

Kings Series

Lesson #123

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Rom. 12:1, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Rom. 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

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- 3. Obedience means action: that action may be mental, overt, or both. In this case it demanded both. A mental rejection of idolatry and false religions and the physical act of removing the trappings of the false religion.**

Analogy/application:

As believers we begin with the most obvious and overt contradictions with truth in our lives. Then we move out from there.

1. Removed all the idolatrous articles used to worship Ba'al, Asherah, and the "host of heaven", burned them in the fields of Kidron, carried their ashes to Bethel.





ASHERAH

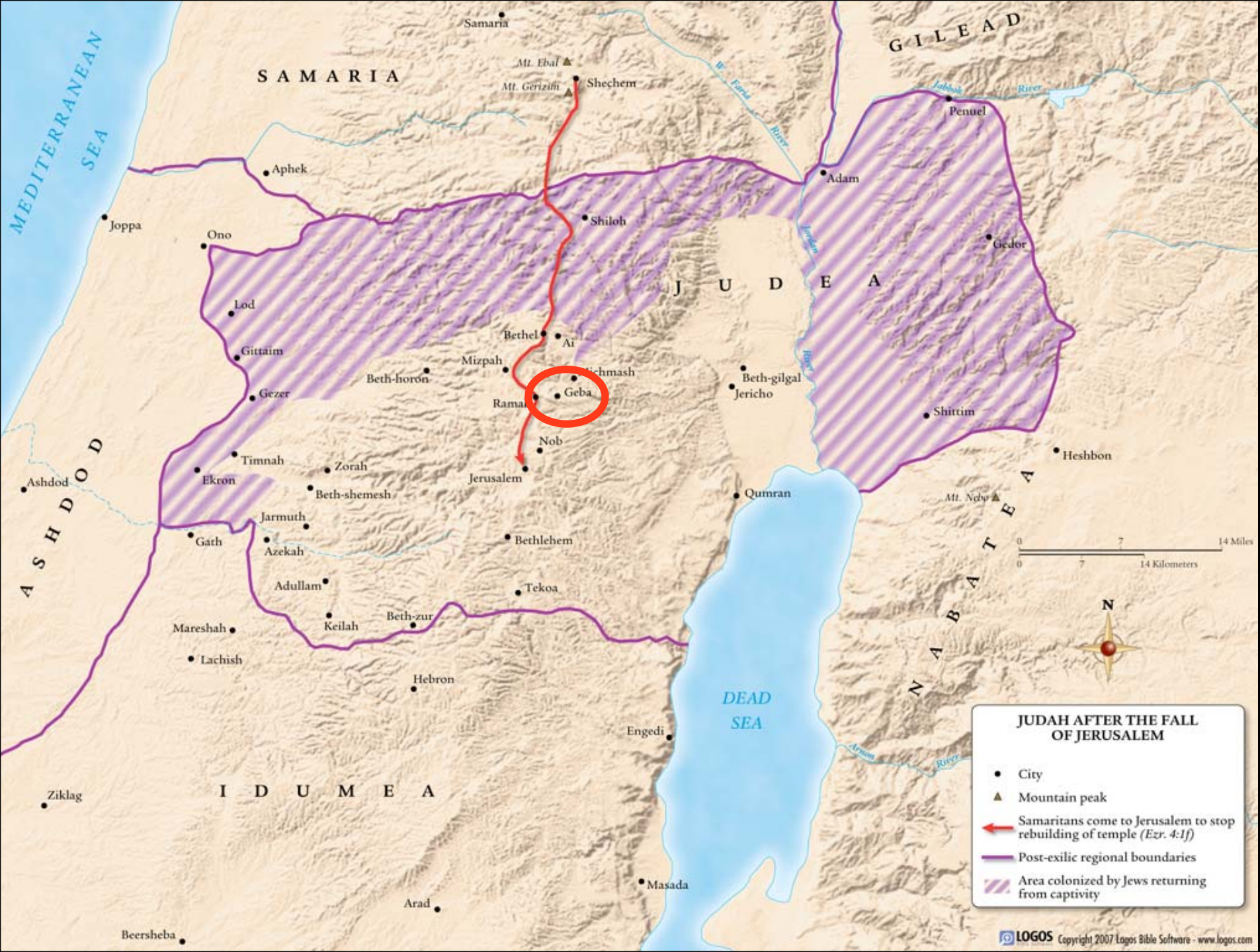
2. Josiah stopped the actions of the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah ordained to burn incense, to Ba'al, to the sun, moon, constellations.

3. He then removed the wooden image, the Asherah pole, from the Temple, to the Brook Kidron, burned it, ground it to ashes and scattered the ashes on the graves of the common people.



4. He tore down the ritual booths of the perverted people.

5. He brought all the priests from the cities of Judah, defiled [rendered ritually unclean] the high places from Geba to Beersheba, broke down the high places.



SAMARIA

GILEAD

JUDAEA

ASHDOD

NABATEA

IDUMEA

JUDAH AFTER THE FALL OF JERUSALEM

- City
- ▲ Mountain peak
- ← Samaritans come to Jerusalem to stop rebuilding of temple (*Ezr. 4:1f*)
- Post-exilic regional boundaries
- ▨ Area colonized by Jews returning from captivity

0 7 14 Miles
0 7 14 Kilometers



6. He destroyed the high places at the city gates.

7. He defiled Topheth, the place where the child sacrifices were made.

8. He removed the ornamental horses that were dedicated to the worship of the sun along with their chariots.

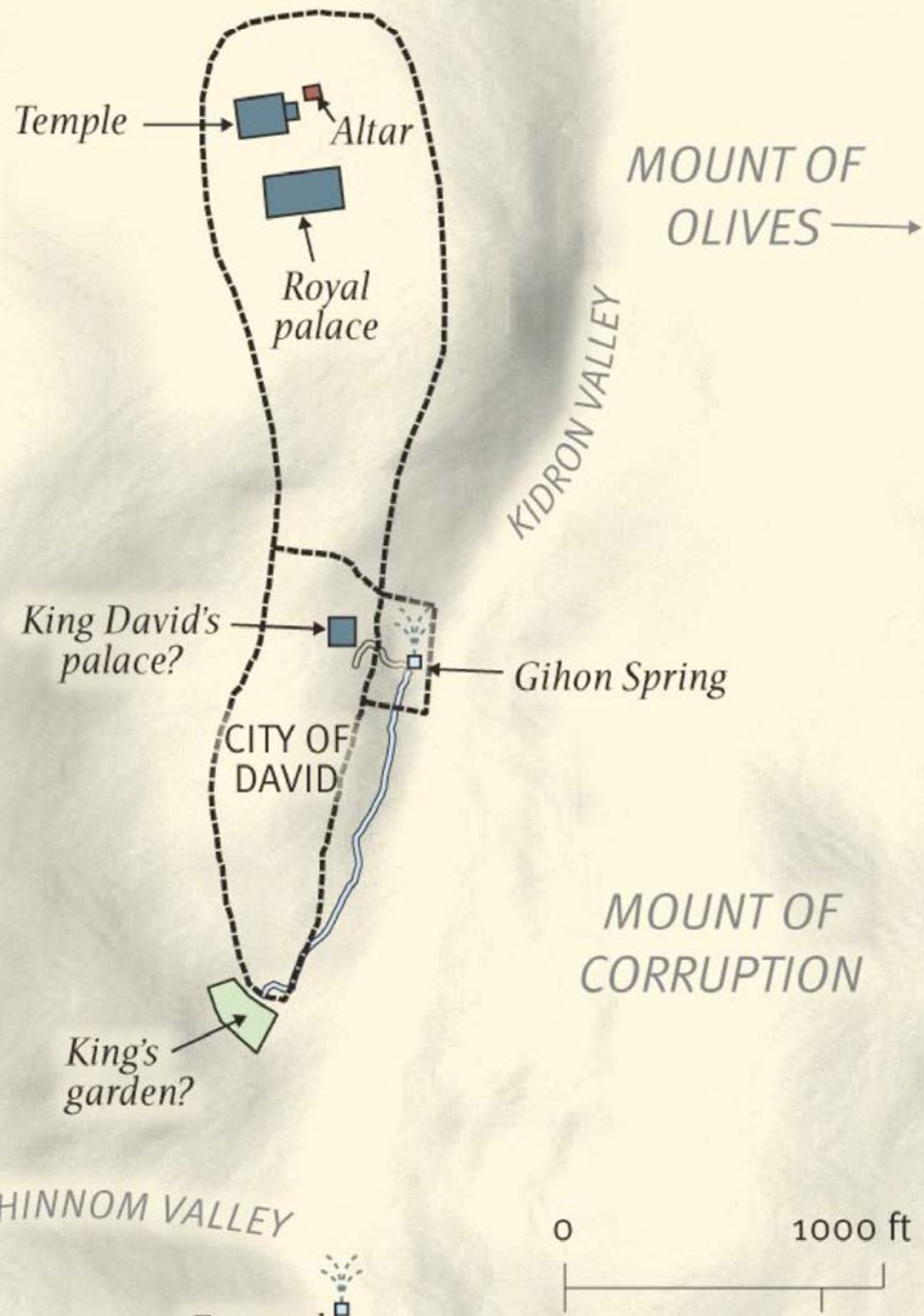


9. He also burned the chariots of the sun.

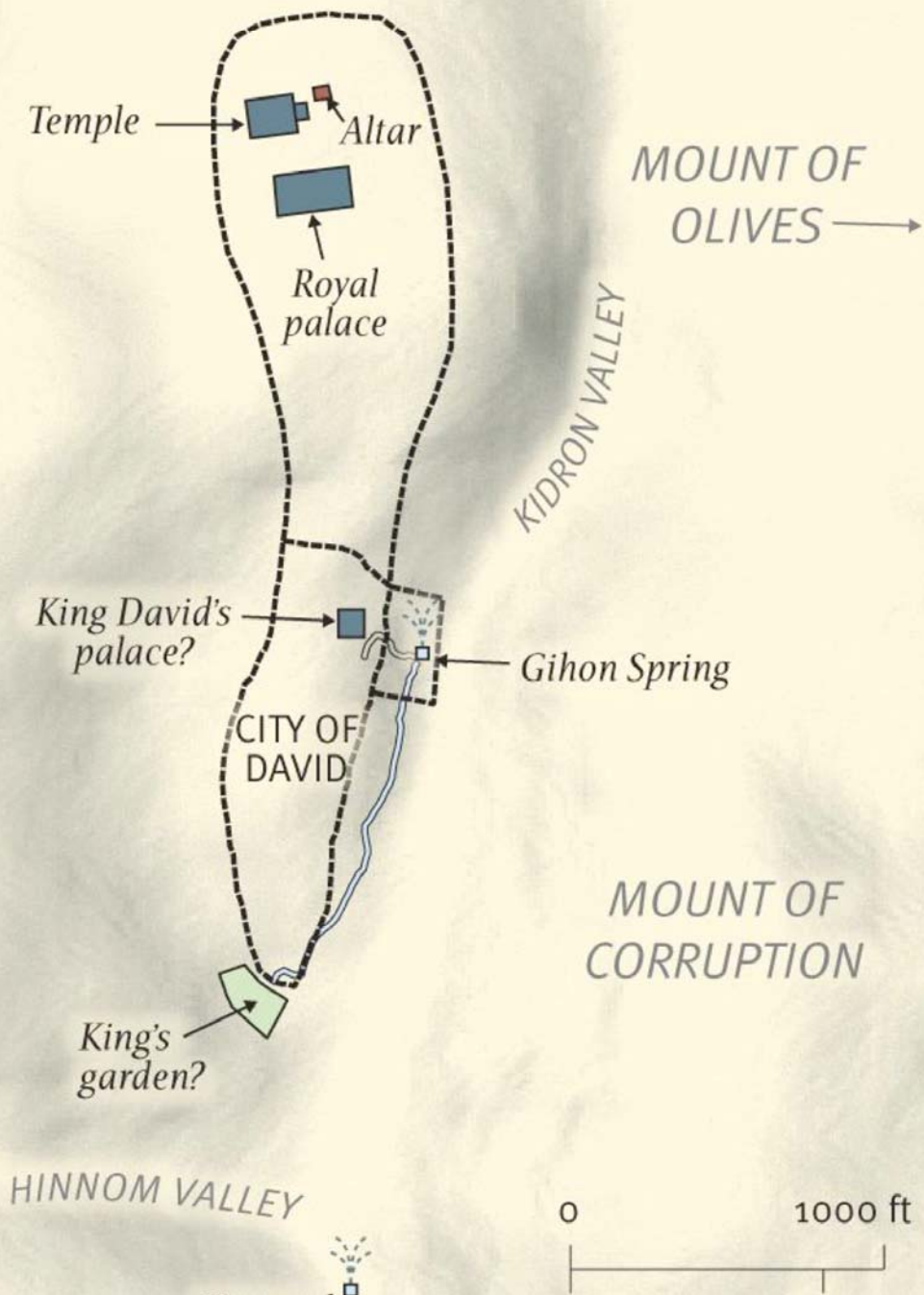
10. He then destroyed the rooftop altars used to worship astrological deities.

11. Josiah then destroyed the altars to Chemosh and Milcom on the Mount of Corruption.





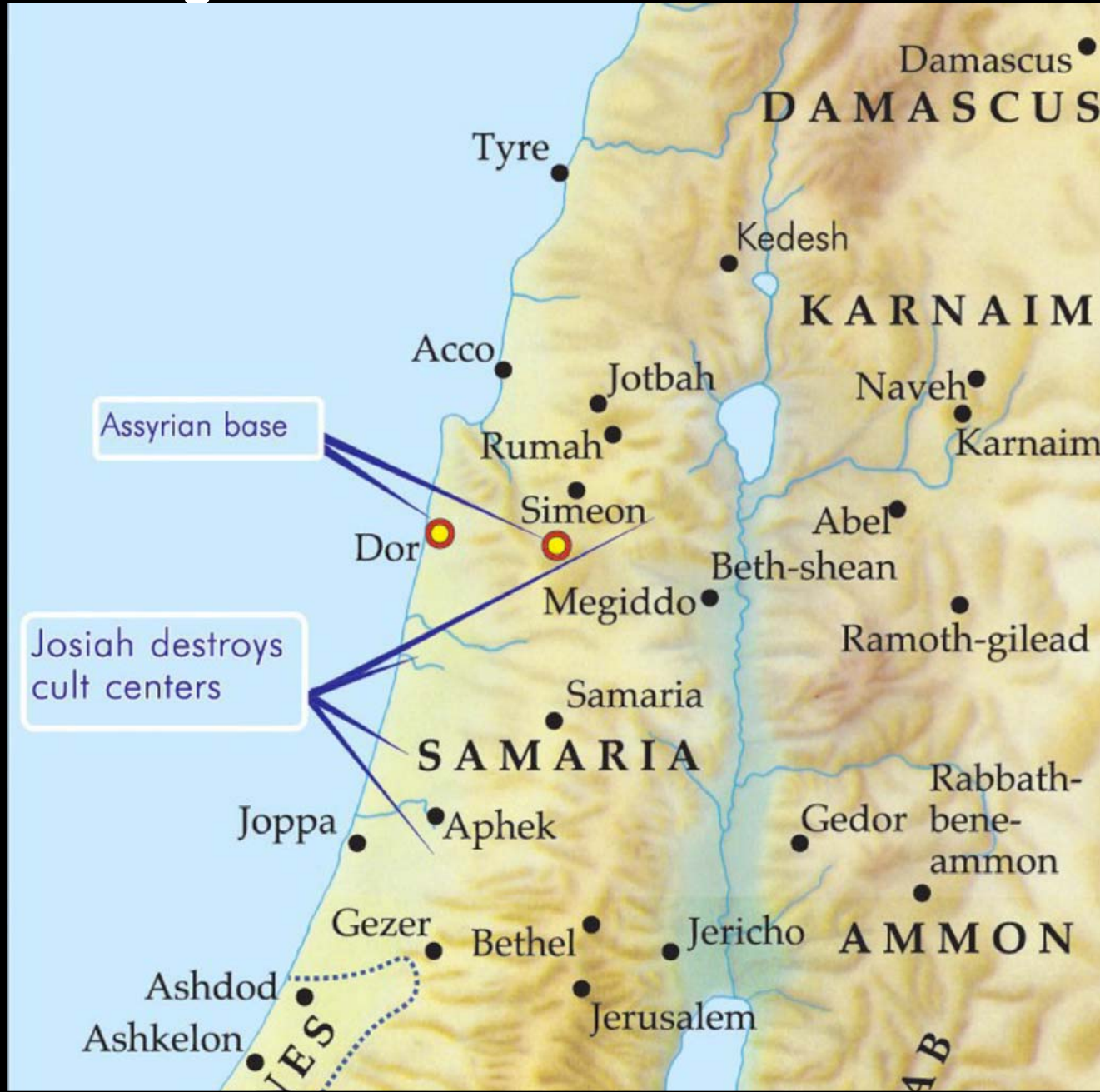




12. He destroys the altar at Bethel (cf., 1 Kings 12:28).



Josiah's kingdom



13. He removed all the shrines in the North.

14. He executed all the false priests in the North.

15. Having finished cleansing the nation, he then returned to Jerusalem and called for an observance of the Passover (this is described in 2 Chron. 34).

**37,600 sheep @ 1 per 10 would indicate around
376,000 people**

**37,600 x 1.08 gal blood = 40,608 gal blood and
315,840 GI contents**

**3,800 bulls x 10.8 gal blood = 41,040 gal bull blood
x 50 gal GI content = 190,000 gal GI contents**





Siege of Haran fails;
Euphrates becomes
border between
Babylon and Egypt

Necho installs
Jehoiakim in place of
Jehoahaz his brother

Josiah killed
near Megiddo

Necho comes
to aid of
Ashur-uballit

The word of the Lord
that came to Jeremiah
...before Pharaoh smote Gaza
(Jeremiah 47:1)

← Necho 0 20 40 miles