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² Now the house of David was told, “Aram has allied itself with Ephraim”; so the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind.

³ Then the LORD said to Isaiah, “Go out, you and your son Shear-Jashub, to meet Ahaz at the end of the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Launderer’s Field. ⁴ Say to him, ‘Be careful, keep calm and don’t be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood—because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah.

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⁵ Aram, Ephraim and Remaliah's son have plotted your ruin, saying, ⁶ "Let us invade Judah; let us tear it apart and divide it among ourselves, and make the son of Tabeel king over it." ⁷ Yet this is what the Sovereign LORD says:

"It will not take place,
it will not happen,

⁸ for the head of Aram is Damascus,
and the head of Damascus is only Rezin.

Within sixty-five years

Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people.

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⁹ The head of Ephraim is Samaria,
and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah's son.

If you do not stand firm in your faith,
you will not stand at all.”

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ “Ask the LORD your God for a
sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

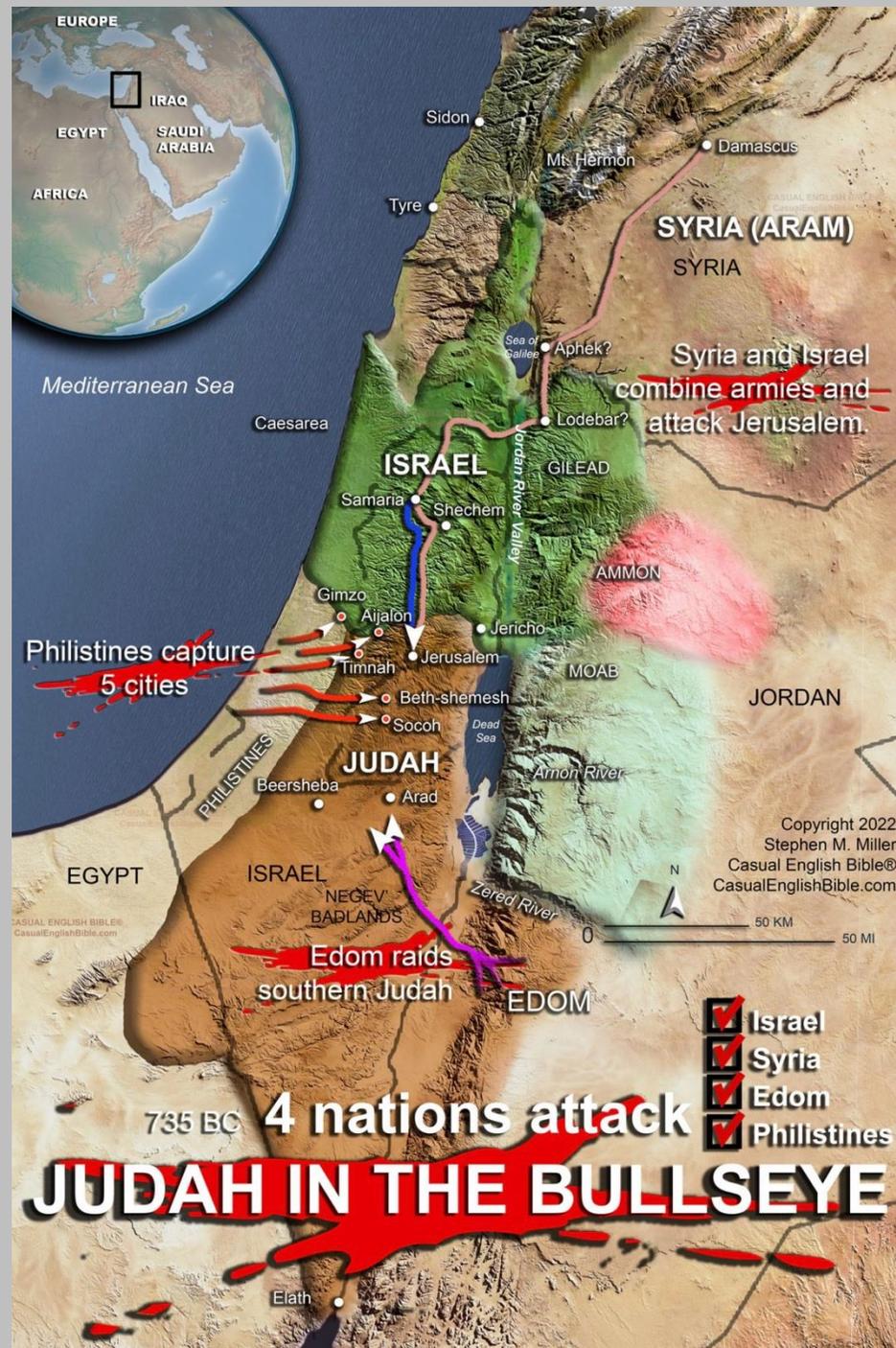
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try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my
God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The
virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

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Isaiah 7:1

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Isaiah 7:2

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Isaiah 7:3-4

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Isaiah 7:5-7

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Isaiah 7:9

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Romans 1:17

For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

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Isaiah 7:10-12

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Resource for 2 Kings 16, 18



Assyrians impale Judean citizens at the town of Lachish, south of Jerusalem in 701 BC, near the end of Isaiah's ministry. Photo by Stephen M. Miller/British Museum

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Quote:

If we feel confident we can handle a situation ourselves, we are trusting in *ourselves*. This is the most devastating state we can be in spiritually.

Andrew M. Davis, Exalting Jesus in Isaiah

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Isaiah 7:13-14

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John 15:5

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Luke 18:8

⁸ ... However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

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