
from the mountain of God.**

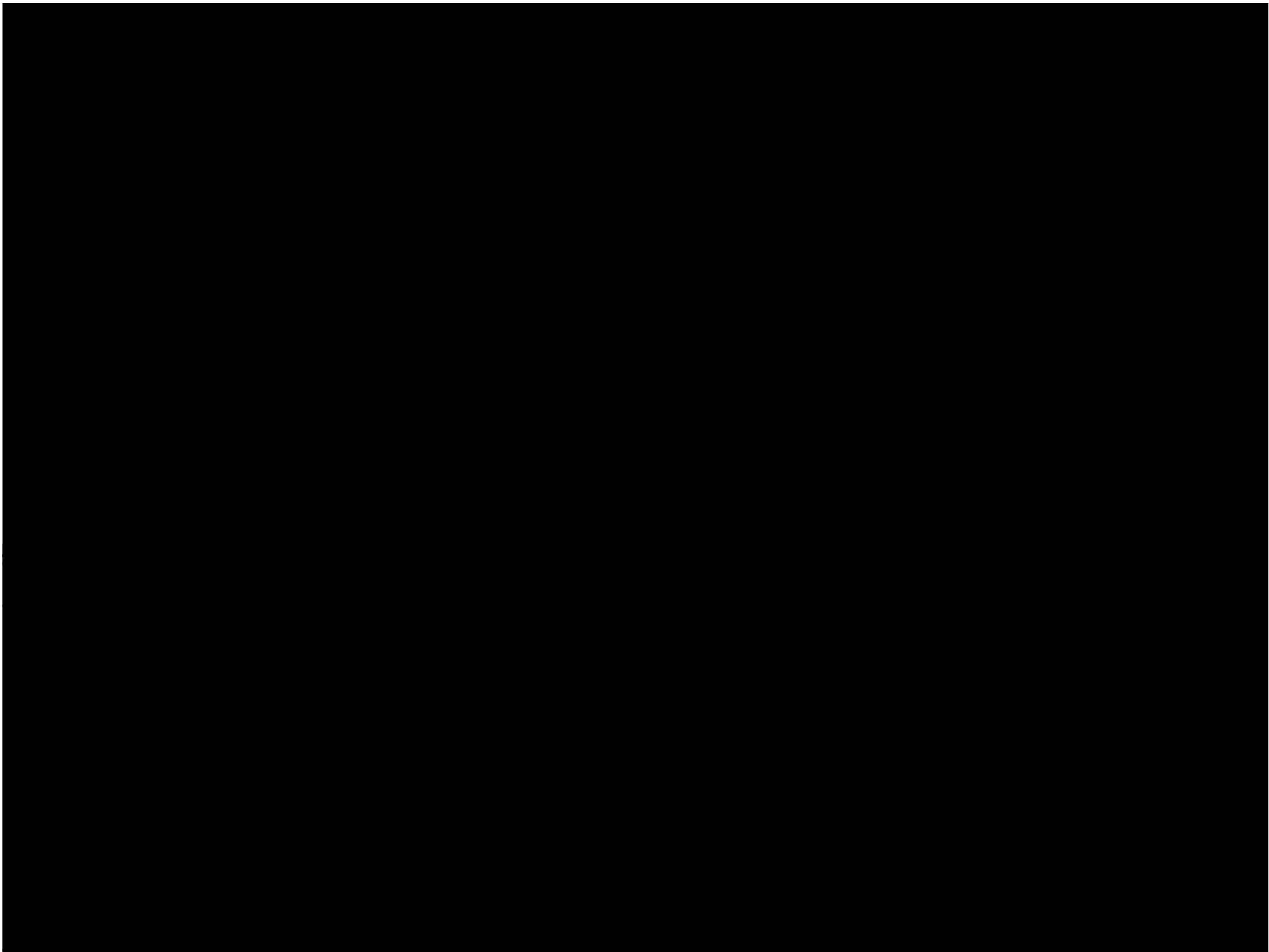
**I expelled you, O mighty guardian,
from your place among the stones of fire.**

**¹⁷Your heart was filled with pride
because of all your beauty.**

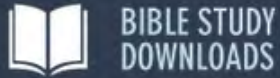
**Your wisdom was corrupted
by your love of splendor.**

**So I threw you to the ground and
exposed you to the curious gaze of kings"**


(Ezek. 28:16-17)



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