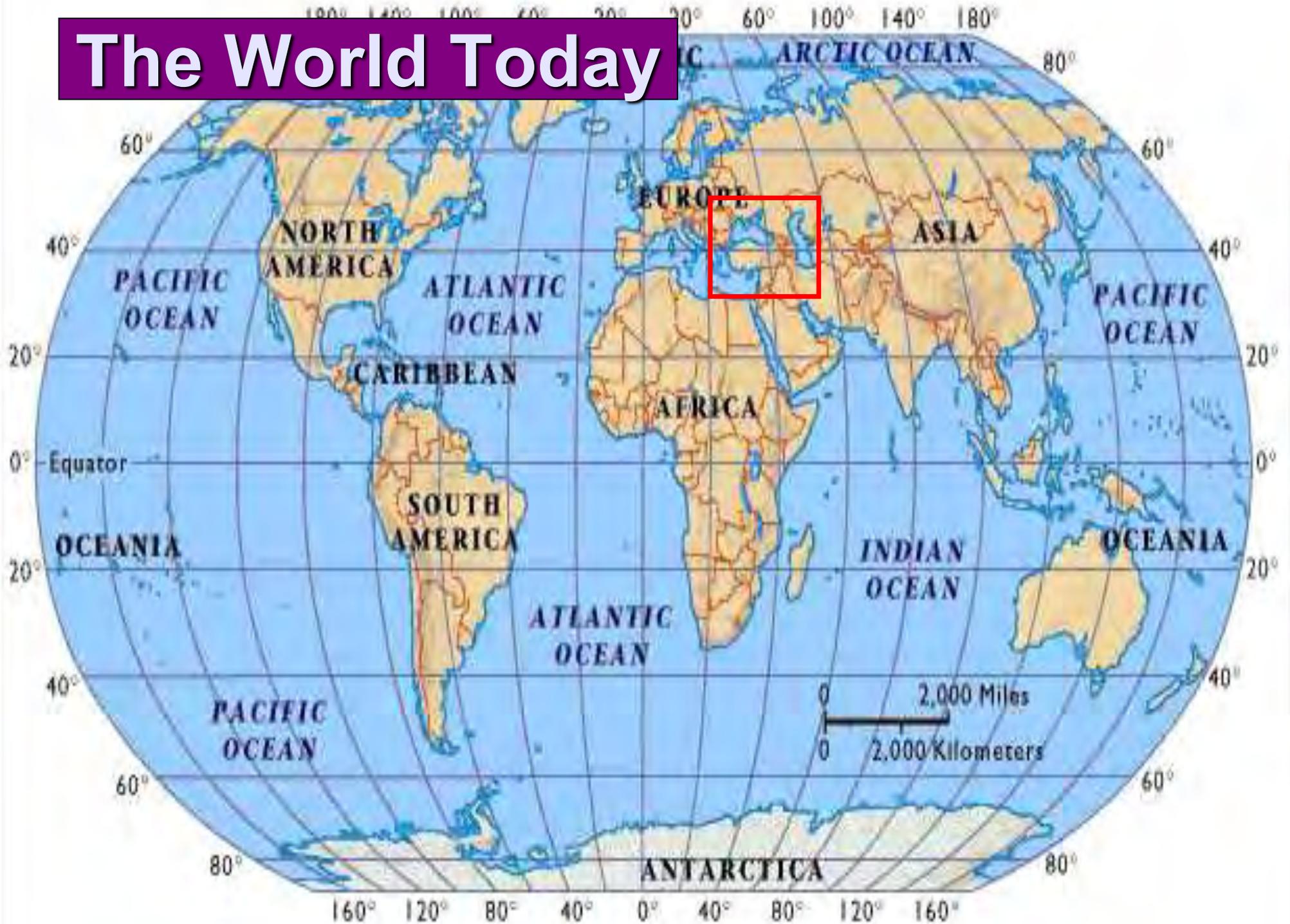


# The Geography of the Garden of Eden & the Ancient Near East



# The World Today



# Modern Middle East

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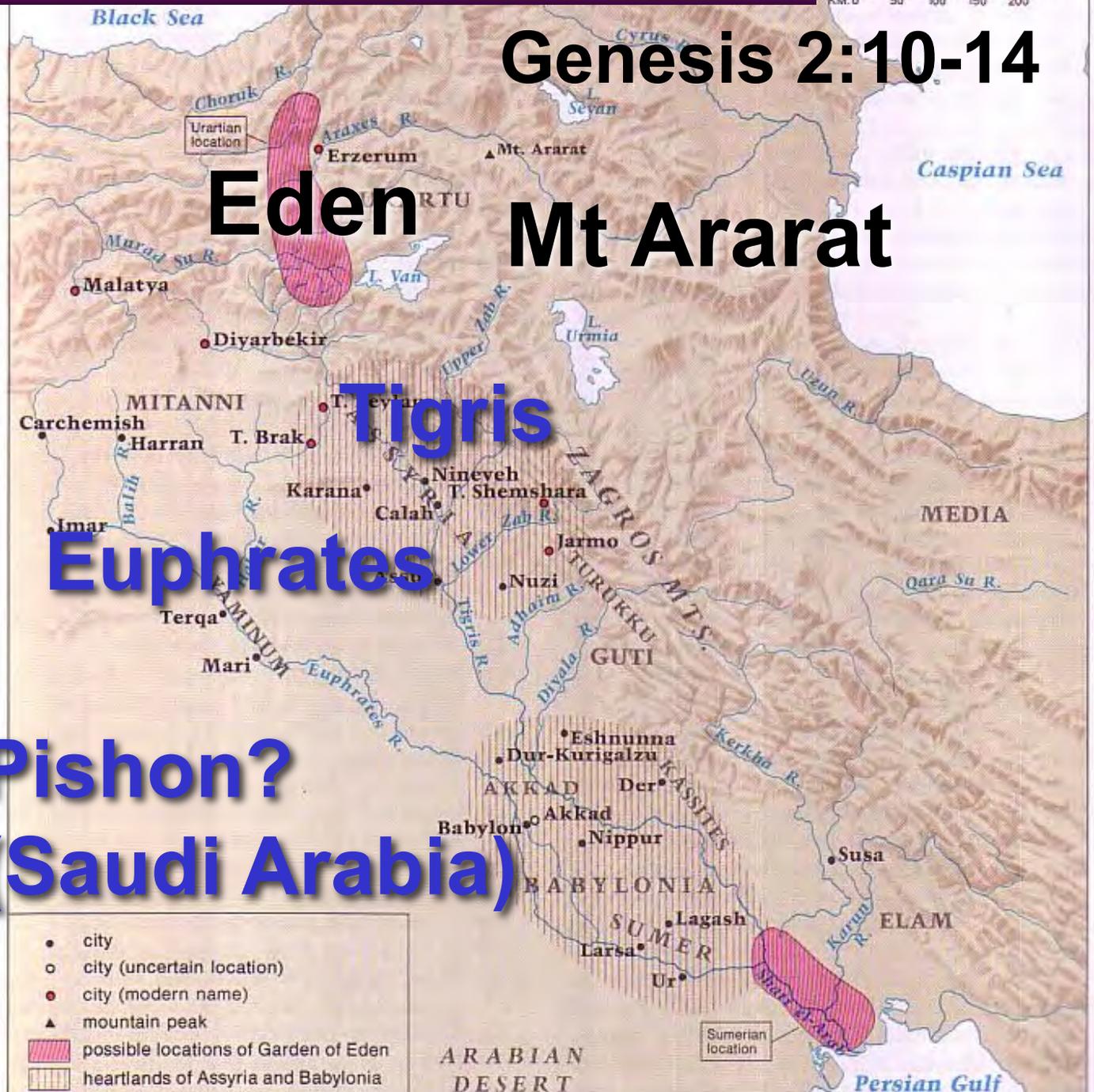


# Two Suggested Locations of Eden

Barry Beitzel, *Moody Atlas of Bible Lands*, 75

Genesis 2:10-14

Eden Mt Ararat

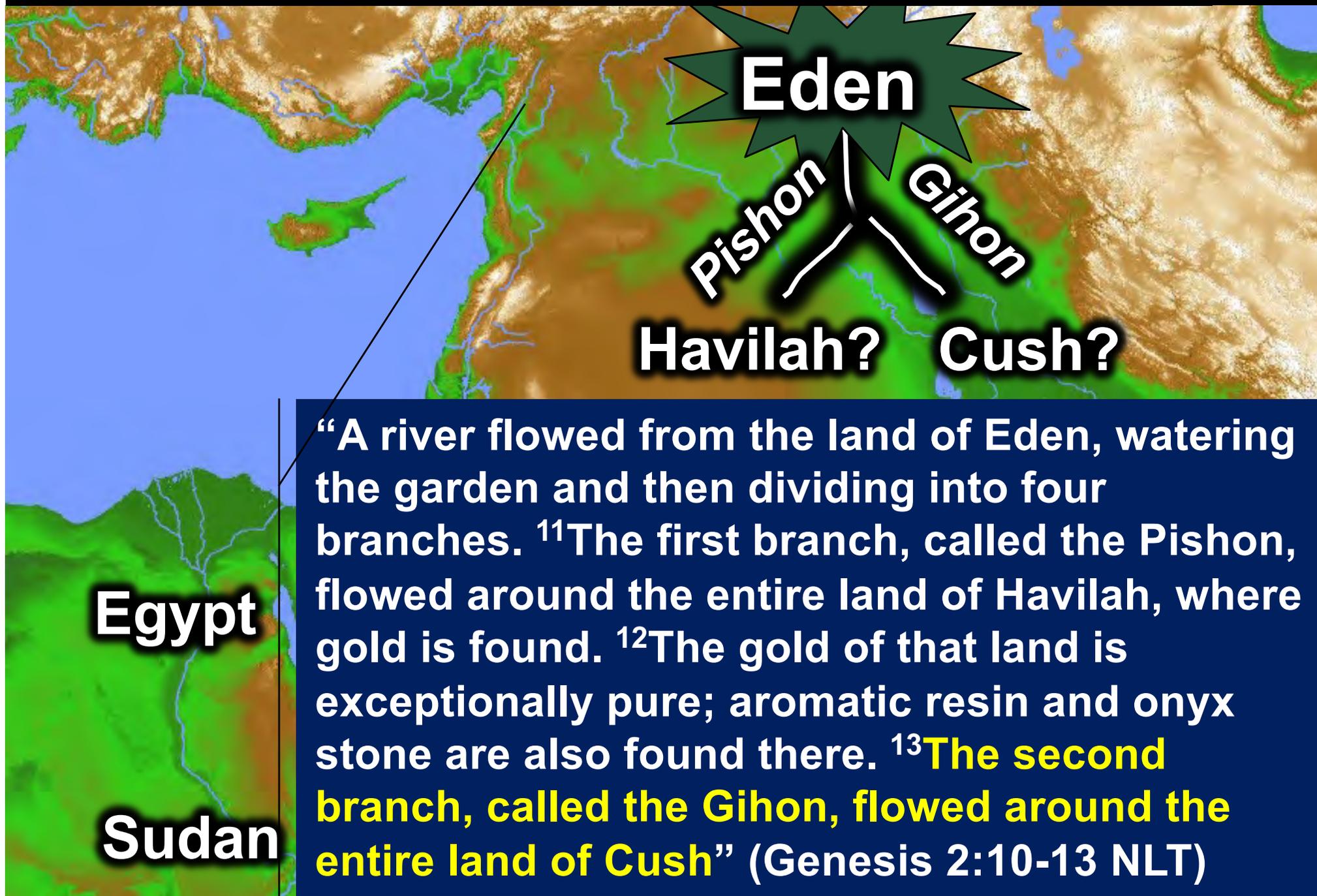


Gihon?  
(Ethiopia)

Pishon?  
(Saudi Arabia)

# Mesopotamian Cush First Noted in Genesis 2

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# Correct Location of Cush



**This is not the Cush of Genesis but a later settlement between Egypt and Sudan as part of Nubia stretching from Aswan, Egypt to Khartoum, Sudan**

# Rodinia—The World That Perished

## The transformation of Adam's world into today's world

### HELPFUL RESOURCES



#### **Faith, Form, and Time** Kurt P. Wise

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### SCIENTIFIC FACT:

The movement of the continental plates to their present positions did not take millions of years of slow plate shifting.

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In Genesis 6–8 we read of a catastrophe that impacted the earth in a way unlike any other disaster since that time. Such a catastrophe would impact not only the earth's atmosphere and inhabitants but also its very foundations. The earth's landmass during Adam's day was extremely different from the seven continents of our modern world. But what caused it to change so drastically? Catastrophic plate tectonics (CPT) is one possible contributing factor.



# THE WORLD THAT PERISHED

## The transformation of Adam's world into today's world



### Rodinia

Most secular and biblical geologists believe that all the land has been together more than once. One of these supercontinents is called "Rodinia" (from the Russian word for "motherland"). Although scientists continue to debate its exact shape, when God spoke the dry land into existence on Day 3 of Creation Week (Genesis 1:9–10), He may have created a landmass similar to Rodinia.



Breakup



Pangaea



Transitional Period

### Flood Period

The worldwide Flood covered the entire globe—over the highest mountains of that day by more than 15 cubits (up to 26 ft [8m]) (Genesis 7:20).



### Today's World

Today, we are left with evidence that the continents moved apart in the past. For example, the coastlines of South America and Africa fit together, like pieces of a puzzle.

Catastrophic plate movement also explains the fascinating magnetic pattern found in ocean floor rocks. These rocks record a "zebra stripe" pattern of magnetic pole reversals, switching back and forth between north and south (see below).

#### Break-Up

The Flood began with a breakup of the "fountains of the great deep" and an opening of the "windows of heaven" (Genesis 7:11; see below). This may have been the result of the breakup of the original supercontinent into huge plates of the earth's crust. These plates split, moved, and collided throughout the duration of the Flood.

#### Pangaea

There is evidence that suggests that, after the breakup, the land again smashed together, forming another supercontinent called Pangaea. This temporary supercontinent formed and broke up entirely during the Flood.

#### Transitional Period

Still during the flood, Pangaea broke apart, first into Laurasia and Gondwana and finally into the continents we have today. At the end of this period the Indian subcontinent slammed into the Eurasian plate, forming the Himalayan mountains.

## "Fountains" and "Windows"

When Noah, his family, and their cargo of animals were safely aboard the Ark, the Flood began.

Thousands of miles of the earth's crust (surface rock plates) split apart along lines traversing the globe. The mantle (hot rock beneath) rose to fill the voids between the splitting plates. When this 2,000°F (1,093°C) rock contacted the cool sea-

water above it, the seawater flashed into steam. This formed a line of steam jets along the boundaries of the plates (possibly the "fountains of the great deep").

The immense and incredibly powerful steam jets shot tens of thousands of feet into earth's atmosphere. Significant amounts of seawater were also lifted into the atmosphere. For several weeks, this

fell to the earth as intense global rain (possibly the "windows of heaven").

The rising of the mantle through earth's crust also resulted in a temporary rise in the global sea level, causing the oceans to flood the continents.

These simultaneous activities resulted in the dramatic shifting of the earth's crust to produce today's seven continents.

### Magnetic Reversals

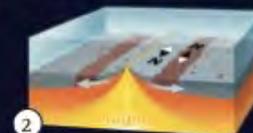
Within the catastrophic plate tectonics model, heat was rapidly lost from earth's outer core. This cooling resulted in the earth's magnetic field quickly reversing during the Flood. These magnetic reversals were expressed at the earth's

surface as short periods of normal magnetization alternating with short periods of reversed magnetization. Illustrations 1–3 show how the reversals were expressed as a "zebra stripe" pattern on either side of the mid-ocean ridge.



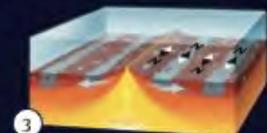
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magma flows up



2

magma spreads and cools rapidly



3

rapid cooling leads to magnetic field reversals

# Mesopotamia



Iran, Iraq, and Kuwait  
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 Kilometers  
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# The Ancient Near East



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## Genesis 12

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ABRAHAM

The CALL

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A LAND

A SEED

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A BLESSING

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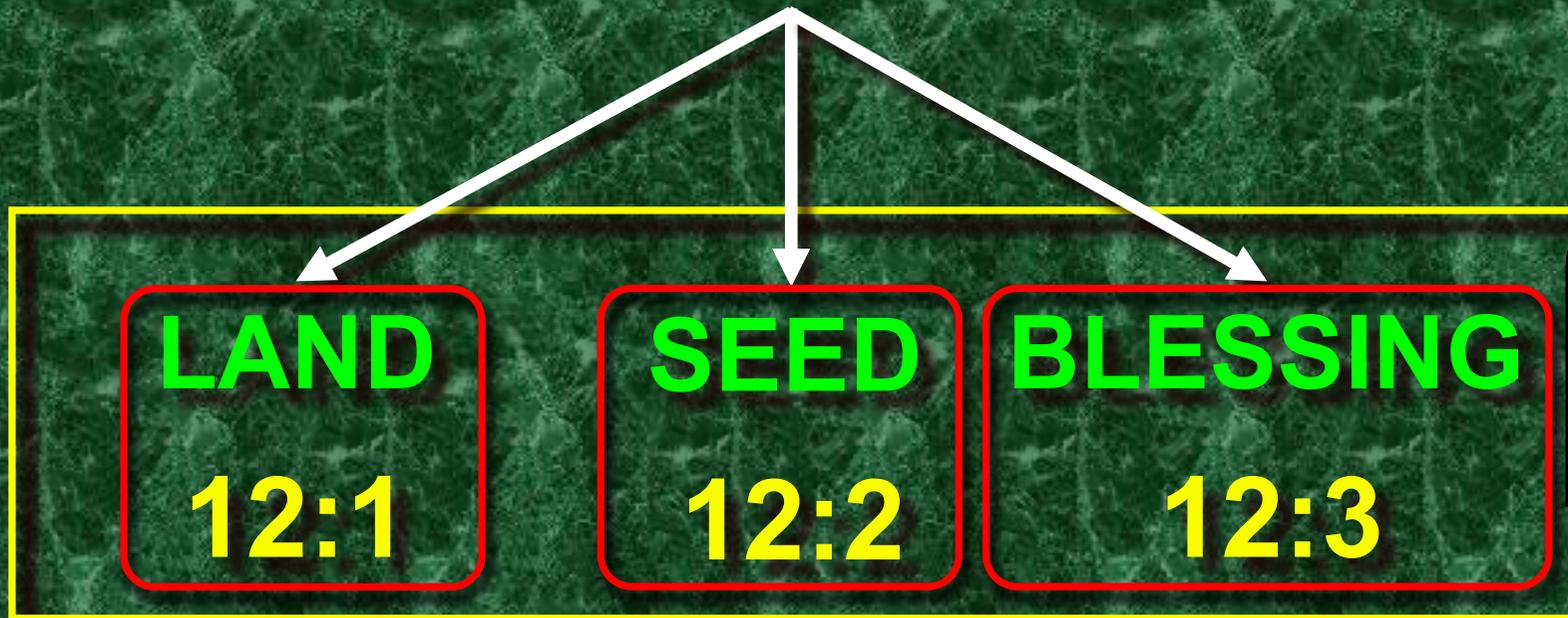
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# The Abrahamic Covenant ("The Call")

*Genesis 12:1-3*



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*“L-S-B”*

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Three Overriding Characteristics!

**LAND SEED BLESSING**

- **LITERAL**
- **ETERNAL**
- **UNCONDITIONAL**

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# DRESSING THE STAGE

# THEY LEFT

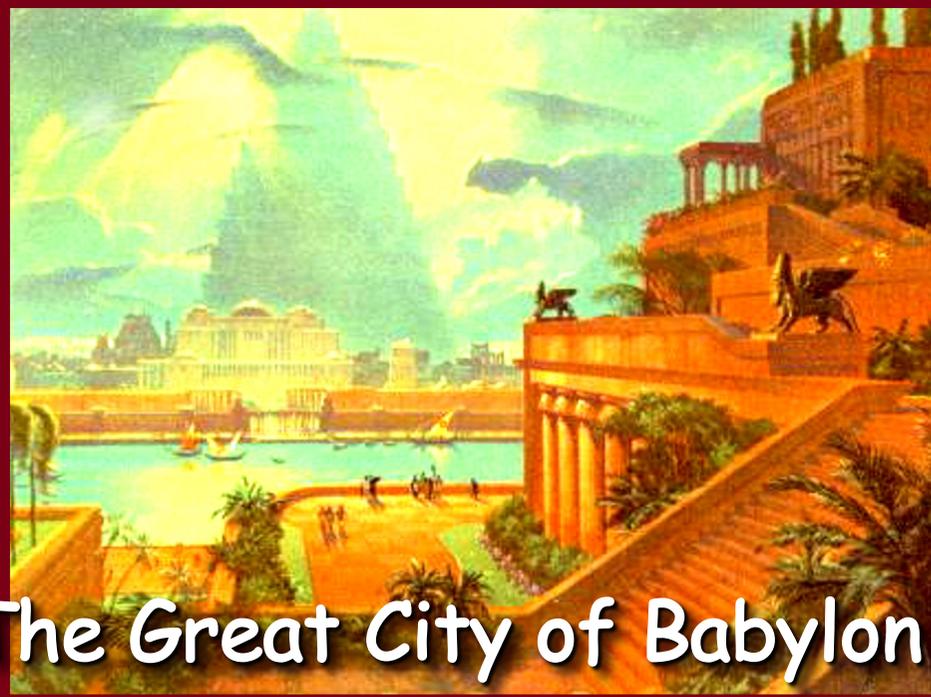


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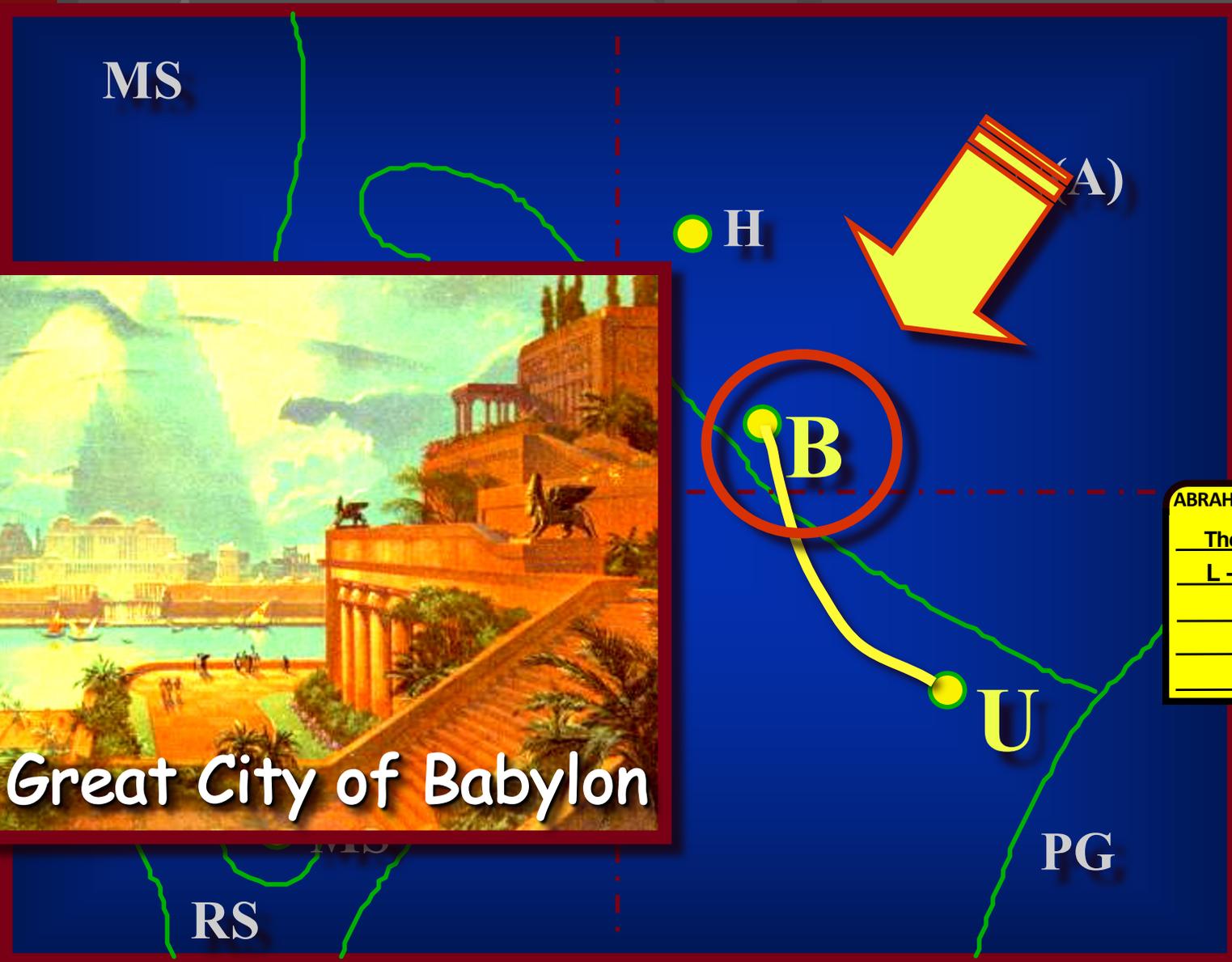


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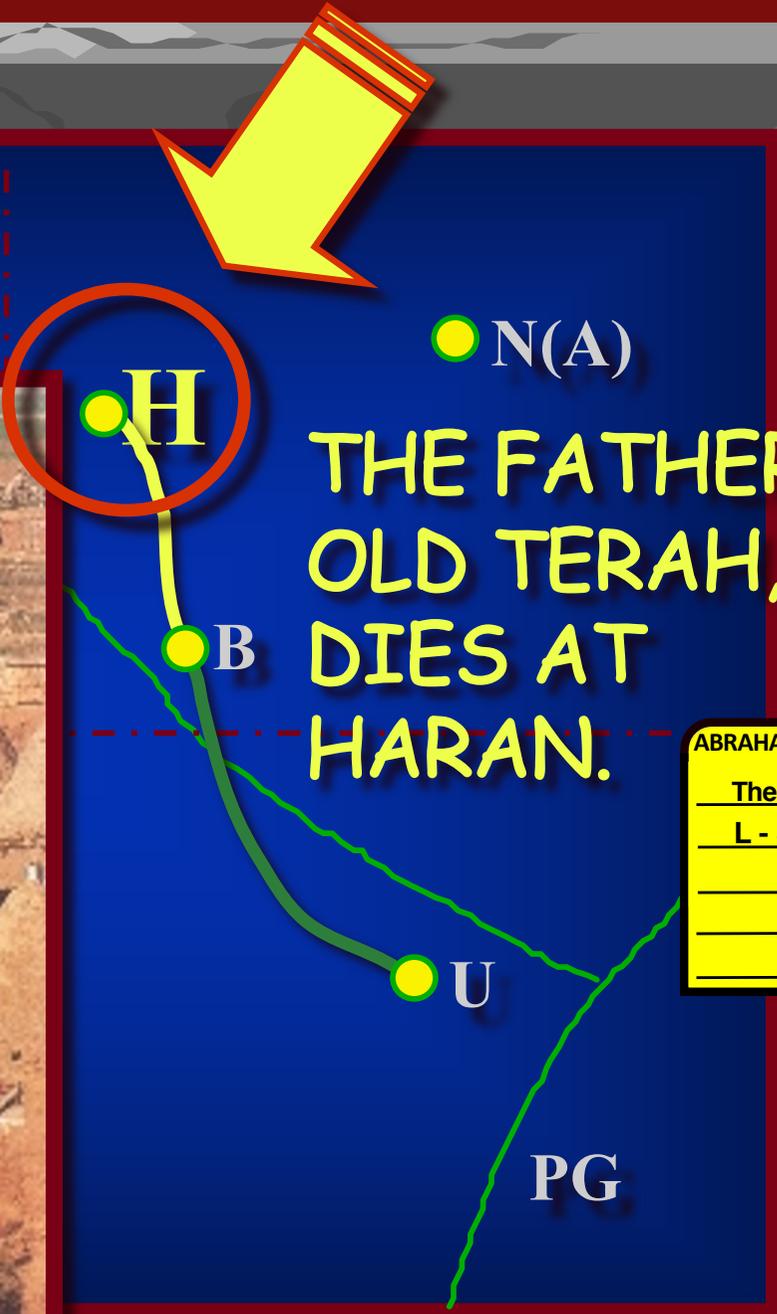
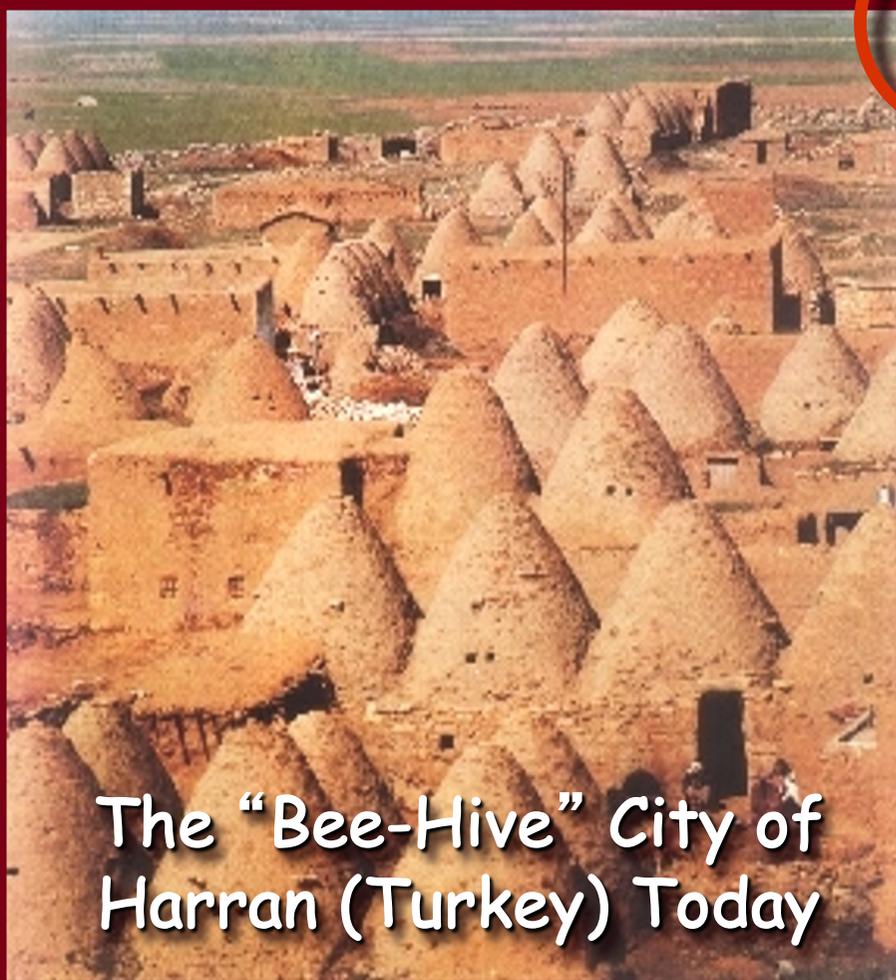
The Great City of Babylon



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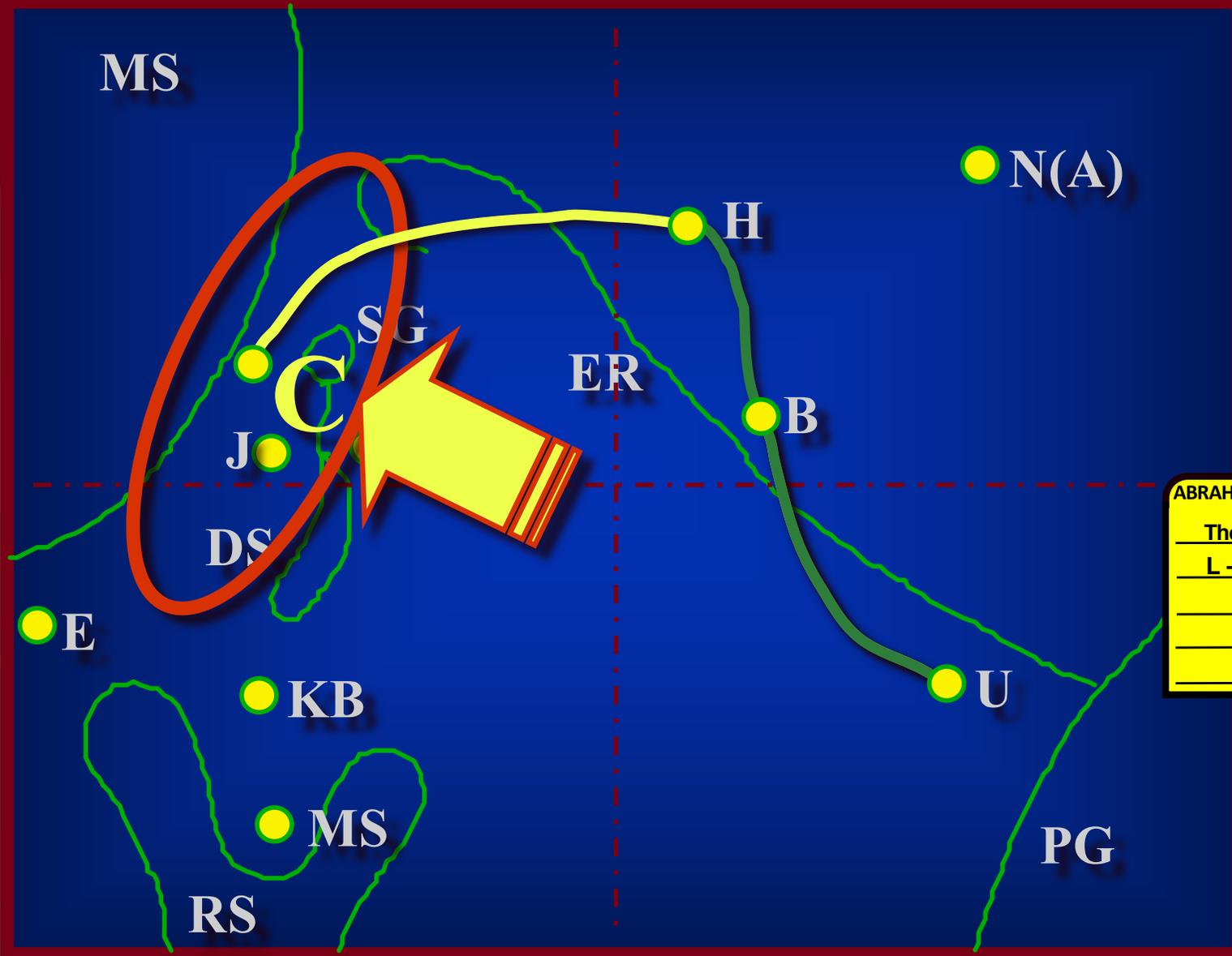
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THE FATHER,  
 OLD TERAH,  
 DIES AT  
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# DRESSING THE STAGE



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When Abraham enters The Land...

He is already 75 years old...

His wife, Sarah, is 65.

And yet...children are promised!

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## **ABRAHAM BELIEVES GOD'S PROMISE: A LAND, A SEED, AND A BLESSING!**

Genesis 15:6!

God counts *belief* as  
righteousness on

Abraham's part!

Just simple belief!

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**ABRAHAM BELIEVES GOD!**

Nevertheless: Abraham and Sarah become impatient.

**“Abraham...go into Hagar!”  
(Sarah’s maidservant)**

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In time...Abraham fathers a son through Hagar.

His name: **ISHMAEL**

(ISHMAEL IS NOT THE SON OF THE PROMISE)

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By now...Abraham is 85 years old...Sarah is 75.

After another 15 years...

A son is actually born to  
**ABRAHAM** through **SARAH**.

**NAME: "ISAAC"**

ABRAHAM

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Isaac is *indeed* the long-awaited son...

... through whom God's promise to Abraham is to be passed down...

... THROUGH ISAAC'S  
FAMILY LINE!

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ABRAHAM ca. 2000 B.C.

The CALL

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I - I



Gen. 12:1-3

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ABRAHAM

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ISHMAEL & ISAAC

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ARABIC PEOPLES  
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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

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*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)

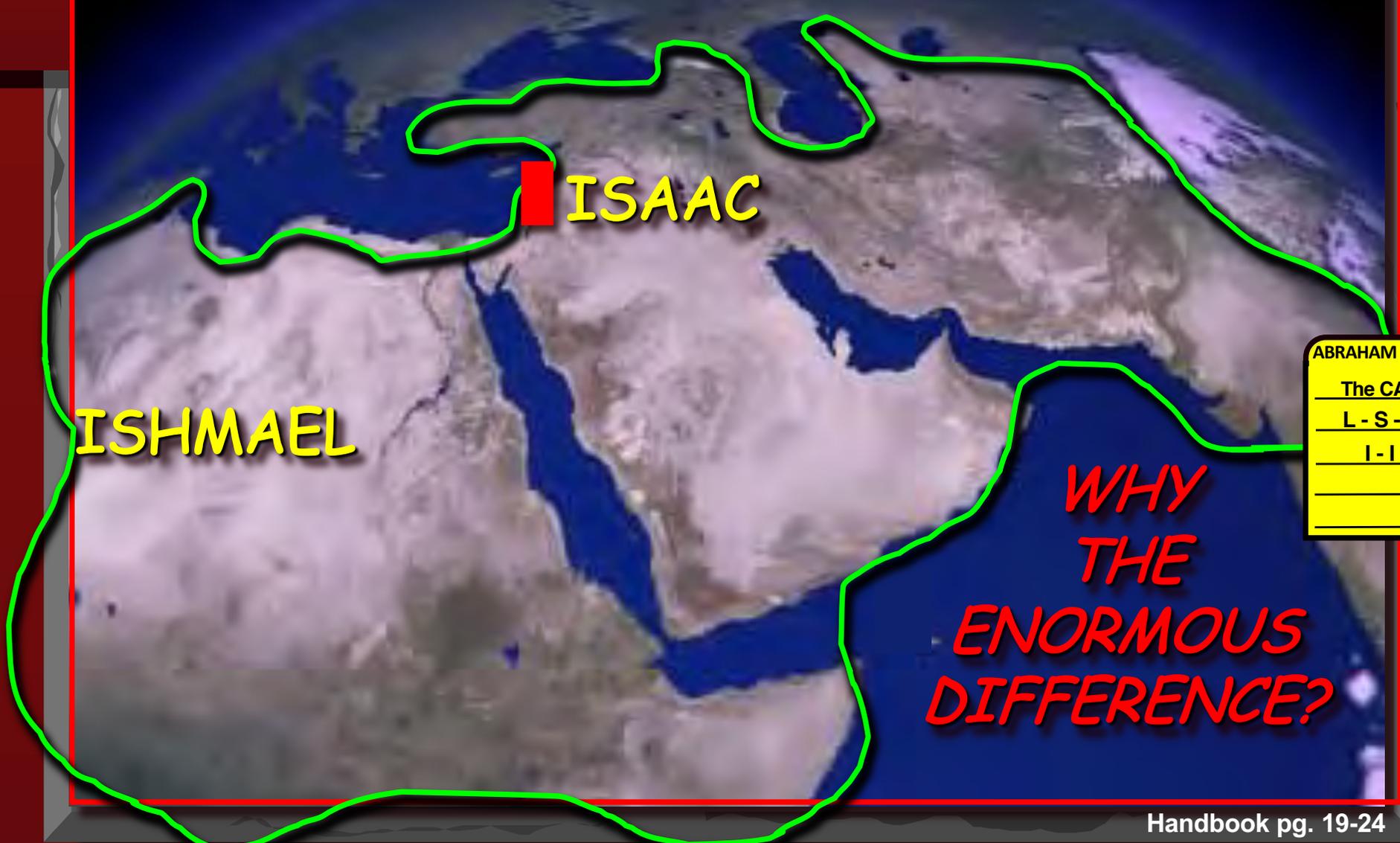
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# COMPARE THE GIFTS TODAY...



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**WHY  
THE  
ENORMOUS  
DIFFERENCE?**

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# COMPARE THE GEOGRAPHY...

## ISRAEL and...



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The CALL  
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## COMPARE THE GEOGRAPHY...



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## MOHAMMED VERSUS ISAAC!

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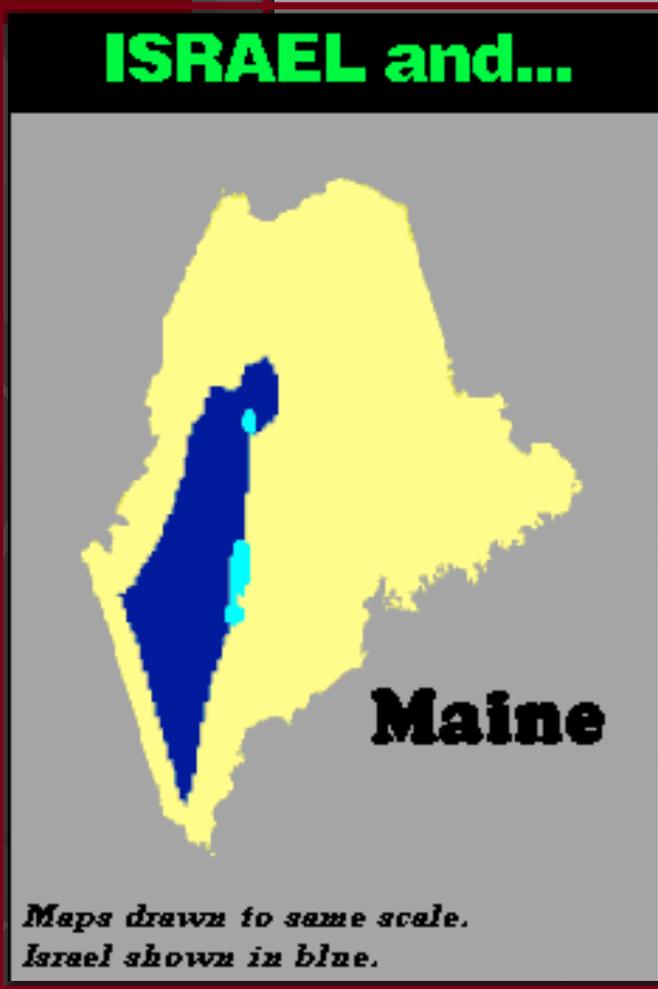
**ISRAEL and...**

**Australia**



**ISRAEL and...**

**Maine**



*Maps drawn to same scale.  
Israel shown in blue.*

**ISRAEL and...**

**California**



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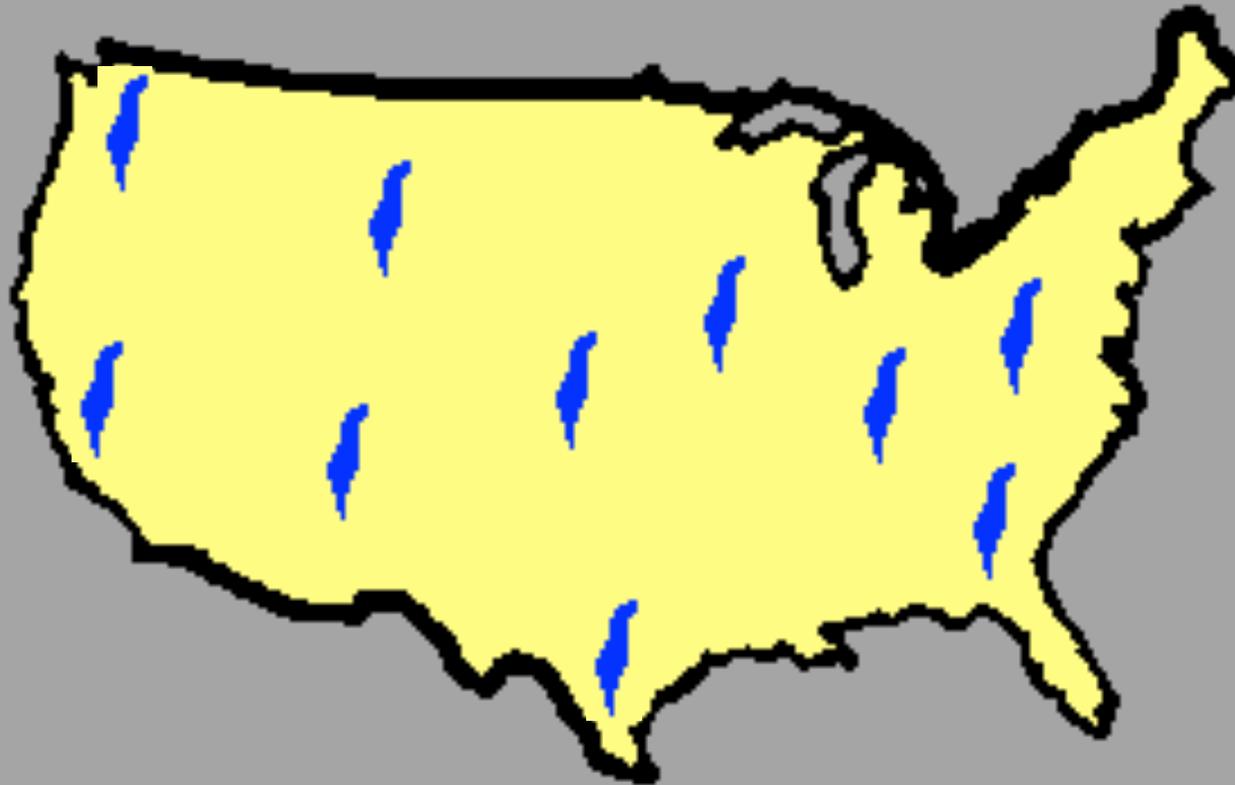
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**ISRAEL and...**

**THE UNITED STATES**



**DOES THIS SEEM FAIR?**

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“...the Ishmaelites were given more land and ultimately more wealth than Israelites. This was true in their past history, not to mention the vast oil wealth of modern times. And spiritual salvation has always been open to the Ishmaelites.

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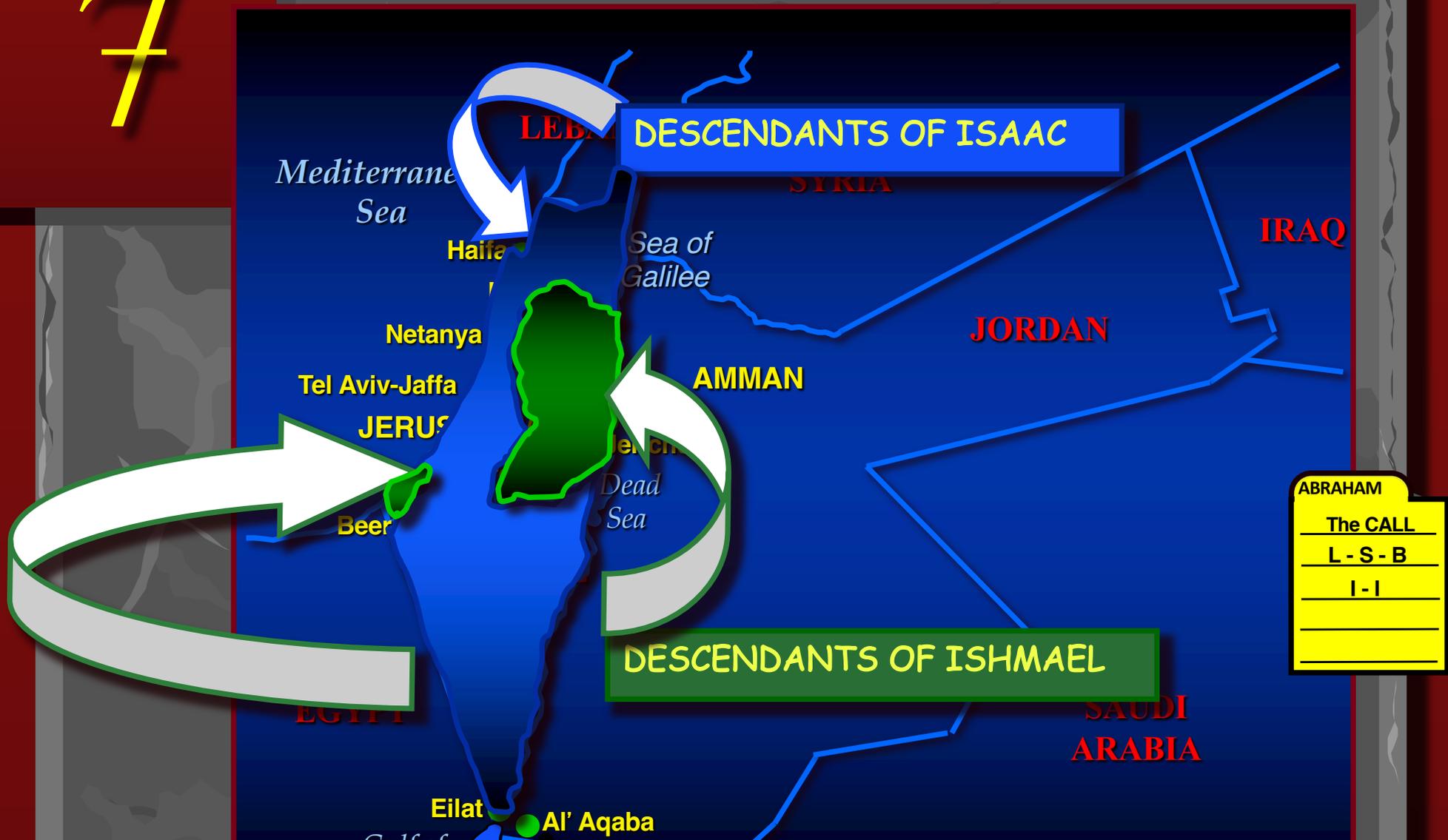
But God’s covenant, which concerned His spiritual purposes, was only for Isaac and his descendants. The physical blessings promised to Isaac were to facilitate God’s spiritual call for the nation that would come from him.” [Emphasis added]

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**ISHMAEL & ISAAC IN TODAY'S ISRAEL**

Gen. 13:10-11; Ex 3:8

# The Jordan River in Central Israel

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# Bodies of Water in Israel

פִּנּוּר n.m. lyre -- lyre, stringed instrument used for popular as well as sacred music (B4604)

פִּנּוּר

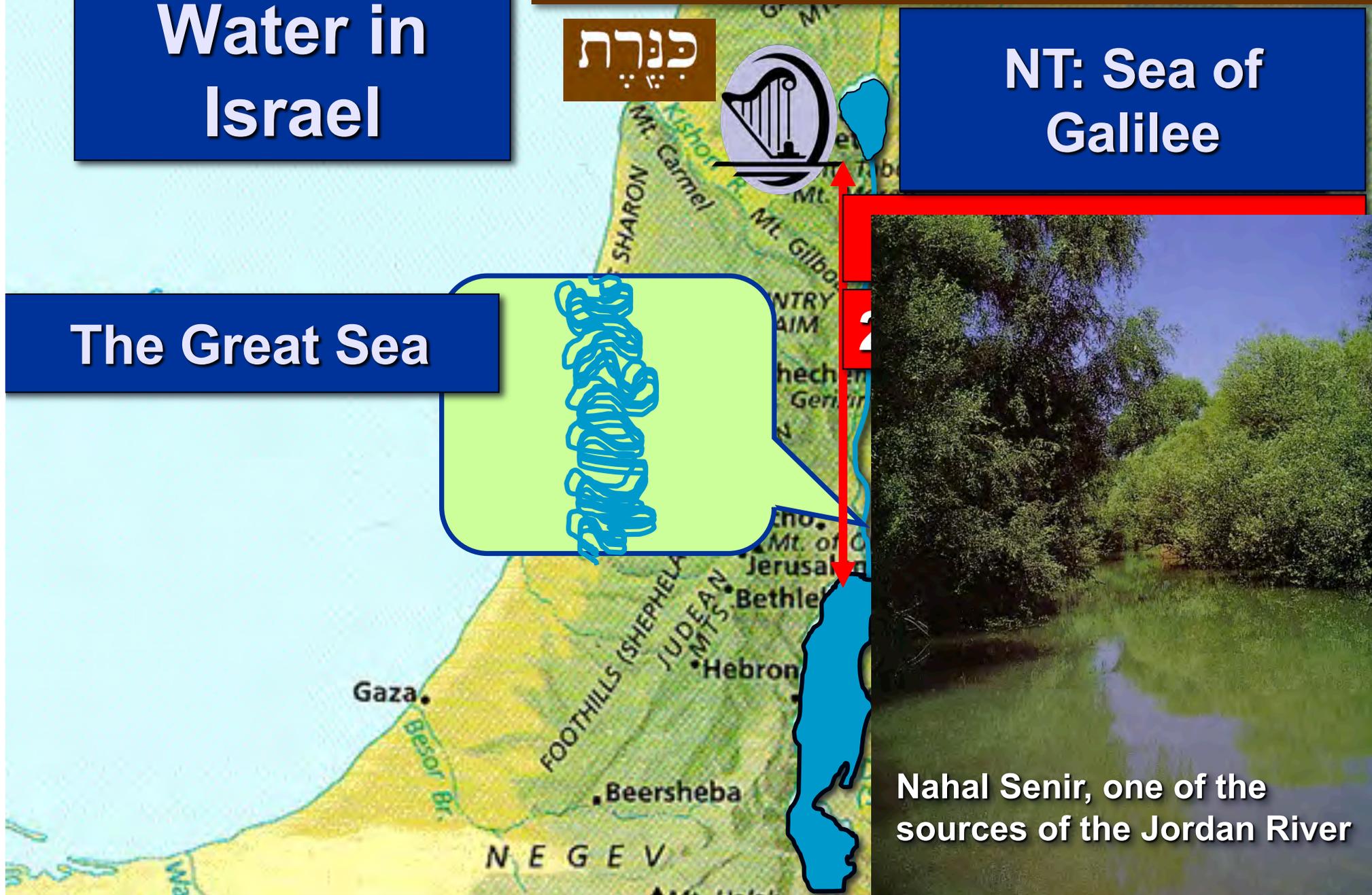


## NT: Sea of Galilee

## The Great Sea



Nahal Senir, one of the sources of the Jordan River



# Mountains in Israel



**Hermon**

**Carmel**

**Tabor**

**Gilboa**

**Zion**

**Olives**

**Nebo**

**Hor**

# Israel's Strategic Location

**Thought Question:**

How has God placed *you* in a strategic place for His purposes?

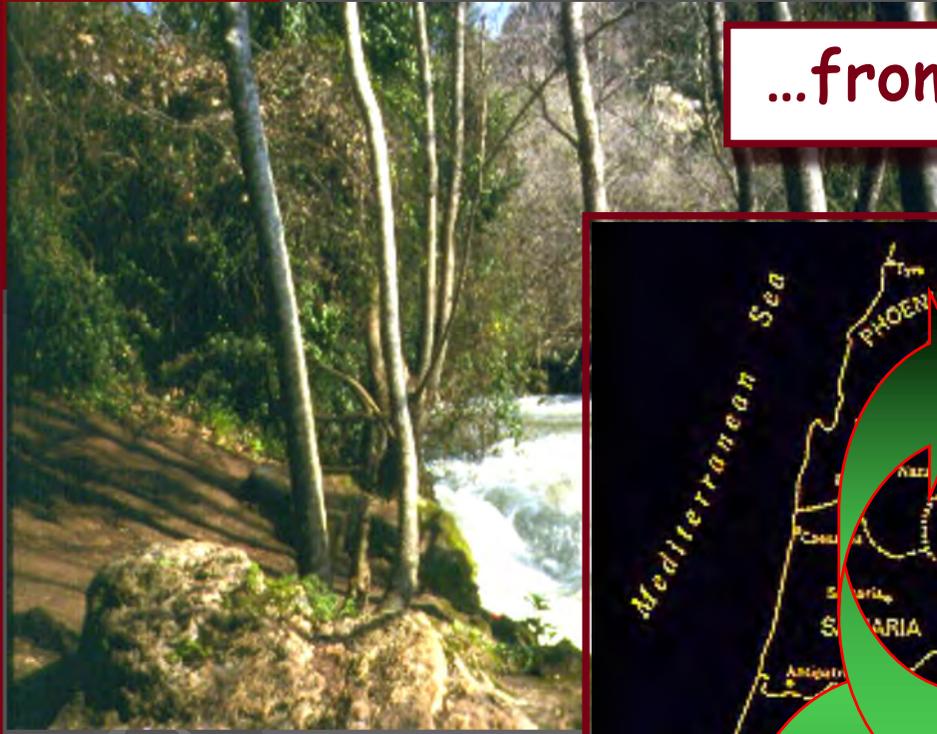


Dan

From  
“Dan  
to  
Beersheba”



Beersheba



...from Dan in the North...



JOSHUA  
Jericho/Ai  
Land Divided

...to Beersheba in the South...

# Regions of Israel (OT)



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# Geographical Setting



Jacob

Israel

Esau

Edom



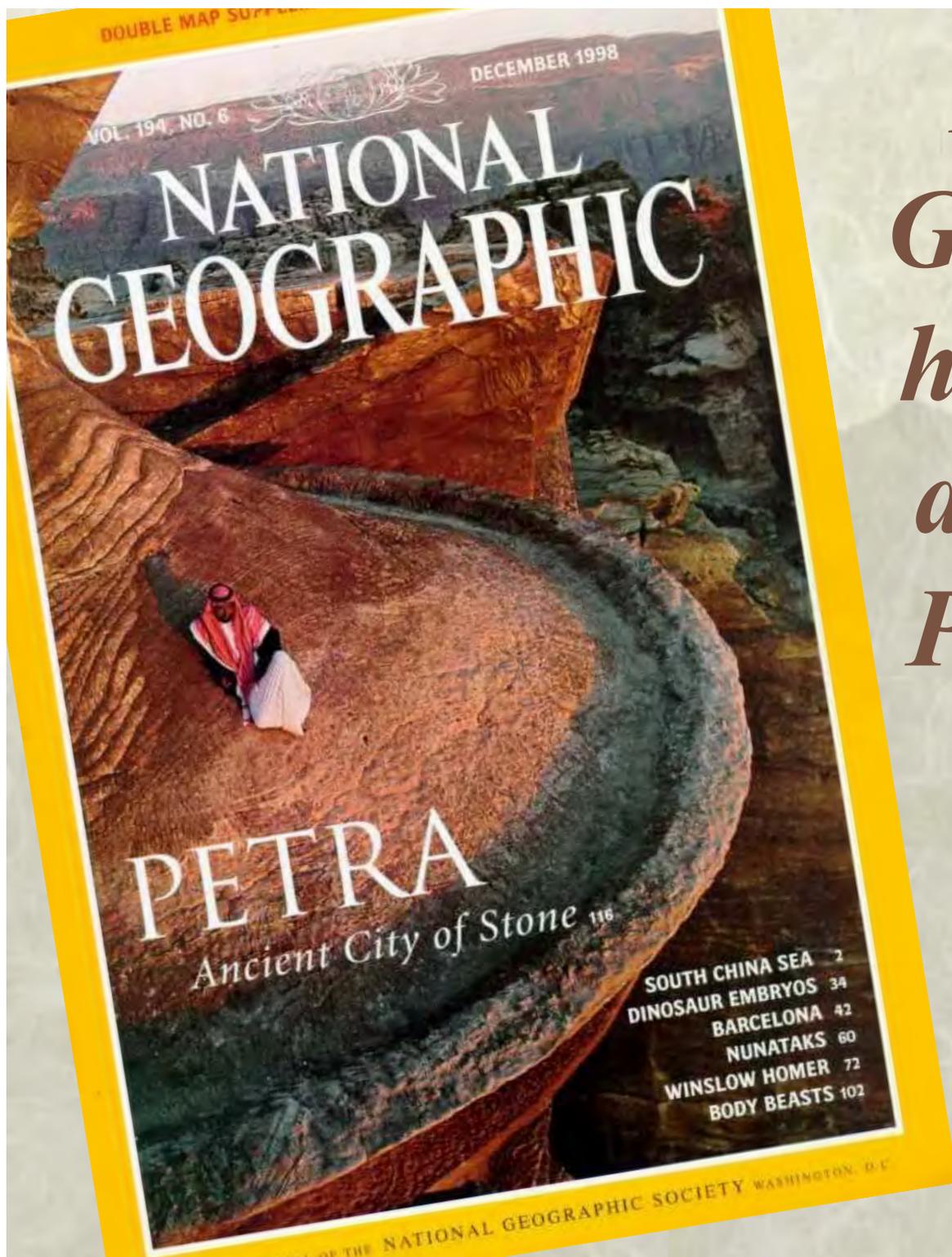


*Imagine living in this terrain!*



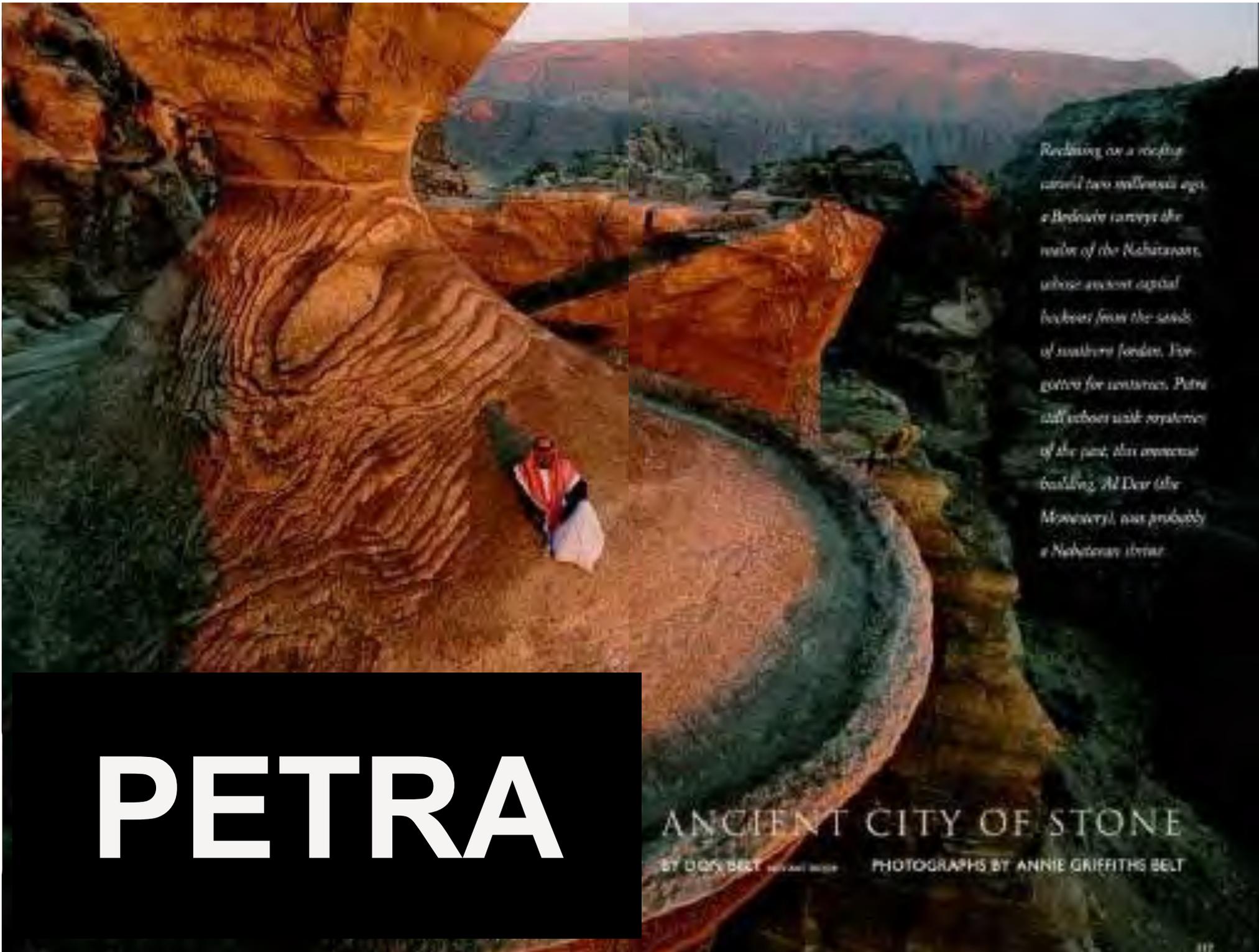
# *Who Lived at Petra?*

- ❖ **Horites** (Gen. 14:6):  
Pre-1850 (“hill country of Seir”)
- ❖ **Edomites** (Amos 1:12):  
1850-552 BC (“Sela” Heb. “rock”)
- ❖ **Nabataeans** (not in Bible)  
552 BC-AD 106 (“Petra” Gr. “rock”)
- ❖ **Romans** (post-NT)  
Post-AD 106 (“Hadriana”)



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

Here's Dec. 1998



*Reaching on a rocky trail two millennia ago, a Bedouin carries the water of the Nabataean, whose ancient capital hatched 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 shrine.*

# PETRA

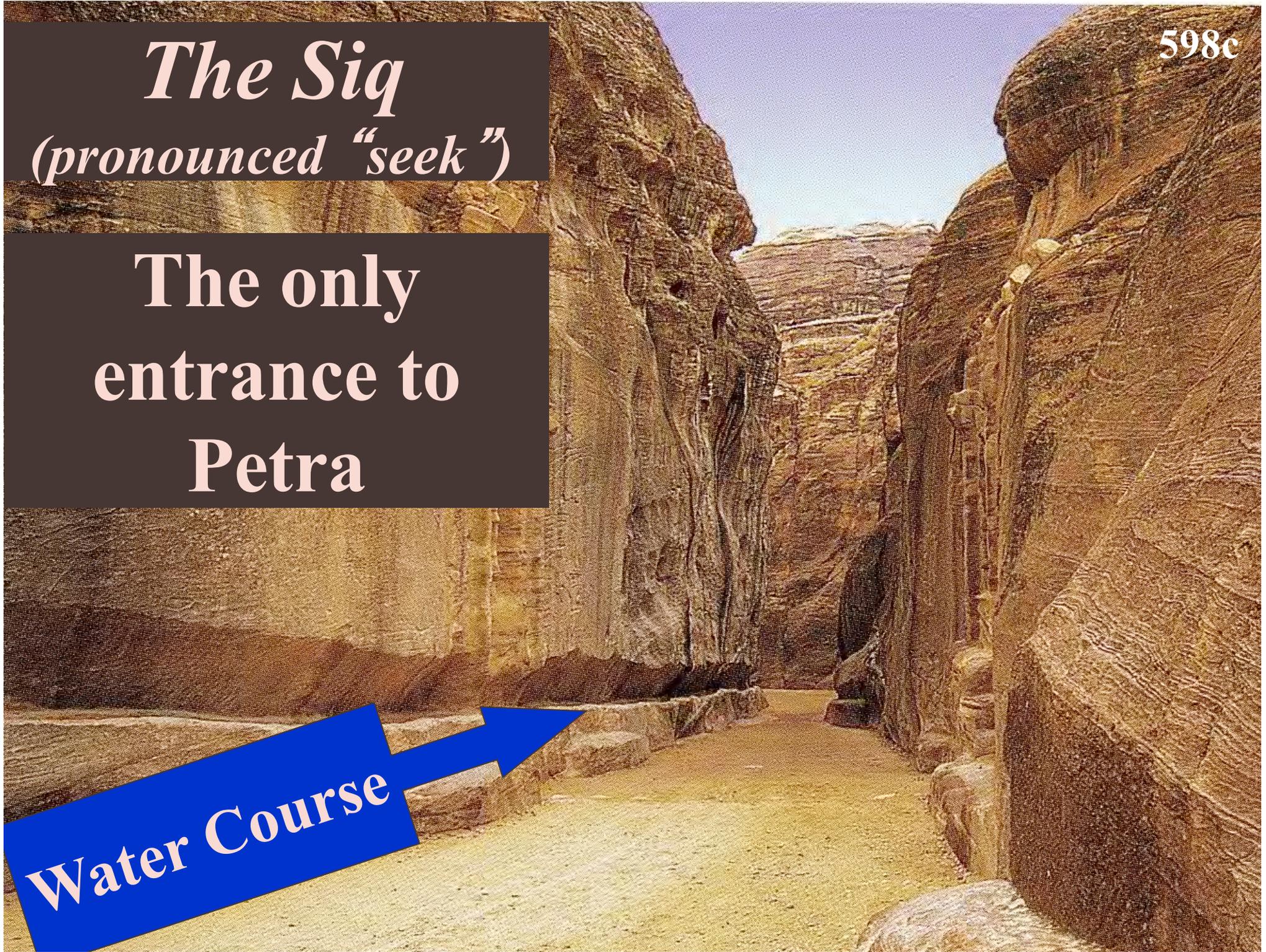
ANCIENT CITY OF STONE

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*The Siq*  
(pronounced "seek")

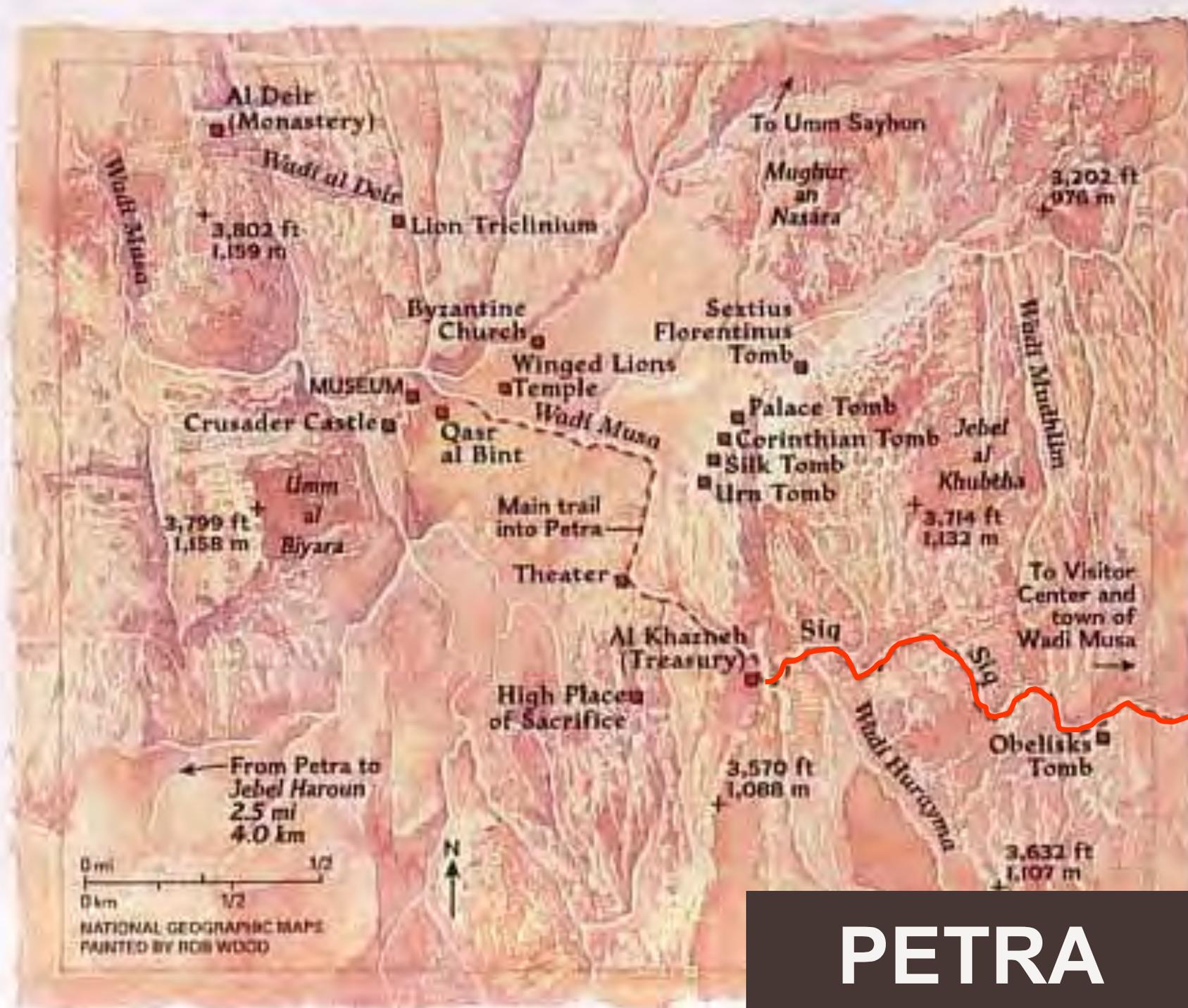
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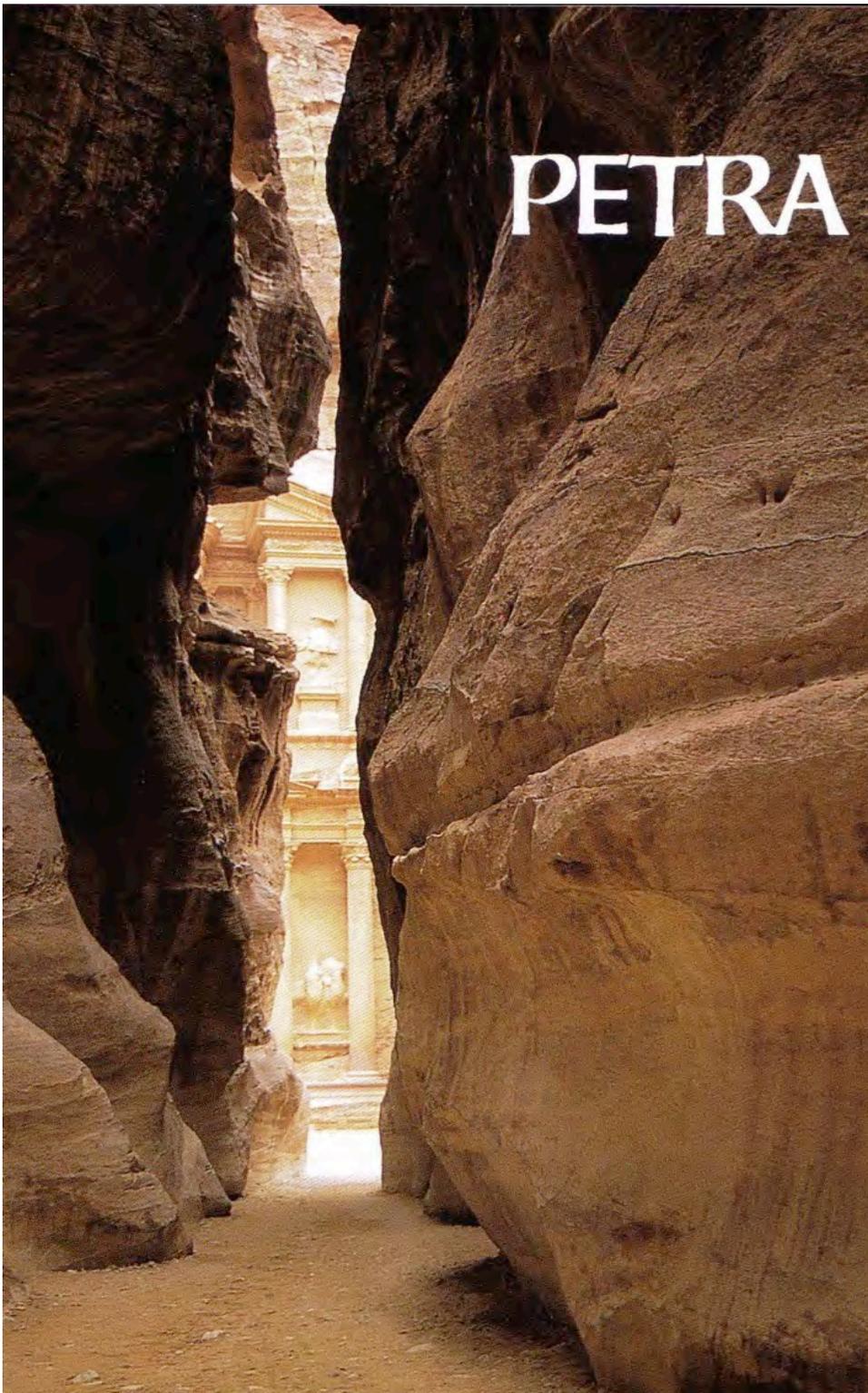


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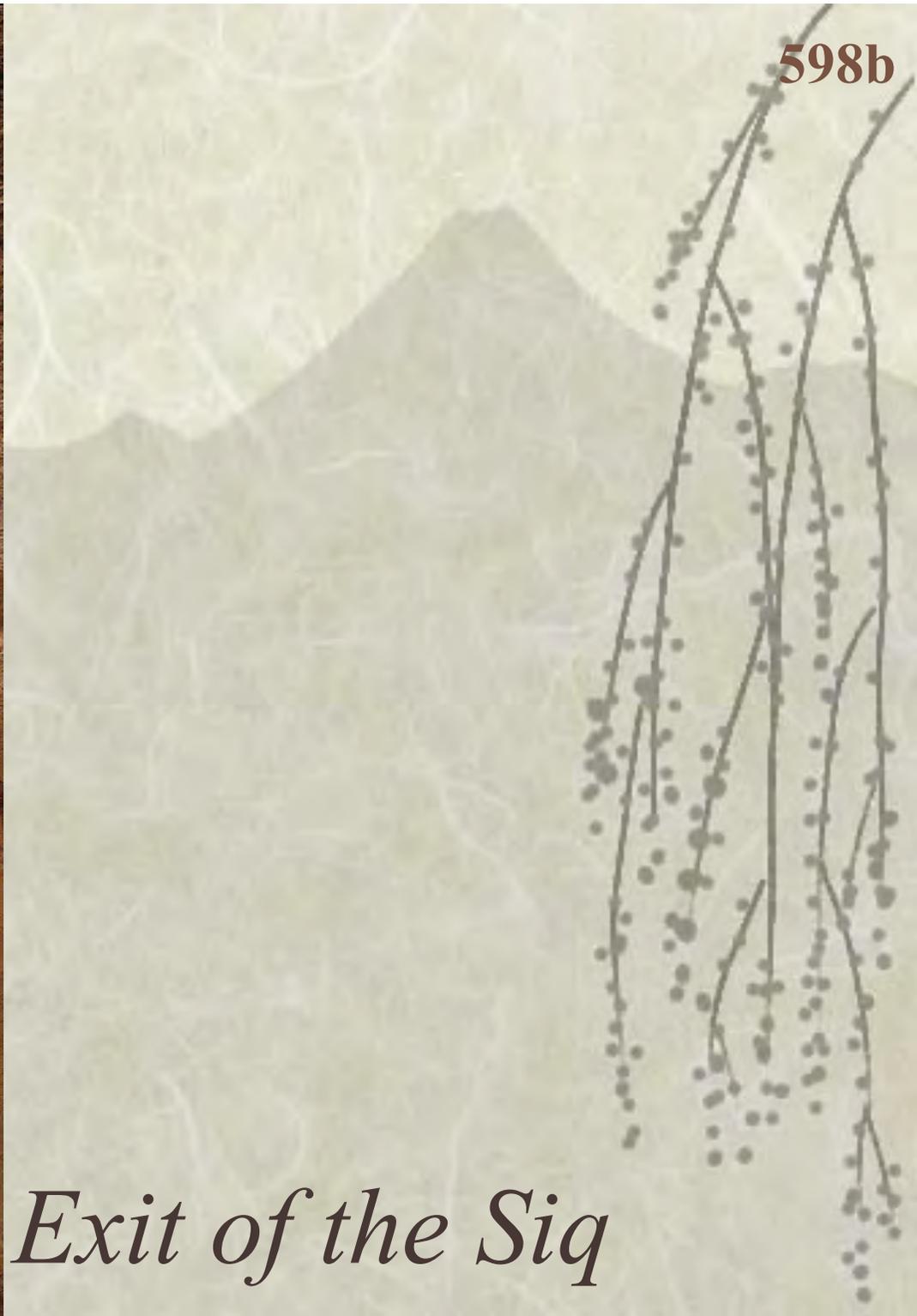




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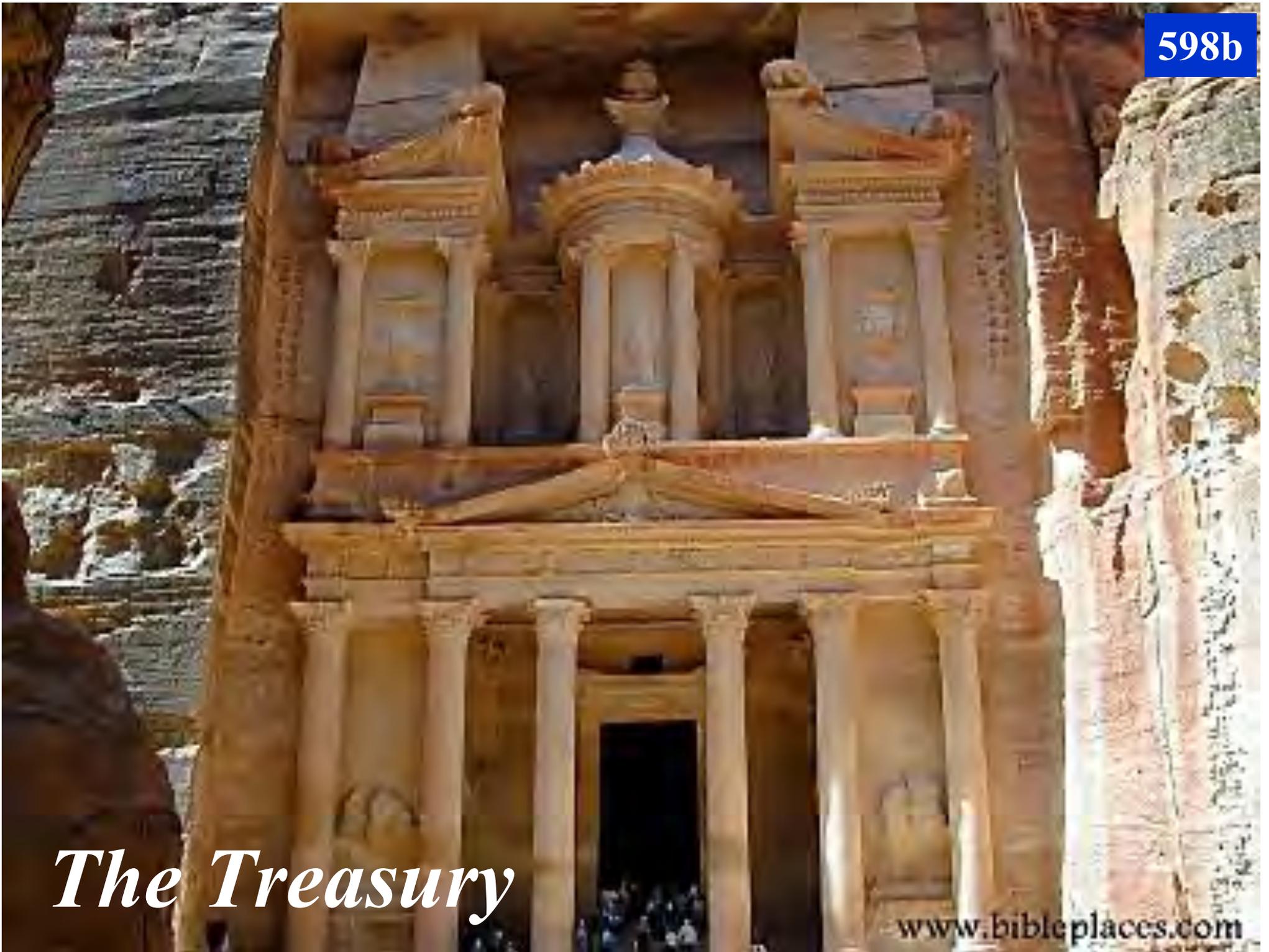
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*Exit of the Siq*

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*The Treasury*

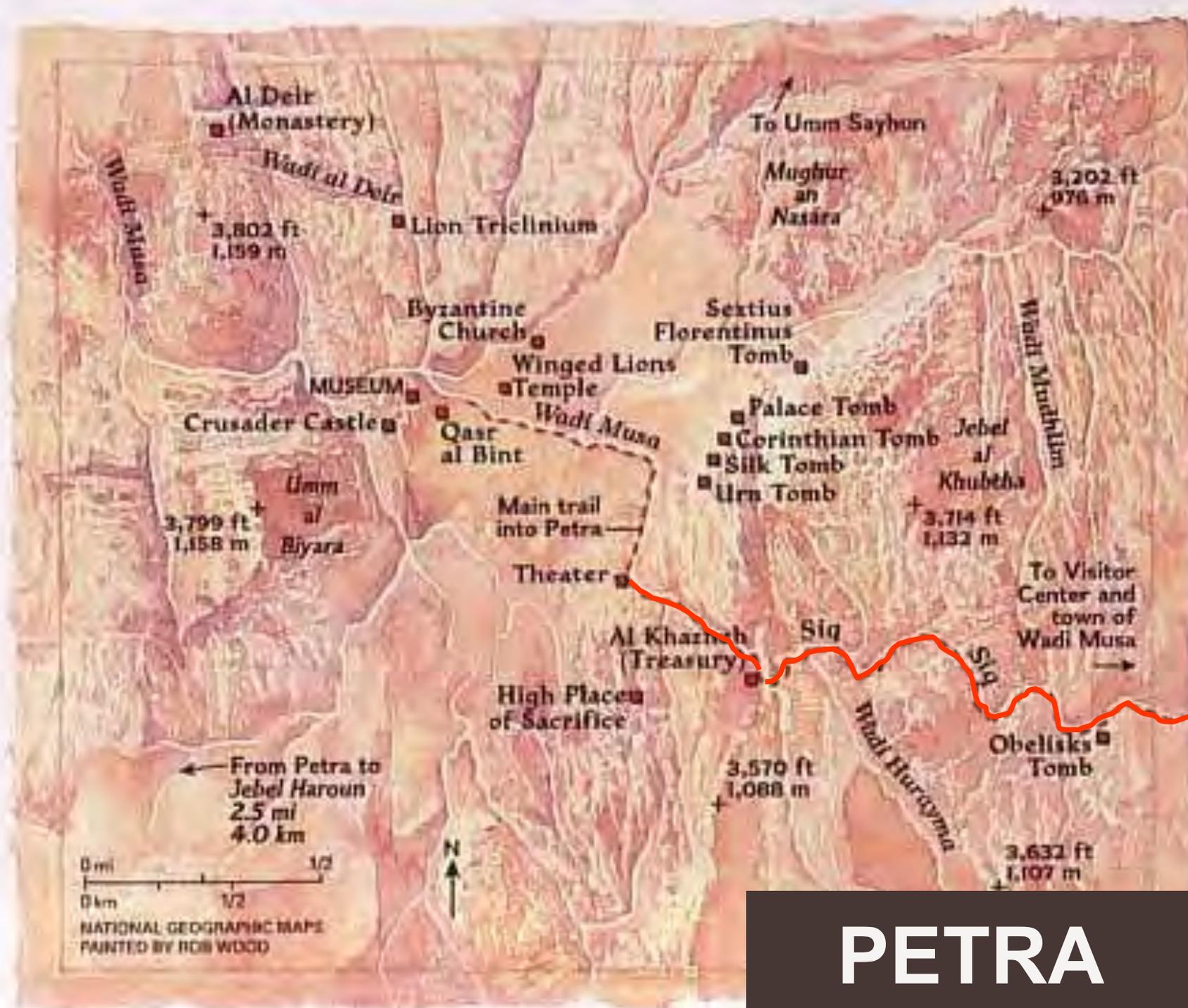
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*Exit of  
the Siq*

*From atop the Treasury*



# PETRA

*Nabataean  
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collected the mere  
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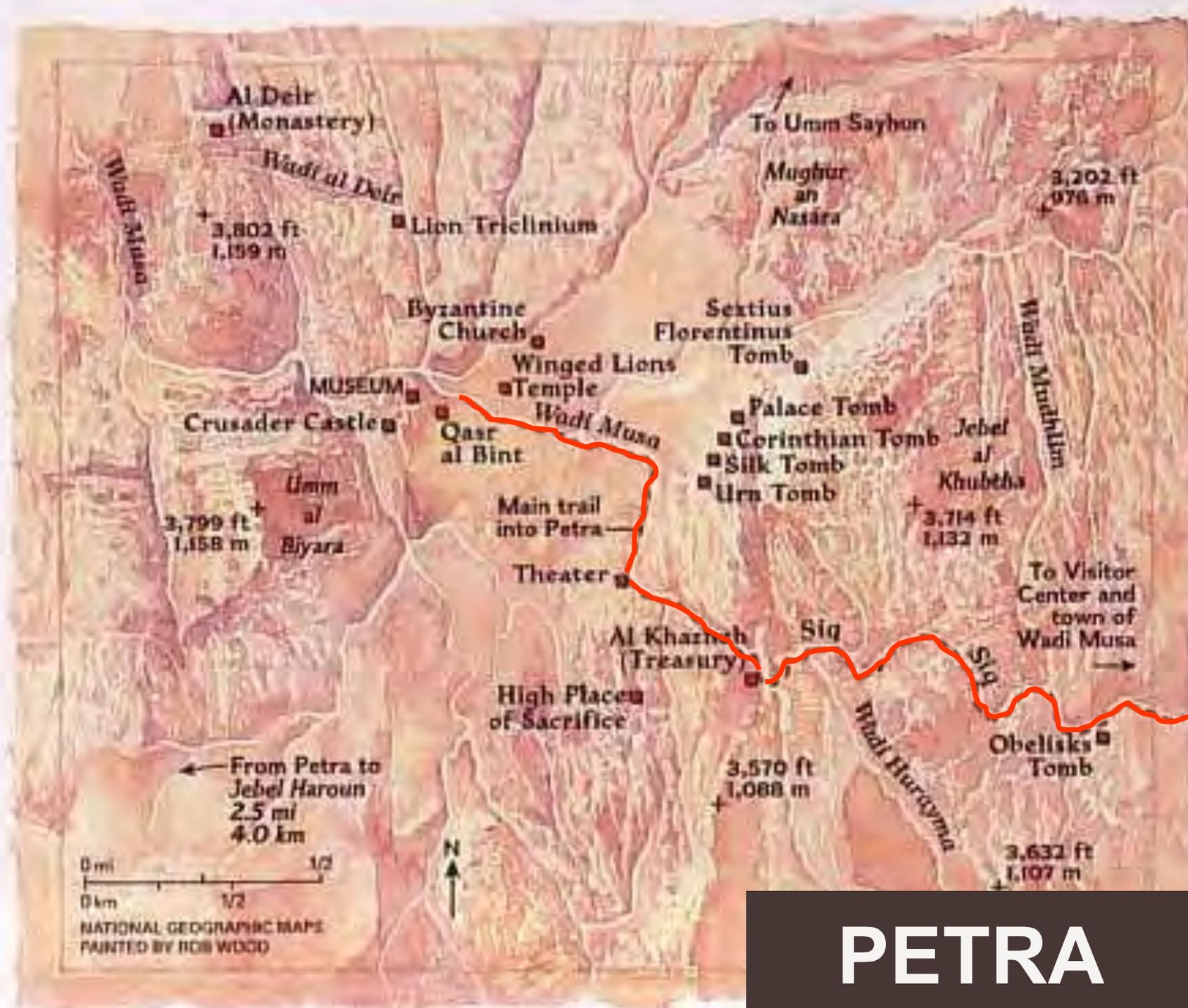




*Nabataean tombs east of the city center*

**The pride of your heart has deceived you,  
you who live in the clefts of the rock [Heb. “sela”],  
in your lofty dwelling, who say in your heart,  
“Who will bring me down to the ground?” (Obad. 3)**



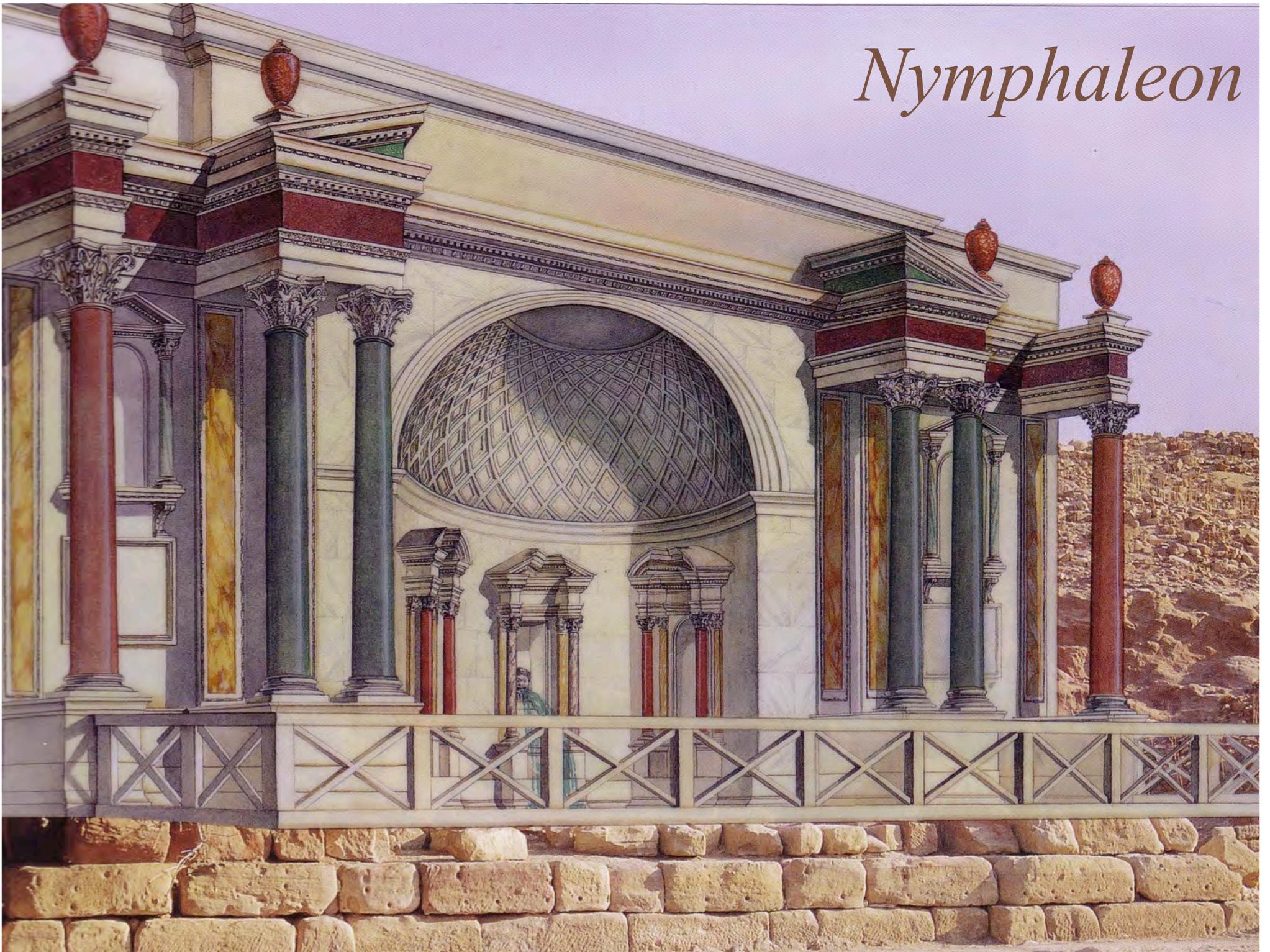


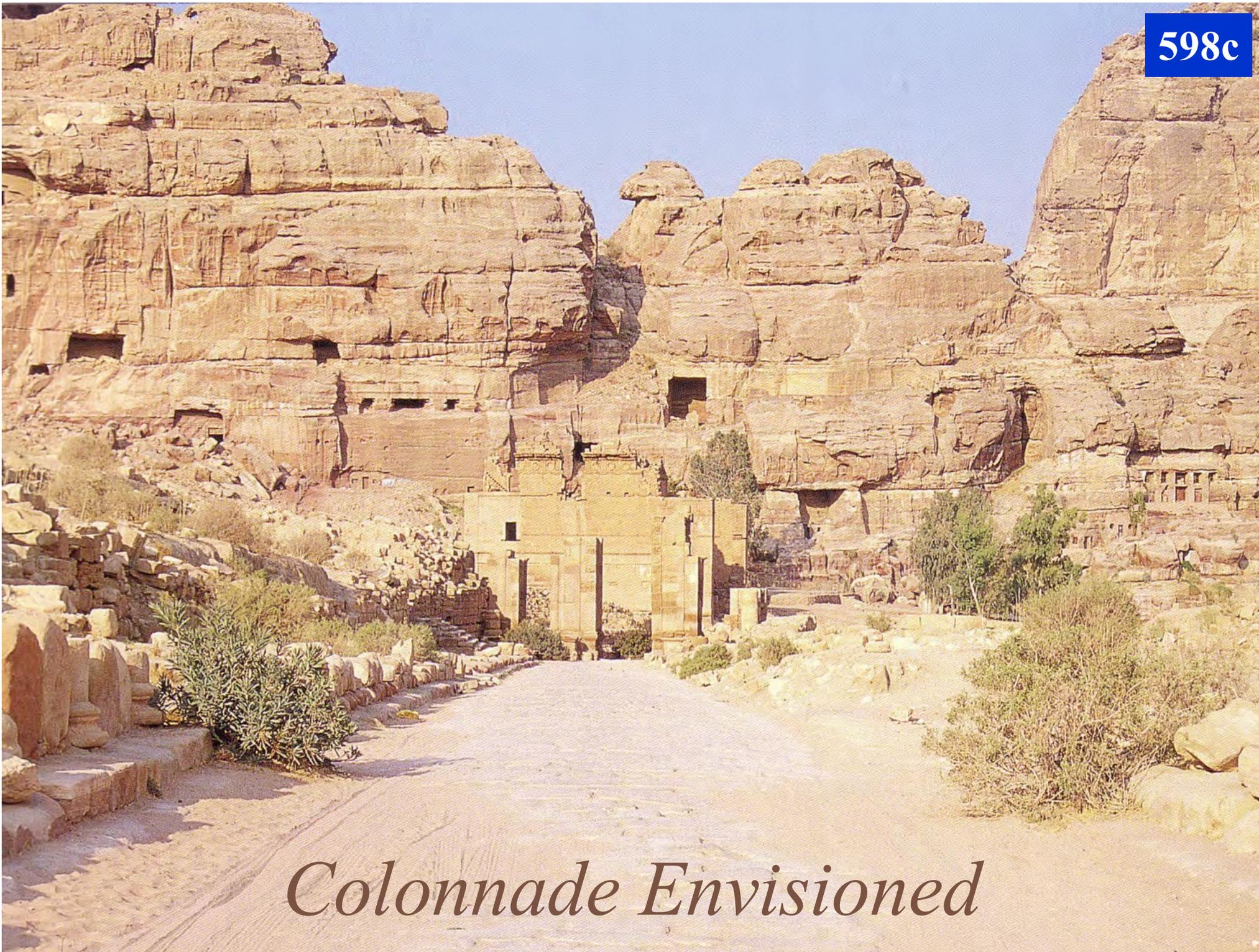
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# *Nymphaleon*



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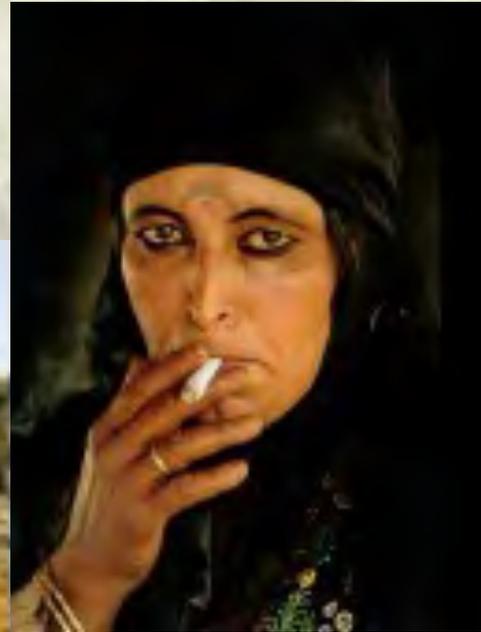


*Byzantine Church Mosaic (5th century)*

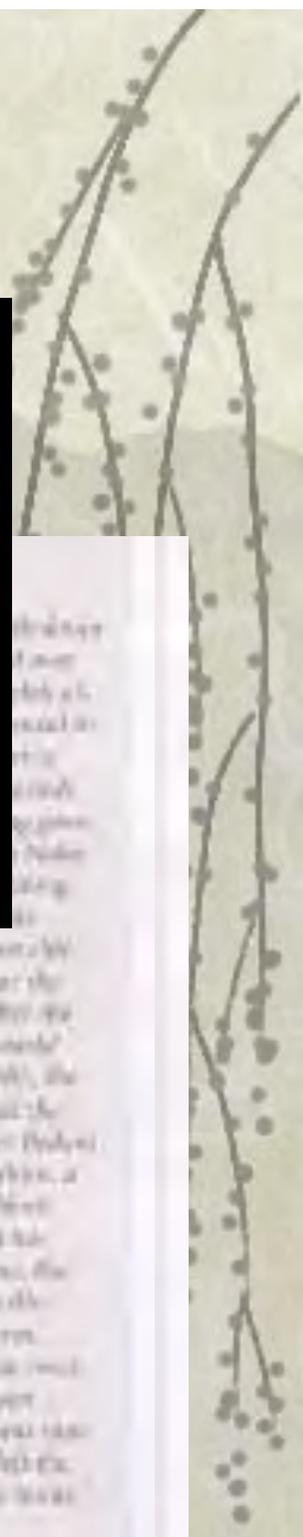
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## *Bedouins still live at*

### *Petra*

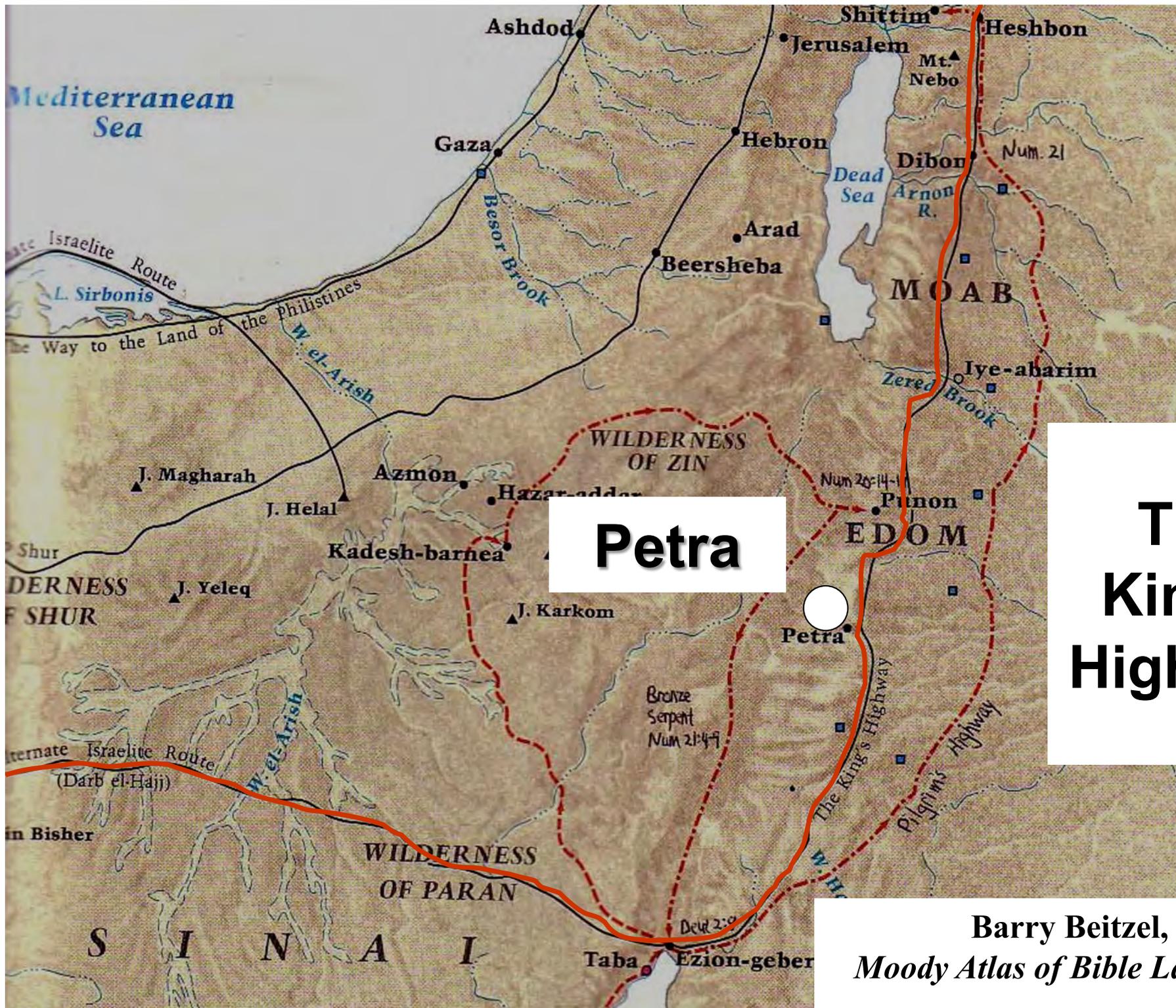


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They  
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# Egypt to Mesopotamia Trade





# The King's Highway

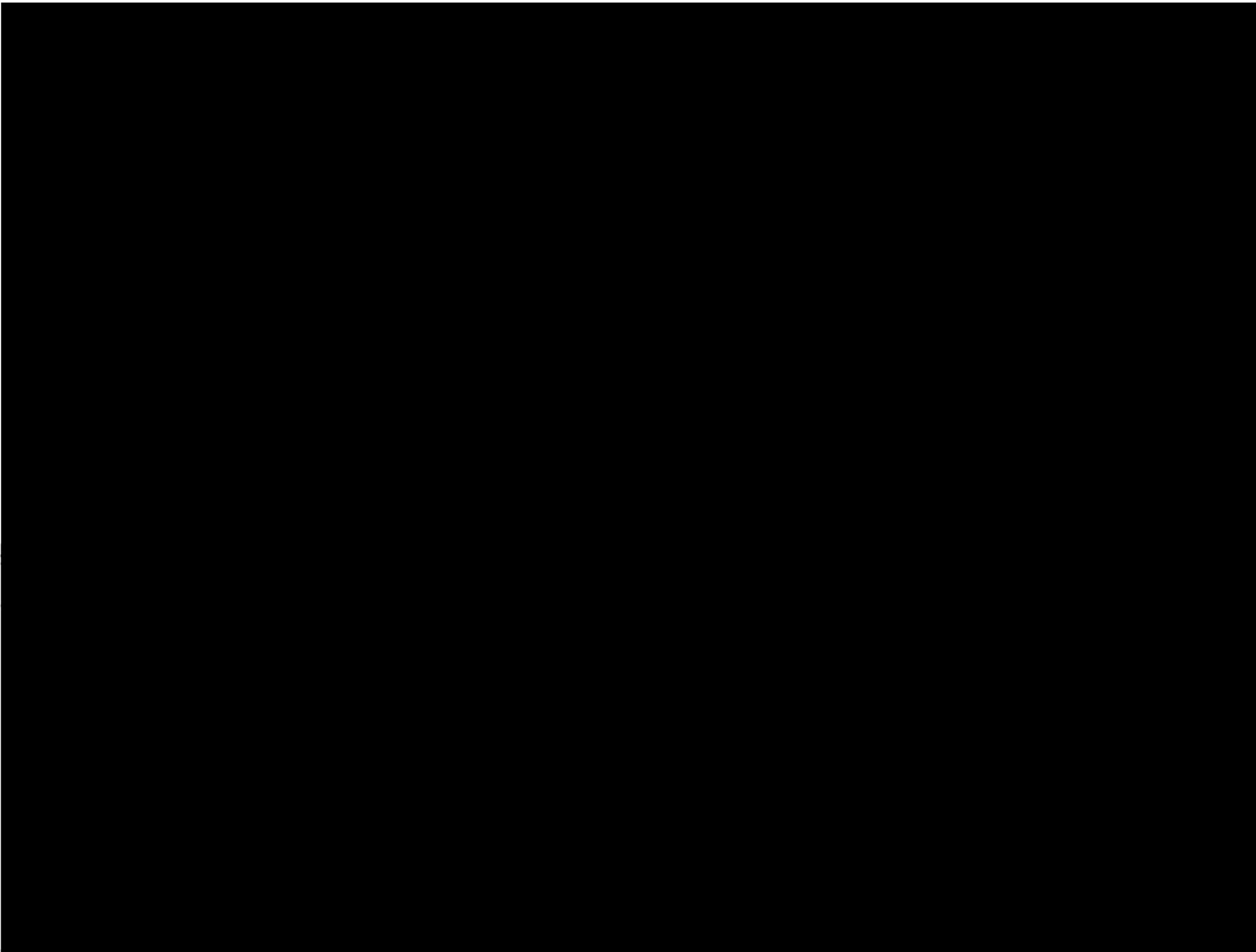
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