

2nd Kings

8-7-22

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KJV & NASB *faithfully* ~ Berean & Holman *integrity*

2 Kings 5 – Elisha's Enlightenment

2 Kings 7 – Elisha's Economic Ecstasy

✝ 2 Kings 12 – Joash Repairs Temple

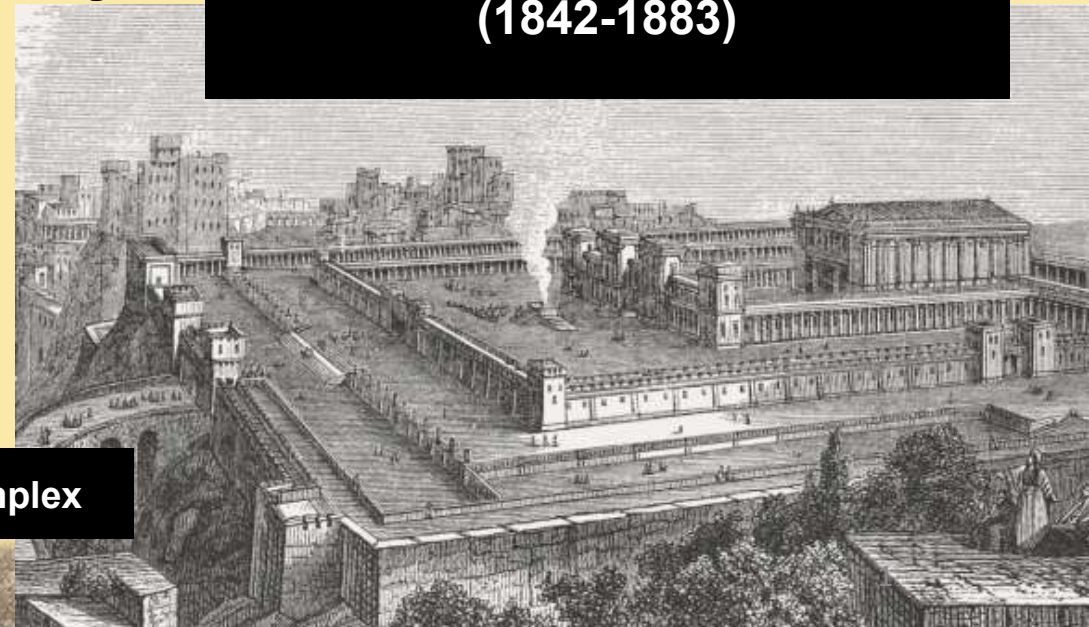
2 Kings 17 – God Judges

2 Kings 19 – God Hears

2 Kings 22 – God Moves



Joash Crowned King of Judah
by James Dabney McCabe
(1842-1883)



Solomon's Temple Complex

THE OUTER LIMITS

There's some incomprehensible coming

Between the Bounty of
and the repair of the temple in

> 2 Kings 7 ...

> 2 Kings 12



There's a *whirlwind* of history ... and *murder*

2 Kings 12 opens in the 7th year of **Jehu of Israel**

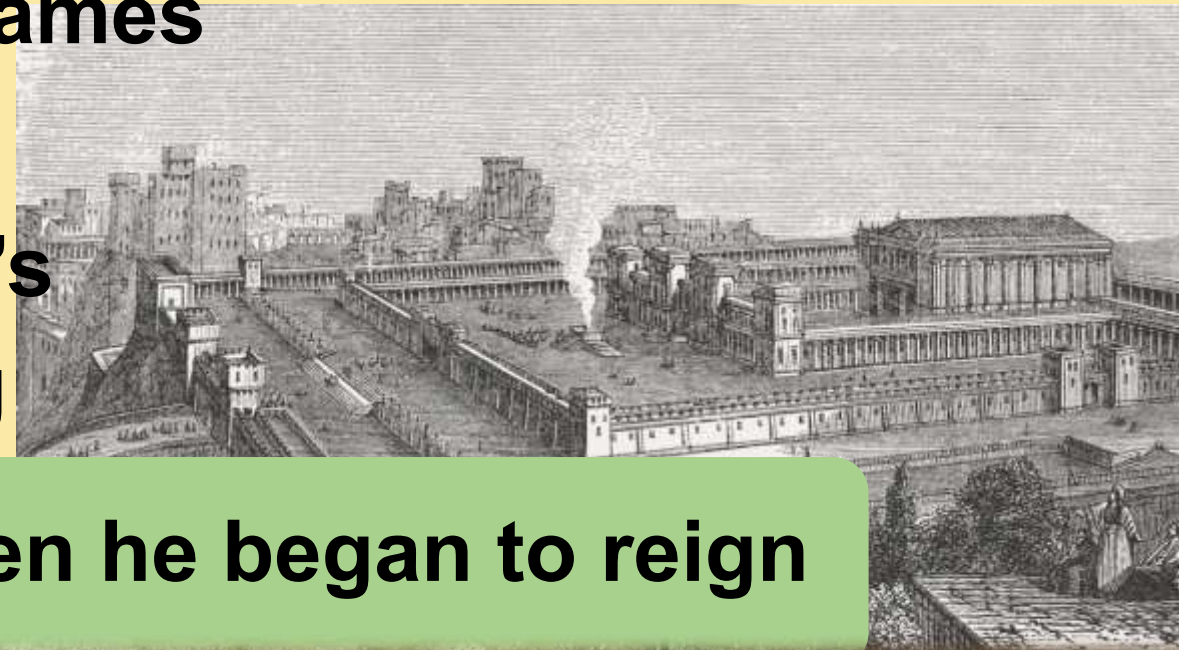
LOT is missing ...

LOT of similarly *sounding* names

2 Kgs 12 focuses on

King Joash & Priest Jehoiada's

Temple Repair Re-Financing



11:21 Joash is 7 years old when he began to reign

Alternate Title
Honesty Best
Or
Good Stewards
SHINE



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McCabe also wrote
Lights & Shadows of New York Life (1872) and
Life & Campaigns of General Robert E. Lee

**Running thru a host ...
even unavoidable tedium**

REMEMBER how to us ... in USA

Revolutionary War 1861–1865



Colonies

vs



British

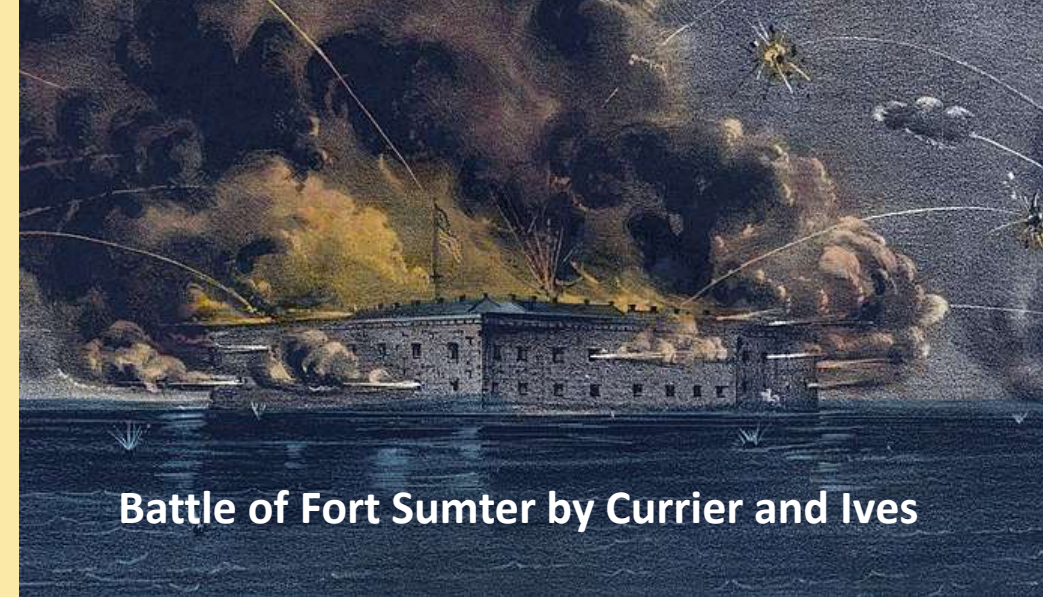
General Washington vs Lord Cornwallis



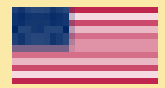
**Washington Crossing the Delaware
by Emanuel Leutze, 1851**

**What of THESE?
Patriotic Legacy
National Memory
Embedded Culture**

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REMEMBER how to us ... USA
Civil War 1861–1865**



Battle of Fort Sumter by Currier and Ives



Union

vs



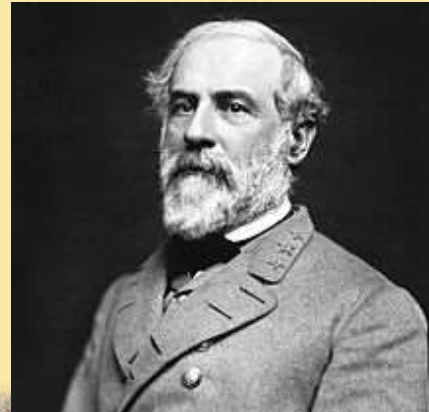
Confederacy

Abraham Lincoln

vs Jefferson Davis

Ulysses S. Grant

vs Robert E. Lee



**Patriotic Legacy
National Memory
Embedded Culture**

What follows is
Part of **Israel's**
Patriotic Legacy
National Memory
Embedded Culture
2,800+ years OLD



whirlwind of Joash's backstory

2 kings 8 ... Famine still ravaging ...

Well-to-do Shumenite woman

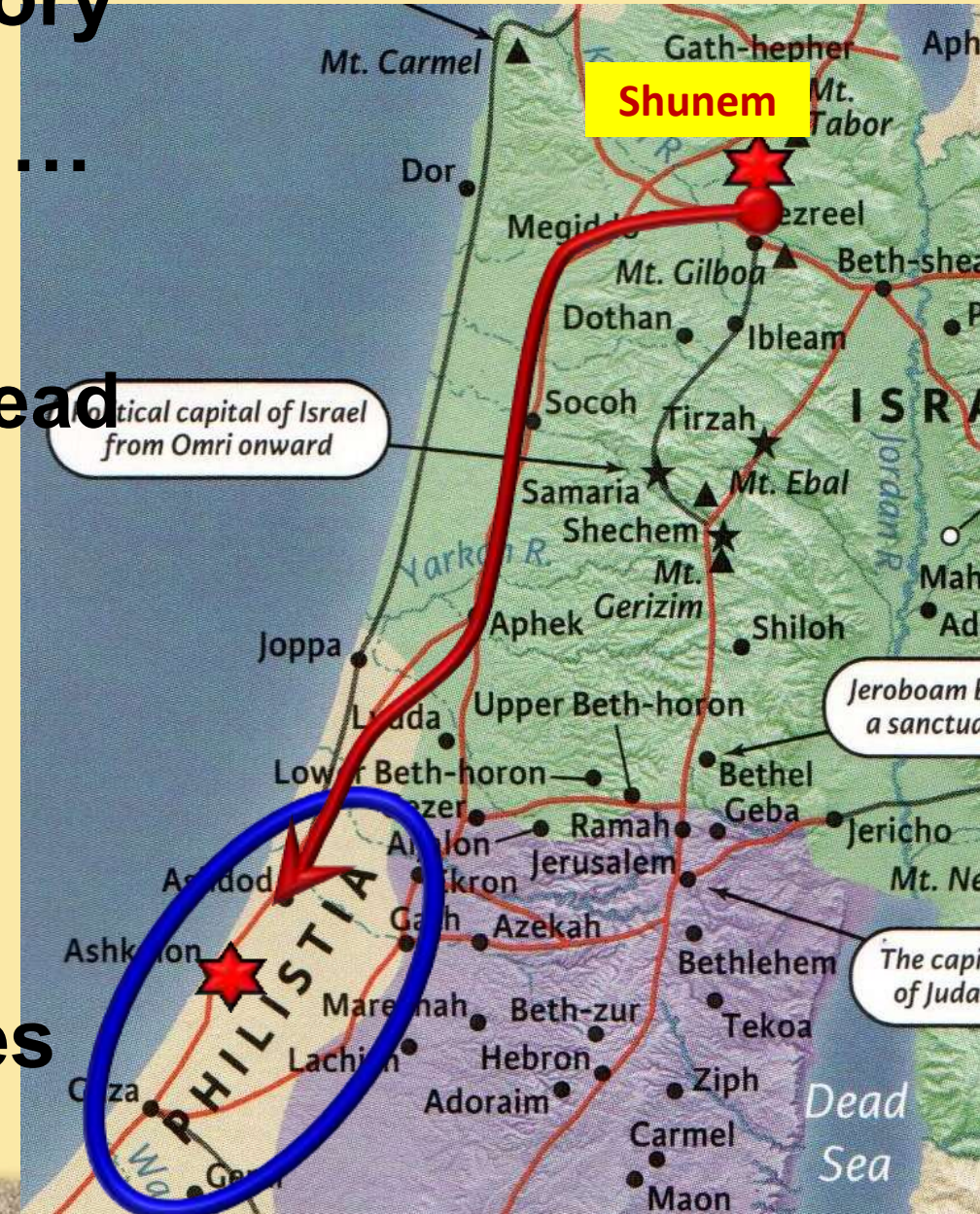
❖ who's son Elisha raised from dead

❖ in whose roof-top room
Elisha frequented

Because of the famine ...

Elisha tells her to get out of town

She goes to Land of the Philistines



She goes to Land of the Philistines

Probably had a Beach House there



After Famine & 7 years ... She Returns

Elisha's servant Gehazi & King allow her to keep her house & property

2 kgs 8 ... Elisha to Damascus
King Ben-Hadad is sick ... sends
Hazael w 40 camels to Elisha
YES, king will live ... but die later
Elisha faces Hazael ... cries
Elisha reveals to Hazael his ***murdering***
1 Kgs 19, after Elijah's desert stay
✓ Anoints Hazael King of Aram
✓ Anoints Jehu King of Israel
✓ Anoints Elisha as successor
None of these happen immediately



2 kgs 8 Elisha leaves Damascus
Hazael **KILLS** King Ben-Hadad
Hazael becomes King of Aram/Syria
MEANWHILE in 5th Year of
King Joram of Israel
While King Jehoshaphat over Judah
His son Jehoram, 32, began to reign
with Jehoshaphat over Judah
During Jehoram's reign ...
Edom rises & fights with Judah



2 kgs 9 Elisha seeks Jehu

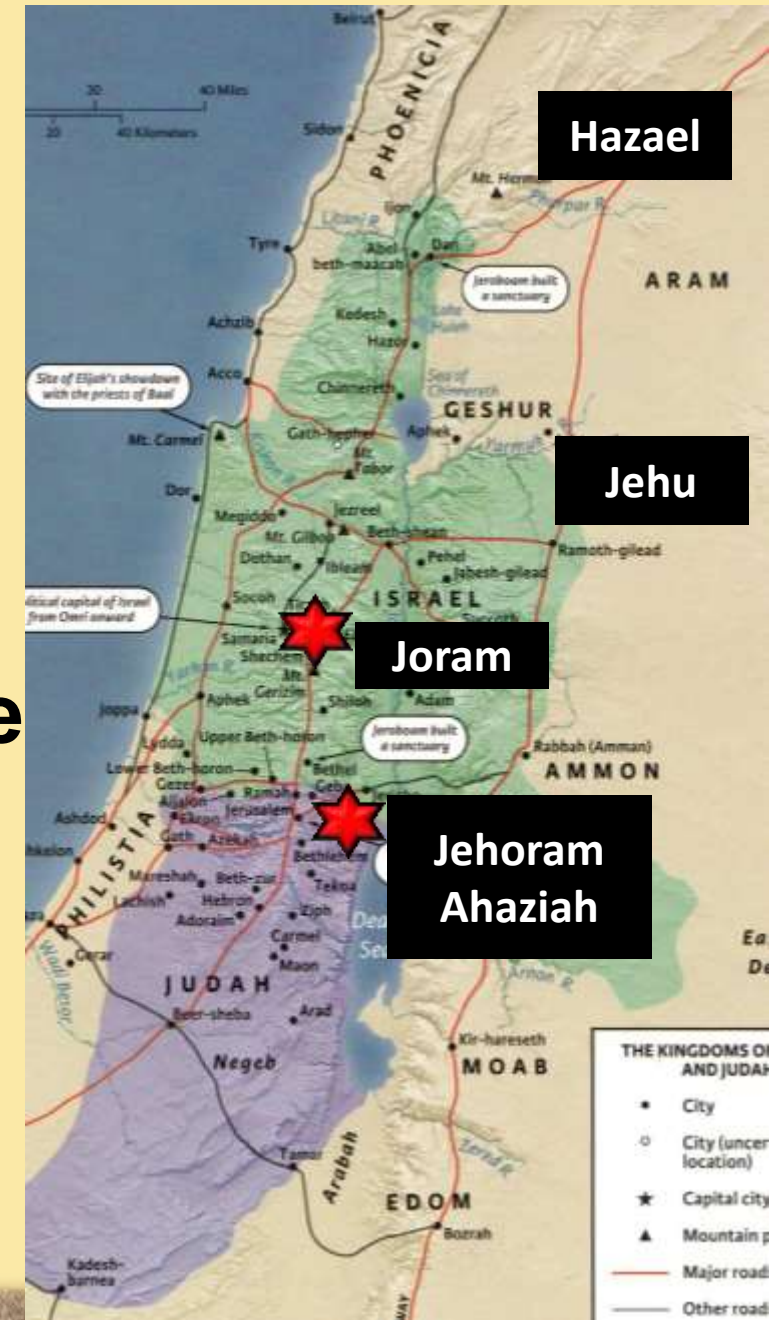
Elisha summons a man from
“Company of Prophets”

Tells him to “tuck his coat in his belt
take a flask of oil”

Go to Ramoth Gilead ... get Jehu alone
get him *away* from his companions

Anoint Jehu King of Israel

9:3 Then open the door and run;
Don't Delay!”



**Black Obelisk King
Shalmaneser III
of Assyria from
Nimrud in today's Iraq
circa 827 BC
in the British Museum
Close up of King Jehu
of Israel on the obelisk
giving tribute to
Shalmaneser III**



2 kgs 9 Unnamed Prophet from the
“Company of Prophets” tells Jehu
You must “Destroy the House of Ahab”

Reason? > 2 Kings 9:7 “I will
avenge the blood of my servants
the prophets ... shed by Jezebel

Goes in great detail: “slave & free”

9:10 As for Jezebel, dogs will devour
her on the plot of ground at Jezreel ...

Then he opened the door and ran.



2 Kings 9:14-29 ... **Jehu in detail**

Two men sent to Jehu ... **JOIN Jehu**

Jehu KILLS Israel's Joram

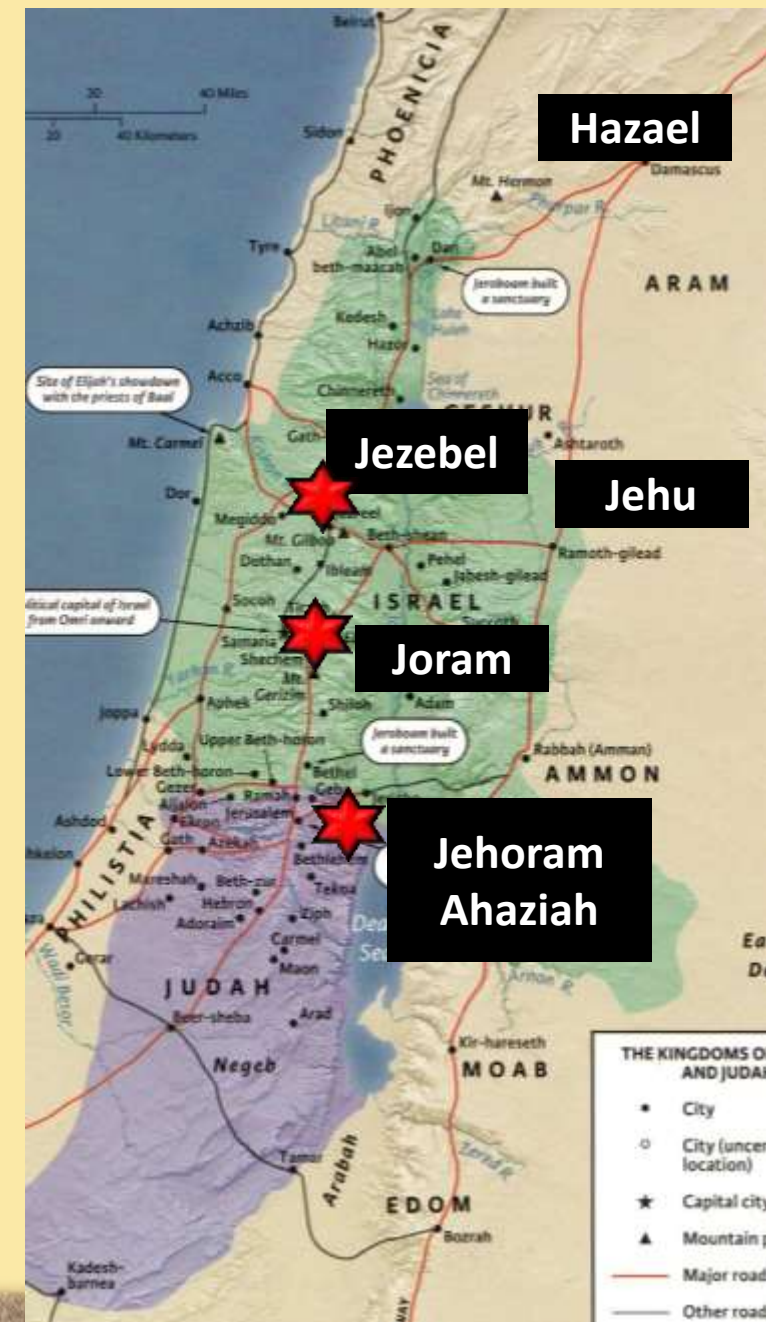
Jehu KILLS Judah's Ahaziah

**Jezebel is in Jezreel ... hears of Jehu
combs hair, puts on make up ...**

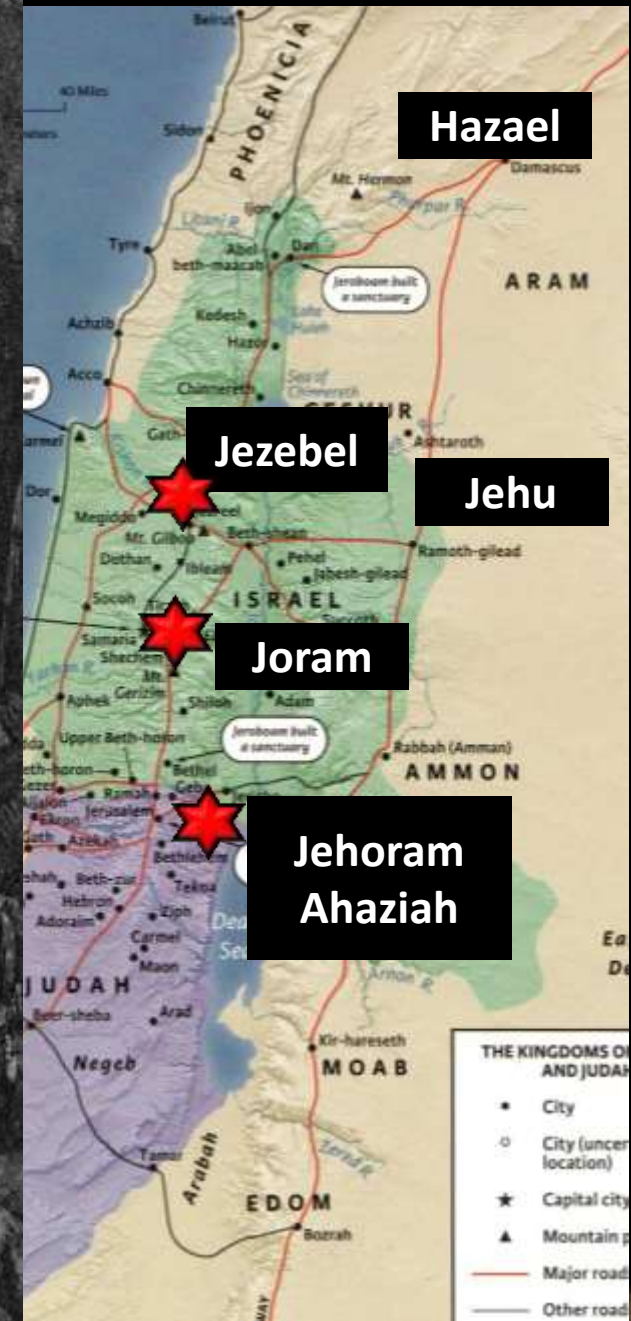
She comes to window ...

9:32 Jehu asks “Who is with me?”

Tells them to “throw Jezebel down!”



Death of Jezebel by Gustave Doré 1832-1883



**Then the Dogs
had at Jezebel**

**Afraid he's
gonna MISS
somethin'**

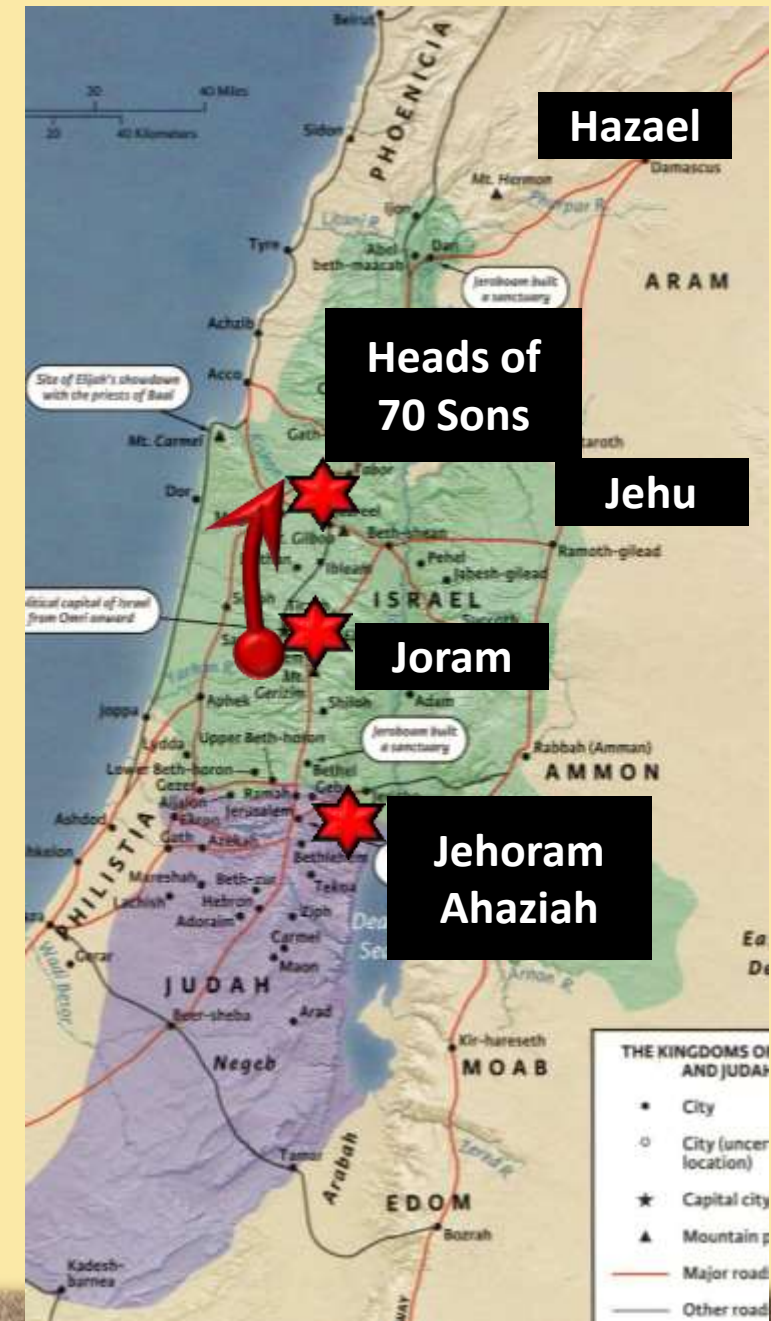


2 kings 10 > King Jehu **HUNTING**

In Samaria ... 70 sons of Ahab ...
Jehu writes to them & all caretakers
If Administrators are for Jehu ...
Have all the HEADS of Ahab's children
Sent to me in Jezreel

KILLS all of Ahab's House in Jezreel
On the way to Samaria, meets some
relatives of Ahaziah of Israel ...

KILLS ALL of THEM



2 kings 10 > King Jehu Kills ALL

On way to Samaria, Jehu picks up Jehonadab in chariot – Jehu tells him:

“Come with me and see my zeal for the Lord.”

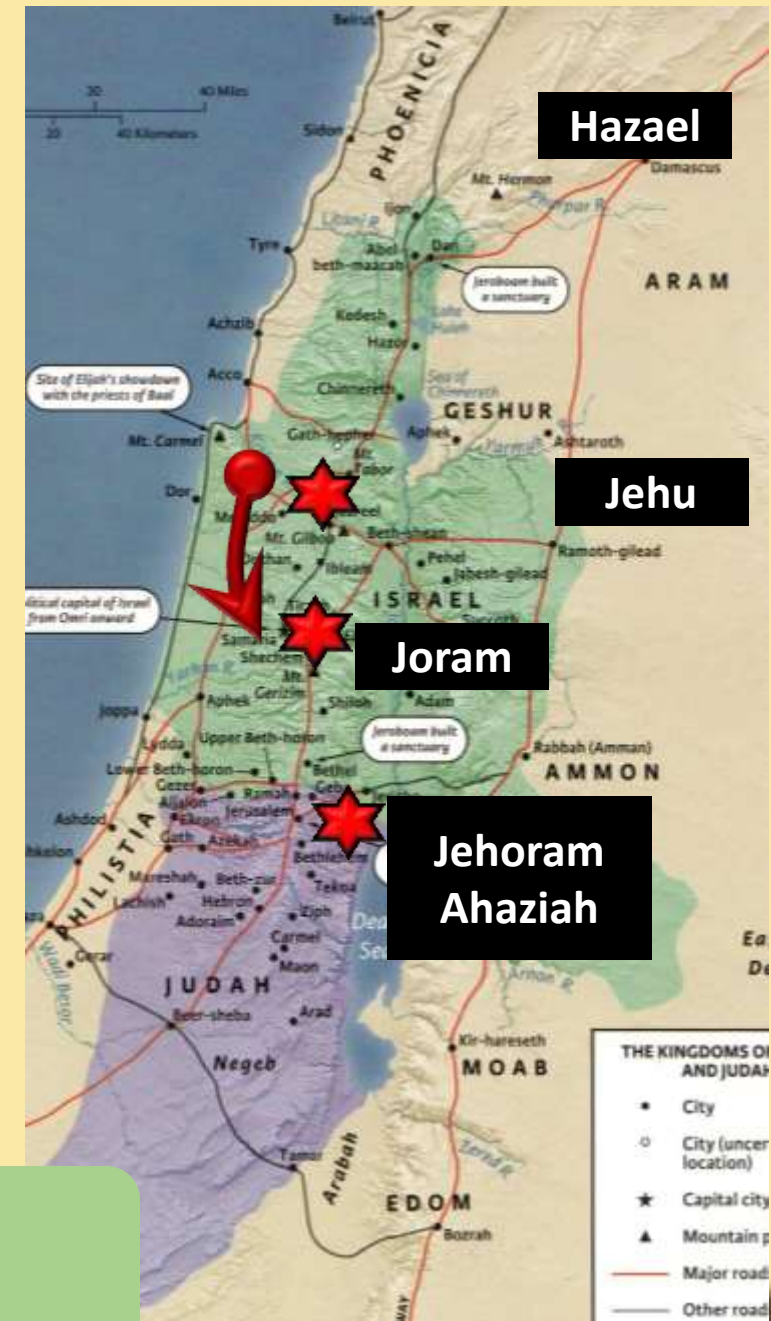
10:17 Jehu KILLS all of Ahab's House

Jehu calls for an **assembly** of Baal ...

Lying to serve Baal > 2 Kings 10:18

“Ahab served Baal a little; Jehu will serve him much.”

Lying for the Lord's Work



Jehu makes CERTAIN no one who serves the Lord is in the BAAL Temple
Jehu orders robes given to all
Jehu makes an offering ... then

- ✓ Orders **ALL KILLED** ...
- ✓ Orders the Sacred Stone demolished
- ✓ Orders the Baal Temple demolished

2 Kings 10:30, Lord said to Jehu,
“Because you’ve done ... right in my eyes
... sons will rule ... to 4th generation.”



However, because Jehu continued
the sins of Jeroboam

Away from God of Jerusalem to Idols
God reduced the size of Israel ...

Allows King Hazael of Aram to gain
all the Israel's land EAST of Jordan

2 Kings 10:30, **As for other events ...
written in annals of the kings of Israel?**

Jehu reigned in Samaria 28 years

His son Jehoahaz followed as King

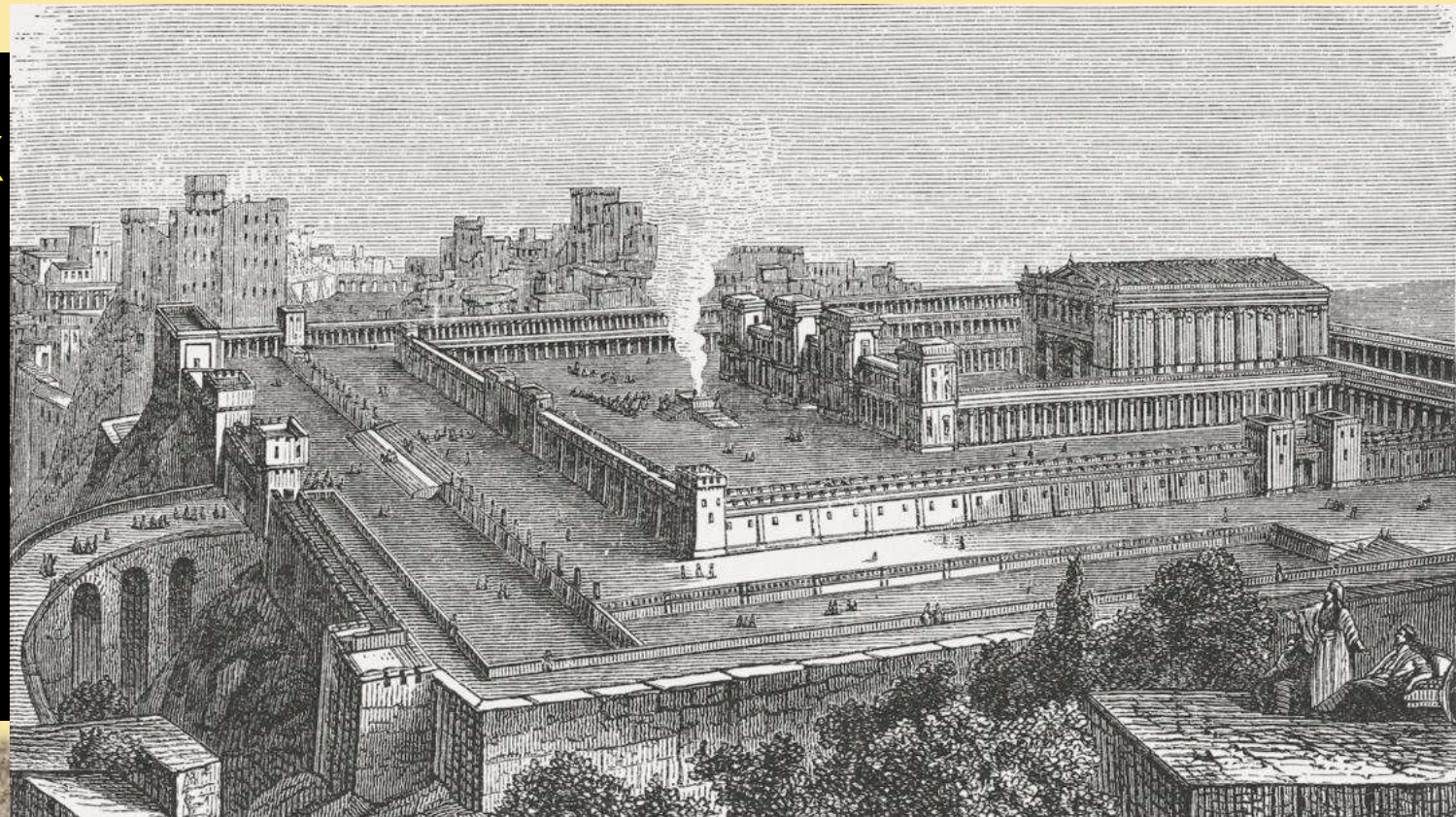


2 Kings 11 Athaliah heard her son Ahaziah killed
She commenced to KILL ALL Royal Family
Her SISTER, Jehosheba, took infant Joash ... and
Hid Joash in Temple for 6 years

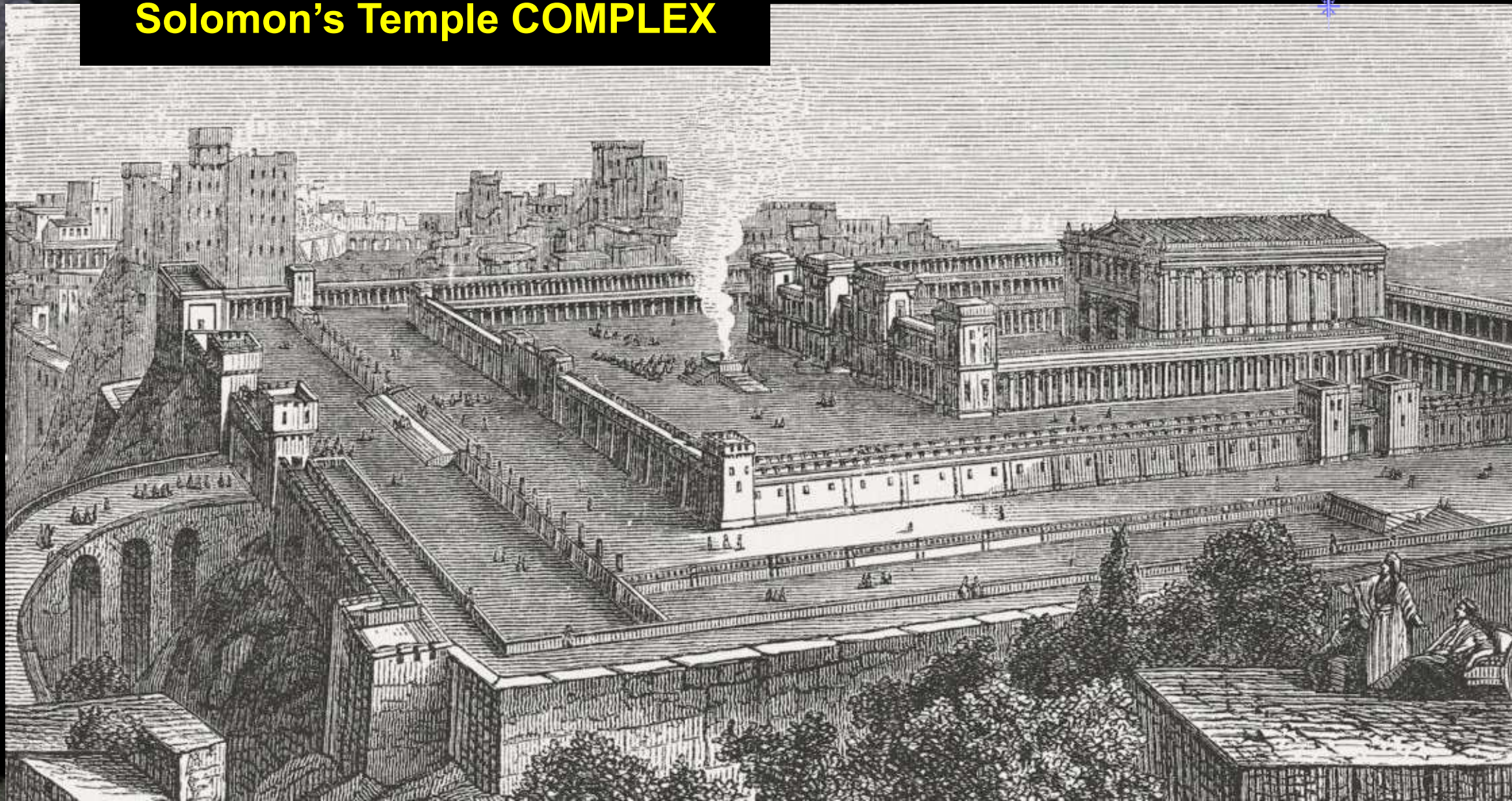
Solomon's Temple COMPLEX

is HUGE

**intended to be
1,600 feet long
900 feet wide**



Solomon's Temple COMPLEX



Talk about CONFUSING

Joash is a popular name ... means “*Yahweh Gives*”

- ❖ Judges 6:11 father of Gideon named > **Joash**
- ❖ 1 Chron 4:21 a son of Shelah named > **Joash**
- ❖ 1 Chron 12:3 one of David's warriors > **Joash**
- ❖ 1 Chron 27:28 David's officer over oil store > **Joash**
- ❖ 1 Kings 22:26 a son of King Ahab of Israel > **Joash**
- ❖ 2 Kings 11:2 son of King Ahziah of Judah > **Joash**

Our Concern—Joash, son of King Ahziah of Judah

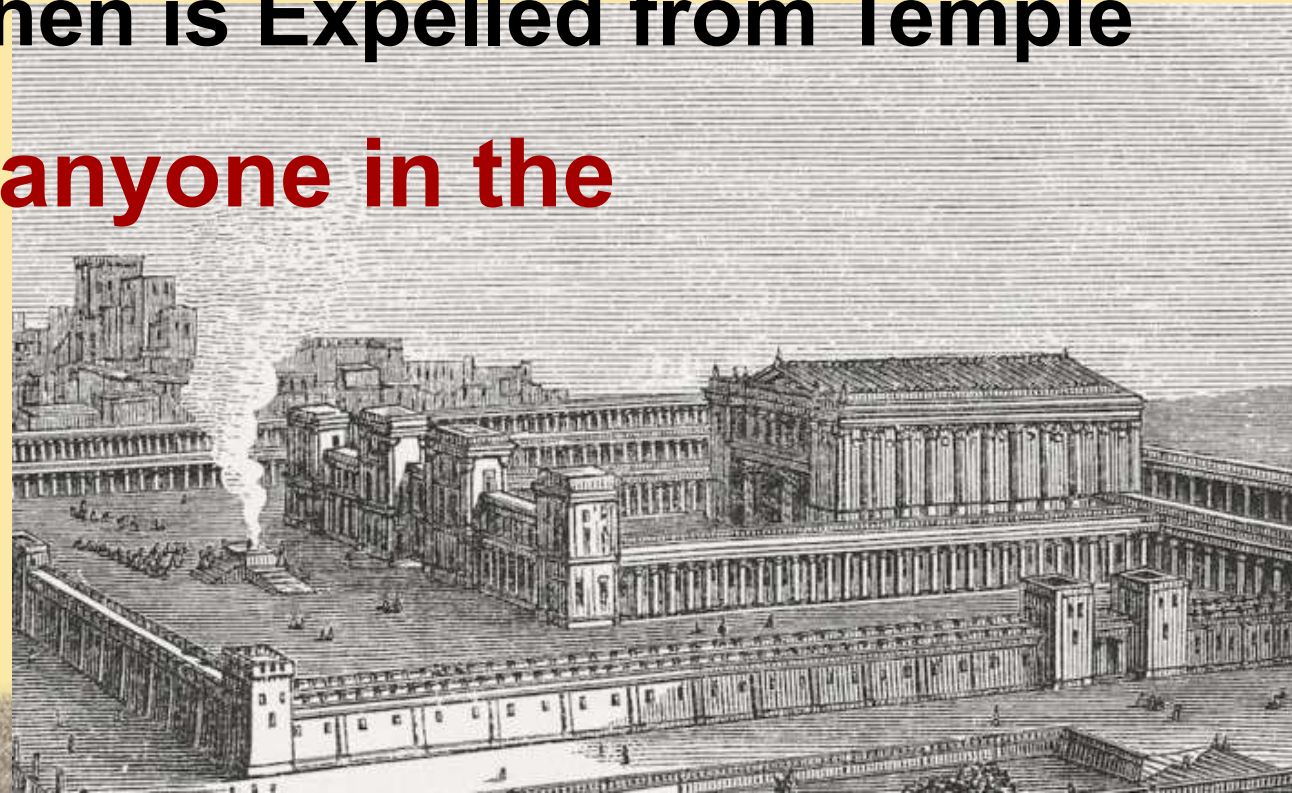
Hid Joash in Temple for 6 years

Long story short ... Priest Jehoiada gets soldiers to ferry 7-year-old Joash to a place in the Temple

Crowned King of Judah ... given the covenant

Athaliah hears, comes ... then is Expelled from Temple

**They didn't want to Kill anyone in the
Church House**





Athaliah Expelled from the Temple by Antoine Coypel, 1699

2 Kings 11 Outside of the Temple

Jehoiada catches Athaliah where the horses are kept by the gate to the palace ... **KILLS Her**

11:17 Jehoiada then made a covenant between the Lord and the king and people that they would be the Lord's people.

King then took his place on the royal throne.

11:20 All the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was calm, because Athaliah had been slain with the sword.



**Joash Crowned
King of Judah
by James Dabney
McCabe (1842-1883)**



JOASH PROCLAIMED KING OF JUDAH.

2 Kings 12:1 opens with
in 7th year of King Jehu [*of Israel*]
Joash became King of Judah
and reigned 40 years

Furthermore ...

12:2 Joash did what was right in the
eyes of the Lord all the years Jehoiada
the priest instructed him.

12:3 The high places, however, were
not removed; the people continued to
offer sacrifices and burn incense there.



**2 Kings 12:9 – Priest Jehoiada
builds an offering chest ...**

**12:4 Joash appears as an adult
Telling how to collect Temple money**

**12:6 in the 23rd year of Joash's reign
at this time Joash is 30 years old**

at verse 4 a decade or more passed

12:6 Joash has had enough ...

**Priests had NOT repaired the Temple
Money NOW reallocated to workmen**



2 Kings 12 – What Did It Mean?

Not *FINISH* the Repairs?

Wish we new ... just the Priests did/could **NOT** Finish

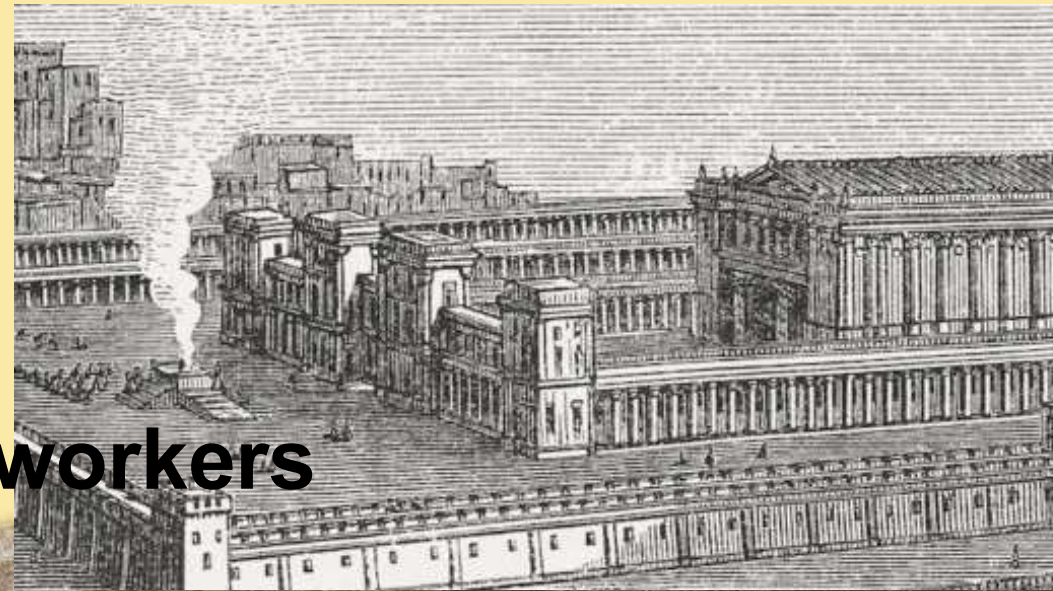
New system of financing is introduced that carries on until the Exile ... 586 B.C. ... **Codified in Nehemiah 10**

Priests are no longer responsible

When there was **ENOUGH**

Royal Secretary & High Priest
Counted the Money ...

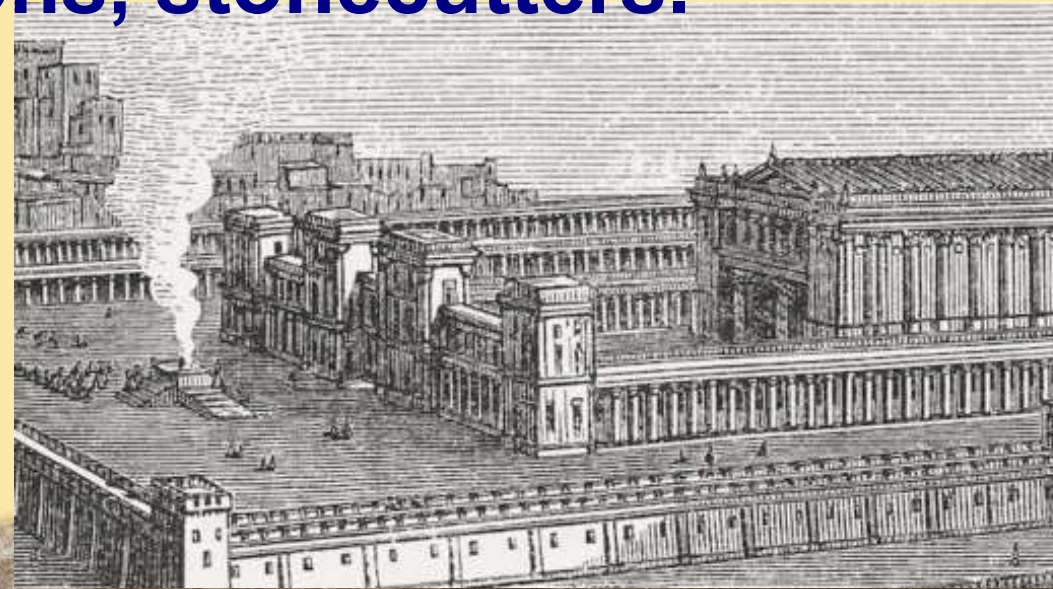
Money given Supervisors to pay workers



**2 Kings 12 – Most Interesting are the
Supervisors of the Work
Royal Secretary & High Priest gave money to the
Supervisors of the Work**

Supervisors PAID the Workers ...

**12:12 carpenters, builders, masons, stonecutters.
purchased timber ...
dressed stone for the repair ...
met ALL the other expenses
of restoring the temple.**



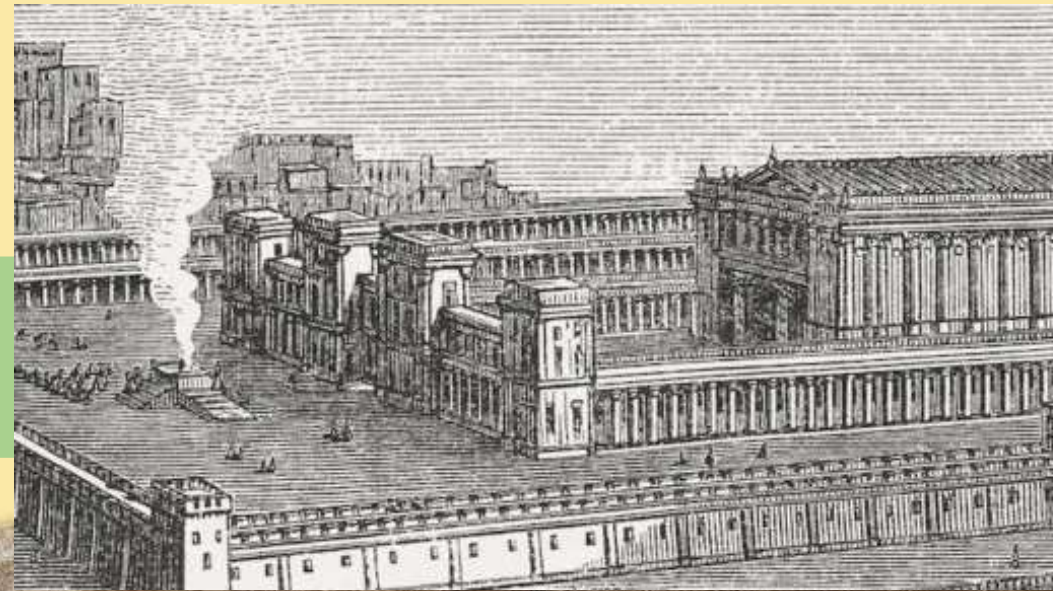
**Of the ALL the Secrecy ... Conniving
ALL the Lying & Murders & Mass Murders**

**12:15 They did NOT require an accounting from those
to whom they gave the money to pay the workers,
because they acted with complete honesty.**

How refreshing ...

**In one of my books, in footers on
the odd pages (right-side pages)**

Trust Is the Engine of Civilization



Of ALL of the Conspiracies ... *Real or Imagined*

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to whom they gave the money to pay the workers,
because they acted with complete honesty.

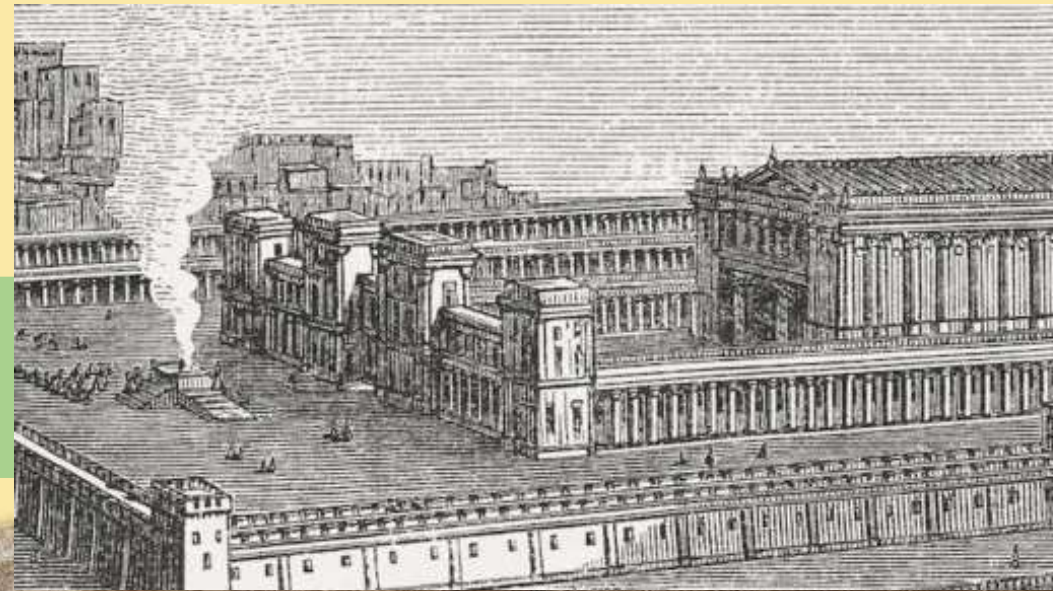
Of the host of men & women chronicled thus far ...

Just FEW seemed as HONEST as

These UNNAMED Supervisors

TRUSTWORTHY Supervisors

Trust Is the Engine of Civilization



Who are the CONSPIRATORS ...

Real or Imagined

ALL the Players ...

Shumenite Woman

Ben-Hadad of Syria

Hazael of Syria

Elisha – Man of God

Joram of Israel

Jehoshaphat of Judah

Jehoram of Judah

Ahaziah of Israel

Athalia of Israel

Man of Company of Prophets

Jehu of Israel

Jezebel of Israel

70 Sons of Ahab

Ahab's House in Jezreel

Ahab's House in Samaria

Jehonadab rides w Jehu

Assembly of Baal

Jehoahaz son of Jehu

Jehosheba sister of

Athaliah

Joash

➤ as infant

➤ at 7 yrs old

➤ at 30 yrs old



c. 800 B.C. *about 80 years before Fall of Israel in 722*

In an ERA of MANY Conspiracies Real & Imagined

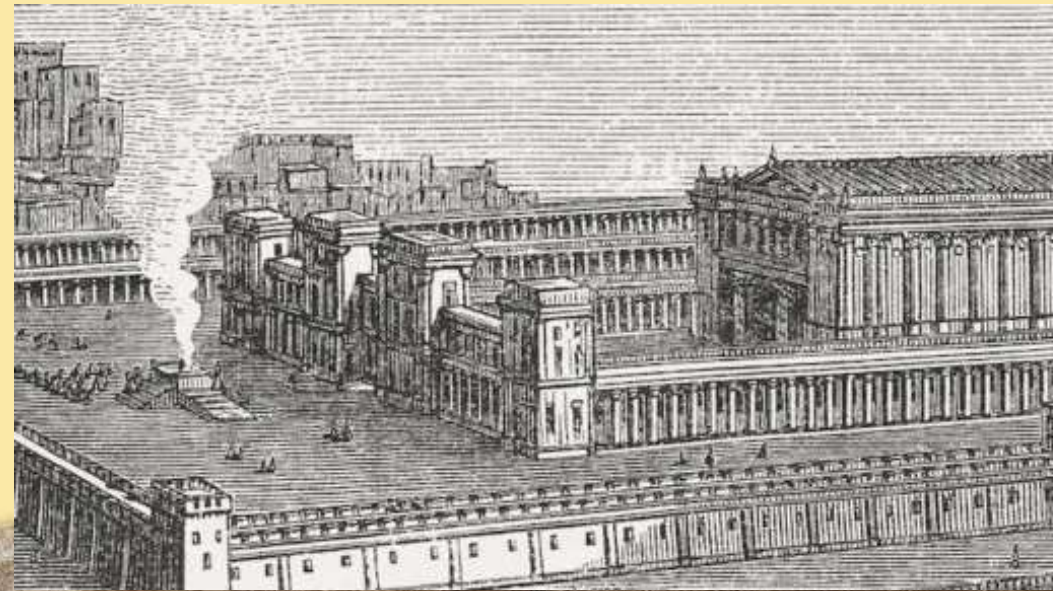
In an ERA of Many Murders & Mass Murders

We have Supervisors ... ohhh ... listen to these words

Turn your ear to hear these **FINEST of words**

History records many FINE Words

**Four score & seven years ago
our fathers brought forth, upon
this continent, a new nation,
conceived in liberty, and ...**



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In an ERA of MANY Conspiracies & Mass Murders

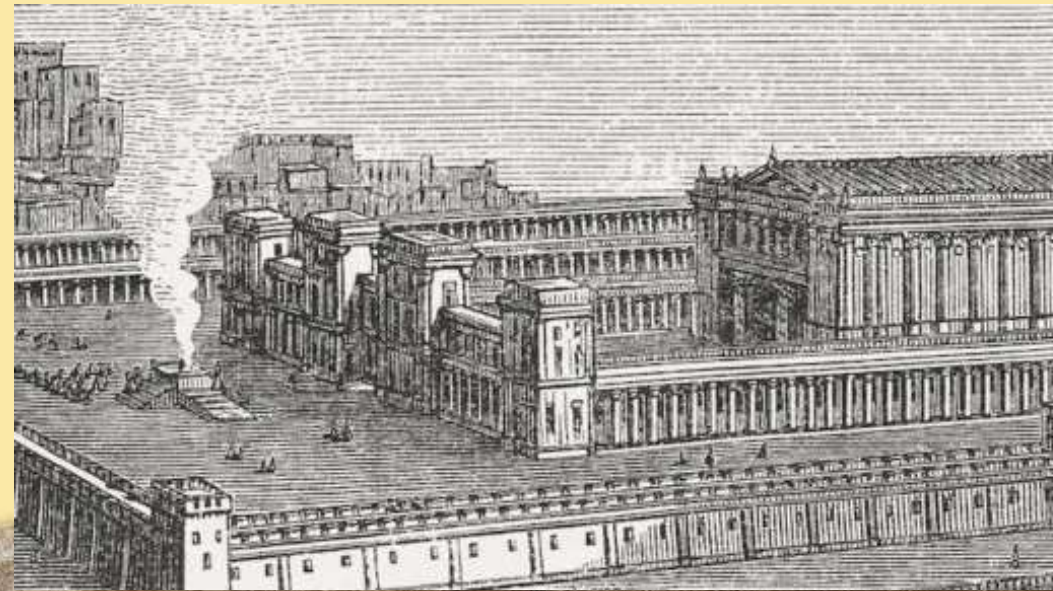
Some of the finest words go to a few Supervisors

12:15 They did NOT require an accounting from those
to whom they gave the money to pay the workers,

because they acted with
complete HONESTY

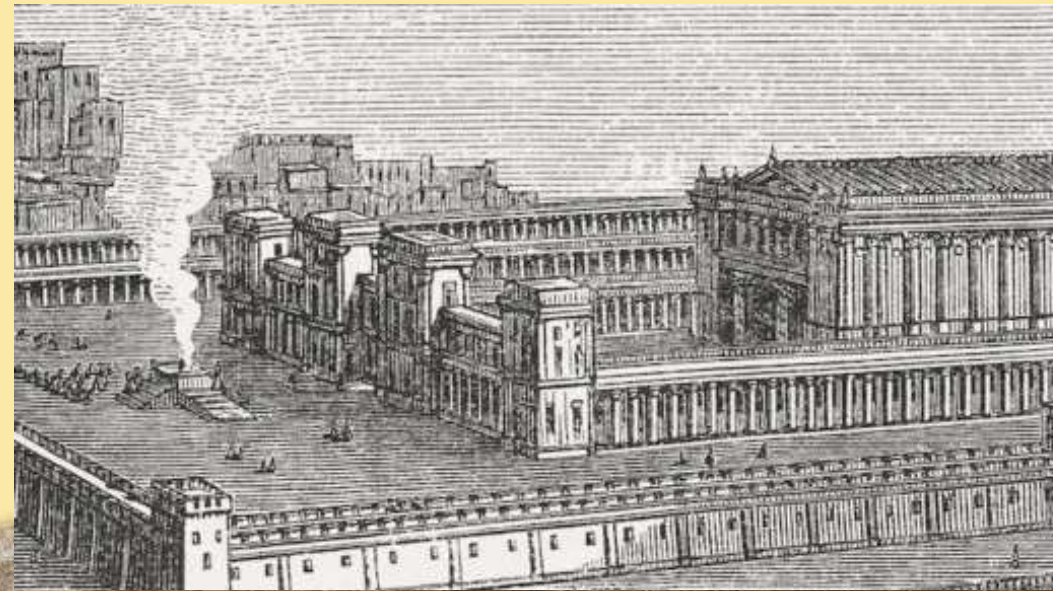
KJV & NASB > *faithfully*

Berean & Holman > *integrity*



**I do NOT doubt now ... NOT for a half-second
That ALL Here Today Have a Few **HONESTY** Stories
I do believe ... “Trust Is the Engine of Civilization”
Moreover ... certainly ... absolutely ...
Our SOUL’s best progress ... when we are ...
Sincerely ... Truly ...
HONESTLY are ...**

Honest to God



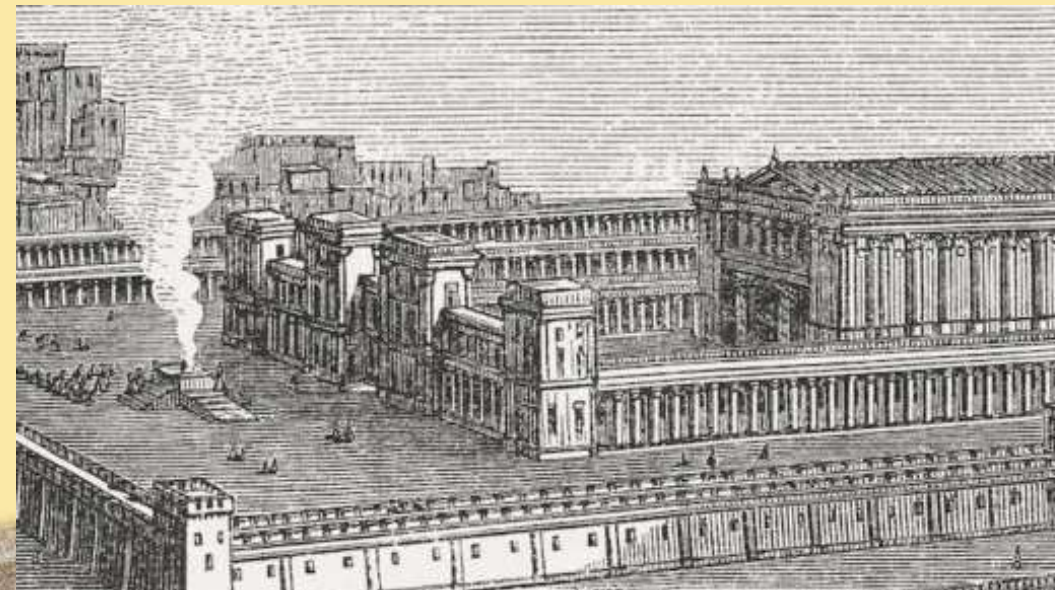
Charles H. Spurgeon ... in 1876

Message “Honor for Honor” 1 Sam 2:30

“Them that honor me I will honor”



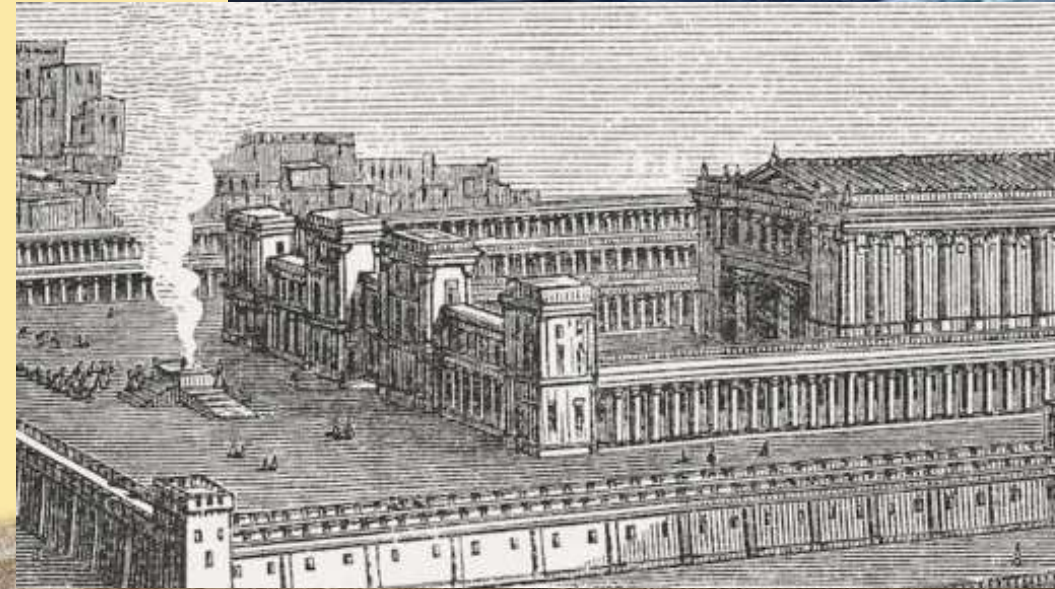
**There is another way of honoring God ...
simply trusting him at all times.... Remember
greater our troubles,
the greater our weakness,
the greater our infirmities,
the greater is our opportunity of
Glorifying God**



Spurgeon then quotes from Psalm 107

**“They that go down to the sea in ships,
that do business in great waters;
these see the works of the Lord,
and his wonders in the deep.”**

**They see much that landsmen never see;
those who have deep experience
of trial and trouble are ... those
who see most of the wonders
of the Lord in the spiritual realm.**



Yet how about **YOUR** “Honest-to-God” Stories?
Now then ... can this verse apply to “**YOU & God**”?
When have “**YOU & God**” last done a Spiritual Audit?
Taxes due? or Have Any Orphan / Widow Work Credits?
CAN this verse be said of “**YOU & God**”?
12:15 They did NOT require an accounting ...
because they acted with
complete **HONESTY** to God

faithfully ... with *integrity*

