A scenic landscape featuring rolling green hills and fields under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, there are tall, dry grasses. The middle ground shows a lush green field with a small cluster of trees. The background consists of more hills and a small town or village on a ridge.

# **Towards a Shared Land Theology**

***A Response to the Presentation  
by Rev Dr Munther Isaac***

Seminar/Panel Discussion for  
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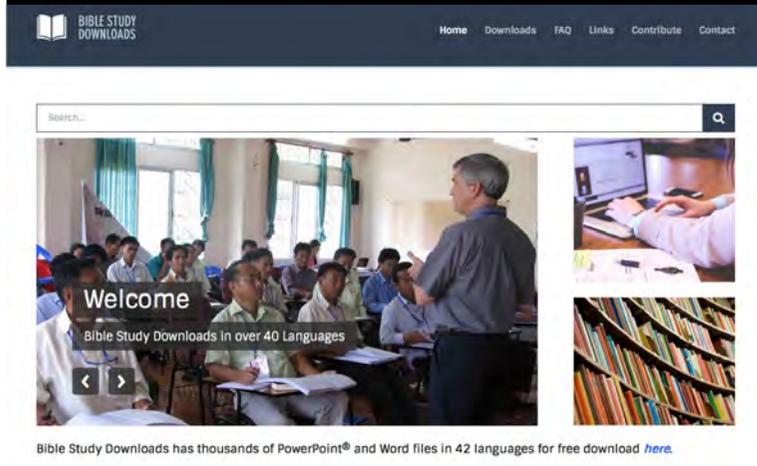
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# Definitions:

“Christian Zionist”

“Palestinian”

**1. The Land Belongs  
to God.**

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# COMPARE THE GEOGRAPHY...

## Israel and...



**The Arab World**

ABRAHAM  
The CALL  
L - S - B  
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*Adapted from map by Israel Information Center.*

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# COMPARE THE GEOGRAPHY...



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# COMPARE THE GEOGRAPHY...

ISRAEL and...

Australia



ISRAEL

France

ISRAEL and...

California



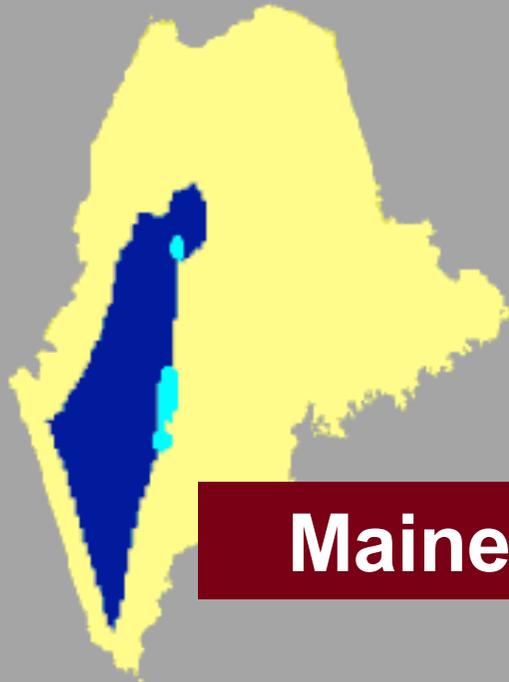
ISRAEL and...

ISRAEL and...

Singapore



Maine



Maps drawn to same scale with Israel in blue

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## **2. What Were the Boundaries of the Promised Land?**

# Borders of the Land Promised to Abraham

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Syria  
Lebanon  
Israel  
Jordan

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)

# **3. The Land Has Demands.**

# Eternal Land for Abraham's Descendants

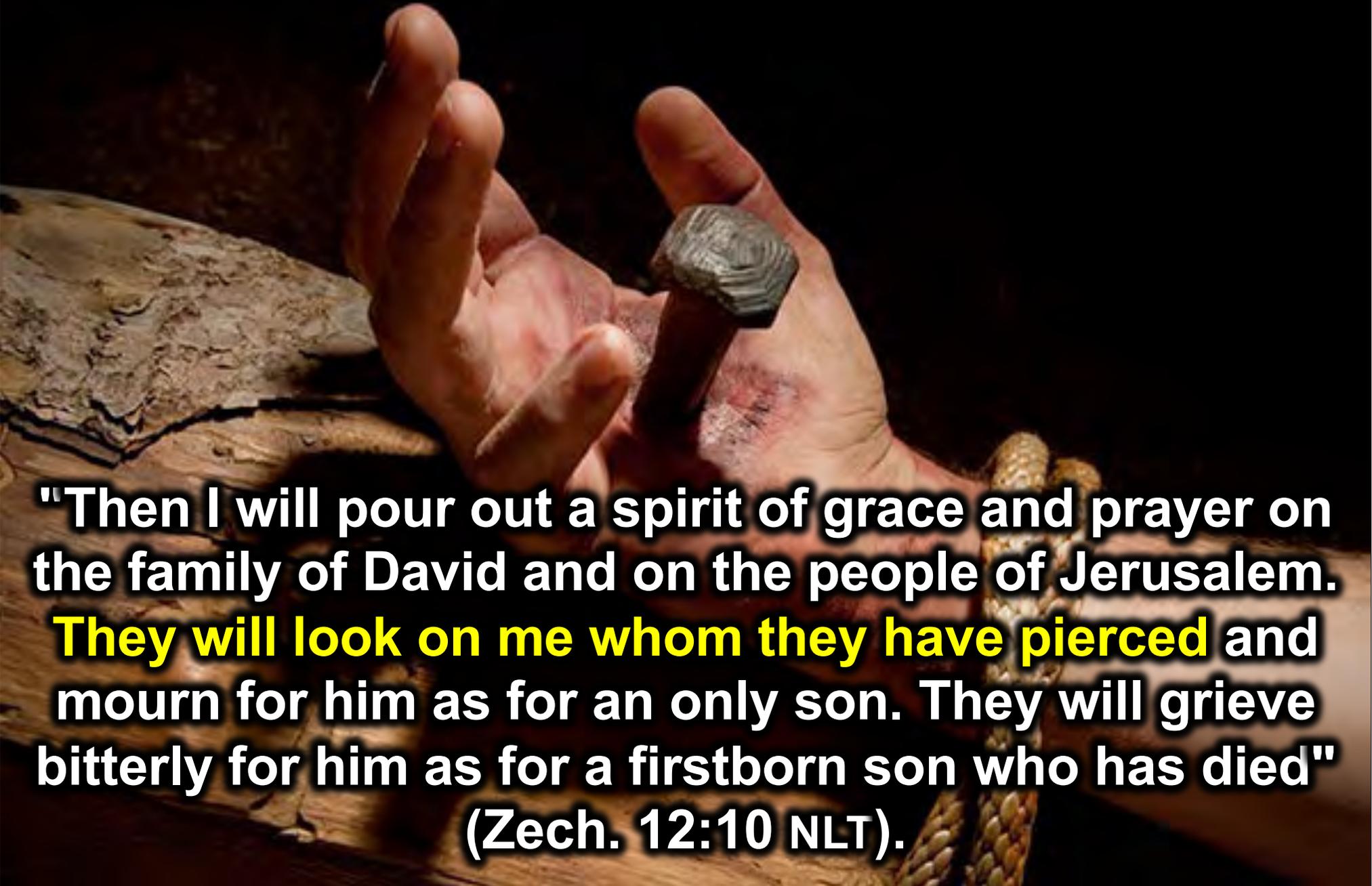


Genesis 17:7-8 (NIV)

"I will establish my covenant as an **everlasting covenant** between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. <sup>8</sup>The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an **everlasting possession** to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."

# 4. Inheritance— Forever?

# The Repentance of Israel



**"Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. **They will look on me whom they have pierced** and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died" (Zech. 12:10 NLT).**

# Tribulation Results

**"They will look on the one they have pierced..."  
(Zech. 12:1-10; esp. v. 10)**

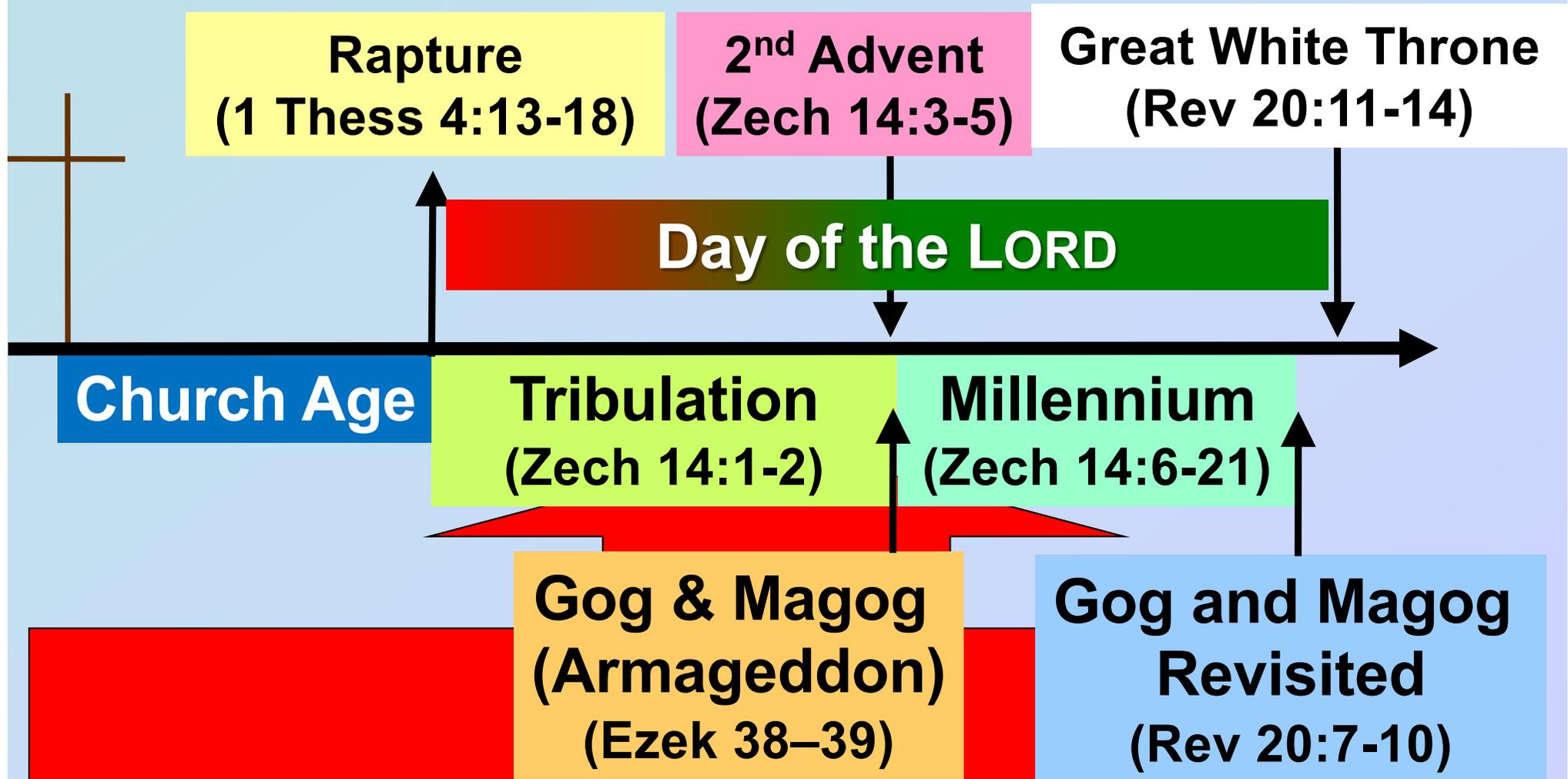


**"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins" (Isa. 59:20)**

**"The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from David" (Rom. 11:26b)**

**"And so all Israel will be saved" (Rom. 11:26a)**

# A Dispensational Timeline



**"How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of Jacob's trouble, but he will be saved out of it" (Jer 30:7)**

# **5. Who is Israel in the Bible?**

# Is God's election fair?



**"Are we saying, then, that God was unfair? Of course not! <sup>15</sup>For God said to Moses, 'I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose.'  
<sup>16</sup>So it is God who decides to show mercy. We can neither choose it nor work for it"  
(Romans 9:14-16 NLT).**





**"For the Scriptures say that God told Pharaoh, 'I have appointed you for the very purpose of displaying my power in you and to spread my fame throughout the earth.'**

**<sup>18</sup>So you see, God chooses to show mercy to some, and he chooses to harden the hearts of others so they refuse to listen"  
(Romans 9:17-18 NLT).**

**"Well then, you might say,  
'Why does God blame  
people for not  
responding? Haven't they  
simply done what he  
makes them do?"**



**<sup>20</sup>No, don't say that. Who are you, a mere  
human being, to argue with God? Should the  
thing that was created say to the one who  
created it, 'Why have you made me like this?'"**  
**(Romans 9:19-20 NLT).**

**"When a potter makes jars out of clay, doesn't he have a right to use the same lump of clay to make one jar for decoration and another to throw garbage into?"  
(Romans 9:21 NLT).**



**"In the same way, even though God has the right to show his anger and his power, he is very patient with those on whom his anger falls, who are destined for destruction. <sup>23</sup>He does this to make the riches of his glory shine even brighter on those to whom he shows mercy, who were prepared in advance for glory. <sup>24</sup>And we are among those whom he selected, both from the Jews and from the Gentiles" (Romans 9:22-24 NLT).**





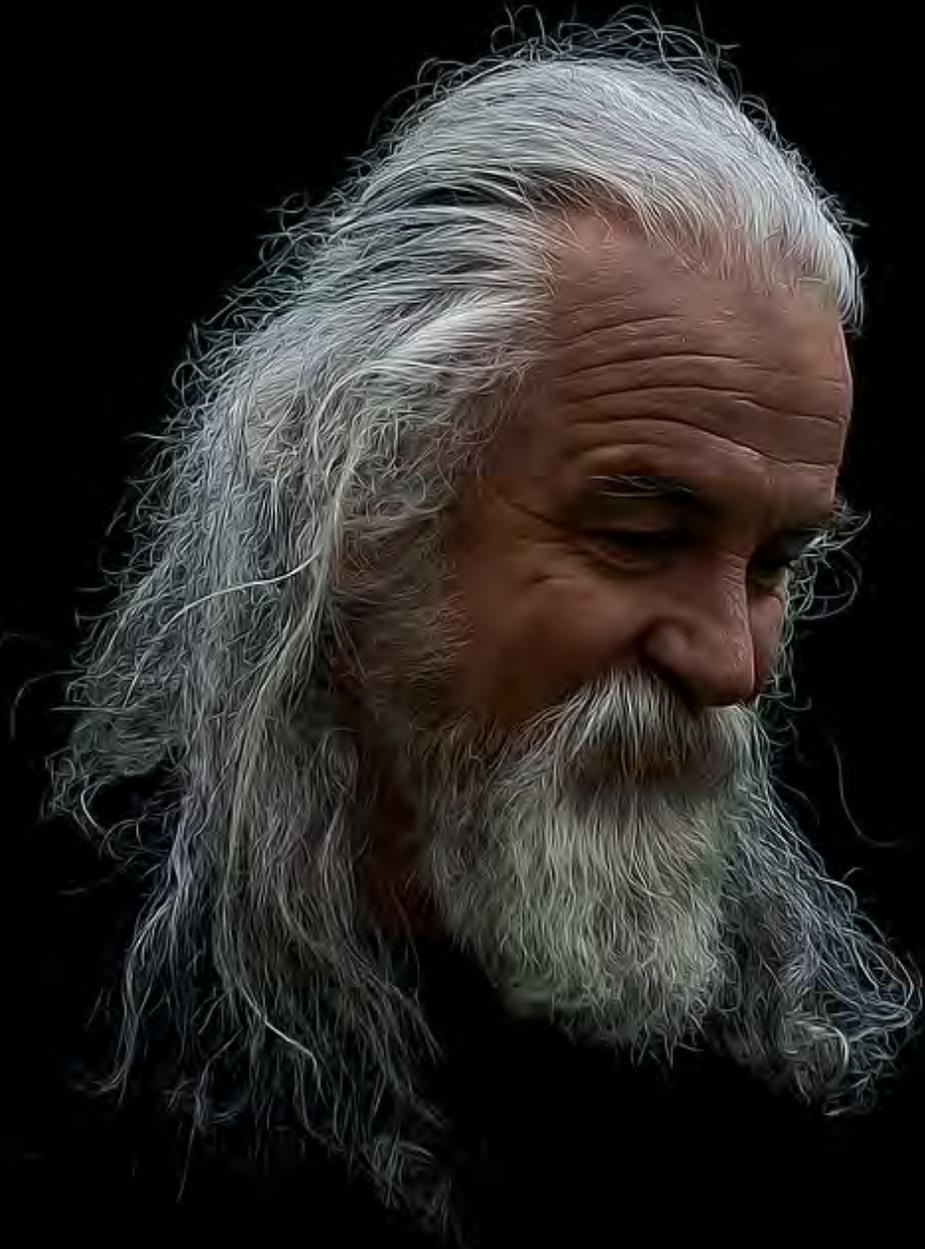
**"For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup>And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes."**

**Galatians 3:26-27 NLT**

# Galatians 3:28 NLT

**"There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus."**





**"If you belong to  
Christ, then you  
are Abraham's  
seed, and heirs  
according to the  
promise."**

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**Galatians 3:29 NIV**

## Who is "the Israel of God" (Gal. 6:16)?

"Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, **even** to the Israel of God" (NIV).

"May God's peace and mercy be upon all who live by this principle; **they are** the new people of God" (NLT).

καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι  
τούτῳ στοιχήσουσιν,  
εἰρήνη ἐπ' αὐτούς καὶ  
ἔλεος **καὶ** ἐπὶ τὸν  
Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ θεοῦ  
(Greek).

"And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, **and** upon the Israel of God" (NAU).

"...and (*kai*) upon the Israel of God" (Gal. 6:16)

"...**even** to the  
Israel of God"  
(NIV)

Unusual  
use of *kai*

= All  
Christians

Church = Israel

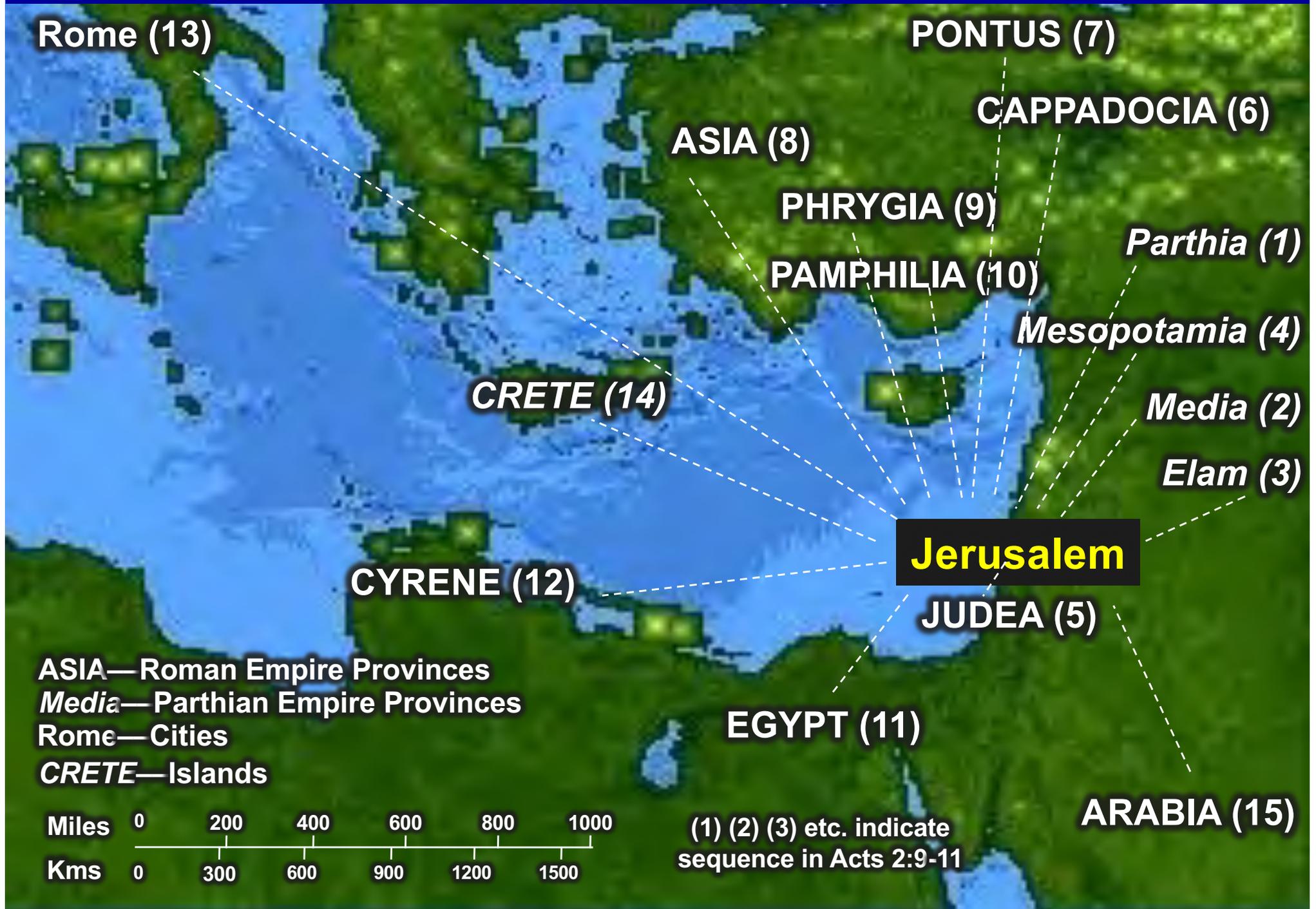
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# Jews at Pentecost—Acts 2:9-11



# Is There a Future for Ethnic Jews?



## Leviticus 26:44-45

**"Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I so abhor them as to destroy them, breaking My covenant with them; for I am the Lord their God.**

**But I will remember for them the covenant with their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God. I am the Lord."**

## Deuteronomy 30:3-5a

"Then the Lord your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and **will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you**. If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back. And the Lord; your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it..."

<sup>35</sup> This is what the LORD says,  
**he who appoints the sun  
to shine by day,  
who decrees the moon and stars  
to shine by night,  
who stirs up the sea  
so that its waves roar—**

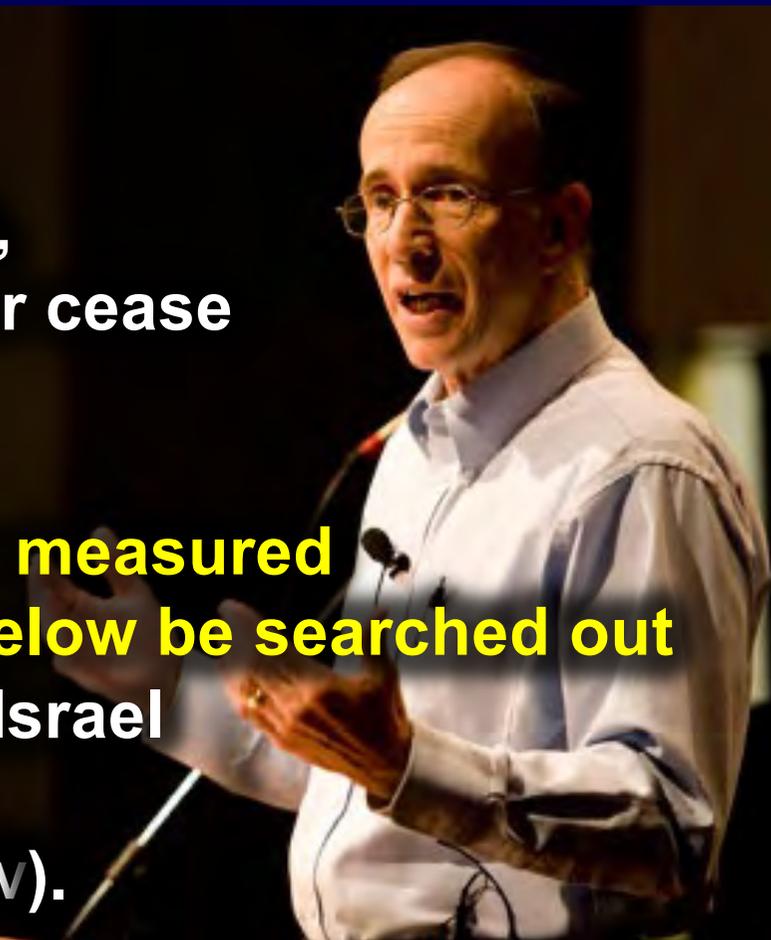
the LORD Almighty is his name:

<sup>36</sup> "Only if these decrees vanish  
from my sight," declares the LORD,  
"will the descendants of Israel ever cease  
to be a nation before me."

<sup>37</sup> This is what the LORD says:

**"Only if the heavens above can be measured  
and the foundations of the earth below be searched out  
will I reject all the descendants of Israel  
because of all they have done,"**  
declares the LORD (Jer. 31:35-37 NIV).

**"How to Get  
Rid of the  
Jews"**



# God will restore Israel to the land twice

“In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

**<sup>11</sup>In that day the LORD will reach out his hand a second time** to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the sea” (Isa 11:11-12 NIV).

# Can you restore a fallen tent?



**God can.**

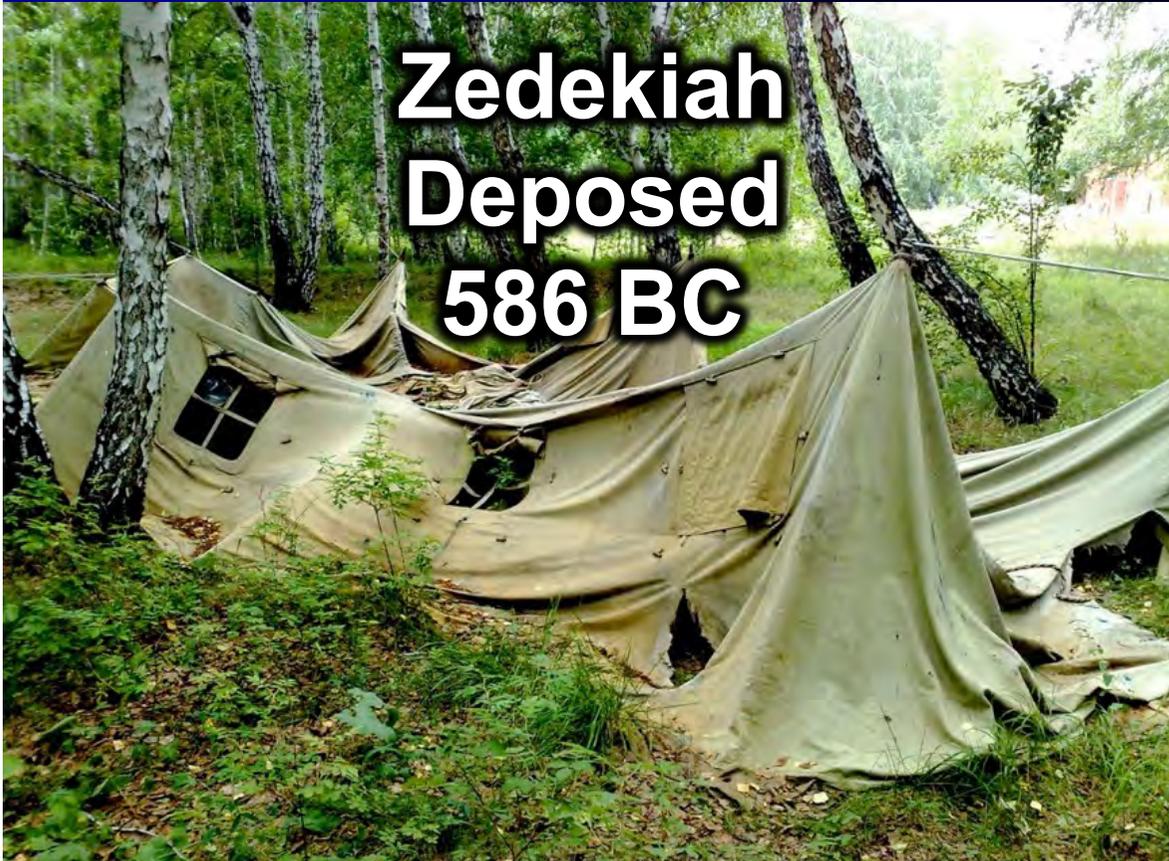
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***Christ's crown of thorns will be replaced with a crown of rule***



**Amos**

## Amos 9:11-12 (NIV)

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A map of the region of Judah and Edom. Judah is shown in blue, and Edom is shown in red. A white arrow points from the label 'Edom' to the red region. Other regions are shown in various colors: pink, green, yellow, and brown. A large white oval is also present on the right side of the map.

Judah

Edom

# Peter Led 3000 to Christ at Pentecost



**"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."**

**Acts 2:41 NIV**

**Amos 9:11-12 (NIV)**

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**Acts 15:16-18 (NIV)**

"After this I will return and rebuild David's fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it, <sup>17</sup>that the remnant of **men** may **seek** the Lord, and all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things."

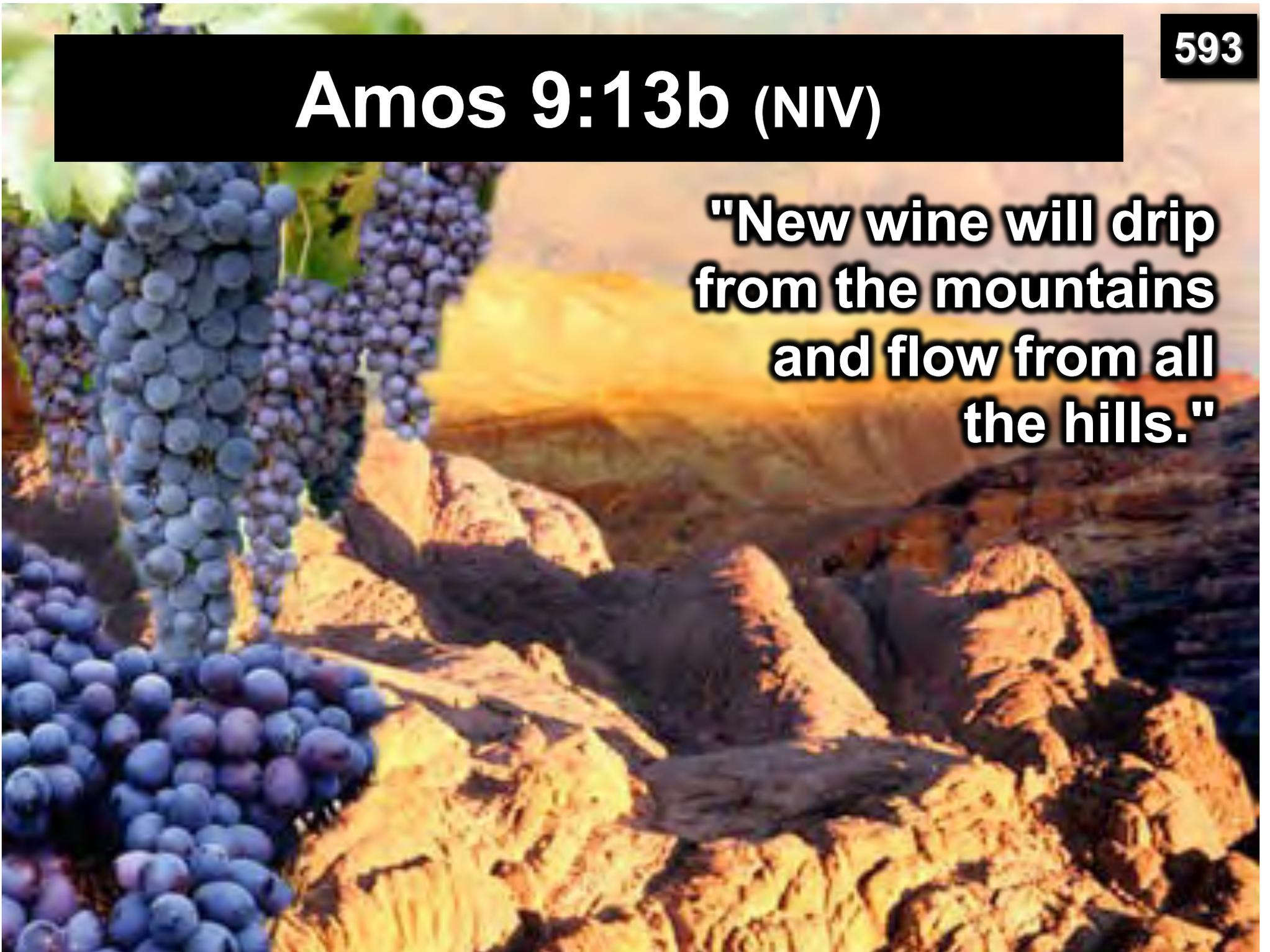
# Amos 9:13a (NIV)

**"'The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes.'"**



# Amos 9:13b (NIV)

**"New wine will drip  
from the mountains  
and flow from all  
the hills."**

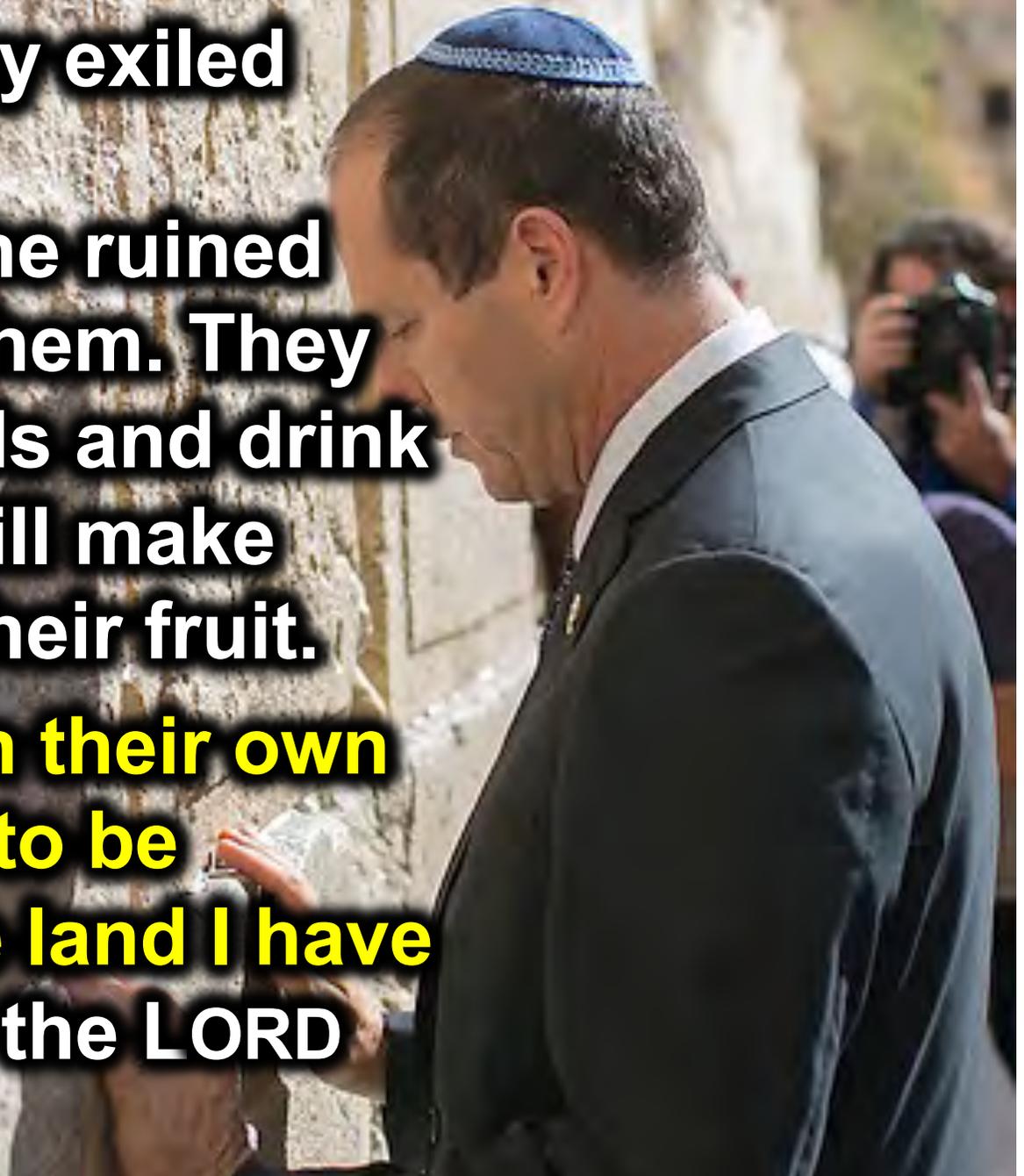


# Amos 9:14-15 (NIV)

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**"I will bring back my exiled people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit.**

**<sup>15</sup>I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,' says the LORD your God."**



# Millennial Worship

**"In the end, the enemies of Jerusalem who survive the plague will go up to Jerusalem each year to worship the King... and to celebrate the Festival of Shelters. <sup>17</sup>Any nation in the world that refuses to come to Jerusalem to worship the King... will have no rain. <sup>18</sup>If the people of Egypt refuse to attend the festival, the LORD will punish them with the same plague that he sends on the other nations who refuse to go. <sup>19</sup>Egypt and the other nations will all be punished if they don't go to celebrate the Festival of Shelters"**

**(Zechariah 14:16-19 NLT).**



**"And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. **And they will reign on the earth**" (Rev 5:10 NLT).**

# Millennial Jerusalem



"The law will go out from Zion,  
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem"  
--Isaiah 2:3

# Millennial Jerusalem (Micah)



“For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and  
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem”  
—Micah 4:2

# Who copied whom?

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ESV Isaiah 2:2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and **all the nations** shall flow to it,

ESV Micah 4:1 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and **it** shall be lifted up above the hills; and **peoples** shall flow to it,

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“Come, let us go up to  
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ESV Micah 4:3 He shall judge between many **peoples**, and shall decide **for strong nations afar off**; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore

# **6. The Prophecies and the Realities Today**



Who should not  
revere you, O  
King of the  
nations? This  
is your due.  
Among all the  
wise men of  
the nations and  
in all their  
kingdoms,  
**there is  
no one  
like you.**

Jeremiah 10:7

**But can God restore  
Israel as a nation?**

**Hitler motivated  
the Jews to go to  
their homeland!**





# The Dry Bones of Ezekiel 37



- What do they mean?
- When is the fulfillment?



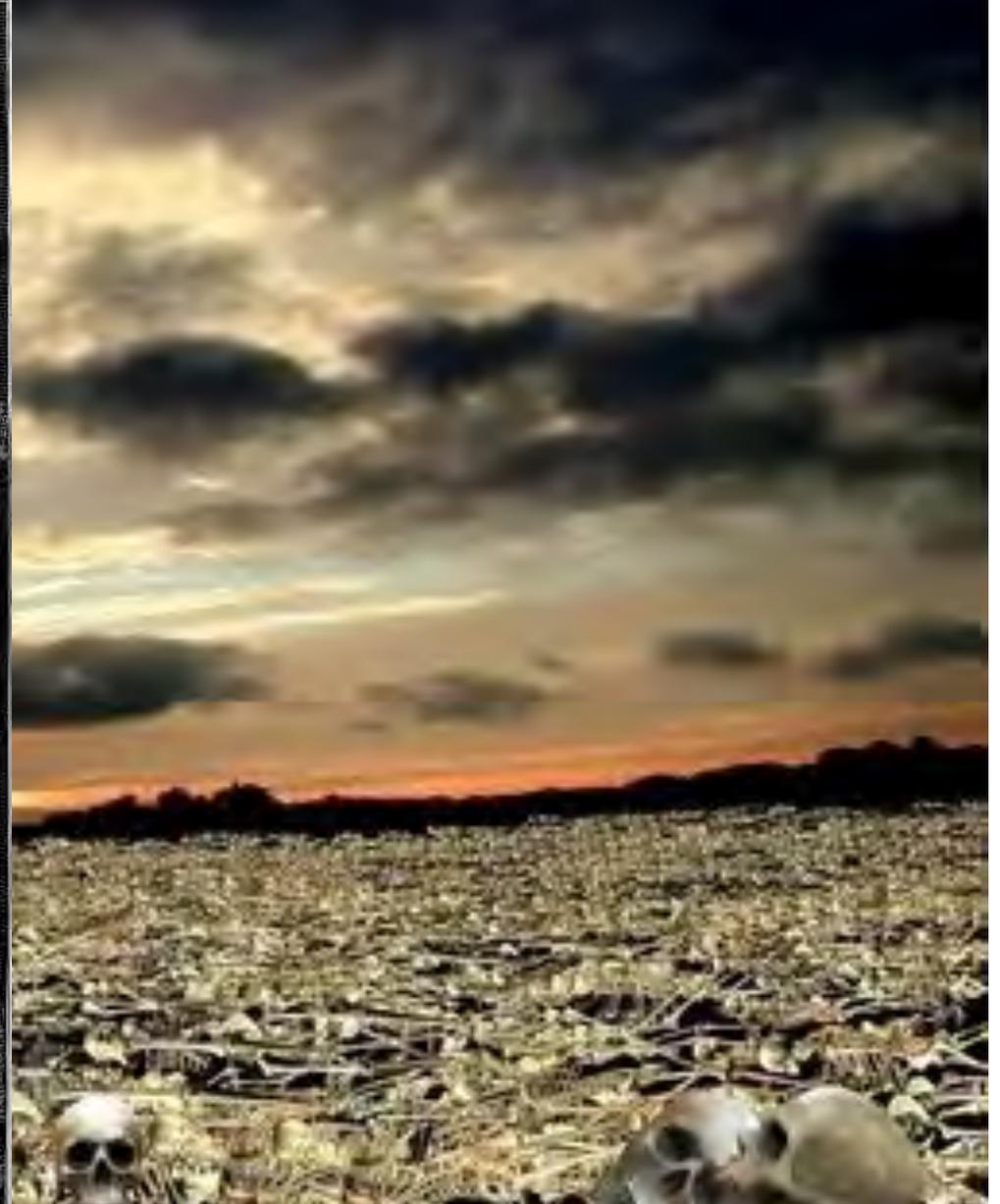
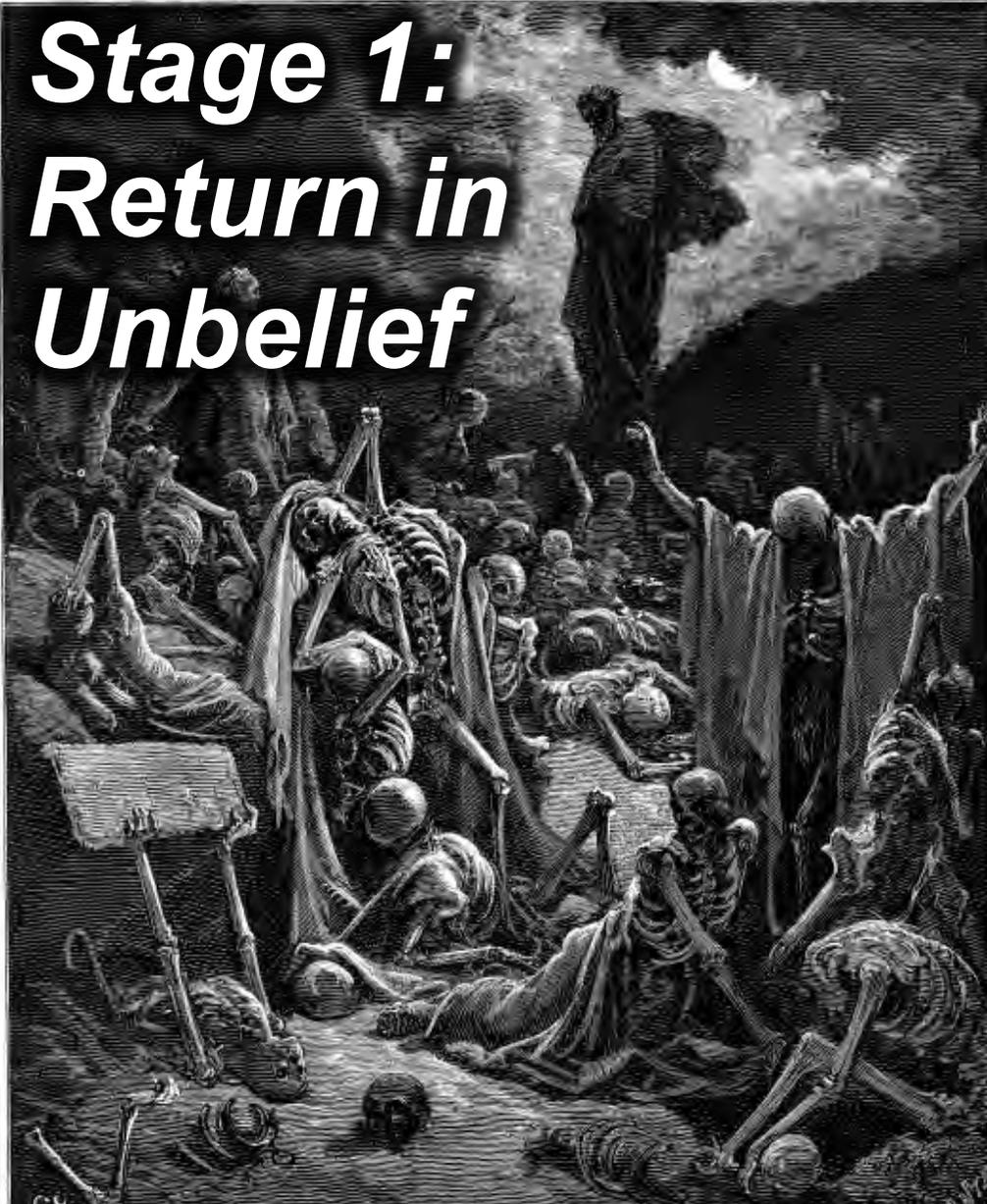
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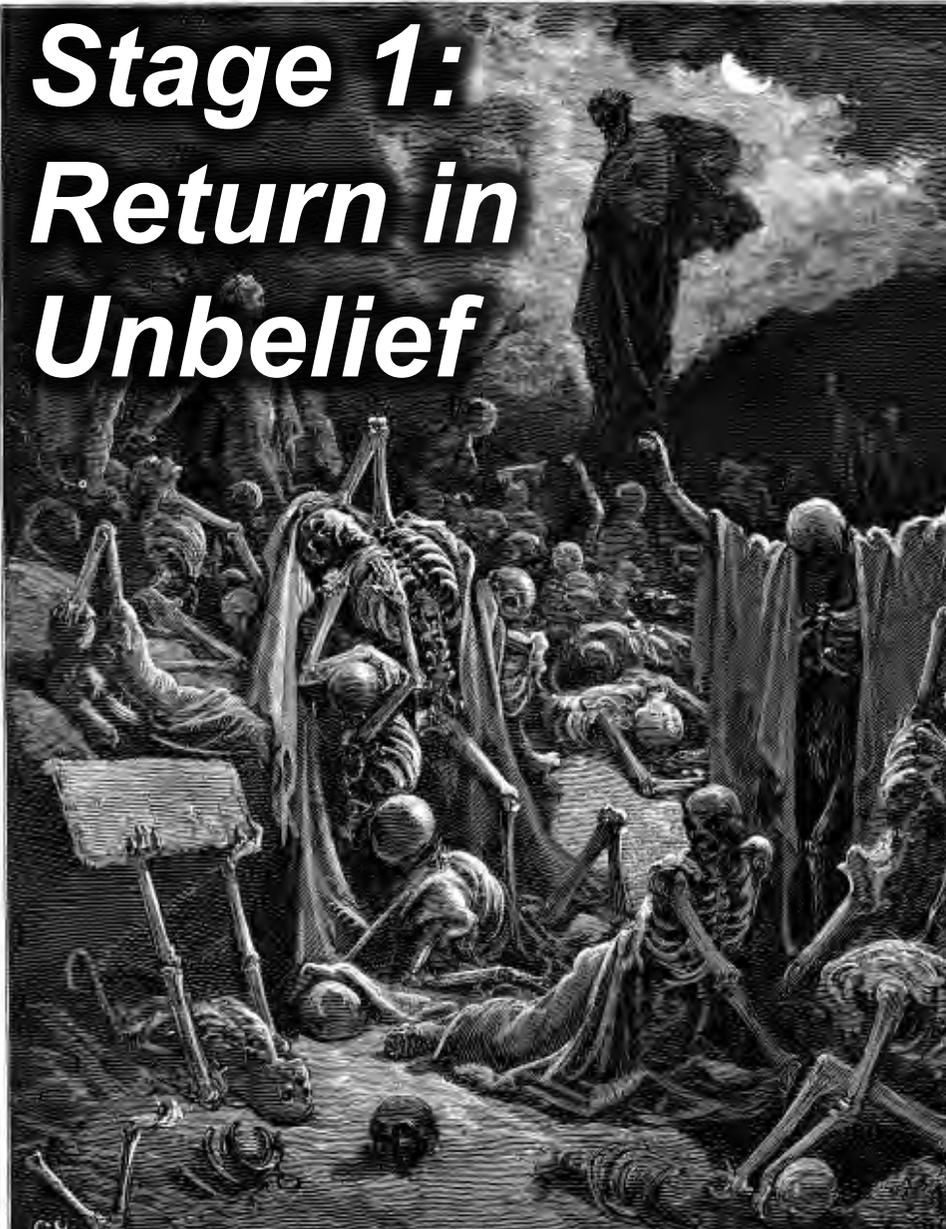
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**Stage 1:  
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**Stage 2:  
Trust in  
Messiah**



THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD TO THESE

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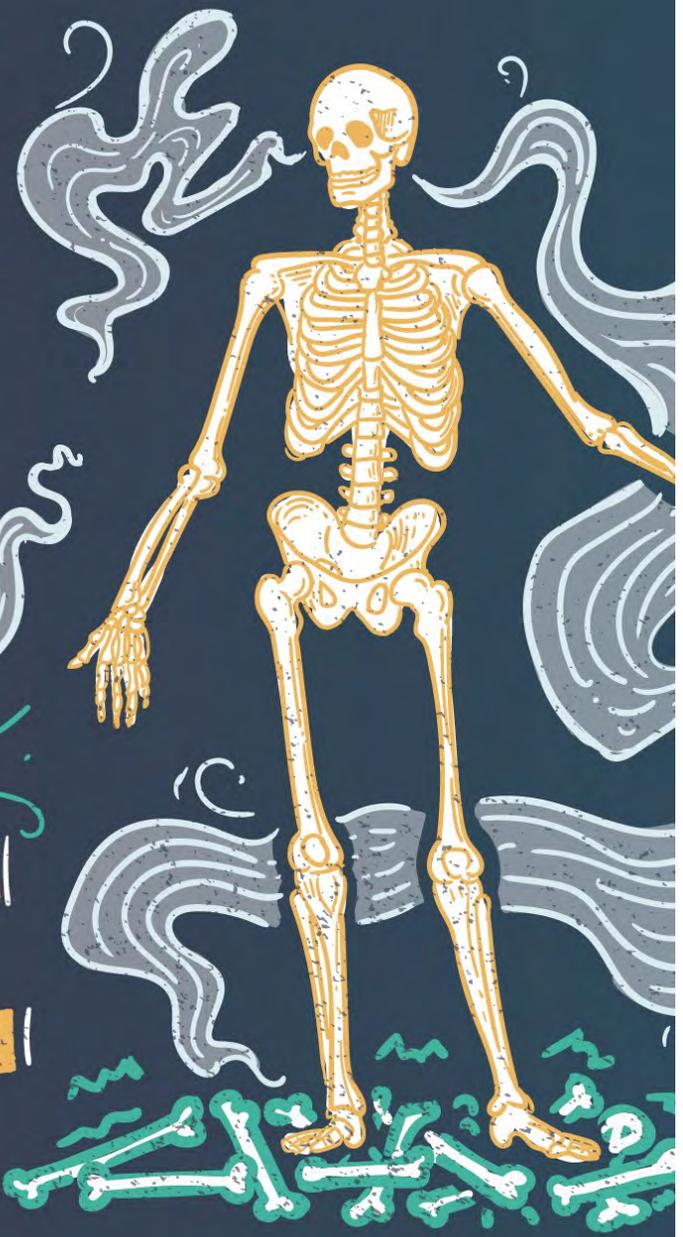
BEHOLD, I WILL CAUSE

BREATH

TO ENTER YOU.

AND YOU SHALL LIVE

EZEKIEL 37:5



# *A Hebrew Play on Words*

"Prophecy to the  
**breath**" (37:5, 9)

=

"Prophecy to the  
**Spirit**" (37:14)

Hebrew רוּחַ (rû<sup>a</sup>ḥ)

Greek πνεῦμα (pneuma)

"**breath, wind, Spirit**" = "**breath, wind, Spirit**"

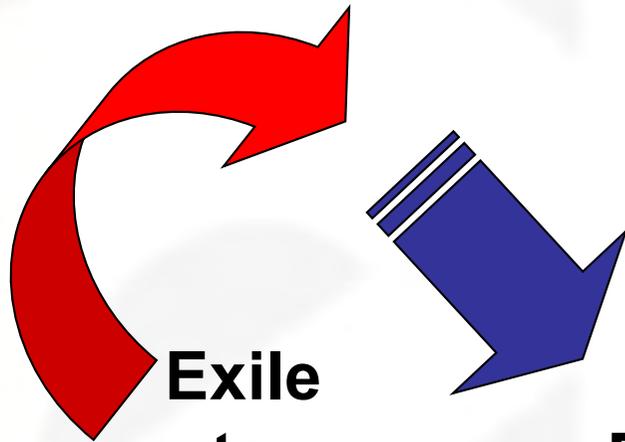
Gen. 2:7

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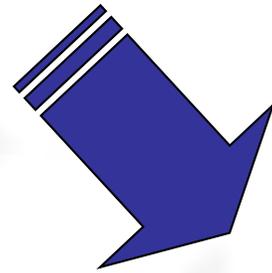


# Exiles & Returns

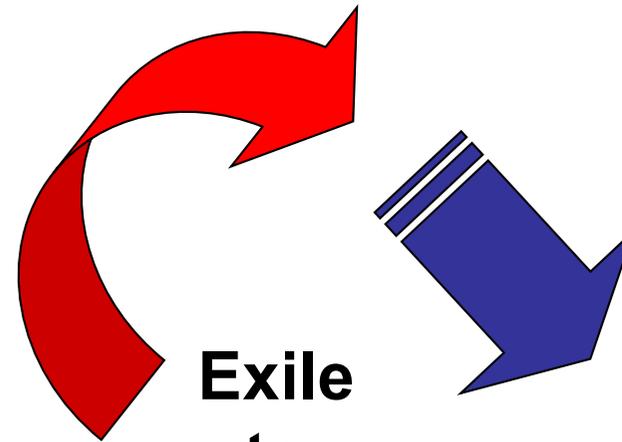
Ezekiel's Time (597 BC)



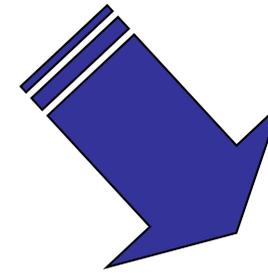
**Exile  
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by  
King  
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(586 BC)**



**Return  
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Israel  
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King  
Cyrus  
(516 BC)**



**Exile  
to  
Nations  
by  
Roman  
General  
Titus  
(AD 70)**



**Return  
to  
Israel  
by  
Zionists  
(AD 1948)**

*But how do we know Ezekiel 37 relates to this second exile and return?*

# Interpreting Ezekiel's Prophecy

## Vision      Meaning

**bones = house of Israel**

**dried bones = hope gone, cut off**

**bones together = Jews return to Israel**

**breath in them = God's Spirit in Israel**

# The year 2017 was significant for Israel

Gen 6:3

First  
Zionist  
Congress

120

Jerusalem  
Reunification

Matt 24:34

50

Balfour  
Declaration

1000

Gen 15:13, 16

70

UN  
Partition  
Plan

A black and white portrait of Theodore Herzl, shown in profile facing left. He has a full, dark beard and mustache, and is wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt and a dark bow tie. The background is a plain, light color.

**Theodore  
Herzl**

***First Zionist  
Congress  
1897***

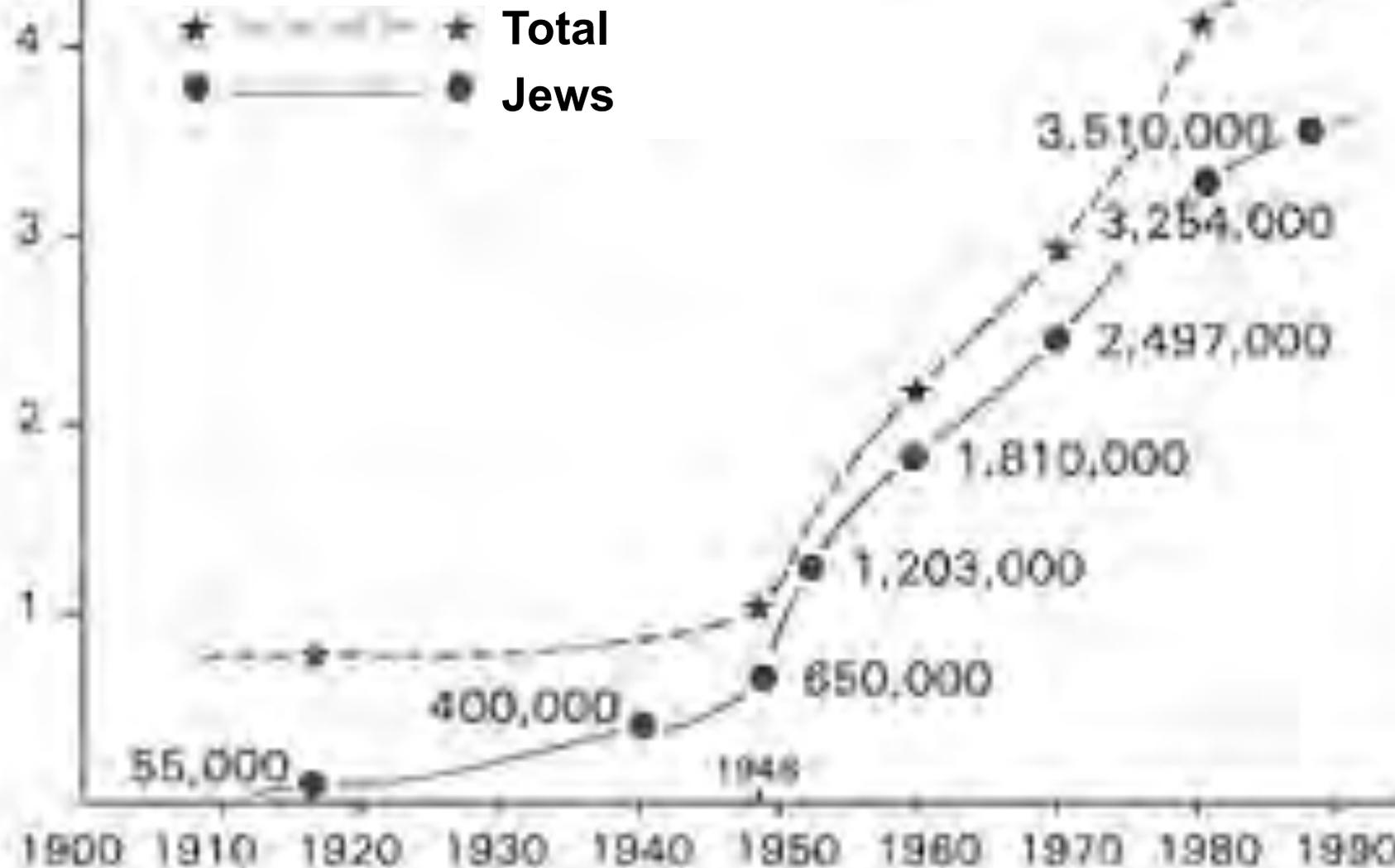
# Jews Return in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

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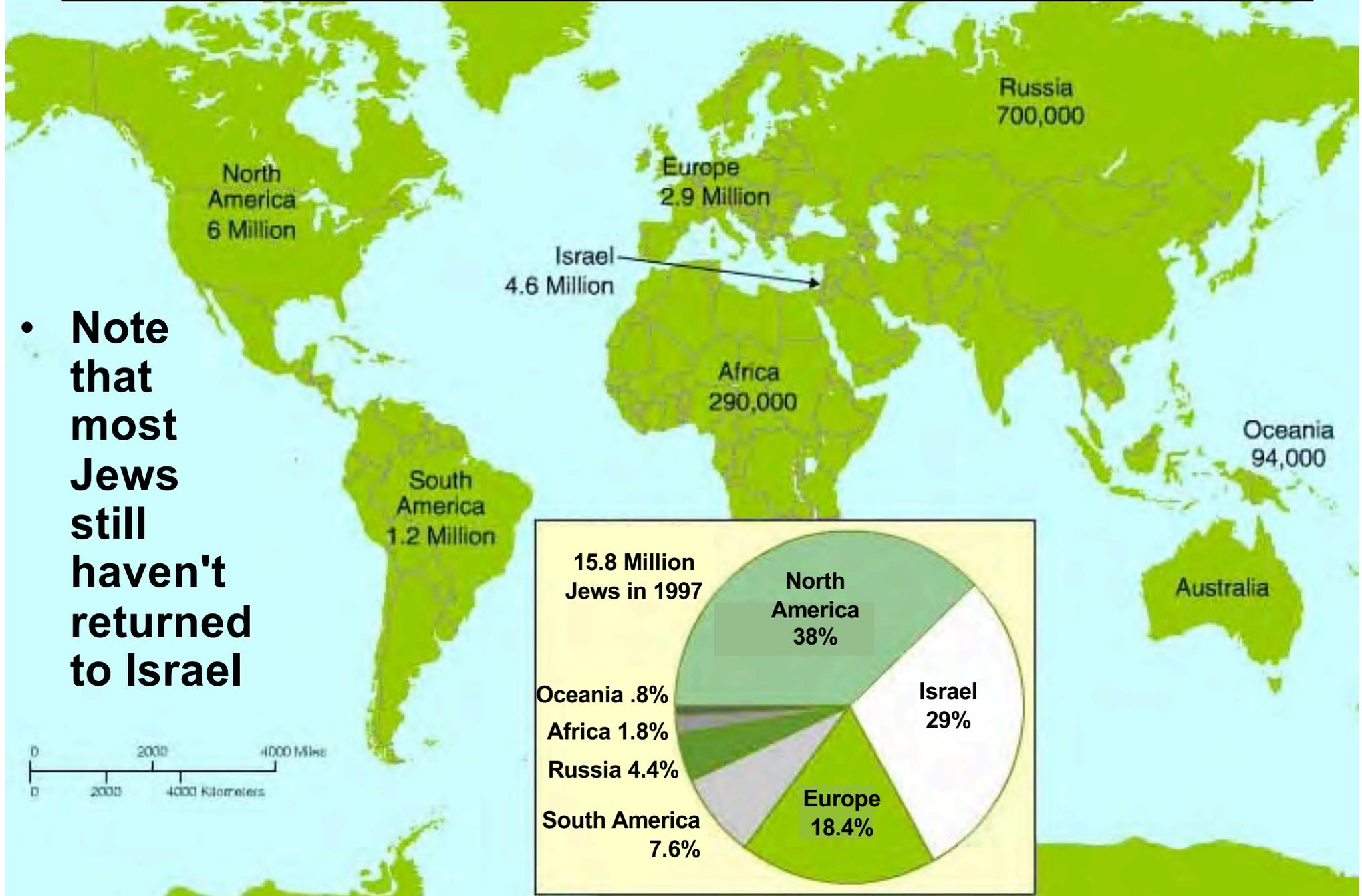
millions

*Growth in the Population of Israel  
1916-1986*



# Worldwide Jewish Population in 1997

- Note that most Jews still haven't returned to Israel



# Worldwide Jewish Population in 2016

## JEWISH POPULATION BY COUNTRY

**14,500,000**  
WORLD TOTAL

**83%**  
LIVE IN ISRAEL AND  
THE UNITED STATES



**Note that most Jews still haven't returned to Israel**

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**To return to the  
land of Israel,  
Jews had to  
become a nation  
once again (1948)**

# Israel regained ancient borders in stages (1947-2005)



## UN Partition plan

UN General Assembly votes to partition British Mandate Palestine into Jewish and Arab sectors. Soon after the adoption of the resolution on 29 November 1947, fighting breaks out and civil war spreads.



## Declares independence

Independence declaration recognised internationally but conflict spreads and five Arab armies invade. By the 1949 armistice, Jordan has captured the West Bank, Egypt has Gaza and Jerusalem is divided.



## Six Day War

Israel in preemptive strike against three Arab states, capturing Gaza and Sinai peninsula from Egypt, the West Bank from Jordan, the Golan Heights from Syria and Arab East Jerusalem.



## Gaza withdrawal

Israel withdraws unilaterally from Gaza and part of the West Bank, but further withdrawals from Arab land tied to implementation of Annapolis peace plan, providing for two-state solution.

# Israel regained ancient borders in stages (1946-2000)

Palestinian and Jewish land 1946



UN Partition plan 1947



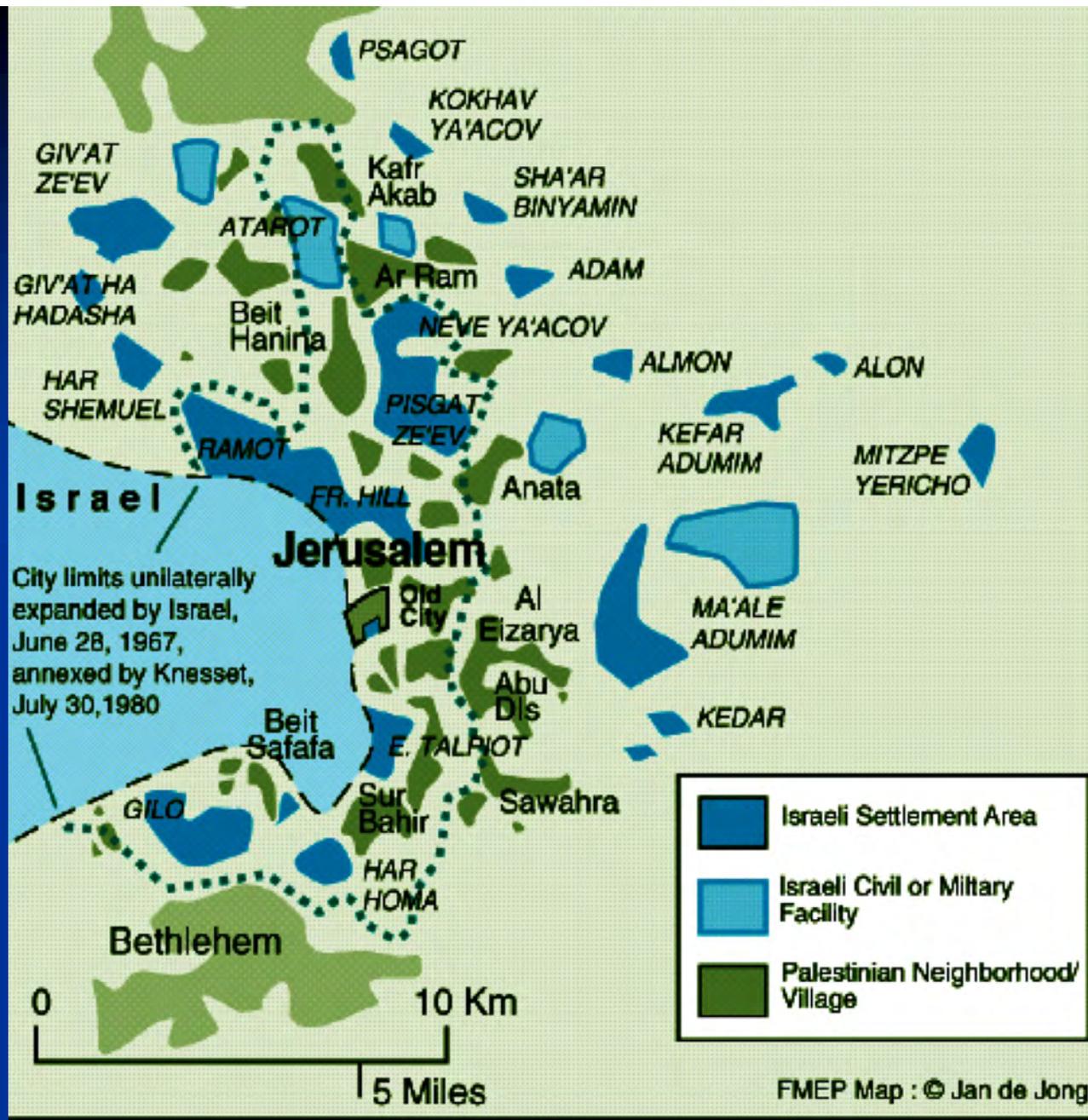
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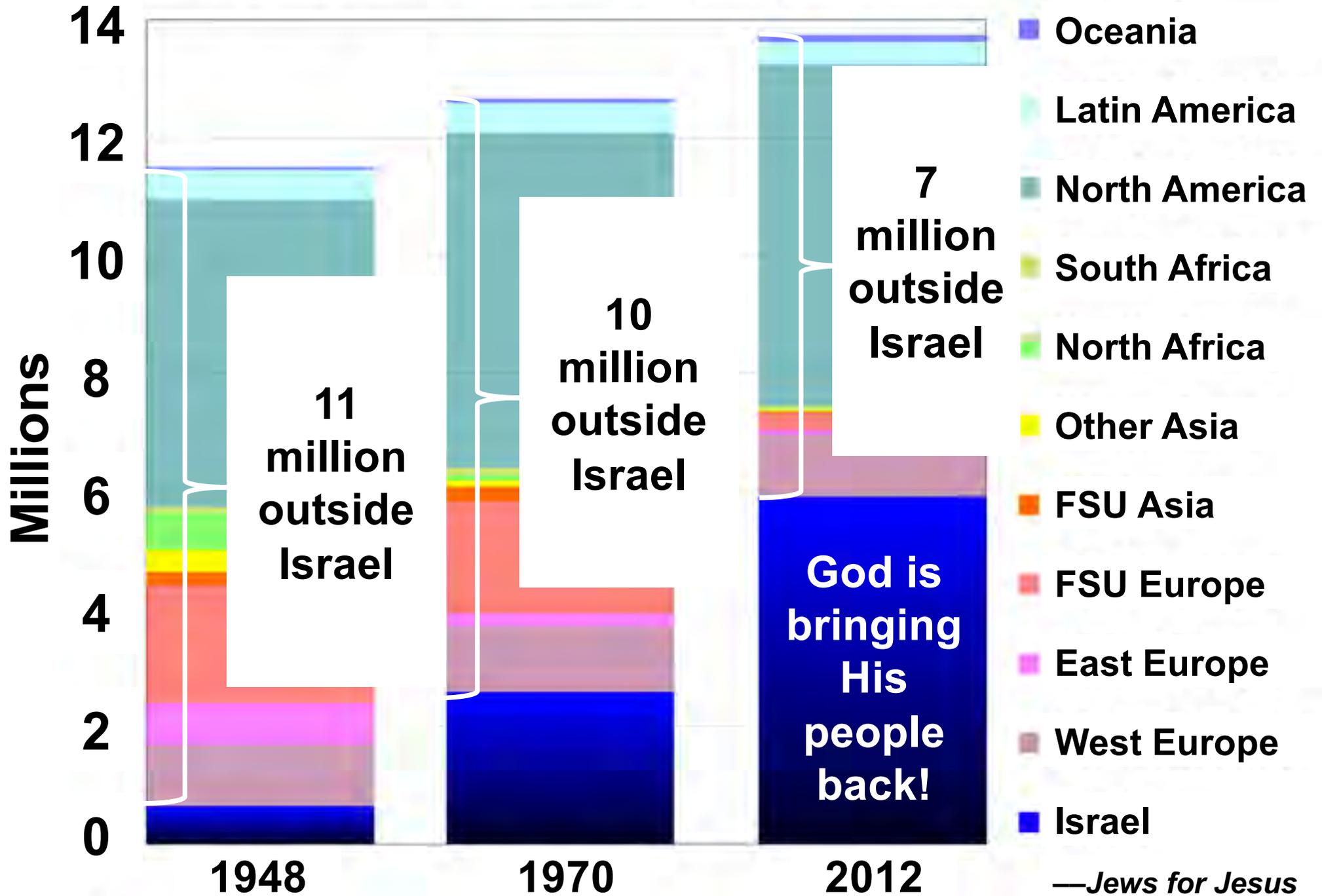
2000



# Jews also needed to regain Jerusalem, which they did in the Six-Day War (1967)



# Jewish Population by Major Regions (1948-2012)



# Why does Ezekiel depict the second return?

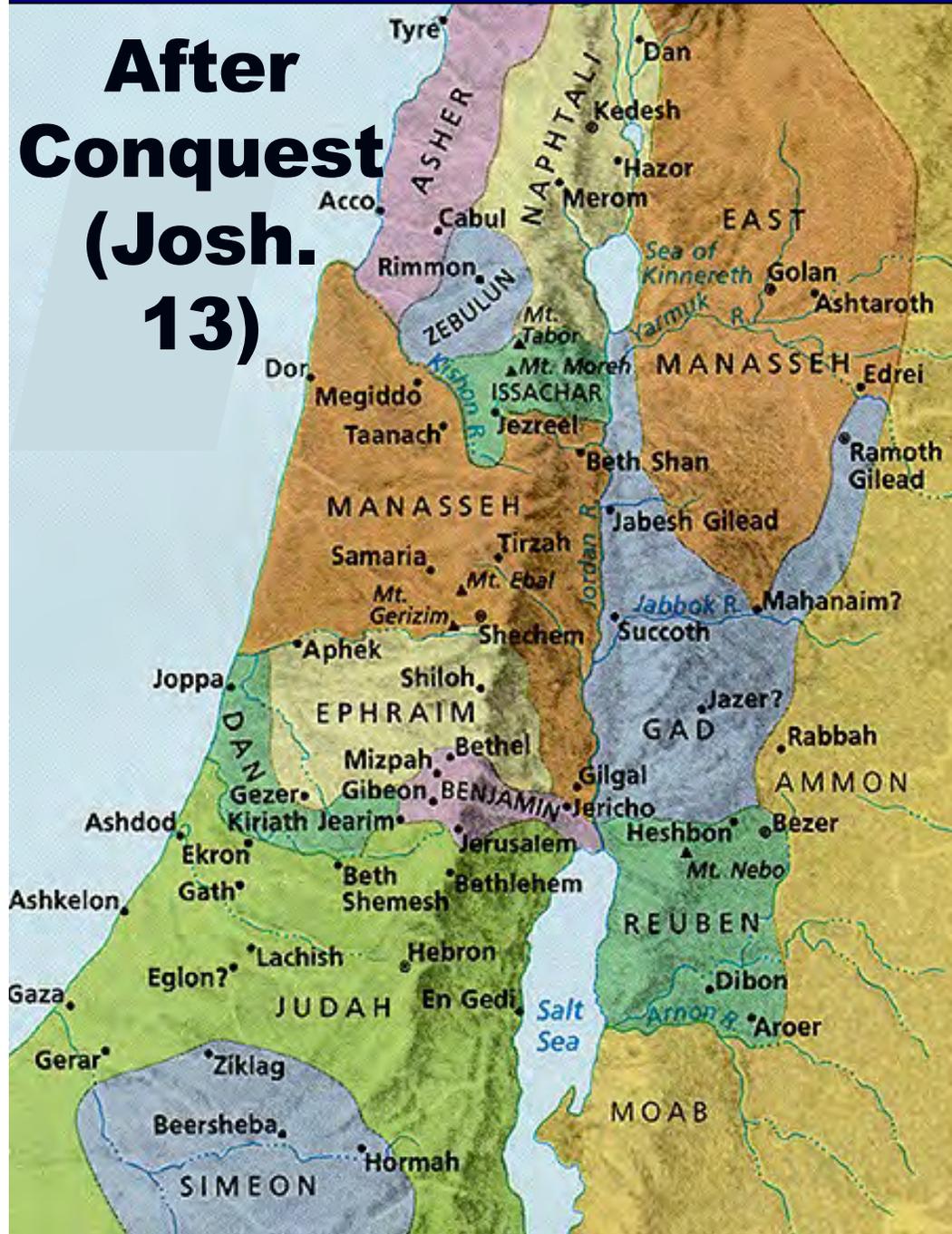
- a. Israel will trust in her Messiah (37:14)*
- b. Reunification of Israel & Judah (37:15-23)*
- c. The Messiah will lead them (37:24)*
- d. The Messiah will rule "forever" (37:25)*
- e. Permanent temple (37:26b, 28)*
- f. Postexilic prophecy (Zech. 10:9-10)*
- g. Second re-gathering (Isa. 11:11)*

# **7. The Land: Inclusive and Universal**

# Tribal Redistribution

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531e

**After  
Conquest  
(Josh.  
13)**



**Millennial  
Israel  
(Ezekiel  
47-48)**



# Shared Land with Jews & Gentiles

“You are to distribute this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. <sup>22</sup>You are to allot it as an inheritance for yourselves and **for the aliens** who have settled among you and who have children.

You are to **consider them as native-born Israelites**; along with you they are to be allotted an inheritance among the tribes of Israel. <sup>23</sup>In whatever tribe the alien settles, there you are to **give him his inheritance,**’ declares the Sovereign LORD”  
(Ezekiel 47:21-23 NLT).

# **8. The New Testament and the Land**

# Millennial Jerusalem



"The law will go out from Zion,  
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem"  
--Isaiah 2:3



**I am the Vine**

**You are the  
branches**

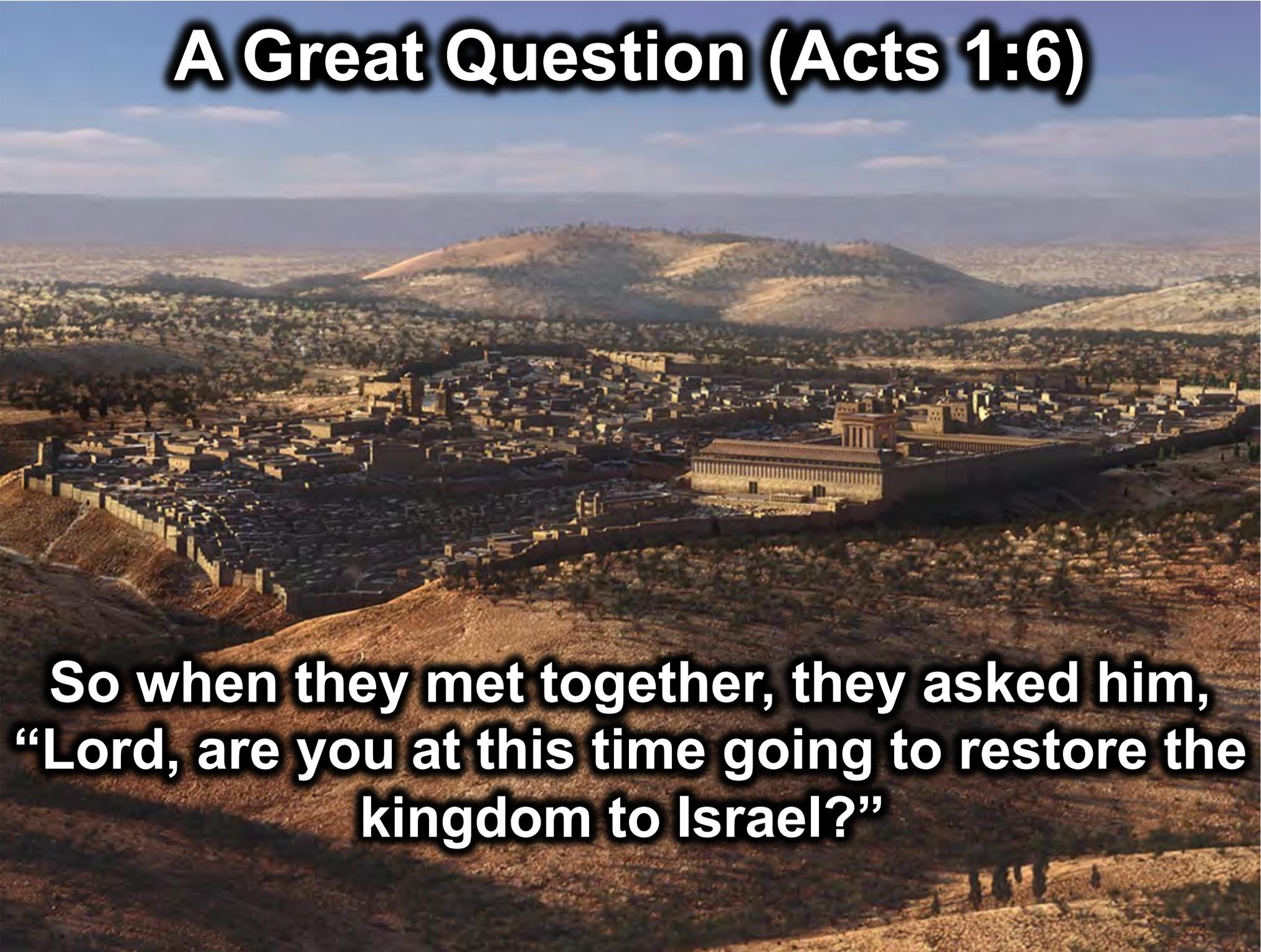
**Those who remain in  
me, and I in them, will  
produce much fruit.**

**For apart from me  
you can do nothing.**

**John 15:5 NLT**

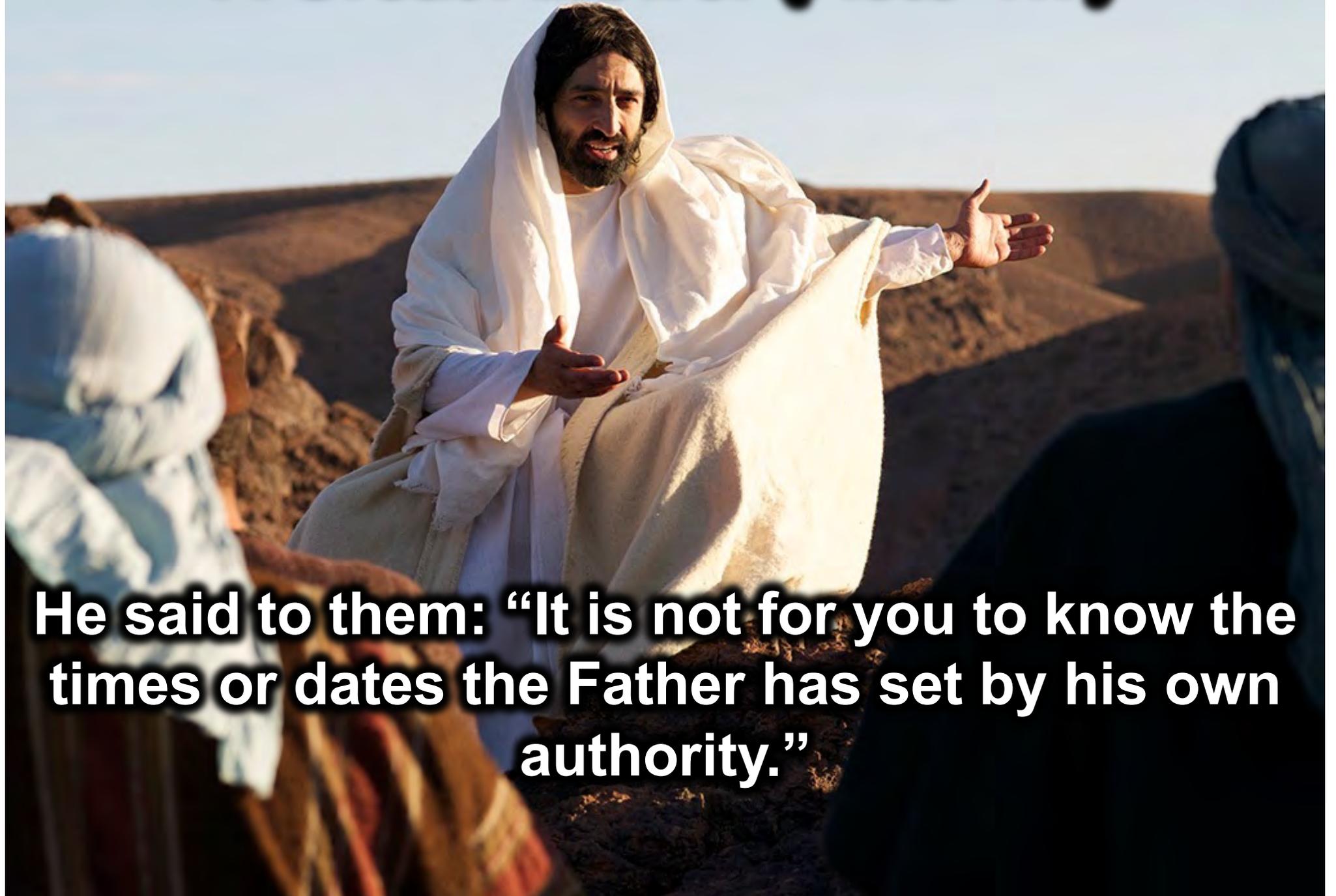
# **9. Jesus, the Kingdom and the Land**

# **A Great Question (Acts 1:6)**

An aerial photograph of Jerusalem, showing the Temple Mount and the Temple of Herod. The city is built on a hillside, with a large, rectangular building complex in the center. The surrounding landscape is hilly and arid, with some trees and a few people visible in the foreground.

**So when they met together, they asked him,  
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the  
kingdom to Israel?”**

# **A Great Answer (Acts 1:7)**



**He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.”**

# Acts 1:8 NAU

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in **Jerusalem**, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the **remotest part** of the earth."



# A Literal, Political Kingdom

***"Jesus replied, 'I assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel'"***  
***(Matt. 19:28 NLT)***



# **10. Paul and the Abrahamic Inheritance**

**“The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say ‘and to **seeds**,’ meaning many people, but ‘and to your **seed**,’ meaning one person, who is Christ” (Gal 3:16 NIV).**

**“The stress on seed (cf. Gen. 12:7; 13:15; 24:7), not seeds, was made simply to remind the readers that the faithful in Israel had always recognized that blessing would ultimately come through a single individual, the Messiah (cf. Gal. 3:19).”**

**—Campbell, *BKC*, 2:598**

# RIGHTEOUSNESS IN ROMANS

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Provided</b>	<b>Imparted</b>	<b>Proved</b>	<b>Applied</b>	<b>Disseminated</b>
<b>Intro</b> 1:1-17	<b>Condemnation</b> 1:18– 3:20	<b>Justification</b> 3:21– 5:21	<b>Sanctification</b> 6–8	<b>Election</b> 9–11	<b>Transformation</b> 12:1– 15:13	<b>Propagation</b> 15:14– 16:27
<b>Start</b>	<b>Sin</b>	<b>Salvation</b>	<b>Set Apart</b>	<b>Sovereignty</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Send</b>

**"For not all who  
are descended  
from Israel are  
Israel" (9:6)**

**≠ "Israel" refers to  
believing Gentiles?!?!**

**= Not all Jews believe**

**"Israel" always means ethnic seed of Jacob (9:1-5)**



## **Branches (11:17-21)**

### **a. Natural: Ethnic Israel (9:4-5)**

- 1) Remaining/Grafted = Believing (11:23-24)
- 2) Cut off = Unbelieving (11:19-21)

### **b. Wild: Gentile humanity**

- 1) Grafted = Believing (11:17b, 22)
- 2) Cut off = Unbelieving (11:21b)

**Trunk (11:17a)**

**Sap (11:17b)**

**Root (11:16-18)**



**Gentile Engrafting**

# Distinctions Between Israel and the Church

- **Discontinuity (155u)**
- **Continuity (155v)**
- **Problem Passages (155w-y)**



# Israel & the Church: Discontinuity

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	Israel	Church
<i>Identity</i>	Physical seed of Abraham (Gal. 6:12-16)	Spiritual seed of Abraham (Gal. 3:7, 29)
<i>Land Covenant</i>	Still outstanding (Deut. 30:1-10) but partly fulfilled since 1948 (Ezek. 37:1-7)	No land promise (Palestinian Covenant) can be claimed by present believers
<i>Law</i>	Required to obey the law (Exod. 19-20)	Freedom from the law (Rom. 7; Gal. 3)
<i>Duration</i>	Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3) to eternity (Jer. 31:35-37)	Pentecost (Acts 2) to Rapture (1 Thess. 4:13-18) or even later (?)
<i>Wrath</i>	Experienced in Tribulation (Jer. 30:7)	Free from wrath (1 Thess. 5:9; Rev. 3:10)

# Israel & the Church: Discontinuity

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	Israel	Church
Faith	Shown in offering sacrifices	Shown in trusting Christ's sacrifice
Priesthood	Has one: a special class by heredity	Is one: all are priests (1 Pet. 2:5)
Activity	Set aside between 69th & 70th "Weeks" (Dan. 9:24-27)-a part of the "times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24)	Between 69th & 70th "Weeks" the church is a mystery unforeseen in the OT (Eph. 3:1-9; Col. 1:26)
Qualification	Ethnic-descendants of Abraham or Gentile proselytes who became Jews via circumcision as blessing is via Israel (1 Kings 8:41-43; Isa. 2:2-3; 19:19-25; 49:6; 51:4; 56:6-8; Zech. 14:16-19)	Nonethnic-"Neither Jew nor Gentile" (Gal. 3:28) means a combination of Jews and Gentiles without need to become Jewish proselytes (Acts 15; Eph. 3:3, 6)

	Israel	Church
Abrahamic Covenant	Origin in Abraham as the father of the nation (Gen. 12:1-3)	Believers today are grafted into this same covenant (Rom. 11:17-21; cf. Gal. 3:29)
Davidic Covenant	Promise of a literal temple (2 Sam. 7:13) fulfilled by Solomon (1 Kings)	Functions now as a spiritual temple (Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-10)
New Covenant	Forgiveness of sins, indwelling Spirit, new heart, reunification of Israel and Judah, & knowledge of God everywhere (Jer. 31:31-34)	The first 3 aspects (forgiveness of sins, indwelling Spirit, new heart) true today in a progressive covenant fulfillment (Luke 22:20)
Law	Required to obey the Mosaic law (Exod. 19-20)	Required to obey the "law of Christ" (Gal 6:2) or "law that gives freedom" (Jas 1:25; 2:12)

	Israel	Church
Salvation by	God's grace through faith (Gen. 15:6)	God's grace through faith (Rom. 4:3)
Basis of Salvation	Sacrificial lamb	Sacrificial Lamb
Spirit	Filling on leaders	Indwelling of all believers (Rom. 8:9)
Prophets	Provided revelation of God's word	Foundation of the church (Eph. 2:20)

	Israel	Church
<b>Election</b>	Based on grace (Mal. 1:2)	Based on grace (Eph. 1:4-6, 11)
<b>Disobedience</b>	Led to God's discipline	Leads to God's discipline (1 Cor. 11:30)
<b>Leadership</b>	Elders (Exod. 3:16, 18; 4:29, 31; 12:21; Num. 11:16-17; Josh. 24:31; 1 Sam. 15:30; 2 Sam. 17:4, 15; 1 Kings 21:8, 11 and many other texts)	Elders (Acts 11:30; 14:23-24; 15:1-6; 16:4; 20:17-38; 21:17-26; 1 Thess. 5:12-13; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:1-7; 4:14; 5:17-25; Tit. 1:5-9; Jas. 5:14; 1 Pet. 5:1-5; Heb. 13:17)
<b>Witness</b>	"light for the Gentiles" (Is. 49:3-6) "kingdom of priests" (Exod. 19:6) "holy nation" (Exod. 19:6)	"light of the world" (Matt. 5:14-16) "royal priesthood" (1 Pet 2:5, 9) "holy nation" (1 Pet. 5:9)

# Is there a future for ethnic believing Israel?

**Dispensational  
Premillennialism**

**Amillennialism &  
Postmillennialism**

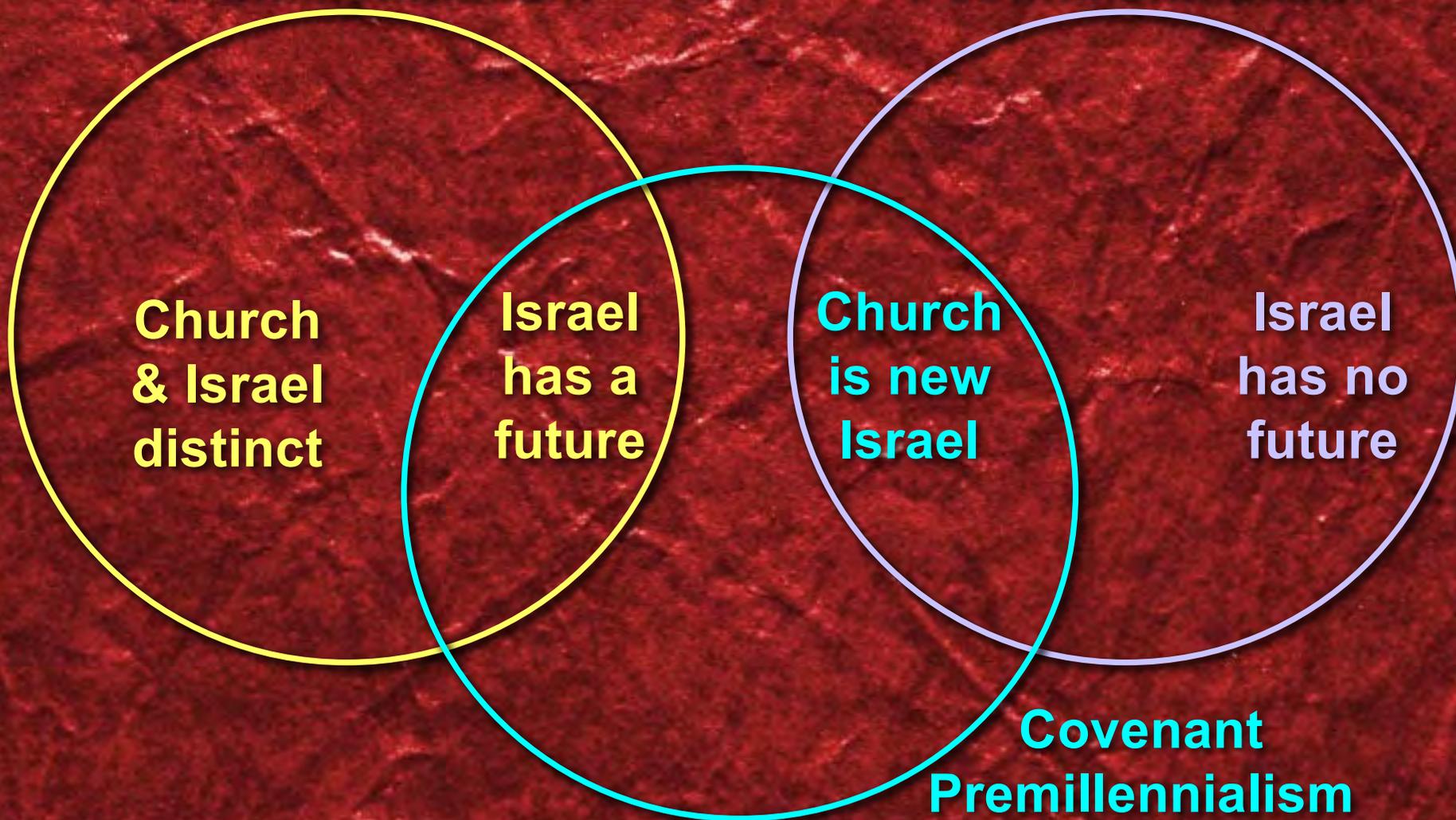
**Church  
& Israel  
distinct**

**Israel  
has a  
future**

**Church  
is new  
Israel**

**Israel  
has no  
future**

**Covenant  
Premillennialism**



# Summary of Romans 9–11

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**9:1-29**

**Israel's past**

**God elected Israel**

**Israel's failure is not due to God's unfaithfulness**

**A Jewish remnant has been preserved by God**

**Gentiles have also become elect of God in Christ**

**Divine side**

**God's election**

**Human unbelief cannot eradicate God's promises because they are based on the principle of sovereign election**

**9:30–10:21**

**Israel's present**

**Israel rejects God**

**Israel's failure is due to rejecting her Messiah**

**Only a small Jewish remnant accepts Him now**

**Gentiles are now becoming saved by faith in Christ**

**Human side**

**Man's responsibility**

**However, God's election in sovereign grace to fulfill His Word does not eradicate human responsibility for unbelief**

**11:1-36**

**Israel's future**

**God will reject Israel only partially and temporarily**

**Israel's failure will be neither total in scope nor final**

**Yet this remnant will grow into an entire believing nation**

**Gentiles should not be proud over blessings that Jews reject**

**Divine results**

**God's mercy**

**Ultimately, God's election will be justified in the salvation of the Jewish nation alive when Christ returns (11:26-27)**

# **11. Incorporation Theology**

**“...when you were pagans”  
(1 Cor 12:2 NAU, NIV, NLT).**

# Still Gentiles

**"Therefore, remember that formerly **you who are Gentiles** by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)—  
<sup>12</sup>remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ"  
(Ephesians 2:11-13 NLT).**

# 12. Israel Today



"At the time of those events,' says the LORD, 'when I restore the prosperity of Judah and Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>I will gather the armies of the world into the valley of Jehoshaphat'" (Joel 3:1-2a NLT).

**"There I will judge  
them for harming  
my people, my  
special  
possession,  
for scattering my  
people among the  
nations, and for  
dividing up my  
land"  
(Joel 3:2b NLT).**



**"But I will bring them back from all the places to which you sold them, and I will pay you back for everything you have done. <sup>8</sup>I will sell your sons and daughters to the people of Judah, and they will sell them to the people of Arabia, a nation far away. I, the LORD, have spoken!" (Joel 3:7-8 NLT).**

## **The Restoration of Judah**



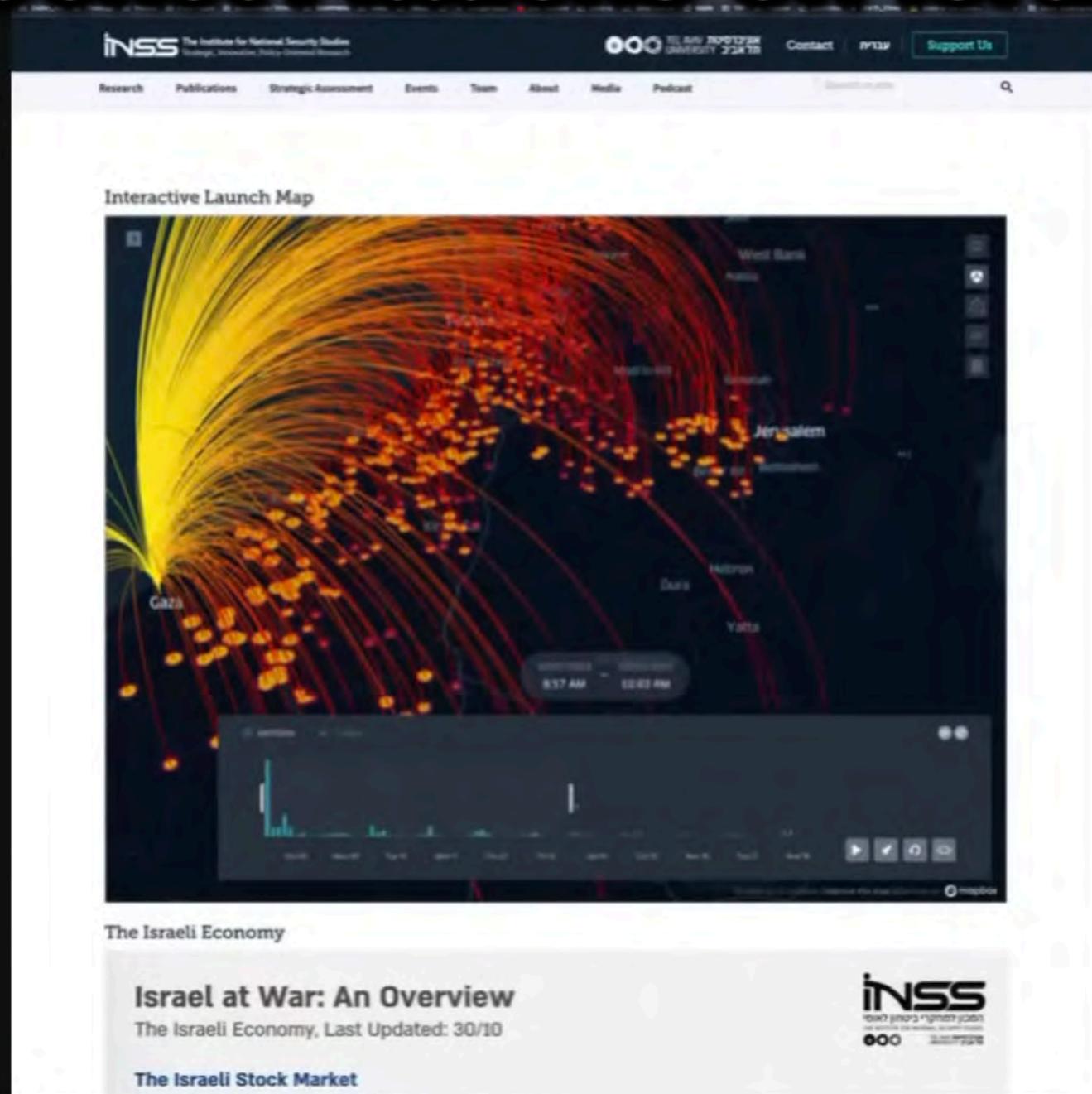
# **13. Justice Matters**

# **14. The Land and the Political Reality**



**15. Sharing the  
Land: The Land of  
Peace, Justice, and  
Reconciliation**

# Gaza Rocket Attacks on Israel

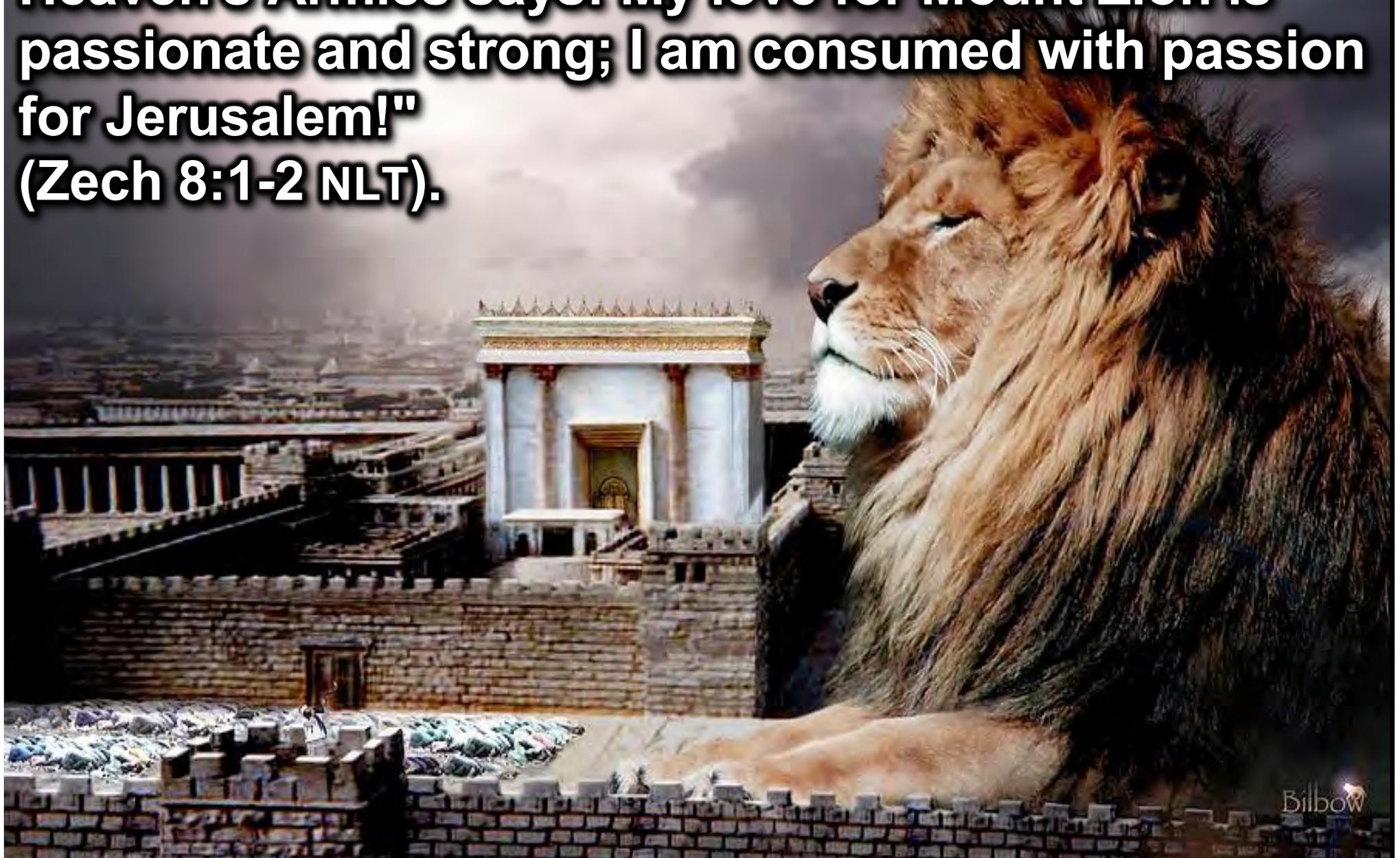


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**Conclusion**

**Q&A**

**"Then another message came to me from the LORD of Heaven's Armies: 'This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: My love for Mount Zion is passionate and strong; I am consumed with passion for Jerusalem!'"  
(Zech 8:1-2 NLT).**

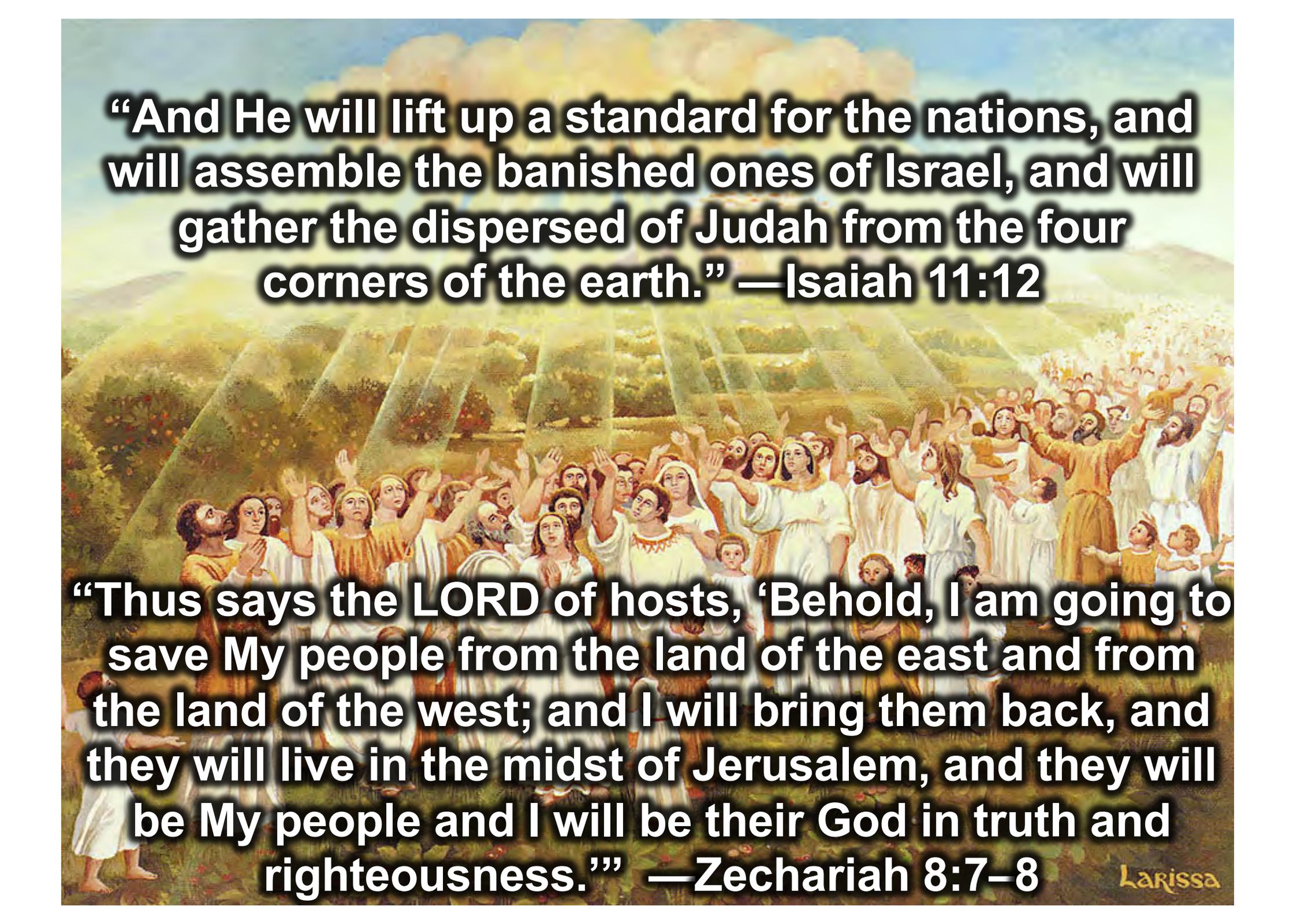


# Key Verse

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**"This is what the LORD says, 'I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called The City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD Almighty will be called The Holy Mountain'" (Zechariah 8:3).**

**Zechariah**



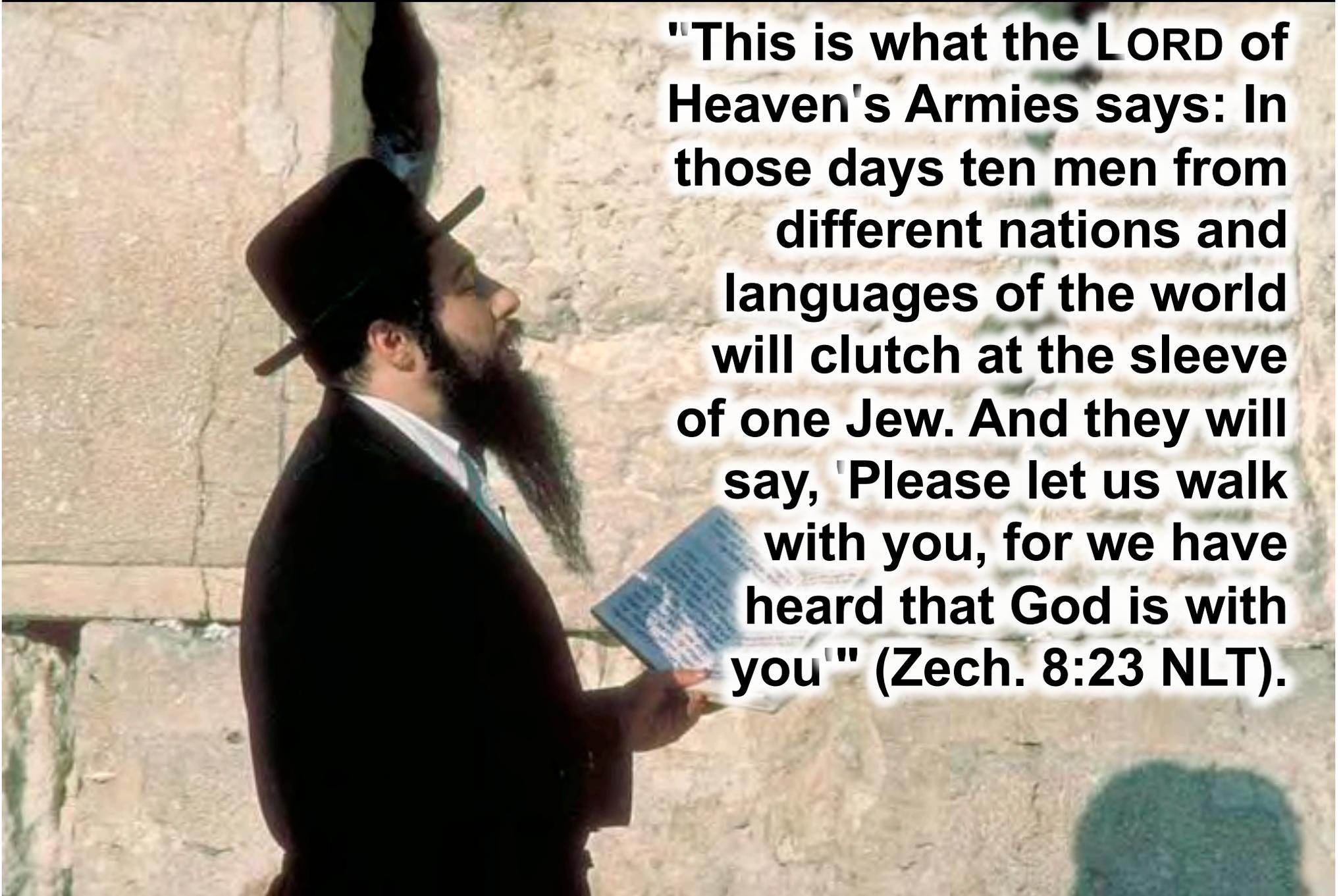
**“And He will lift up a standard for the nations, and will assemble the banished ones of Israel, and will gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.” —Isaiah 11:12**

**“Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Behold, I am going to save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; and I will bring them back, and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem, and they will be My people and I will be their God in truth and righteousness.’” —Zechariah 8:7–8**

# Jews will be sought out

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**"This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: In those days ten men from different nations and languages of the world will clutch at the sleeve of one Jew. And they will say, 'Please let us walk with you, for we have heard that God is with you'" (Zech. 8:23 NLT).**





**"Now look at the jewel I have set before Jeshua, a single stone with seven facets. I will engrave an inscription on it, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, and I will remove the sins of this land in a single day" (Zechariah 3:9 NLT).**

# "All Israel will be saved" (Rom. 11:25-27)

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<sup>25</sup>I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

<sup>26</sup>And so **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written:

"The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.

<sup>27</sup>And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."

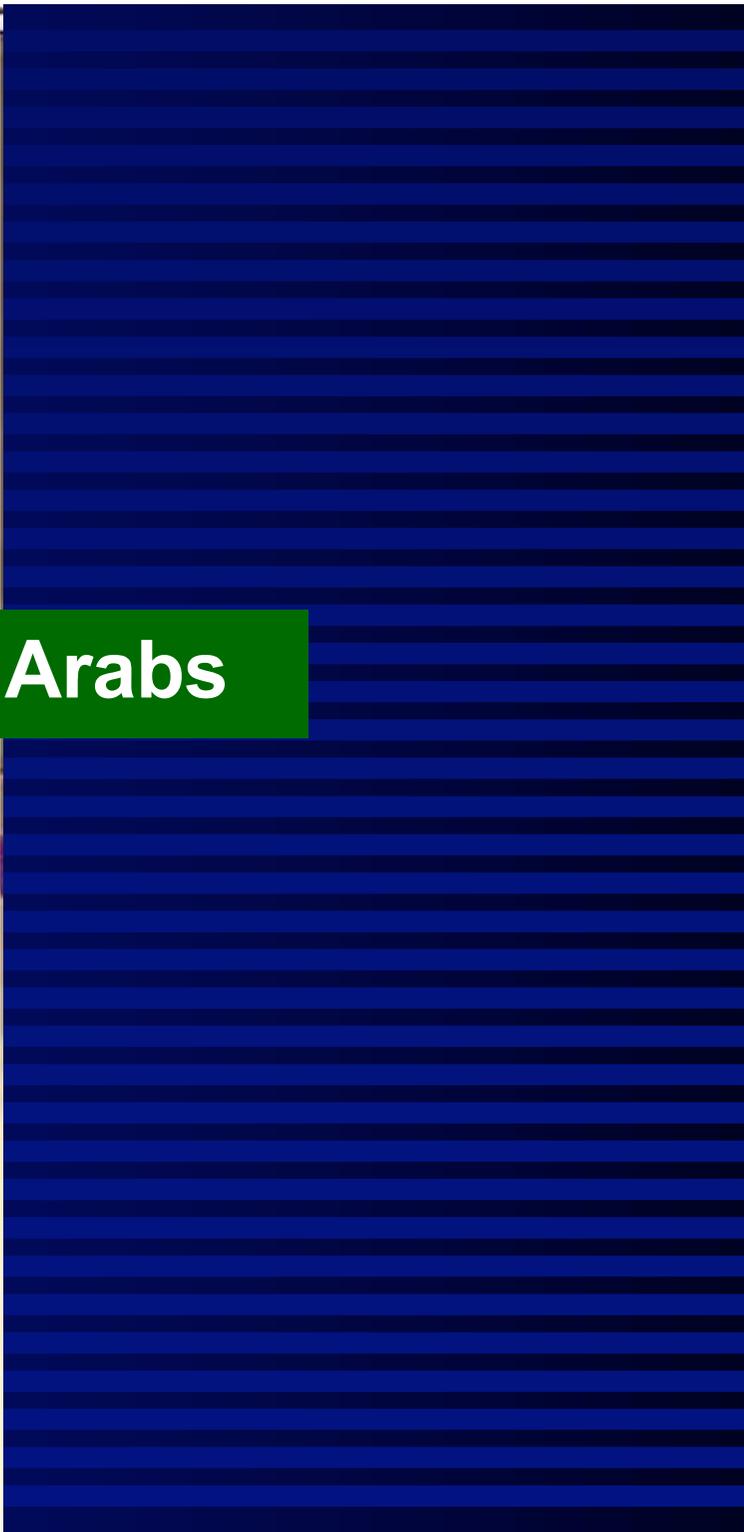


# Jerusalem Population (2002)



East = Arabs

West = Jews



# Metropolitan Jerusalem

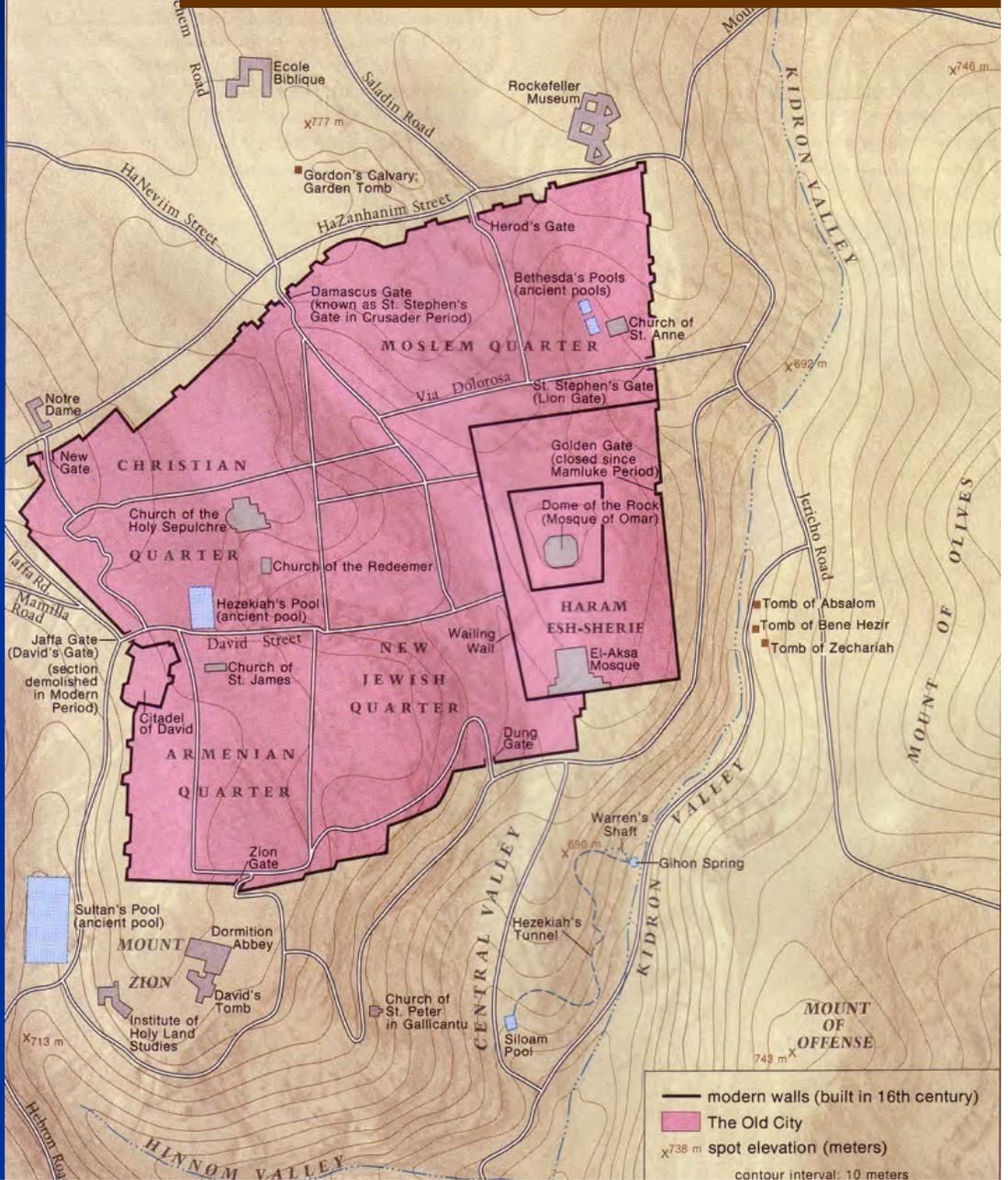


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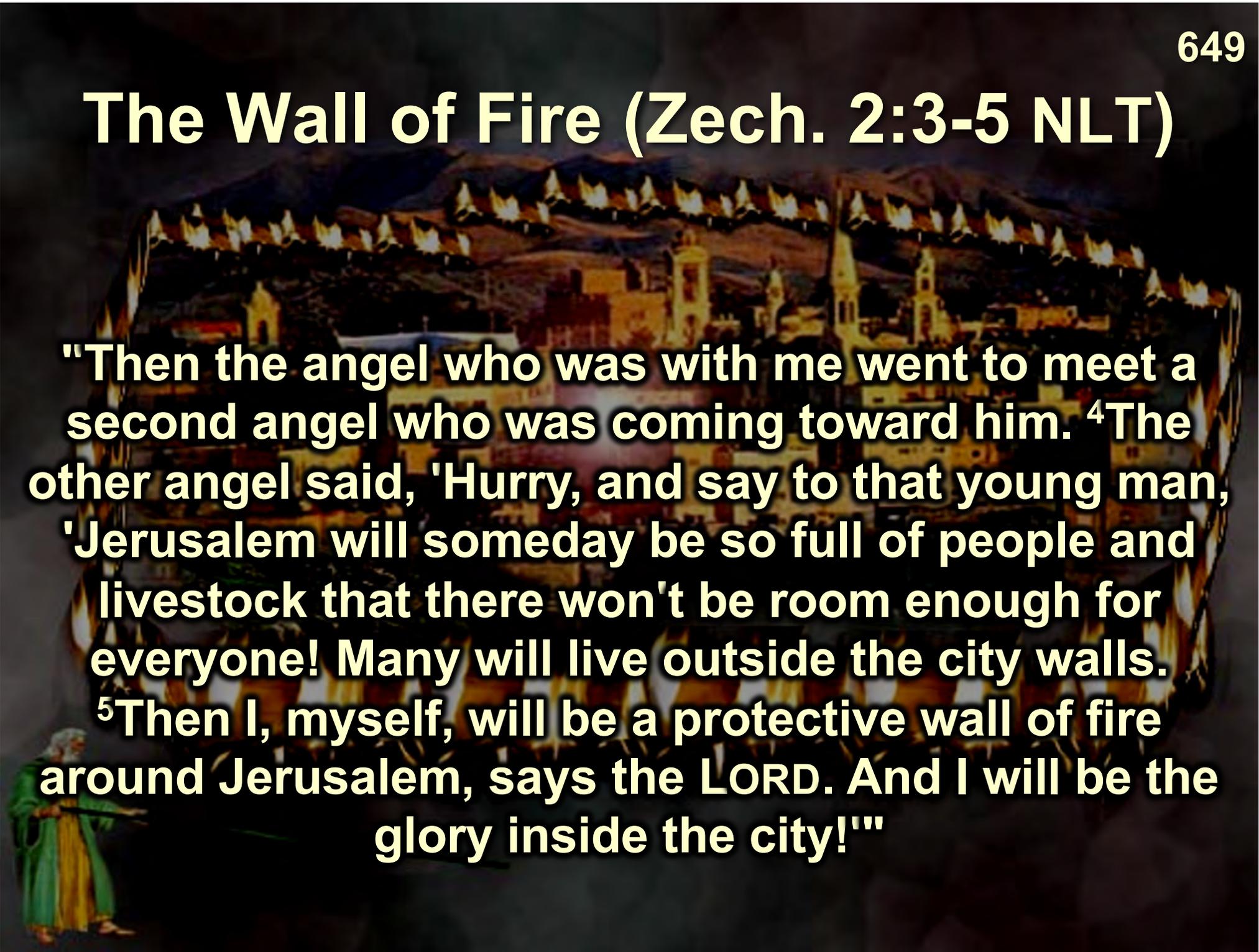
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# The Old City Today



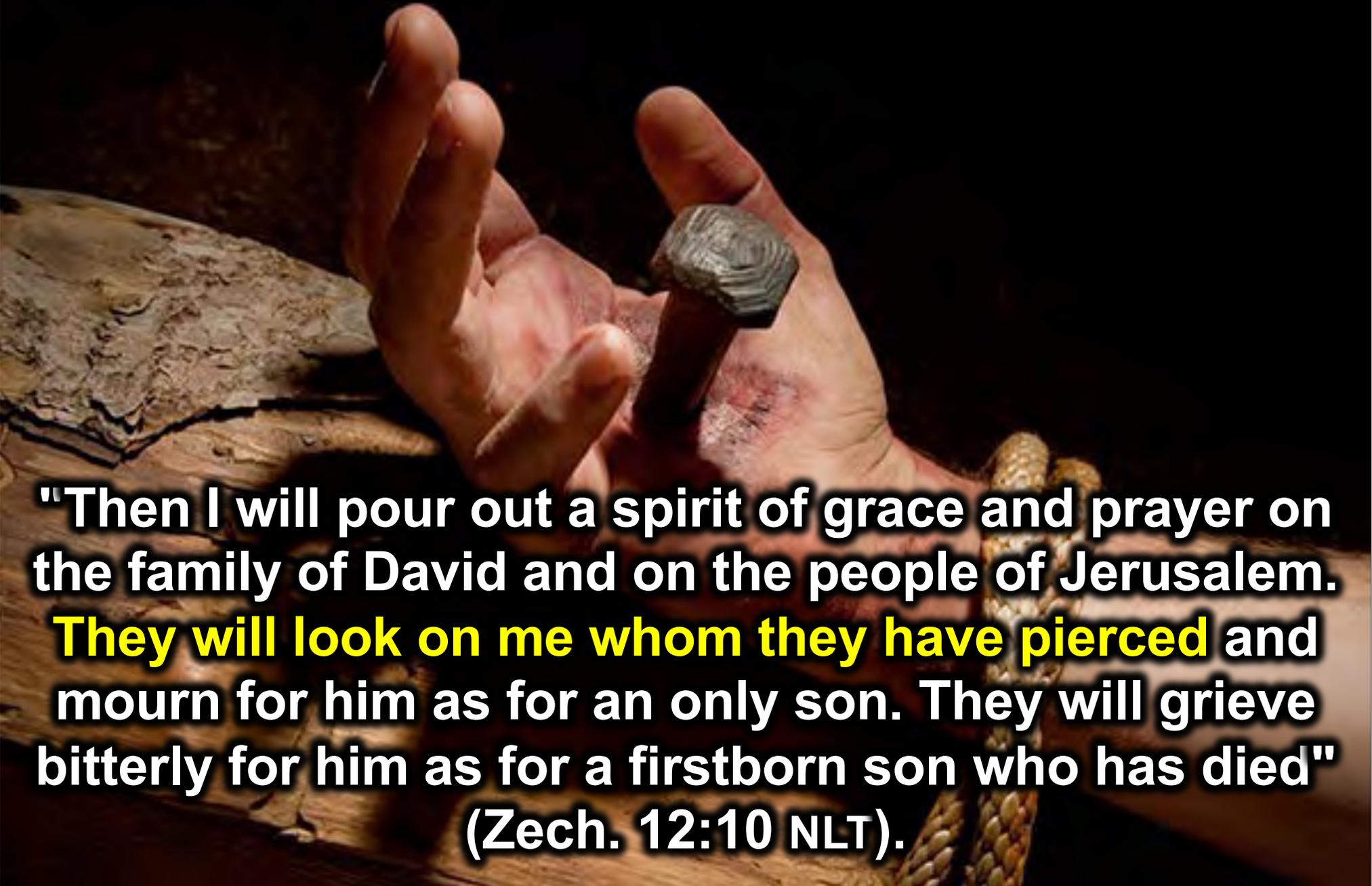


## The Wall of Fire (Zech. 2:3-5 NLT)



"Then the angel who was with me went to meet a second angel who was coming toward him. <sup>4</sup>The other angel said, 'Hurry, and say to that young man, 'Jerusalem will someday be so full of people and livestock that there won't be room enough for everyone! Many will live outside the city walls. <sup>5</sup>Then I, myself, will be a protective wall of fire around Jerusalem, says the LORD. And I will be the glory inside the city!'"

# The Repentance of Israel

A close-up photograph of a hand with a wooden peg driven through the palm, symbolizing suffering and repentance. The hand is positioned over a rough, textured surface, possibly a piece of wood or stone. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the skin and the wood.

**"Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died" (Zech. 12:10 NLT).**

# Tribulation Results

**"They will look on the one they have pierced..."  
(Zech. 12:1-10; esp. v. 10)**



**"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins" (Isa. 59:20)**

**"The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from David" (Rom. 11:26b)**

**"And so all Israel will be saved" (Rom. 11:26a)**

**Rev. 1:7 NLT**  
**cf. Zech. 12:10**



**"Look!**

**He comes with the clouds of heaven.**

**And everyone will see him—  
even those who pierced him.**

**And all the nations of the world will mourn for  
him. Yes! Amen!"**



**"The sorrow and mourning in Jerusalem on that day will be like the great mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddo"  
(Zech 12:11 NLT).**



**"All Israel will mourn, each clan by itself, and with the husbands separate from their wives. The clan of David will mourn alone, as will the clan of Nathan,<sup>13</sup> the clan of Levi, and the clan of Shimei.<sup>14</sup> Each of the surviving clans from Judah will mourn separately, and with the husbands separate from their wives" (Zech 12:12-14 NLT).**

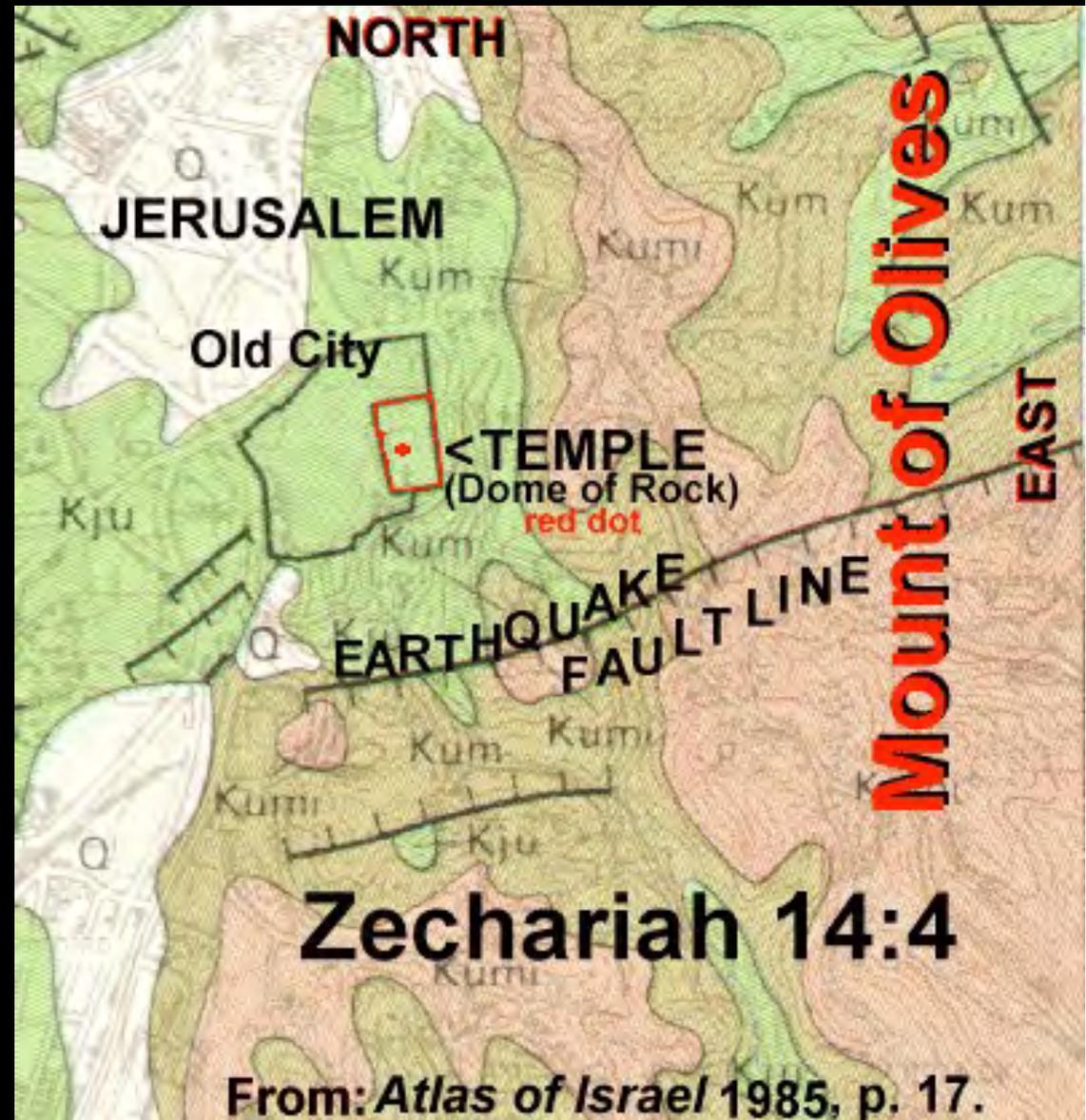
# The Second Coming

A dramatic scene of a person's feet in sandals standing on a rocky ledge, with a massive, glowing, fiery plume of light and smoke rising behind them against a dark, stormy sky.

**"On that day, his feet  
will stand on the Mount  
of Olives east of  
Jerusalem..."  
(Zech. 14:4a).**

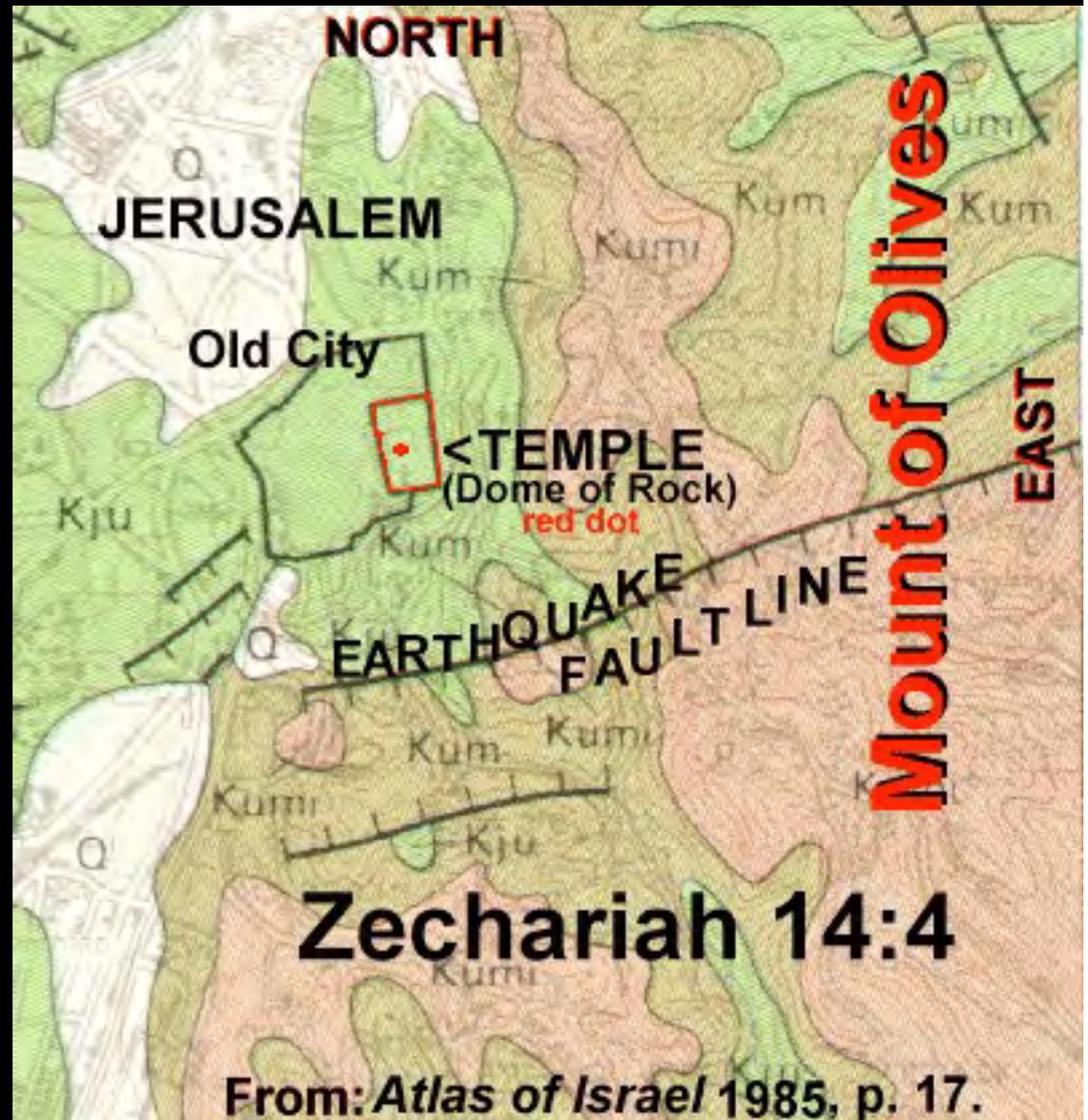
# The Second Coming

"...And the Mount of Olives will split apart, making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south" (Zech. 14:4b NLT).

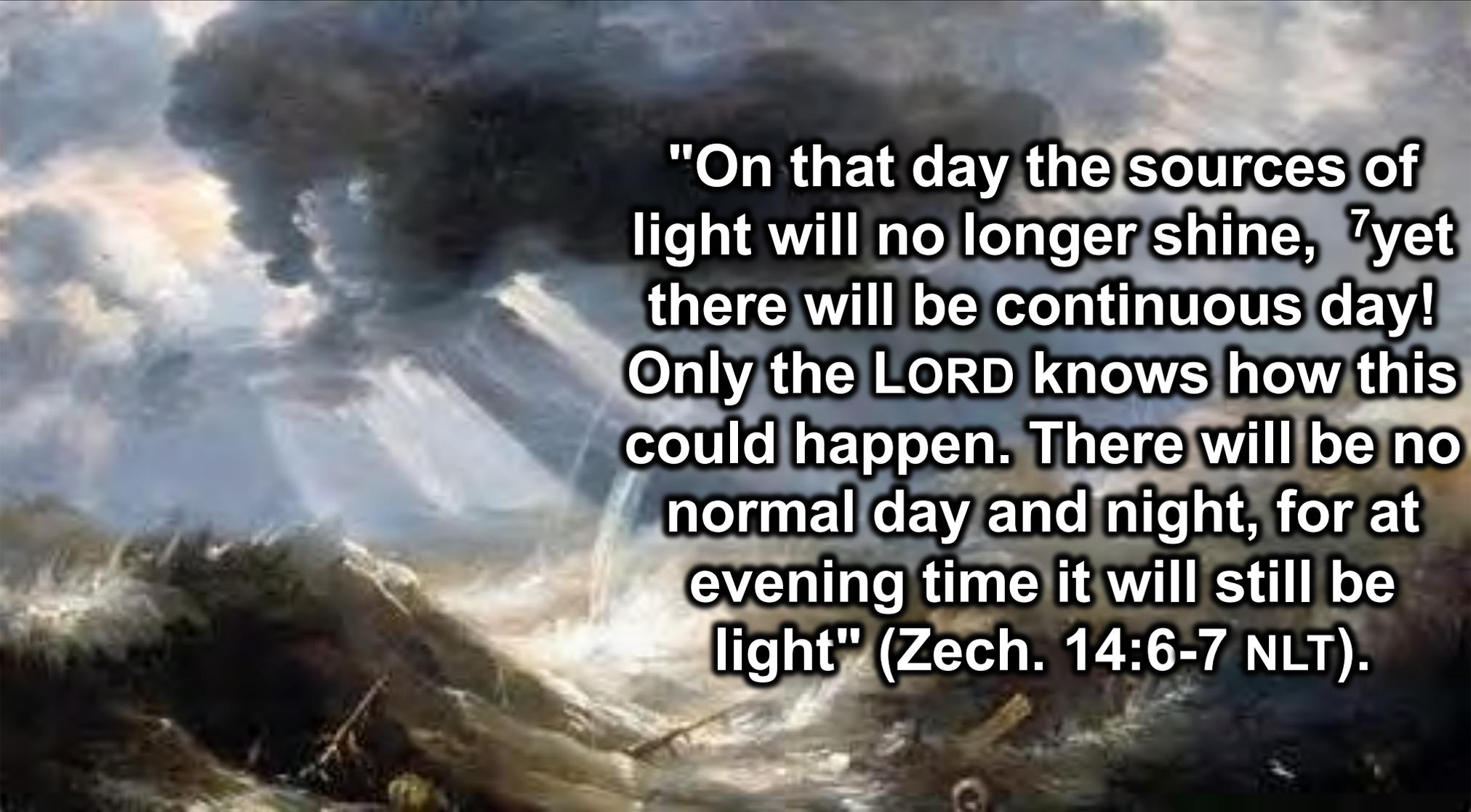


# The Second Coming

"You will flee through this valley, for it will reach across to Azal. Yes, you will flee as you did from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all his holy ones with him"  
(Zech. 14:5 NLT).



# The Second Coming

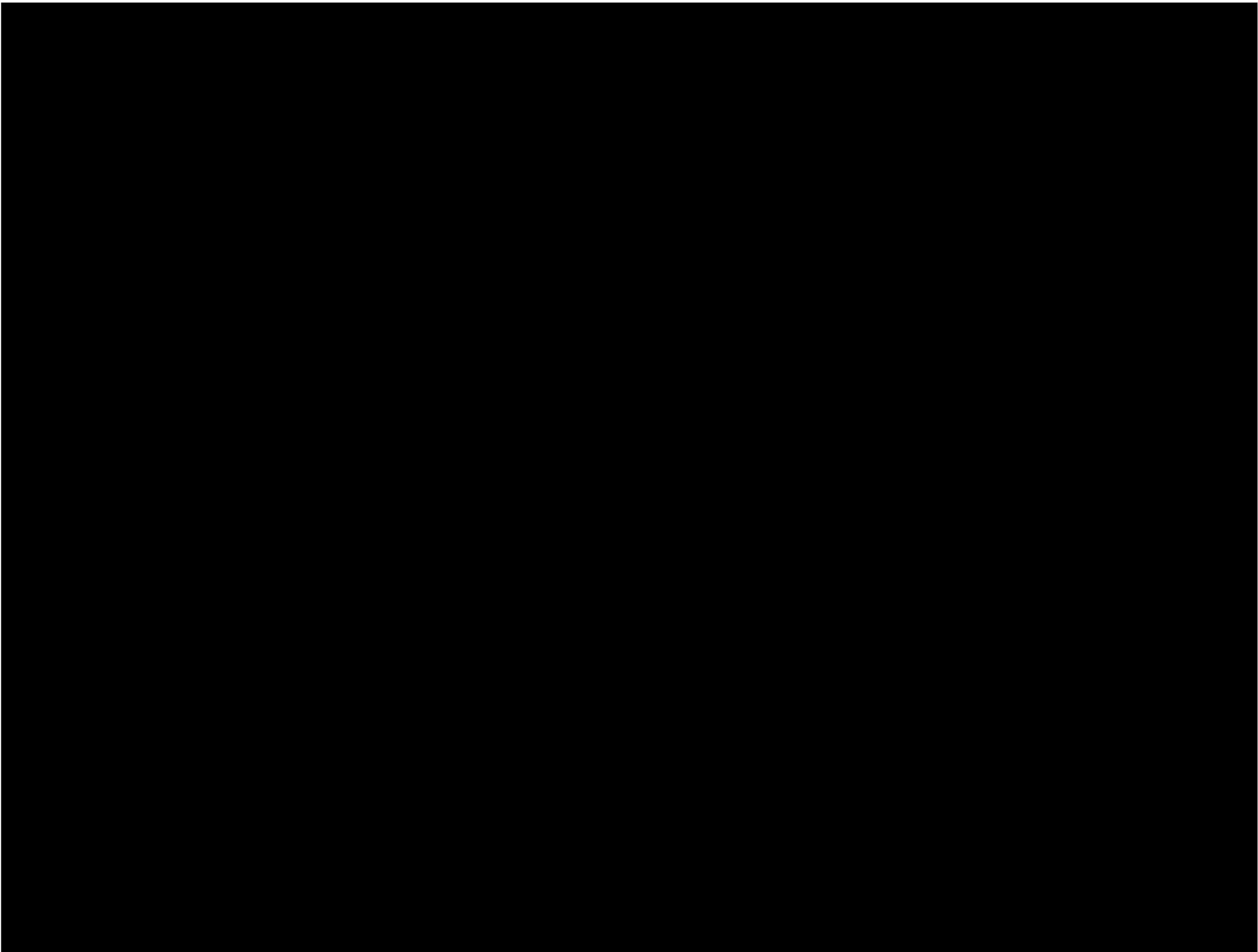


**"On that day the sources of light will no longer shine, <sup>7</sup>yet there will be continuous day! Only the LORD knows how this could happen. There will be no normal day and night, for at evening time it will still be light" (Zech. 14:6-7 NLT).**

# **Living Water!**



**"On that day life-giving waters will flow out from Jerusalem, half toward the Dead Sea and half toward the Mediterranean, flowing continuously in both summer and winter" (Zech. 14:8 NLT).**



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