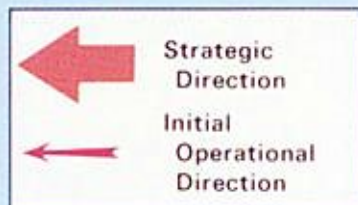
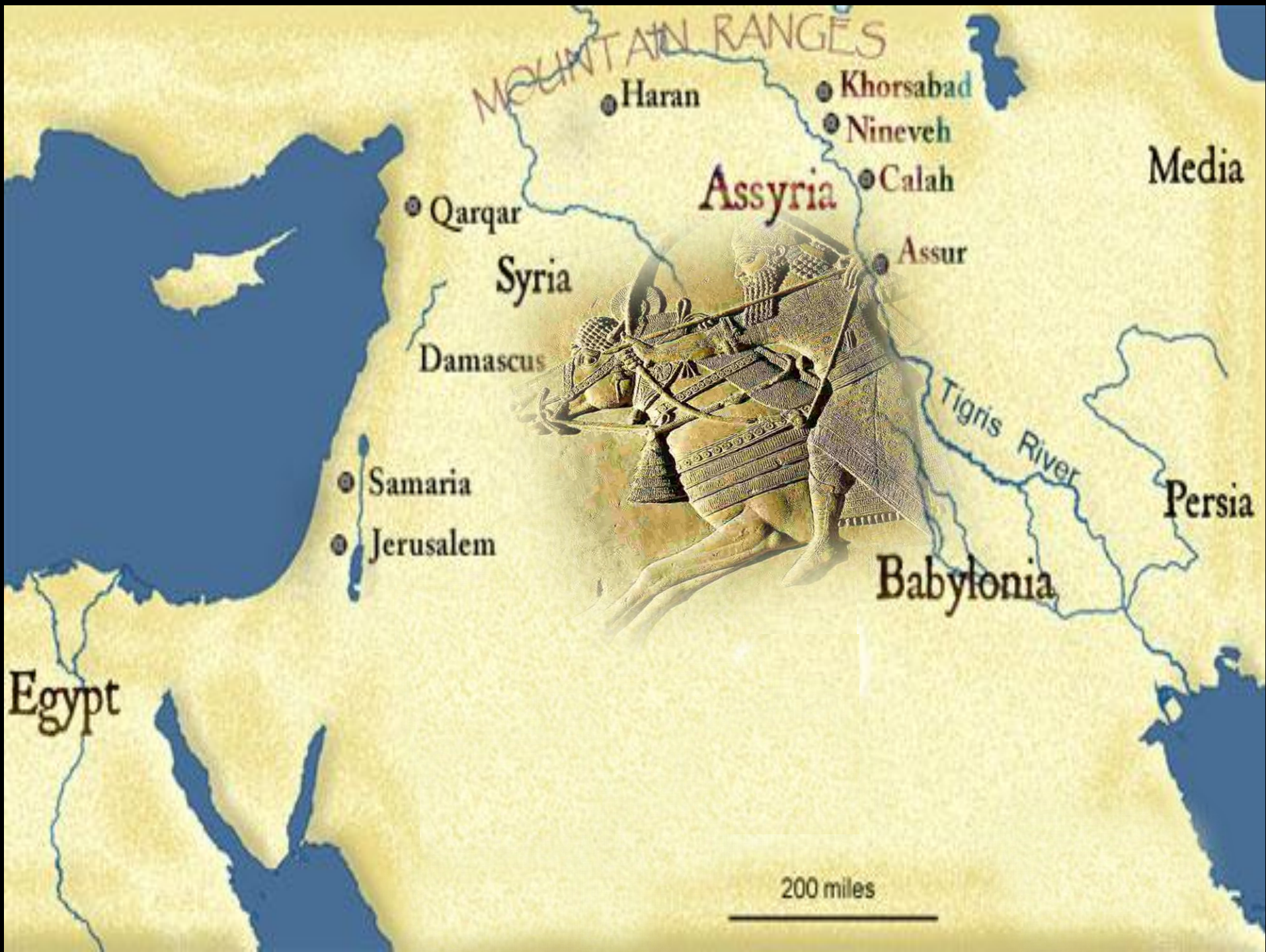




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The Fear



KINGS OVER THE ISRAELITES

NORTH

Jehu, 28

Jehoahaz, 17

Jehoash, 16

Jeroboam II, 41

Zechariah, 6 months

Shallum, 1 month

Menahem, 10

Pekahiah, 2

Pekah, 20

841 BC

730 BC

SOUTH

Joash, 40

Amaziah, 29

Uzziah, 52

Jotham, 16

Ahaz, 16

5

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7

8

Moreover, he built cities in the hill country of Judah, and he built fortresses and towers on the wooded hills. He fought also with the king of the Ammonites and prevailed over them so that the Ammonites gave him during that year one hundred talents of silver, ten thousand kors of wheat and ten thousand of barley. So Jotham became mighty because he ordered his ways before the LORD his God.

II Chron. 27:3-6

APOSTASY—instead of worshiping God

1-4

ASSYRIAN ALLIANCE—instead of trusting in God

5-9

ALTER ALTERATIONS—instead of using alter of God

10-20



*and even made
his sons pass
though the fire.*

*and burned his
sons in fire.
(II Chron. 28:3)*

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PHOENICIAN
STATES

Byblos
Beirut
Sidon
Tyre
Acre

SIZU

ASSYRIAN EMPIRE

Damascus

KINGDOM OF
ARAM DAMASCUS

Umomium

KINGDOM OF
ISRAEL

Samaria

Shechem

Jaffa

Beit El

Jerash

KINGDOM OF
AMMON

Rabbath-Ammon

Jericho

Jerusalem

Lachish

Dibon

Hebron

KINGDOM OF
JUDAH

Beersheba

KINGDOM OF
MOAB

ARAMEAN
TRIBES

PHILISTINE KINGDOM OF
STATES

Ashdod

Ashkelon

Gaza

ARABU
TRIBES

KINGDOM OF EDOM

NABATU TRIBES

Mediterranean
Sea



Wherefore, the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Aram; and they defeated him and carried away from him a great number of captives and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who inflicted him with heavy casualties.

II Chron. 28:5

For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah 120,000 in one day, all valiant men, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. . . the sons of Israel carried away captive of their brethren 200,000 women, sons and daughters; and they took also a great deal of spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

II Chron. 28:6,8

For again the Edomites had come and attacked Judah and carried away captives. The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the lowland and of the Negev of Judah, and had taken Bethshemesh, Aijalon, Gederoth, and Soco with its villages, Timnah with its villages, and Gimzo with its villages, and they settled there.

II Chron. 28:17,18

So Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came against him and afflicted him instead of strengthening him. Although Ahaz took a portion out of the house of the LORD and out of the palace of the king and of the princes, and gave it to the king of Assyria, it did not help him. Now in the time of his distress this same King Ahaz became yet more unfaithful to the LORD.

II Chron. 28:19-22

ONE DOES NOT SIMPLY

TRUST IN ASSYRIA WITHOUT PAYING DEARLY



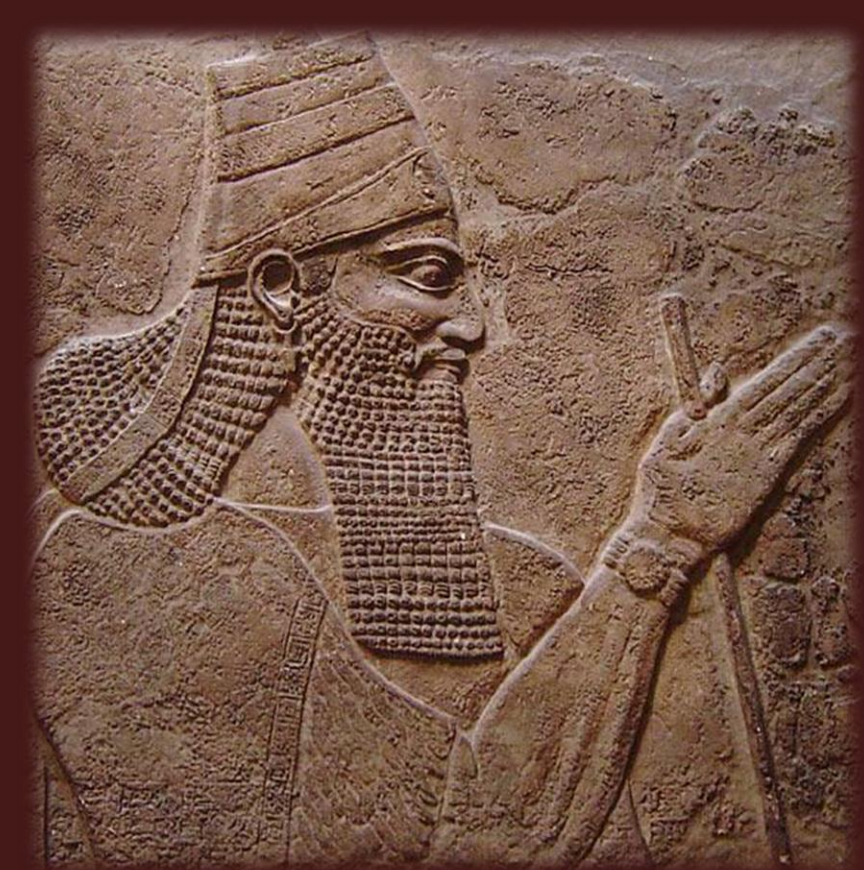
Then the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and your son Shear-jashub, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway to the fuller's field and say to him, 'Take care and be calm, have no fear and do not be faint-hearted . . .

Isa. 7:3,4

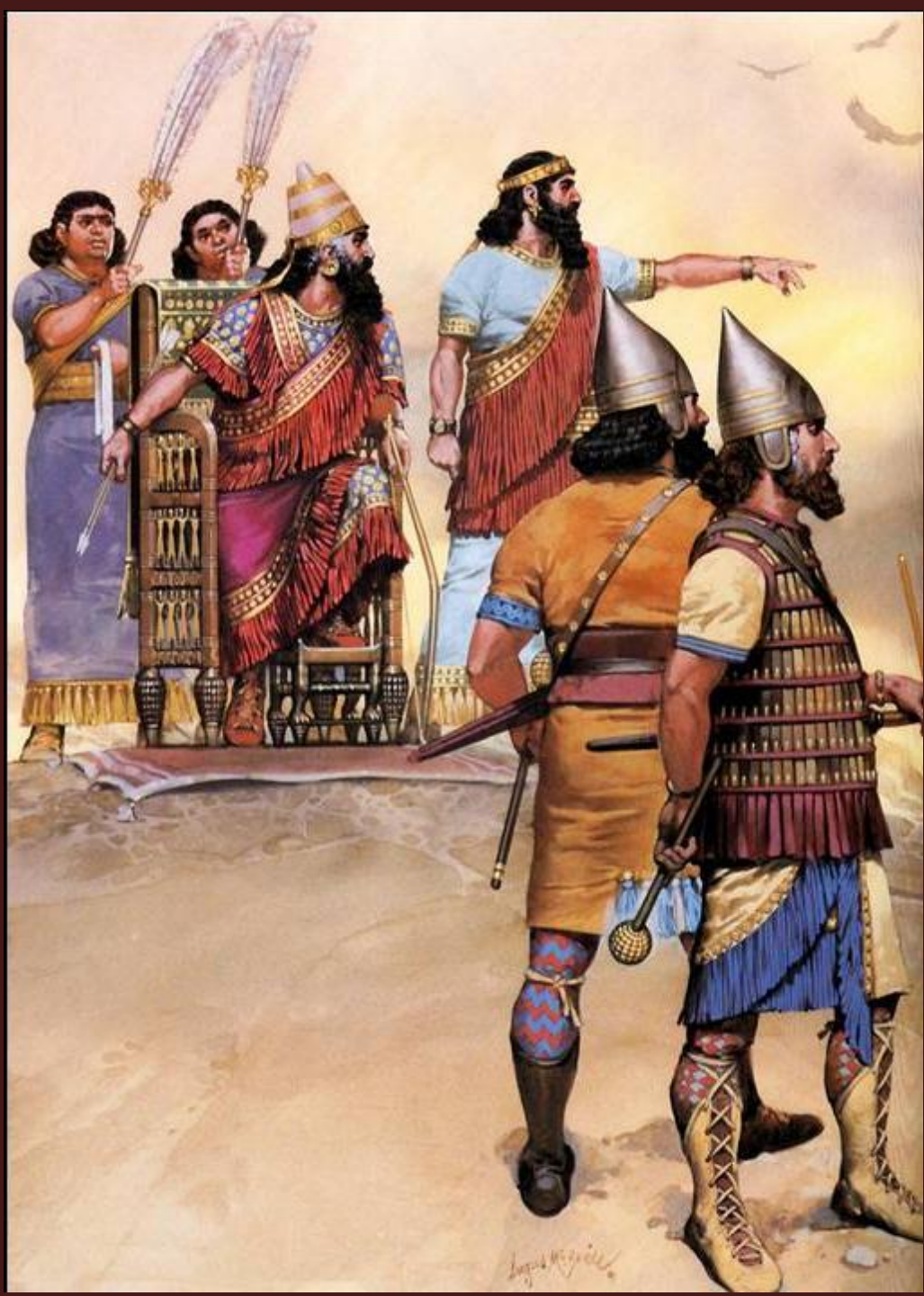
IMMANUEL GOD WITH US

Isaiah 7:14





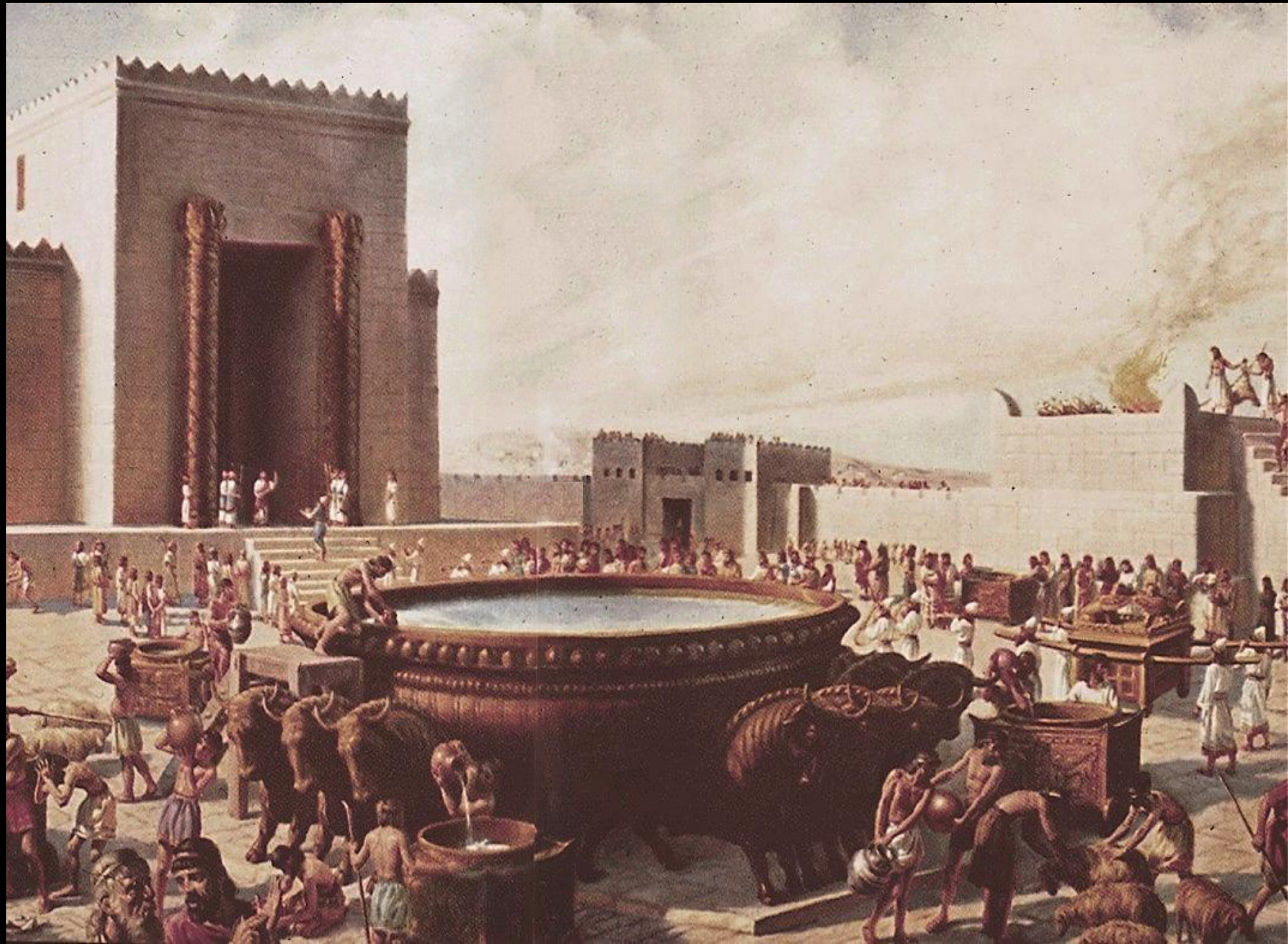
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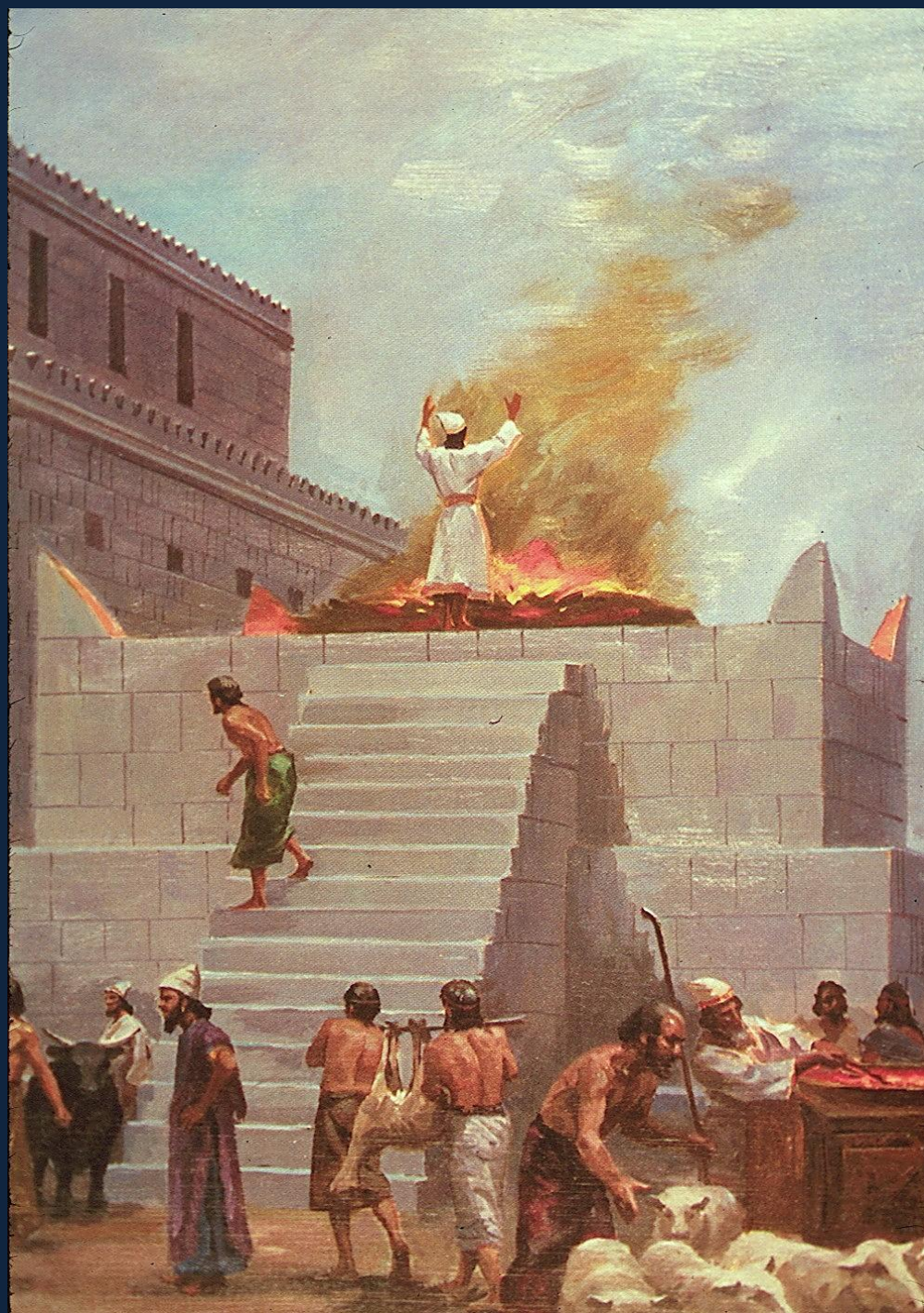




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...this same King Ahaz became yet more unfaithful to the LORD. For he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus which had defeated him ...but they became the downfall of him and all Israel ... he cut the utensils of the house of God in pieces; and he closed the doors of the house of the LORD and made altars for himself ...

II Chron. 28:22-24