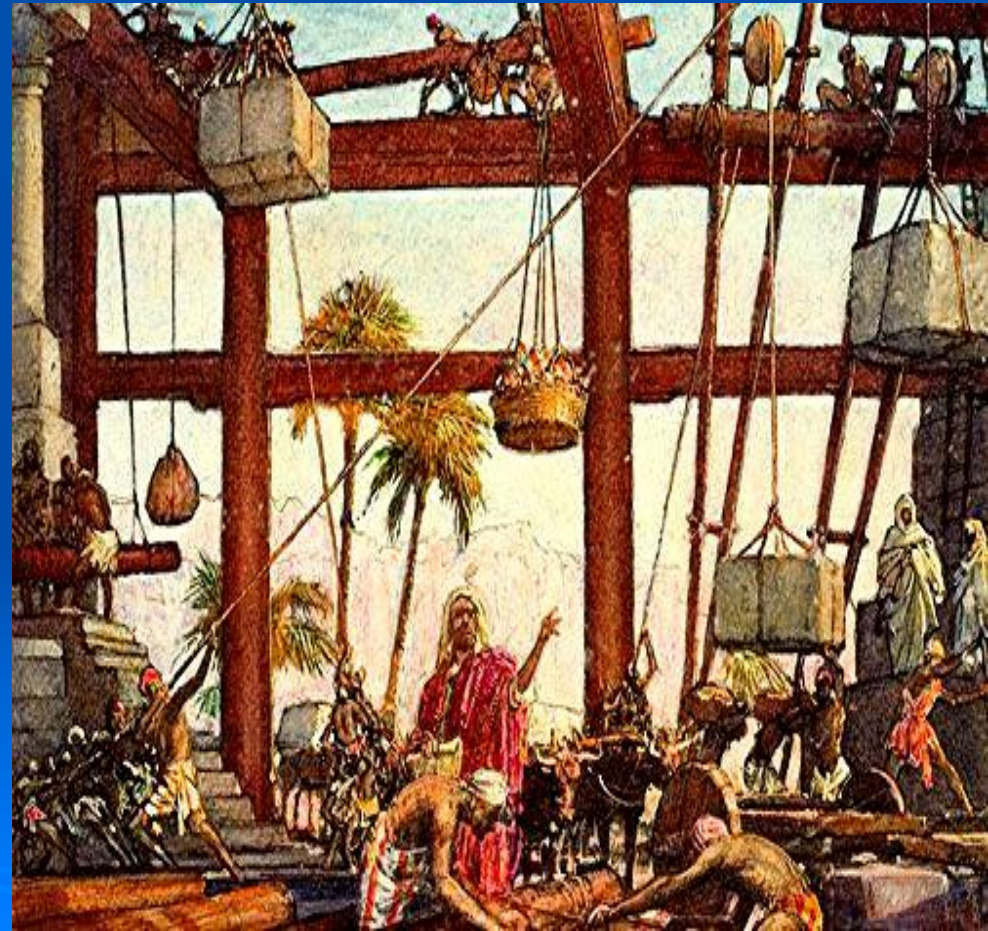


EARTHLY SUCCESS DOES NOT INDICATE HARMONY WITH GOD

- Chapter 9 begins sometime after the 20th year of Solomon's reign
- God appears to Solomon in a dream-vision
- God says that He is answering his prayers, and issues a warning
- If Solomon's dynasty is to continue, and if Israel is to be blessed, the Kings of Israel must meet 4 conditions



RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADERSHIP



- A nation's fate is in the hands of its leadership
- The ideal king is a Shepherd-King
- Leader represents the spiritual condition of a nation, before God
- **NO NATION IS EXEMPT FROM THIS BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE**

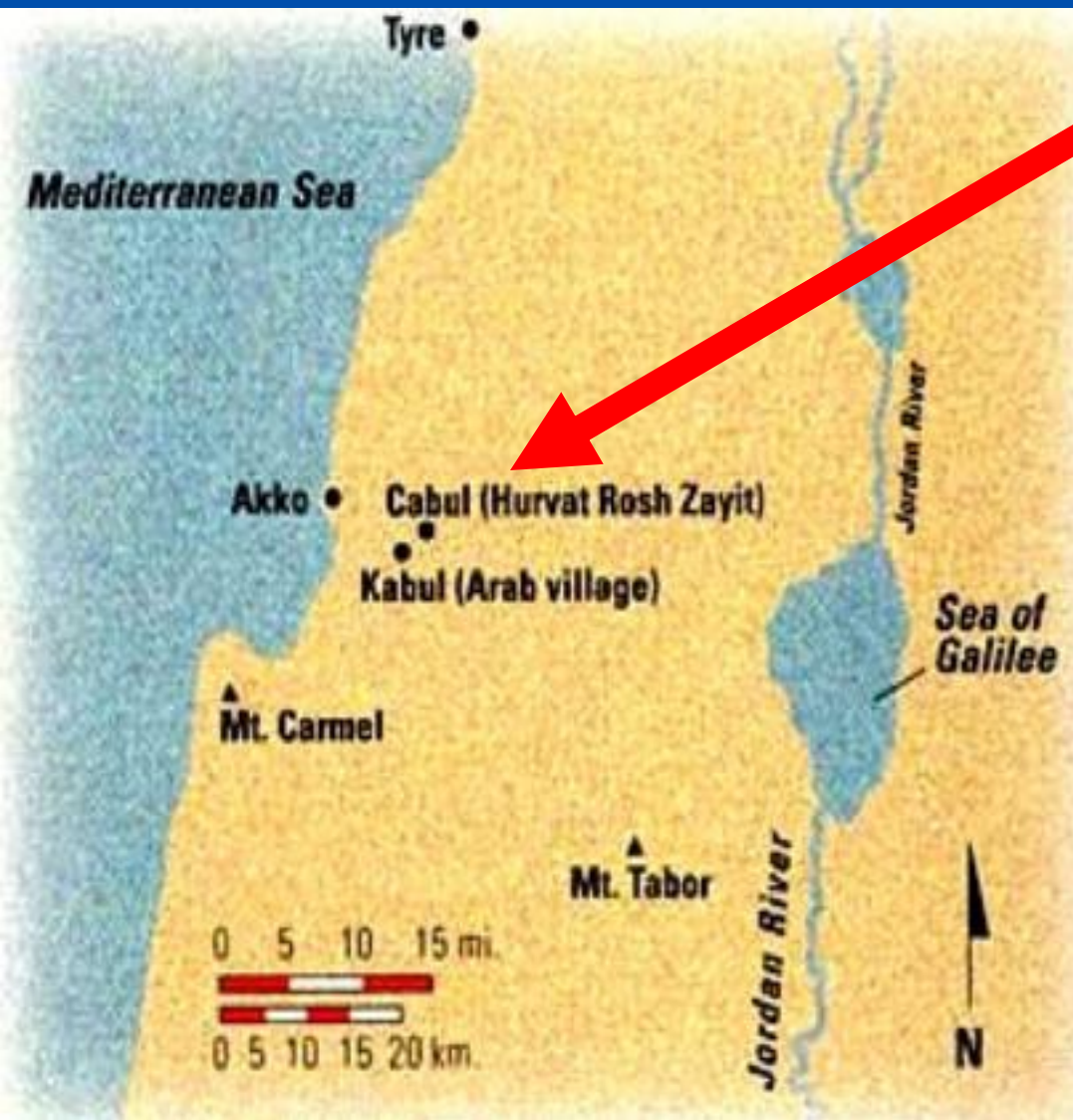


- There are 2 primary consequences for disobedience of leaders
- 1) God will abandon the Temple
- 2) God will eject Israel from the Land
- “Your children” means Solomon’s children (dynasty)
- God says this happened **BECAUSE** the **LEADERSHIP** disobeyed, followed other gods, disregarded the 4 conditions



- King Solomon's wealth acquired from pagan nations!
- Israel had no valuable natural resources like gold
- King Hiram of Tyre the main source of expertise and materials for building God's Temple
- ***Kabul*** does NOT mean "worthless"
- ***Kabul*** means "binding, or collateral" for a debt owed

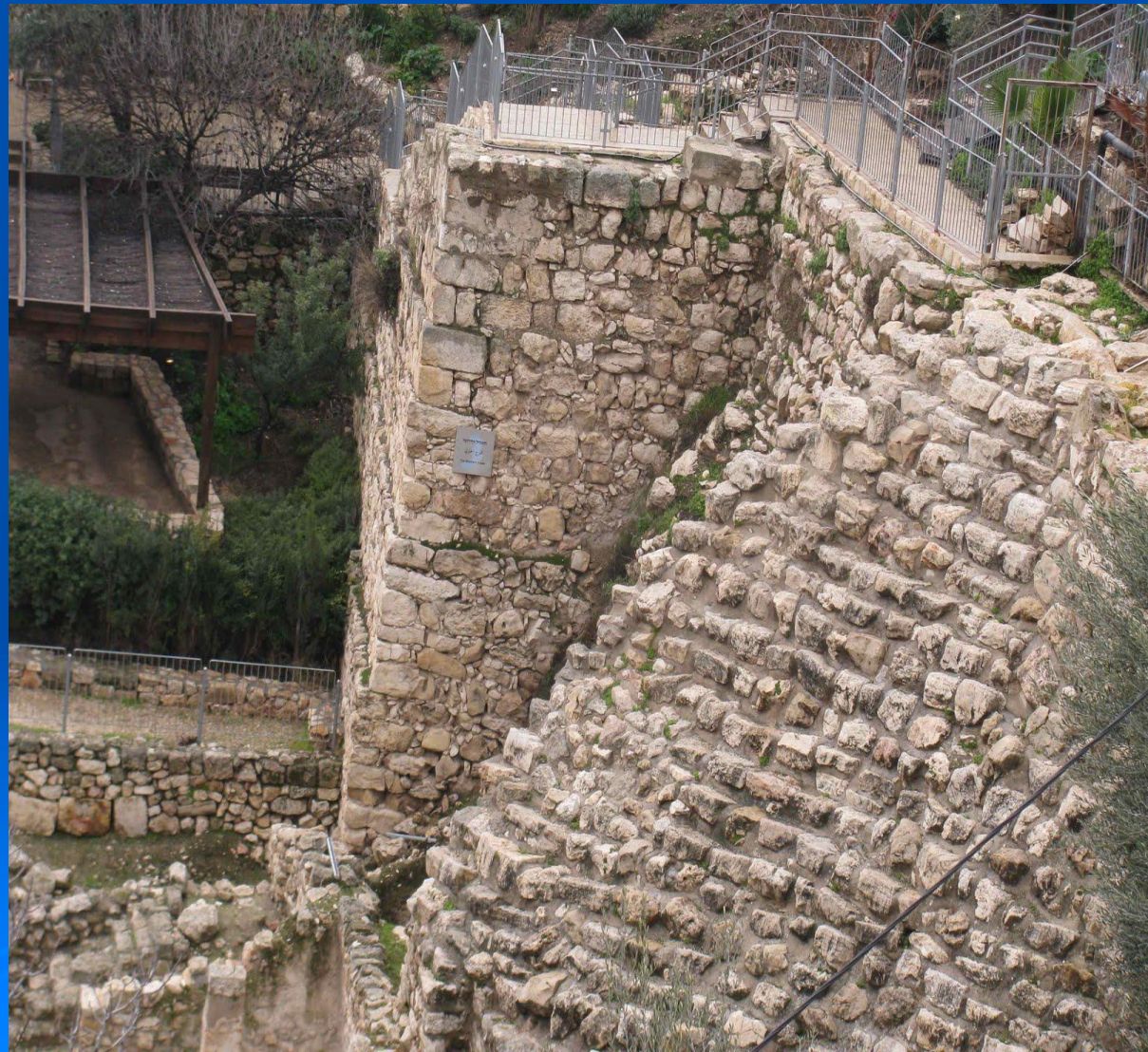
HIRAM REJECTS THE COLLATERAL



- Kabul in the general Galilee area
- Solomon put this region of the Promised Land at risk for loss
- 2Chron.8:1,2
- 20 cities populated by non-Israelites
- Later *Shlomo* built up these cities and moved Israelites into them

MILLO

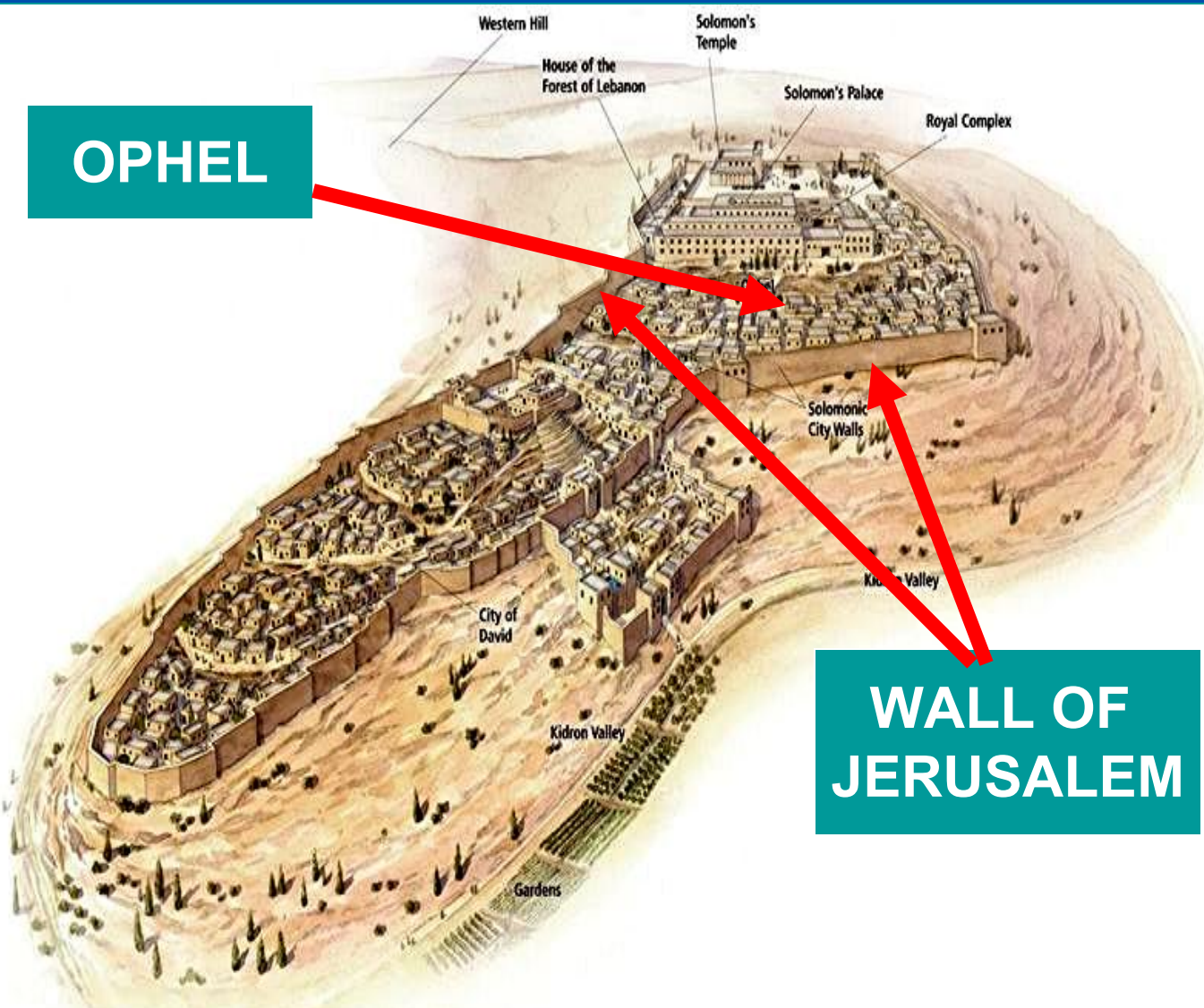
- 1st Kings 9:15-23
- “Taxes” were forced labor
- **Millo** = earthen rampart
- Retaining wall back-filled with soil and rubble
- Originally built by Jebusites, rebuilt by David, modified by Solomon



WALL OF YERUSHALAYIM

- Walls of the City of David extended up the hill
- Ophel between the Temple Mount and the City of David

OPHEL



WALL OF JERUSALEM

HATZOR AND MEGIDDO

- In the Galilee region
- Both on the Via Maris trade route
- *Hatzor* a fortress city
- *Megiddo* better known today as Armageddon
- *Har Megiddo* = hill of Megiddo
- Chariot city



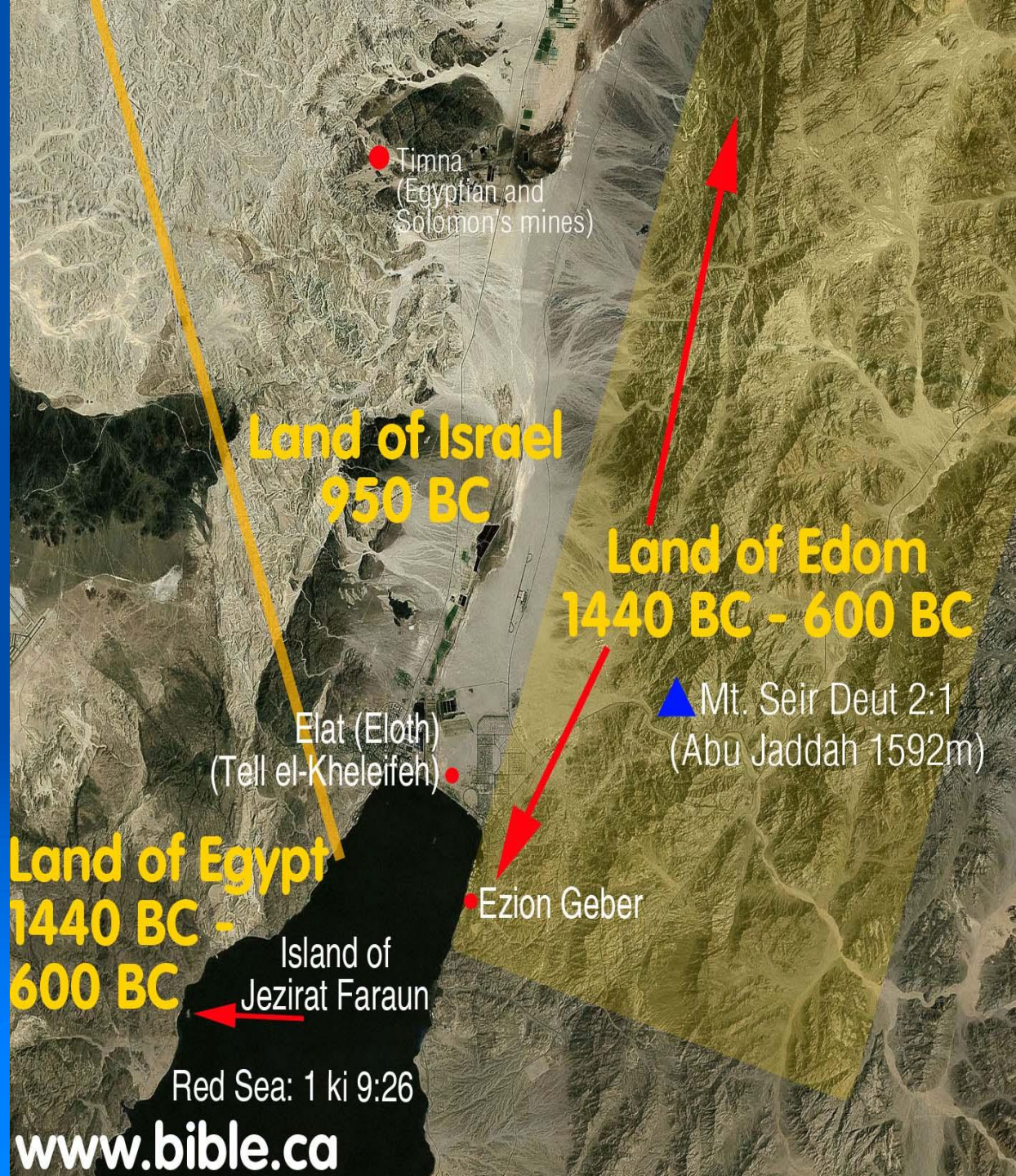
GEZER AND BEIT-HORON

- Southern end of Ephraim
- Gezer taken by Pharaoh Siamun
- Joshua captured it, then Philistine, then Canaanite, then Egypt, then given to Solomon



SHLOMO'S FLEET

- Solomon's wife moved to Palace before Millo was confiscated and used as housing for servants
- Shlomo wrongly officiated at the 3 *chag* festivals
- Hiram sent men to help build Solomon's fleet of ships



1ST KINGS 10: THE QUEEN OF SHEBA

- Sheva probably a copyist error
- Should be Saba
- שׁ Sheen (sh sound)
- שׁ Seen (s sound)
- Capital of the Sabean culture
- Islam arose from the Moon God worshipping Sabeans



**ANCIENT
SABA**

QUEEN OF SABA BRINGS RIDDLES



- The Queen of Sheva *shema* what was being *shama* of Shlomo because of the *shem* of YHWH
- A litany of sheens!
- She came to *nacah* Shlomo with *chedoth*
- *Nacah* = test
- *Chedoth* = riddles