



# *Hezekiah - Faith to Overcome*

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Building Faith in Desperate Times

Class I - A Root Out of Dry Ground

Reading: Isaiah 53:1-3









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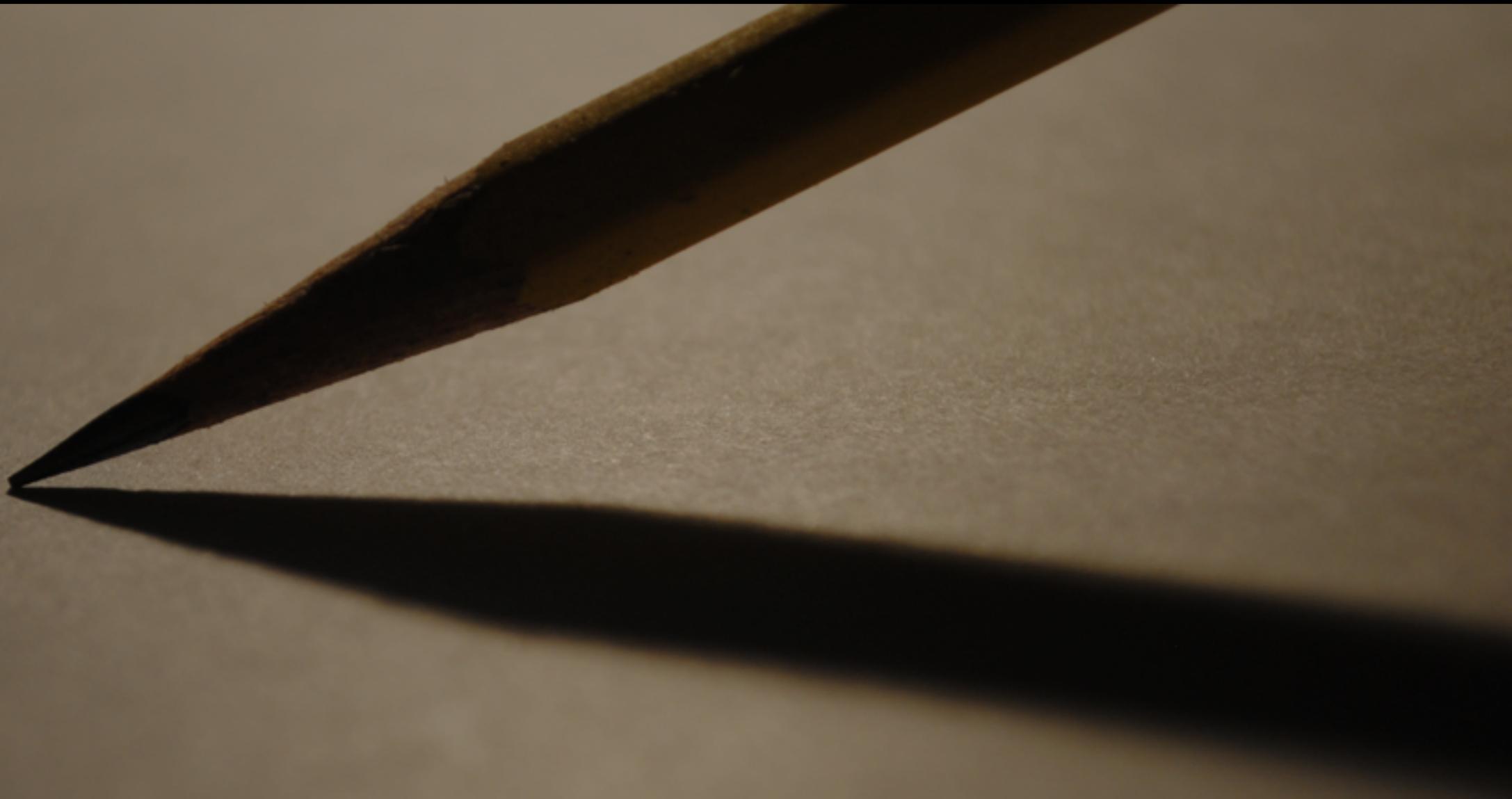
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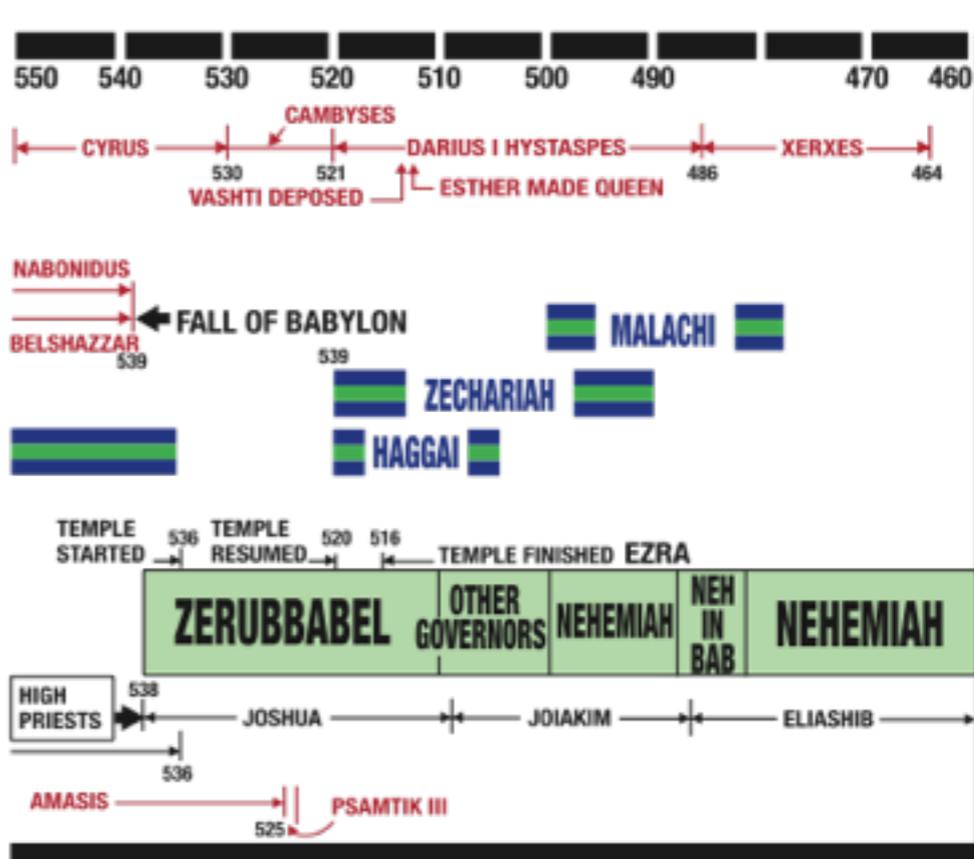
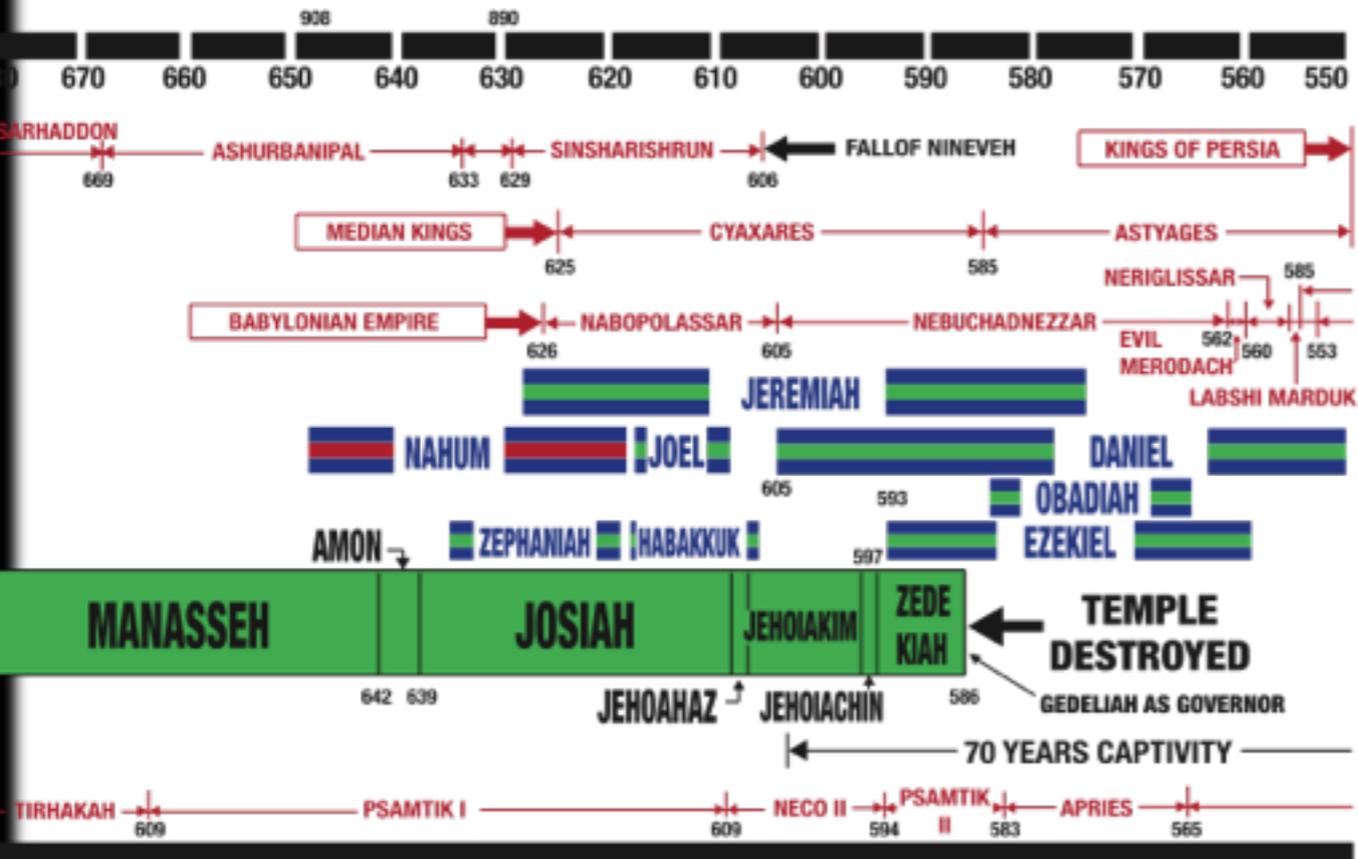
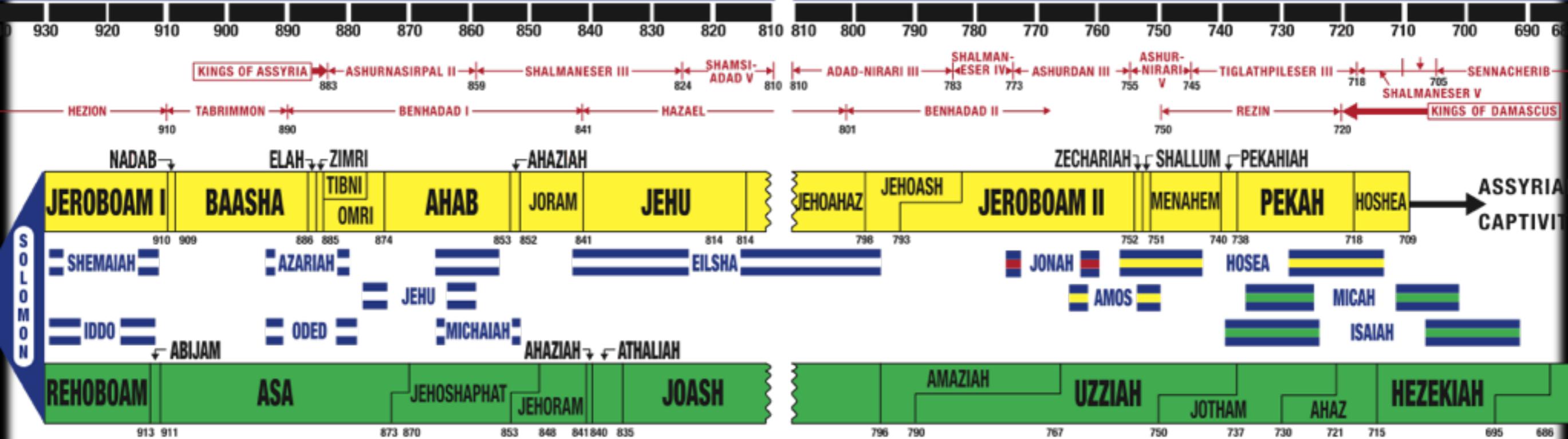
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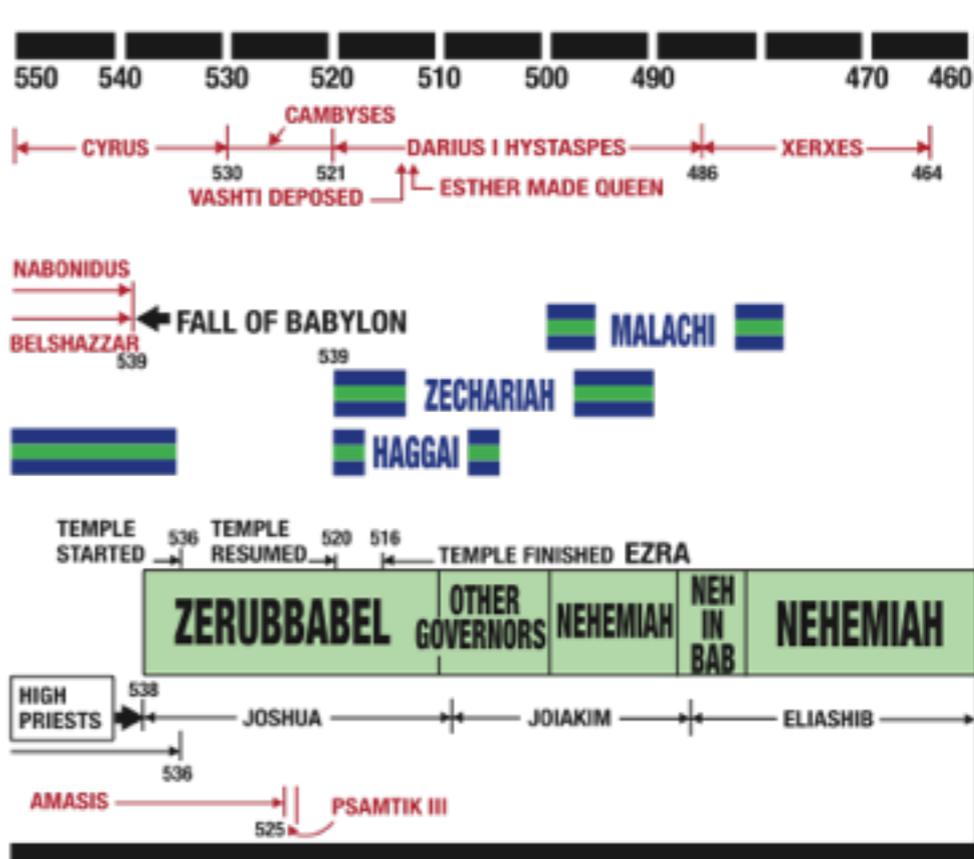
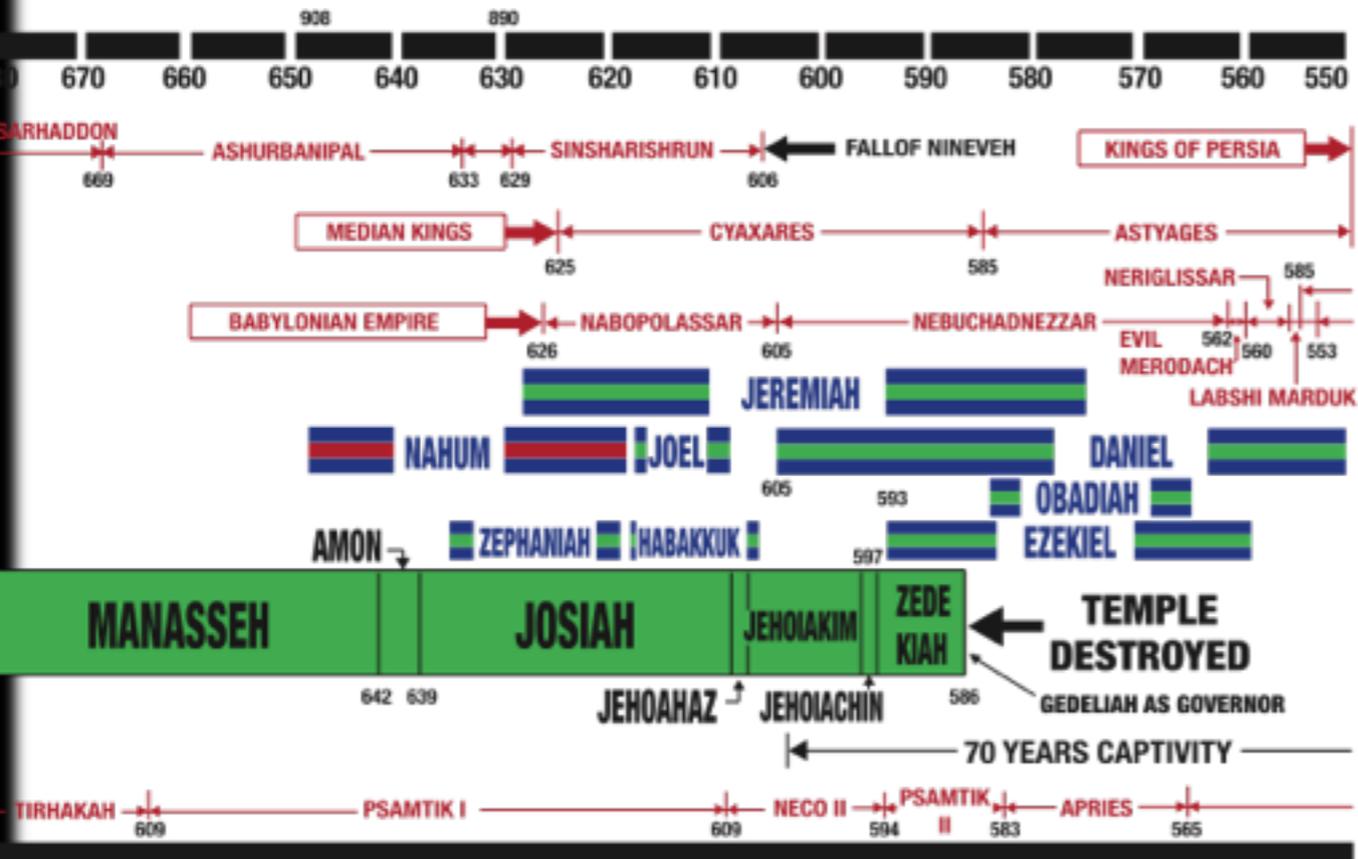
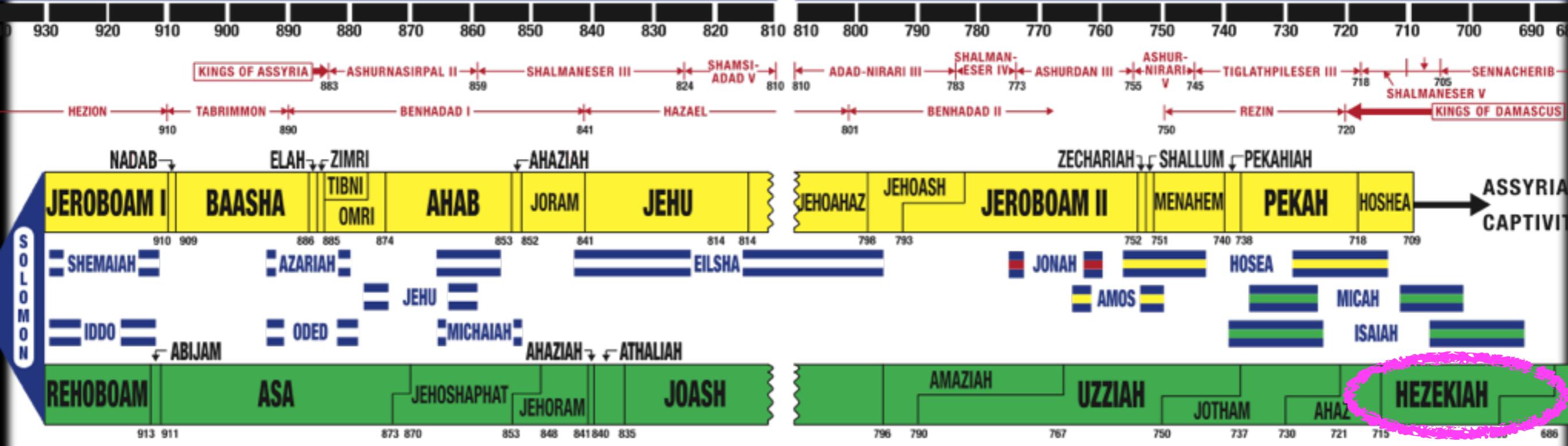


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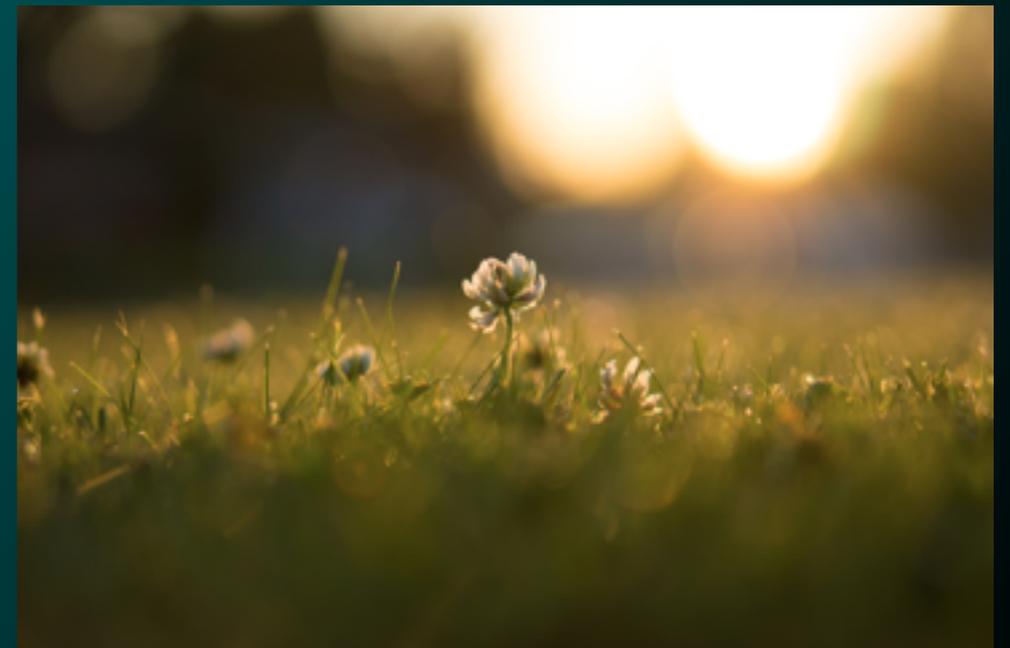
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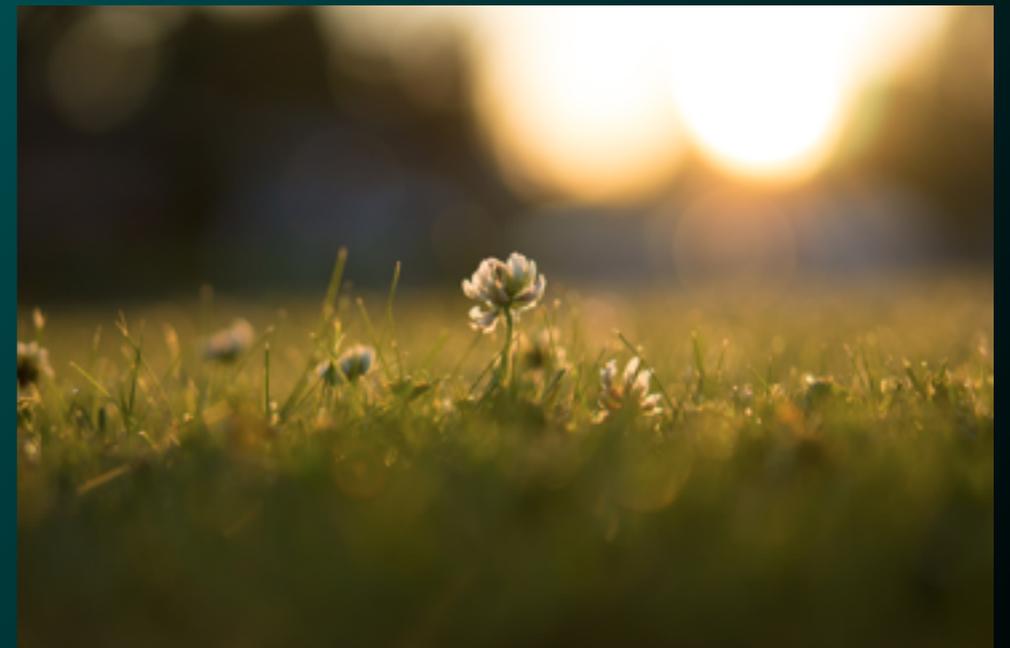
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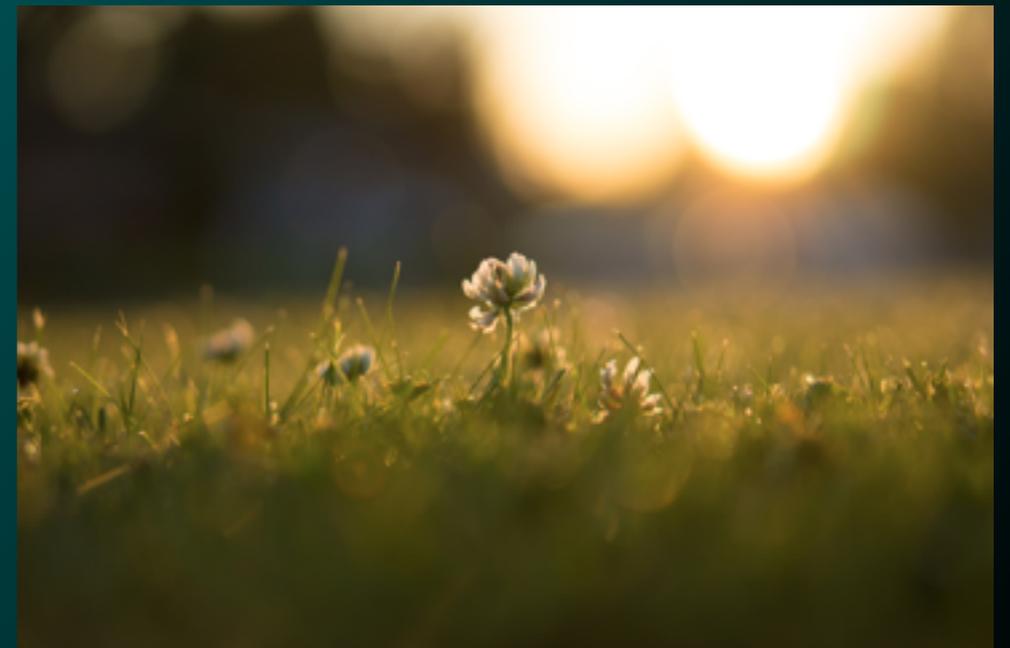
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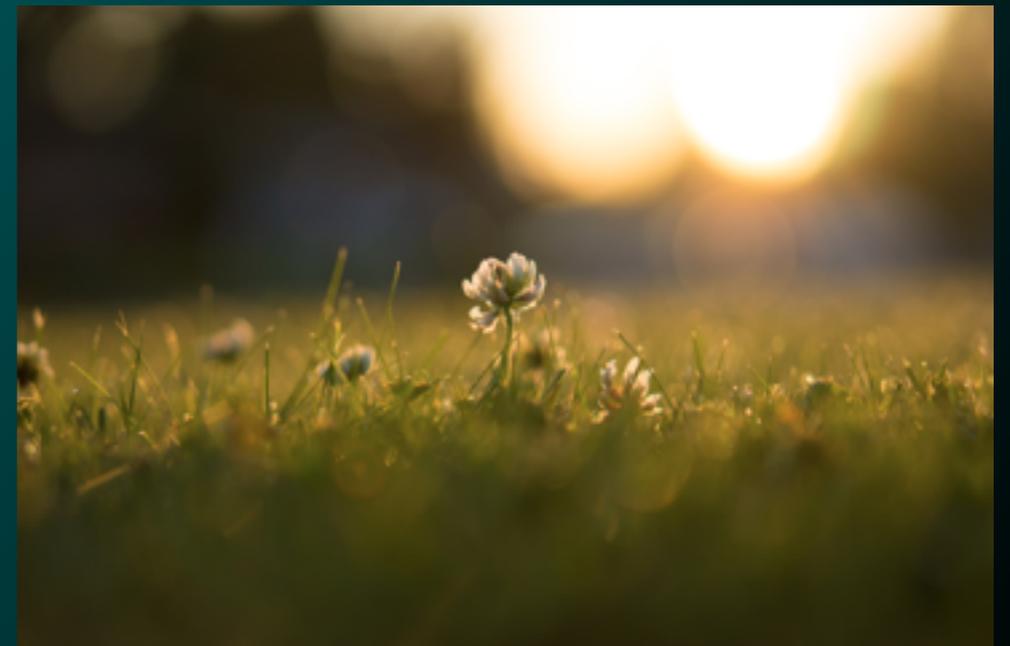


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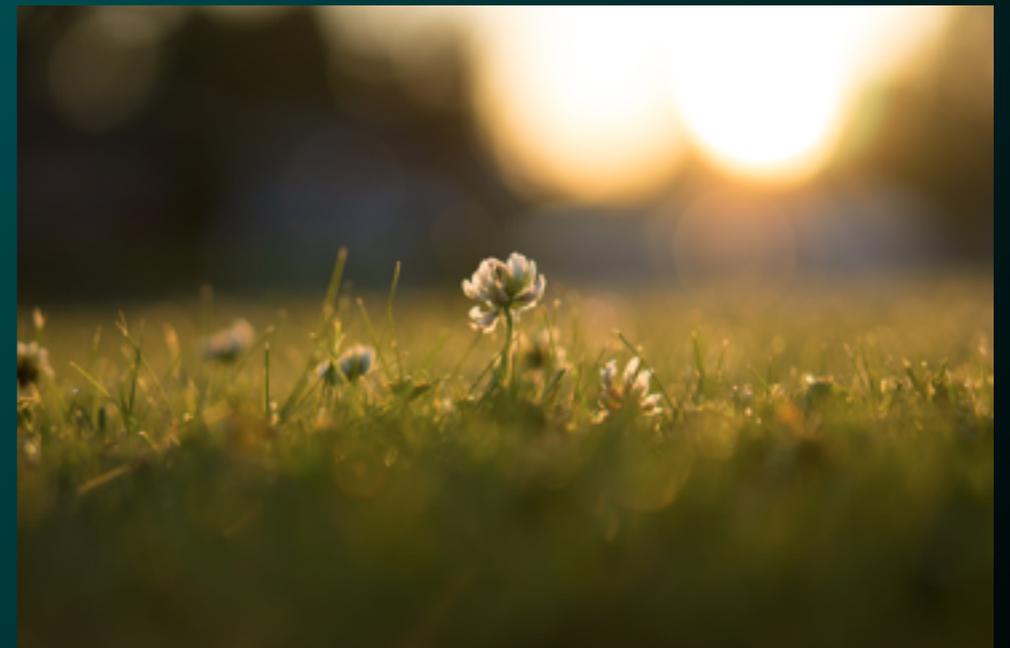


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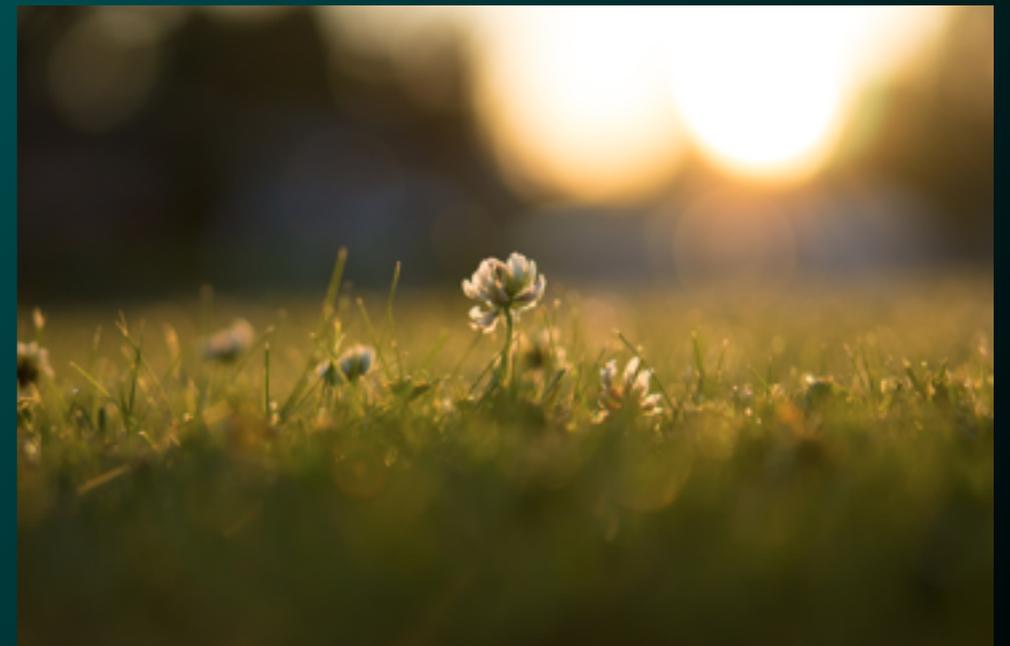


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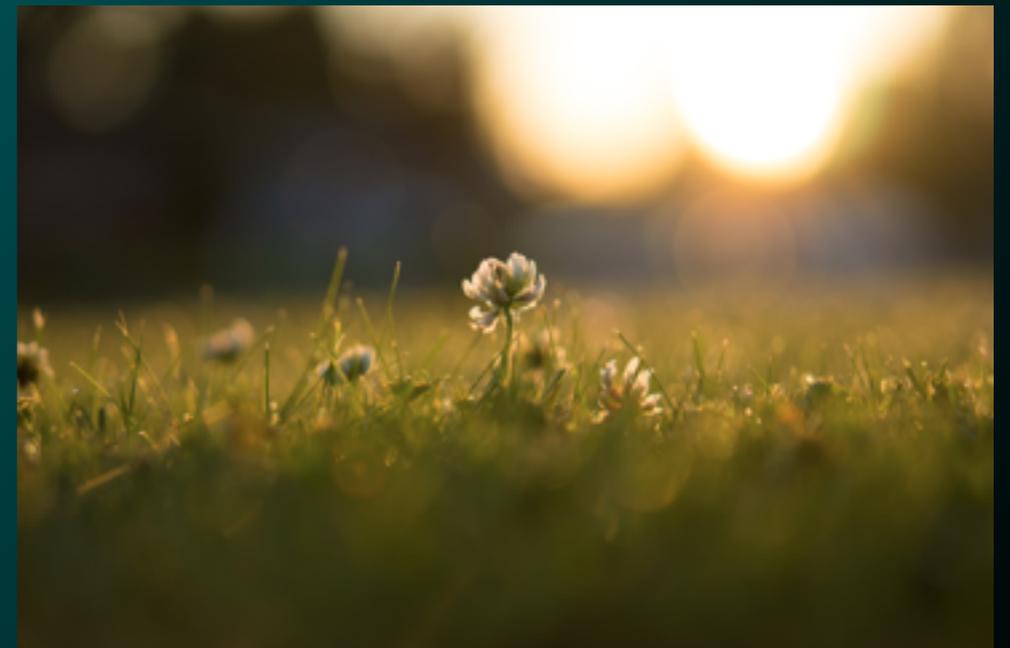
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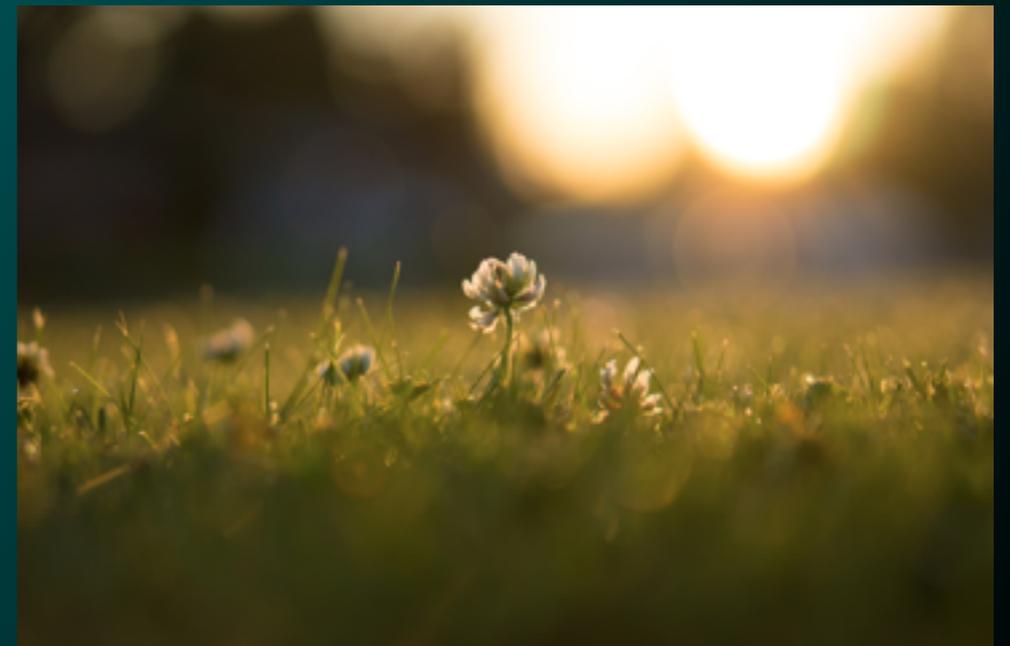
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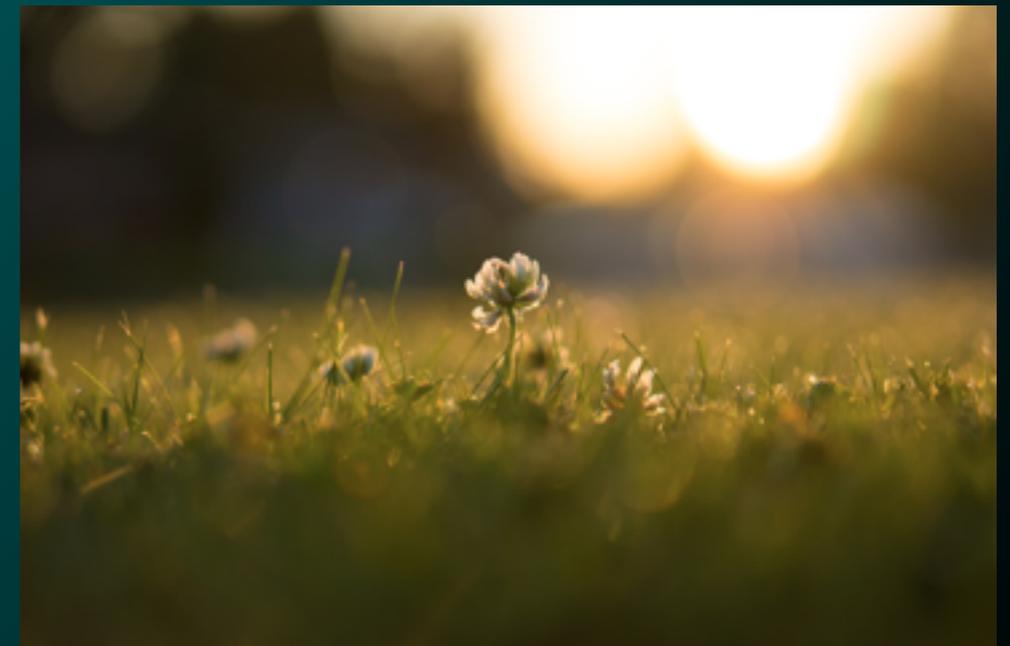
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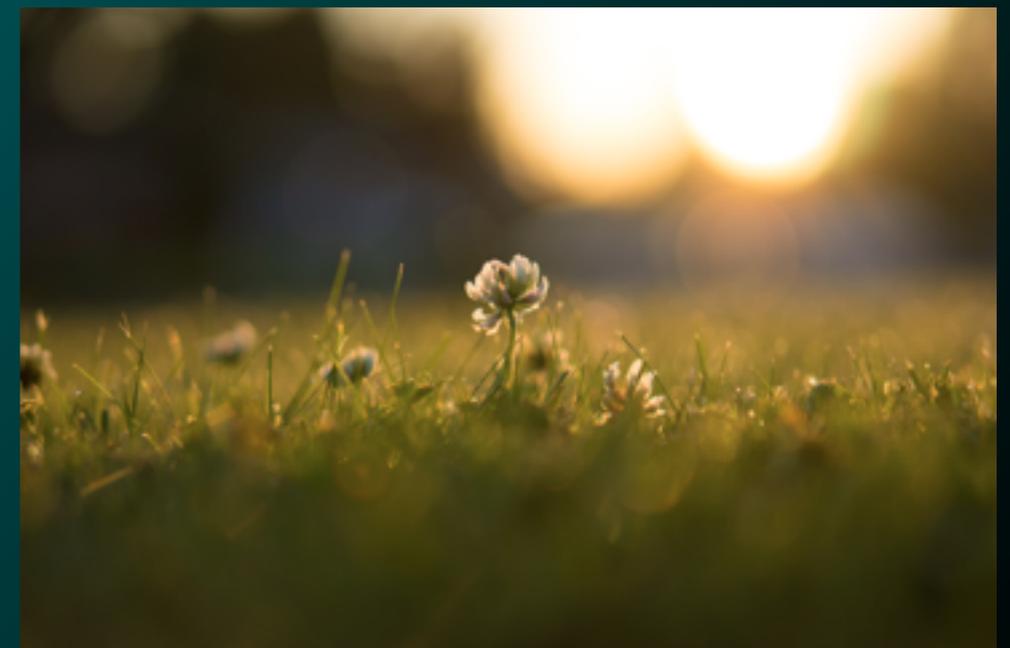
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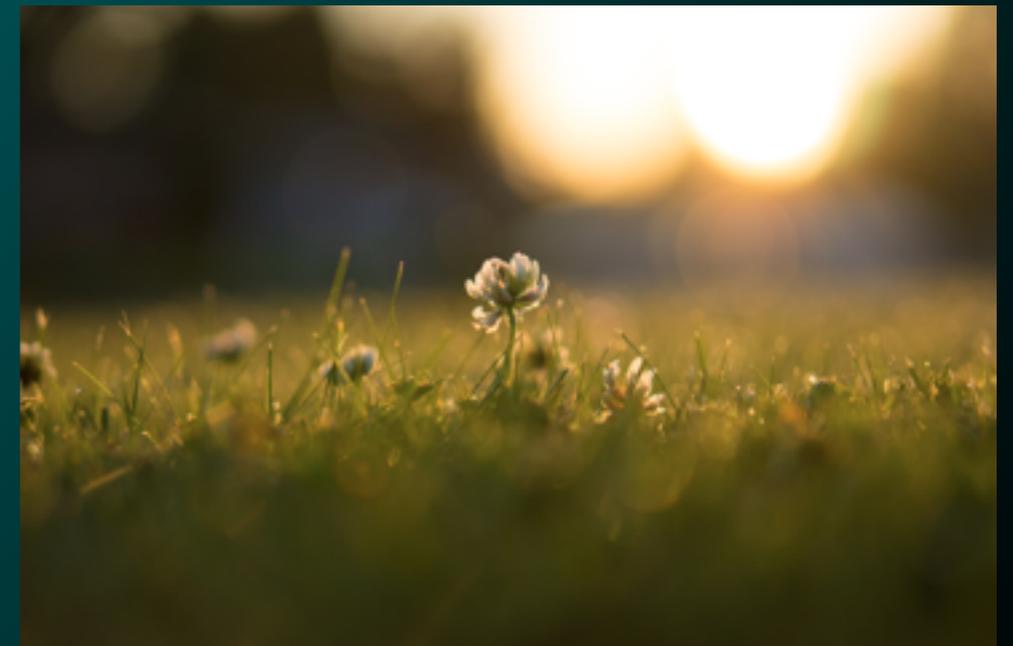
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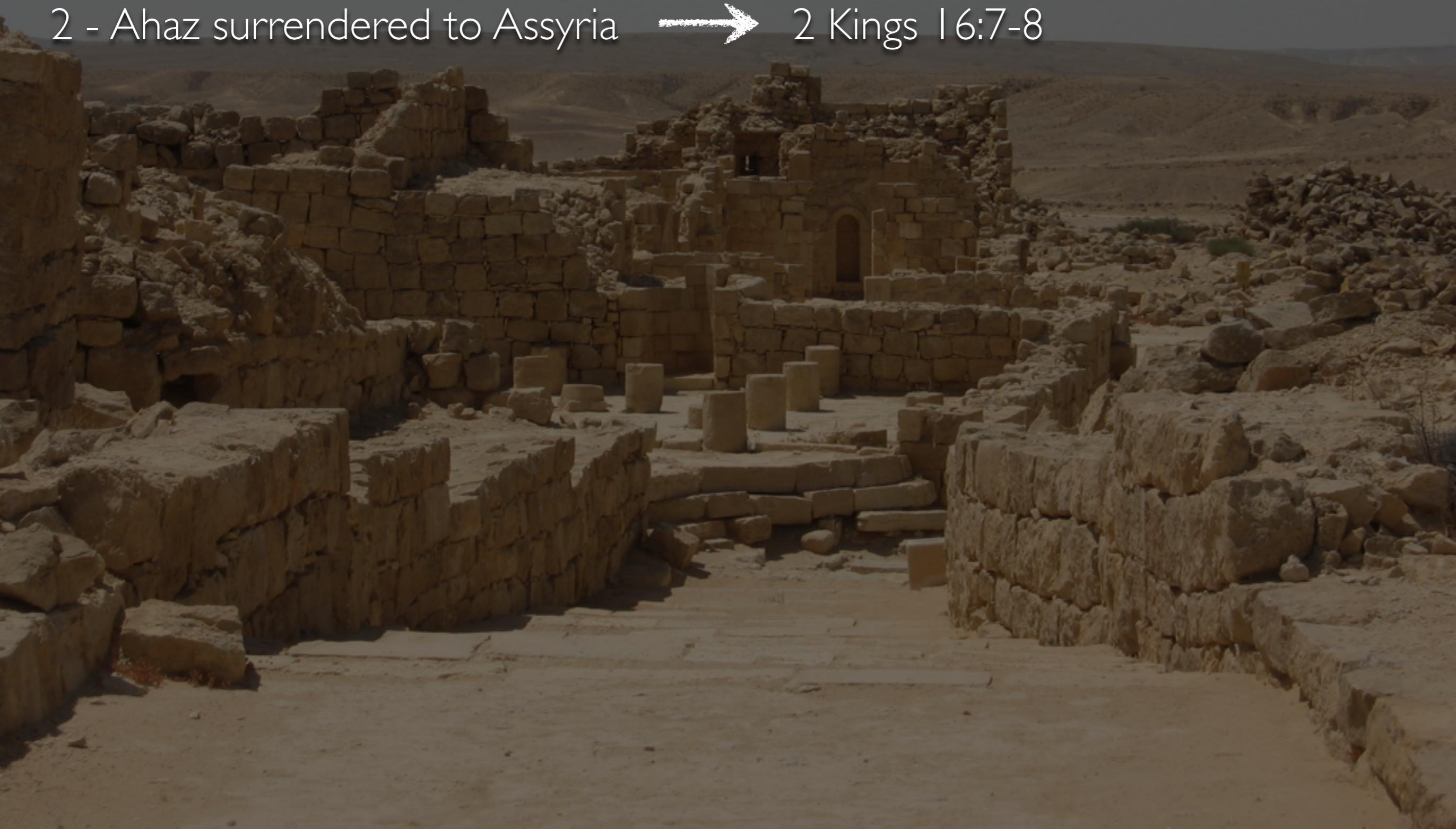
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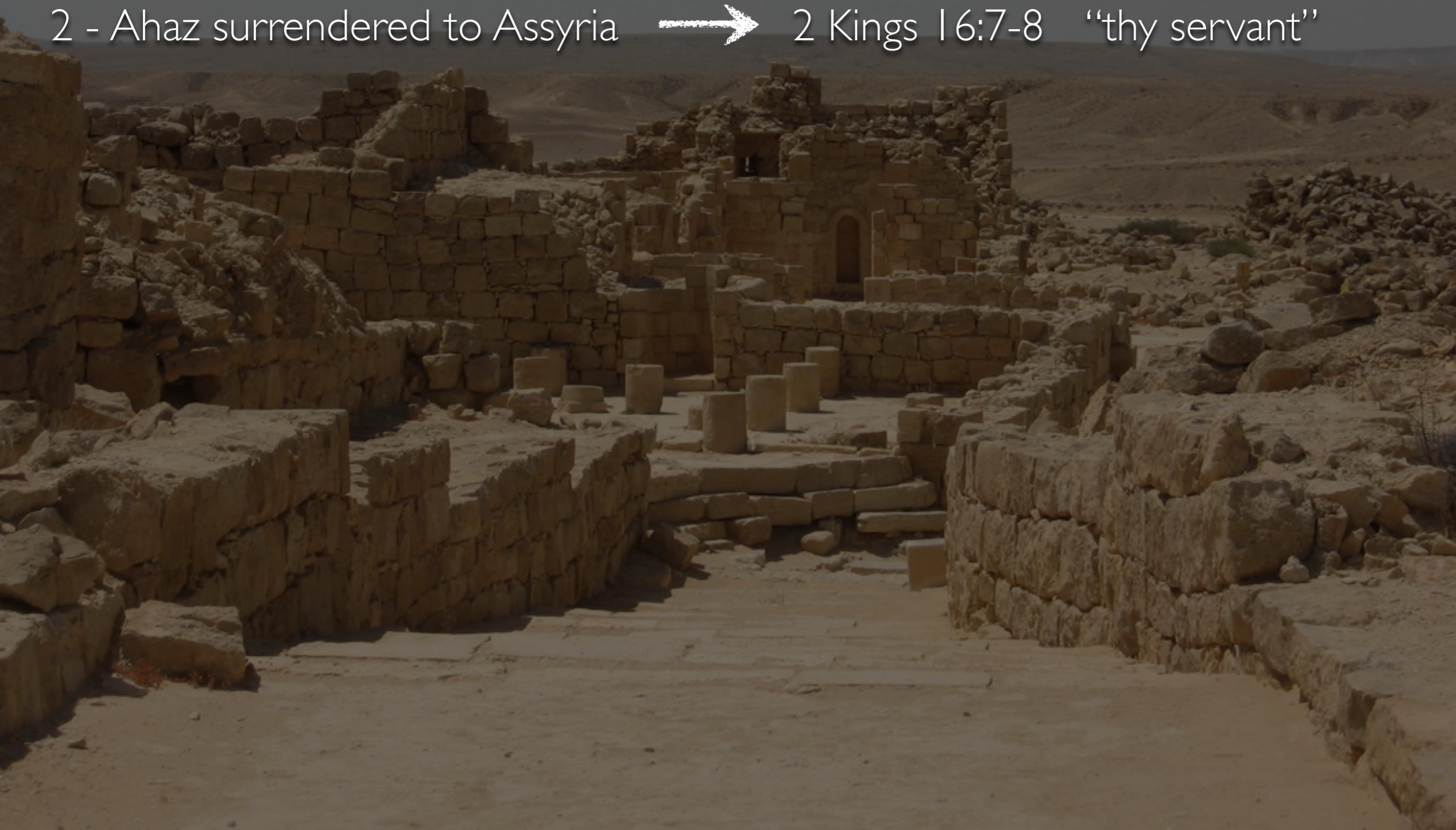
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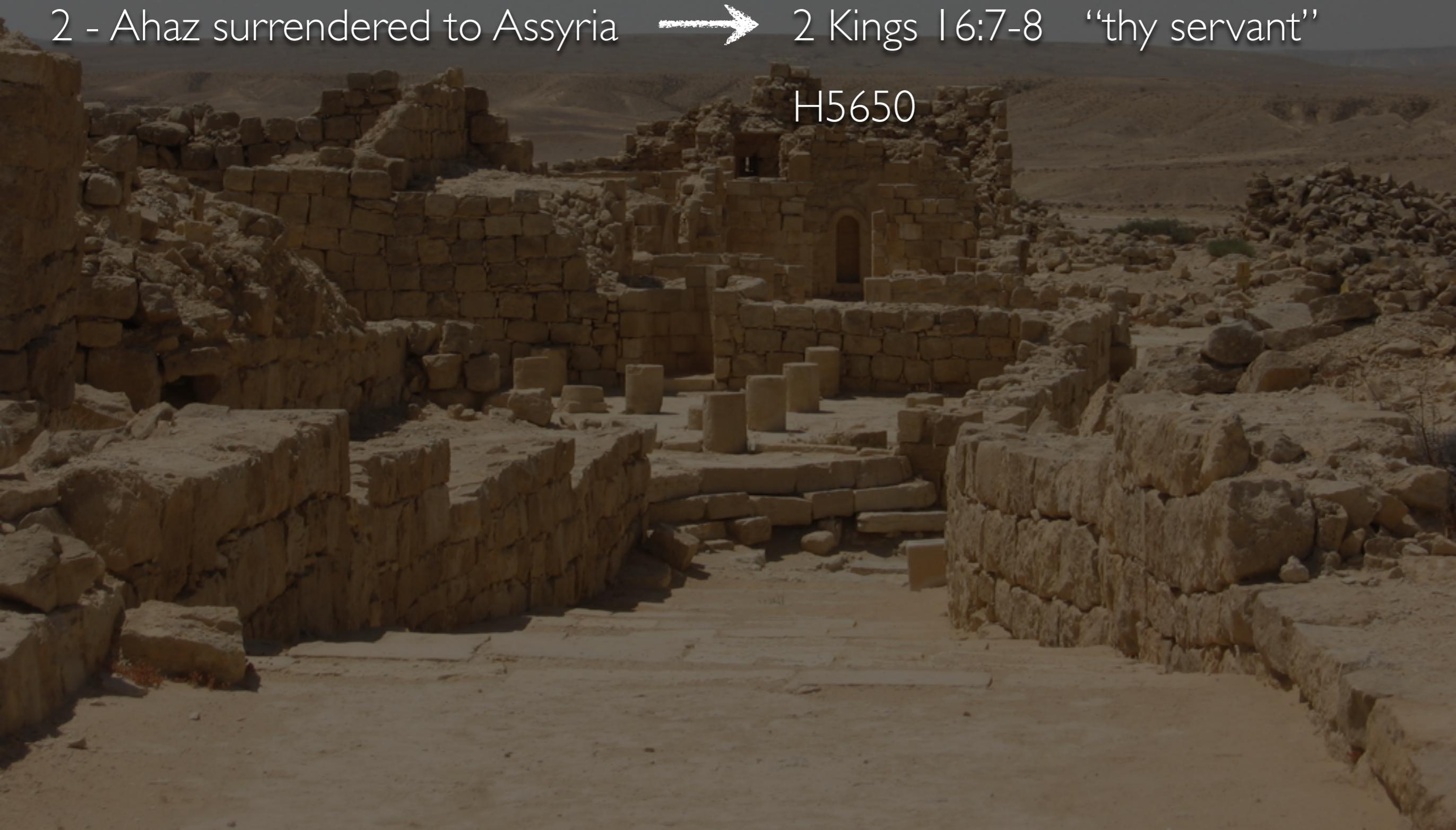


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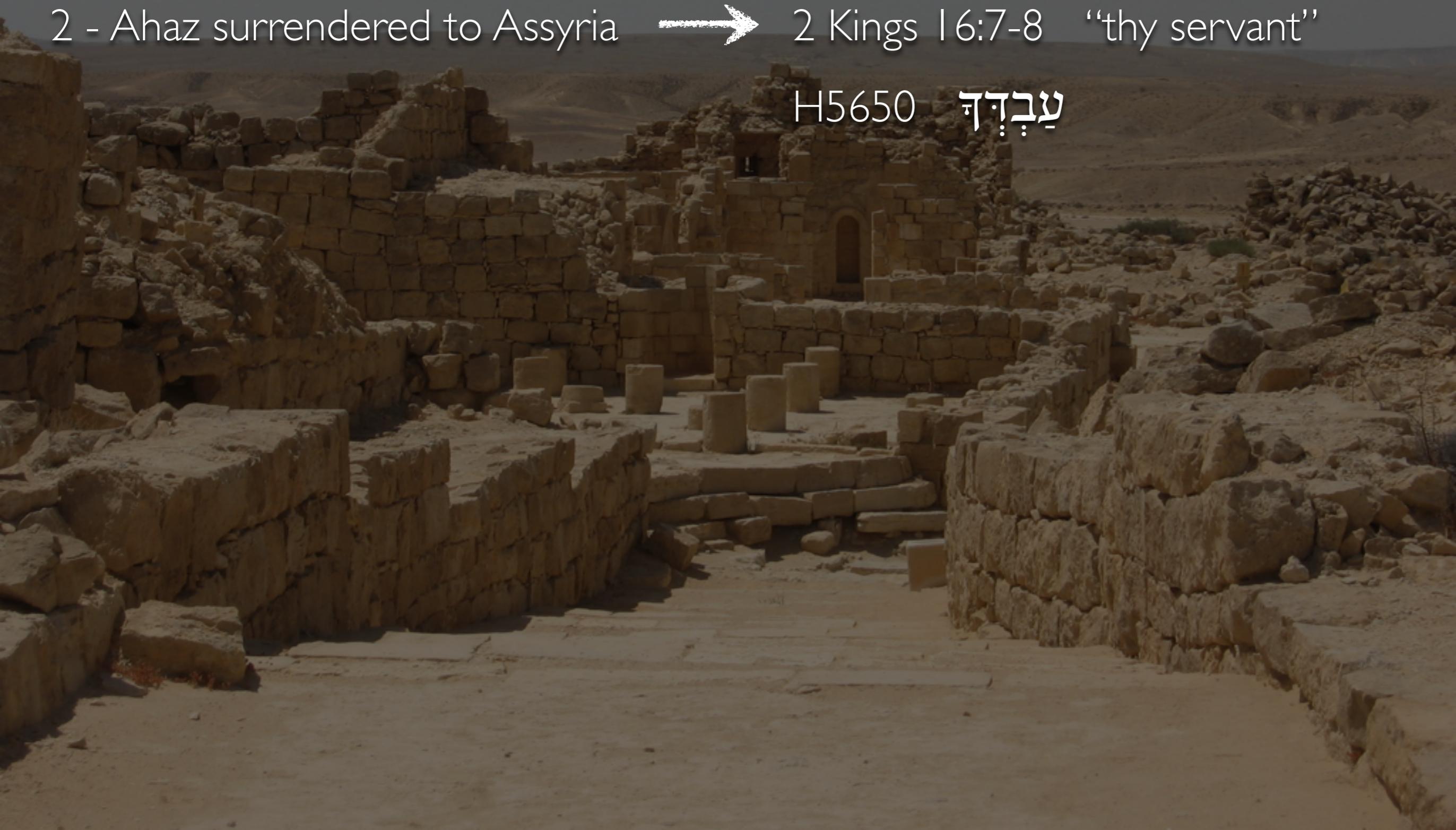


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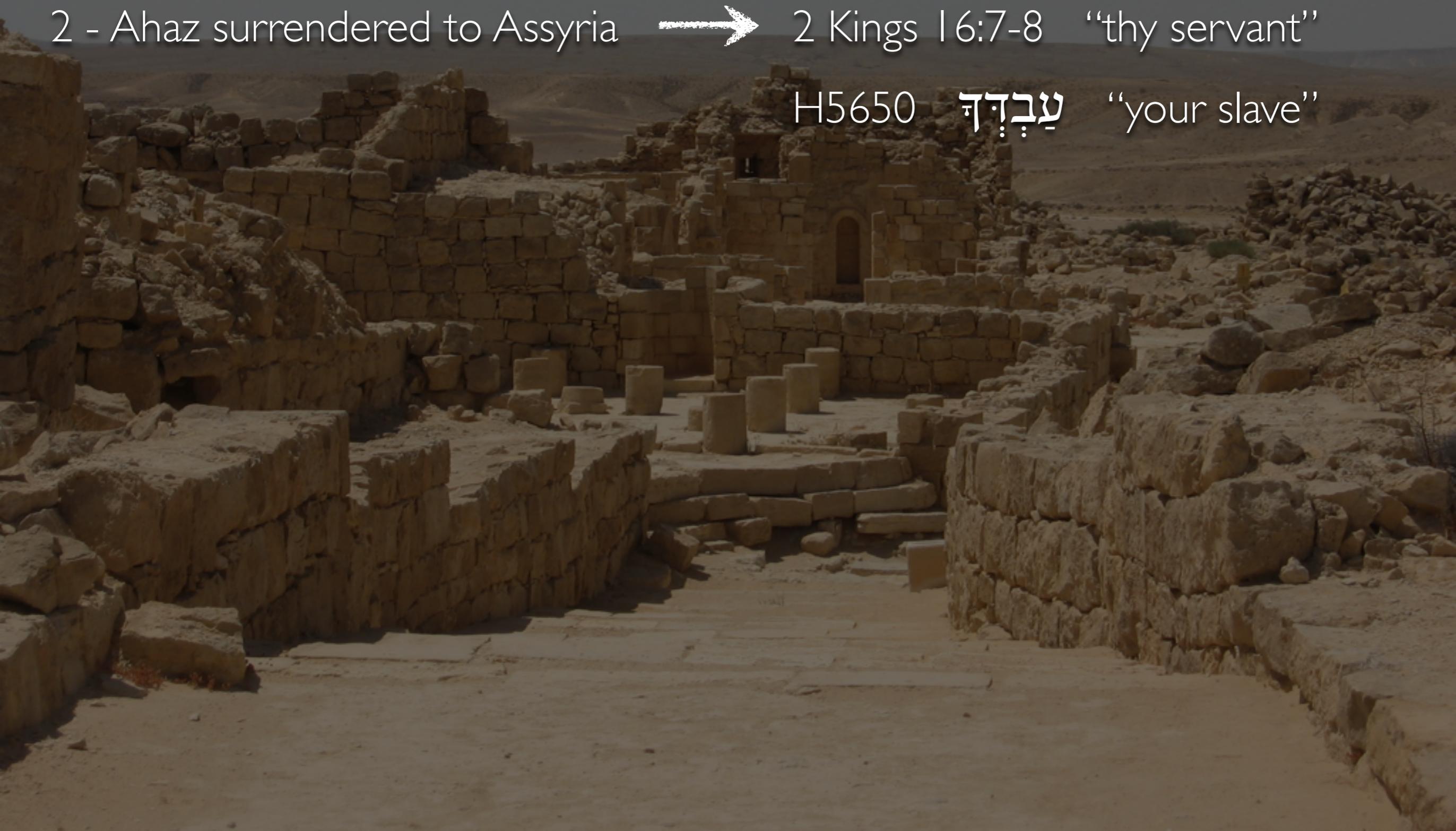
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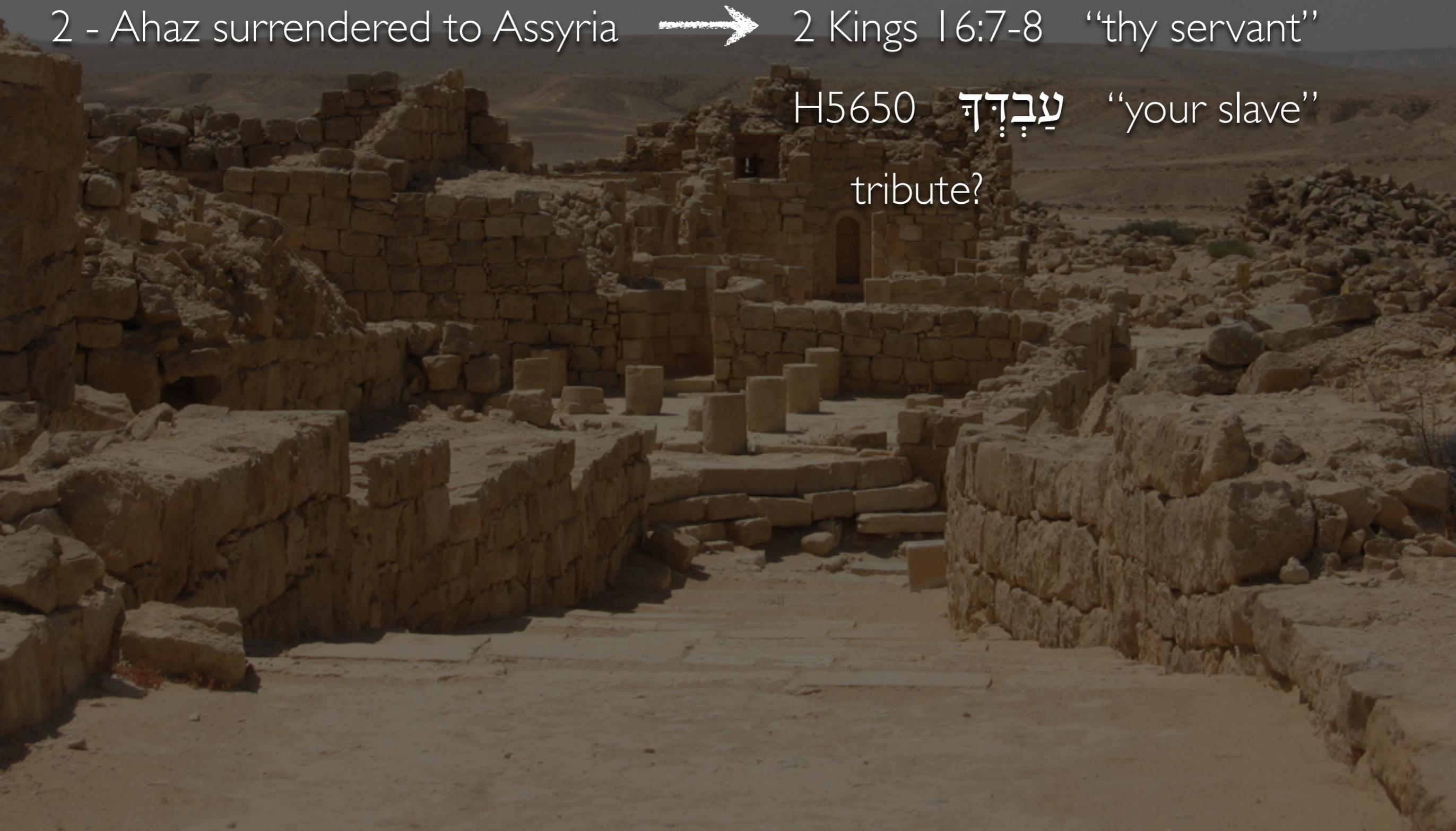
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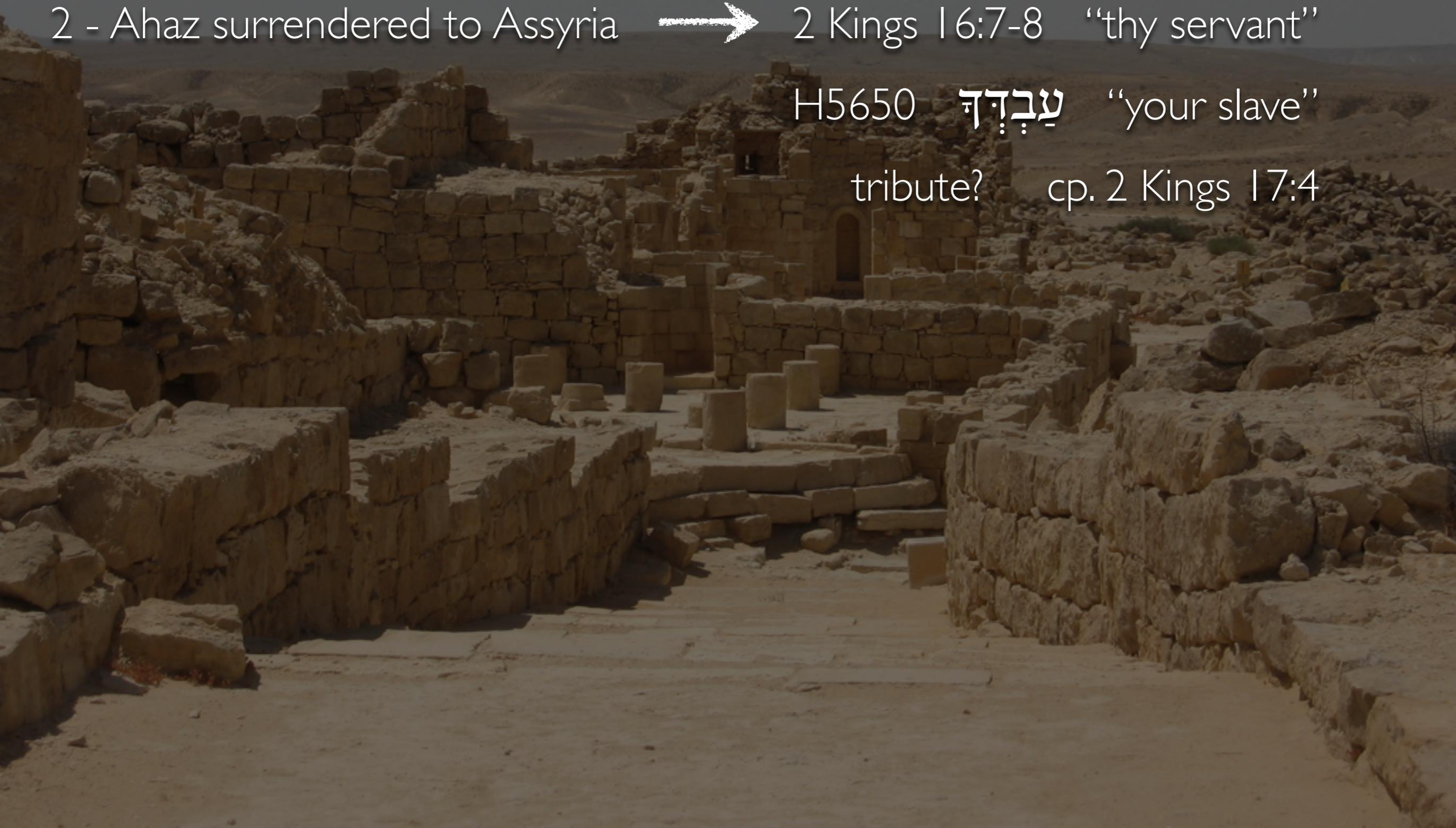
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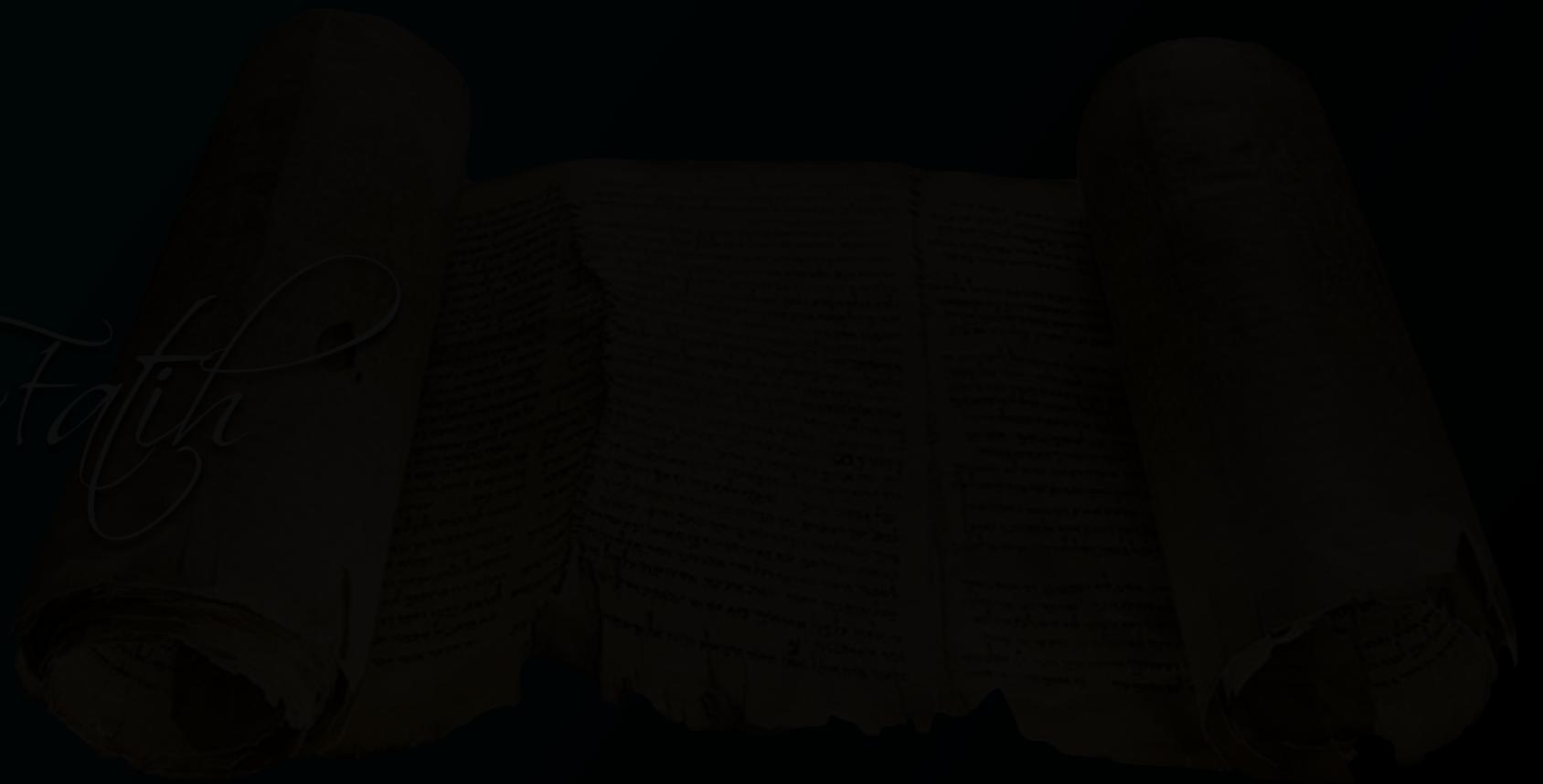
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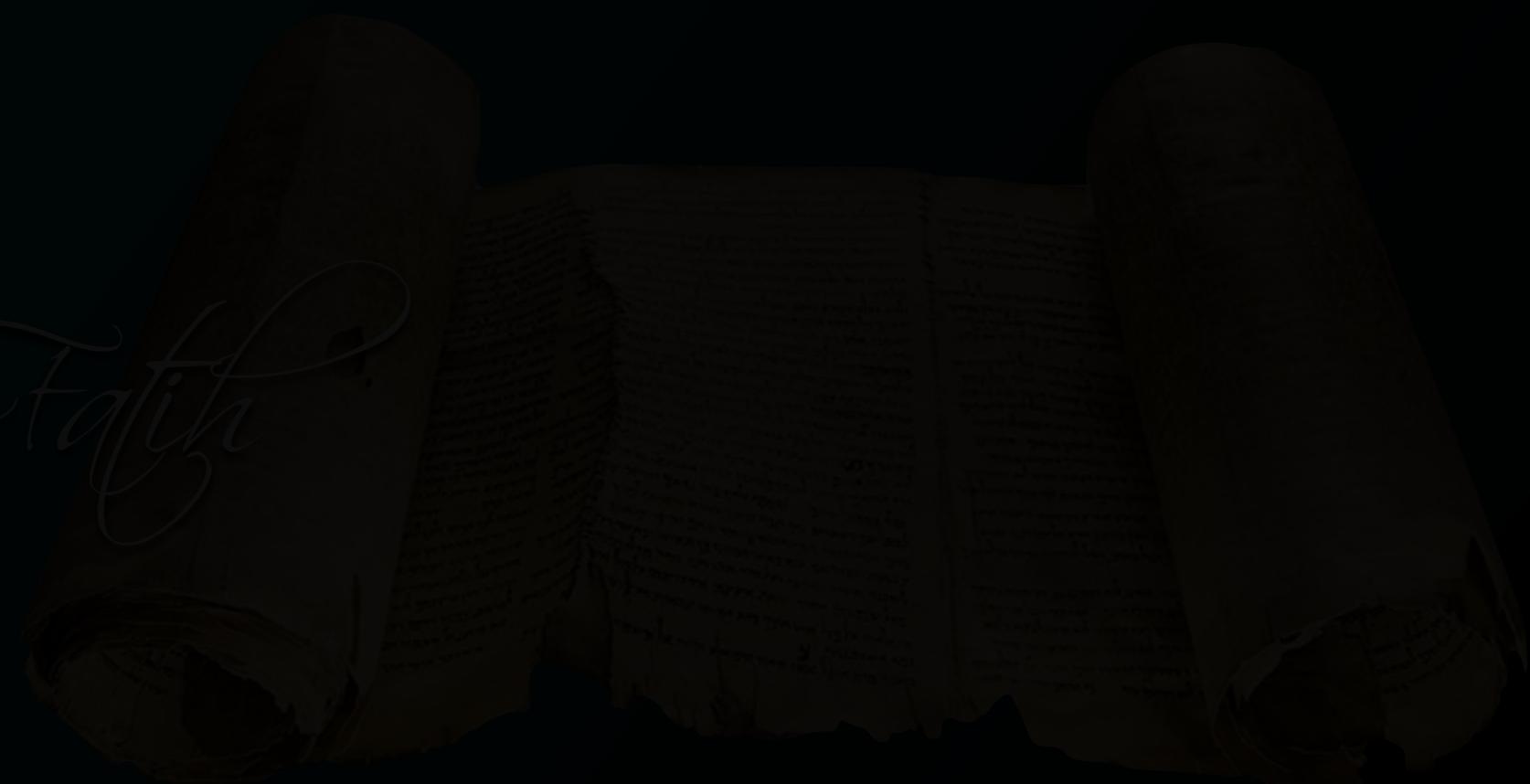
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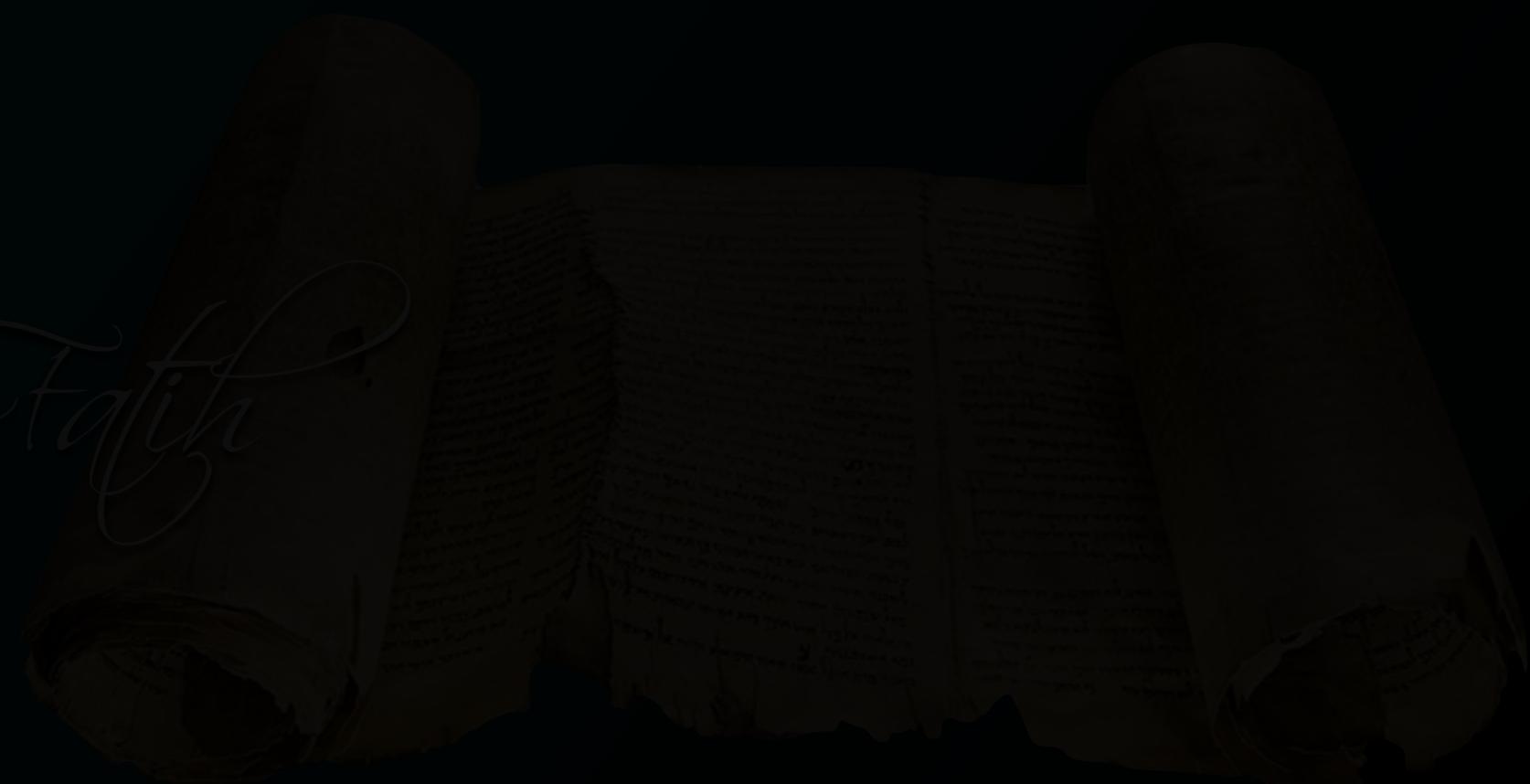
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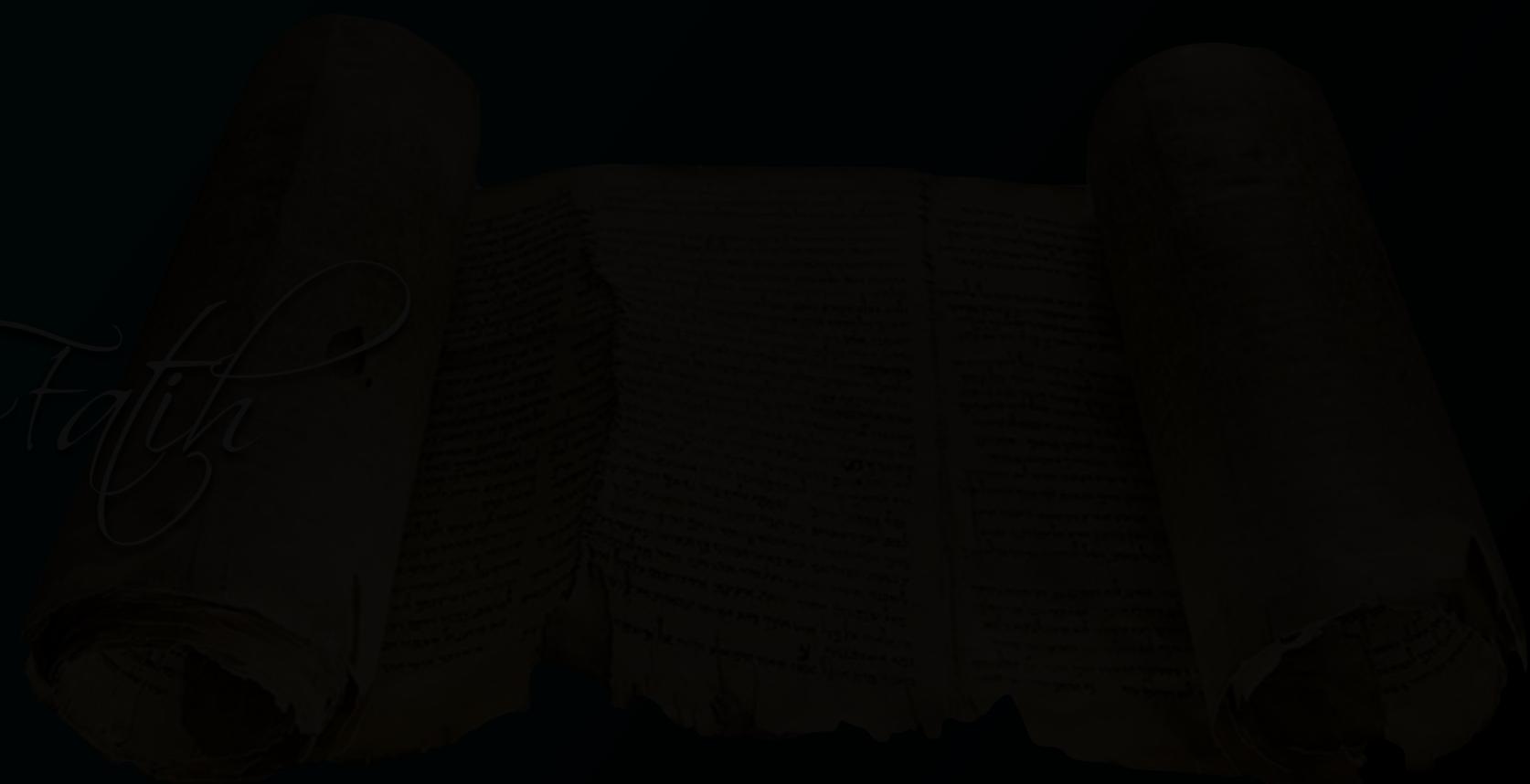
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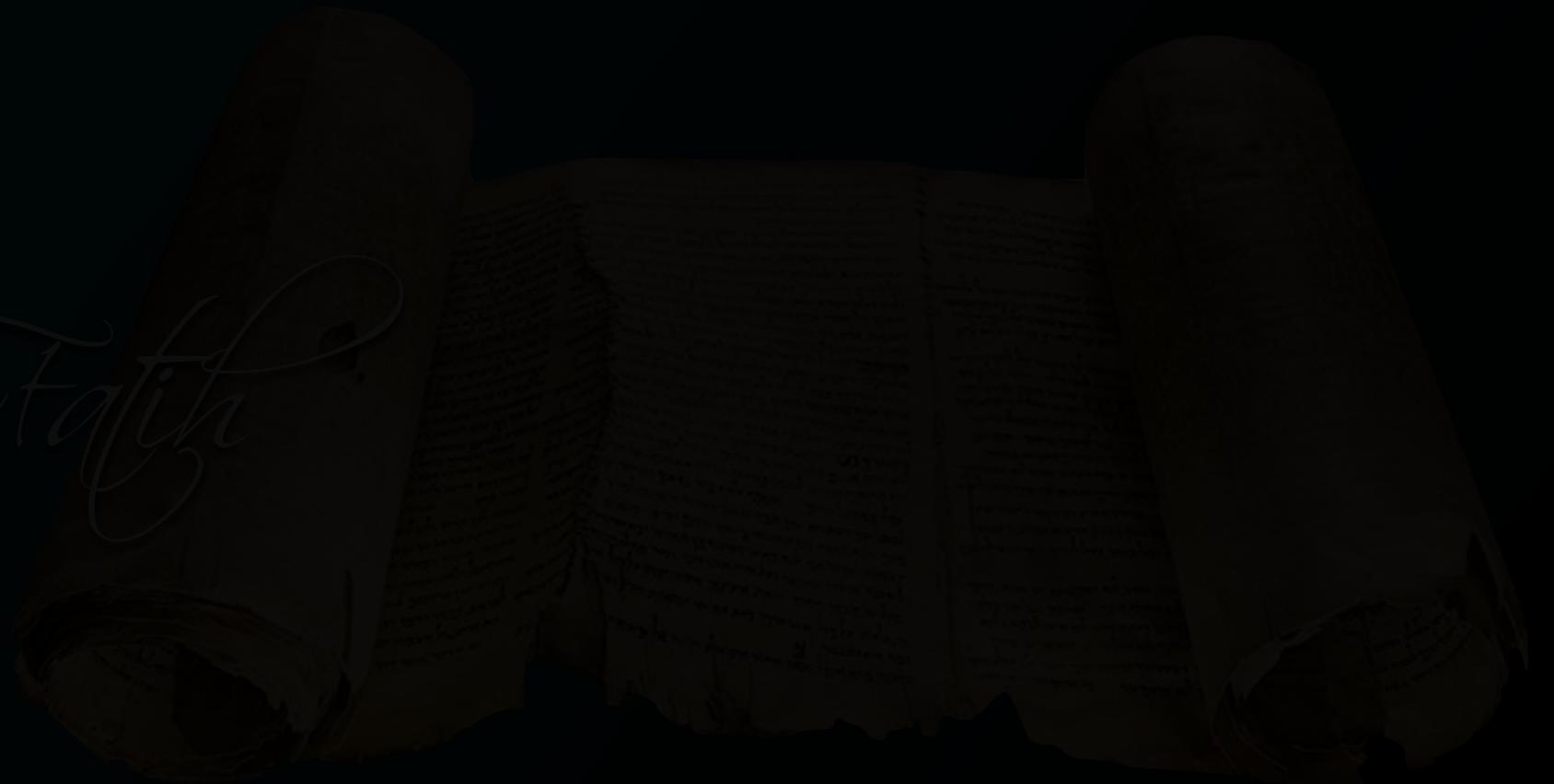
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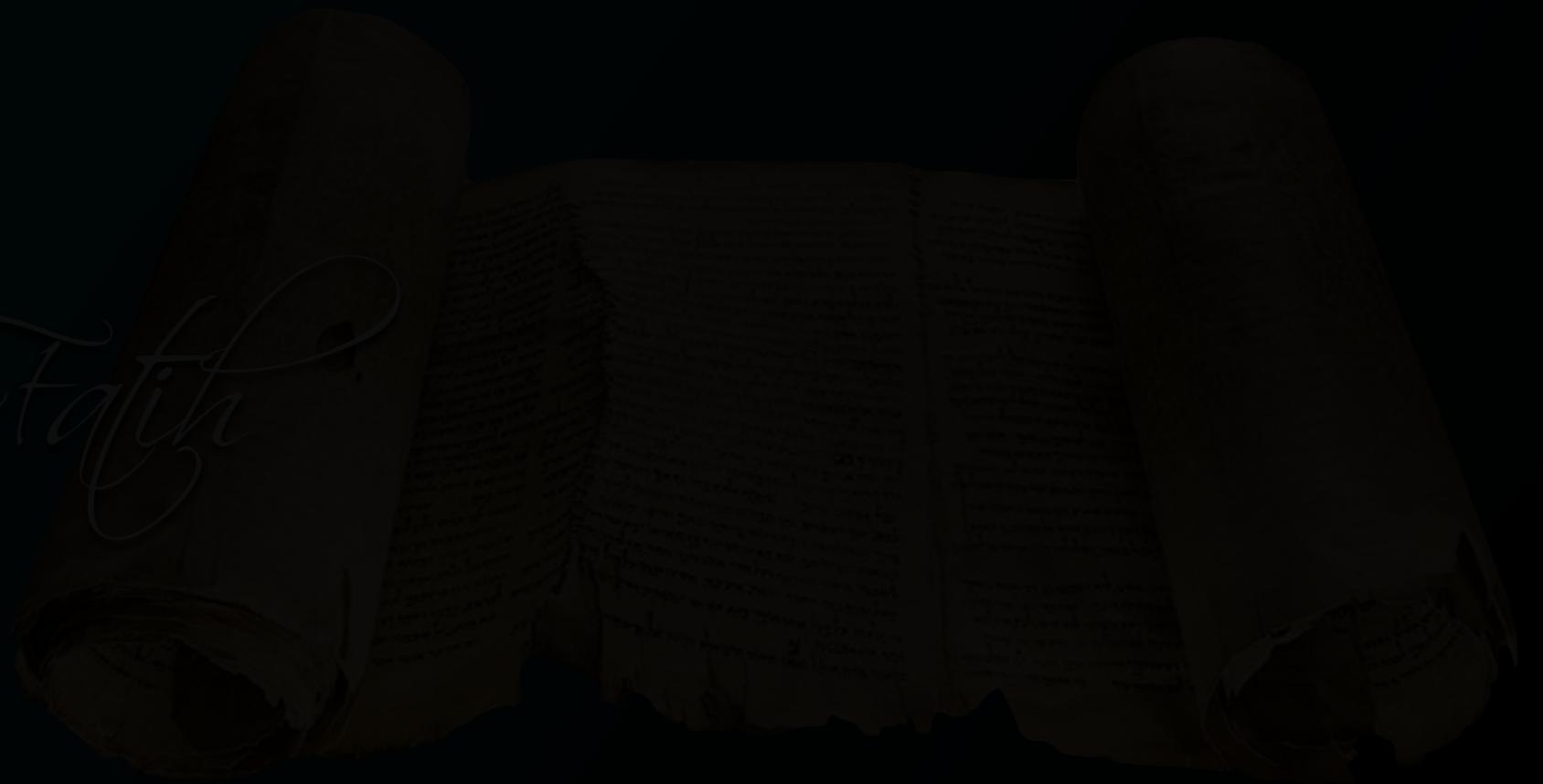
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