



Temple Mount

Kidron
Valley

8-21-22

2nd Kings

19:15 & 19 “LORD, the God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim.... deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone, LORD, are God.”

2 Kgs 5 – Elisha’s Enlightenment

2 Kgs 7 – Elisha’s Economic Ecstasy

2 Kgs 12 – Joash Repairs Temple

2 Kgs 17 – Assyria Takes Israel - 722 B.C.

✝ 2 Kgs 20 – Hezekiah’s TWO Prayers

2 Kgs 22 – God Moves

Alternate Title
**Ignorance is
BLISS**

Unless You're Facing
**Ruthless
Assyria**



2 Kings 18 – Ahaz’s son Hezekiah reigns in Jerusalem of Judah 29 years

18:3 “He did what was right in the Eyes of the Lord, just as his father David had done.

18:5 Hezekiah trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him.

2 Kings 18 recaps Shalmaneser’s conquest of Israel & taking of Samaria



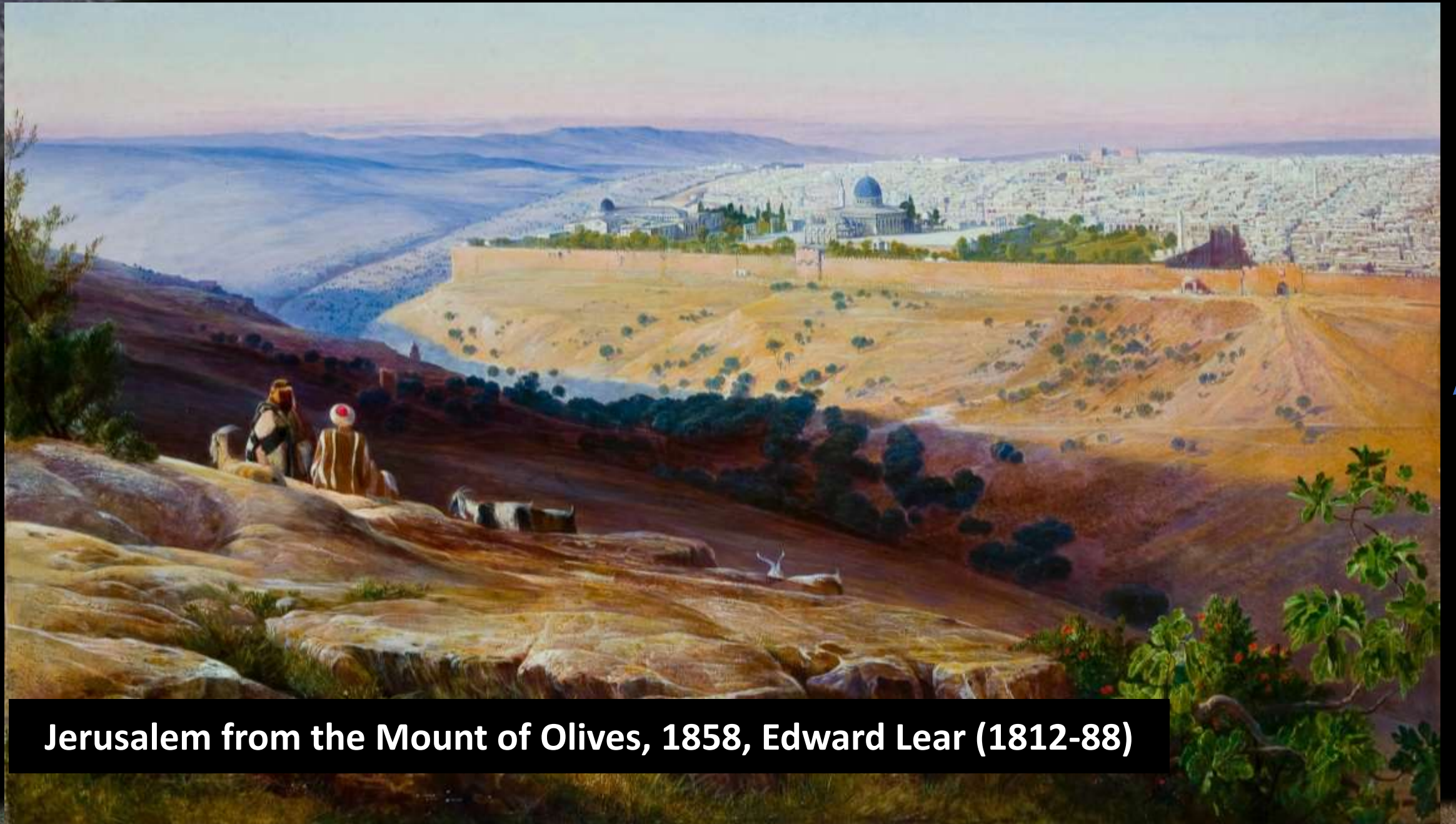
**2 Kings 18 – Shalmaneser dies
Assyria's Sennacherib invades MORE**

**King Sennacherib captures ALL of the
Judah's fortified cities ... an
Comes to Jerusalem ...**

Jerusalem from the Mt. of Olives

**Looking
West**





Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, 1858, Edward Lear (1812-88)

2 Kings 18 ...

After the sack of Samaria ...

In the 14th year of Hezekiah's reign

2 Kings 18:14 So Hezekiah ... sent this message to the king of Assyria at Lachish:

“I have done wrong. Withdraw from me, and I will pay whatever you demand of me.”



2 Kings 18:17 Sennacherib sends
KJV Tartan, Rabсарis, Rabshakeh
NIV Supreme Commander, Chief officer,
and his Field Commander

18:17 aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on
the road to the Washerman's Field

2 Kings 18-20 repeated in

Isaiah 36-39

Then in Isaiah 40-66 ... *whew*
Longest *prophecy* "Lord says"
40-66 Book of Comfort



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Many believe 3 names are TITLES

For instance ... in Jeremiah 39:3

“**Nebo-Sarsekim a Chief Officer**” (Tartan)

Rabshakeh is the multi-lingual

Chief Speaker

In Hebrew, he mocks Judah’s
God and Hezekiah’s faith



**18:17 aqueduct of the Upper Pool,
on the road to the Washerman's Field**

Refers to a place hidden from Assyrians

Hezekiah's Tunnel is famous today

**Began at the Gihon Spring,
was carved from two places**

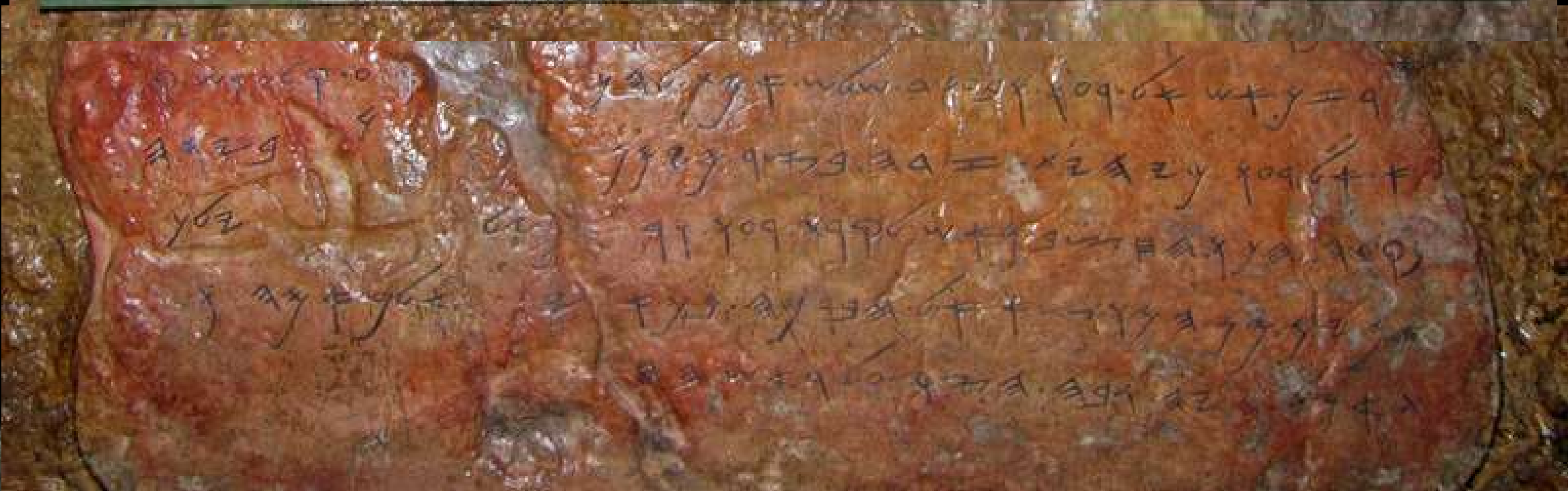
**When tunnellers met after 586 yards
only about a foot of difference**

Let's take a stroll through it



במקום אשר אתם עומדים נמצאה כתובת השילוח שנחקקה לפני כ-2700 שנה בתקופת המלך חזקיהו.

You are standing at the place where the Shiloah Inscription, written approximately 2700 years ago during the reign of King Hezekiah, was discovered.



Hezekiah's Tunnel

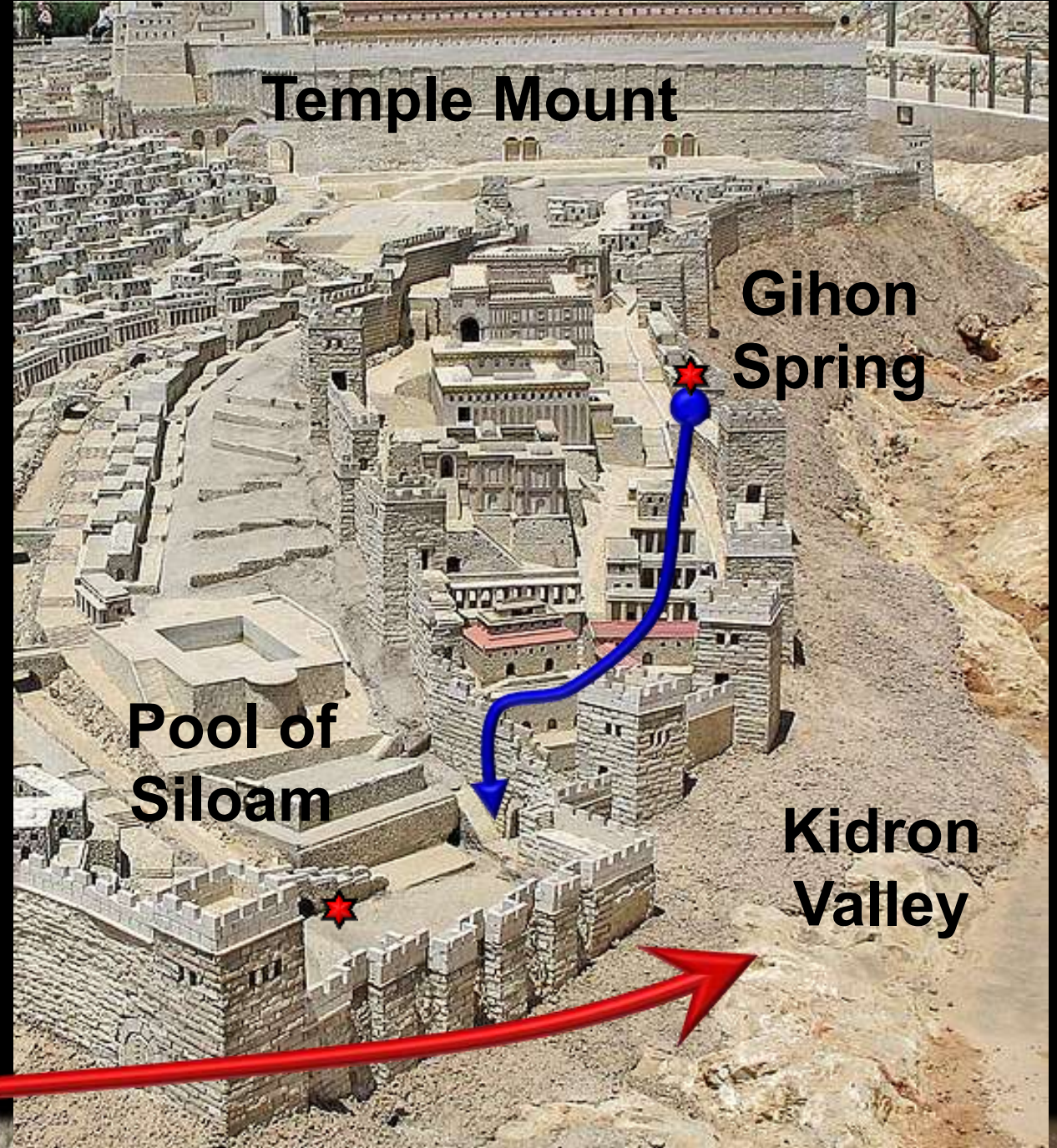
Gihon Spring to
Pool of Siloam

Also called

Fountain of the Virgin
Saint Mary's Pool

586 Yards from Spring
to the Pool of Siloam

Tartan & Rabshakeh
in the Kidron Valley



**Perhaps Hezekiah's Men
Eliakim, Shebna, Joah
Spoke from this rampart**

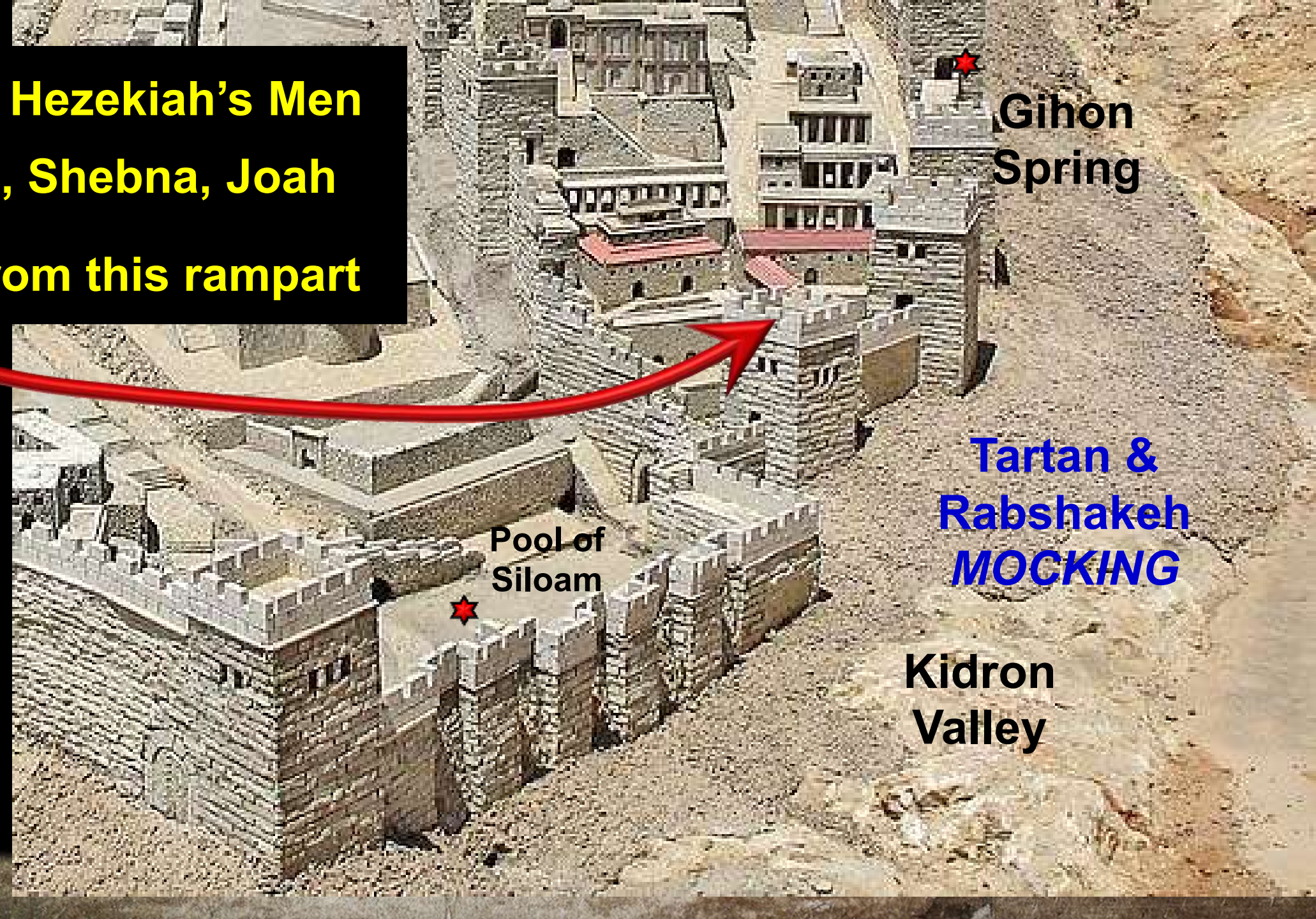


**Gihon
Spring**

**Tartan &
Rabshakeh
*MOCKING***

**Pool of
Siloam**

**Kidron
Valley**





Rabshakeh offers in Hebrew ...

Hezekiah's men seem woefully ignorant

**2 Kings 18:26 “Please speak to your
servants in Aramaic,**

since we understand it.

**Don't speak to us in Hebrew in the
HEARING of the people on the wall.”**

**You have a MIGHTY Army ready to KILL
and ... at BEST ... Exile you like Samaria**

Nitwits don't want the PEOPLE to Hear



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Here’s Your Sign

Hard to grasp how SPOILED they were





DEGREE innocent ignorance ...

DEGREE of naïveté ...

DEGREE of shortage of worldly wisdom

Please, General of Assyrian Army ...

... speak in Aramaic ... so people don't

HEAR

Laughable ... or ... worse ...

What kind of spoiled, sheltered lives

Did these LEADERS live that led to this?



If ever there was an invitation ...

Rabshakeh speaks to ALL in Hebrew

**2 Kings 18:28ff “Hear the word of the
great king, the king of Assyria!**

This is what the king says:

Do not let Hezekiah deceive you.

He cannot deliver you from my hand.

Rabshakeh ... lets loose ...

Nitwits RUN to Hezekiah ... clothes torn



2 Kings 19 ... Hezekiah PRAYS

**he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth
and went into the temple of the Lord.**

Officials go to Isaiah ... 2 Kings 19:6-7

“This is what the Lord says:

**Do not be afraid of what you have
heard—those words with which the
underlings of the king of Assyria have
blasphemed me....**



2 Kings 19 ... Hezekiah PRAYS

Isaiah ... 2 Kings 19:6-7

I'll make him want to return to his own country, and there I will have him cut down with the sword.' ”

King Sennacherib sends ANOTHER mocking message Hezekiah that

Sends Hezekiah to his KNEES

Hezekiah goes to the temple ...



2 Kings 19:15-19 Hezekiah PRAYS Prostrate on the floor of the Temple ...

**“Lord ... enthroned between the cherubim,
you alone are God over
all the kingdoms of the earth....**

**16 Give ear ... open your eyes, Lord, see;
listen to the words Sennacherib has
sent to ridicule the living God....**

**19 Now, Lord our God, deliver us ... so
that all the kingdoms of the earth may
know that you alone, Lord, are God.”**

**2 Kings 19: 21-34 ... Mighty Isaiah
sends God's response to Hezekiah**

**Virgin Daughter Zion despises you
and mocks you.**

**Daughter Jerusalem
tosses her head as you flee.**

**22 Who is it you have ridiculed
and blasphemed?**

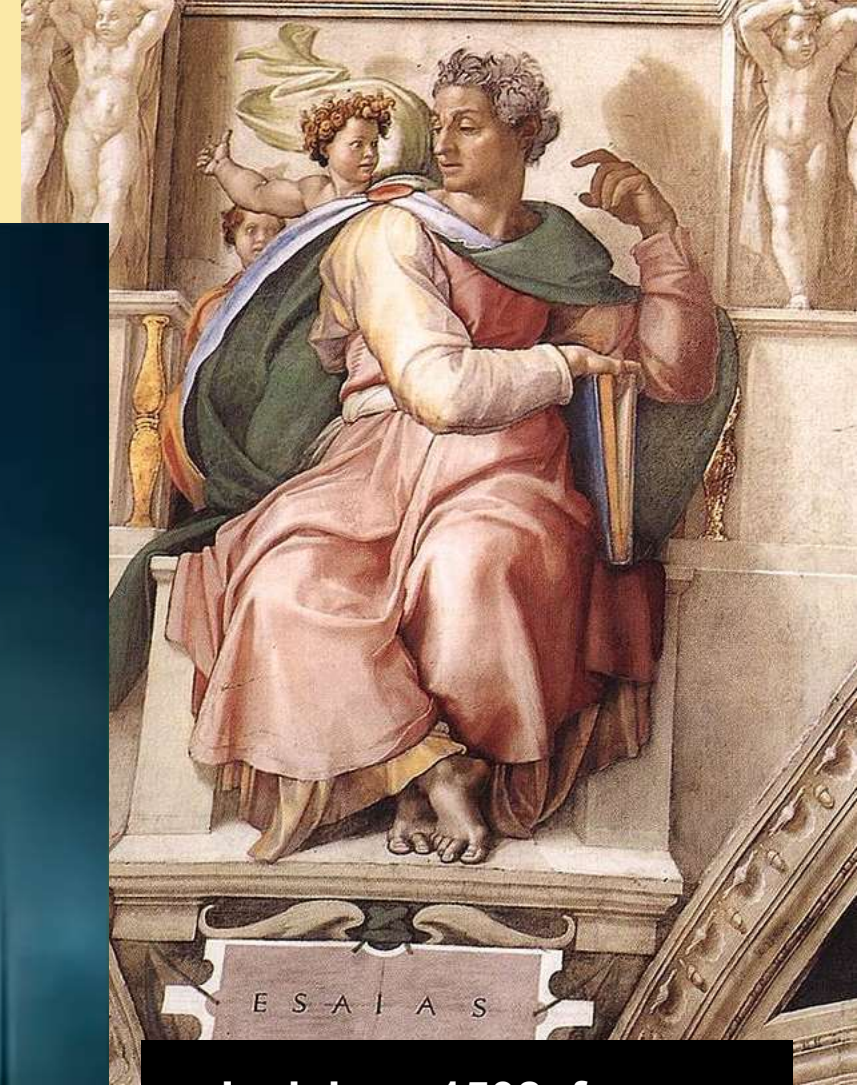
**Against whom have you
lifted your eyes in pride?**

Against the Holy One of Israel!



**Isaiah, c. 1508, fresco
from the Sistine Chapel
ceiling by Michelangelo**

It is **ONE THING** to be Mocked by
Goliath



**Isaiah, c. 1508, fresco
from the Sistine Chapel
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Quite another to be mocked by a

**Little
Girl**



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from the Sistine Chapel
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Isaiah is saying Jerusalem ... ZION
is as a little girl **FLICKING** her **HAIR**

Innocent ... Ignorant of the World

Totally unconcerned ...

Totally out of touch ...

Just a little girl ...

To Mighty Assyria's **GENERALS?**

Totally Offensive

See Isaiah's exquisite words in

2 Kings 19:20–37



2 Kings 20:1-11 – Hezekiah’s 2nd Prayer Two Great Controversial Miracles

¹ In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, “This is what the Lord says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.”

² Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, ³ “Remember, Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

2 Kings 20:1-11 – Hezekiah’s 2nd Prayer Two Great Controversial Miracles

**4 Before Isaiah had left the middle court,
the word of the Lord came to him:**

5 “Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says:

**I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you.
On the 3rd day you will go up to the temple of the Lord.**

6 I will add 15 years to your life. And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for my sake and for the sake of my servant David.’”

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7 Then Isaiah said, “Prepare a poultice of figs.” They did so and applied it to the boil, and he recovered.

8 Hezekiah had asked Isaiah, “What will be the sign that the Lord will heal me and that I will go up to the temple of the Lord on the 3rd day from now?”

9 Isaiah answered, “This is the Lord’s sign to you that the Lord will do what he has promised: Shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or shall it go back ten steps?”

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10 “It is a simple matter for the shadow to go forward ten steps,” said Hezekiah. “Rather, have it go back ten steps.”

11 Then the prophet Isaiah called on the Lord, and the Lord made the shadow go back the ten steps it had gone down on the stairway of Ahaz.

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Greatest CONTROVERSY = God Changing His Mind

Hezekiah ill, put house in order,

¹ “ you are going to DIE; you will NOT recover.”

Hezekiah prays & cries ... Lord to Isaiah ...

⁵ “I have heard your prayer and seen your tears ...

⁶ “I will add 15 years to your life. I will deliver you...”

On whether God can change His mind ...

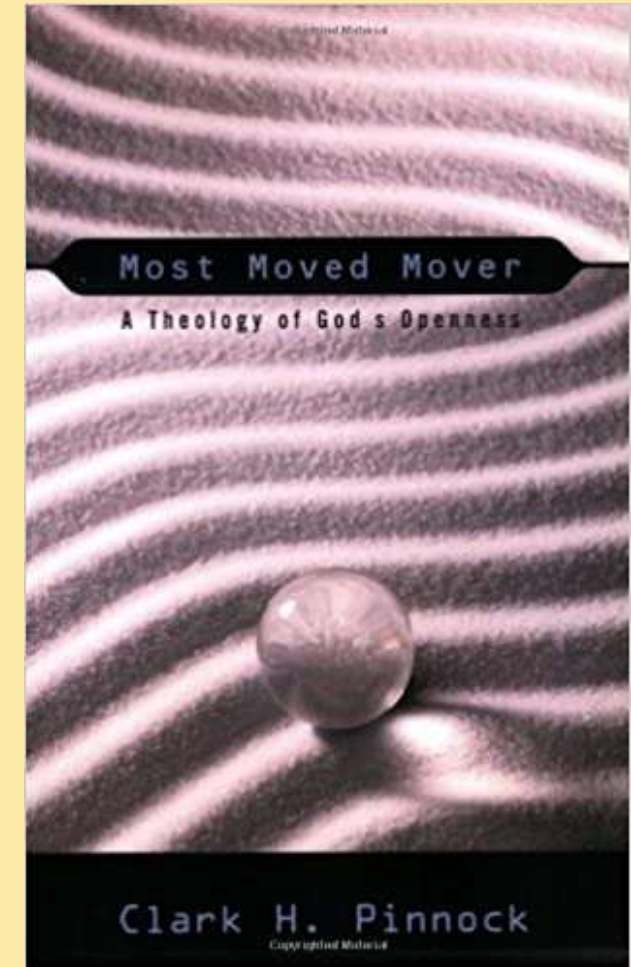
Can God Change His Mind?

God's Foreknowledge: Exhaustive & Settled ... or NOT

Clark H. Pinnock (1937–2010),
Most Moved Mover: A Theology of God's Openness (Baker, 2001; 218 pp.). Pinnock was professor of Christian interpretation at McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ontario, where he taught from 1977 until near his death.

Heresy to the many conservative Baptists, for which he was almost kicked out of the Evangelical Theological Society.

No one to my knowledge *fully* refuted ALL his biblical theses.
Classical Theists = God's Exhaustive Foreknowledge SETTLED



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[Hezekiah Letter](#), c. 2002 to Roger Nicole,
co-founder Evangelical Theological Society.

> www.PreciousHeart.net/foreknowledge/Nicole.htm

Michael G. Maness, [Heart of the Living God:](#)
Love, Free Will, Foreknowledge, and Heaven /
A Theology on the Treasure of Love

(AuthorHouse, 2004; 728 pp.).

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**Father Time Is Not Greater than
Father God**

