

2 Peter Series

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New Testament Examples of Sufficiency

2 Peter 1:2–4



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Guard Against False Teachers

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δύναμις *dunamis*

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**power, strength, might,
capability; omnipotence**

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**ζωή *zoe* fem sing acc life, living, way of life
εὐσέβεια *eusebeia* fem sing acc godliness,
piety; religion**

Biblical Examples
of
The Sufficiency of God



Paul

2 Cor. 11:12, “But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast.”

2 Cor. 11:13, “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.”

2 Cor. 11:14, “And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.”

2 Cor. 11:15, “Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”

2 Cor. 11:18, “Seeing that many boast according to the flesh, I also will boast.”

2 Cor. 4:8, “We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

2 Cor. 4:9, “persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—

2 Cor. 4:10, “always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.”

2 Cor. 11:23, “Are they ministers of Christ?— I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often.

2 Cor. 11:24, “From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one.

2 Cor. 11:25, “Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;”

2 Cor. 11:26, “in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

2 Cor. 11:27, “in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—

2 Cor. 11:28, “besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.”

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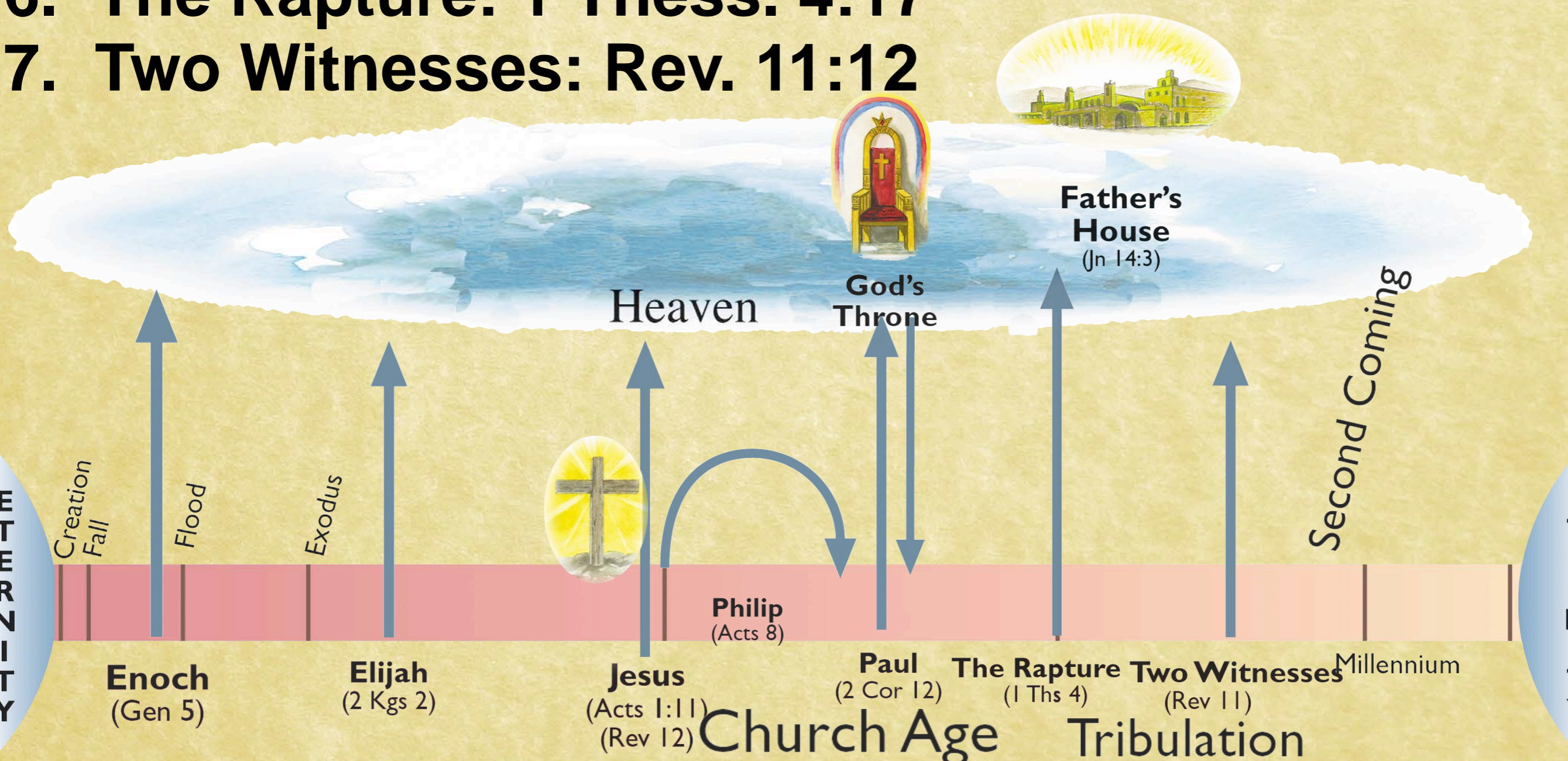
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to snatch away

1. Enoch: Gen. 5:24
2. Elijah: 2 Kgs. 2:11
3. Jesus: Acts 1:11, Rev. 12:5
4. Philip: Acts 8:39
5. Paul: 2 Cor. 12:2, 4
6. The Rapture: 1 Thess. 4:17
7. Two Witnesses: Rev. 11:12



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whether in the body or out of the body I do
not know, God knows—**

**2 Cor. 12:4, “how he was caught up into
Paradise and heard inexpressible words,
which it is not lawful for a man to utter.”**

God's grace is always sufficient.

2 Cor. 12:5, “Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.”

2 Cor. 12:6, “For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.”

Paul: 2 Cor. 12:5–10

2 Cor. 12:7, “And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger [*aggelos*] of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

2 Cor. 12:8, “Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.”

2 Cor. 12:9, “And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Cor. 12:10, “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Jesus Christ: rejected and despised

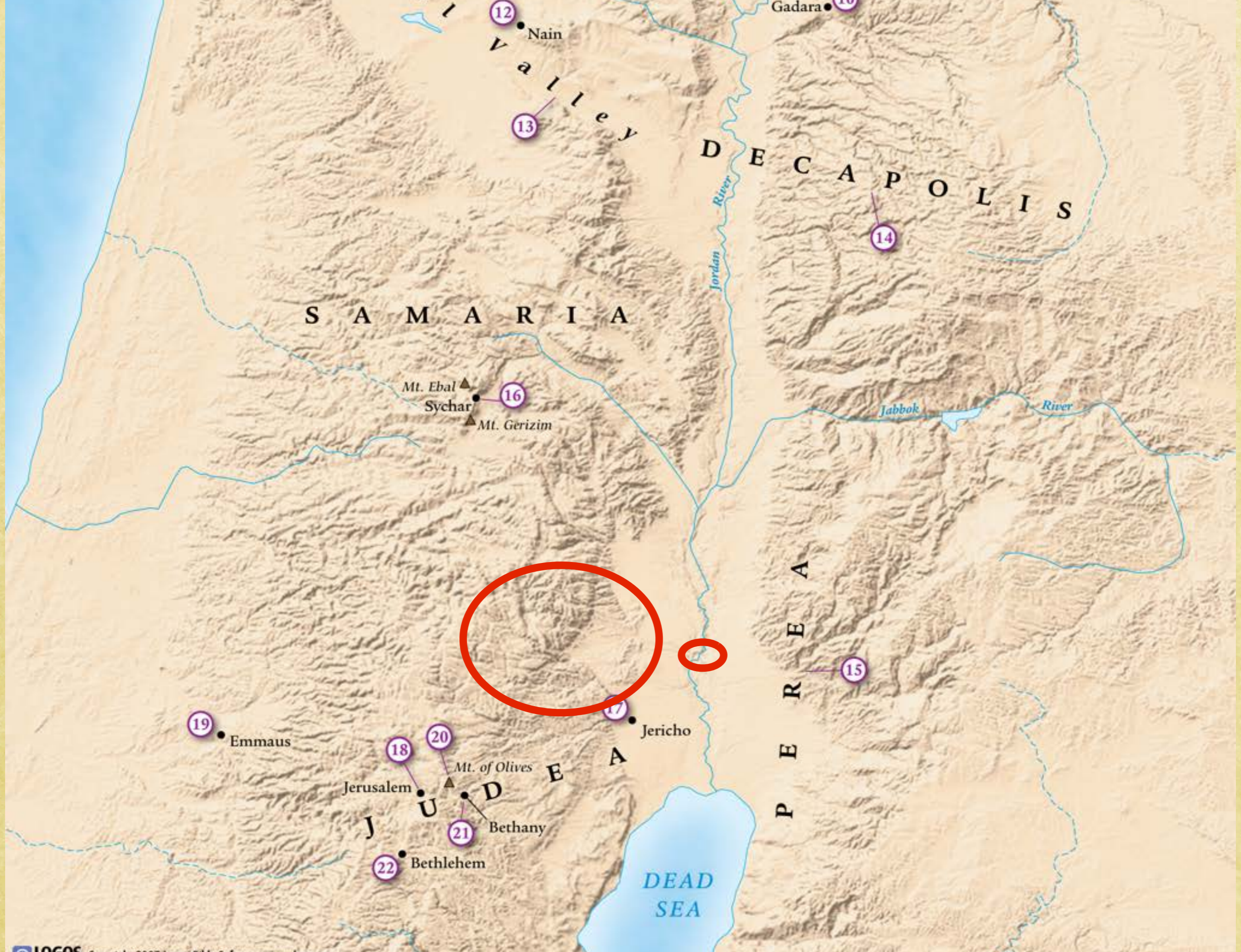
Isa. 53:3, “He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him”

John 1:10, “He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

John 1:11, “He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.”

Psa. 119:11, “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”

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Monastery of Temptation

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Tell es-Samarat



Jericho aerial from south

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πειράζω *peirazo*

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to tempt, test; try

1. To test the genuineness or sincerity of something or someone; Acts 5:9;

1 Cor. 10:9.

2. To entice someone to evil, 1 Cor. 7:5;

Gal. 6:1.

Matt. 4:2, “And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.”

Psa. 35:13, “But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting; and my prayer would return to my own heart.”

Matt. 4:3, “Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, ‘If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.’ ”

Matt. 4:4, “But He answered and said, ‘It is written, “*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*” ’ ”

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Deut. 8:3, “So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.”

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Matt. 4:5, “Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,

Matt. 4:6, “and said to Him, ‘If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: “*He shall give His angels charge over you,*” and, “*In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*” ’ ”

**John 6:30, “Therefore they said to Him,
‘What sign will You perform then, that we
may see it and believe You? What work
will You do?’ ”**

Psa. 91:9, “Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place,

Psa. 91:10, “No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

Psa. 91:11, “For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

Psa. 91:12, “In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Psa. 91:13, “You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.”

“... and this cloister deserves to be mentioned better than any other under the sun; for while the valley was very deep, and its bottom could not be seen, if you looked from above into the depth, this further vastly high elevation of the cloister stood upon that height, insomuch, that if anyone looked down from the top of the battlements, or down both those heights, he would be giddy, while his sight could not reach to such an immense depth.” ~Josephus, *Ant.*

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Matt. 4:7, “Jesus said to him, ‘It is written again, “*You shall not tempt the LORD your God.*” ’ ”

Deut. 6:16, “You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted Him in Massah.”

Matt. 4:8, “Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

Matt. 4:9, “And he said to Him, ‘All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.’ ”

Matt. 4:10, “Then Jesus said to him,
‘Away with you, Satan! For it is written,
“*You shall worship the LORD your God,
and Him only you shall serve.*” ’ ”

Deut. 6:13, “You shall fear the LORD your
God and serve Him, and shall take oaths
in His name.”