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The Oracle Concerning The Valley of Vision

Isaiah 22

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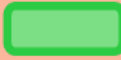
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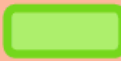
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Assyrian Empire – 824 B.C.



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Theme Statement

The scriptures warn of taking lightly the severity and the certainty of the coming judgment of the LORD and depending upon national protection and/or national leaders instead of depending upon the Lord God of hosts for deliverance and salvation.

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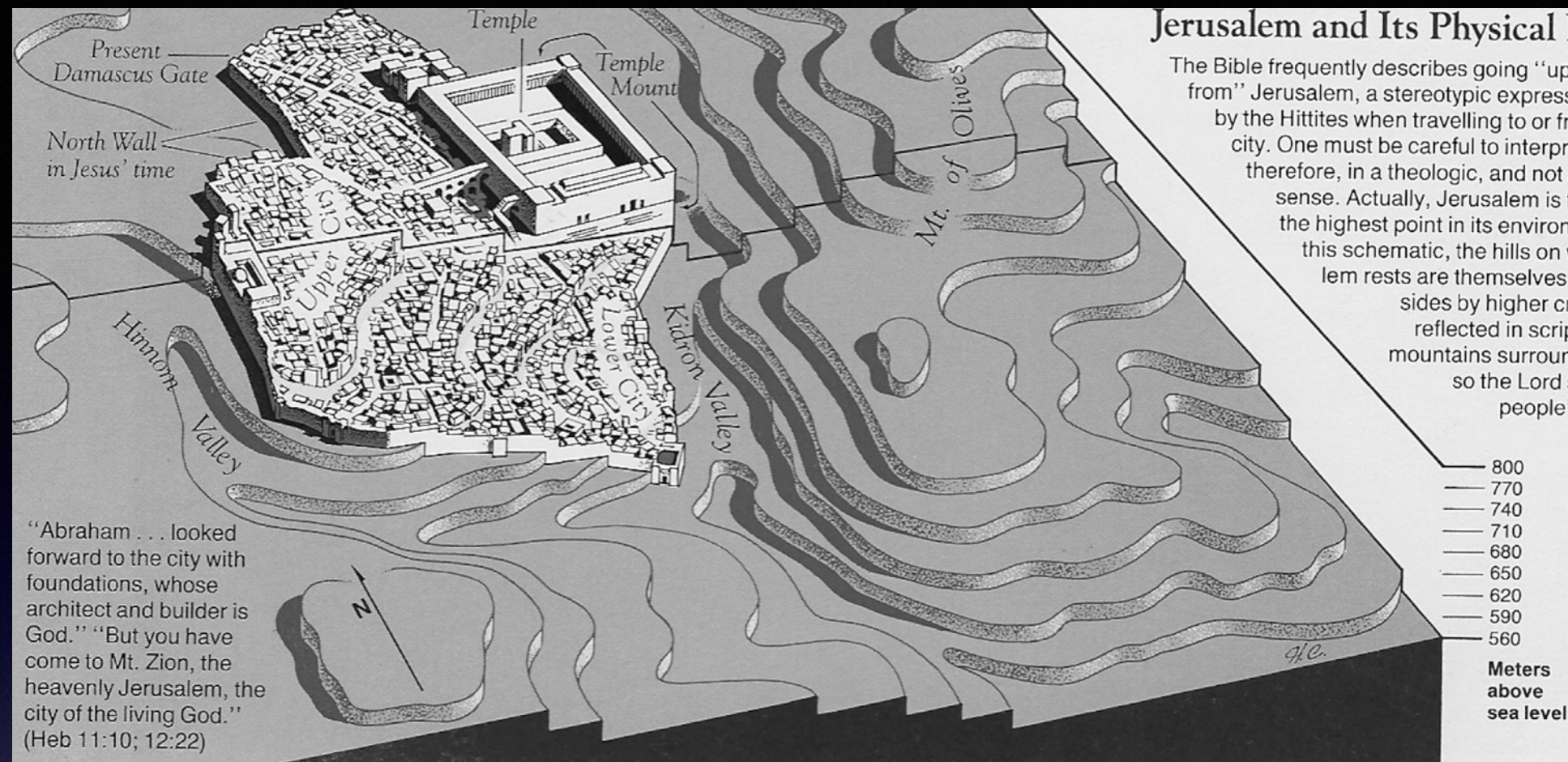
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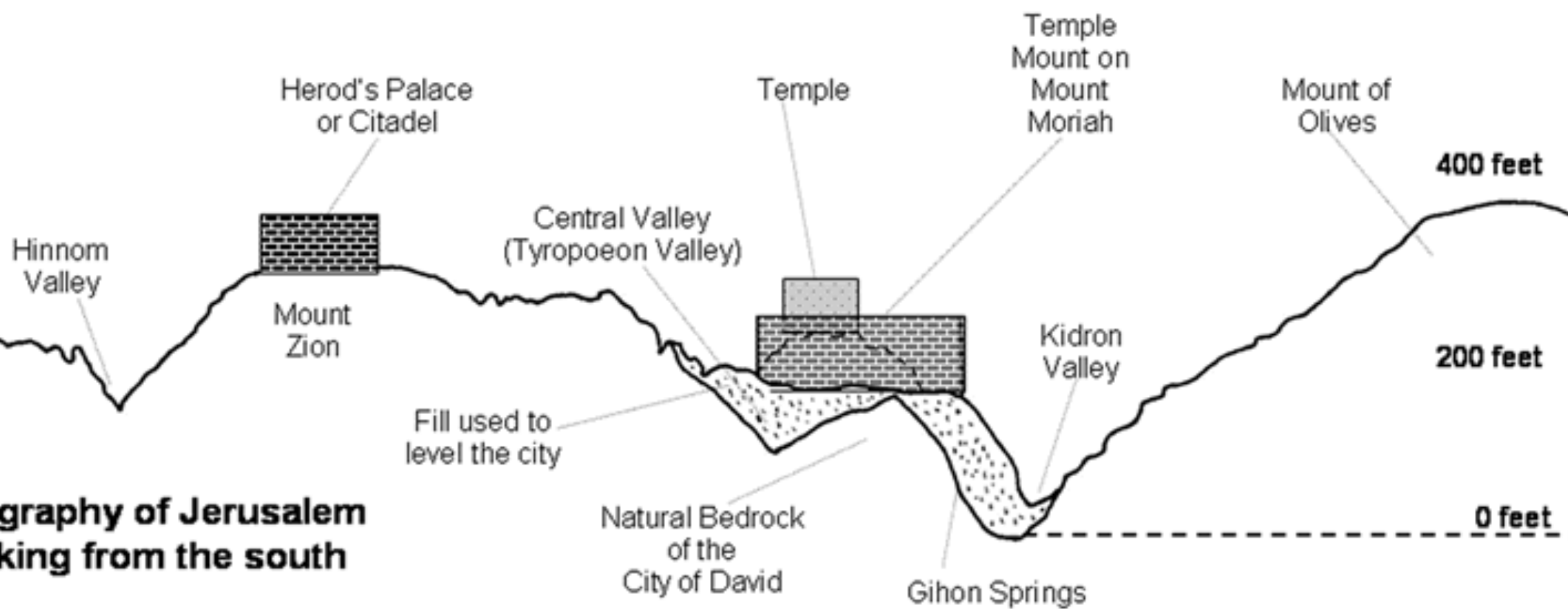


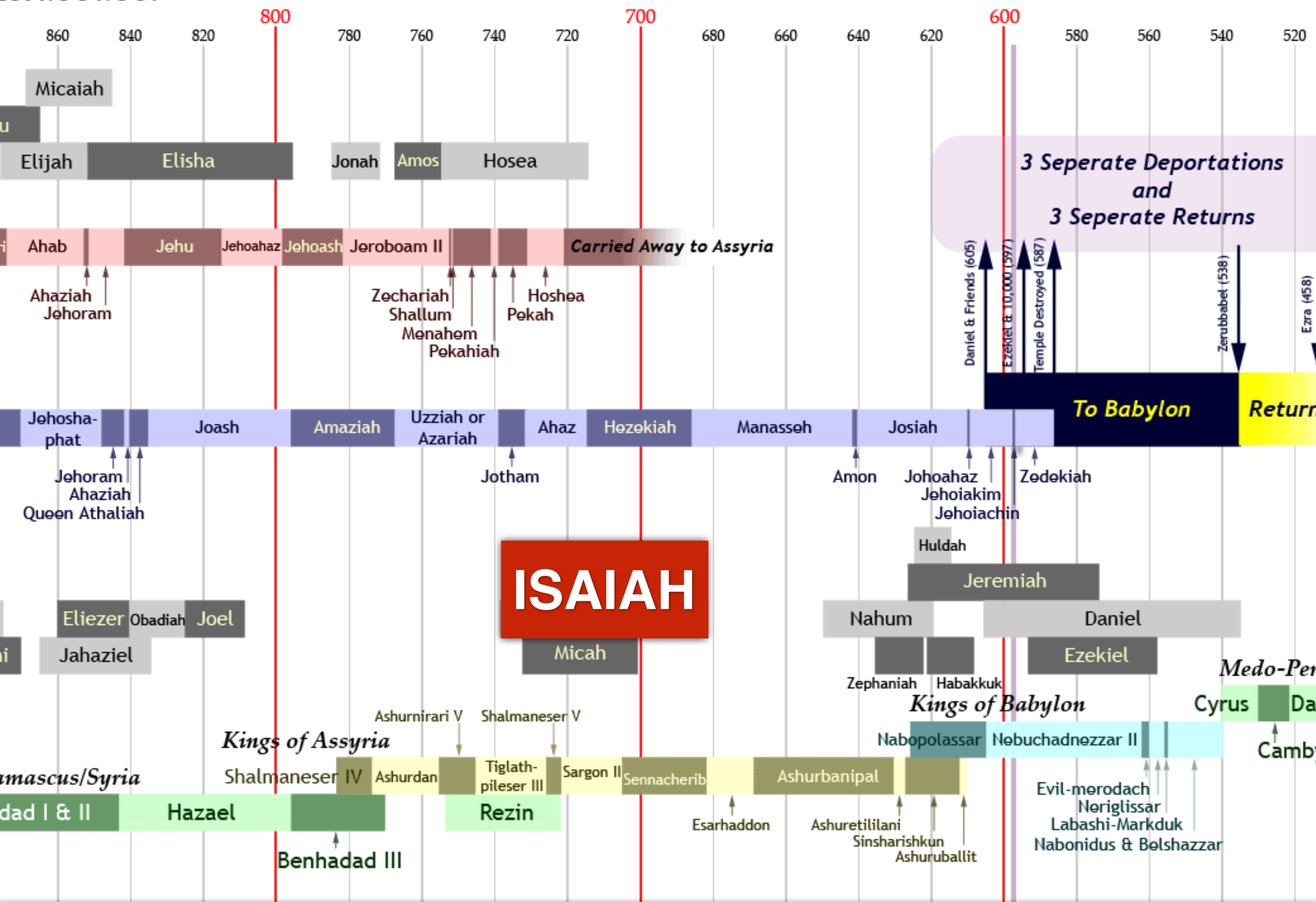
Jerusalem and Its Physical Environs

The Bible frequently describes going "up to" or "down from" Jerusalem, a stereotypic expression also used by the Hittites when travelling to or from their royal city. One must be careful to interpret the phrase, therefore, in a theologic, and not a topographic sense. Actually, Jerusalem is far from being the highest point in its environs. As seen on this schematic, the hills on which Jerusalem rests are themselves flanked on all sides by higher crests, a reality reflected in scripture ("As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people"—Ps 125:2).



**Topography of Jerusalem
Looking from the south**





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Psalm 31:14-15

But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD! I say,
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