

THE RISE OF KING DAVID



READINGS:

1 Samuel 17 V 12 – 23
And V 40 - 49

DAVID'S SETTING

1. Story takes places 1 000 years after Abraham
2. For 500 years, they were led by Patriarchs; from Abraham
3. For 500 years; they were lead by prophets/judges; until Saul
4. For 500 years; they were led by kings, starting from Saul
5. For the next 500 years, they were led by priests
6. Samuel was the last Judge of Israel and King David is the pinnacle of Israelite culture.
7. The Jews still long for this pinnacle today

1. Saul was chosen because he was tall and handsome. (1 Sam 9 V 2)
2. And he was searching for donkeys. (1 Sam 9 V 3)
3. But, he seemed to be the biggest donkey in all of Israel. (1 Sam 16 V 14)
4. The nation of Israel was left incomplete, corrupt and under threat from external enemies.
5. You can play around all day drawing similarities with the modern world.

DAVID'S CALLING

1. Samuels goes to Bethlehem (1 Sam 16 V 2) allegedly to sacrifice
2. (1 Sam 16 V 7) famous for saying God looks at the inside – although he was handsome too.
3. (1 Sam 16 V 12) remember Jacob's rightness started with the physical body and King David had to lead in a very different time (*that goes a long way to explaining some of the harsh teaching in the book of Leviticus*)
4. David is brought into Saul's court to calm Saul – this is an image and a roll we can teach about



DAVID AND GOLIATH

1. (1 Samuel 17 V 4 – 6) takes a lot of pains to describe the bronze – even though iron-age technology was the Philistine's great advantage
2. (1 Samuel 17 V 16) we see the repeating of the theme of forty days
3. (1 Samuel 17 V 12) - 'son of an Ephrathite named Jesse' we know that David was of Judea. But the bible takes pains at this junction to invoke Ephraim
4. (1 Samuel 17 V 38) we see bronze mentioned again with Saul
5. (1 Samuel 17 V 40) Why five smooth stones?

The Twelve Tribes in Canaan



DAVID AND SAUL

1. Saul's jealousy started with his sons
2. David and Johnathan friendship grow. Don't ever believe the blasphemies told about it.
3. (1 Samuel 18 V 7) the thousands and the hundreds. Now Saul has it in for David.
4. (1 Samuel 18 V 17) Saul tries to kill David secretly. Using his daughter Merab.
5. Saul tries to kill David openly. We are getting more and more closer to a world where people are happy to sin openly.
6. David flees to Nob (1 Samuel 21 V 6) and eats the 'Showbread' (Matthew 12 V 4)



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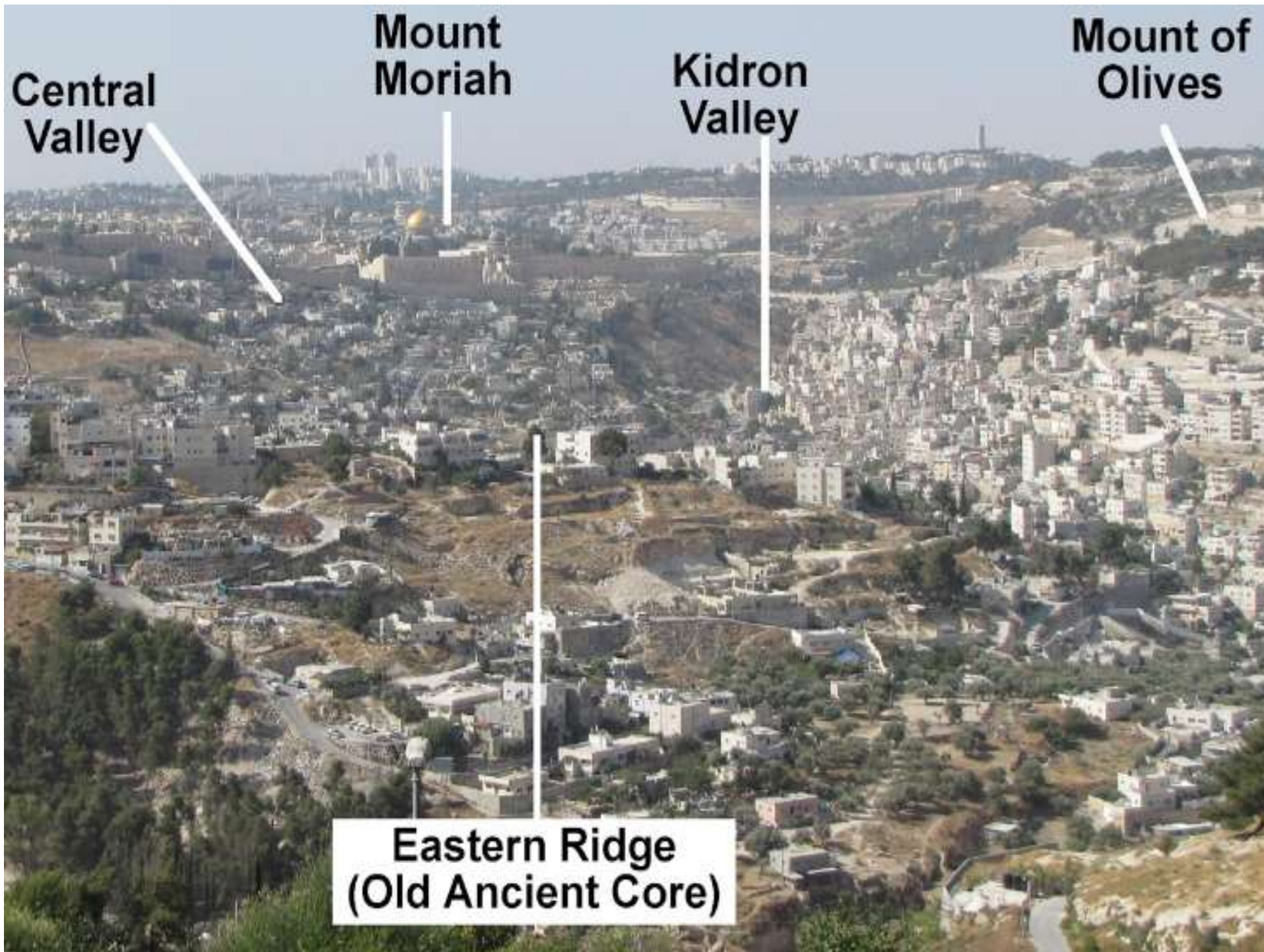
8. David escapes to Adullam
9. Saul kills the priest of Nob (1 Samuel 22 V 18)
10. Saul corners David but, David spares his life (1 Samuel 24 V 4)
11. Masada – David writes Psalms about ‘the Lord is my rock’ – Look at the difference in his behaviour compared with Saul's. They both do wrong – but, there is something else going on in David's heart.
12. (1 Samuel 25) – the story of Nabal and Abigail – a metaphor?
13. (Samuel 27) – David lives among the Philistines
14. Saul consults a witch – (1 Samuel 28)
15. (2 Samuel 1 V 25) How the mighty have fallen

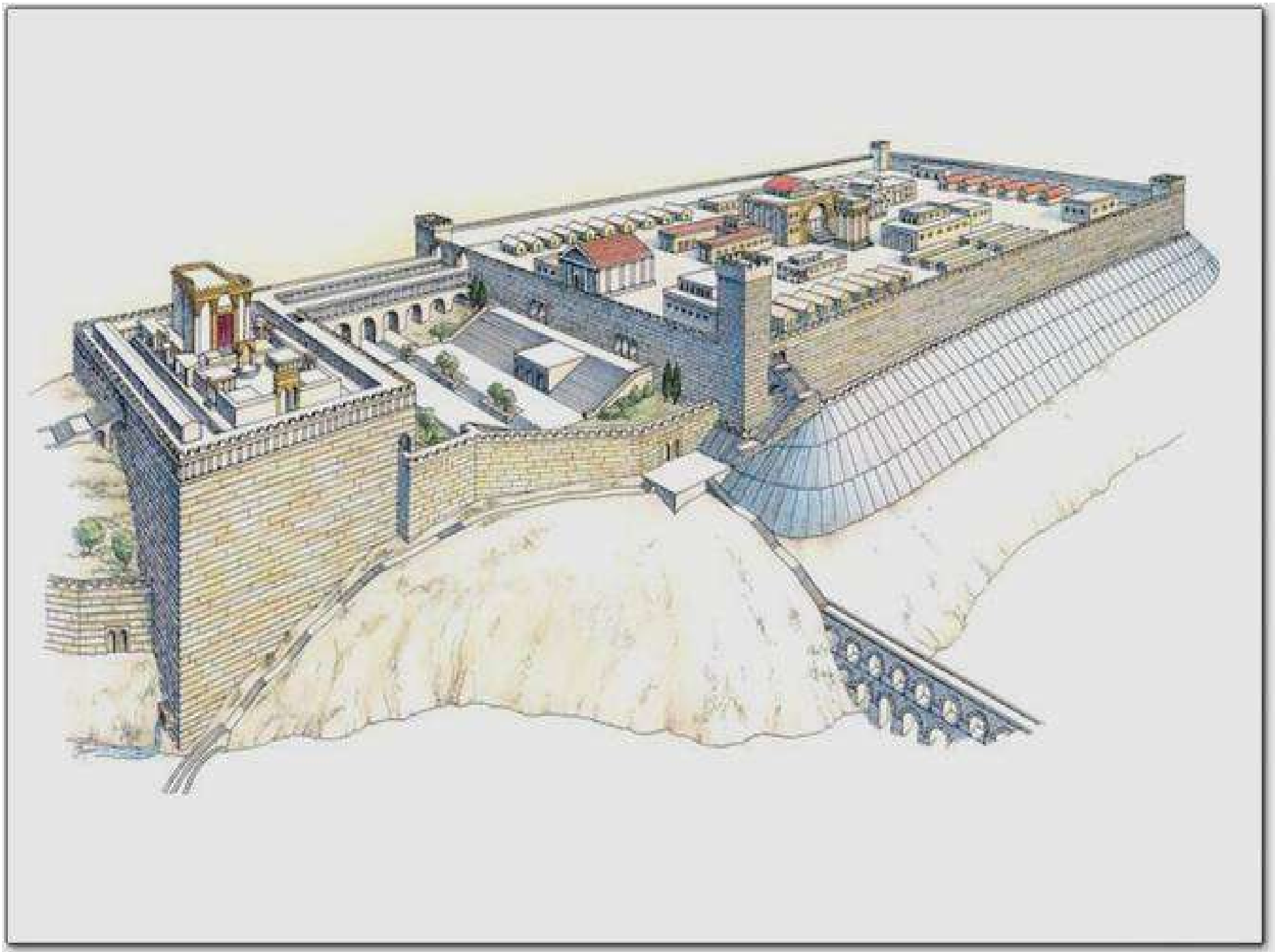




DAVID CONSOLIDATES POWER

1. 2 Samuel 2 – David is first anointed King of Judah
2. 2 Samuel 2 V 12 – 2 Samuel 4 V 12 – David starts a civil war – Joab kills Abner; assassins kill Ishbaal; David kills the assassins; David turns on the Philistines
3. David conquers Jerusalem from the Jebusites – (2 Samuel 5 V 8) – we can see how David entered the city – spring of Gihon (rediscovered 1997)
4. It is interesting that 2 Samuel 5 V 4 – 5 use the numbers 30; 40 and 33 years
5. (2 Samuel 21 V 8 -9) – it doesn't end well for Saul's grandchildren





1. It's an ugly and bloody mess left by Saul, it's an ugly and bloody mess taking power from Saul's house and it's going to be an ugly and bloody mess to hold on to that power.
2. There is a lot of ways to look at this kind of history. The most useful might be – looking at what God does about people's actions and choices.
3. The final destination for the people of Israel was Jerusalem. (Just like the gospel story.) King David finishes the job started by Moses and continued by Joshua.
4. Our final destination must also be holiness, like Jerusalem. We don't have to do it in the awful way that the people of old times did.
5. Like King David, we can triumph in an ugly world. The world is falling apart around us. It needs a church and Christians that can pull it back together.
6. Let's be the people who pull the nations back together.

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