

Kings Series

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Can We Really Trust the Bible?

Fulfilled Prophecy

Does God exist?

No

Yes

Can God communicate?

No

Yes

Can God communicate, clearly?

No

Yes

**Can God protect His
communication?**

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communication?**

**If God can communicate,
clearly,
and protect His communication,
then what would its characteristics be?**

Consistent,

accurate,

be supported through evidence,

internally logical and rational

without error

Jer. 26:2, “Thus says the LORD, ...”

“God said” is used 46× in the Bible

“God spoke” 12×

“the Lord said” 233×

“the Lord spoke,” 133×

“says the Lord” 502×

So the Bible claims that God objectively communicates something to man over 2,000 times.

Is the Bible True?

The Bible Claims to be God's revelation of Himself to man.

False

True

If False, then it is no better than any other book.

If False, then it is a fraud and deceptive and should be rejected completely.

If True, then it is the unique book of the universe and should be valued above all things.

Fulfillment of Prophecy

Isaiah 46:9, “Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,”

Isaiah 41:21, “ ‘Present your case,’ the Lord says. ‘Bring forward your strong arguments,’ the King of Jacob says:

Isaiah 41:22, “ ‘Let them bring forth and show us what will happen; let them show the former things, what they were, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare to us things to come.

Isaiah 41:23, “ ‘Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; yes, do good or do evil, that we may be dismayed and see it together.’ ”

**Isaiah 46:10, “Declaring the end from the beginning,
and from ancient times things that are not yet done,
saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My
pleasure,’ ”**

Prophecy in the Old Testament

1. Short Term: Fulfilled

2. Long Term: Unfilled

Four Prophecies

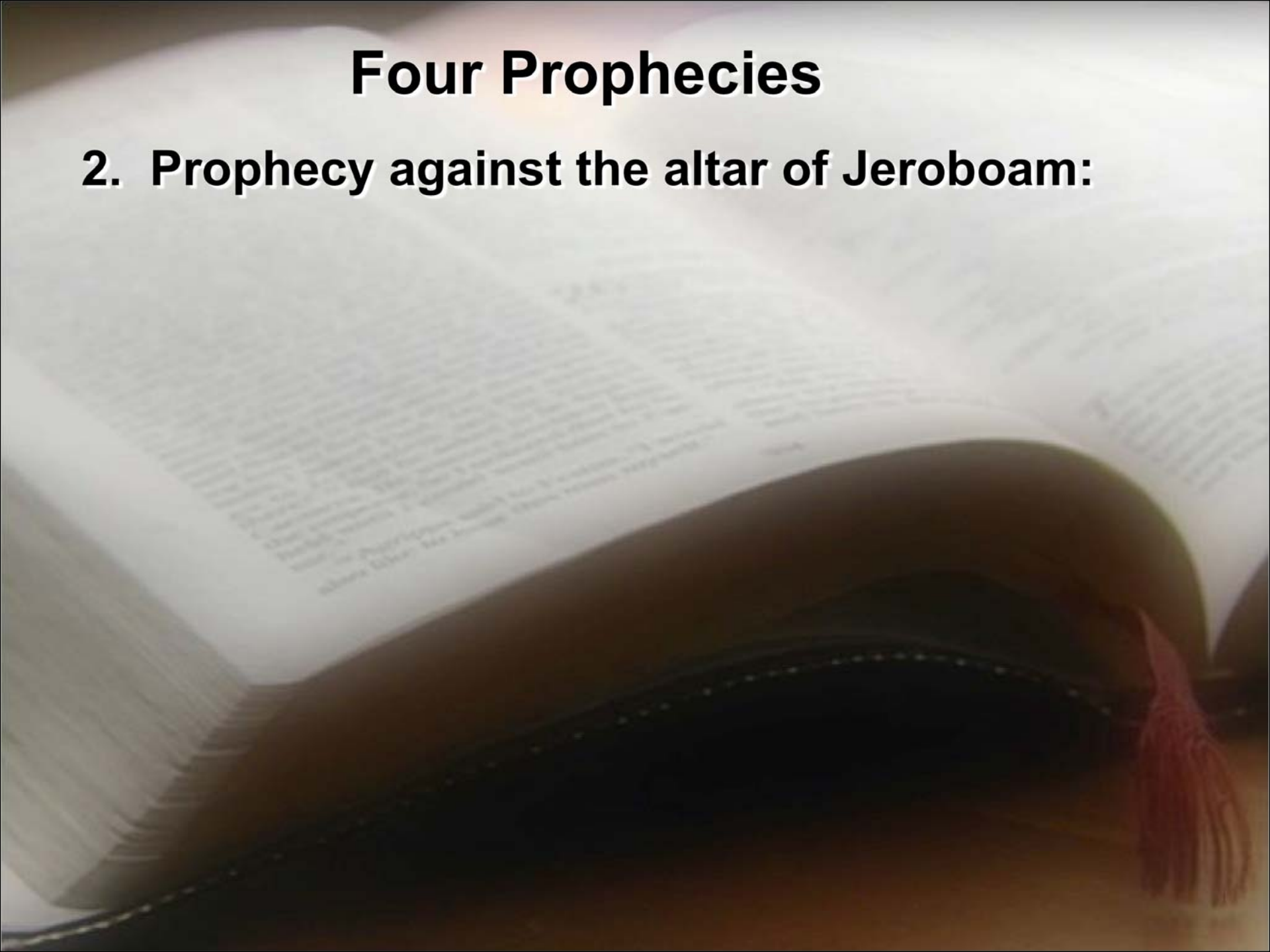
1. Joseph's dreams:

Dream that his brothers would bow down and serve him.

of seven years of prosperity, seven years of famine

Four Prophecies

2. Prophecy against the altar of Jeroboam:



1 Kings 13:2, "Then he cried out against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, 'O altar, altar! Thus says the LORD: "Behold, a child, Josiah by name, shall be born to the house of David; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and men's bones shall be burned on you." ' "

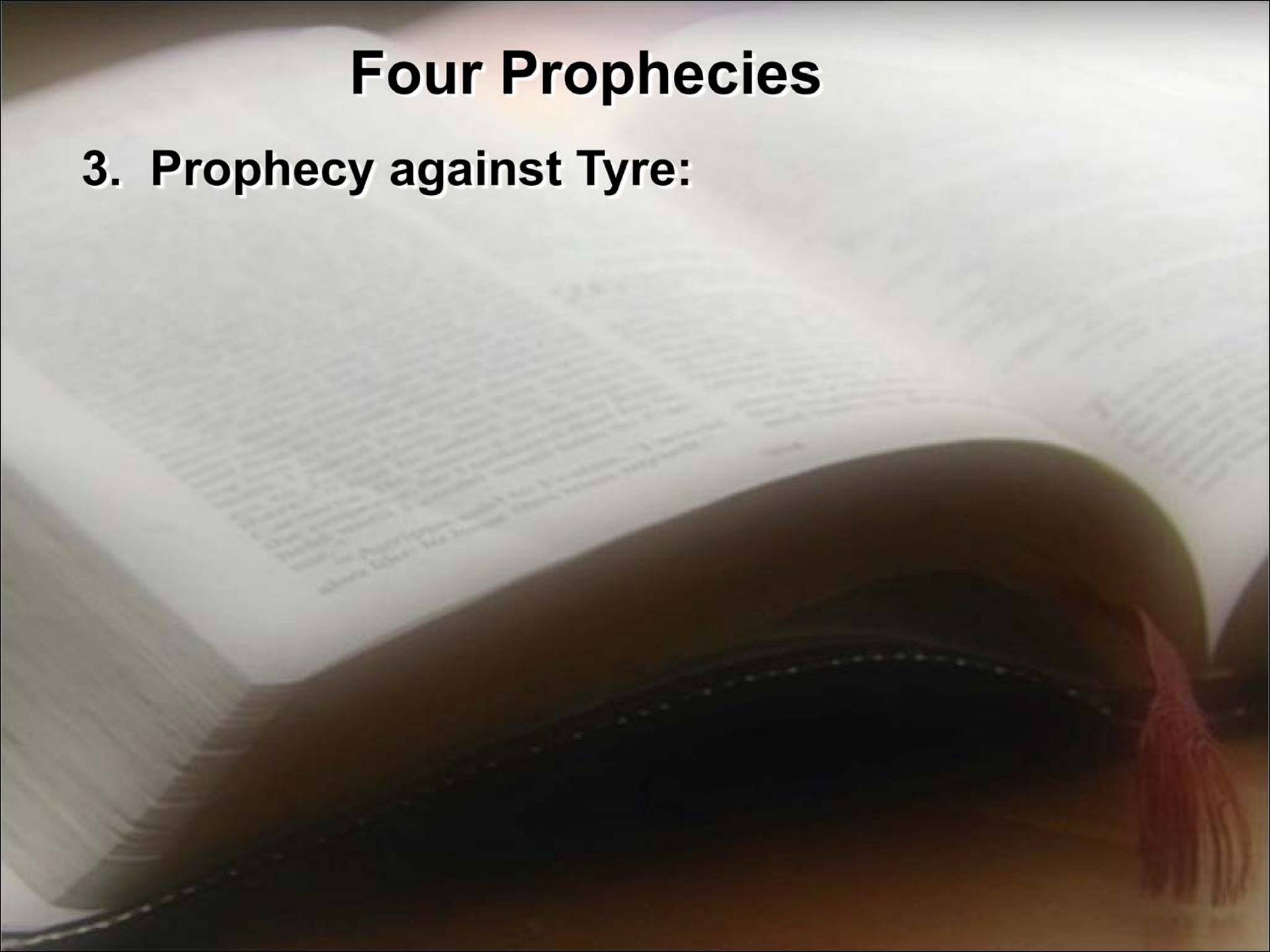
2 Kings 23:16, “Now when Josiah turned, he saw the graves that were there on the mountain, and he sent and took the bones from the graves and burned them on the altar and defiled it according to the word of the Lord which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these things.

2 Kings 23:17, “Then he said, ‘What is this monument that I see?’ And the men of the city told him, ‘It is the grave of the man of God who came from Judah and proclaimed these things which you have done against the altar of Bethel.’ ”

2 Kings 23:18, “He said, ‘Let him alone; let no one disturb his bones.’ So they left his bones undisturbed with the bones of the prophet who came from Samaria.”

Four Prophecies

3. Prophecy against Tyre:



ASSYRIAN CAMPAIGNS AGAINST ISRAEL AND JUDAH

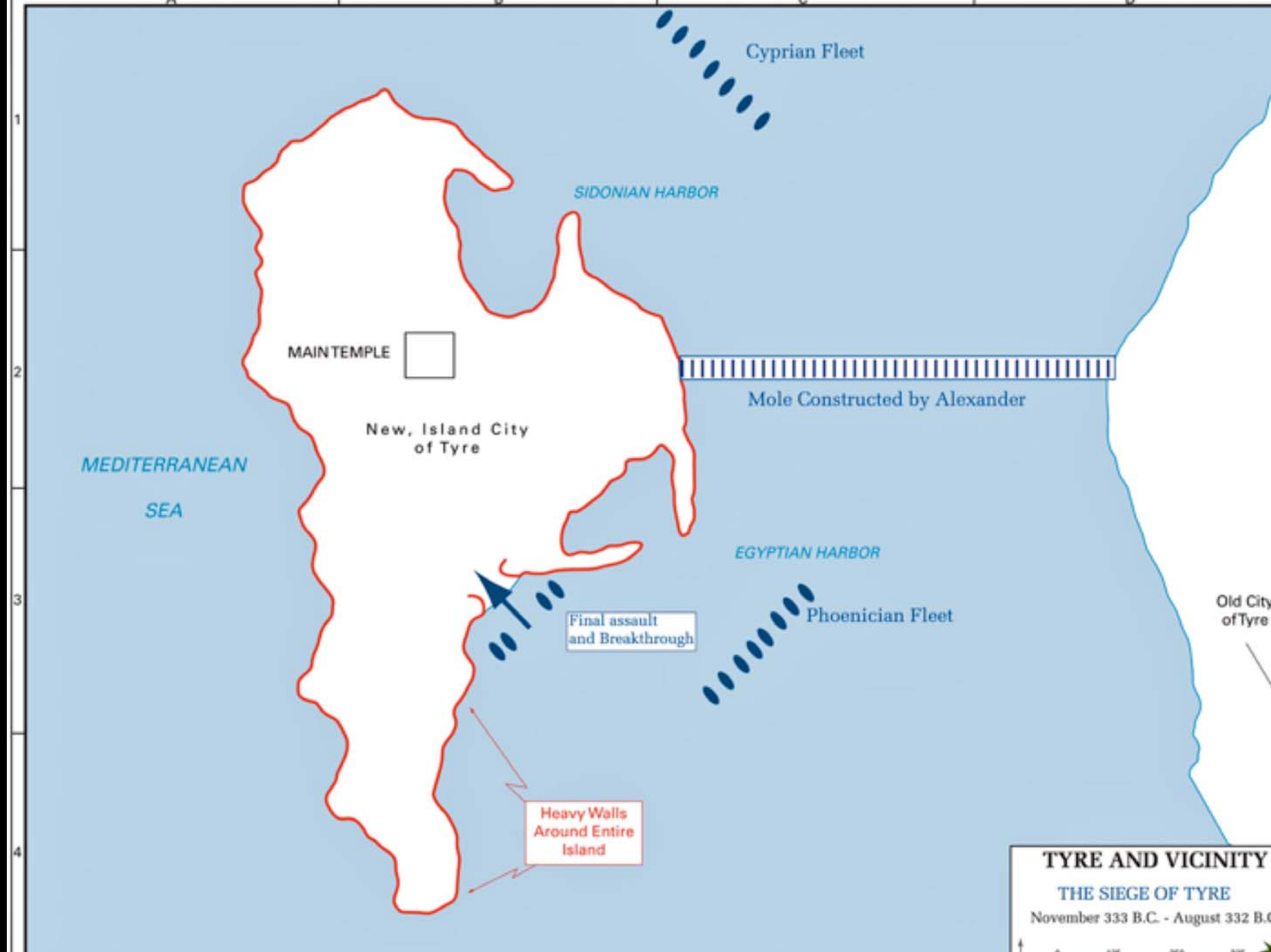
- City
- ▲ Mountain
- Shalmaneser III campaign (841 BC)
- Adad-nirari III campaign (797 BC)
- Tiglath-pileser III campaign (734 BC)
- Tiglath-pileser III campaign (733 BC)
- Tiglath-pileser III campaign (732 BC)
- Shalmaneser V/Sargon II campaign (725 BC)
- Sargon II campaign (712 BC)
- Sennacherib campaign (701 BC)

0 15 30 Miles
0 15 30 Kilometers



Tyre (Ezek. 26:3–6; 12–14)

- 1. Nebuchadnezzar will destroy the city of Tyre.**
- 2. Many nations would come against Tyre.**
- 3. Tyre will become like the top of a flat rock.**
- 4. Fishermen will spread their nets over the site.**
- 5. Tyre will be thrown into the water and never be rebuilt.**
- 6. Tyre's vassal cities would be destroyed.**



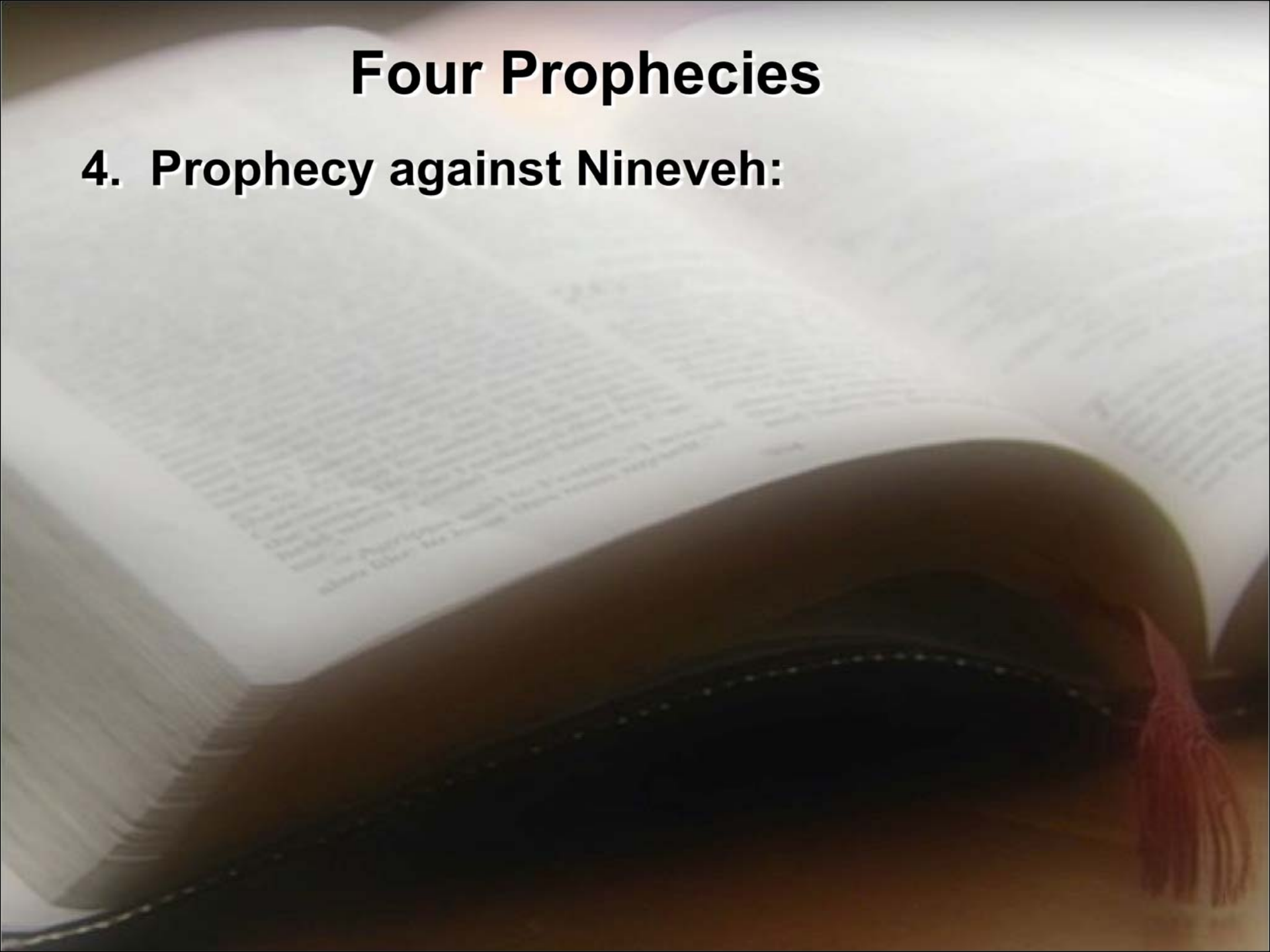
TYRE AND VICINITY
THE SIEGE OF TYRE
November 333 B.C. - August 332 B.C.





Four Prophecies

4. Prophecy against Nineveh:





Map 8a:
ASSYRIAN EMPIRE (c. 700 B.C.)

← Exiles from Israel into Assyrian captivity (722 B.C.)

Nahum 1:8, “But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its place, and darkness will pursue His enemies.

Nahum 1:9, “What do you conspire against the LORD? He will make an utter end of it. Affliction will not rise up a second time.”

Nahum 2:6, “The gates of the rivers are opened, and the palace is dissolved.”