

The Oracle Concerning  
The Valley of Vision

Isaiah 22

## Isaiah 53:4

4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

# Isaiah Outline

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**Greek City States**

**Phrygian Kingdom**

**Lydian Kingdom**

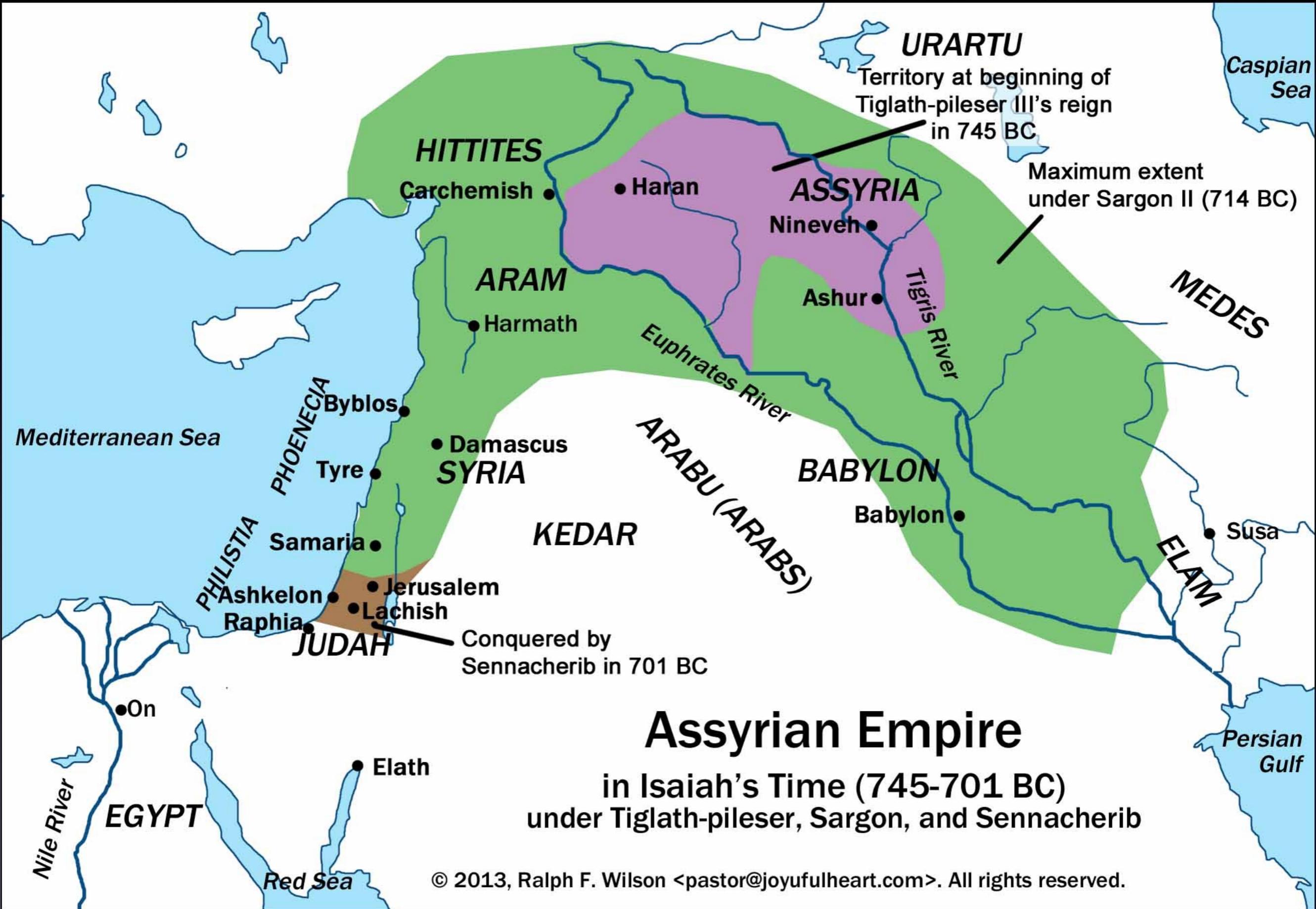
**Cimmerians**

**Kingdom of Urartu**  
(before 712 B.C.)

**The Egyptian Kingdom**  
(before 671 B.C.)

**Judah**

- Assyrian Empire – 824 B.C.
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# Assyrian Empire

in Isaiah's Time (745-701 BC)  
under Tiglath-pileser, Sargon, and Sennacherib

# 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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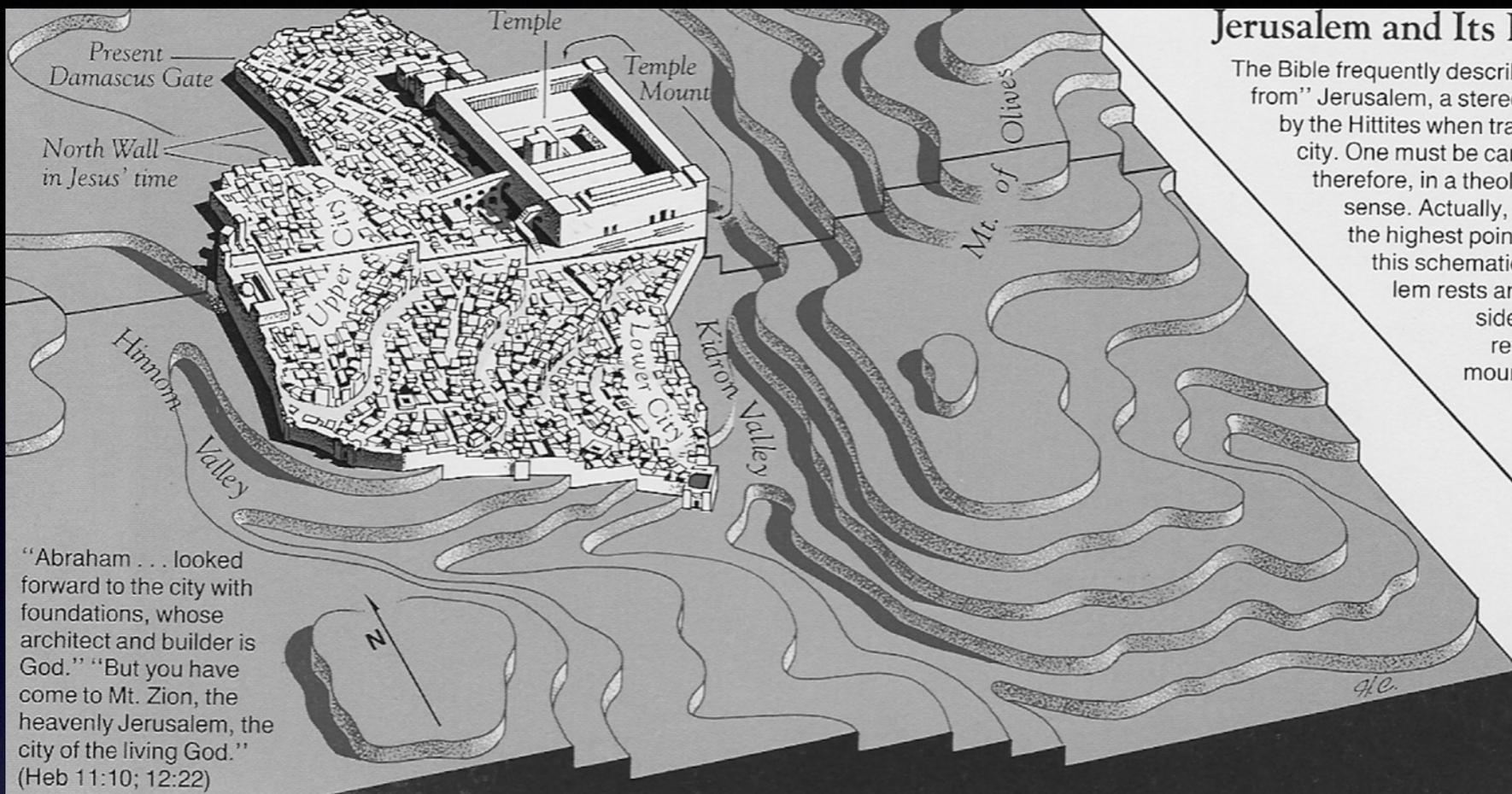
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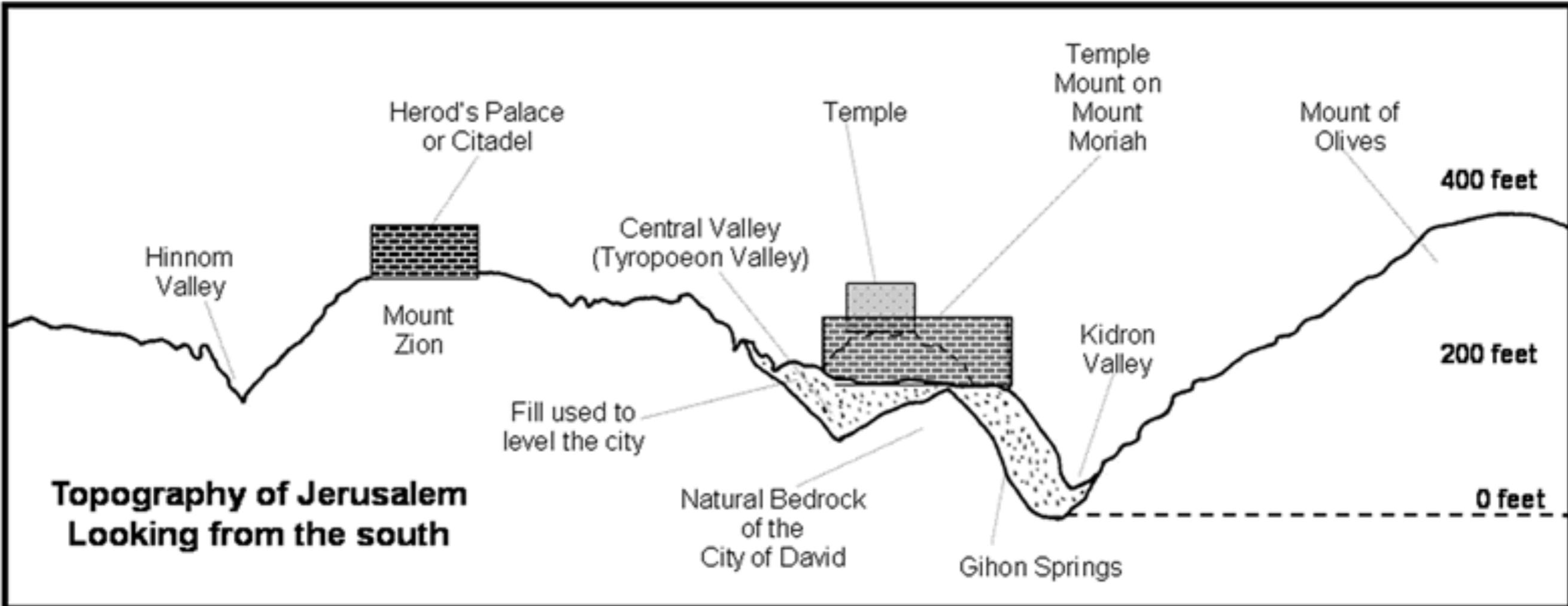
# Jerusalem and Its Physical Environs

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).

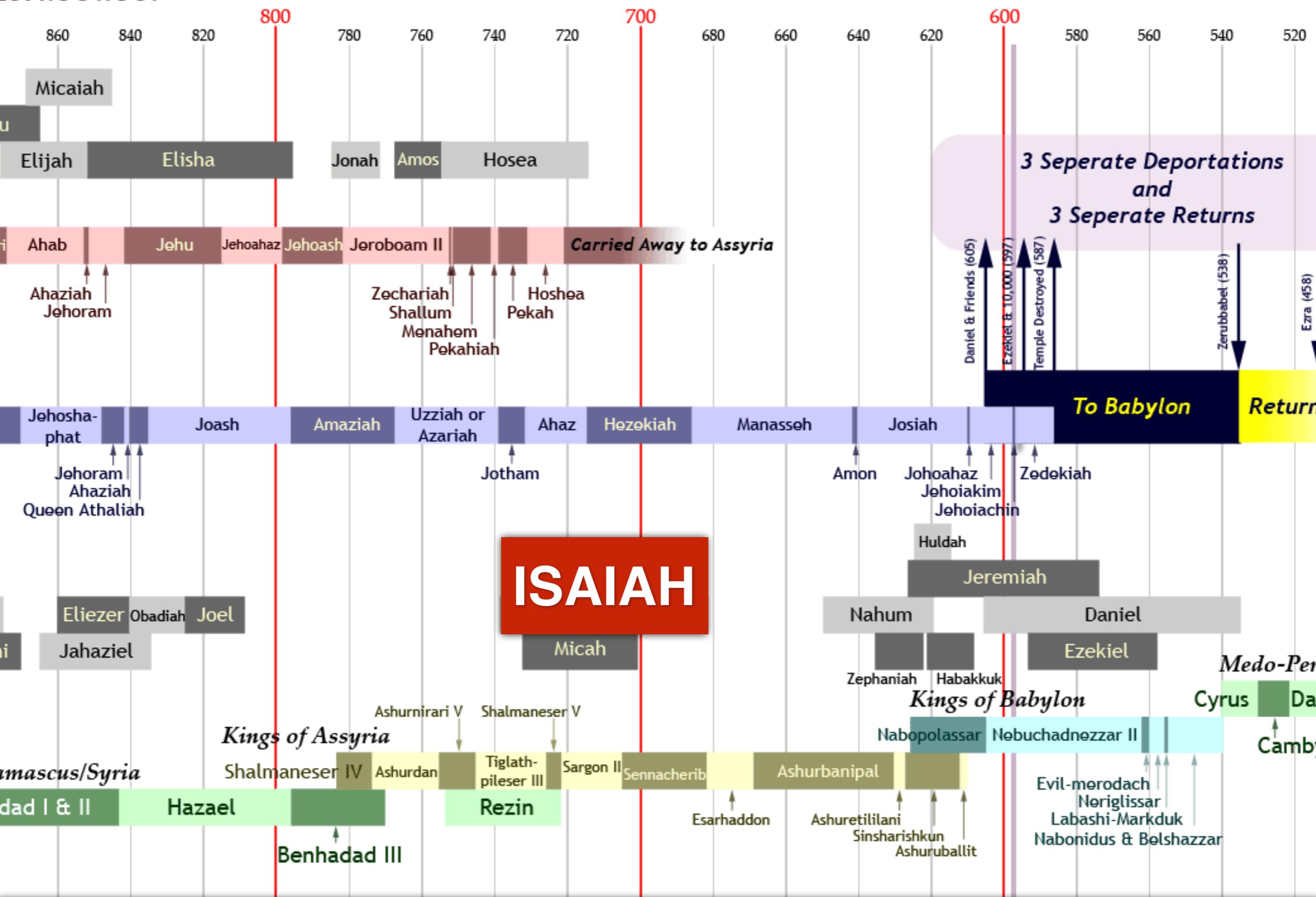


"Abraham . . . looked forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God." "But you have come to Mt. Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God." (Heb 11:10; 12:22)

- 800
  - 770
  - 740
  - 710
  - 680
  - 650
  - 620
  - 590
  - 560
- Meters above sea level**



**Topography of Jerusalem  
Looking from the south**



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J. Alec Motyer - "The Lord was not in their purview. Why bother with faith when you have walls, water, and weapons? Why look to God when you can look to your own resources? The Lord, however, is the agent in general (He made it) and in detail (He planned it) .....When He chose Jerusalem, He knew all about its vulnerable water supply. It was no accident or oversight; the potter made it so on His wheel. He did not leave His city short of water; Hezekiah did not improve the supply, he only redirected it. But the Lord arranged the supply in such a way that living in Jerusalem was a perpetual exercise of faith, a perpetual challenge to find security in the Lord - and Hezekiah's tunnel contradicted the way of faith."

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1 Corinthians 15:32b

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LET US EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE.

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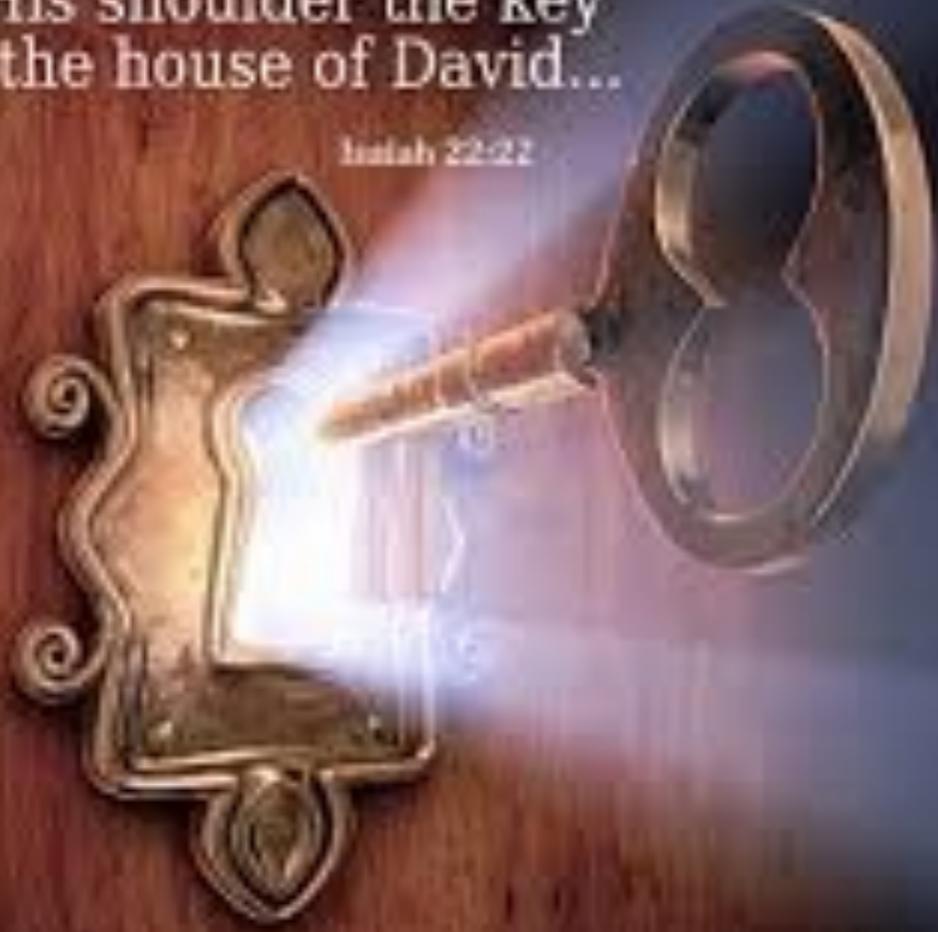


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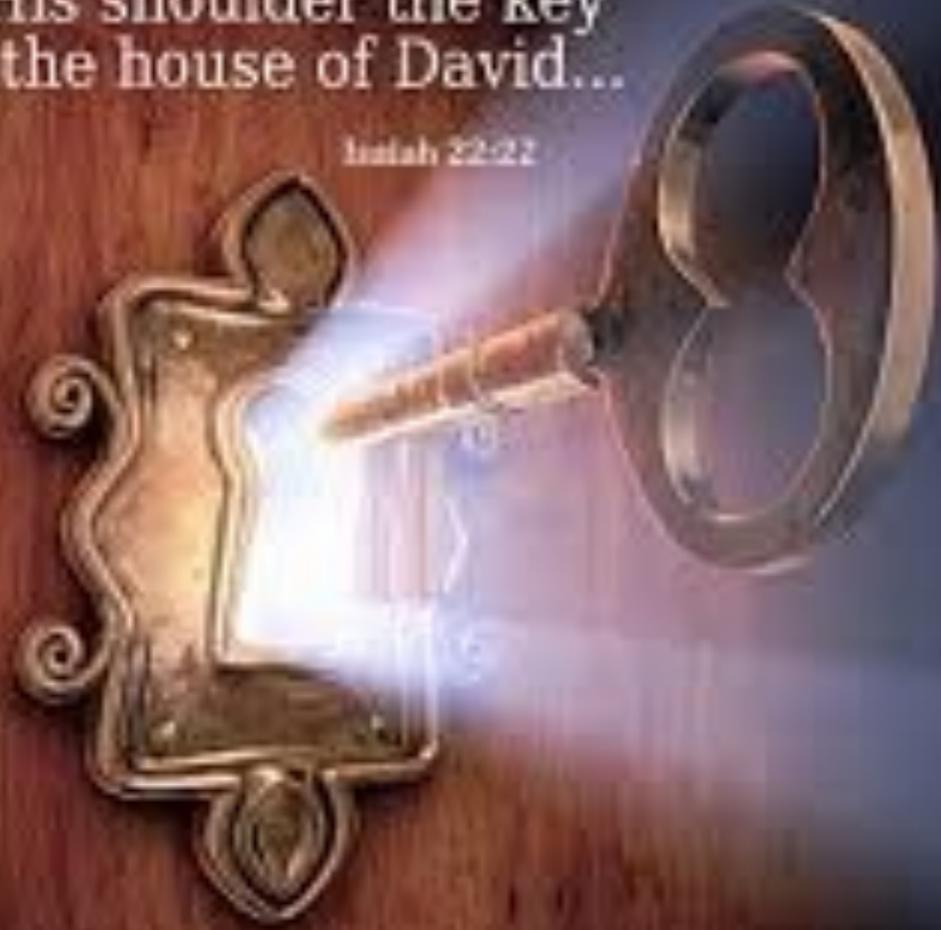
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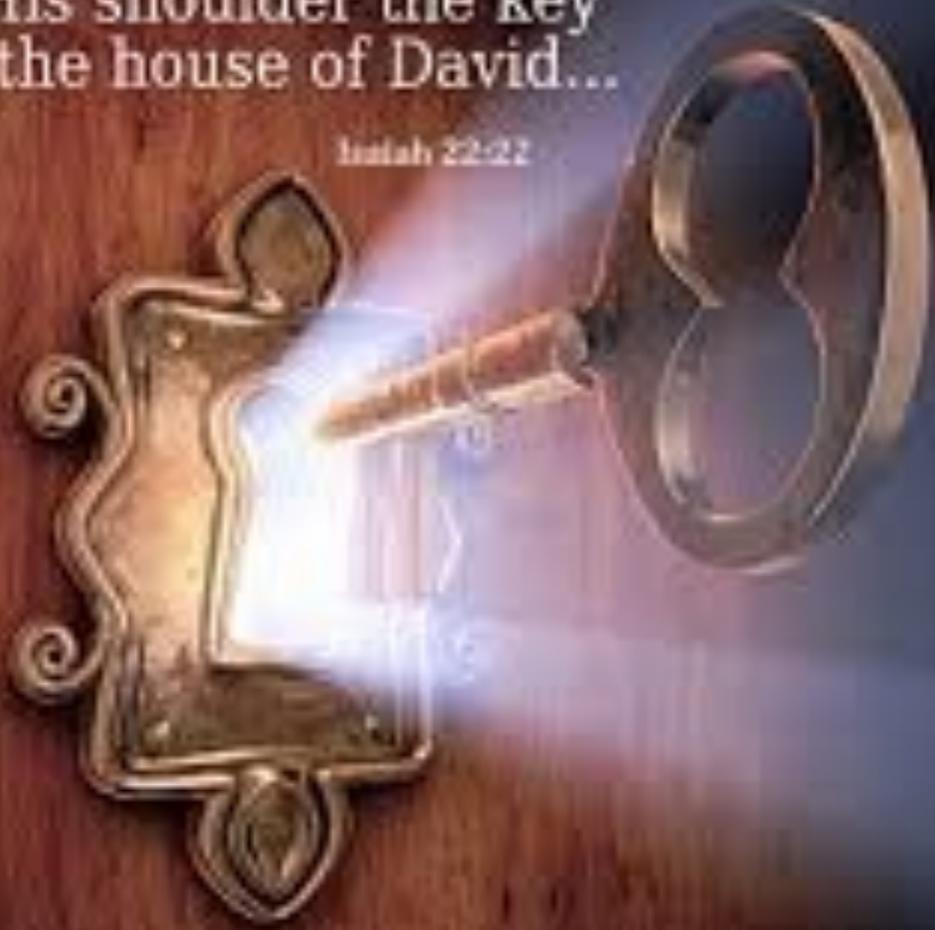
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Revelation 1:17-18 - When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.”

Psalm 31:14-15

But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD! I say,  
“You are my God; my times are in Your hand;  
Deliver me from the hand of my enemies and  
from those who persecute me.”