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**Isaiah 43:14-17 (NLT)** – “This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: ‘For your sakes I will send an army against Babylon, forcing the Babylonians to flee in those ships they are so proud of. <sup>15</sup> I am the Lord, **your Holy One, Israel’s Creator and King.** <sup>16</sup> I am the Lord, who opened a way through the waters, making a dry path through the sea. <sup>17</sup> I called forth the mighty army of Egypt with all its chariots and horses. I drew them beneath the waves, and they drowned, their lives snuffed out like a smoldering candlewick.’”



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## Isaiah Written to 3 Groups:

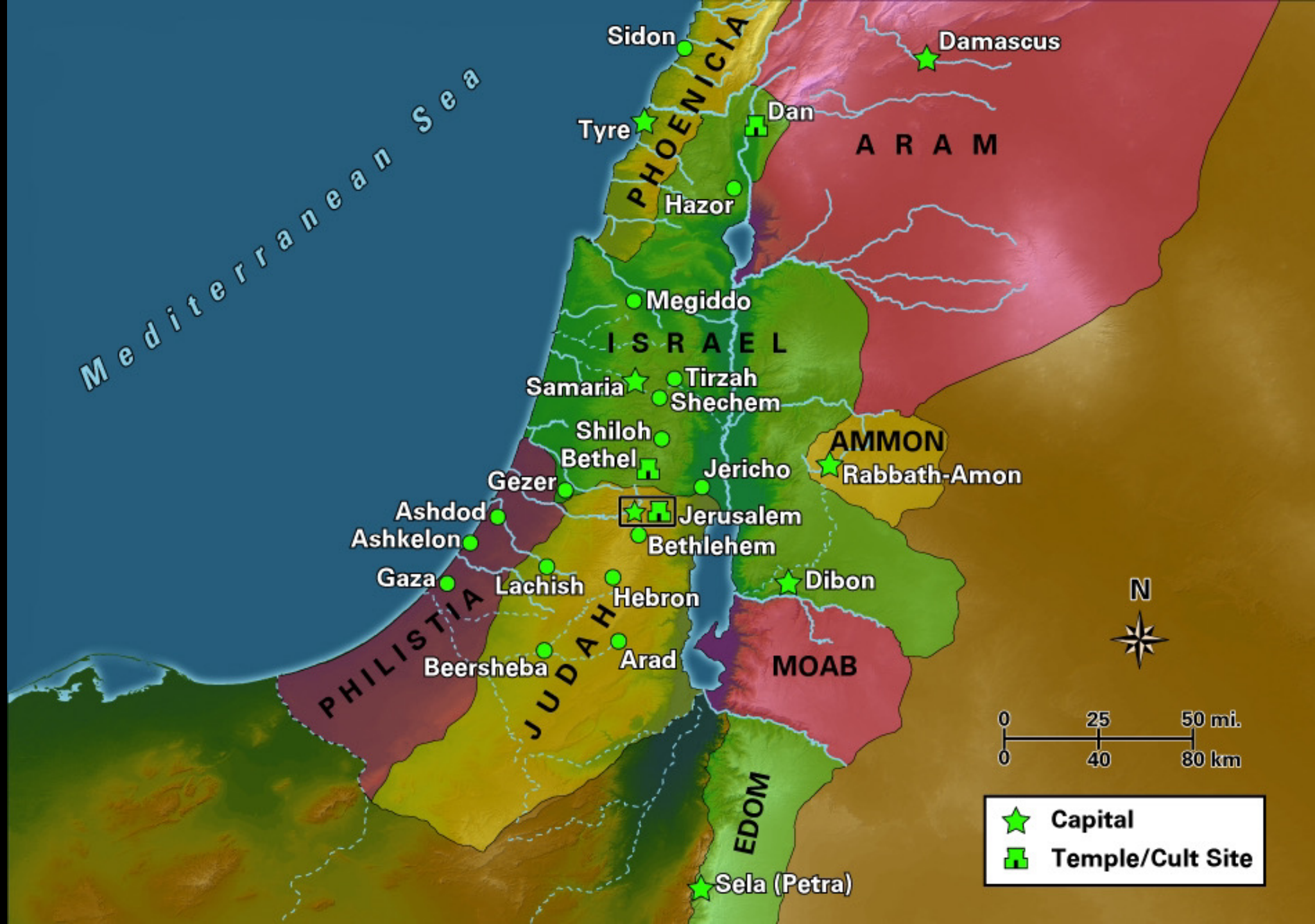
1. A nation in **SIN**... chs 1-39
  - PUNISHMENT... exile
2. A nation in **EXILE**... chs 40-59
  - HOPE... “hold on!”
3. A nation **RESTORED**... chs 60-66
  - What to EXPECT

**Isaiah 43:18-21 (NLT)** – “But forget all that— it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. <sup>19</sup> **For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?** I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland. <sup>20</sup> The wild animals in the fields will thank me, the jackals and owls, too, for giving them water in the desert. Yes, I will make rivers in the dry wasteland so my chosen people can be refreshed. <sup>21</sup> I have made Israel for myself, and they will someday honor me before the whole world.”



**Are You Believing God for  
Greater Things in**

**2022**



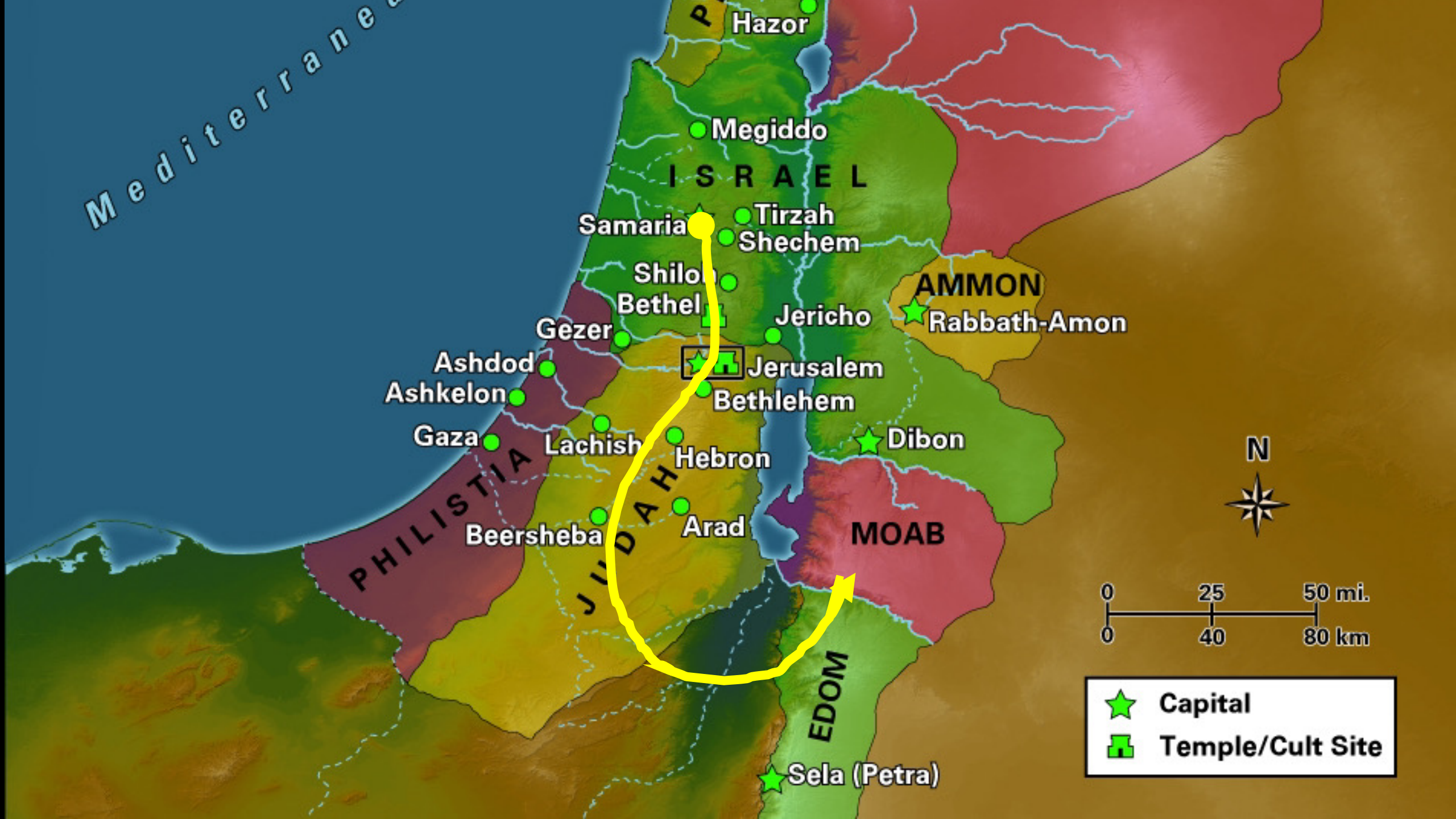


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## **Our Cast of Characters:**

- 1. Mesha – King of Moab**
- 2. Jehoram – King of Israel**
- 3. Jehoshaphat – King of Judah**
- 4. King of Edom**





“The king of Edom and his troops joined them, and all three armies traveled along a roundabout route through the wilderness for seven days. **But there was no water for the men or their animals.** <sup>10</sup> ‘What should we do?’ the king of Israel cried out. ‘The Lord has brought the three of us here to let the king of Moab defeat us.’ <sup>11</sup> But King Jehoshaphat of Judah asked, **‘Is there no prophet of the Lord with us?** If there is, we can ask the Lord what to do through him.’ One of King

**2 Kings 3:9-12 (NLT)**

Joram's officers replied, 'Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He used to be Elijah's personal assistant.'

<sup>12</sup> Jehoshaphat said, 'Yes, the Lord speaks through him.' So the king of Israel, King Jehoshaphat of Judah, **and the king of Edom went to consult with Elisha.**"

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**What INSPIRES you?**



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## inspiration

- something that makes someone want to do something or that gives someone an idea about what to do or create
- a force or influence that inspires someone



God's **PLAN**

Had God's **MAN**

In the **PLACE OF NEED**

# *1937 Bughatti Super Car*



**2 Kings 3:13-15a (NLT)** – “‘Why are you coming to me?’ Elisha asked the king of Israel. ‘Go to the pagan prophets of your father and mother!’ But King Joram of Israel said, **‘No! For it was the Lord who called us three kings here—only to be defeated by the king of Moab!’** <sup>14</sup> Elisha replied, ‘As surely as the Lord Almighty lives, whom I serve, I wouldn’t even bother with you **except for my respect for King Jehoshaphat** of Judah. <sup>15</sup> Now bring me someone who can play the harp...’”

*“Now bring  
me a harpist!”*





**1 Chronicles 25:1 (NIV)** - “David, together with the commanders of the army, set apart some of the sons of Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun **for the ministry of prophesying, accompanied by harps, lyres and cymbals.**”



Worship *Invites* the Presence of  
God

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**2 Kings 3:15b-17 (NLT)** – “Now bring me someone who can play the harp.’ **While the harp was being played, the power of the Lord came upon Elisha,** <sup>16</sup> and he said, **‘This is what the Lord says: This dry valley will be filled with pools of water!** <sup>17</sup> You will see neither wind nor rain, says the Lord, but this valley will be filled with water. You will have plenty for yourselves and your cattle and other animals.’”



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**PERSPIRATION...**

**“God’s people prepare for things we cannot accomplish, but can only receive.”**



**VIDEO**

**CLIP**

**John 10:10** – “I have come that you might have life, and life **to the full.**”



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## pleroo

- Greek
- “super abundance” ... a gushing fountain



“You will see neither wind nor rain, says the Lord, but this valley will be filled with water. You will have plenty for yourselves and your cattle and other animals. <sup>18</sup> **But this is only a simple thing for the Lord**, for he will make you victorious over the army of Moab! <sup>19</sup> You will conquer the best of their towns, even the fortified ones. You will cut down all their good trees, stop up all their springs, and ruin all their good land with stones.’ <sup>20</sup> The next day at about the time **when the morning**

**2 Kings 3:17-20 (NLT)**

**sacrifice was offered**, water suddenly appeared! **It was flowing from the direction of Edom**, and soon there was water everywhere.”

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BASED ON AN INSPIRING TRUE STORY

# FAITH LIKE POTATOES



*“When men work, they work. But when men pray, God works.”*

**Exodus 29:42-43 (NLT)** – ““These burnt offerings are to be made each day from generation to generation. Offer them in the Lord’s presence at the Tabernacle entrance; **there I will meet with you and speak with you.** <sup>43</sup> I will meet the people of Israel there, in the place made holy by my glorious presence.”

# *The Hour of Incense*



**Revelation 8:3-4 (NLT)** - “Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should **offer it with the prayers of all the saints** upon the golden altar which was before the throne. <sup>4</sup> And **the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God** from the angel’s hand.”

The background of the image is a dark, textured surface covered with numerous water droplets of various sizes. The droplets are bright and reflective, creating a shimmering effect against the dark background. The overall tone is moody and atmospheric.

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**PRECIPITATION...**

“The next day at about the time when the morning sacrifice was offered, **water suddenly appeared! It was flowing from the direction of Edom**, and soon there was water everywhere. <sup>21</sup> Meanwhile, when the people of Moab heard about the three armies marching against them, they mobilized every man who was old enough to strap on a sword, and they stationed themselves along their border. <sup>22</sup> But when they got up the next morning, the sun was shining across the water,

**2 Kings 3:20-24 (NLT)**



**making it appear red to the Moabites—like blood.**

<sup>23</sup> ‘It’s blood!’ the Moabites exclaimed. ‘The three armies must have attacked and killed each other! Let’s go, men of Moab, and collect the plunder!’ <sup>24</sup> But when the Moabites arrived at the Israelite camp, **the army of Israel rushed out and attacked them until they turned and ran.** The army of Israel chased them into the land of Moab, destroying everything as they went.”

**2 Kings 3:20-24 (NLT)**

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“Don’t tear your clothing in your grief, but tear your hearts instead. Return to the Lord your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish. <sup>14</sup> Who knows? Perhaps he will give you a reprieve, sending you a blessing instead of this curse. Perhaps you will be able to offer grain and wine to the Lord your God as before. <sup>15</sup> Blow the ram’s horn in Jerusalem! Announce a time of fasting; call the people

**Joel 2:12-17 (NLT)**

together for a solemn meeting. <sup>16</sup> Gather all the people — the elders, the children, and even the babies. Call the bridegroom from his quarters and the bride from her private room. <sup>17</sup> Let the priests, who minister in the Lord's presence, stand and weep between the entry room to the Temple and the altar. Let them pray, "Spare your people, Lord! Don't let your special possession become an object of mockery. Don't let them become a joke for unbelieving foreigners who say, 'Has the God of Israel left them?'"

**Joel 2:12-17 (NLT)**

Joel 2:28-32a (NLT) – “**Then, after doing all those things,** I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions.<sup>29</sup> In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike.<sup>30</sup> And I will cause wonders in the heavens and on the earth— blood and fire and columns of smoke.<sup>31</sup> The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and terrible day of the Lord arrives.<sup>32</sup> But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved...”

Joel 2:18-19 (NLT) – “Then the Lord will pity his people and jealously guard the honor of his land. <sup>19</sup> **The Lord will reply...**”



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