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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

**GOD'S GRACE IN JUDGMENT – PART 2**

**2 SAMUEL 24:1–25**

**3A Seven appendices that evidence the greatness of the Davidic Covenant.**

**2 Sam. 21–24**

**1B Organization of the Kingdom,  
2 Sam. 20:23–26**

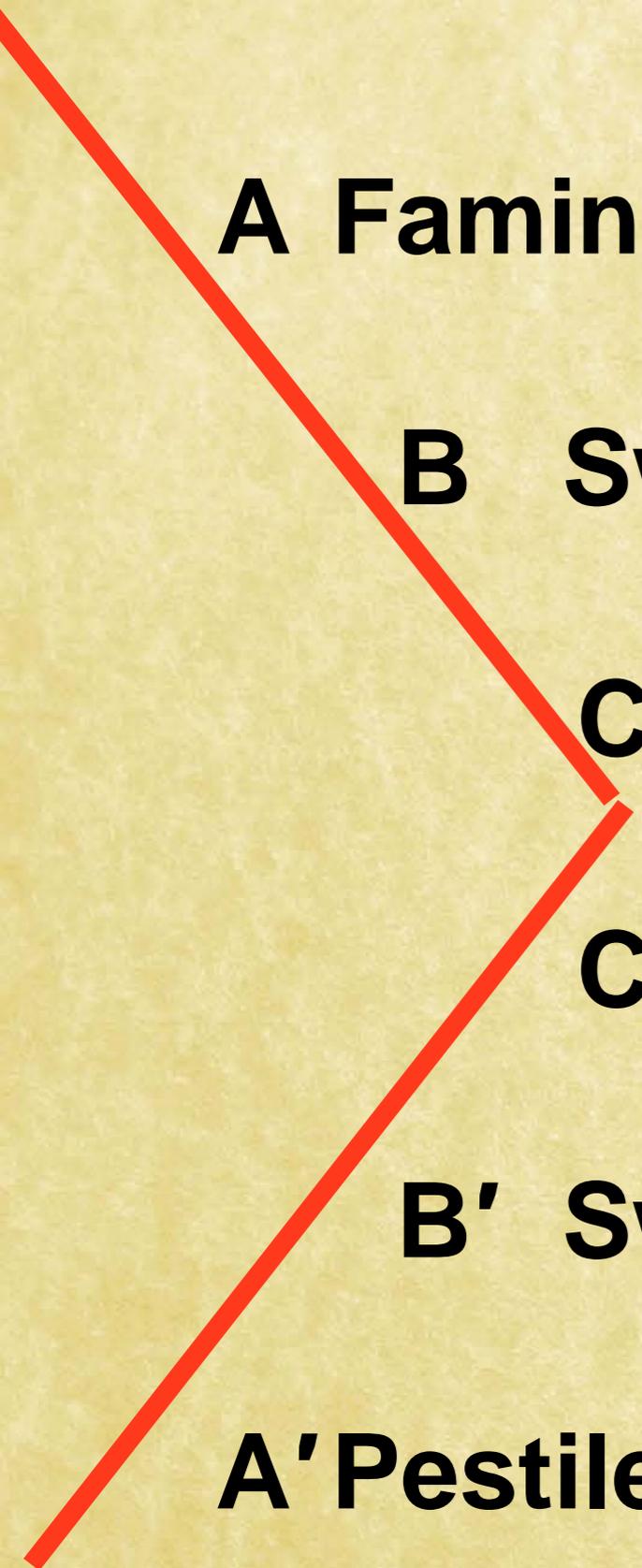
**2B The famine judgment halted,  
2 Sam. 21:1–14**

**3B God protects David from the sword,  
2 Sam. 21:15–22**

**4B David's praise of Yahweh for His faithful deliverance, 2 Sam. 22**

**5B David's last testament reflects on the Davidic Covenant, 2 Sam. 23:1–7**

- 6B David protected from the sword  
by 37 mighty men, 2 Sam. 23:8–39**
- 7B David's confession halts a  
plague, 2 Sam. 24**



**A Famine**

**B Sword 1**

**C Poetry 1: Song of thanksgiving**

**C' Poetry 2: David's last words**

**B' Sword 2**

**A' Pestilence**

**Psa. 30:0, “A Psalm. A Song at the dedication of the house of David.” ~NKJV**

**Psa. 30:0, “A Psalm; a Song at the Dedication of the House. A Psalm of David.” ~NASB95**

**Psa. 30:6, “Now in my prosperity I said, ‘I shall never be moved.’ ”**

**James 1:13, “Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.”**

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**1 Chron. 21:1, “Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel.**

**1 Chron. 21:2, “So David said to Joab and to the leaders of the people, ‘Go, number Israel from Beersheba to Dan, and bring the number of them to me that I may know it.’ ”**

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**Ex. 22:24, “and My wrath will become hot, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.”**

**Ex. 32:10, “Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation.”**

**Num. 11:1, “Now when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp.”**

**2 Sam. 24:2, “So the king said to Joab the commander of the army who was with him, ‘Now go throughout all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and count the people, that I may know the number of the people.’”**

**2 Sam. 24:3, “And Joab said to the king, ‘Now may the Lord your God add to the people a hundred times more than there are, and may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does my lord the king desire this thing?’ ”**

- 1. Arrogance is the root of all sins.**
- 2. Arrogance is self-destructive.**
- 3. Arrogance is tenacious.**
- 4. Arrogance destroys objective thought.**
- 5. Proverbs equates arrogance with foolishness, and foolishness leads to failure.**

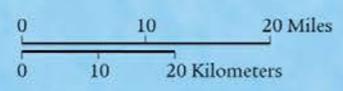
**2 Sam. 24:5, “And they crossed over the Jordan and camped in Aroer, on the right side of the town which is in the midst of the ravine of Gad, and toward Jazer.**

**2 Sam. 24:6, “Then they came to Gilead and to the land of Tahtim Hodshi; they came to Dan Jaan and around to Sidon;**

**2 Sam. 24:7, “and they came to the stronghold of Tyre and to all the cities of the Hivites and the Canaanites. Then they went out to South Judah as far as Beersheba.**

**2 Sam. 24:8, “So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.**

- City
- City with an uncertain location
- ← Philistines attack David in the Valley of Rephaim, near Baal-perazim (2 Sam. 5:17ff)
- ← David repels Philistine attacks (2 Sam. 5:25)
- ← David attacks Hadadezer, king of Zobah (2 Sam. 8:3ff)
- ← Edomites threaten David at Valley of Salt (2 Sam. 8:13)
- ← David decisively defeats the Edomites (2 Sam. 8:14)
- ← Ammonites, aided by the Aramean mercenary forces of Zobah, Beth-rehob, Maacah and Tob, challenge David near Rabbah (Amman) (2 Sam. 10:1ff)
- ← David's forces defeat the Ammonite-Aramean confederation (2 Sam. 10:7ff)
- ← Hadadezer, king of Zobah, leads an Aramean army against David at Helam (2 Sam. 10:15ff)
- ← David defeats Hadadezer's Aramean confederation at Helam (2 Sam. 10:17ff)
- ← David is expelled from Jerusalem by his son Absalom (2 Sam. 17:21ff)
- ← David dispatches a census team throughout his realm (2 Sam. 24:1ff)
- ★ Battle scene



**1 Chron. 21:4, “Nevertheless the king’s word prevailed against Joab. Therefore Joab departed and went throughout all Israel and came to Jerusalem.**

**1 Chron. 21:5, “Then Joab gave the sum of the number of the people to David. All Israel had one million one hundred thousand men who drew the sword, and Judah had four hundred and seventy thousand men who drew the sword.**

**1 Chron. 21:6, “But he did not count Levi and Benjamin among them, for the king’s word was abominable to Joab.”**

**Ex. 38:25, “And the silver from those who were numbered of the congregation was one hundred talents and one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary:**

**Ex. 38:26, “a bekah for each man (that is, half a shekel, according to the shekel of the sanctuary), for everyone included in the numbering from twenty years old and above, for six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty men.”**

**Num. 2:32, “These are the ones who were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers’ houses. All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces were six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty.”**

**100 talents plus 1,775 shekels = 301,775 shekels**

**1 talent = 3,000 shekels**

**Each man was to contribute a half shekel,  
multiply 301,775 by 2 = 603,550**

**2 Sam. 24:10, “And David’s heart condemned him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the Lord, ‘I have sinned greatly in what I have done; but now, I pray, O Lord, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly.’**

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1 Sam. 26:21, “Then Saul said, ‘I have sinned. Return, my son David. For I will harm you no more, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Indeed I have played the fool and erred exceedingly.’ ”

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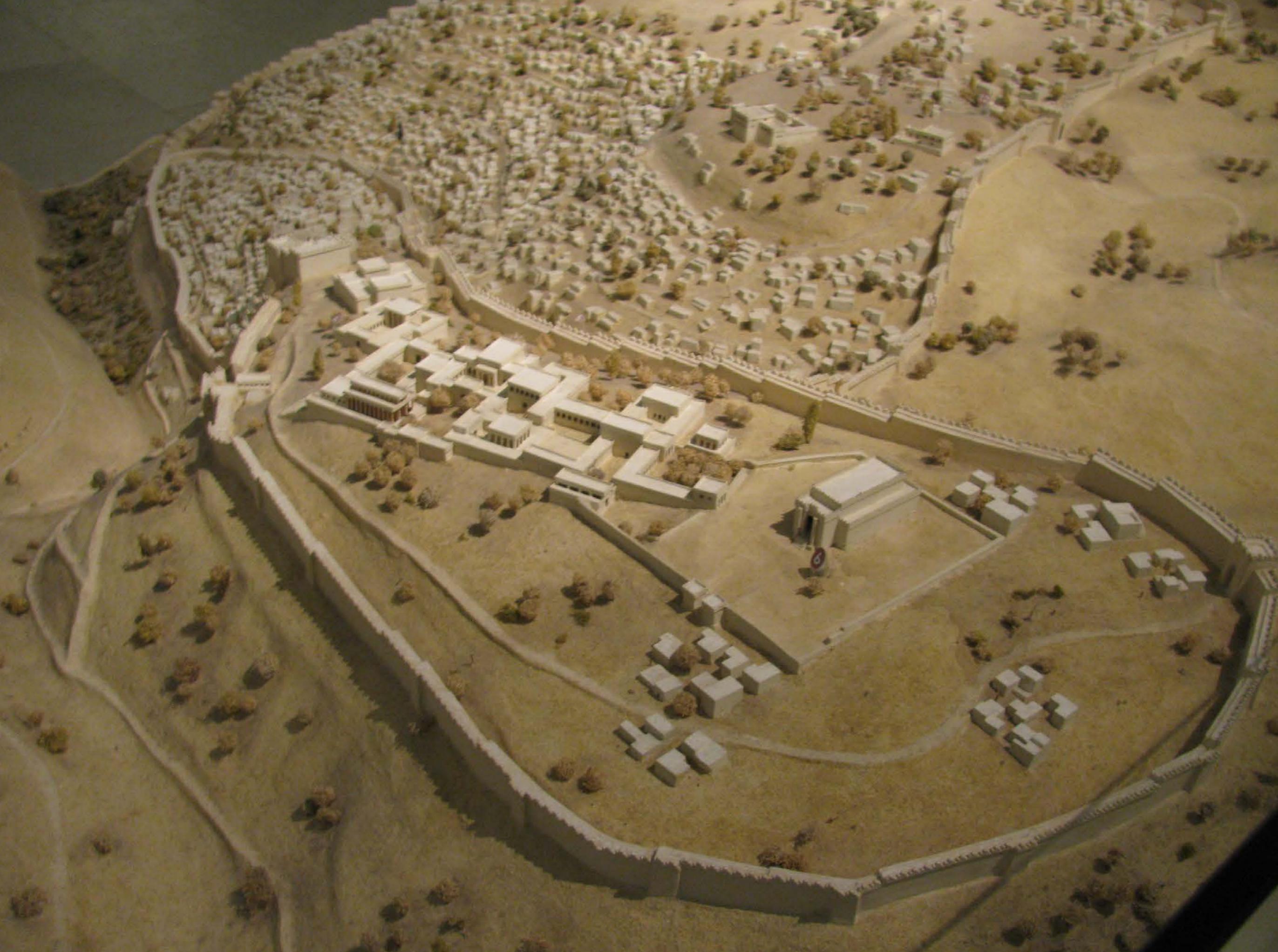
**2 Sam. 24:13, “So Gad came to David and told him; and he said to him, ‘Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or shall you flee three months before your enemies, while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days’ plague in your land? Now consider and see what answer I should take back to Him who sent me.’**

**2 Sam. 24:14, “And David said to Gad, ‘I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies are great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man.’ ”**

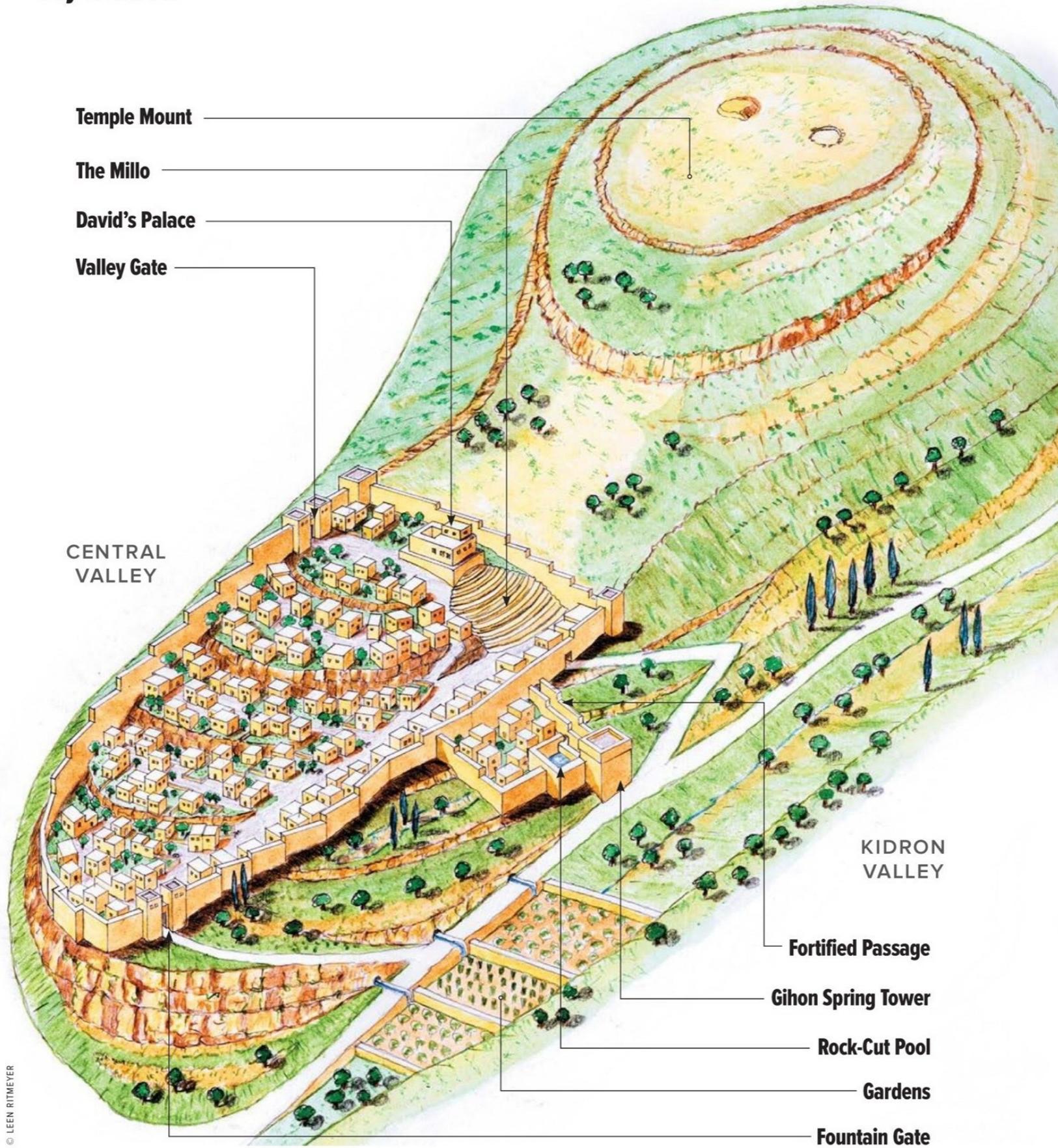
**2 Sam. 24:15, “So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel from the morning till the appointed time. From Dan to Beersheba seventy thousand men of the people died.**

**2 Sam. 24:16, “And when the angel stretched out His hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the destruction, and said to the angel who was destroying the people, ‘It is enough; now restrain your hand.’ And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.”**

**2 Sam. 24:17, “Then David spoke to the Lord when he saw the angel who was striking the people, and said, ‘Surely I have sinned, and I have done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, be against me and against my father’s house.’ ”**



# City of David





**2 Sam. 24:18, “And Gad came that day to David and said to him, ‘Go up, erect an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.’ ”**

**2 Sam. 24:19, “So David, according to the word of Gad, went up as the Lord commanded.**

**2 Sam. 24:20, “Now Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming toward him. So Araunah went out and bowed before the king with his face to the ground.**

**2 Sam. 24:21, “Then Araunah said, ‘Why has my lord the king come to his servant?’ And David said, ‘To buy the threshing floor from you, to build an altar to the Lord, that the plague may be withdrawn from the people.’ ”**

**2 Sam. 24:22, “Now Araunah said to David, ‘Let my lord the king take and offer up whatever seems good to him. Look, here are oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing implements and the yokes of the oxen for wood.**

**2 Sam. 24:23, “ ‘All these, O king, Araunah has given to the king.’ And Araunah said to the king, ‘May the Lord your God accept you.’ ”**

**2 Sam. 24:24, “Then the king said to Araunah, ‘No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing.’ So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.**

**2 Sam. 24:25, “And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord heeded the prayers for the land, and the plague was withdrawn from Israel.”**