A photograph of a cave entrance. The cave is dark and rocky, with a bright light coming from the opening. A person is standing in the distance, looking out towards the light. The scene is dramatic and atmospheric.

Signs That God Is Punishing You: How He Disciplines People

- Israel did not believe God would punish them
- Israel thought bad luck, their oppressors' wickedness, or destiny was the cause of their poor circumstances
- Yehoveh was telling them that HE was causing it!
- Christianity generally believes that salvation in Yeshua means we are insulated from God punishing us
- The Bible says the opposite even in the Bk. of James

God's Messengers, God's Warnings

- Micah 3:9 – 10
- All of Israel's civil and religious leaders are addressed
- Micah's assignment is to declare to Israel their sins, and therefore why and how God is punishing them
- All true prophets bring unpleasant messages
- The improvements to the Temple and to the city of Jerusalem were by means of ill-gotten gain

A woman wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with green polka dots and a bright green skirt is walking on a set of blue steps. She is looking down at a large pile of scattered banknotes on the steps. The scene is set against a dark background, possibly a stage or a church interior. The text "Is there no reliable word from God any longer....?" is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image.

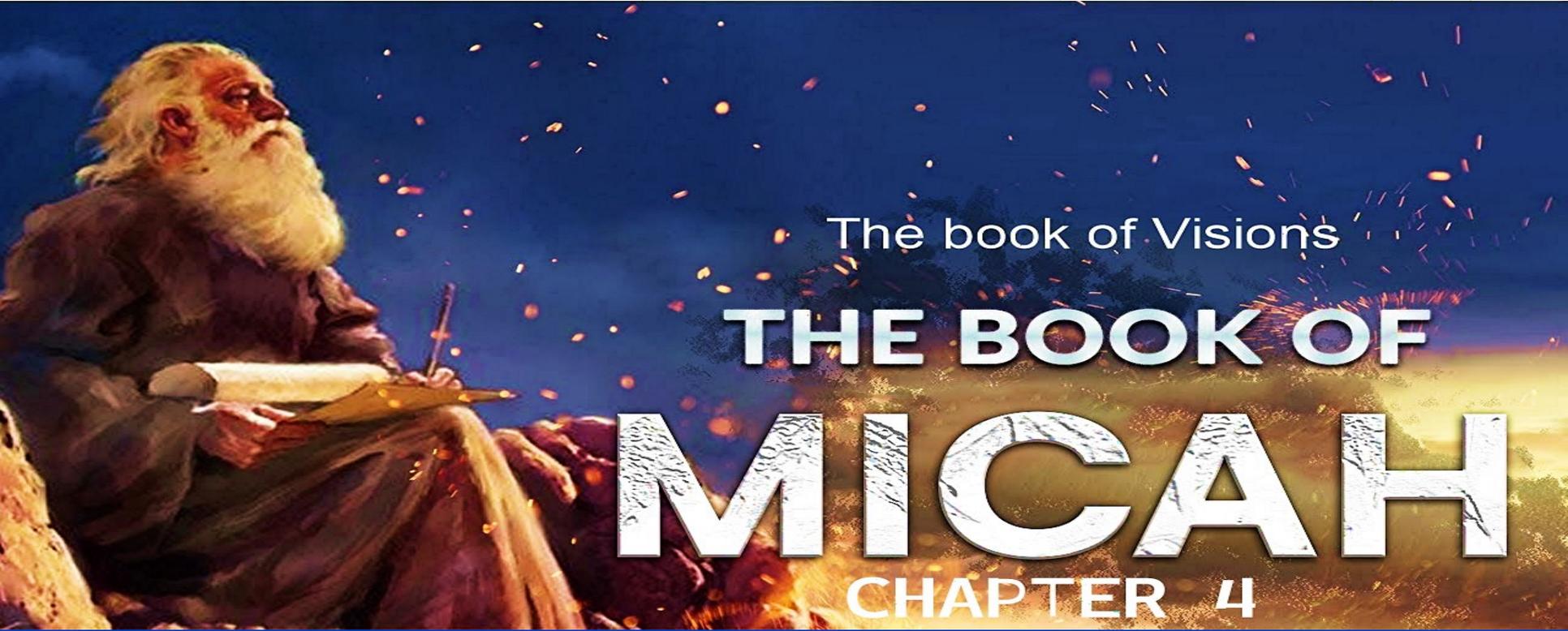
Is there no reliable word from God any longer....?

- There was and are few who will speak the truth, and few who will believe and act on the truth
- Micah 3:11 Teaching, preaching, for money
- God is fine with prophets and teachers to be paid
- The issue is motivation, how much, what is taught
- It is hard to determine teachers and preachers motives



“Because of
you!”

- Micah 3:12
- God told the leaders that Zion would be destroyed
- Jeremiah 26:18
- This prophecy would have its first fulfillment when Babylon invaded Judah and Jerusalem
- Our job as leaders is to tell the hard truths!
- Deuteronomy 30:15 – 20 Choose life or choose death



The book of Visions

THE BOOK OF MICAH

CHAPTER 4

- The focus is restoration of David's Kingdom
- **Atta** = now, the present
- **Wehaya** = and it will come about, the future
- Mystery is the hidden things, some of which were revealed as redemption history unfolded, some which will never be known

Mystery..

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

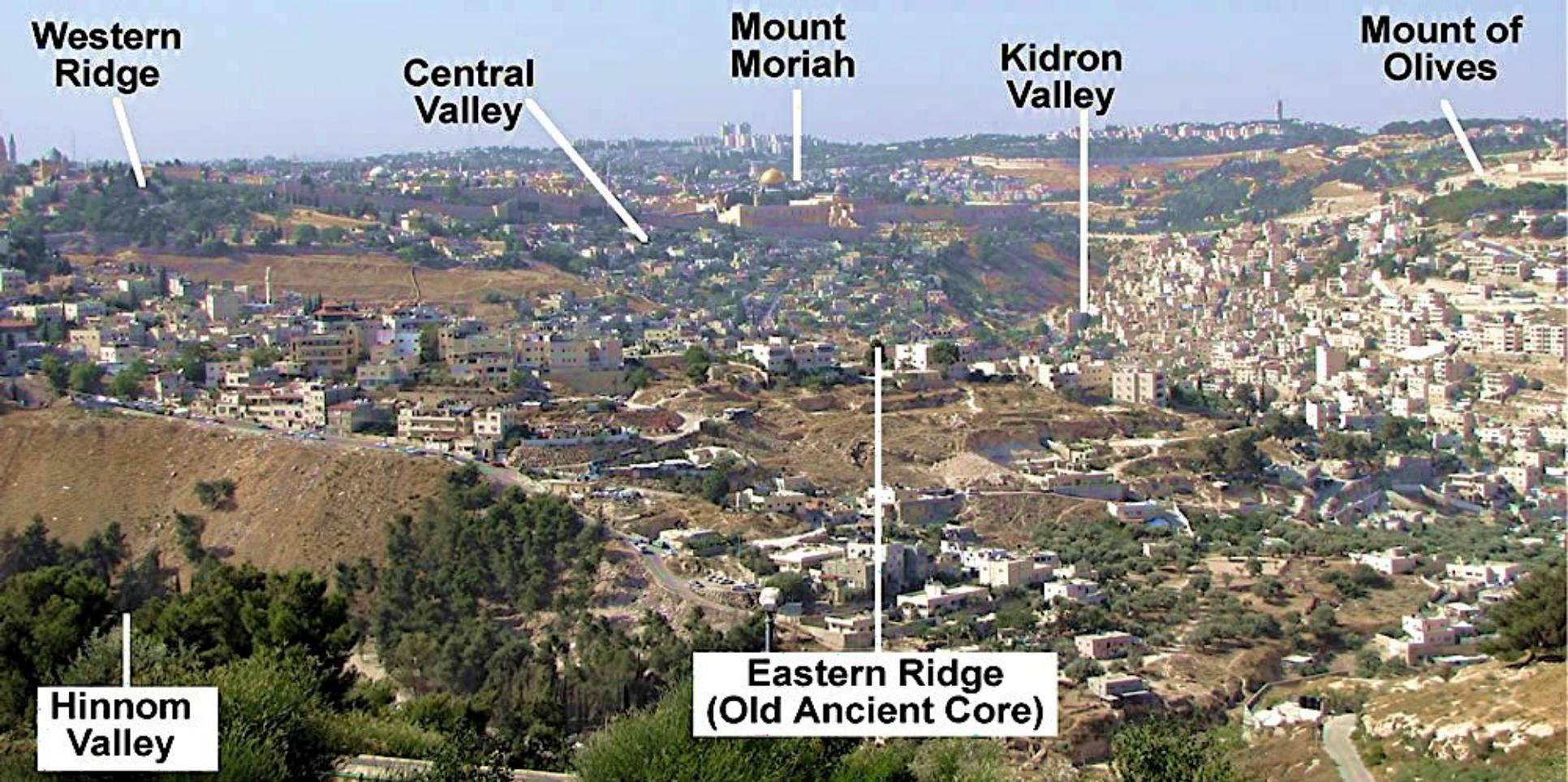


- Some mysteries must be taken on faith
- Israelites of old couldn't have understood what God's Messiah would do or look like
- How do we deal with spiritual things with only physical words describing physical things to work with?
- We need to learn to let some mysteries remain as mysteries

ACHARIT HAYAMIM

END OF DAYS

- Does not mean “End of Time” ...
A 1000 year period of time comes after this End of Days
- ***Acharit Hayamim*** indicates the achievement of a goal
- Genesis 49:1
- Numbers 24:12 – 14
- Gentiles will trample on Jerusalem for a while,
but then Zion will be restored to its fullest
- Isaiah 2:1 – 5 An unwelcome surprise for gentiles and Jews!



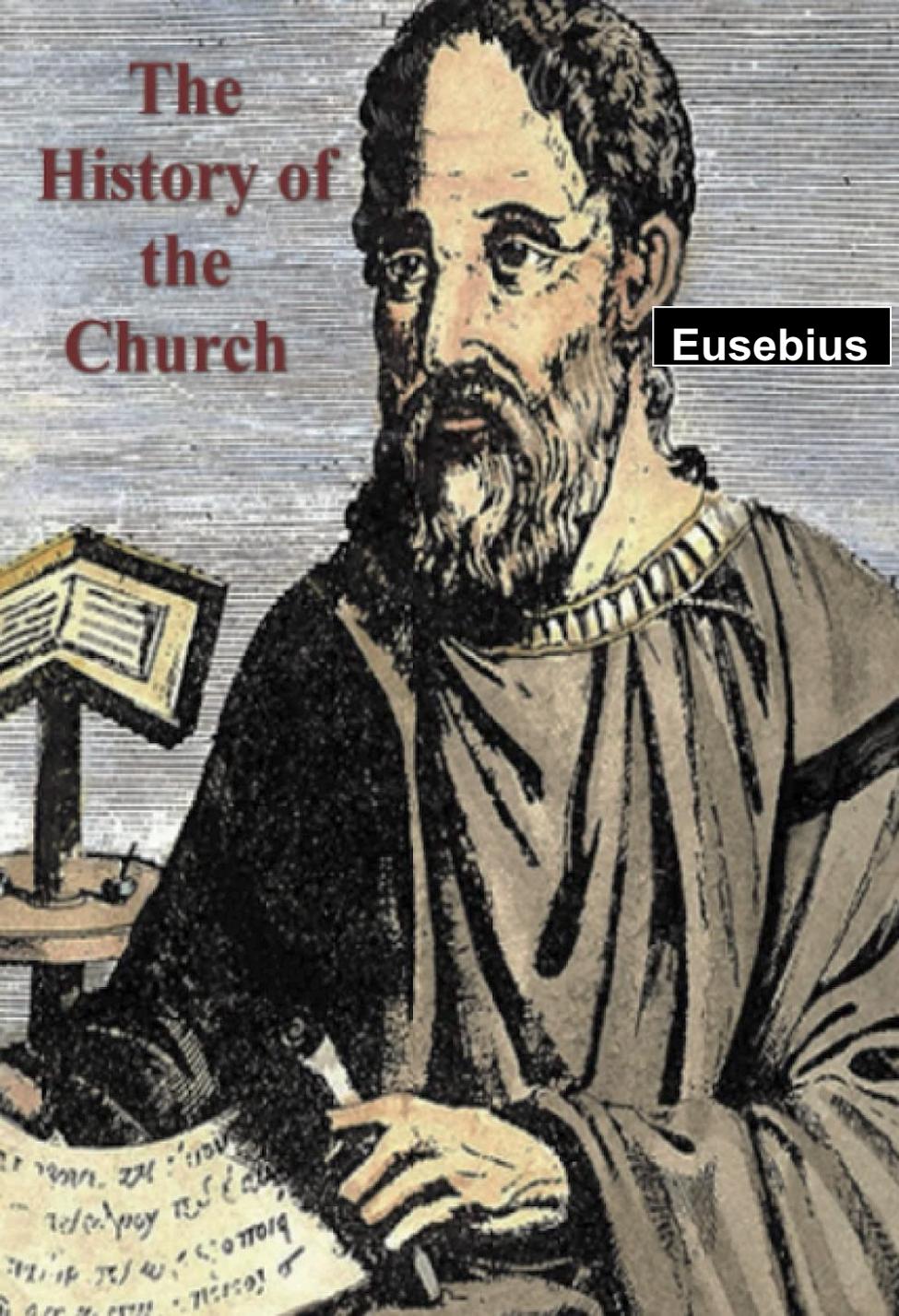
- Micah's prophecies revolve around the mountains
- **Rosh** = cap, peak, chief, high elevation, high status
- Zechariah 14:1 – 10
- A huge cataclysmic eruption/movement of geography

- Mt. Moriah is also of higher status than other hills because pagans put their temples on hills
- Micah 4:2
- Gentiles or nations are correct
- These who are coming are all God worshippers or they wouldn't come
- It will be “Christians” who come, because Torah had never been part of their worship life, so they don't know “God's ways”

GENTILES WILL LEARN TORAH



The History of the Church



Eusebius

- The gentile Church is the mirror image of the Israelite institutions God is speaking of in Micah
- In both, Torah is ignored in favor of manmade doctrines and traditions
- The gentile religious leadership will be the first to come to learn Torah
- By the end of the 1st century gentiles had overtaken Jews for leadership of the Jesus movement