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Herod the Great and Jesus the Christ

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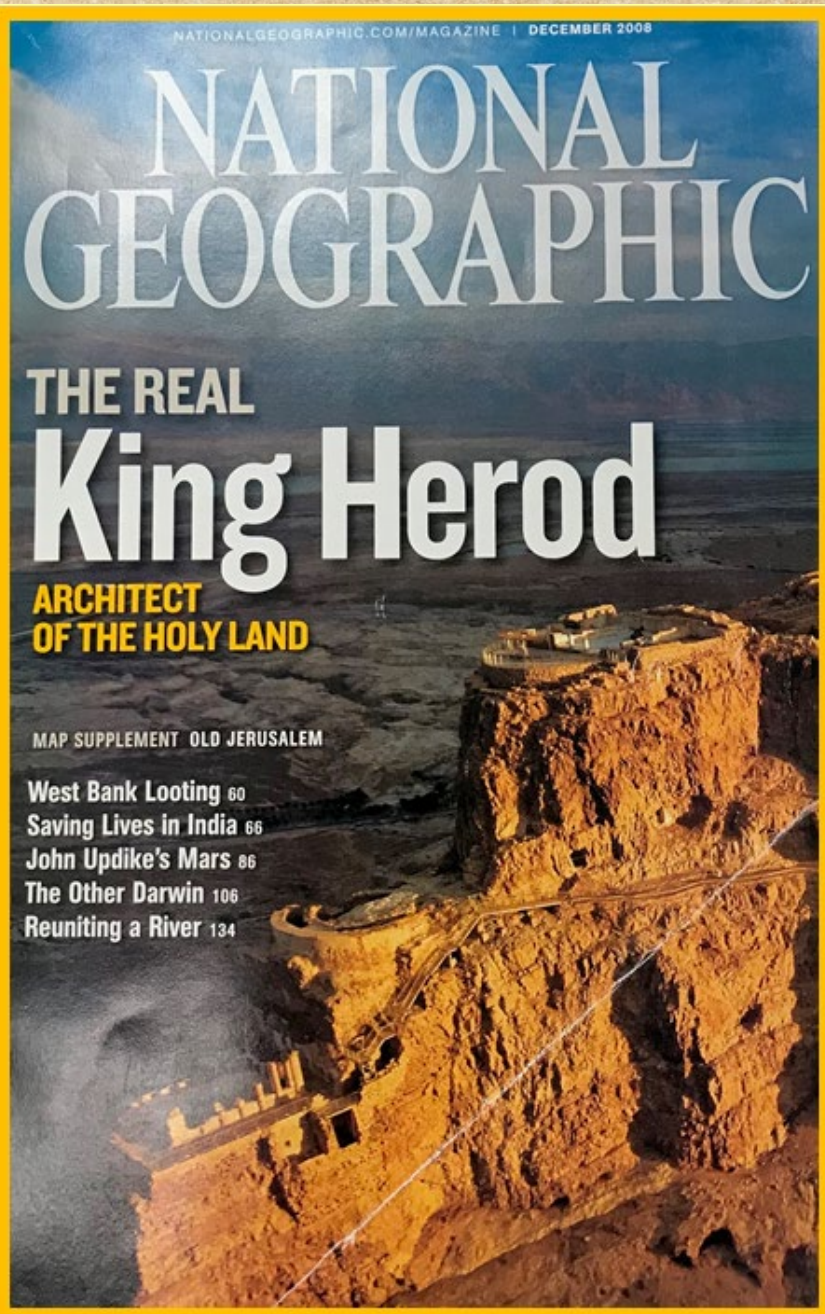
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King Herod

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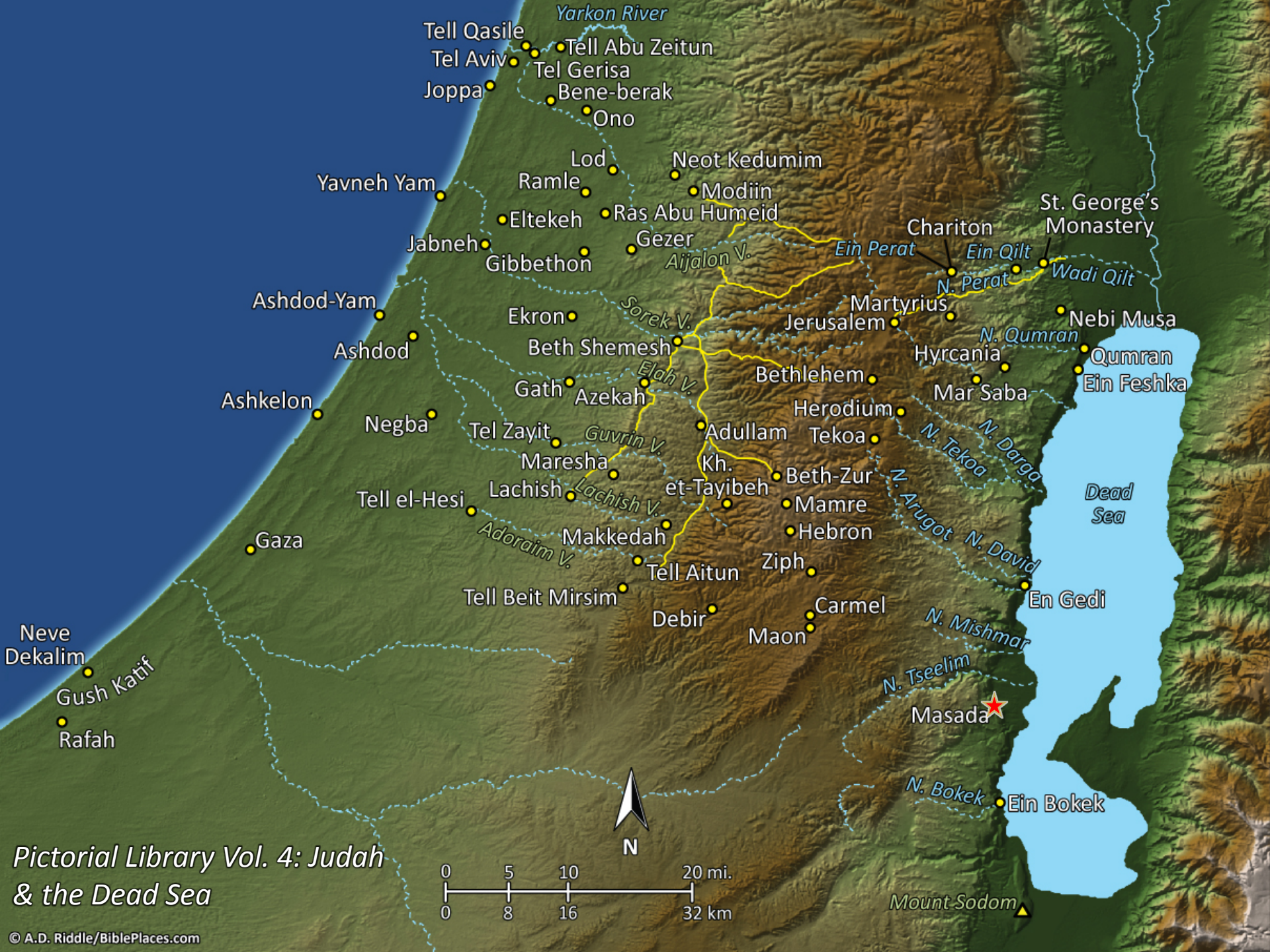
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Masada

Fortress of King Herod and final holdout of the Jewish
rebels



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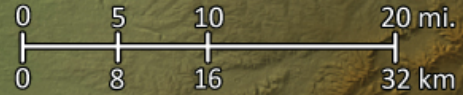
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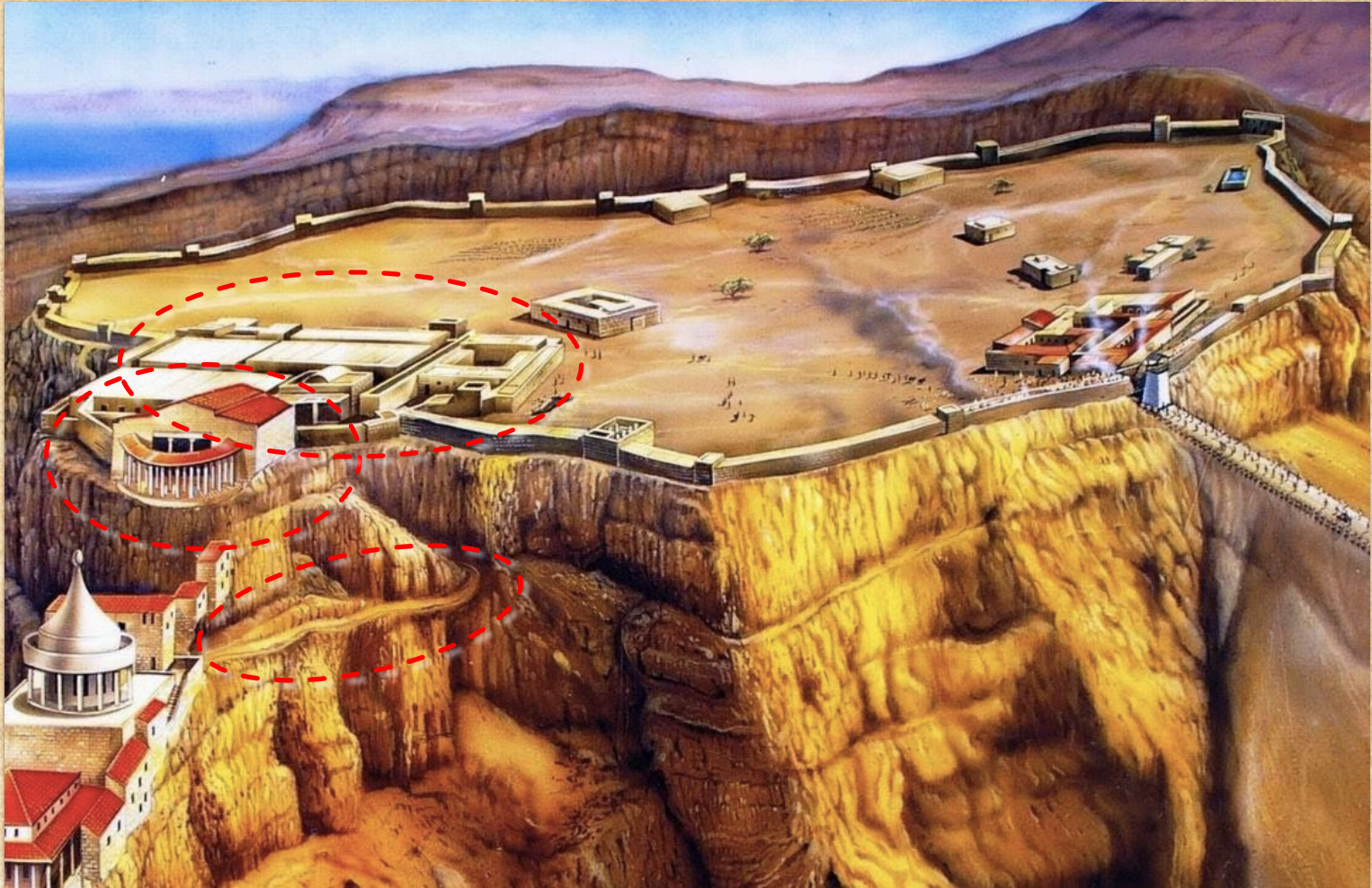
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Mount Sodom



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Masada



Masada fortress





Lisan

southern end
of Dead Sea

Masada

Masada and Dead Sea southern end aerial



Masada northern palace aerial from north



Masada bathhouse apodyterium frescoes

Masada bathhouse caldarium floor supports

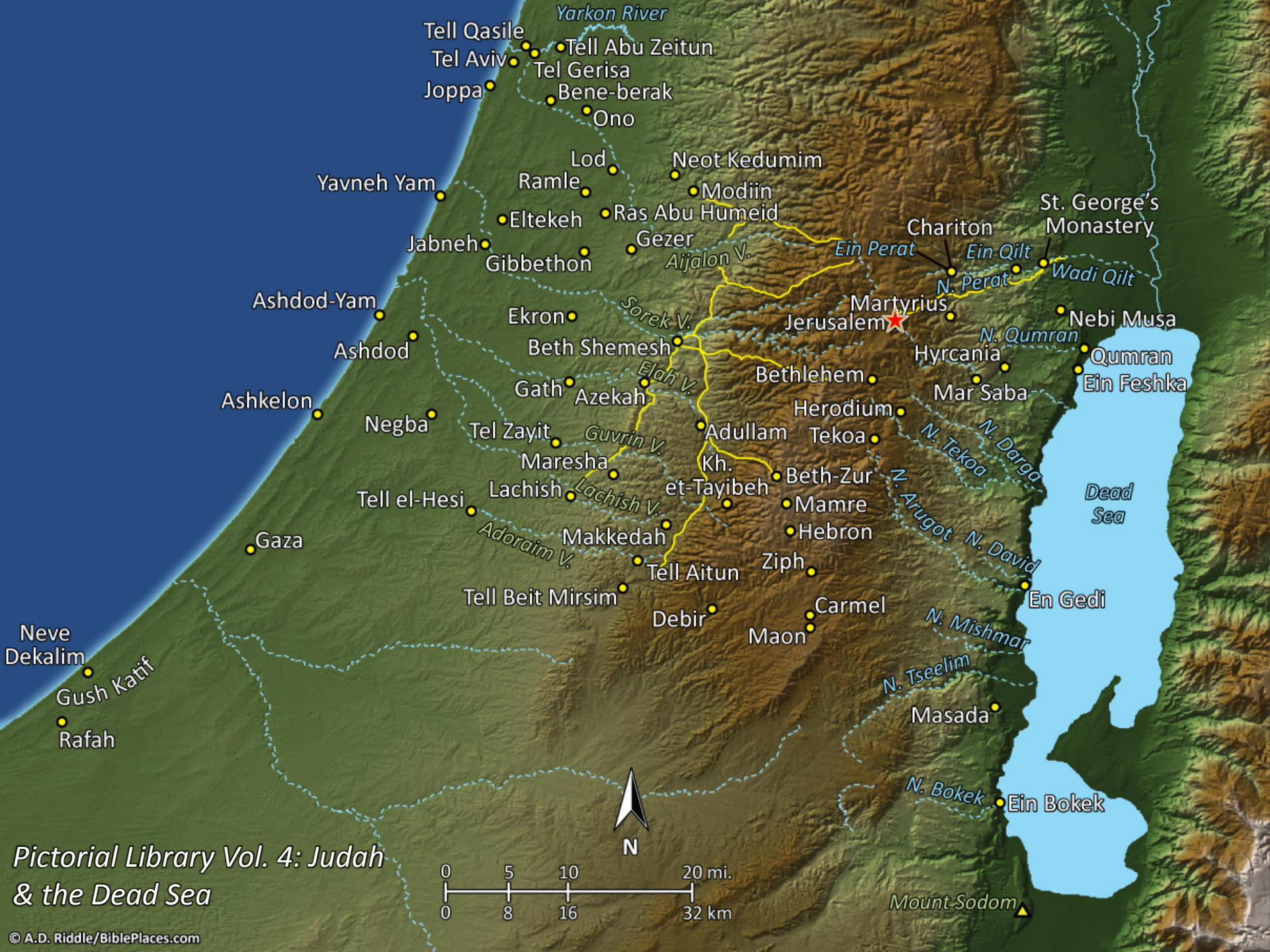


Masada storehouses from south



Temple Mount

Site of Herod's Temple



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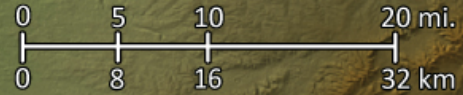
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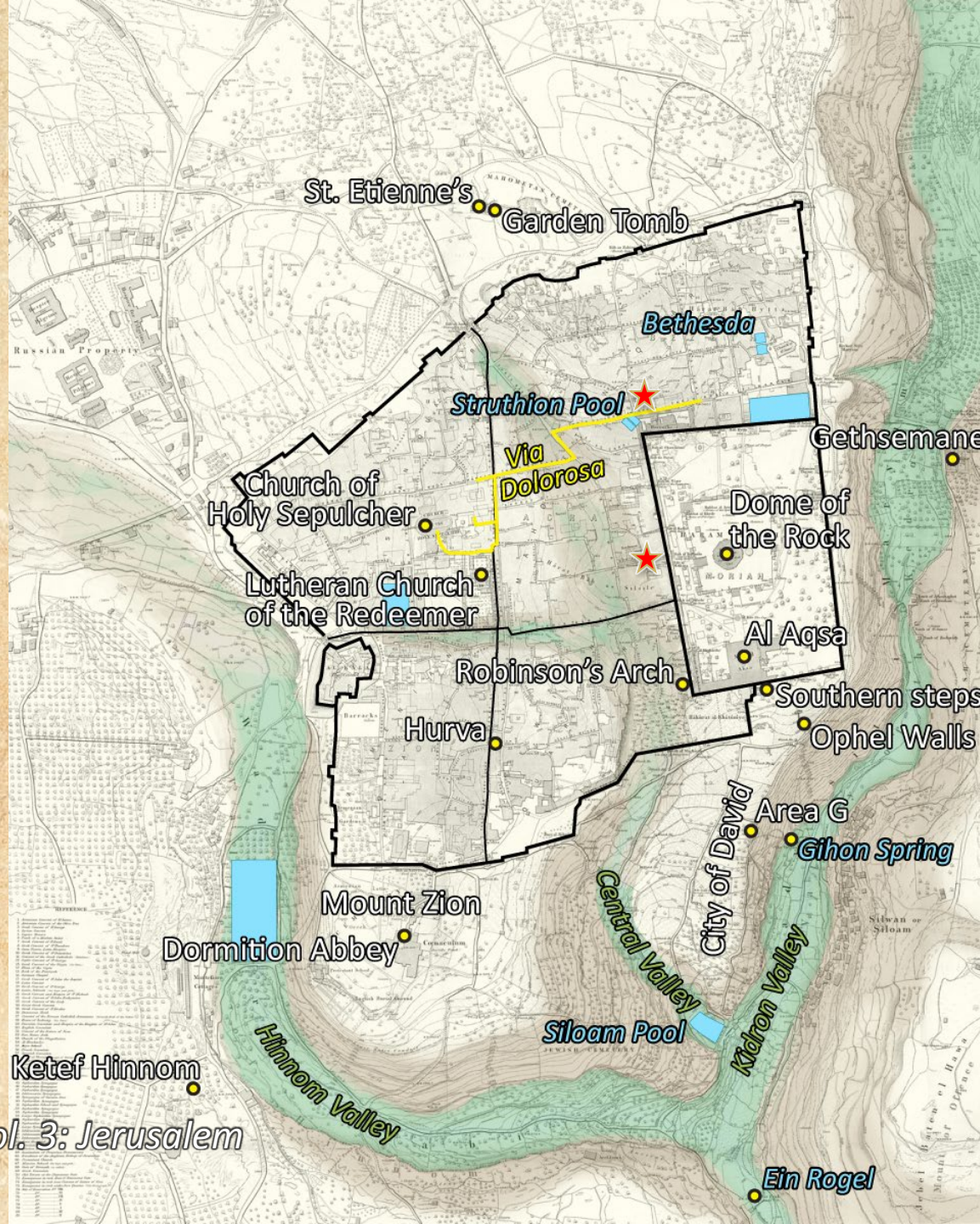
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Temple Mount aerial



Western Wall prayer area from south



Western Wall excavated tunnel



Herodian masonry

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Herod's Harbor City

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Ramat HaNadiv

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Caesarea

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Netanya

Sanur

Samaria

Apollonia

Mount Ebal

Nablus

Mount Gerizim

Sychar

Shechem

Herzliya

Izbet Sartah

Aphek

Migdal Aphek

Lebonah

Mazor

Timnath-serah

Shiloh

Alexandrium-Sartaba

Lower Beth Horon

Mizpah

Gibeon

Kiriath Jearim

Beitin

Taiyibeh

Et-Tell

Michmash

Ramah

Gibeah of Saul

Lifta

Phasaelis

Archelais

Jericho

Deir Hajla

Mount Tabor

Endor

Hill of Moreh

Harod Valley

Beth Shean

Tel Rehov

Salim

Abel-Meholah

Tirzah

Jordan Rift

Michmethath Valley

Baal Hazor

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0 4 8 16 km



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Caesarea Maritima





Caesarea hippodrome aerial from northwest



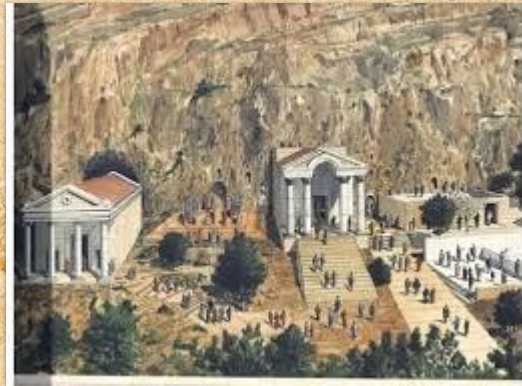
Caesarea theater aerial from south

HEROD'S DOMAIN

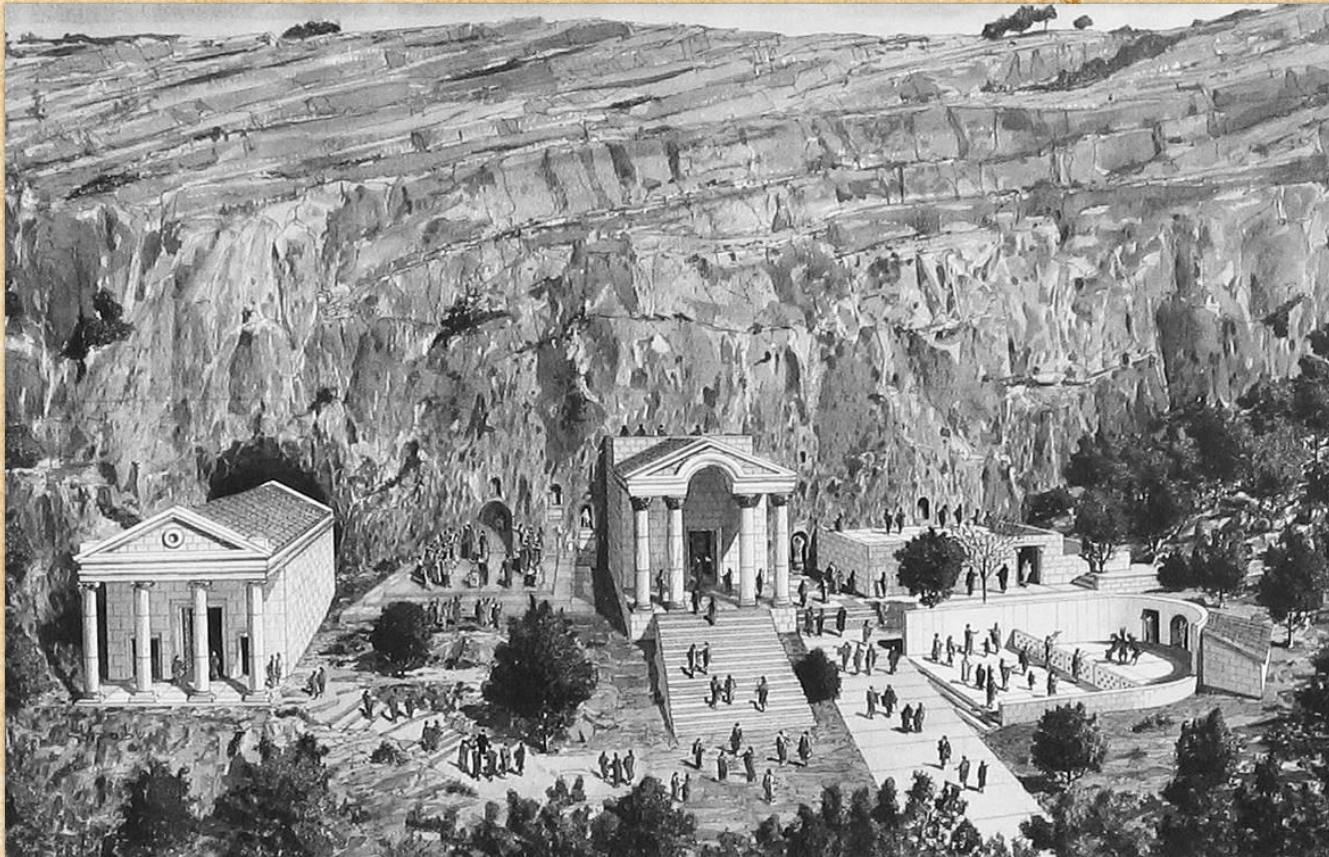
By Herod's death, the extent of his realm rivaled the biblical kingdoms of David and Solomon. Won by a mix of savvy diplomacy and ruthless conquest, the territory reached from modern Lebanon and Syria in the north, to Israel's Negev desert in the south. A line of fortresses guarded its eastern flank.



Caesarea Philippi



Caesarea Philippi – artist's rendition

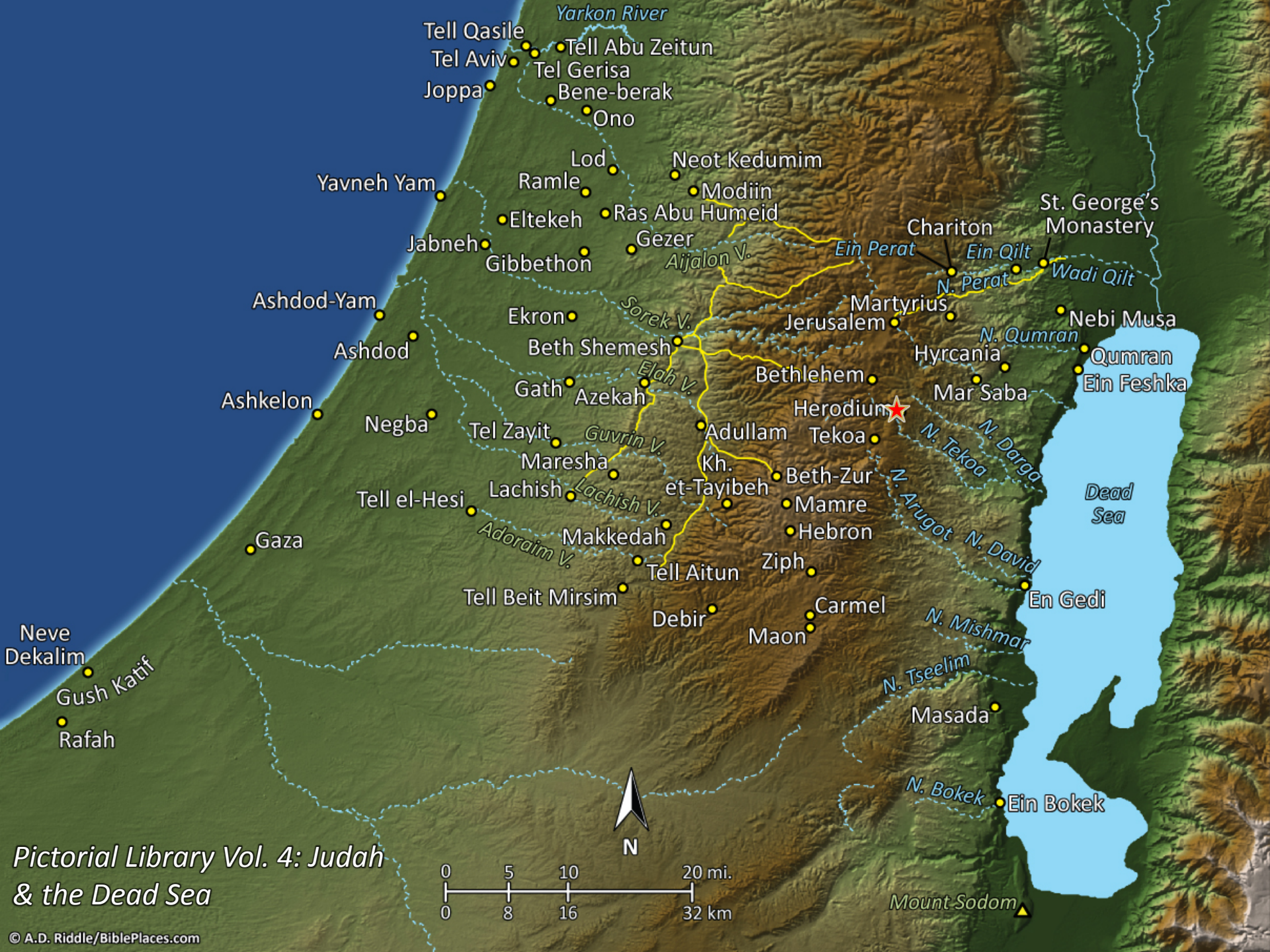




Caesarea Philippi aerial from south – Grotto of Pan

Herodium

The palace and burial place of
King Herod



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Herodium – artist's rendition



BURIAL OF A KING

"Omitting nothing that could contribute to its magnificence," wrote the historian Josephus, Herod's funeral procession carried his body on a bier of gold, trailed by hundreds of family, soldiers, and servants, to a mausoleum beneath the steep walls of Herod's palace fortress.

Herod's burial – artist's rendition



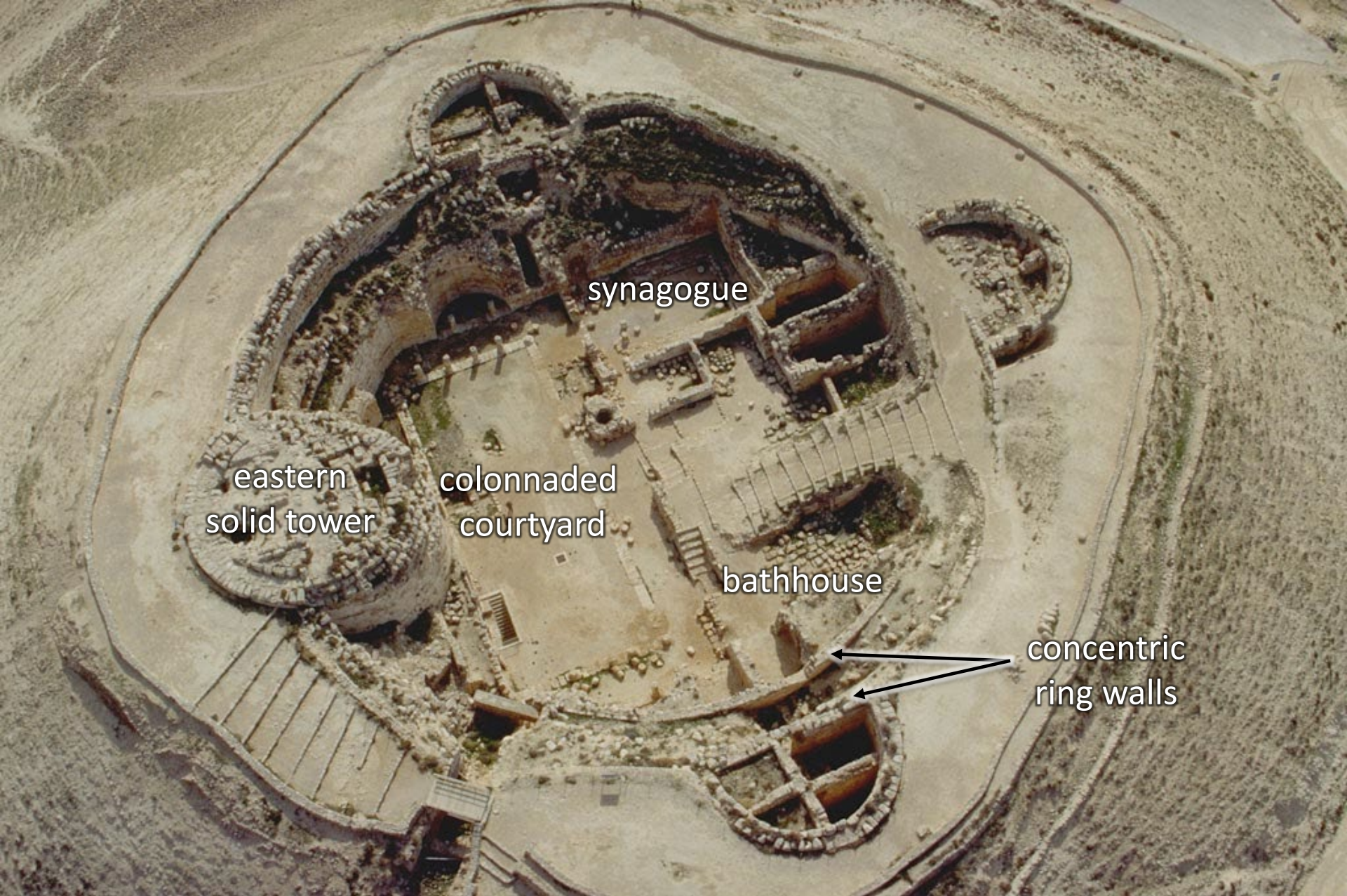
Herodium from northeast



Herodium aerial from northwest



Herodium aerial



synagogue

eastern
solid tower

colonnaded
courtyard

bathhouse

concentric
ring walls

Herodium aerial



Herodium courtyard and bathhouse



Herodium with lower pool

Two Contrasting Kings

King Herod

- ◇ Killed children
- ◇ Controlled throne
- ◇ Executed threats
- ◇ Manipulated to throne
- ◇ Sacrificed others
- ◇ Wilderness fortress for self-protection

King of kings, Jesus Christ

- ◇ Blessed children
- ◇ Shares throne
- ◇ Elevates faithful
- ◇ Rightful heir to throne
- ◇ Sacrificed Himself
- ◇ Encountered enemy in wilderness for our protection

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King Herod

- ◆ Built projects in Israel to exalt and protect self
- ◆ Led people to worship Caesar Augustus
- ◆ Now dead, awaiting final judgment

King of kings, Jesus Christ

- ◆ Building His church worldwide to save others
- ◆ Provided the way to come to the Father
- ◆ Now alive, waiting to execute judgment on all mankind

Matt 2:18/Jeremiah 31:15-17

¹⁵ Thus says the Lord:

“A voice was heard in Ramah,
Lamentation *and* bitter weeping,
Rachel weeping for her children,
Refusing to be comforted for her children,
Because they *are* no more.”

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord:

“Refrain your voice from weeping,
And your eyes from tears;
For your work shall be rewarded,” says the Lord,
“And they shall come back from the land of the enemy.”

¹⁷ “There is hope in your future,” says the Lord,

“That *your* children shall come back to their own border.”



Matthew 16:18

“I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

— Jesus Christ

Living Stones



John 14:1-3

¹ Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are *many mansions*; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare *a place* for you. ³ And if I go and prepare *a place* for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

The King



