

ISHBOSHETH'S DEATH BRINGS DAVID TO THE THRONE

- 2nd Sam 5 will bring us many detours
- Much information and many mysteries contained in those passages
- 2nd Sam 4 sets the historical stage for David to become king of a united Israel



THE COMPLEX TERM “ISRAEL”

- Meaning of Israel changes over time
- First use of Israel is as a new name for Jacob
- Only after Jacob had sons did Israel apply to a people group
- Israel fractured into a northern group (Israel) and a southern group (Judah)



2ND SAMUEL 5: DAVID KING OF ISRAEL

- Hebron is the unofficial capital of Judah
- When David was king **ONLY** over Judah, Philistines didn't see him as their enemy
- 4 reasons the north (Israel) accepted David
 - 1) He was already a king
 - 2) He was a blood relative
 - 3) They always saw David as a great leader
 - 4) They acknowledged that God had decreed David's kingship over Israel



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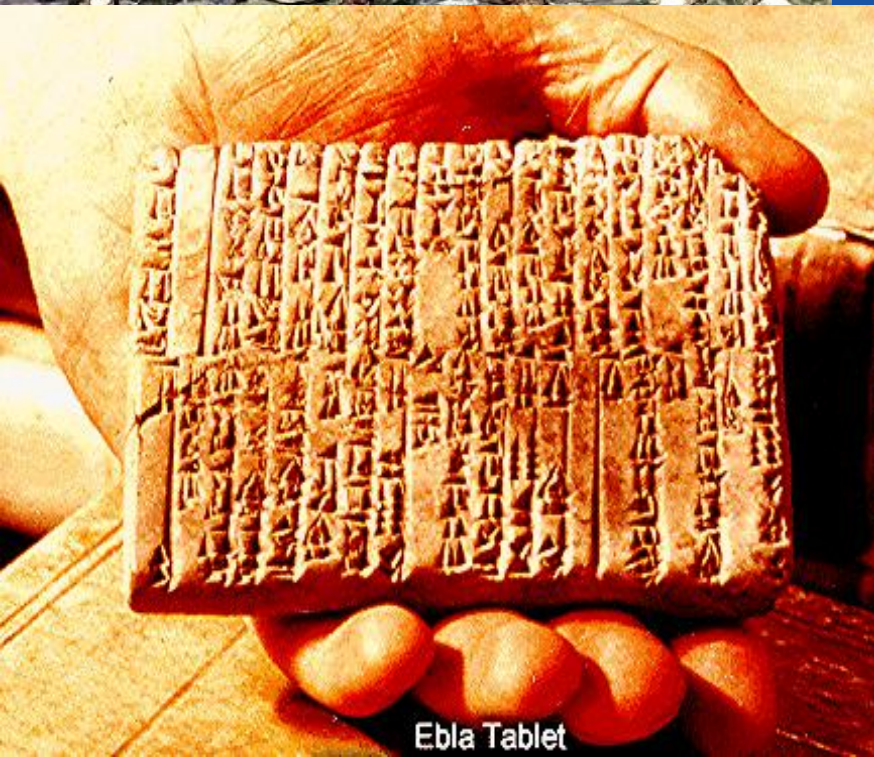
- David was 30 years old when anointed King of Judah
- 30 seen as the prime of life
- 30 the age to become a Rabbi, and when Yeshua's ministry began
- 40 often indicates a generation
- A generation often means "an era"
- 40 also is a fullness of time, and indicates a time of trial and testing
- Like for Yeshua, becoming king was a long PROCESS for David



DAVID CONQUERS YERUSHALAYIM



- About 990 B.C. David conquers Jerusalem
- Uses his own private army
- Ebla Archives
- 15,000 clay tablets found in northern Syria
- Dated to 2500 B.C.
- Tells of Yerushalayim
- Written in Akkadian, the mother language of Hebrew
- ***Yerushalayim*** = the foundation of Shalem

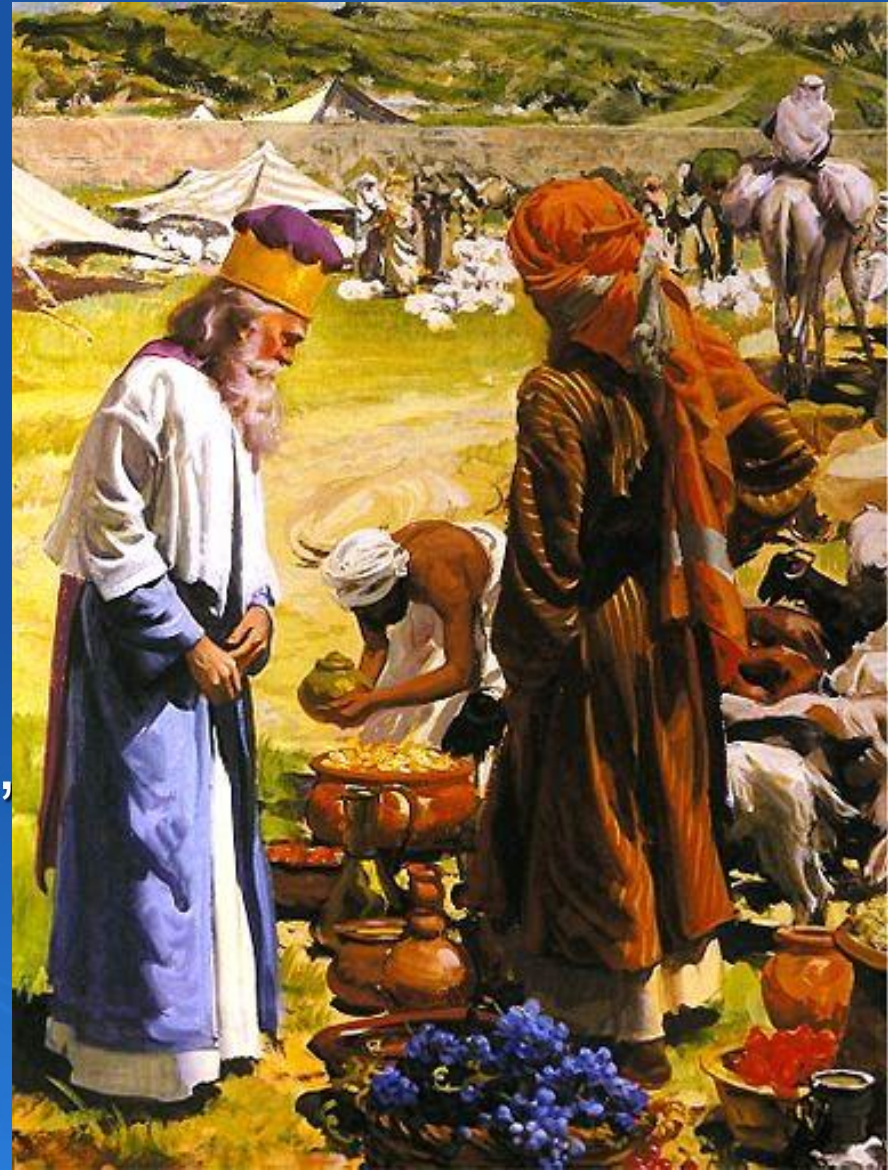


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GENESIS 14:14 – 20

THE STORY OF MELCHIZEDEK

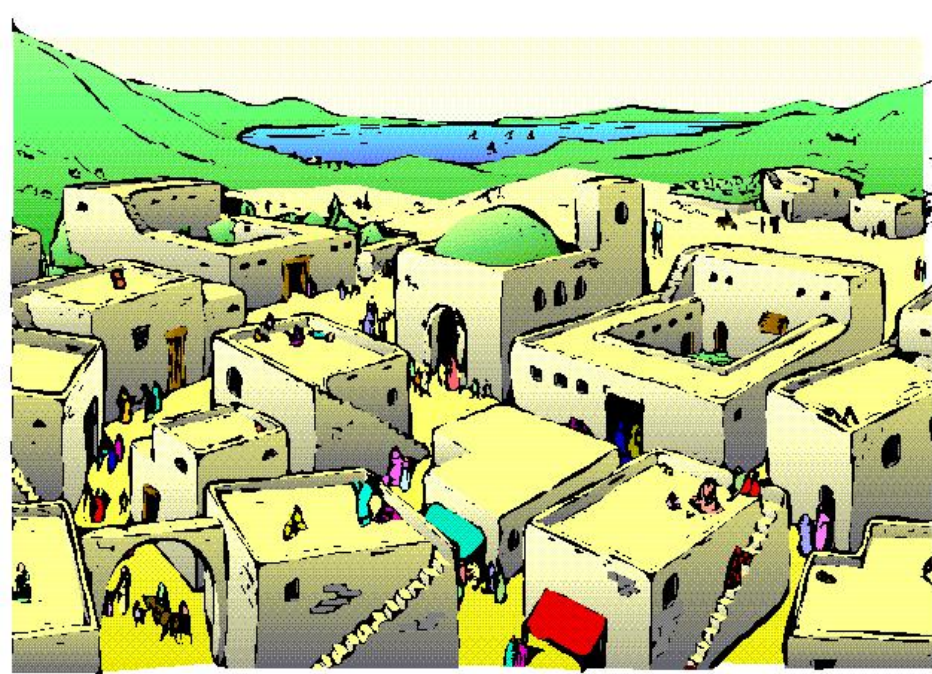
- Called King and Priest of Shalem (same city as in the Ebla Archives)
- Abraham almost certainly spoke Akkadian (language of Mesopotamia)
- Akkadian is a Semitic language (from Shem)
- Melchizedek is NOT a name, but a title meaning, “the king of righteousness”
- Melchizedek was probably a very aged Shem





- Another name for Yerushalayim was Jebus
- Judges 19:10 “...and they arrived at Y’vus (Jebus), also known as Yerushalayim....”
- So far this place is called Yerushalayim, Jebus, and the city of Shalem
- Now these other designations are added: The Stronghold, the City of David, the Millo, and Zion

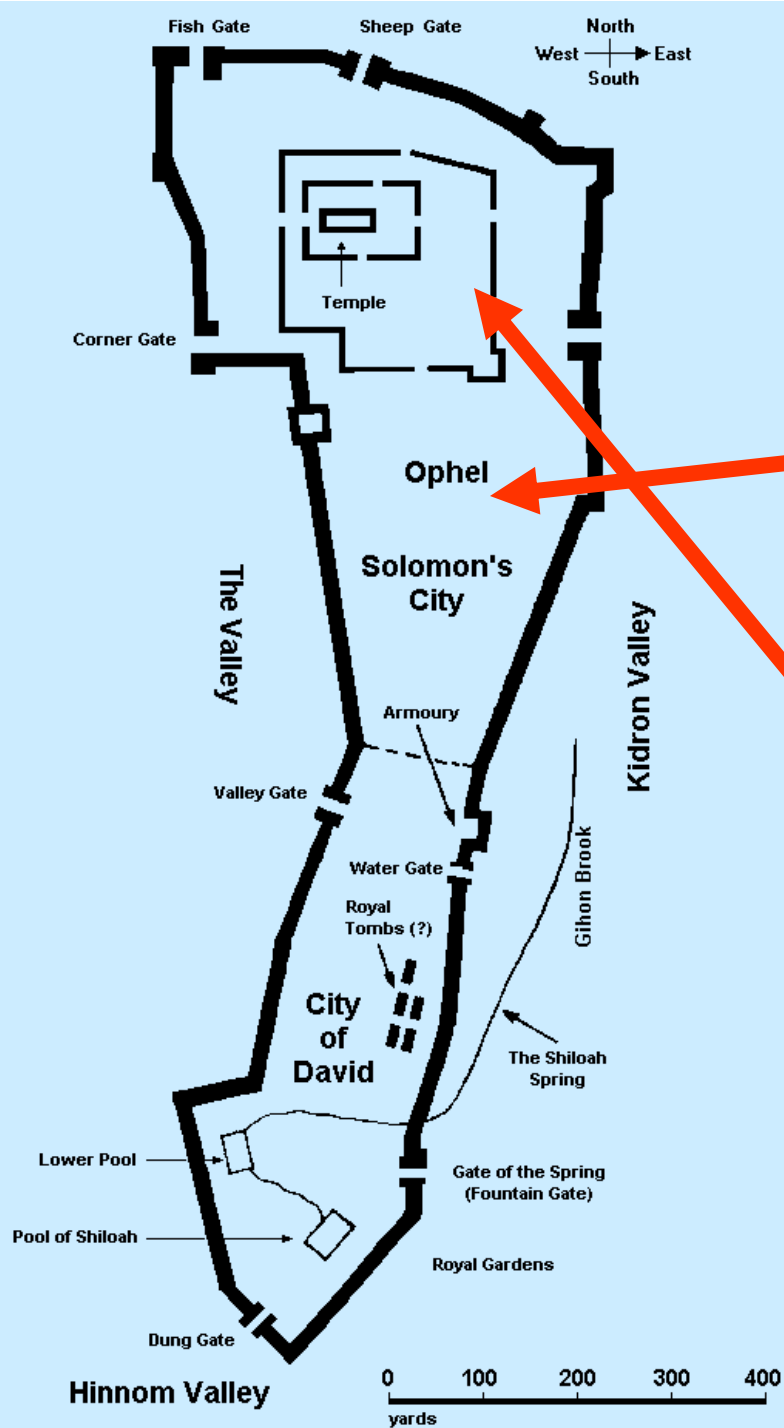
FROM VILLAGE TO WALLED CITY



- Walled cities usually began as villages
- The original Yerushalayim was an open village
- Boundaries were very general
- But once a wall was built the boundary definition was self-evident
- The walled city portion of Yerushalayim (Jebus) was called Zion
- Villagers outside the walls used the walled city as a stronghold in case of attack

THE MILLO

- Millo = earthen rampart, mound, terrace
- Millo = The Ophel
- City of David is the oldest walled portion of Jerusalem
- Down the slope from the Temple Mount (Mt. Moriah)
- Open space between north wall of City of David and the Temple Mount

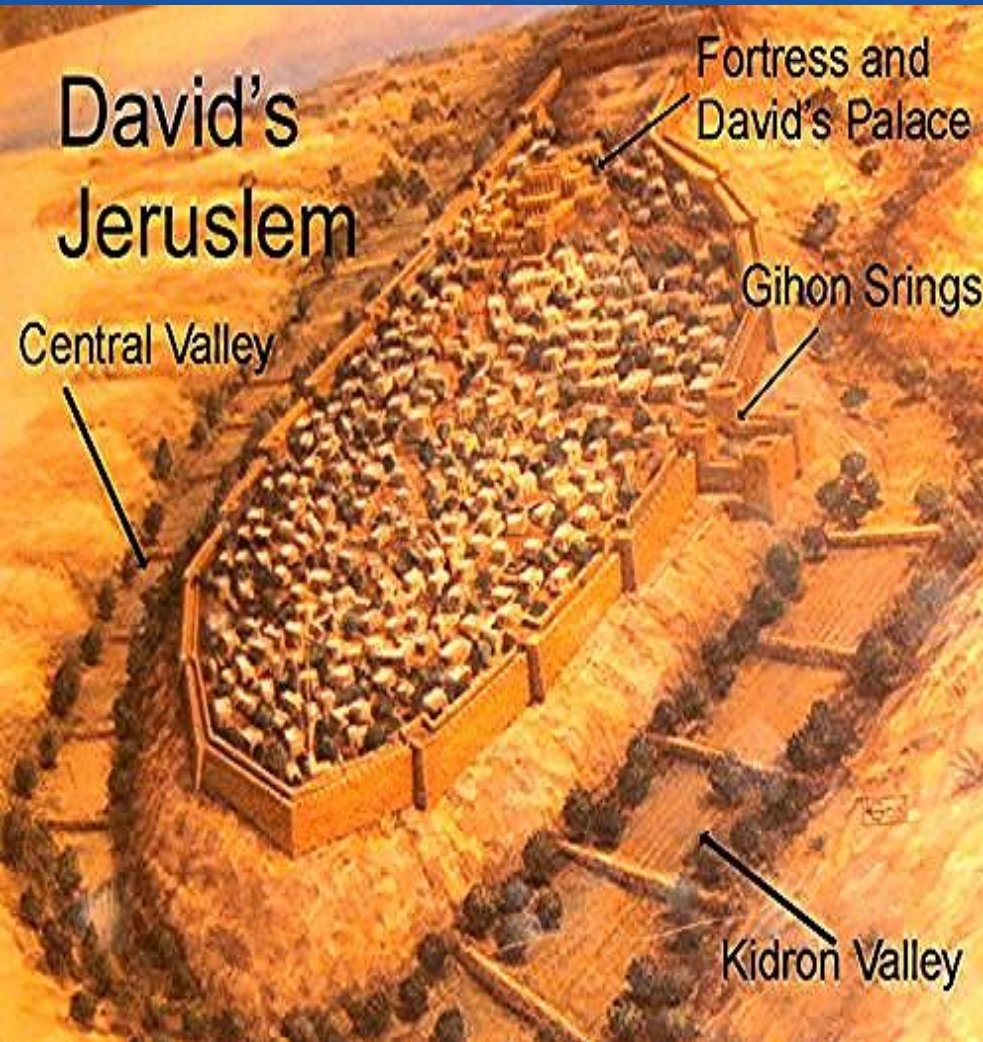


JERUSALEM TO BE DAVID'S CAPITAL

- Yerushalayim on the border between Israel and Judah
- Was not claimed by either Judah or Israel, and no Hebrews lived there
- Judah and Jerusalem often tied together, but also seen as separate entities (like Judah and Israel)



JUDAH AND JERUSALEM



- A portion of Jerusalem called the City of David was held as David's private property
- Very similar to our Washington D.C.
- Jerusalem, though in Israel, was seen as a somewhat separate entity
- This concept seems to have filtered through to a modern vision of Jerusalem as an International City owned by no people or nation
- This is **WRONG MINDED** and **NOT Biblical!**