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CONNECTING AND ENGAGING PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH



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AND THE CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY

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Titus 3

Our lives are to be a
welcome mat for people
who need hope.

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Matt. 5, 18 & Luke 12

**Dealing with conflict is
critically important for a
healthy church.**

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James 2

Favoritism, partiality violates the most essential core value of a gospel-centered church.

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Galatians 3

True unity comes not
from uniformity
but from diversity.

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I Peter 4

For the church to be fully functional, it needs each person to invite one another to the table.

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I Corinthians 4

There is only one captain of this
ship, and it is not any of us....
we are simply a team pulling
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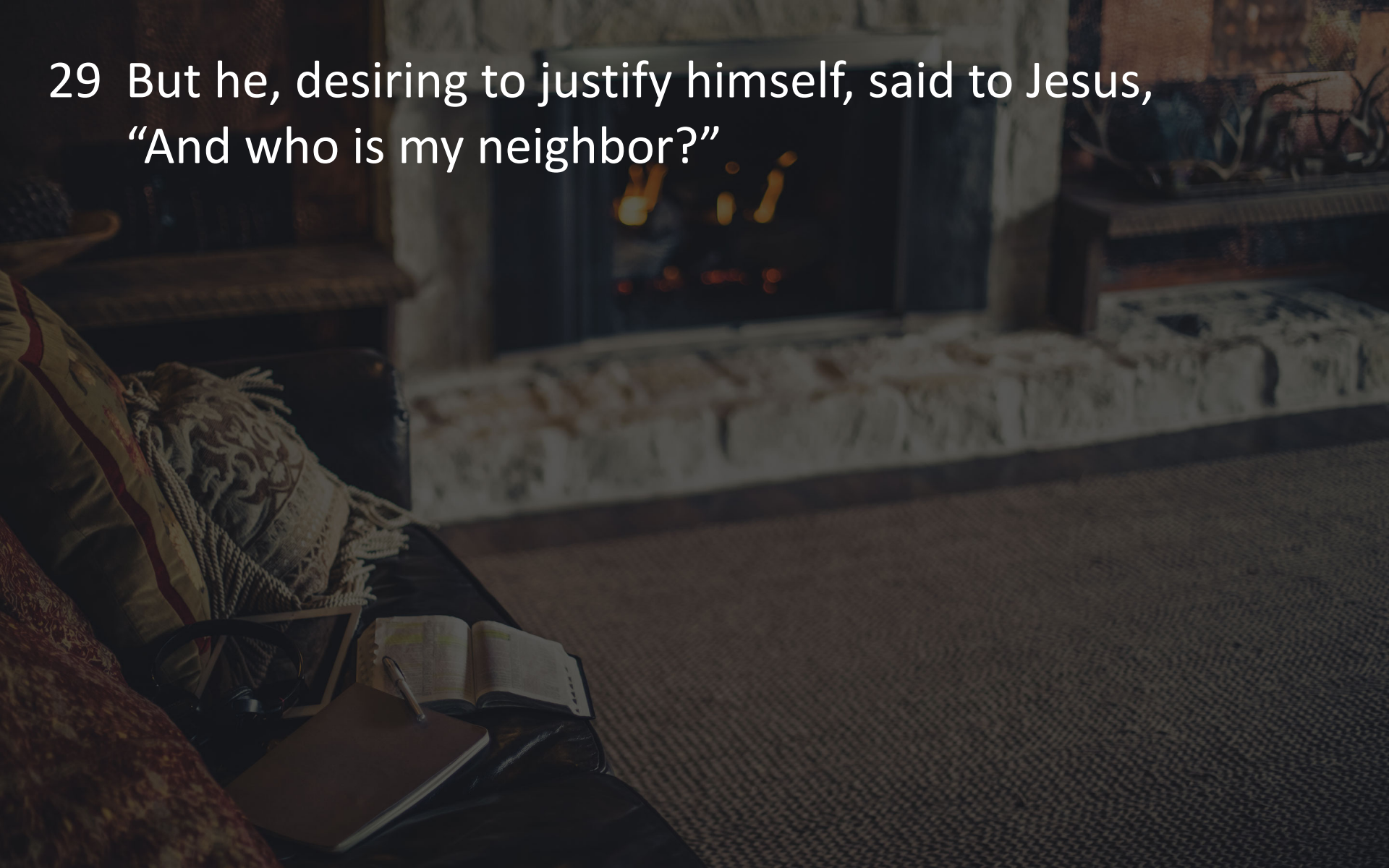
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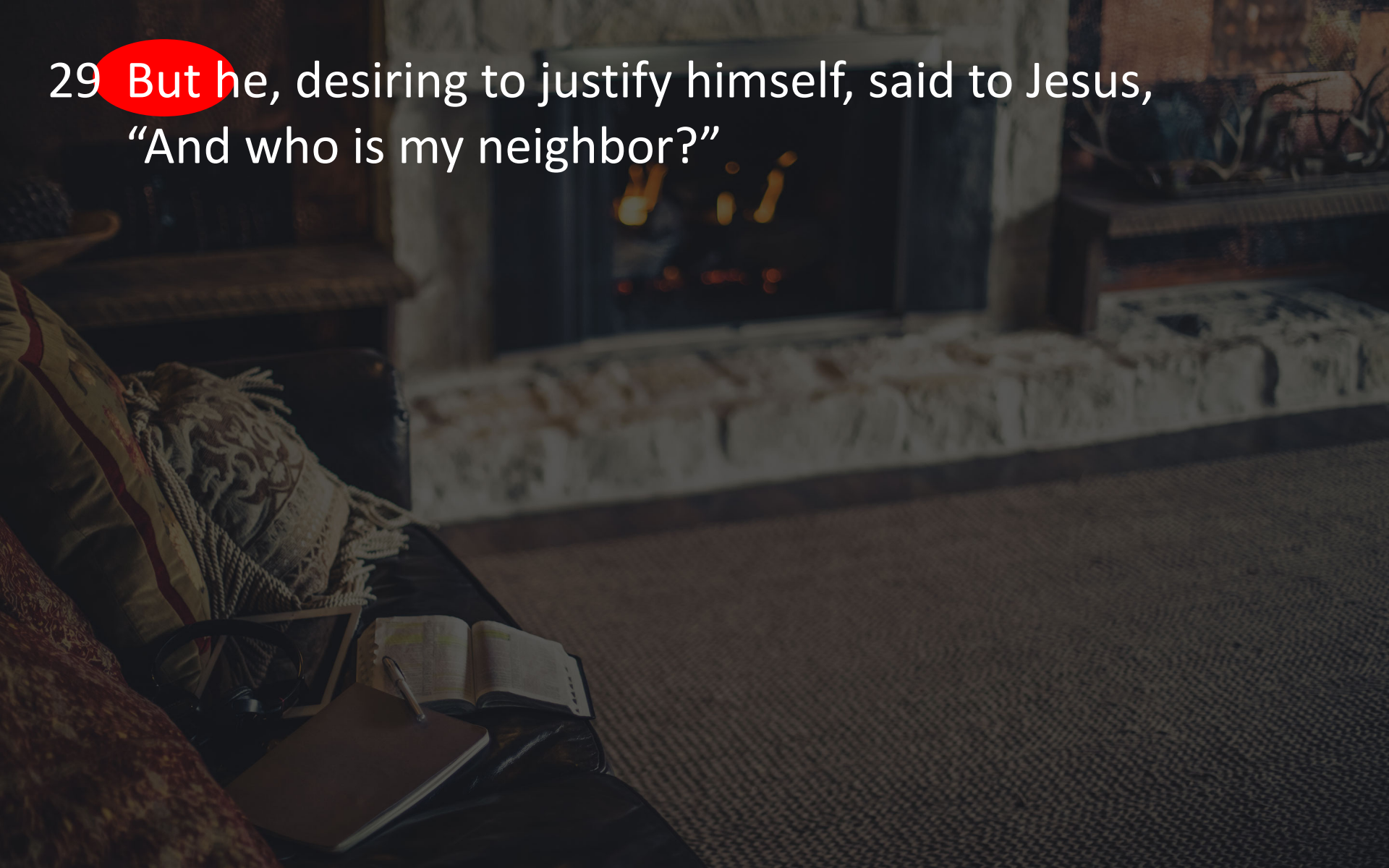
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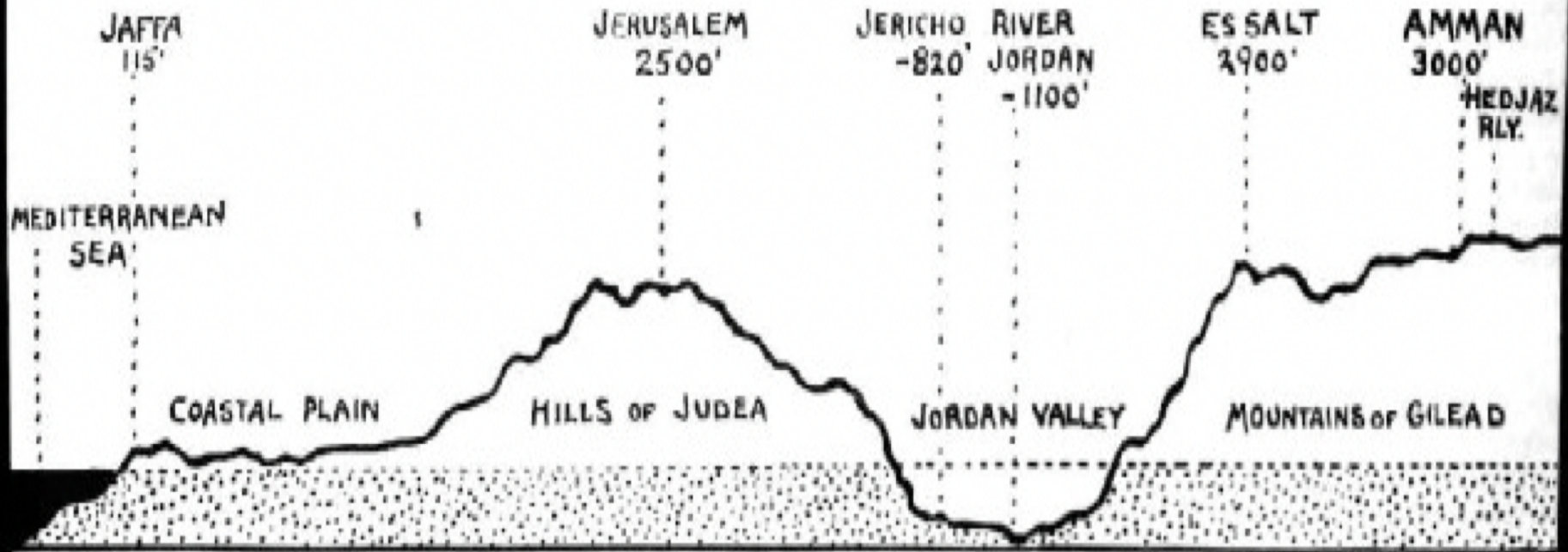
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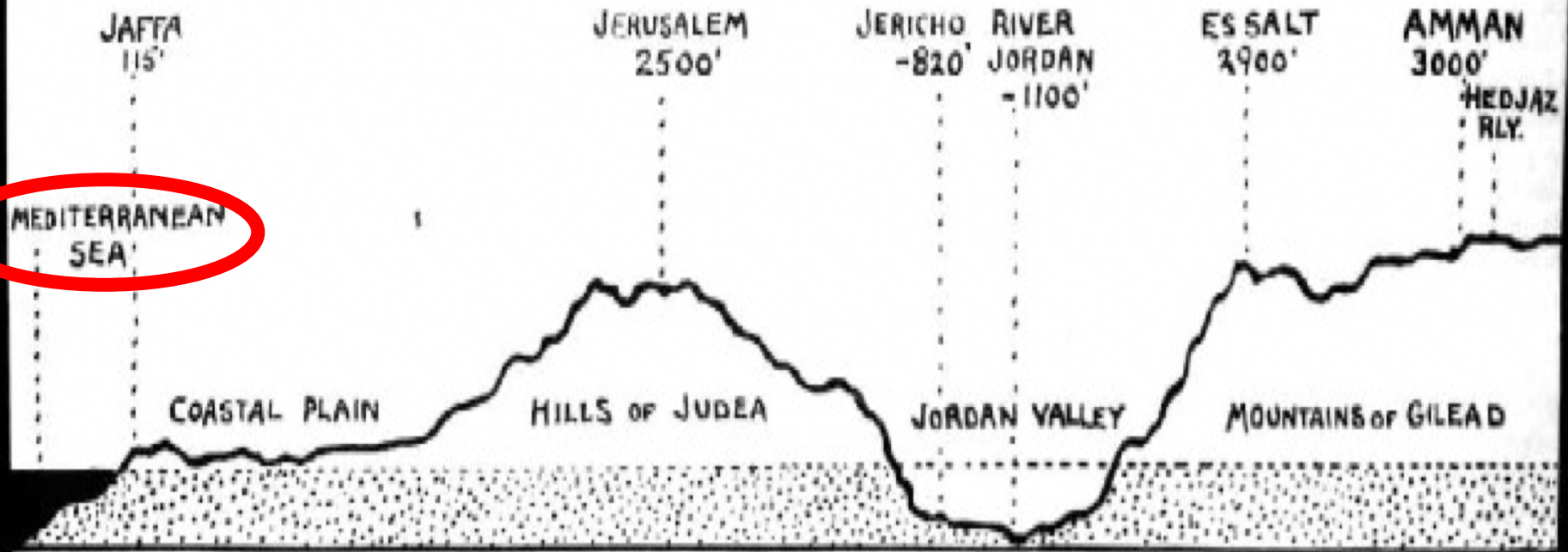
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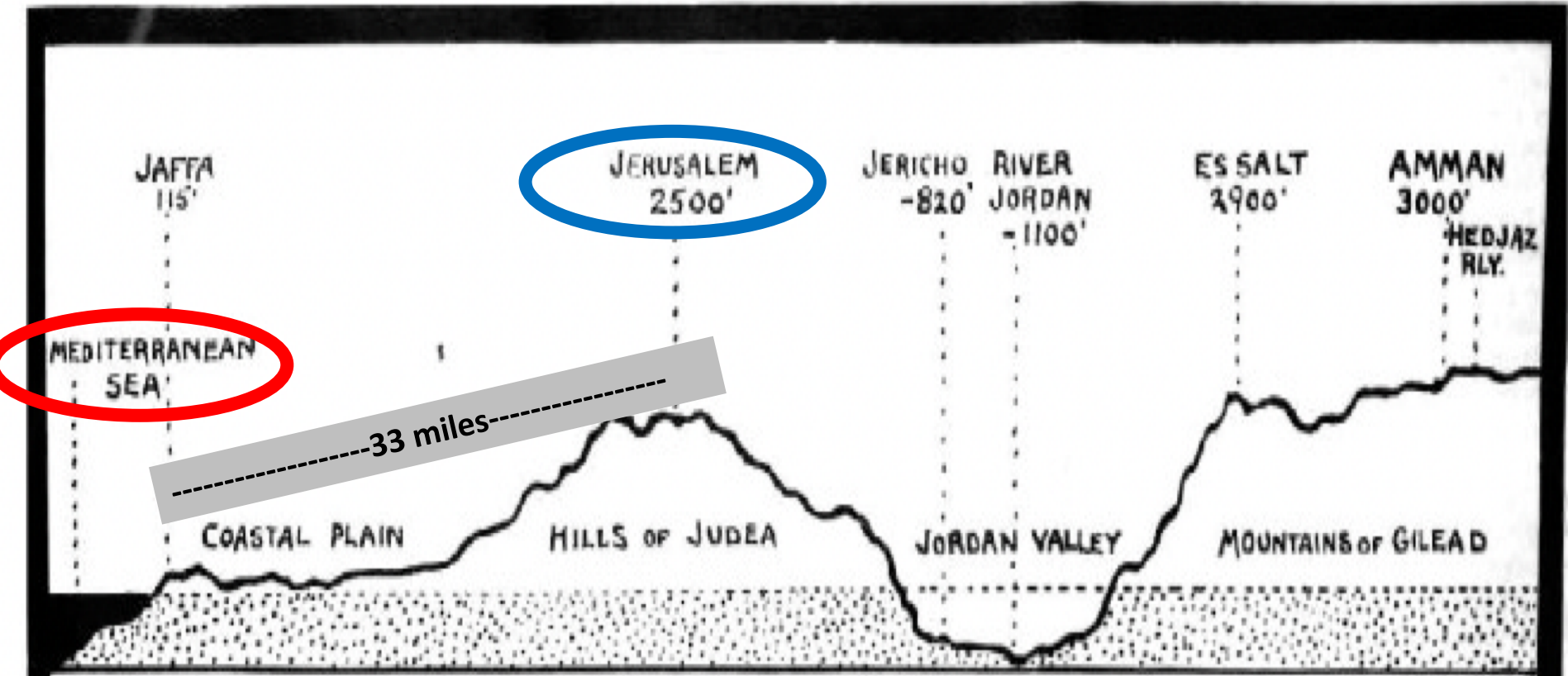


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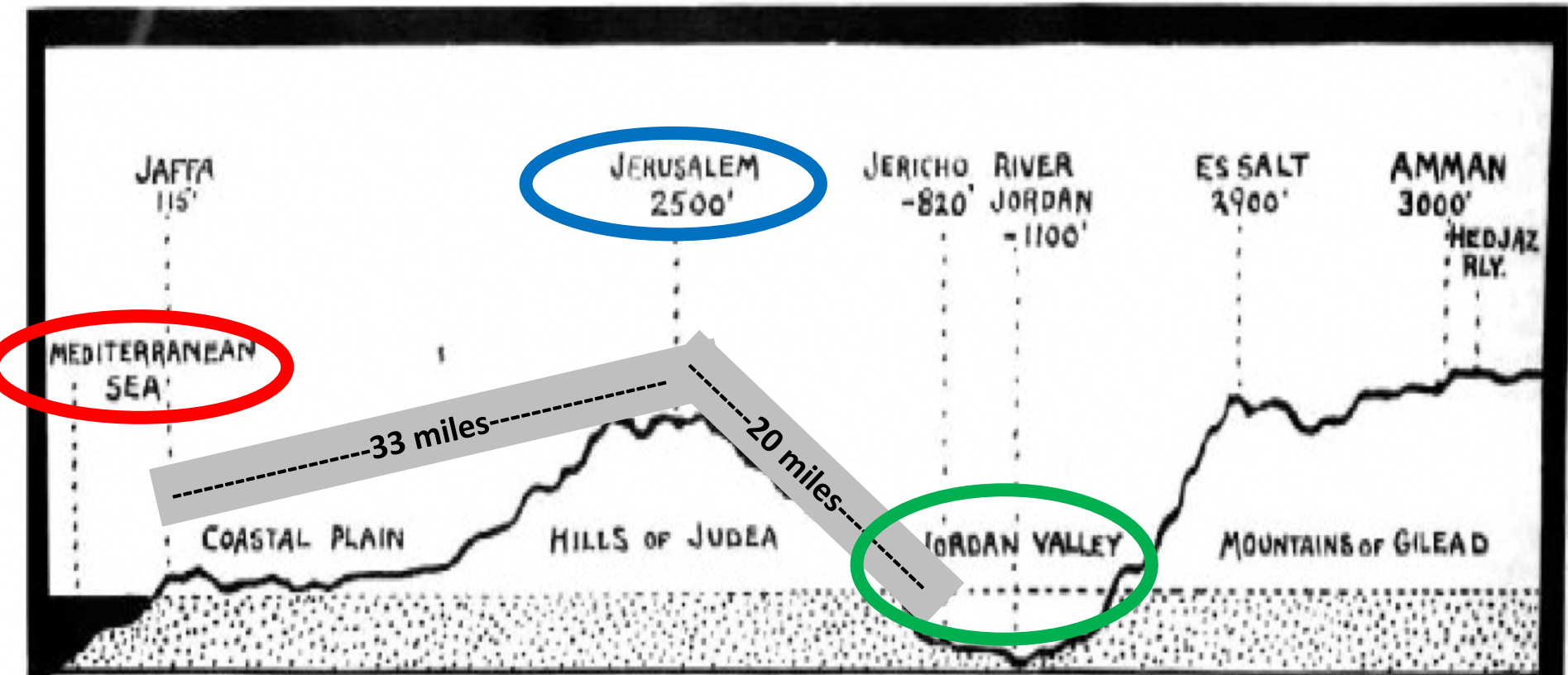
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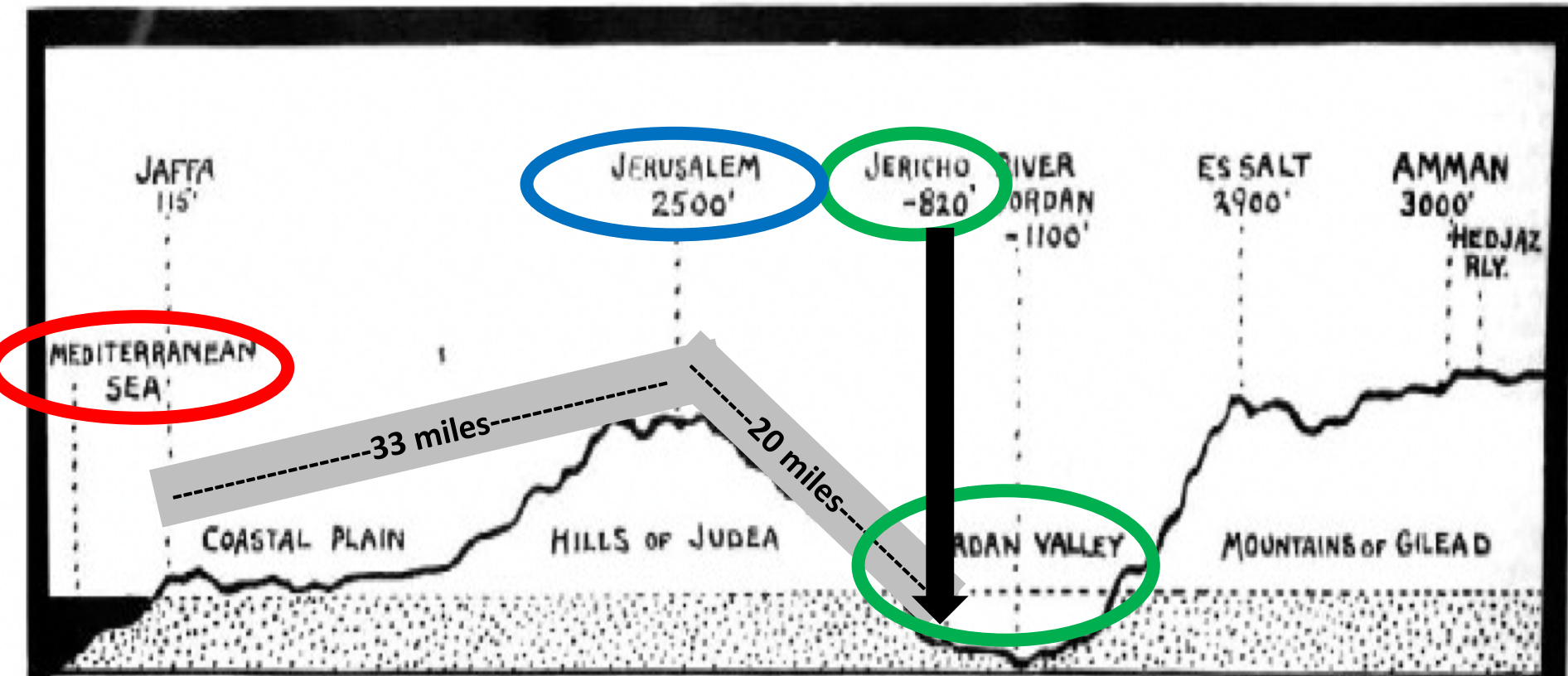
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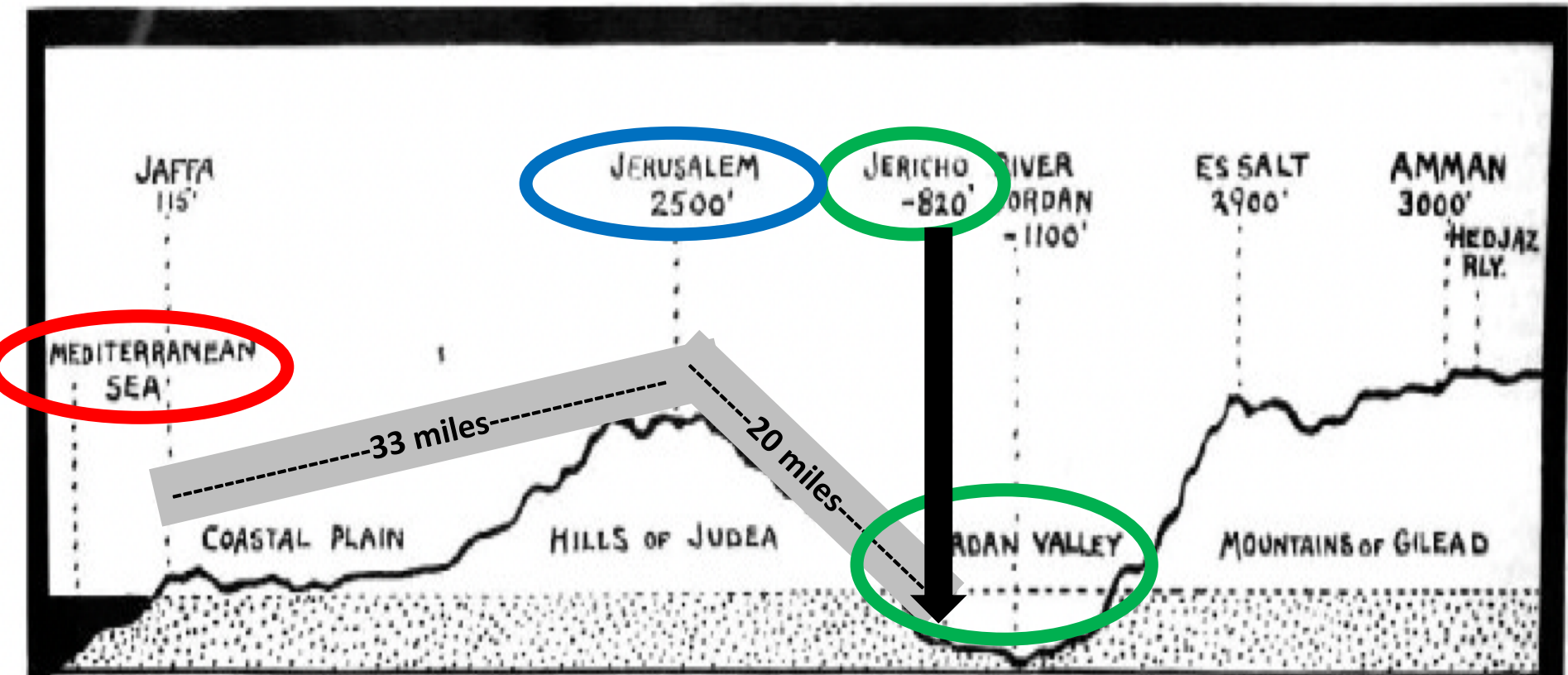
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Roughly 20 miles and 3,330 feet of elevation change, in a profoundly arid environment.





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COASTAL PLAIN

JUDEAN HILLS

JORDAN VALLEY

Nazareth

Capernaum

Sea of Galilee

Jordan River Valley

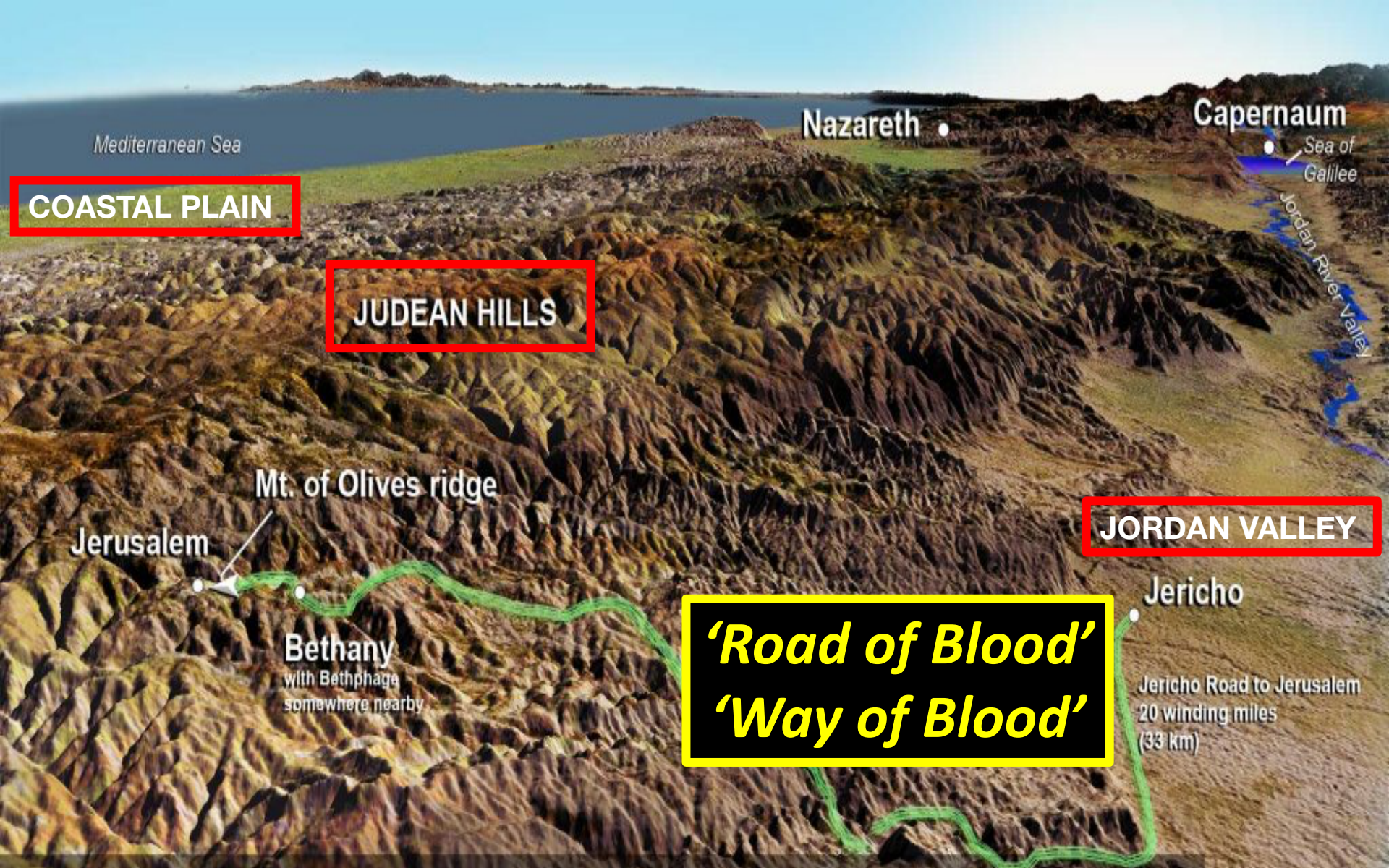
Mt. of Olives ridge

Jerusalem

Bethany
with Bethphage
somewhere nearby

Jericho

Jericho Road to Jerusalem
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(33 km)



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Capernaum

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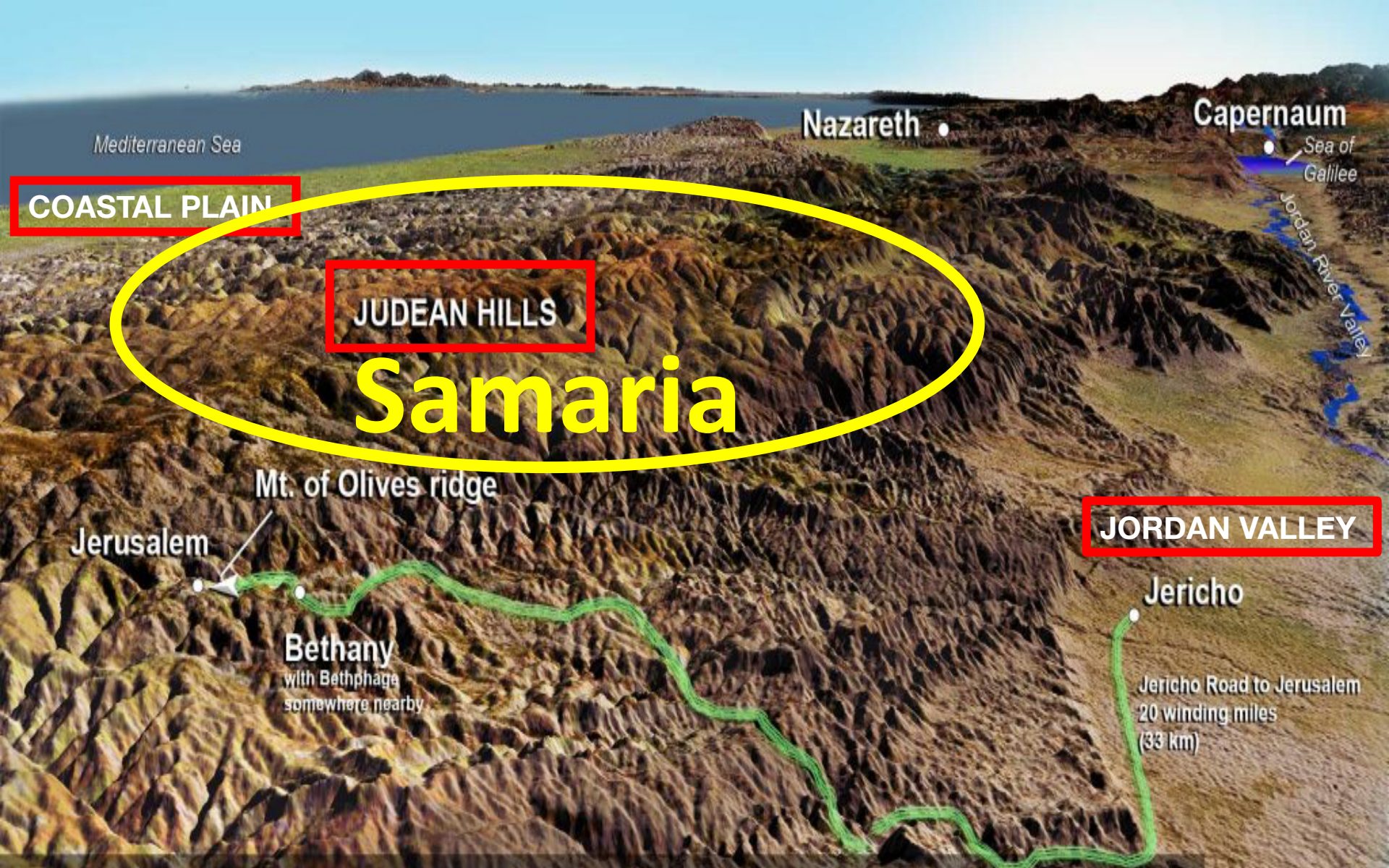
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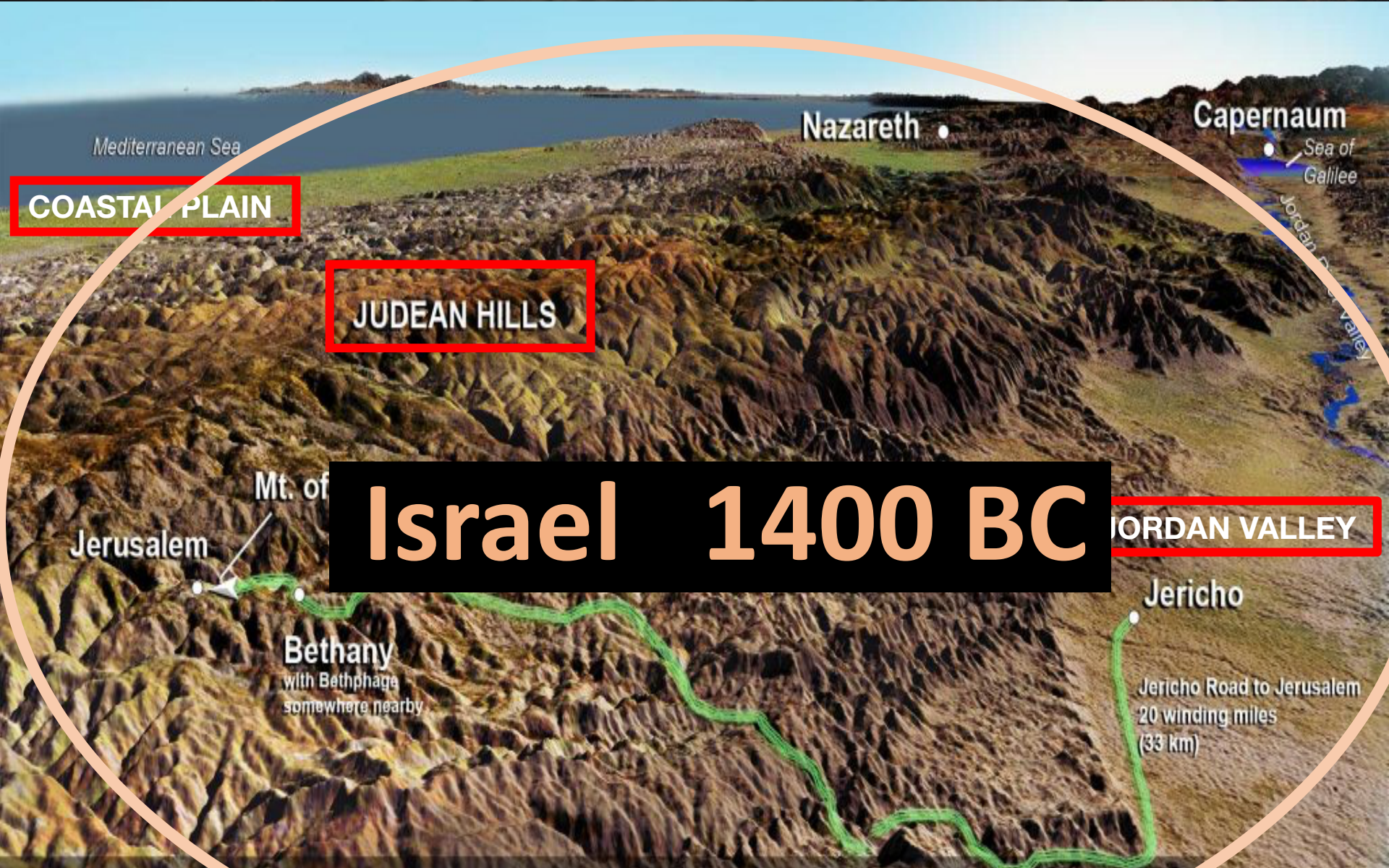
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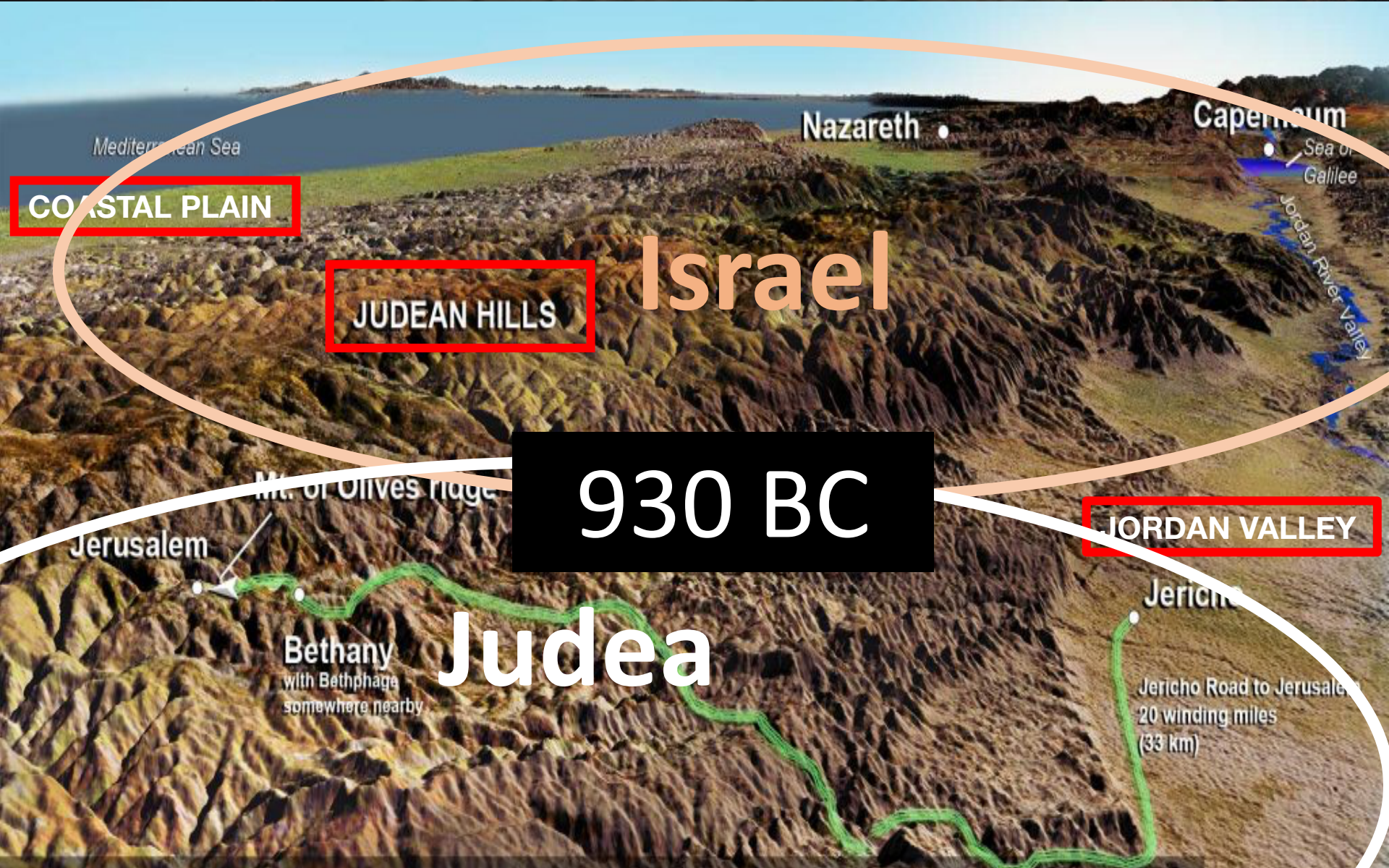
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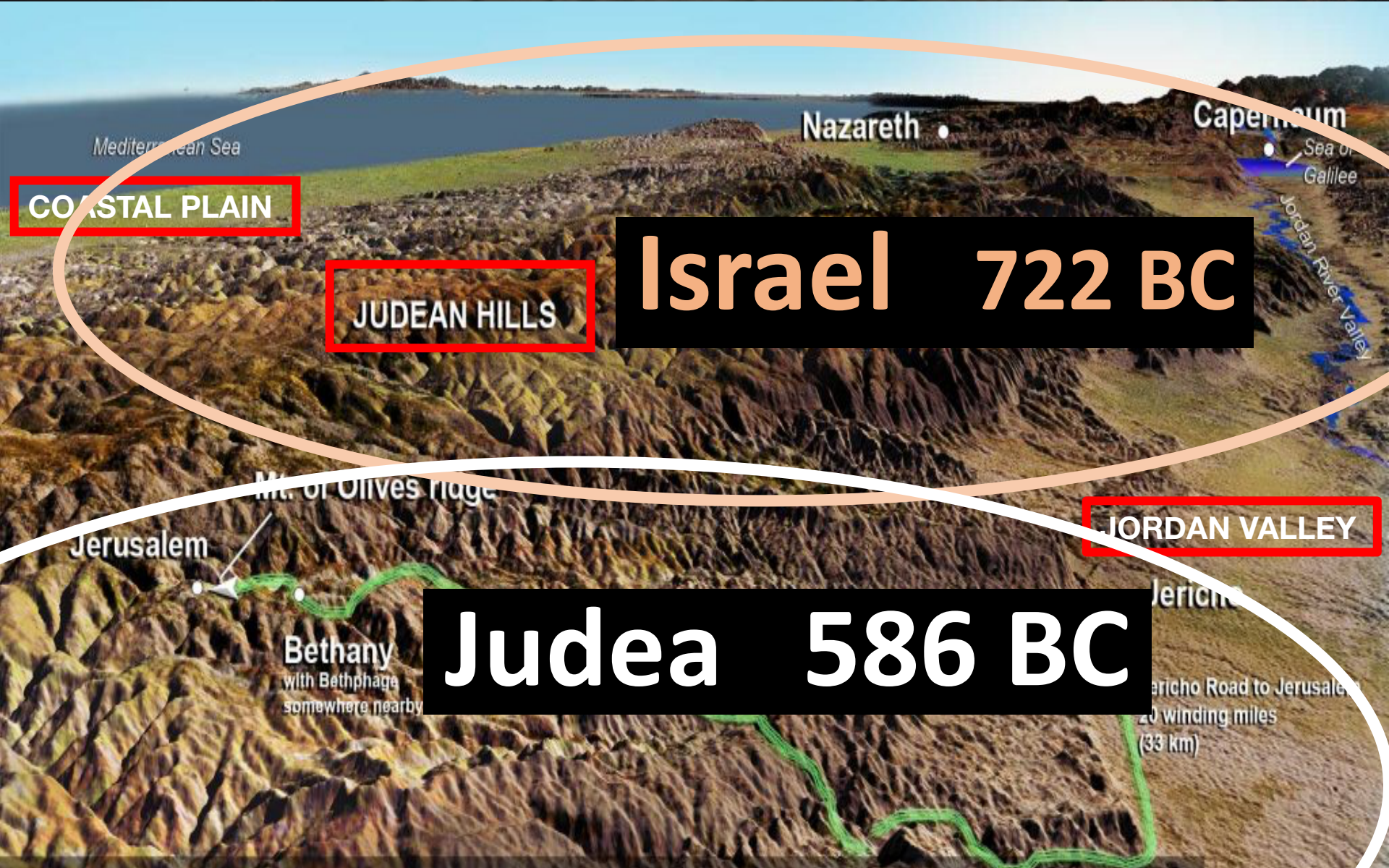
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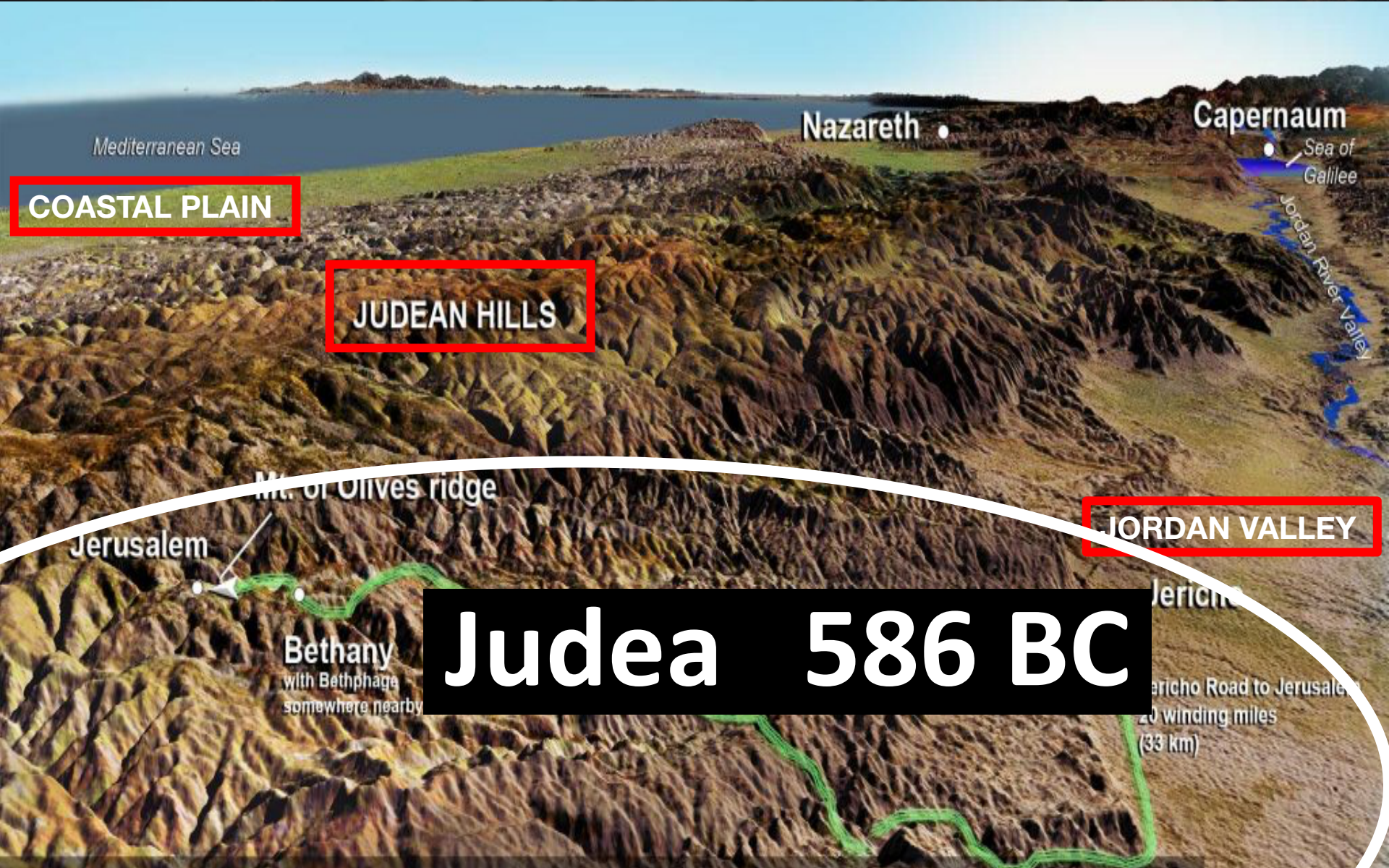
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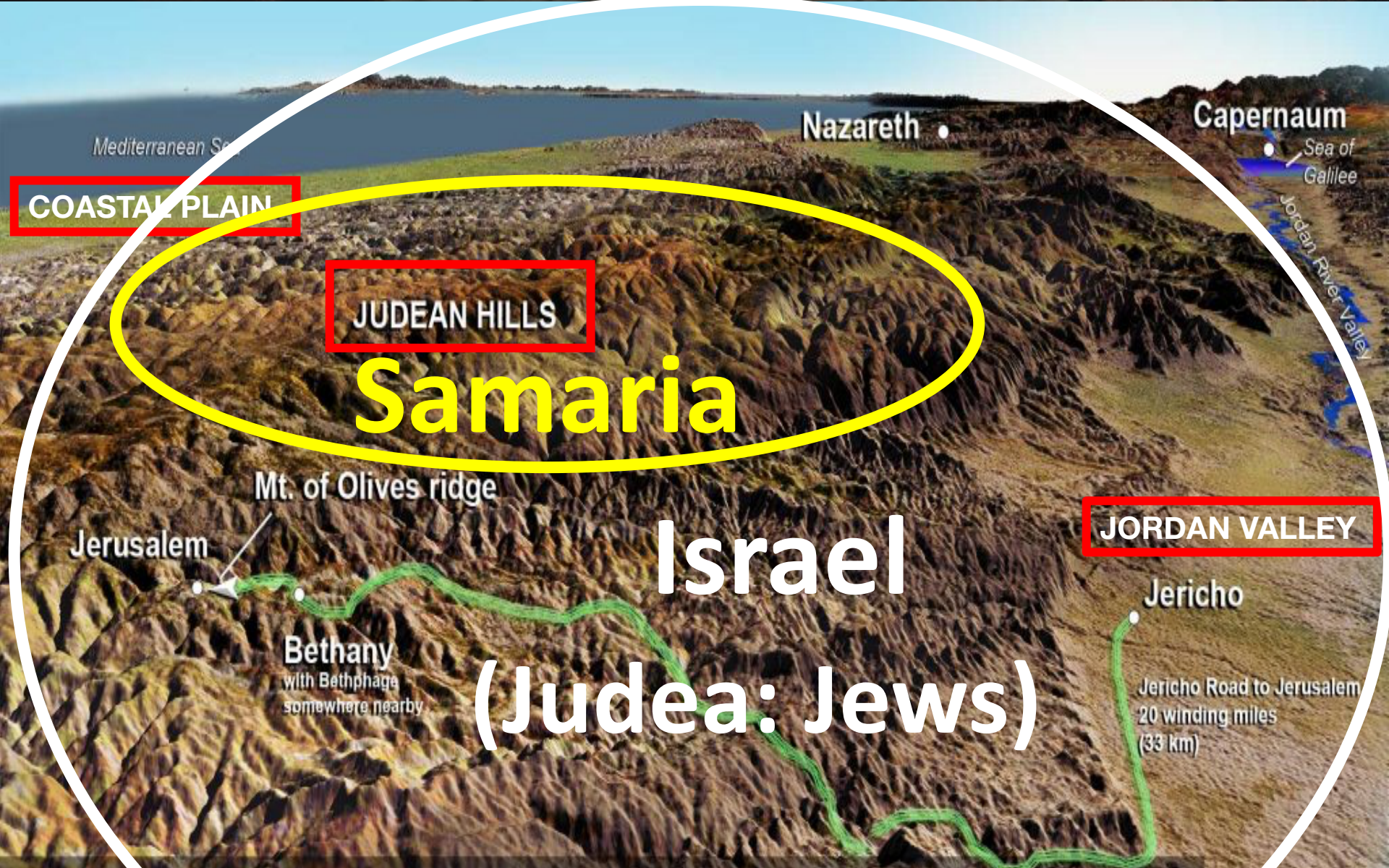
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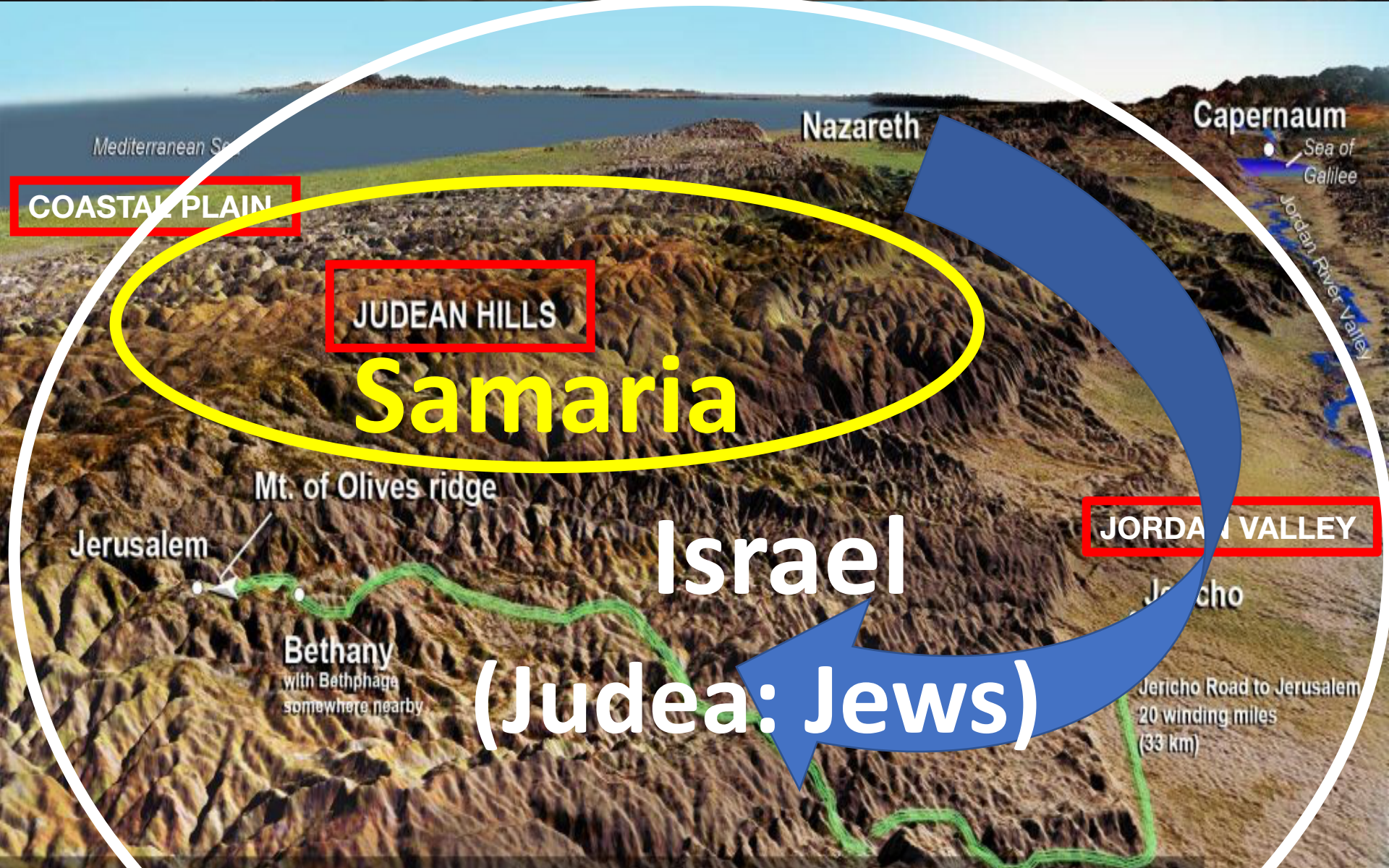
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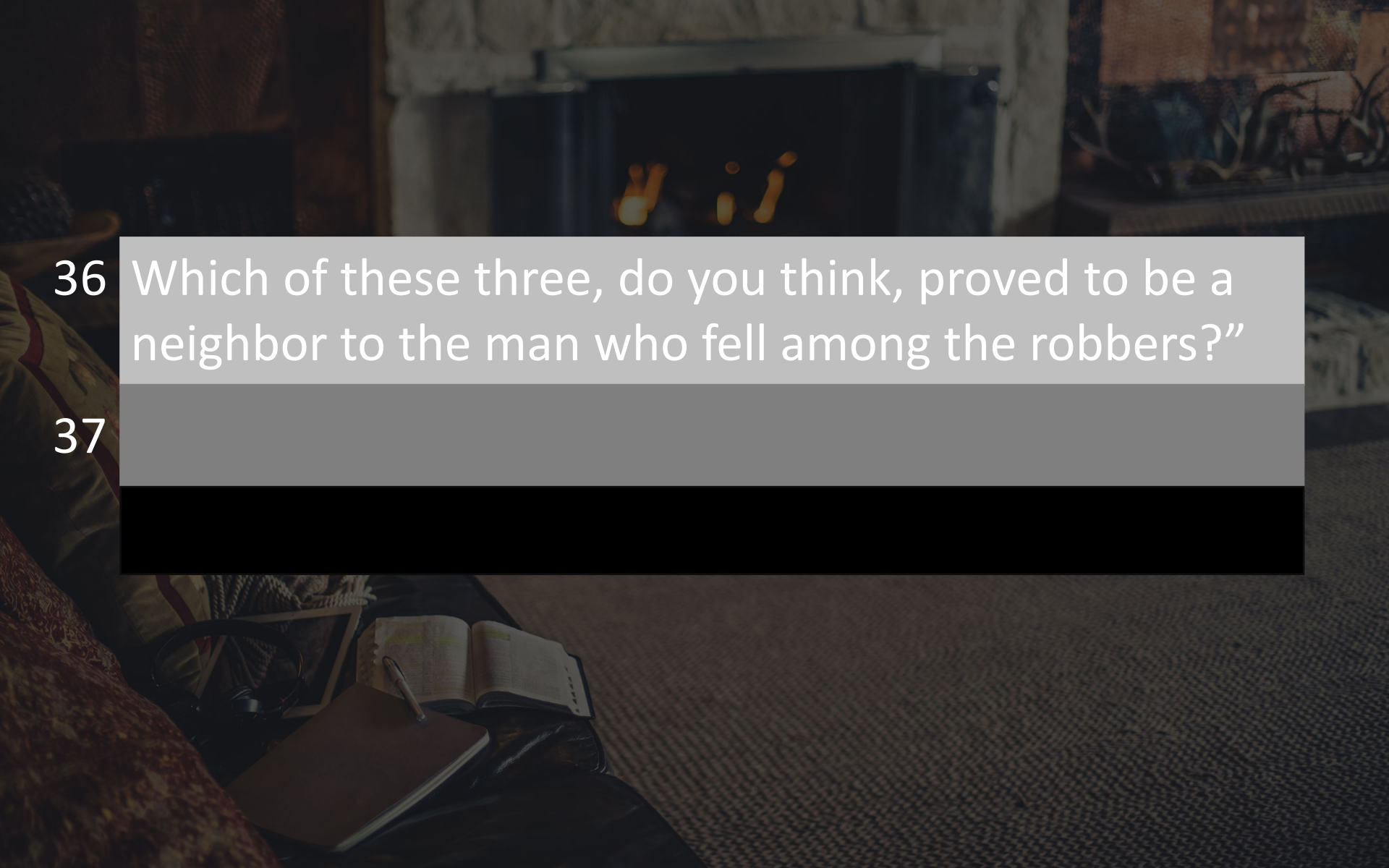
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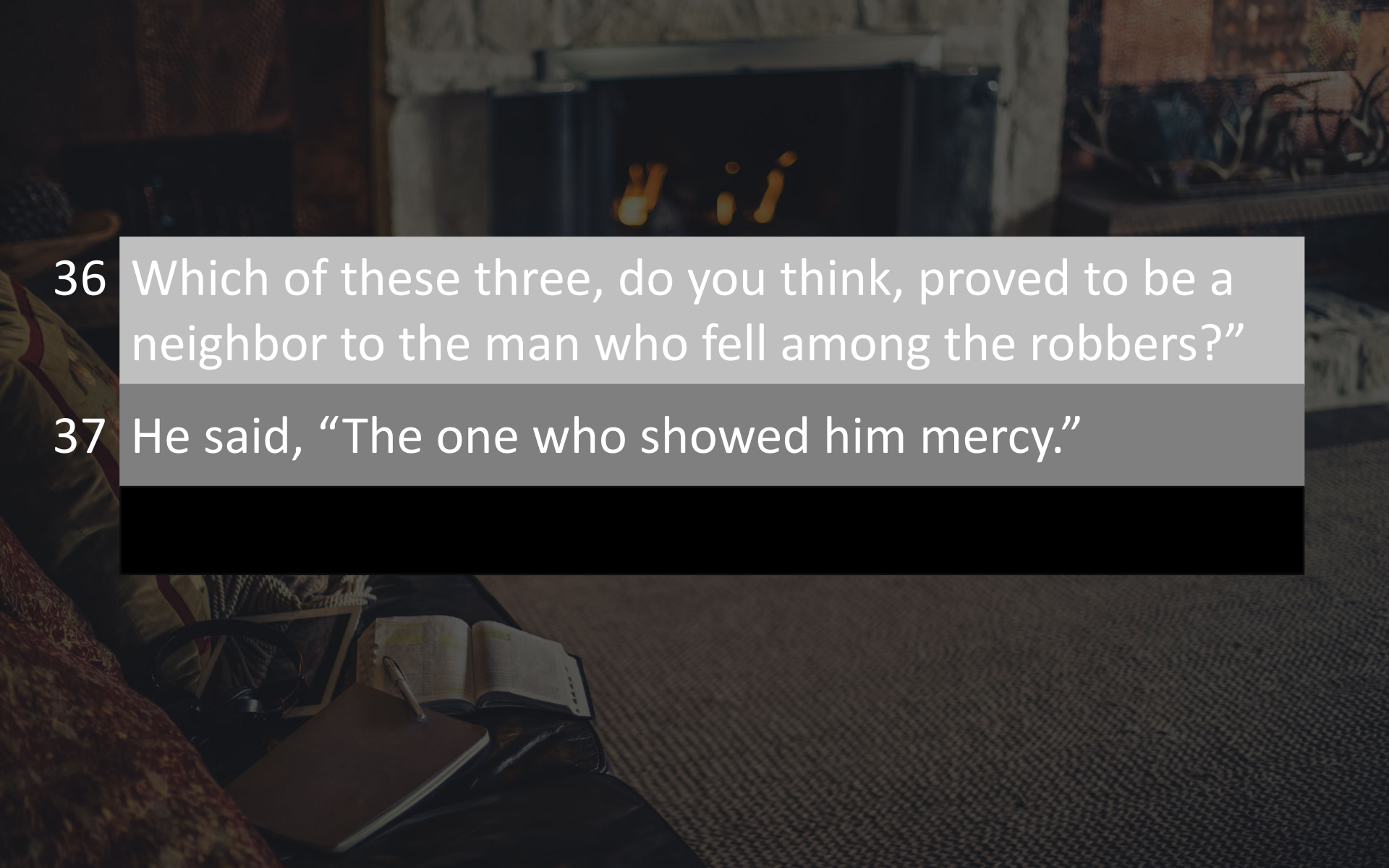
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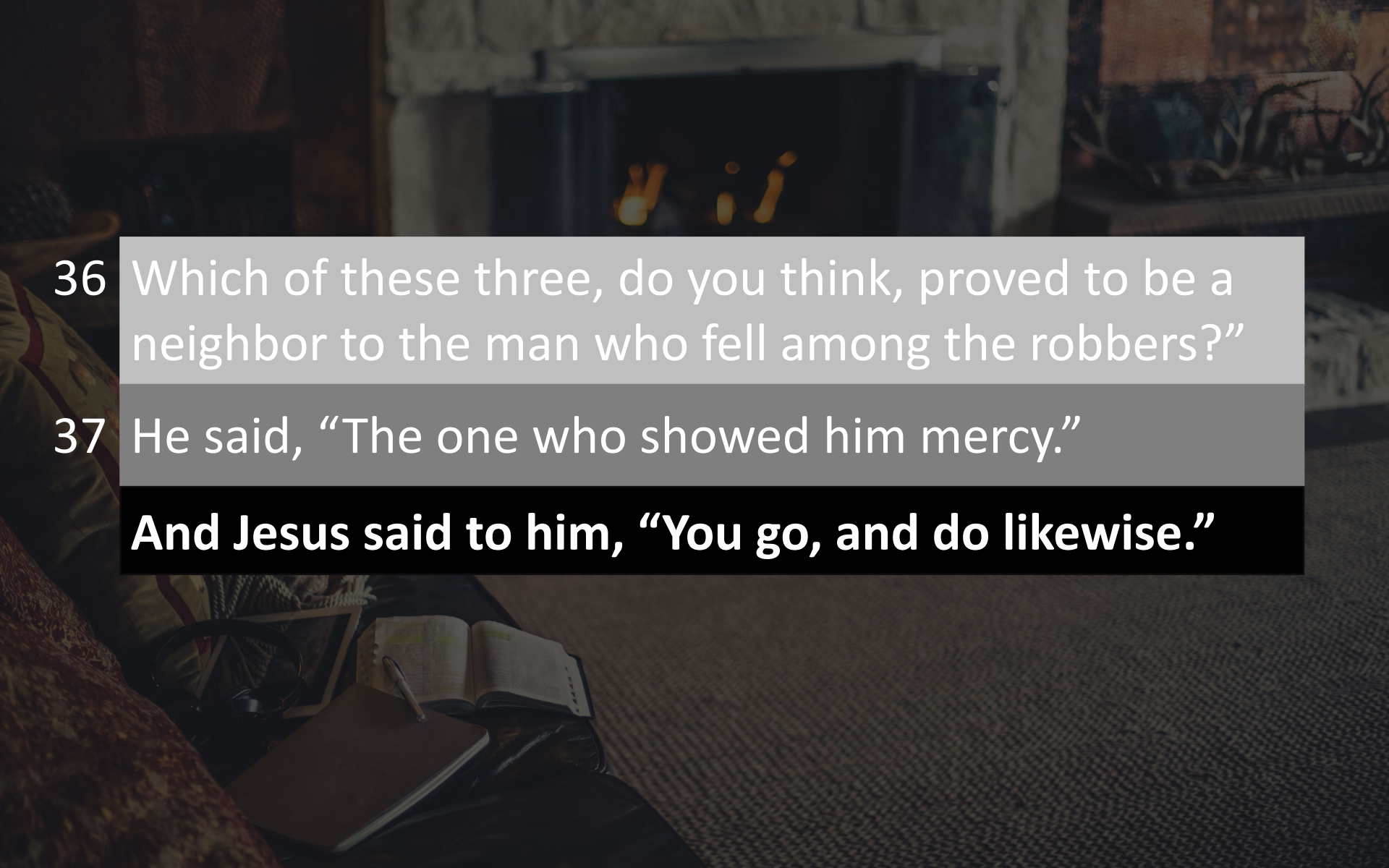
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