

ORDER OF SERVICE

May 29, 2022

Community

Joshua 8:33

Worship in Fellowship
Worship in Music
Worship in Message
Worship in Giving

AJ Rinaldi

John 13:34-35

Galatians 3:24-29

Living Stones

Hebrews 10:23-25

Joshua 8:30-35

The Conquest Of Obedience Series

Life Change: We commit ourselves as altars to the New Covenant, actively engage in Christian community, and live our lives consistent with the Word of God.

Commitment

Joshua 8:30-32

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Consistency

Joshua 8:34-35

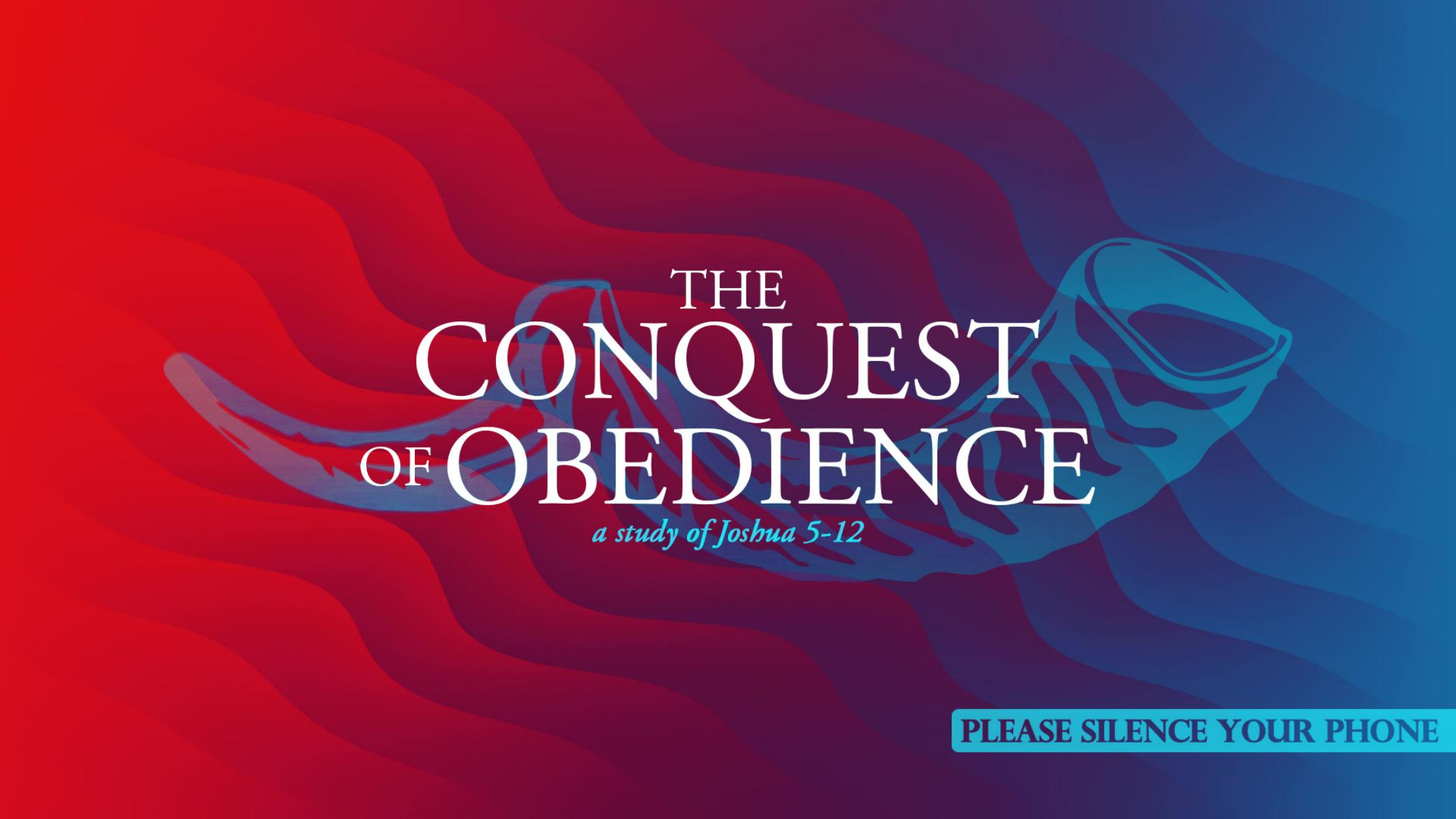
Romans 12:1

1 Peter 2:5

John 1:1

2 Timothy 3:14-17

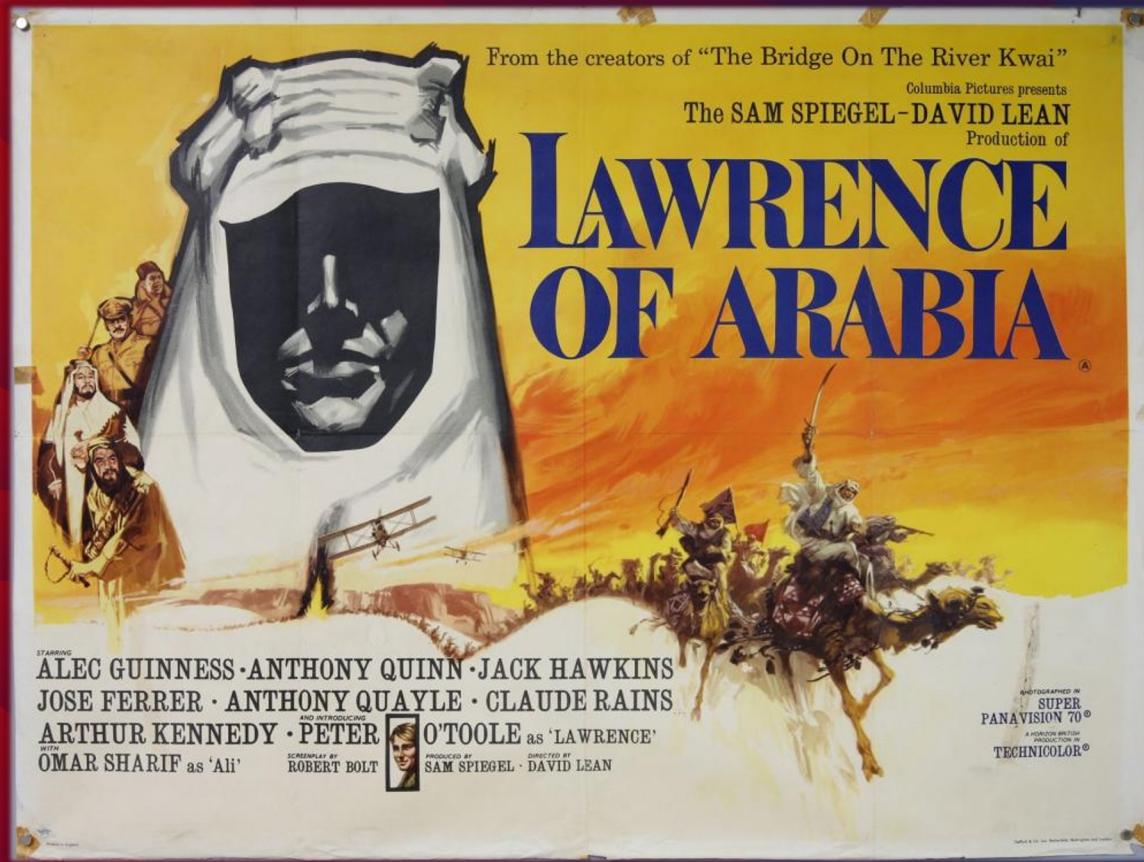
Hebrews 4:12



THE CONQUEST OF OBEDIENCE

a study of Joshua 5-12

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The background features a dynamic, abstract pattern of thick, wavy lines in shades of red, maroon, and blue. These lines curve and overlap across the entire frame, creating a sense of movement and depth.

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“Israel had now obtained a substantial enough foothold in the land to journey north to Shechem, in order to carry out God's instructions for the renewal of the Mosaic Covenant in the land (Deut. 27). Shechem stood about 30 miles north of Ai. It was a significant place for this ceremony, because it was there that God first told Abraham that He would give him the land of Canaan (Gen. 12:7). Later, Jacob had buried his idols there (Gen. 35:2). Moreover, Shechem had always been a busy site, because of its geographical location at a crossroads in northern Palestine.”

-Thomas Constable,

(<https://www.planobilechapel.org/tcon/notes/html/ot/joshua/joshua.htm>)





Joshua 8

³⁰ At that time Joshua built an altar on Mount Ebal to the LORD, the God of Israel,³¹ just as Moses the LORD's servant had commanded the Israelites. He built it according to what is written in the book of the law of Moses: an altar of uncut stones on which no iron tool has been used. Then they offered burnt offerings to the LORD and sacrificed fellowship offerings on it.³² There on the stones, Joshua copied the law of Moses, which he had written in the presence of the Israelites.

Joshua 8

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³⁴ Afterward, Joshua read aloud all the words of the law—the blessings as well as the curses—according to all that is written in the book of the law. ³⁵ There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded that Joshua did not read before the entire assembly of Israel, including the women, the dependents, and the resident aliens who lived among them.

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Deuteronomy 27

Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, “Keep every command I am giving you today.² When you cross the Jordan into the land the Lord your God is giving you, set up large stones and cover them with plaster.³ Write all the words of this law on the stones after you cross to enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Deuteronomy 27

⁴ When you have crossed the Jordan, you are to set up these stones on Mount Ebal, as I am commanding you today, and you are to cover them with plaster. ⁵ Build an altar of stones there to the Lord your God—do not use any iron tool on them. ⁶ Use uncut stones to build the altar of the Lord your God and offer burnt offerings to the Lord your God on it. ⁷ There you are to sacrifice fellowship offerings, eat, and rejoice in the presence of the Lord your God. ⁸ Write clearly all the words of this law on the plastered stones.”



Professor Adam Zertal

"Then Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, in Mount Ebal..." —Joshua 8:30

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A NATION BORN

*The Altar on Mount Ebal
and the Birth of Israel*

Zertal's compelling account of his discovery of Joshua's Altar and more ...
This concise book spans more than two decades of his life and work,
exploring the very Heartland of Israel—Samaria and the Jordan Valley!



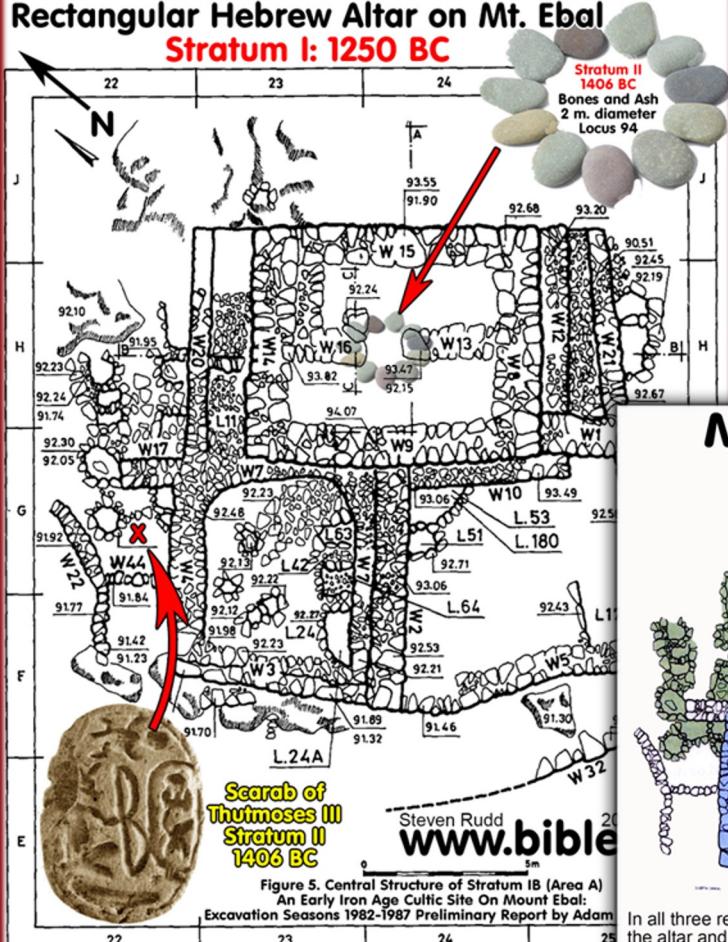
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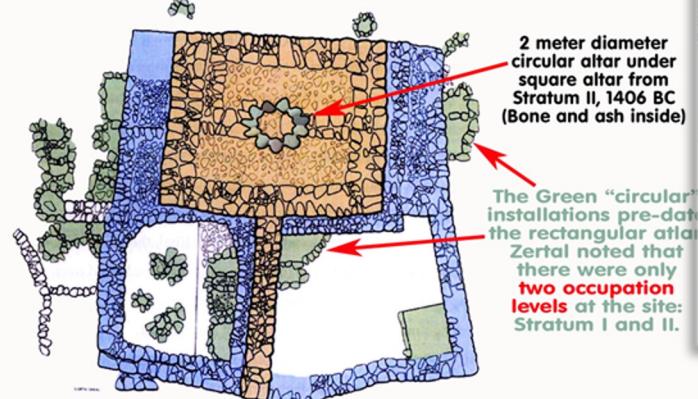
Dr. Scott Stripling



Rectangular Hebrew Altar on Mt. Ebal Stratum I: 1250 BC



Mt. Ebal Hebrew Altar Stratum I: 1250 BC



In all three renderings, a lower ledge colored blue surrounds three sides of the top of the altar and continues as a narrower, lower ramp along the side of the broad, main ramp. The rectangular structure and the main ramp leading up to it are colored yellow. In the plan and the reconstruction of the Mt. Ebal altar the circular installations are colored green.

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Hebrew Altar on Mt. Ebal: 1405 BC Stratum II, Locus 94: c. 1400 BC

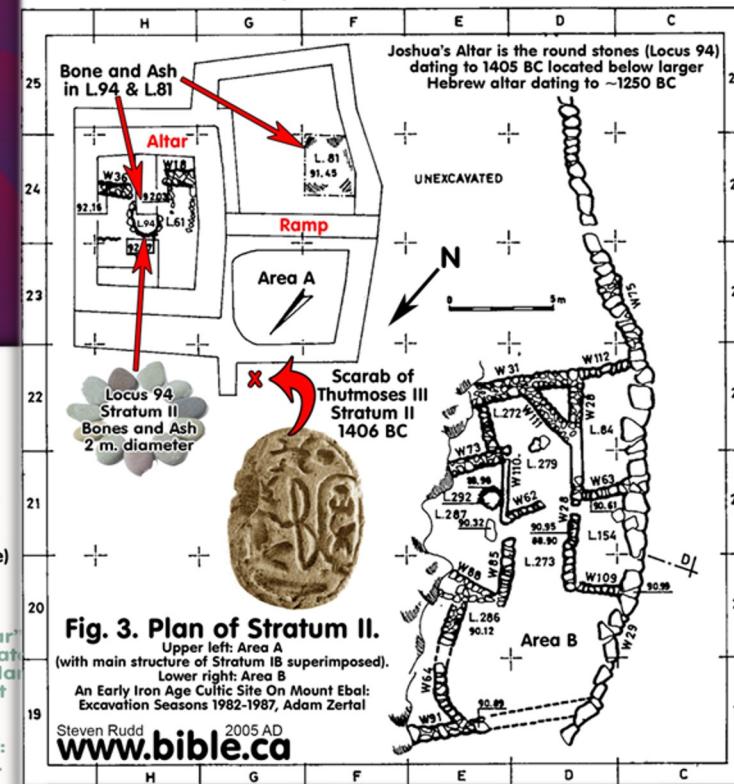
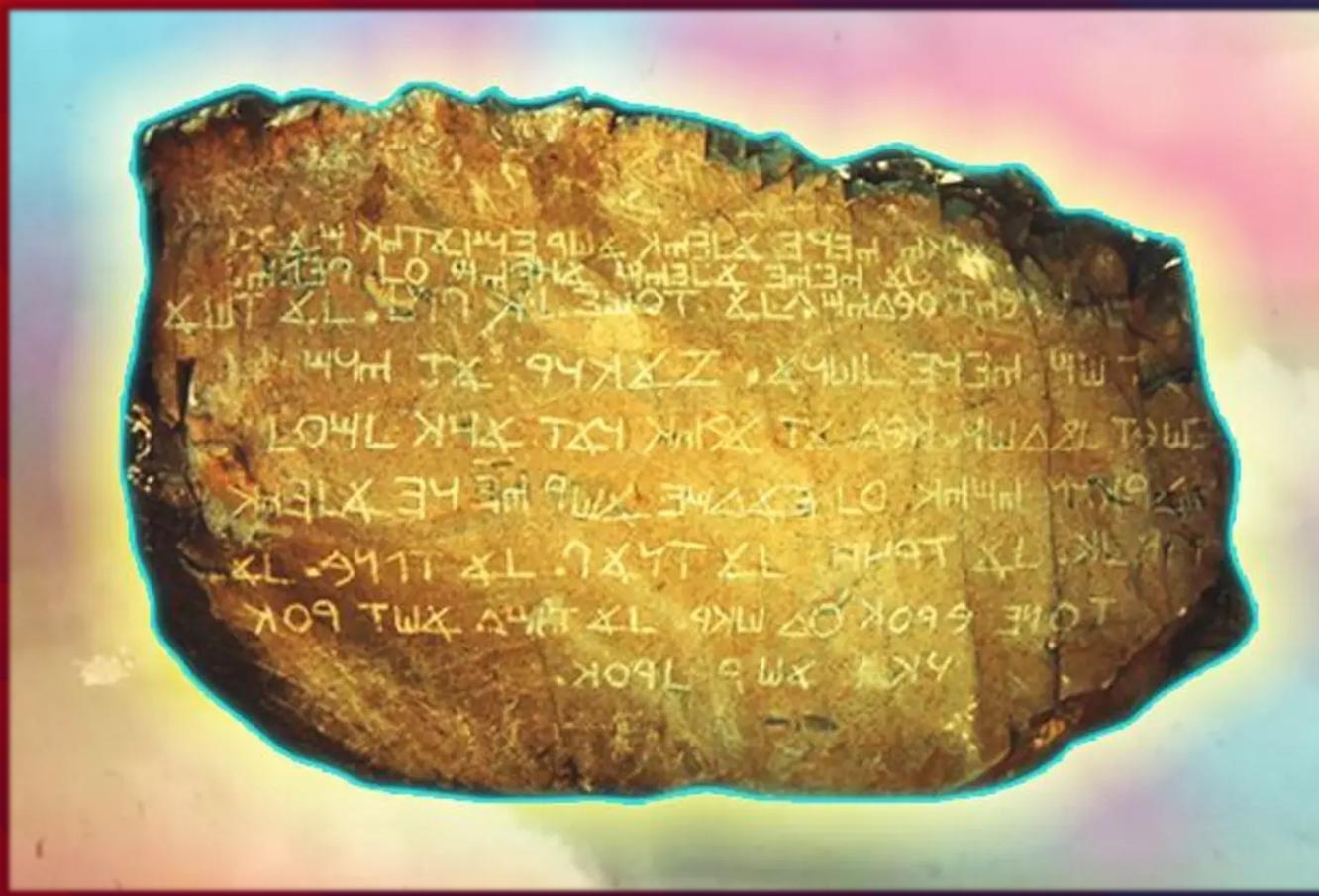


Fig. 3. Plan of Stratum II.

Upper left: Area A (with main structure of Stratum IB superimposed).
Lower right: Area B
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"This ceremony established Yahweh as "the God of Israel"—in the sight of the Canaanites as well as the Israelites. It amounted to Israel's "Declaration of Dependence." ... "The method of plastering stones and then printing on them came originally from Egypt; thus, the letters were probably painted in red. So we can imagine large whitewashed monoliths with red Hebrew characters spelling out the Ten Commandments, and possibly the blessings and curses of the Law as well. This structure was the first public display of the Law..."

This made it palpable even to strangers entering the land what God was worshipped in it, and all excuse for error was taken away.

The religion of Israel at its best has always been a missionary religion..."

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“...in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.”

Romans 12:1

“...you yourselves, as living stones, a spiritual house, are being built to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 2:5

“So often we refer to ourselves as sinners saved by grace. I think that’s the wrong perspective. How often are we referred to in scripture as Saints? We aren’t ‘sinners’ anymore—we are Saints who sometimes sin.”

-Thomas Campbell; FBC Elder, Teacher, Theologian, and all-around good guy.

2 Corinthians 5

¹⁸ Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. ¹⁹ That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God."

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“I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:34-35





Galatians 3

24 The law, then, was our guardian until Christ, so that we could be justified by faith. 25 But since that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for through faith you are all sons of God in Christ Jesus.

27 For those of you who were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. 28 There is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; since you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to the promise.



"I love meeting believers from other countries. No matter where you travel—Russia, UAE, Costa Rica, Europe, Africa, when you meet another believer there is an instant connection..."



There is a bond, a familiarity, a love that transcends nationality, color, language, and culture. It is a tangible family bond that all believers share.”

Martin McDonald; Mentor, Teacher, Theologian, and also an all-around good guy.





Hebrews 10

²³ Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.



Then Peter approached him and asked, “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? As many as seven times?”

“I tell you, not as many as seven,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven.

Matthew 18:21-23

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.

2 Timothy 1:7

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A NATURAL AMPHITHEATER

This Valley formed a Natural Amphitheater.
A speaker's voice could be heard on both hillsides.
Likewise, the shouts of a crowd on Gerizim could be heard
on Ebal, and vice versa.

Mt. Gerizim

Mt. Ebal

Shechem



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**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.**

John 1:1

2 Timothy 3:14-17

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, ¹⁵ and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

“Out of every one hundred men, ten shouldn’t even be there, eighty are just targets, nine are the real fighters, and we are lucky to have them, for they make the battle.

Ah, but the one, one is a warrior, and he will bring the others back.”

-Heraclitus, Ephesian Philosopher c. 535-475 B.C.E.



**In every situation take up the shield of faith with which
you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—
which is the word of God.**

Ephesians 6:16-17



**For the word of God is living and effective and sharper
than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the
separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able
to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

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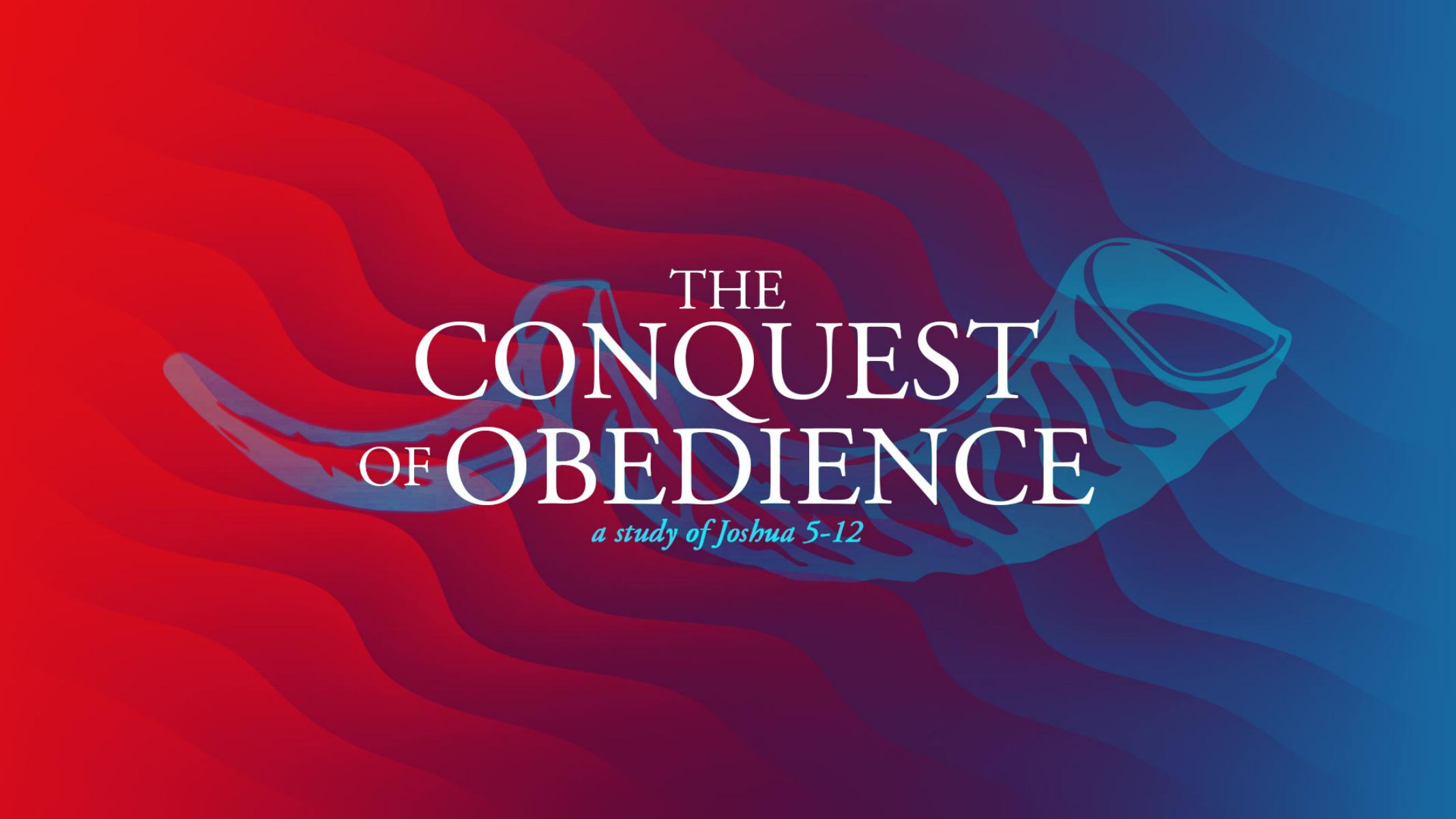
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