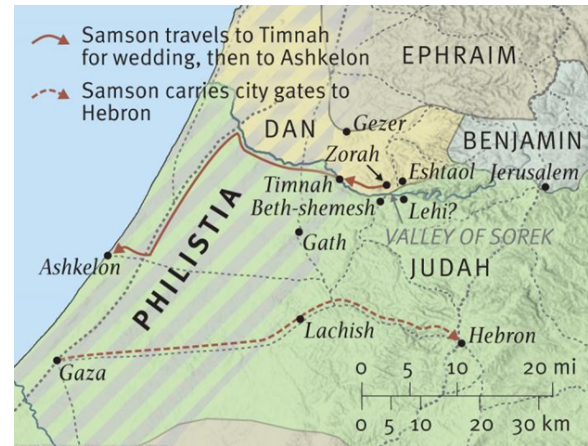


Daniel 1:8 ***Daniel resolved** not to defile himself with the royal food and wine,”*

Resolved is the Aramaic word, *Suwm*-to be set, to direct, to establish

Judges 13:2-5 *A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was childless, unable to give birth. ³ The angel of the LORD appeared to her and said, “You are barren and childless, but you are going to become pregnant and give birth to a son. ⁴ Now see to it that you drink no wine or other fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean. ⁵ You will become pregnant and have a son whose head is never to be touched by a razor because the boy is to be a Nazirite, dedicated to God from the womb. He will take the lead in*

delivering Israel from the hands of the Philistines.”



Hebrews 11:32-33 *And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised;*

Jeremiah 25:1-14 *The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), ² which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem:*

³ *"For twenty-three years, from the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, to this day, the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken persistently to you, but **you have not listened.** ⁴ **You have neither listened nor inclined your ears to hear,** although the LORD persistently sent to you all his servants the prophets, ⁵ saying, 'Turn now, every one of you, from his evil way and evil deeds, and dwell upon the land that the LORD has given to you and your fathers from of old and forever. ⁶ Do not go after other gods to serve and worship them, or provoke me to anger with the work of your hands. Then I will do you no harm.' ⁷ **Yet you have not listened to me,** declares the LORD, that you might provoke me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm. ⁸ "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: **Because you have not obeyed my words,** ⁹ behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north, declares the LORD, and for Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations. I will devote them to destruction, and make them a horror, a hissing, and an everlasting desolation. ¹⁰ Moreover, I will banish from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the grinding of the millstones and the light of the lamp. ¹¹ **This whole land shall***

become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

¹² **Then after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, declares the LORD, making the land an everlasting waste.** ¹³ **I will bring upon that land all the words that I have uttered against it, everything written in this book, which Jeremiah prophesied against all the nations.**

¹⁴ **For many nations and great kings shall make slaves even of them, and I will recompense them according to their deeds and the work of their hands."**

Jeremiah 29:10-11 This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

2 Chronicles 36:15-21 **The LORD**, the God of their ancestors, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place ¹⁶ **But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets** until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy. ¹⁷ **He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians**, who killed their young men with the sword in the sanctuary, and did not spare young men or young women, the elderly or the infirm. **God gave them all into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar.** ¹⁸ **He carried to Babylon all the articles from the temple of God, both large and small, and the treasures of the LORD's temple and the treasures of the king and his officials.** ¹⁹ **They set fire to God's temple and broke down the wall of Jerusalem;** they burned all the palaces and destroyed everything of value there. ²⁰ **He carried into exile to Babylon the remnant**, who escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and his successors until the kingdom of Persia came to power. ²¹ **The land enjoyed its sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah.**

Hebrews 12:5-6 "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when **he rebukes you**, ⁶ because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son." ⁷ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?

2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Eph 3:20-21 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."