

Daniel 4

1. Sign—supernatural event
2. Wonder—miracle
3. Rest—at ease
4. Flourishing—happy, prospering
5. Afraid—terrifying
6. Troubled—terrified, frightened
7. Master—chief, leader, great
8. Secret—mystery
9. Troubleth—is difficult, oppresseth

1. Astonied—appalled, distressed, astonished
2. Troubled—terrified, frightened, alarmed
3. Verse 13—singular watcher and singular holy ones
4. Verse 17—plural
5. Purpose it is decreed—verse 17

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear;
but of power, and of love, and of a sound
mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)

Quiz

- 1. To whom does Nebuchadnezzar make his proclamation?
- 2. What is his salutation to them?
- 3. What did the dream make him?
- 4. Who came in at the last to interpret the dream?
- 5. What are the main points of the dream? —the tree, the watcher and the holy one, hew down the tree but leave the stump banded by iron and brass, a beast's heart for 7 times, the purpose of what was to happen
- 6. Why did he think Daniel was able to interpret the dream?
- 7. What was Daniel's immediate reaction to the dream?

Quiz

- 8. How was Daniel affected by the dream?
- 9. What interest did the king express for him?
- 10. How did Daniel respond to his interest?
- 11. What did the tree represent?
- 12. What was signified by the tree being hewed down?
- 13. What is meant by the stem of the roots being left in the earth?
- 14. What counsel did Daniel give the king?
- 15. What occurred at the end of twelve months?
- 16. What words of pride did he utter?



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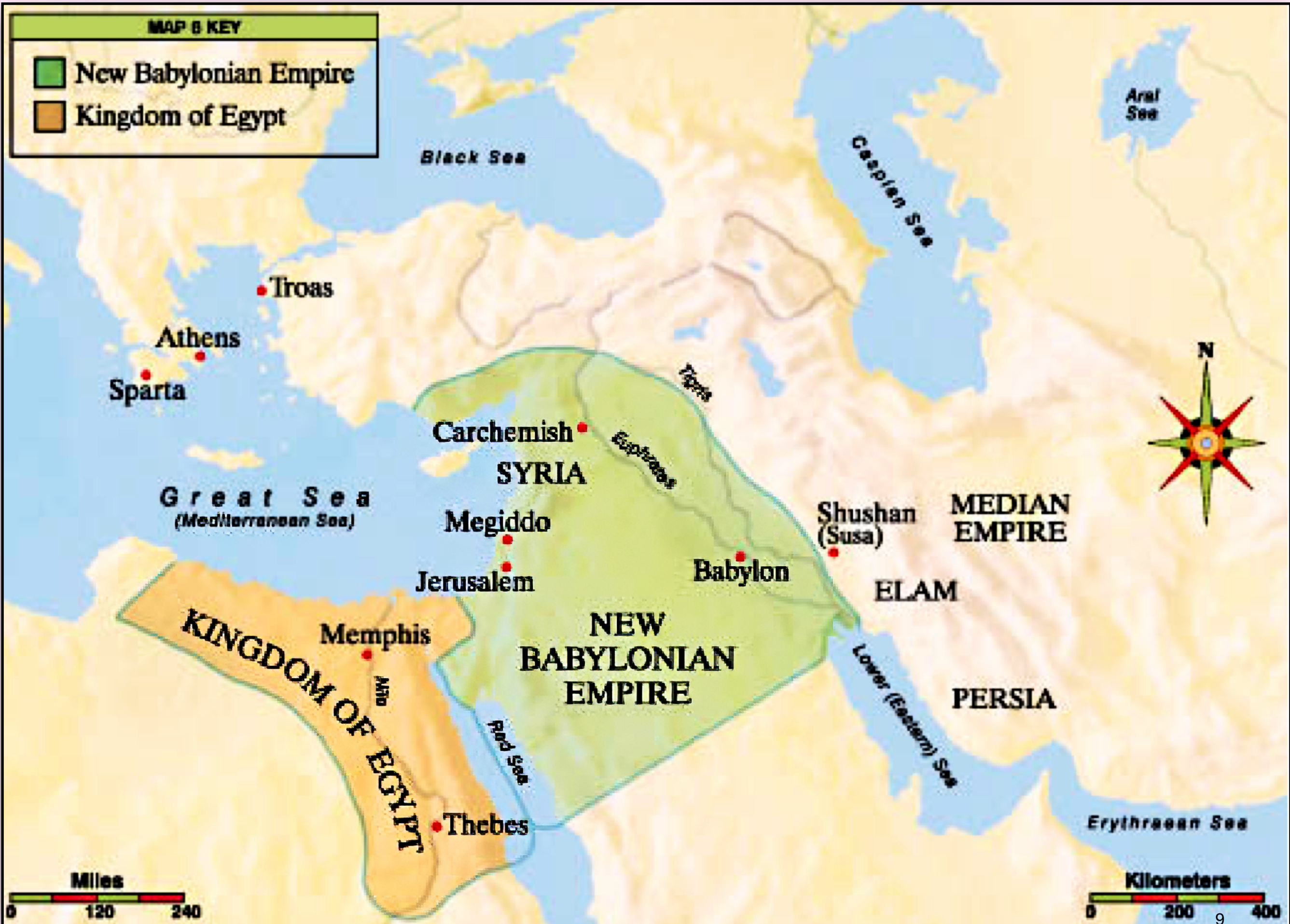
- 17. What did a voice from heaven declare?
- 18. What lesson did the Lord wish to teach the proud king?
- 19. How long before the sentence was executed?
- 20. What was the king's experience?
- 21. How long before his reason returned?
- 22. What did he then do?
- 23. What lesson had he learned?
- 24. What was his experience after his reason returned?
- 25. How did he regard the God of heaven?

Notes

- THE counsel given the king by Daniel was clearly the counsel of God, for in another scripture the Lord gives the same counsel when He says, “Cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.” Isa. 1:16, 17. The same thought is also expressed in James 1:27. We are enabled to break off our sins by securing the righteousness of God by faith. Rom. 3:21, 22, 25.
- IT is generally agreed among Bible scholars that a “time” in the book of Daniel and in the Revelation means a year. Josephus says that the seven “times” were seven years, and it will be noticed that the same expression, “seven times,” is used by the Lord when He tells Nebuchadnezzar plainly and in literal terms what his experience will be. (See verses 29-33.)
- THE chastening of the Lord in Nebuchadnezzar’s case proved of great value to him. So far as the Scripture record is concerned it indicates that he proved loyal to God ever after.

MAP 6 KEY

-  New Babylonian Empire
-  Kingdom of Egypt



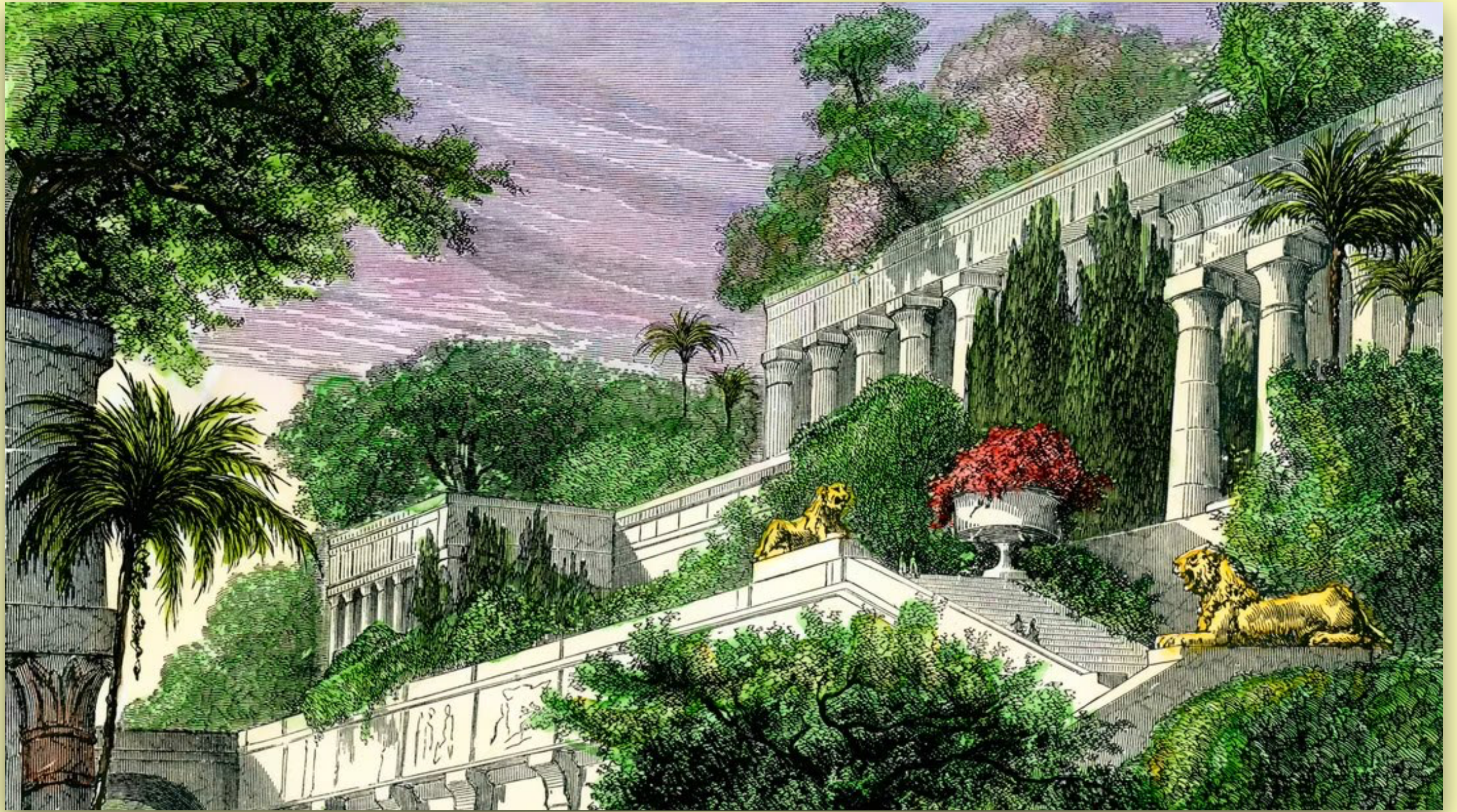
In this palace [the new North Palace] he had high stone terraces built that gave the appearance of being mountains planted with all kinds of trees. He had constructed and prepared what are called the Hanging Gardens for his wife, who had a love of the mountains since she had grown up in Media. (Berossus, quoted by Paul-Alain Beaulieu, “Palaces of Babylon and Palaces of Babylonian Kings”)



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The Hanging Gardens were built as a roughly semi-circular theatre-shaped multi-tiered artificial hill some 25 metres high [82 feet]. At its base was a large pool fed by small streams of water flowing down its sides. Trees and flowers were planted in small artificial fields constructed on top of roofed colonnades. The entire garden was around 120 metres [410 feet] across and it's estimated that it was irrigated with at least 35,000 litres of water [9,246 gallons] brought by a canal and aqueduct system from up to 50 miles away. Within the garden itself water was raised mechanically by large water-raising bronze screw-pumps. (David Keys, "The biggest wonder about the Hanging Gardens of Babylon? They weren't in Babylon," *Independent*, 06 May 2013)









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Heart (internal feature) — the locus of a person's thoughts (mind), volition, emotions, and knowledge of right from wrong (conscience) understood as the heart (*The Lexham Lexicon of the Aramaic Portions of the Hebrew Bible*)



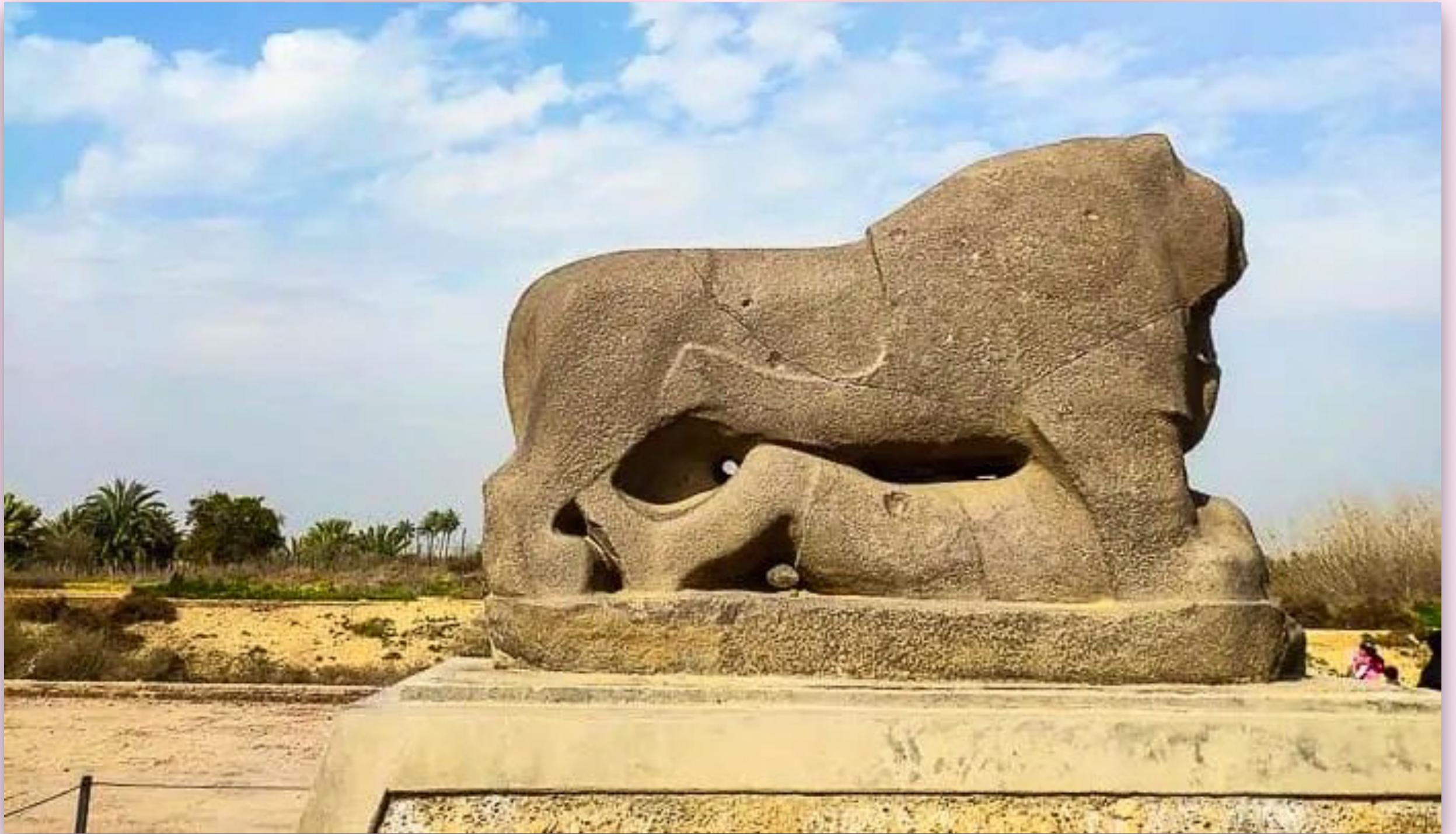
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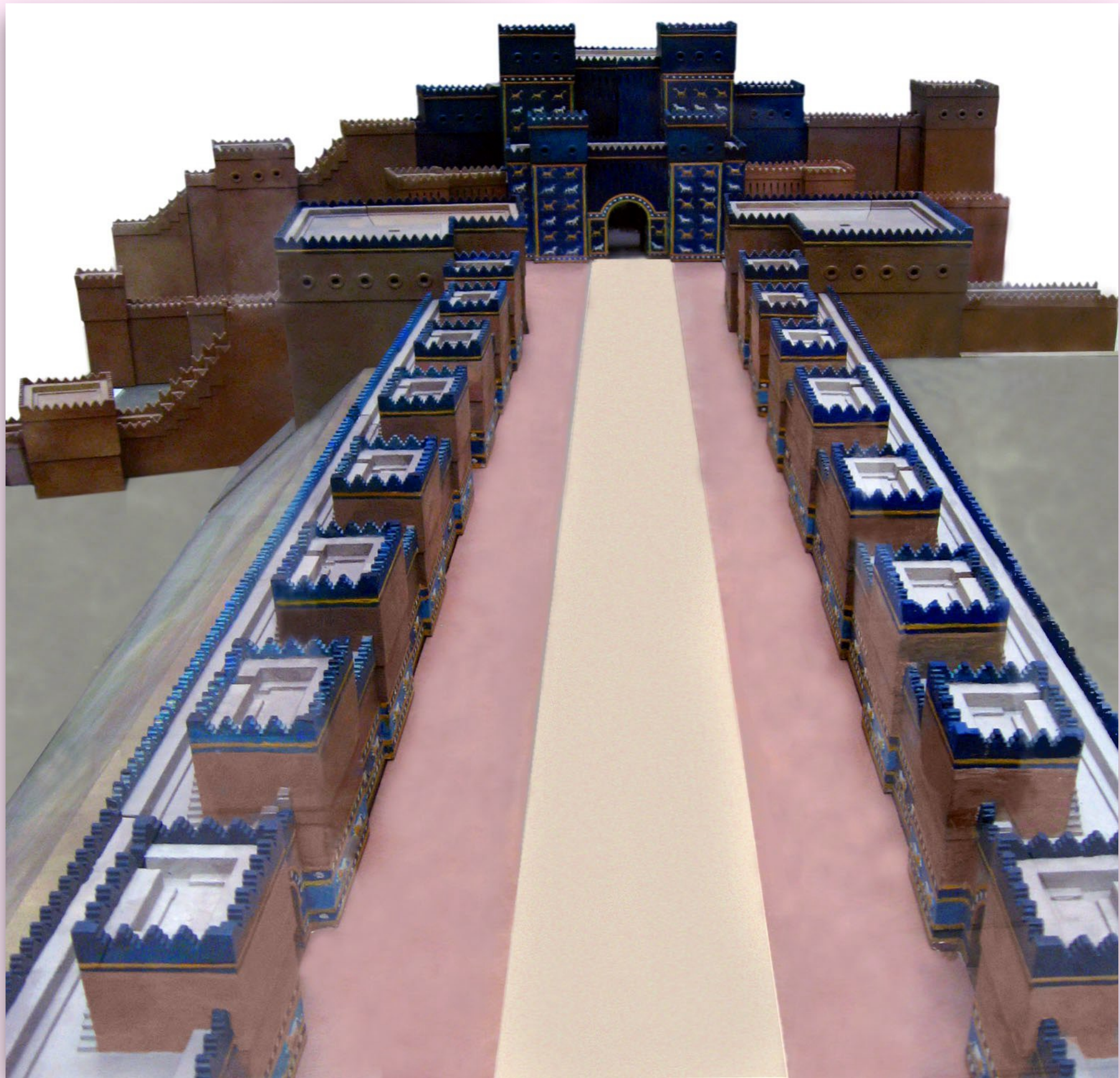
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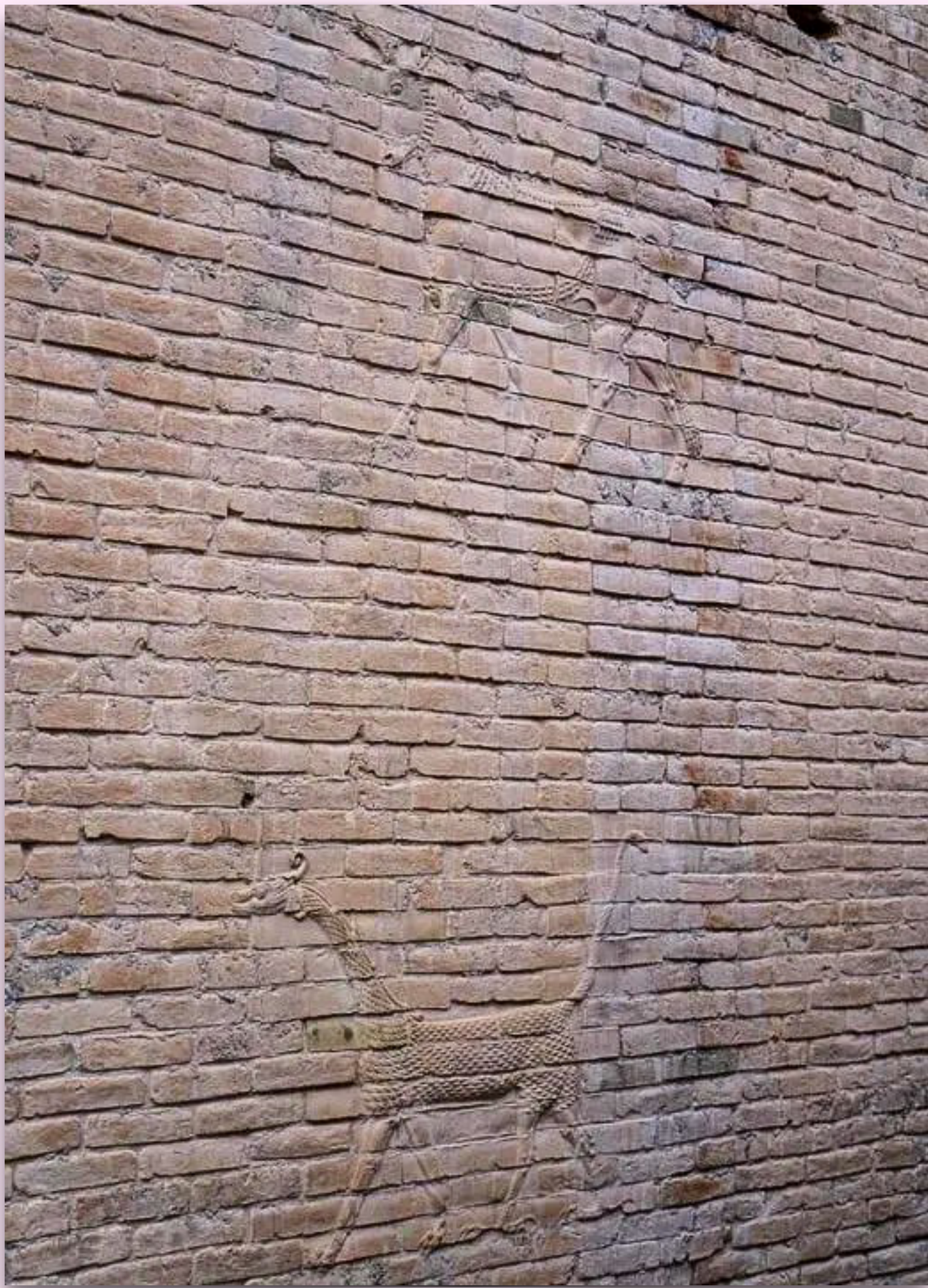












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The instant that the words were uttered, the sentence of judgment was pronounced. The king's reason was taken away. The judgment that he had thought so perfect, the wisdom that he had prided himself on possessing, were removed. **The jewel of the mind**, that which elevates man above the beasts, he no longer retained. (8T 126.4)

The mighty ruler is a maniac. He now herds with the cattle to eat as they eat. He is a companion of the beasts of the field. The brow that once wore a coronet is disfigured by the absence of reason and intellect. (*8T* 127.1)



In Daniel's life, the desire to glorify God was the most powerful of all motives. He realized that when standing in the presence of men of influence, a failure to acknowledge God as the source of his wisdom **would have made him an unfaithful steward**. And his constant recognition of the God of heaven before kings, princes, and statesmen, detracted not one iota from his influence. King Nebuchadnezzar, before whom Daniel so often honored the name of God, was finally thoroughly converted, and learned to "praise and extol and honour the King of heaven" (*The Review and Herald*, January 11, 1906). (4BC 1170.5)

But when men will not consent to walk in the counsel of God, **their wisdom is removed from them**. They become incapable of knowing God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent. — Letter 35, 1900. (*PM* 134.3)

When men gain success in the work of the Lord, it is because **God has given them this success**, not for their own glory, but for God's glory. He who seeks to steal a ray of light from the glory of the Lord will find that he will be punished for his presumption. (*PM* 139.4)

1. There are watchers and holy ones! And they are watchful of our lives and make recommendations.
2. God will intervene in each person's life to bring to him or her a knowledge of him.
3. God is the giver of all talents, and we cannot take the glory to ourselves.
4. If we do not walk in the ways of the Lord, our wisdom will be removed, and we will become incapable of knowing God.
5. All success comes from God.
6. Your experience with God is to be shared.
7. God speaks to us gently at first—Daniel/friends 10x better, Daniel able to tell the king his dream, 3 Hebrews in fiery furnace, dream of Daniel 4
8. God speaks to us where we are at—the image

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