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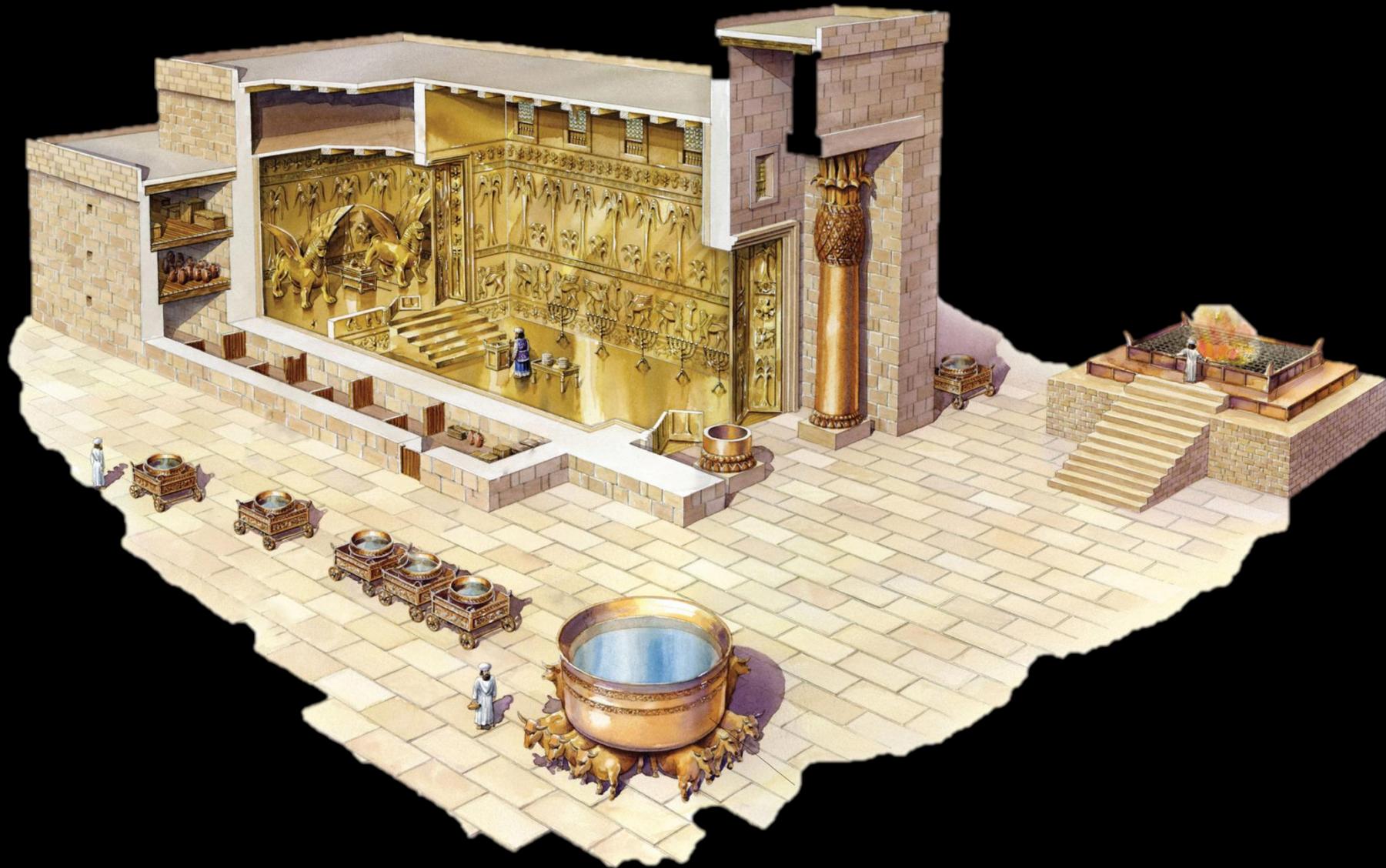
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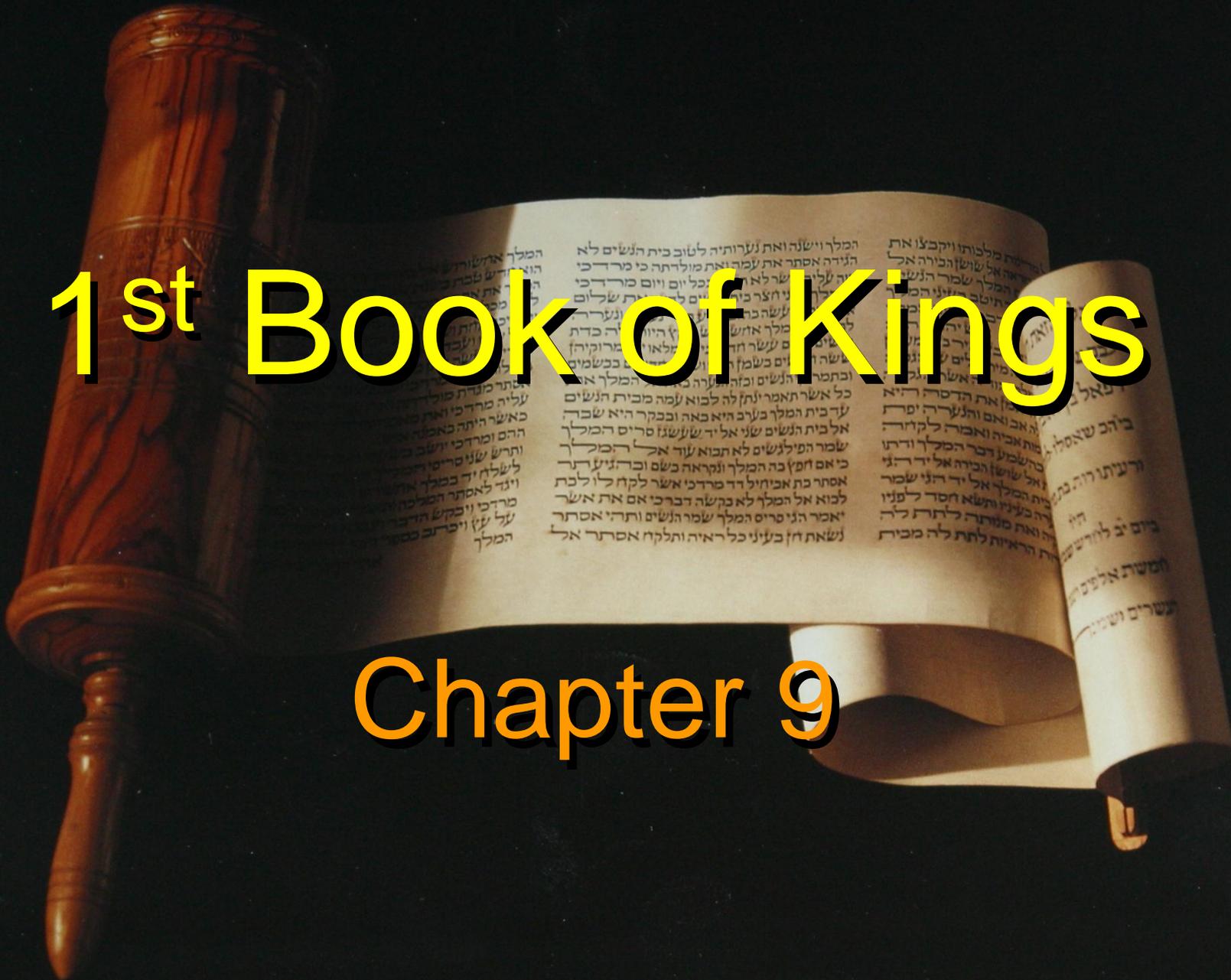
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Solomon's Temple



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Chapter 9



¹ And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

² That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

1 Kings 9:1-2

3 And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

1 Kings 9:3

The LORD Hears!

- 1 The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;*
- 2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;*
- 3 Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah.*

Psalm 20

The LORD Hears!

4 Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

Psalm 20

The LORD Hears!

6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

9 Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

4 **And if** thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:

5 **Then** I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

1 Kings 9:4-5

6 But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:

1 Kings 9:6-7

- See also Deuteronomy 28

8 And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house?

9 And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

The Significance of the Temple

- The Temple was one of the wonders of the ancient world
 - and thus became a symbol of God's favor upon Israel.
- To see the temple in disrepair would be a sign that God's favor had been removed.
- Does this apply to us?

Duty of Care

²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

²⁹ For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh **damnation** to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

³⁰ For this cause **many are weak and sickly** among you, and many sleep.

1 Corinthians 11:28-30

Duty of Care

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Duty of Care

16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God **destroy**; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

10 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built **the two houses,** the house of the LORD, and the king's house,

11 (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram **twenty cities in the land of Galilee.**

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not.

13 And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul unto this day.

14 And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

1 Kings 9:13-14

- It seems that Solomon had a loan from Hiram of 120 talents of gold to help finance the building of the Temple
- As a security Solomon 'gave' 20 cities to Hiram.
 - See Leviticus 25:23 "The Land shall not be sold for ever"
- These were later returned to Solomon
 - see 2 Chronicles 8:2

¹⁵ And this is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

1 Kings 9:15

- Solomon taxed the remnant of the nations who previously inhabited the land to fund:
 - The building of the House of the LORD
 - The building of his own house
 - Millo & the wall (fortifications to Jerusalem)
 - The building of defence / principle chariot cities

Jerusalem during Solomon's Time

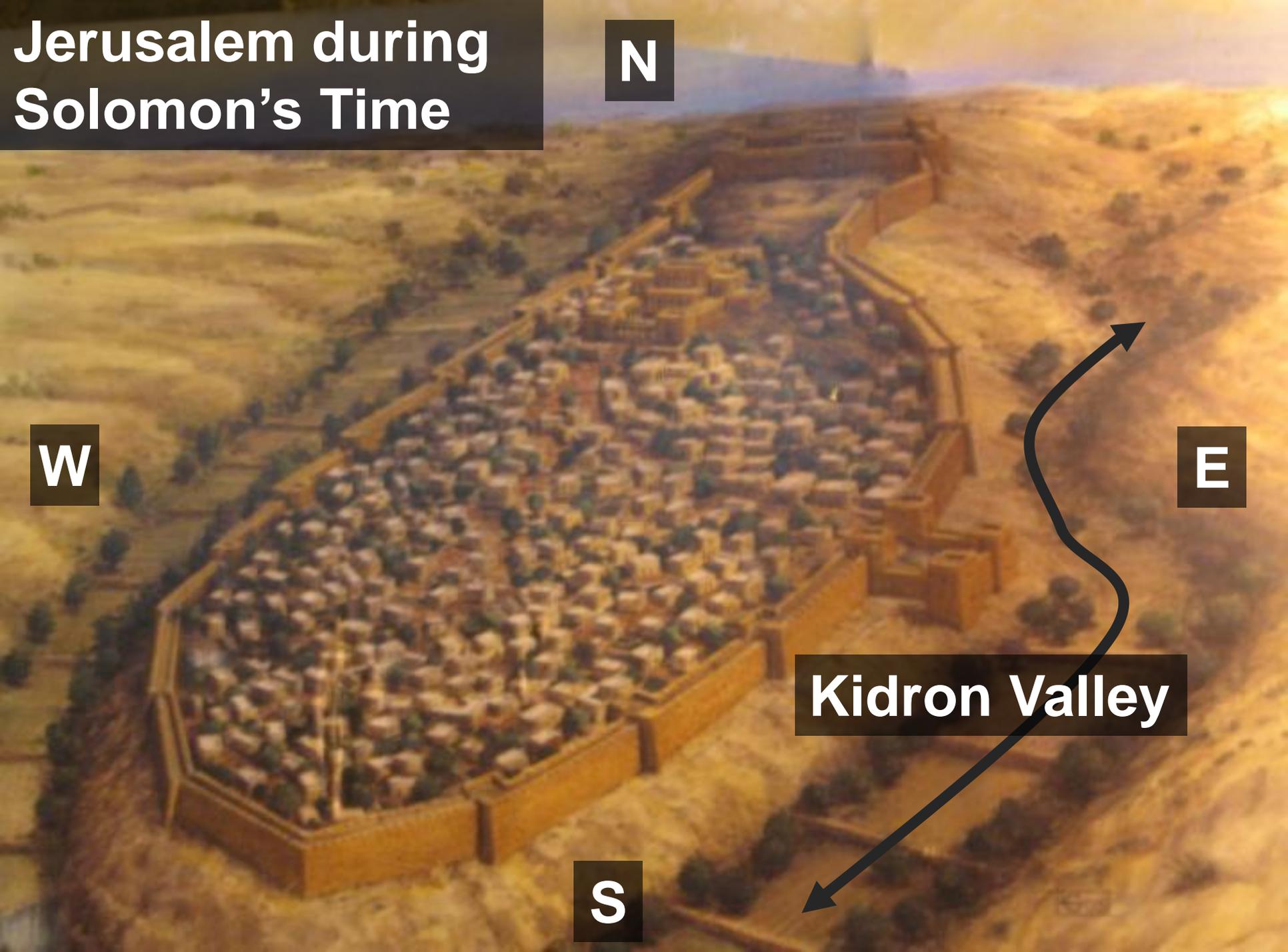
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¹⁶ For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.

*¹⁷ And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the nether,
¹⁸ and Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land,*

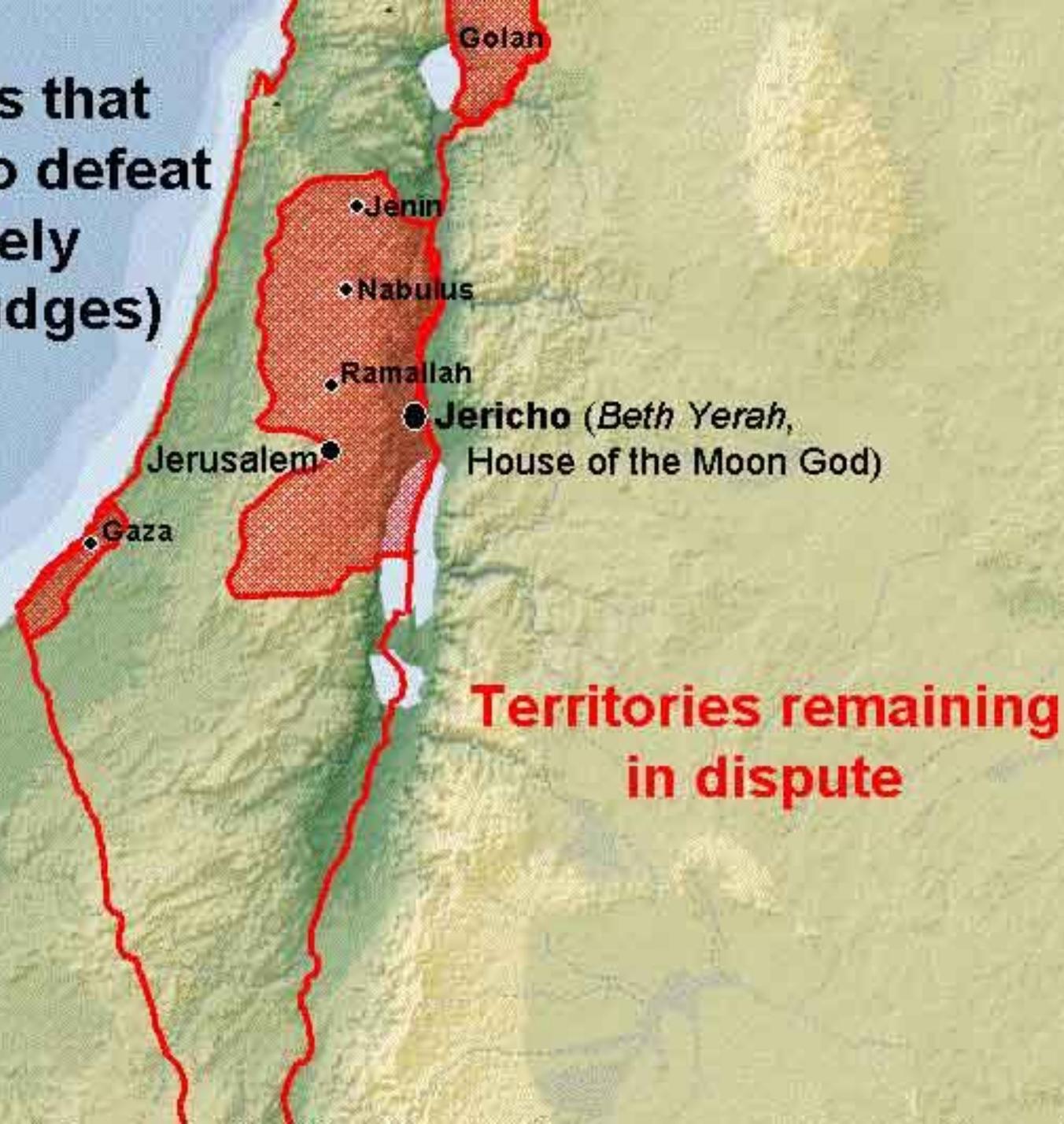
1 Kings 9:16-18

19 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which were not of the children of Israel,

21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day.

**Strongholds that
Israel failed to defeat
completely
(Book of Judges)**



**Territories remaining
in dispute**

22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondmen: but they were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

23 These were the chief of the officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.

1 Kings 9:22-23

24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.

25 And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

1 Kings 9:24-25

26 And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom.

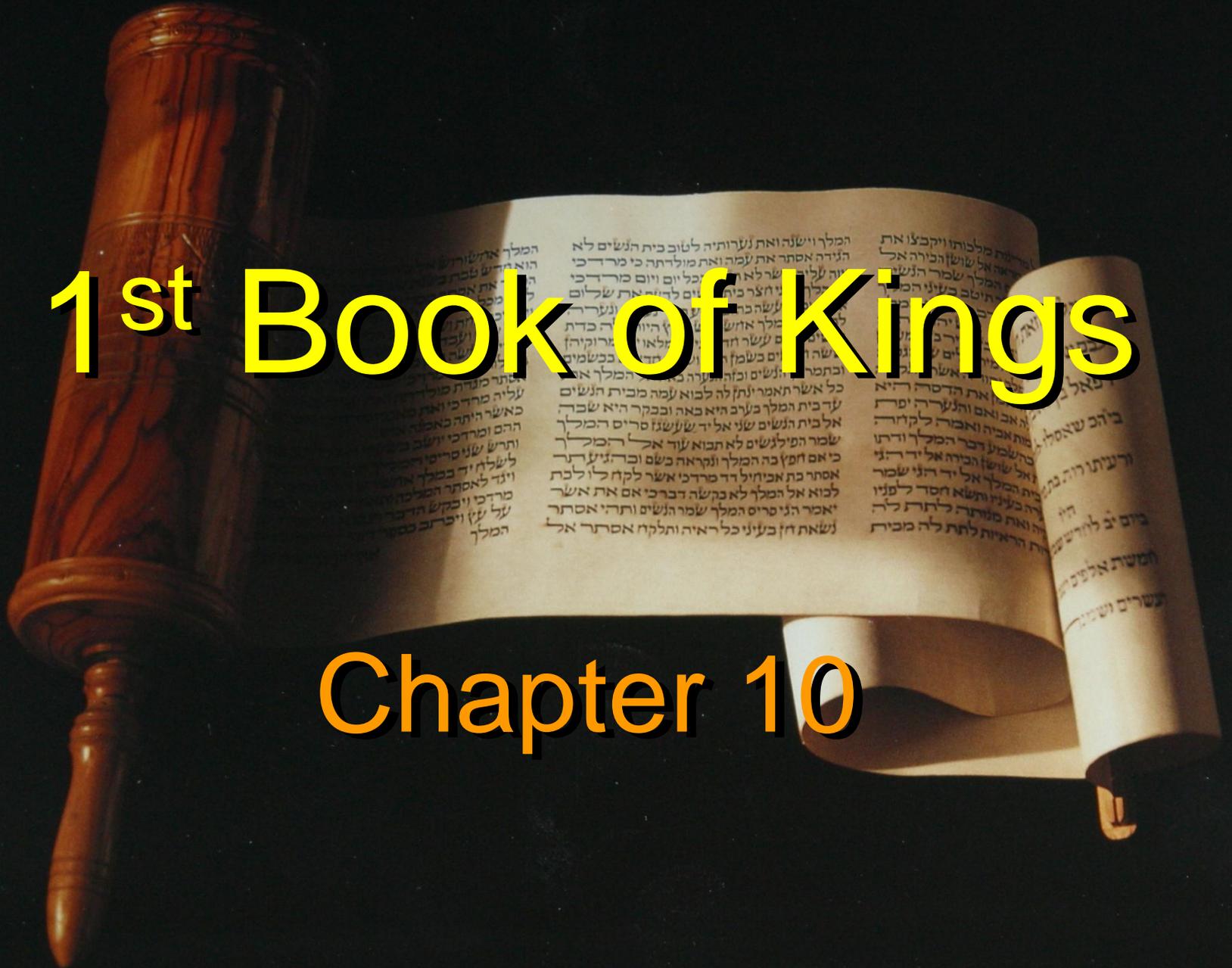
27 And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

28 And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

1 Kings 9:26-28

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Chapter 10



¹ And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.

² And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

³ And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

1 Kings 10:1-3

4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,
5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

1 Kings 10:4-5

6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.

7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

8 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.

1 Kings 10:6-8

⁹ Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

¹⁰ And she gave the king **an hundred and twenty talents of gold,** and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

1 Kings 10:9-10

Ethiopian Legend

- The Ethiopians claim that the Queen of Sheba was 'their' queen.
 - detailed in the famous epic *Kebrā Nagast*
 - (The Glory of Kings)
- The legend holds that the queen bore a son to King Solomon, who was Menelik
- When Menelik was grown, he visited his father, who anointed him to rule in Africa and sent the sons of his own counselors to assist Menelik as king

Ethiopian Legend

- According to the legend the young men were reluctant to leave the temple in Jerusalem, especially as it contained the Ark of the Covenant
- In secret they removed the Ark and took it with them to Ethiopia and left a replica!
- For centuries, Ethiopian tradition has maintained that they have the true Ark and it is still preserved and guarded in the compound at Aksum

Ethiopian Legend

- The Ethiopian legend dates back to at least the 13th century, but its real origin is difficult to determine
- What is certain is that Ethiopia believe they have the Ark, even to this day

Ethiopian Legend

- From the restoration of the Solomonic Dynasty around 1270 until the death of the last emperor, Haile Selassie, the emperors of Ethiopia claimed descent from Solomon and the Queen of Sheba
 - Haile Selassie I (1892-1975), was a grandnephew of Emperor Menelik II, the last emperor of Ethiopia (1930-74)
 - The Solomonic claim was part of the constitution proclaimed by Selassie in 1955

26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

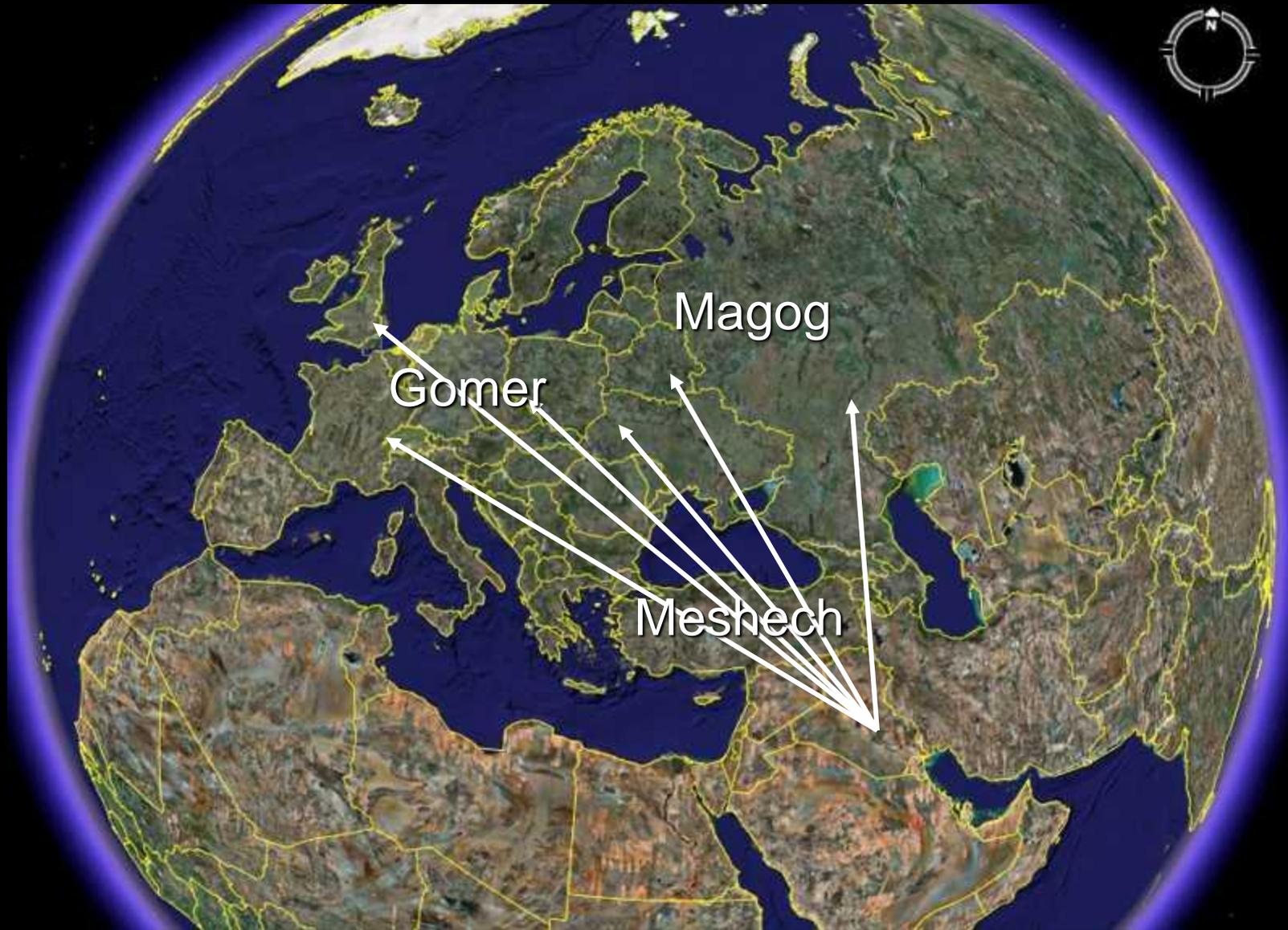
Acts 8:26-28

Ethiopian Eunuch

- Who was this royal official?
- Why had he been sent on a state visit?
- Why send the Queens chief treasurer?
- Why was he reading the Jewish scripture?
- Why does the Holy Spirit want you to know about this encounter?
- *It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.*

(Proverbs 25:2)

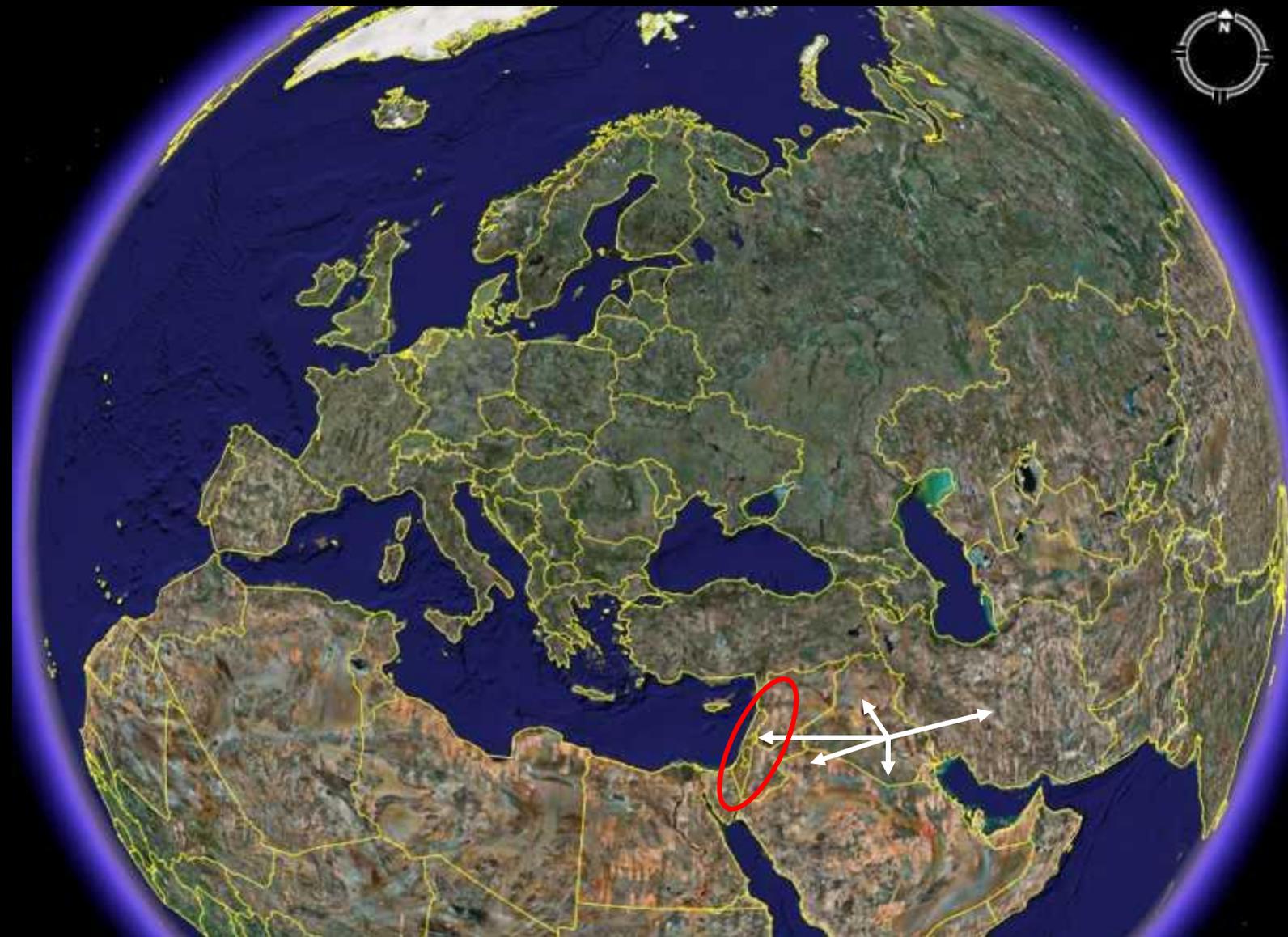
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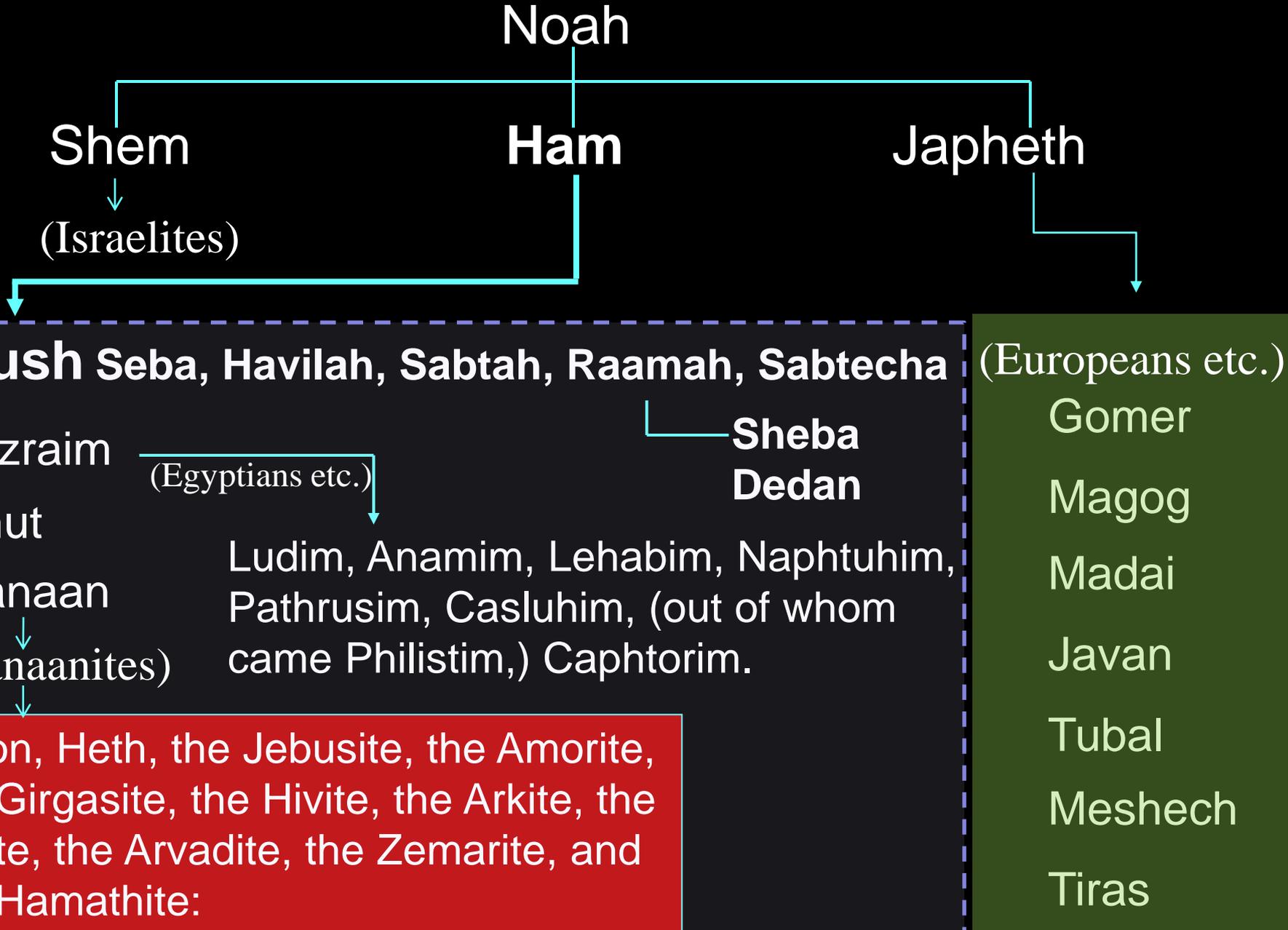
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The Dividing of The Nations (Genesis 10)



Israel & Ethiopia

- 1st Interaction between the descendants of Shem and Cush is in with the visit of the Queen of Sheba
- This gives rise to the legend of Menelik I
- At the time of the divided kingdom some Jews migrate down to Egypt
- A Jewish community begins to grow

The Josiah Conundrum

²¹ But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? I come not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from meddling with God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not.

2 Chronicles 35:21

The Josiah Conundrum

²² Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

2 Chronicles 35:22

The Josiah Conundrum

3 And said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, which were holy unto the LORD, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; it shall not be a burden upon your shoulders: serve now the LORD your God, and his people Israel,

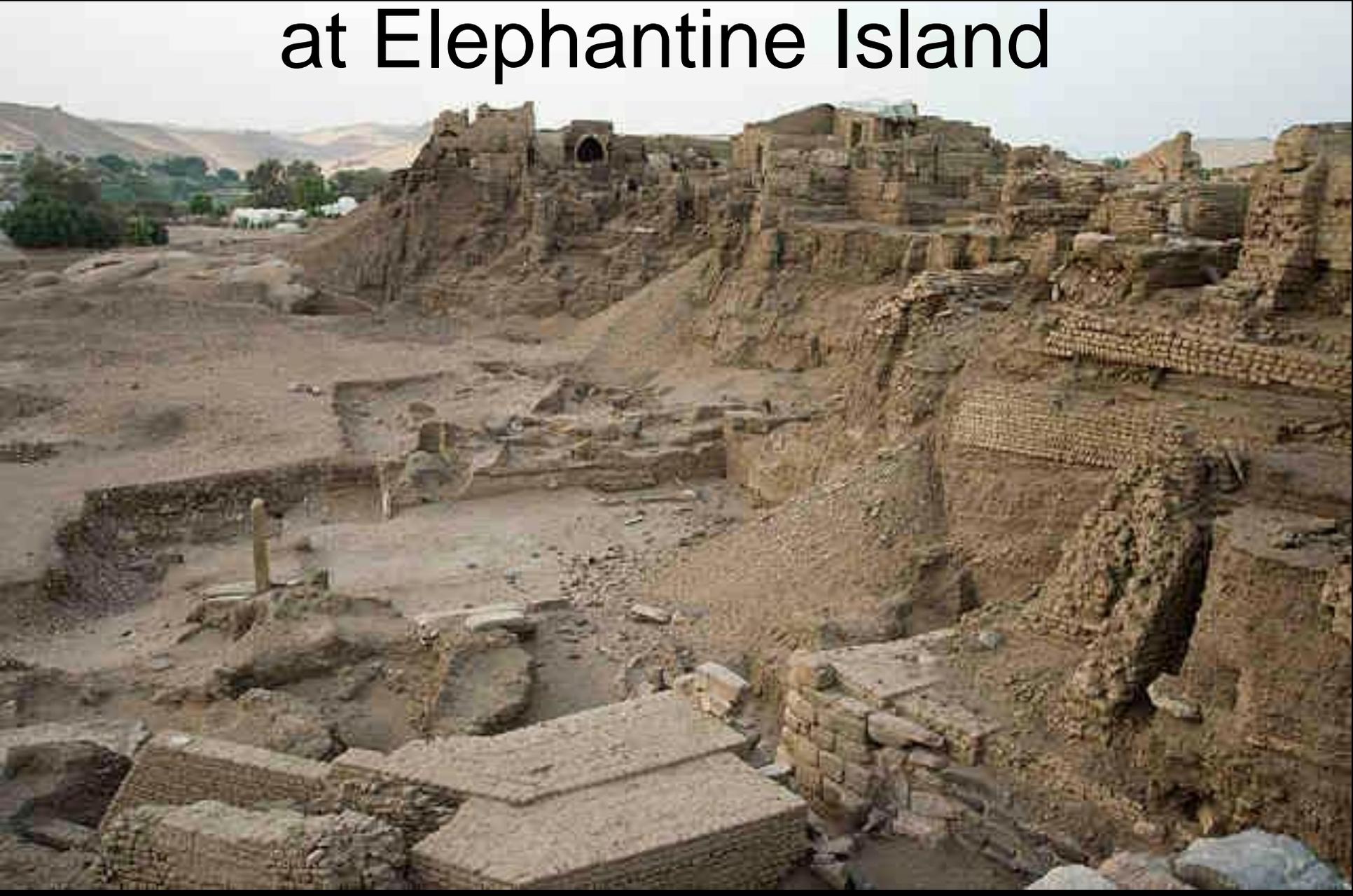
2 Chronicles 35:3

The Mystery of the Ark

Conjecture:

- During the reign of Manessah the Ark was taken by the priests for protection
- It was taken down to Egypt – and placed in Jewish Temple nr. Aswan at Elephantine Island
 - On the boarder of Ethiopia
- In around 400 B.C. This community migrated down to into Ethiopia
- The Ark went to Lake Tanis...

Jewish Temple at Elephantine Island



Lake Tanis

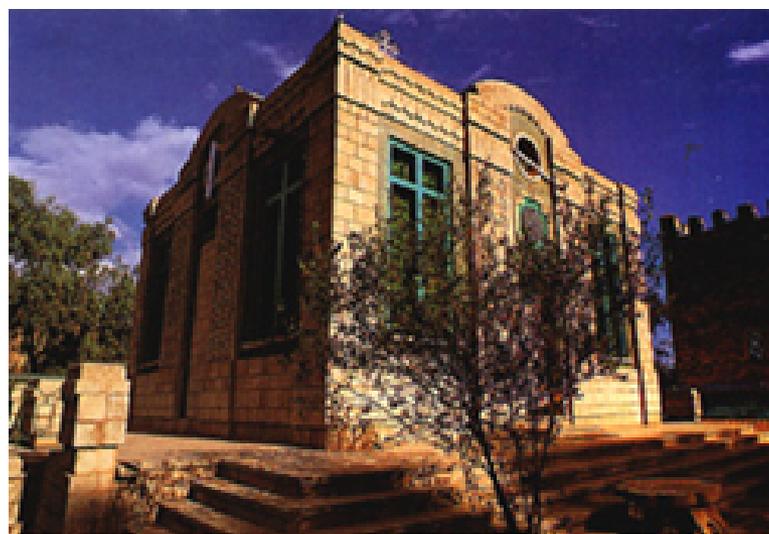


The Mystery of the Ark

Conjecture:

- It remained at Lake Tanis for 800yrs
- In around 400 A.D. It was moved to Axum
- It resides there to this day
- Awaiting...

The islanders claim that eventually, the Ark was taken from them by the King of Axum, and taken to Axum where it has remained to this day. There are more than 20,000 churches in Ethiopia, each one having its own replica of the Ark of the Covenant. If this replica is removed, then they are considered impure. Even the replicas are considered very holy, and it is believed they can heal and bless those who touch them. However, it is almost universally believed by the people of Ethiopia that the original Ark of the Covenant that once stood in the holy of holies in Solomon's Temple, now resides in their temple in Axum. This temple is guarded by armed soldiers, and is completely surrounded by a security fence. People come from all over the country to worship at Axum in incredible celebrations, although they believe they will be struck dead if they actually see the Ark. Even the official Ethiopian web site claims the Ark is in Axum, as the picture of St Mary's



The Biblical Ark of the Covenant rests in this chapel in the courtyard of St. Mary's Church

Church (above) and associate text – straight from the web site show. <http://www.ethiopiaembassy.in/historical-north.htm>

Bob Comuke and others think the Ark was brought to Axum around 400 A.D. - about 1600 years ago, and in a conversation which Comuke recounts with a small, Ethiopian counsel, they stated they will keep the Ark hidden and have no intentions of revealing it to the public. There is only one monk who is allowed to see the Ark; he is considered the life-long "guardian of the Ark" and is apparently a direct descendant of the priesthood in Jerusalem.



This guard is now in its 30th generation in Axum's history, and the present guardian was chosen 'because of his purity'. He will spend the rest of his life as the Ark's guardian and will never leave the confines of the Temple. Incredibly, these people have a supreme indifference regarding letting the world know about the Ark. They don't care if people believe them or not, to them it's irrelevant because they know they have the Ark.

In one of his visits to Axum, Bob Cornuke spoke to an old, Ethiopian priest who had seen the Ark. Along with the present guardian, he is the only, living person who has seen the Ark. One report has said that the acacia wood that was used on the Ark has decomposed; whilst it was covered with gold, it is sunken in, now, and collapsed.

Returning to scripture for a moment, it is significant to note that Jeremiah said: *"And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more"* (Jer 3:16). Which days is the LORD through Jeremiah speaking of? The context of the passages shows that this is to be a time when backsliding Israel have returned to the LORD. If we are to understand this in the light of Zechariah 12:10, it must be referring to the time of the Second Coming. Jeremiah speaks of a time when the Ark will not be remembered, yet at present, Israel themselves still talk of the Ark. Although some Rabbis think the Ark is hidden under the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, it is believed by some to be the catalyst that (when it is discovered) will trigger the rebuilding of the Temple on the Temple Mount. If the report of the wood decomposing is true, how interesting that the LORD has already foretold a time when it will be forgotten. It is also provocative that there will come a time when people will stop visiting the Ark. By the process of deduction, are we to conclude that the Ark is being visited for now? Is this yet further support to the conjecture outlined above?

The Royal Present

7 In that time shall the present be brought unto the LORD of hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.

Isaiah 18:7

St Mary's - Axum



The Biblical Arc of the Covenant rests in this chapel in the courtyard of St. Mary's Church

Mercy Seat?



Shabbat Shalom

11 And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almsg trees, and precious stones.

12 And the king made of the almsg trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almsg trees, nor were seen unto this day.

1 Kings 10:11-12

13 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold.

1 Kings 10:13-14

- 666?
- Only negative comparisons drawn with Solomon

15 Beside that he had of the merchantmen, and of the traffick of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country.

16 And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of gold went to one target.

17 And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

1 Kings 10:15-17

18 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.

19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round behind: and there were stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.

20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom.

1 Kings 10:18-20

21 And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

22 For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.

1 Kings 10:21-23

24 And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

26 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.

27 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the vale, for abundance.

28 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.



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