

Baruch III

St. Raymond's Adult Bible Study
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PRAYER BEFORE READING THE BIBLE

SHINE within my heart, Loving Master, the pure light of Your Divine knowledge, and open the eyes of my mind that I may understand Your teaching. Instill in me reverence for Your commandments, so that having conquered my sinful desires, I may pursue a spiritual way of life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing in Your sight. For You, Christ our God, are my light and my life, and to You we render glory together with Your Eternal Father ✠ and Your All-Holy Spirit, now and always, and forever and ever. Amen.

+ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Baruch 3:10

Why is it, O Israel, why
is it that you are in the
land of your enemies...

Baruch 3:10

...that **you are growing
old in a foreign
country**, that you are
defiled with the dead...

Baruch 3:11

...that you are
counted among
those in Hades?

Baruch 3:11

You have forsaken
**the fountain of
wisdom.**

Baruch 3:13

If you had walked in the
way of God,
you would be **dwelling**
in peace for ever.

Baruch 3:15

Who has found her
place? And who has
entered her
storehouses?

Baruch 3:16

Where are **the princes**
of the nations, and
those who rule over the
beasts on earth...

Baruch 3:20

Young men have **seen**
the light of day, and
have dwelt upon the
earth...

Baruch 3:20

...but they have not learned
the way to **knowledge**

Gr. ἐπιστήμης (fem.)

Lat. disciplinæ (fem.)

Baruch 3:20

...nor understood

her paths, nor laid

hold of **her**.

Baruch 3:21

Their sons have
strayed far from
her way.

Baruch 3:22

She has not been
heard of in **Canaan**,
nor seen in **Teman**.



Baruch 3:23

...the sons of Hagar,
who seek for
understanding on the
earth...

[...have not learned
the way to wisdom]

Genesis 21:17–18

“What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not; for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him fast with your hand; **for I will make him a great nation.**”





Eucherius (ca. 380-ca. 450 CE), *Instructiones* 2

The **Ishmaelites** are called after Ishmael, Abraham's son, **the same** are also called Saracens, after Sarah, and Hagarenes, after Hagar.'

St. John Damascus (675–749), *Fount of Knowledge*

There is a superstition of the ***Ishmaelites*** which to this day prevails and keeps people in error, being a forerunner of the Antichrist. They are descended from Ishmael, was born to Abraham of Agar, and for this reason they are called both ***Agarenes and Ishmaelites.***

St. John Damascus (675–749), *Fount of Knowledge*

They are also called **Saracens**, which is derived from the **destitute of Sara**, because of what Agar said to the angel: 'Sara hath sent me away destitute.'

St. John Damascus (675–749), *Fount of Knowledge*

These used to be idolaters and worshiped the morning star and Aphrodite, whom in their own language they called **Khabár**, which means great.

St. John Damascus (675–749), *Fount of Knowledge*

And so down to the time of
Heraclius they were very great
idolaters. From that time to the
present **a false prophet named
Mohammed** has appeared in their
midst.

St. John Damascus (675–749), *Fount of Knowledge*

This man, after having chanced
upon the **Old and New**

Testaments and likewise, it seems,
having conversed with an Arian
monk, devised his own heresy.

St. John Damascus (675–749), *Fount of Knowledge*

Then, having insinuated himself into the good graces of the people by a show of seeming piety, **he gave out that a certain book had been sent down to him from heaven...**

St. John Damascus (675–749), *Fount of Knowledge*

He had set down some
ridiculous compositions in this
book of his and **he gave it to
them as an object of
veneration.**

Teaching of Jacob Newly Baptized ~634 A.D.

...and I said to him: 'What do you say to me about this prophet **who is appearing with the Saracens?**'

Teaching of Jacob Newly Baptized ~634 A.D.

And with a great groan he said: 'He is a deceiver. **Do prophets come with swords and chariots?** Really these are works of disorder set in motion today, and I fear that the Christ who came earlier, **whom the Christians worship** [is the true one...]

Baruch 3:23

...the sons of Hagar,
who seek for
understanding on the
earth...

Nostra Aetate 3

The Church regards
with esteem **also**
the Moslems...

Baruch 3:23

...the merchants of **Merran**
and **Teman**,

the **story-tellers** and the
seekers for understanding...

Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos

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Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos

Rejoice, for the clever critics
have made fools of
themselves!

Rejoice, for **the writers of
myths** have died out!

Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos

Rejoice, thou who didst break
the webs of the Athenians!

Rejoice, thou who didst fill the
nets of the fishermen!

Baruch 3:23

...have not learned the
way to wisdom, nor
given thought to her
paths.

Baruch 3:24

O Israel, how great is the
house of God!

And how vast the
territory that he possesses!

Baruch 3:25

It is great and **has no
bounds**; it is high and
immeasurable.

Baruch 3:26

The giants were born
there, who were famous
of old, **great in stature,**
expert in war.

Genesis 6:4

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NAB note on Genesis 6:4

As well as later: the belief was common that human beings of gigantic stature once lived on earth. In some cultures, such heroes could make positive contributions, but the Bible generally **regards them in a negative light** (cf. Nm 13:33; Ez 32:27). The point here is that even these heroes, filled with vitality from their semi-divine origin, come under God's decree in v. 3.



Gustave Doré (1866)

Baruch 3:27

God did not choose
them, nor give them **the**
way to knowledge...

Baruch 3:28

...so they perished **because**
they had no wisdom,
they perished through
their folly...

Baruch 3:29

**Who has gone up into
heaven, and taken her,
and brought her down
from the clouds?**

Baruch 3:30

**Who has gone over the
sea, and found her,
and will buy her for pure
gold?**

Deuteronomy 30:11

“For this commandment
which I command you this
day **is not too hard for you,**
neither is it far off.

Deuteronomy 30:12

It is not in heaven, that you should say, '**Who will go up for us to heaven**, and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'

Deuteronomy 30:13

Neither is it beyond the sea,
that you should say, '**Who will
go over the sea for us, and
bring it to us, that we may hear
it and do it?**'

Deuteronomy 30:14

But the word is very near
you; it is in your mouth
and in your heart, **so that
you can do it.**

Baruch 3:31

No one knows the way
to her, or is **concerned**
about the path to her.

Baruch 3:32

**But He who knows all
things knows her,**

he found her by his
understanding.

Baruch 3:32

He who prepared the earth
for all time

**filled it with four-footed
creatures...**



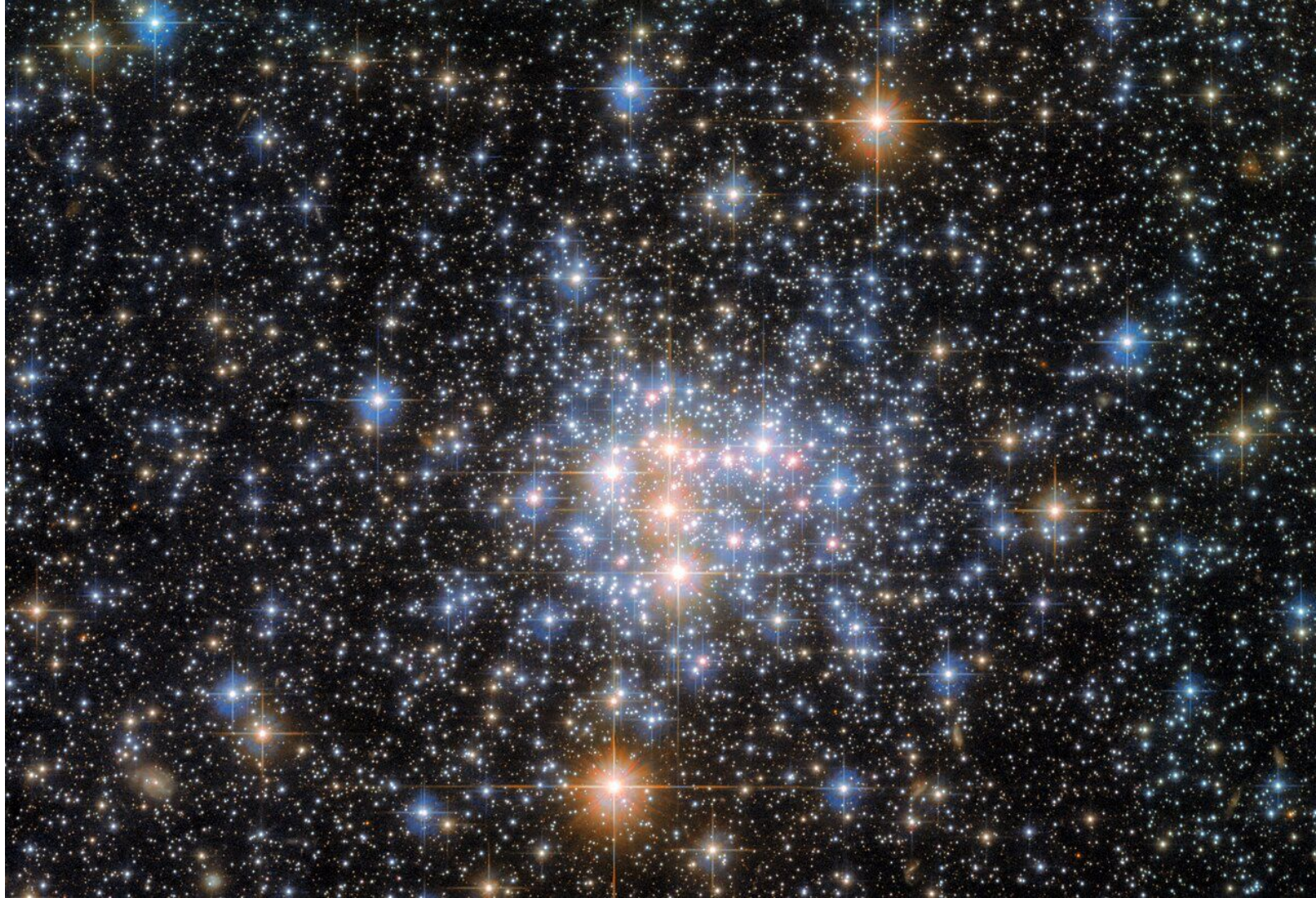
Baruch 3:33

He who **sends forth the
light**, and it goes,

called it, and it obeyed
him in fear;

Baruch 3:34

...the stars shone in their
watches, and were glad;
he called them, and they
said, **“Here we are!”**



Job 38:4

“Where were you when I laid
the foundation of the earth?

**Tell me, if you have
understanding.**

Job 38:5

Who determined its
measurements—**surely you
know!**

Or who stretched the line
upon it?

Job 38:7

...when the morning stars sang
together,

and **all the sons of God**
shouted for joy?

Baruch 3:34

They shone with
gladness for him
who made them.

Baruch 3:35

**This is our God; no
other can be
compared to him!**

Baruch 3:36

He found the
whole way to
knowledge...

Baruch 3:36

...and **gave her** to Jacob
his servant and to
Israel whom he loved.

Baruch 3:37

Afterward she

appeared upon earth

and lived among men.

John 1:14

And the **Word became flesh**
and dwelt among us, full of
grace and truth; we have
beheld his glory, glory as of the
only Son from the Father.

Baruch 4:1

She is **the book of the
commandments of God,**
and the law that endures
for ever.

Sirach 24:3

“I came forth from the
mouth of the Most High,
and covered the earth
like a mist.

Sirach 24:4

I dwelt in high places,
and **my throne** was
in a pillar of cloud.

Sirach 24:5

Alone I have made the
circuit of the vault of
heaven and have walked
in the depths of the abyss.

Sirach 24:6

In the waves of the sea, in
the whole earth, and in
every people and nation I
have gotten a possession.

Sirach 24:7

Among all these **I sought a
resting place;**

I sought in whose
territory I might lodge.

Sirach 24:8

“Then the Creator of
all things gave me a
commandment...

Sirach 24:8

And he said, 'Make your
dwelling in Jacob,
and **in Israel receive
your inheritance.**'

Baruch 4:1

**All who hold her fast
will live,** and those who
forsake her will die.

Baruch 4:2

Turn, O Jacob, and
take her; walk toward
the shining of her light.

Baruch 4:3

**Do not give your glory
to another, or your
advantages to an alien
people.**

Baruch 4:4

Happy are we, O Israel,
for we know what is
pleasing to God.

Baruch 4:5

**Take courage, my
people, O
memorial of Israel!**

Baruch 4:6

It was **not for**
destruction that you
were sold to the
nations...

Baruch 4

...but you were **handed
over to your enemies**
because you angered
God.

Baruch 4:7

For you provoked him
who made you, **by**
sacrificing to demons
and not to God.

Psalm 96:5

For all the gods of the
peoples are **idols**;

but the Lord made the
heavens.

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peoples are **idols [δαιμόνια]**;
but the Lord made the
heavens.

Psalm 96:5

For all the gods of the
peoples are **demons**;

but the Lord made the
heavens.



Baruch 4:8

You forgot the everlasting
God, **who brought you up,**
and you grieved Jerusalem,
who reared you.

Baruch 4:8

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God, **who brought you up,**
and you grieved **Jerusalem,**
who reared you.

Sirach 7:27

With all your heart honor
your father,

and do not forget the

birth pangs of your mother.

Baruch 4:9

For she saw **the wrath**
that came upon you
from God, and she said:

Baruch 4:9

“Hearken, you neighbors
of Zion, **God has**
brought great sorrow
upon me...



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(In the Old Testament)







2 Kings 18:41

And Elijah said to Ahab,
“Go up, eat and drink; for
**there is a sound of the
rushing of rain.”**

2 Kings 18:42

And Eli'jah went up to the top of Carmel; and he bowed himself down upon the earth, and **put his face between his knees.**

2 Kings 18:43

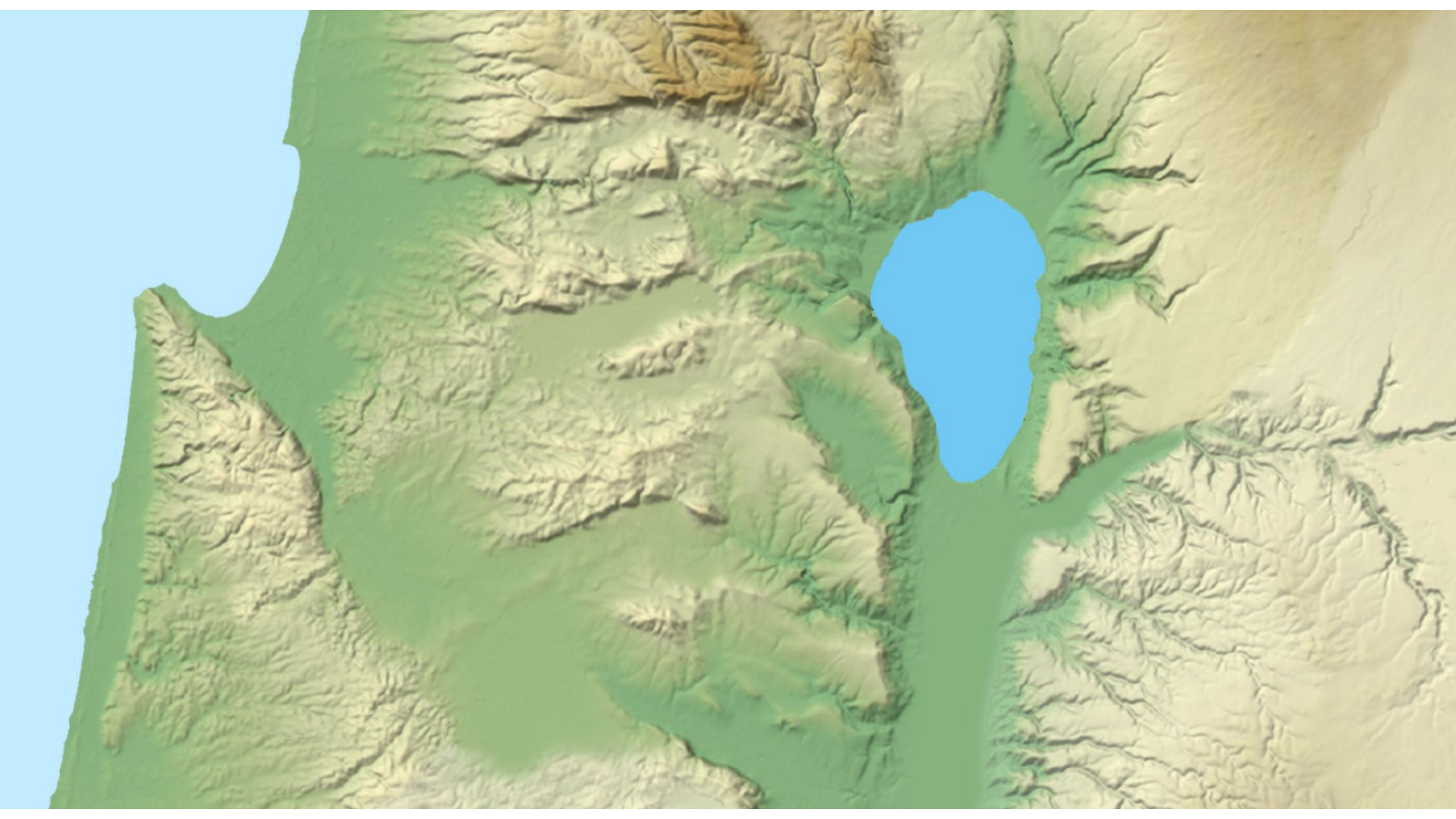
And he said to his servant, “Go up now, look toward the sea.”

And he went up and looked, and said, **“There is nothing.”**

2 Kings 18:43

And he said, “Go
again **seven**
times.”













2 Kings 18:44

And at the seventh time
he said, “Behold, a little
cloud **like a man’s hand**
is rising out of the sea.”

2 Kings 18:44

And he said, “Go up, say to Ahab, ‘Prepare your chariot and go down, **lest the rain stop you.**’”

2 Kings 18:45

And in a little while the
heavens grew black with
clouds and wind, and
there was a great rain.



Jacob of Serug, Homily I on Elijah

The **moist winds** collected in blessed abundance and the sky poured out in great profusion for the very thirsty place.

Jacob of Serug, Homily I on Elijah

The wind spewed out
widespread water upon the
lands, and **an autumn rain**
moved within the cloud to
water all of Tebel.

Jacob of Serug, Homily I on Elijah

The sky became **full of water** and blew all the water upon desiccated land.

Jacob of Serug, Homily I on Elijah

The great abyss took up a
great flood upon its
shoulders and allotted it in
droplets upon the fields.

Jacob of Serug, Homily I on Elijah

The seas surged onto the **fast-moving clouds**. So the thirsty land that had been destroyed would drink and be satisfied.

Jacob of Serug, Homily I on Elijah

The **palm of the hand** was
spread out over the lands
And all [the world], that was
in such want, filled up from it.

Jacob of Serug, Homily I on Elijah

The blessed cloud rode
upon the swift winds, To go
out and visit the entire
Earth **that had been Sick.**







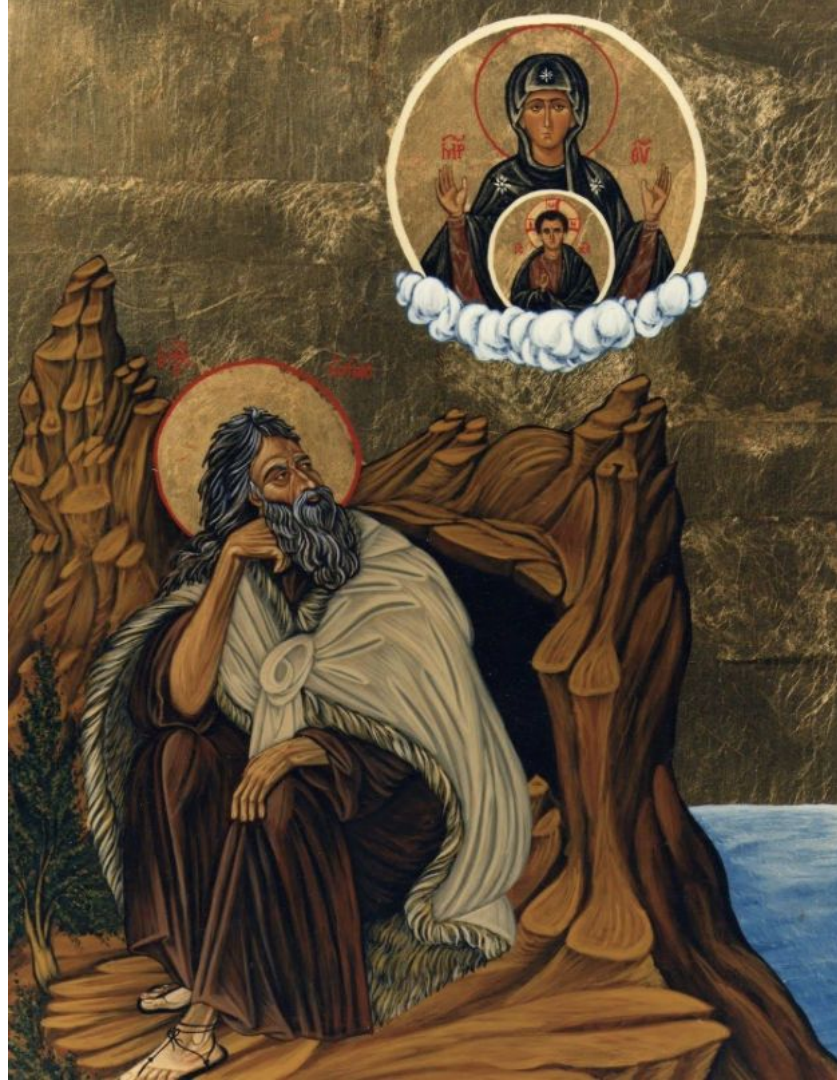








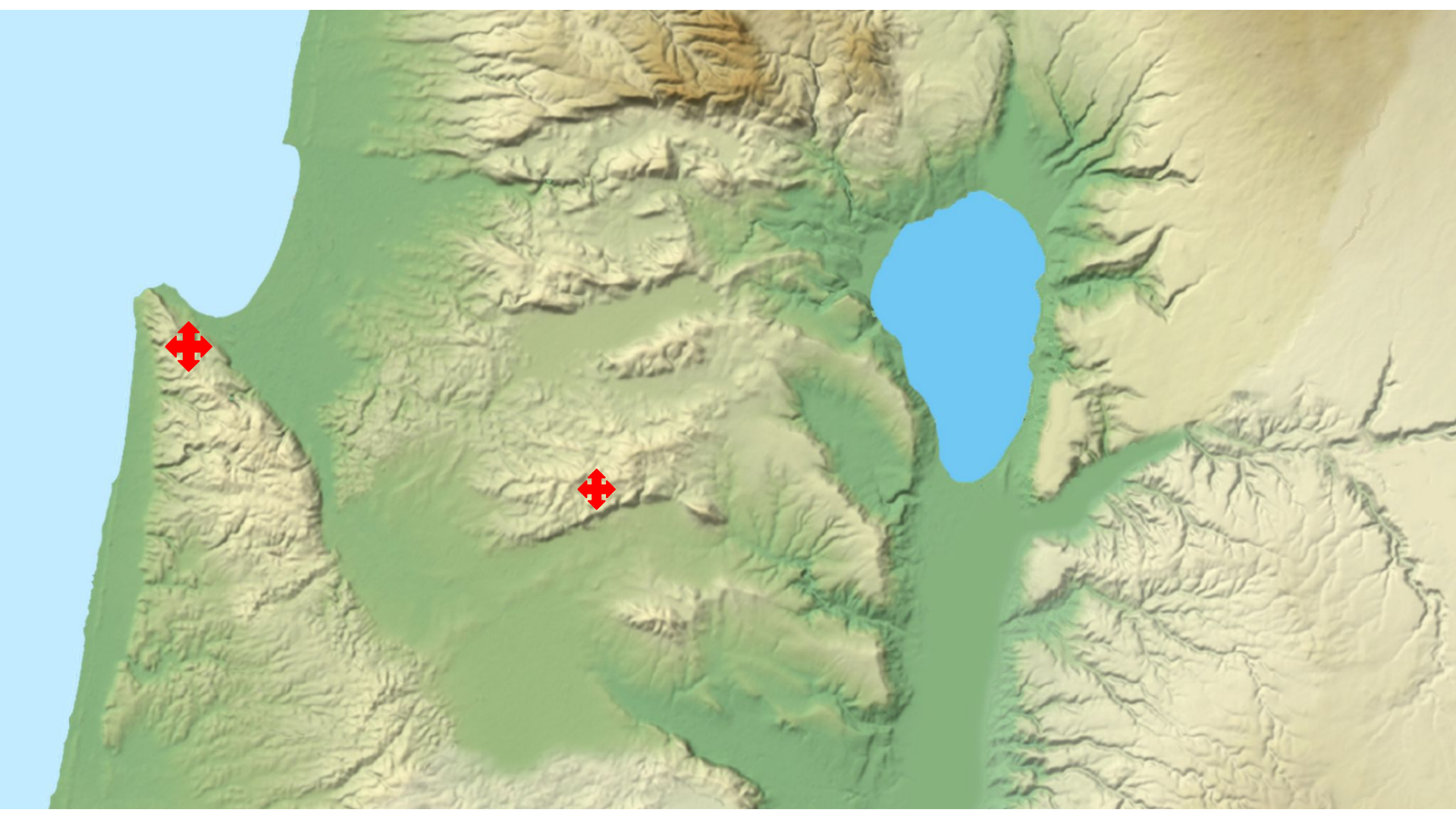














Baruch 4:10

...for I have seen **the**
captivity of my sons
and daughters...

Baruch 4:10

...which the

Everlasting

brought upon them.

Baruch 4:11

With joy I nurtured
them, but I **sent them
away with weeping and
sorrow.**

Baruch 4:12

Let no one rejoice
over me, a **widow and**
bereaved of many...



Baruch 4:12

I was left desolate **because**
of the sins of my children,
because they turned away
from the law of God.

Baruch 4:13

They had no regard for his statutes; they did **not walk in the ways** of God's commandments,

Baruch 4:13

...nor **tread the**
paths of discipline
in his righteousness.

Baruch 4:14

Let the neighbors of Zion
come; remember the capture
of my sons and daughters,
which **the Everlasting brought
upon them.**

Baruch 4:15

...who had no respect
for an old man, and
had **no pity for a child.**

Baruch 4:16

They led away the **widow's**
beloved sons,

and bereaved **the lonely**
woman of her daughters.

Baruch 4:17

“But I, how can
I help you?”

Baruch 4:18

For he who brought these
calamities upon you
will **deliver you** from
the hand of your enemies.

Baruch 4:19

Go, my children,
go; for I have been
left desolate.





Baruch 4:20

I have taken off the robe of
peace

and put on **the sackcloth
of my supplication...**



Baruch 4:20

I will cry to the
Everlasting all my
days.

Baruch 4:21

“Take courage,
my children, **cry**
to God...

Baruch 4:21

...and **he will deliver**
you from the power
and hand of the enemy.

Baruch 4:22

For I have put my hope in
the Everlasting **to save**
you, and joy has come to
me from the Holy One...

Baruch 4:22

...because of **the mercy**
which soon will come to
you from your everlasting
Savior.



Baruch 4:23

For I sent you out with sorrow and weeping, but **God will give you back to me** with joy and gladness for ever.

Baruch 4:24

For as the neighbors of Zion
have now seen your
capture, so they soon will
see **your salvation** by God...

Baruch 4:24

...which will come to you

with **great glory**

and with the splendor of
the Everlasting.

Baruch 4:25

My children, **endure**
with patience the wrath
that has come upon you
from God.

Baruch 4:25

Your enemy has overtaken you, but you will soon see their destruction and **will tread upon their necks.**

Baruch 4:26

My tender sons
have traveled
rough roads...



Baruch 4:26

...they were taken away
like a flock carried off
by the enemy.

Baruch 4:27

**“Take courage, my
children, and cry to
God...**



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Baruch 4:27

...for you will be
remembered by him
who brought this upon
you.

Baruch 4:28

For just as you purposed
to go astray from God,
return with tenfold zeal
to seek him...

Baruch 4:29

For he who brought these
calamities upon you
will bring you **everlasting
joy with your salvation.**”

Baruch 4:30

Take courage,

O Jerusalem,

for he who named you

will comfort you.

Baruch 4:31

Wretched will be those
who afflicted you and
rejoiced at your fall.

Baruch 4:32

**Wretched will be the
cities** which your
children served as
slaves...



Baruch 4:32

...wretched will be
the city **which**
received your sons.

Baruch 4:33

For just as she
rejoiced at your fall
and was glad for your ruin,
so she will be grieved
at her own desolation.

Baruch 4:34

And I will take away
**her pride in her
great population...**

Baruch 4:34

...and **her insolence**
will be turned to
grief.

Baruch 4:35

For fire will come upon
her from the Everlasting
for many days...

Baruch 4:35

...and for a long time
she will be inhabited
by demons.

Baruch 4:36

Look toward the east,

O Jerusalem,

and see the joy that is
coming to you from God!



Baruch 4:37

Behold, your sons are
coming, whom you sent
away; **they are coming...**

Baruch 4:37

**...gathered from east
and west**, at the word of
the Holy One, rejoicing in
the glory of God.

Baruch 5:1

Take off the garment of
your sorrow and
affliction, O Jerusalem...

Baruch 5:1

...and put on for ever
the **beauty** of the
glory from God.



Dante, *Paradiso*, Canto 32, Sphere 10

**Look now into the face that
unto Christ.** Hath most
resemblance; for its brightness
[the only thing] able to prepare
thee to see Christ."

Dante, *Paradiso*, Canto 32, Sphere 10

**On her did I behold so great a
gladness Rain down, borne
onward in the holy minds
Created through that altitude
to fly...**

Dante, *Paradiso*, Canto 32, Sphere 10

That whatsoever I had seen
before

Did not suspend me in such
admiration, nor show **such**
likeness to God.

Baruch 5:2

Put on the robe of
the **righteousness**
from God...

Baruch 5:2

...put on your head **the**
diadem of the glory of
the Everlasting.

Baruch 5:3

For God will **show your
splendor everywhere
under heaven.**

Baruch 5:4

For your name will for ever
be called by God,

“Peace of righteousness
and **glory of godliness.**”

Baruch 5:5

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand
upon the height and look
toward the east, and see your
children gathered from west
and east...

Baruch 5:5

...at the **word of the
Holy One**, rejoicing that
God has remembered
them.



Baruch 5:6

For they went forth
from you **on foot**, led
away by their enemies...

Baruch 5:6

...but God will bring
them back to you,
carried in glory, **as on a
royal throne.**

Baruch 5:7

For God has ordered that
every high mountain and
the everlasting hills **be**
made low...

Baruch 5:7

...and the valleys filled up,
to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk
safely **in the glory of God.**

Baruch 5:8

The woods and every
fragrant tree

have **shaded Israel** at
God's command.



Baruch 5:9

For God will lead Israel with
joy, **in the light of his glory,**
with the mercy and
righteousness that come from
him.

Schedule

Next Class: September!

Topic: TBD

Glorious Saint Raymond of Peñafort, wise and holy patron, come to the aid of those entrusted to your care, and all who flee to your protection. Intercede for us in our need, and help us through your prayers, example, and teaching, to proclaim the truth of the Gospel to all we meet. And when we have reached the fullness of our years, we beseech you to guide us home to heaven, to live in peace with you, Our Mother Mary, and Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

