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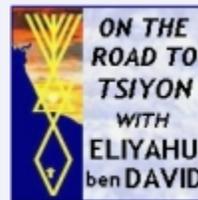
The Blessing and the Burden 2



*Israel rebelled against
the house of David
unto this day.*

1 Kings 12:19

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the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth" Psalm 50:2*

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June's EBD Crossword Contest

A new crossword puzzle entitled *Elijah at Mount Horeb* has been posted on my Eliyahu ben David website blog at elijahubendavid.com. Give the puzzle a try. You could win a prize just like Paul Parker did, the winner of May's contest! Way to go, Paul!

Shishak's Military Campaign Against Judah Confirms Bible Account of Solomon's Temple, Rehoboam and Jeroboam

Adapted From: BAR 15:03, May/June 1989

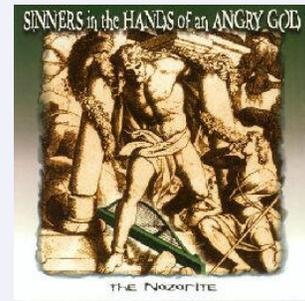
Below: Triumphal relief of Pharaoh Shishak. © Kenneth A. Kitchen



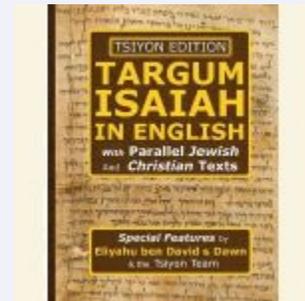
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Pass It On

If you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter, please forward.

1 Kings offers the following report of Pharaoh Shishak's attack on Jerusalem shortly after Solomon's death:

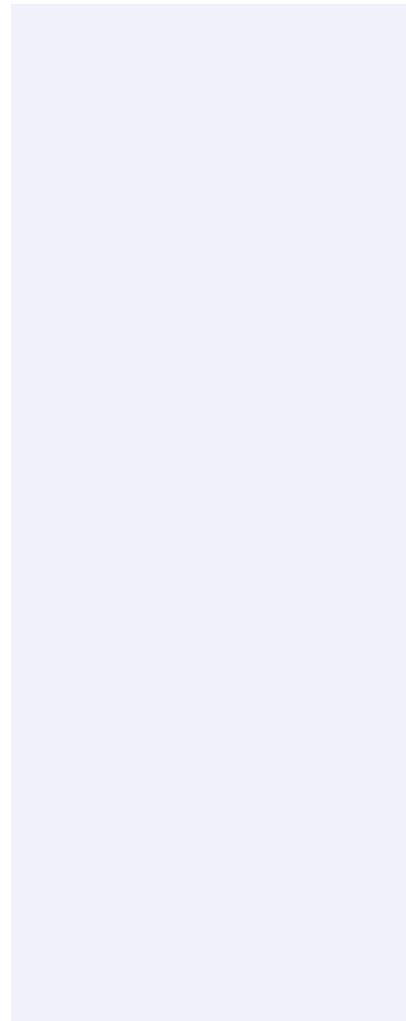
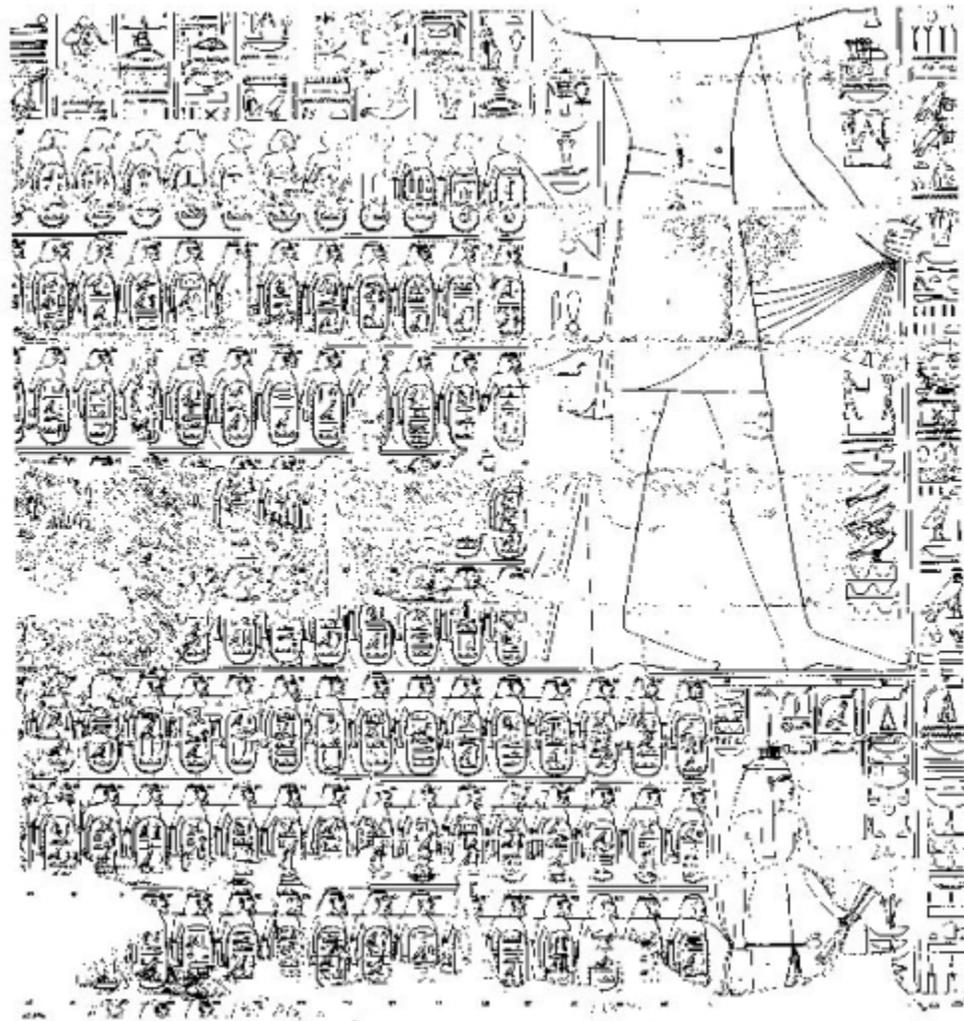
And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem: And he took away the treasures of the house of YHWH, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. 1Kings 14:25-26

A similar passage can be found in Chronicles:

And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the Torah of YHWH, and all Israel with him. And it came to pass, that in the fifth year of king Rehoboam Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against YHWH, With twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people were without number that came with him out of Egypt; the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians. And he took the fenced cities which pertained to Judah, and came to Jerusalem. 2Chron 12:1-4

At the Karnak temple of the god Amun in Thebes, Shishak (Shoshenq I) left a vast triumphal relief—possibly unfinished—to celebrate his military campaign that brought to Egypt loot from Solomon's Temple. The Amun temple relief lists many towns in Palestine and gives both more and less information about this Egyptian military campaign than do the Biblical accounts. Damage to several sections of the hieroglyphic list regrettably robs us of the mention of a number of place-names, particularly in Judah, while, on the other hand, the list includes many places in Israel, showing that Shishak also brought Jeroboam, king of Israel, to heel, a point that did not interest the Jerusalem-based Biblical annalists.

Here's a drawing of the Shishak Triumphal Relief confirming booty taken from Solomon's Temple!



Explicit Correspondence to the Biblical Story

Excerpts From: Center for Online Judaic Studies Article

Most scholars accept Shoshenq I's (Shishak) attack of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah as historical because the extra-biblical literary and archaeological materials show strong evidence that corroborates Shoshenq's accounts of his campaign. It shows the veracity of the biblical account at a time just following the split of the United Monarchy and creates a chronological point that aligns the Egyptian, the Biblical and the Syro-Palestinian chronologies.

Threefold conflation path of argumentation:

Many archaeological digs in Israel that have sequences from the Iron Age contain a few destruction layers in their strata. Based on the remains in each level, we can correlate the stratigraphies of the different sites, yielding a widespread group of destruction layers all appearing in the Iron Age I-IIA. These include the biblical sites of Arad, Gezer, Beth-She'an, and Megiddo. Now, taking the Megiddo stele of Shoshenq I and the destruction level that it follows and putting them together with the whole group of destruction layers, we ought to date the widespread destruction to right around the erection of that stele. This amounts to a correlative chronological point in Iron Age I Palestine.

Next, we turn to the Egyptian materials. We find that many of the sites in Israel that have this destruction layer are the very same ones named in the Karnak inscription of Shoshenq I, confirming his campaign to the Levant as a solid historical fact. Based on the Egyptian Chronology, which is placed into an absolute timeframe through correlation with various astronomical events mentioned in inscriptions, we can date Shoshenq's campaign to about 925 BCE with a margin of error of 10-15 years (because of the uncertainty in determining from the inscription when in Shoshenq's reign the campaign took place).

When we look at the Bible (1 Kings 14:25-26), we find an advance by a Pharaoh Shishaq on Jerusalem in the fifth year of king Rehoboam of Judah that was only averted by emptying the coffers of the palace and temple into Shishaq's pockets. The name "Shishaq", or "Shushaq" as in a variation from the Masoretic pointing, fits so well as a transliteration into Hebrew of Egyptian "Shoshenq" that there is virtually no scholarly debate on the matter (amazingly). According to internal biblical chronological assessments working from the latest times (whose absolute

dates are easier to approximate) backwards, Rehoboam's fifth year falls very near 925 BCE. With the Shishaq/Shoshenq correspondence and the firmness of the dating of Shoshenq's campaign to 925 BCE from archaeological and inscriptional evidence, the Bible's chronological placement of this event works out nearly perfectly!

From Eliyahu

I hope you are enjoying the archeological articles we have been offering in our *Tsiyon News*, that confirm Biblical people and events as we discuss them in the program. That all of this is real history matters! Why? Because the real history we are considering in Scripture provides us real lessons that have been proven out in real life. By paying attention to these lessons we can avoid the troubles that came upon our Israelite forefathers when they did not obey YHWH. This week's program is a good example of that. It is truly amazing to observe events that occurred three thousand years ago, that are so relevant to the remnant of Israel today.

Shalom,

Eliyahu ben David
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Good News Nugget - GREETINGS TRIBESMEN!!! This is "Wild Man" Dave from the Tsiyon Promo and Media Dept with exciting news for ALL of our partners and friends of *Tsiyon*. Eliyahu has given me this column in the weekly *Tsiyon News* to help equip you to share the *Tsiyon* message. Here you will find a **Good News Nugget** posted each week for you to put to work in Messiah's service.

The latest **Good News Nugget** follows:

Hey Everybody, Ginny has put a new Tsiyon Radio Facebook Page all together. 😊

She has done a GREAT JOB and we are so proud of her efforts. We need all the partners of Tsiyon Radio to come to the face book page and simply click on all the "likes."

We need 30 likes in order to get advertising, so please go to this link and you too can help us with our mission. Shalom <http://www.facebook.com/TsiyonHeightsMessianicRadio>

Email me at help@tsiyon.org, so that we can work together in reaching the scattered remnant of Israel and/or for FREE Tsiyon cards. Shalom, "Wild Man" Dave

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