

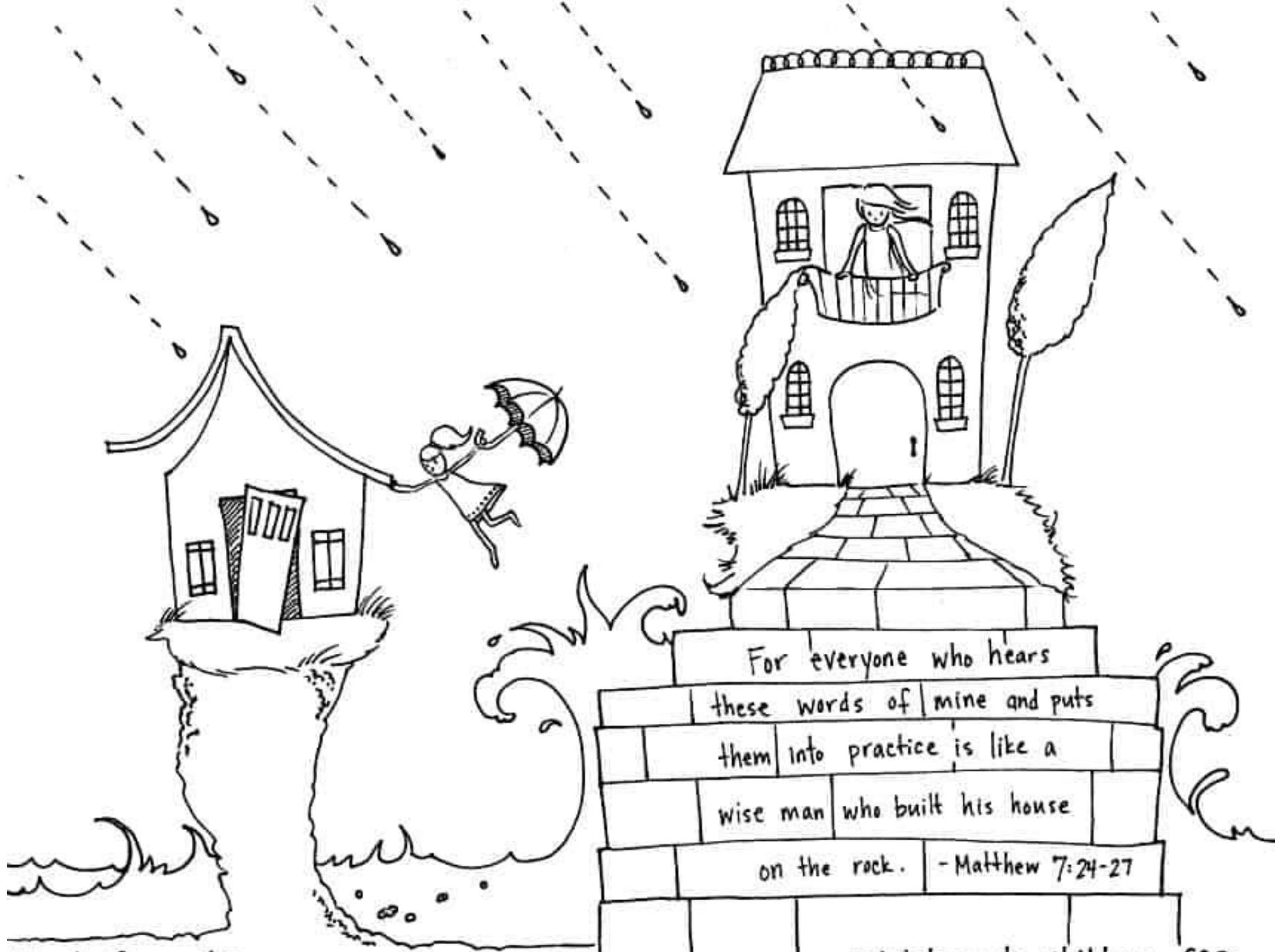
HOUSE ON THE ROCK



THE RAIN CAME DOWN, THE STREAMS ROSE,







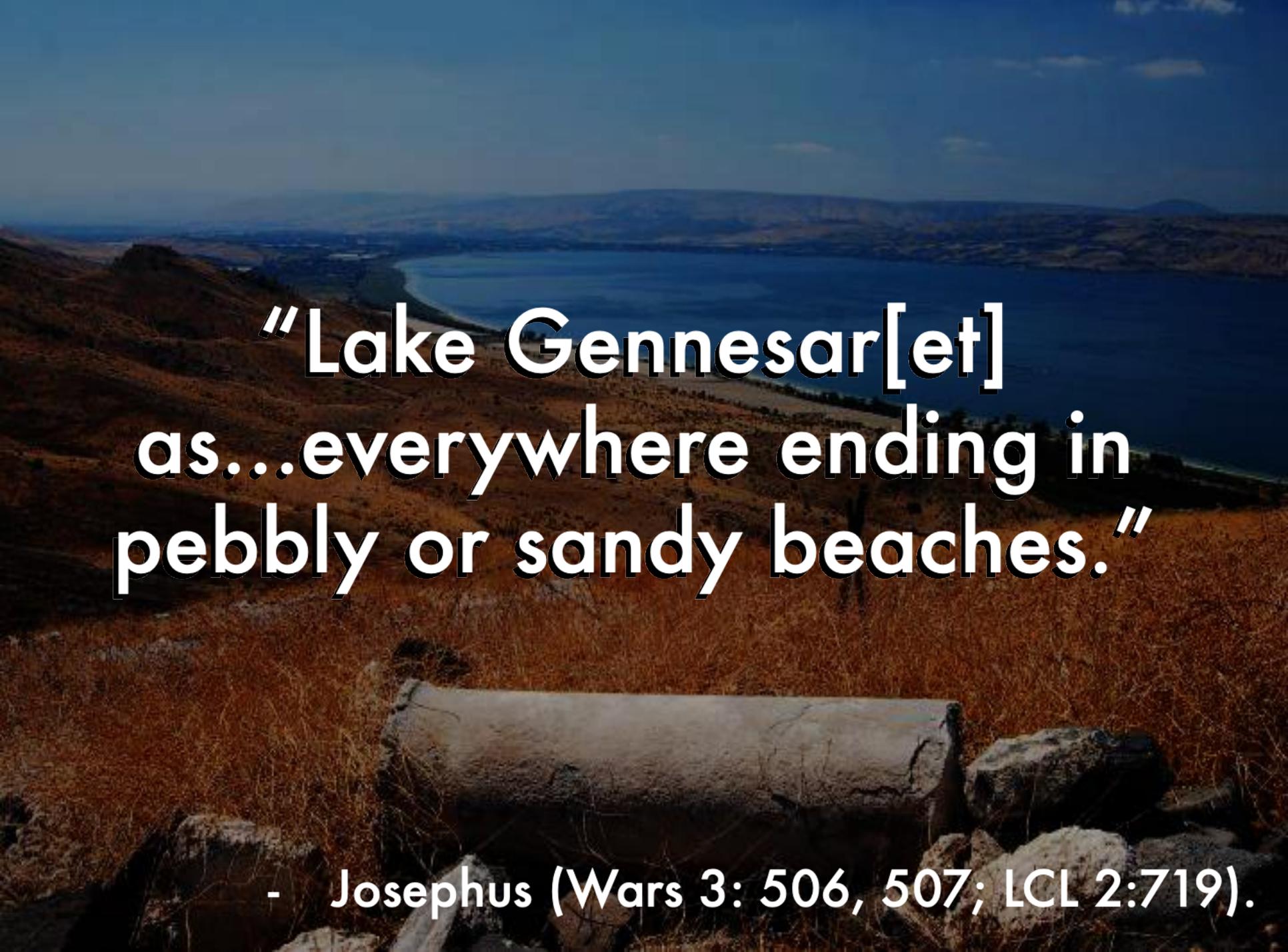
For everyone who hears

these words of mine and puts

them into practice is like a

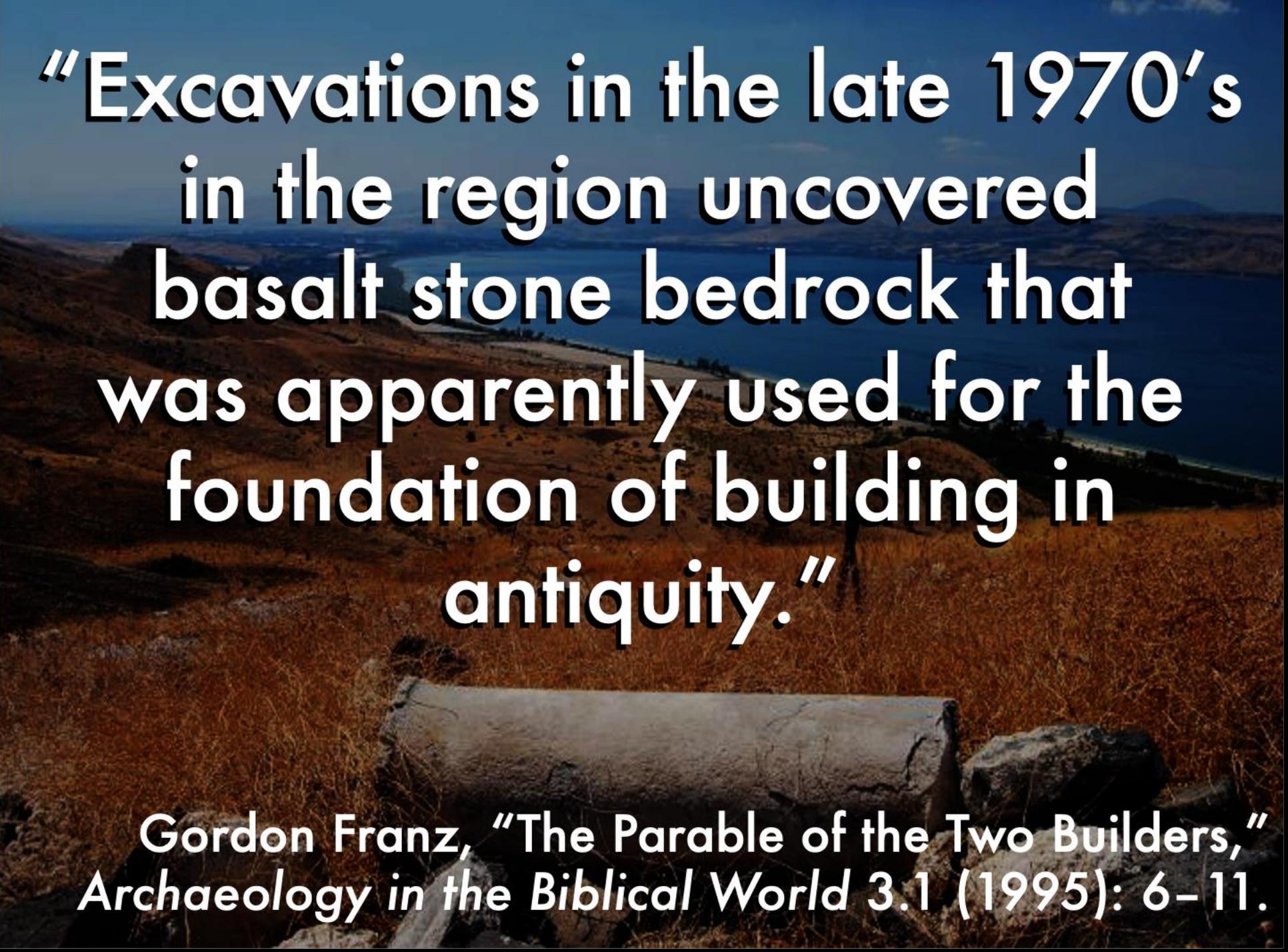
wise man who built his house

on the rock. - Matthew 7:24-27



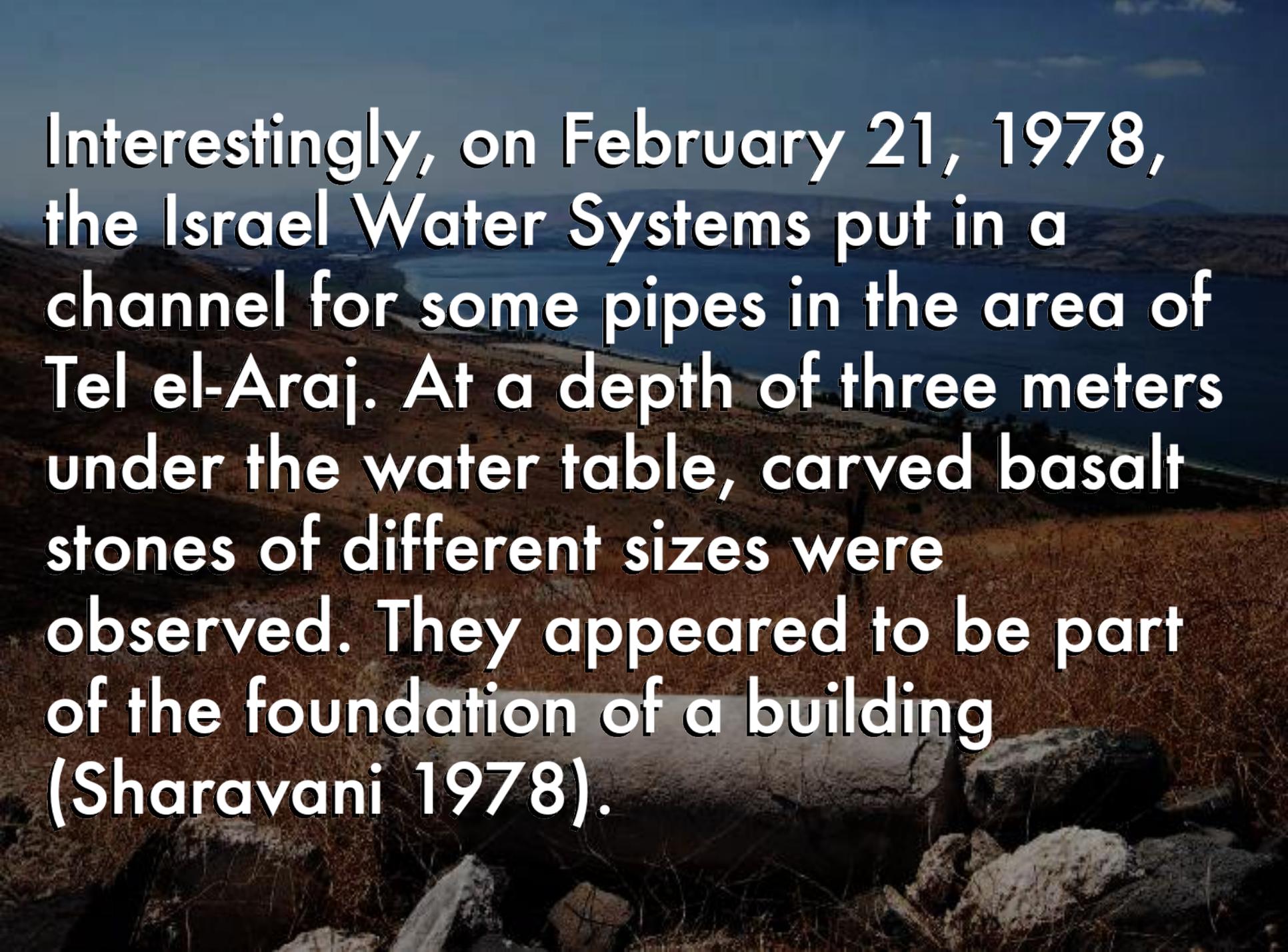
**“Lake Gennesar[et]
as...everywhere ending in
pebbly or sandy beaches.”**

- Josephus (Wars 3: 506, 507; LCL 2:719).



**“Excavations in the late 1970’s
in the region uncovered
basalt stone bedrock that
was apparently used for the
foundation of building in
antiquity.”**

**Gordon Franz, “The Parable of the Two Builders,”
Archaeology in the Biblical World 3.1 (1995): 6–11.**



Interestingly, on February 21, 1978, the Israel Water Systems put in a channel for some pipes in the area of Tel el-Araj. At a depth of three meters under the water table, carved basalt stones of different sizes were observed. They appeared to be part of the foundation of a building (Sharavani 1978).



**DIG DOWN
DEEPER**



**In My Relationship
With Others**

DIG DOWN DEEPER

**In My Knowledge
of the Word**

DIG DOWN DEEPER

6 Questions to Ask:

What does the passage tell us about:

1. God?
2. People?
3. Sins to avoid?
4. Promise to claim?
5. Example to follow?
6. Command to Obey?

Bible Study Methods

an invitation to discovery

SURVEY THE BIG PICTURE



Survey the big picture by analyzing the . . .

- Historical Context
- Literary Context
- Redemptive Context

STEPS TO SURVEY

- Consult commentaries to establish the author, audience and date
- Create a book summary
- Consider how your passage fits into God's plan to create a community of redeemed people for his glory through Jesus Christ

EXPLORE THE PASSAGE



Carefully explore the biblical text by applying the interpretive approach that best fits the genre of the passage.

(Different genres require different interpretive steps.)

STEPS TO EXPLORE

The following steps are helpful when studying an epistle:

- Create a structural layout
- Read your passage several times making careful observations
- Ask questions for understanding
- Consider interpretive options
- Compare several translations
- Study the meaning of key words
- Consult commentaries

DISCOVER THE BIG IDEA



Summarize the results of your interpretive journey.

STEPS TO DISCOVER

- Create a textual outline of your passage
- Summarize the big idea of your passage in a single sentence (the author's big idea)

RESPOND TO GOD



Respond to God through his Word.

STEPS TO RESPOND

- Determine how the passage applies today by considering how it fits into God's story
- Consider how the passage exposes your fallen condition
- Consider how the passage points you to Christ and his redemptive work
- Determine personal response(s)



Important questions to Ask

When You Study the Bible!

FREE WORKSHEETS

WHO?

Is speaking? Who is this about? Who are the Main Charcters.

WHAT?

Is the subject or event covered? What do you learn about the peopel or events covered?

WHERE?

did or will this happen? Where was it said?

WHEN?

did or will something happen? When will something happen to someone in particular?

WHY?

is something being said or mentioned? Why will or would this happen? Why at this time or to this person?

HOW?

will it happen? How will it be done?
How is it illustarted?

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10 STEPS HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

FIND A BIBLE TRANSLATION

Look for accuracy and readability.
My favorite is ESV.
My primary Bible is CSB.
And I love to incorporate NLT and MSG for a different take on the verse(s).



HIGHLIGHT AND MARK UP LIKE CRAZY

I highly recommend color coding Bible verses and writing in the margins as you read.
See my color coding system in my video at www.brittanyrust.com/videos.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK

WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE SAY?

When you read a verse or passage, pull out the main idea. What's the point the author is trying to communicate? This is the big idea question and what will be the most natural thought to rise to the surface as you read the verse(s).

WHAT'S THE CONTEXT HERE?

Take in historical context, what's happening before and after this passage, and seek out what other verses say on this topic.

TEST THE PASSAGE

Who?
What?
When?
Where?
Why?
How?

WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND

Write down what you don't understand. Then, seek out answers to your questions. This is where referencing other similar verses can help or reading commentaries. Commentaries are incredibly helpful in helping you see something in Scripture.

TAKE THE WORDS AND WRITE THEM OUT IN YOUR OWN LANGUAGE.

This can be a fun way to look at the verse and break it down

PAY ATTENTION TO THE LITTLE WORDS

Therefore
But
And
If
For

HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE APPLY TO MY LIFE? AND WHAT IS MY TAKEAWAY?

As you finish up the study time, these are the two most important questions to ask yourself. How does this verse or idea apply to my life? What is it that God wants you to learn? How does He want to work in your life?

TAKE ONE VERSE WITH YOU THROUGHOUT THE DAY

take one verse that particularly stood out to you and then chew on it throughout the day. Meditate on it. This will help you take in God's Word and really process it.

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www.brittanyrust.com/how-to-study-bible

A Simple Bible Study Guide

4 questions you can use for any chapter of the Bible

1. Which verse in this passage stood out as I read through the chapter?

2. How can I summarize this chapter in 3 or 4 sentences?

3. What does the verse I cho in question 1 mean to me?

4. How can I apply this verse or chapter today?

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**In Time, Energy,
and Effort devoted
to Christian Living**

(Luke 6:46)

DIG DOWN DEEPER

1 Corinthians 3:10–15

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the...

1 Corinthians 3:10–15

... Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.