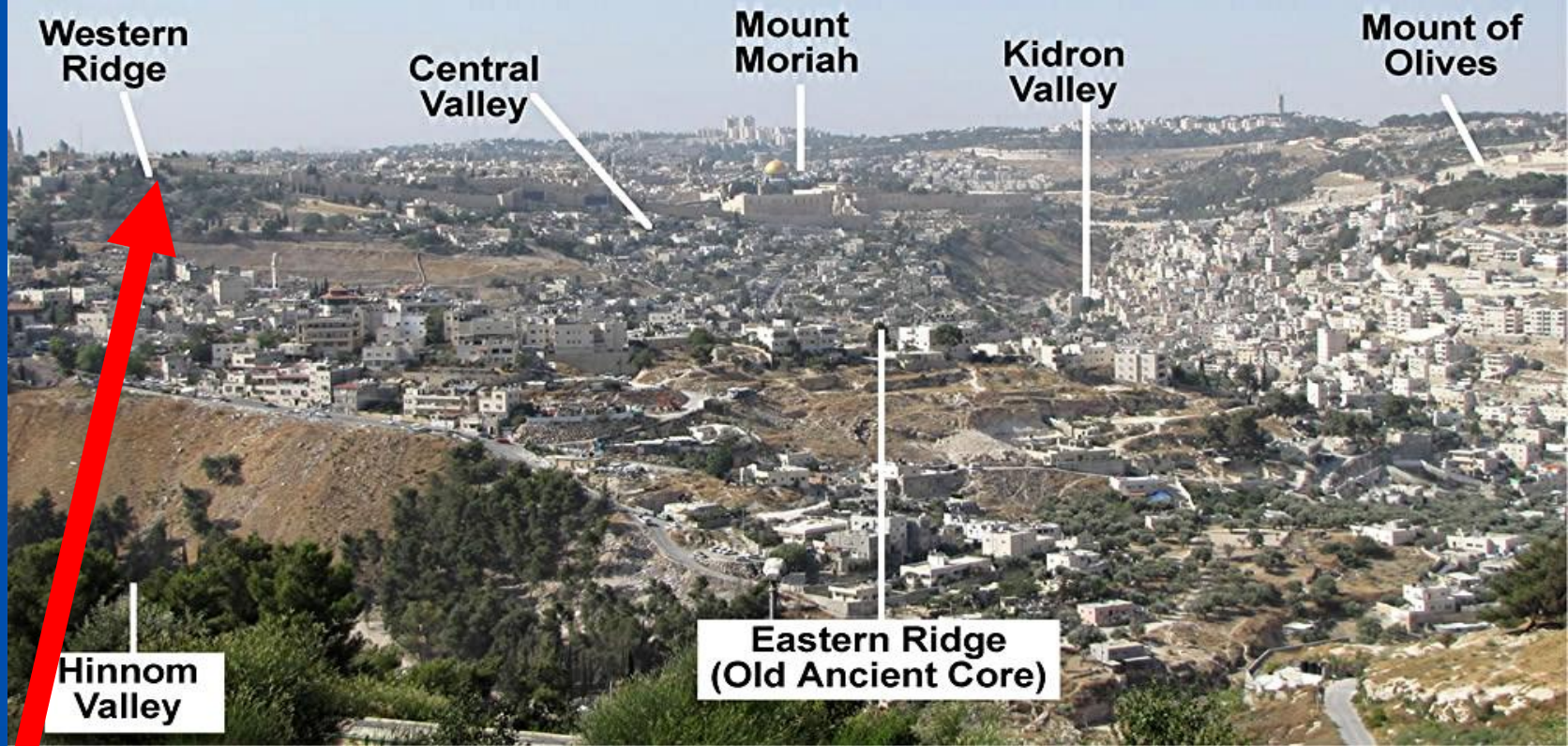


HULDA: A BIBLICAL RARITY

- King Josiah sent 5 men to Hulda to inquire of God
- Jeremiah and Zephaniah were prophets of this era, but Josiah sought out Hulda
- Talmud lists 7, but bible only 3 female prophets
- Hulda married to ***Shallum***
- R.R. Wilson says ***Shallum*** and ***Hulda*** were Jeremiah's uncle and aunt
- Shallum in charge of securing and maintaining the priestly garments





- **MISHNEH** = “the second” a newer section of Jerusalem
- Recent archeology finds prove a new section of wall built around Hezekiah’s time was no doubt this ***Mishneh*** where Hulda lived
- Only perhaps 400 yards from the royal palace

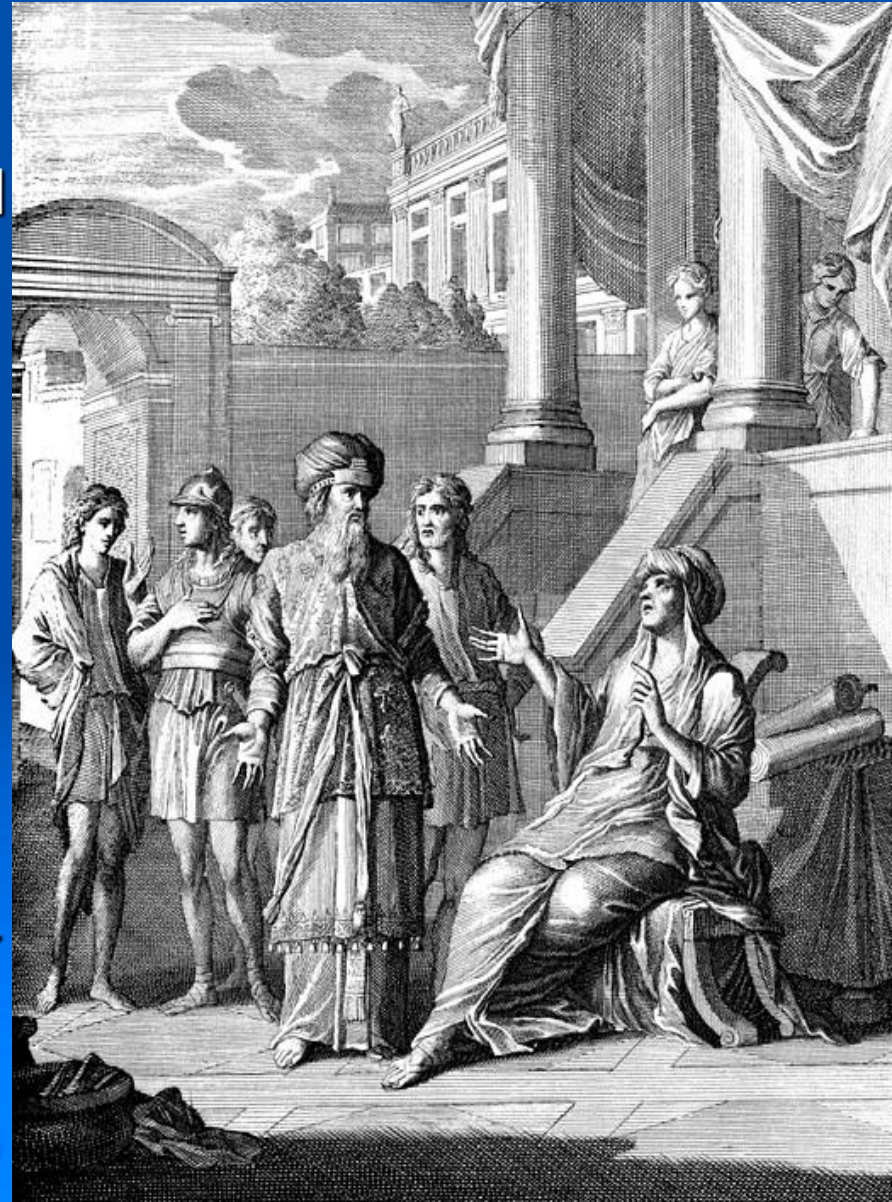
REDISCOVERED TORAH RESULTS IN WORRY AND ANXIETY



- Torah scroll hidden away for decades, but found by construction worker
- Josiah became terrified because of the stated consequences for breaking God's laws
- In our day, Torah has again been rediscovered
- For now, causing revival but also worry and even distrust
- Question: which laws do we obey literally? Which laws do we apply only the principle?

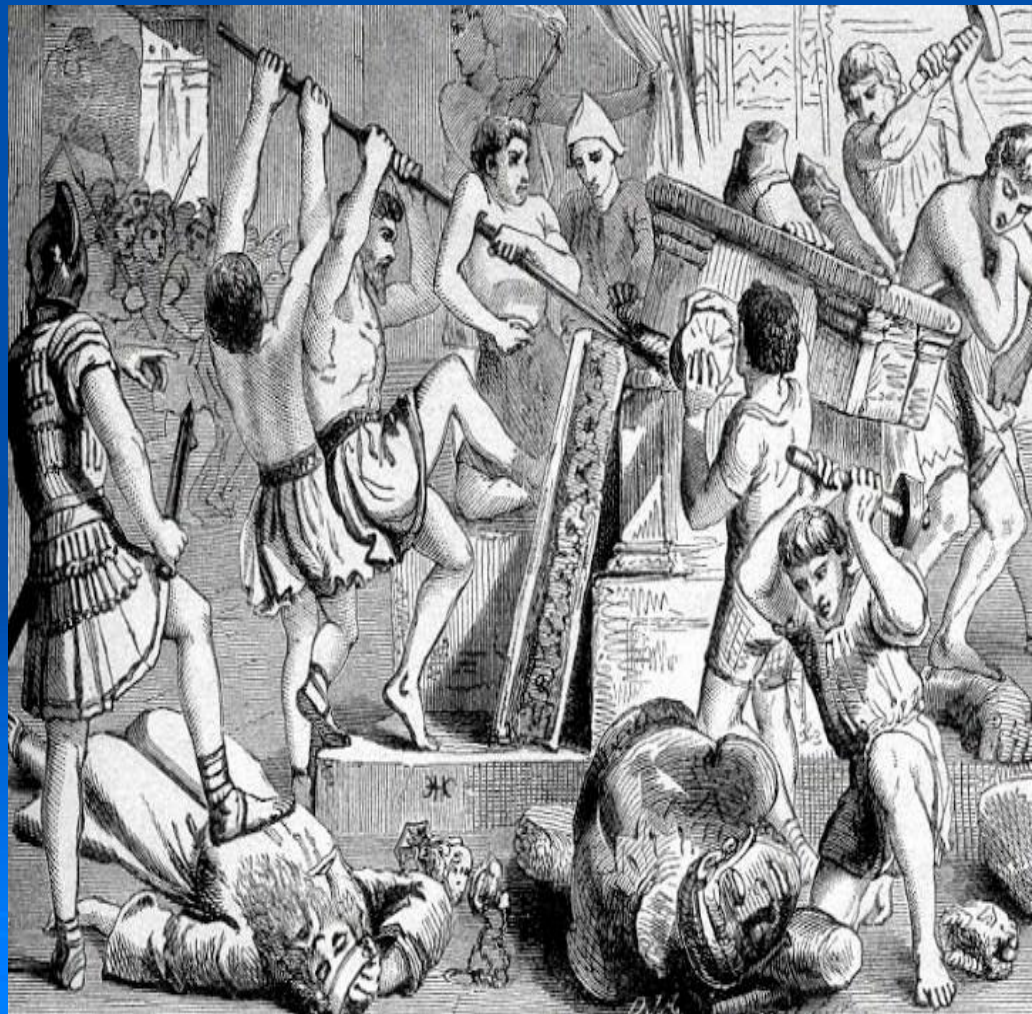
HULDA SPEAKS GOD'S ORACLE

- Vs. 15 begins with: ***“Say to the man who sent you....”***
- Rabbis say this was disrespectful
- C.F. Kiel says it was meant to convey that this applied not only to the king but to all Judah
- Vs. 18 says, ***“And concerning the King of Judah.....”***
- A line had been crossed and Judah and Jerusalem would be exiled no matter what
- A leader bears responsibility for the group, but the group will bear accountability along with the leader



OUTWARDLY PIOUS, INWARDLY ROTTEN

- Temple cleansed, Priesthood operating, people obedient
- Only a mirage
- Pagan practices were Hebrew-ized and used in worship to YHWH
- Reason for many of God's laws was to draw a distinction between wicked Canaanites and redeemed Israelites
- God knows the heart, and nothing on the outside can disguise what is on the inside



JEREMIAH CHAPTER 2



- Jeremiah speaks on the spiritual condition of the people of Judah
- NOT a warning to pagans, but to worshippers of YHWH in all eras
- Lord says at first you were devoted to Him, but pulled away
- Institutional religious leaders didn't know Him
- Israel exchanged God's glory for worthless things
- The people deny God's accusations against them
- God says STOP! People say NO I love these things !

You say: “we are free to roam !!”

- People who call themselves by God’s name put their trust in philosophies and material things
- Vs. 30: ***“You will not receive My correction”***
- Vs. 31: Freedom in redemption does not mean liberty to disobey God’s commandments
- God passing sentence ***because*** people insist they have done no wrong
- Rev. chapter 1 -4 offers similar indictment by Messiah Yeshua





- 2nd Kings 22:18 **Hulda** says YHWH has taken Josiah's devotion into account and he will go to his ancestors in peace and not see the coming catastrophe
- However later we read that Josiah was killed in battle at Megiddo. How do we reconcile this?

2ND KINGS 23: A NATIONAL REVIVAL ?



- In his 12th year as king, Josiah broke down pagan altars, killed wicked priests, burned skeletal remains
- 2nd Kings 23 purge takes place 6 years later
- Despite the definite terms of *Hulda's* prophecy, Josiah wouldn't give up on his people
- Do what is right and let the chips fall where they may
- Our goal shouldn't be reward, but rather to live out our days to the glory of God

THE RENEWAL OF THE COVENANT

- The 1st time Josiah tried to reform his nation, he did it by royal edict
- This time he convened a convocation to renew the Covenant of Moses with the people's affirmation
- *Sepher B'rit* = Book of the Covenant
- King Josiah included in the vow to obey with all their heart and being



NEW COVENANT IN CHRIST IS A RE-NEWED COVENANT



- It is still the Covenant from Mt. Sinai, but with these differences:
- 1) Blood needed to validate was the Son of God (not the blood of animals)
- 2) Yeshua is the Mediator (not Moses)
- 3) Membership extended to gentiles OUTSIDE of national Israel (not only nationalized Israelites)
- 4) By means of faith in the Jewish Messiah Yeshua