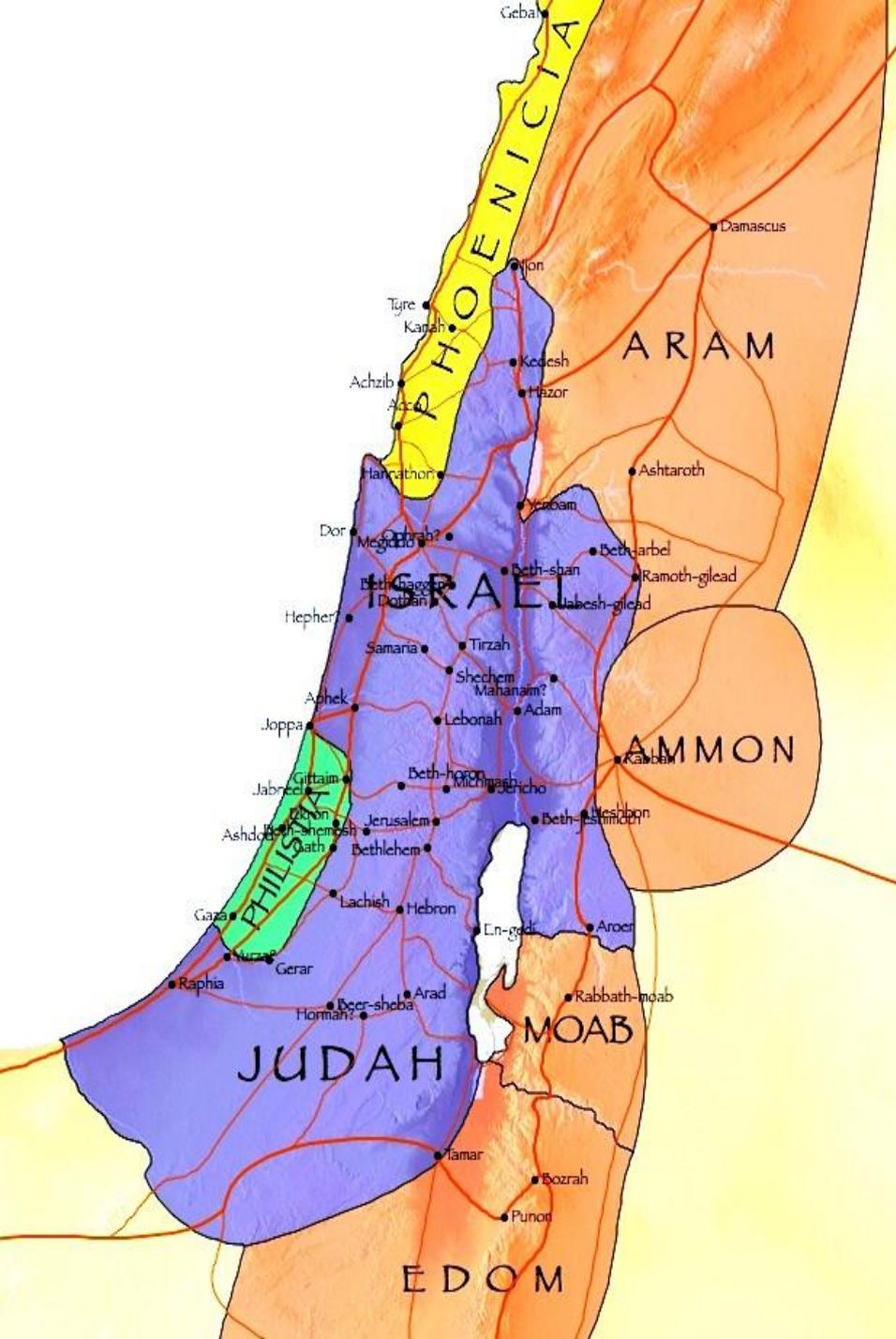


THE LAST DAYS OF ISRAEL

- Aram and Israel formally joined together to invade Judah
- Purpose not only to conquer, but to end the Davidic dynasty
- Satan working behind the scenes to abort the coming of Messiah
- No House of David, no Messiah



ADVANCING REDEMPTION HISTORY

- Israel's falling away, then Judah, then finally their rejection of Messiah were a pattern
- Result? The Roman Exile but also the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant
- Gen. 12:3 *"....by you all the families of the earth will be blessed...."*
- The entire globe was now open for redemption through acceptance of the Jewish Messiah, Yeshua



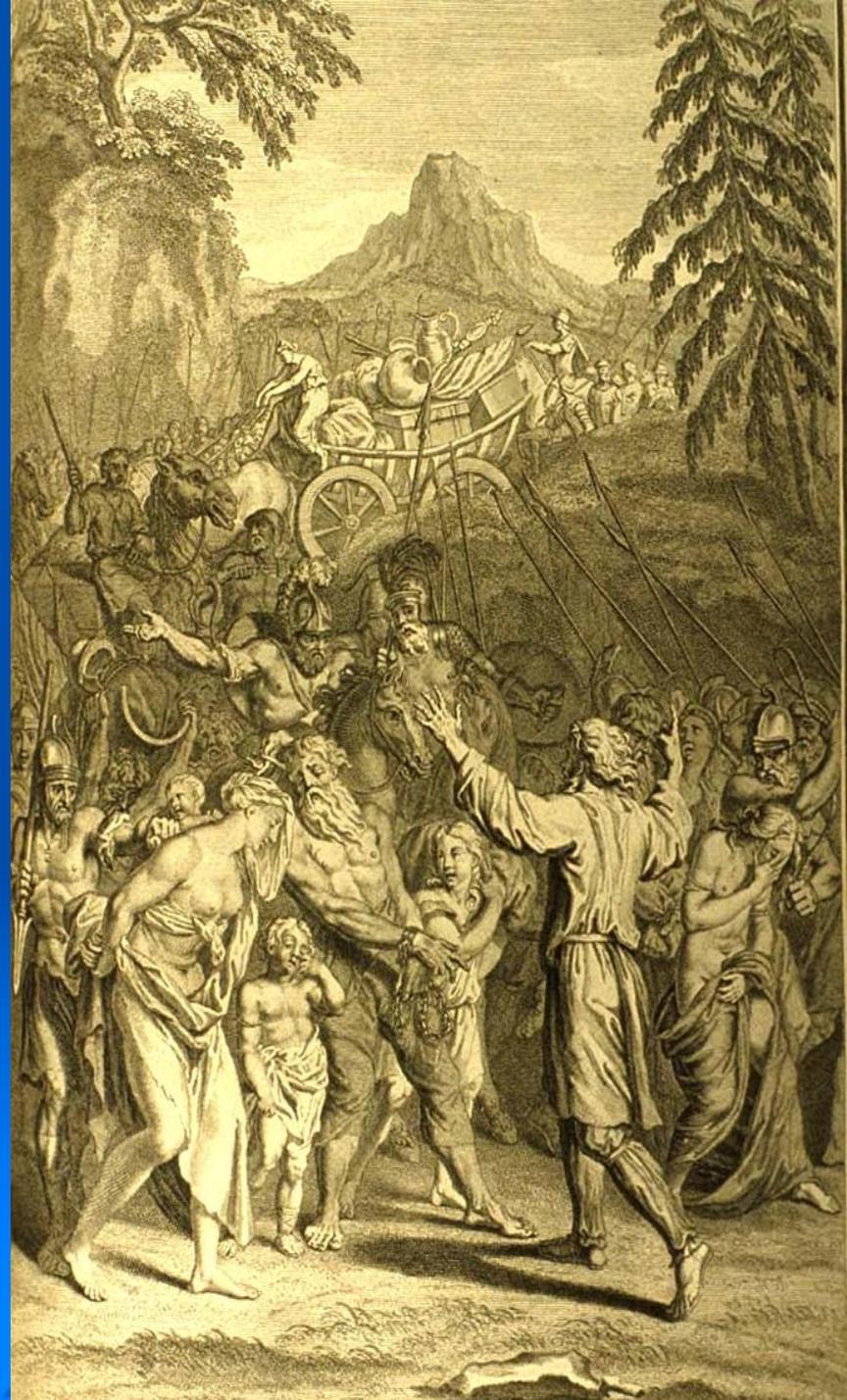
“For casting Yeshua aside means reconciliation for the world.....”



- Romans 11:9 – 15
- Any reasonable Hebrew would have seen their exile as a defeat
- But it was all part of the Lord’s plan

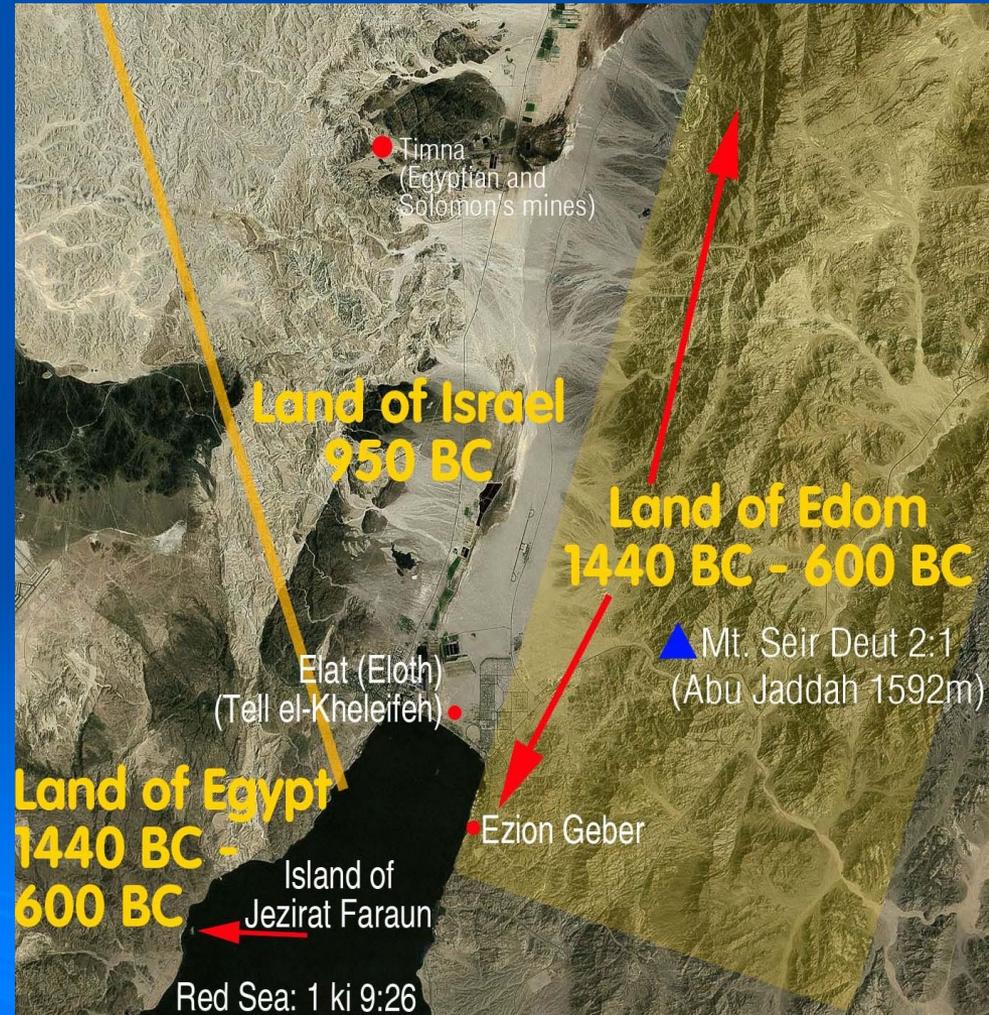
CONSEQUENCES OF THE INVASION

- Israel and Syria (Aram) attacked but did not fully conquer Judah
- 120,000 Judean males killed
- 200,000 Judean woman and children taken captive to Samaria
- Prophet *Oded* convinced 4 of Israel's leaders to release and return the captives



KING ACHAZ'S PARANOID REACTION

- Syrians took back Edom from Judah
- Edom bounced back and forth between Judah and Syria
- Port of Elath was the main issue
- **Achaz** turned to Assyria's King Tiglath-Pileser for help



SIGNS FROM GOD

- Before Judah was invaded, God sent Isaiah
- Ephraim = Israel, northern kingdom, 10 lost tribes
- King Achaz refused to ask for a sign from God
- Isaiah 7:10 – 12
- Sign from God usually a guarantee from God
- In *Achaz's* case, it was a TEST of his faithfulness towards God
- *Achaz* FAILED the test !
- *Achaz* did NOT want God's deliverance





BELIEF VS. TRUST

- **Achaz** believed in the YHWH God of Israel, but did not trust in Him
- Orientals had no problem in “believing in” all the gods
- Believing in God is of no merit
- Trusting in God means committing to His principles, and adjusting your behavior and decisions to His will
- James 2:19
- Modern people and King **Achaz** “believe” they have options A and B for salvation
 - A) Christ B) Their way

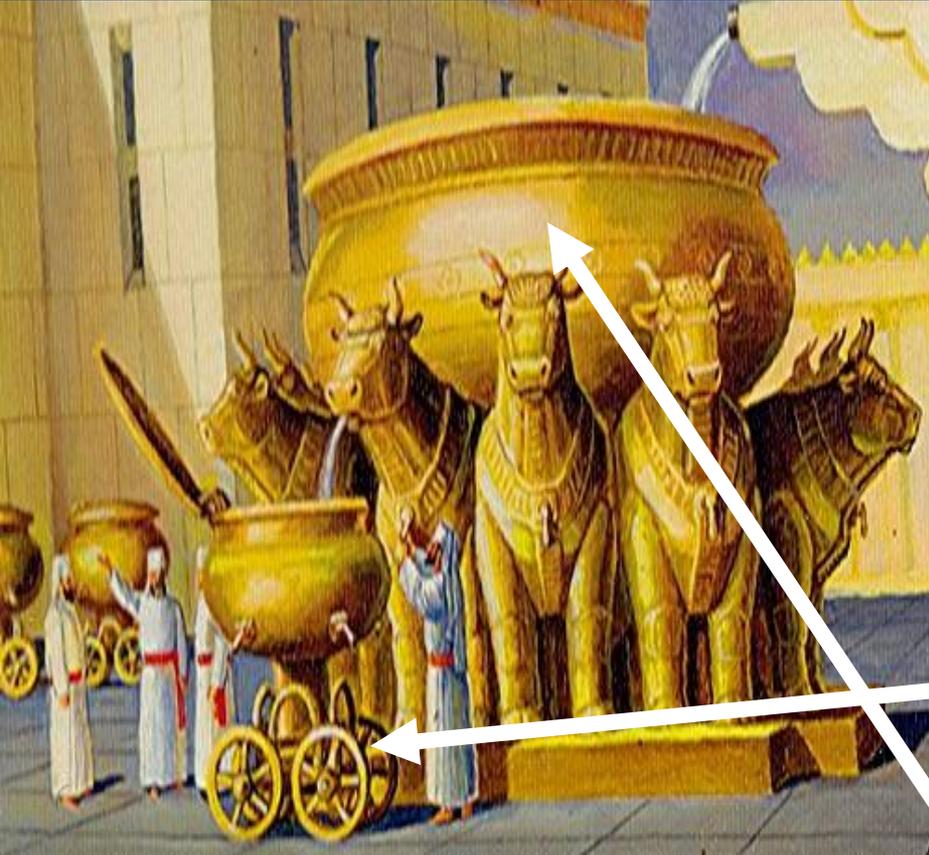


“...I am your servant and son..”



- **Achaz** agrees to be Tiglath-Pileser’s “servant and son”
- A son has a close relationship with the father, is under the authority of the father, and gains inheritance
- Achaz plundered the Temple to get the bribe money to pay Tiglath-Pileser
- He stole God’s holy property and gave it to a pagan !!

ACHAZ INSTALLS A NEW ALTAR



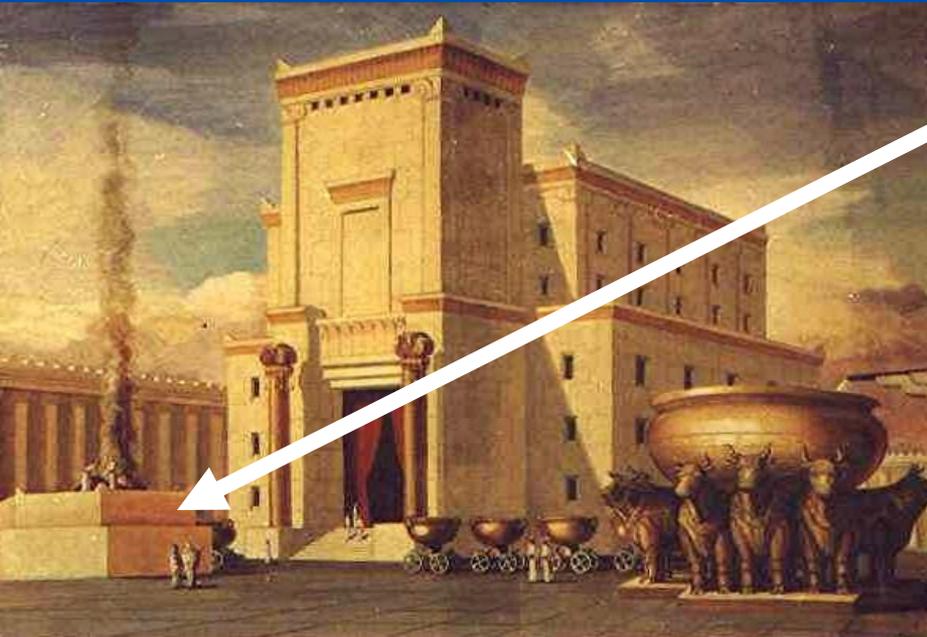
- **Achaz** goes to Damascus, sees an altar to the Syrian gods and orders High Priest **Uriyah** to build one
- 2Chron.28:22 – 23
- **Achaz** gave the glory to the Syrian gods for his surviving the invasion of Syria and Israel !!
- It was a smaller and shorter altar, so the trolleys had to be taken off the water lavers
- Base of “The Sea” also removed

LOWEST
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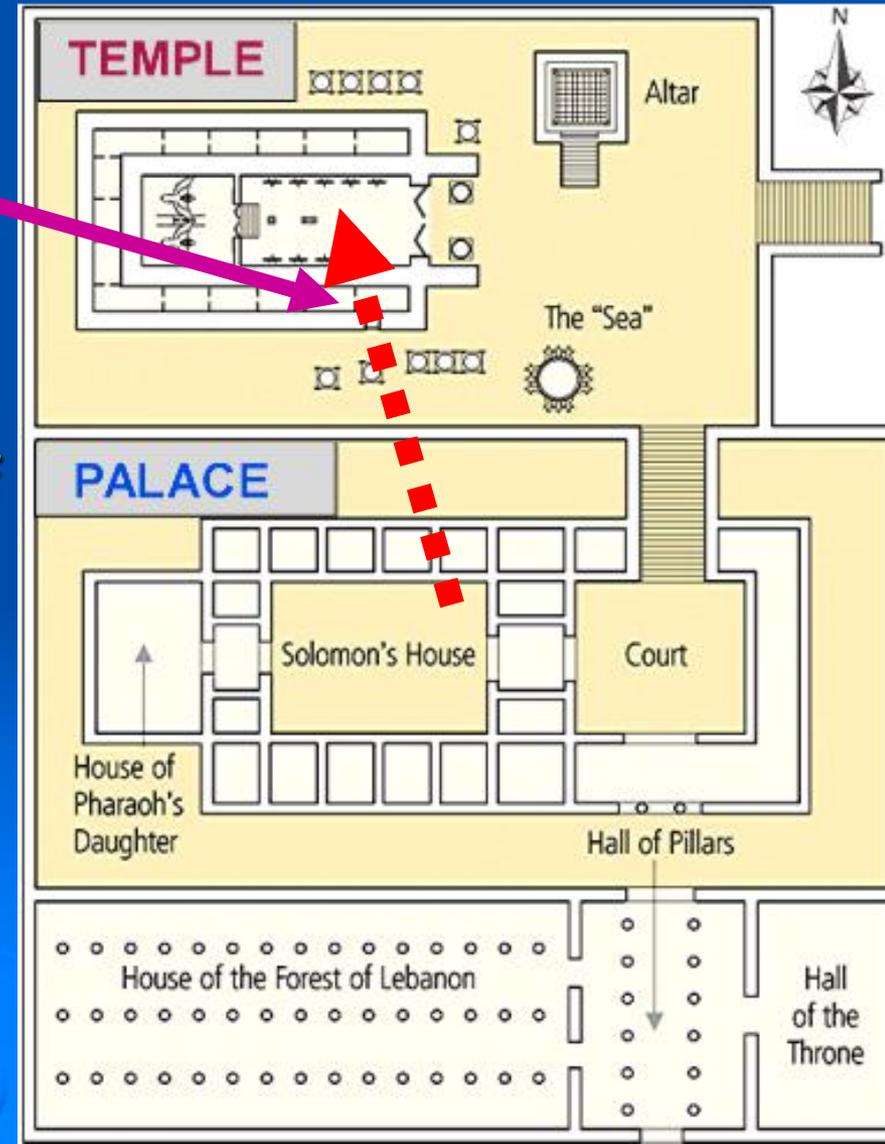
SYNCRETISM WITH PAGAN RELIGIONS

- Apostasy had spread even to *Uriyah* the High Priest
- Original Altar of Burnt Offering moved north of the Temple door
- New altar moved in front of the Temple door (east)
- Shabbat Colonnade probably an awning for the priests
- It was removed as a show of disregard for the priests



THE TEMPLE WAS NOW AN ALIEN PLACE

- King Achaz had a private tunnel/passage built to access the Temple
- It came up INSIDE the Temple !
- This was now the Temple of **Achaz**, and not the Temple of God
- Achaz mixed the holy with the profane
- He substituted a pagan pattern for the God-pattern of the Temple



THE QUICKEST WAY TO LOSE OUR MORAL COMPASS

- Was King *Achaz* a new brand of evil king?
- Or was he representative of the condition of his people?
- Too many Believers abandoned the Word of God for manmade religious doctrines
- Too many religious leaders teach what the people want to hear, instead of what they need to know

What
came
first?

