

## 2nd Kings

8-14-22

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**2 Kings 5 – Elisha's Enlightenment**

**2 Kings 7 – Elisha's Economic Ecstasy**

**2 Kings 12 – Joash Repairs Temple**

**✝ 2 Kings 17 – Assyria Takes Israel - 722 B.C.**

**2 Kings 19 – God Hears**

**2 Kings 22 – God Moves**



**Human-headed winged bull from Assyrian king Ashurnasirpal II ( 883–859 B.C.) built up Nimrud as new capital.  
In The Met, New York**



# Alternate Title

## Look Who's

## Watching

# NOW



**This is Jhon >**  
**works the trading route**  
**between Nineveh & Cairo**  
*we'll introduce him later*

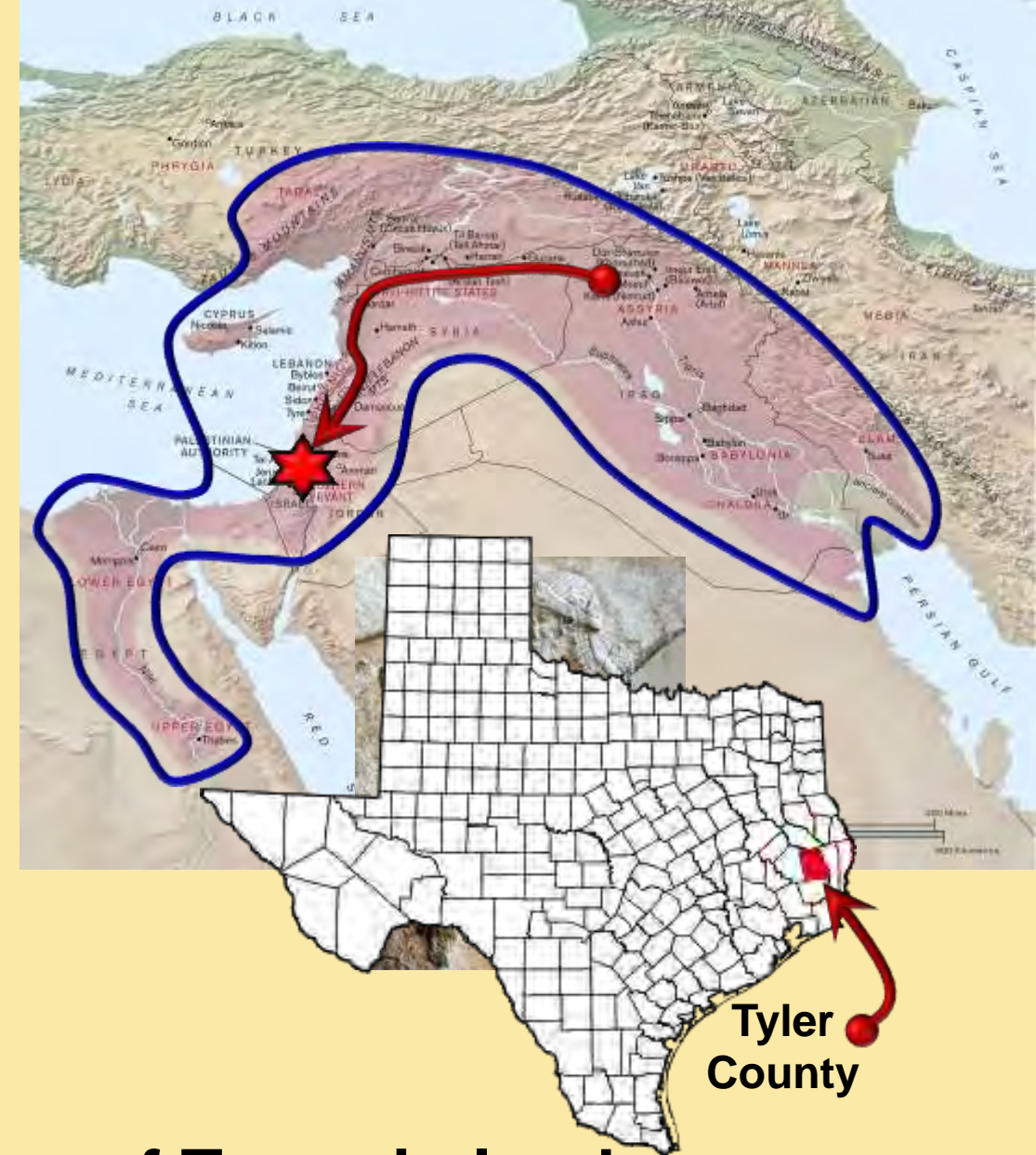




**2 Kings 17 ... opens**  
**King Shalmaneser V of Assyria**  
**TAKING King Hoshea of Israel**  
**Siege of Samaria lasted 3 years**  
**Shalmaneser deported Israel**  
**to Assyria and**  
**> imported Assyrians to Israel**  
**722 B.C.**

**Texas is 773 miles wide ...**

**Assyria conquered about 1.5x the size of Texas in landmass**





About 500 miles from Nineveh to Samaria



East Texas





**Tyler County,  
Angelina County and  
Jasper County ...  
*Miniscule* compared to  
**Mighty Assyria**  
Assyria ... they believe ... was the  
First to refine Siege Warfare ...  
Engineers part of their military corps  
Kind of like Tyler C vs Angelina C ☺**





# Assyrian palaces of Nineveh

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Nineveh was largest city in the world in 8th to 7th century B.C.





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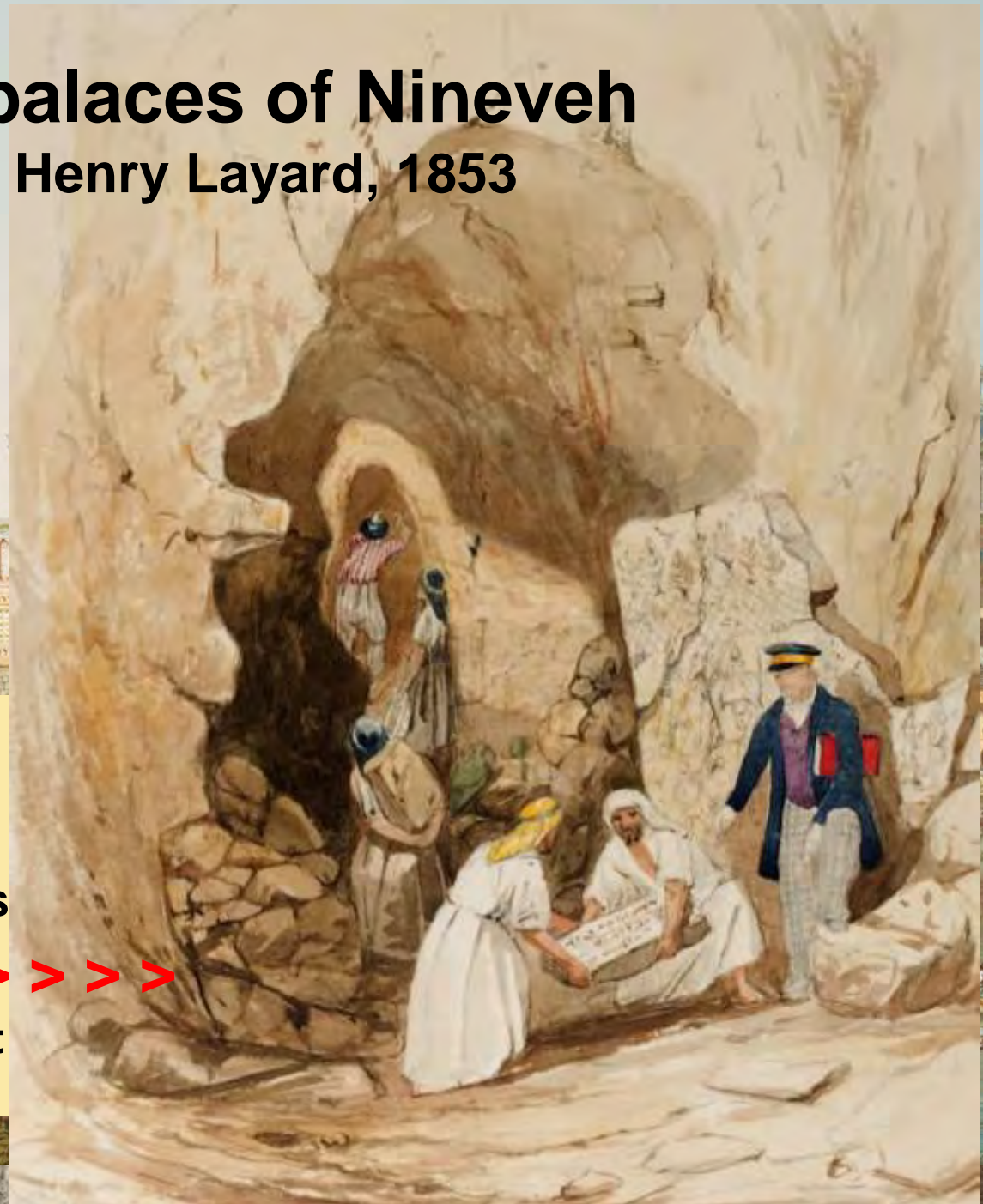


Fragment of a clay tablet **cuneiform** inscription  
from the library of Assyria's Ashurbanipal (669-633)  
First written language ... used for several languages  
from 24th century BC to time of Christ  
200,000+ tablets from Middle East in several museums  
130,000 in British Museum alone



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Library of Ashurbanipal (669-633)  
in the British Museum has 30,000 tablets  
Series of Excavations from 1840s to 1930s  
Watercolor of Layard's team working > > > >  
Nineveh burned in 612, paper records lost



After the Bounty of > 2 Kings 7  
After repairing Temple of > 2 Kings 12  
**2 Kgs 12 CLOSES w Hazael of Syria**  
taking Gath of Philistia ... *then*  
Hazael of Syria attacks Jerusalem  
King Joash scrambles ...  
grabs gold from the temple  
Joash gives gold to Hazael ...  
Appeased ...  
Hazael leaves





2 Kings 13 – Jehu's son  
Jehoahaz reigns in Israel 17 years  
by a *slim* margin,  
Jehoahaz beats Hazael of Aram  
Jehoahaz dies, his son Jehoash  
reigns over Israel for 16 years  
Elisha dies ... Men toss a body of  
a dead man into Elisha's tomb ...  
Touches Elisha ... Man ARISES!  
Jehoash retakes Transjordan from  
Hazael's son Ben-Hadad of Aram





2 Kings 14 – Joash's son  
Amaziah reigns in Judah 29 years  
“In everything, he followed Joash”  
Amaziah whips Edomites ... then  
Amaziah picks a fight with Jehoash  
Jehoash beats Amaziah > prisoner  
Jehoash raids Jerusalem ... Jehoash  
gold/hostages to Samaria dies  
Amaziah lives 15 years AFTER that  
Jehoash's son Jeroboam II reigns 41 years in Samaria





**Decades BEFORE the  
Fall of Samaria 722 BC  
Jhon's grandfather began  
the family trade from  
Nineveh to Cairo**



**Jhon would take over for his father c. 732 BC  
10 years before the Fall of Samaria ...**



**2 Kings 15 – Amaziah's son  
Azariah/Uzziah reigns in Judah 52 yrs  
Azariah gets leprosy most of reign  
Azariah's son Jotham reigns with Azariah  
Jeroboam's son Zechariah over Israel  
Shallum son of Jabesh kills Zechariah  
**ENDS** 4th generation of Jehu  
Menahem son of Gadi **KILLS** Shallum, 10 yrs  
Menahem's son Pekahiah reigns 2 yrs  
Pekah **KILLS** Pekahiah, reigns 20 years**





**2 Kings 15 – Azariah died, his son  
Jotham reigns in Judah 16 years**

**15:34 Jotham did what was right  
in the eyes of the Lord, just as  
his father Azariah/Uzziah had done.**

**15:35 High places, however, were  
not removed; people continued  
to offer sacrifices & burn incense**

**Jotham rebuilt the Upper Gate of  
the temple of the Lord.**

**Jotham's son Ahaz reigns in Judah > 16 yrs**





**15:37 In those days Lord sent  
Rezin king of Aram & Pekah of Israel  
against Judah.**

**2 Kings 16 Ahaz is a bad dude**  
➤ **Even sacrifices his son in fire**

**Rezin & Pekah harass Ahaz**

**Ahaz asks King Tiglath-Pileser of  
Assyria for help ... sends gold**

**Ahaz meets Big Tig in Damascus**

**Tig takes Damascus ... Ahaz builds altar impress Big Tig**





**About this time that  
Jhon takes over after  
Elderly father quits ...  
No idea ... perhaps Jhon  
was in Damascus when**



**When Big Tig met little Ahaz of Judah  
Jhon continued south ... to Cairo**



**2 Kings 17 in 12th year of Ahaz**

**Hoshea becomes King in Israel**

**Big Tig ... Tiglath-Pileser III**

**Rebuilt the army & infrastructure**

**Under Big Tig ... Assyria has the  
largest army then known**

**After Big Tig ... Shalmaneser III  
comes to throne in Assyria**

**Shalmaneser V finds**

**Hoshea a Traitor**





2 Kings 17 Hoshea ... is in

**Big Trouble in Little Israel**

Hoshea has sought help in Egypt  
did **NOT** want to pay Assyria tribute

17:5 Therefore, Shalmaneser  
seized him and put him in prison.

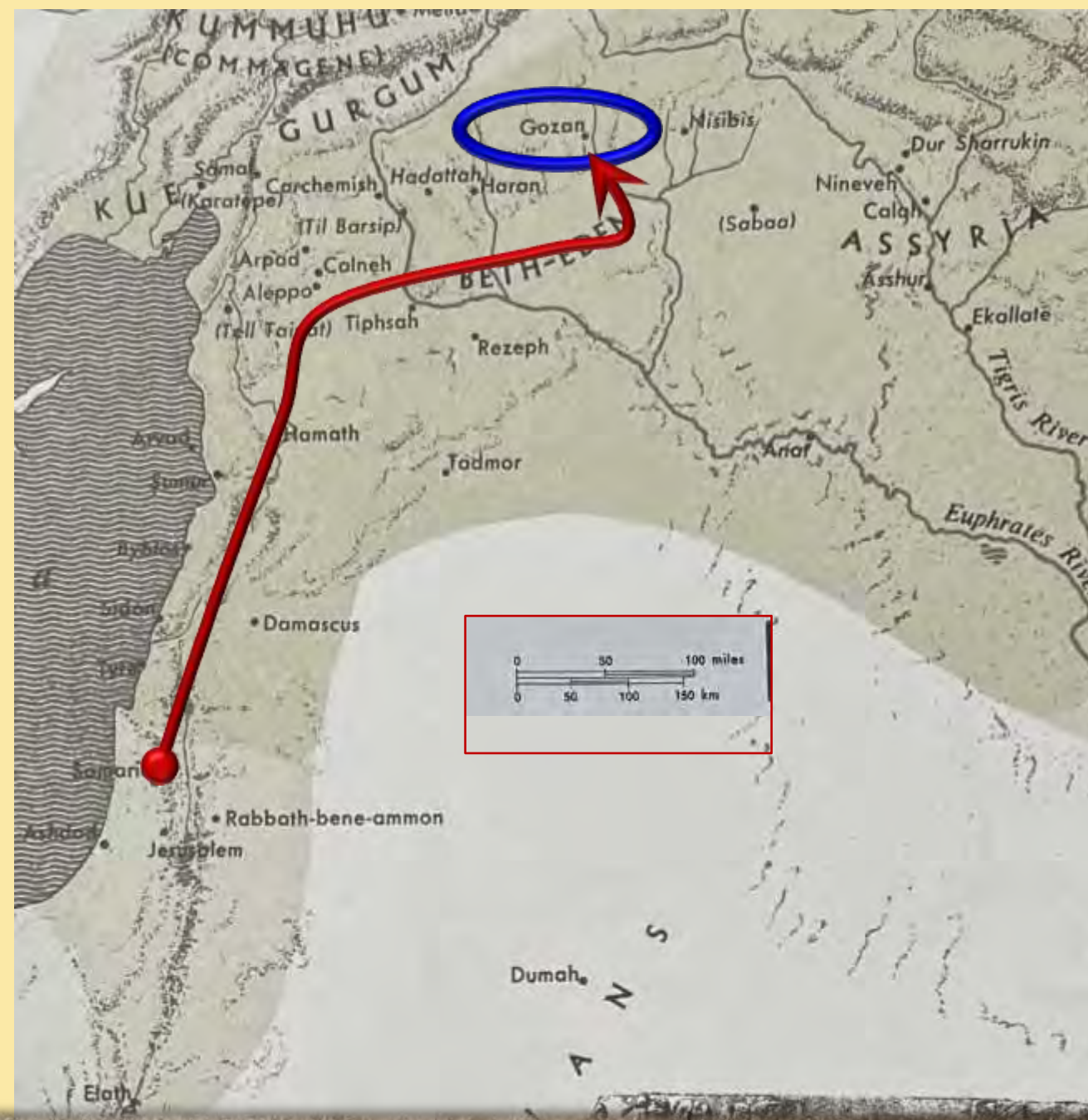
17:5 King of Assyria invaded the  
entire land

Laid siege to Samaria for  
three years



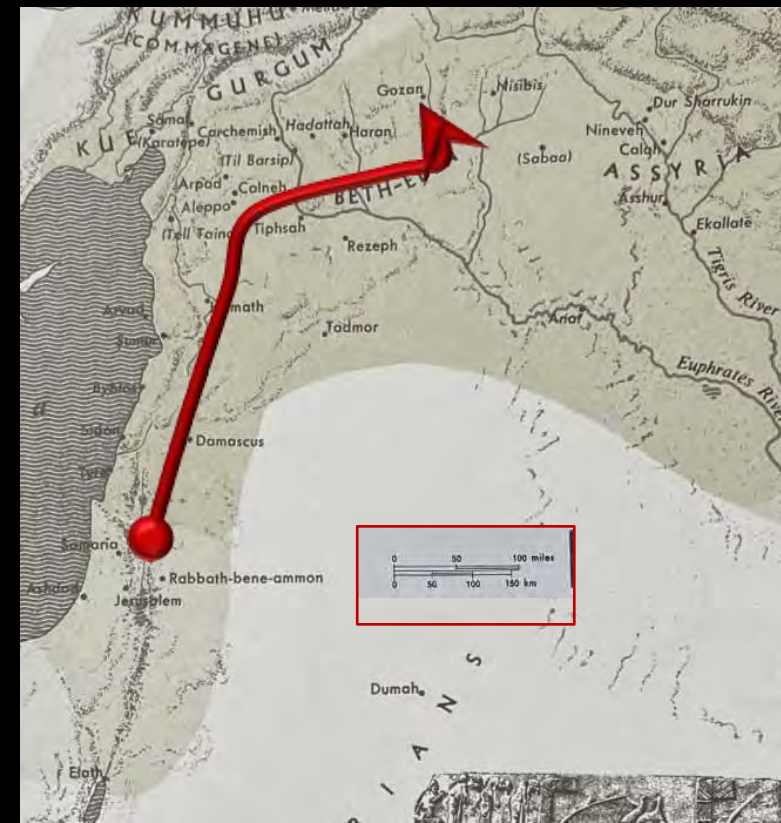


**17:6 In the 9th year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and deported the Israelites to Assyria. settled them in Halah, in Gozan on the Habor River and in the towns of the Medes.**





**You KNOW who Assyria took, too ...  
Did NOT Take ALL of Israelites ... NO  
Assyria took BEST ... smartest ...  
The Strongest >> they KILLED ...  
Poorest, Weakest, Least >> Left Behind  
Also ... not in the Bible ... yet we KNOW  
On the road to Gozan ... the Best Israelites knew, too  
They would never see home again ... this was a ...  
One-Way Trip – No Return**





**I can hear them singing a few Psalms  
For THESE Israelites ... no ... no ...**

**No POST-Exile Return ...**

**No “Go Home” Decree ...**

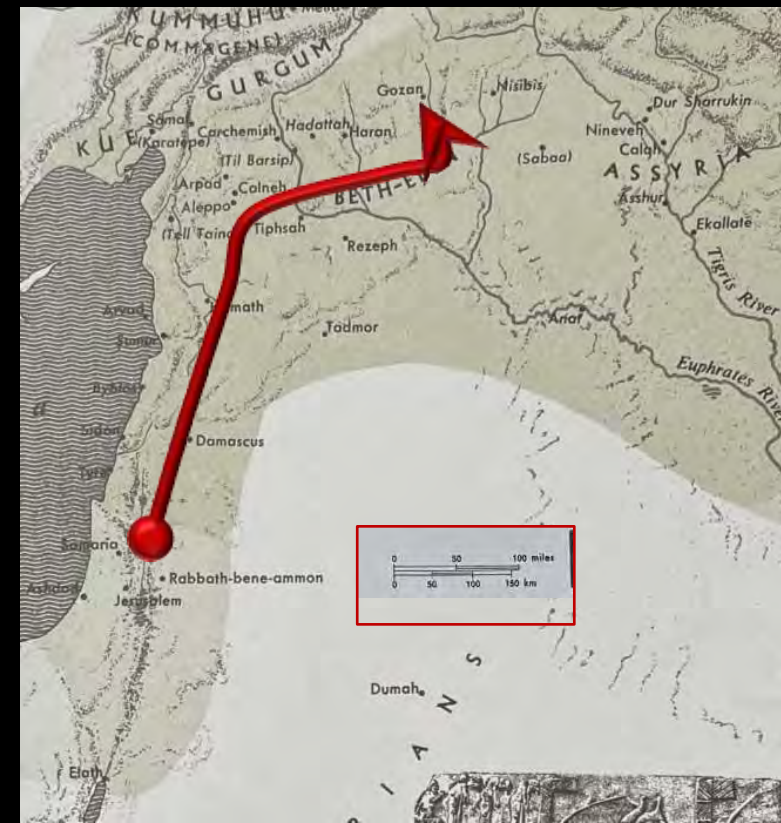
**Journey was SAD ... FINAL ...**

**Assyrians are FAMOUS for Brutality**

**They Tortured ... Skinned Alive their enemies**

**while SAD, the BEST still felt LUCKY as they trudged along**

**Home GONE ... yet ... they *WERE* Still Alive**



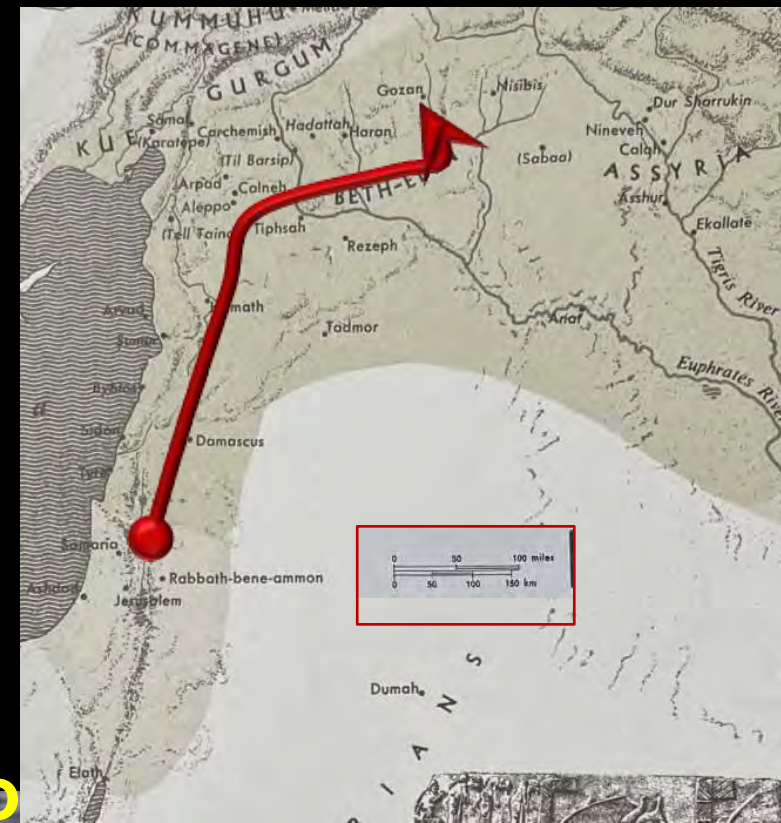


**Vanquished ... on the road to a ...  
a ... a ... strange new land**

**This song came to my mind ...**

**Wind in the wires made a tattle-tale sound  
And a wave broke over the railing**

**And every man knew, as the captain did too  
T'was the witch of November come stealin'**





**The captain wired in he had water comin' in  
And the good ship and crew was in peril**



**And later that night when his lights went outta sight  
Came the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald**

**Does anyone know where the love of God goes  
When the waves turn the minutes to hours?**



**... ..**

**And all that remains is the faces and the names  
Of the wives and the sons and the daughters**

**Most in JUDAH ... never saw their  
blood relatives in Israel again ... EVER**





Samaria is about  
150 crow-fly-miles  
from Nineveh

See Tyler County ...

*Israel* of the divided  
kingdom no more

Long way from home

Israel of the North

Disappears from history

Doubtlessly, relatives in Judah also GREIVED





**Perhaps ... Jhon was  
first to carry this news  
to Sinai, then to Cairo  
Who knows ...**



**Doubtlessly, Jhon hitched his caravan with  
one of Big Tig's supply trains going back**



2 Kings 17:7 ... listen closely ...

All this took place cause the Israelites had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of Egypt .... They worshiped other gods

2 Kings 17 LISTS *many* reasons

- ✓ Secretly did things against God
- ✓ Built high places ... Asherah poles
- ✓ Worshiped idols
- ✓ Ignored prophets & seers





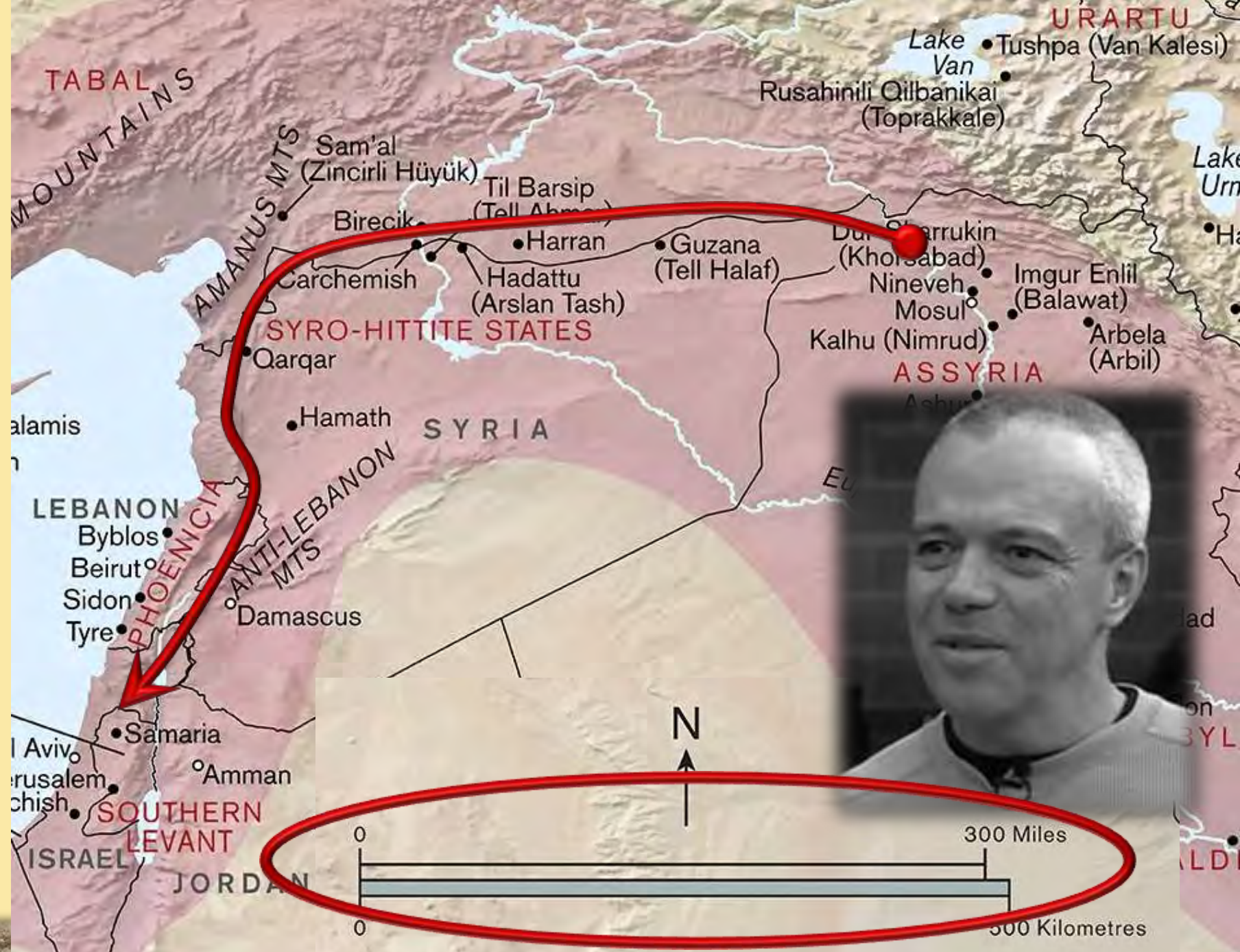




About 500  
miles from  
Nineveh to  
Samaria

a man named  
**Jhon**

Jhon & sons  
make their  
living trading





**Jhon & Sons ... have been  
Running trade all their lives from  
Greater Nineveh thru Syria  
Down thru Jezreel Valley  
Across the Sinai ... to  
Cairo in Egypt ...**


**Jhon & Sons have seen the  
Great Pyramids ... several times**

**Jhon & Sons take Assyrian silk & spices to Egypt**

**They bring Egyptian cotton & papyrus back to Assyria**







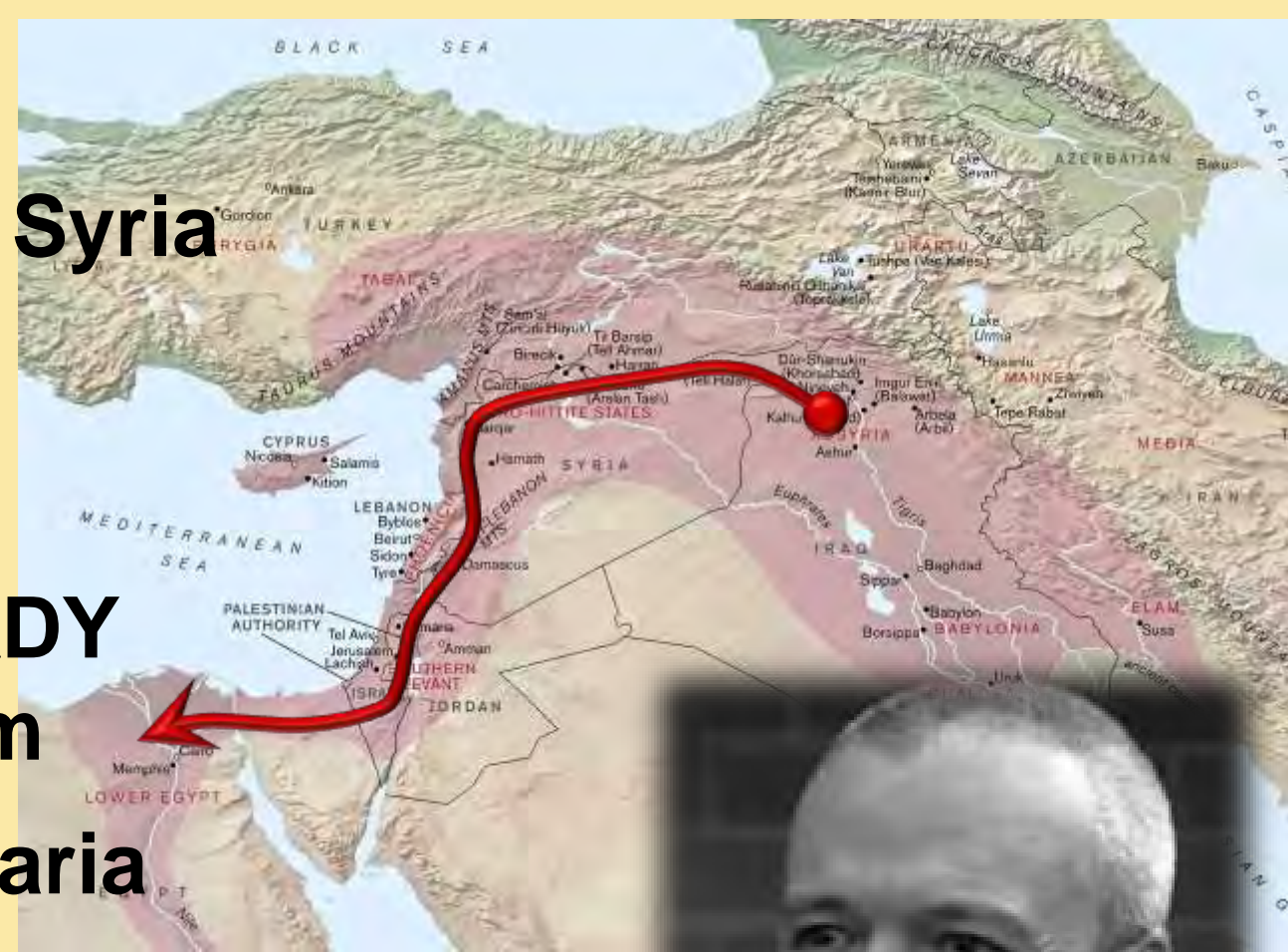
**Here's  
Jhon**



**Last trading post in Egypt**



**Jhon & Sons ...**  
**From Greater Nineveh thru Syria**  
**Stopping in Damascus**  
**Down thru Jezreel Valley**  
**Stopping in Jezreel ... a LADY**  
**there has a nice upper room**  
**May spend 2 nights in Samaria**  
**May give offerings in Jerusalem**  
**Through Negev desert ... the gulf perhaps**  
**Then to Cairo in Egypt ...**





**Jhon & Sons ...**

**They've been doing this all  
their lives ... good traders**

**Jhon & Sons have seen the  
Sphinx, Tombs of Pharaohs ...**

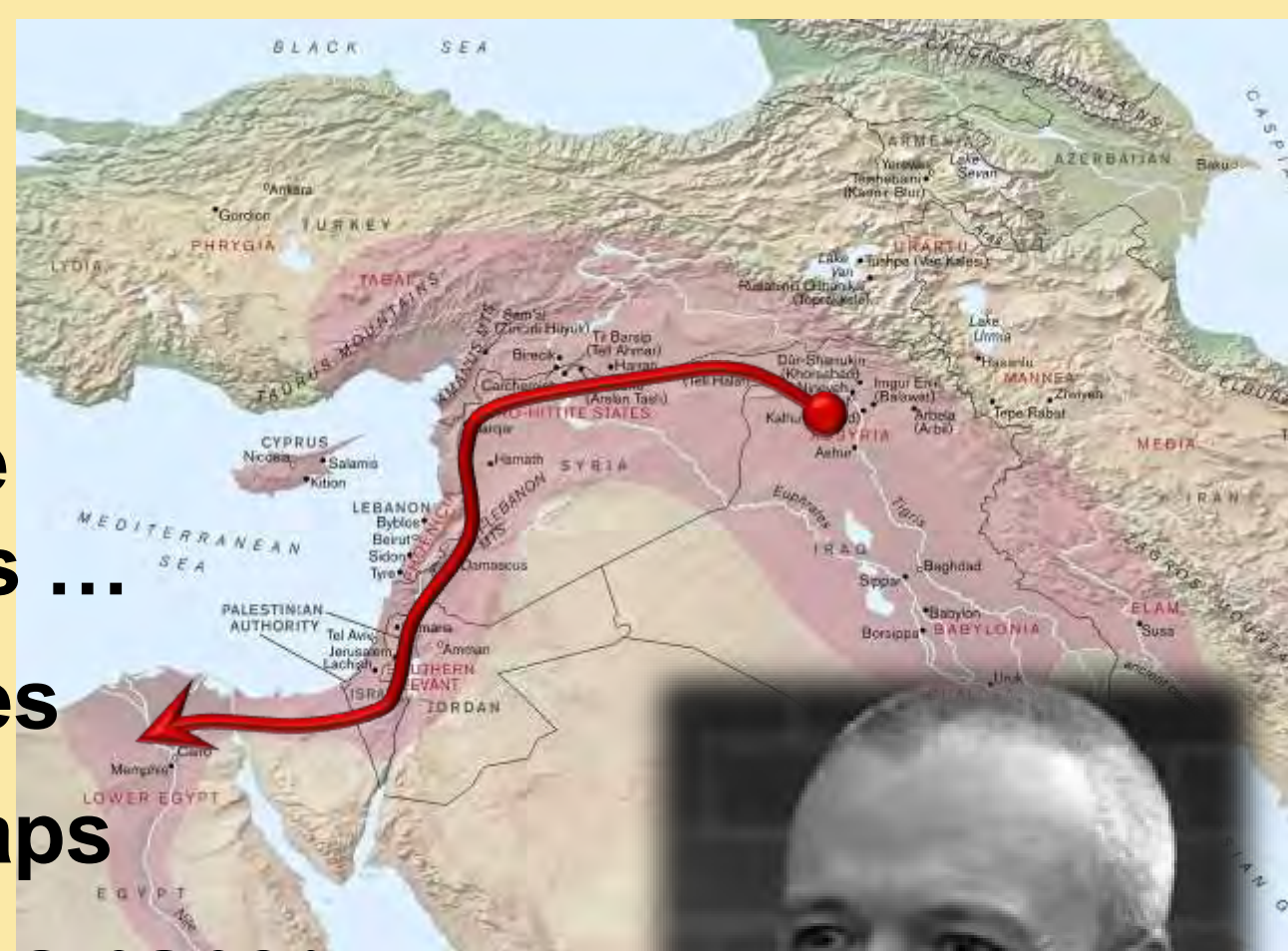
**Columns of Egypt's Temples**

**Gone up the Nile too, perhaps**

**Jhon buys Egyptian papyrus paper**

**They say the best cotton is **Giza Cotton****

**My Pillow Guy was *not* the first ...**





**THEN ... Jhon & Sons ...  
Make the return trip**

**One trip a year ... profitable**

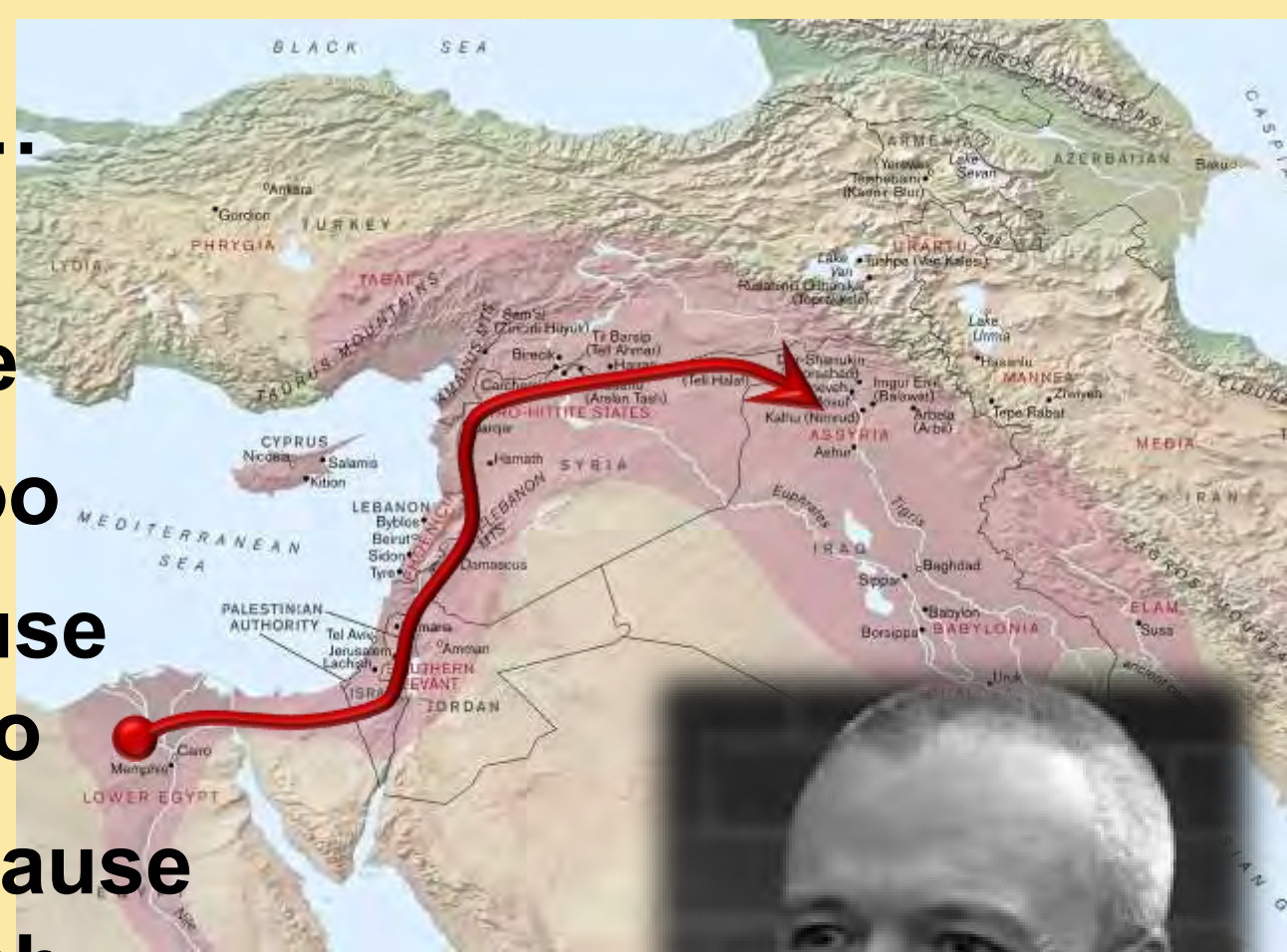
**Jhon has two daughters, too**

**Six grandkids ... a nice house  
in Nineveh ... a vineyard too**

**One son doesn't travel ... cause  
he has a bakery in Nineveh**

**Jhon is cosmopolitan ... a kind of an**

**EVERYMAN ... Adaptable ... Listening**





**When Jhon is in Damascus ...  
He worships there ...**

**In a Greek town, he's a bit Greeky**

**Jhon's speaks well four languages**

**Can get along in four others**

**When Jhon spends the night  
in Damascus, Samaria, or**

**Jerusalem ... HE's FUN ... tells stories**

**Most of ALL ... He Brings the NEWS**

**King Shalmaneser built a new arena ... etc**





Jhon's NEWS is valuable  
Who do you think told Shalmaneser  
about Israel with Egypt?

Egypt, too, was afraid of Assyria

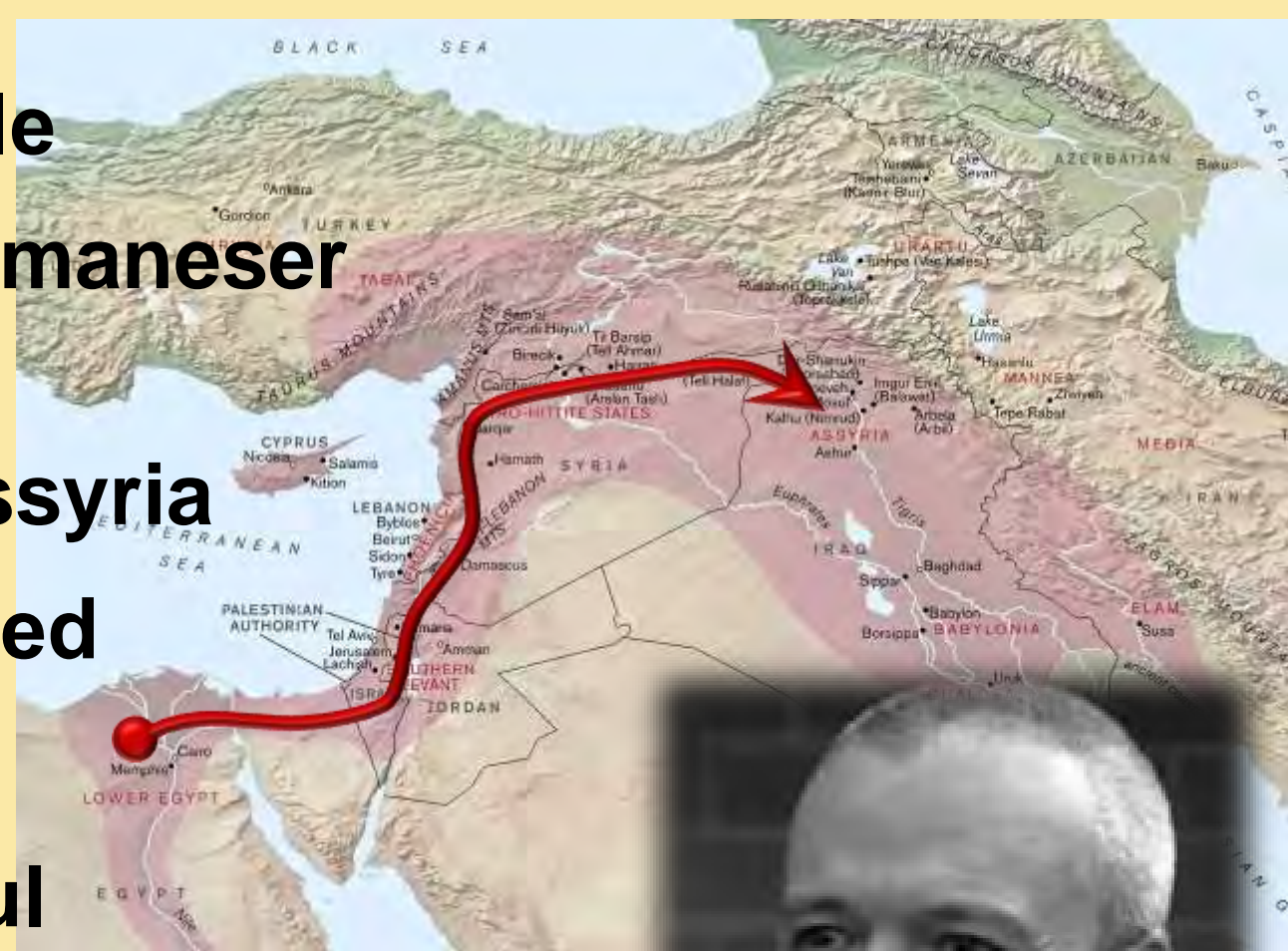
You see ... Jhon ALSO traded

**INFORMATION**

He studied people ... careful

His sons didn't know, but Shalmaneser's  
Secretary of State paid Jhon a stipend

So Jhon's enthusiasm was **REAL** ...





**What you need to know**  
**That's not right ... WHAT**  
**you KNOW ... KNOW well**  
**Is that as Jhon & Sons travelled**  
**Thru Israel & Judah ...**

**Comin' & Goin'**

**They saw NO DIFFERENCE**

**NO difference between Assyrian, Hittite,  
Syrian, Edomite, Ammonite, Egyptian**

**And Israel & Judah ... NO DIFFERENCE**





**EVERYONE worships  
a HOST of “gods”**

**Everyone Murdered ...**

**For Power**

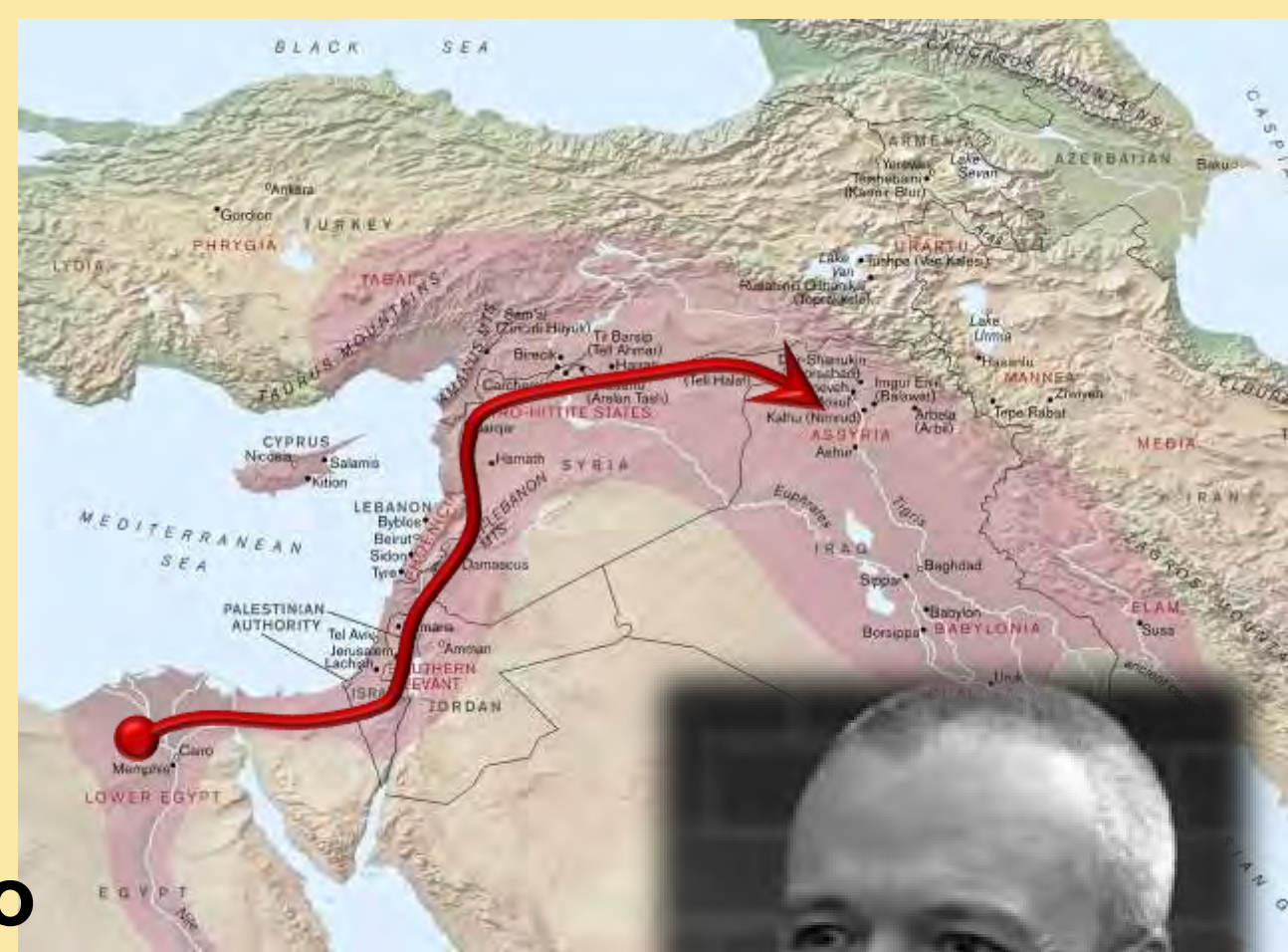
**Jhon & sons saw**

**NO DIFFERENCE**

**That's the real lesson ... too**

**God expects us to be ...**

**Separate ... Devote ... DIFFERENT**





While some Christians  
are cosmopolitan ... travel

Question is ... what do Jhon  
This world see when they go

**Tyler County**

When they go thru or visit

**First Baptist**

Do they see ... others  
like themselves ... or

**Separate ... Devote ... DIFFERENT**





**What do YOU SEE**

**Now then listen closely**

**2 Kings 17:7**

**All this took place cause  
the Israelites had sinned  
against the Lord their God,  
who had brought them up  
out of Egypt ....**

**They worshiped other gods**

**Oh my ... how small were Israel & Judah**





**Yet how GREAT was**

**Their God**

**Too great to allow idolatry**

**Yet there is something  
else I've kept from you**

**Something much more**

**Sinister ... Devious ...**

**Tricky ... Nefarious ...**

**Crooked ... Sly ... Dangerous**





**This is truly a photo of Jhon**

**He had a GOOD side ... could be likeable**

**His full name is:**

**Jhon Jairo Velásquez Vásquez (1962–20)**

**AKA “Popeye” or “JJ”**

**Worked for Pablo Escobar, wealthiest drug lord**

**Jhon ... Popeye ... one of the **most feared Hitmen** for the**

**Colombian Medellín Cartel**

**Jhon ... admitted to **257 Kills** ... other dastardly deeds**





**You never know ... never  
just WHO is watching  
2 Kings 17:7**

**All this took place cause  
the Israelites had sinned  
against the Lord their God,  
They worshiped OTHER gods**

**We're at a crossroads today  
like NO other time**

**Truly ... every TIME & every ERA is like NO other**





What if Jhon had found  
Elisha ... in Samaria?

What if a “Jhon” had found  
an “Elisha” in Tyler County

What if Israel had been ...

What if You & I had been ...

**BETTER**

Churches are struggling  
Churches are praying too



**What do you see when YOU pass thru**