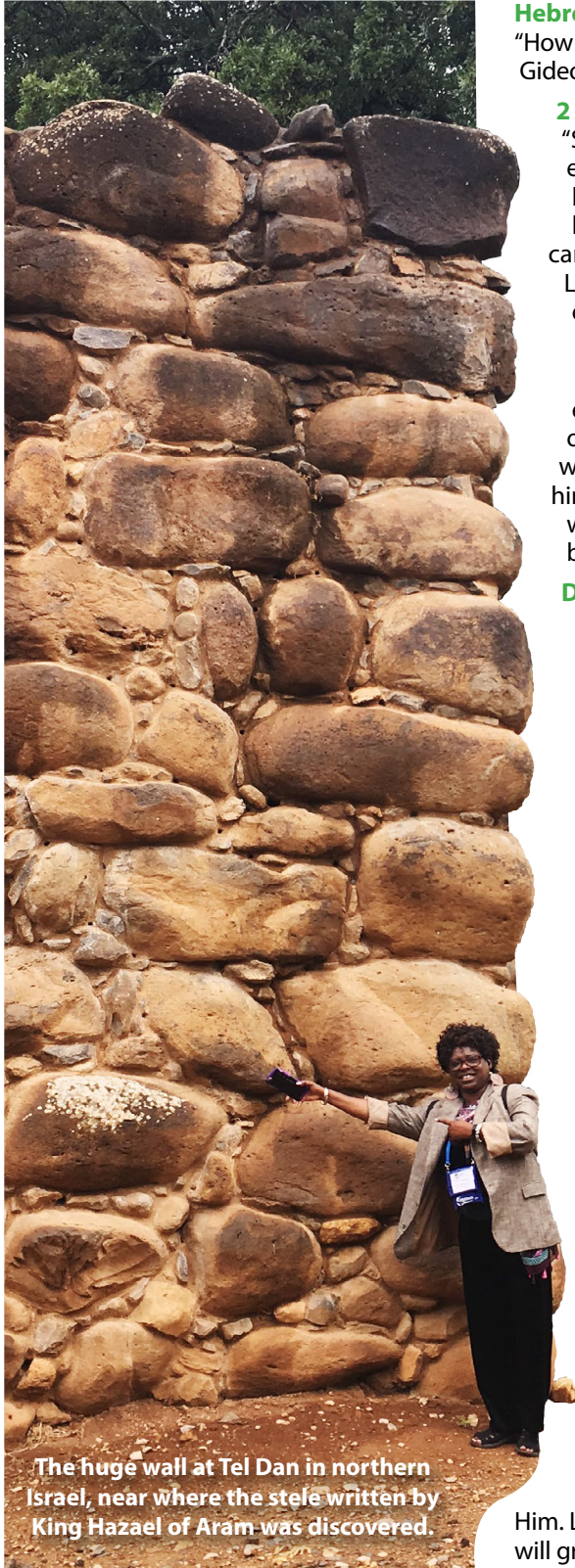


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Scholars of the “minimalist” school claim that David was not a mighty king....based on lack of archeological evidence, until...1993 when the Tel Dan Stele in northern Israel was discovered, written 2,800 years ago by King Hazael of Aram, 2 Kings 8:28-29]

Investigating the good....



The huge wall at Tel Dan in northern Israel, near where the stele written by King Hazael of Aram was discovered.

Hebrews 11:32 NLT

“How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the **faith** of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David [only ‘king’ mentioned], Samuel, and all the **prophets**.”

2 Samuel 5:9-12 NLT

“So David made [the fortress of Zion] his home, and he called it the City of **David**. He extended the city, starting at the supporting terraces and working inward. And David became more and more **powerful**, because the Lord God of Heaven’s Armies was with him. Then King Hiram of Tyre sent messengers to David, along with cedar timber and carpenters and stonemasons, and they built David a **palace**. And David realized that the Lord had confirmed him as king over Israel and had blessed his kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.”

Daniel 6:1-4 CSB

“[King] Darius divided his kingdom into 120 **states** and placed a governor in charge of each one. In order to make sure that his government was run properly, Darius put 3 other officials in charge of the governors. One of these officials was Daniel. And [Daniel] did his work so much better than the other governors and officials that the king decided to let him **govern** the whole kingdom. The other men tried to find something wrong with the way Daniel did his work for the king. But they could not **accuse** him of anything wrong, because he was honest and faithful and did everything he was supposed to do.”

Daniel 6:5-7 CSB

“Finally, they said to one another, ‘We will never be able to bring any charge against Daniel, unless it has to do with his **religion**.’ So they all went to the king and said: ‘Your Majesty, we hope you live forever! All of your officials, leaders, advisors, and governors agree that you should make a law **forbidding** anyone to pray to any god or human except **you** for the next 30 days. Everyone who disobeys this law must be thrown into a pit of lions.’”

Danile 6:10 CSB

“Daniel heard about the law, but when he returned home, he went upstairs and **prayed** in front of the window that faced **Jerusalem**. In the same way that he had always done, he knelt down in prayer three times a day, giving thanks to God.”

Daniel 6:22 CSB

[to King Darius] “My God knew that I was innocent, and He sent an **angel** to keep the lions from **eating** me. Your Majesty, I have never done anything to hurt you.”

1 Peter 2:19-21 NLT

“For God is pleased with YOU when you **DO** what you KNOW is right, AND when you patiently endure unfair treatment. Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are punished (or even beaten) for doing wrong. BUT, if you suffer for doing what is RIGHT...AND endure it **PATIENTLY**, God is TRULY **pleased** with you. For God has called you to do GOOD, EVEN if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered and died for you. He IS your example, and you must follow IN HIS **STEPS**.”

1 Peter 4:8 AMP

“Above all, have **fervent** and unfailing love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins [it overlooks unkindness and unselfishly seeks the best for others].”

2 Peter 1:7 AMP

“[Make every effort] and in your godliness, [to develop] **brotherly** affection, and in your brotherly affection, [develop Christian] love [that is, learn to unselfishly seek the best for others and to do things for their benefit].”

Colossians 2:6-7 NLT

“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow Him. Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be **built** on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with **thankfulness**.”