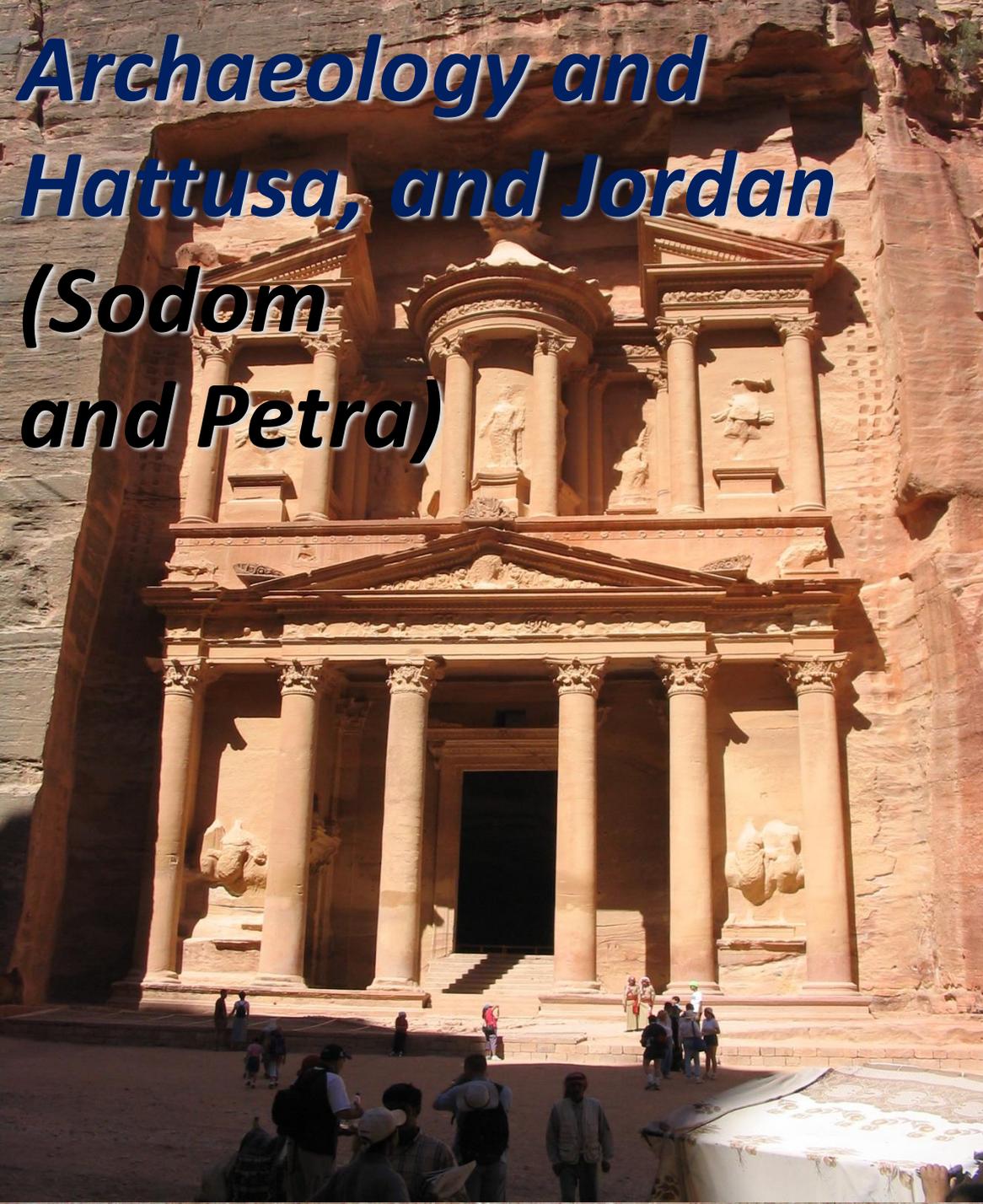


Archaeology and Hattusa, and Jordan (Sodom and Petra)

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ANCIENT HATTUSA

HITTITE KINGDOM



The Case of the Hittites

A century ago the Hittites were unknown in any documents outside the Bible and did not exist in the archaeological record. Liberal scholars argued they were a fictitious people invented by the biblical authors.

Hittites are mentioned 47x in the Old Testament

Famous Hittites of the Bible

Abraham bought burial cave from “Ephron the Hittite” (Gen. 23)

One of Esau’s wives was the daughter of a Hittite (Gen. 36)

David murdered his soldier “Uriah the Hittite” (2 Sam. 11)

Solomon’s wives were from among the Hittites (1 Kgs. 11)

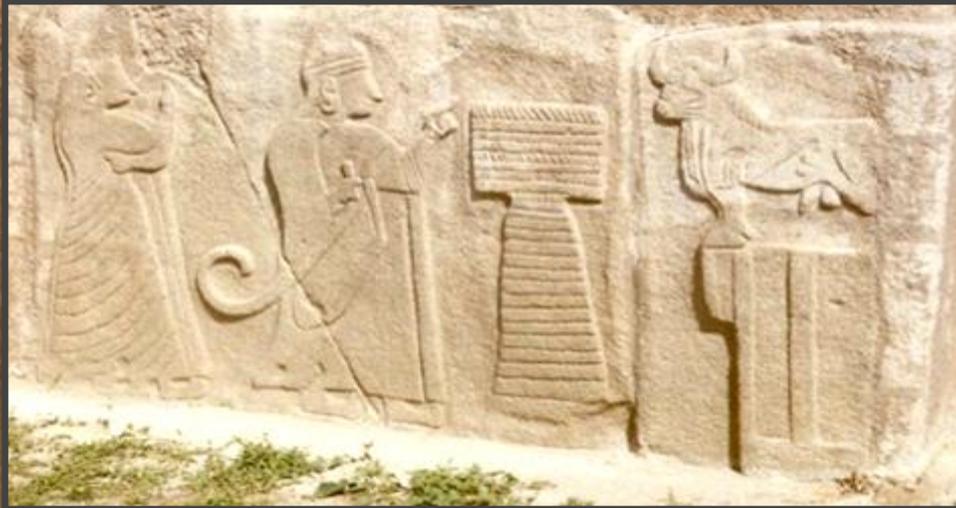
God claimed Israel’s “mother” was a “Hittite” (Ezek. 16)

HITTITE SEAL RING

Though previously unmentioned in extra biblical literature, scholars believed the Hittites (from the Indo-European region) were legendary people. However, in **1905** the **Hittite library (10,000 tablets)** was discovered by **Hugo Winckler in Turkey**. The tablets consist of law codes, legends, covenants and myths, giving scholars ample evidence for the belief that the Hittites were a real people as mentioned in Genesis 15:20 (1Kings 10:29; 23). This dome shaped Hittite stamp seal (1400-1200 BC) is with silver ring, decorated with Hittite hieroglyphic characters.



Hittite Empire Discovered



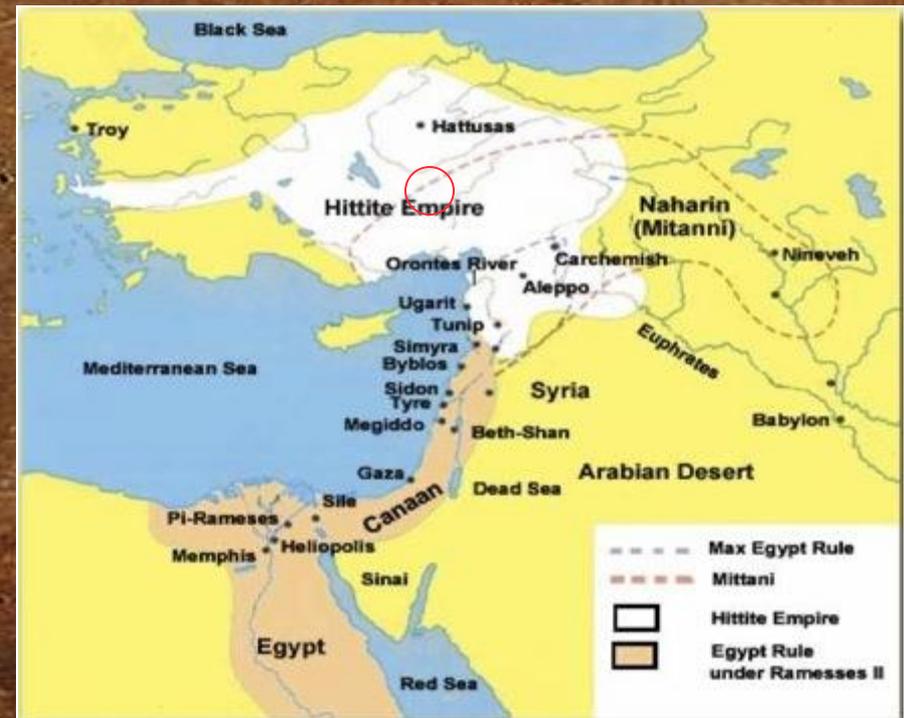
The Hittite capital (Hattusa) was discovered at Boghazkoy, Turkey. Hittite rule extended to Syria and Lebanon and significantly impacted Israel's early history.

Hittite Chronology

1750 - 1500 BC - Old Kingdom
(Capital in Hattusa)

1500 - 1450 BC - Middle Kingdom

1450 - 1180 BC - New Kingdom
(Period of Empire)



Entrance to Capitol of Hittites at Hattusa



Stairs to Palace at Hattusa





DRAWING OF PALACE
AT HATTUSA

Winter at Hattusa



EXIT FOR HITTITE ARMY IN FLANK MANEUVER



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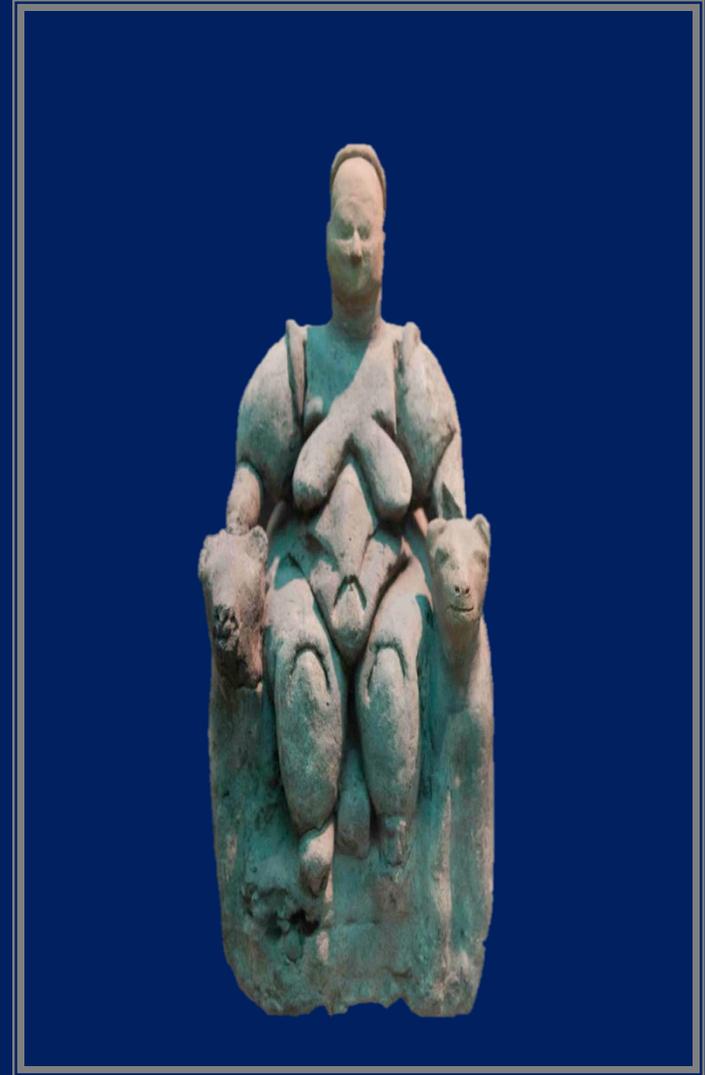


LOCATION OF IDOLS

Yazilikaya



STATUE OF GODDESS WITH
EITHER BABY OR HEAD
BETWEEN LEGS





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Lower Hattusa with houses and temple



DATES OF CONTROL

-THERE WERE THREE MAJOR HITTITE DYNASTIES:

-THE OLD KINGDOM LASTED FROM 1750-1500 BC

-THE MIDDLE KINGDOM LASTED FROM 1500-1450 BC

-THE NEW KINGDOM LASTED FROM 1440-1180 BC

-ALL TOGETHER, THE HITTITE CIVILIZATION LASTED FOR 570 YEARS.

DATES OF CONTROL (CONT.)

During the new Hittite kingdom, very good political records were kept, and today, we know who most of the rulers during the time were.

- 1430-1406 Tudhaliya I
- 1410-1386 Arnuwanda I
- 1385-1381 Tudhaliya II
- 1380-1358 *Unknown*
- 1357-1323 Hattushili II
- 1322 Arnuwanda II
- 1321-1297 Murshili II
- 1296-1271 Muwatall
- 1270-1264 Murshili II
- 1263-1245 Hattushili III
- 1244-1220 Tudhaliya III
- 1219-1218 Arnuwanda III
- 1217-1200 Shuppiluliumall
- circa 1200 BC Destruction Of Hittite Kingdom

MAP

The extent of the new Hittite empire is unknown, but the maximum extent of the middle kingdom is shown in orange and the sphere of influence of the old Hittite kingdom is shown in red. The green coloring shows the area that the Egyptians controlled.



HITTITE ACHIEVEMENTS

- PROBABLY THE MAIN AND MOST IMPORTANT HITTITE ACHIEVEMENT WAS THE DISCOVERY OF THE USE OF IRON.
- THE HITTITES ALSO FORMED THE FIRST EVER PEACE TREATY WITH THE EGYPTIANS.
- THE HITTITE' S HAD A VERY ADVANCED AND COMPLICATED SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.

LEADERSHIP

- THE HITTITES HAD A CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY AS THEIR GOVERNMENT.
- THE LEADERS OF THE GOVERNMENT WERE THE KING, ROYAL FAMILY, PANKUS (ESSENTIALLY THE KINGS SERVANTS AND ADVISORS)
- THE CONSTITUTION PART OF THE GOVERNMENT CONSISTED OF THE HITTITE LAWS.
 - THESE LAWS WERE WRITTEN IN CUNIFORM AND NUMBERED OVER 200.

LEADERSHIP (CONT.)

- UNDER THE HITTITE LAWS, DEATH WAS A VEY RARE PUNISHMENT, UNLIKE LAWS FROM SIMILAR EMPIRES.
- IN THE HITTITE GOVERNMENT, THE KING WAS THE THE SUPREME RULER, COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMY, AND THE SUPREME JUDGE.
 - IT WAS BELIEVED THAT AFTER DEATH, HE BECAME A GOD.

SOCIAL STRUCTURE

- THE HITTITES HAD A FEUDAL SOCIAL SYSTEM.
- THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION WAS DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:
 - SLAVES
 - COMMON PEOPLE
 - ARTISANS
 - FIEF HOLDERS (SOLDIERS)
 - MERCHANTS

RELIGION



- HITTITE RELIGION WAS HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY MESOPOTAMIAN MYTHOLOGY.
- THE HITTITES WERE POLYTHEISTS AND BELIEVED THAT ALL ELEMENTS AND ASPECTS OF LIFE HAD A SPECIFIC GOD.
- THESE GODS WERE WORSHIPED THROUGH IDOLS CALLED HUWASI STONES.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO DECLINE

- THE HITTITES RELIED STRONGLY ON TRADE TO BE ECONOMICALLY STABLE.
- IN 1288 BC, THEY FOUGHT A MASSIVE BATTLE AGAINST THE EGYPTIANS CALLED THE BATTLE OF KADESH OVER CONTROL OF A MAJOR TRADE ROUTE.



This is the area where historians believe Kadesh was located

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO DECLINE (CONT.)

- THE BATTLE ENDED IN A TRUCE, BUT IT WEAKENED THE HITTITE ARMY AND LEFT THEIR EMPIRE'S EASTERN BORDER VULNERABLE
- AROUND THIS TIME, THE HITTITE EMPIRE WAS ALSO WEAKENED BY CIVIL WAR.
- THE ASSYRIANS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INVADE AND CONQUER MOST OF THE HITTITE LANDS.

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Why Study about the land called Jordan?

It is composed of several ancient people:

Ammonites (Gen 19:37-38) descended from Lot

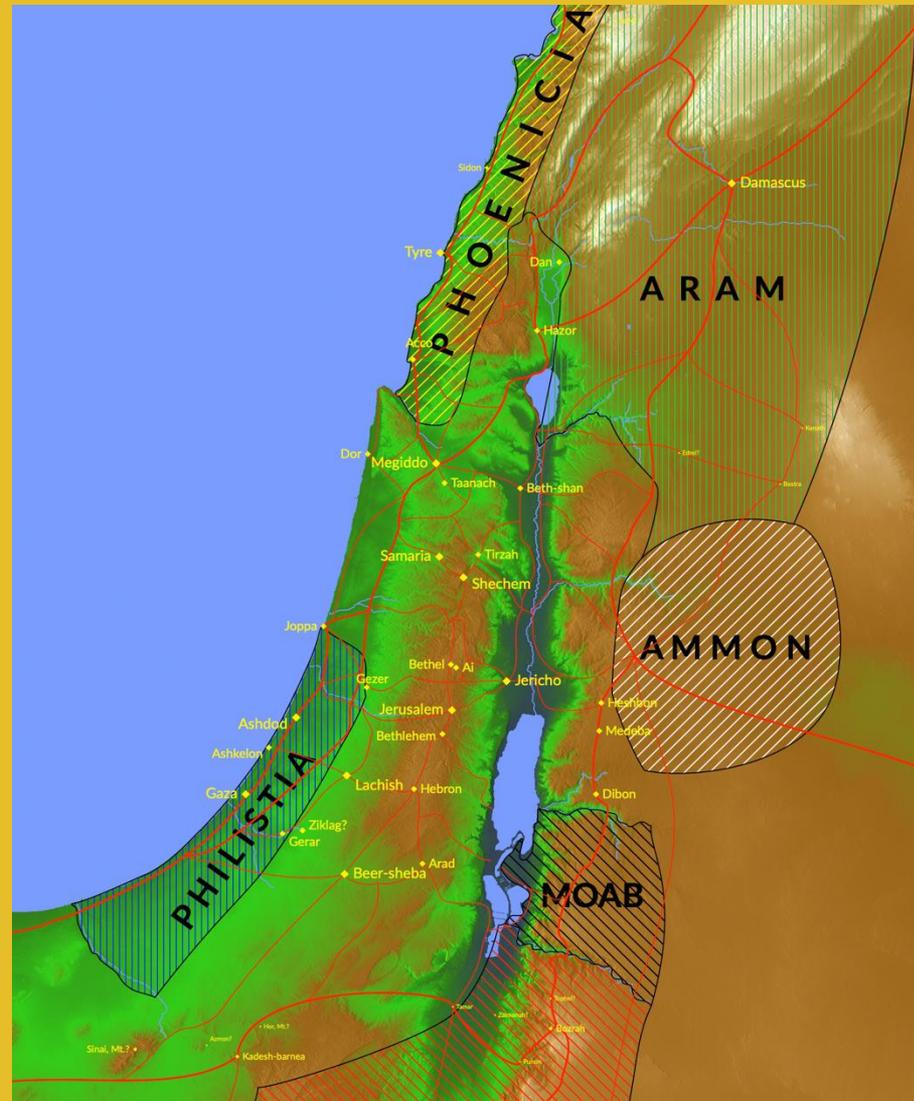
Moabites, the people from which Ruth came (Ruth 1:16-19) who traveled to Bethlehem with Naomi, and an ancestor of David the King (Ruth 4:18-22), and of the Messiah (Matt 1:5).

Edomites, sons of Esau, frequent enemies of the Israelites, spoken of in Obadiah (Obad 1:1-4), inhabitants of the famous site Petra. 8th century

Canaanites and Perizzites (People of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 13:8-13)
2nd century

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QUR'AN

Surat Hud 11:81 The angels said, "O Lot, indeed we are messengers of your Lord; [therefore], they will never reach you. So set out with your family during a portion of the night and let not any among you look back - **except** your wife; indeed, she will be struck by that which strikes them. Indeed, their appointment is [for] the morning. Is not the morning near?"

11:83 So when Our command came, We made the highest part [of the city] its lowest and **rained upon them stones of layered hard clay**, [which were] 11:82 Marked from your Lord. And Allah 's punishment is not from the wrongdoers [very] far.



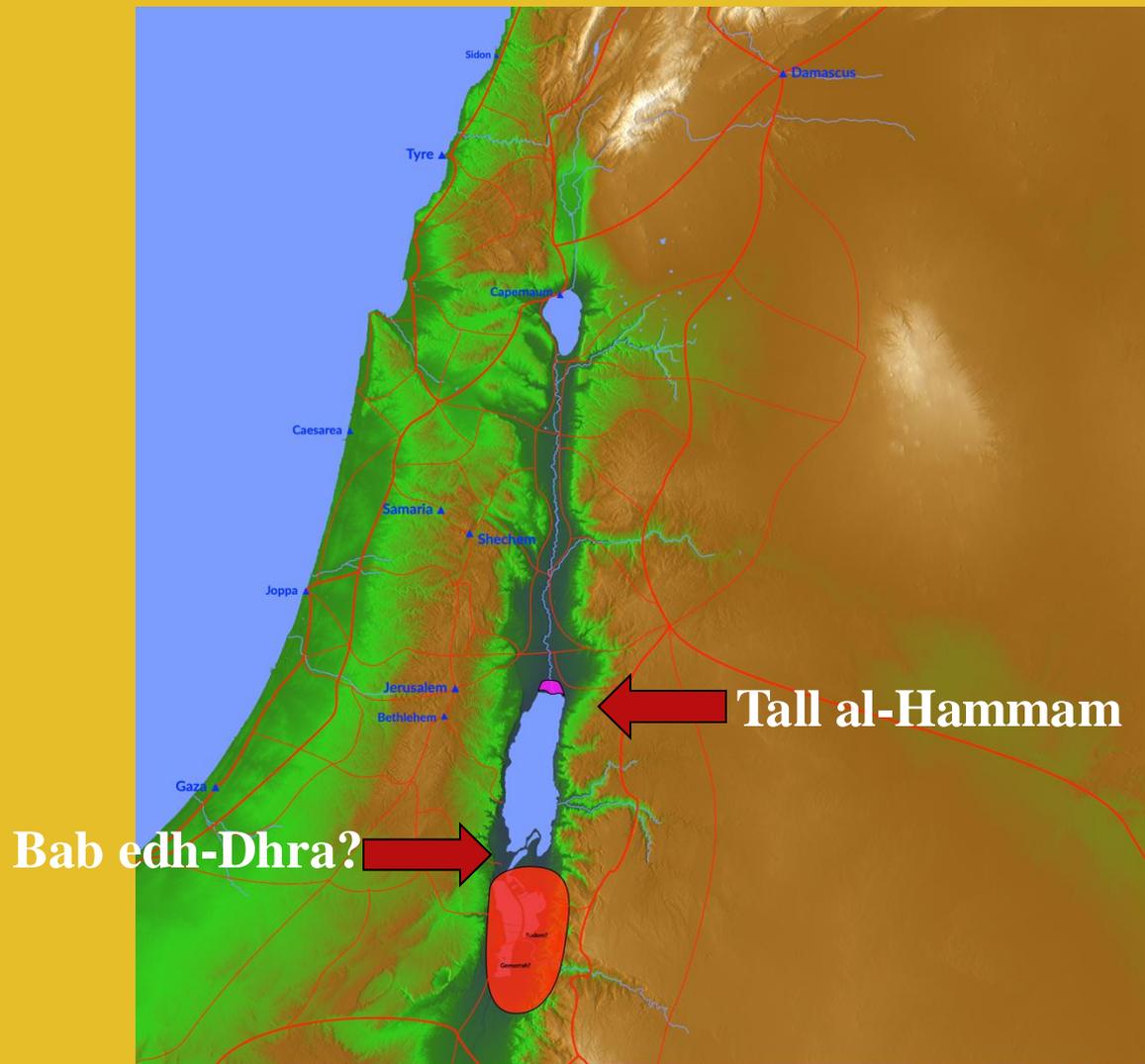
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“**23** The sun had risen over the earth when Lot came to Zoar. **24** Then the Yahweh rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Yahweh out of heaven, **25** and He overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. **26** But his wife, from behind him, looked *back*, and she **became** a pillar of salt.” (Gen 19:23–26 NAS95)



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SODOM AT BOTTOM OF DEAD SEA



Professor Randall Price at
southern part of the Dead Sea



SODOM AND CITIES OF THE
PLAIN AT BOTTOM OF DEAD SEA





SODOM

TALL EL-HAMMAM





**Location of Sodom near Top
part of the Dead Sea**

The Ancient City of Sodom

Genesis 13:1 Abram went up out of Egypt—he, his wife, all that he had, and Lot with him—into the South. **2** Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. **3** He went on his journeys from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, **4**to the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first. There Abram called on Yahweh’s name. **5** Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks, herds, and tents. **6** The land was not able to bear them, that they might live together; for their possessions were so great that they couldn’t live together. **7**There was strife between the herdsmen of Abram’s livestock and the herdsmen of Lot’s livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites lived in the land at that time. **8** Abram said to Lot, “Please, let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen; for we are relatives. **9** Isn’t the whole land before you? Please separate yourself from me. If you go to the left hand, then I will go to the right. Or if you go to the right hand, then I will go to the left.”

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10 Lot lifted up his eyes, and saw all the plain of the Jordan, that it was well-watered everywhere, before Yahweh destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, like the garden of Yahweh, like the land of Egypt, as you go to Zoar. **11** So Lot chose the Plain of the Jordan for himself. Lot traveled east, and they separated themselves from one other. **12** Abram lived in the land of Canaan, and Lot lived in the cities of the plain, and moved his tent as far as Sodom. **13** Now the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinners against Yahweh.

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The Ancient Site of Sodom from Mt. Nebo



View from Tall el-Hammam



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Sodom from Mt. Nebo (northern view)





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Tall el-Hammam (Sodom)



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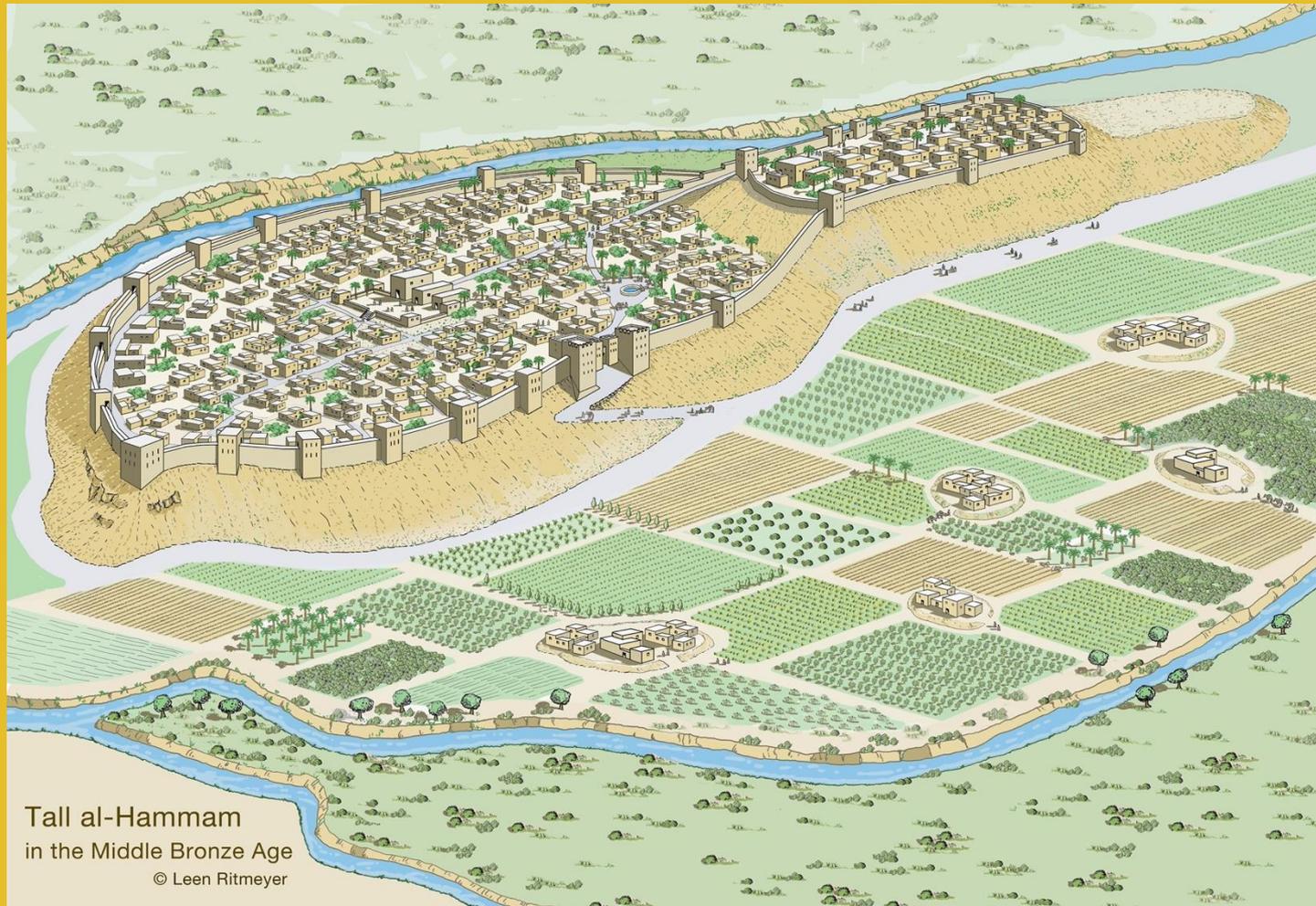
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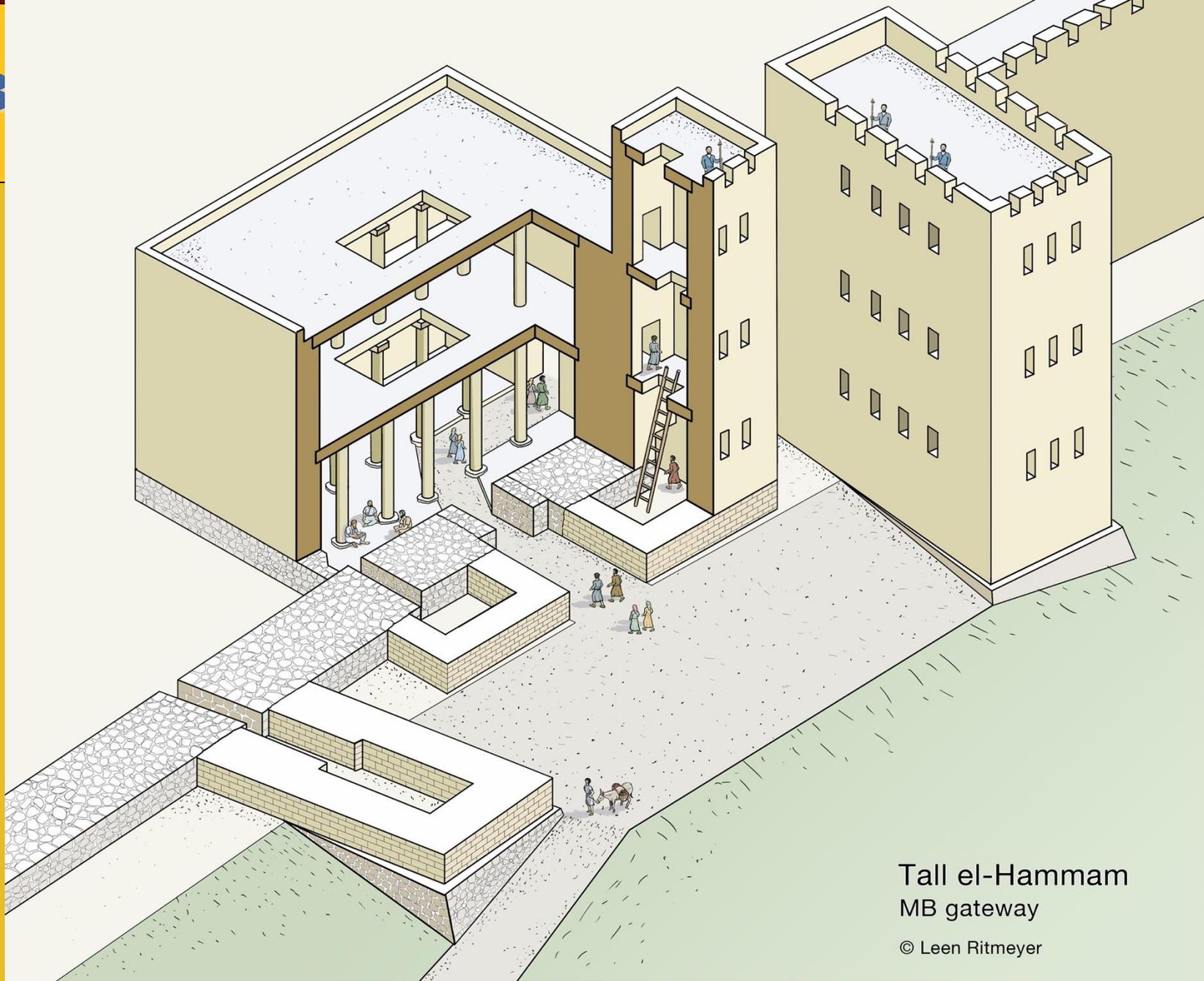


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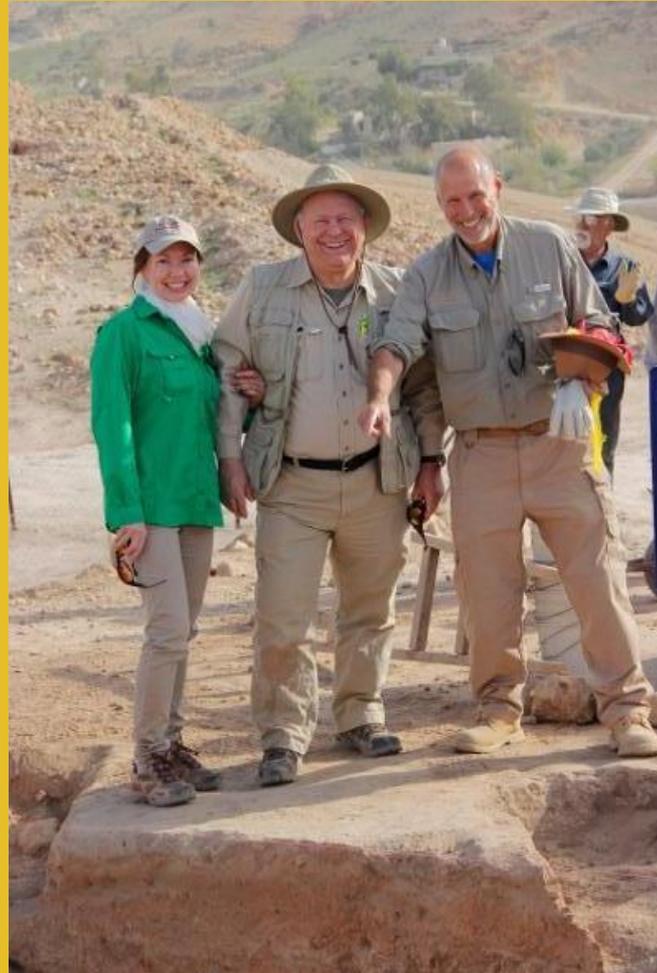
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Where did they say the
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The Ancient City of Petra (sela in Hebrew)

Obadiah 1:1-4

1 The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Lord Yahweh says about **Edom**. We have heard news from Yahweh, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, saying, “Arise, and let’s rise up against her in battle. **2** Behold, I have made you small among the nations. You are greatly despised. **3** The pride of your heart has deceived you, **you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high, who says in his heart, ‘Who will bring me down to the ground?’** **4** Though you mount on high as the eagle, and though your nest is set among the stars, I will bring you down from there,” says Yahweh. **[prophecy against space travel by some years ago]**

8 “Won’t I in that day”, says Yahweh, “destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the **mountain of Esau**? **9** Your mighty men, Teman, will be dismayed, to the end that everyone may be cut off from the mountain of Esau by slaughter. **10** For the **violence done to your brother Jacob**, shame will cover you, and you will be **cut off forever**. **11** In the day that you stood on the other side, in the day that strangers carried away his substance and foreigners **entered into his gates and cast lots** for Jerusalem, even you were like one of them. **12** But don’t look down on your brother in the day of his disaster, and **don’t rejoice over the children of Judah**

The Ancient City of Sodom (Tall al-Hammam)

in the day of their destruction. Don't speak proudly in the day of distress. **13** Don't enter into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity. Don't look down on their affliction in the day of their calamity, neither seize their wealth on the day of their calamity. **14** Don't stand in the crossroads to cut off those of his who escape. Don't deliver up those of his who remain in the day of distress. **15** For the day of Yahweh is near all the nations! As you have done, it will be done to you. Your deeds will return upon your own head. **16** For as you have drunk on my holy mountain, so all the nations will drink continually. Yes, they will drink, swallow down, and will be as though they had not been. **17** But in Mount Zion, there will be those who escape, and it will be holy. The house of Jacob will possess their possessions. **18** The house of Jacob will be a fire, the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble. They will burn among them and devour them. There will not be any remaining to the house of Esau." Indeed, Yahweh has spoken.

Esau was cast out of their land in the fifth century B.C. and there are no remnants of the Edomites today as far as it can be ascertained.

The Ancient Edomites

The Teaching of the Apostle Paul on the Descendants of Jacob and Esau

Romans 9:6 But it is not as though the word of God has come to nothing. For they are not all Israel that are of Israel. **7 Neither, because they are Abraham's offspring, are they all children.** But, “your offspring will be accounted as from Isaac.” **8** That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as heirs. **9** For this is a word of promise: “At the appointed time I will come, and Sarah will have a son.” **10** Not only so, but Rebekah also conceived by one, by our father Isaac. **11** For being not yet born, neither having done anything good or bad, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him who calls, **12** it was said to her, “The elder will serve the younger.” **13** Even as it is written, “**Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.**”

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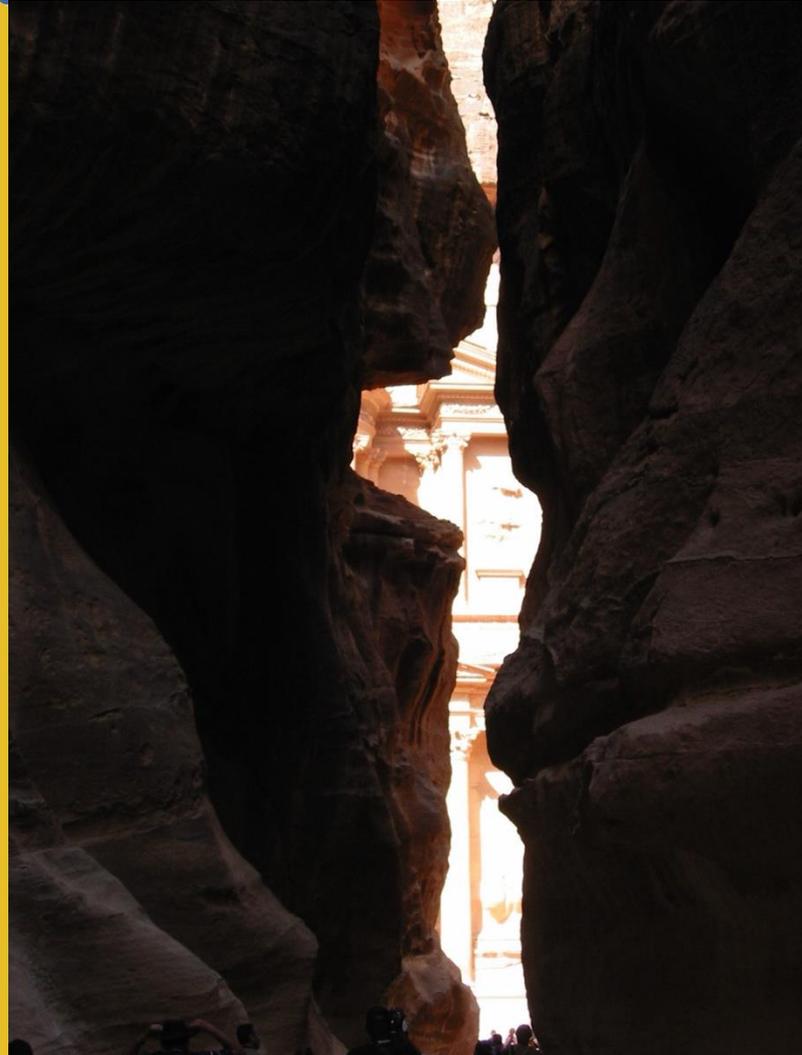
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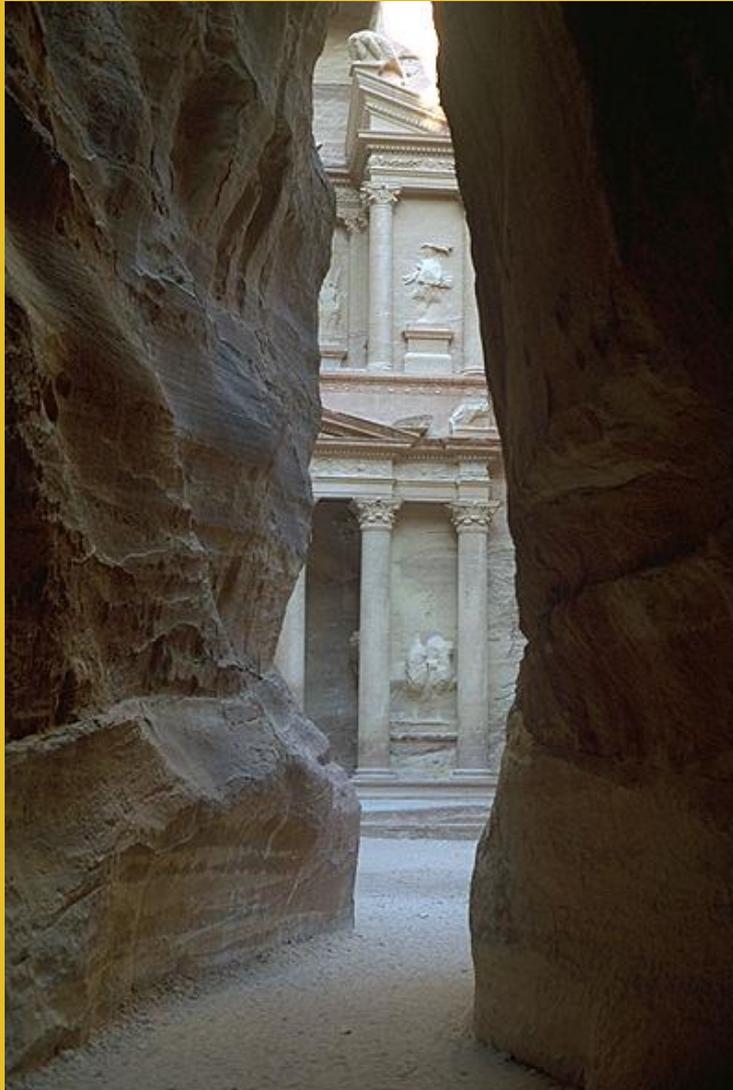
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