



**2018 Bible Study Tour of Israel**

July 2-13, 2018

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**Departed Indianapolis for JFK International, New York @ 12:43 PM, July 2, 2018 on Delta Airlines**



**Departed JFK International, New York @ 10:52 PM, July 2, 2018 for Ben Gurion International Airport, Tel Aviv on Delta Airlines**



**After an 11 hour flight, we arrived in Tel Aviv, Israel July 3 @ 5:00 PM local time (10:00 AM, Indianapolis time)**





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# Arrival and gathering with others on the tour



# Hotel lobby at Netanya, Israel (1<sup>st</sup> night) on the Mediterranean Sea



Mediterranean Sea from our balcony













# Showdown on Mt Carmel

## 1 Kings 18:20-40



SURREXIT ELIAS  
PROPHETA QUASI  
IGNIS ET VERBUM  
IPSIUS QUASI FACULA  
ARDEBAT (ECCU XLVIII, 1)

وقام إيليا النبي كالنار  
وقد كلامه  
كالشعل (18:28)

ויקם אֵלִיָּהוּ הַנְּבִיא כְּאֵשׁ  
וּדְבָרוֹ כְּנֹפֶת בַּעַר  
(בו סירא מ. 4)

And Elijah said to them, seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape! So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there. (1 Ki 18:40)





↑ הר חרמון  
MOUNT HERMON

↑ בית שערים  
BEIT SHE'ARIM

↑ נחל קישון  
KISHON RIVER



↑ יקנעם - הר הגלבוע  
YOKNEAM - MOUNT GILBOA

↑ מגידו  
MEGIDDO



# View from Mt Carmel



# Valley of Jezreel

**So the watchman reported, saying, he went up to them and is not coming back; and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously!**

**(2 Kings 9:20)**



תל מגידו

TELMEGIDDO

تل ميبدو

# MEGIDDO





# MEGIDDO

- Joshua defeats the king of Megiddo: Joshua 12:7,21
- Deborah defeats Sisera's Canaanites: Judges 5:19-20
- Solomon fortifies Megiddo: 1 Kings 9:15
- King Ahaziah dies at Megiddo: 2 Kings 9:27
- Josiah killed at Megiddo: 2 Kings 23:29; 2 Chronicles 35:20-24
- This is where Premillennialist say the "Battle of Armageddon" will be fought: Revelation 16-18



# Portion of the City Gate





# Grain Storage Area



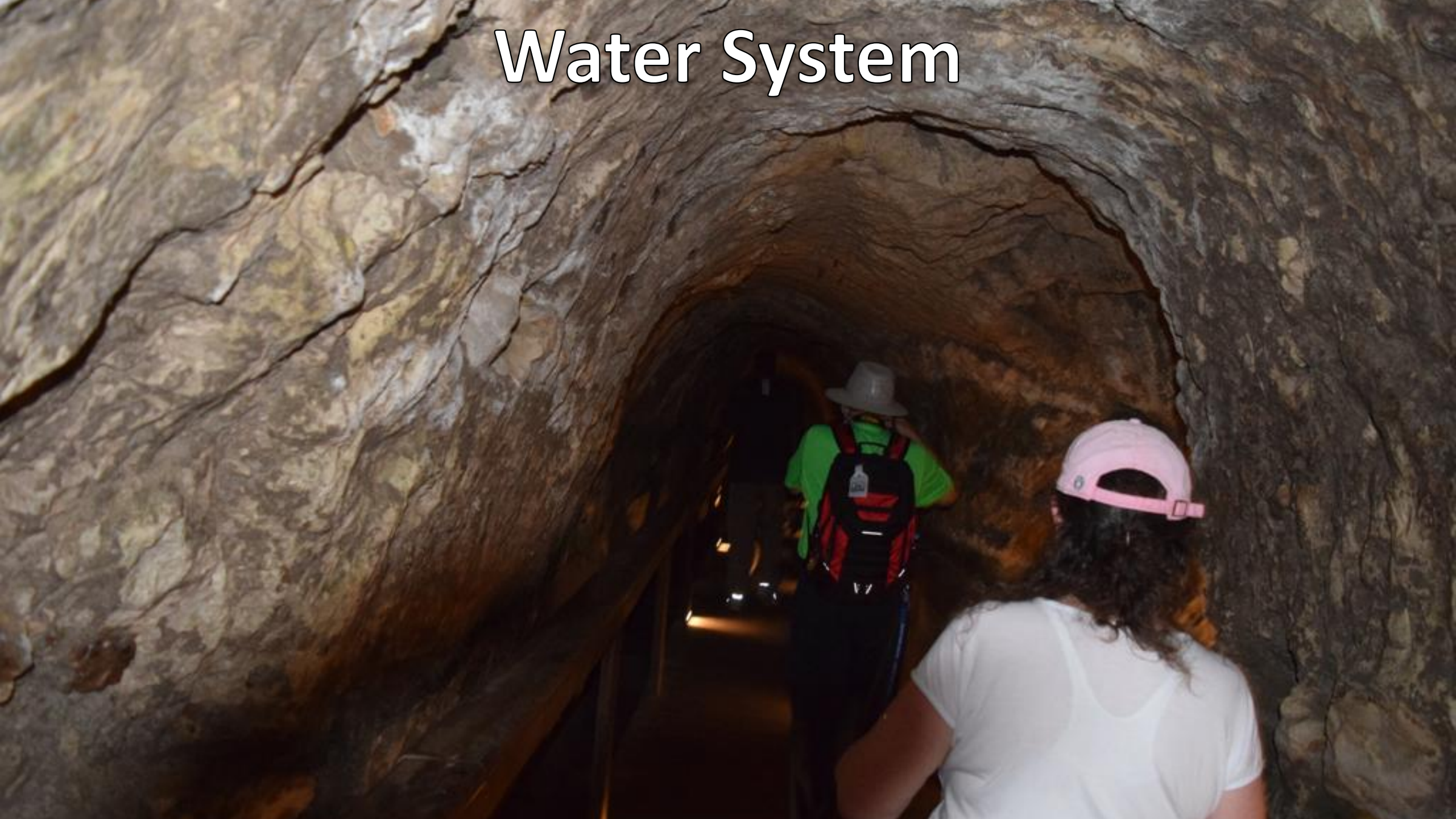
# Canaanite Altar



# Entrance into Megiddo's Water System



# Water System



# Stables





# Hazor



**“Hazor shall be a dwelling for jackals, a desolation forever; No one shall reside there, nor son of man dwell in it.” (Jeremiah 49:33)**

# Solomon's Gate

**And this is the reason for the labor force which King Solomon raised: to build the house of the Lord, his own house, the Millo, the wall of Jerusalem, Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer. (1 Kings 9:15)**





- Hazor was an idolatrous Canaanite city, that was conquered and burned by Joshua in his victory over a league of northern Canaanite cities at Lake Merom (Joshua 11:1-11). *“Joshua turned back at that time and took Hazor, and struck its king with the sword; for Hazor was formerly the head of all those kingdoms. And they struck all the people who were in it with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them. There was none left breathing. Then he burned Hazor with fire.”* (Vss 10-11)



# Path to Egypt

**Whoever controlled Hazor controlled all the region including the trade routes.**

# Ceremonial Palace



**Hazor came under the control of tribe of Naphtali (Joshua 19:36)**

**Later Hazor was retaken by the Canaanites**

**Israel again conquered Hazor under the judgeship of Deborah (Judges 4-5)**

**Solomon fortified Hazor and built the palace and temple (1 Kings 9:15)**

**Hazor was destroyed by Ben-Hadad I of Damascus when he invaded at King Asa's invitation (1 Kings 15:18)**

**Hazor was rebuilt by Israelites (possibly by Omri or Ahab)**

**Hazor was destroyed for the last time by Assyria in 733 BC (2 Kings 15:29)**







# Hazor



During the Canaanite period Hazor was the largest city, with 15,000 people; ***“for Hazor was formerly the head of all those kingdoms”*** (Josh 11:10).



# JEROBOAM'S SIN



# Golden Calf

## Dan

1 Kings 12:25-31

And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.

1 Kings 12:29



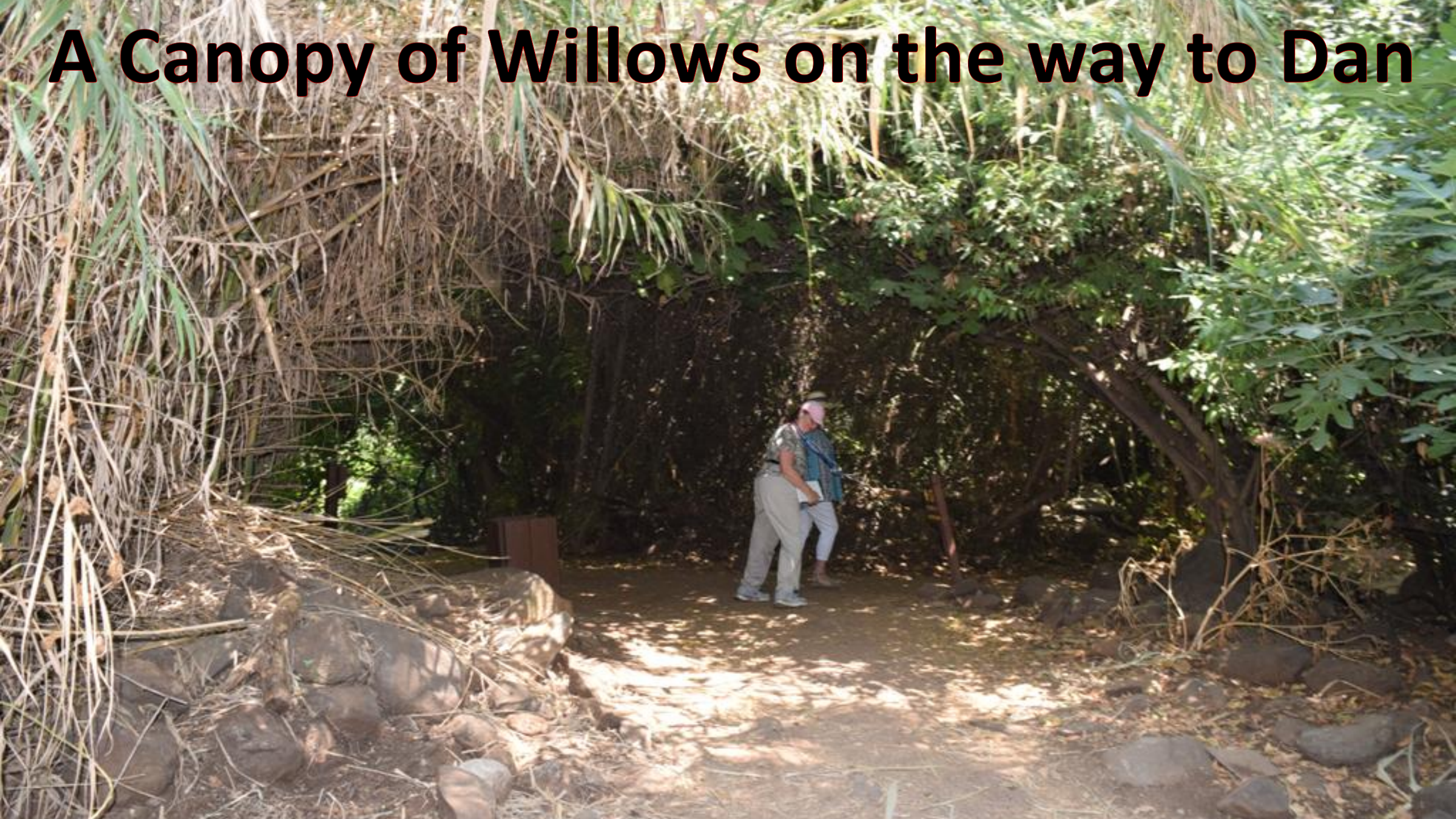
# Dan Springs



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# A Canopy of Willows on the way to Dan



# Wall Built during time of Jeroboam



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**Altar where sacrifices  
were offered**












# Entrance to Dan during time of Israelites









A photograph of an ancient stone structure, possibly a gate or a wall, constructed from large, rounded, reddish-brown stones. The structure is built on a cobblestone-paved ground. In the foreground, there are several large, flat, rectangular stone blocks and a large, rounded stone with a circular pattern on its top surface. The background shows a clear blue sky and some green foliage.

**Then the king arose and  
sat in the gate. And they  
told all the people, saying,  
there is the king, sitting in  
the gate. So all the people  
came before the king.**

**(2 Samuel 19:8)**



# Entrance to Dan during time of Israelites



# Dan During Abraham's day

A miniature model of a stone city, likely representing the city of Dan. The model features a central arched gateway flanked by two tall, rectangular stone towers. The walls are made of dark grey stone blocks with a brick-like pattern. A cobblestone path leads through the gateway. A small brown horse is in the foreground on the left, and a small brown figure of a person stands in the middle of the path. The background shows more of the city's walls and a wooden structure.

Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. (Genesis 14:14)

# “Abraham’s Gate”



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# David and Goliath

**And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and they encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in battle array against the Philistines. The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.**

**(1 Samuel 17:2-3)**



# Valley of Elah



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**Philistine Encampment**



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**Israelite Encampment**

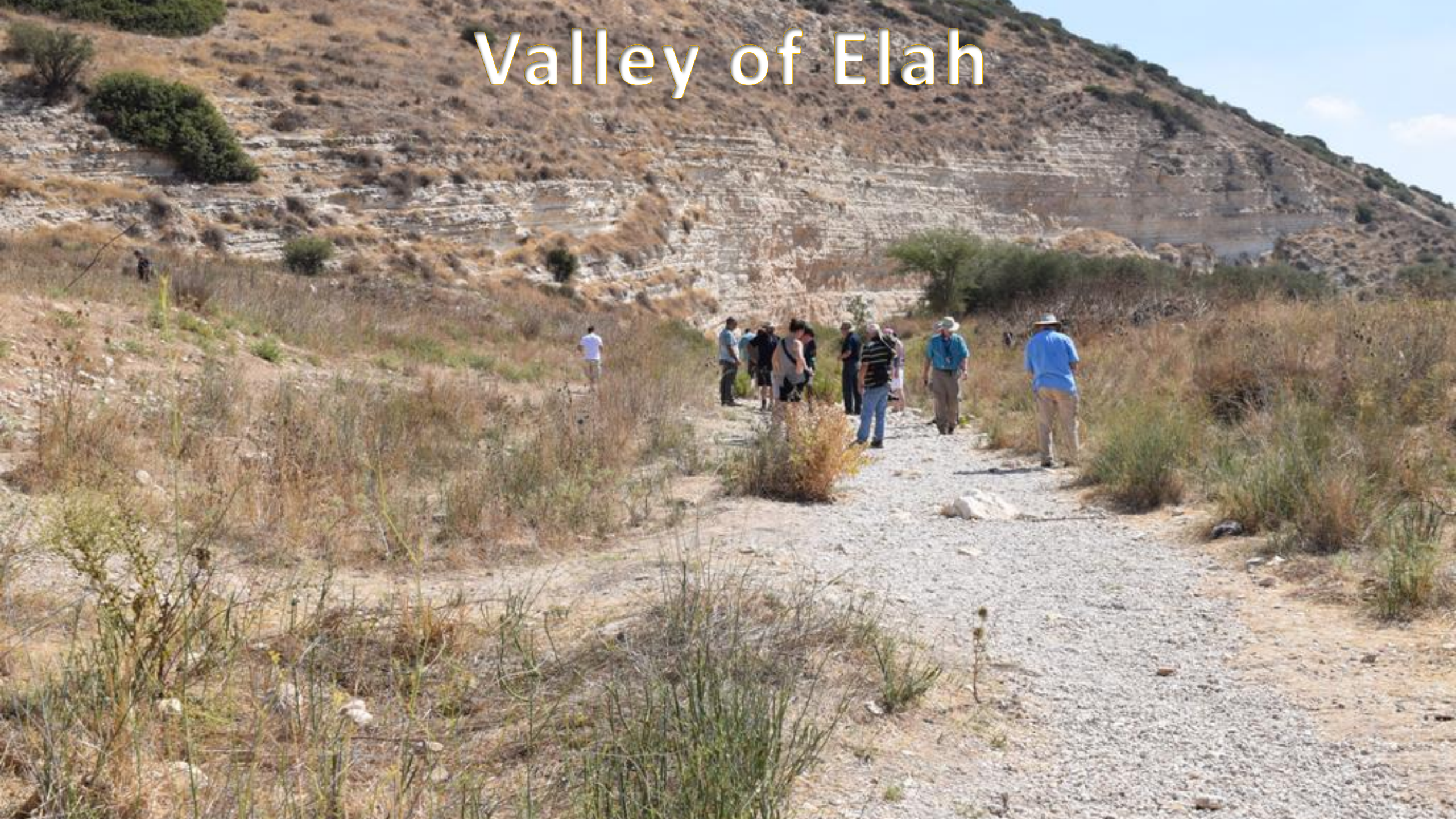






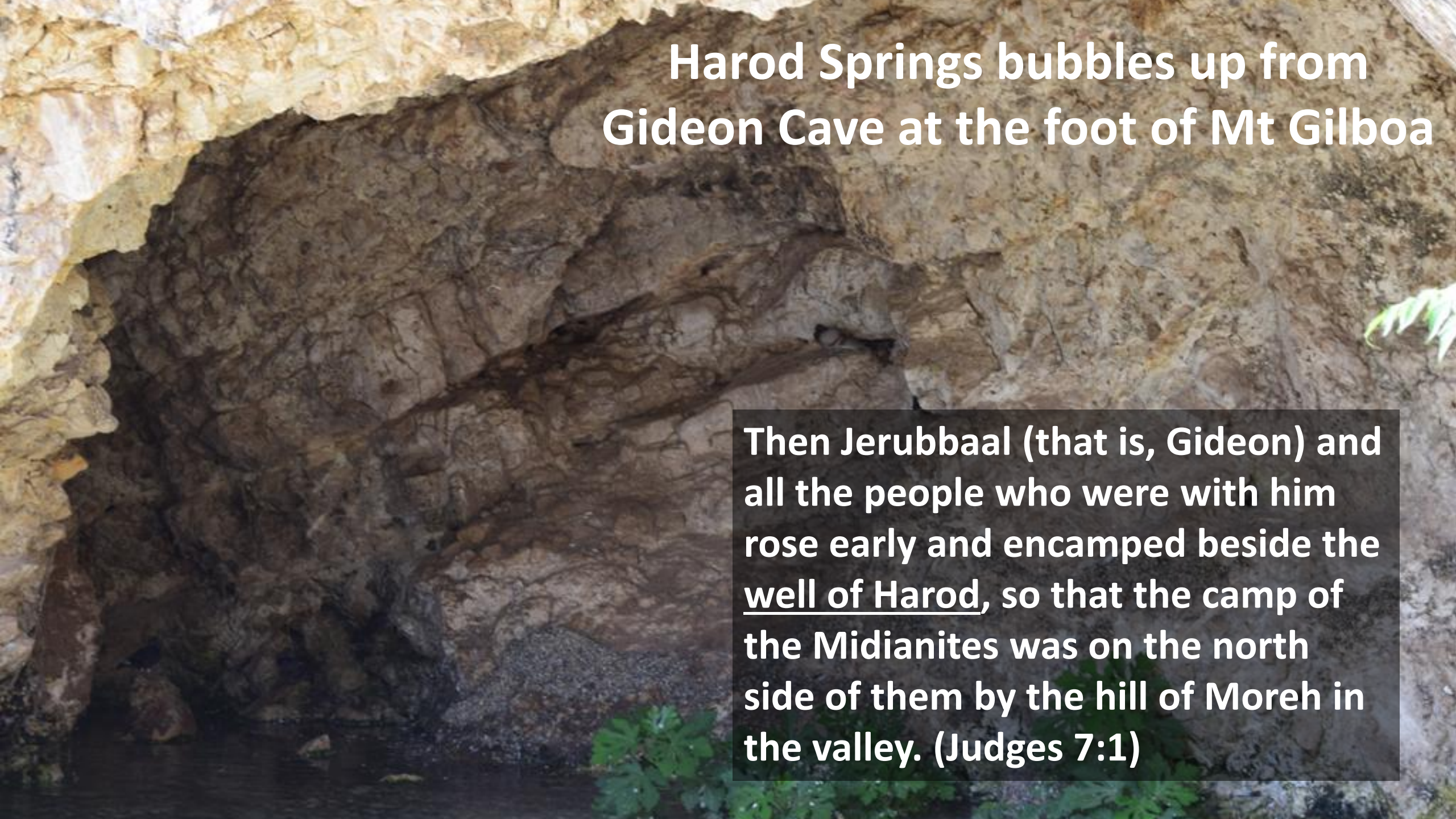
1 Samuel 17:17-51

# Valley of Elah



# 5 Smooth Stones





**Harod Springs bubbles up from  
Gideon Cave at the foot of Mt Gilboa**

**Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and  
all the people who were with him  
rose early and encamped beside the  
well of Harod, so that the camp of  
the Midianites was on the north  
side of them by the hill of Moreh in  
the valley. (Judges 7:1)**

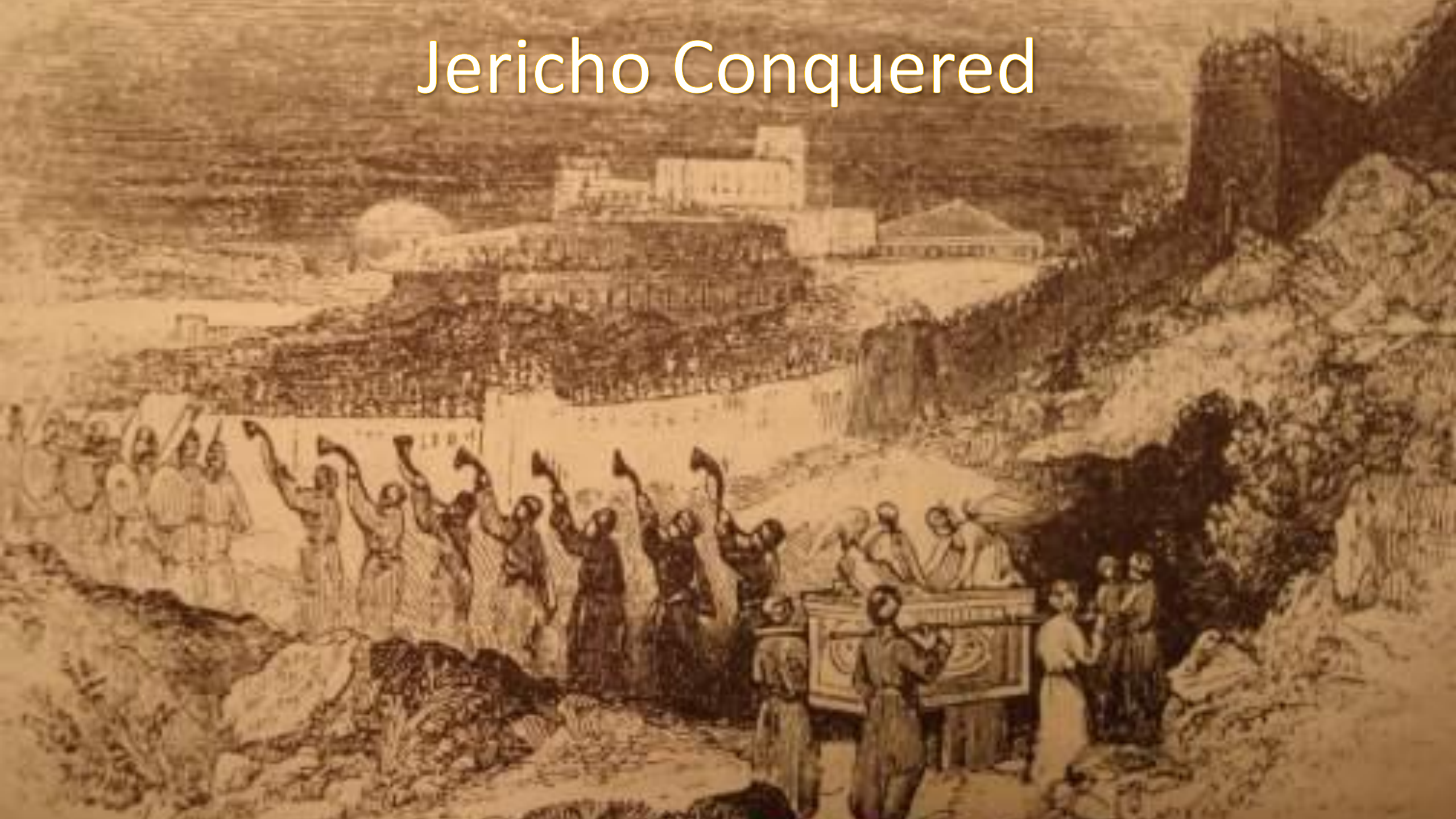
A photograph of a natural rock archway over a stream. The arch is made of light-colored, textured rock. The water in the stream is clear and reflects the surrounding environment. On the right side, there are green plants and red flowers. The text "Judges 7:2-7" is overlaid in the center in a bold, yellow font.

**Judges 7:2-7**





# Jericho Conquered







JERICHO  
The oldest city of the world

Elisha Spring Fountain

ALL SO-SUCCESSFUL  
of Jericho, the ancient  
walled city of Joshua  
the 2nd & 3rd millennium  
BC, defended by impressive  
city walls and ramparts.

Three human settlements  
which started in the Neolithic  
period (around 8000 BC)  
gave birth to an  
extraordinary heritage  
of 10,000 years of history.

The site witnessed the creation of  
agriculture and animal husbandry, the birth  
of architecture with earliest mud-bricks and  
of religion with cult of ancestors far off  
the horizon. This site bears as  
THE OLDEST CITY OF THE WORLD.

The people of the city said to Elisha, (The  
water is bad, and the land is unfruitful). He  
and put salt in it. So they brought it to him,  
water and threw the salt into it, and said, (The  
water wholesome, from now on neither death

# Jericho



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EARLY BRONZE AGE III  
CITY-WALL  
(2700-2350 BC)  
حِوَارِ الْمَدِينَة  
الْمَعْرُوفِ بِالسُّوَيْفِيَّةِ

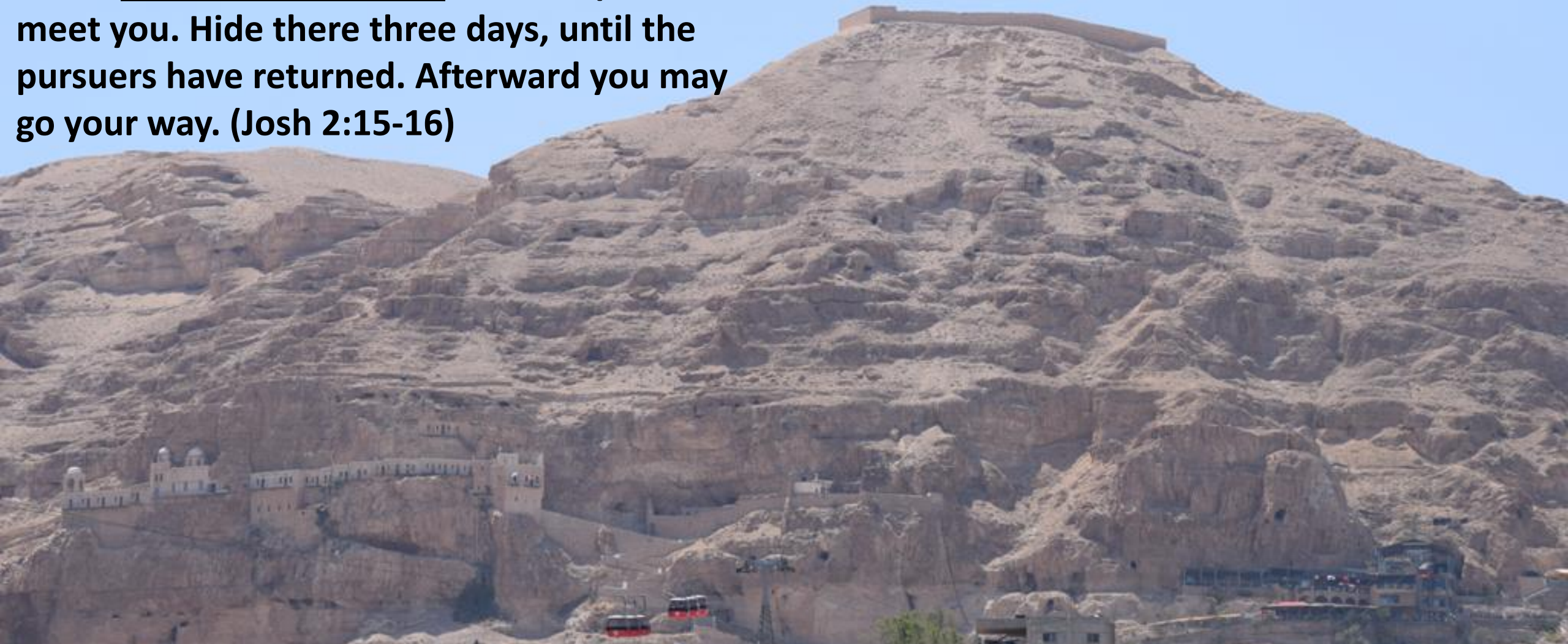
# Jericho

**These are those who were numbered of the children of Israel: six hundred and one thousand seven hundred and thirty. (Numbers 26:51)**

**... that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho ... (Joshua 3:16)**

# Rahab and the Spies

**Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall; she dwelt on the wall. And she said to them, get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you. Hide there three days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward you may go your way. (Josh 2:15-16)**



# Jericho

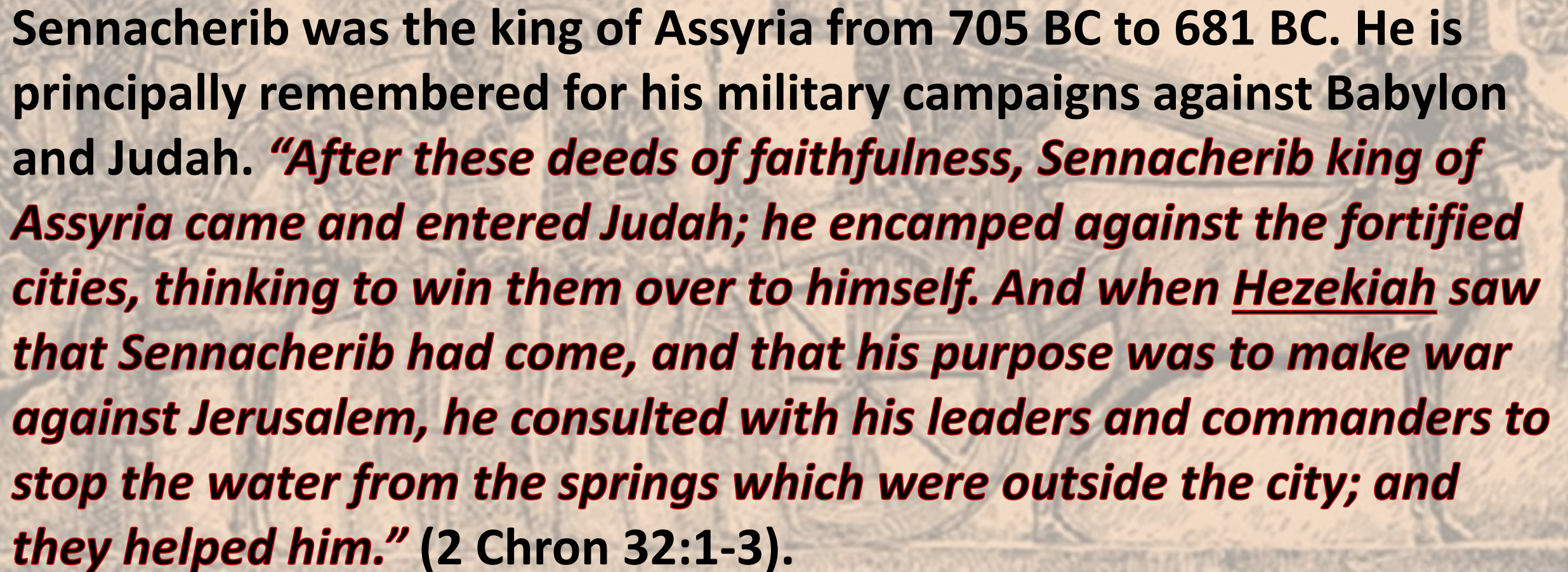
**... and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. (Deut 34:3)**





King Hezekiah  
of Judah



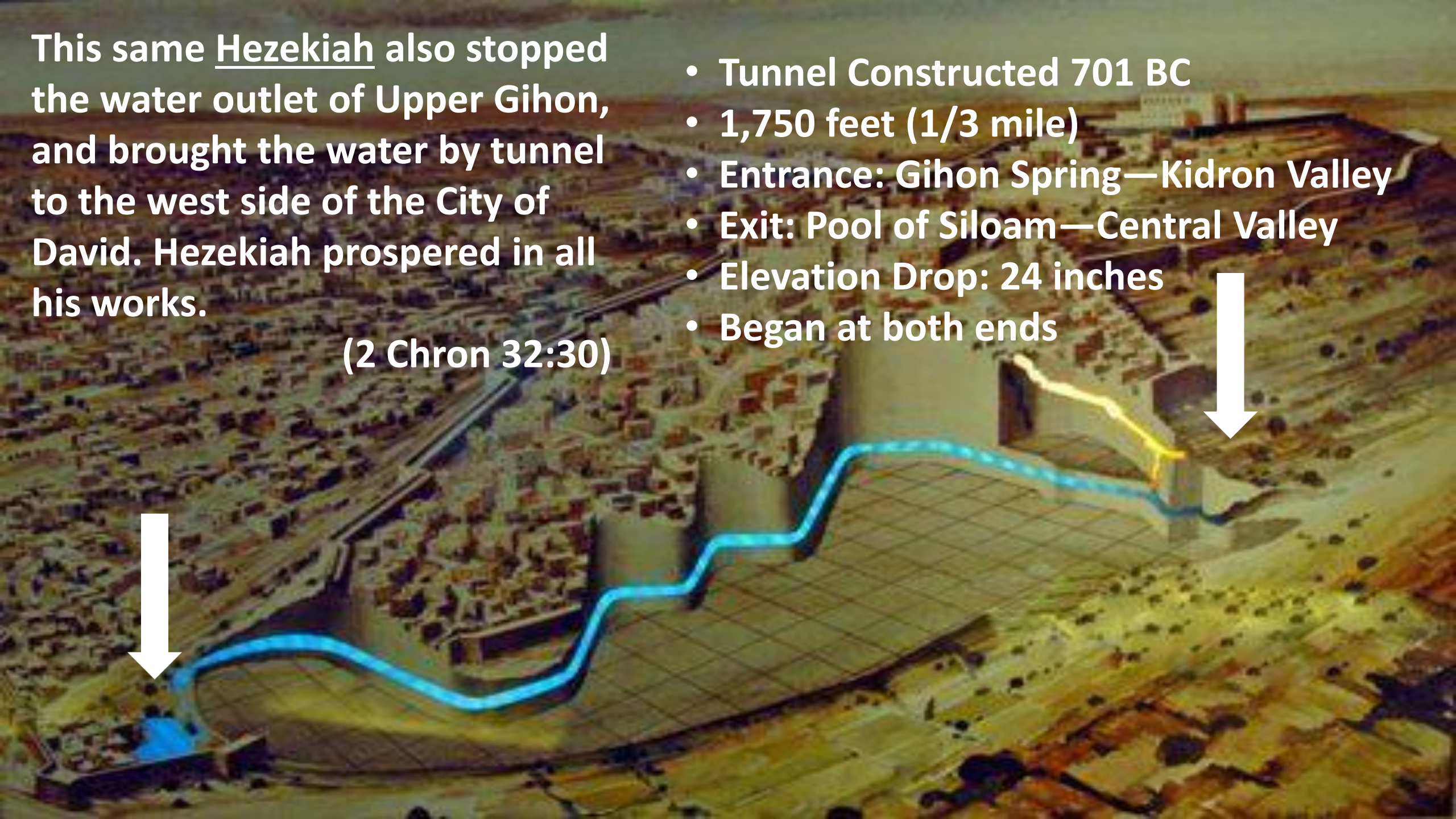
The background features a textured, golden-brown illustration. On the right side, there is a simple drawing of a tent or a small structure with a pointed roof. To the left of the tent, there are several palm trees with detailed fronds. The overall style is reminiscent of ancient or biblical art.

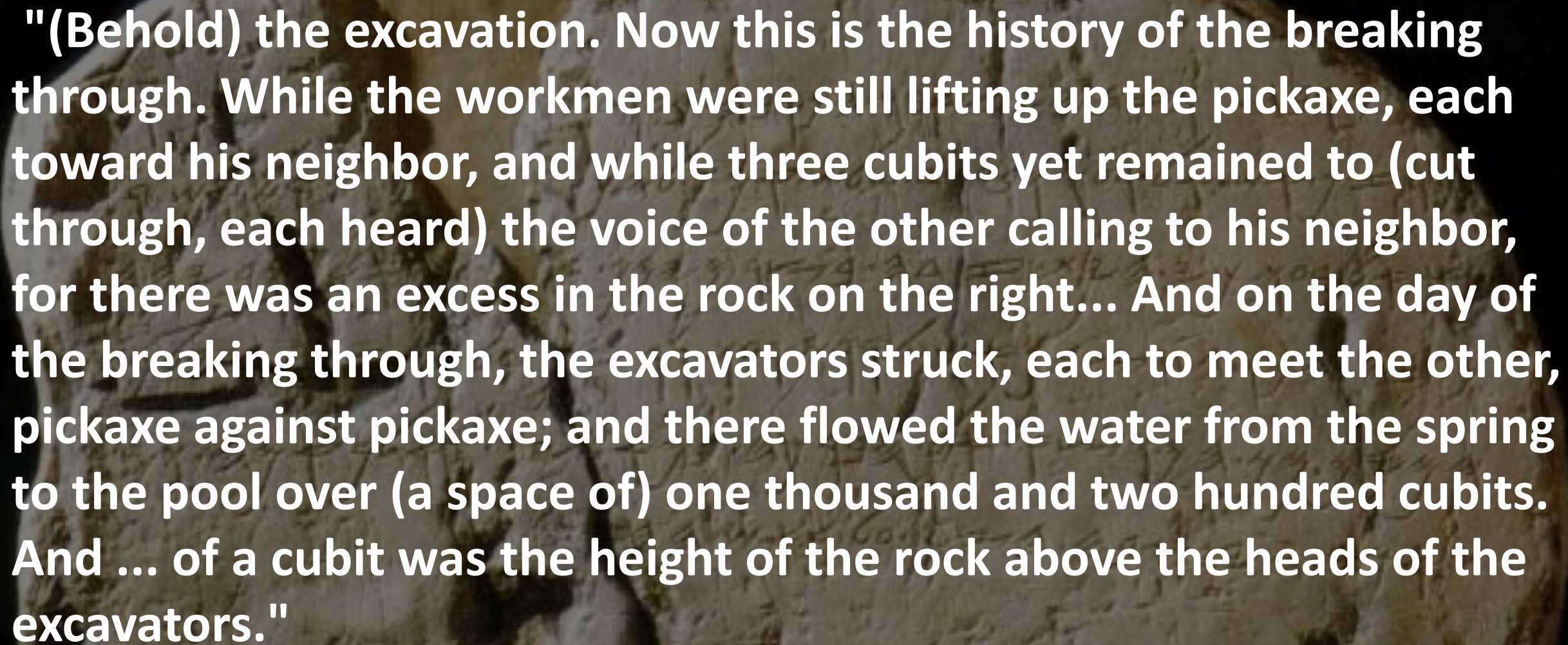
**Sennacherib was the king of Assyria from 705 BC to 681 BC. He is principally remembered for his military campaigns against Babylon and Judah. *“After these deeds of faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came and entered Judah; he encamped against the fortified cities, thinking to win them over to himself. And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that his purpose was to make war against Jerusalem, he consulted with his leaders and commanders to stop the water from the springs which were outside the city; and they helped him.”* (2 Chron 32:1-3).**

This same Hezekiah also stopped the water outlet of Upper Gihon, and brought the water by tunnel to the west side of the City of David. Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

(2 Chron 32:30)

- Tunnel Constructed 701 BC
- 1,750 feet (1/3 mile)
- Entrance: Gihon Spring—Kidron Valley
- Exit: Pool of Siloam—Central Valley
- Elevation Drop: 24 inches
- Began at both ends

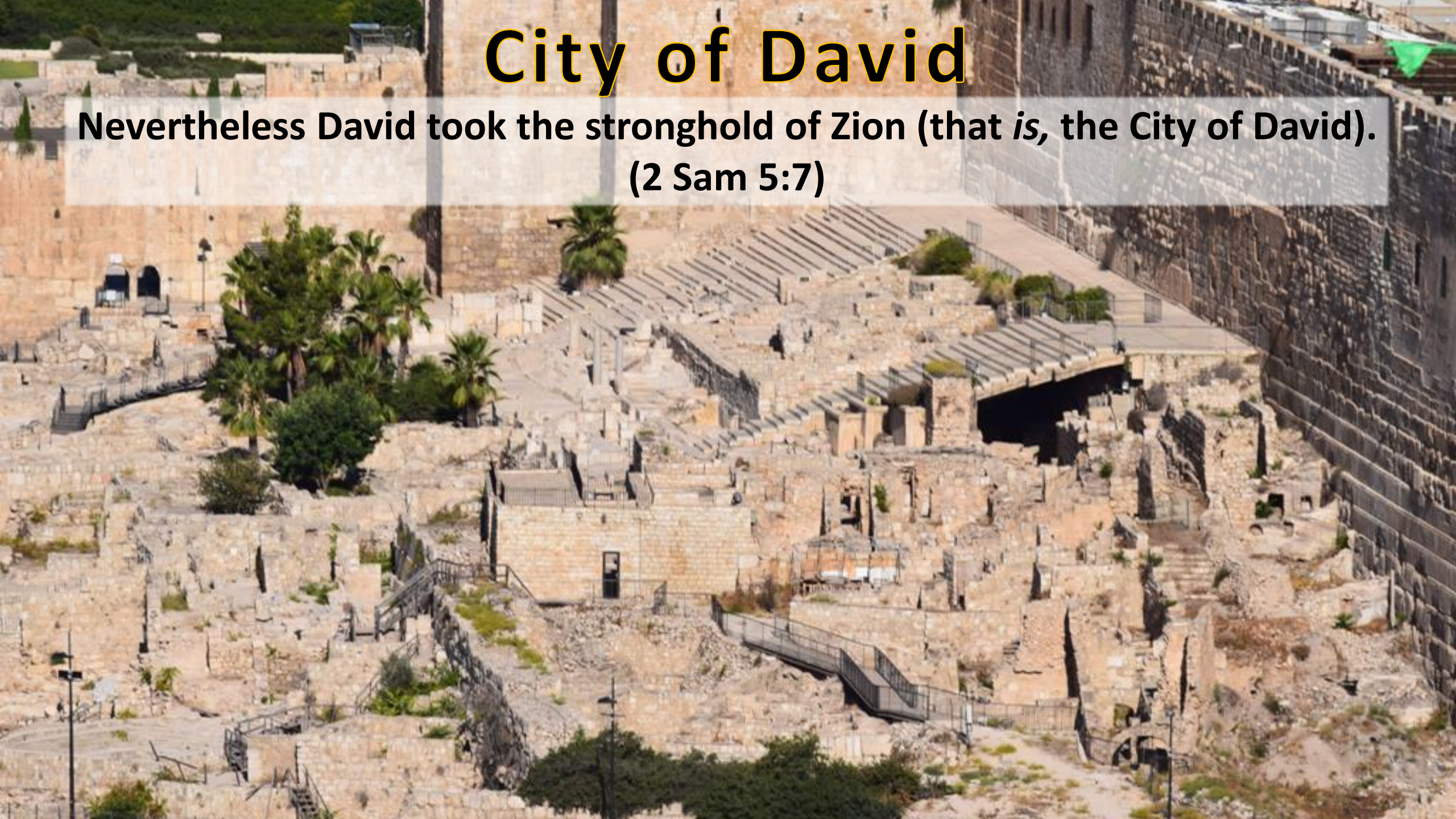




"(Behold) the excavation. Now this is the history of the breaking through. While the workmen were still lifting up the pickaxe, each toward his neighbor, and while three cubits yet remained to (cut through, each heard) the voice of the other calling to his neighbor, for there was an excess in the rock on the right... And on the day of the breaking through, the excavators struck, each to meet the other, pickaxe against pickaxe; and there flowed the water from the spring to the pool over (a space of) one thousand and two hundred cubits. And ... of a cubit was the height of the rock above the heads of the excavators."

# City of David

Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that *is*, the City of David).  
(2 Sam 5:7)





# למערכת המים

פיר וורן ונקבת חיזקיהו

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To the Water Systems  
Warren's Shaft &  
Hezekiah's Tunnel

















# Pool of Siloam

And He said to him, go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. (John 9:7)

