

— SUNDAY EVENING SERIES —

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**Exposed Part of
Hezekiah's Broad Wall**

Temple Mount

Gihon Spring

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Pool of Siloam





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HEZEKIAH SEAL





The oval bulla -- which is 0.5 inches wide -- is estimated to be 2,700 years old.

ISAIAH SEAL



Biblical King's seal discovered in dump site

By [Will Heilpern](#), for CNN

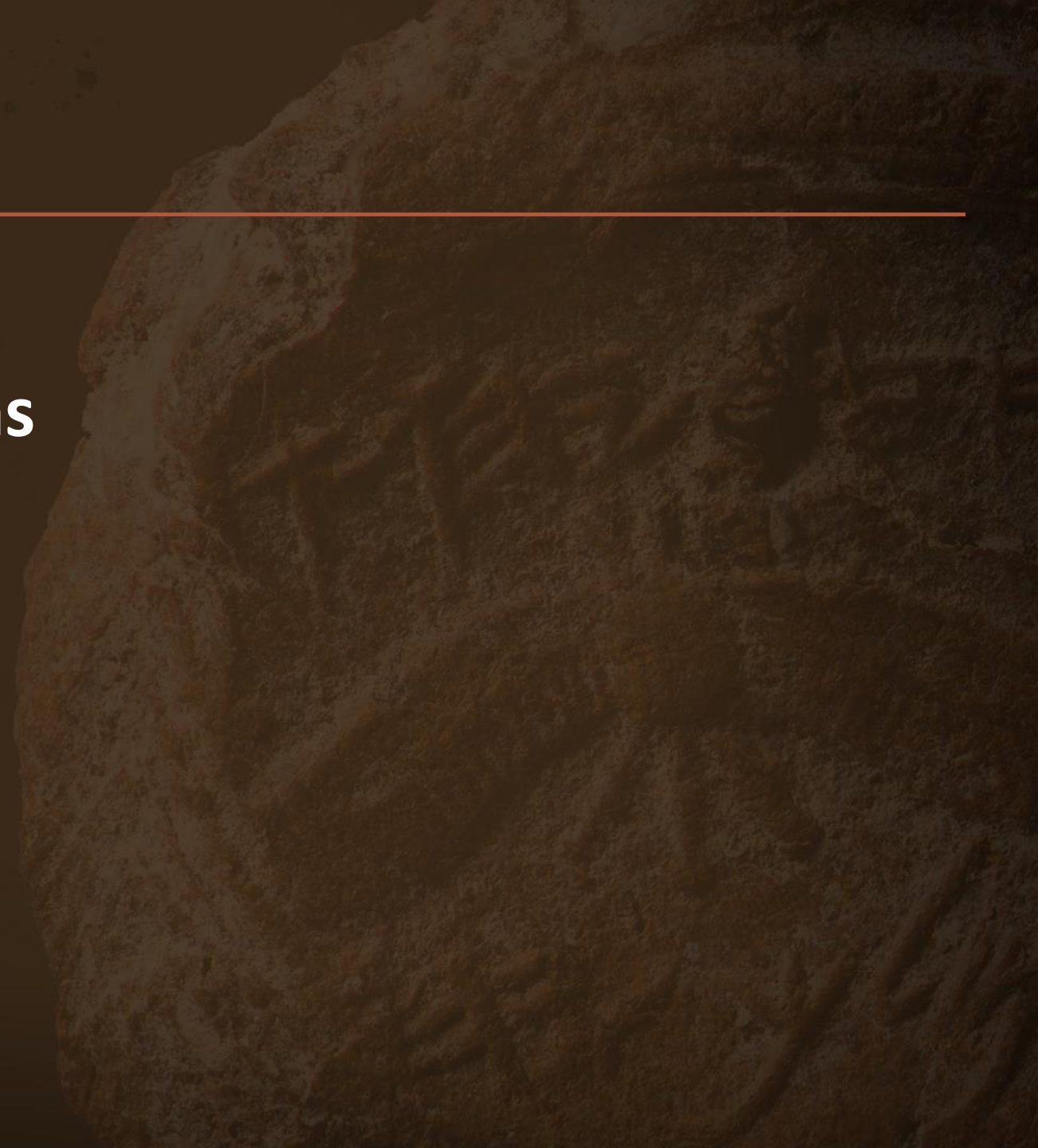
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(CNN) A dump site is the last place you would expect to find an 8th century B.C. seal for a papyrus document signed by one of the kings of Judah. Perhaps that's why it has taken 2,700 years for the piece of clay inscribed with King Hezekiah's seal to be discovered in Jerusalem. It is believed to be the first-ever seal -- also referred to as a "bulla" -- from an Israeli or Judean King to be discovered by archaeologists.

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Let us not be frightened with apprehension of the continual decay of virtue, as if, when times and men are bad, they must needs, of course, grow worse and worse. That does not follow.



For after many bad kings, God raised up one that was like David himself.

--Matthew Henry



*. . . And the Spirit of the LORD
began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan,
between Zorah and Eshtaol.*

Judges 13:25

An aerial photograph of a vast, arid desert landscape. The terrain is characterized by rolling, undulating hills and deep, winding valleys. The soil is a mix of light tan and dark brown, with sparse, low-lying vegetation. A single, light-colored dirt road winds through the lower portion of the image, following the contours of the land. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day, casting long, soft shadows that emphasize the ruggedness of the terrain.

Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea. . .



The Church is looking for
better methods; God is
looking for better men.

Edward McKendree Bounds

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After these acts of faithfulness. . .

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Greek
City States

Lydian
Kingdom

Kingdom

(before 712 B.C.)

Mediterranean Sea

Libyans

The Egyptian
Kingdom
(before 671 B.C.)

Assyrian Empire – 824 B.C.
Assyrian Empire – 671 B.C.

Persian Gulf

Red Sea



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As for Hezekiah the Judahite, who did not submit to my yoke: forty-six of his strong, walled cities, as well as the small towns in their area, which were without number, by levelling with battering-rams and by bringing up siege-engines, and by attacking and storming on foot, by mines, tunnels, and breeches, I besieged and took them. 200,150 people, great and small, male and female, horses, mules, asses, camels, cattle and sheep without number, I brought away from them and counted as spoil. (Hezekiah) himself, like a caged bird I shut up in Jerusalem, his royal city.”

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“Look for crosses, and
while it is fair weather,
mend the sails of the ship.”

--Samuel Rutherford

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Isaiah 37:21 *Because you have
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II Chron. 32:26 HUMBLLED HIMSELF

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