

A young child with light brown hair, wearing a dark jacket and pants, is sitting on the ground. The child is holding a small amount of sand in their right hand and is pouring it into the air. The sand is falling in a stream, creating a small cloud of sand around the child's feet. The background is a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden light over the scene. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

BE HUMBLE

OBADIAH

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We all hate pride.

Yet we all struggle with it.

**Why do you think we all
struggle with**

PRIDE

????

How does God respond to

PRIDE

????

Old Testament *Genesis - Malachi*

**Law
(5)**

**History
(12)**

**Prophecy
(17)**



**Poetry
(5)**

Major 5 Minor 12

An open book with a dark cover is shown, lying flat. The pages are white and feature twelve individual portraits of men, likely the apostles, arranged in a 3x4 grid. The portraits are in a classical, painterly style. The background behind the book is a mottled blue and green. Overlaid on the book are three lines of text in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a black drop shadow.

The Twelve

Courage to Confront Culture

—A Preaching Series on the Minor Prophets—

What do these men have to offer us?

A quill pen with a dark, feathered upper section and a light-colored, pointed lower section lies diagonally across a piece of aged, yellowish-brown parchment. The parchment has a rough, torn edge on the left side.

MAJOR
MESSAGES

FROM MINOR
PROPHETS

How does God respond to

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**“The vision of Obadiah”
(Obadiah 1 NIV).**

No king = No Time Period



Different Dates Proposed

845 735 586 450 BC



- ❖ Only indication of date (vv. 10-14)
- ❖ **The best date seems to be ca. 845 BC**

How does God respond to

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Obadiah Summary Chart

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Edom's Destruction for Opposing Judah

Edom's Destruction			Day of the LORD	
Verses 1-14			Verses 15-21	
Judgment on Edom			Blessing on Judah	
Proud Esau Defeats Defenseless Jacob			Powerful Jacob Defeats Humbled Esau	
Edom's Contempt & Crimes			Edom's Condemnation & Calamities	
Past			Future	
Author	Judgment	Reasons	Destruction	Possession
Inspired Title 1a	Humbling Prophesied 1b-9	Judgment for Injustices 10-14	Judgment on Modern Enemies 15-16	Blessing on Modern Israel 17-21





I. God
judges the
proud.

Obadiah 1-14

**“The vision of Obadiah”
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**“This is what the Sovereign LORD
says about Edom—
We have heard a message from the LORD:
An envoy was sent to the nations to say,
'Rise, and let us go against her for battle'—”
(Obadiah 1b NIV).**



**“See, I will make you small among the nations; you will be utterly despised”
(Obadiah 2 NIV).**



"The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty dwelling, who say in your heart, 'Who will bring me down to the ground?'" (Obadiah 3)



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Geographical Setting

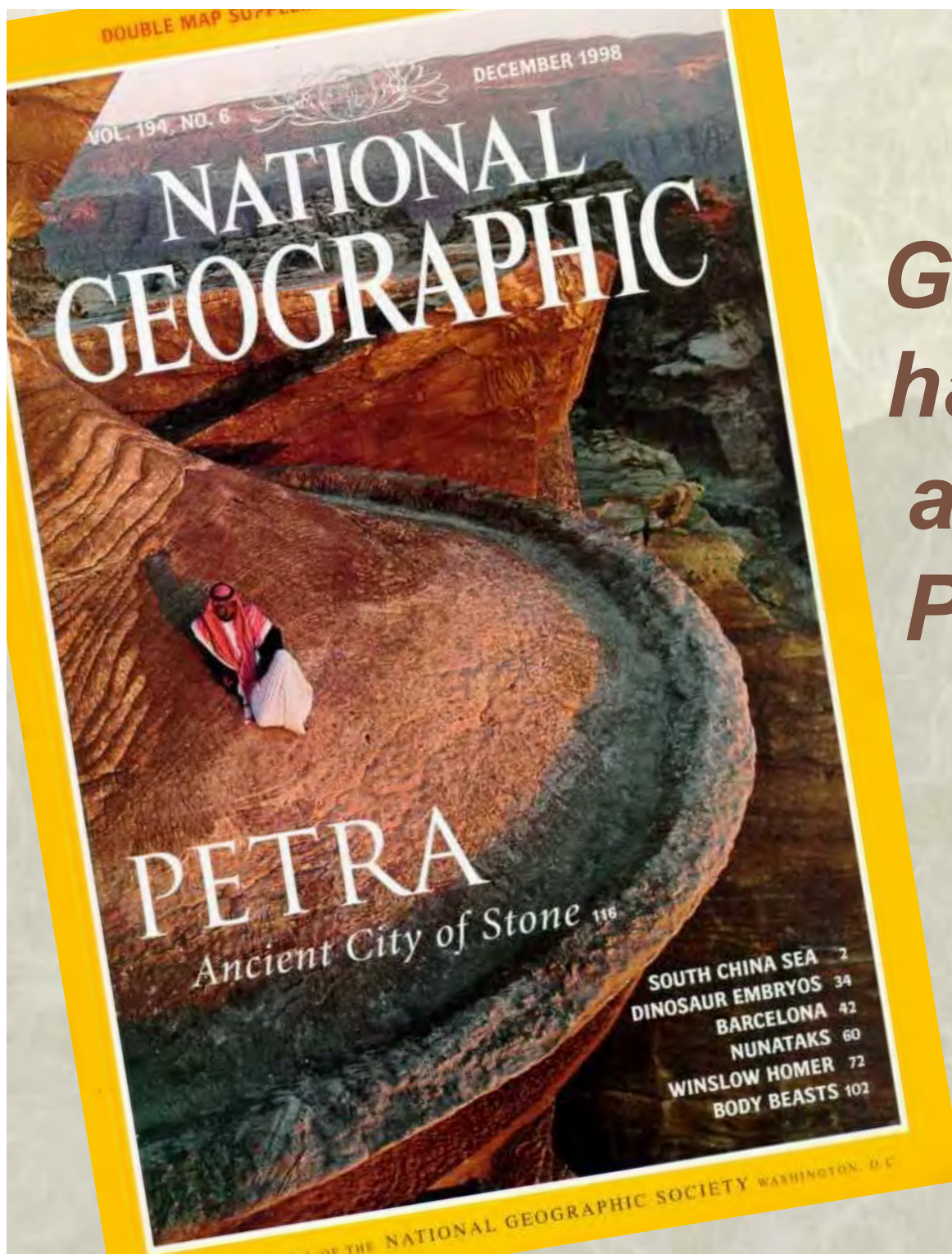


Purpose

The book of Obadiah has a twofold purpose:

1. to delineate God's judgment on Edom for its lack of brotherly concern for Judah
2. to set forth the final triumph of right in the Day of the LORD





***National
Geographic
has several
articles on
Petra back
to 1907***

Here's Dec. 1998



PETRA



ANCIENT CITY OF STONE

BY DORA BELT AND JANE BROWN

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ANNIE GRIFFITHS BELT

Reclining on a rooftop carved two millennia ago, a Bedouin surveys the ruins of the Nabataeans, whose ancient capital beckons from the sands of southern Jordan. Forgotten for centuries, Petra still echoes with mysteries of the past; this immense building, Al Deir (the Monastery), was probably a Nabataean theatre.



Imagine living in this terrain!

The Siq (pronounced "seek")

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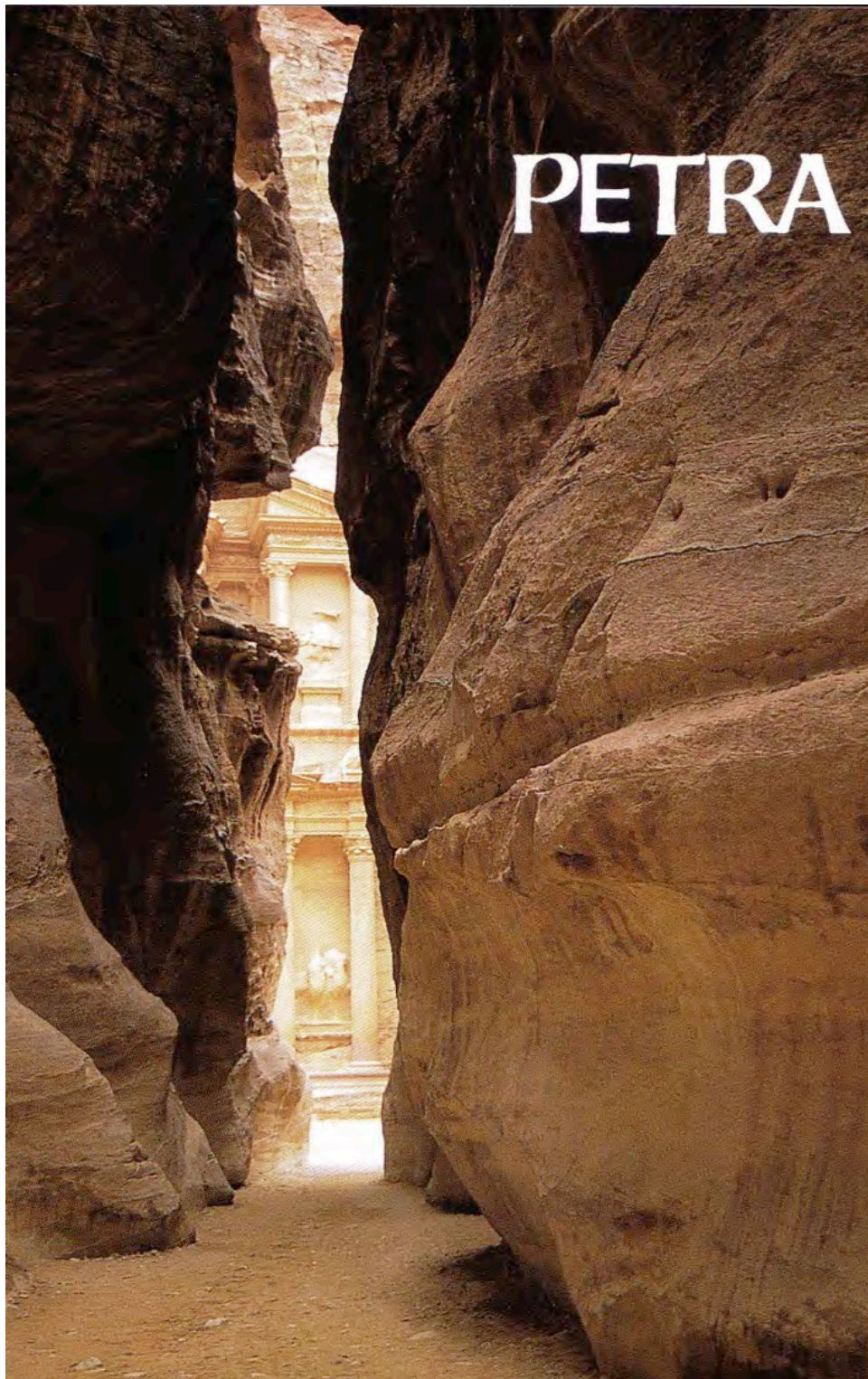
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Water Course

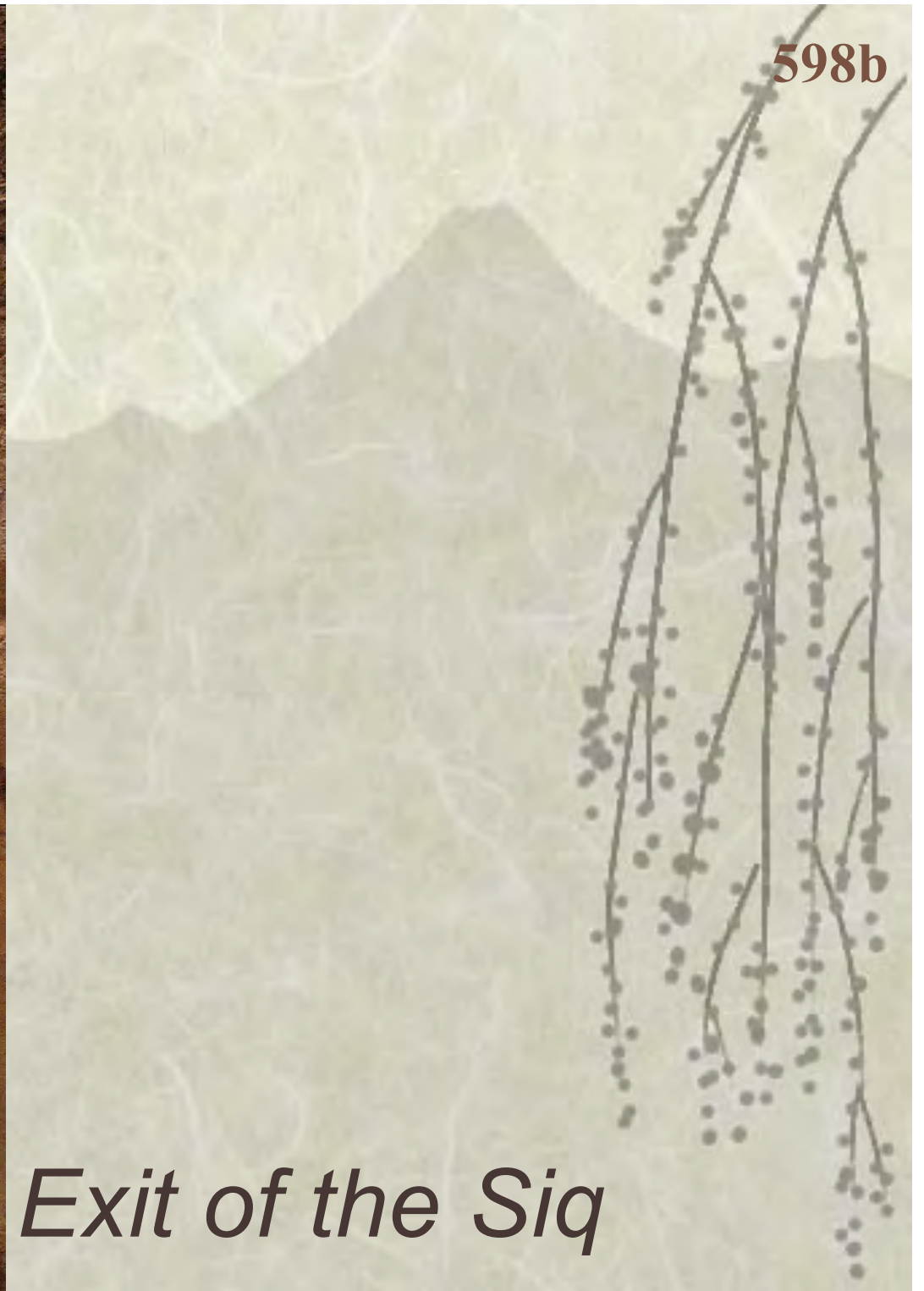




Water channels were buried for centuries



PETRA



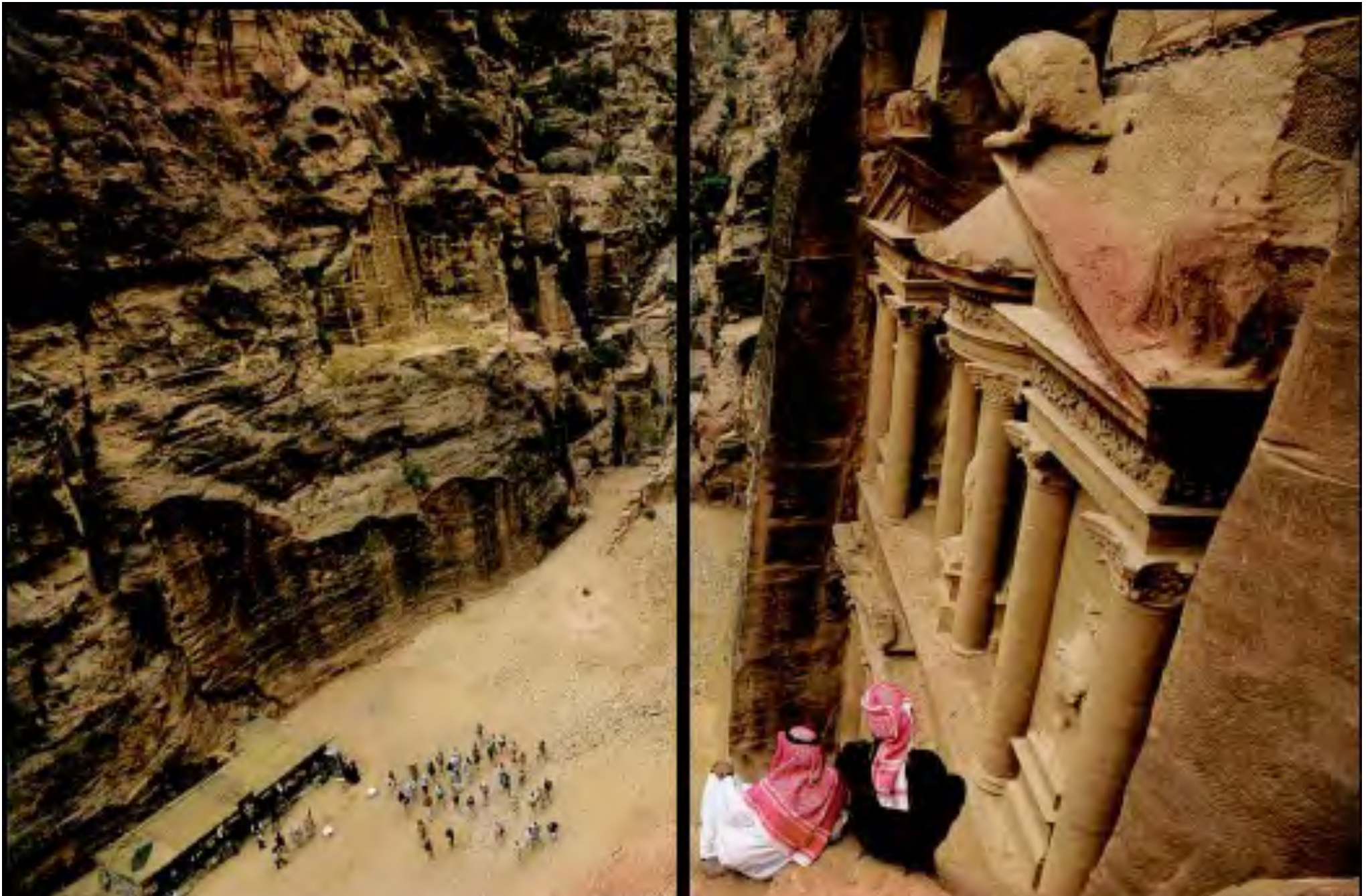
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Exit of the Siq

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The Treasury

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From atop the Treasury

***Nabataean
engineers
ingeniously
collected the
mere 6 inches of
annual rainfall.***





Nabatean tombs east of the city center

Byzantine Church Mosaic *(5th century)*



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Colonnade Envisioned



Colonnade Realized

Nymphaleon



Nymphaleon



Obadiah 4 (NIV)



**”Though you soar like the eagle
and make your nest among the stars,
from there I will bring you down,’
declares the LORD.”**

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and make your nest among the stars,
from there I will bring you down,’
declares the LORD” (Obadiah 4 NIV).**





**“If thieves came at night
and robbed you (what a
disaster awaits you!), they
would not take everything.
Those who harvest grapes
always leave a few for the
poor. But your enemies will
wipe you out completely!”
(Obadiah 5 NLT).**

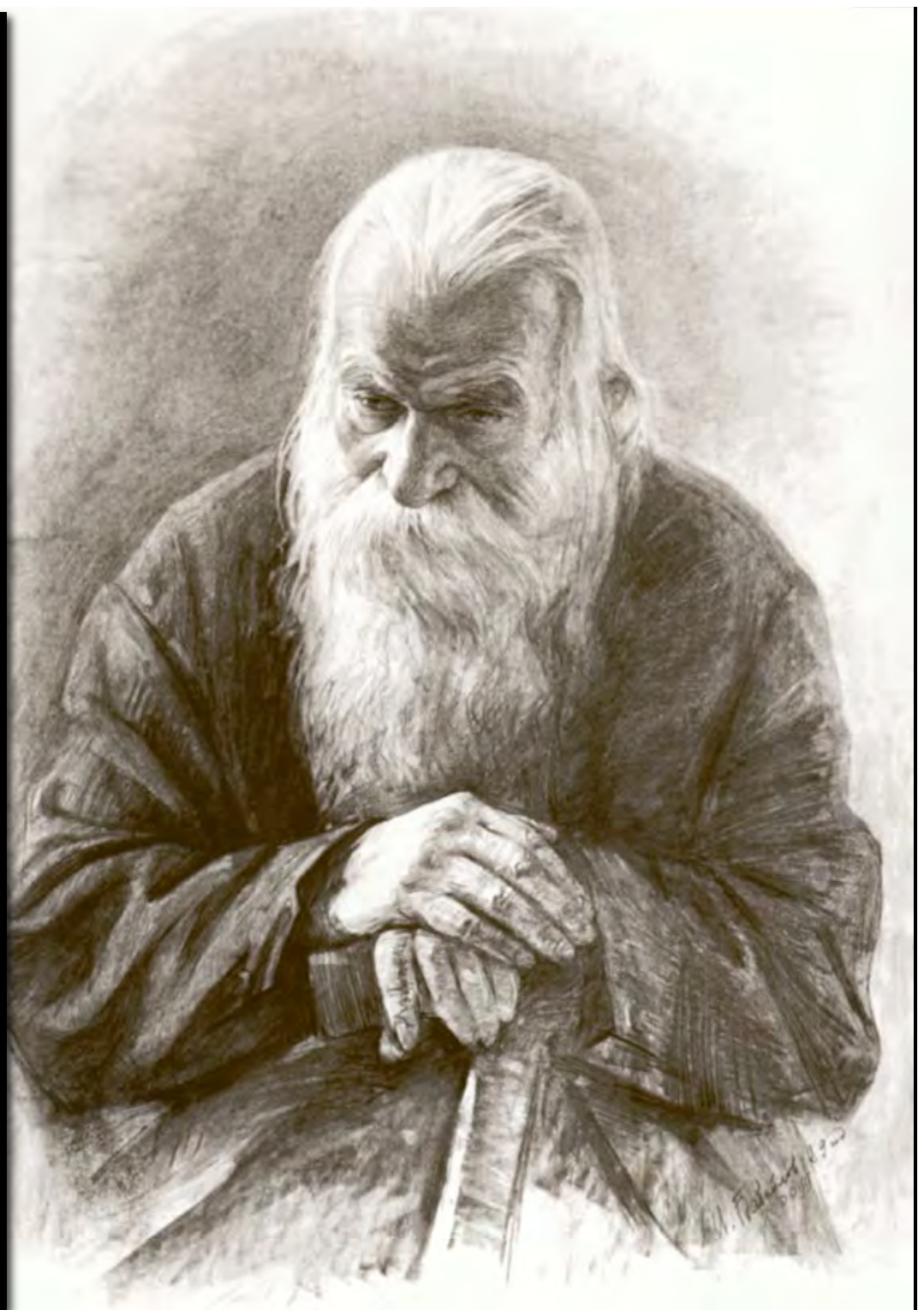


**“Every nook and cranny of Edom will
be searched and looted. Every treasure
will be found and taken”
(Obadiah 6 NLT).**

**“All your allies will turn against you.
They will help to chase you from your
land. They will promise you peace while
plotting to deceive and destroy you.
Your trusted friends will set traps for
you, and you won’t even know about it”
(Obadiah 7 NLT).**



""At that time not a single wise person will be left in the whole land of Edom,' says the LORD. 'For on the mountains of Edom I will destroy everyone who has understanding'" (Obadiah 8 NLT).





**"The mightiest
warriors of Teman
will be terrified, and
everyone on the
mountains of Edom
will be cut down in
the slaughter"
(Obadiah 9 NLT).**

**“Because of the violence against your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame; you will be destroyed forever”
(Obadiah 10 NIV).**



“On the day you stood aloof while strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them” (Obadiah 11 NIV).





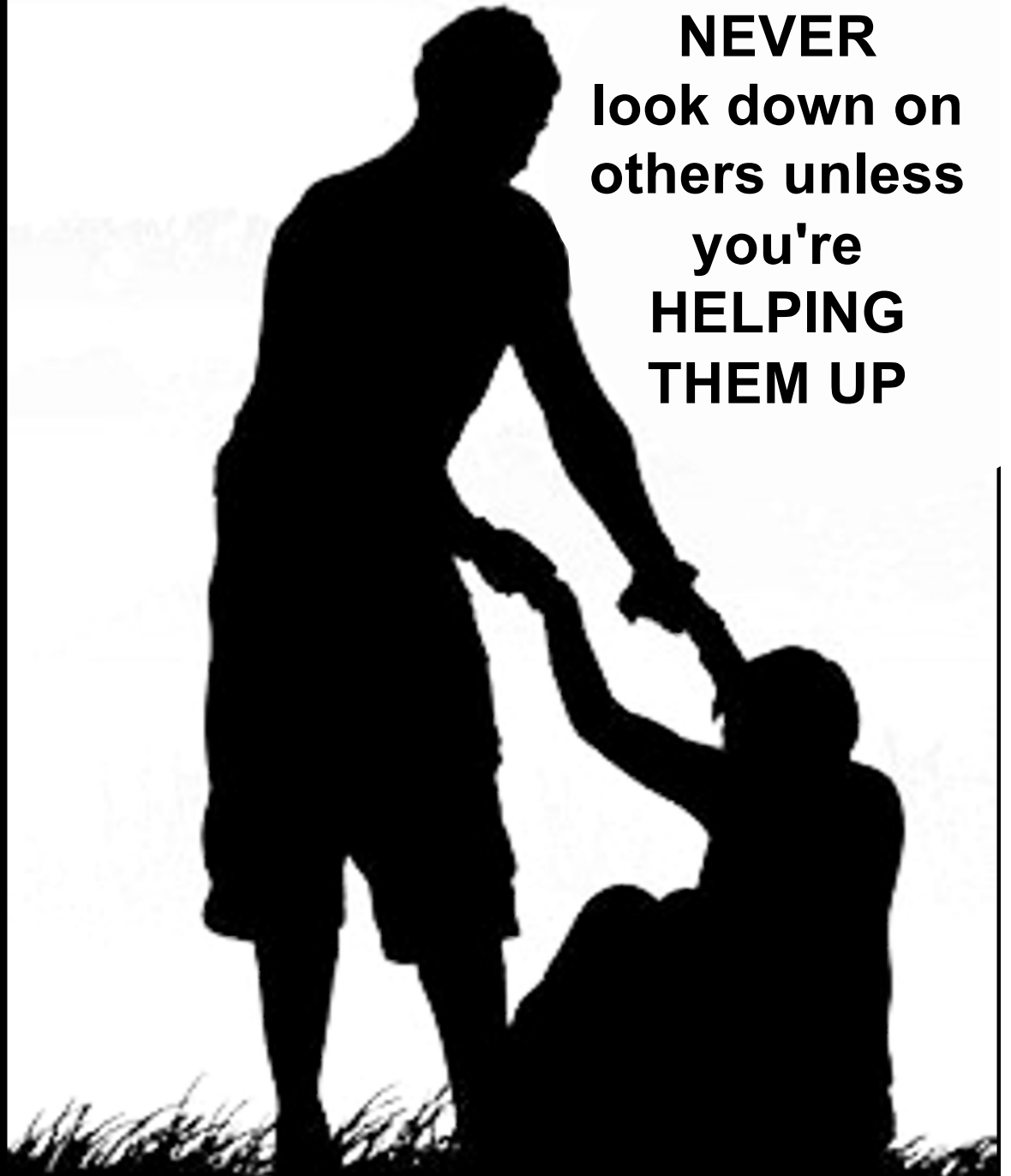
Edom's Excuse

**Am I my
brother's
keeper?**

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**“You should not
look down on your
brother
in the day of his
misfortune, nor
rejoice over the
people of Judah
in the day of their
destruction,
nor boast so much
in the day of their
trouble”
(Obadiah 12 NIV).**

**NEVER
look down on
others unless
you're
HELPING
THEM UP**



“You should not march through the gates of my people in the day of their disaster, nor look down on them in their calamity in the day of their disaster, nor seize their wealth in the day of their disaster” (Obadiah 13 NIV).



**“You should not wait at the crossroads
to cut down their fugitives,
nor hand over their survivors in the day
of their trouble” (Obadiah 14 NIV).**





***"God resists
the proud..."***

***...but gives grace to
the humble."***



1 Peter 5:5b (NIV)

The Rainbow



**A PROMISE OF GOD,
NOT A SYMBOL OF PRIDE**

***"The LORD detests all the proud of heart.
Be sure of this: They will not go
unpunished."***

A person with long dark hair, wearing a dark jacket and pants, is sitting on a wooden dock. They are looking out over a body of water towards a sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright reflection on the water. The sky is a mix of orange and yellow, and the trees in the background are silhouetted against the light.

Proverbs 16:5 (NIV)

**"Pride goes before destruction and a
haughty spirit before a fall."**

Proverbs 16:18



Broken People

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Henry Blackaby

PROUD, UNBROKEN PEOPLE	BROKEN PEOPLE
Keep people at arms length	Risk getting close to others/willing to take the risks of loving intimately
Quick to blame others	Accept personal responsibility – can see where <i>they</i> were wrong
Unapproachable	"Easy to be entreated"
Defensive when criticized	Receive criticism with a humble, open heart
Concerned with being "respectable"	Concerned with being real
Concerned about what others think	All that matters is what God knows
Work to maintain image/protect reputation	Die to own reputation
Find it difficult to share their spiritual needs with others	Willing to be open / transparent with others
Want to be sure nobody finds out about their sin.	Willing to be exposed (Once broken, you don't care who knows – nothing to lose!)

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PROUD, UNBROKEN PEOPLE	BROKEN PEOPLE
Have a hard time saying, "I was wrong; will you please forgive me?"	Are quick to admit failure and to seek forgiveness
When confessing sin, deal in generalities	Deal in specifics
Concerned about the consequences of their sins	Grieved over the cause / root of their sins
Remorseful over their sin—got caught / found out	Repentant over sin (forsake it)
When there is a misunderstanding or conflict, wait for the other to come & ask forgiveness	Take the initiative to be reconciled; see if they can get to the cross first!
Compare themselves with others and feel deserving of honor	Compare themselves to the holiness of God and feel desperate need for mercy
Blind to their true heart condition	Walk in the light
Don't think they have anything to repent of	Continual heart attitude of repentance
Don't think they need revival (think everybody else does!)	Continually sense their need for a fresh encounter with the filling of His Spirit



I. God
judges the
proud.

Obadiah 1-14

How does God respond to

HUMILITY

????

Key Verses

❖ Judgment on Edom

- (God to Edom) "Because of the violence against your brother Jacob [Judah], you will be covered with shame; you will be destroyed forever" (v. 10)

❖ Blessing on Israel

- "Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion [Jerusalem] to govern the mountains of Esau. **And the kingdom will be the LORD's**" (v. 21)



II. God
blesses the
humble.

Obadiah 15-
21



**"The day of the LORD is near
for all nations.**

**As you have done, it will be done to you;
your deeds will return upon your own
head" (Obadiah 15 NIV).**

The Day of the Lord



**"Just as you swallowed
up my people on my
holy mountain, so you
and the surrounding
nations will swallow the
punishment I pour out
on you. Yes, all you
nations will drink and
stagger and disappear
from history"
(Obadiah 16 NLT).**

Reversal in Obadiah

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Edom
Over
Israel

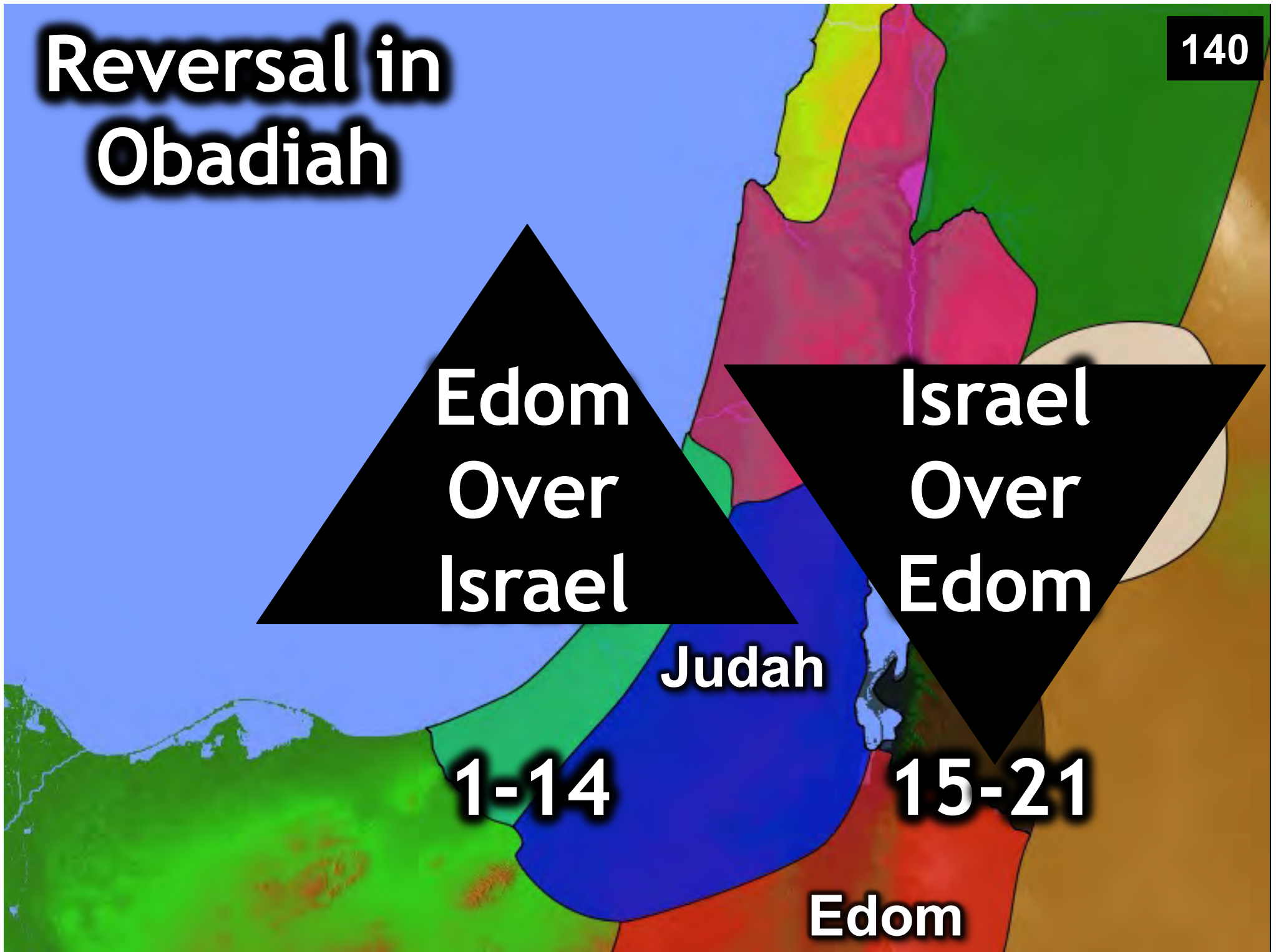
Israel
Over
Edom

Judah

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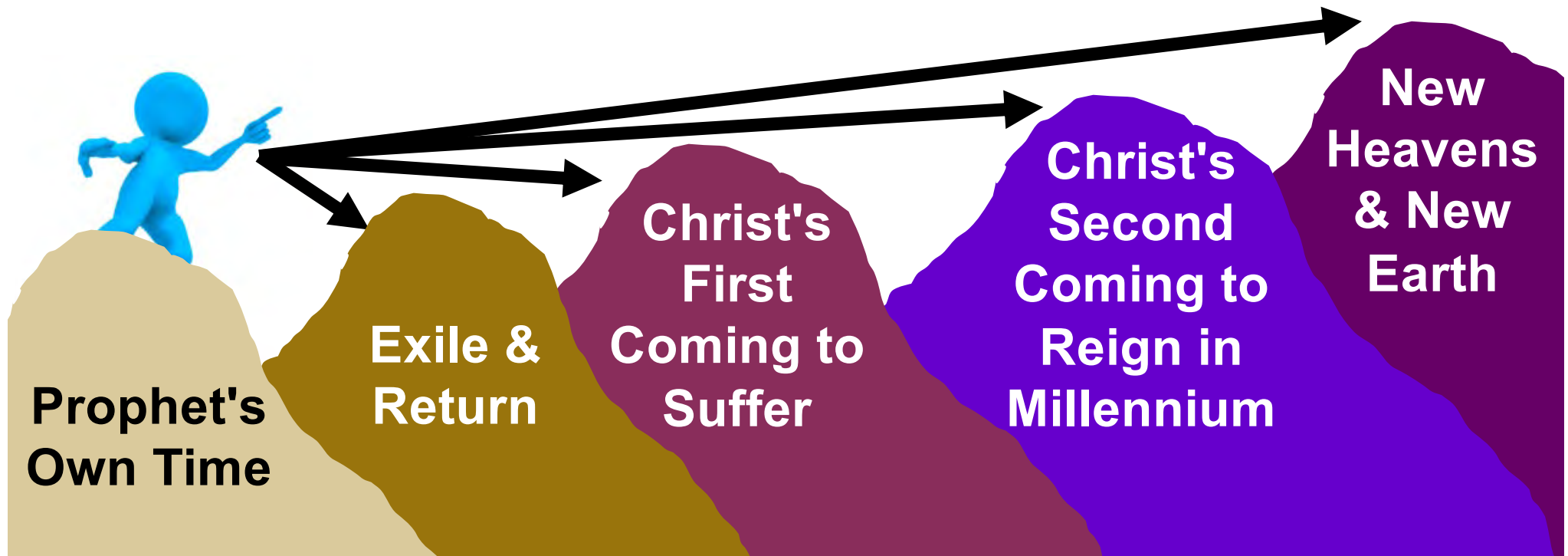
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Edom



Approaching a Summit





Time Periods of the Prophets

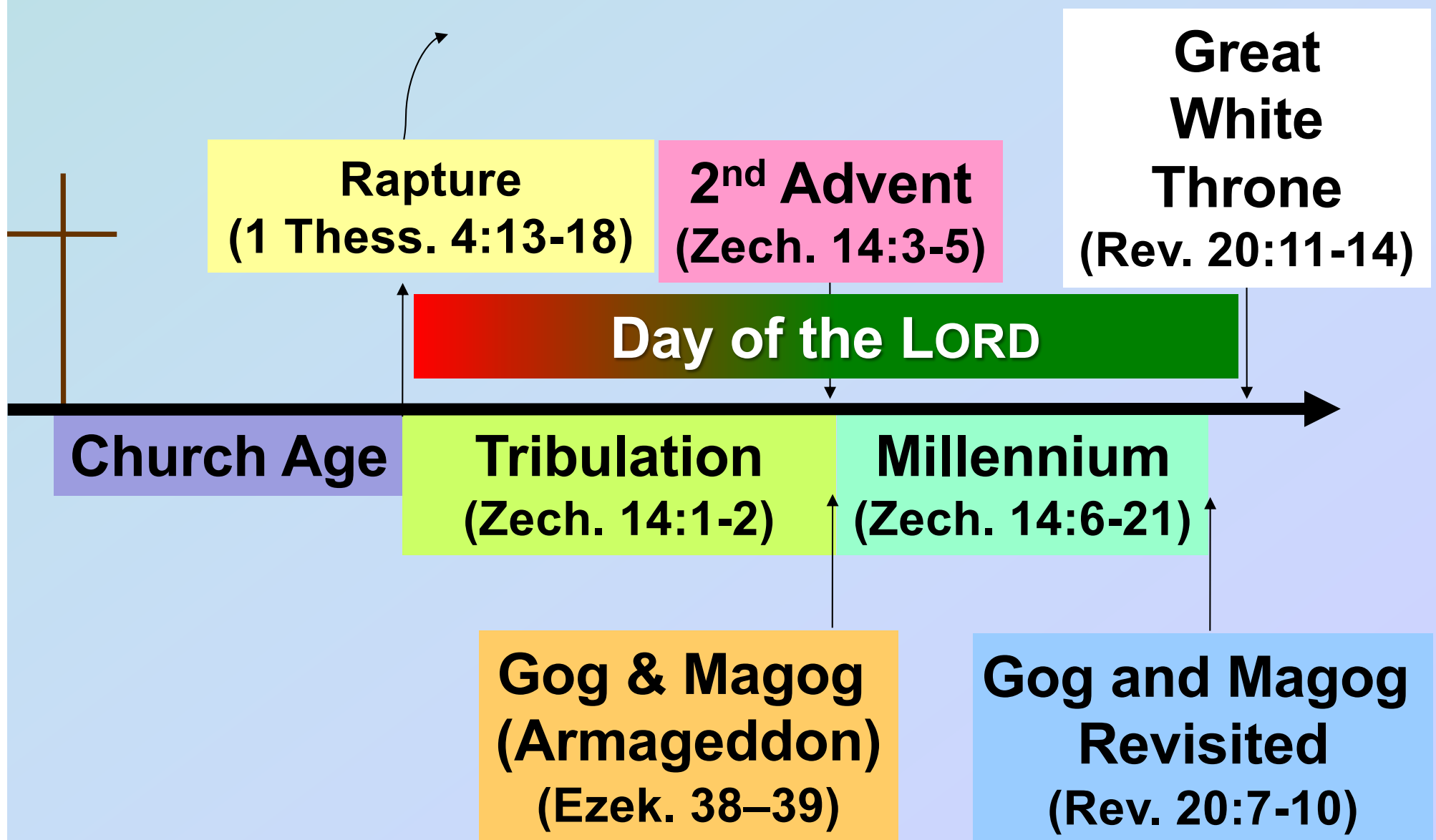
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We See the Valleys



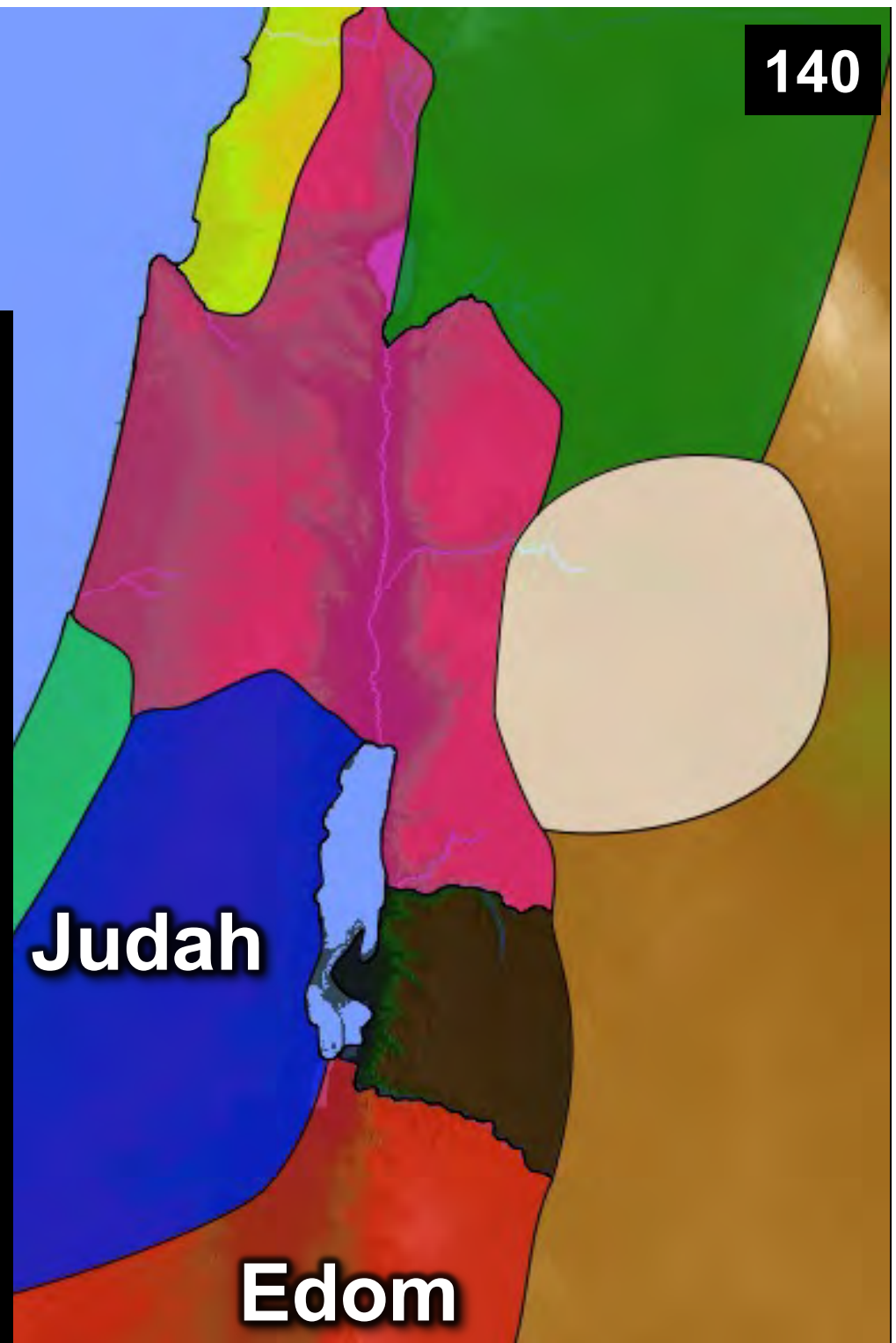
A Dispensational Timeline

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Reversal in Obadiah

**“But Jerusalem will
become a refuge for
those who escape;
it will be a holy place.
And the people of
Israel will come back
to reclaim their
inheritance”
(Obadiah 17 NLT).**



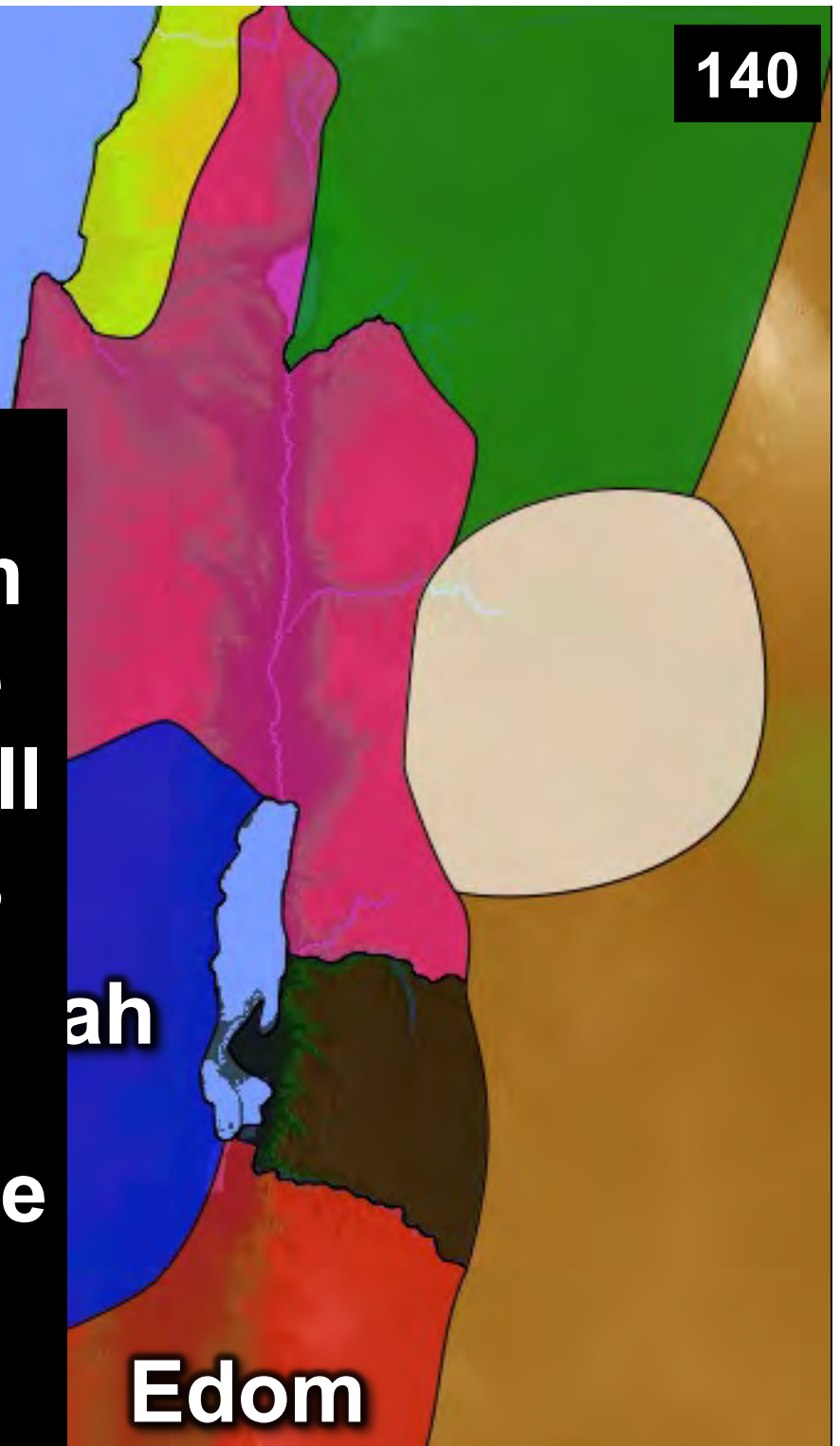
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**“The people of Israel will be a raging fire, and Edom a field of dry stubble. The descendants of Joseph will be a flame roaring across the field, devouring everything. There will be no survivors in Edom. I, the LORD, have spoken”
(Obadiah 18 NLT).**

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Edom



Is There a Future for National Israel?



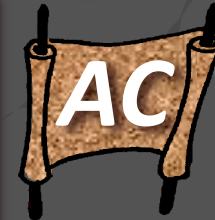
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Gen. 12:1-3

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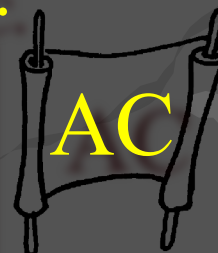
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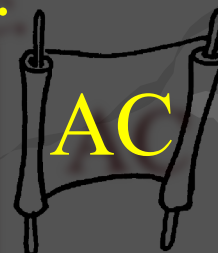
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WHICH SON?

"Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering, on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

Genesis 22:2

NIV study note: : "In the Hebrew text, "Isaac" follows the clause "whom you love." in order to heighten the effect: "your son, your only son, whom you love -- Isaac." Isaac was the only "son of the Promise."

2 Chr 3:1 The author identifies this site with the Temple mount [locating today's Dome of the Rock].

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WHICH SON?

“And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year.”

Gen. 17:20-21 (NKJV)

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COMPARE THE GIFTS TODAY...

ISAAC

ISHMAEL

WHY THE
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COMPARE THE GEOGRAPHY...

Israel and...



The Arab World

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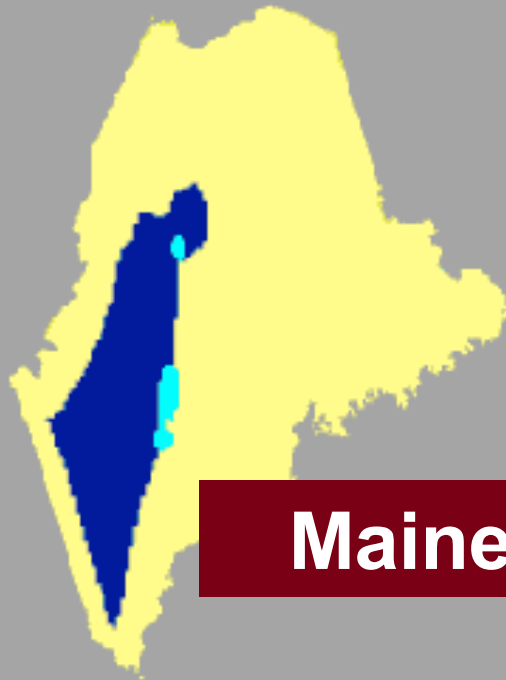
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Maine

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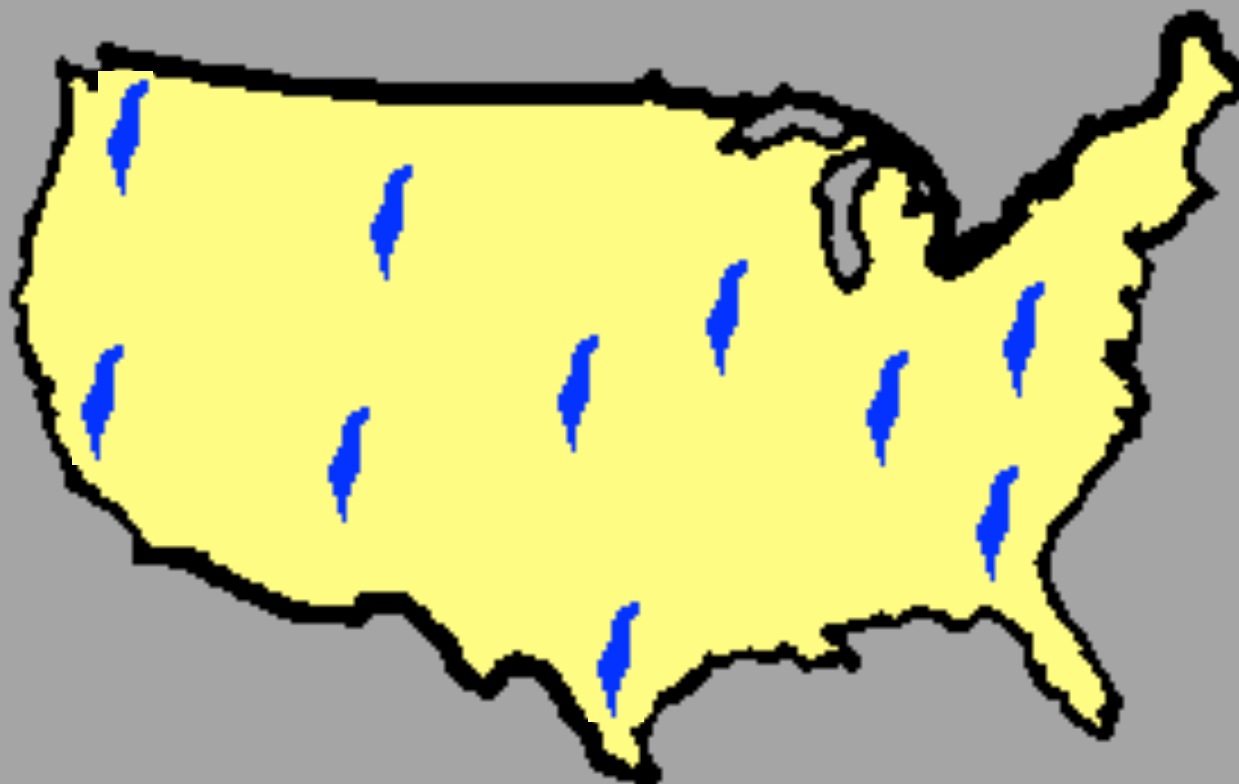
Maps drawn to
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ISRAEL and...

THE UNITED STATES



DOES THIS SEEM FAIR?

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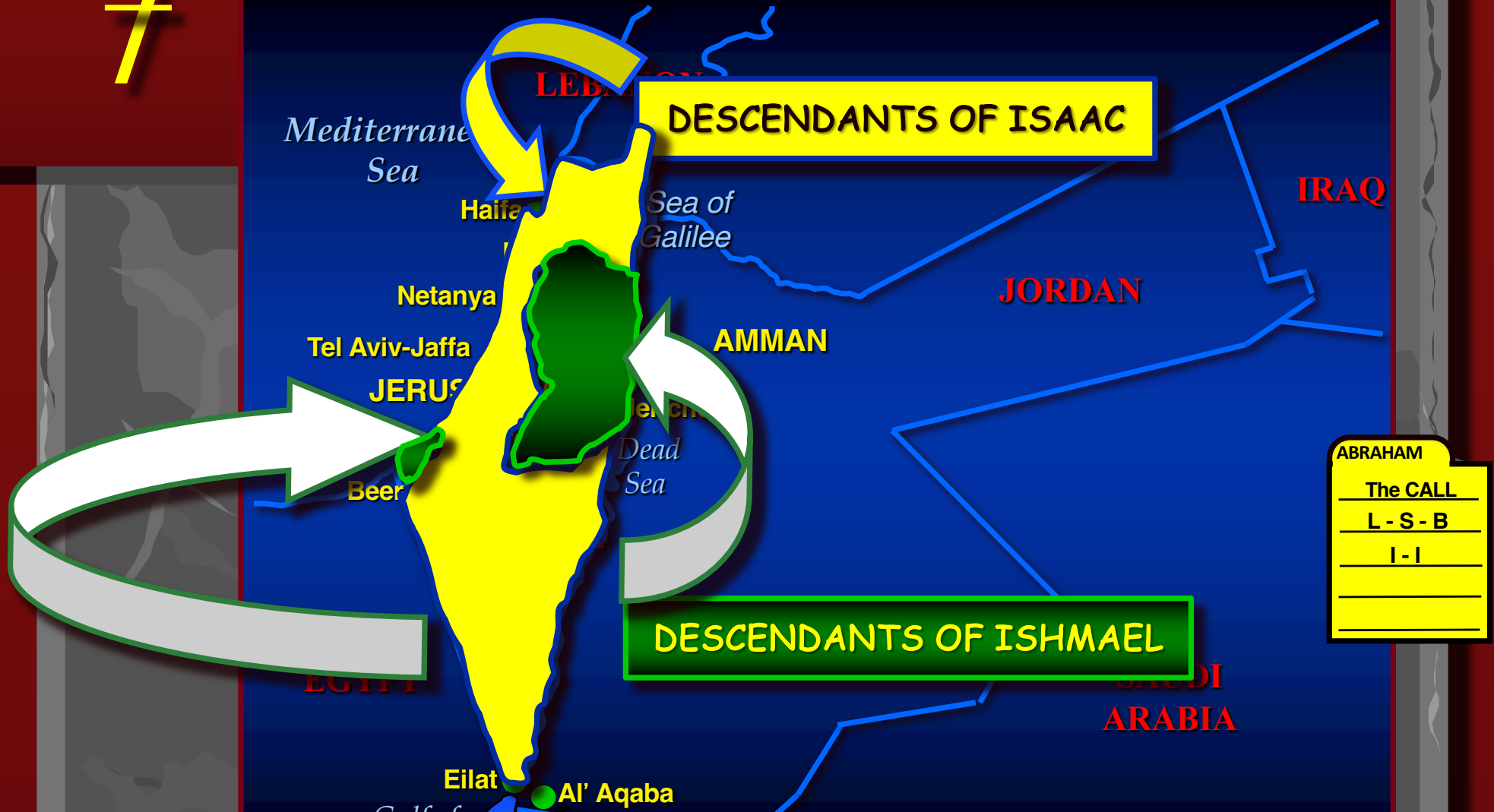
But God's covenant, which concerned His spiritual purposes, was only for Isaac and his descendants. The physical blessings promised to Isaac were to facilitate God's spiritual call for the nation that would come from him.” [Emphasis added]

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ISHMAEL & ISAAC IN TODAY'S ISRAEL

Borders of the Land Promised to Abraham

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A topographical map of the Middle East and surrounding regions. The land is colored in shades of green and brown, representing different elevations. The Mediterranean Sea is visible on the left, and the Red Sea is on the right. A white rectangular box with a black border is drawn over the land, indicating the borders of the Land Promised to Abraham. The box extends from the river of Egypt in the south to the Taurus mountains in the north, and from the Jordan River in the east to the Mediterranean coast in the west. The names of the regions are written in large, bold, white letters with black outlines: Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, and Egypt. The text is arranged vertically, with Syria at the top, followed by Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, and Egypt at the bottom. The text is positioned over the map, with the box highlighting the specific area of interest.

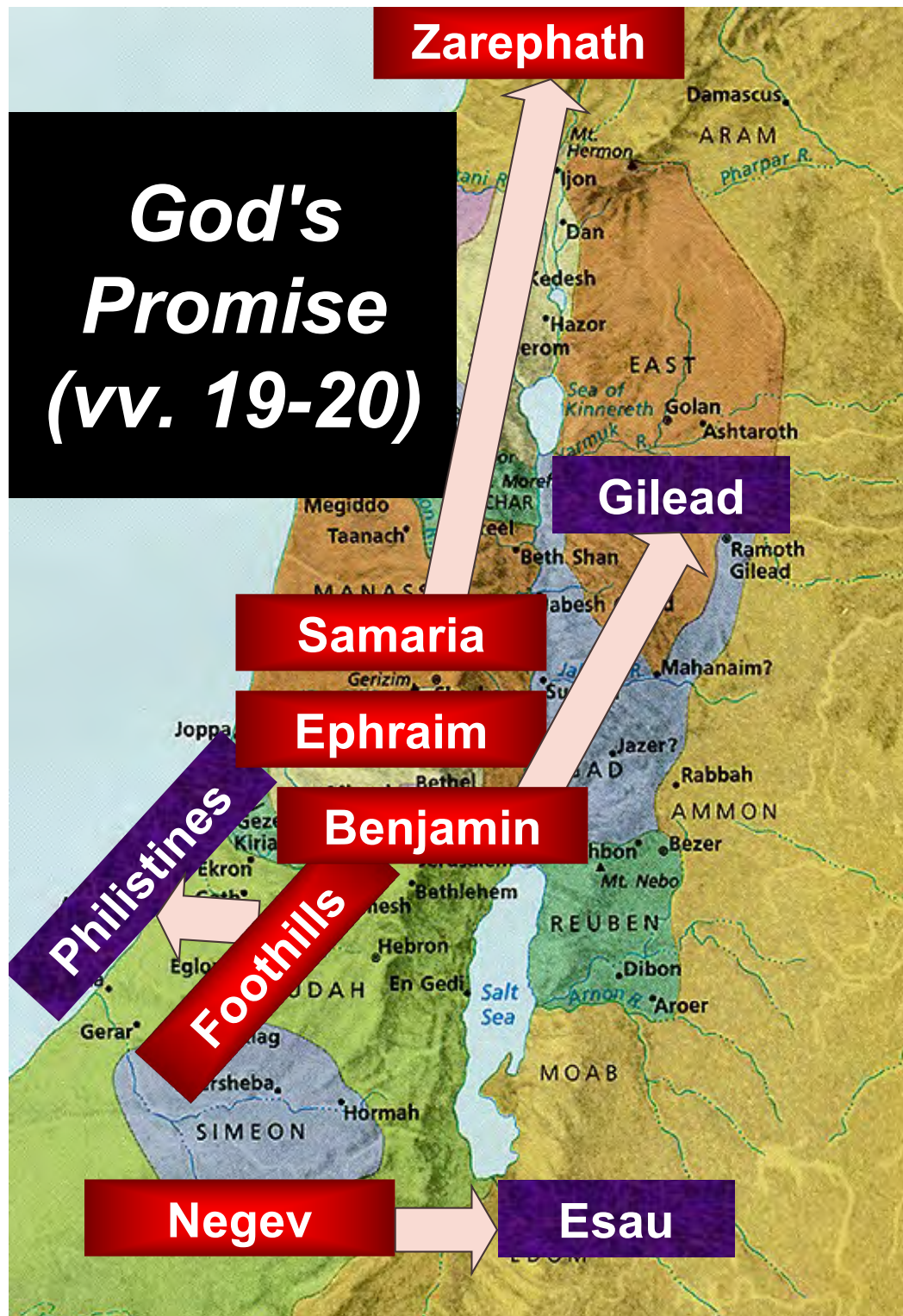
Syria
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Egypt

Genesis 15:18

"On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates'" (ESV)

**God's
Promise
(vv. 19-20)**

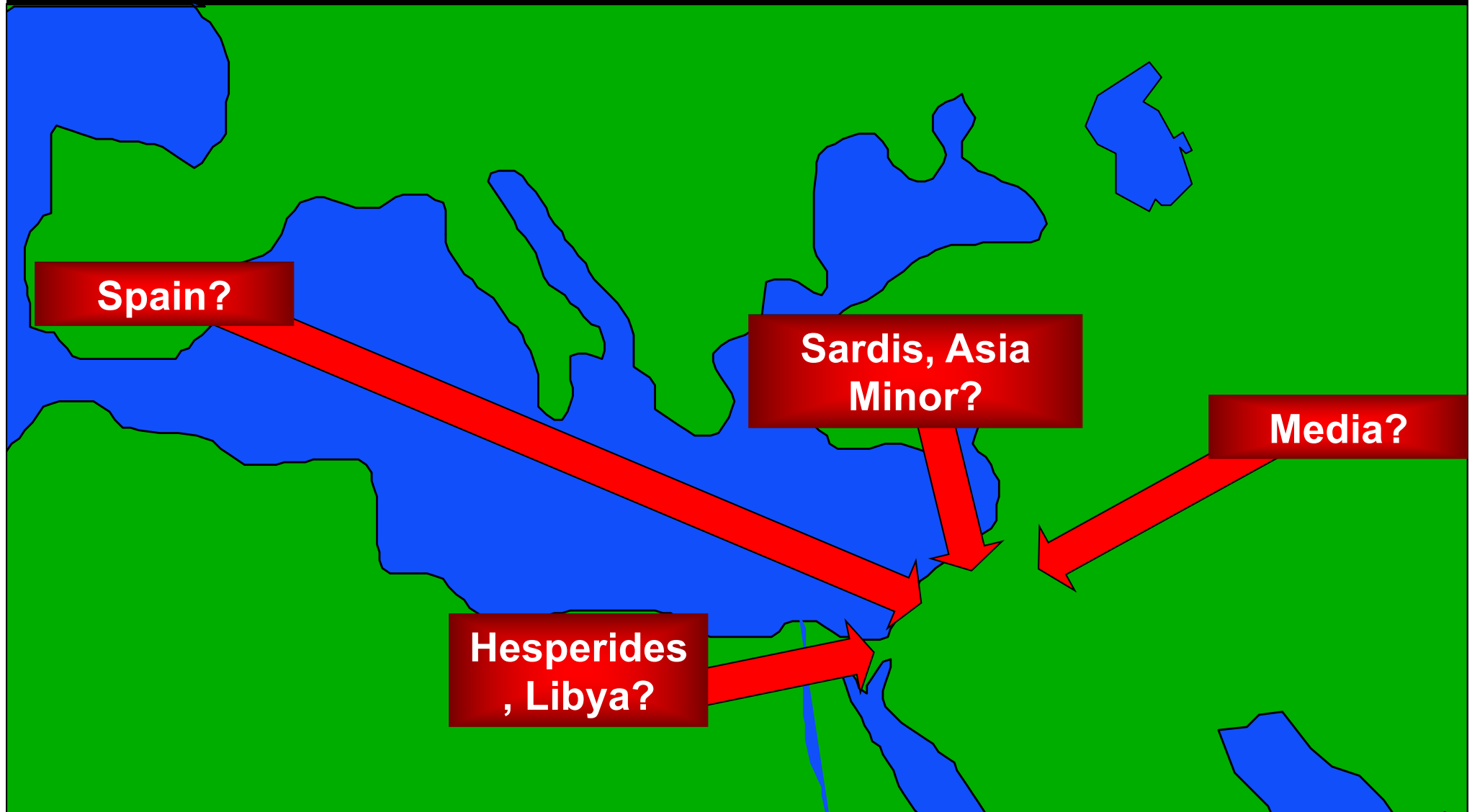


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²⁰This company of
Israelite exiles who are
in Canaan will possess
[the land] as far as
Zarephath; the exiles
from Jerusalem who are
in Sepharad will possess
the towns of the Negev."



Where was Sepharad (v. 20)?



"...the exiles from Jerusalem who are in Sepharad will possess the towns of the Negev."

God's Promise (v. 20)

Negev

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**"Deliverers
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will be the
LORD's."**





***...so that at the
proper time he
may exalt you."***

***"Humble yourselves,
therefore, under the
mighty hand of
God..."***



1 Peter 5:6

Broken People

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Henry Blackaby

PROUD, UNBROKEN PEOPLE	BROKEN PEOPLE
Focus on the failures of others	Overwhelmed with sense of their own spiritual need
Self-righteous; have a critical, fault-finding spirit; look at own life/faults through a telescope but others with a microscope	Compassionate; forgiving; look for the best in others
Look down on others	Esteem all others better than self
Independent/self-sufficient spirit	Dependent spirit/recognize need for others
Maintain control; must be <i>my</i> way	Surrender control
Have to prove that they are right	Willing to yield the right to be right!
Claim rights	Yield rights
Demanding spirit	Giving spirit
Self-protective of time, rights, reputation	Self-denying

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PROUD, UNBROKEN PEOPLE	BROKEN PEOPLE
Desire to be served	Motivated to serve others
Desire to be a success	Desire to be faithful to make others a success
Desire for self-advancement	Desire to promote others
Driven to be recognized/appreciated	Sense of unworthiness; thrilled to be used at all; eager for others to get credit
Wounded when others are promoted and they are overlooked	Rejoice when others are lifted up
"The ministry is privileged to have me!"	"I don't deserve to serve in this ministry!"
Think of what they can do for God	Know that they have nothing to offer God
Feel confident in how much they know	Humbled by how much they have to learn
Self-conscious	Not concerned with self at all

How does God respond to

PRIDE

????



God **humbles** the proud
but **exalts** the humble

—Main Idea of Obadiah—

Calls to Humility


- ❖ God judges the prideful who try to destroy his people.
- ❖ God "does unto you" as you have "done unto others" (v. 15).
- ❖ The eventual and final fate of Edom is the fate of all the wicked – death.
- ❖ The eventual and final reward of God's people is life abundant.



***"The LORD Almighty has a day in store
for all the proud and lofty, for all that is
exalted (and they will be humbled)."***



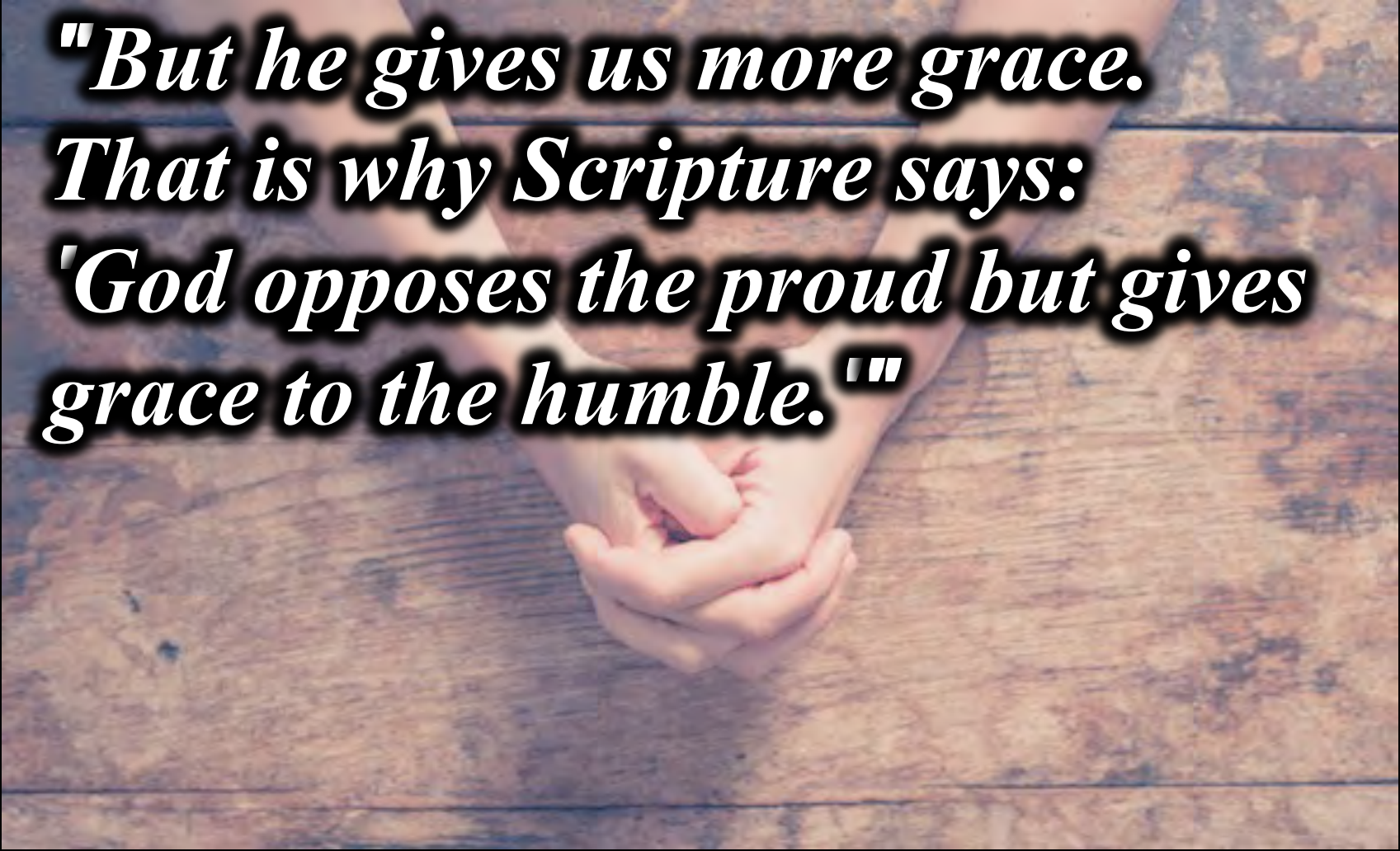
Isaiah 2:12 (NIV)



***and whoever
humbles himself
will be exalted."***

***"For whoever
exalts himself
will be humbled***

Matthew 23:12 (NIV)



*"But he gives us more grace.
That is why Scripture says:
'God opposes the proud but gives
grace to the humble.'"*

James 4:6 (NIV)

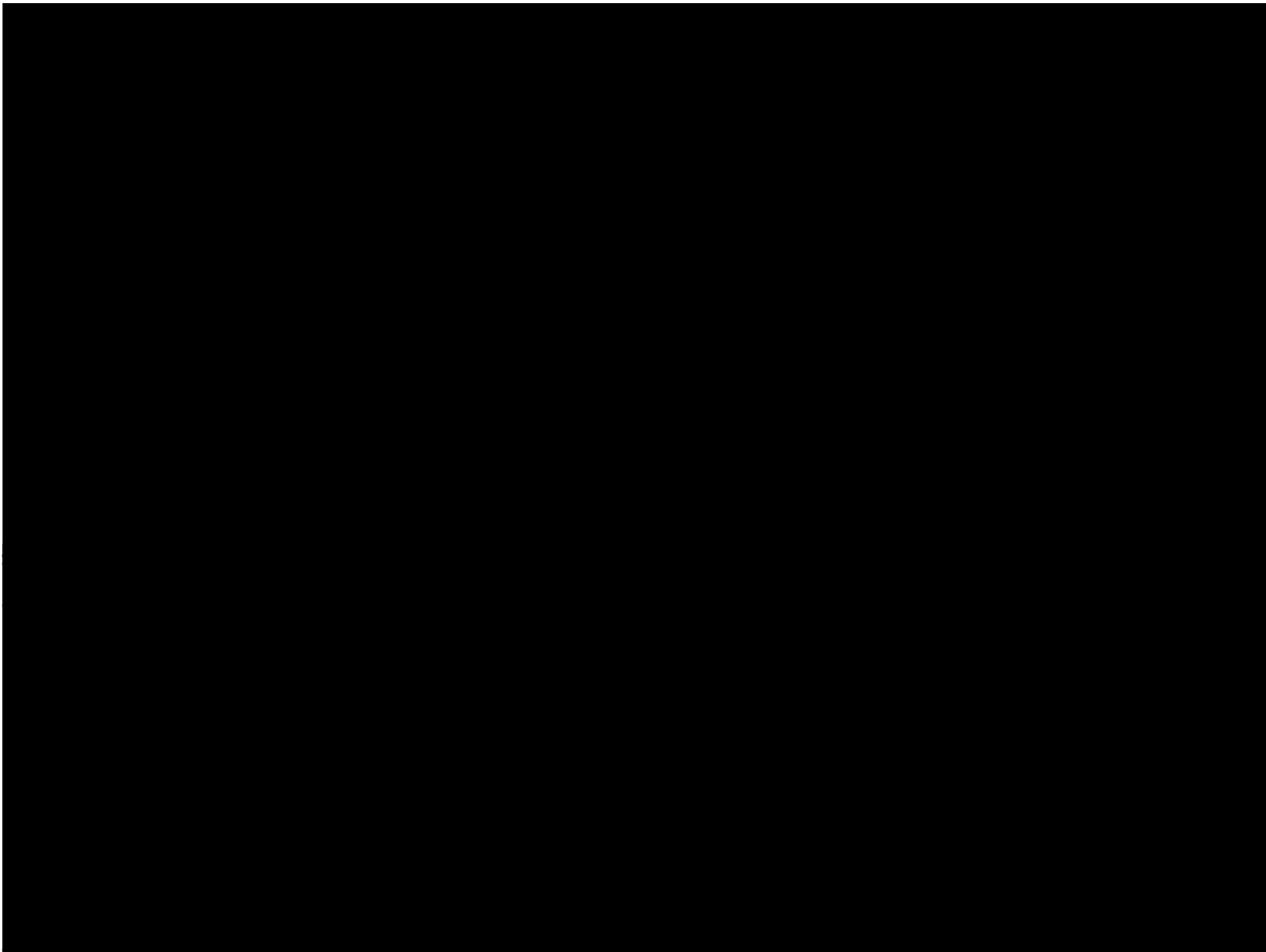
**Humility does not mean
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**It means you think of
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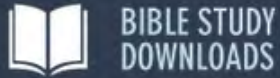
—Ken Blanchard—




**In what area of your life
do you need to curb pride?**



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