



He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel; so that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among those who were before him (18:5) . . . and the Lord was with him; wherever he went he prospered. (18:7).

After these acts of faithfulness Sennacherib king of Assyria came and invaded Judah and besieged the fortified cities, and thought to break into them for himself. Now when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come and that he intended to make war on Jerusalem, he decided with his officers and his warriors to cut off the supply of water from the springs which were outside the city, and they helped him . . . and rebuilt all the wall that had been broken down and erected towers on it, and built another outside wall and strengthened the Millo in the city of David, and made weapons and shields . . .

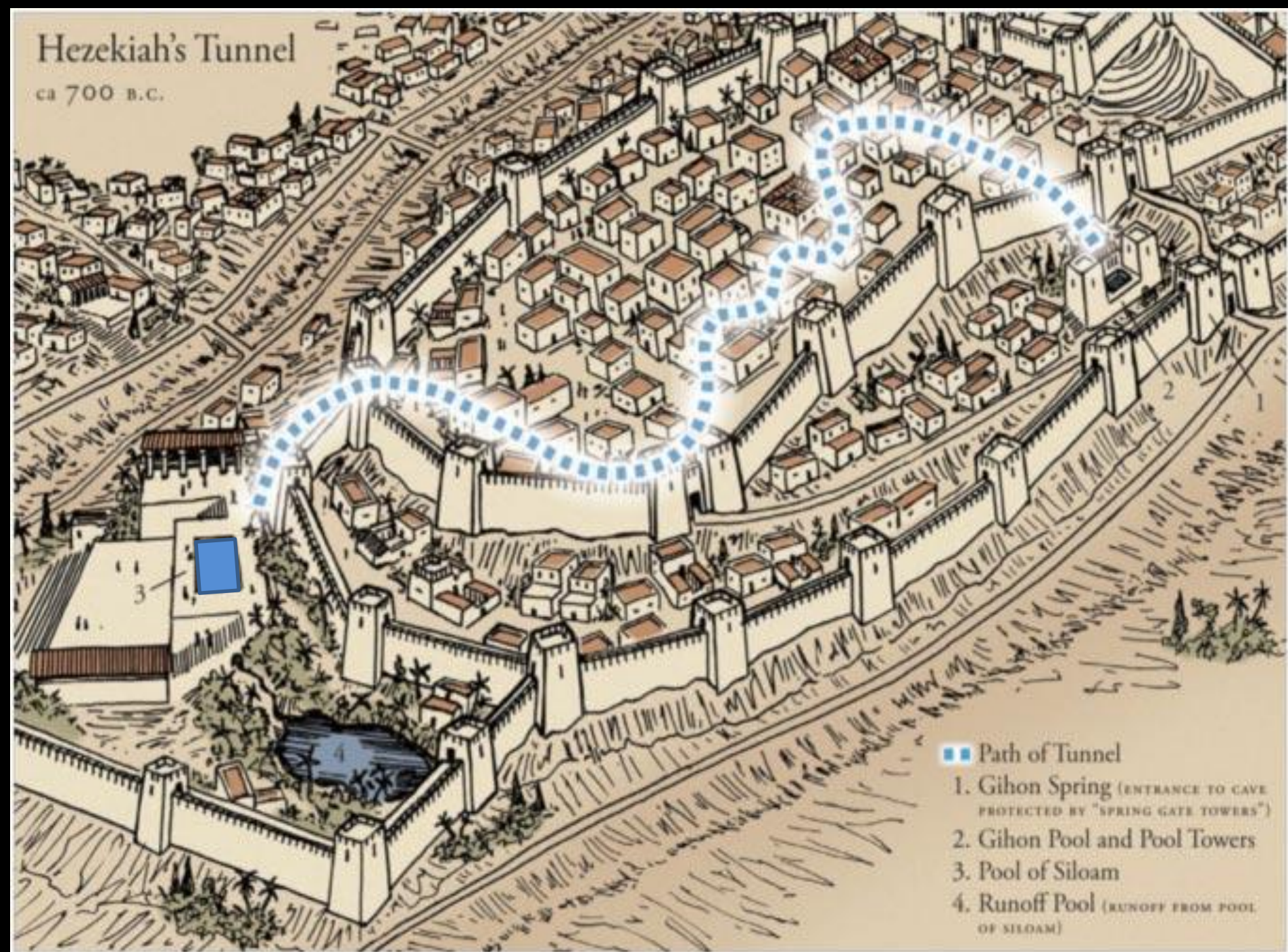
II Chron. 32:1-5

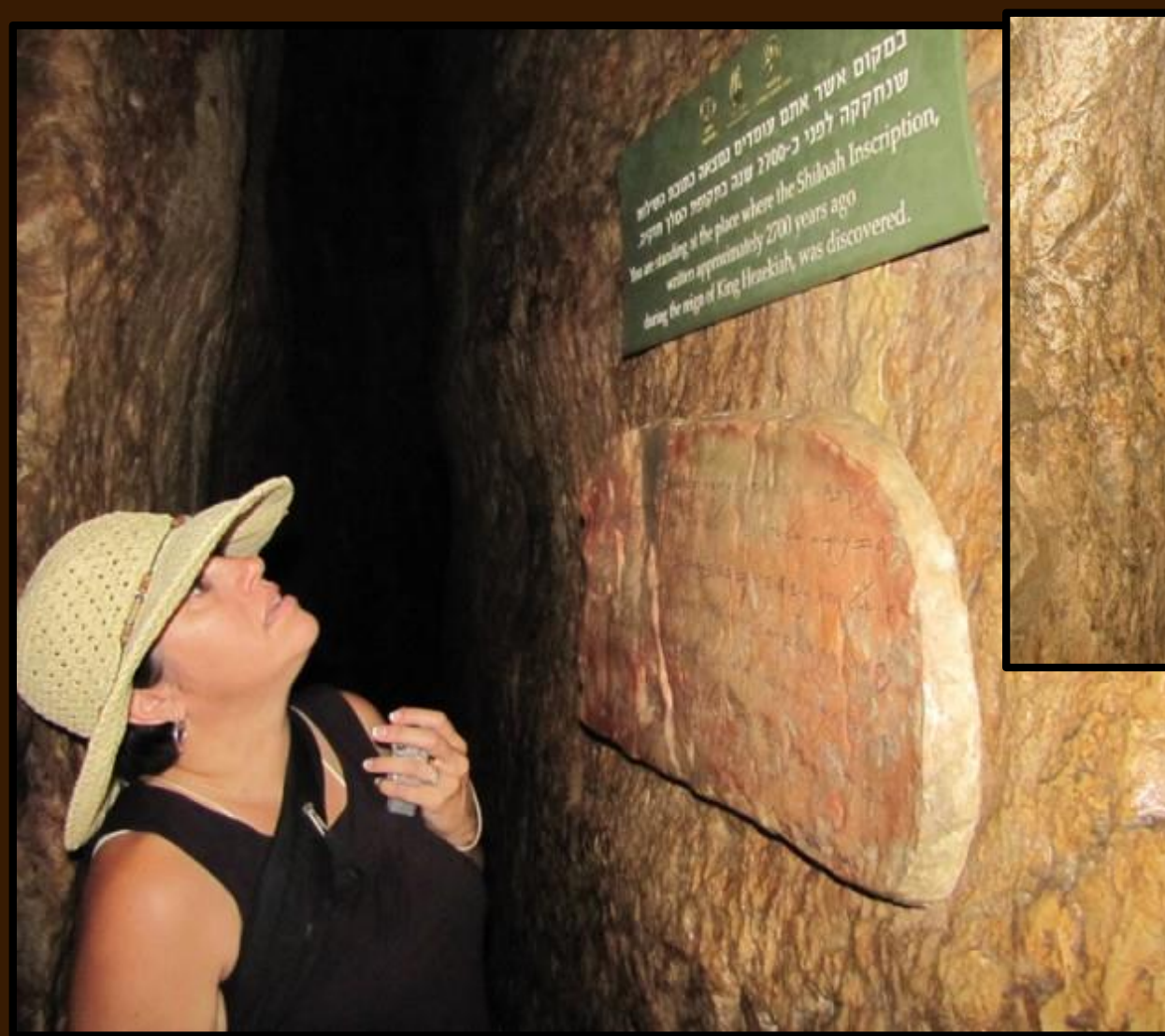


Preparing for the Assyrians

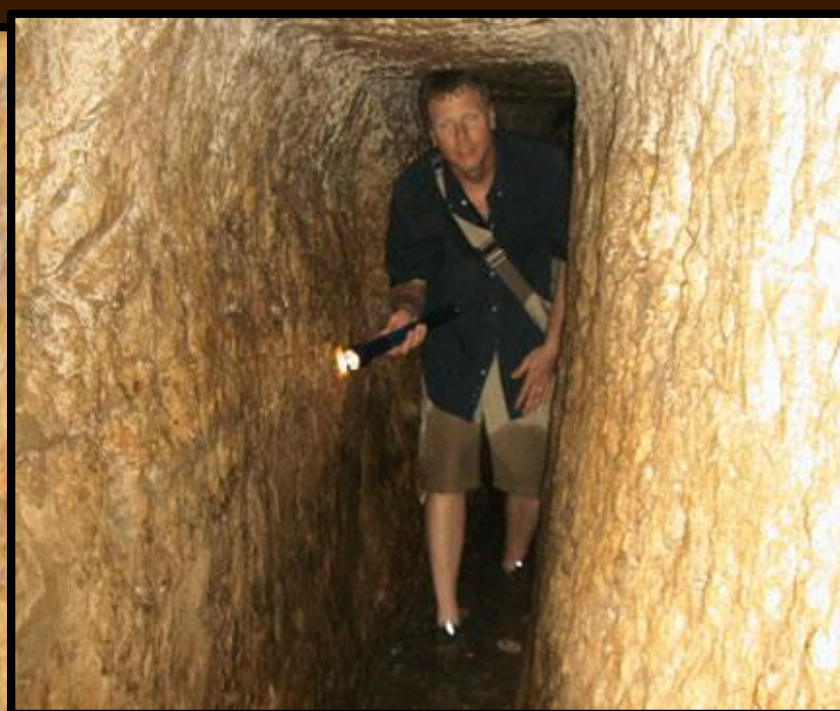
Hezekiah's Tunnel

ca 700 B.C.



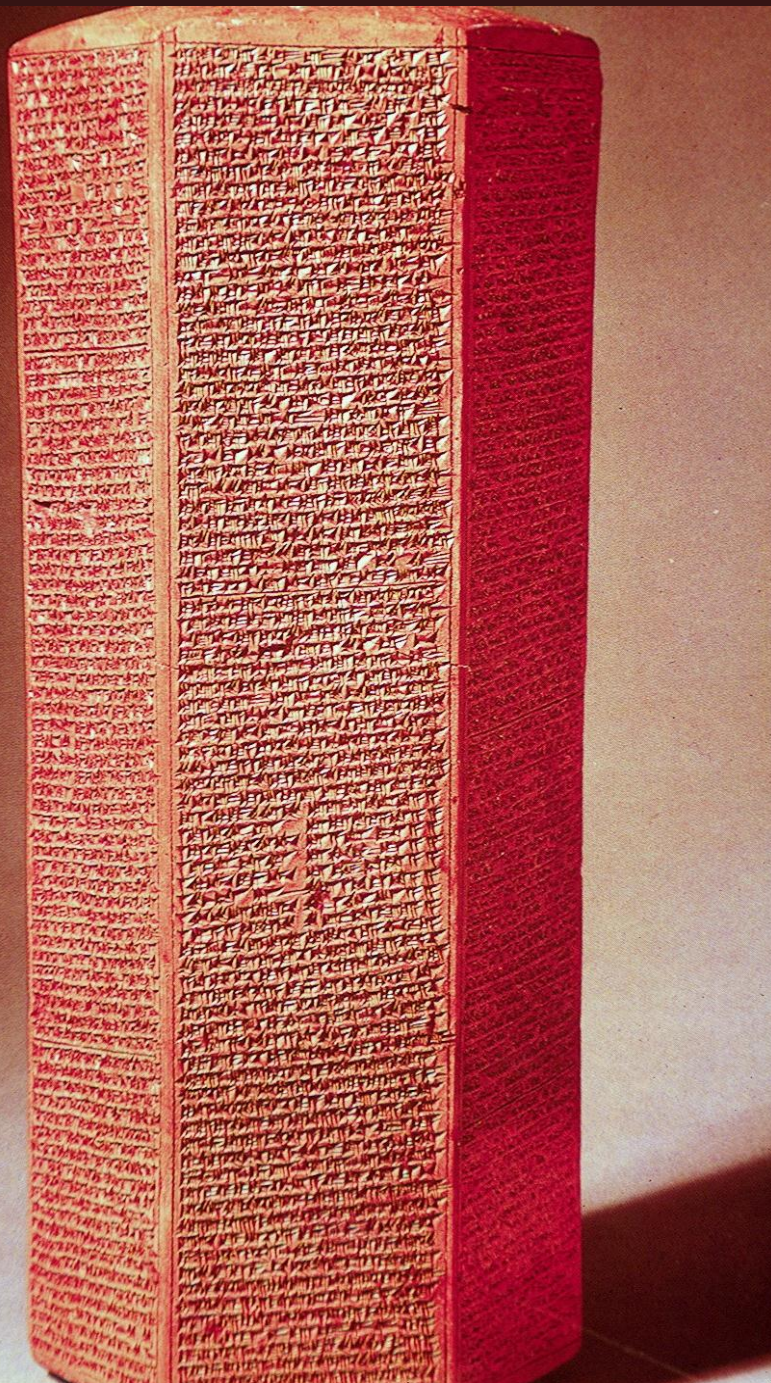


במקום אשר אתם עומדים נמצא כתובת מסוימת
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written approximately 2700 years ago
during the reign of King Hezekiah, was discovered.



Hezekiah's Tunnel





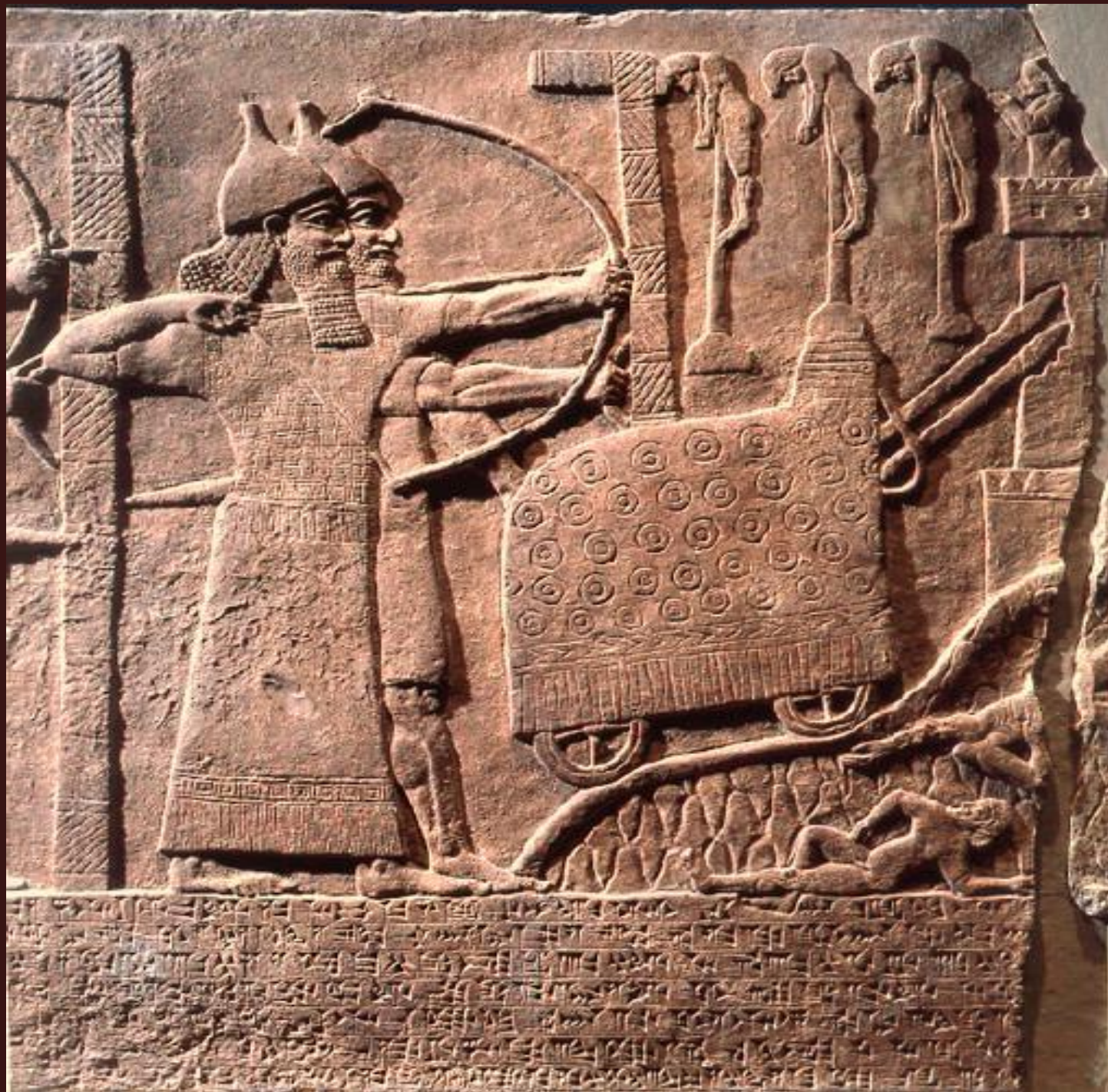
Prism of Sennacherib 689 BC

*As to Hezekiah, the Jew,
he did not submit to my
yoke, I laid siege to 46 of
his strong cities . . .*



**RELIEF ON SENNACHERIB'S PALACE WALL
OF LACHISH'S FALL = 38 FEET LONG**

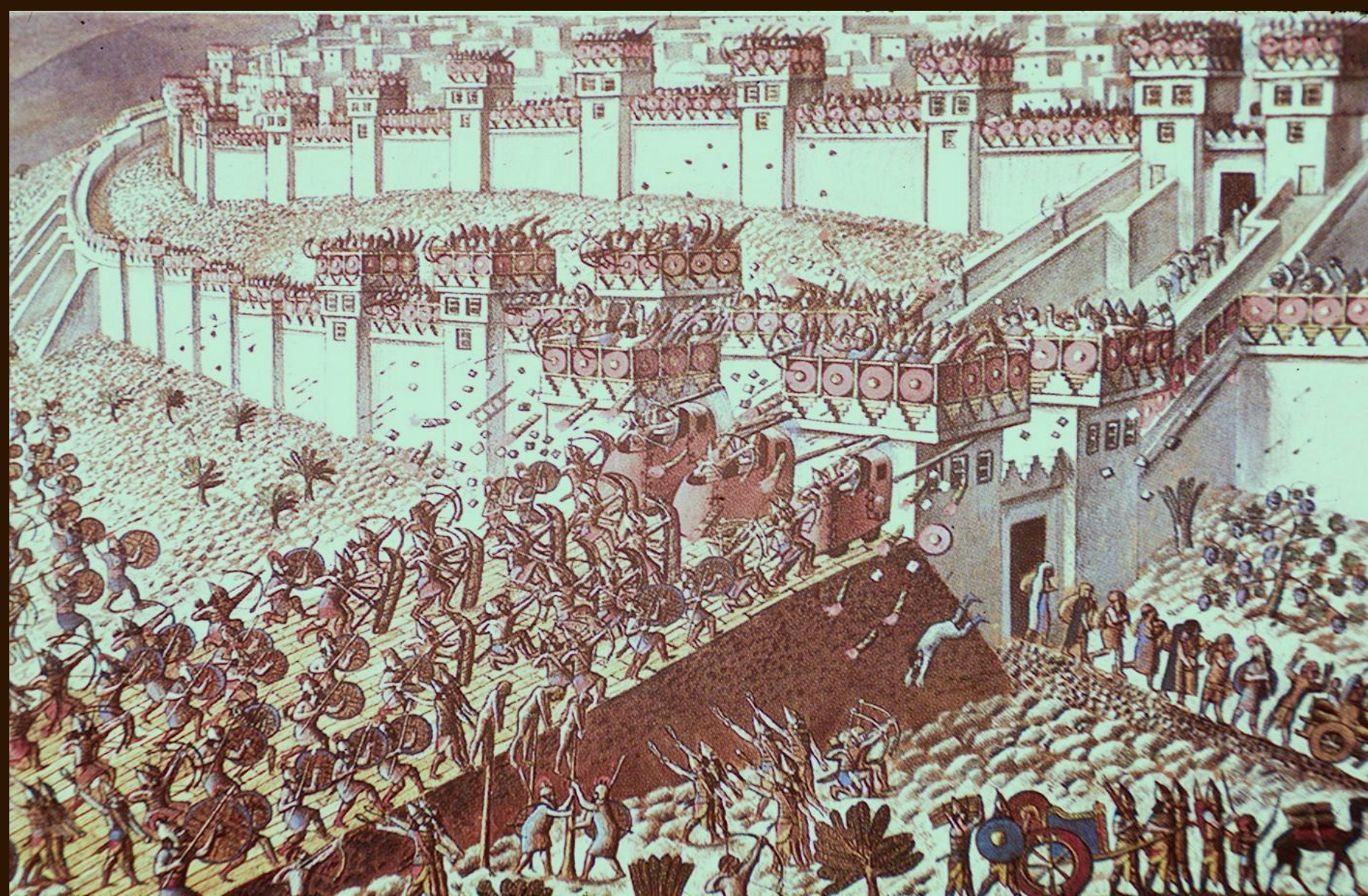
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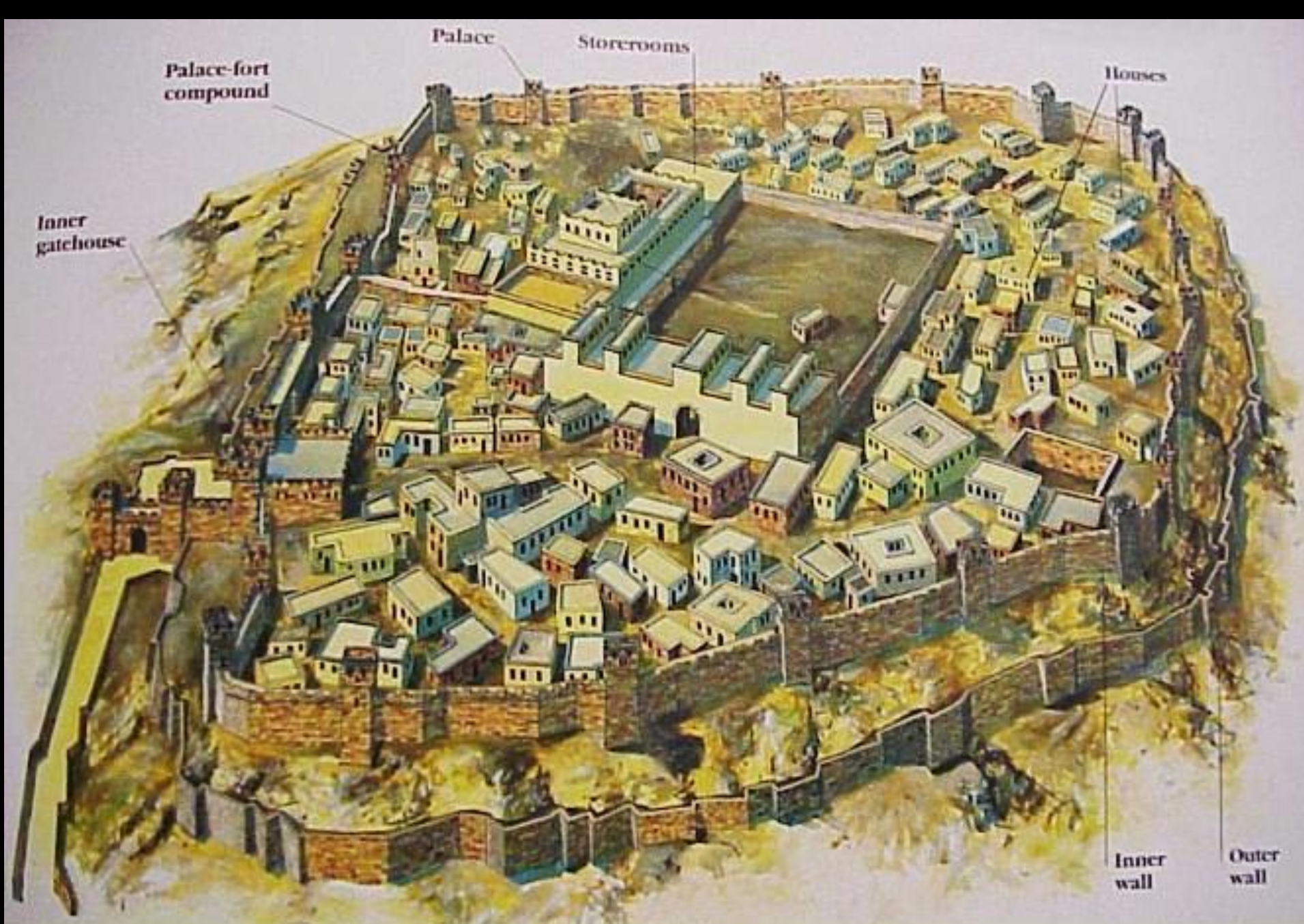


SEIGE OF LACHISH





SKETCHING OF RELIEF SIEGE IMAGE



Palace

Storerooms

Houses

Palace-fort compound

Inner gathouse

Inner wall

Outer wall



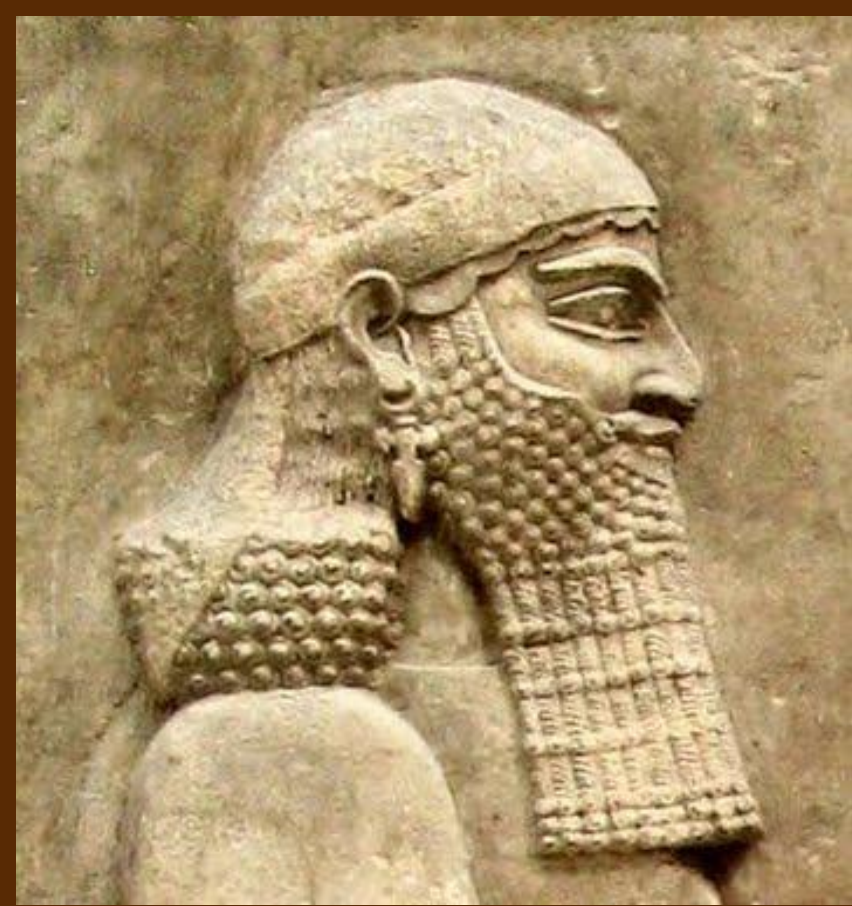
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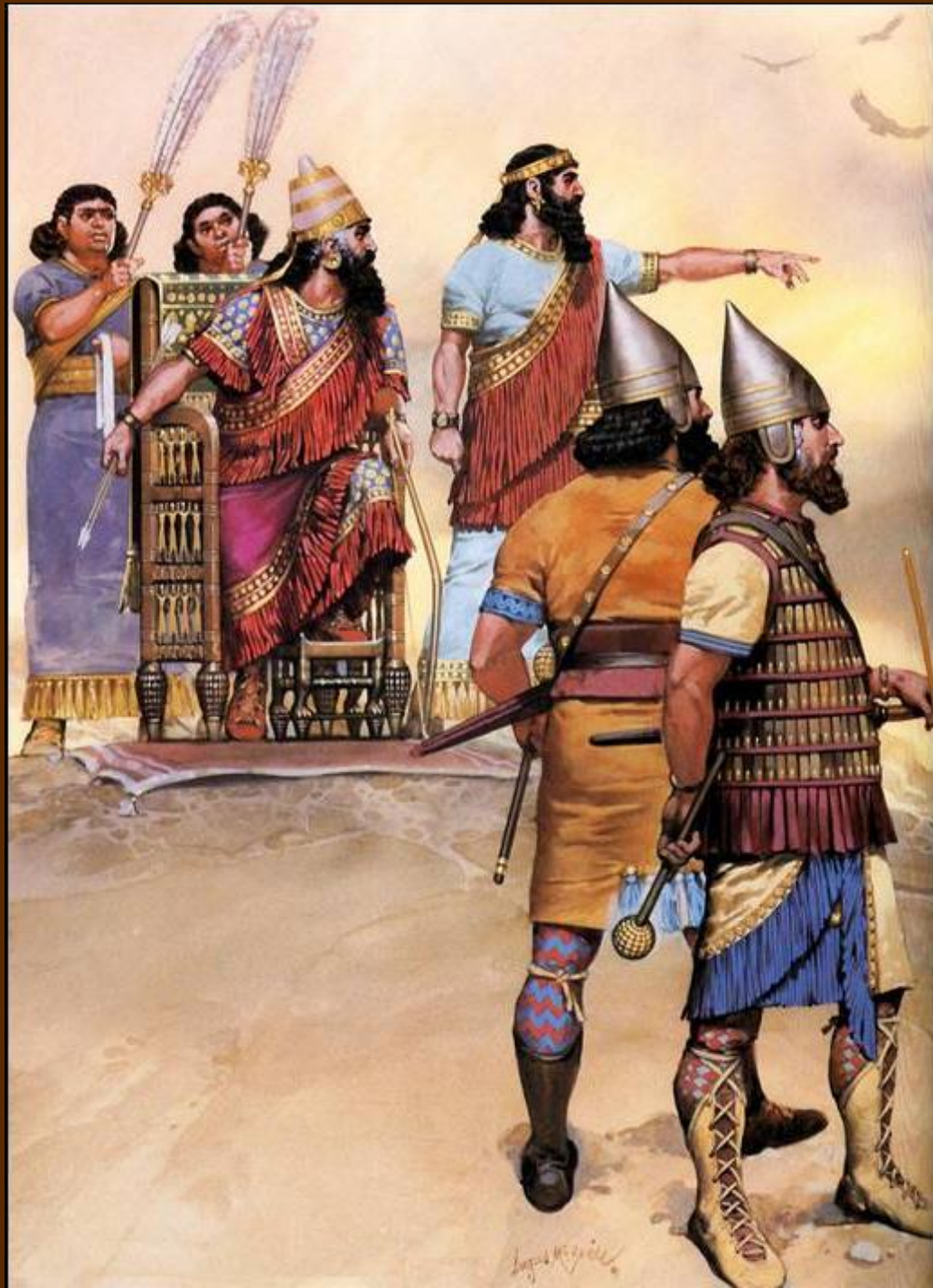
*Sennacherib king of
Assryia came up
against all the forti-
fied cites of Judah
and seized them.*

18:13





SENNACHERIB
(704-681)



Now therefore, behold, the Lord is about to bring on them the strong and abundant waters of the Euphrates, even the king of Assyria and all his glory; and it will rise up over all its channels and go over all its banks. Then it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass through, it will reach even to the neck; and the spread of its wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel.

Isa. 8:7,8

Rabshakeh's two speeches

#1 Don't trust Egypt

#2 Don't trust Hezekiah





Three speeches:

- #1 Don't trust in Egypt!*
- #2 Don't trust in Hezekiah!*
- #3 Don't trust in Yahweh!*

I Sam. 17



David and God mocked

mock = 6x

... he has taunted the
armies of the living God

II Kings 19



Second David and His God

mock = 4x

He has sent to reproach
the living God



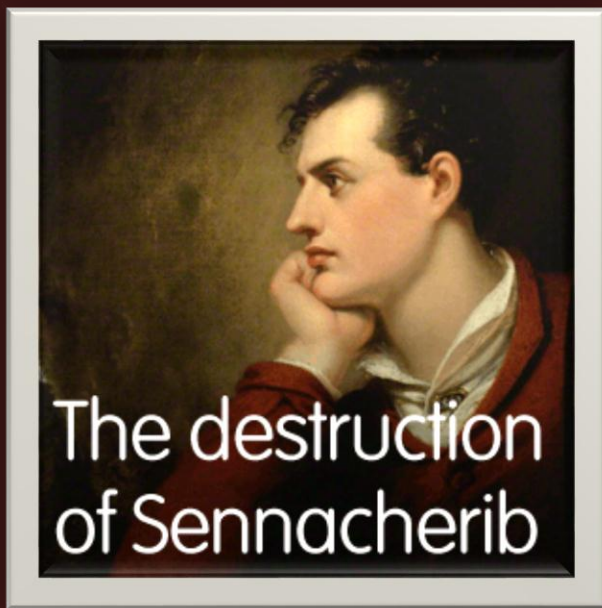
***Incline Your ear, O LORD,
and hear; open Your eyes,
O LORD, and see; and listen
to the words of Sennach-
erib, which he has sent to
reproach the living God.***







*Then it happened that
night that the angel of
the Lord went out and
struck 185,000 in the
camp of the Assyrians*



BY LORD BYRON

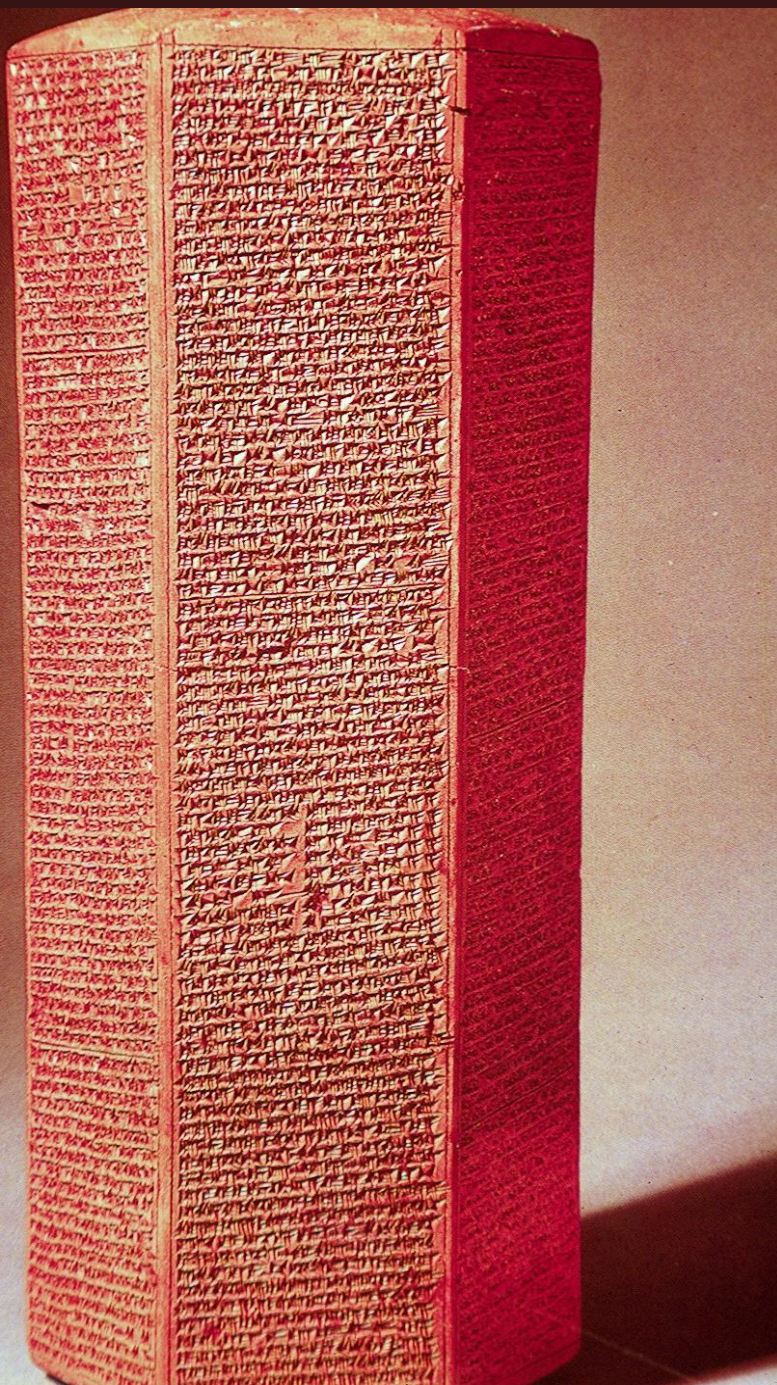
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*The Assyrian came down like the wolf on the fold,
And his cohorts were gleaming in purple and gold;
And the sheen of their spears was like stars on the sea,
When the blue wave rolls nightly on deep Galilee . . .
For the Angel of Death spread his wings on the blast,
And breathed in the face of the foe as he passed;
And the eyes of the sleepers waxed deadly and chill,
And their hearts but once heaved, and for ever grew still!*



... a multitude of field mice devoured all the quivers and bowstrings of the enemy, and ate thongs by which they managed their shields. next morning they commenced their fight, and great multitudes fell."

--Herodotus, c. 450 BC



Prism of Sennacherib 689 BC

“(Hezekiah) himself, like
a caged bird I shut up in
Jerusalem, his royal city.”

And the LORD sent an angel who destroyed every mighty warrior, commander and officer in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned in shame to his own land. And when he had entered the temple of his god, some of his own children killed him there with the sword.


II Chron. 32:21







PRAY FOR AMERICA

A white dove is shown in flight, wings spread, flying from the left side of the frame towards the right. It is positioned over a stylized American flag that features stars and stripes. The background is dark, making the flag and the dove stand out.

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MAY 2nd, 2013

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