





DESIGNS

**Psalm 127:**  
**How Can I Be Remembered?**

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1. Unpacking the Psalm

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# Where Are We in the Story?

Creation → Abraham → Exodus → Conquest → Judges → **Monarchy**

CREATION	PATRIARCH	EXODUS	CONQUEST	JUDGES	KINGDOM	EXILE	RETURN	SILENCE
        								
Adam Eve Noah	Abraham Isaac Jacob	Moses Aaron Pharaoh	Joshua Caleb Rahab	Gideon Samson Ruth	David Solomon Josiah	Daniel Ezekiel Jeremiah	Ezra Nehemiah Esther	Pharisees Sadducees
Creation  Fall of man  Flood	God makes covenants (promises)  Joseph in Egypt	Deliverance from slavery  The Law  Wandering	Conquest of Jericho and Canaan  Israel has a new home	Cycles of sin, discipline, repentance, deliverance.	Israel gets a king  Kingdom divides, north vs. south	Prophets warn & encourage  Israel is conquered	Return to Jerusalem  Physical & spiritual restoration	Greeks & Romans rule Israel  Hope for a Messiah



# Songs of Ascent

Psalm 120: God's presence during distress

Psalm 121: Joyful praise to the Lord

Psalm 122: Prayer for Jerusalem

Psalm 123: Patience for God's mercy

Psalm 124: Help comes from the Lord

Psalm 125: Prayer for God's blessing upon His people

Psalm 126: The Lord has done great things

Psalm 127: God's blessing on man's efforts

Psalm 128: Joy for those who follow God's ways

Psalm 129: A cry for help to the Lord

Psalm 130: A prayer of repentance

Psalm 131: Surrender as a child to the Lord

Psalm 132: God's sovereign plan for His people

Psalm 133: Praise of brotherly fellowship and unity

Psalm 134: Praise to God in His temple



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**“Vain (shav’)**” **Meaning:** vain/empty/worthless

1) emptiness, vanity, falsehood

1a) emptiness, nothingness, vanity

1b) emptiness of speech, lying

1c) worthlessness (of conduct)

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GERMAN CONFEDERATION, 1815-1855

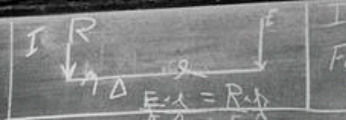
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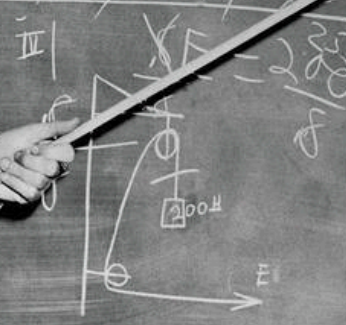
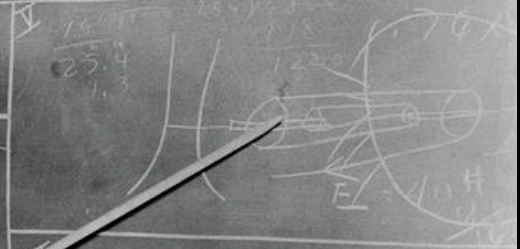
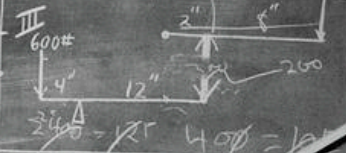
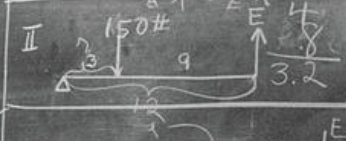




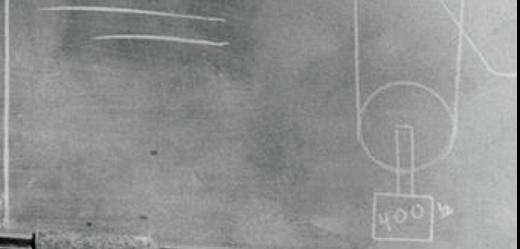
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# Timber Feet per Hectare

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Illegible Natural vs. Legible "Scientific" Forests







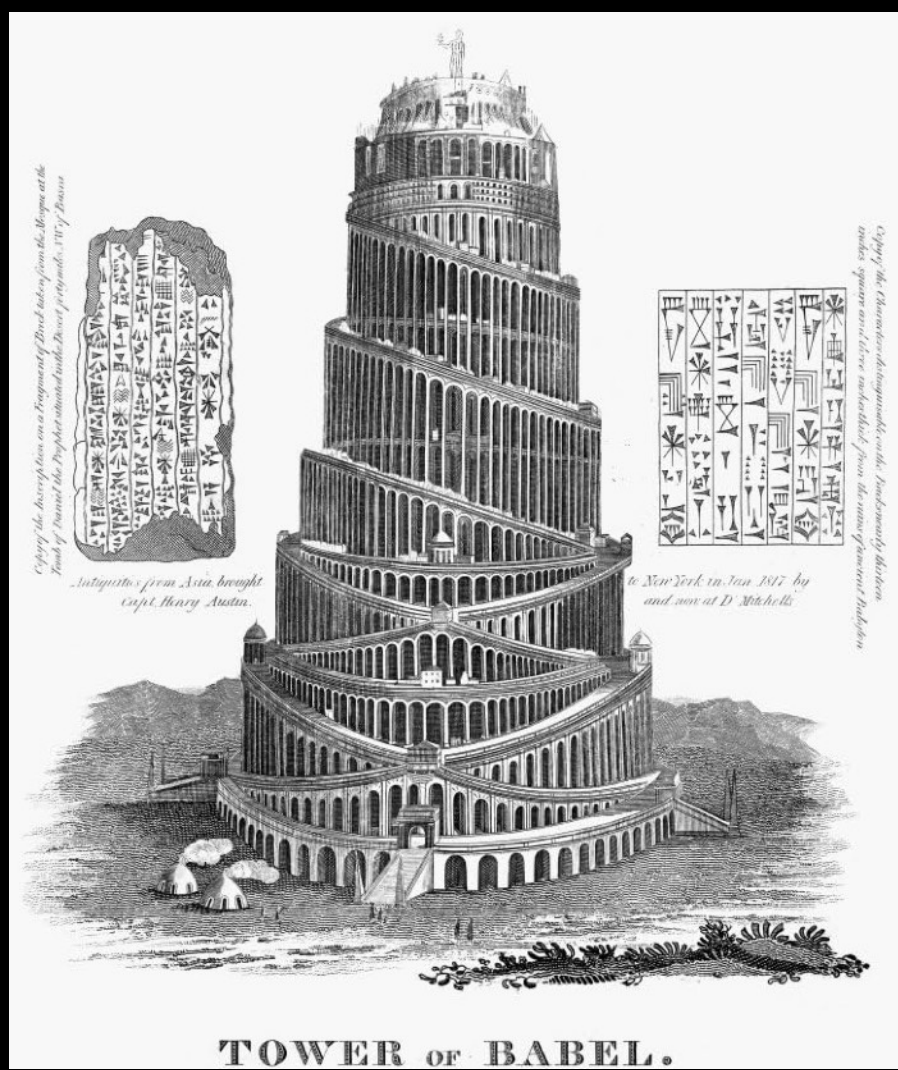
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*(Forest Death)*



# Genesis 11:4-8

- <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and **let us make a name for ourselves,** lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ... <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.
- <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech."



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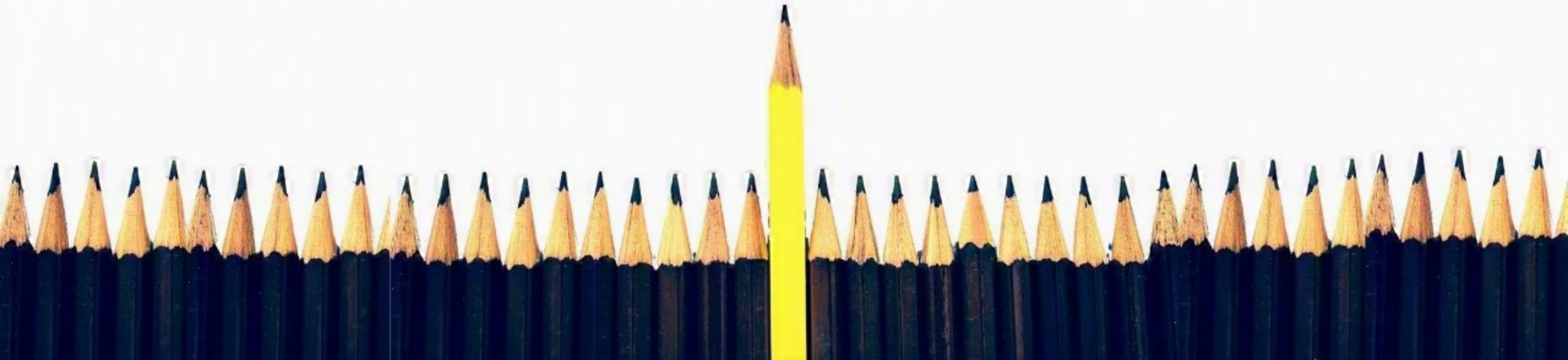
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## Genesis 3

- <sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
- <sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.
- <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

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# Genesis 15

<sup>3</sup> And Abram said,

“Behold, you have given me no offspring,  
and a member of my household will be  
my heir.”

<sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD  
came to him:

“This man shall not be your heir; your  
very own son shall be your heir.”

<sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said,  
“Look toward heaven, and number the  
stars, if you are able to number them.”

Then he said to him,

“So shall your offspring be.”



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Here Solomon describes such children as, distinguished by uprightness and integrity... that they may shut the mouths of the malevolent and of calumniators. In ancient times, as is well known, judicial assemblies were held at the gates of cities. He therefore here speaks of the gate, as if in the present day one should speak of the bench, or the courts, or the senate.



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## 1 Kings 9

<sup>1</sup> As soon as Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD...

<sup>3</sup> ...the LORD said to him, “ ... <sup>4</sup> if you will walk before me, as David your father walked...<sup>5</sup> then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever..’

<sup>6</sup> But if you turn aside from following me, you or your children...<sup>7</sup> then I will cut off Israel from the land that I have given them, and the house that I have consecrated for my name I will cast out of my sight, and Israel will become a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

<sup>8</sup> And this house will become a heap of ruins...”







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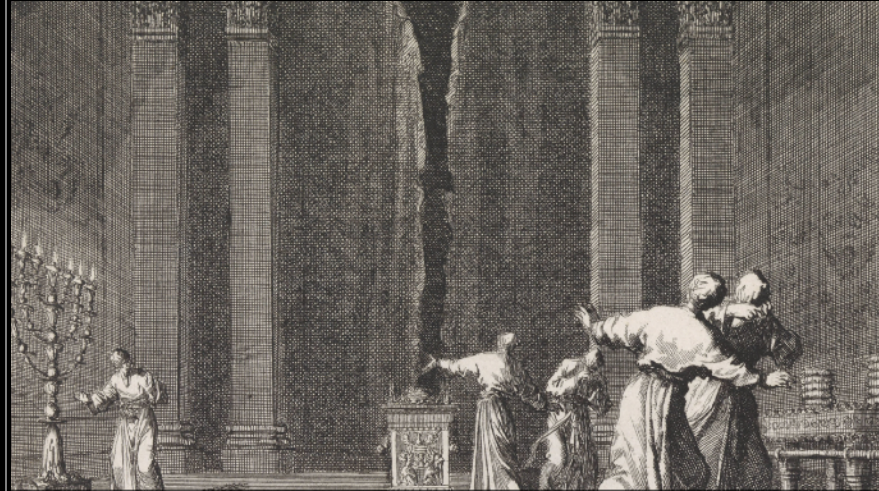
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- Luke 5:27-32 - Jesus dines with "tax collectors and sinners," answers Pharisees with "I came not to call the righteous but sinners."
- Luke 7:36-50 - the sinful woman anointing his feet.
- Luke 19:1-10 - Zacchaeus, chief tax collector; "the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."
- John 4:1-42 - Samaritan woman at the well, doubly marginal (ethnicity, moral history, gender).
- Matthew 8:1-3 - touching the leper, ritually unclean, "I will; be clean."
- Luke 8:43-48 - the woman with the discharge of blood, another purity-law outcast, healed by touch.

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The image features a vibrant, repeating pattern of stylized flowers and foliage. The flowers are rendered in three distinct colors: a deep purple, a rich red, and a bright gold. They are set against a solid black background, which makes the colors pop. The floral elements are interspersed with green leaves and stems, creating a dense and textured appearance. Overlaid in the center of the image is the word "DESIGNS" in a large, white, sans-serif font. The letters are slightly transparent, allowing the underlying floral pattern to be visible through them.

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**“Preach the Gospel**

*Die*

**And Be Forgotten”**