

The Watchman's Calls and the Lord's Responses

Addressee	Call	Response
Arm of the Lord	Impv: Deliver God's people Ind: You have done it before	In spite of their fear, the Lord will deliver his people
Jerusalem	Impv: Stand to hear the Lord. Ind: Your suffering is terrible	The Lord will end the suffering he has brought her, and turn it on those who oppress her
Zion	Impv: Rejoice and arise Ind: The Gentiles will no more defile you	The Lord's motive: restore the reputation of his name

“The Lord’s people are to **rejoice** because the promised Servant will **deliver** Zion from her **suffering**.”

Chiasm in 52:3-6

Remedy 1: 3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye ~~have sold yourselves~~ were sold **for nought**; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

Problem 1, Detail: 4 For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.
5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away **for nought**?

Problem 1, Summary: they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD;

Problem 2: and **my name** continually every day *is* blasphemed.

Remedy 2: 6 Therefore my people shall know **my name**: therefore *they shall know* in that day that I *am* he that doth speak: behold, *it is* I.

52:6 Successive Revelations of God

<p>Therefore my people shall know my name:</p>	<p>Exod 6:3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by <i>the name of</i> God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. → Promise-keeper</p>
<p>therefore <i>they shall know</i> in that day that I am he that doth speak:</p>	<p>→ Revealer</p>
<p>behold, <i>it is</i> הניני I</p>	<p>(next page...)</p>

Two uses of הַנְּנִי

1. Emphasize the subject of a predication: Gen 48:4 **Behold**, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee (146x the Lord, 9x people)
2. By itself, “Here am I.” (4x the Lord [all Isa], 19x people)

Gen 22:1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, **Behold, here I am.**

Gen 27:1 And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, **Behold, here am I.**

1Sa 3:4 the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, **Here am I.** (so 5x in 1 Sam 3)

→ When spoken by God, shows his **tender, condescending care.**

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Arm of the Lord	51:9-16	52:10
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Syntax of 52:7-12

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto **Zion**, Thy God reigneth! 8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing:

for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of **Jerusalem**:

for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The LORD hath made bare **his holy arm** in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean *thing*; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

12 **For** ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight:

for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel *will be* your rereward.

Who is the Herald?

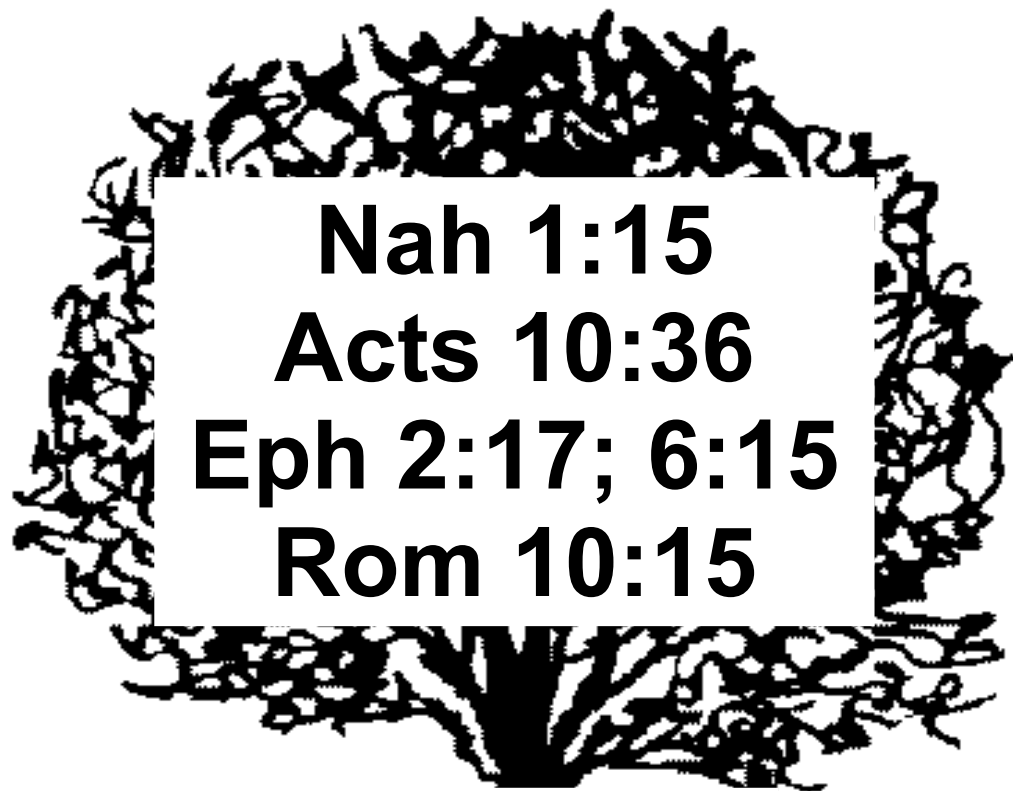
He announces, “Thy God reigneth” (v. 7)

Yet the “watchmen ... **see eye to eye** עֵין בְּעֵין יִרְאוּ”
(v. 8)

Num 14:14 the inhabitants ... have heard that thou LORD *art* among this people, that thou LORD art **seen face to face** [eye to eye, עֵין בְּעֵין נִרְאָה אֶתְּךָ], and *that* thy cloud standeth over them, and *that* thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

→ The one who proclaims the reign of God is himself the LORD

Roots and Branches of 52:7-8



Nah 1:15
Acts 10:36
Eph 2:17; 6:15
Rom 10:15

Isa 52:7-8



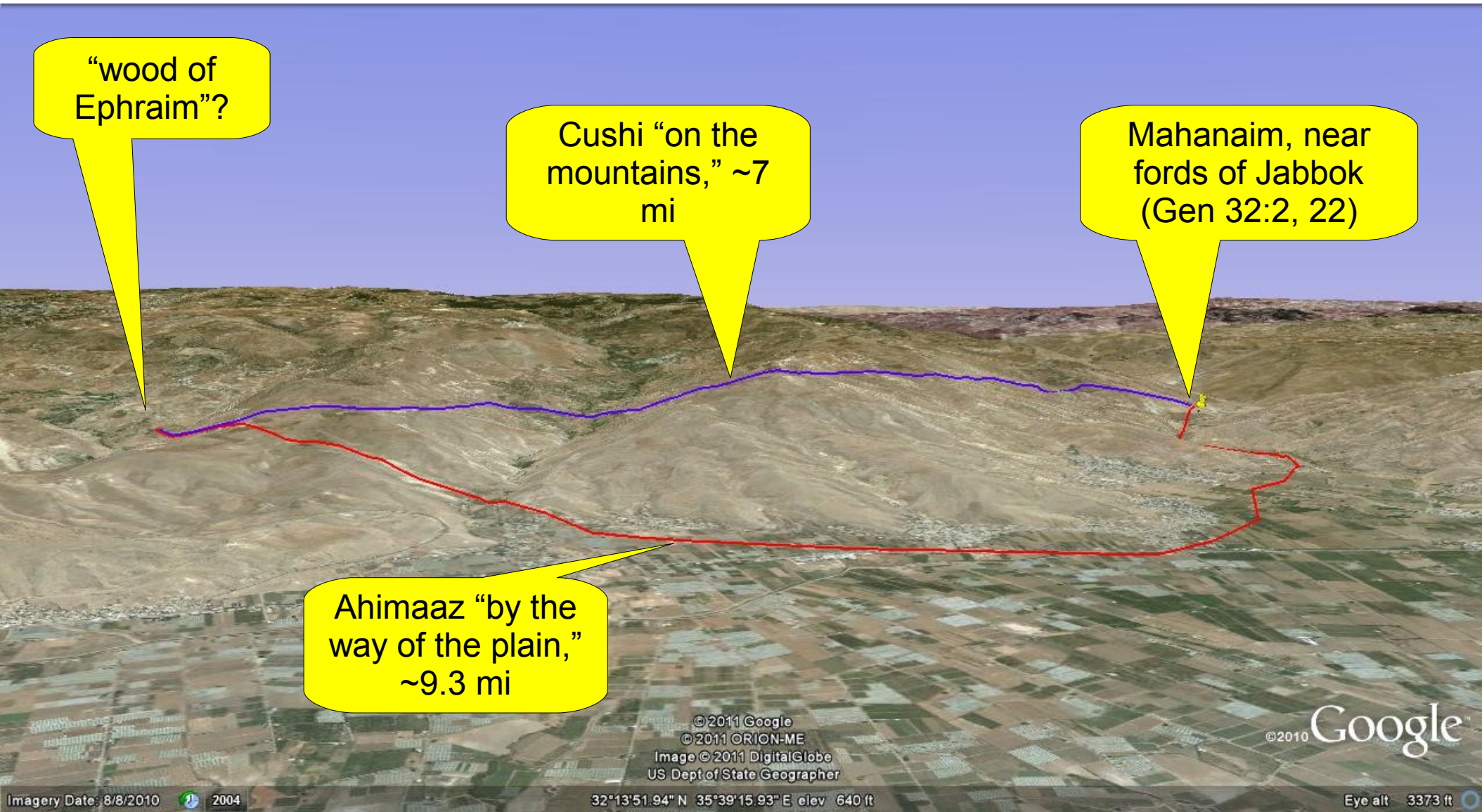
2 Sam 18:19-33



Roots: The Messengers in 2 Sam 18:19-33

2Sa 18:19 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now **run**, and **bear** the king **tidings**, ... 20 And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day,... because the king's son is dead. 21 Then said Joab to Cush, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cush bowed himself unto Joab, and ran. 22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cush. ... 23 Then Ahimaaz ran by **the way of the plain**, and overran Cush. 24... and the **watchman** went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone. 25 And the **watchman** cried, and told the king. ... 28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against **my lord the king**. ... 31 And, behold, Cush came; and Cush said, Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath **avenged thee** this day of all them that rose up against thee. 32 And the king said unto Cush, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Cush answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do *thee* hurt, be as *that* young man *is*. 33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

Two Ways to Mahanaim (looking East)



Branches: Nahum

Nah 1:15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off. (ca. 650 BC)