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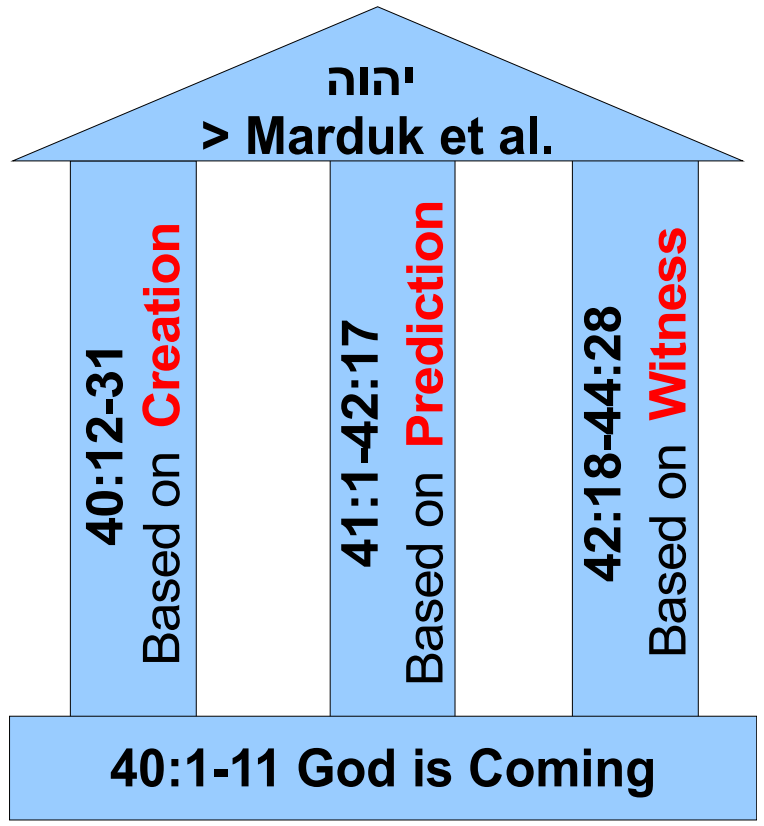
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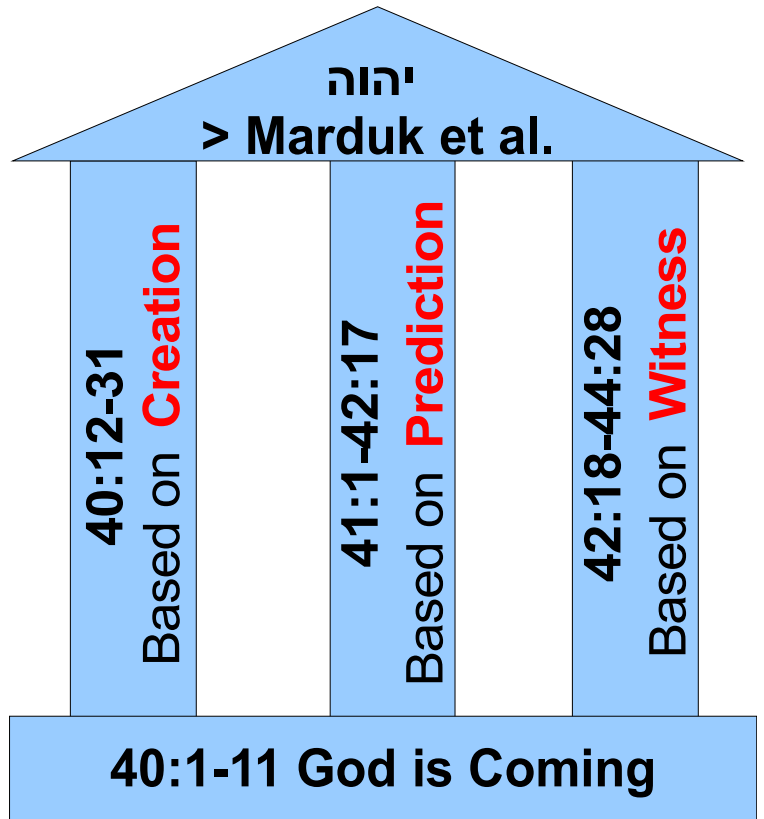
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Koldewey's Map of Babylon

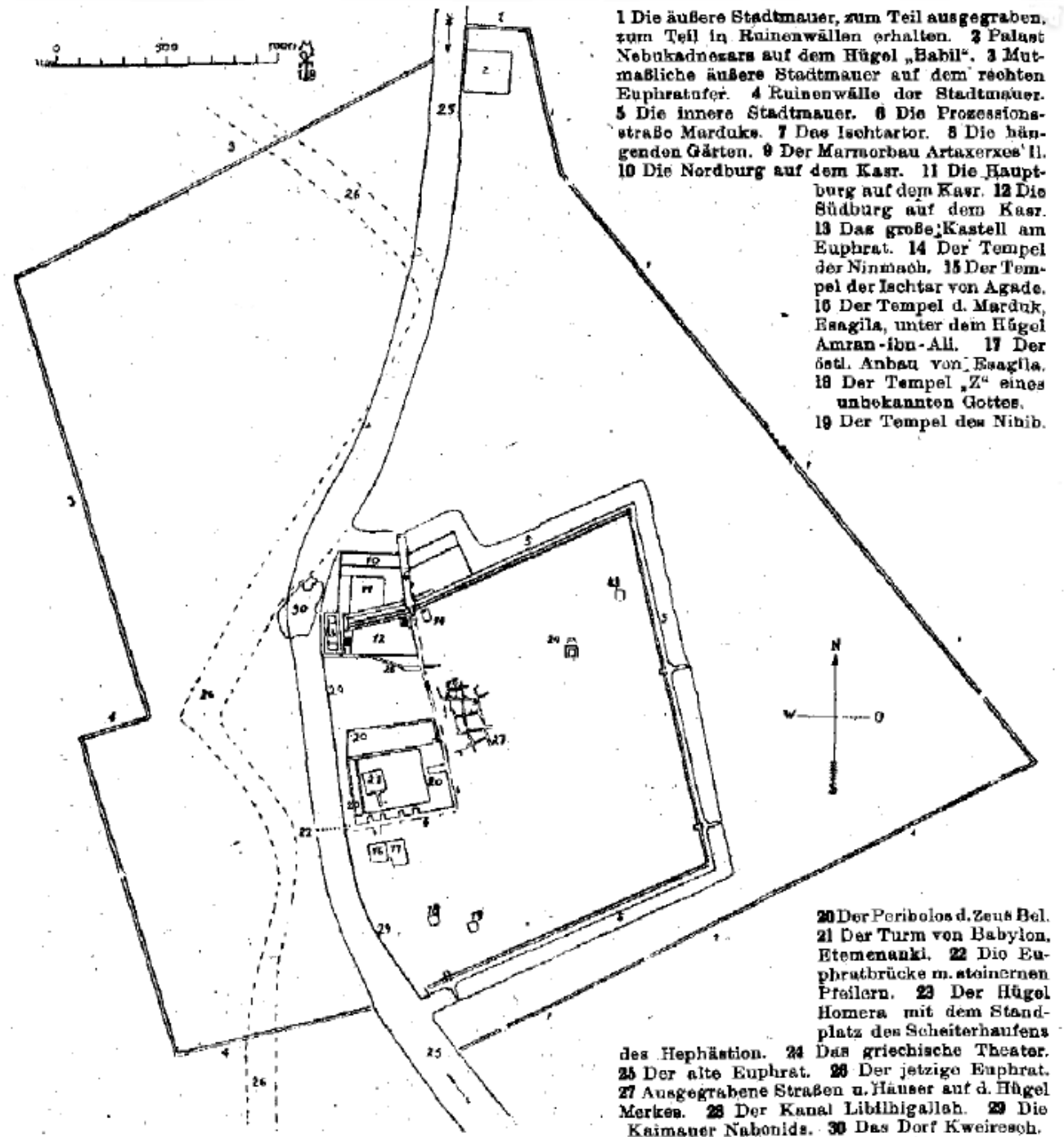


Abb. 2. Plan von Babylon, zum Teil ergänzt.

45:2-7, Three Purposeful Acts

<p>Act</p>	<p>2-3a I will destroy obstacles</p>	<p>4b I have called thee ... titled thee</p>	<p>5 I girded thee</p>
<p>Purpose</p>	<p>3b that thou [Cyrus] mayest know</p>	<p>4a for Jacob's sake, and Israel</p>	<p>6a that the world may know</p>
<p>Divine Title</p>	<p>I, the Lord, am the God of Israel</p>	<p>5 I am the Lord, and there is none else</p>	<p>6b I am the Lord, and there is none else 7 I, the Lord, do all these things</p>

למען = that, for the sake of

45:7 as Summary of vv. 8-10

7 I form the **light**,
I make **peace**,

and create **darkness**:
and create **evil**:

8 Drop down, ye heavens,
from above, and let the
skies pour down
righteousness: let the
earth open, and let them
bring forth **salvation**, and
let **righteousness** spring
up together; I the LORD
have created it.

9-10 **Woe** unto him that striveth
with his Maker! *Let* the potsherd
strive with the potsherds of the
earth. Shall the clay say to him
that fashioneth it, What makest
thou? or thy work, He hath no
hands? 10 **Woe** unto him that
saith unto *his* father, What
begettest thou? or to the
woman, What hast thou brought
forth?

The Metaphor of 45:8

55:10 the **rain** cometh down,
and the **snow** from **heaven**,
and returneth not thither,

but watereth the **earth**, and
maketh it **bring forth and bud**,
that it may give **seed** to the
sower, and **bread** to the eater:

45:8 **Drop down**, ye **heavens**,
from above, and let the **skies**
pour down righteousness:

let the **earth** open, and let
salvation and **righteousness**
be **fruitful**, let it **cause to**
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heaven, verbs of descent

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righteousness צדק

salvation, righteousness צדקה

Layers of Meaning in 45:8

	Nature	Metaphor	OT	NT
What comes down	Rain & dew	Righteousness צדק	God's Judgment	The Gospel (Christ died & rose for us)
What grows	Crops	Salvation	Deliverance from Enemies	Deliverance from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guilt • Satan
		Righteousness צדקה	Godly conduct taught from Zion (2:3)	Righteousness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical • Imputed

Righteousness and Judgment

Psa 98:9 the LORD ... cometh to judge the earth: **with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.**

Psa 119:75 I know, O LORD, that thy **judgments are right[eousness]**, and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

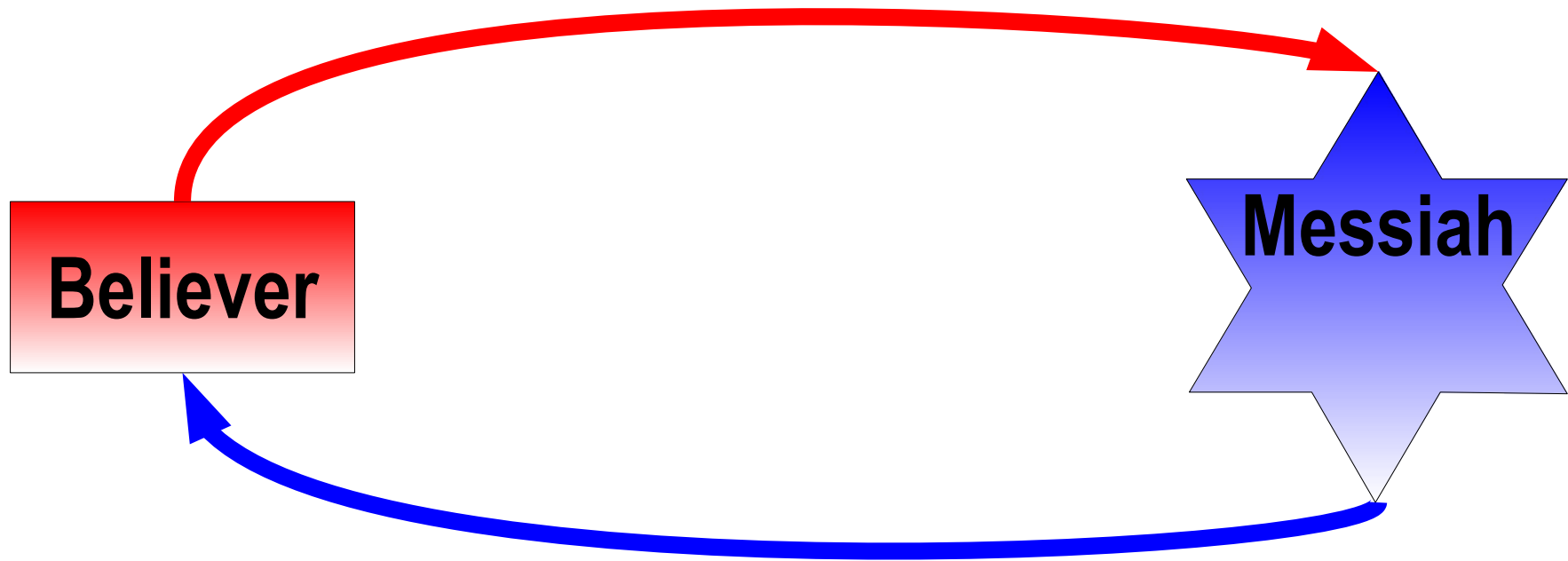
Isa 42:21 The LORD is well pleased for his **righteousness'** sake; he will **magnify the law**, and make *it* honourable.

Jer 11:20 O LORD of hosts, that **judgest righteous[ness]**, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them:

Imputed Righteousness (2 Cor 5:21)

Salvation:

he hath made him, who knew no **sin**, to be **sin** for us



Righteousness:

that we might be made the **righteousness** of God in him

Jer 23:6 this *is* his name whereby he shall be called,
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22b for **I am God, and there is
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Who's Speaking When in 45:14-17?

14 Thus saith **the LORD**,

The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and **they** shall be thine: **they** shall come after thee; in chains **they** shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, **they** shall make supplication unto thee, saying,

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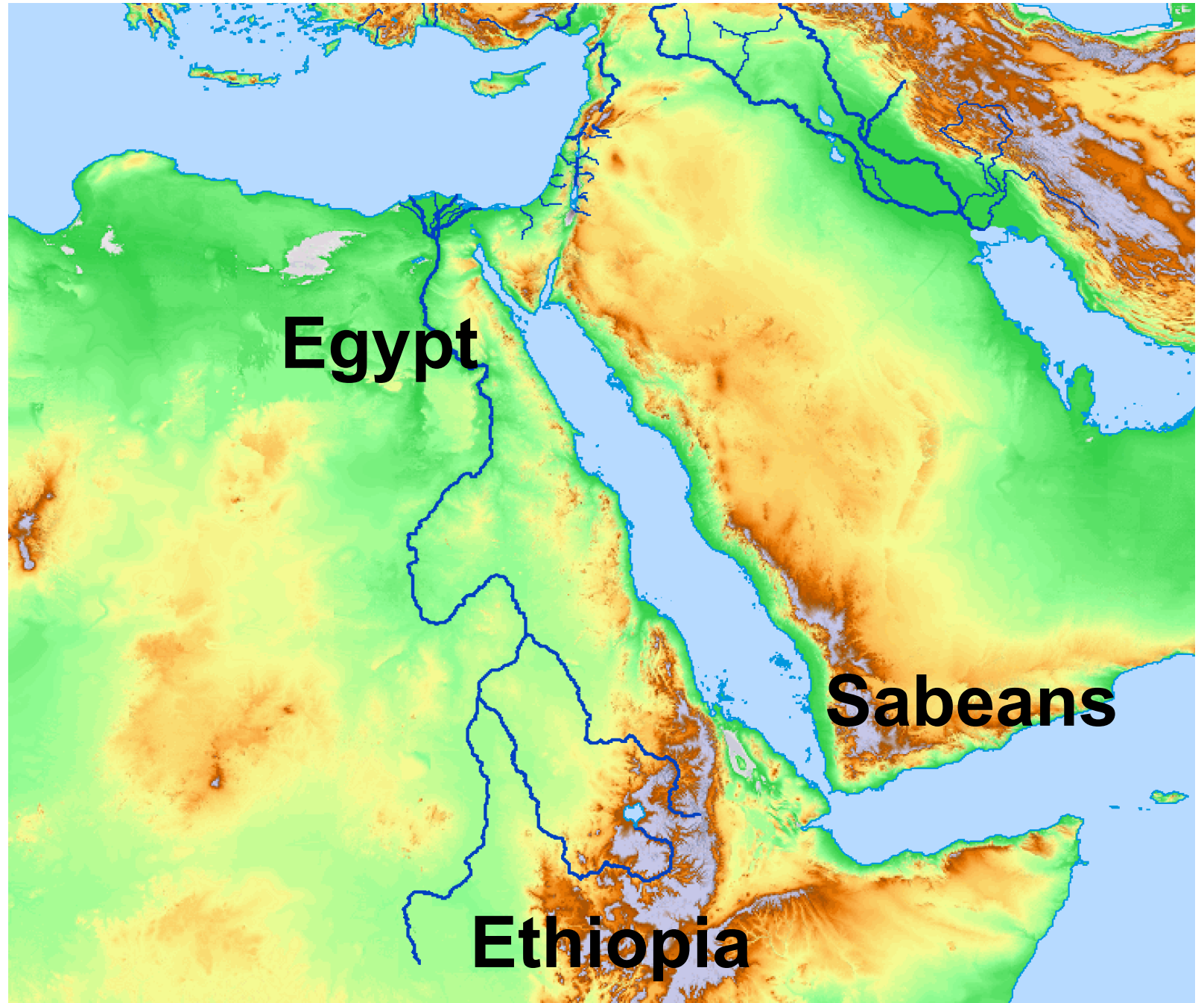
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45:20-22, An Invitation and a Reason

	vv. 20-21	v. 22
Invitation	20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, <i>ye that are</i> escaped of the nations:	22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth:
Reason	they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god <i>that</i> cannot save. 21 Tell ye, and bring <i>them</i> near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? <i>who</i> hath told it from that time? <i>have</i> not I the LORD? and <i>there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.</i>	<i>for I am God, and there is none else.</i>

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45:24-25, The Moral Choice

Singular

Plural

Promise of Salvation	24a Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength:	25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified , and shall glory.
Possible Responses	24b <i>even</i> to him shall he come ;	24c and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

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ch. 46, Call to Israel

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46:6-7, The Futility of Idols

Idol's Origin	6 They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, <i>and</i> hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god:	
Human Worship (7A)	they fall down, yea , they worship. 7 They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth;	yea , <i>one</i> shall cry unto him,
Idol's Impotence (disjunctive clause)	from his place shall he not remove:	yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

Pictures of People Carrying their Idols

Shinto shrine: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Mikoshi1.jpg>

Images of the Virgin Mary

- Brazil: <http://www.travelblog.org/Photos/3411291>

- Sardinia: <http://mysardinia.com/1743/sardinias-most-popular-song/>

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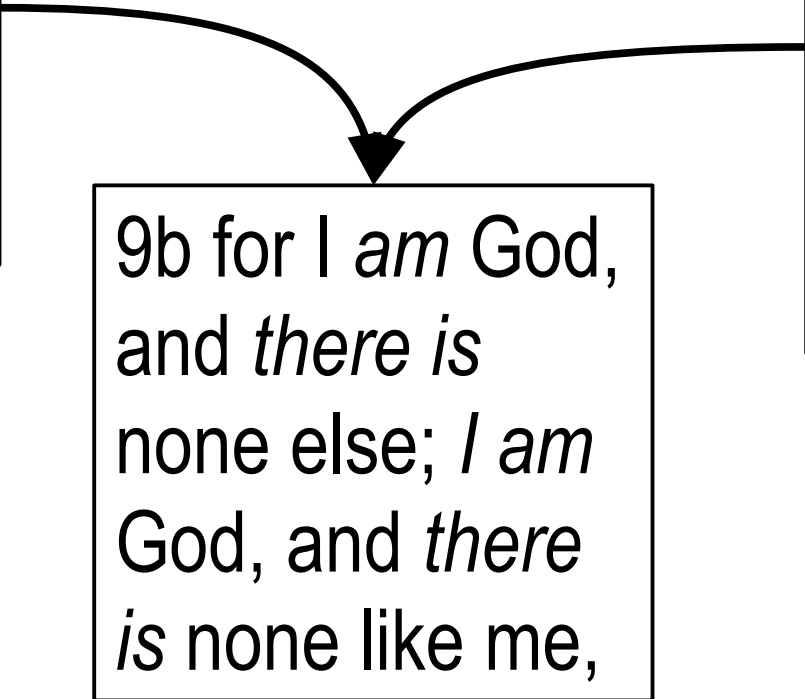
46:8-10, Past and Future Predictions

**Evidence:
Past Predictions**

8 Remember
this ... 9a
Remember
the former
things of old:

**Evidence:
Future Predictions**

10-11 Declaring the
end from the
beginning, and from
ancient times *the*
things that are not
yet done, ...



9b for I *am* God,
and *there is*
none else; I *am*
God, and *there*
is none like me,

**Conclusion:
God is Incomparable**

46:10-11

God's Word	10a Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times <i>the things</i> that are not yet done,	11b yea, I have spoken it , I will also bring it to pass;
God's Purpose	10b saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:	11c I have purposed it , I will also do it.
The Promise	11a Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country:	

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47:1-15, Judgment on Babylon

1-5 Declaration of Judgment

Sit in the dust ... **sit** thou silent
our **redeemer**, the Lord of Hosts

6-11 Indictment of Sin

12-15 Failure of Other Helpers

Stand now ...

Let now the astrologers **stand up**
and **save you**

47:1-5 Declaration of Judgment

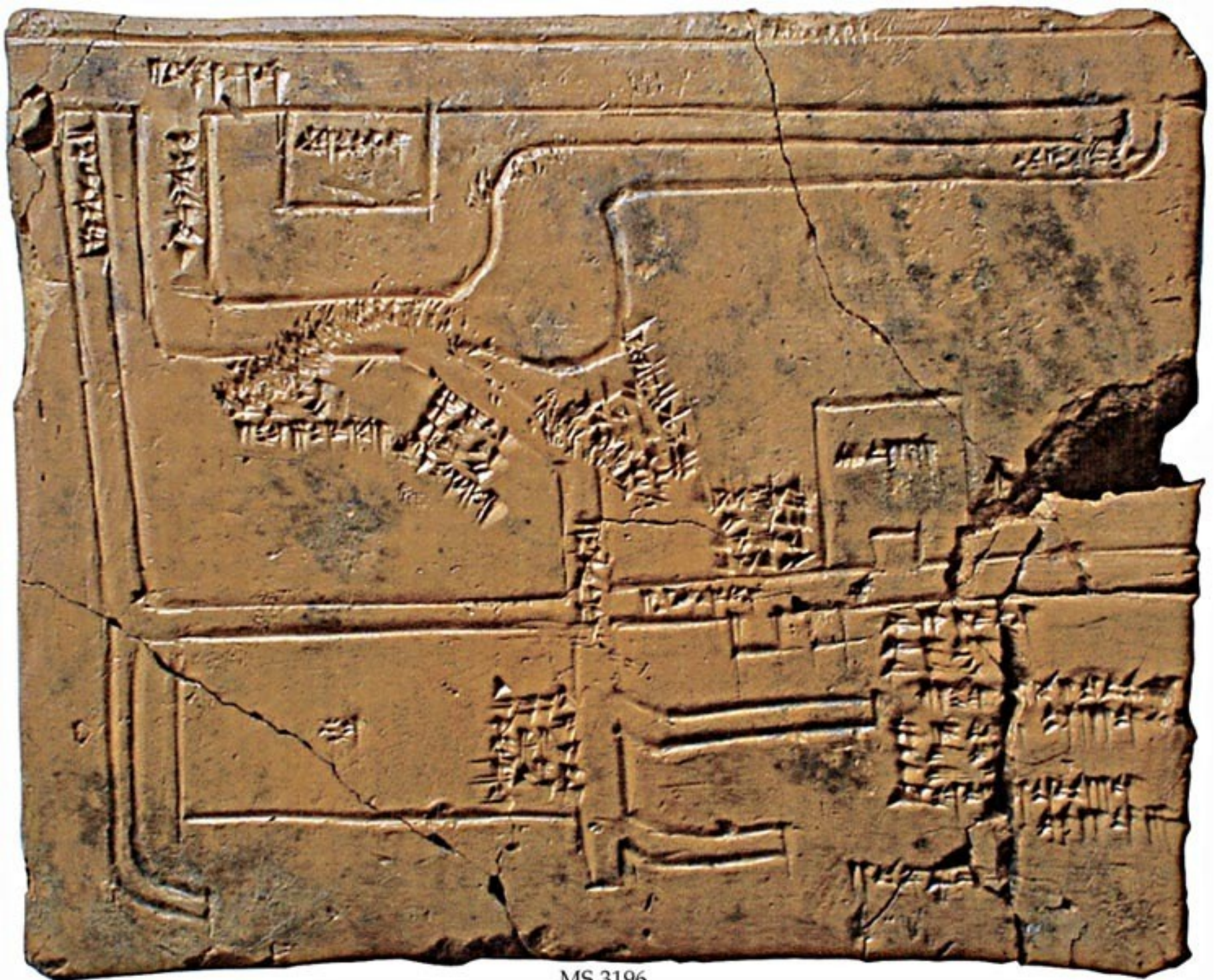
<p>The Effect (Imperatives and Passives: Agent Unspecified)</p>	<p>1 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: <i>there is</i> no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.</p> <p>2 Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.</p> <p>3a Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen:</p>	<p>5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.</p>
<p>The Agent</p>	<p>3b I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.</p> <p>4 <i>As for</i> our redeemer, the LORD of hosts <i>is</i> his name, the Holy One of Israel.</p>	

Irrigation Canals in Mesopotamia

**Canals near
Nippur (modern
Iraq), 1500-1155
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Map of canals and irrigation systems to the west of Euphrates. Babylonia, 1684-1647 BC

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47:6-11 Indictment

Babylon's Action	6 I was wroth; thou didst show no mercy	
Babylon's Attitude	7-8 thou saidst ... thou sayest ... I am, and none else beside me	10 thou hast said ... thou has said ... I am, and none else beside me
Multiple Judgments	9 loss of children widowhood (2x)	11 evil, mischief, desolation (3x)

47:12-15, Failure of Other Helpers

<p>Invitation</p>	<p>12 Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be [perhaps] thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.</p>	<p>13b Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from <i>these things</i> that shall come upon thee.</p>
<p>Failure</p>	<p>13a Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels.</p>	<p>14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: <i>there shall not be</i> a coal to warm at, <i>nor</i> fire to sit before it. 15 Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, <i>even</i> thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.</p>

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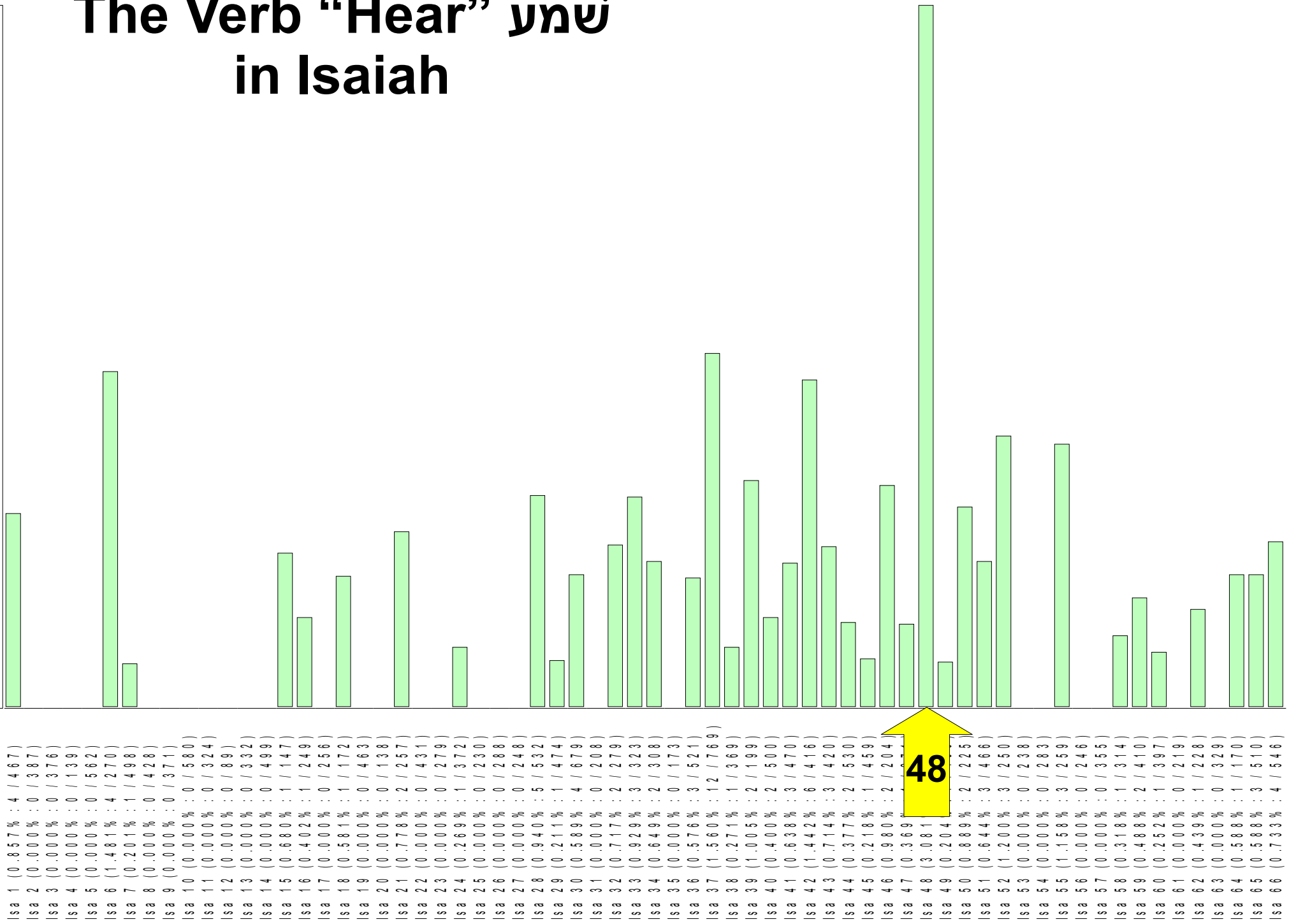
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The Verb “Hear” שָׁמַע in Isaiah

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48:1-13, Blessing on Israel

Command	1-2 Hear, you who falsely call my name	12a Hear, you who are truly called
God's Credentials	3-8 Prediction	12b-13 Creation
Promise	9-11 Salvation for God's Sake	

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48:3-8, Prediction

	Former Things (Past Predictions)	New Things (Current Predictions)
What God has done	3 I have declared the former things from the beginning... I did <i>them</i> suddenly, and they came to pass.	6c I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.
His motives	4 Because I knew that thou art obstinate... 5 I have even from the beginning declared <i>it</i> to thee ; before it came to pass I shewed <i>it</i> thee : lest thou shouldst say , Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.	7 They are created now, and not from the beginning ; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldst say , Behold, I knew them.
Israel's Culpability	6a Thou hast heard , see all this;	8 Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time that formerly thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldst deal very treacherously, ...
Appeal to Witnesses	6b and [you,] will not ye declare <i>it</i> ?	

48:9-11, Salvation for God's Sake

Motive	9 For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.	11 For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do <i>it</i> : for how should <i>my name</i> be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.
Action	10 Behold, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I have refined thee, but not with silver;• I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.	

48:12b-13, The Credential of Creation

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12 Who hath ... meted out **heaven**
with the **span**,

21 have ye not understood from the
foundations of the earth?

26 **he calleth them all** by names by
the greatness of his might

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41:4 I the LORD, the **first**, and with
the **last**

41:4; 43:10 **I am he**

43:10 **before** me there was no God
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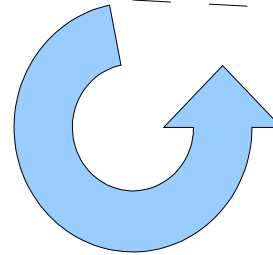
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14a All ye, **assemble** yourselves, and **hear**;

14b which among them hath declared these *things*?

The LORD hath loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm *shall be on* the Chaldeans.

15 I, *even* I, have spoken; yea, **I have called him**: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

16a **Come ye near** unto me, **hear** ye this;

16b I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there *am* I: and now **the Lord GOD**, and his Spirit, **hath sent me**.

A Crescendo of Titles

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45:11 Thus saith **the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker,**

48:17 Thus saith **the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I the LORD thy God**

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