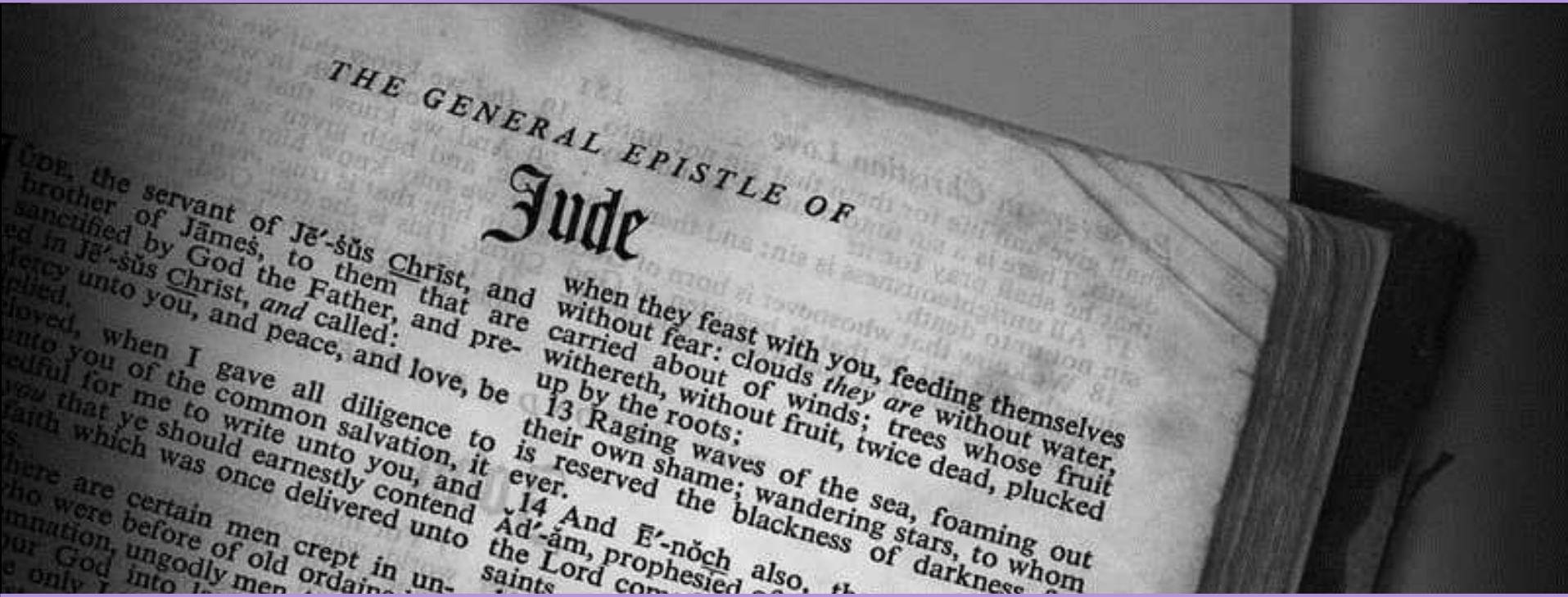




Jude



...a verse by verse study

Jude's Warning

- Jude wanted to write a letter of encouragement, but found himself compelled by the Holy Spirit to write a letter of warning
- As Jesus had foretold in Matthew 13, 'tares' had grown up in the early Christian church and there was a very real danger the true wheat would become entangled and, as a result, fail to produce the harvest they were called to.
- Jude writes to warn that God does not just sit idly by when people turn from walking in His statutes.

Jude's Warning

- Evil people have crept into the church unnoticed
- They teach that you can live as you like without fear of consequence because you are saved.
- Jude is now making the argument that it really does matter how you live!
- He gives us 3 object lessons from the Old Testament to warn us of:
 - 1) The danger of being led astray or deceived by these apostates
 - 2) The danger of actually becoming apostate
 - 'turning away from the Grace of God' – Gal 1:6

Jude's Warning

- 1st Example **Pride of life**
 - Though saved from Egypt, those who did not believe all died in the wilderness and did not receive their inheritance
- 2nd Example **Lust of the eyes**
 - The Angels who left their natural abode (though having been in the presence of God, became subject to His wrath and judgment
- 3rd Example **Lust of the flesh**
 - The cities of Sodom & Gomorrah, though situated in the fertile plain of Jordan, were destroyed by God on account of their giving themselves over to immoral lusts

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 2:15-17

From: Y'hudah, a slave of Yeshua the Messiah, and a brother of Ya'akov.

To: Those who have been called, who are loved by God the father and kept for Yeshua the Messiah:

May mercy, love and shalom be yours in full measure.

Dear friends, I was busily at work writing to you about the salvation we share, when I found it necessary to write, urging you to keep contending earnestly for the faith which was once and for all passed on to God's people. For certain individuals, the ones written about long ago as being meant for this condemnation, have wormed their way in - ungodly people who pervert God's grace into a licence for debauchery and disown our only master and Lord, Yeshua the Messiah.

Since you already know all this, my purpose is only to remind you that Adonai, who once delivered the people from Egypt, later destroyed those who did not trust.

And the Angels that did not keep within their original authority, but abandoned their proper sphere, He has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for the Judgement of the Great Day.

And Sodom, Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, following a pattern like theirs, committing sexual sins and perversions, lie exposed as a warning of the everlasting fire awaiting those who must undergo punishment.

Likewise, these people, with their visions, defile their own flesh, despise godly authority and angelic beings.

When Michael, one of the ruling angels, took issue with the Adversary, arguing over the body of Moses, he did not dare bring against him an insulting charge, but said, "May Adonai rebuke you".

However, these people insult anything they don't understand; and what they do understand naturally, without thinking, like animals - by these things they are destroyed!

Woe to them, in that they have walked the road of Cain, they had given themselves over for money to the error of Balaam they have been destroyed in the rebellion of Korah.

These men are filthy spots at your festive gatherings meant to foster love; they share your meals without a qualm, while caring only for themselves.

They are waterless clouds carried along by the winds; trees without fruit even in autumn, and doubly dead because they have been uprooted; savage sea-waves heaving fourth their shameful deeds like foam; wandering stars for whom the blackest darkness has been reserved forever.

Moreover, Enoch, in the seventh generation starting with Adam, also prophesied about these men, saying,

"Look! Adonai came with His myriads of holy ones to execute judgement against everyone, that is, to convict all the godless for their godless deeds which they have done in such a godless way, and for all the harsh words these godless sinners have spoken against Him."

These people are grumblers and complainers, they follow their evil passions, their mouths speak grandiosities, and they flatter others to gain advantage.

But you, dear friends, keep in mind the words spoken in advance by the emissaries of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.

They told you, during the last times there will be scoffers following their own godless passions. These are the people who cause divisions. They are controlled by their impulses, because they don't have the Spirit. But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith, and pray in union with the Holy Spirit. Thus keep yourselves in God's love, as you wait for our Lord Yeshua the Messiah to give you the mercy that leads to eternal life.

Rebuke some who are disputing; Save others, snatching them out of the fire; and to yet others, show mercy, but with fear, hating even the clothes stained by their vices.

Now, to the one who can keep you from falling and set you without defect and full of joy in the presence of his Shekinah - to God alone, our Deliverer, through Yeshua the Messiah, our Lord - the glory, majesty, power and authority before all time,

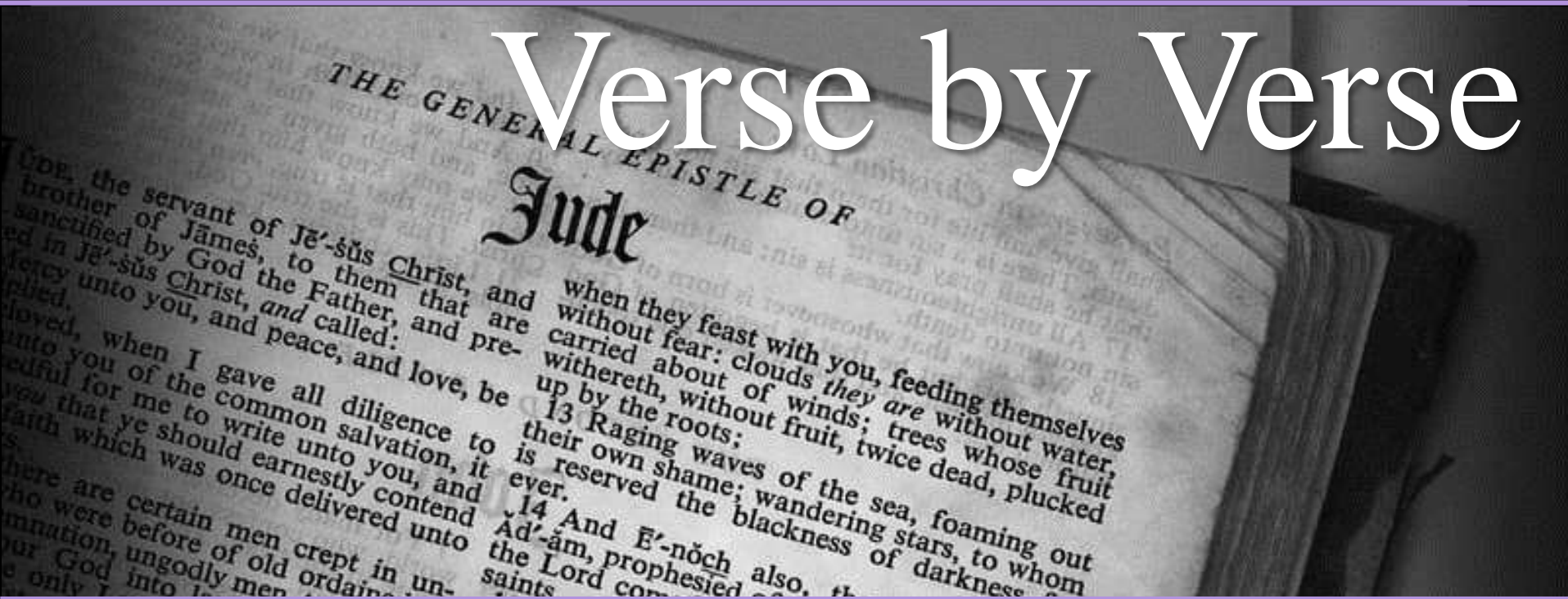
now and forever.

Amen.



Jude

Verse by Verse



...a verse by verse study

8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

Jude v8

- They have no regard for God's created order
- They have no regard God's appointed rulers

God-Appointed Government

- ¹ Let every soul be **subject** unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.
- ² Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Romans 13:1-2

- But should we yield to an ungodly government?
- The Government today is no more ungodly than in Jesus' day

God-Appointed Government

- 17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?
- 18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?
- 19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny.
- 20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?

Matthew 22:17-21

God-Appointed Government

22 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

Matthew 22:17-21

¹⁰ But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

2 Peter 2:10

- **Uncleanness – morally contaminated**
 - With little or no moral values
 - Headstrong, self serving
- **Despise governments!**
 - An alarming trend amongst Christians!
- **Presumptuous!**
 - Daring, audacious, unconcerned of the consequences

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Jude v9

- Jude writes as if his readers would understand!
 - Who is Michael?
 - ...and why was he contending with the Devil?
 - ...and why on earth argue about the body of Moses?
- But let us not miss the point!
- Even in this bizarre situation Michael did not speak disparagingly – even about the Devil!

The Archangel Michael

- We are first introduced to him in Daniel 10:13, where we see him engaged in spiritual warfare in order that Daniel can be given an answer to his prayer.
- In Daniel 10:21 he is called 'Michael your prince'
 - It seems as though Michael, the Archangel has a specific role in protecting Israel
 - Since the fall of Lucifer, it appears that Michael was appointed as the 'anointed cherub that covers' (head over the angels).

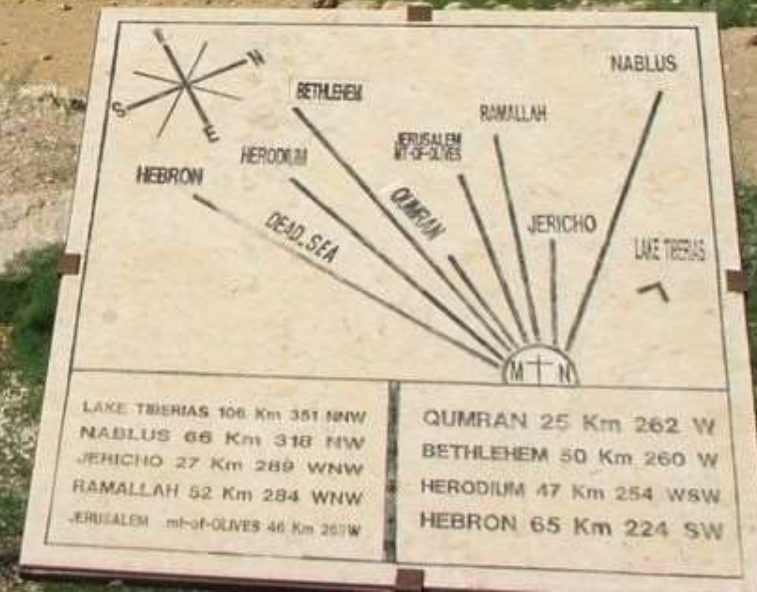
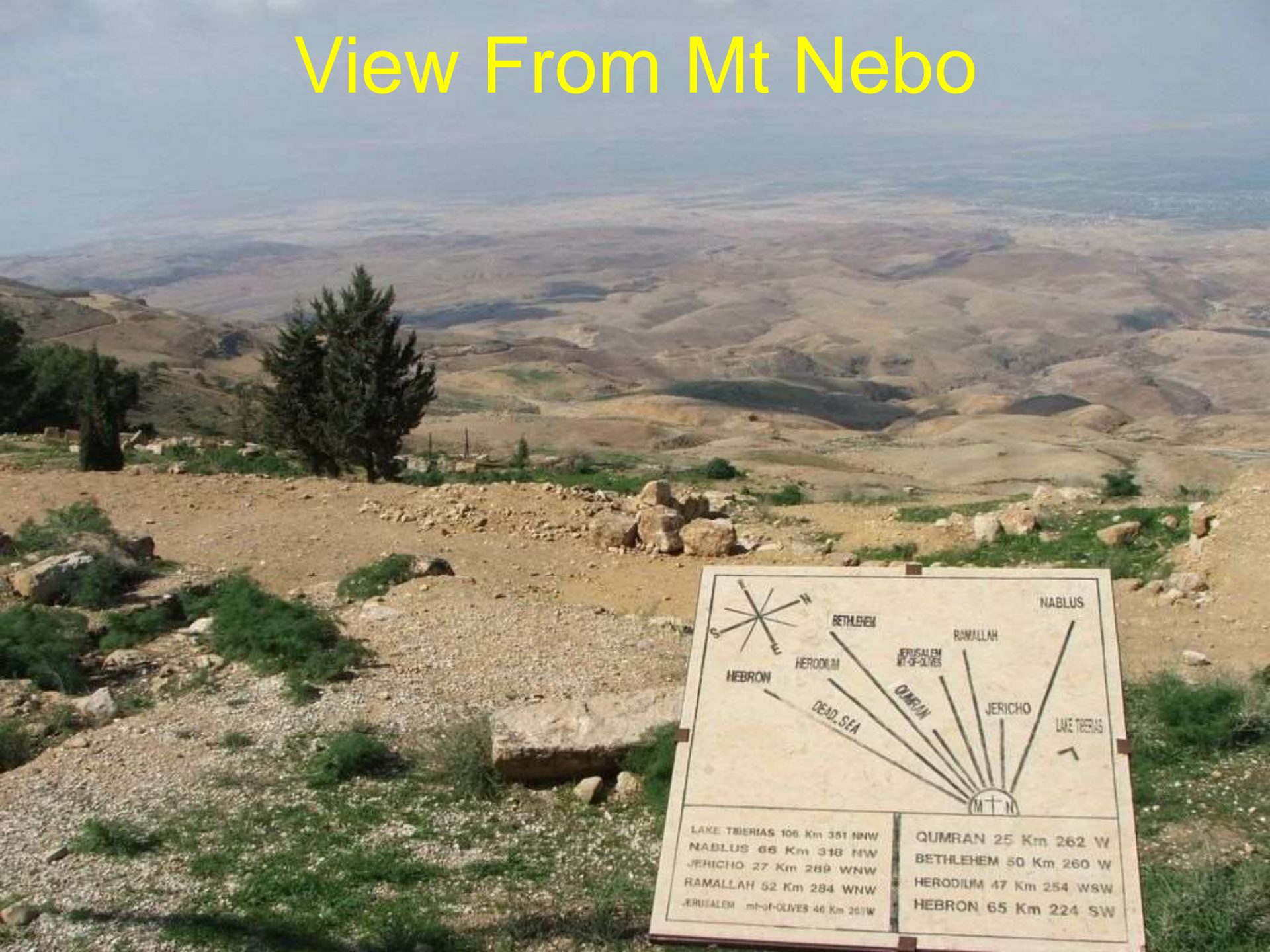
The Argument

- For some reason, the Devil had a special interest in the body of Moses
- The Devil was alleging or claiming something, and Michael was disputing the claim.

The 'Death' of Moses

- ¹ And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan,
- ² And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea,
- ³ And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar.

View From Mt Nebo

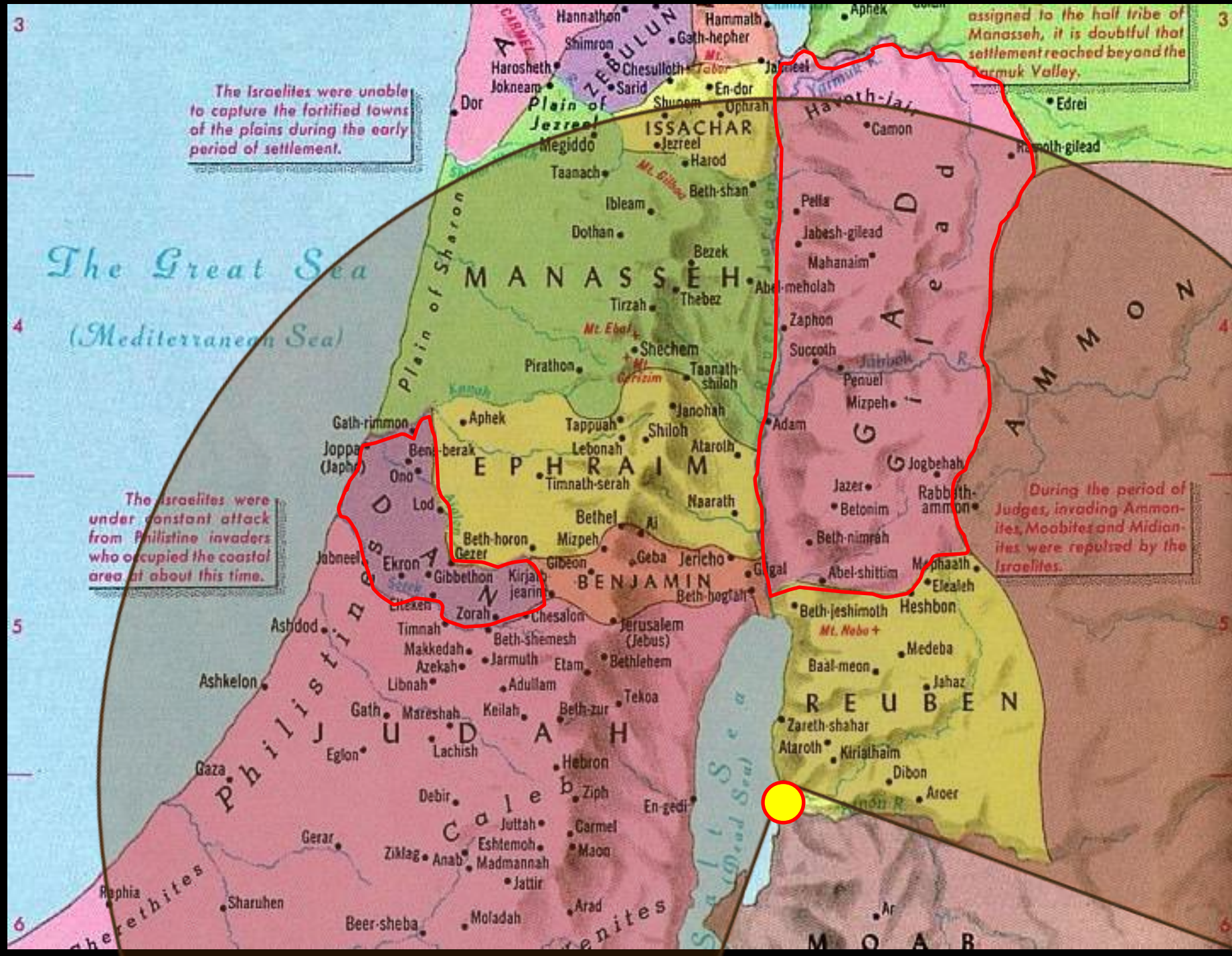


View From Mt Nebo



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The 'Death' of Moses

⁴ And the LORD said unto him, This is the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

Deuteronomy 34:4

- Why was Moses not permitted to enter the Promised Land?
- Because of disobedience!

⁶ And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.

⁷ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

⁸ Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

⁹ And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

¹⁰ And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?

¹¹ And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

Numbers 20:9-11

¹² And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron,
Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes
of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring
this congregation into the land which I have given
them.

¹³ This is the water of Meribah; because the children of
Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in
them.

Numbers 20:12-13

The Rock

- 1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
- 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
- 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

1 Cor 10:1-4

Water From The Rock

- At Rephidim Ex17
 - Strikes the Rock; water flows
- At Meribah Num 20
 - Directed to “speak to” the Rock
 - Strikes the Rock
 - Denied entry into the Promised Land
- The Model:
 - 1st time Christ smitten; 2nd time, in glory

The 'Death' of Moses

⁵ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

⁶ And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

Deuteronomy 34:5-6

- Who buried Moses?
- God did!
- Why?
- To stop his grave becoming a shrine?

The 'Death' of Moses

- It is unlikely Moses wrote the end of Deuteronomy.
- It could have been Joshua or Ezra?
- The obvious assumption (as recorded) was the God had buried Moses
- But this location was also the scene of another interesting event where God also intervened at that end of another life...

¹ And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

² And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.

2 Kings 2:1-2

³ And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

⁴ And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

2 Kings 2:3-4

⁵ And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

⁶ And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

2 Kings 2:5-6

⁷ And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

⁸ And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

2 Kings 2:7-8

⁹ And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

¹⁰ And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

2 Kings 2:9-10

¹¹ And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

¹² And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

2 Kings 2:11-12

The Place of Rapture?

- Elijah was raptured (taken alive from Earth to Heaven) at the same location Moses 'died'
- Could it be that Moses was also raptured?
- ...and that was why Satan was disputing with Michael about the body of Moses?
 - Satan is the God of this world – 2 Cor 4:4
 - He 'owns' that which is in this world – 1 Jn 5:19
 - *Does that include that which is in the grave?* 1 Cor 15:53-55
 - Through resurrection Satan loses any claim
 - This corruptible will put on incorruption!
 - But no one will receive their resurrection bodies until THE rapture... 1 Thessalonians 4
- So, what would be the reason God would rapture Elijah and possibly Moses?
 - A future mission to be accomplished in the flesh?

Operation Witness: Moses & Elijah

- 19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?
- 20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.
- 21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

John 1:19-21

- Moses: Deut 18:18 / Elijah: Malachi 4:5

Operation Witness: Moses & Elijah

14 And king Herod heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad;) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.

15 Others said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it is the prophet, or as one of the prophets.

Mark 6:14-15

Operation Witness: Moses & Elijah

2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

Mark 9:2

Operation Witness: Moses & Elijah

³ And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

⁴ And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.

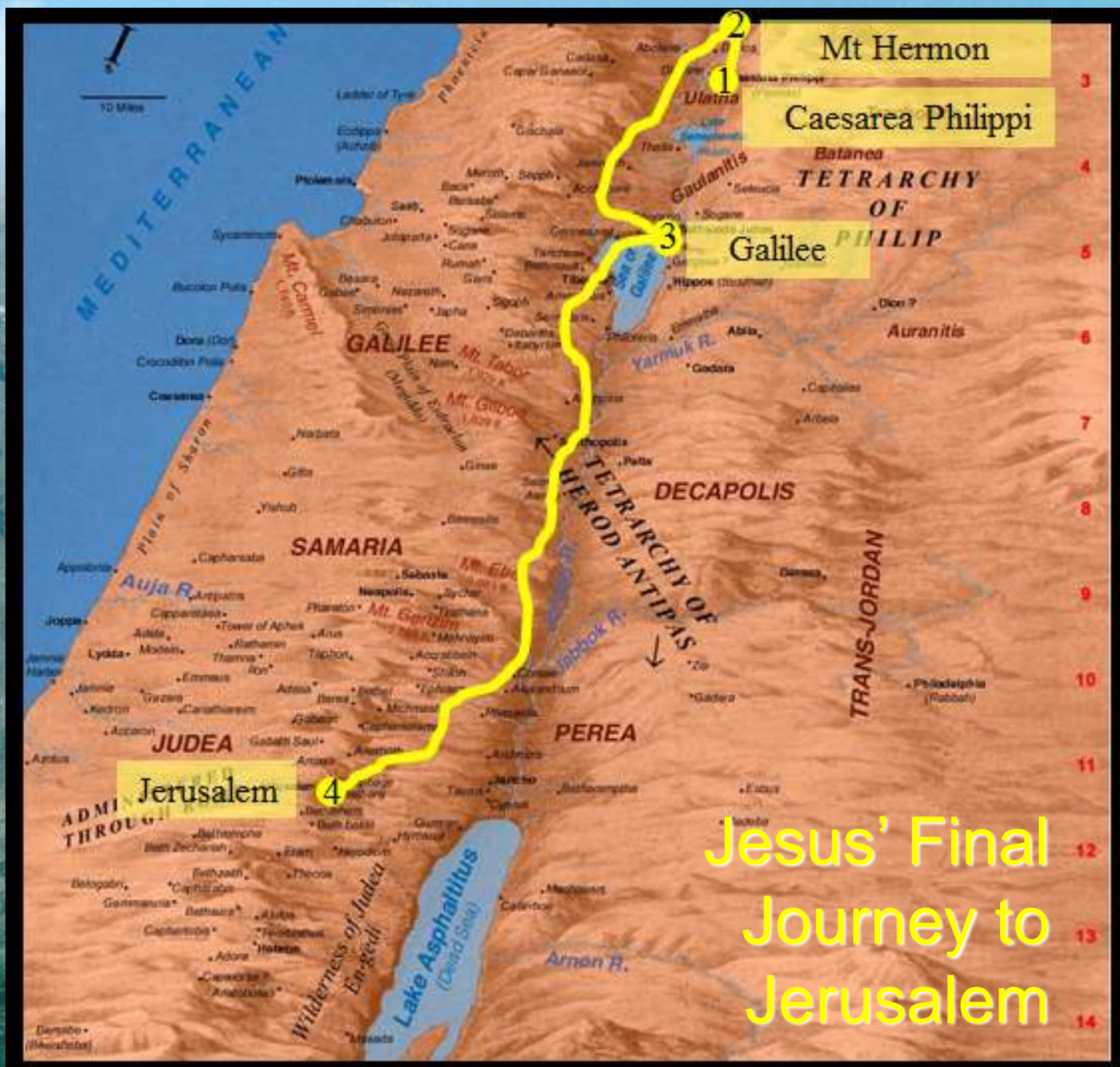
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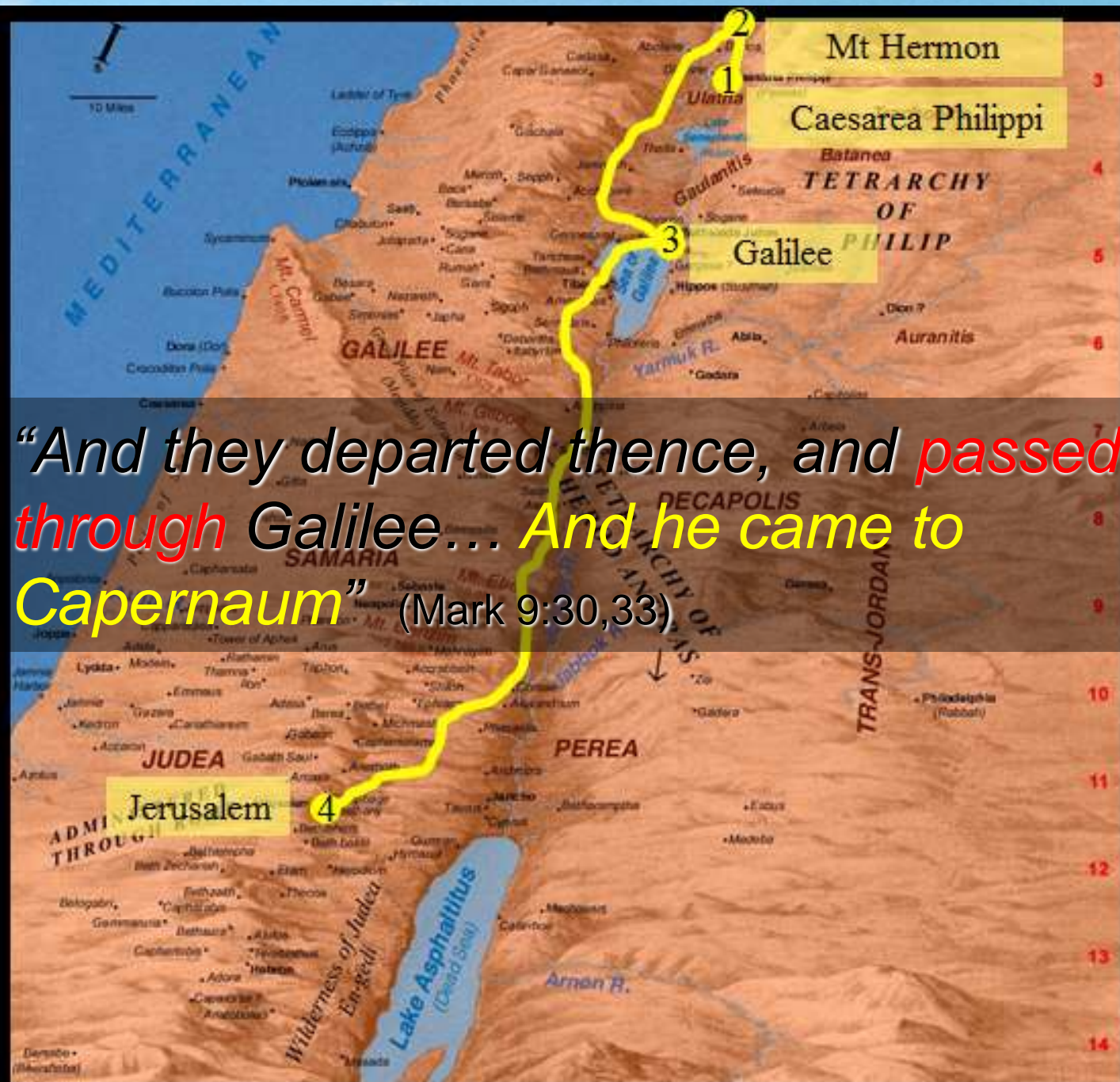
Mt. of Transfiguration

- The common view is that this took place on Mt Hermon

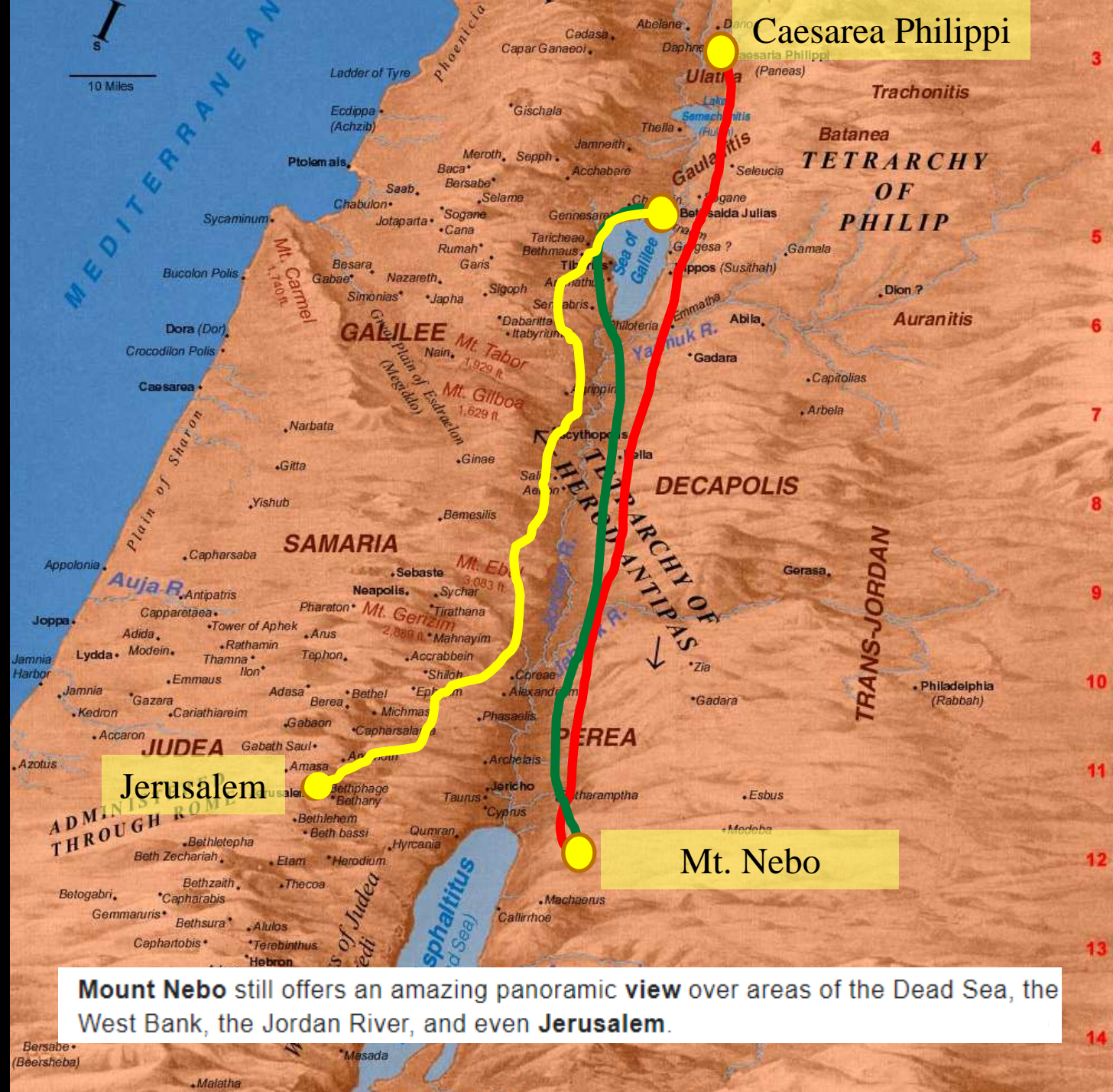
Mt Hermon







“And they departed thence, and *passed through Galilee*... *And he came to Capernaum*” (Mark 9:30,33)





↑ 1,886 m · ↓ 1,551 m



And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

Mark 9:2

44 hr
212 km

41 hr
202 km

Operation Witness: Moses & Elijah

30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:

31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

Luke 9:30-31

Two Witnesses

¹⁵ ...at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

Deuteronomy 19:15

³⁰ It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.

John 8:17

A Witness?

- Acts 14:17: *“He left not himself without witness”*
- Who witnessed and testified to the actual bodily resurrection of Jesus?

Two Witnesses

- 4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:
- 5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?
- 6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

Luke 24:4-9

- 9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.
- 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, **two men** stood by them in white apparel;
- 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Acts 1:9-11



The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter 11

The Two Witnesses

Two Witnesses

³ And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Revelation 11:5

- 5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.
- 6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Revelation 11:5-6

Two Witnesses

- The miracles in Revelation 11 are specifically those done by Moses & Elijah
- Elijah called down fire 3x
 - 1 Kings 18:36-37 / 2 Kings 1:10,12
- Elijah shut the heavens 3 ½ years
 - 1 Kings 17:1 & James 5:17
- Moses turned water to blood
 - Exodus 7:19
- Moses brought plagues on Egypt
 - Exodus 8-12

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Revelation 11:7-8

9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

Revelation 11:9-10

- 11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.
- 12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

Revelation 11:11-12

- Note: They are now resurrected!
- ‘Come up here’ is a ‘rapture call’!
 - For the 2nd time?

Two Witnesses

- Why Moses & Elijah?
- God's appointed witnesses:
- They represent...
 - The Law (Moses)
 - The Law is perfect converting the soul – Ps 19
 - The Law brings conviction to the heart of man
 - The Prophets (Elijah)
 - Prophecy satisfies the intellect (the mind)
 - Ref Luke 16

10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

Jude v10

- *“However, these people insult anything they don't understand; and what they do understand naturally, without thinking, like animals - by these things they are destroyed!”* - The Jewish New Testament
- *“But these men mock and curse at anything they do not understand, and like animals, they do whatever they feel like, thereby ruining their souls”.*

- The Living Bible

- 1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.
- 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Romans 13:1-2

- God takes the issue of authority very seriously!
- Whether it be order in a nation... - Romans 13:1
- ...order in the church - 1 Cor 14:40 / 1 Tim 3 / Titus 2
- ...order in the family – Titus 1:6 / Eph 6:1-4
- ...order in a marriage – 1 Cor 11 / Eph 5:23 / 1 Peter 3:1-7



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