

ARTIFACTS THAT MATTER

THE BIBLE IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM

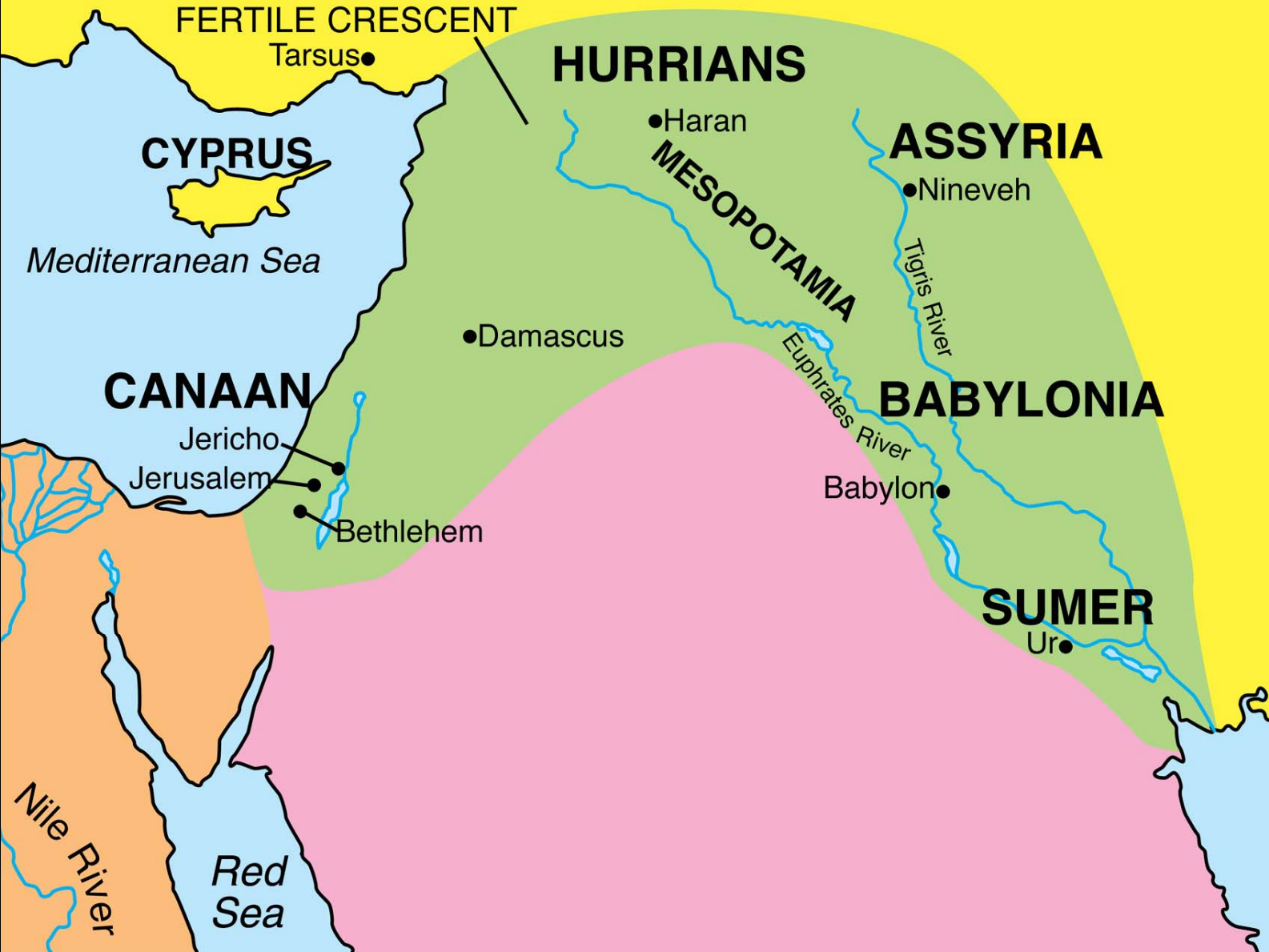
Part 6

Abraham and Israel

Purpose of this series

- *Support the Bible*
 - *Real places*
 - *Real people*
 - *Real events*
 - *Accurate descriptions*
- *Better understand the Bible*
- *To understand that more knowledge of history enriches our understanding of the Bible.*





FERTILE CRESCENT

Tarsus

HURRIANS

CYPRUS

Mediterranean Sea

Haran

MESOPOTAMIA

ASSYRIA

Nineveh

Tigris River

Damascus

Euphrates River

CANAAN

Jericho

Jerusalem

Bethlehem

BABYLONIA

Babylon

SUMER

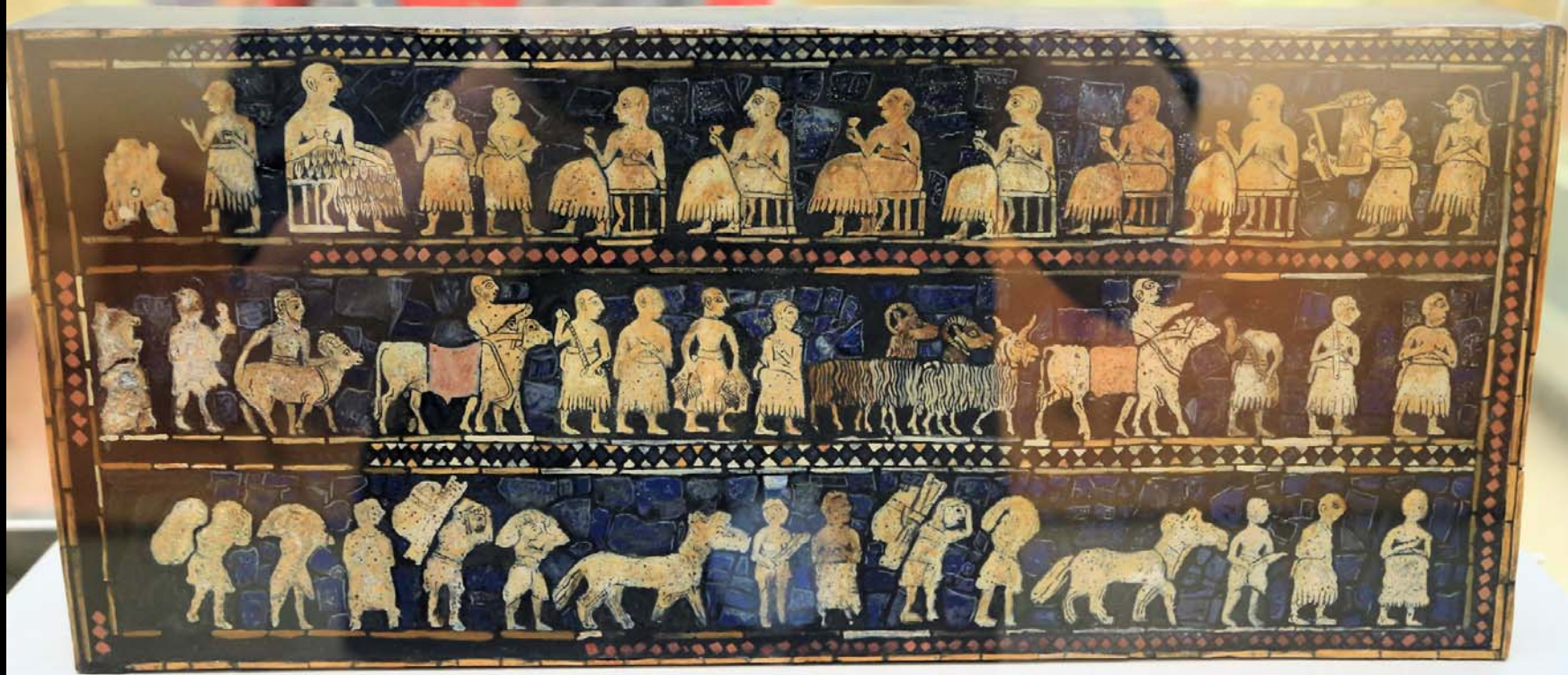
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Nile River

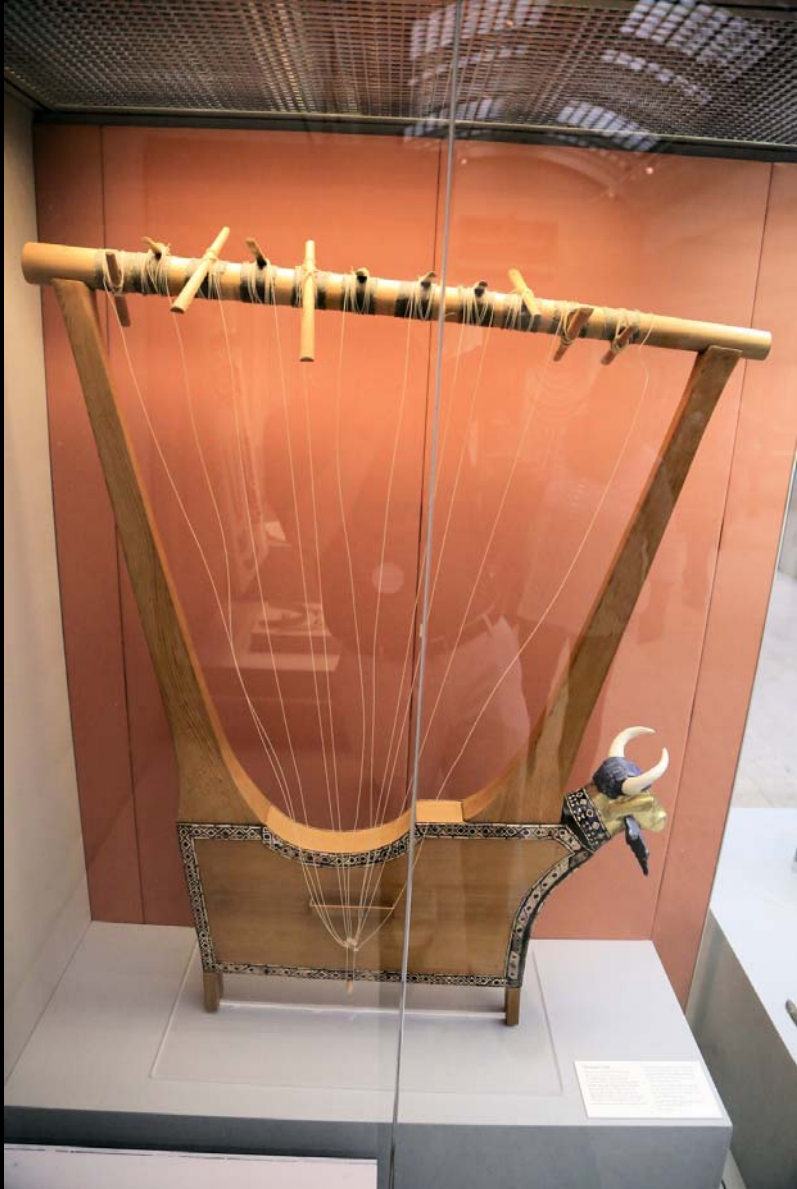
Red Sea









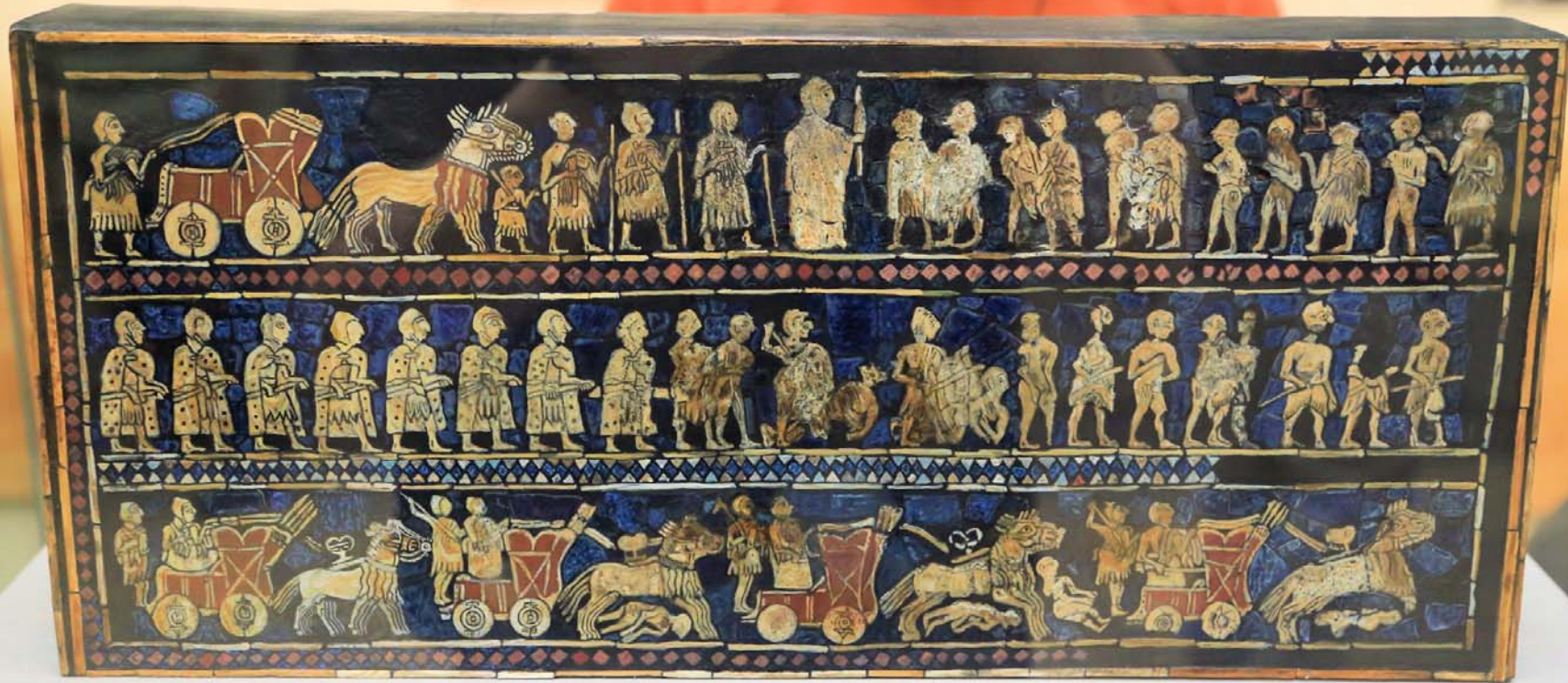




Genesis 31:26-27

*26 Then Laban said to Jacob,
“What have you done by deceiving
me and carrying away my daughters
like captives of the sword?”*

*27 “Why did you flee secretly and
deceive me, and did not tell me so
that I might have sent you away
with joy and with songs, with
timbrel and with lyre;*





Genesis 14:14-16

14 When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

15 He divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them, and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus.

16 He brought back all the goods, and also brought back his relative Lot with his possessions, and also the women, and the people.



The Temple of Ninursag

The site of Uruk was chosen to be the site of the city of Uruk and was occupied as early as 7500 BC. Its name was given to the distinctive type of Mesopotamian pottery which was first discovered there (see Case 10 later). The Sumerians built a temple to the great mother goddess Ninursag on a high mudbrick platform, within an oval enclosure.

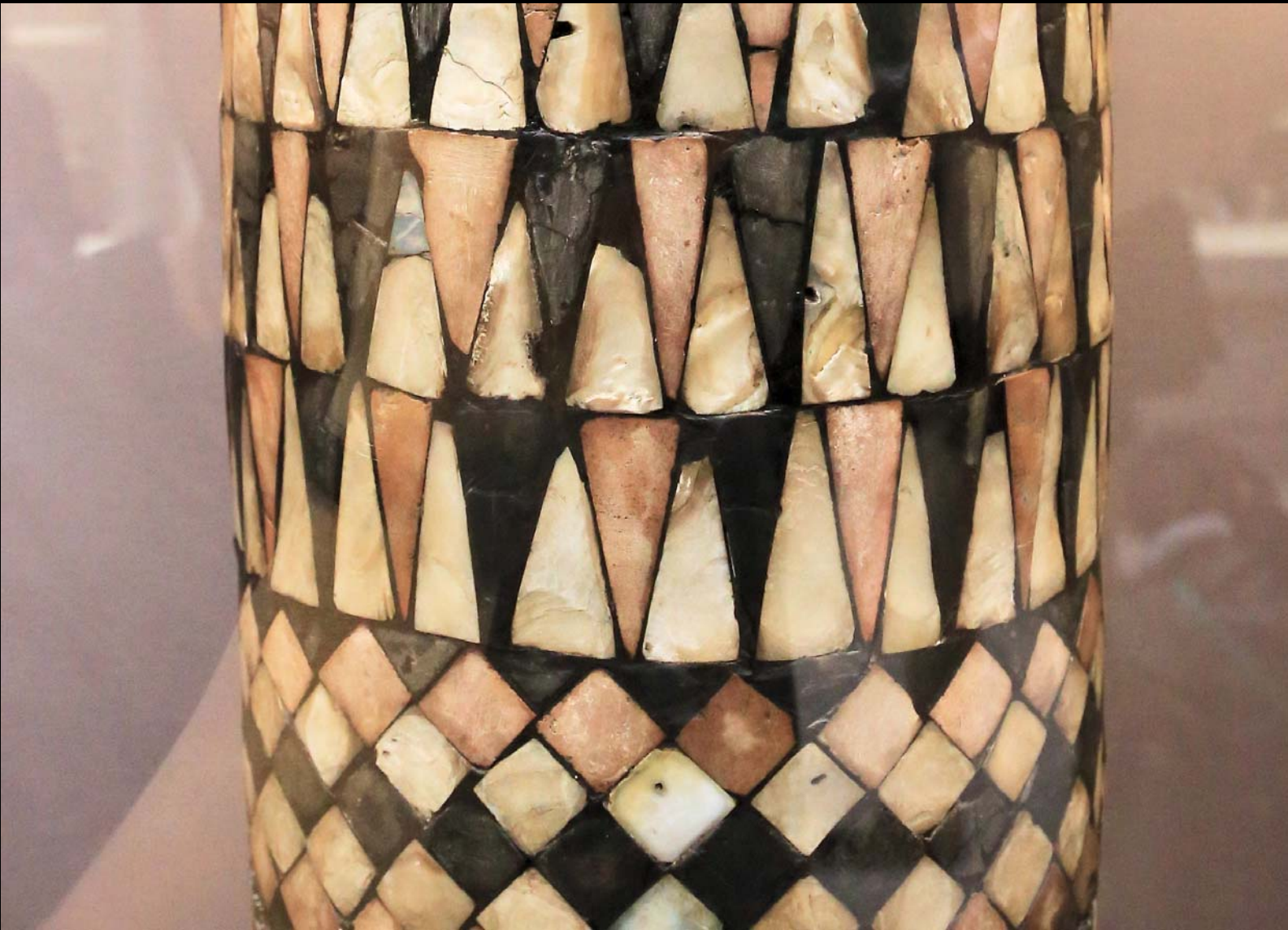
Excavations revealed part of a temple of the Early Dynastic III period built during the reign of a Sumerian king of Uruk around 2500 BC. The temple on top of the platform had not survived, but its location was clearly. Both the temple were located on either side of the central doorway at the front of the platform. These include some of the earliest objects of copper and bronze from Mesopotamia, together with small bronze and metal columns.



Architectural drawing of the temple of Ninursag, showing the central doorway and the two smaller structures on either side.













*"This is _____, the royal steward.
There is no silver or gold here, only
_____ and the bones of his
maidservant with him. Cursed be the
man who opens this."*

Isaiah 22:15-19

- 15 *Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts,
"Come, go to this steward,
To Shebna, who is in charge of the royal household,*
- 16 *'What right do you have here,
And whom do you have here,
That you have hewn a tomb for yourself here,
You who hew a tomb on the height,
You who carve a resting place for yourself in the rock?*
- 17 *'Behold, the LORD is about to hurl you headlong, O
man.
And He is about to grasp you firmly*
- 18 *And roll you tightly like a ball,
To be cast into a vast country;
There you will die
And there your splendid chariots will be,
You shame of your master's house.'*
- 19 *"I will depose you from your office,
And I will pull you down from your station.*







*Now the rest of the acts of Ahab
and all that he did and the ivory
house which he built and all the
cities which he built, are they not
written in the Book of the
Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?*

1 Kings 22:39

*"I will also smite the winter
house together with the summer
house;*

*The houses of ivory will also
perish*

*And the great houses will come
to an end,"*

Declares the LORD.

Amos 3:15

Amos 6:4-7

- 4 Those who recline on beds of ivory
And sprawl on their couches,
And eat lambs from the flock
And calves from the midst of the stall,*
- 5 Who improvise to the sound of the harp,
And like David have composed songs for
themselves,*
- 6 Who drink wine from sacrificial bowls
While they anoint themselves with the finest of
oils,
Yet they have not grieved over the ruin of
Joseph.*
- 7 Therefore, they will now go into exile at the
head of the exiles,
And the sprawlers' banqueting will pass away.*







*Pottery pieces with scribed messages
found in Lachish*

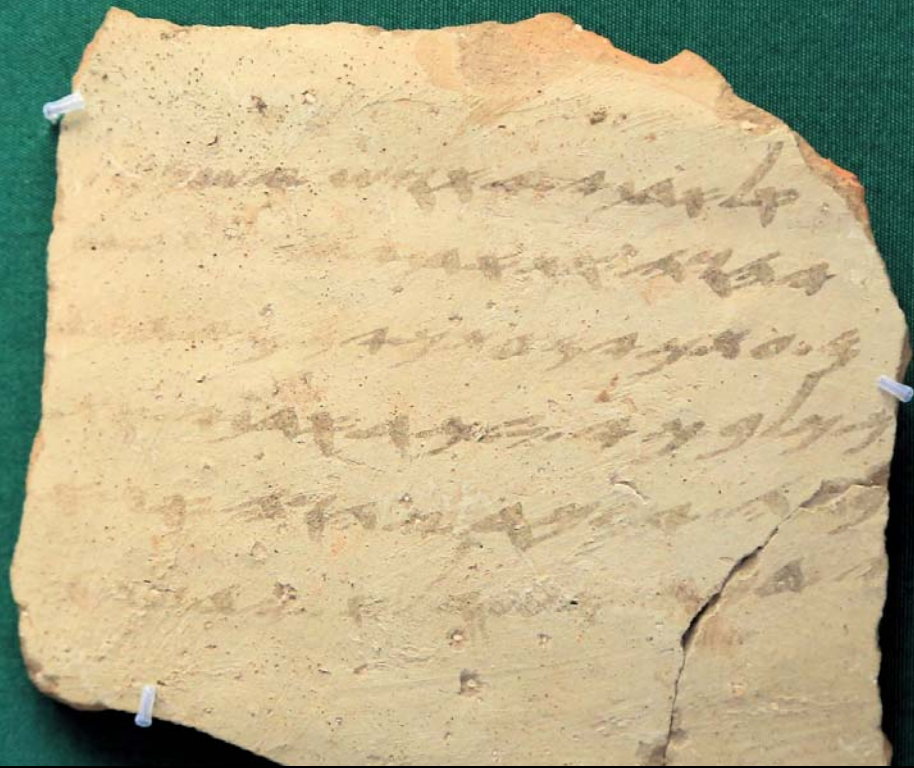
Jeremiah 34:6-7

6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem

7 when the army of the king of Babylon was fighting against Jerusalem and against all the remaining cities of Judah, that is, Lachish and Azekah, for they alone remained as fortified cities among the cities of Judah.



"We are watching for the beacon from Lachish, following the signals you, sir, gave, but we do not see Azekah."



*"May Yahweh cause my lord to hear
news of peace, even now, even now."*

*“Not everyone who says to Me,
‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the
kingdom of heaven, but he who
does the will of My Father who is
in heaven will enter.*

Matthew 7:21

