



The Life of David

2 Samuel 5

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PSALM 23
A Psalm of David.

THE LORD is my shepherd;
1 I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures: he leadeth
me beside the still waters.
3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.



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Why?

1. *God had blessed David with great military successes when he served Saul (v2a)*
2. *God had revealed that David was destined to become Israel's king (v2b)*
3. *Abner, the military leader under Saul, had endorsed David (2 Sam 3)*
4. *David's respectful treatment of the leaders from Saul's dynasty (2 Sam 4)*

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 - The tribes of Israel **make a covenant** with David (v3a)
 - The tribes of Israel **anoint** David as king over all Israel (vv3b-5)

The Lord Blesses David (5:6 - Chapter 10)

- Chapter 5: David conquers Jerusalem
The Lord blesses David as King of Jerusalem
David defeats the Philistines twice
- Chapter 6: David brings the Ark of God to Jerusalem
- Chapter 7: David desires to build a Temple for the Lord
The Lord makes eternal promises to the house of David (eternal covenant)
David praises the Lord
- Chapter 8: The Lord gives David victory over all his enemies
David establishes a righteous and just administration
- Chapter 9: David fulfills his commitment to Jonathan (regarding Mephibosheth)
- Chapter 10: David conquers an Ammonite-led coalition

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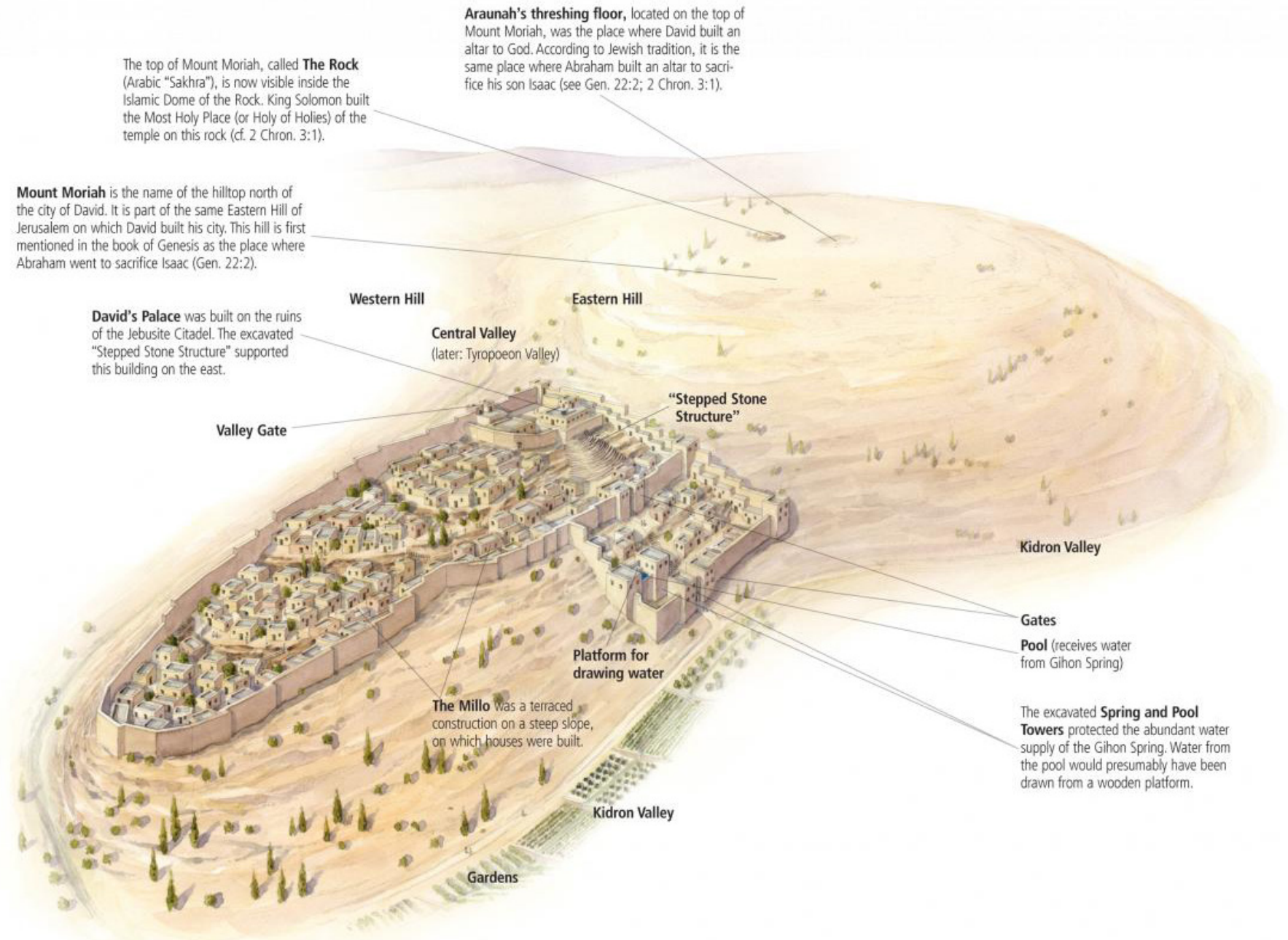
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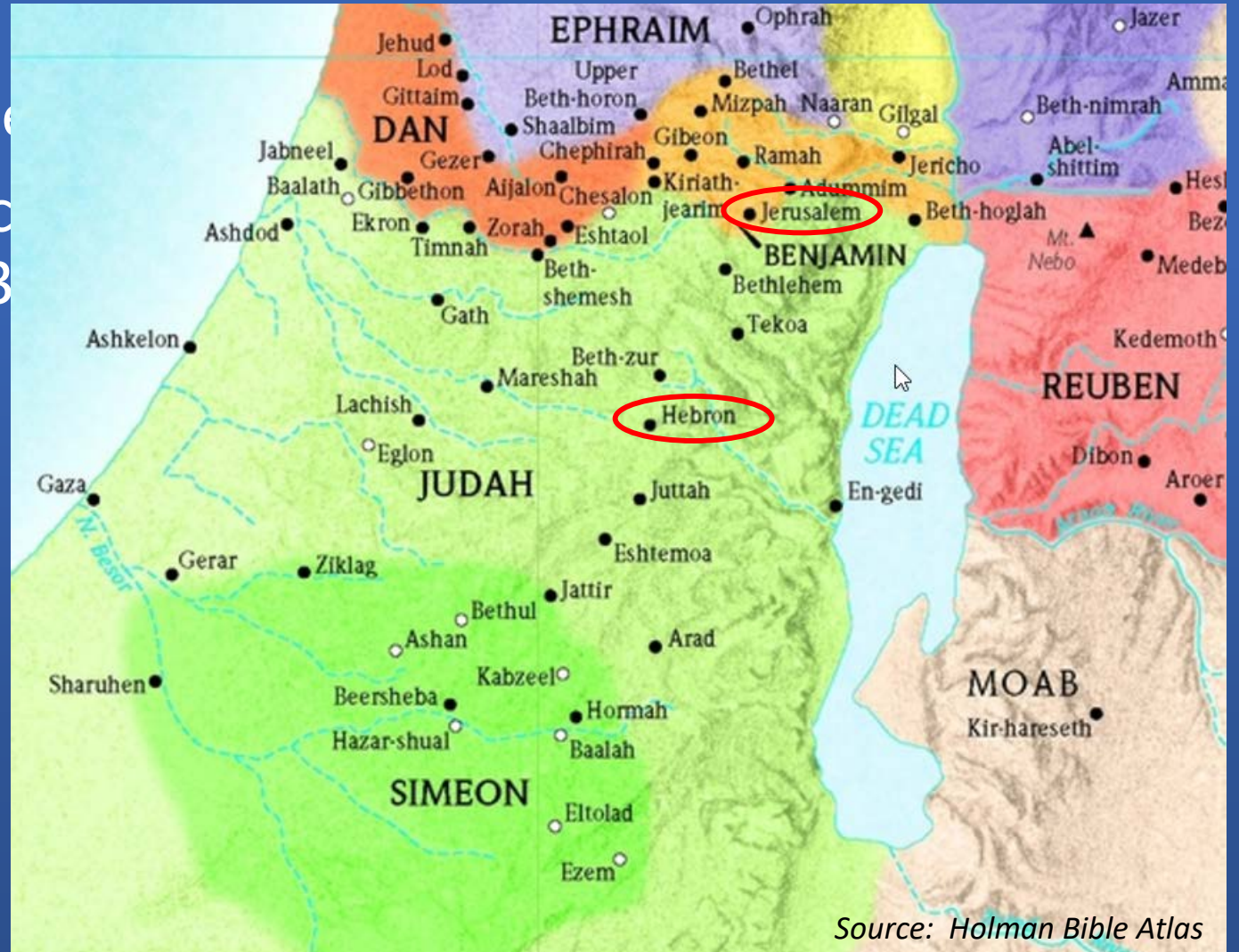
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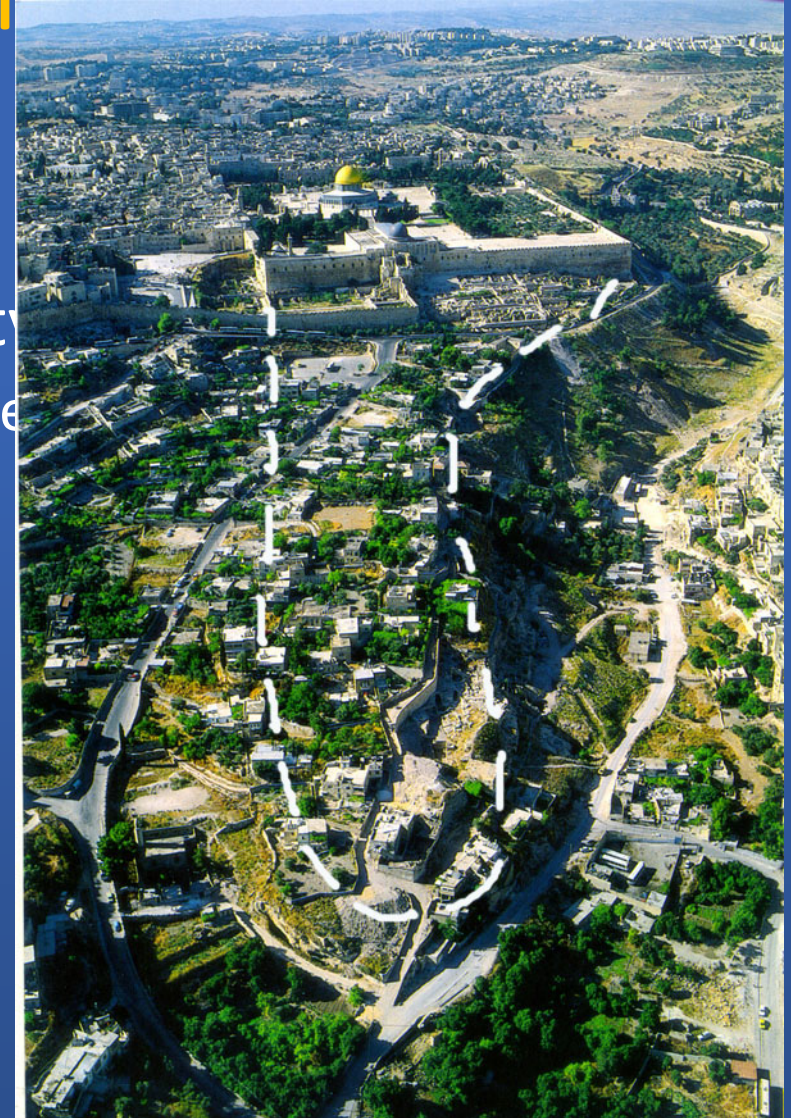
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Revelation 14:1 Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on **Mount Zion**, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.



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1 Chronicles 11:6 Now David had said, “Whoever strikes down a Jebusite first shall be chief and commander.” Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, so he became chief.



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David's Palace was built on the ruins of the Jebusite Citadel. The excavated "Stepped Stone Structure" supported this building on the east.

Western Hill

Eastern Hill

Central Valley
(later: Tyropoeon Valley)

"Stepped Stone Structure"

Valley Gate

Platform for drawing water

The Millo was a terraced construction on a steep slope, on which houses were built.

Gardens



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Genesis 2:24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

1 Corinthians 7:2 But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband

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Deuteronomy 17:14–17 ¹⁴When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, and you possess it and live in it, and you say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations who are around me,' ¹⁵you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses, one from among your countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your countryman. ¹⁶Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.' ¹⁷**He shall not multiply wives for himself**, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.

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- David defeats the Philistines (vv17-25)
 - The Philistines threaten David (vv17-18)
 - God twice delivers the Philistines into the hands of David (vv19-25)



Reflections

- Many years passed between when David was given initial plans and promises by God until they started to be fulfilled in these events
- David encountered many very difficult circumstances before He started seeing the evidence of God's fulfillment of His Word
- Don't be discouraged if you do not yet see God's plans and godly desires He has planted fulfilled in your life – it doesn't mean He is not faithful or in control
- No matter where you are in life, pursue genuine faith and obedience to God's Word
- God is totally sovereign – trust Him!