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The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

Isaiah

Isaiah 54

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Detectives looking for Eschatological Evidences in Isaiah

Tribulation and Kingdom Truth



Continuing



THE
NEW CREATION
MODEL

A Paradigm for Discovering
God's Restoration Purposes from
Creation to New Creation

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The Restoration of Israel The Nations and the Creation

Isaiah 40-66

Comprehensive Restoration



The Restoration of all Things

Will depend on the Son not on their Kings

All we Like Sheep

- The section from last week— identifies the Messianic Suffering Servant. It may be the high water mark in the clarity in Scripture.
- Not only are the Jewish promises of restoration tied up in this Person but so is the redemption of the rest of humanity, even the restoration of his habitat.
- Beginning with His suffering, ending in His voluntary death as the Servant—we have a one of a kind marker event.

The Message of Isaiah

- The message, the plan of the Lord has now been exploded in the great details of His life and death.
- The prophet asked in Isaiah 53:1. “Who has believed our message?” It is clear that some have indeed understood. That God will intervene and save His people and the nation.
- The Prophet tells them that for these their bleak future has turned into a great hope—a genuine prosperity.

Prosperity in Children-Sons

- While our children are being slaughtered in the womb fewer and fewer people become parents—
- It was not so in Israel, in that time all people understood the value of children.
 - It is a phenomenon of our time to kill with honor the terminal generation—sold on the idea of a false freedom.
- In the former times, children were a measure of God's blessing on the family and by extension the nation. Children came at a great cost in the mortality of the mothers. The “easy ends” renders the child valueless. It was not long ago that half of the children did not achieve adulthood.

Fill and Subdue not Kill and Die

- “It is our generation that has been lied to.”
- “The climate change myth is just that... It does the very thing it purports to prevent and replaces the Creator with the created... the global elite.”

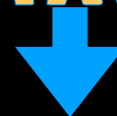
The Planet Designed for Humanity

- “In fact, one could say that Earth is remarkably unique and was specifically made for human beings to live and thrive. The biblical edict to “be fruitful and multiply” seems a lot wiser, healthier, and much more enjoyable than lithium mining and eating bugs.” James Gorrie in The Epoch Times May 24, 2023.



Now the Prophet describes their
prosperous future in terms of
children—

Prosperity in Children-Sons



- 1“Shout for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no child; Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed;
 - For the sons of the desolate one will be more numerous Than the sons of the married woman,” says the Lord. Isaiah 54:1
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- “Barren one” married woman childless— compared to a married woman.

Prosperity in Children-Sons Needs More Land Space

- ²“Enlarge the place of your tent; Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not;
 - Lengthen your cords And strengthen your pegs. ³“For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left.
 - And your descendants will possess nations And will resettle the desolate cities. Isaiah 54:2–3
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The Land in the Kingdom is larger than even achieved before.

Consolation The Past of Gone Marriage Metaphor Continues

- 4“Fear not, for **you will not be put to shame**; And do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced; But you will forget the shame of your youth, And the reproach of your **widowhood** (childless state) you will remember no more. 5“For your **husband** is your Maker, Whose name is the Lord of hosts; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth. Isaiah 54:4–5

In Prophetic History

- How it was: ⁶“For the Lord has called you, Like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, Even like a wife of one’s youth when she is rejected,” Says your God. ⁷“For a brief moment I forsook you, But with great compassion I will gather you. ⁸“In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, But with everlasting lovingkindness I will have compassion on you,” Says the Lord your Redeemer. Isaiah 54:6–8

Change in the Scene

Remembering the Flood Event

No More Judgement

- Flood Judgement: ⁹“For this (fiery judgment for a moment) is like the days of Noah to Me, When I swore that the waters of Noah Would not flood the earth again; So I have sworn that I will not be angry with you (anymore-last judgment is the Tribulation) Nor will I rebuke you.
- As in my judgment the Tribulation: ¹⁰“For the mountains may be removed (and they will be) and the hills may shake (and they will), But My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, And My (New) covenant of peace will not be shaken,” Says the Lord who has compassion on you. Isaiah 54:9–10

Expressing the Joy Of Residing in the Jerusalem

The city is important

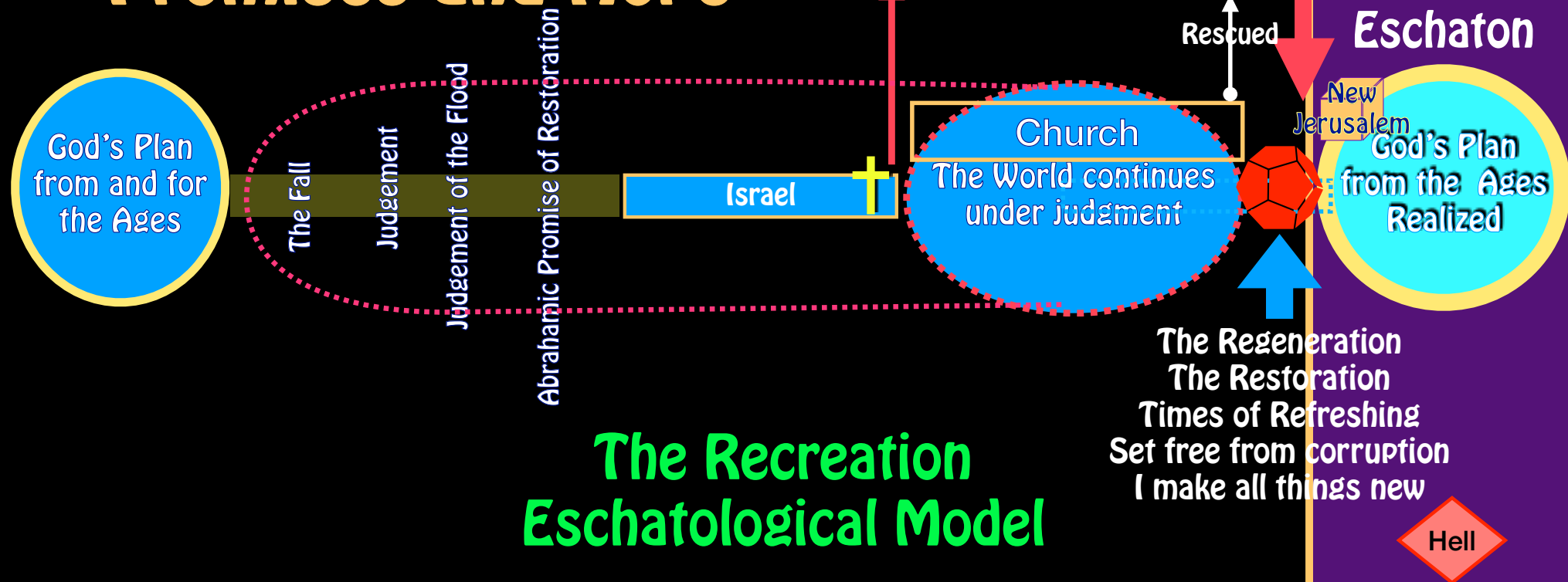
Why Jerusalem?

- **¹³For the Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. ¹⁴“This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**
- Psalm 132:13–14
- **¹²The Lord will possess Judah as His portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem. ¹³“Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord; for He is aroused from His holy habitation.”**
- Zechariah 2:12–13

More Jerusalem Verses

- After running through many verses: “Thus, multiple prophets all point to the same location. Massive topographical changes will occur just prior to the city’s descent. Both Ezekiel and John give details about a future Jerusalem that correlate point by point. These prophecies certainly seem to be talking about the same city, the city that the heroes of the faith were looking forward to, “the city ... whose architect and builder is God” (Hebrews 11:10). It exists now and the spirits of those heroes dwell there (Editor?) with Jesus and the angels. Paul tells us this Jerusalem is now up above in Heaven and John says this Jerusalem will come down from God out of Heaven. Someday, the New Jerusalem on earth will be a source of blessing, not only to God’s people who live in it, but also to all the peoples of the world.”
- What on Earth is Heaven Like?: A Look at God's City: New Jerusalem (p. 33). Khed Publications. Kindle Edition.

The Eschaton According to Jewish Promises and Hope



What is the City?

- So for all Israel, no matter where you live in the world, Jerusalem is home and the emblem and embodiment of the hope of Israel.
- On our trip to Israel (2008), we ended it by coming into Jerusalem from Jericho on Highway 1. It is a 4000' slow grinding ascent from the Jordan Valley. Our Jewish guide was a native of the land and the city.

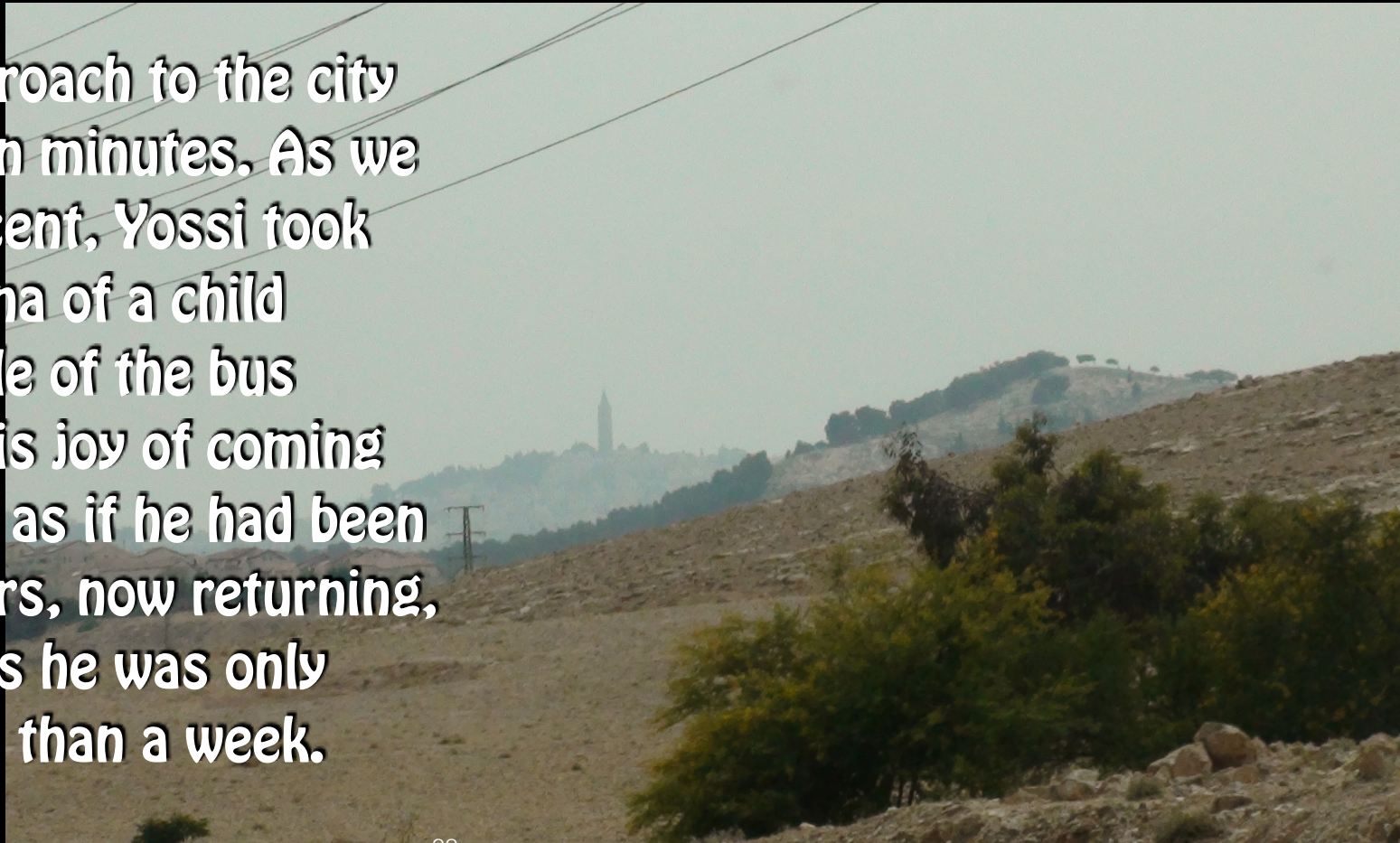
Jerusalem

- As we approached the city, the towers on Mt Scopus can be seen but the road makes a circuitous route north before it crosses the Mt of Olives range.



What is the City?

- The final approach to the city was about ten minutes. As we made the accent, Yossi took on the persona of a child pacing the isle of the bus expressing his joy of coming home. It was as if he had been gone ten years, now returning, The truth was he was only gone for less than a week.



What is the City?

- When we were about ten minutes out, before crossing out of the West Bank, he started to play the great late 19th century song, sung by John Starnes, Jerusalem.
- As we made our way, I was more enraptured by Yossi's excitement to see the city than I was watching for the city myself. All this to understand Jerusalem has a supernatural place in the hearts of the Jews.
- All this is comparable to the following focus on Jerusalem—the city of our God.



Switching to the Personified City



- 11“O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted,
- Behold, I will set your stones in antimony,
- And your foundations I will lay in sapphires.
- 12“Moreover, I will make your battlements of rubies,
- And your gates of crystal,
- And your entire wall of precious stones. Isaiah 54:11–12

Jerusalem the City

The Glorious Situation in Zion

- **The city is dressed up to approximate the glory of God and the grace given to the inhabitants.**
- **The stones are beautiful if not precious.**
- **Scarcity in the Kingdom is a foreign idea.**
- **We have it in the best earthly terms a city's beauty can be described.**

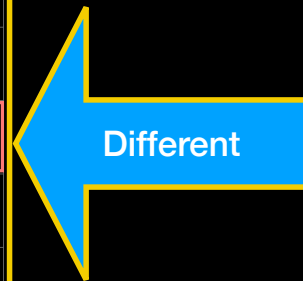
Which City is this Jerusalem

- But which city is this? We cannot be dogmatic~
- We can answer this by comparing the description of the New Jerusalem the city that comes down from heaven.
- It is described in Rev. 21 and the description has the same “spirit” of glory but is it constructed with differing “precious stones.” Apparently!

Comparing the Stones

The Elements	Isaiah 54	Revelation 21
Foundation	Sapphires	12 Different Stones
Battlements	Rubies	X
Gates	Crystal	12 Pearls
Walls	Precious Stones	Jasper, Gold
Street	X	Gold

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**Which
Jerusalem?**

- The description is similar but not as the city described in Rev. 21-22. The Gate feature is different.
- It is old Jerusalem—made new, the original made precious. Compared to—
- The “New Heavenly Jerusalem” which was introduced by John in chapter 14, and detailed in Rev. 21-22.

Jerusalem and Jerusalem?

- How do we account for these two renditions of Jerusalem?
- It should be clear that Jerusalem (city of Peace) is in the center of God's plan. I believe history started here with the rebellion in the Garden. Sinful history will "end" here in the establishment of the Kingdom.
- The Jews understood a bodily resurrection, it was to the life lived. (Job 19:26 "from my flesh I will see God")

Church and Israel Distinctions

- The Church, is promised what was a not revealed in the Old Testament. Quickly, there is nothing done to the Jewish expectations or national promises. The Jewish idea of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth never changes.
- This “new heavenly city” was introduced by John in chapter 14—to Jewish ears—“I go to prepare a place for you.” Resurrected Jews will occupy this city too.

Confusing Terms are Confusing

- 1. The **New Jerusalem** of John comes down to earth. It is identified now with the earth and it houses features necessary to carry out the plan of God. Isaiah 67:19; Rev. 21:2. e.g. **He will dwell among his people—which includes the earthbound population and of course the redeemed “of the New Jerusalem” in glorified bodies.**

Confusing Terms are Confusing

- 2. The **new** Jerusalem, the **original earthly city** of Peace (Jerusalem) gets a **make over**. This is what is described in Isaiah 54. (I think)
- It is also the throne of God, the location of God and it is made of “precious stones” materials.
- The confusing part is that we have two new Jerusalems. **One from heaven one from the earth,**

Two Become One in Identification

- It appears that these two cities will be melded into one identity with compartments appropriate for the **earth dwelling saints** and the glorified bodied resurrected Saints of the dead and the Raptured.
- Erratum: Explain my mistake last week. No one has a glorified body in Heaven now. That waits for the Rapture and the associated believers resurrections. Gloried embodied saints will be in Heaven a short time before they return to earth. They all long to return.

City in a City

- Perhaps we can approximate these two entities.
- The city of Los Angeles has specific borders or limitations.
- However, out here in Nebraska we see Los Angeles as one city. But the reality is that it is a central city with other cities (many more) around it. Yet for us, all of it is Los Angeles.
- Try to find an accommodation in Kansas City using GPS only to find your hotel is in Olathe or Lees Summit Missouri.

Two Become One!

- Yet they are all at one time talked about as the same place. We may have difficulty in showing the exact relationship—but we do have statements of the occupying the same proximity.
- e.g. In Ezekiel 40:2 we have a description of the temple and city complex. Ezek 40-48 describes the temple for Kingdom purposes. But leaves the Heavenly city, and the earthly Jerusalem as simply “a structure like a city.”

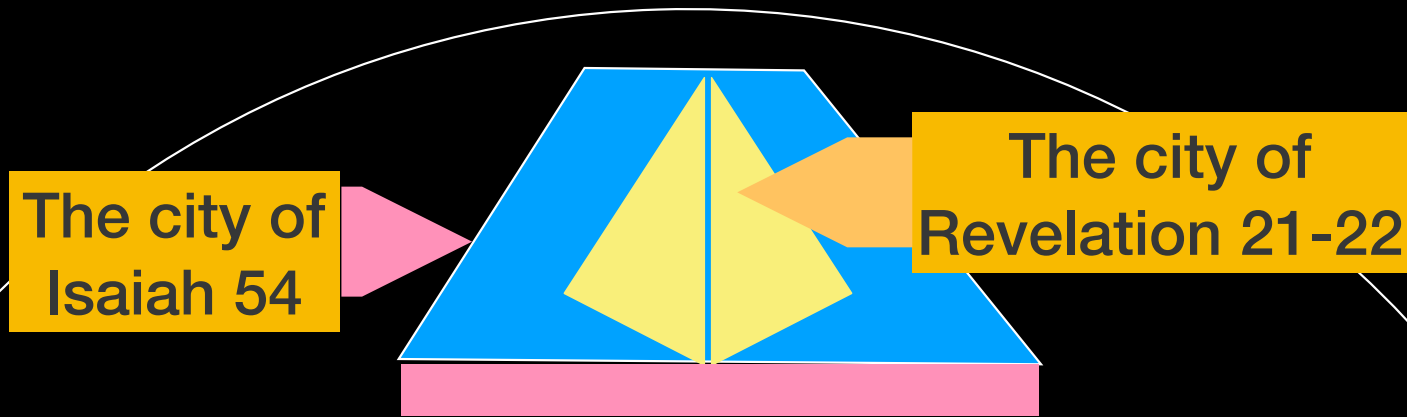
The New Temple City Complex

- This is one way of showing the city in the large dimensions of the temple city complex.



Janet Willis "Earth is Heaven" p. 47

Jerusalem in the Kingdom



This show a schematic relationship not to scale

Two Cities Occupying the same space

On the Plateau



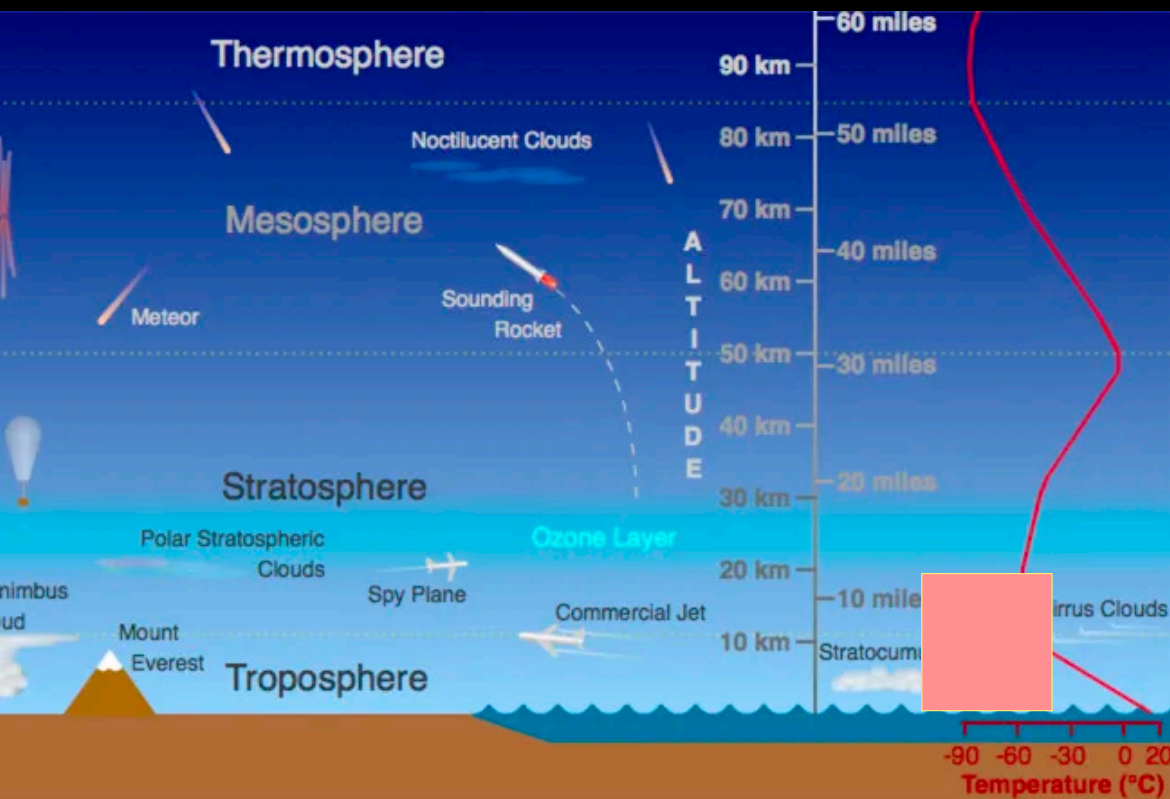
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**Attempting the impossible rendition of the settled
City of Jerusalem in the Kingdom**

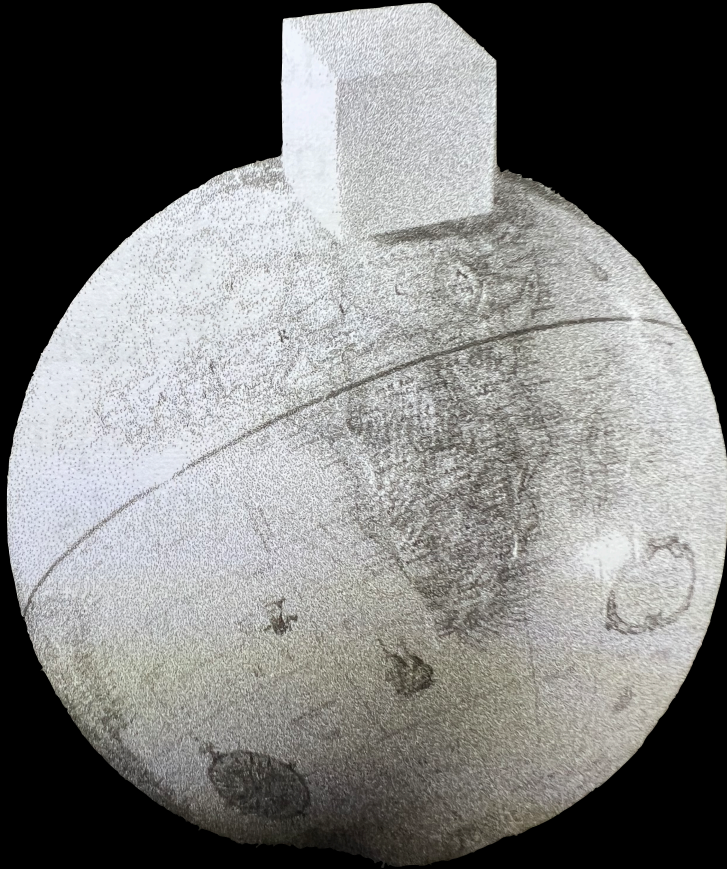


Still Stumbling over the Size?



Janet Willis suggests the 1500 rather than being the end size, is the root 11.5 cubed. Whatever the solution we are not in a position to pass judgment about its size.

The literal 1500 Miles Look



Janet Willis "Earth is Heaven"

- If you are inflexible on the size, we can accept this.
- It may be unseen in another dimension therefore it loses its grotesque appearance.
- We can live with any solution except to deny its existence.

When all is Said!

- The size of the city is a common stumbling block and how it “attaches” to earth.
- Re: Size whatever the size small or large our minds will not process what is being revealed.
- For all the struggles we have with shoe horning the cities into place—We will at some point abandon the effort.
- We are told that the Lord’s ways are not our ways and when it comes to the eternal spaces we are better saying I don’t understand than abandoning the text for what it says.

The Final Text

Prosperity in the Sons

- **13**“All your sons will be taught of the Lord; And the **well-being of your sons will be great.** **14**“In righteousness you will be established; You will be far from oppression, for you will not fear; And from terror, for it will not come near you. Isaiah 54:13–14
- **Remember the comparison is not as threats in the Kingdom but compared to Isaiah's days.**

Peace and Prosperity in the World

- ¹⁵**If anyone stirs up strife**, it is not from me; whoever stirs up strife with you shall fall because of you. [God is a peace therefore do not fear—]¹⁶**See it is I who have created the smith who blows the fire of coals, and produces a weapon fit for its purpose; I have also created the ravager to destroy. Isaiah 54:15–16**
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Peace and Prosperity in the World

- ^{17]}(Therefore) No weapon that is fashioned against you shall prosper, and you shall confute every tongue that rises against you in judgment.
- This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their vindication from me, says the Lord.
Isaiah 54:17
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Who has believed our Message?

- The future for Israel cannot be any brighter. That is after they pass through judgment like of the Flood. Only this time it will be by fire.



- 1 “Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters;
And you who have no money come, buy and eat.
Come, buy wine and milk Without money and
without cost. Isaiah 55:1

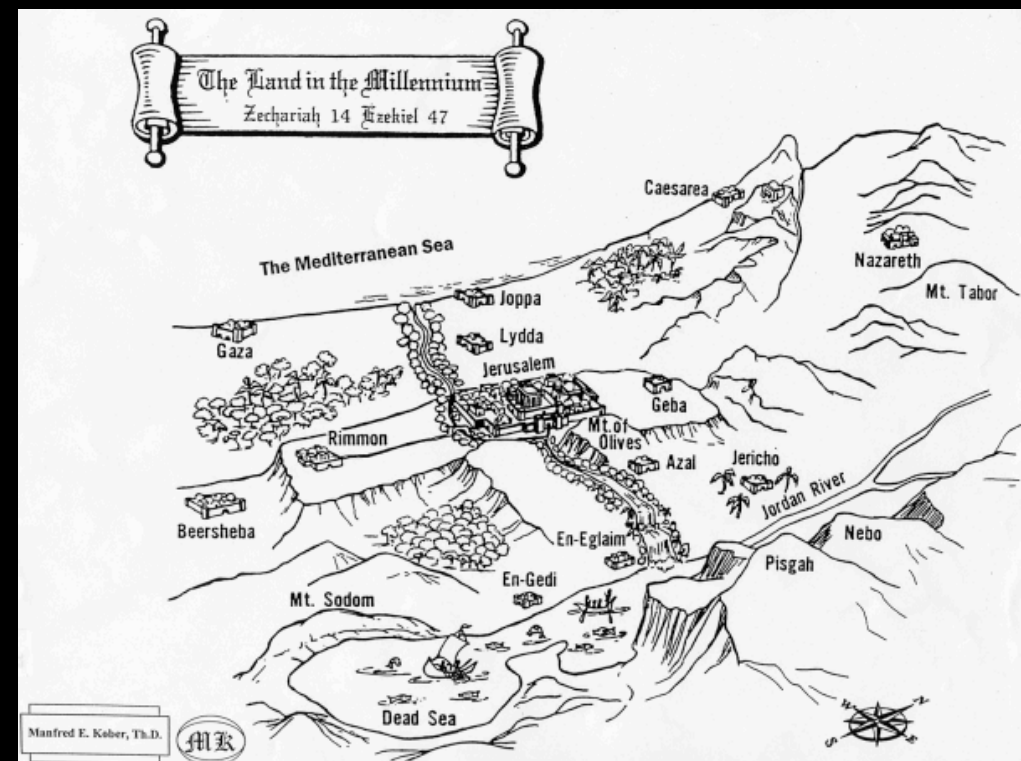


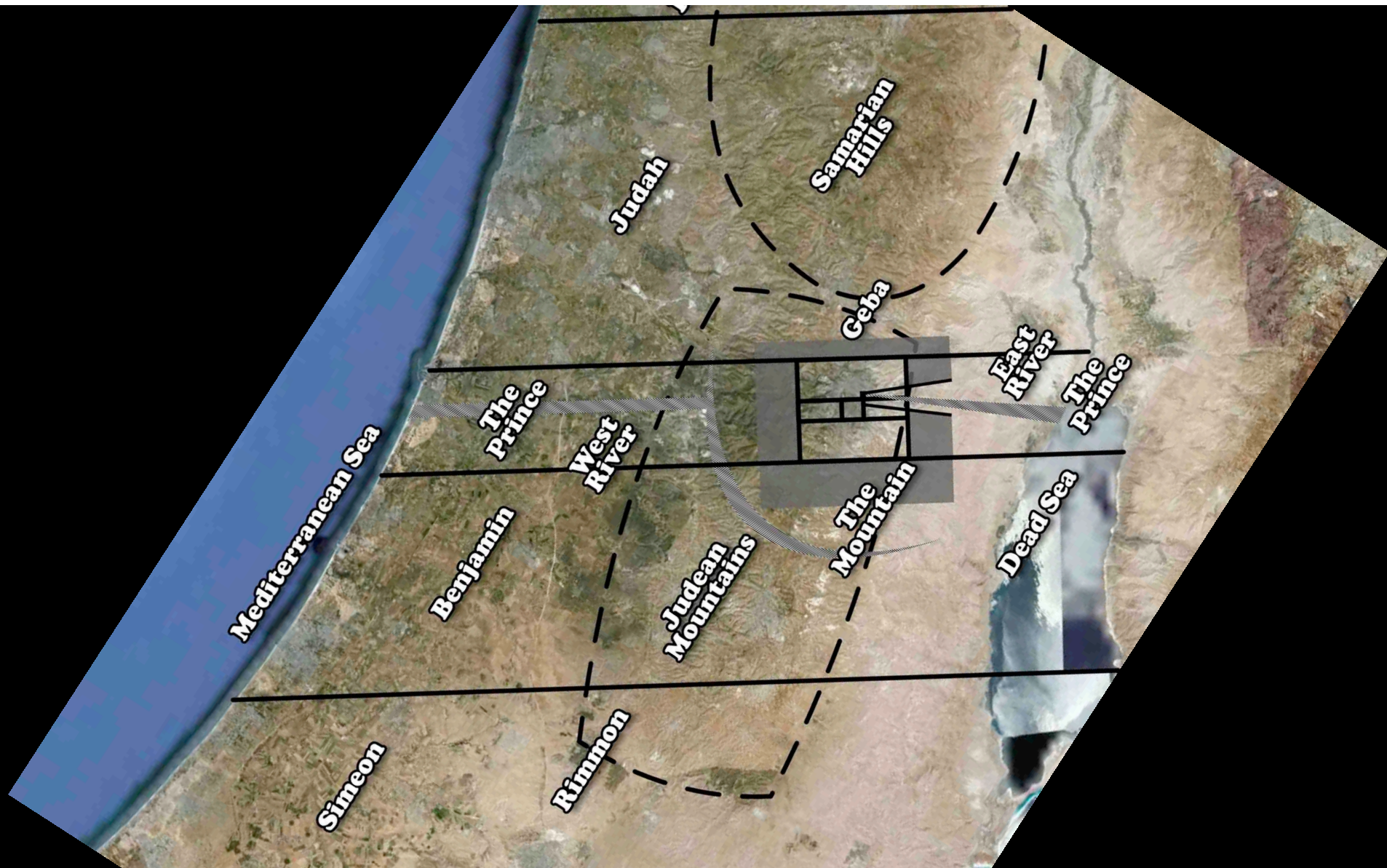
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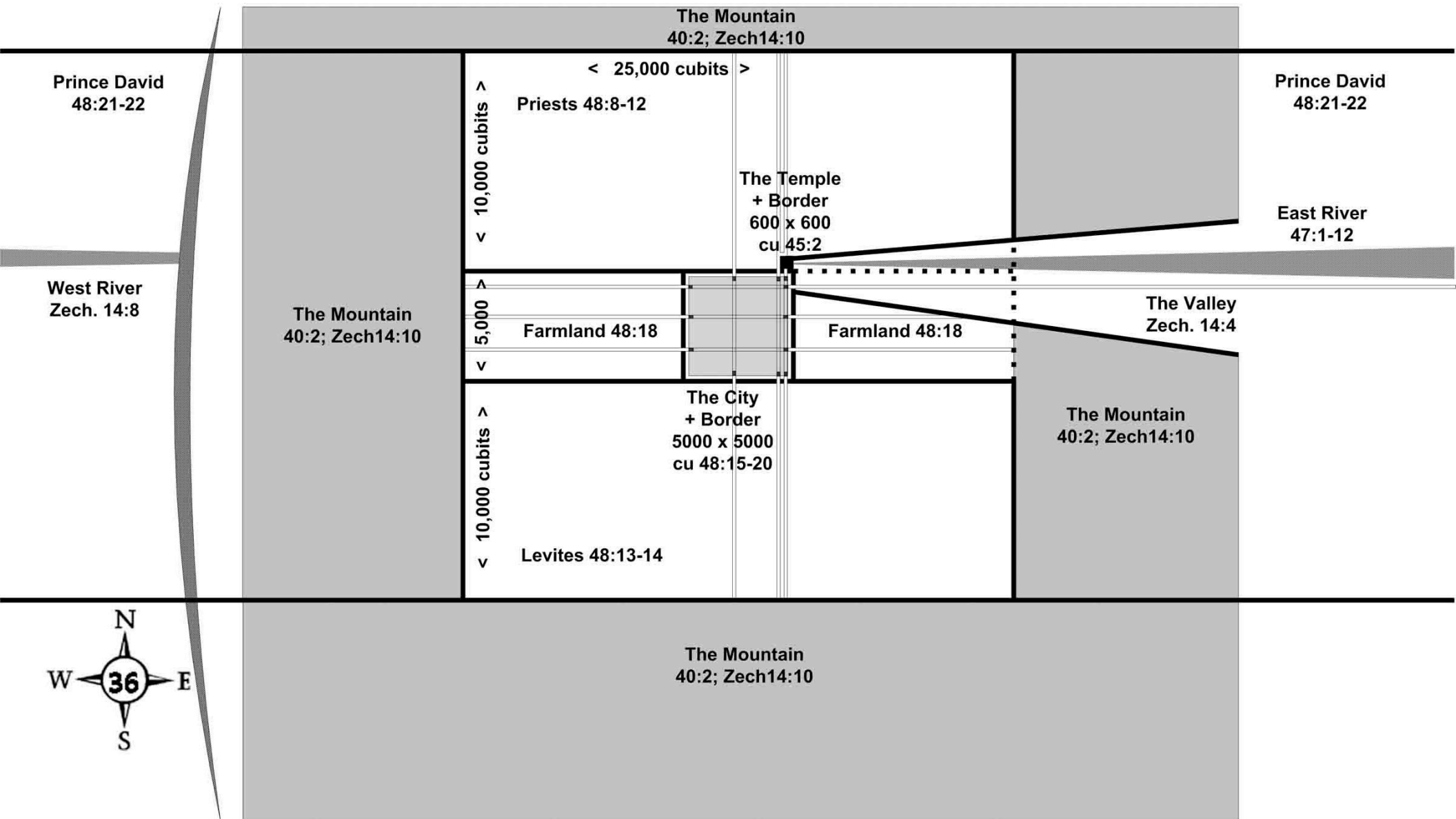
EZEKIEL'S VISION to Israel: the Jews	JOHN'S VISION to the Church: Jews and Gentiles
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Reshaped Earth

- ¹⁰All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses. ¹¹People will live in it, and there will no longer be a curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security.
- Zechariah 14:10-11







Thus Far—



Jerome Hines the Holy City

John Starnes

Holy City-Jerusalem