

The Restoration of Israel



Kingdom & Covenants Timeline



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Kingdom Teaching...

Adam rules with God (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:19)

Satan begins rule as god of this world (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 4:4)

God covenants with Abraham to reestablish man's rule via Israel as a "kingdom of priests" (Gen. 12:1-3; Exod. 19:6)

Israel's failure to witness to nations as a kingdom of priests is judged via exile under foreign rule

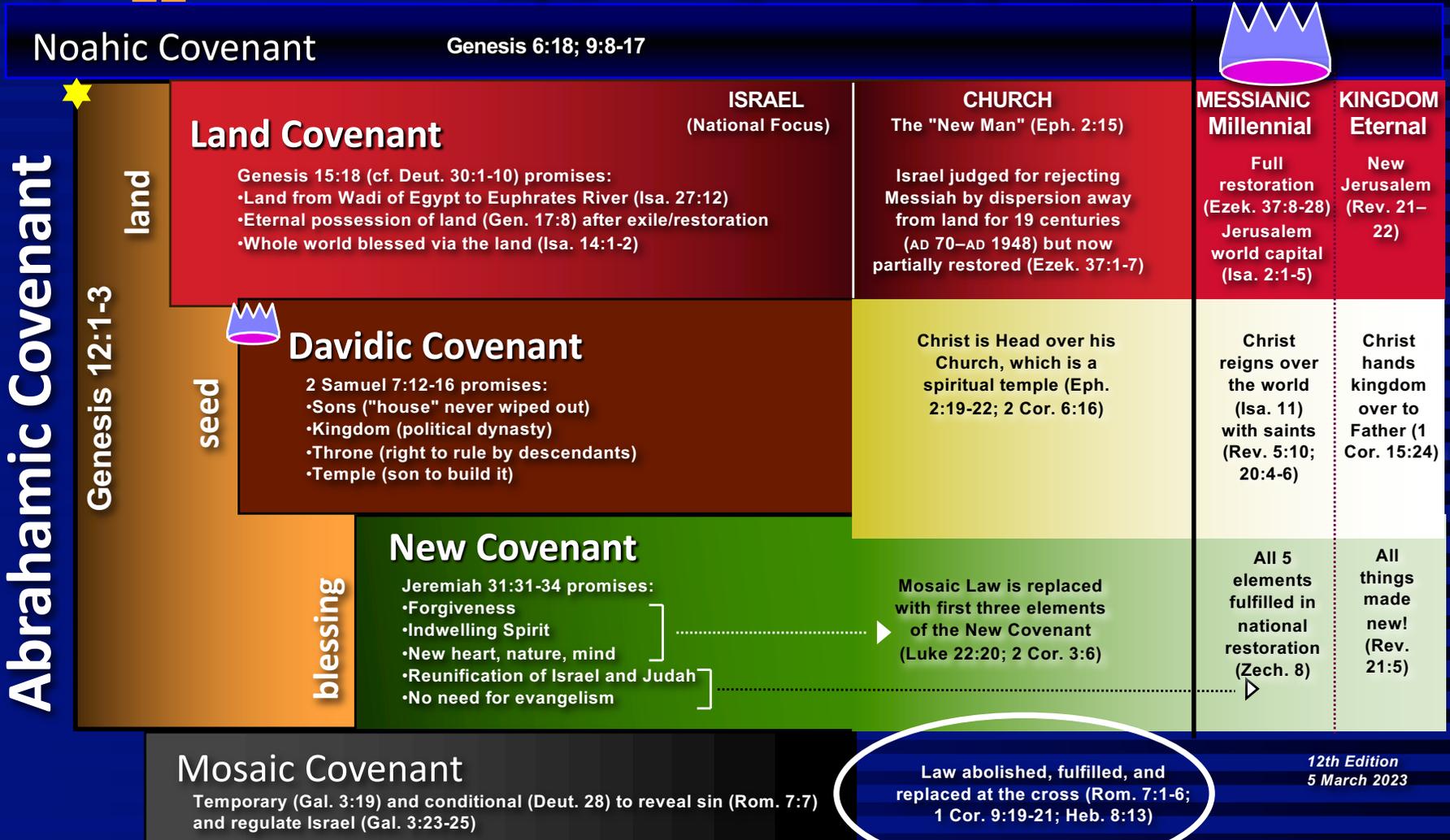
Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42; 23:37-39)

Jesus extends His kingdom in mystery form to the Church (Matt. 13)

Christ subdues Israel's enemies and nation believes (Rom. 11:26-27)

Christ rules over everything with saints (Eph. 1:9-10; Rev. 20:1-6; 22:5b)

Fall of Man (Gen. 3)



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Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant theme. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will enjoy world prominence after trusting Christ at His second coming.

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)

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. ⁸The 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."

Eschatology of Israel's Feasts (Lev. 23)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Significance (Past)</u>	<u>Typology (Future)</u>
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Weekly	1 day	Sabbath* (Shabbat)	Reminder of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation rest of God • Deliverance from Egypt Sign of Mosaic Covenant (Exod. 20, 31; Deut 5)	Millennial rest (Heb. 4:1-11)
1-14 (Nisan)	1 day (Read Song of Songs)	Passover*† (Pesach)	Redemption from Egypt by blood of the sacrificial lamb (Exod. 12)	Redemption from sin by Christ's death as Lamb (1 Cor. 5:7b)
1-15 to 1-21 (Nisan)	7 days	Unleavened Bread*†	Separation/break from dependence upon Egypt to dependence upon God	Separated life of the redeemed for God (1 Cor. 5:7a, 8)
1-16 (Day after Harvest Sabbath)	1 day	Firstfruits (barley sheaf ceremony)	Anticipation of God's <i>future</i> material provisions -begins grain harvest	Resurrection of Christ (1 Cor. 15:20)
3-6 (Sivan)	1 day (Read Ruth)	Pentecost† (Shavuoth) (Weeks) (Harvest)	Thanksgiving for God's <i>past</i> material provisions - ends grain harvest (Deut. 16:9-12)	Coming of the Holy Spirit to complete Christ's resurrection (Acts 2)

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Spring-Summer	no feasts	—	Enjoyment of the harvest	Church Age
7-1 (Tishri)	1 day	Trumpets (New Year) (Rosh Hashanah)	Preparation for national redemption and cleansing on Day of Atonement	Rapture (1 Thess. 4:13f.) Revelation (Matt. 24:31) —Kingdom preparation
7-10 (Tishri)	1 day	Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)	National repentance and cleansing from sins of the people (Lev. 16)	National repentance of Israel in the Tribulation (Rom. 11:26-27)
7-15 to 7-21 (Tishri)	7 days (Read Eccles.)	Tabernacles*† (Booths/Tents) (Succot) (the Lord) (Ingathering)	Anticipated fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant (Neh. 8)	Actual fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant —Kingdom (Matt. 17:4)
7-22 (Tishri)	1 day	Shemini Atzeret (Simchat Torah)	"8th Day of Assembly" "Rejoicing in the Torah"	

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The following days are not commanded in Scripture and probably have no eschatological significance:

5-9 (Ab)	1 day (Read Lam.)	9th of Ab (Tish'ah be'ab)	Destructions of Jerusalem: 586 BC & AD 70
9-25 (Kislev)	1 day + 7 more days of candle lighting	Hanukkah (Dedication) (Lights) (Illumination) (Maccabees)	Saving of the nation under Judas Maccabeus in 164 BC (cf. John 10:22)
12-14/15 (Adar)	2 days (Read Esther)	Purim (Lots)	Saving of the nation under Esther (9:21)

This Typology column shows that the order of Israel's annual feasts prophetically parallels her experience as a nation throughout history!

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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 28

Sermon #3 : Blessings & Curses (Deuteronomy 27–28)

-  Ceremony to admonish the Law (27)
-  "Blessing" tribes on Mt. Gerizim (28:1-14)
-  "Cursing" tribes on Mt. Ebal (28:15-68)

Deut. 28: Blessings & Curses

**Your towns and your fields
will be blessed (3)**

**Your children and your crops
will be blessed (4)**

**Your fruit baskets and bread-
boards will be blessed (5)**

**Wherever you go and whatever
you do, you will be blessed (6)**

**Your enemies will attack you from
one direction, but they will scatter
from you in seven! (7)**

**You will lend to many nations, but
you will never need to borrow
from them (12)**

**Your towns and your fields
will be cursed (16)**

**Your children and your crops
will be cursed (18)**

**Your fruit baskets and bread-
boards will be cursed (17)**

**Wherever you go and whatever
you do, you will be cursed (19)**

**You will attack your enemies from
one direction, but you will scatter
from them in seven! (25)**

**They will lend to money to you,
but you will not lend to them
(44)**

Prophetic Curses



Why?

Deut. 28

Exile

Israel's Future (Deut. 28–32)

Adapted from Wilbur M. Smith, "Prophecies Regarding Israel,"
Moody Monthly (December 1958), 39 (Quoted by Larsen, 23-24)

Deuteronomy 28–32 prophesies Israel's future from Moses' time to a future time. These prophecies are repeated throughout the Old Testament.

31:16-21	Israel will turn away from the Lord (began after Joshua's death)
28:15-60	God will judge Israel in the land for her apostasy (period of judges and divided kingdom)
28:32-39, 48-57	Israel will be taken captive (by Assyria and Babylon)
28:33	Israel's enemies will possess her land for a time (Babylon, Persia, Greece, Romans, Catholic Crusades, Muslims, Britain, etc.)
28:38-42; 29:23	The land will remain desolate (AD 70 to AD 1948)
28:63-67; 32:26	Israel will be scattered among the nations "from one end of the earth to the other" (28:64; AD 70 to AD 1948)

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28:62	Israel will be "few in number" (today Jews comprise less than 1% of the world's population)
28:44-45	Though punished, Israel will not be destroyed if she repents
28:40-41; 30:1-2	Israel will indeed repent in her tribulation (trials have continued throughout the ages but will increase in the Great Tribulation)
30:3-10	God will regather Israel from the nations and return her to her divinely given land (began in late 1800s in unbelief as predicted in Ezek. 37:7-8 & continues today)
30:3-13; 28:1-14	Israel's obedience will be blessed in her worldwide acclaim and prosperity in the millennial kingdom

Renewal of the Mosaic Covenant

FOCUS	Intro & 1st Sermon (Past Faithfulness) 1:1–4:43	2nd Sermon (Present Love Laws) 4:44–26:19	3rd & 4th Sermons (Future Hope) 27:1–34:12	
DIVISIONS	Preamble (1:1-4) God's Acts for Israel (1:5–4:43)	10 Commandments (4:44–11:32) Ceremonial Laws (12:1–16:17) Civil & Social Laws (16:18–26:19)	3rd Blessings & Curses (27–28) 4th Land Covenant (29–30)	Leadership Transition (31–34)
TOPICS	What God Has Done <i>Historical</i>	What God Expects <i>Legal</i>	What God Will Do <i>Prophetic</i>	
PLACE	Plains of Moab			
TIME	About 1 Month			

Deuteronomy 30

Sermon # 4: Covenant Renewal (Deuteronomy 29–30)

Appeal for covenant obedience (29)



Scattering & Restoration of Israel (30:1-10)

Ratification of LAND COVENANT (30:11-20)

- Prosperity for Obedience (life)
- Destruction for Disobedience (death)

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Abrahamic Covenant

Gen. 12:1-3



LAND

SEED

BLESSING

• **LITERAL**

• **ETERNAL**

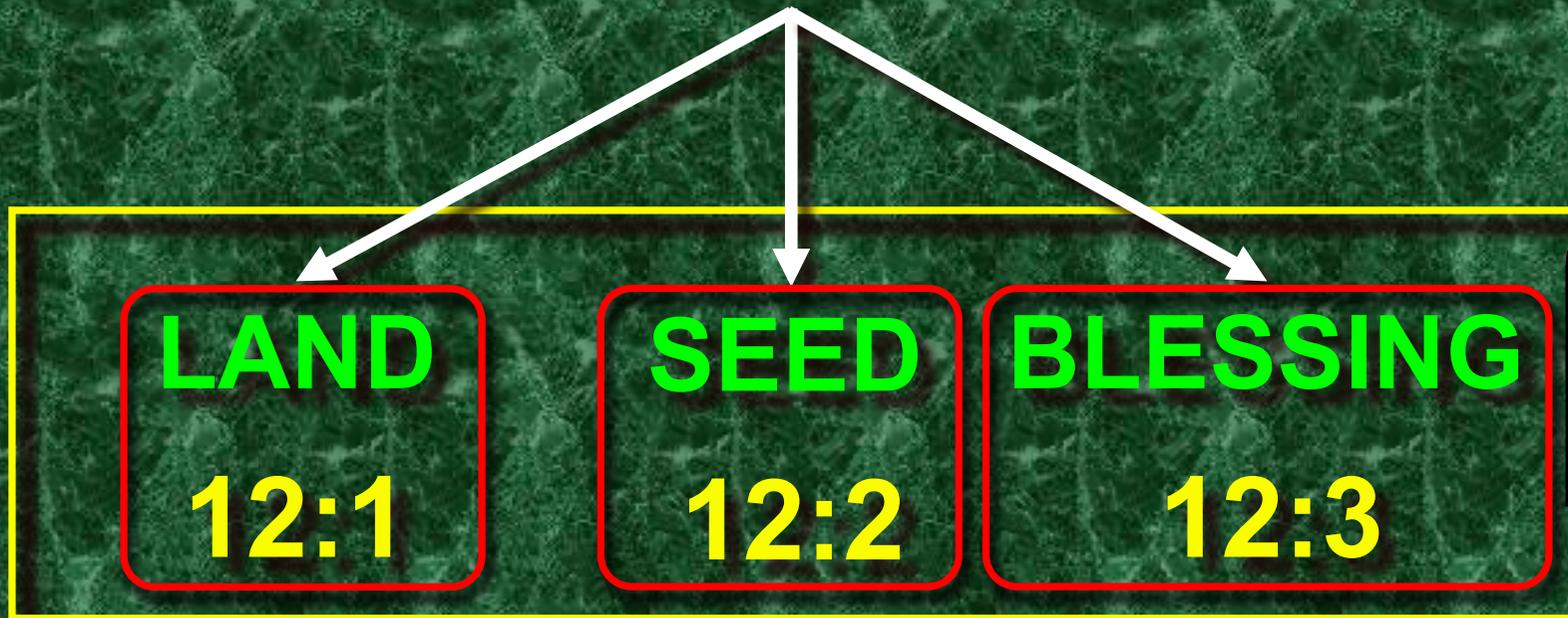
• **UNCONDITIONAL**

ABRAHAM
The CALL
L - S - B

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The Abrahamic Covenant ("The Call")

Genesis 12:1-3



ABRAHAM
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"L-S-B"

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Deuteronomy 30:1-4

EXILE & RETURN PROMISED

¹ **When** all these blessings and curses I have set before you come upon you and you take them to heart wherever the Lord your God **disperses** you among the nations, ² **and when** you and your children **return** to the Lord your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, ³ **then** the Lord your God **will restore** your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you. ⁴ **Even if** you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the Lord your God **will gather you and bring you back** (NIV).

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Deuteronomy 30

THE LAND (PALESTINIAN) PROMISES

⁵ He will bring you to **the land** that belonged to your fathers, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers.

⁶ The Lord your **God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants** so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live (NIV).

MOSES

Exodus

Sinai

M - C - C

Kadesh Barnea

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5 Sermons

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The Land Amplification Abrahamic Covenant

Gen. 12: 1-3

LAND

SEED

BLESSING

Land

Deut 30:1-10

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Covenant Comparisons

There are only 4 key eschatological covenants in Scripture. They share these traits in common:

- 1. Unconditional**
- 2. Eternal**
- 3. Partially & spiritually fulfilled at present**
- 4. Fully & literally fulfilled in the future**
- 5. Universal in scope**

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..."

Covenant Contrasts

	Abrahamic	Land	Davidic	New
Definition: God's promise to give Israel...	land, rule, and blessing to benefit the world	<i>physical</i> <u>land</u> from the Wadi of Egypt to the Euphrates River (Gen. 15:18)	<i>political</i> <u>rule</u> of a descendant of David forever from Zion	<i>spiritual</i> <u>blessings</u> of national cleansing and restoration
Relationship	Umbrella	Land	Seed	Blessing
Key Text	Gen. 12:1-3	Deut. 30:1-10	2 Sam. 7:12-16	Jer. 31:31-34
Recipient	Abraham	Moses	David	Jeremiah
Date	2060 BC	1445 BC	1004 BC	595 BC
Place	Ur of Chaldees	Mt. Sinai	Jerusalem	Jerusalem
Personal Blessings to First Recipient	Possessions & name blessed, son, opposers disciplined	Privilege of seeing Canaan from afar	Sons ("house") never wiped out (Matt. 1:1-17)	—

Covenant Contrasts

	Abrahamic	Land	Davidic	New
<i>National Blessings</i>	A great nation would come from Abraham	Reproof (exile) Regathering Reunited (Isa. 11:11-16) Repentance Restored land prosperity	Temple (via son) Righteous king to rule (a Davidic descendant) over a kingdom where Israel prominent (Isa. 11:1-5)	Reuniting of Israel and Judah Forgiveness Indwelling Spirit New heart 100% Christian (Ezek. 36:25-38)
<i>Universal Blessings</i>	All nations blessed through Christ	World blessed via visiting Jerusalem (Zech. 14:16-19)	Kingdom (political rule over entire world)	All the world evangelised
<i>Present (Partial) Fulfillment</i>	Church as spiritual seed of Abraham (Gal. 3:5)	Regathering & rebirth of modern Israel (Ezek. 37:7-8)	Church as spiritual temple & Christ awaits rule	Law abolished, forgiveness, new nature and Spirit indwelling
<i>Future (Full) Fulfillment</i>	All 4 covenants fulfilled in the millennial kingdom	Israel given full borders (Ezek. 37:8-28; 47-48)	Christ rules world (Isa. 2, 11) with saints (Rev. 5:10)	World 100% Christian and Israel/Judah reunited

Deuteronomy 33

**Israel Will Turn
Away But
Eventually Have
a Spiritual
Renewal
(Deut 33)**



2 Samuel 7

KEY VERSE:
2 Samuel 7:12-13



**"For when you ²⁰⁹
(David) die, I will
raise up one of your
descendants, and I
will make his
kingdom strong. He
is the one who will
build a house—a
temple—for my
name. And I will
establish the throne
of his kingdom
forever."**

Types of Unconditional Covenants

Abrahamic

Land

Davidic

New

Land

Seed

Blessing

Physical

Political

Spiritual

Deut. 30

2 Sam. 7

Jer. 31

Promises of the Davidic Covenant

What did God promise David in 2 Samuel 7:12-16?

- **Sons:** "house" never wiped out
- **Kingdom:** political dynasty (each Jerusalem king will be one of his direct descendants)
- **Throne:** As an eternal covenant (v. 16), the right to rule will remain with his family forever
- **Temple:** Solomon will build it
- **Discipline:** God will punish disobedient kings but still unconditionally keep these promises

New Dynasty
(2 Sam 7)

Messiah from Judah



Since Jacob's blessing in Genesis 49:9-10, the lion has depicted a king...

"Judah, my son, is a young lion that has finished eating its prey. Like a lion he crouches and lies down; like a lioness—who dares to rouse him?"
¹⁰The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from his descendants, until the coming of the one to whom it belongs, the one whom all nations will honor" (NLT).

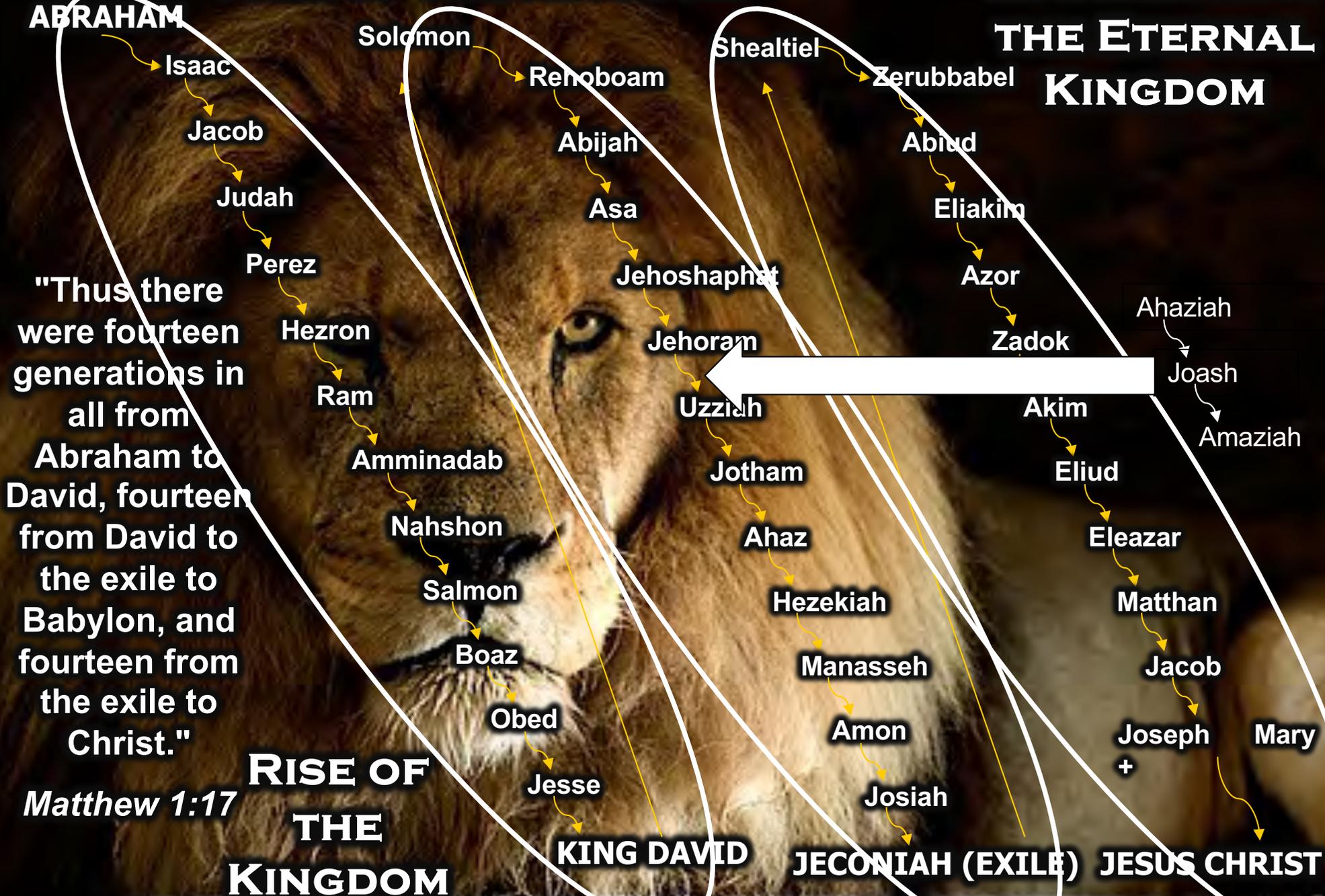


What would be the Messiah's lineage?

The Kingdom in Matthew 1

FALL OF THE KINGDOM

ESTABLISHING THE ETERNAL KINGDOM



"Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to Christ."

Matthew 1:17

RISE OF THE KINGDOM

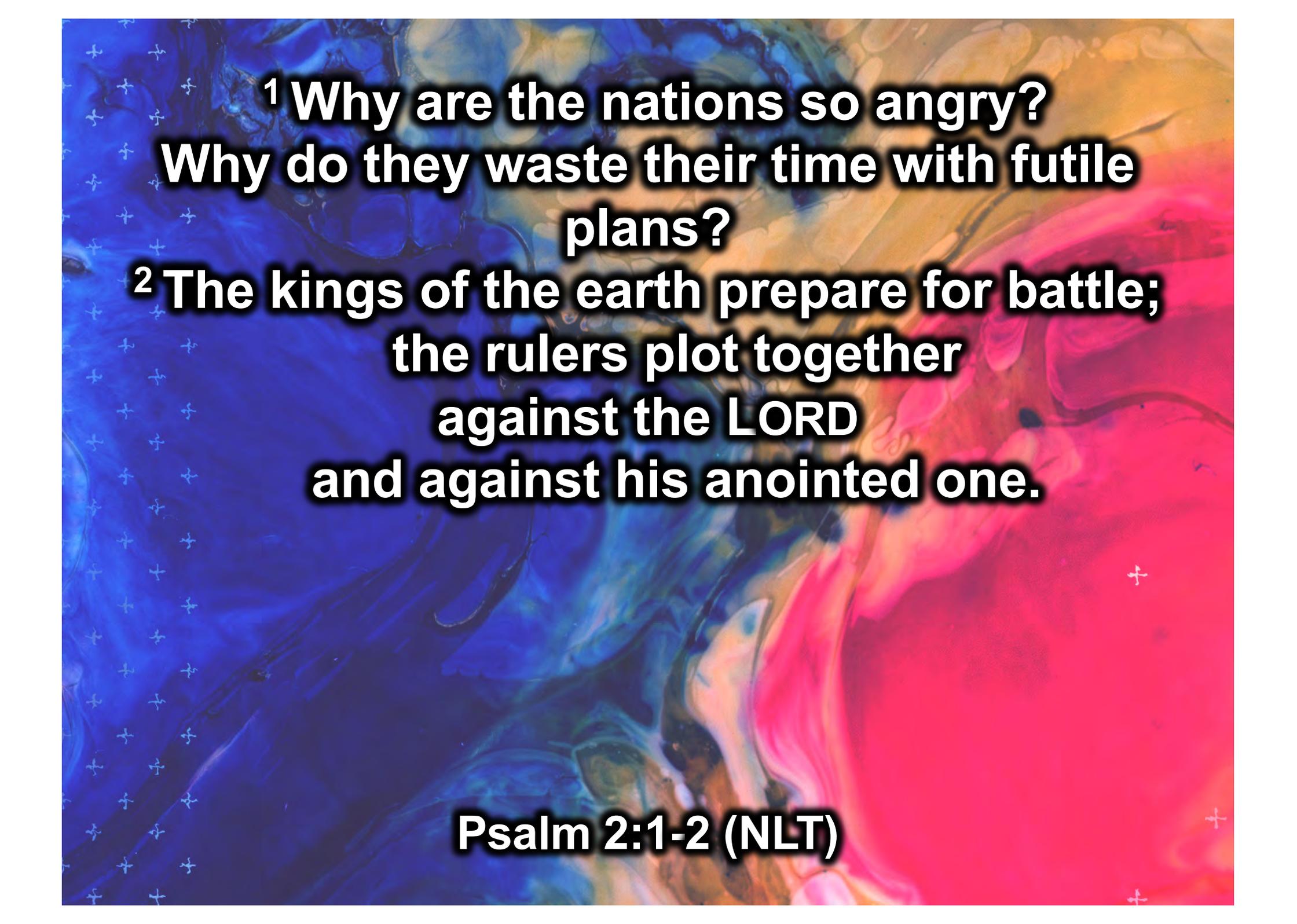
Matthew says Jesus is King!



A Literal Kingdom for David's Line

1. Ordinary language for "kingdom" is used
2. Prophets interpreted the kingdom literally
3. Israel interpreted the kingdom literally
4. 586 BC kingdom overthrown is the same kind
5. The Davidic Covenant relates only to Israel
6. David saw the covenant applying only to Israel
7. Portions have been fulfilled literally
8. David's throne is not related to Christ's present session in heaven
9. John, Jesus, the 12, and the 70 all offered Israel a literal kingdom (Matt. 3:11; 4:17; 10:7; Luke 10:1, 9)

Psalm 2



**¹ Why are the nations so angry?
Why do they waste their time with futile
plans?**

**² The kings of the earth prepare for battle;
the rulers plot together
against the LORD
and against his anointed one.**

Psalm 2:1-2 (NLT)

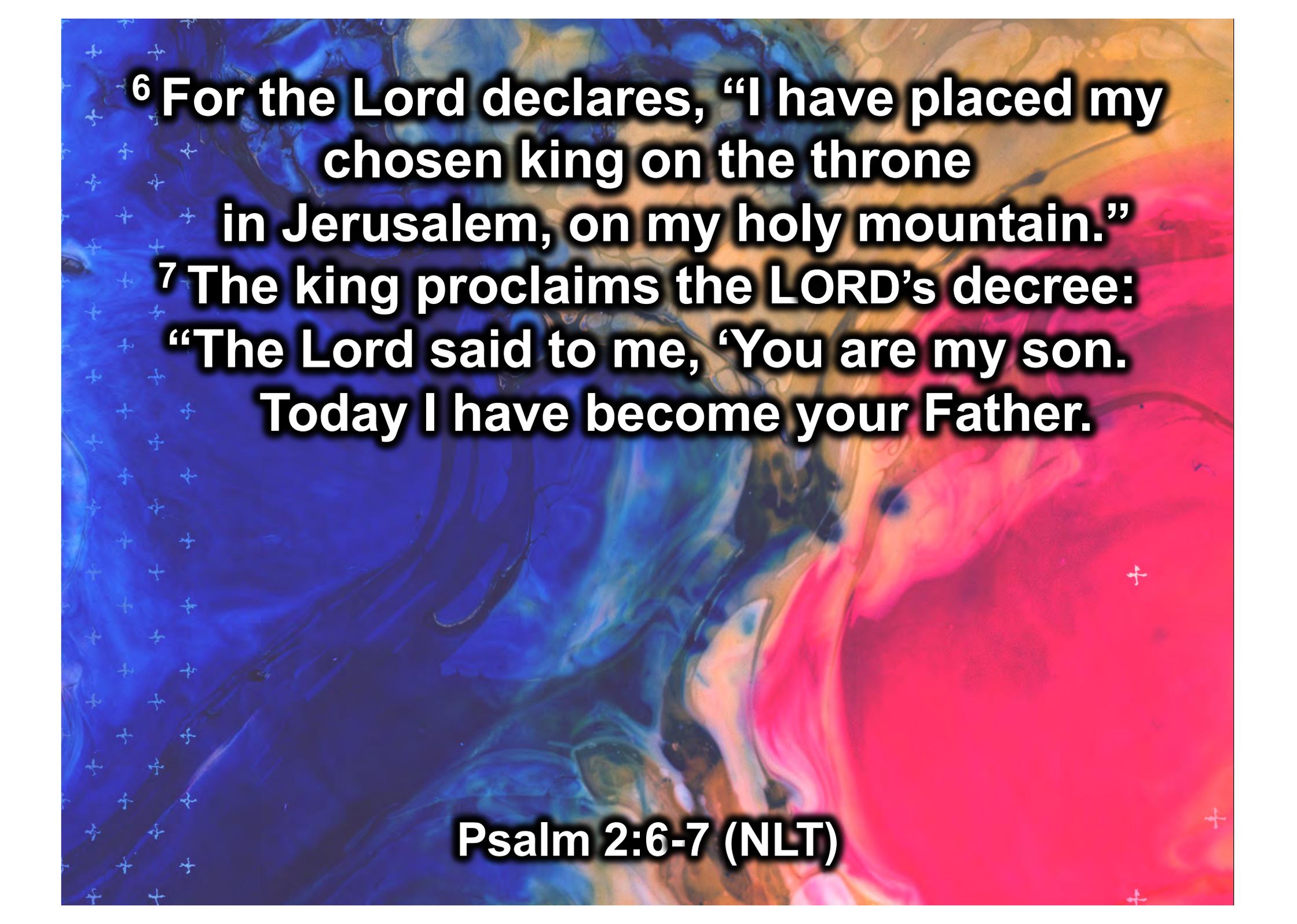


**3 “Let us break their chains,” they cry,
“and free ourselves from slavery to God.”**

**4 But the one who rules in heaven laughs.
The Lord scoffs at them.**

**5 Then in anger he rebukes them,
terrifying them with his fierce fury.**

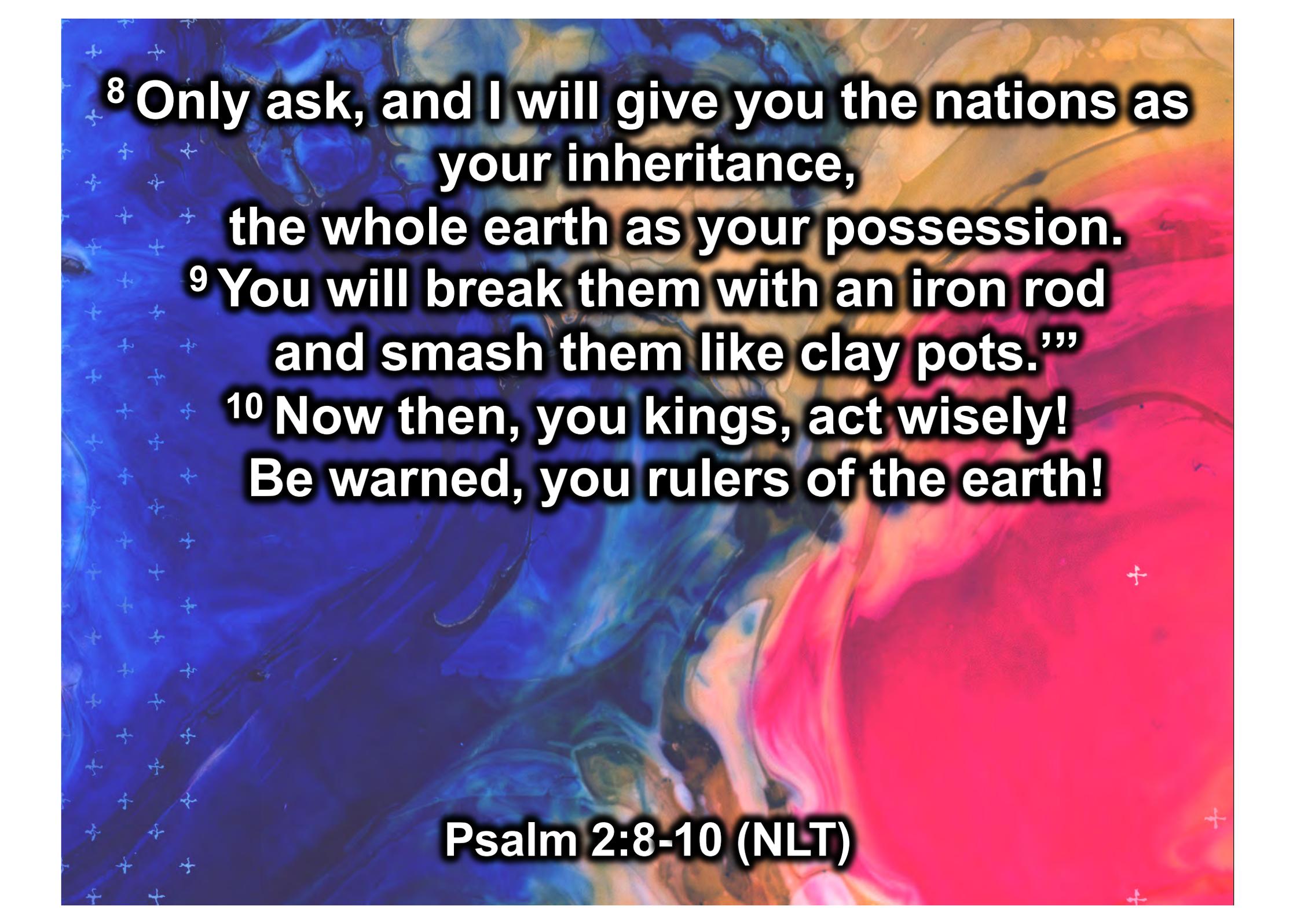
Psalm 2:3-5 (NLT)



**⁶ For the Lord declares, “I have placed my
chosen king on the throne
in Jerusalem, on my holy mountain.”**

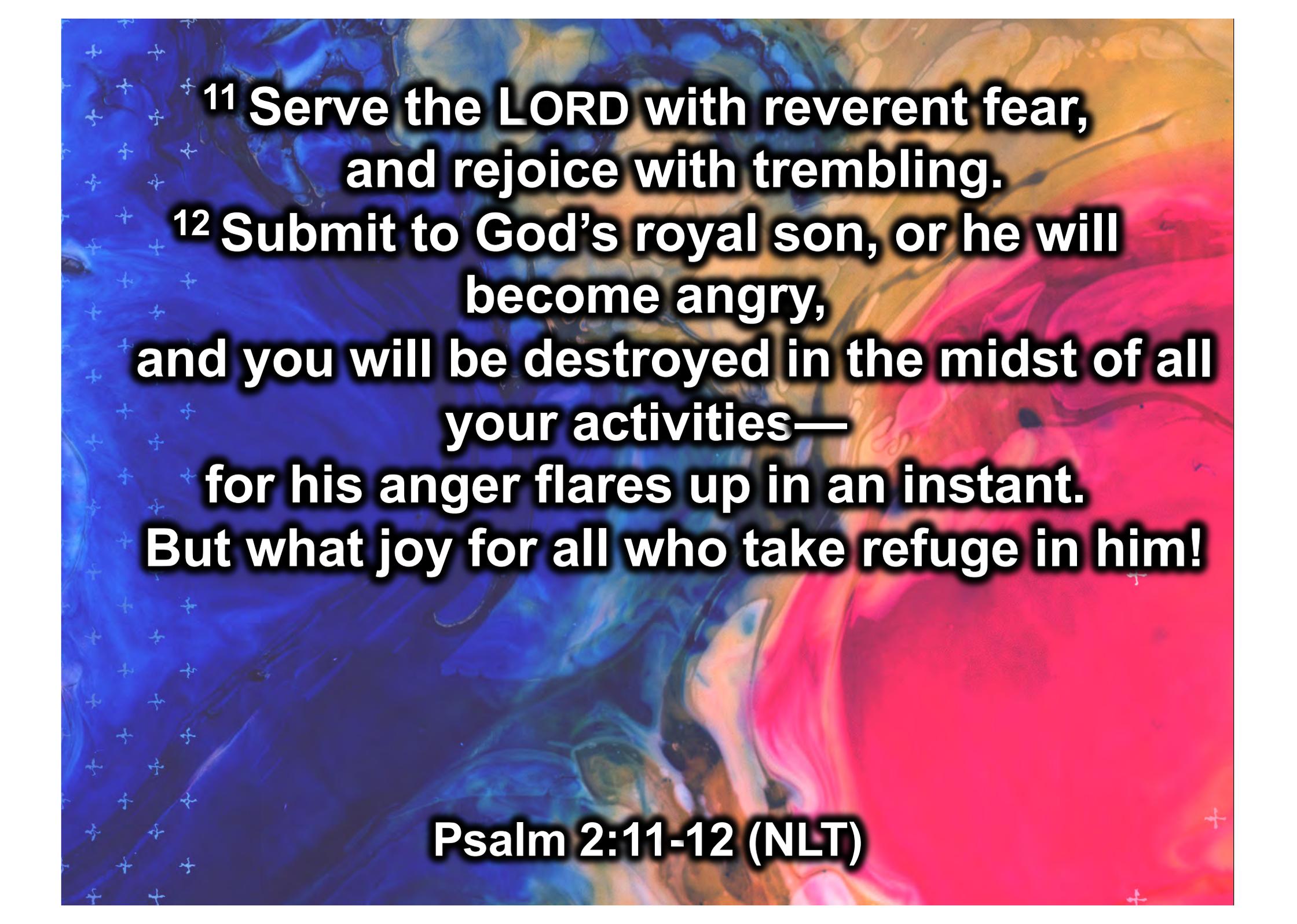
**⁷ The king proclaims the LORD’s decree:
“The Lord said to me, ‘You are my son.
Today I have become your Father.**

Psalm 2:6-7 (NLT)



**⁸ Only ask, and I will give you the nations as
your inheritance,
the whole earth as your possession.
⁹ You will break them with an iron rod
and smash them like clay pots.”
¹⁰ Now then, you kings, act wisely!
Be warned, you rulers of the earth!**

Psalm 2:8-10 (NLT)



**11 Serve the LORD with reverent fear,
and rejoice with trembling.**

**12 Submit to God's royal son, or he will
become angry,
and you will be destroyed in the midst of all
your activities—
for his anger flares up in an instant.
But what joy for all who take refuge in him!**

Psalm 2:11-12 (NLT)

A composite image featuring a glowing Earth globe held by hands against a starry space background. The globe is the central focus, showing continents and oceans in vibrant colors. It is held by several hands, some appearing to be in a protective or nurturing gesture. The background is a deep blue space filled with stars and nebulae, creating a cosmic atmosphere. The overall tone is hopeful and spiritual.

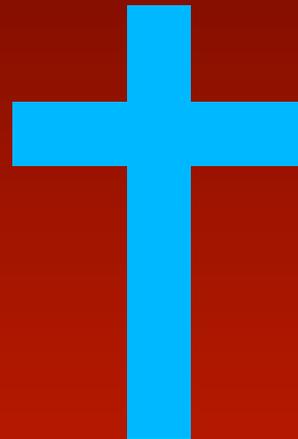
Isaiah 60–66

Isaiah 40–66 Structure

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Comfort	Deliverance	Encouragement		Cleansing	Condition	
		for Jews	for Gentiles	from Sin	of Glory	
40–45	46–48	49–52	53	54–57	58–59	60–66



**Deliverance
from
Babylon**

**Deliverance
from
Sin**

**Deliverance
in the
Millennium**



**How will God complete his
plan for all creation?**

Be Complete



Judgment

1–39

*God will **judge** those who reject him (Isaiah 1–39).*

Be Complete



Judgment
1–39

Salvation
40–66

*God will **save** those who trust him (Isaiah 40–66).*

Key Word

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Restoration

Isaiah

Theme

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**Restoration
of the Created Order**

Isaiah

Kingdom Statement

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After the Jews are judged and believe in the Messianic King (1–39), God will **restore** the whole created order under the rule of His Son (40–66).

Isaiah

Isaiah 2

An aerial photograph of a city built on a mountain. The city is densely packed with buildings, and a prominent, tall, reddish-brown mountain peak rises in the center. A river flows through the foreground, and a large, dark, rectangular structure is visible on the right side of the mountain. The sky is blue with a large, vibrant rainbow arching over the city. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, white font with a black outline.

**"In the last days,
the mountain of the LORD's house
will be the highest of all—
the most important place on earth.
It will be raised above the other hills,
and people from all over the world will
stream there to worship"
(Isa. 2:2 NLT).**

Millennial Jerusalem



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

Isaiah 11

Isaiah 11:6-9



⁶ And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together.

Isaiah 11:6-9

A young boy with brown hair, wearing a white tunic and a brown cloak, stands in a savanna landscape. He is holding a wooden staff and looking towards the camera. To his left is a white lamb, and to his right is a large lion with a thick brown mane. In the background, there is a grey goat and a small tree. The scene is set in a dry, hilly area with sparse vegetation.

⁶ And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; **and a little boy will lead them.**

Isaiah 11:6-9



⁷ Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

Isaiah 11:6-9

⁸ The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.



Rebuilding brings...



...a totally renewed earth!

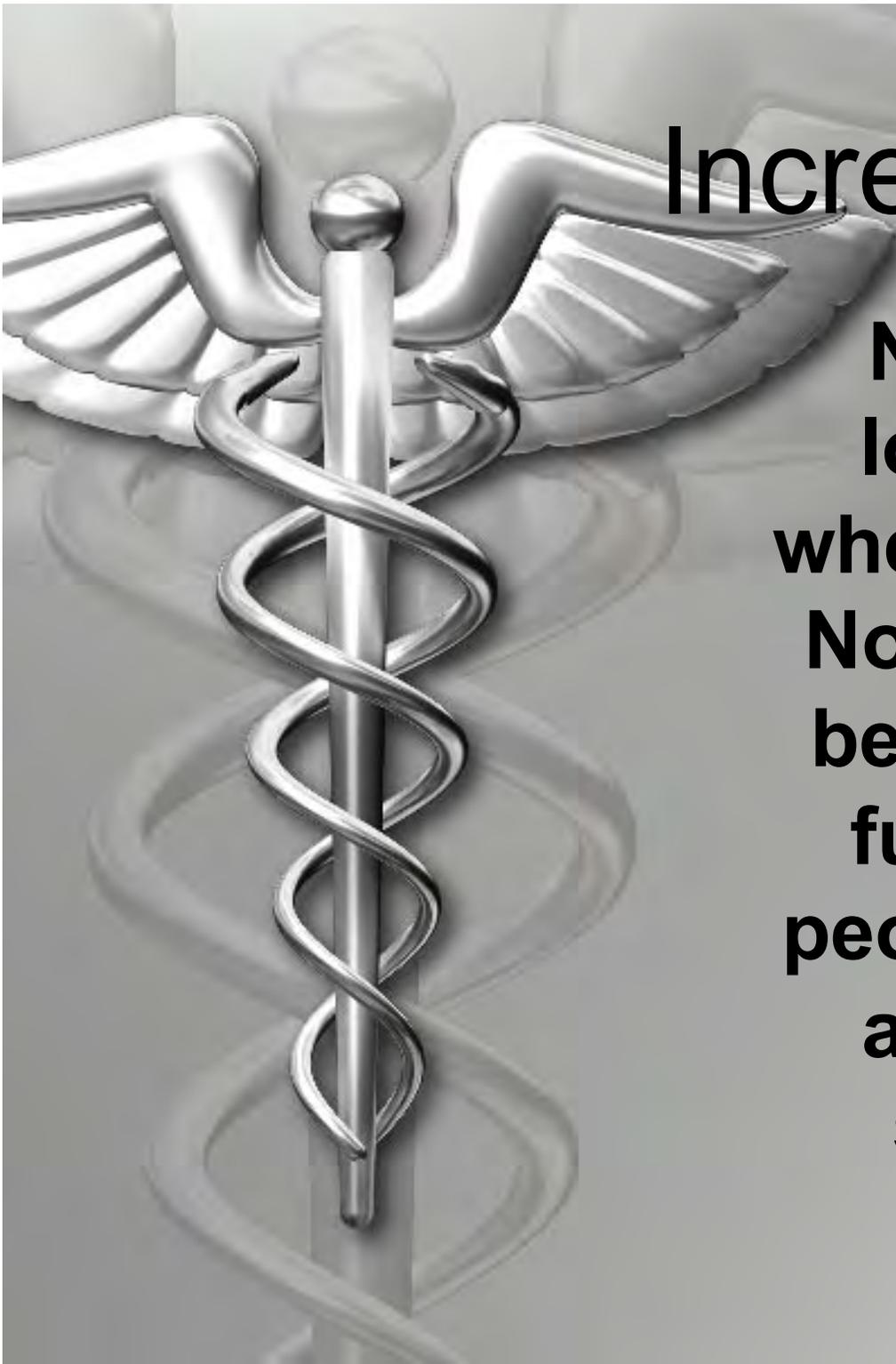


Why Am I Premillennial?

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 - **Long life but still death (Isa 65:20)**

Incredibly Long Life!

NLT Isaiah 65:20 "No longer will babies die when only a few days old. No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life. No longer will people be considered old at one hundred! Only sinners will die that young!"



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 - **Yearly observances after Messiah's return (Zech. 14:15-17)**

Isaiah 14

“But the LORD will have mercy on the descendants of Jacob. He will choose Israel as his special people once again. He will bring them back to settle once again in their own land. And people from many different nations will come and join them there and unite with the people of Israel. ² The nations of the world will help the people of Israel to return, and those who come to live in the LORD’s land will serve them. Those who captured Israel will themselves be captured, and Israel will rule over its enemies.”



Isaiah 14:2-3 (NLT)

"The nations of the world will help the people of Israel to return, and those who come to live in the LORD's land will serve them. Those who captured Israel will themselves be captured, and Israel will rule over its enemies. ³In that wonderful day when the LORD gives his people **rest from sorrow and fear, from slavery and chains"**

THE MILLENNIUM



Triumphal Taunt
Parable against Pride

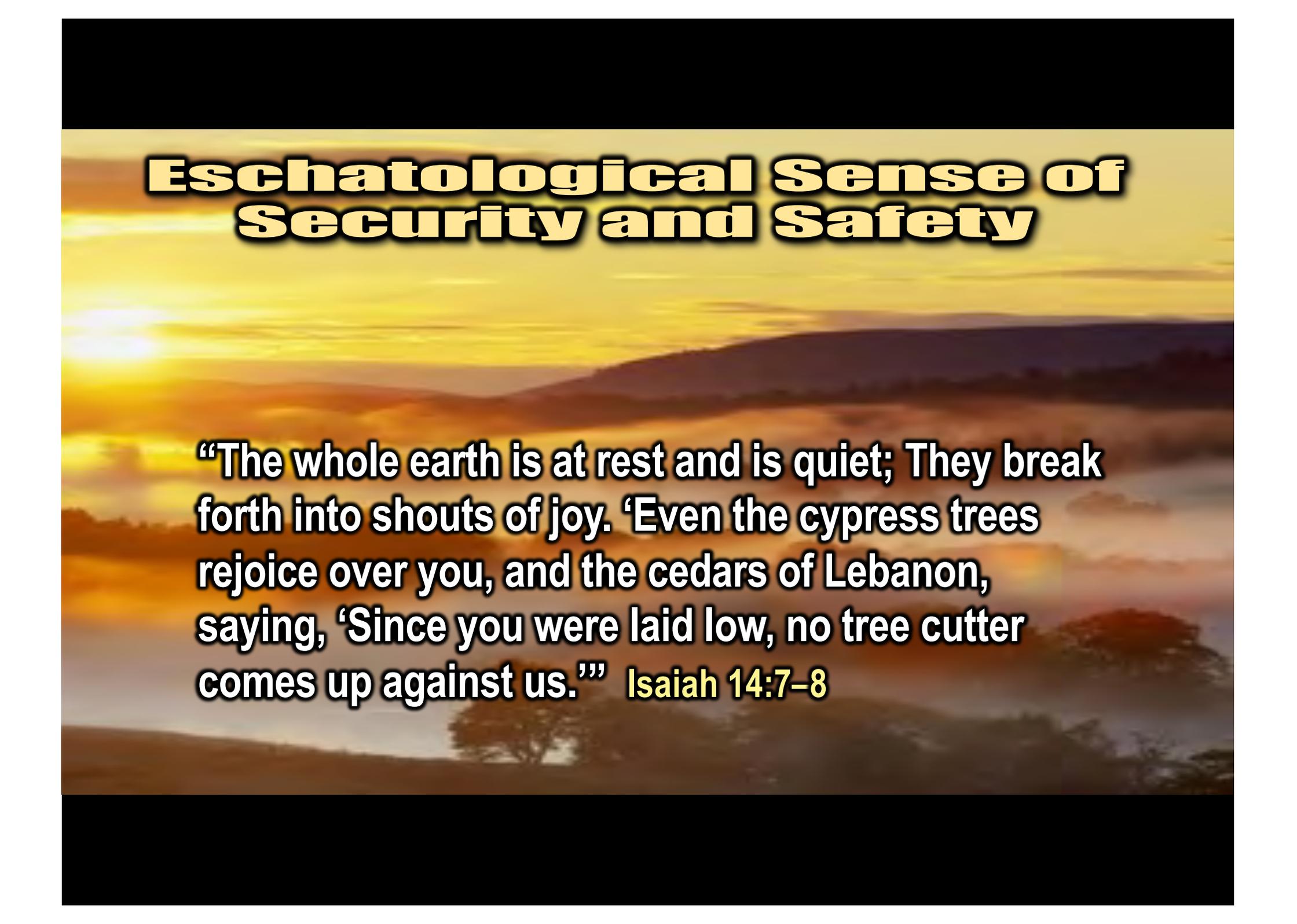
LARISSA



The Punishment of the King of Babylon

“How the oppressor has ceased, and how fury has ceased! The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of rulers which used to strike the peoples in fury with unceasing strokes, which subdued the nations in anger with unrestrained persecution.”

Isaiah 14:5-6



Eschatological Sense of Security and Safety

“The whole earth is at rest and is quiet; They break forth into shouts of joy. ‘Even the cypress trees rejoice over you, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, ‘Since you were laid low, no tree cutter comes up against us.’” **Isaiah 14:7–8**

Isaiah 19

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"In that day Egypt and Assyria will be connected by a highway. The Egyptians and Assyrians will move freely between their lands, and they will both worship God. ²⁴ In that day Israel will be the third, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth. ²⁵ For the LORD of Heaven's Armies will say, 'Blessed be Egypt, my people. Blessed be Assyria, the land I have made. Blessed be Israel, my special possession!'"
(Isaiah 19:23-25 NLT)

Isaiah 35

The Blooming Desert

**“Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days. The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses.
2 Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy! The deserts will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon, as lovely as Mount Carmel or the plain of Sharon. There the LORD will display his glory, the splendor of our God”
(Isaiah 35:1-2 NLT).**



A vibrant, golden city with tall spires and buildings sits atop a thick layer of white, fluffy clouds. A large, multi-colored rainbow arches across the sky above the city, set against a backdrop of blue sky and white clouds. The scene is bright and celebratory.

God's Blessings for the World
Isaiah 35:1-10

Relationship Between Isaiah 34 and 35

ISAIAH 34

“For the LORD’s indignation is against all the nations, and His wrath against all their armies . . .” *Isa. 34:2*

“O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to punish all the nations” *Ps. 59:5*

“Arise, O God, judge the earth! For it is Thou who dost possess all the nations.” *Ps. 82:8*

7 YEARS

TRIBULATION PERIOD

**SECOND
COMING
OF CHRIST**



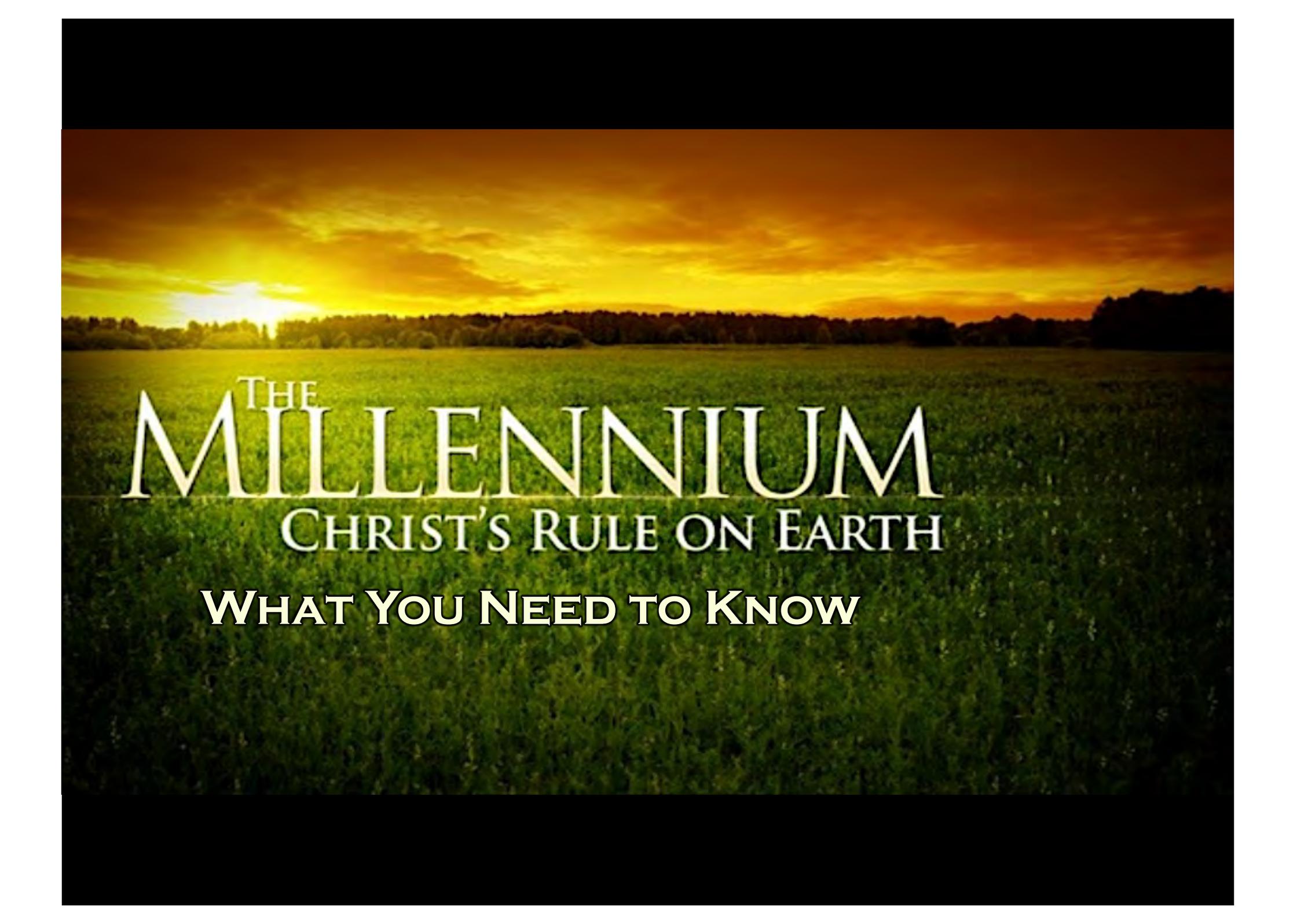
ISAIAH 35

“And the ransomed of the LORD will return, and come with joyful shouting to Zion, with everlasting joy upon their heads.” *Isa. 35:10*

“The LORD will reign forever, Thy God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!” *Ps. 146:10*

1,000 YEARS

MILLENNIUM



**THE
MILLENNIUM
CHRIST'S RULE ON EARTH**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Kingdom of God: The Bible's All-Encompassing Theme

Genesis 1:26-28

“Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them **rule** over the fish ... birds ... livestock ... all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground...' God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and **subdue** it. **Rule** over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'”

Revelation 22:5

“There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will **reign** for ever and ever.”

The Bible's Theme: God extends His rule to man

Command



Fulfillment

The Kingdom: The Key Theme of the Old Testament

God's restores man to participate in His kingdom rule for His glory

**mandated in Eden but lost in the Fall
and accomplished by redeeming man
through Israel as a kingdom of priests
and ultimately through the Messiah,
who will reign as Savior and King
to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant
for Israel and the nations**



What is the Millennium?

1. It is Paradise regained (Isa. 11:9b; 25:6-9; 65:17-25).
2. It is the animal creation restored (Is. 11:6-8).
3. It is the Nation of Israel restored (1 Chron. 16:35; Ps. 80:3; Isa. 11:11-12; 44:23).
4. It is the Gentile nations included (Ps. 18:49; Ps. 138:4; Is. 2:3; 11:10; 51:4; 66:18).
5. It is the climax of human history (Ps. 7:9; Rom. 8:19-23; Rev. 11:17).
6. It is the literal reign of Christ on earth (Isa. 12:6; Zech. 14:9).
7. It is a time of perfect peace and justice (Is. 2:4; Ps. 45:6).
8. It is what the human heart yearns for (Ps. 79:9; Is. 30:19; Lam 5:21).
9. It is that for which we pray (Matt. 6:10-13).

The Millennium as the Conclusion of World History

- 1. History is moving forward toward a prophesied End (Dan. 2:44, 7; 2 Pet. 3:4-7).**
- 2. History requires a resolution to end sin and establish salvation. This must come at the end of the age as the climax of salvation history (Rev. 19:11-20:6).**
- 3. The Millennium is not the first chapter of eternity; it is the last chapter of time that finds the fulfillment of Christ's cross work in His earthly reign when sin and death will be finally overcome (Matt. 26:29; Acts 1:6-7; Heb. 2:8; 9:28). Only "Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power" (1 Cor. 15:24-25). But Christ only does this through His millennial reign and the resurrection of the wicked at its end (Rev. 20:4-6, 14).**

The Necessity of the Millennium

1. Without a Millennium, God loses the war to Satan (**Rev. 20:1-3, 7-10**).
2. Without a Millennium, Christ does not reign in this world (**Rev. 11:15, 17**).
3. Without a Millennium, the saints do not reign with Christ on earth (**Rev. 5:10**).
4. Without a Millennium, God would break an unconditional land promise to Abraham (**Gen. 13:15; 15:8; 17:8**).
5. Without a Millennium, God would break an unconditional throne promise to David (**2 Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 89:28-37**).
6. Without a Millennium man's God-given longings for a utopia will go unfulfilled.
7. Without a Millennial we lack an urgency in evangelism (**Lk. 19:13; Phil. 4:5**).
8. Without a Millennium we lack an incentive for holiness (**Rom. 13:11-12; 2 Pet. 3:10-11**).

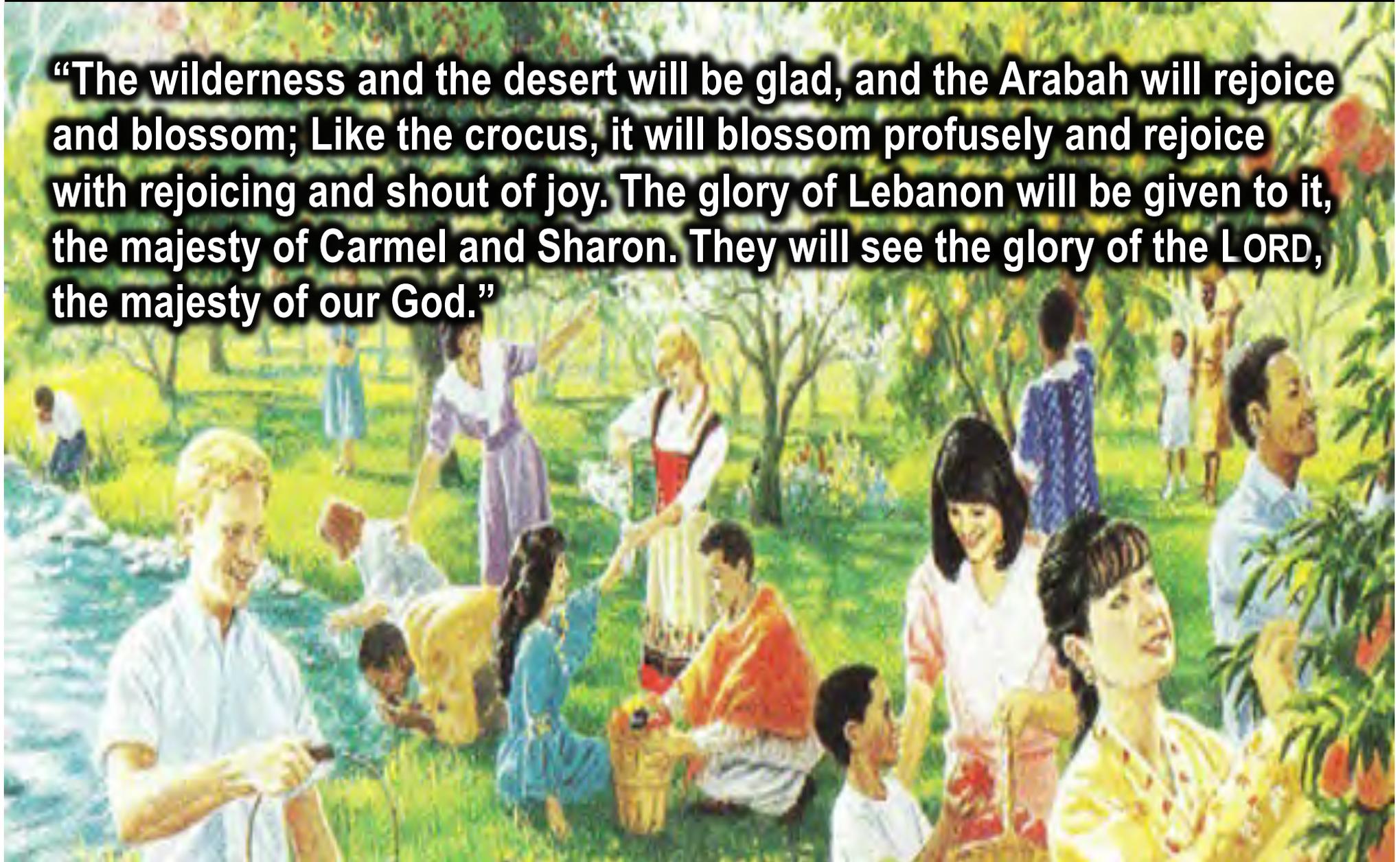
I. The Restoration in the Kingdom

Isaiah 35:1-10

A. The Restoration of Nature

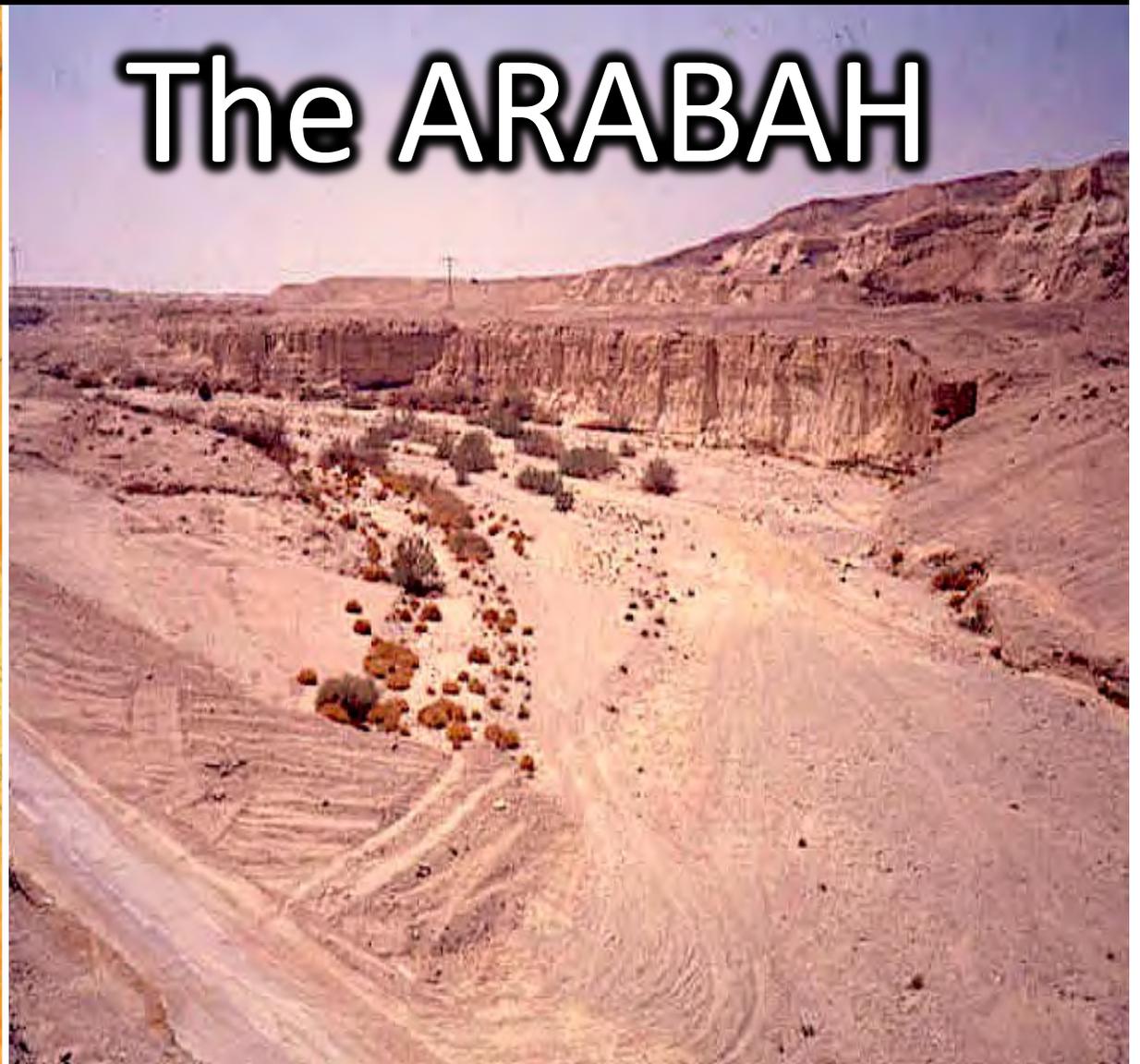
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“The wilderness and the desert will be glad, and the Arabah will rejoice and blossom; Like the crocus, it will blossom profusely and rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.”





The ARABAH





Nature Responds When Israel is Redeemed

“Shout for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done *it!* Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth; Break forth into a shout of joy, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it; For the LORD has redeemed Jacob And in Israel He shows forth His glory.” Isaiah 44:23

The Millennium

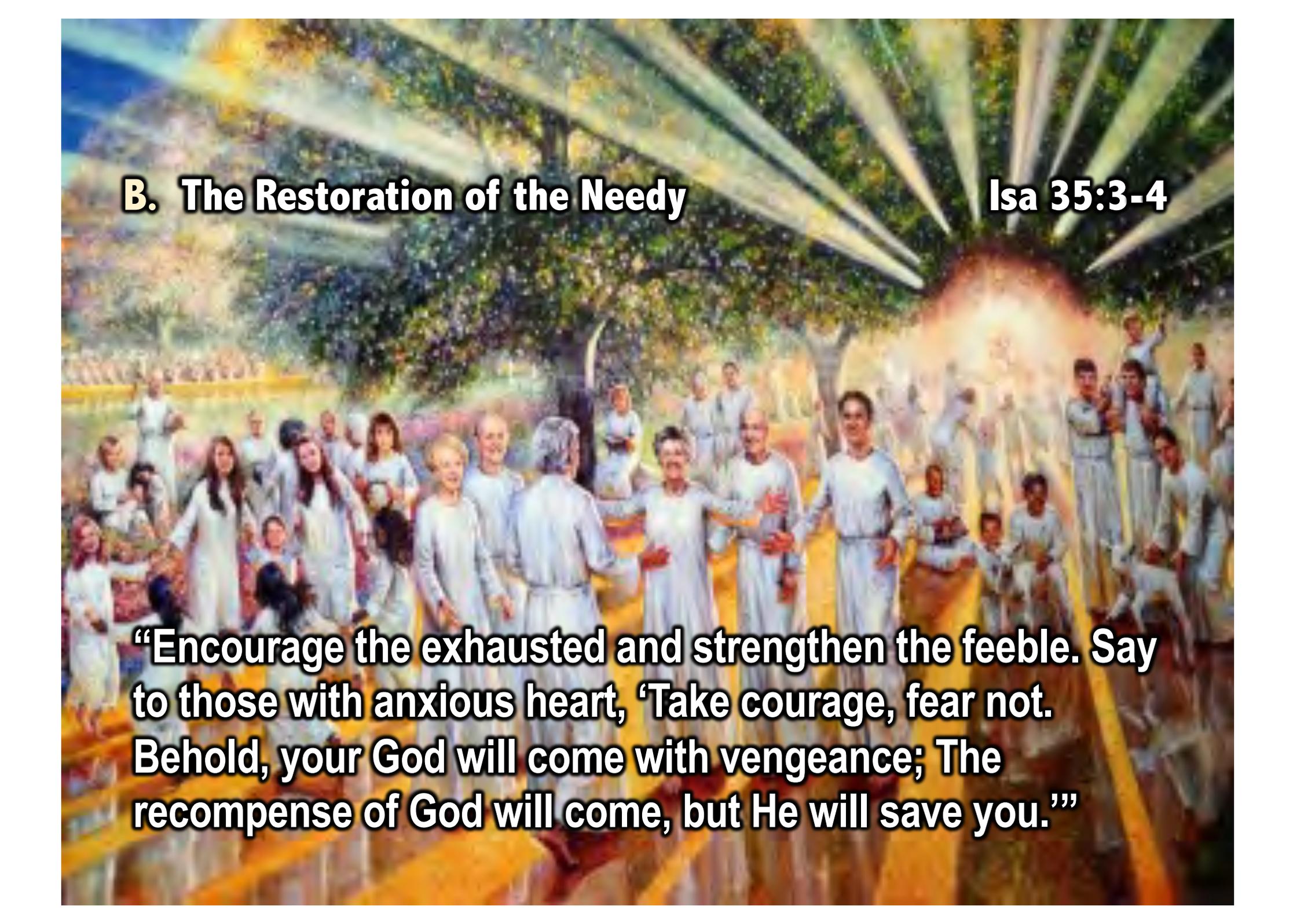
Reversal of the Curse and a Renewal of the Land

“Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you ...” Genesis 3:17b–18a

**“Why is the land ruined, laid waste like a desert, so that no one passes through?”
Jeremiah 9:12**

“Indeed, the LORD will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places. And her wilderness He will make like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and gladness will be found in her, Thanksgiving and sound of a melody.” Isaiah 51:3

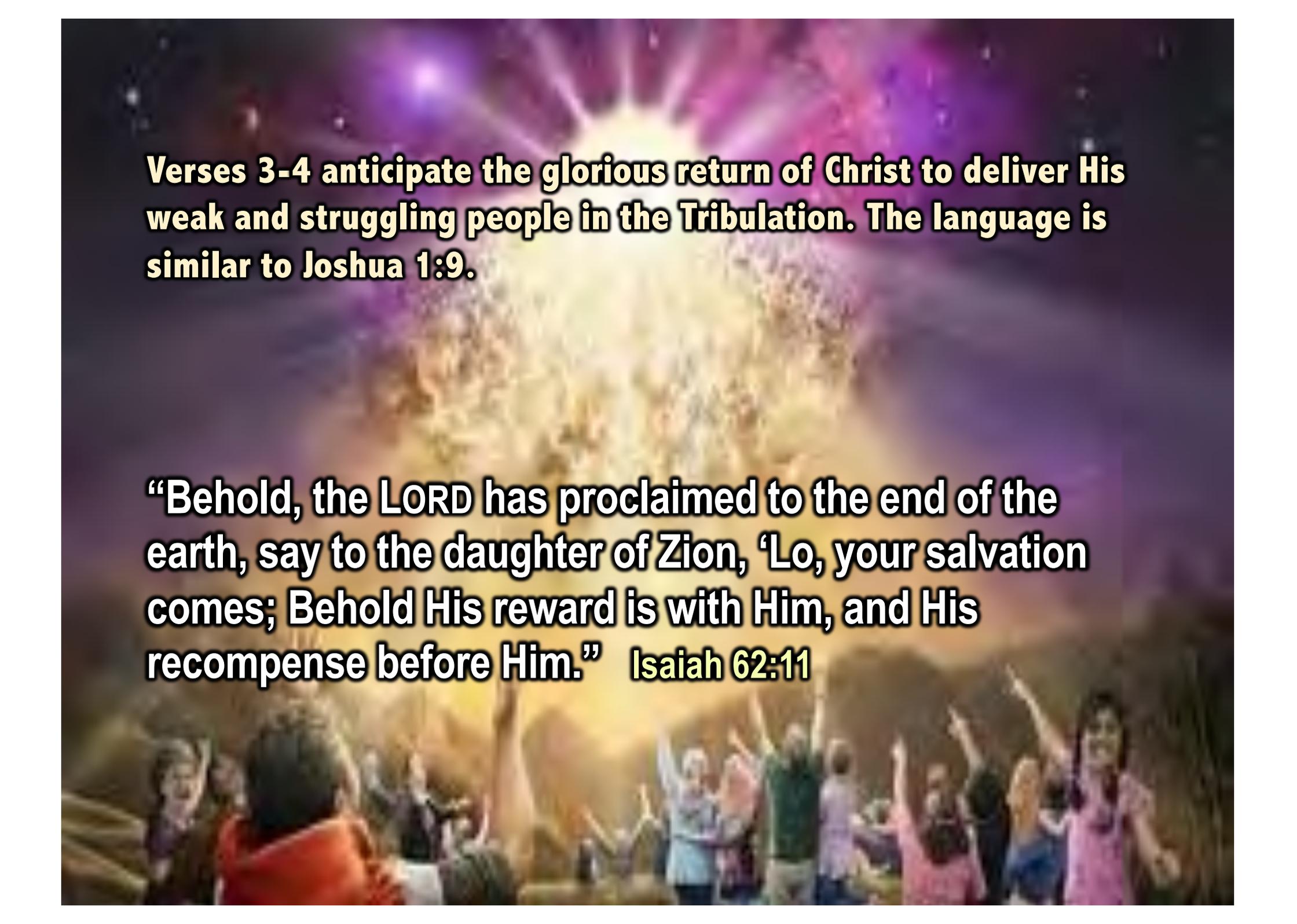
Carmel (“fruitful field”) Sharon Plain (known for its flowers)



B. The Restoration of the Needy

Isa 35:3-4

“Encourage the exhausted and strengthen the feeble. Say to those with anxious heart, ‘Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance; The recompense of God will come, but He will save you.’”



Verses 3-4 anticipate the glorious return of Christ to deliver His weak and struggling people in the Tribulation. The language is similar to Joshua 1:9.

“Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth, say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Lo, your salvation comes; Behold His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.’” Isaiah 62:11



Pattern: **Suffering** ➔ **Salvation**, **Tribulation** ➔ **Kingdom**

“All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.”

Hebrews 12:11–13

If we in the Church Age have a reason to hope for deliverance from our present tribulations, believers in the Tribulation will also have a reason to hope in the coming of Christ to save them from their enemies and give them the promised Kingdom.





II. The Redemption in the Kingdom

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A. The Redemption of the Ruined

5-6a

“Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb will shout for joy.”

Christ's Healing: A Preview of the Millennium

“And on that day the deaf shall hear words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The afflicted also shall increase their gladness in the LORD, and the needy of mankind shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.” Isa. 29:18–19

“the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.” Matthew 11:5

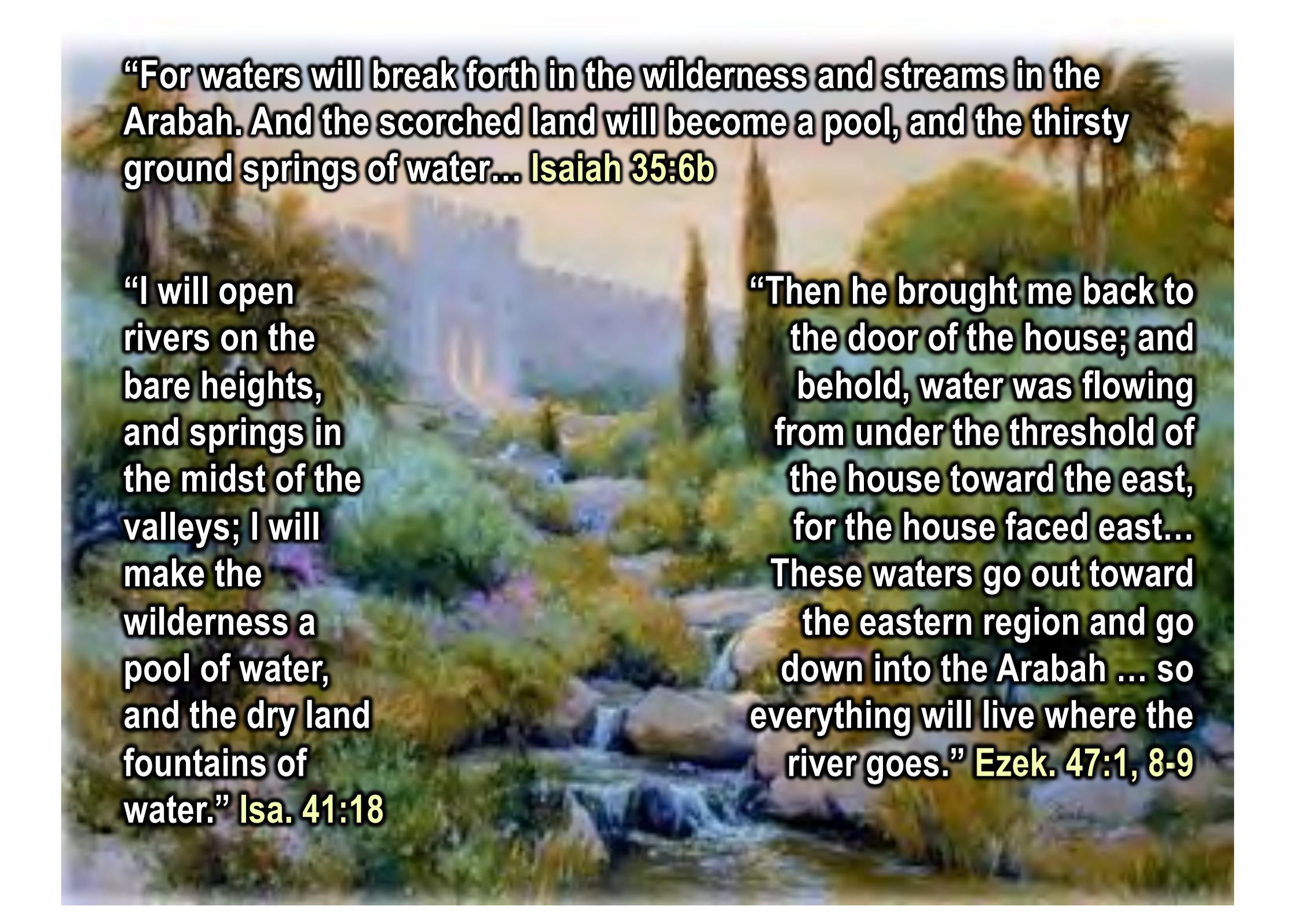
“And He answered and said to them, ‘Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.’” Luke 7:22

B. The Redemption of the Region

Isaiah 35:6b-9

In Isaiah 34:8, 13 the streams were filled with pitch and jackals roamed through the citadels. Now this desolate condition is reversed:

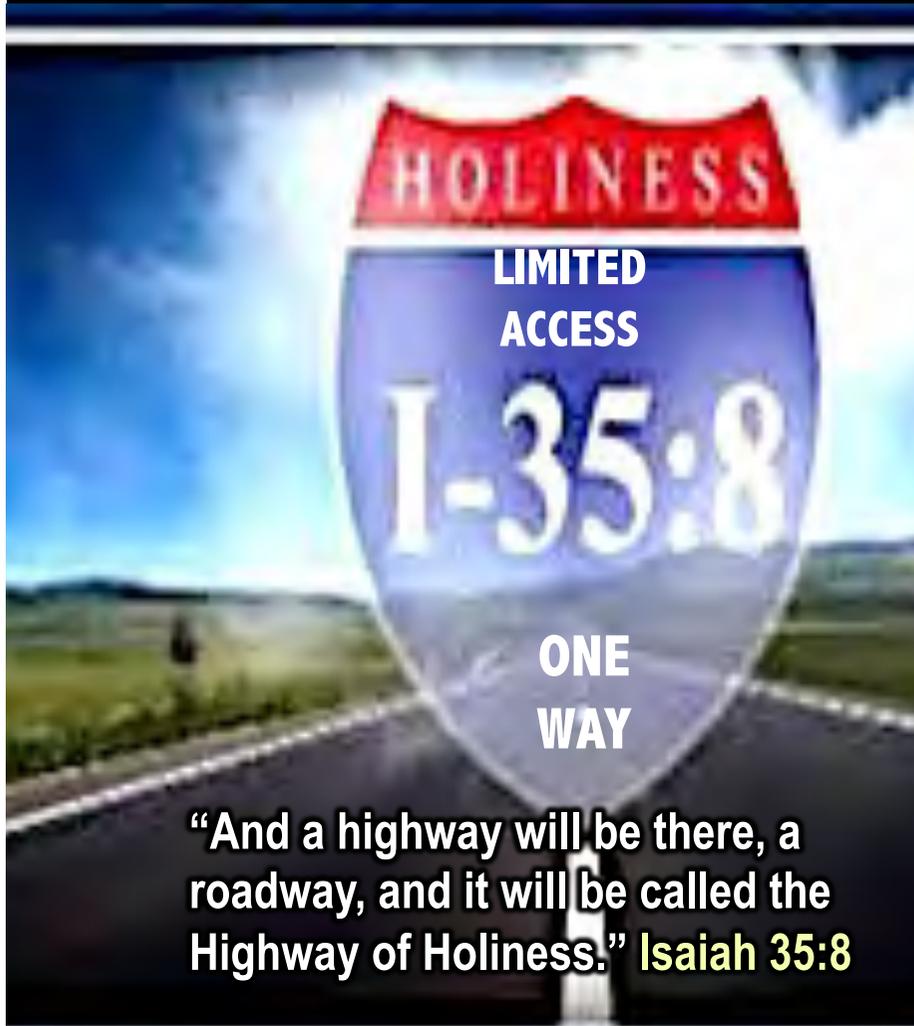
“For waters will break forth in the wilderness and streams in the Arabah. And the scorched land will become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; In the haunt of jackals, its resting place, grass becomes reeds and rushes. And a highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, but it will be for him who walks that way, and fools will not wander on it. No lion will be there, nor will any vicious beast go up on it; These will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk there.”



“For waters will break forth in the wilderness and streams in the Arabah. And the scorched land will become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water... Isaiah 35:6b

“I will open rivers on the bare heights, and springs in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land fountains of water.” Isa. 41:18

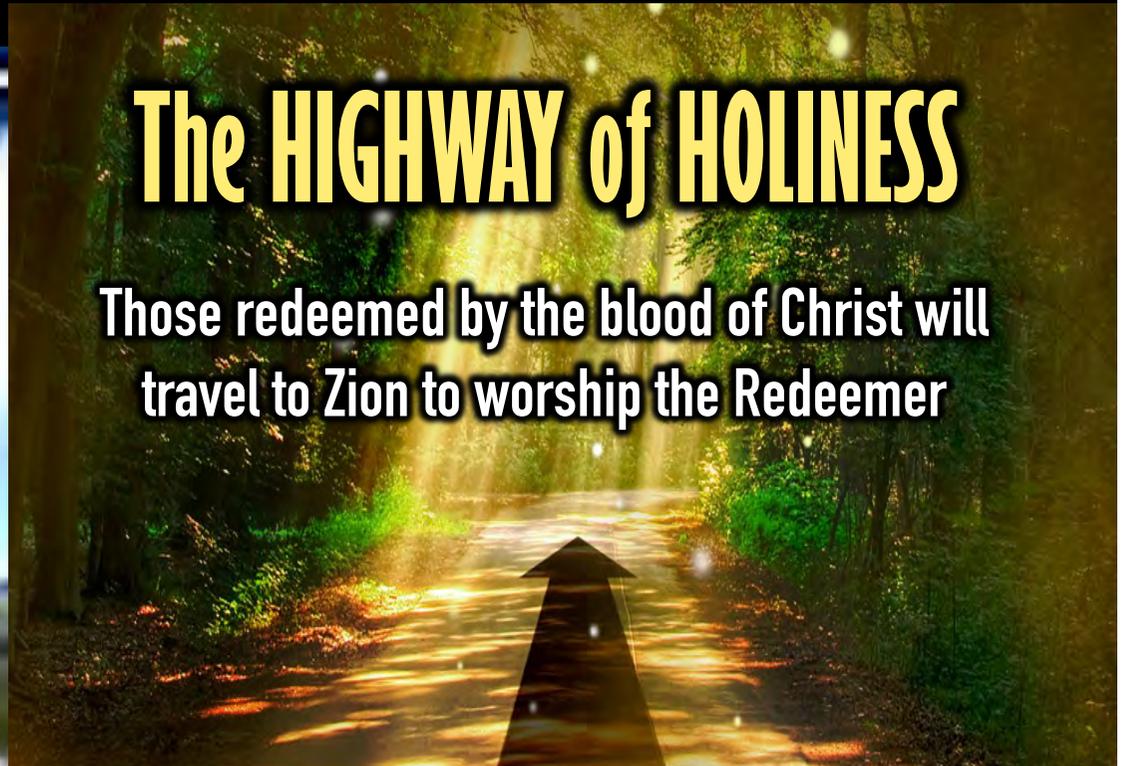
“Then he brought me back to the door of the house; and behold, water was flowing from under the threshold of the house toward the east, for the house faced east... These waters go out toward the eastern region and go down into the Arabah ... so everything will live where the river goes.” Ezek. 47:1, 8-9



“And a highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the Highway of Holiness.” Isaiah 35:8

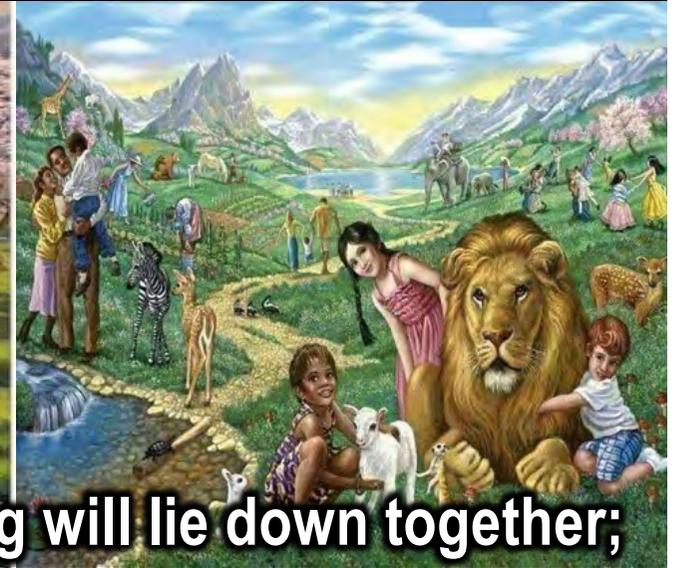
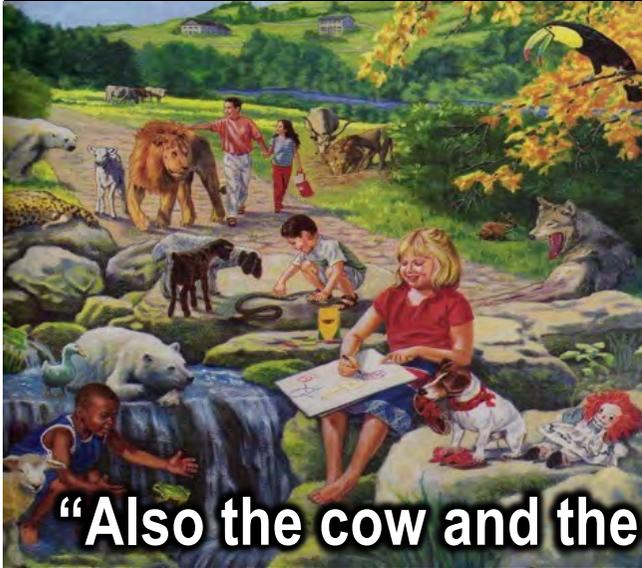
The HIGHWAY of HOLINESS

Those redeemed by the blood of Christ will travel to Zion to worship the Redeemer

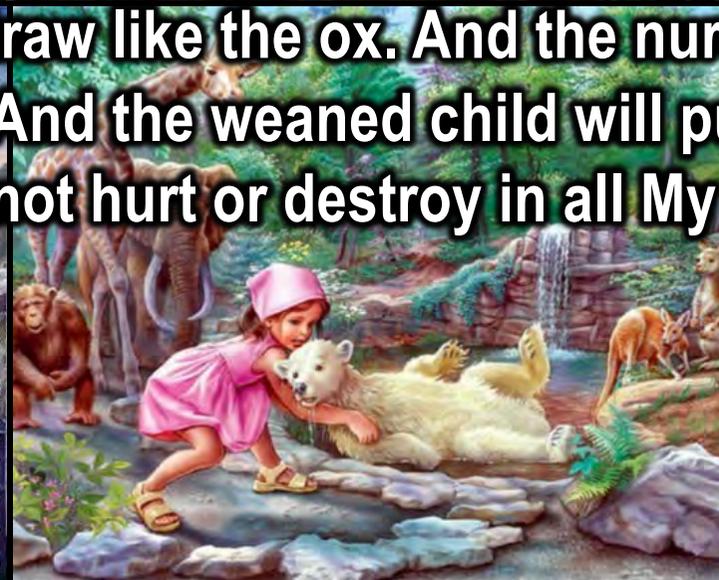
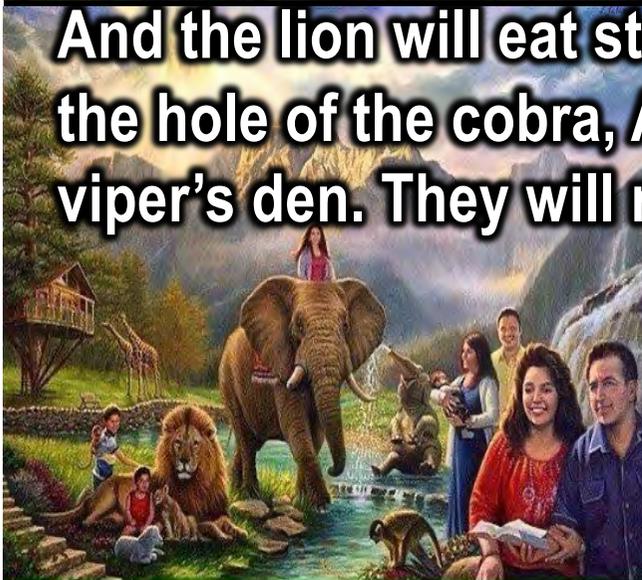


WALKING *in* Holiness

“No lion will be there, nor will any vicious beast go up on it; These will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk there” Isaiah 35:9



“Also the cow and the bear will graze; Their young will lie down together; And the lion will eat straw like the ox. And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper’s den. They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain”



Isa. 11:7–9

Love that Redeems

Ruth

Your people shall be my people

גְּאוּלִּים
Ge'ulim

“the redeemed”

גֹּאֵל
Go'el

“Kinsman-
Redeemer”



Cultural Concepts with Theological Implications

Kinsman-Redeemer (Hebrew: *Go'e'l*)

- 1. Freeborn**
- 2. Related**
- 3. Able to Pay**
- 4. Willing to Pay**

Christ our *Go'el* (Kinsman-Redeemer)

This kinsman-redeemer (*goel*) idea beautifully typifies Christ & the Church. Christ fulfilled all 4 requirements as *goel* to redeem mankind:

1. He must be *related* by blood to those he redeems (2:20; cf. Deut. 25:5, 7-10). Jesus was God made fully man (John 1:14; Rom. 1:3; Phil. 2:5-8; Heb. 2:14-15).
2. He must be *able* to pay the redemption price (2:1; cf. 1 Peter 1:18-19).
3. He must be *willing* to redeem (3:11; cf. Matt 20:28; John 10:15, 18; Hebrews 10:7).
4. He must be *free* himself (4:10; cf. the virgin birth freed Christ from the curse of sin, Matt 1:23).



JESUS

Our Kinsman-Redeemer

1. **Free from Sin** (2 Cor. 5:21)
2. **Incarnated in flesh** (Jn. 1:14)
3. **Rich...become poor** (2 Cor, 8:9)
4. **“Thy will be done”** (Lk. 22:42)

C. The Redemption of the Ransomed

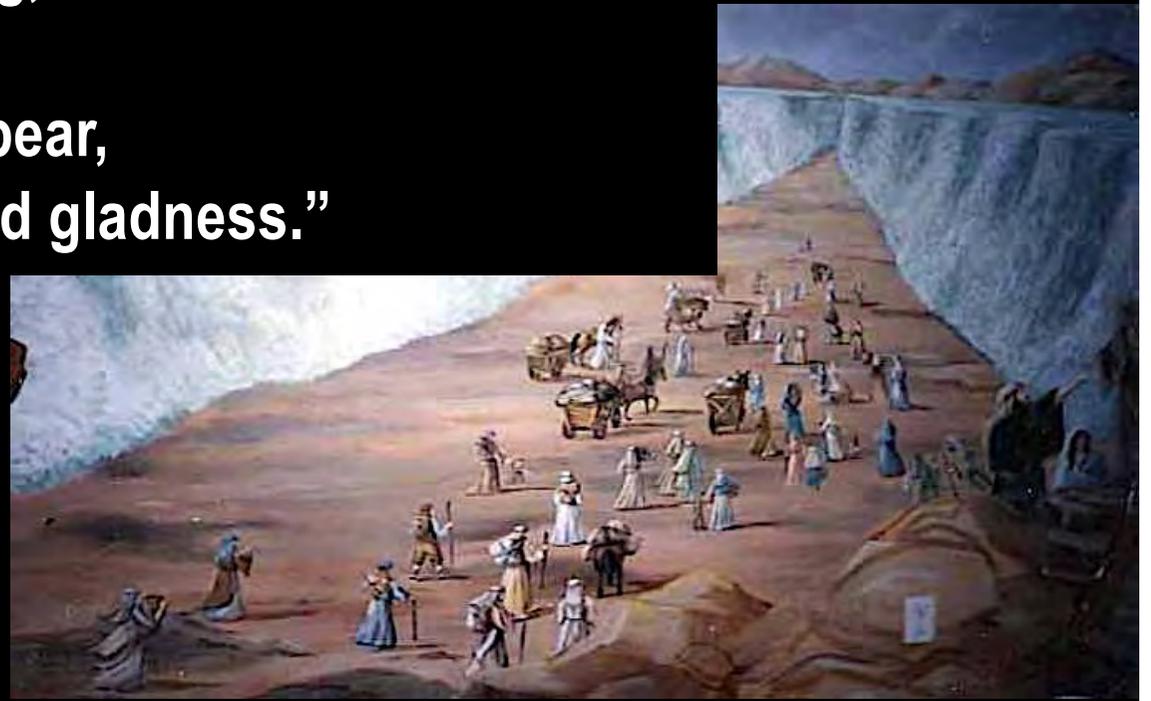
Isaiah 35:10



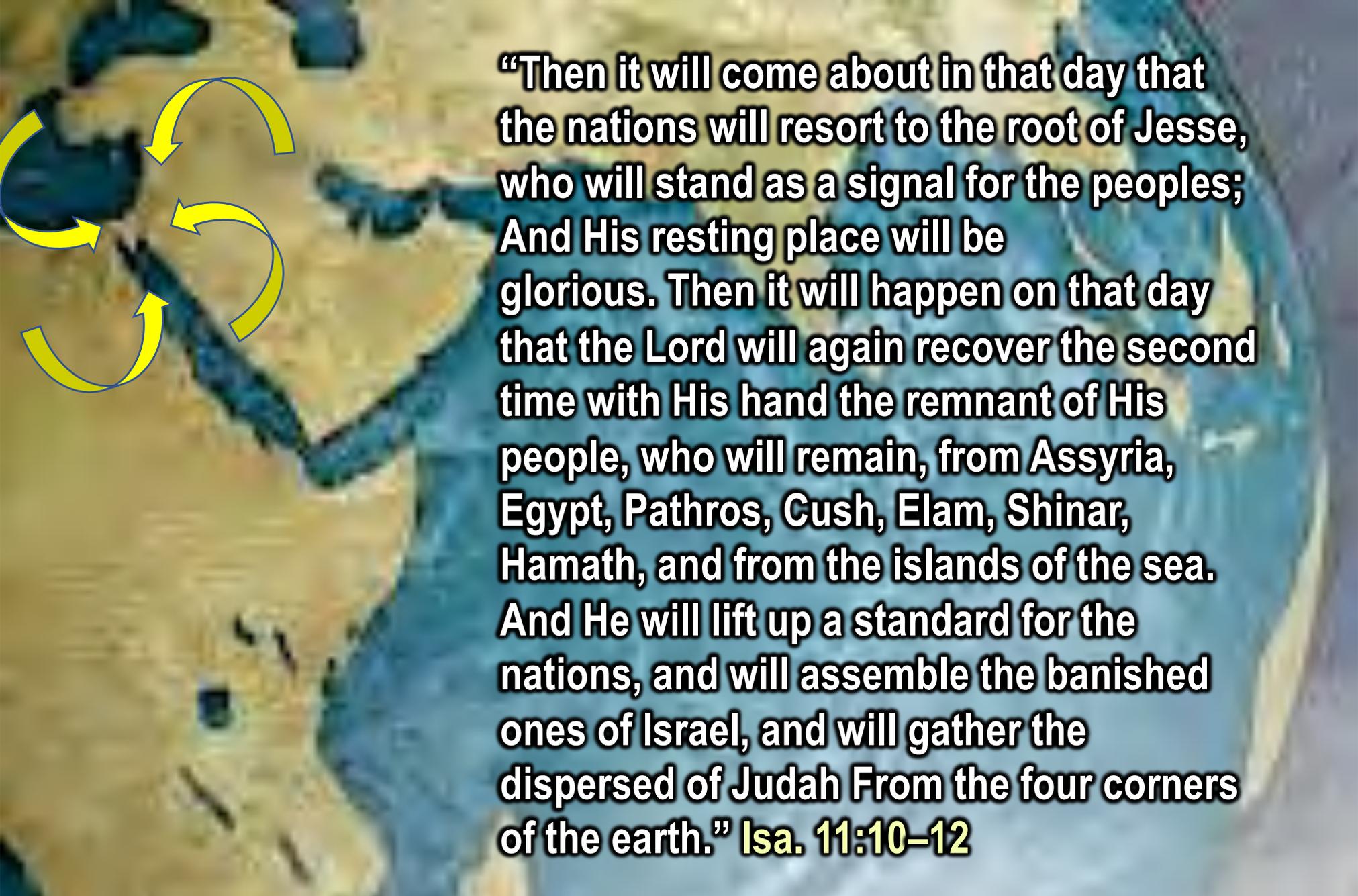
“And the ransomed of the LORD will return, and come with joyful shouting to Zion, with everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.”

**“Wake up, wake up, O LORD! Clothe yourself with strength!
Flex your mighty right arm!
Rouse yourself as in the days of old
when you slew Egypt, the dragon of the Nile.
¹⁰ Are you not the same today,
the one who dried up the sea,
making a path of escape through the depths
so that your people could cross over?
¹¹ Those who have been ransomed by the LORD will return.
They will enter Jerusalem singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.
Sorrow and mourning will disappear,
and they will be filled with joy and gladness.”**

Isaiah 51:9–11 NLT



National Israel's Restoration to the Land



“Then it will come about in that day that the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious. Then it will happen on that day that the Lord will again recover the second time with His hand the remnant of His people, who will remain, from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. 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.” Isa. 11:10–12

LESSONS FROM ISAIAH 35

the
KINGDOM of
GOD

The background of the slide is a painting of a landscape. On the left, there is a large, multi-towered stone castle or fortress. In the center, a path leads towards the castle. On the right, there is a large, leafy tree. The overall color palette is muted, with earthy tones like browns, greys, and greens. The text is overlaid on this background.

LESSONS FROM ISAIAH 35

- 1. This world has not yet seen the best that God can do. The kingdom will be God's demonstration to mankind that the kind of world for which they have longed, only He can provide.**
- 2. God would not promise what He could perform. Despite the problems of today and the Tribulation of tomorrow, God's glorious kingdom will come with the return of Christ.**
- 3. In view of this future hope, believers today should encourage and strengthen one another in the Lord. We have a wonderful future and we must remind those who despair of this world that Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Isaiah 43

The Promise of Protection

Isaiah 43



“But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator...”

41:1

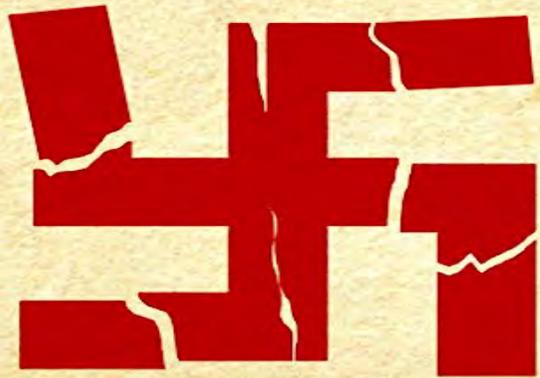
Israel's past — ruin (41-42)

But now ...

Israel's future — restoration (43)

**Out of the 11
million people
killed in the
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6 million were
Jews**



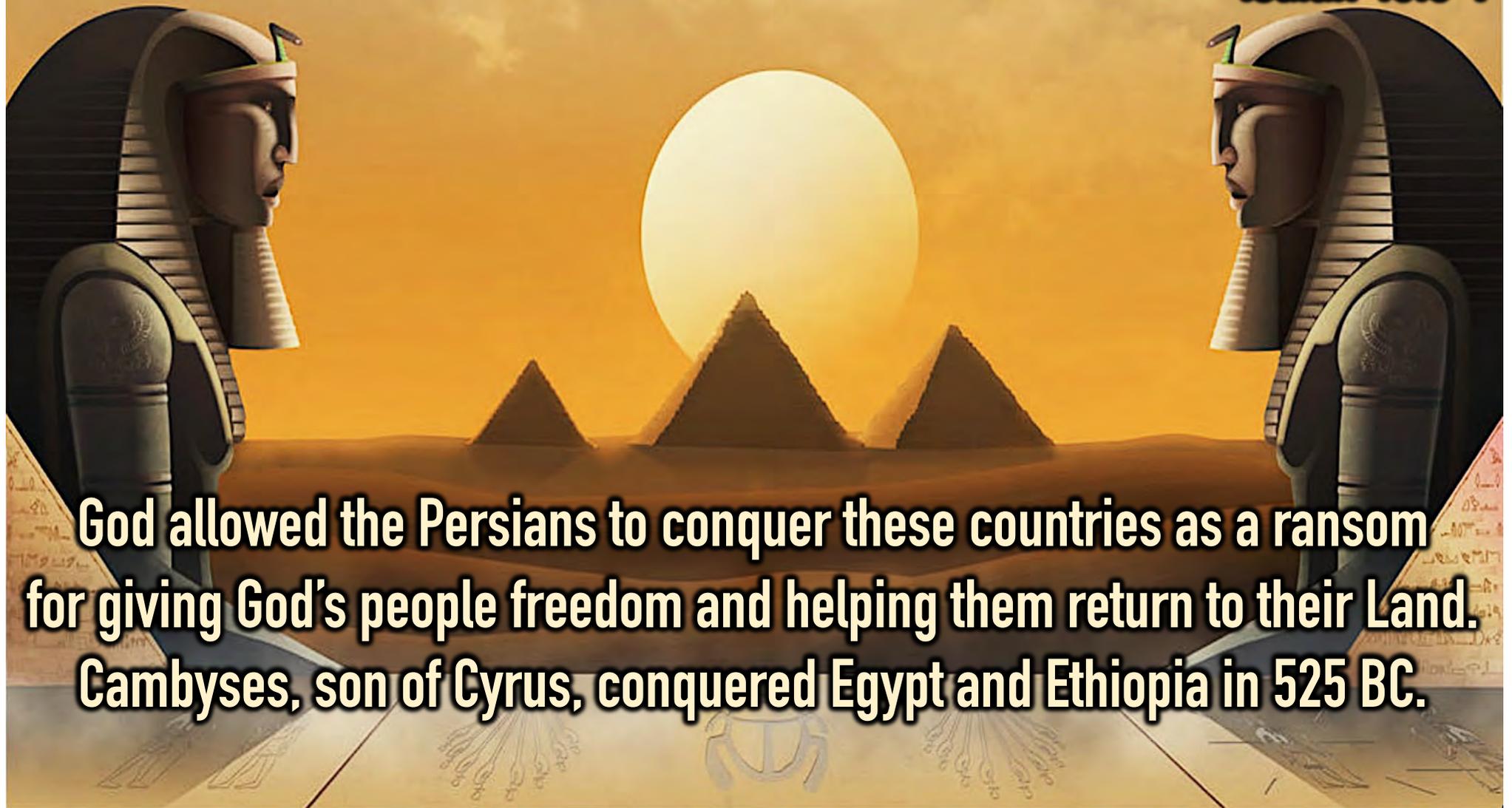


AFTER THE HOLOCAUST



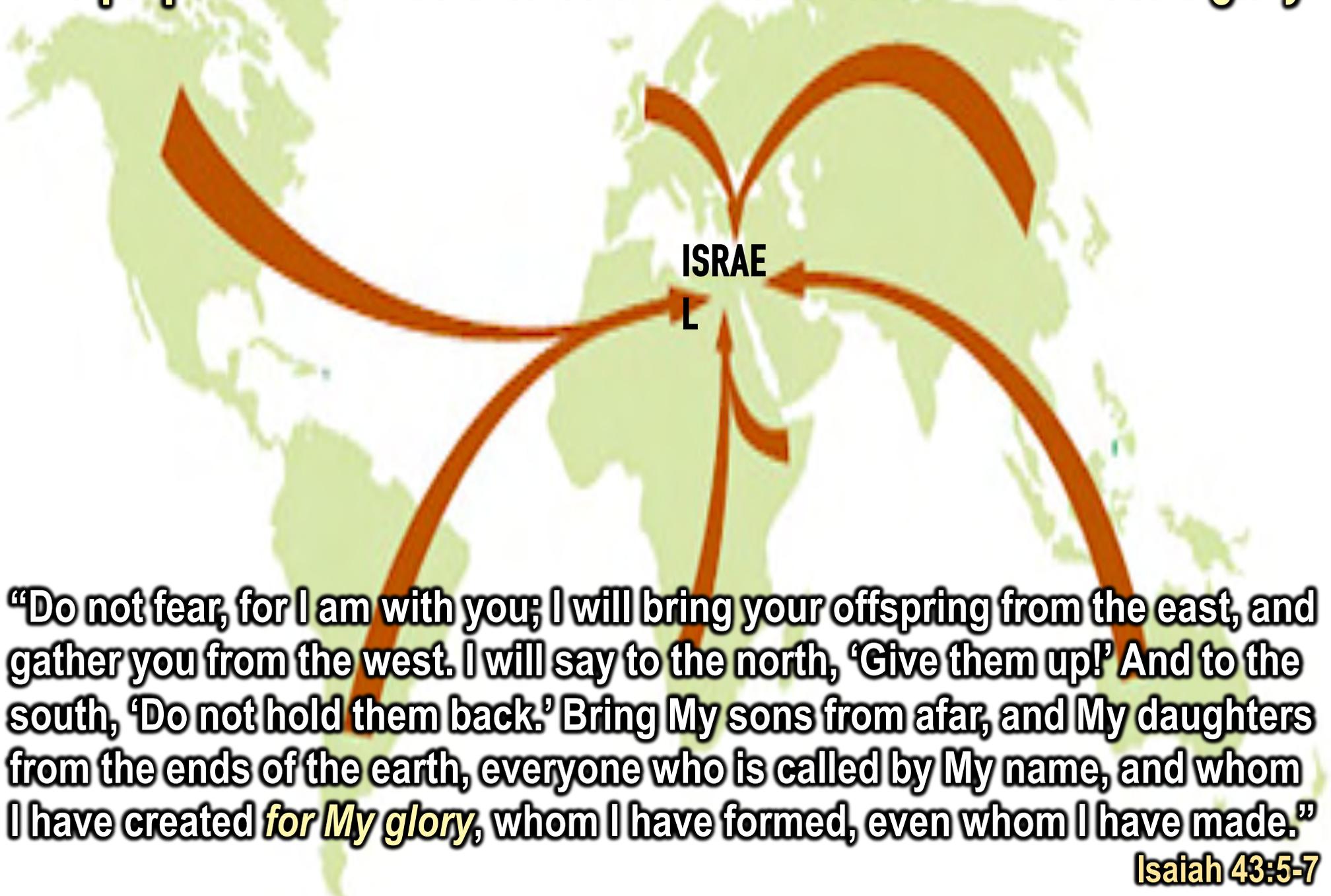
“For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. Since you are precious in My sight, since you are honored and I love you, I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life.”

Isaiah 43:3-4



God allowed the Persians to conquer these countries as a ransom for giving God's people freedom and helping them return to their Land. Cambyses, son of Cyrus, conquered Egypt and Ethiopia in 525 BC.

The purpose Israel was created and will be restored is for God's glory



ISRAEL

“Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth, everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created *for My glory*, whom I have formed, even whom I have made.”

Isaiah 43:5-7

Isaiah 54

God's Blessing (Isaiah 54:1-3 NIV)

**“Sing, O barren woman,
you who never bore a child;
burst into song, shout for joy,
you who were never in labor;
because more are the children of the desolate woman
than of her who has a husband,”
says the LORD.**

**² “Enlarge the place of your tent,
stretch your tent curtains wide,
do not hold back;
lengthen your cords,
strengthen your stakes.**

**³ For you will spread out to the right and to the left;
your descendants will dispossess nations
and settle in their desolate cities.”**

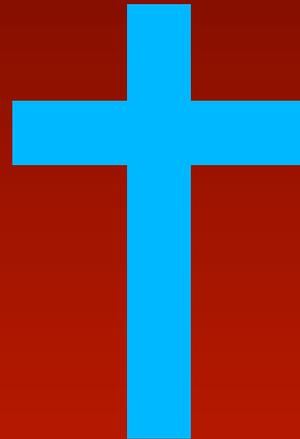
Isaiah 60

Isaiah 40–66 Structure

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Adapted from John A. Martin, Dallas Seminary

Comfort	Deliverance	Encouragement for Jews	53	Encouragement for Gentiles	Cleansing from Sin	Condition of Glory
40–45	46–48	49–52	53	54–57	58–59	60–66



Deliverance
from
Babylon

Deliverance
from
Sin

Deliverance
in the
Millennium

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- 1. God promises Israel a glorious future of prosperity and peace in the kingdom (Isa 60).**



Isaiah 61

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- 1. God promises Israel a glorious future of prosperity and peace in the kingdom (Isa 60).**
- 2. God promises the Servant will prepare Jerusalem for the Father to usher in the millennium (61:1–63:6).**



Freedom for Those God Favors

**“The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me,
for the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.**

**He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted
and to proclaim that captives will be released
and prisoners will be freed.**

**² He has sent me to tell those who mourn
that the time of the LORD’s favor has come,
and with it, the day of God’s anger against their enemies.”**

—Isaiah 61:1-2 NLT—

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D. Israel's spiritual restoration

1. Israel **cleansed** by God's judgment before the kingdom (1:25; 4:2-4; 29:1-4; 30:26b; 31:6-7)
2. Israel **reunited and regathered to the land** (11:10-13, 15-16; 43:1, 5; 49:6; 61:4; 65:8-9)
3. Israel **victorious over enemies** (2:12-21; 11:14; 24:21-23; 41:11-14; 45:14; 61:2; 66:14b)
4. Israel **free from oppression** (14:3-6; 42:6-7; 49:8-9)
5. Israel **believing in Messiah** (10:20-22; 25:8-9; 26:1-2; 27:9, 12-13; 29:23; 40:9; 45:17, 25; 52:3, 6-7, 9-11; 54:7-10; 62:12)
6. Israel **forgiven, redeemed and righteous** (1:25-27; 2:3; 4:3-4; 33:24; 44:22-24; 45:25; 48:17; 63:16)
7. Israel **blessed and rewarded** by Christ (19:25; 40:10; 62:11; 61:8)
8. Israel **comforted** by Christ (12:1-2; 40:1-2, 11; 49:12; 51:3; 65:18-19; 66:11-13)
9. Israel **filled/empowered by Holy Spirit** as never before (32:15; 44:3; 59:21)
10. Israel's **covenants fulfilled** (42:6; 49:8; 54:10; 61:8)
 - a. Abrahamic (19:25; 41:8-10)
 - b. Davidic (9:7; 11:1-2; 55:3)
 - c. Land (11:11-16; 65:9)
 - d. New (32:15; 44:3; 49:6; 59:21; 66:22)

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**“In that day the remnant left in Israel,
the survivors in the house of Jacob,
will no longer depend on allies
who seek to destroy them.**

**But they will faithfully trust the LORD,
the Holy One of Israel.**

**²¹ A remnant will return;
yes, the remnant of Jacob will return to the Mighty God.**

**²² But though the people of Israel are as numerous
as the sand of the seashore,
only a remnant of them will return.**

The LORD has rightly decided to destroy his people.”

—Isaiah 10:20-22 NLT—

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**“He will swallow up death forever!
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away all tears.
He will remove forever all insults and mockery
against his land and people.
The LORD has spoken!**

**⁹ In that day the people will proclaim,
‘This is our God!
We trusted in him, and he saved us!
This is the LORD, in whom we trusted.
Let us rejoice in the salvation he brings!’”**

—Isaiah 25:8-9 NLT—

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“In that day, everyone in the land of Judah will sing this song:

Our city is strong!

We are surrounded by the walls of God's salvation.

**² Open the gates to all who are righteous;
allow the faithful to enter.”**

—Isaiah 26:1-2 NLT—

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**“The LORD did this to purge Israel’s wickedness,
to take away all her sin.**

**As a result, all the pagan altars will be crushed to dust.
No Asherah pole or pagan shrine will be left standing...**

¹² Yet the time will come when the LORD will gather them together like handpicked grain. One by one he will gather them—from the Euphrates Rivera in the east to the Brook of Egypt in the west. ¹³ In that day the great trumpet will sound. Many who were dying in exile in Assyria and Egypt will **return to Jerusalem to worship the LORD on his holy mountain.”**

—Isaiah 27:9, 12-13 NLT—

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**“For when they see their many children
and all the blessings I have given them,
they will recognize the holiness of the Holy One of Jacob.
They will stand in awe of the God of Israel.”**

—Isaiah 29:23 NLT—

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**“But the LORD will save the people of Israel
with eternal salvation.**

**Throughout everlasting ages,
they will never again be humiliated and disgraced.”**

—Isaiah 45:17 NLT—

**“In the LORD all the generations of Israel will be justified,
and in him they will boast.”**

—Isaiah 45:25 NLT—

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**“³ For this is what the LORD says:
‘When I sold you into exile,
I received no payment.
Now I can redeem you
without having to pay for you...’**

**“⁶ But I will reveal my name to my people, and they will come
to know its power. Then **at last they will recognize that I am**
the one who speaks to them.**

**⁷ How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who brings good news,
the good news of peace and salvation,
the news that the God of Israel reigns!”**

—Isaiah 52:3, 6-7 NLT—

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**“Let the ruins of Jerusalem break into joyful song,
for the LORD has comforted his people.**

He has redeemed Jerusalem.

**¹⁰ The LORD has demonstrated his holy power
before the eyes of all the nations.**

**All the ends of the earth will see
the victory of our God.**

**¹¹ Get out! Get out and leave your captivity,
where everything you touch is unclean.
Get out of there and **purify yourselves**,
you who carry home the sacred objects of the LORD.”**

—Isaiah 52:9-11 NLT—

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“For a brief moment I abandoned you,
but with great compassion **I will take you back.**

⁸ In a burst of anger I turned my face away for a little while.
But **with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,**
says the LORD, your Redeemer.

⁹ Just as I swore in the time of Noah
that I would never again let a flood cover the earth,
so now I swear
that I will never again be angry and punish you.

¹⁰ For the mountains may move
and the hills disappear,
but even then **my faithful love for you will remain.**
My covenant of blessing will never be broken,”
says the LORD, who has mercy on you.”

—Isaiah 54:7-10 NLT—

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"They will be called 'The Holy People'
and '**The People Redeemed by the LORD.**'
And Jerusalem will be known as 'The Desirable Place'
and 'The City No Longer Forsaken.'"

—Isaiah 62:12 NLT—



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D. Israel's spiritual restoration

1. Israel **cleansed** by God's judgment before the kingdom (1:25; 4:2-4; 29:1-4; 30:26b; 31:6-7)
2. Israel **reunited and regathered to the land** (11:10-13, 15-16; 43:1, 5; 49:6; 61:4; 65:8-9)
3. Israel **victorious over enemies** (2:12-21; 11:14; 24:21-23; 41:11-14; 45:14; 61:2; 66:14b)
4. Israel **free from oppression** (14:3-6; 42:6-7; 49:8-9)
5. Israel **believing in Messiah** (10:20-22; 25:8-9; 26:1-2; 27:9, 12-13; 29:23; 40:9; 45:17, 25; 52:3, 6-7, 9-11; 54:7-10; 62:12)
6. Israel **forgiven, redeemed and righteous** (1:25-27; 2:3; 4:3-4; 33:24; 44:22-24; 45:25; 48:17; 63:16)
7. Israel **blessed and rewarded** by Christ (19:25; 40:10; 62:11; 61:8)
8. Israel **comforted** by Christ (12:1-2; 40:1-2, 11; 49:12; 51:3; 65:18-19; 66:11-13)
9. Israel **filled/empowered by Holy Spirit** as never before (32:15; 44:3; 59:21)
10. Israel's **covenants fulfilled** (42:6; 49:8; 54:10; 61:8)
 - a. Abrahamic (19:25; 41:8-10)
 - b. Davidic (9:7; 11:1-2; 55:3)
 - c. Land (11:11-16; 65:9)
 - d. New (32:15; 44:3; 49:6; 59:21; 66:22)

Isaiah 62

"O Jerusalem, I have posted watchmen on your walls; they will pray day and night, continually.



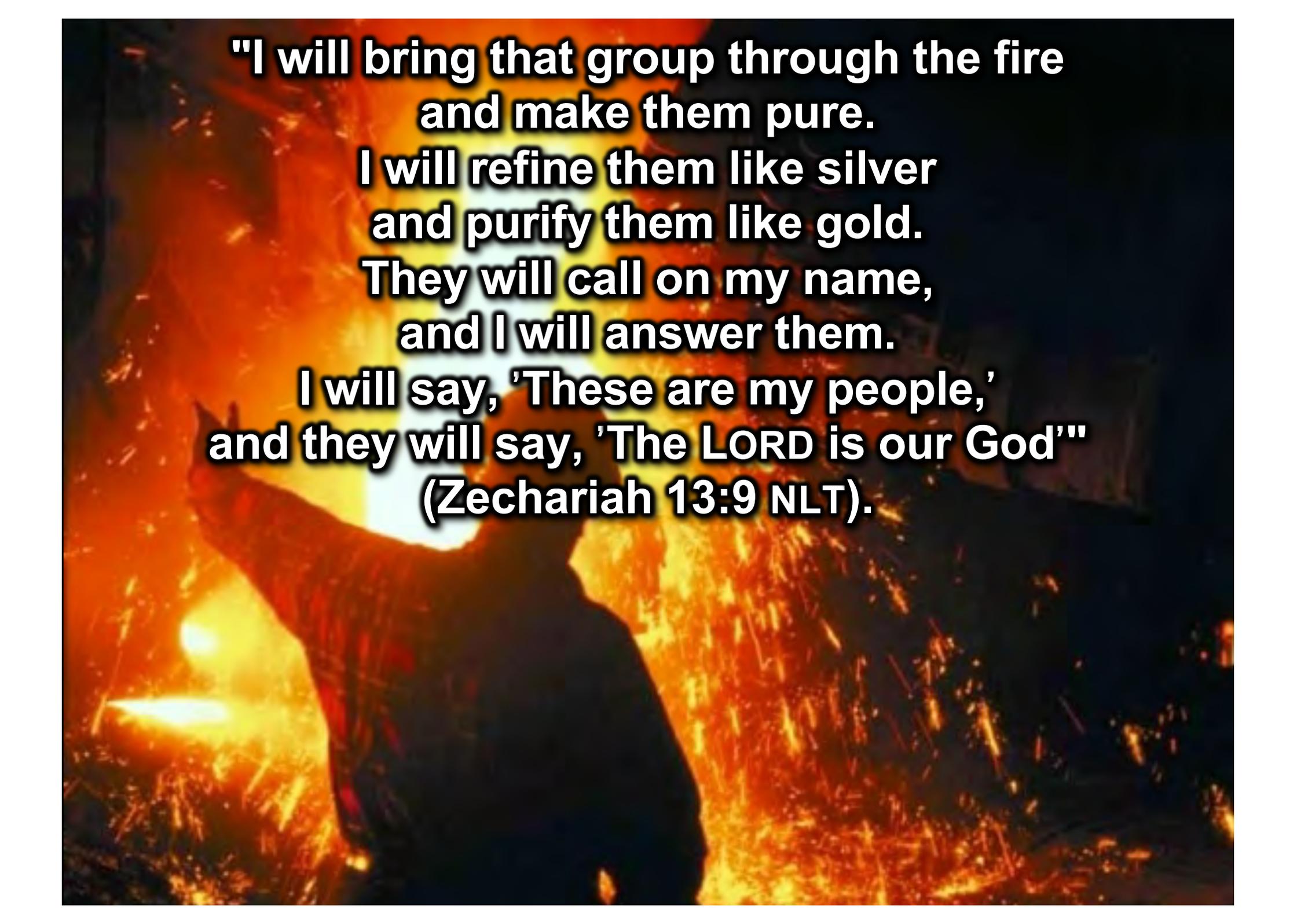
**Take no rest, all you who pray to the LORD.
7Give the LORD no rest until he completes his work, until he makes Jerusalem the pride of the earth" (Isa. 62:6-7 NLT).**

**"The LORD has sworn to Jerusalem by his own strength: 'I will never again hand you over to your enemies. Never again will foreign warriors come and take away your grain and new wine'"
(Isa. 62:8 NLT).**



**"Awake, O sword,
against my shepherd, the
man who is my partner,'
says the LORD of
Heaven's Armies. 'Strike
down the shepherd, and
the sheep will be
scattered, and I will turn
against the lambs. ⁸ **Two-
thirds of the people in the
land will be cut off and
die,'** says the LORD. 'But
one-third will be left in
the land'"
(Zechariah 13:7-8 NLT).**





**"I will bring that group through the fire
and make them pure.
I will refine them like silver
and purify them like gold.
They will call on my name,
and I will answer them.
I will say, 'These are my people,'
and they will say, 'The LORD is our God'"**
(Zechariah 13:9 NLT).

Only a Remnant of Jews Saved

“And concerning Israel, Isaiah the prophet cried out,

**‘Though the people of Israel are as numerous as the
sand of the seashore,
only a remnant will be saved.**

**28 For the LORD will carry out his sentence upon the
earth
quickly and with finality”**

(Romans 9:27-28, quoting Isaiah 10:22-23 LXX NLT).

Only a Remnant of Jews Saved

“And Isaiah said the same thing in another place:

**‘If the LORD of Heaven’s Armies
had not spared a few of our children,
we would have been wiped out like Sodom,
destroyed like Gomorrah’”**

(Romans 9:29, quoting Isaiah 1:9 LXX NLT).

Only a Remnant of Jews Saved

**“I am placing a stone in Jerusalem that makes
people stumble,
a rock that makes them fall.
But anyone who trusts in him
will never be disgraced”**

(Romans 9:33, quoting Isaiah 8:14; 28:16 LXX NLT).

Only a Remnant of Jews Saved

“But regarding Israel, God said,

**‘All day long I opened my arms to them,
but **they were disobedient and rebellious**’”**

(Romans 10:21, quoting Isaiah 65:2 LXX NLT).

Only a Remnant of Jews Saved

“So this is the situation: **Most of the people of Israel have not found the favor of God they are looking for so earnestly.**

A few have—the ones God has chosen—but **the hearts of the rest were hardened.** ⁸ As the Scriptures say,

‘God has put them into a deep sleep. To this day he has shut their eyes so **they do not see**, and closed their ears so **they do not hear**’”

(Romans 11:7-8, quoting Isaiah 29:10; Deut 29:4 NLT).

Only a Remnant of Jews Saved

“And so **all Israel will be saved**. As the Scriptures say,

‘The one who rescues will come from Jerusalem, and **he will turn Israel away from ungodliness**.

²⁷ And this is my covenant with them, that **I will take away their sins**”

(Romans 11:26-27, quoting Isaiah 59:20-21 LXX NLT).

Only a Remnant of Jews Saved

For the Scriptures say,

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the LORD,
‘every knee will bend to me,
and **every tongue will declare allegiance to God.**’”

(Romans 14:11, quoting Isaiah 49:18; 55:23 LXX
NLT).

Isaiah 63

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“Who is this who comes from Edom, from the city of Bozrah, with his clothing stained red? Who is this in royal robes, marching in his great strength? It is I, the LORD, announcing your salvation! It is I, the LORD, who has the power to save!

² Why are your clothes so red, as if you have been treading out grapes? ³ I have been treading the winepress alone; no one was there to help me. In my anger I have trampled my enemies as if they were grapes. In my fury I have trampled my foes. Their blood has stained my clothes. ⁴ For the time has come for me to avenge my people, to ransom them from their oppressors. ⁵ I was amazed to see that no one intervened to help the oppressed. So I myself stepped in to save them with my strong arm, and my wrath sustained me. ⁶ I crushed the nations in my anger and made them stagger and fall to the ground, spilling their blood upon the earth.”

Isaiah 63:1–6 NLT



Kingdom & Covenants Timeline



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Kingdom Teaching...

Adam rules with God (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:19)

Satan begins rule as god of this world (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 4:4)

God covenants with Abraham to reestablish man's rule via Israel as a "kingdom of priests" (Gen. 12:1-3; Exod. 19:6)

Israel's failure to witness to nations as a kingdom of priests is judged via exile under foreign rule

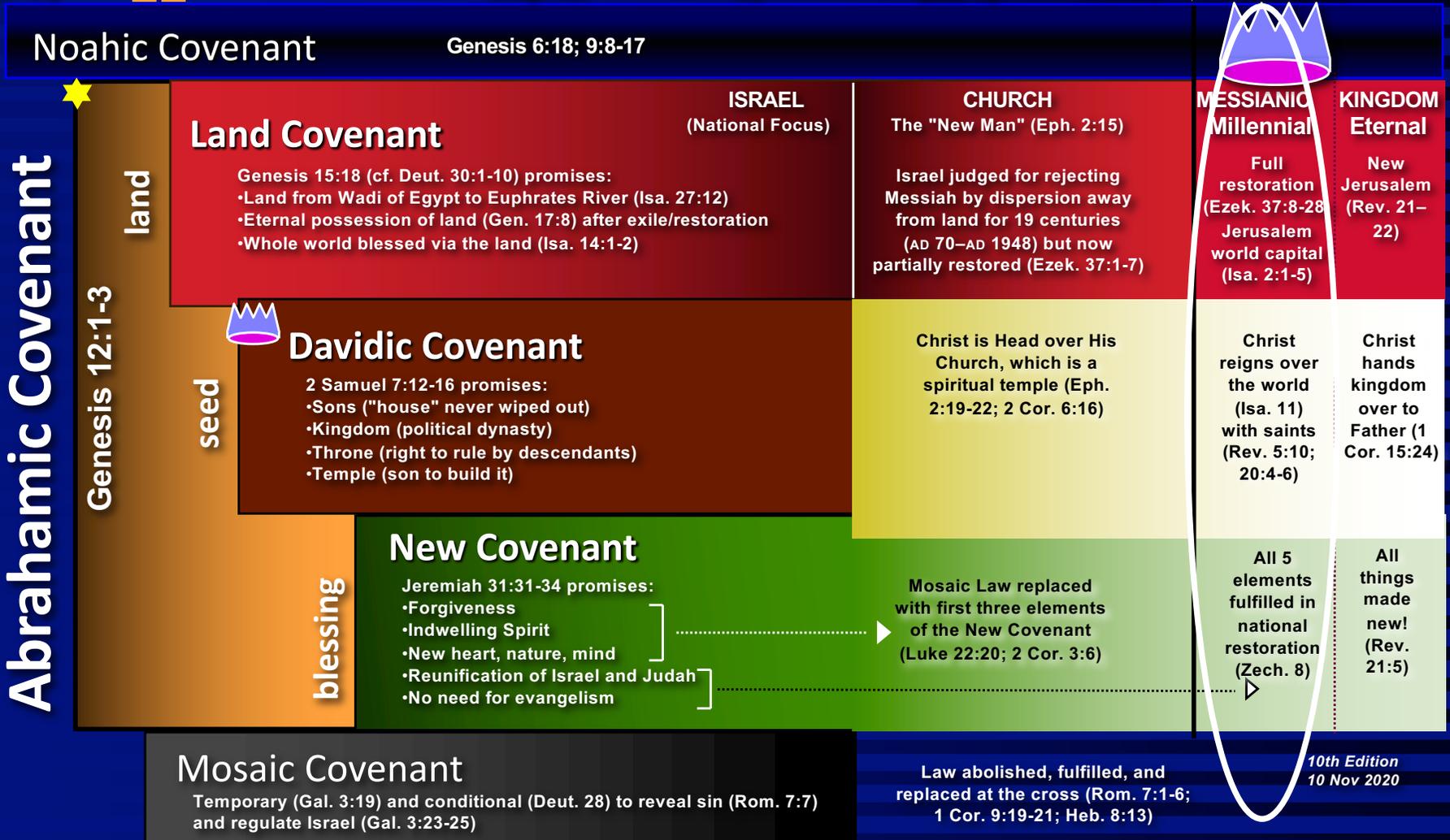
Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42; 23:37-39)

Jesus extends His kingdom in mystery form to the Church (Matt. 13)

Christ subdues Israel's enemies and nation believes (Rom. 11:26-27)

Christ rules over everything with saints (Eph. 1:9-10; Rev. 20:1-6; 22:5b)

Fall of Man (Gen. 3)



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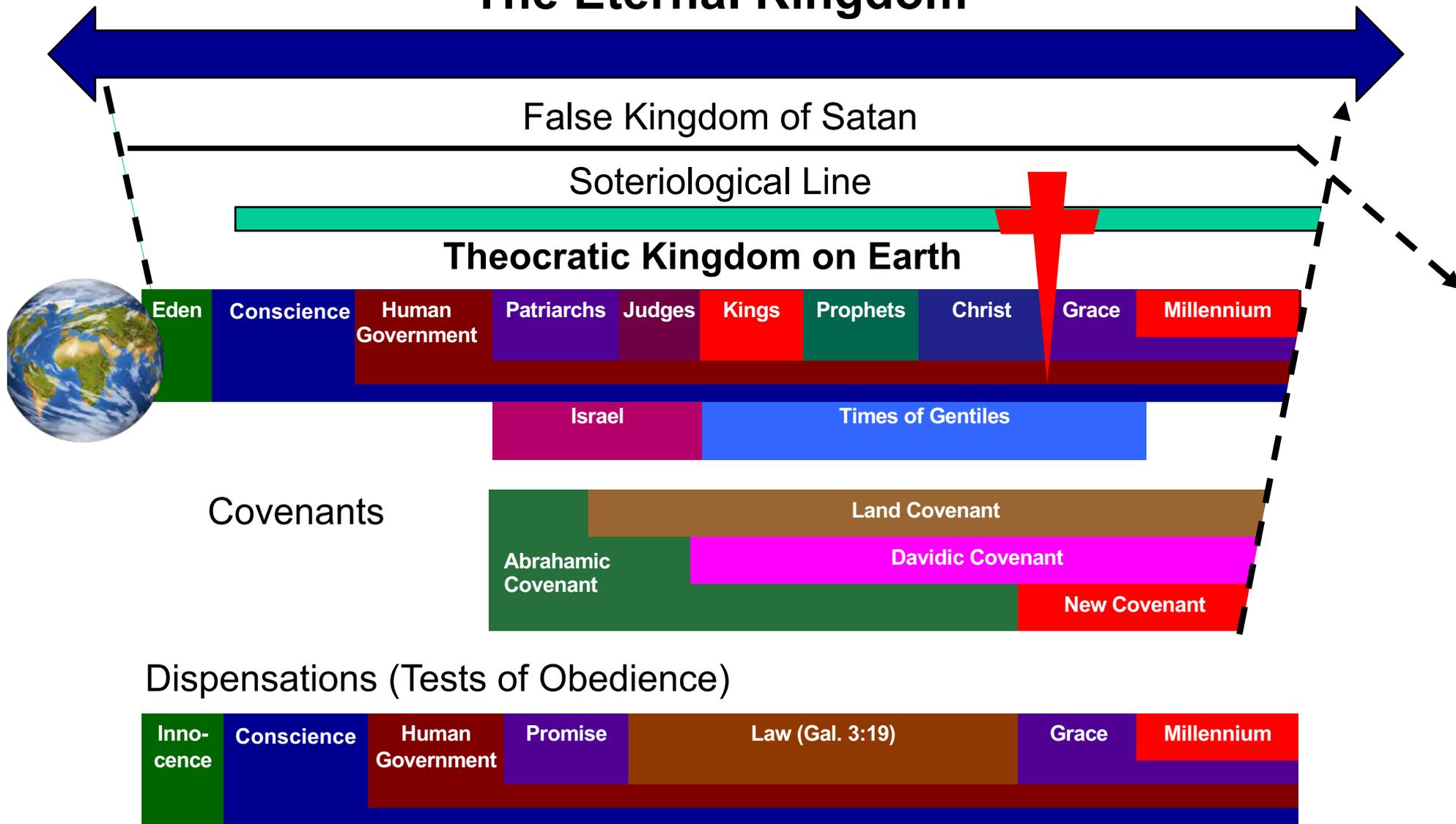
Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant theme. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will enjoy world prominence after trusting Christ at His second coming.

Isaiah 64

The Kingdom of God

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The Eternal Kingdom



Isaiah 65

THEOLOGY IN ISAIAH

Eschatology (cont'd)

3. THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH : A New Jerusalem

- + The Creation of New Things (65:17) - renewal of the present heaven and earth after Christ's 2nd coming (24:19-23; 34:4)
- + The Creation of a New Jerusalem (65:17-18)
- + The Splendour of a New Jerusalem (60:13)
- + The Absence of Tears and Sorrow (25:8; 35:10)
- + Longevity and the Decrease of Death (25:8; 65:20)
- + The Absence of Light from the Sun and Moon (24:23; 60:19-20)

THEOLOGY IN ISAIAH

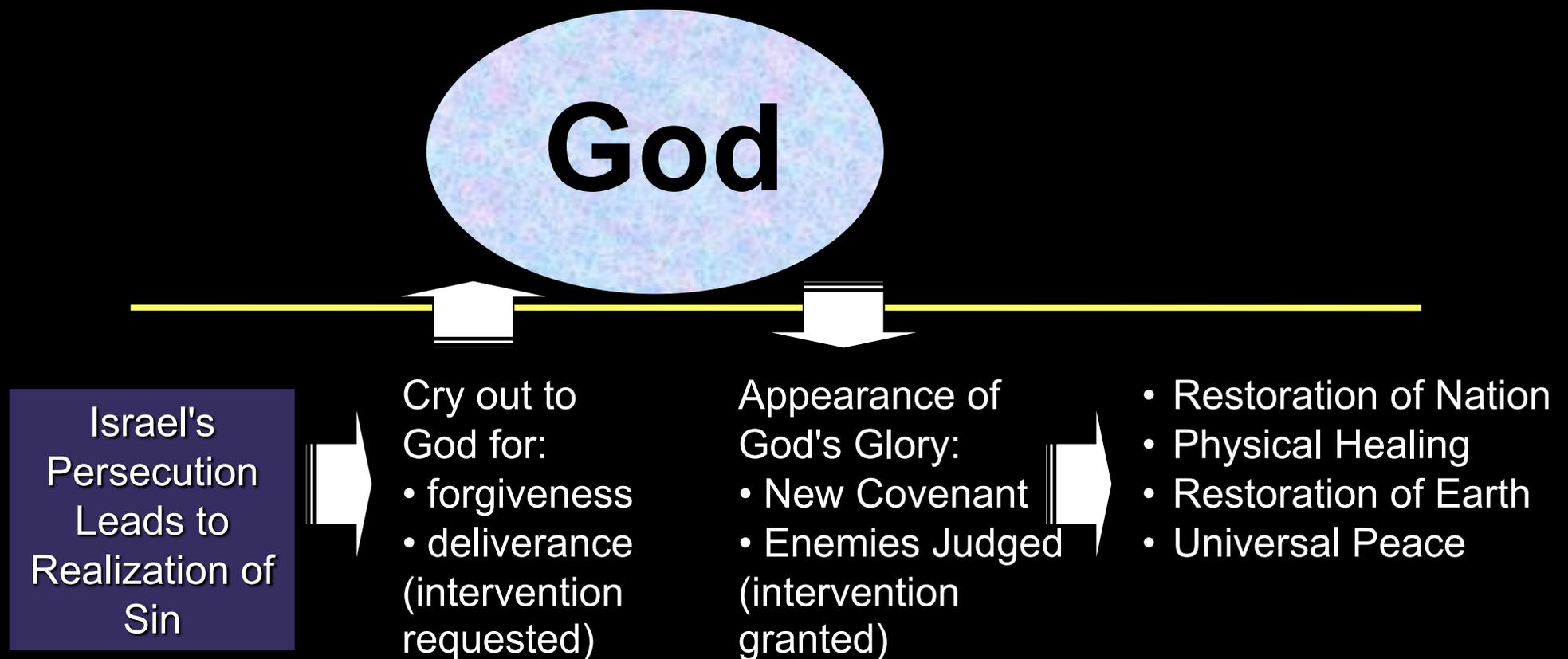
Eschatology (cont'd)

4. ETERNAL PUNISHMENT

- Everlasting Burning (34:10; 66:24)
- Everlasting Torment (50:11)

Isaiah's Eschatology

Adapted from John A. Martin, Dallas Seminary



**"Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth,
and no one will even think about the old ones
anymore. ¹⁸Be glad; rejoice forever in my creation!"**



Isaiah 65:17-18a (NLT)

"And look! I will create Jerusalem as a place of happiness. Her people will be a source of joy. ¹⁹I will rejoice over Jerusalem and delight in my people. And the sound of weeping and crying will be heard in it no more."



Isaiah 65:18b-19 (NLT)

"Never again will there be in [Jerusalem] an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; **he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed."**

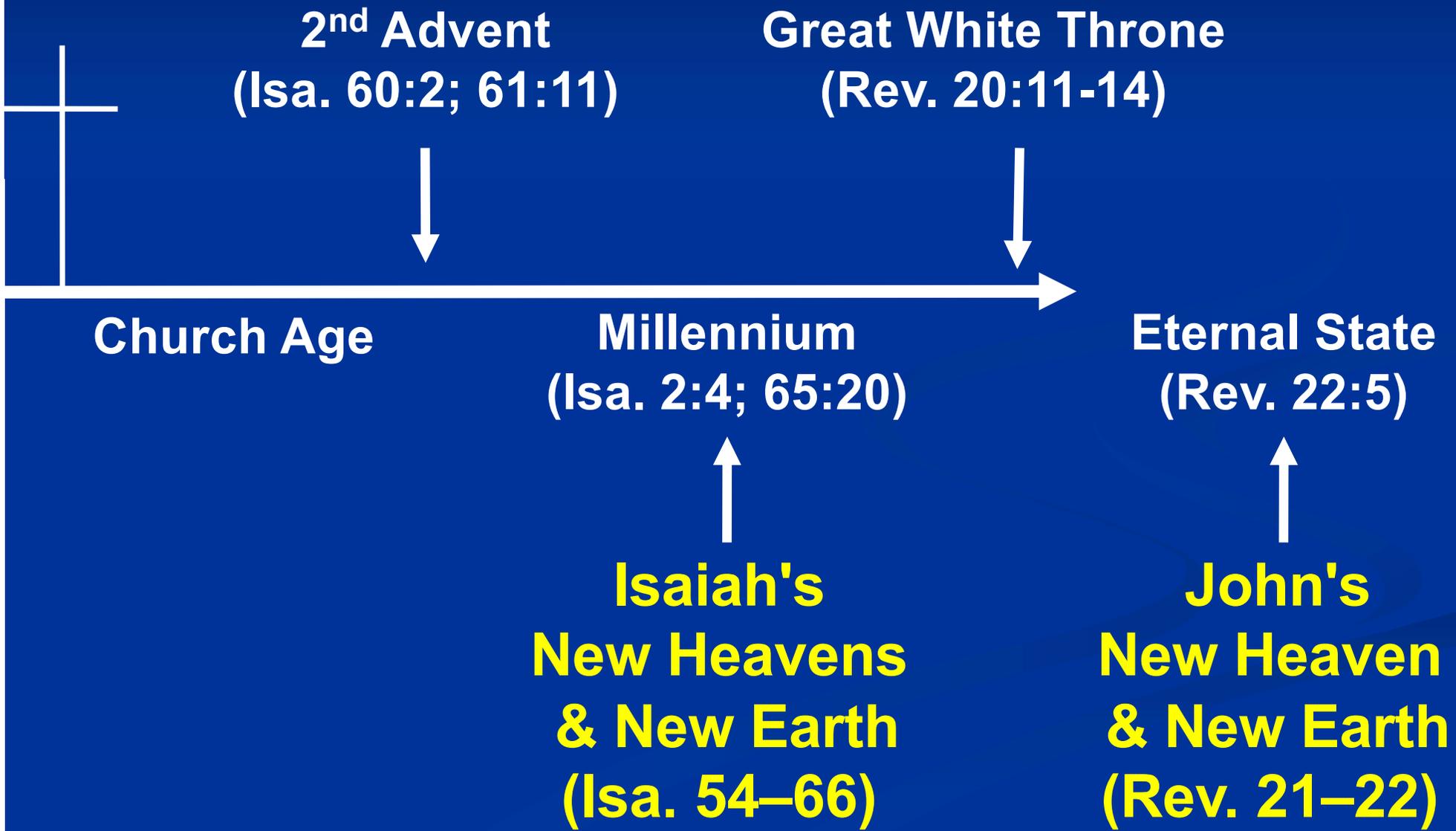
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death
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youngster
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unbeliever
died at
81 years old

Incredibly Long Life (Isaiah 65:20 NLT)!

Two "New Heaven(s) & New Earth"



2nd Advent
(Isa. 60:2; 61:11)

Great White Throne
(Rev. 20:11-14)

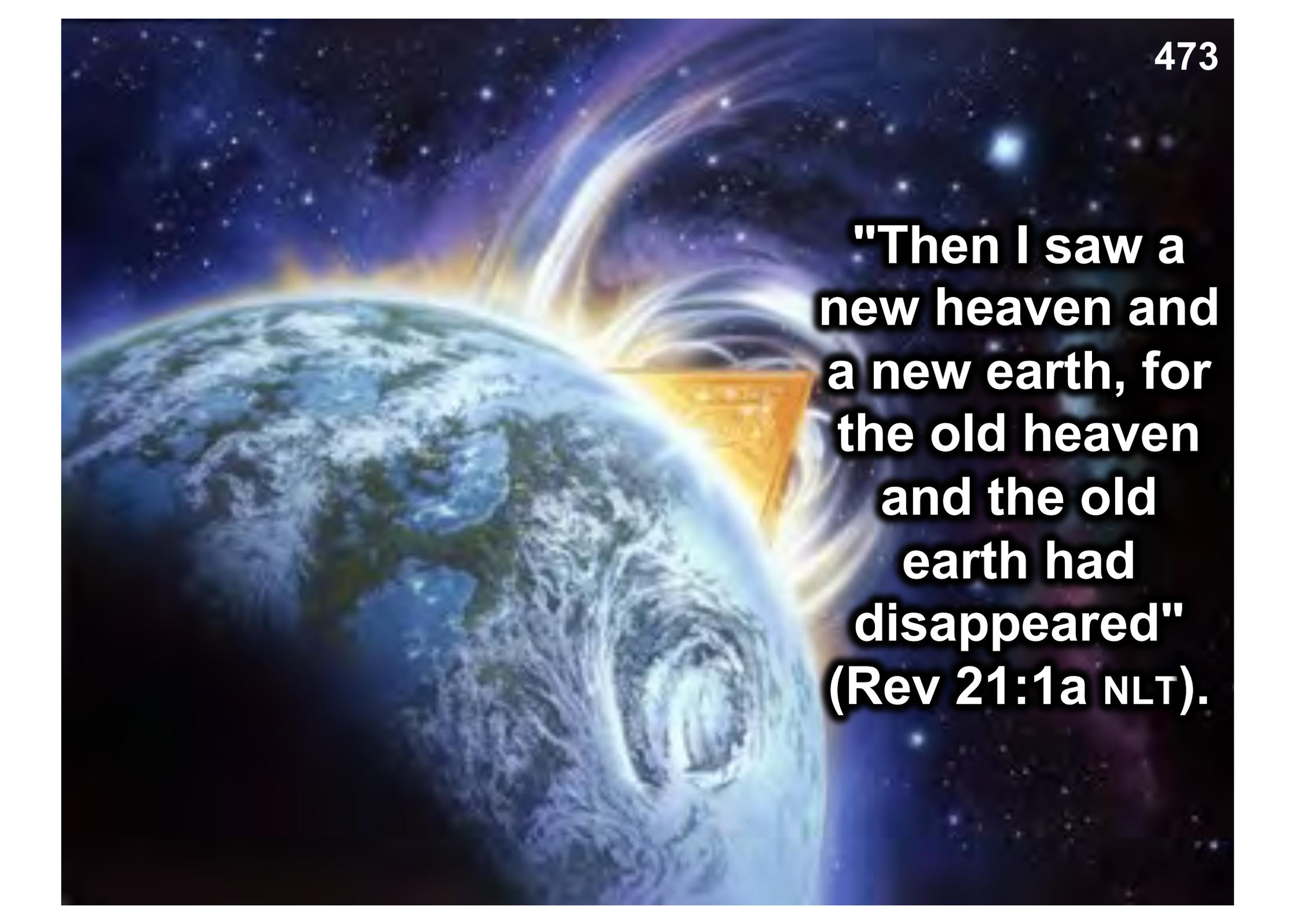
Church Age

Millennium
(Isa. 2:4; 65:20)

Eternal State
(Rev. 22:5)

Isaiah's
New Heavens
& New Earth
(Isa. 54-66)

John's
New Heaven
& New Earth
(Rev. 21-22)



**"Then I saw a
new heaven and
a new earth, for
the old heaven
and the old
earth had
disappeared"
(Rev 21:1a NLT).**

Isaiah v. John on the New Heaven(s) and New Earth

**Isaiah's New Heavens
and New Earth
(Isa. 65:17; 66:22)**

**John's New Heaven
and New Earth
(Rev. 21:1)**

<i>English Term</i>	Plural: "new heavens"	Singular: "new heaven"
<i>Time Period</i>	Millennium	Eternal State
<i>Life span of Inhabitants</i>	Extended yet not infinite life (65:20)	Eternal Life
<i>Death</i>	Possible, though dying at 100 years old is "young" (65:20; cf. 66:24)!	No death (Rev. 21:4) as death is abolished at the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:14)

Isaiah v. John on the New Heaven(s) and New Earth

	Isaiah's New Heavens and New Earth (Isa. 65:17; 66:22)	John's New Heaven and New Earth (Rev. 21:1)
<i>Marriage & Childbirth Activity</i>	Possible (65:23)	Impossible (Matt. 22:30)
	Building of houses and planting of vineyards (65:21)	Christ claimed that he would prepare a place for us (John 14:1f.).
<i>Animal Activity</i>	Peaceful cohabitation of wild animals (65:25a)	No animals are noted by John or in any other text on heaven
<i>Associated City</i>	Protection of God in Jerusalem (65:25b)	Focus is the new Jerusalem (Rev. 20–21)

Isaiah v. John on the New Heaven(s) and New Earth

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<i>Gathering of Nations</i>	Brought to Jerusalem to see God's glory (66:18-20; cf. Zech. 14:16-19)	God's glory provides light for the nations (21:23-24)
<i>Priesthood & Temple</i>	Has a temple, priests, and Levites (66:20-21; cf. Ezek. 40—43)	Has no temple (21:22), so by implication no priests are needed
<i>Celebrations</i>	New Moon and the Sabbath (56:6-7a; 66:23)	No need for these since there will be no need for rest in eternity

Isaiah v. John on the New Heaven(s) and New Earth

**Isaiah's New Heavens
and New Earth
(Isa. 65:17; 66:22)**

**John's New Heaven
and New Earth
(Rev. 21:1)**

Time

Still existent

**Abolished with night
(Rev. 22:5), so rest
every seven "days" is
absurd.**

***Place of
Worship***

Jerusalem (65:23)

Throne of God (22:3-4)

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Isaiah 66:1–2

This is what the LORD says:

**“Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool.**

**Where is the house you will build for me?
Where will my resting place be?**

Isaiah 66:1–2

**² Has not my hand made all these things,
and so they came into being?”**

declares the LORD.

**“These are the ones I look on with favor:
those who are humble
and contrite in spirit,
and who tremble at my word.”**

"Who has ever seen anything as strange as this?
 Who ever heard of such a thing?
 Has a nation ever been born in a single day?
 Has a country ever come forth in a mere moment?
 But by the time Jerusalem's birth pains begin,
 her children will be born."



Isaiah 66:8 (NLT)

The Palestine Post, was an English-language daily newspaper established by Jews in Jerusalem in 1932. In 1950, two years after Israel's creation, its name was changed to The Jerusalem Post, which is still published today. The term Palestine at this time was geographic, not nationalistic, and was used commonly by Jews and Arabs alike. At this time, all inhabitants were known as Palestinians, in the same way people in the United States are called Americans.

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"They will bring the remnant of your people back from every nation. They will bring them to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD. They will ride on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels," says the LORD. ²¹"And I will appoint some of them to be my priests and Levites. I, the LORD, have spoken!"



Isaiah 66:20-21 (NLT)

"As surely as my new heavens and earth will remain, so will you always be my people, with a name that will never disappear,' says the LORD."



Isaiah 66:22 (NLT)



**How will God complete his
plan for all creation?**

Be Complete



Judgment

1–39

*God will **judge** those who reject him (Isaiah 1–39).*

Be Complete



Judgment

1–39

Salvation

40–66

*God will **save** those who trust him (Isaiah 40–66).*

The Main Idea of Isaiah



Judgment

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Salvation

40–66

*God will both **judge** and **save** his creation.*

Key Word

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Restoration

Isaiah

APPLICATION

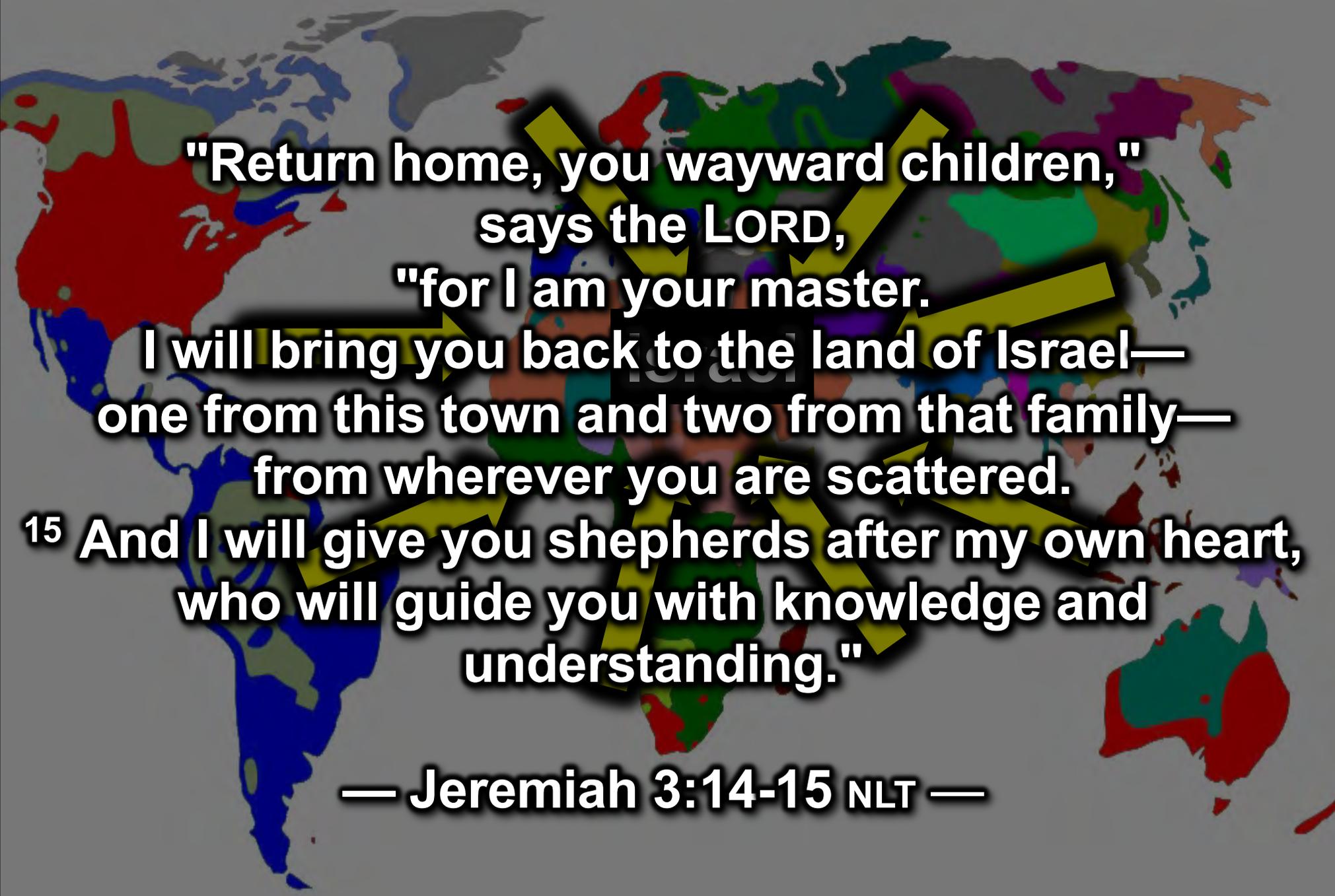


The future restoration of the earth should cause us to get our priorities right now

So realize that God is preparing you for your future rule now!

Jeremiah 3

How will there be a second return?



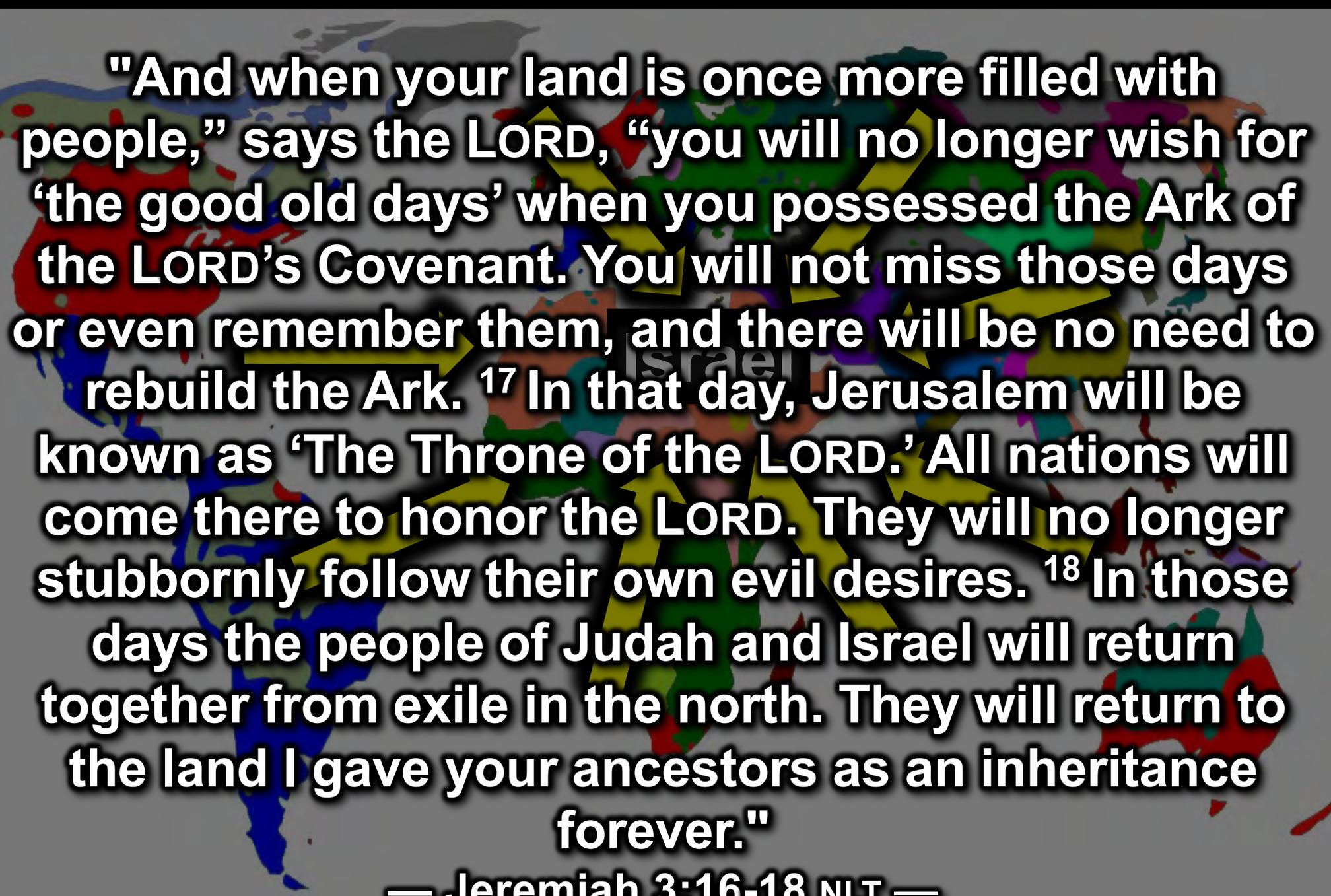
**"Return home, you wayward children,"
says the LORD,
"for I am your master.**

**I will bring you back to the land of Israel—
one from this town and two from that family—
from wherever you are scattered.**

**¹⁵ And I will give you shepherds after my own heart,
who will guide you with knowledge and
understanding."**

— Jeremiah 3:14-15 NLT —

How will there be a second return?



"And when your land is once more filled with people," says the LORD, "you will no longer wish for 'the good old days' when you possessed the Ark of the LORD's Covenant. You will not miss those days or even remember them, and there will be no need to rebuild the Ark. ¹⁷ In that day, Jerusalem will be known as 'The Throne of the LORD.' All nations will come there to honor the LORD. They will no longer stubbornly follow their own evil desires. ¹⁸ In those days the people of Judah and Israel will return together from exile in the north. They will return to the land I gave your ancestors as an inheritance forever."

— Jeremiah 3:16-18 NLT —

Jeremiah 30

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Jer. 30–33

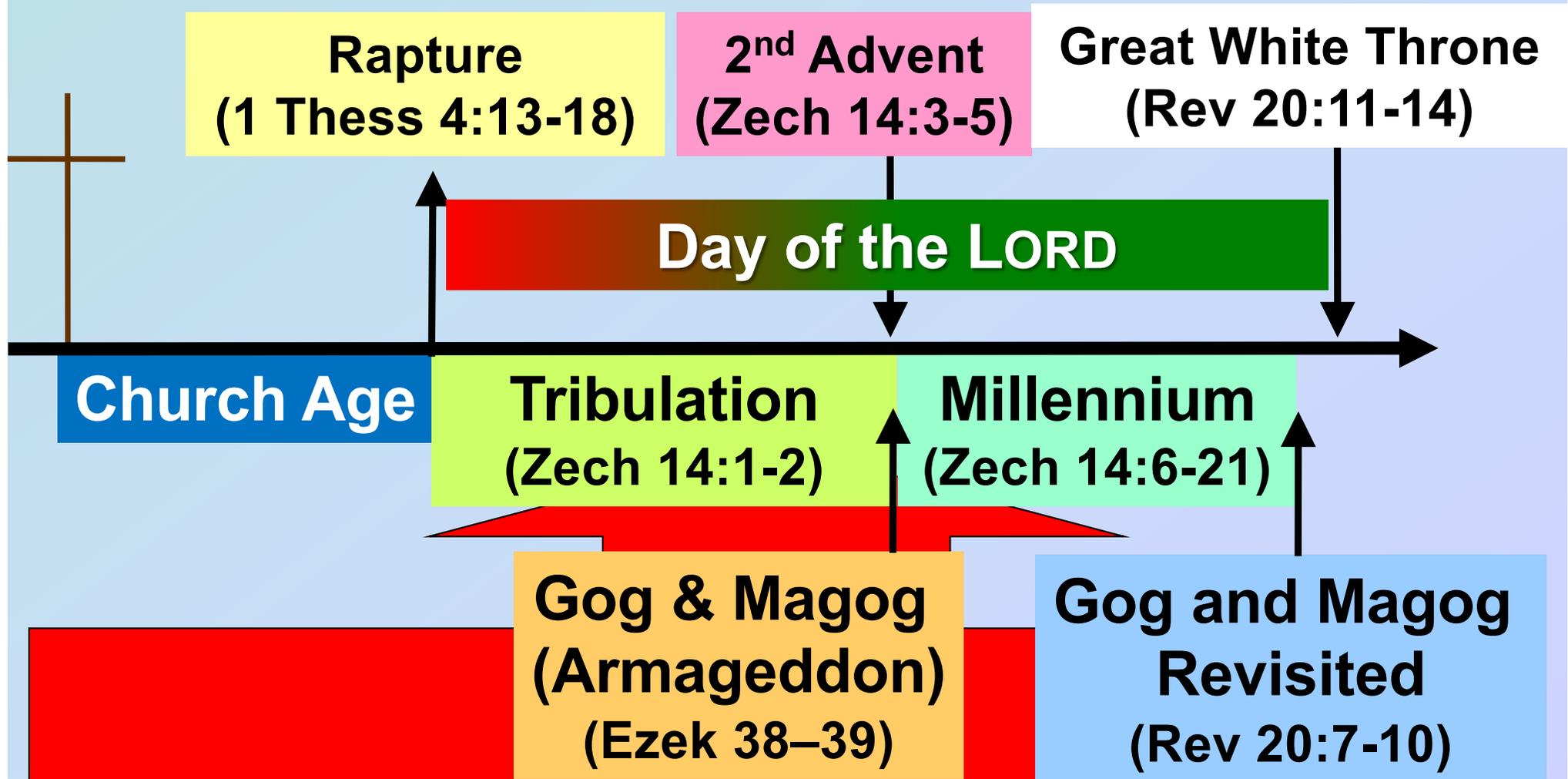


- **Jeremiah redeems a field (Jer. 32) – a sign of hope!**
- **God has not cast aside His people!**
- **A glorious future would follow their judgment.**
- **They will return to the land.**

**How could God get 15 million
Jews back to the land?**



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)

**"For in that day," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies,
"I will break the yoke from their necks and snap their
chains. Foreigners will no longer be their masters.**

**⁹ For my people will serve the LORD their God
and their king descended from David—
the king I will raise up for them" (Jer 30:8-9 NLT)**





"They will have their own ruler again, and he will come from their own people.

**I will invite him to approach me," says the LORD, "for who would dare to come unless invited?
²² You will be my people, and I will be your God."
(Jer 30:21-22 NLT)**

Jeremiah 31

³⁵ 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:

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

³⁷ 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"**



New Covenant & Branch of David



New Covenant – law written on our hearts and Spirit to guide - **Jer. 31**



Branch of David – New King and Priest - **Jer. 33**

The New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34)



Four Unconditional Biblical Covenants

ABRAHAMIC
Genesis 12:1-3

LAND

SEED

BLESSING

LAND
Deut. 30:1-10

DAVIDIC
2 Sam. 7:12-16

NEW
Jer. 31:31-34

The new covenant is God's unconditional amplification of the blessing promise in the Abrahamic Covenant where Judah and Israel will experience national and spiritual redemption.

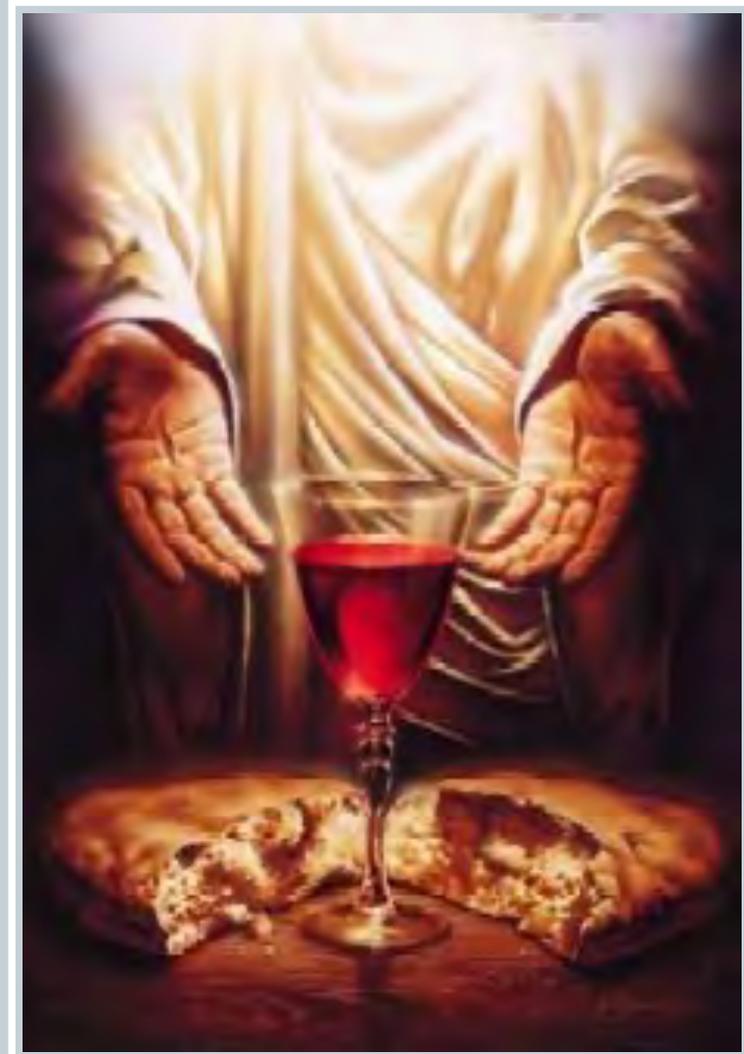
The New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹"The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant **with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.**

³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

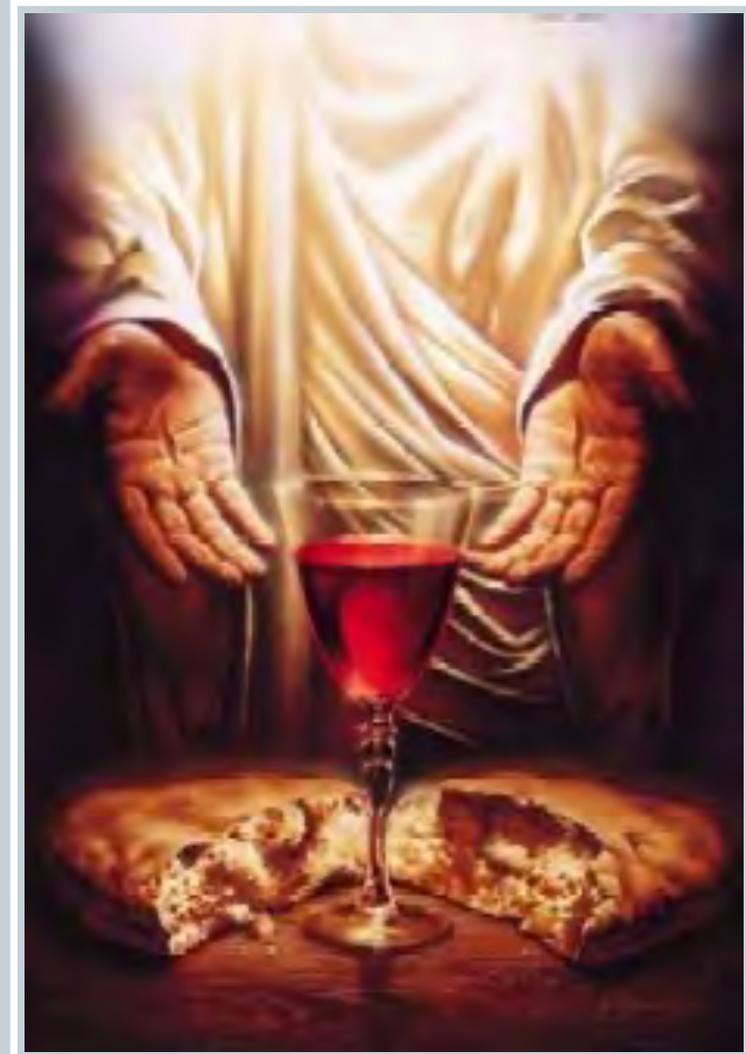
³³"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD.



The New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34

33b "I will put my **law within them**, and I will write it on their hearts. And **I will be their God**, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for **they shall all know me**, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will **forgive** their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."



Unconditional Nature



"God's love is unconditional. But you must act now. Offer may be withdrawn at any time. Void where prohibited by law."

- A. Eternal (Jer. 31:36, 40; 32:40; 50:5; Isa 61:2. 8-9; 24:5; Ezek. 37:26)**
- B. Amplification of the Abrahamic Covenant, which is unconditional**
- C. Unqualified "I will" statements of God**



***The cup (not baptism) is
the new covenant sign***

***... This cup is the
NEW COVENANT
in my blood, which is
POURED OUT
for you.***

LUKE 22:20



How could Jesus apply the new covenant promises to his disciples when the other provisions were not fulfilled then?

**(What about Israel and Judah reunified?
What about all people knowing God?)**

HOW TO RECONCILE?

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (for Israel)

'everlasting covenant'

'a new heart'

'a new spirit'

'a covenant' *'a covenant of peace'*

Luke 22:20 (for church)

Provisions

FULFILLED

- Indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Jer. 31:33 with Ezek. 36:27)
- New nature, heart & mind (Jer. 31:33; Isa. 59:21)
- Forgiveness of sins (Jer. 31:34b)

NOT YET FULFILLED

- Everyone will know the Lord (Jer. 31:34a)
- Israel and Judah will be reunited (Jer. 31:31)



Views on the Time of Fulfillment⁴⁷⁷



Amillennialists often say all of the provisions of the New Covenant are being realized now in the church which they consider the “new Israel.” But are they?

1. Partial Fulfillment in the present church age

- a. Only one New Covenant for Israel (Darby)
- b. Two New Covenants: one for Israel and one for the church (Chafer)
- c. One New Covenant with a two fold- application: primarily to Israel, secondarily to the Church

2. Complete fulfillment after the return of Christ



Views on the New Covenant

View	Explanation	Group	Problems
Restated Mosaic	There is no new Covenant	Critical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OC/NC distinction in text ignored • OC=conditional, NC= unconditional • OC=temporal, NC=eternal • OC=external, NC=internal • OC=no enablement, NC=enablement • NC=peace, prosperity, sanctuary and Spirit
Church Alone	No Israel Participation	Amil / Postmil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ignores OT data - Israel =Church • NC introduced not equal to fulfilled to Israel • Present need to know YHWH • AD 70 Jerusalem vs. Jer. 31:40

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Church Participation	Primarily for Israel Secondarily for the Church	Misc / Present Dispensational	<u>Support</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary fulfillment future – Rom 11 • Deals with both OT and NT data • Forgiveness/ Spirit = Blessings now • NC has new law • Rebuttals to above views

“Old” Replaced by “New”

Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology, 521

“What then is the ‘old covenant’ in contrast with the ‘new covenant’ in Christ? It is not the whole of the Old Testament, because the covenants with Abraham and David are never called ‘old’ in the New Testament. Rather, only the covenant under Moses, the covenant made at Mount Sinai (Ex. 19-24) is called the ‘old covenant’ (2 Cor. 3:14; cf. Heb. 8:6, 13), to be replaced by the “new covenant” in Christ (Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25; 2 Cor. 3:6; Heb. 8:8, 13; 9:15; 12:24).”

Kingdom & Covenants Timeline

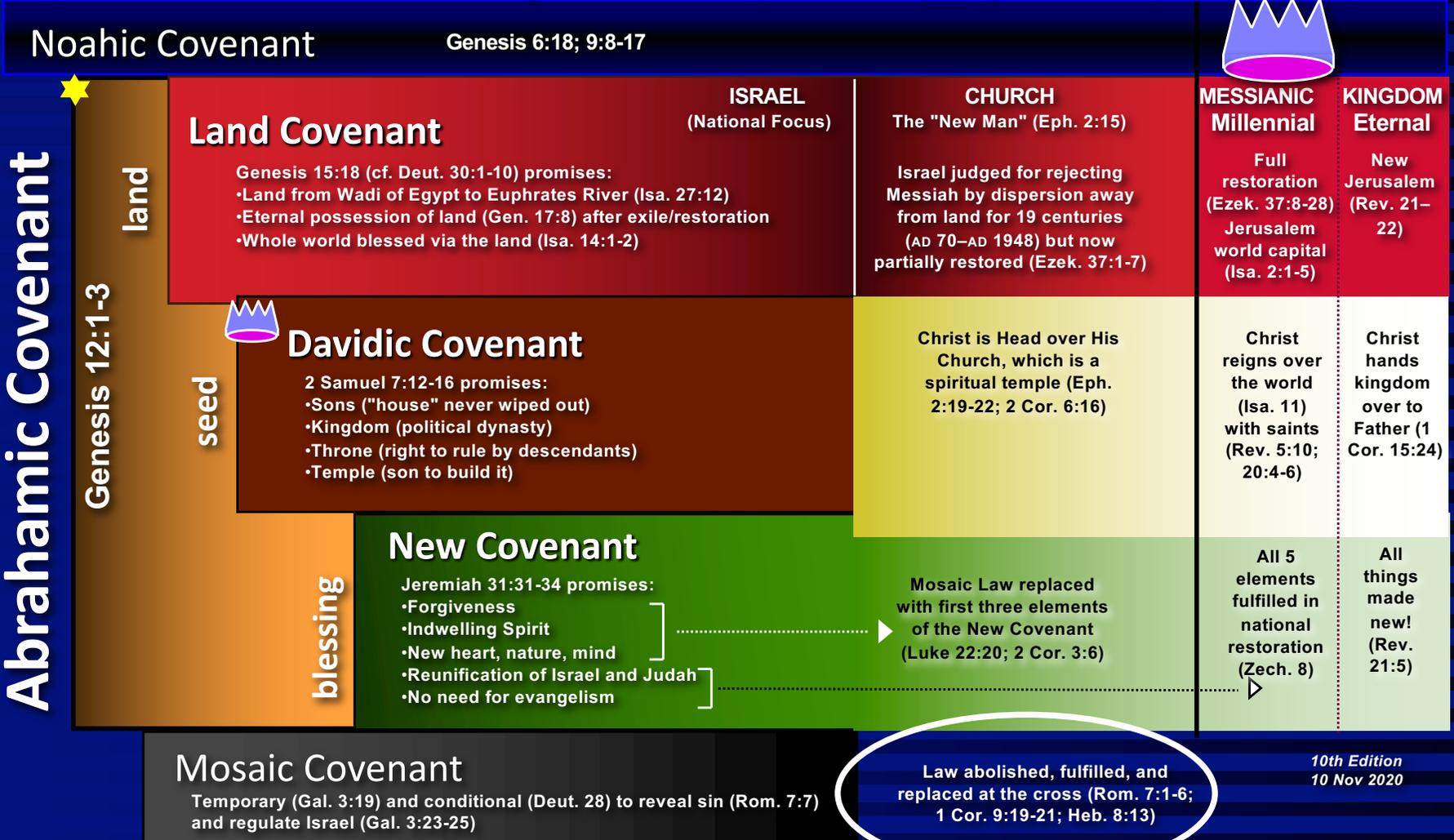


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Fall of Man (Gen. 3)



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“I will certainly bring my people back again from all the countries where I will scatter them in my fury. I will bring them back to this very city and let them live in peace and safety. ³⁸ They will be my people, and I will be their God. ³⁹ And I will give them one heart and one purpose: to worship me forever, for their own good and for the good of all their descendants. ⁴⁰ **And I will make an everlasting covenant with them:** I will never stop doing good for them. I will put a desire in their hearts to worship me, and they will never leave me. ⁴¹ **I will find joy doing good for them and will faithfully and wholeheartedly replant them in this land.”**

—Jeremiah 32:37-41 NLT—

Jeremiah 33

“Then this message came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²⁰ 'This is what the LORD says: If you can break my covenant with the day and the night so that one does not follow the other, ²¹ only then will my covenant with my servant David be broken. Only then will he no longer have a descendant to reign on his throne. The same is true for my covenant with the Levitical priests who minister before me. ²² And as the stars of the sky cannot be counted and the sand on the seashore cannot be measured, so I will multiply the descendants of my servant David and the Levites who minister before me.'”

—Jeremiah 33:19-22 NLT—

“The LORD gave another message to Jeremiah. He said, ²⁴ ‘Have you noticed what people are saying?—“The LORD chose Judah and Israel and then abandoned them!” They are sneering and saying that Israel is not worthy to be counted as a nation. ²⁵ But this is what the LORD says: **I would no more reject my people than I would change my laws that govern night and day, earth and sky. ²⁶ I will never abandon the descendants of Jacob** or David, my servant, or change the plan that David’s descendants will rule the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Instead, **I will restore them to their land and have mercy on them.”**

—Jeremiah 33:23-26 NLT—

Ezekiel 36



**I am bringing you
back, but not because
you deserve it. I am
doing it to protect my
holy name, on which
you brought shame
while you were
scattered among
the nations.**

Ezekiel 36:22

**But WHY
would you
restore Israel?**

The Restoration of Israel

- **Reappointment of Ezekiel (33)**
- **Restoration of Leadership (34)**
- **Restoration of the LORD's Land (35:1–36:15)**
- **Restoration of the LORD's Honor (36:16-38)**



Key Verse

(God to Israel) "For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws" (36:24-27).

Ezekiel



The Glory of the New Covenant

"Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be **clean**. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. And I will give you a new **heart**, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my **Spirit** in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to **obey** my regulations."

Ezekiel 36:25-27

The New Covenant



Contrasting the Covenants (2 Cor. 3-4)**Old Covenant****New Covenant**

initiated by Moses (3:8)

initiated by Christ (3:4)

of the letter (3:6a)

of the Spirit (3:6a, 18b)

kills (3:6b, 7a)

gives life (3:6b)

engraved on stone (3:3b, 7a)

engraved on hearts (3:3b; Jer. 31:33)

glorious (3:7a)

more glorious (3:8, 10)

glory faded (3:7b, 11a, 13b)

glory ever-increases (3:11b, 18)

condemns men (3:9a)

brings righteousness (3:9b)

deception (3:13)

boldness (3:12)

veiled face of Moses (3:13b)

unveiled faces (3:13a, 18a)

veiled minds (3:14a)

unveiled minds (3:14b; 4:3-6)

veiled hearts (3:15)

unveiled hearts (3:16)

dullness (3:14a)

freedom (3:17)

Moses reflected God's glory

all saints reflect Christ's glory (3:17)

non-transforming (3:7)

transforming (3:18)

lack of zeal (3:13)

confidence, steadfastness (3:4-5; 4:1)

deception (3:13)

sincerity (4:2)

The New Covenant in Ezekiel 36

Restoration to the land (36:24, 28, 33)

Cleansing from sin (36:25)

A responsive heart (36:26)

Indwelling of the Spirit (36:27a)

Motivation and ability for obedience (36:27b)



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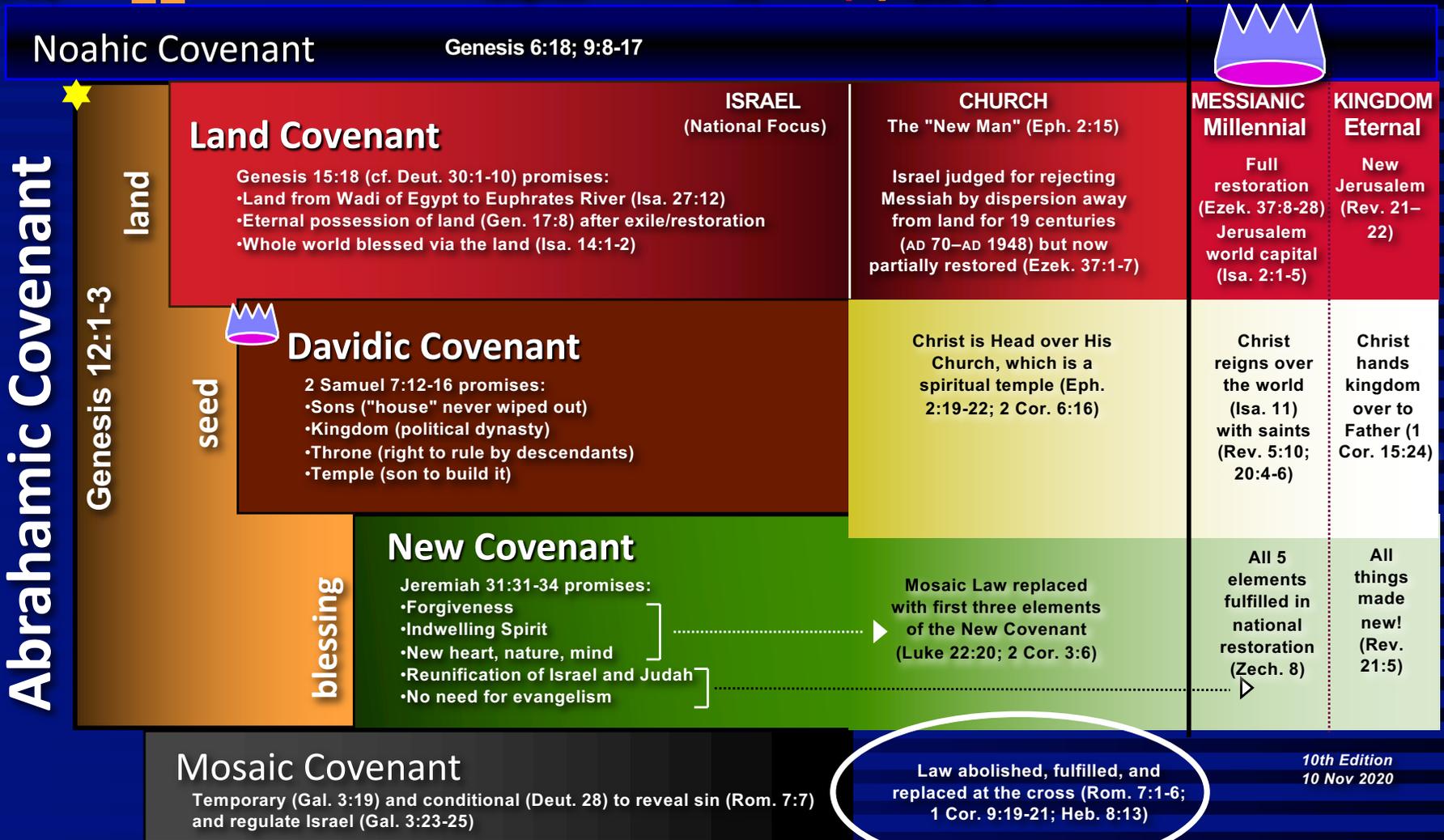
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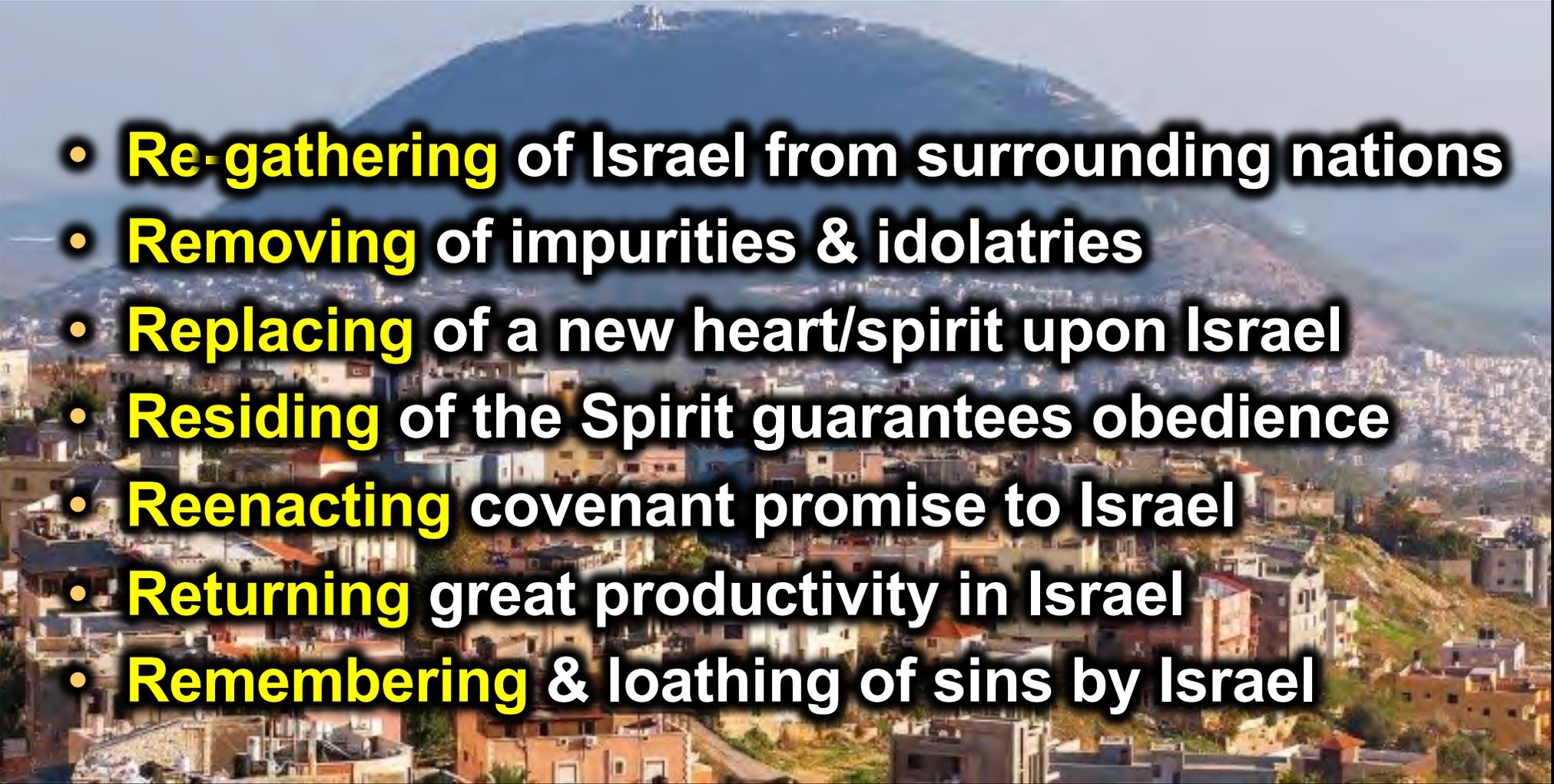


Law abolished, fulfilled, and replaced at the cross (Rom. 7:1-6; 1 Cor. 9:19-21; Heb. 8:13)

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Restoration of the Lord's Honor

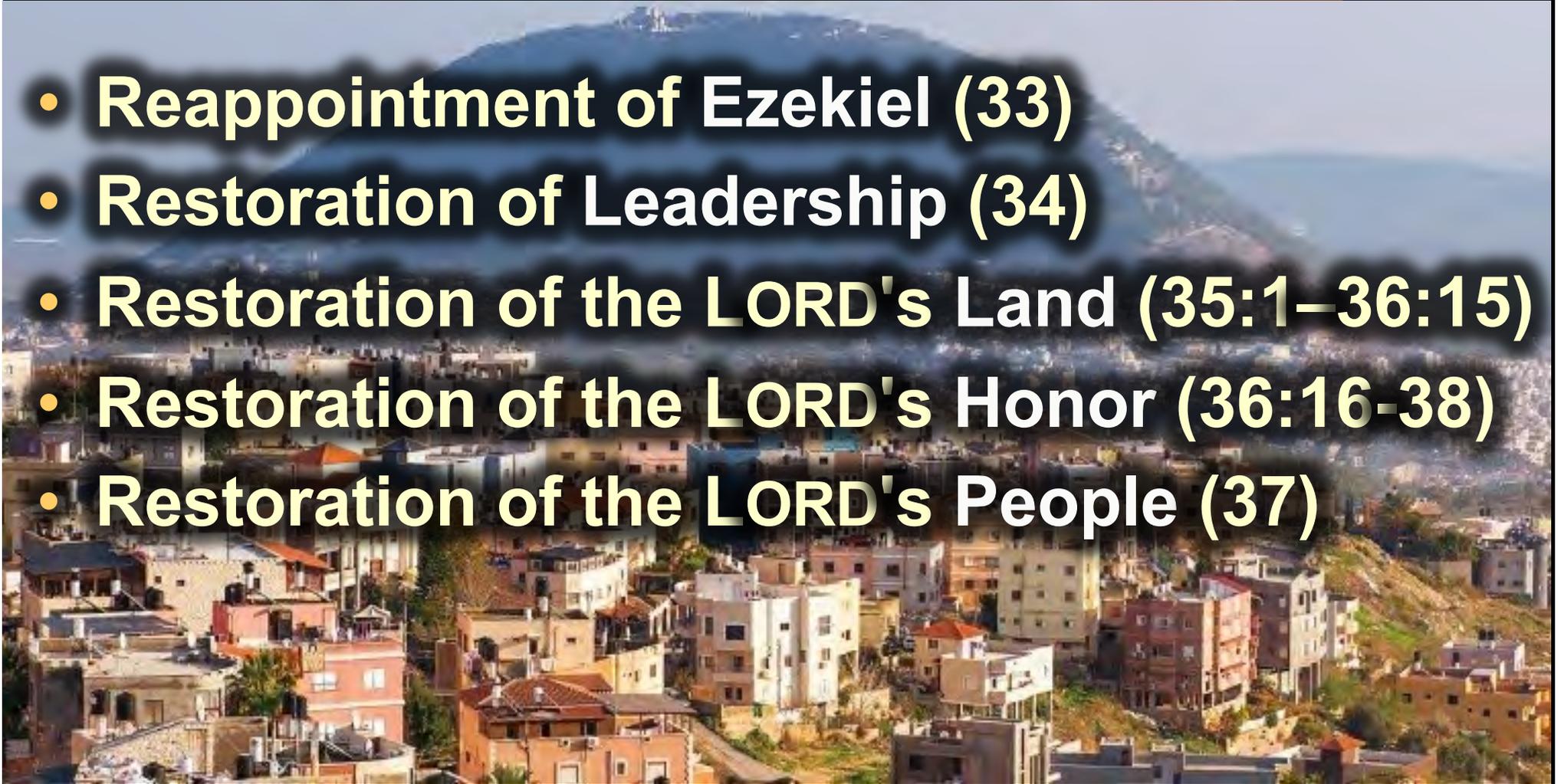
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- An aerial photograph of a densely populated city, likely Jerusalem, with a large, prominent mountain in the background. The city is built on a hillside, and the mountain in the distance is covered in greenery. The sky is clear and blue.
- **Re-gathering** of Israel from surrounding nations
 - **Removing** of impurities & idolatries
 - **Replacing** of a new heart/spirit upon Israel
 - **Residing** of the Spirit guarantees obedience
 - **Reenacting** covenant promise to Israel
 - **Returning** great productivity in Israel
 - **Remembering** & loathing of sins by Israel

Ezekiel 36:16-38

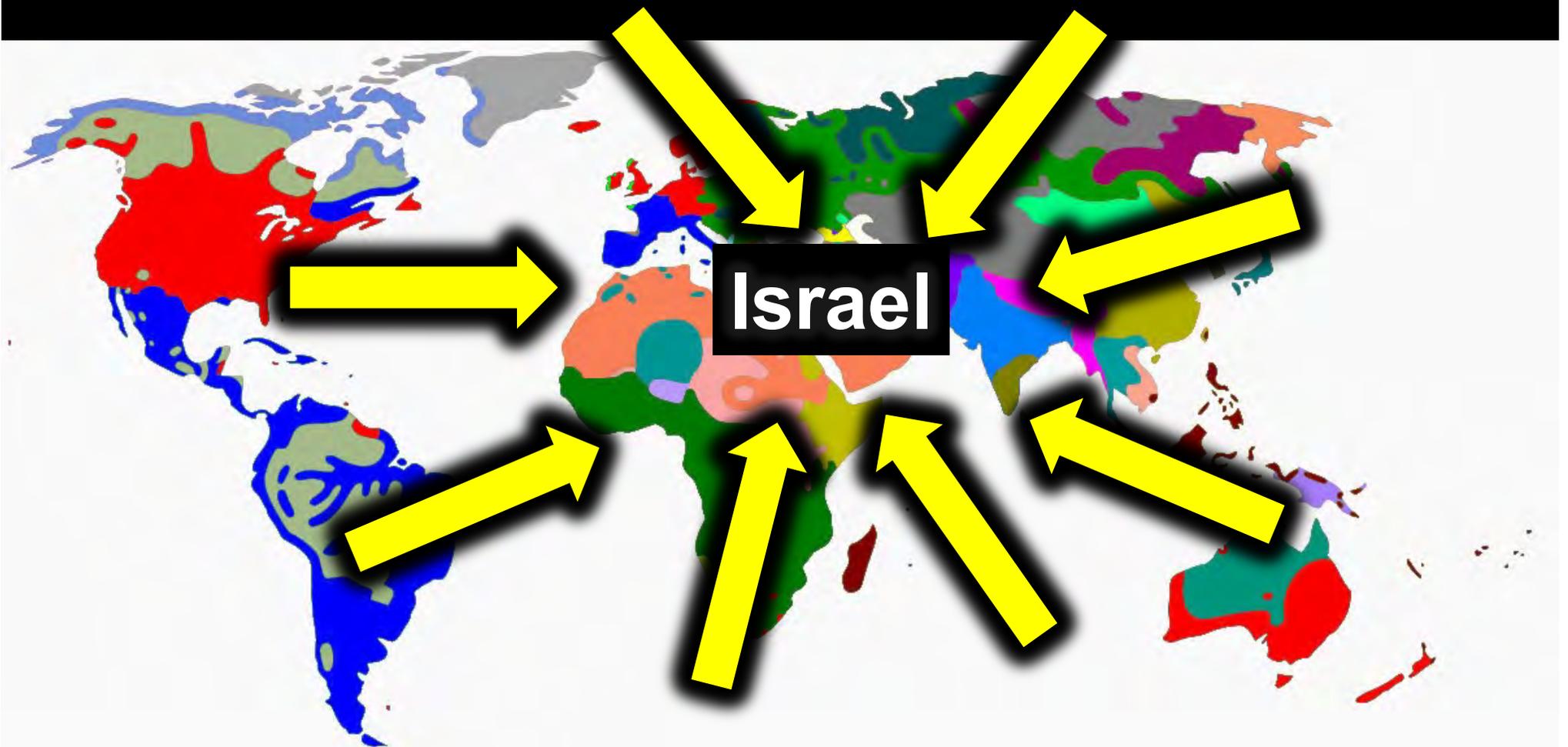
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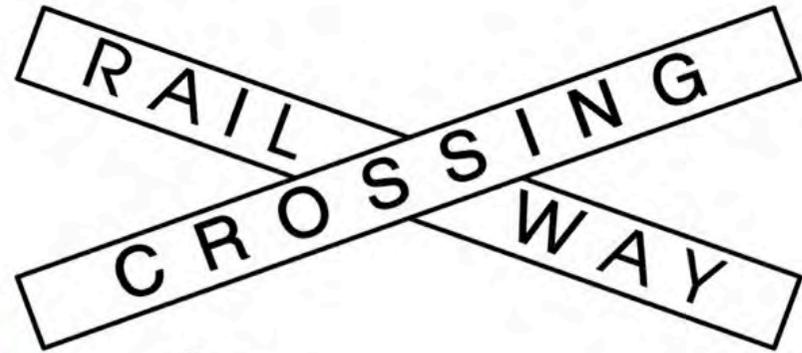
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**How could God get 15 million
Jews back to the land?**





**When are the signs of
Christ's return?**

They come in the Tribulation





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?



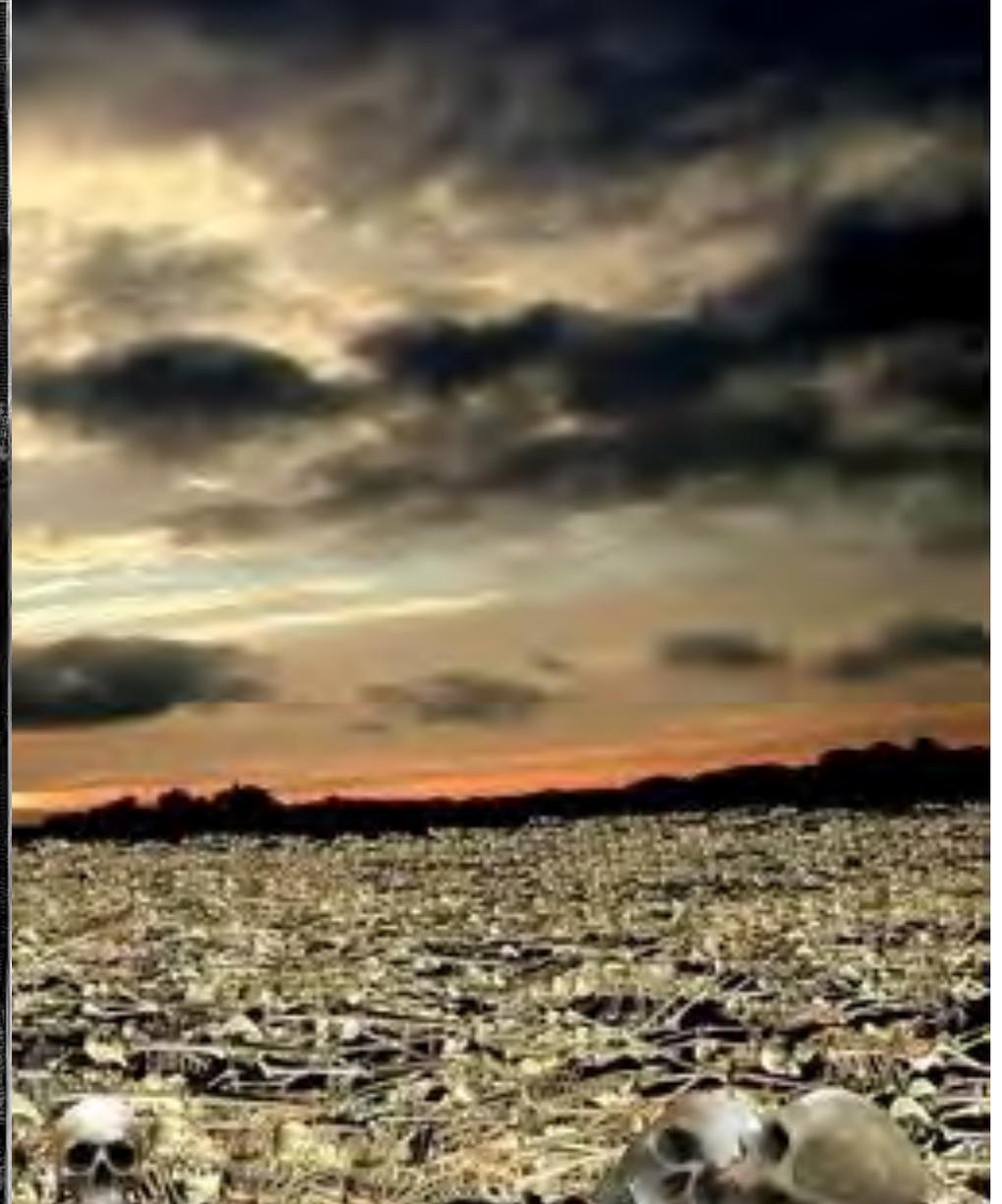
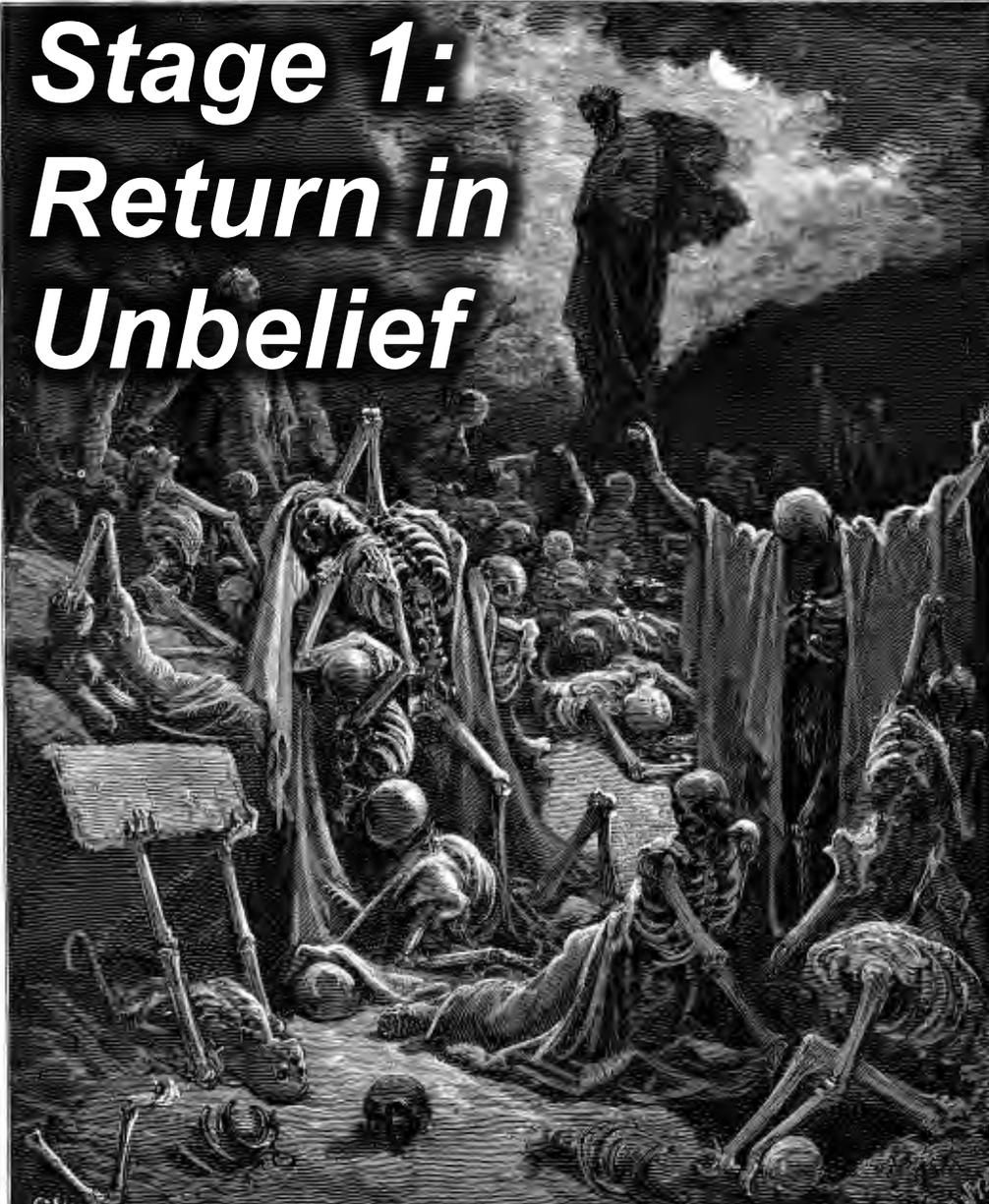
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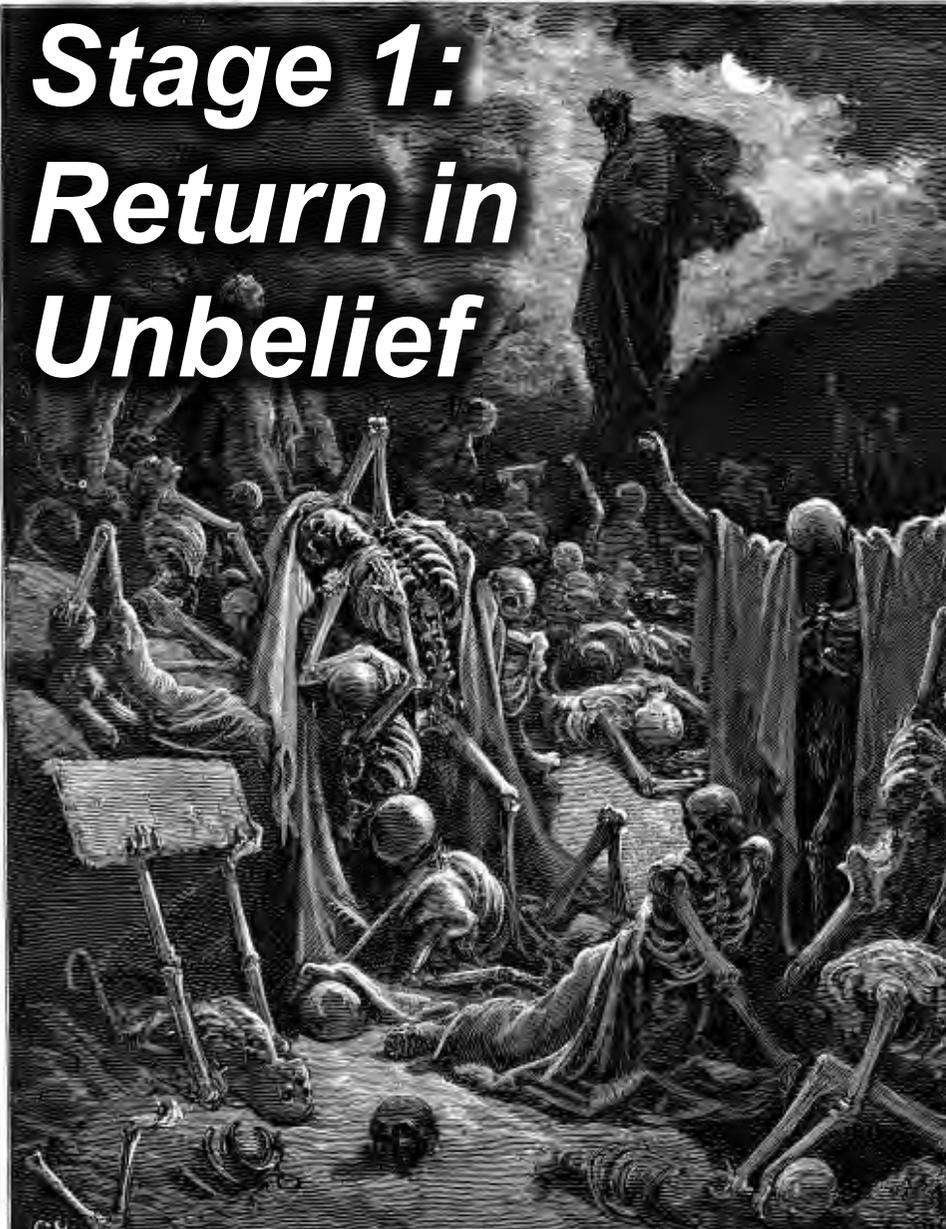
AND HE SAID TO ME,
SON OF MAN, CAN THESE
BONES LIVE?
AND I ANSWERED,
O Lord GOD, You know
EZEKIEL 37:3

**** Don't try that on the final exam***

The Valley of Dry Bones (Ezek. 37)

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**Stage 1:
Return in
Unbelief**



**Stage 2:
Trust in
Messiah**



THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD TO THESE

BONES

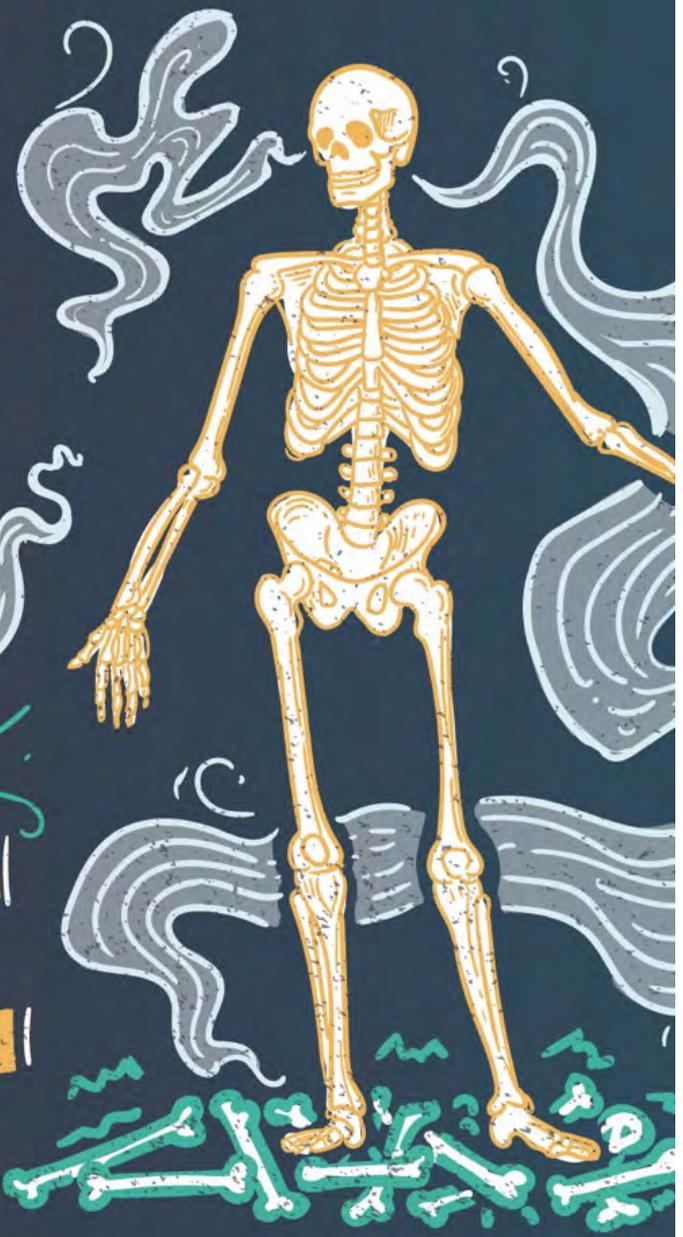
BEHOLD, I WILL CAUSE

BREATH

TO ENTER YOU.

AND YOU SHALL LIVE

EZEKIEL 37:5





"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).

A Hebrew Play on Words

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

=

"Prophecy to the
Spirit" (37:14)

Hebrew רוּחַ (rû^aḥ)

Greek πνεῦμα (pneuma)

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

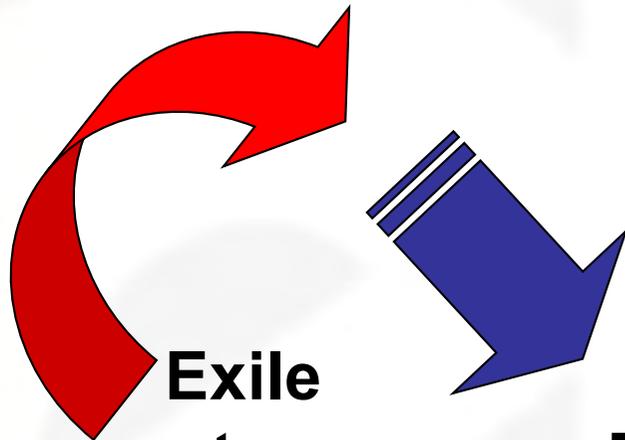
Gen. 2:7

John 3:5, 8; 2 Thess 2:8

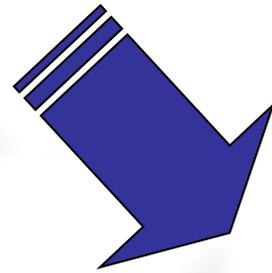


Exiles & Returns

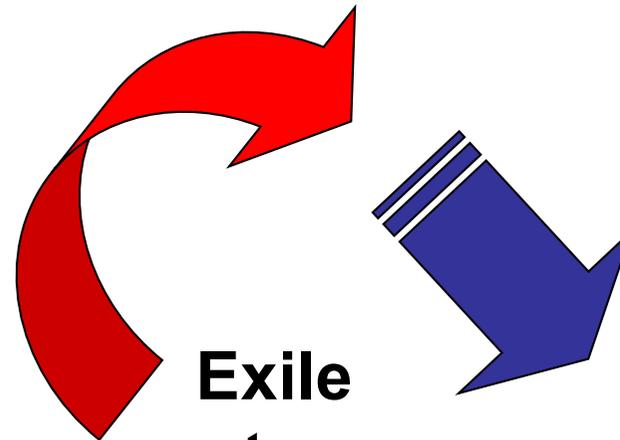
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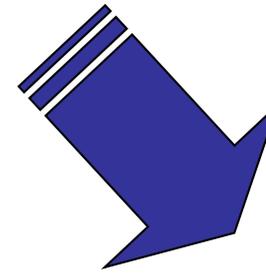
**Exile
to
Babylon
by
King
Nebuchad
-nezzar
(586 BC)**



**Return
to
Israel
by
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?

Returns to the Land

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First Return

Second Return

Dates in Exile

605-536 BC (Jer. 25:11)

AD 132-1948 (Jews
excluded from Israel by
Romans to UN Mandate)

Period Returned

538 BC – AD 132

AD 1948 – Present

Place of Origin

Babylon (Ezra 2:1)

Many nations (Isa. 11:11)

People Returned

Only Judah (Ezra 2:64;
Neh. 11:1)

Israel & Judah return as a
united nation (Jer. 30:3;
31:31)

The Valley of Elah, near Adullam

Returns to the Land

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First Return

Second Return

Israel Before
Return

Prosperous (Jer. 29:4-7)

“Time of trouble” (Jer.
30:7; Matt. 24:4-14)

Nations Before
Return

Victorious (Dan. 7:1-4)

Ruling over Israel in
“times of the Gentiles”
(Luke 21:24)

Nations at Return

Supportive (Ezra 1:1-4)

Judged (Dan. 2:44; 7:19-
26; Jer. 30:6; Zech. 14:2-
3; Rev. 19:11-21)

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Returns to the Land

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First Return

Second Return

Conditions
Following:

— Freedoms

Subjects of Persia,
Greece, & Rome (Dan. 7)

“No longer will foreigners
enslave them” (Jer. 30:8)

— Wars

Many (Dan. 11:1-35)

None (Isa. 2:4; Jer. 30:10)

— Covenant

Mosaic (Jer. 31:32)

New (Jer. 31:31)

— Temple

Second (Ezra 6:15)

Ezekiel’s (Ezek. 40:48)

The Valley of Elah, near Adullam

Returns to the Land

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First Return

Second Return

**Conditions
Following:**

— **Boundaries**

Judah later expanded to
Galilee (e.g., Matt. 2:2)

Wadi of Egypt to
Euphrates River
(Isa. 27:12; cf. Gen 15:18)

— **Palace**

None (Ezra 4:4)

Rebuilt (Jer. 30:18b)

— **King**

None (Hos. 3:4)

Christ (Isa. 9:6; 11:1-5;
Mic. 5:2)

— **Emotions**

Regret (Mal. 3:14)

Comfort & joy (Jer. 31:13)

The Valley of Elah, near Adullam

How will there be a second return?

33-34

*Israel will trust
in her Messiah
(Ezekiel 37:14)*

**"I will put my Spirit in
you, and you will live
again and return home
to your own land. Then
you will know that I,
the LORD, have
spoken, and I have
done what I said. Yes,
the LORD has
spoken!"**

How will there be a second return?

33-34

Reunification of Israel & Judah (37:15-23)

"I will unify them into one nation on the mountains of Israel. One king will rule them all; no longer will they be divided into two nations or into two kingdoms"
(Ezekiel 37:22 NLT).

United to Divided to United Again

1 Kings 11



1 Kings 12



Ezekiel 37:15-23

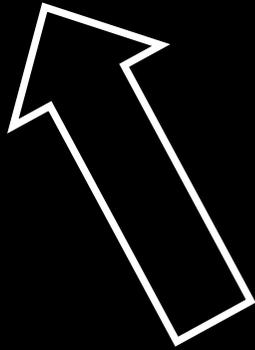




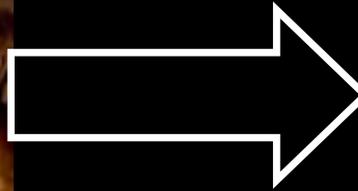
Two Sticks (Ezekiel 37:15-28)

Israel

Judah



Two Sticks (Ezekiel 37:15-28)



Two Sticks (Ezekiel 37:15-28)

One Stick







“ימי-שנותינו בהם שבעים שנה...”

“For a Man’s days are 70 years...”

- Psalms 90:10

**In 2018 Israel
celebrated 70
years of return!**



Rabbi Jeremy Gimpel

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***

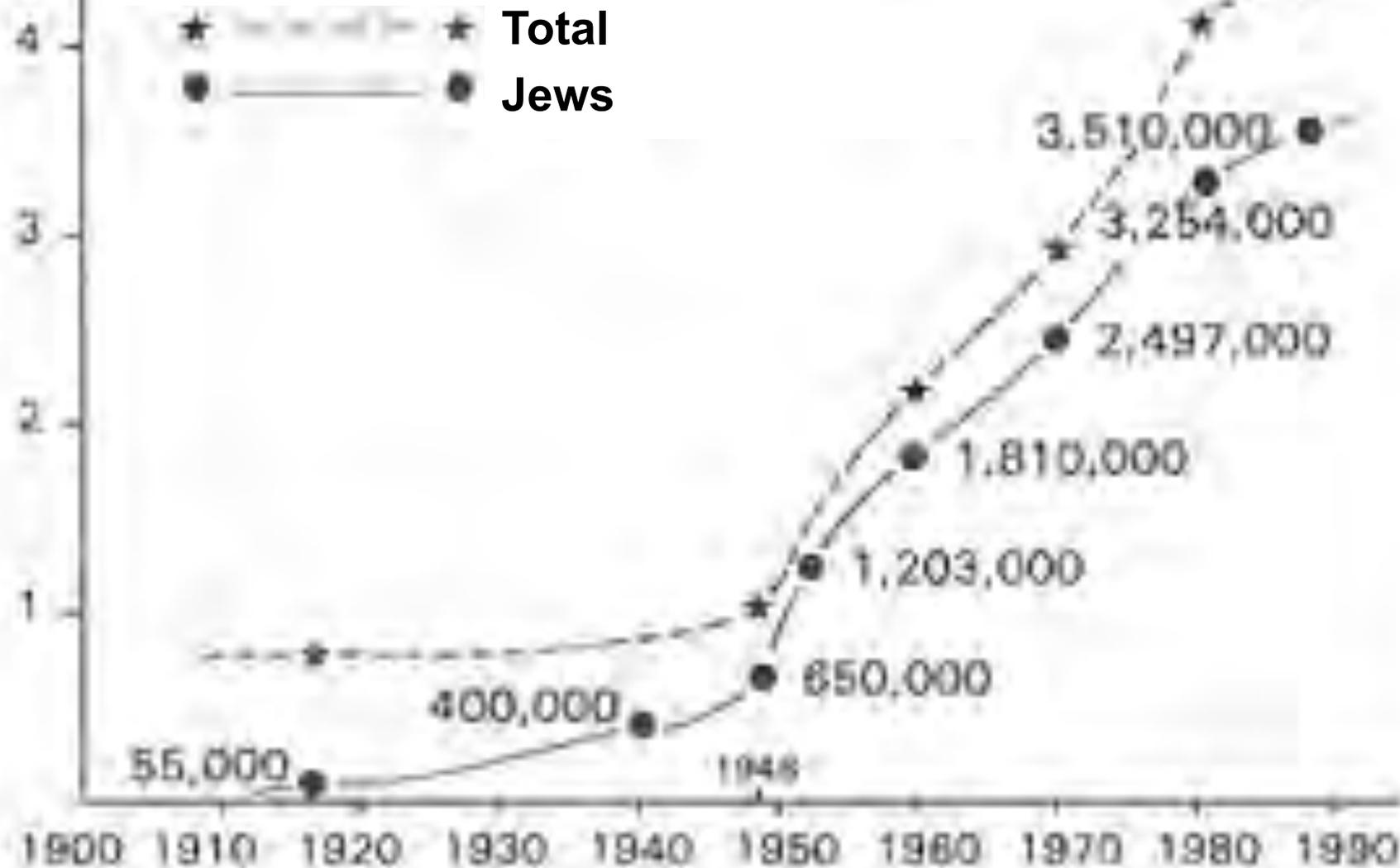
Jews Return in the 20th Century

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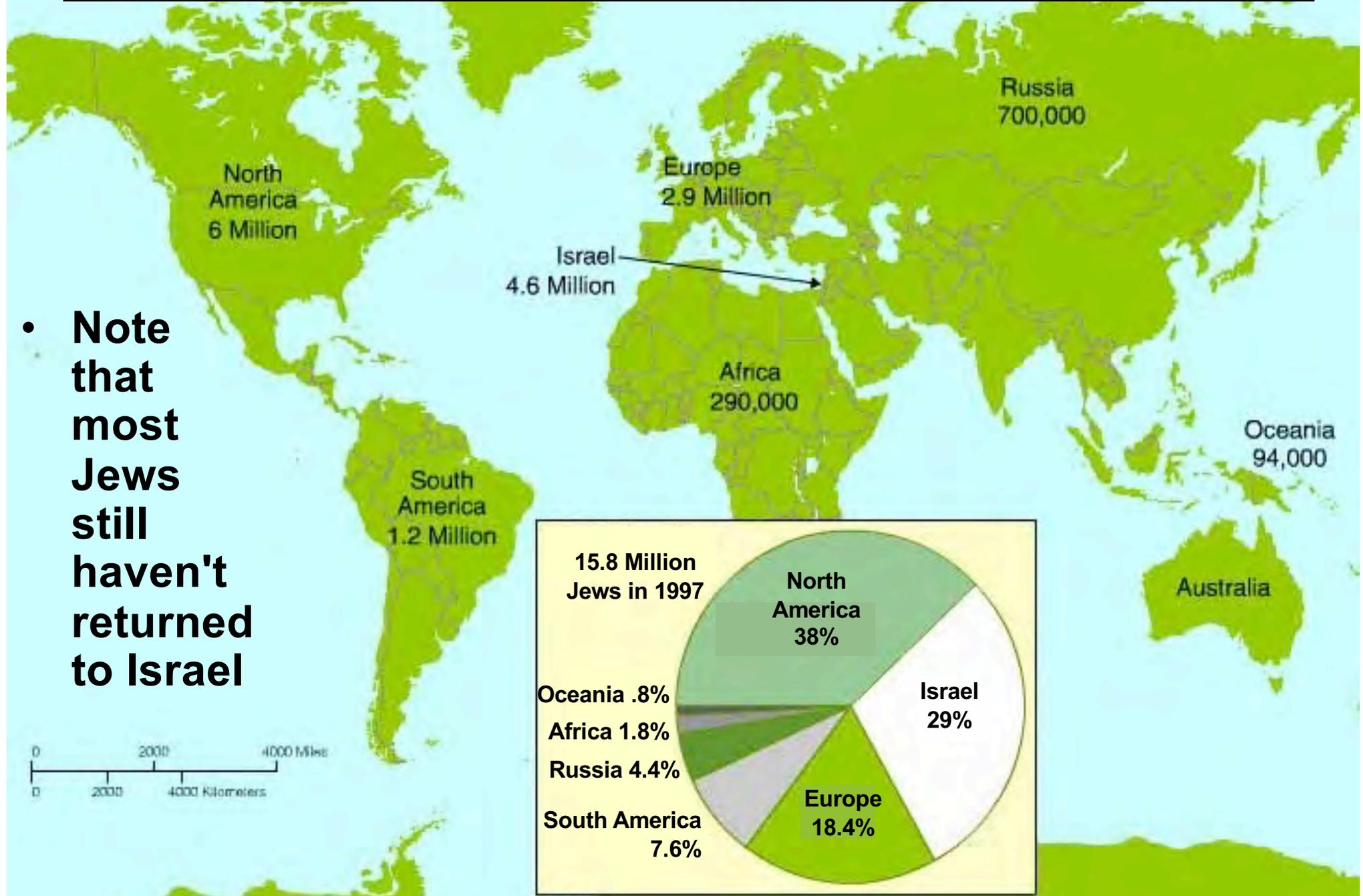
millions

*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

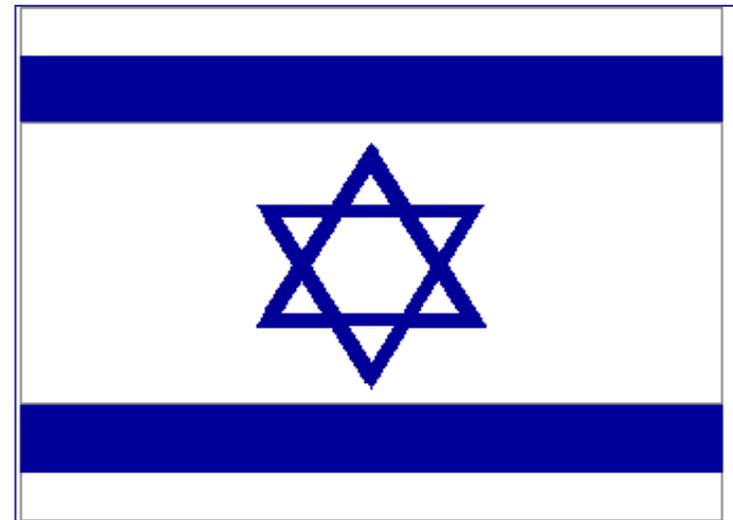


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**To return to the
land of Israel,
Jews had to
become a nation
once again (1948)**



Israel regained ancient borders in stages (1946-2000)



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.

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Palestinian and Jewish land 1946



UN Partition plan 1947



1949 - 1967



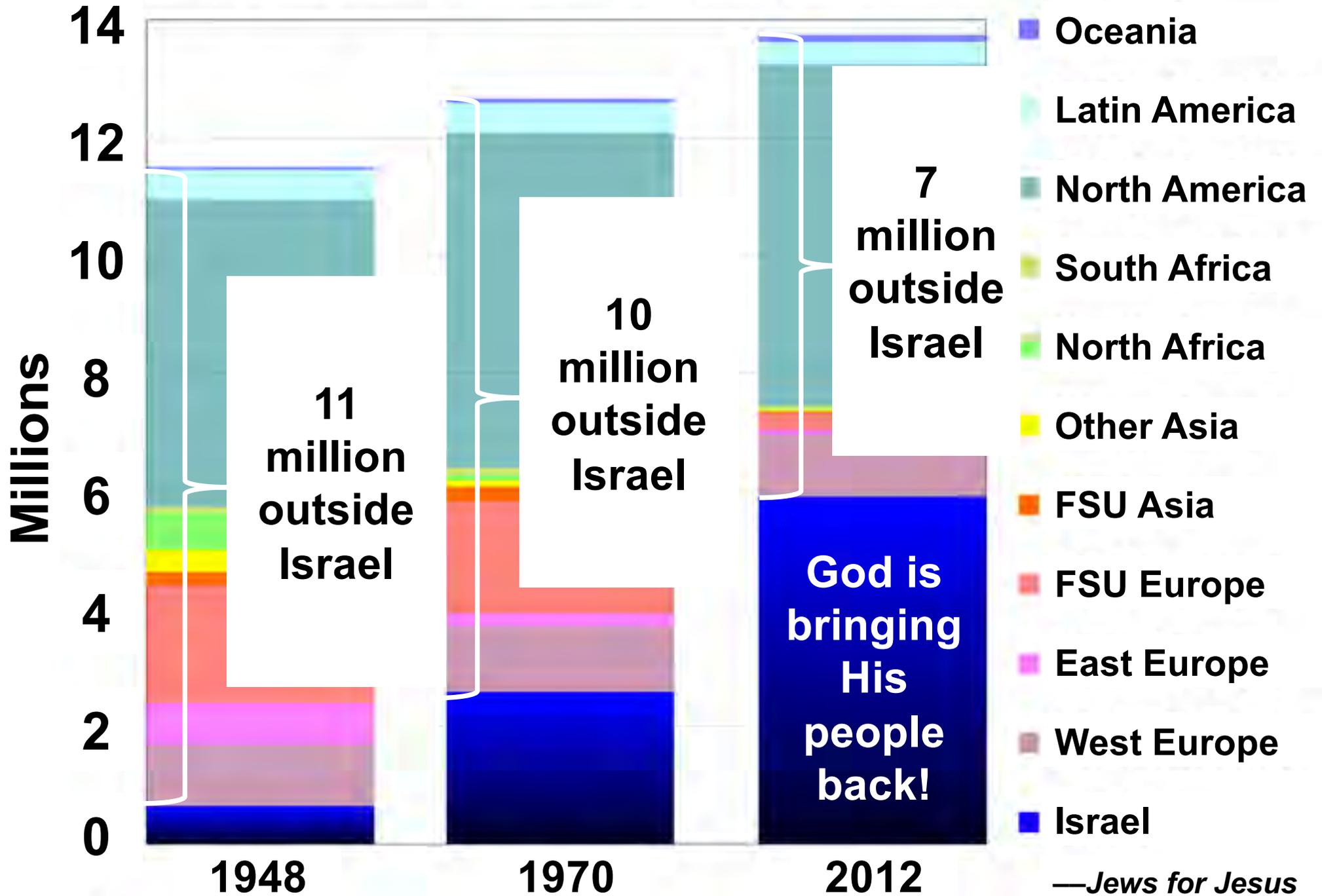
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Jews also needed to regain Jerusalem, which they did in the Six-Day War (1967)



Jewish Population by Major Regions (1948-2012)



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

How will there be a second return?

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How will there be a second return?

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The Messiah will rule forever (37:25)



"And David My servant shall be their prince forever."

Ezekiel 37:25

How will there be a second return?

33-34

Permanent temple (Ezekiel 37:26b, 28)



"I will put my Temple among them forever....²⁸ And when my Temple is among them forever, the nations will know that I am the LORD, who makes Israel holy."

The Postexilic Era

295
296
560

 Temple work

Prophets:

Haggai
Zechariah

Malachi

605

586

539

536

520

516

483-473

444-425



Others:

Zerubbabel

Esther Ezra

Nehemiah

Persian Kings:

Cyrus

Darius

Xerxes

Artaxerxes

How will there be a second return?

33-34



**Postexilic prophecy
(Zechariah 10:9-10)**

Lebanon

Gilead

Egypt

Assyria

"Though I have scattered them like seeds among the nations, they will still remember me in distant lands. **They and their children will survive and return again to Israel.**
¹⁰ I will bring them back from Egypt and gather them from Assyria. I will resettle them in Gilead and Lebanon until there is no more room for them all."

How will there be a second return?

33-34

Second re-gathering (Isaiah 11:11)

“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” (Isaiah 11:11 NIV).



**God will
restore
Israel to the
land twice!**

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)*

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

Restoration of the LORD's People

- **Re-gathering of Israel back into their own land**
- **Reuniting of two nations into one**
- **Ruling of Israel under one king**
- **Rescuing of Israel from her sins**
- **Recommitment of Israel to obey Yahweh's laws**
- **Reestablishing covenant of peace with Israel**
- **Residing of Yahweh in Israel's midst**
- **Recognition of Yahweh's holiness by all**

**Preparing
for Glory...**

**God will give new life
(Ezekiel 33–39)**

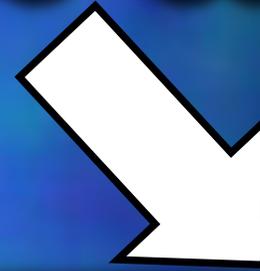


**God will
restore
Israel
(33–37)**

**God will
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Israel
(38–39)**

**Preparing
for Glory...**

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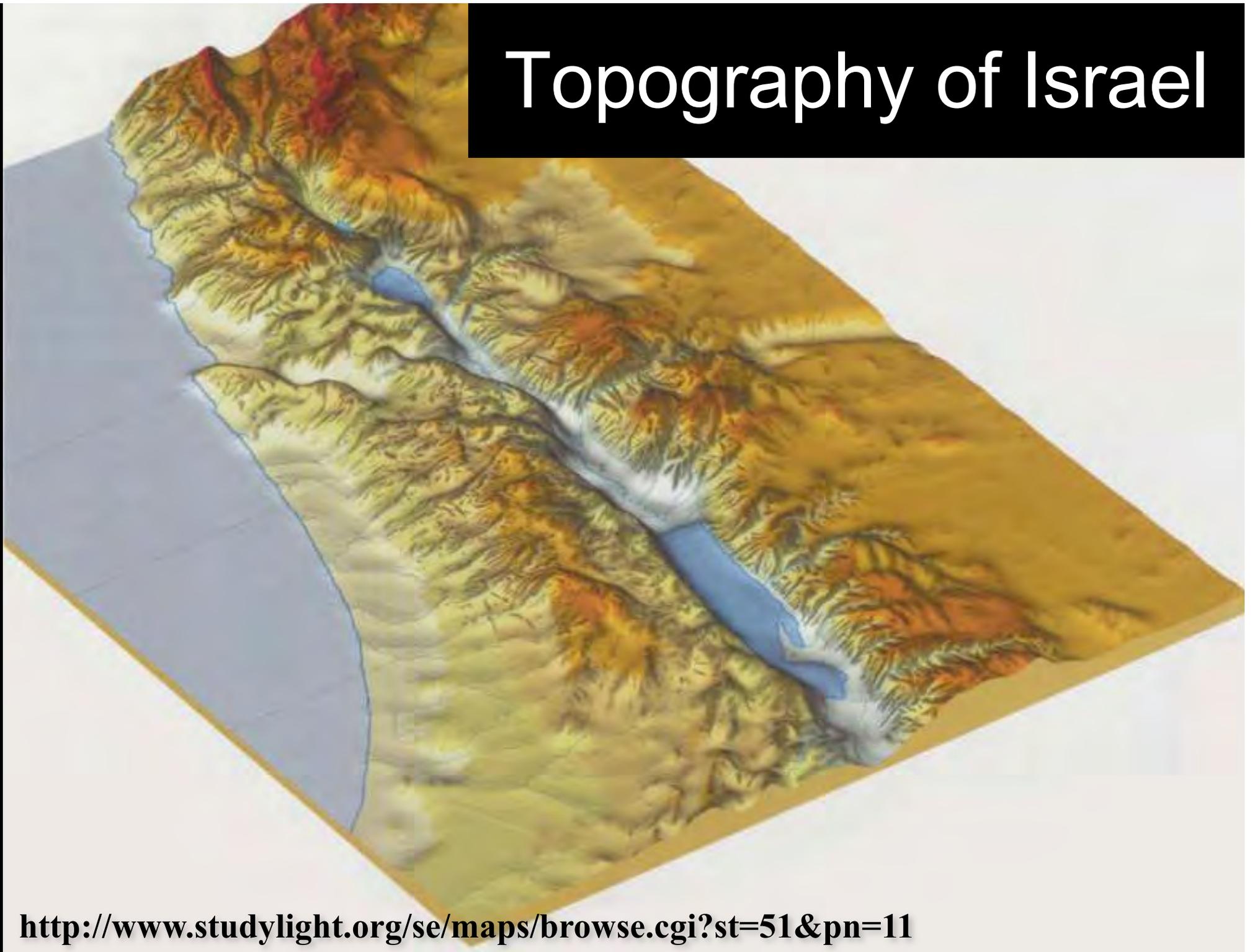


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destroying
her enemies**

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(38–39)**

Ezekiel 47

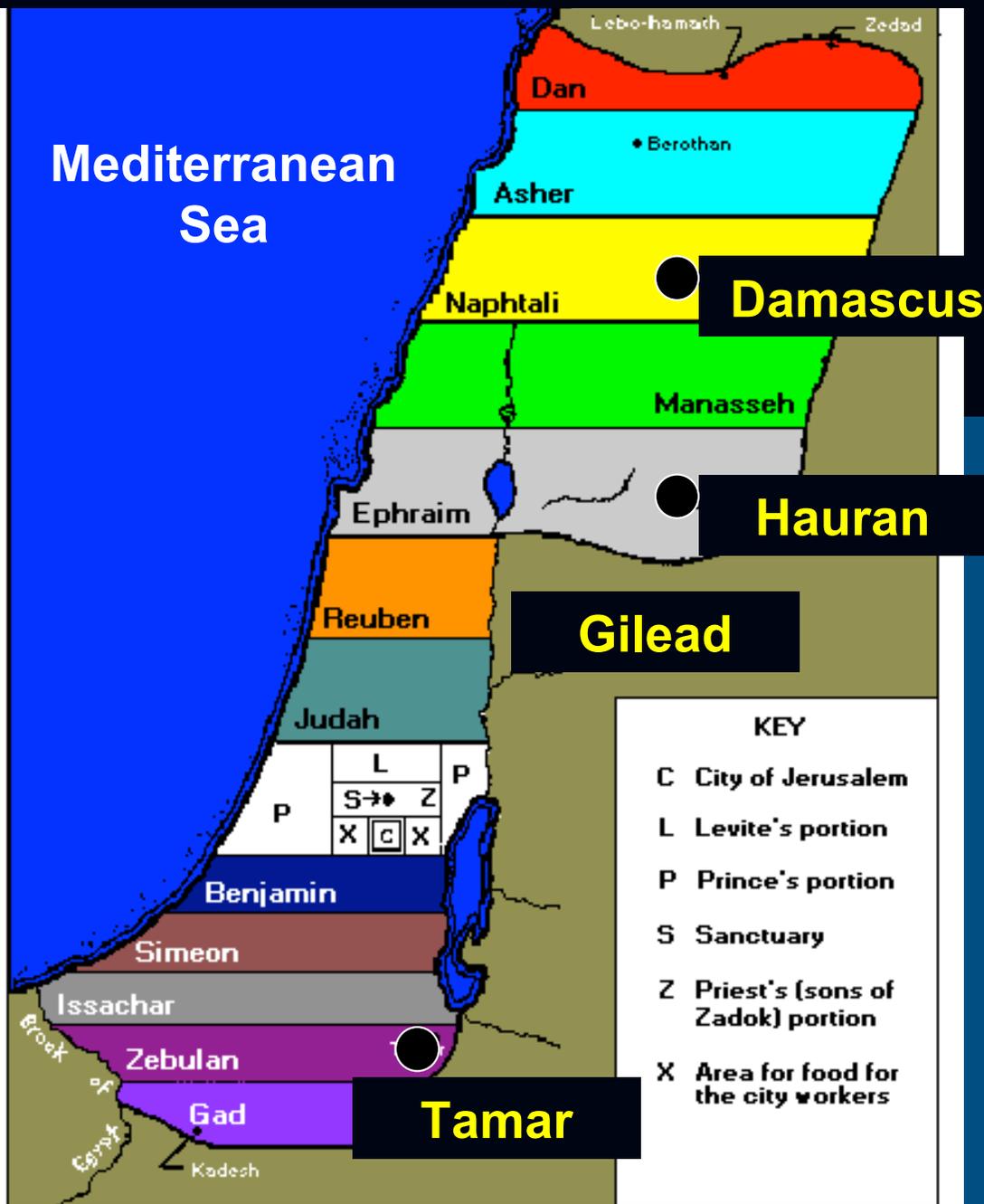
Topography of Israel



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Land Allotment in the Millennium According to Ezekiel

Millennial Kingdom Boundaries (47:13-20)



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Shared Land with Jews & Gentiles

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

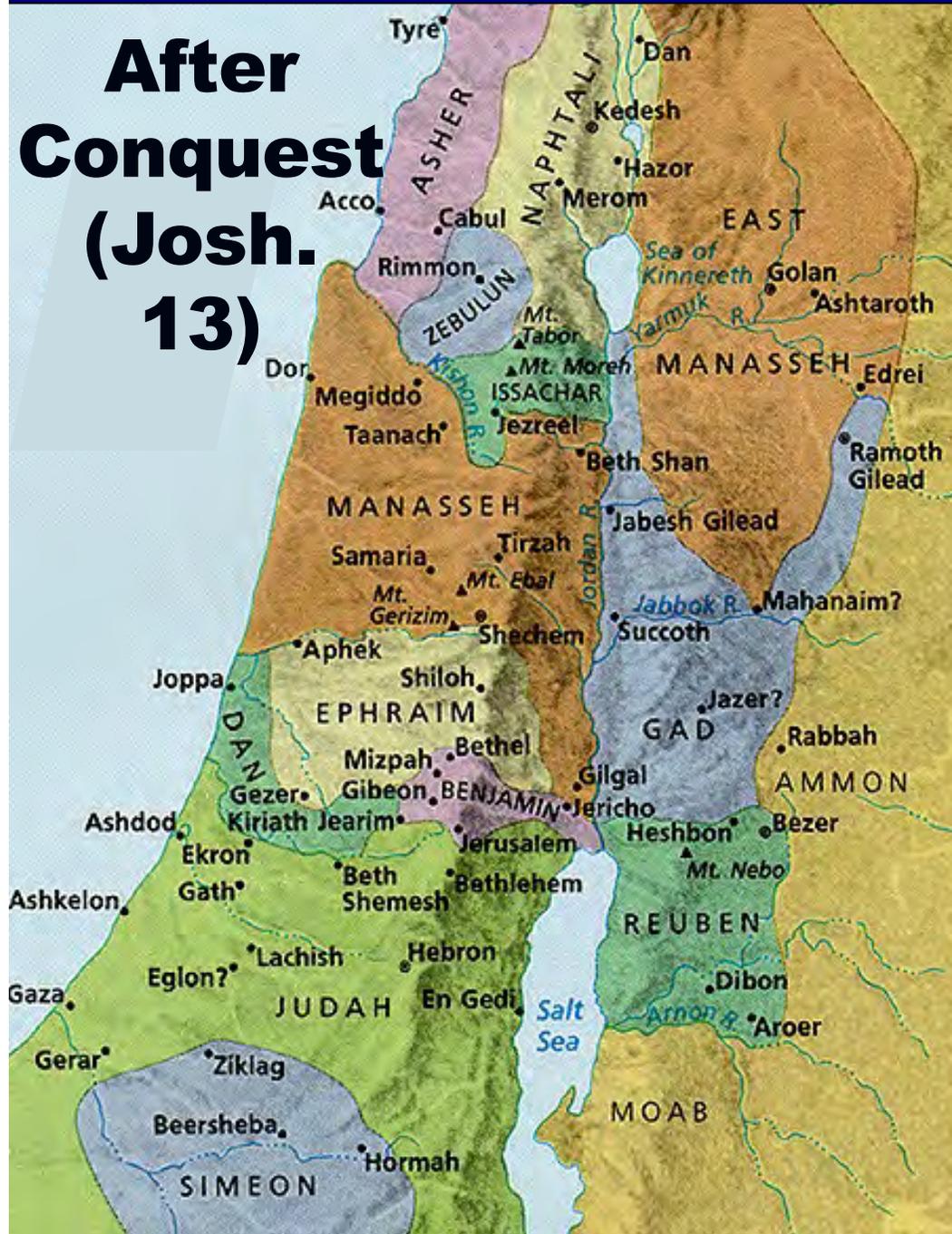
You are to **consider them as native-born Israelites**; along with you they are to be allotted an inheritance among the tribes of Israel. ²³In whatever tribe the alien settles, there you are to **give him his inheritance,**’ declares the Sovereign LORD”
(Ezekiel 47:21-23 NLT).

Ezekiel 48

Tribal Redistribution

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**After
Conquest
(Josh.
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**Millennial
Israel
(Ezekiel
47-48)**



Land Portions

(48:1-7)

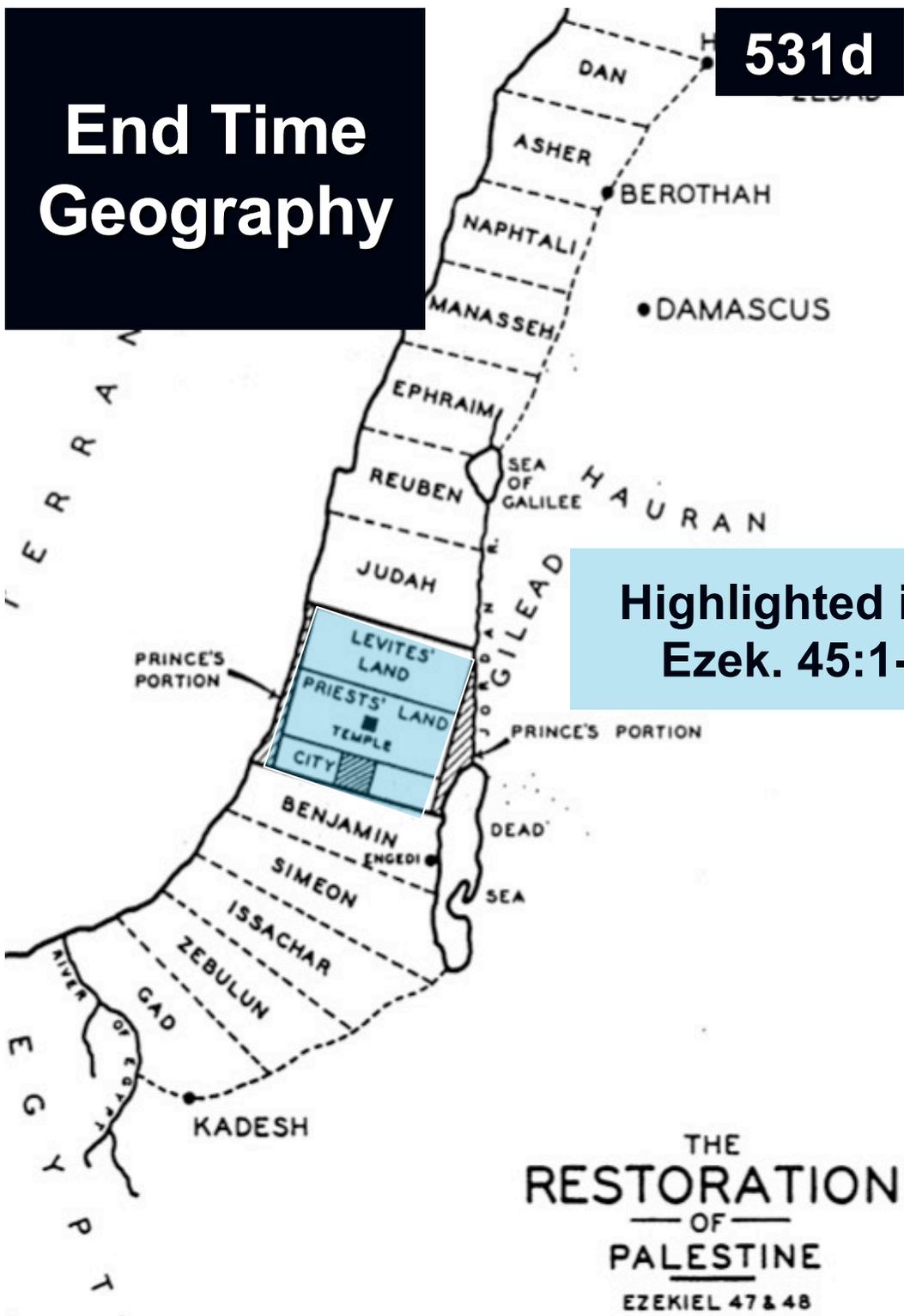


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Portions of land for the tribes of Israel going straight across from east to west. I have not tried to present accurate boundaries, but rather to show the general arrangement of the tribal portions. For example, the Golan Heights will probably be within the borders of Israel, though the picture doesn't show it that way.

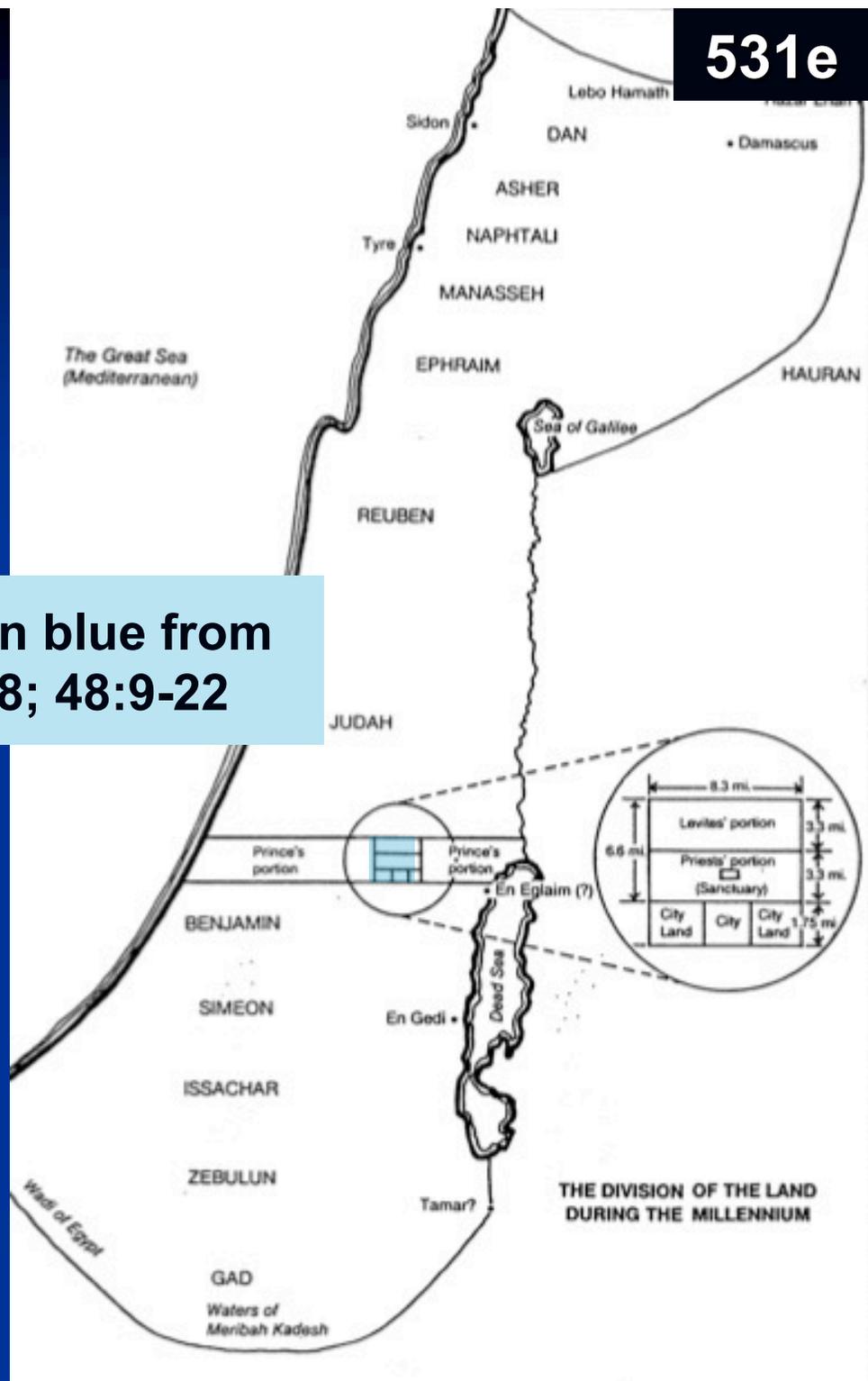
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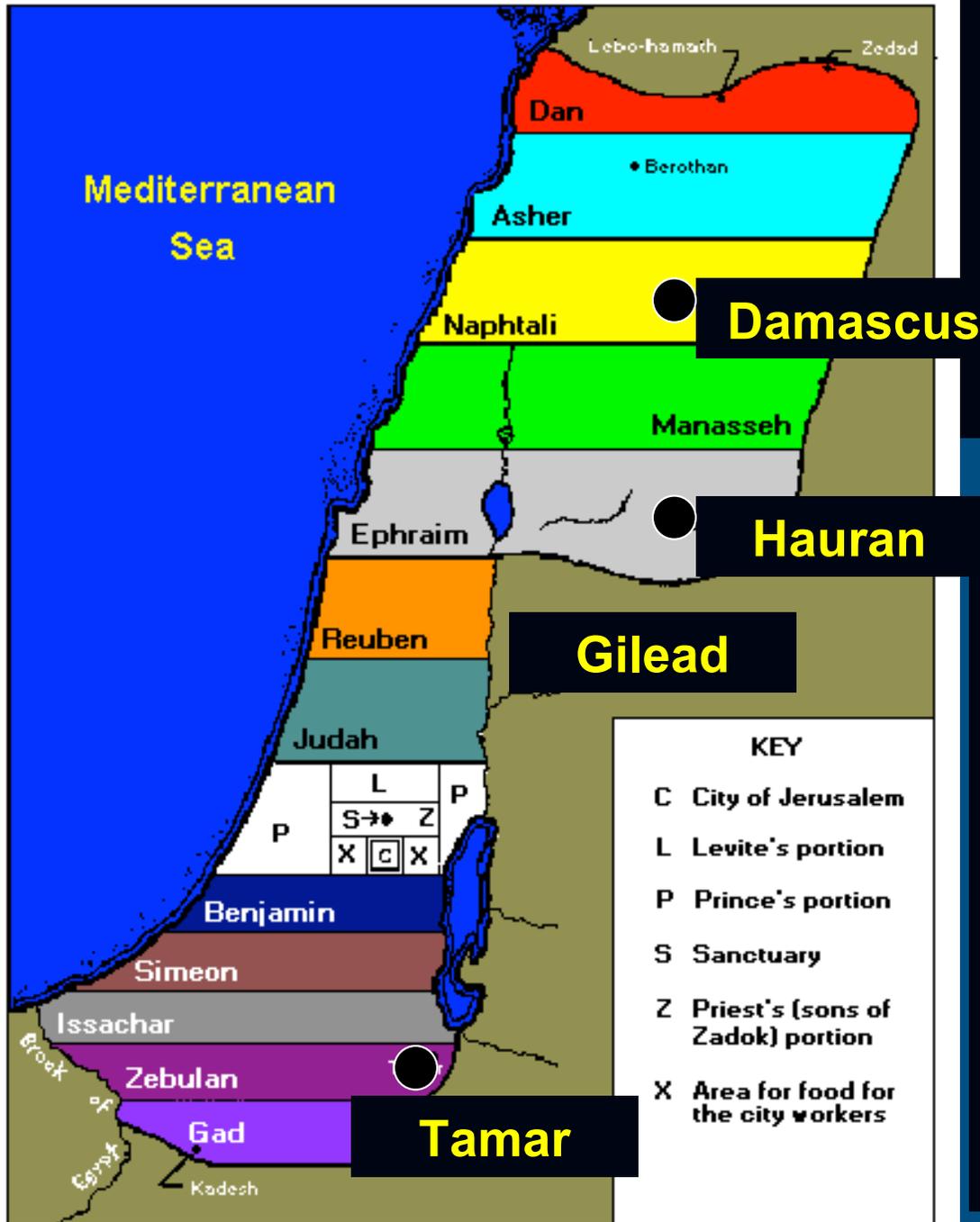


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LAND ALLOTMENT IN THE MILLENNIUM ACCORDING TO EZEKIEL



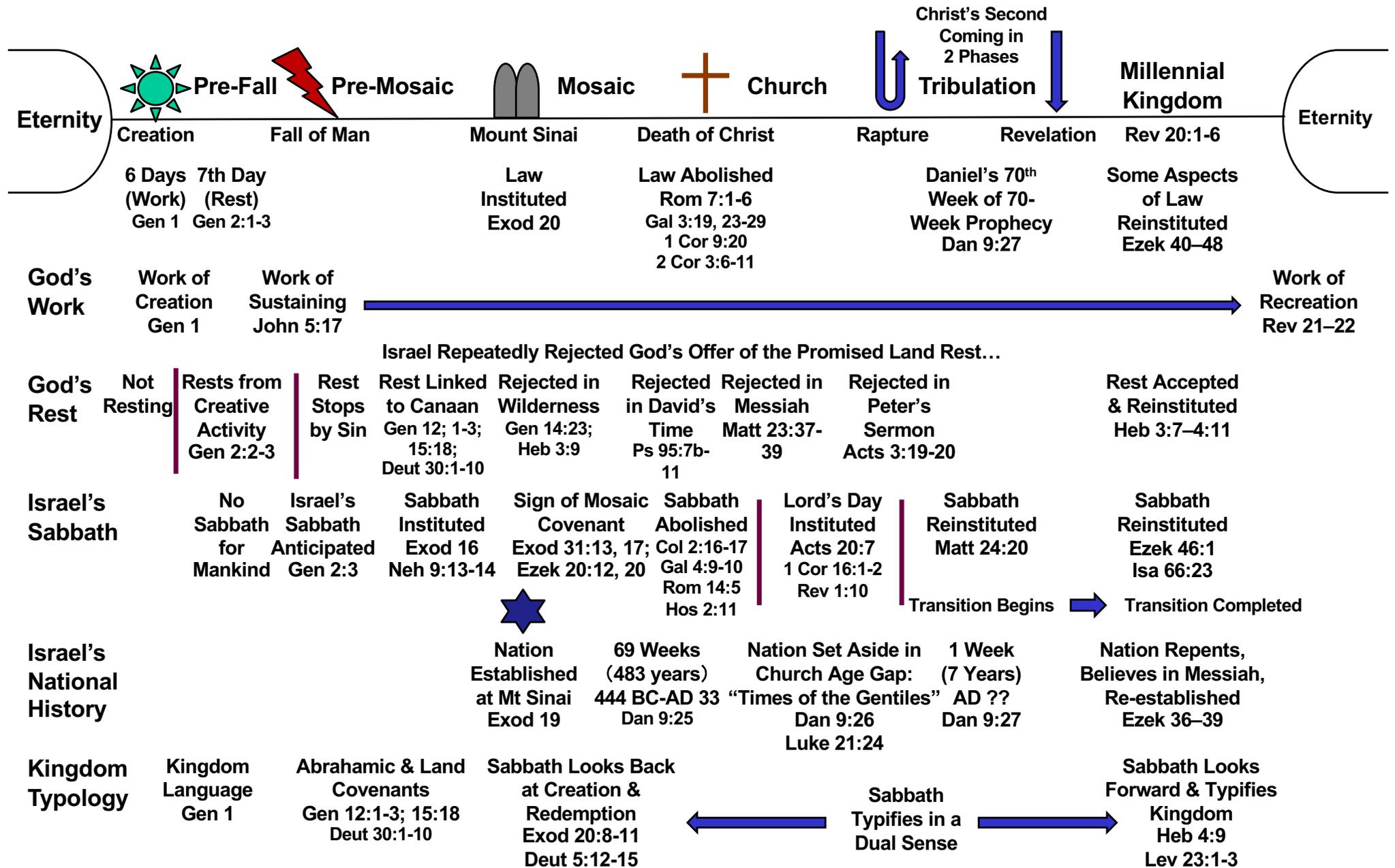
A Mediating View is Probably Most Accurate

Ezekiel 47:18 says, "The eastern border starts at a point between **Hauran** and **Damascus** and runs south along the Jordan River between Israel and **Gilead**, past the Dead Sea and as far south as **Tamar**. This will be the eastern border."

The Eschatological Significance of the Sabbath

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A visual summary of the ThD dissertation by Richard James Griffith, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1990



Daniel 8



What do you need to know
to be *truly* **confident**?

I. God rules over **you** (Dan 1).



**II. God rules over all nations
(Dan 2–7).**



III. God rules over **Israel's** future (Dan 8–12).



The Point of Daniel 8–12

The exiles could confidently trust God's sovereignty over Israel in "the times of the Gentiles" by being faithful to his covenant (Dan 8–12).

***Daniel saw Jewish history
—in advance!***

Daniel 9

Before the Curtain Closes (9:24 NLT)

“A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people and your holy city

Tribulation

- 1. to finish their rebellion,**
- 2. to put an end to their sin,**
- 3. to atone for their guilt,**

Millennium

- 4. to bring in everlasting righteousness,**
- 5. to confirm the prophetic vision, and**
- 6. to anoint the Most Holy Place.”**

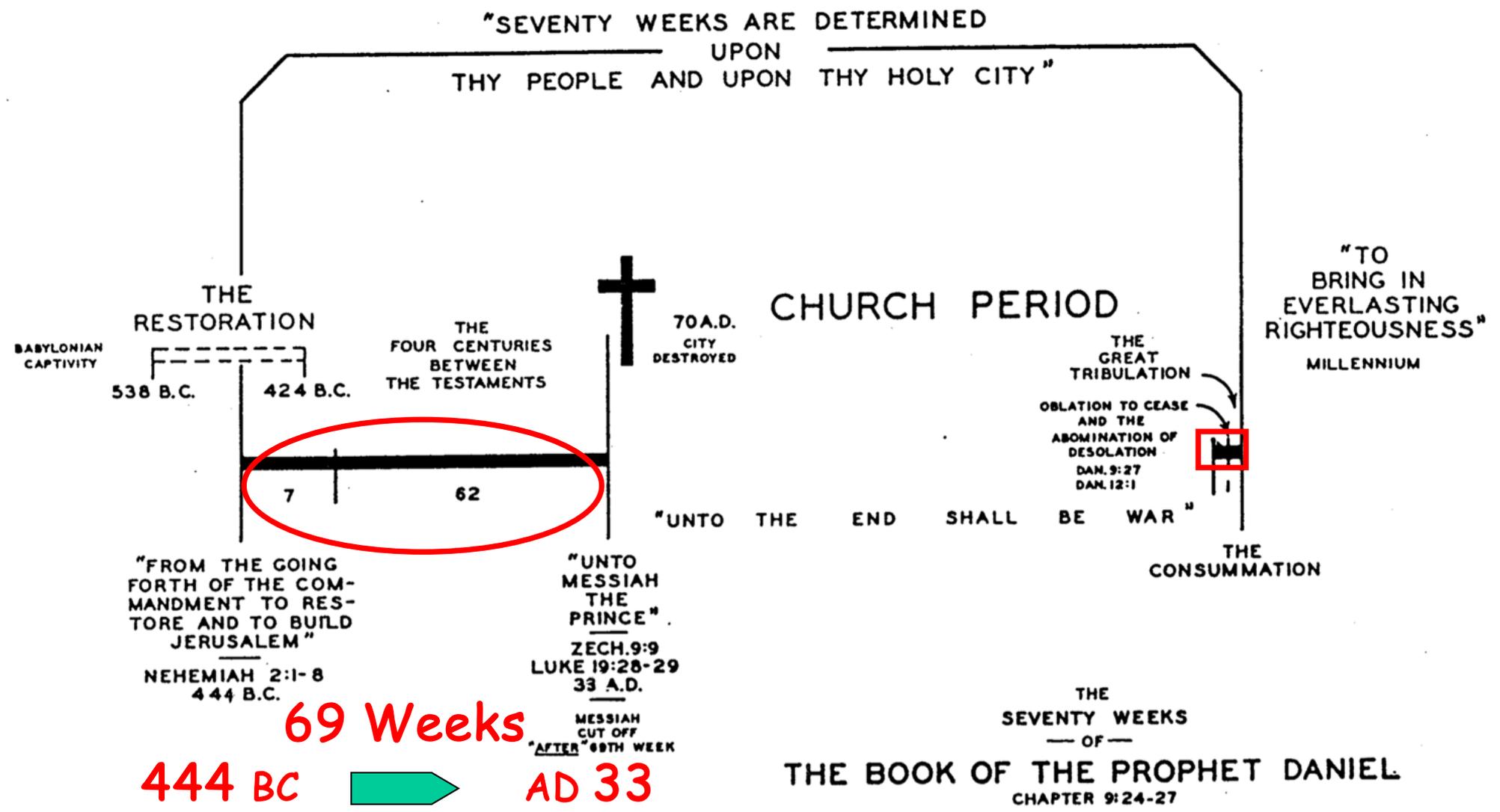
**These were NOT fulfilled in the first century—
so the 70th week must have a future fulfillment**

Daniel 9:25-27 (NLT)

²⁵ Now listen and understand! Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets of seven will pass from the time the command is given to **rebuild Jerusalem** until a ruler—the **Anointed One—comes**. Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and strong defenses, despite the perilous times.

²⁶ "After this period of sixty-two sets of seven, the **Anointed One will be killed**, appearing to have accomplished nothing, and **a ruler** will arise whose armies **will destroy the city and the Temple**. The end will come with a flood, and war and its miseries are decreed from that time to the very end. ²⁷ The **ruler will make a treaty** with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an **end to the sacrifices** and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious **object that causes desecration**, until the **fate** decreed for this defiler is **finally poured out on him**."

Daniel's 70 Weeks (Dan. 9:24-27)



Times of the Gentiles (Luke 21:24)

"TIMES OF THE GENTILES" Luke 21:24



"AMONG MANY NATIONS"

"Her sun is gone down while it was yet day" Jer. 15:9

"Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord" Jer. 22:8-9
2 Kings 25:8-12
Jer. 15:4, 22:29-30, 30:24
Ezek. 10:4, 28. 11:22-25, 14:22-23

Ezekiel 6:8
Hosea 3:4-5
Hosea 8:8
Amos 9:8-9
Jer. 31:35-37
Jer. 46: 27-28
Jer. 51:5

"I will perform the good thing that I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah"
Jer. 33:7-14

Isa. 4:2-6
Ezek. 43:1-9
Zech. 2:10-13
Zech. 8:1-8

"Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled" (Jesus in Luke 21:24 NIV)

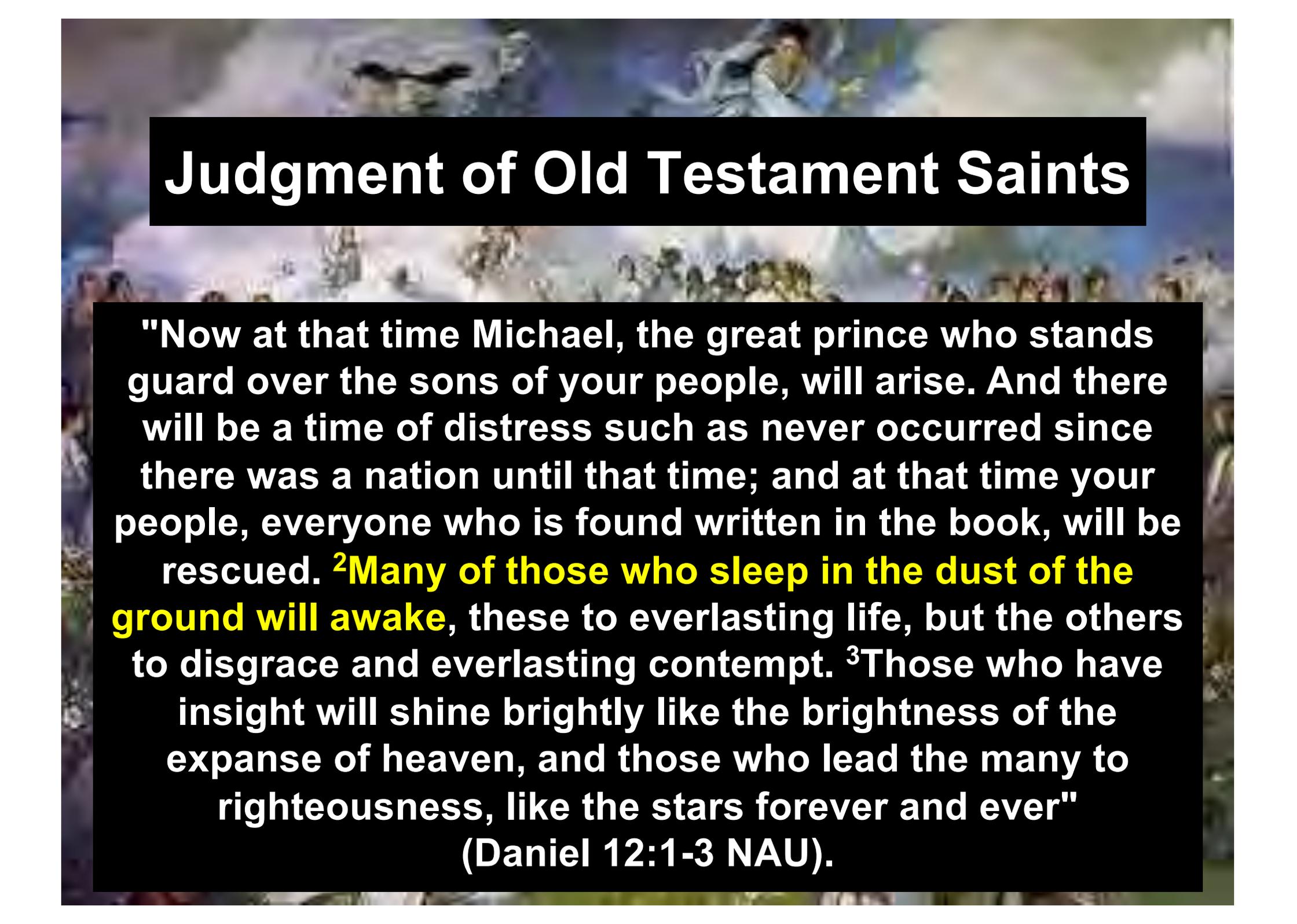
Daniel 12

Israel's Future



Michael will arise (Daniel 12:1)





Judgment of Old Testament Saints

"Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. **2Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake**, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. **3Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever"**
(Daniel 12:1-3 NAU).

“Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever” (Daniel 12:3 NLT).

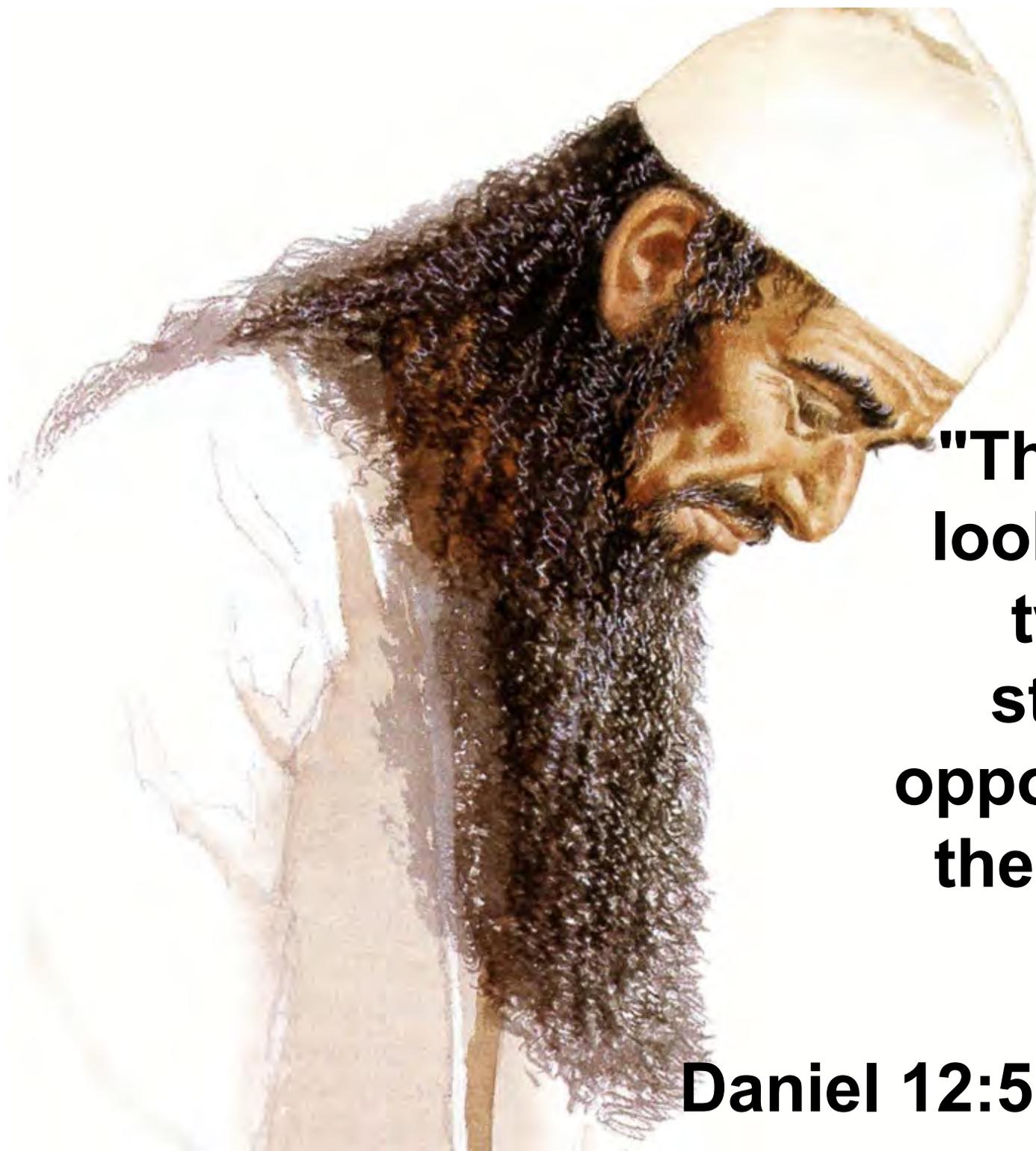


“But you, Daniel, keep this prophecy a secret; seal up the book until the time of the end, when many will rush here and there, and knowledge will increase” (Daniel 12:4 NLT)



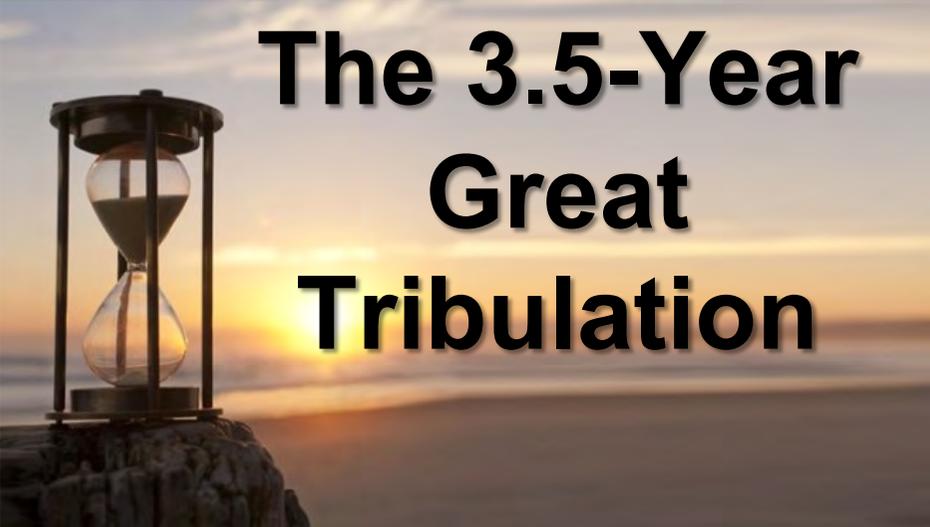
Daniel 12:4-16

- The revelation given to Daniel is sealed up for the end time (Dan. 12:4)
- The great tribulation (Dan. 12:1; cf. Matt. 24:21)
- "After which" => the resurrection
- Endure to the end to be blessed (Matt. 24:14)
- When Daniel asked for the time of these events, the reply was:
 - The time, times, half a time (Dan. 7:25; 12:7; Rev. 11:2; 13:5; 12:6, 14) = 1 yr. + 2 yrs. + ½ yr. = 3.5 years
 - *The end*, the power of Israel broken (Dan. 12:7; Zech. 14:12-16; Rev. 19:15-19)
- What are the 1290 and 1335 days???

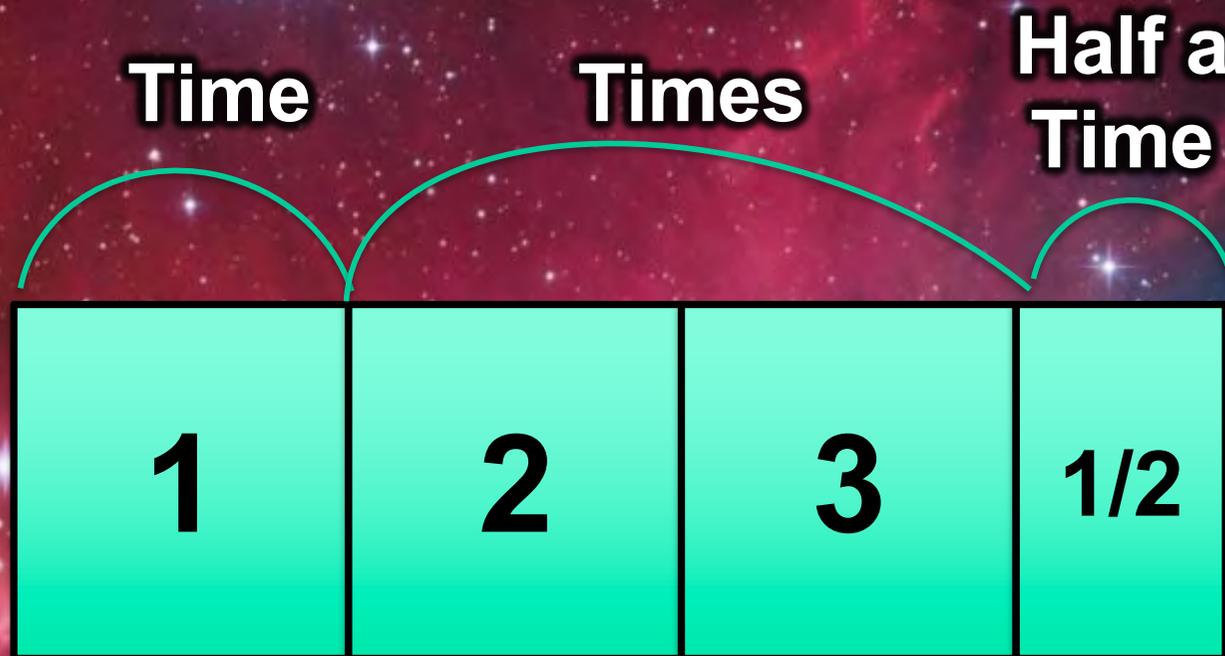


**"Then I, Daniel,
looked and saw
two others
standing on
opposite banks of
the river" (NLT).**

Daniel 12:5 is 1st Person



The 3.5-Year Great Tribulation



“It will go on for a **time, times, and half a time.
When the shattering of the holy people has finally come to an end,
all these things will have happened”
(Daniel 12:7b NLT; cf. Revelation 12:14).**

Equal Periods are Based on the Jewish Month of 30 Days

“time, times, & half
a time” in **years**
(Dan 7:25; 12:7;
Rev. 12:14)

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“**42 months**”
(Rev 13:5)

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“**1260 days**”
(Rev 12:6)

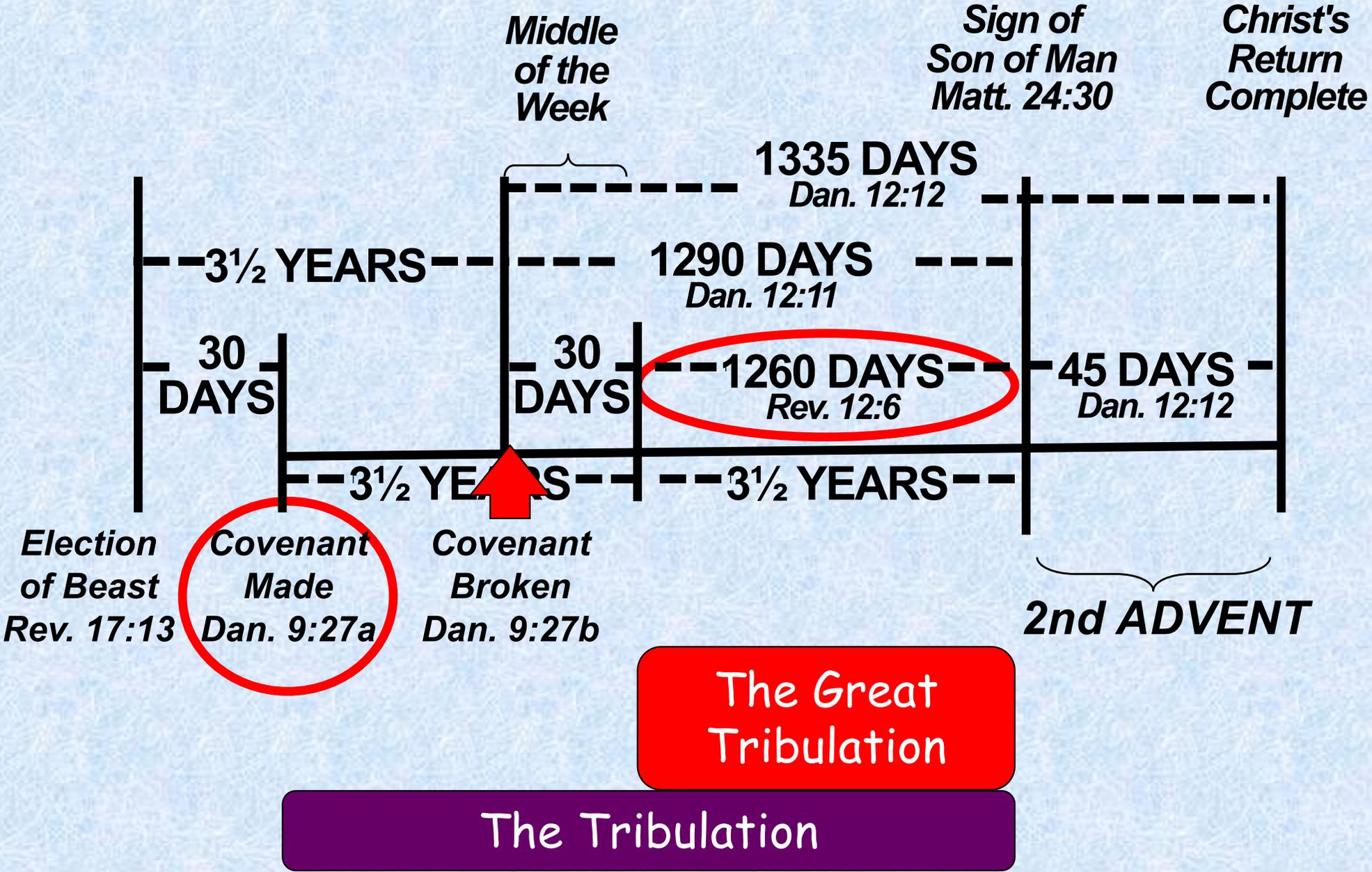
1 (12 mo.)	2 (12 mo.)	3 (12 mo.)	1/2 (6 mo.)
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42 months
(12 + 12 + 12 + 6 = 42 months)

1260 days
(42 mo. x 30 days = 1260 days)

Chronology of the 70th "Week"

Adapted from J. Dwight Pentecost, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1988



Hosea 1

Despite God's discipline, God tells Hosea that He will eventually restore the nation in the following ways:

- **Numerical growth (1:10a)**
- **Spiritual restoration (1:10b)**
- **National unification (1:11a)**
- **Civic centralization (1:11b)**
- **Territorial occupation (1:11c)**
- **Divine blessing (2:1)**



These promises have not been fulfilled yet. Texts like these show God makes these types of promises about a literal future kingdom where Israel will occupy the land in peace and experience God's blessings. If you don't believe in a millennium, you have to ignore these passages or say that they have already been fulfilled in history or are going to be fulfilled in the church.

Hosea 2

Hosea 2:5 NLT

"Their mother is a shameless prostitute and became pregnant in a shameful way. She said, 'I'll run after other lovers and sell myself to them for food and water, for clothing of wool and linen, and for olive oil and drinks.'"



**"But then I will win her back
once again. I will lead her
into the desert and speak
tenderly to her there."**

Hosea 2:14



**"When that day comes," says the LORD, "you will call me 'my husband' instead of 'my master.'
17 O Israel, I will wipe the many names of Baal from your lips, and you will never mention them again" (NLT).**

Hosea 2:16-17

Hosea 3

Restoration



Hosea 3:1 NLT



"Then the LORD said to me, 'Go and love your wife again, even though she commits adultery with another lover. This will illustrate that the LORD still loves Israel, even though the people have turned to other gods and love to worship them.'"

Hosea 3:2-3 NLT



**"So I bought her back for fifteen pieces of silver and five bushels of barley and a measure of wine.
³Then I said to her, 'You must live in my house for many days and stop your prostitution. During this time, you will not have sexual relations with anyone, not even with me.'"**

"This shows that Israel will go a long time without a king or prince, and without sacrifices, sacred pillars, priests, or even idols! ⁵But afterward the people will return and devote themselves to the LORD their God and to David's descendant, their king. In the last days, they will tremble in awe of the LORD and of his goodness."

Hosea 3:4-5 NLT



Joel 3



"At the time of those events,' says the LORD, 'when I restore the prosperity of Judah and Jerusalem, ²I 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. ⁸I 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



Amos 9

Can you restore a fallen tent?



God can.

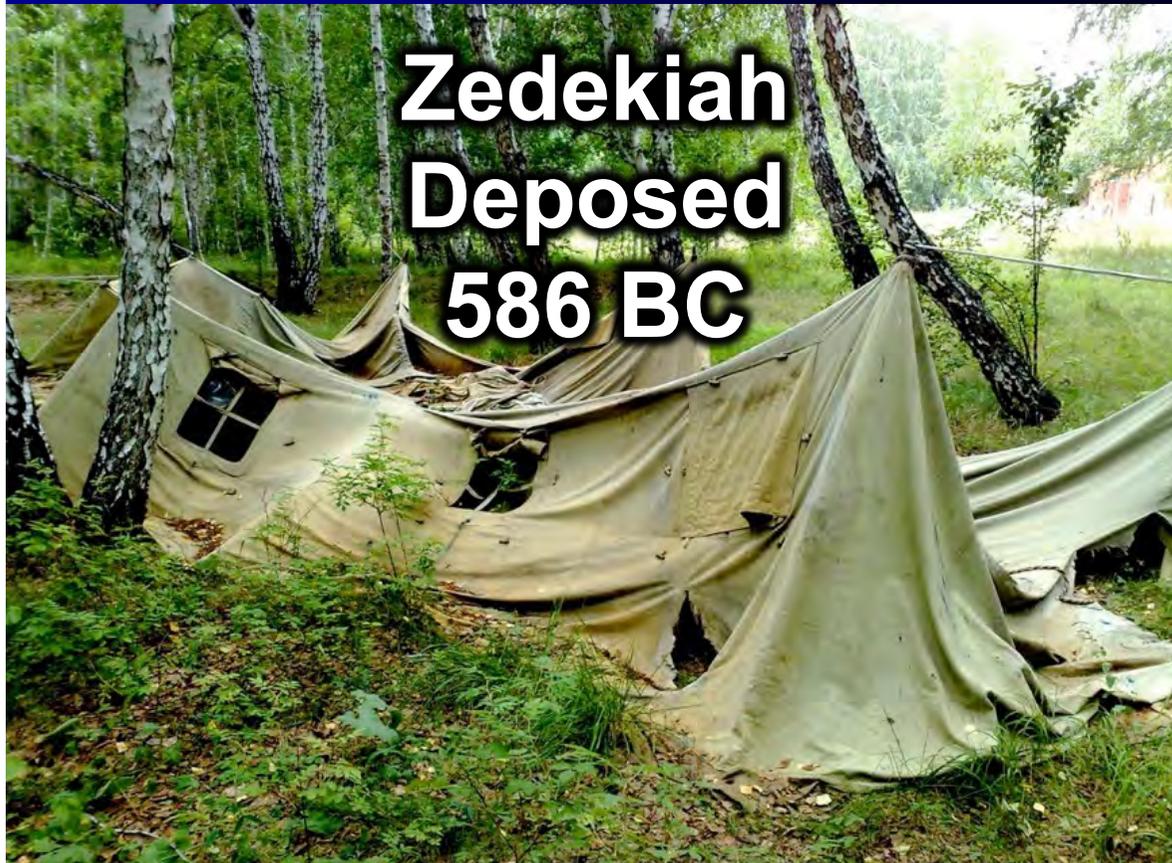
Amos 9:11 (NIV)

"In that day I will restore David's fallen tent. I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be."



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



Amos

Amos 9:11-12 (NIV)

"In that day I will restore David's fallen tent. I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be,¹²so that they may **possess** the remnant of **Edom** and all the nations that bear my name,' declares the LORD, who will do these things."

A map of the region of Judah and Edom. Judah is colored blue and Edom is colored red. A white arrow points from the text 'Judah' to the blue region, and another white arrow points from the text 'Edom' to the red region. The map also shows other regions in various colors: pink, green, yellow, and brown. A large white oval is 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, ¹⁷that 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."**

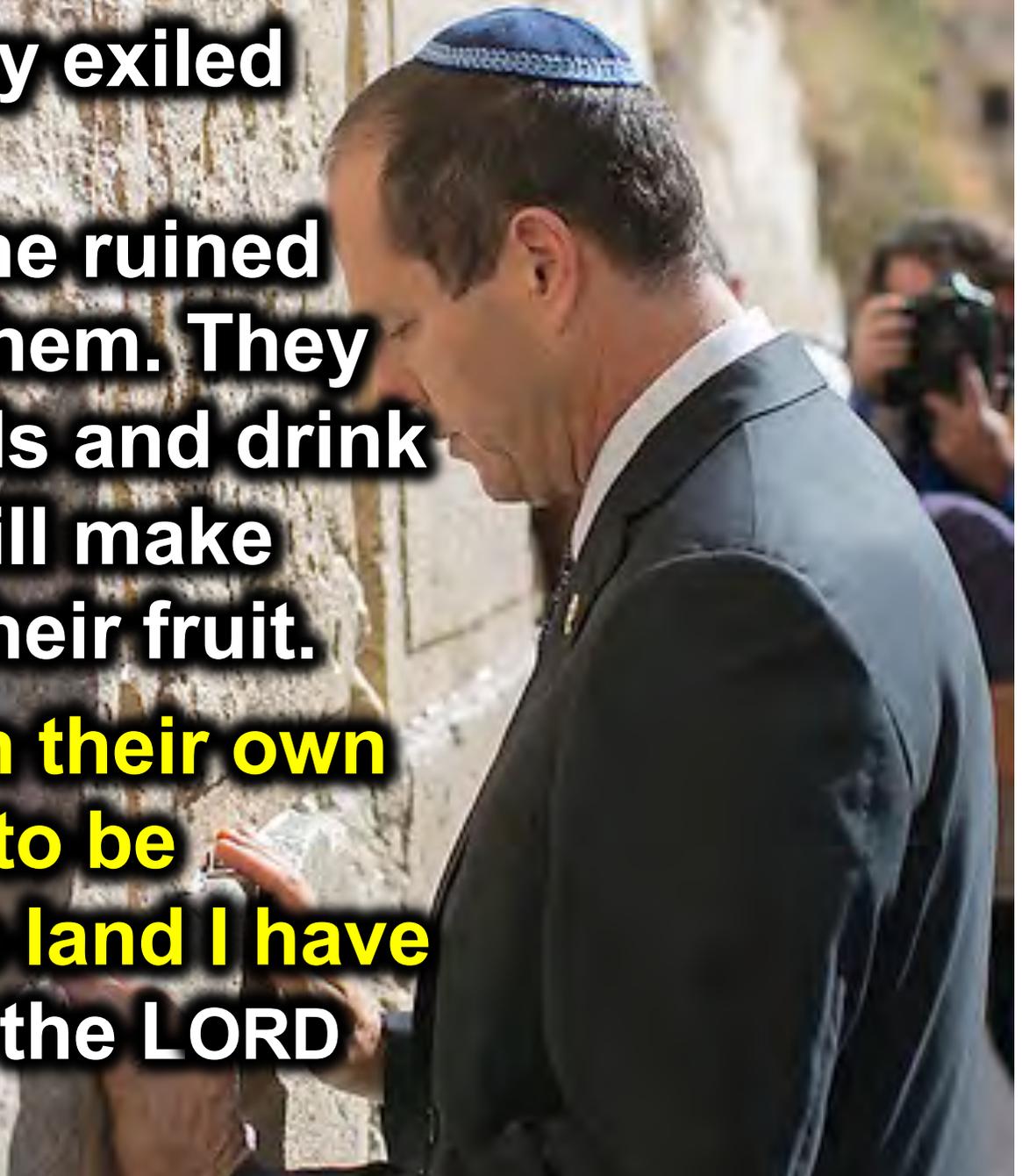


Amos 9:14-15 (NIV)

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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.

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



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).**

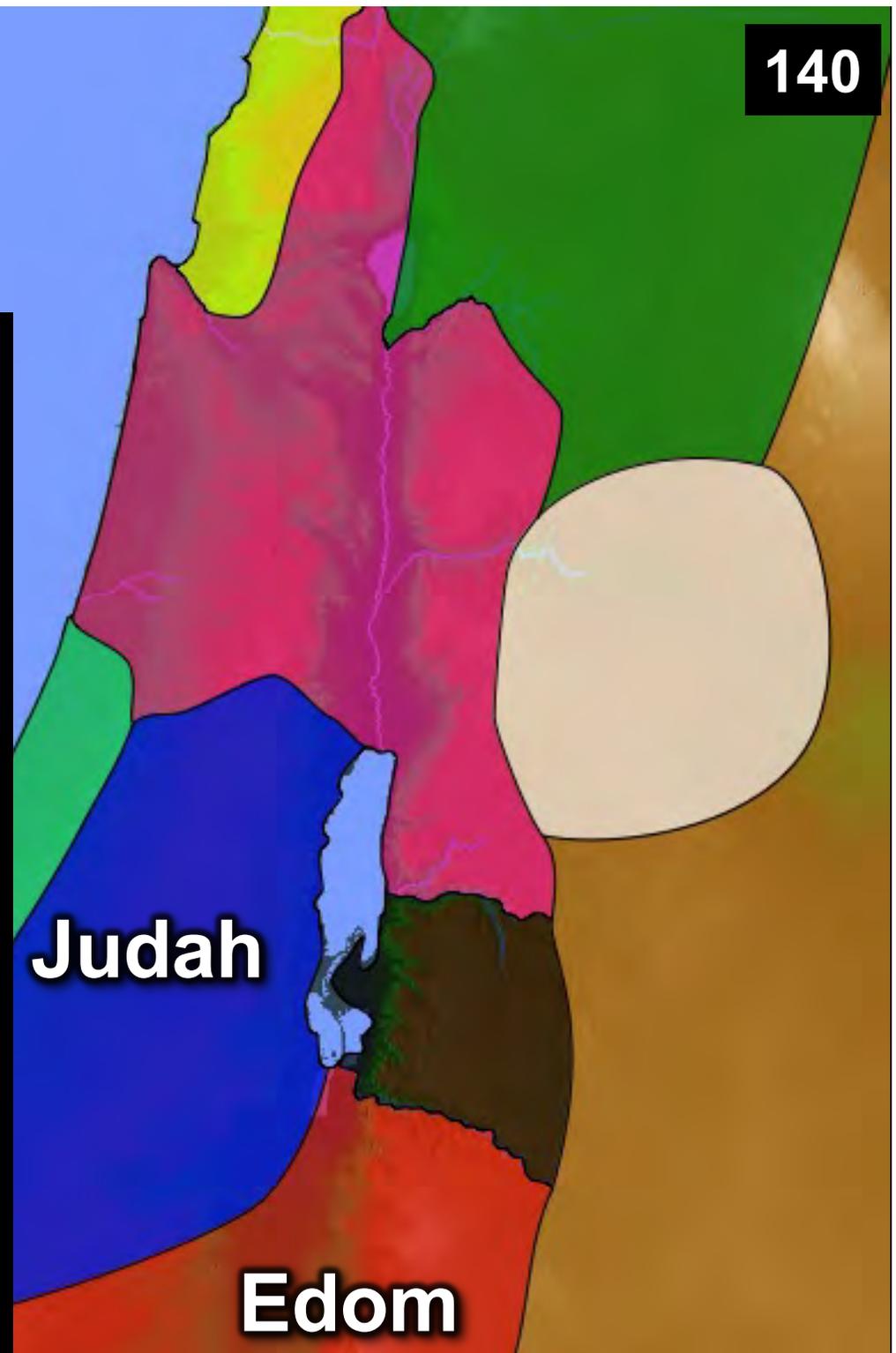
The Day of the Lord



**“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

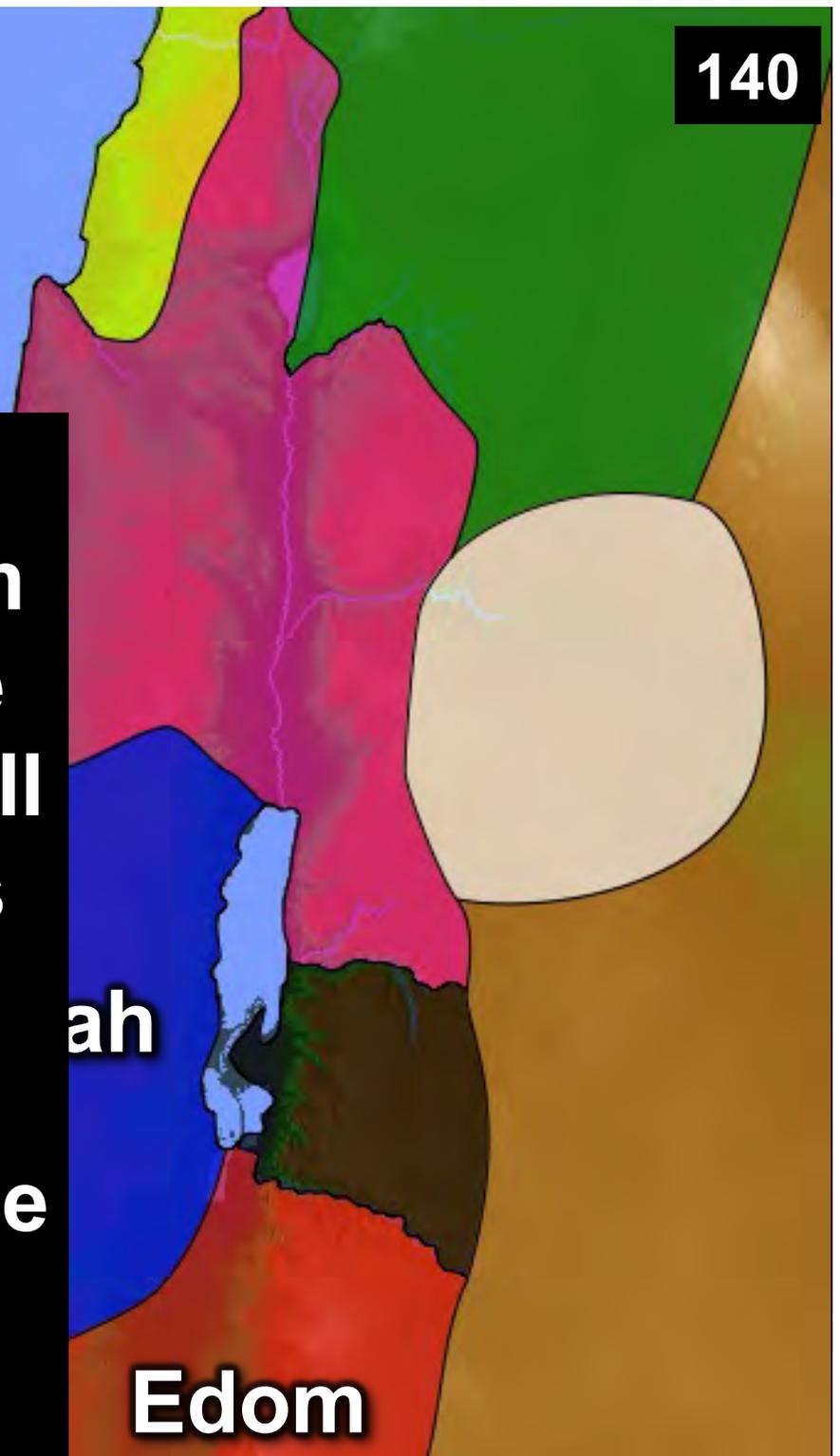
**“But Jerusalem will
become a refuge for
those who escape;
it will be a holy place.
And the people of
Israel will come back
to reclaim their
inheritance”
(Obadiah 17 NLT).**



Reversal in Obadiah

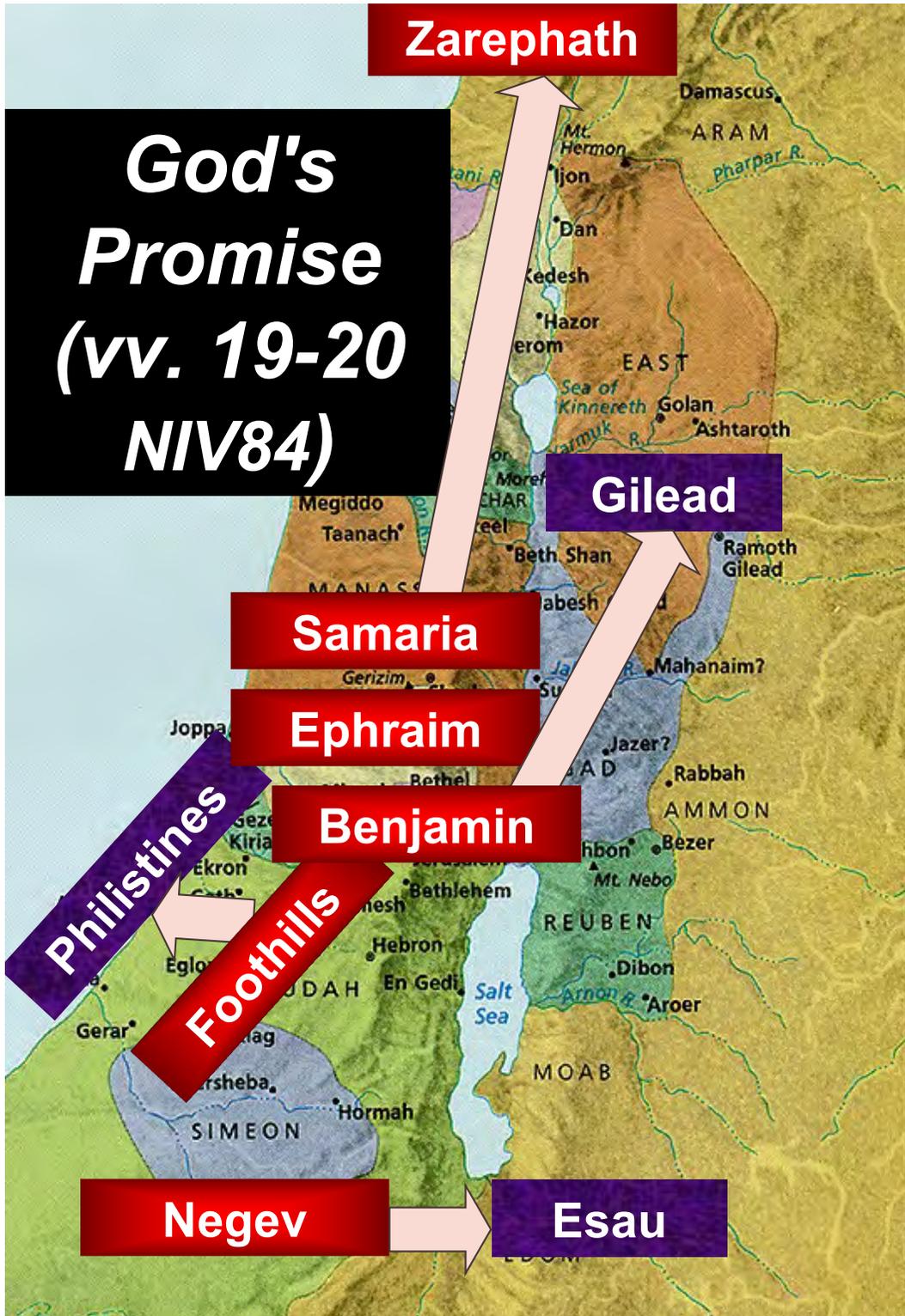
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**“The people of Israel will be a raging fire, and Edom a field of dry stubble. The descendants of Joseph will be a flame roaring across the field, devouring everything. There will be no survivors in Edom. I, the LORD, have spoken”
(Obadiah 18 NLT).**



Is There a Future for Ethnic Jews?





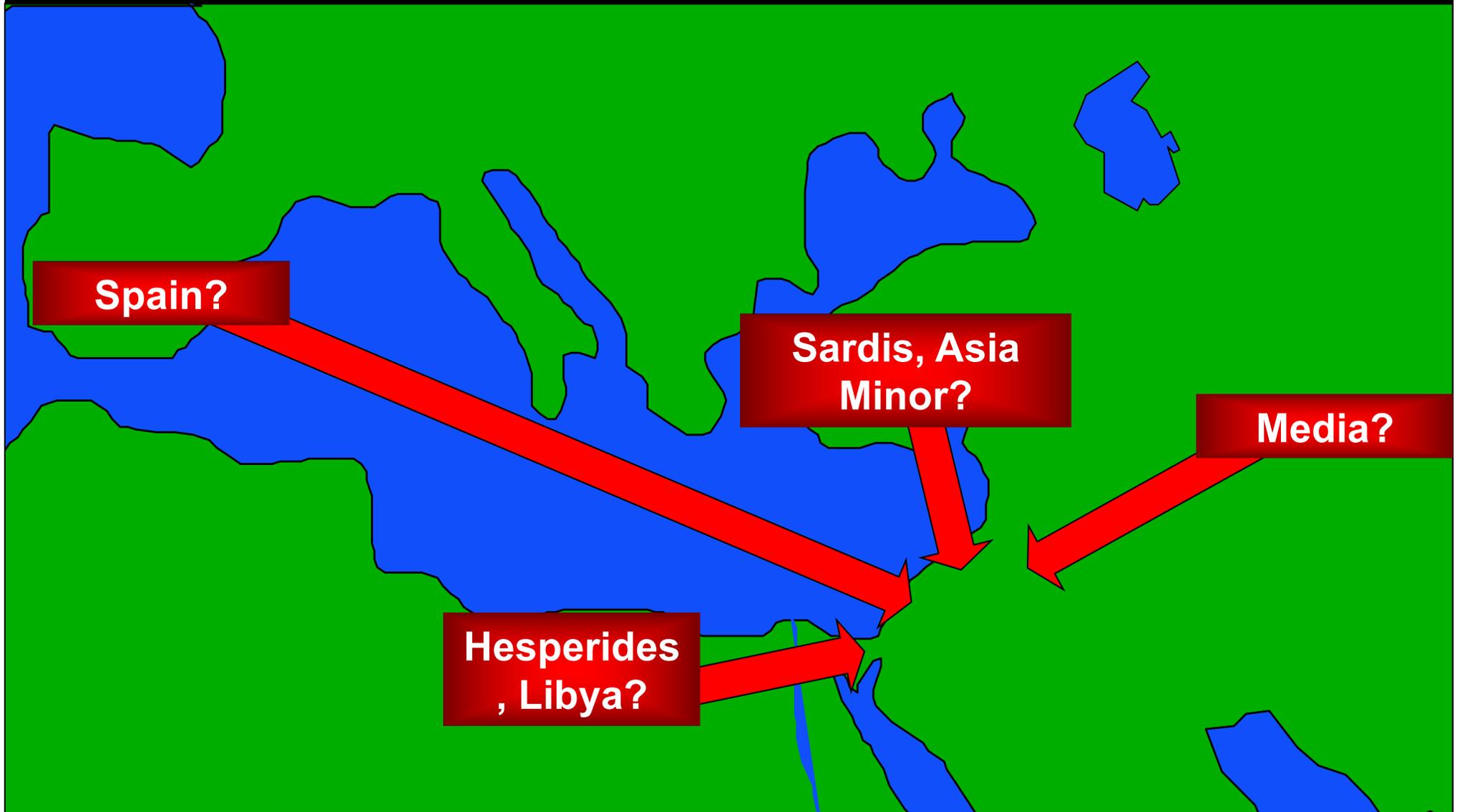
**God's Promise
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"People from the Negev 444
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and Benjamin will
possess Gilead.

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

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God's Promise (v. 21 NIV84)

444
598d



"Deliverers
will go up on
Mount Zion
to govern the
mountains of
Esau. And
the kingdom
will be the
LORD's."



Micah 4

Millennial Jerusalem (Micah)



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

Micah 4:6-7 NLT



"In that coming day," says the LORD, "I will gather together those who are lame, those who have been exiles, and those whom I have filled with grief. ⁷Those who are weak will survive as a remnant; those who were exiles will become a strong nation. Then I, the LORD, will rule from Jerusalem [Hebrew Mount Zion] as their king forever."

**"As for you, Jerusalem, the citadel of God's people,
your royal might and power will come back to you
again. The kingship will be restored to my precious
Jerusalem."**



Micah 4:8 NLT

Micah 7



Mountains

Assyria

Seas

Israel

"In that day, Israel, your cities will be rebuilt, and your borders will be extended. ¹²People from many lands will come and honor you—from Assyria all the way to the towns of Egypt, from Egypt all the way to the Euphrates River, and from distant seas and mountains"
(Micah 7:11-12 NLT)

Egypt

Jordan

**“Where is another God like you,
who pardons the guilt of the
remnant, overlooking the sins of
his special people?**

**You will not stay angry with your
people forever, because you delight
in showing unfailing love”**

(Micah 7:18 NLT).

**“Once again you will have
compassion on us. You will trample
our sins under your feet and throw
them into the depths of the ocean!
20You will show us your faithfulness
and unfailing love as you promised
to our ancestors Abraham and
Jacob long ago”
(Micah 7:19-20 NLT).**

Nahum

I. God would **destroy** Nineveh
but save Judah (Chapters 1–3).



Nahum



II. God will **judge** the wicked
and deliver the righteous in
the future too.

Be patient.

Nahum

Key Verse

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"The LORD is slow to anger and great in power; he will not leave the guilty unpunished" (1:3a).

Nahum

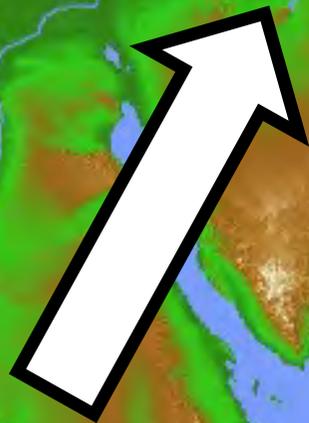
Zephaniah 3

**Ethiopia Worship
(Zephaniah 3:9-11)**

"Then I will purify the speech of all people, so that everyone can worship the LORD together. ¹⁰My scattered people who live beyond the rivers of Ethiopia will come to present their offerings. ¹¹On that **day** you will no longer need to be ashamed, for you will no longer be rebels against me. I will remove all proud and arrogant people from among you. There will be no more haughtiness on my holy mountain."

Israel

Ethiopia



**"Those who are left will be the lowly and humble,
for it is they who trust in the name of the LORD.**

**¹³The remnant of Israel will do no wrong;
they will never tell lies or deceive one another.**

**They will eat and sleep in safety,
and no one will make them afraid"**

(Zephaniah 3:12-13 NLT).



**"Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!**

**¹⁵For the LORD will remove his hand of judgment
and will disperse the armies of your enemy.**

**And the LORD himself, the King of Israel,
will live among you!**

**At last your troubles will be over,
and you will never again fear disaster"**

(Zephaniah 3:14-15 NLT).



**"On that day the announcement to Jerusalem will be,
'Cheer up, Zion! Don't be afraid!
17For the LORD your God is living among you.
He is a mighty savior.
He will take delight in you with gladness.
With his love, he will calm all your fears.
He will rejoice over you with joyful songs"
(Zephaniah 3:16-17 NLT).**



**"I will gather you who mourn for the appointed
festivals;
you will be disgraced no more.
¹⁹And I will deal severely with all who have
oppressed you.
I will save the weak and helpless ones;
I will bring together
those who were chased away.
I will give glory and fame to my former exiles,
wherever they have been mocked and shamed"
(Zephaniah 3:18-19 NLT).**

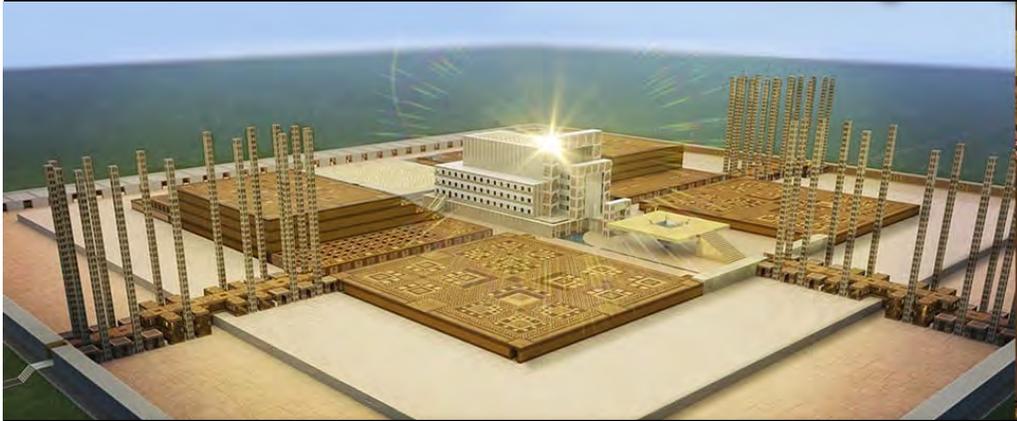


**"On that day I will gather you together
and bring you home again.
I will give you a good name, a name of distinction,
among all the nations of the earth,
as I restore your fortunes before their very eyes.
I, the LORD, have spoken!"
(Zephaniah 3:20 NLT).**

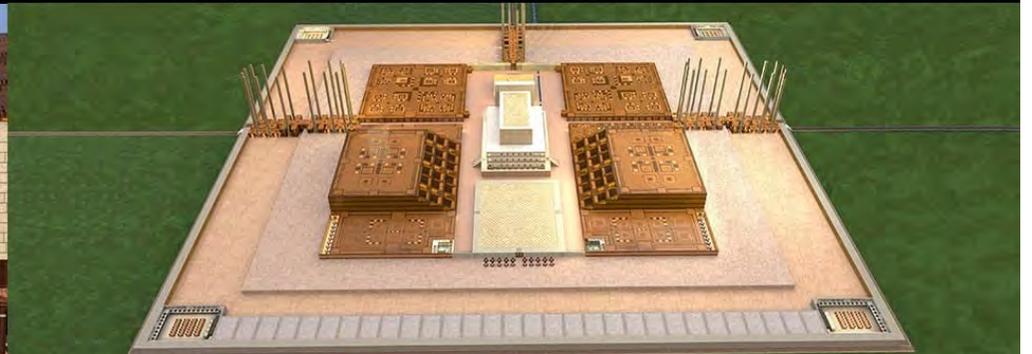


Haggai 2

"I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple. I will fill this place with glory, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies" (Haggai 2:7 NLT).



THE MILLENNIAL TEMPLE



4. Re-envision God's **kingdom**.



Haggai 2:20-23

“On that same day, December 18, the LORD sent this second message to Haggai: ²¹Tell Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, that **I am about to shake the heavens and the earth. ²²I will overthrow royal thrones and destroy the power of foreign kingdoms. I will overturn their chariots and riders. The horses will fall, and their riders will kill each other”**
(Haggai 2:20-22 NLT).

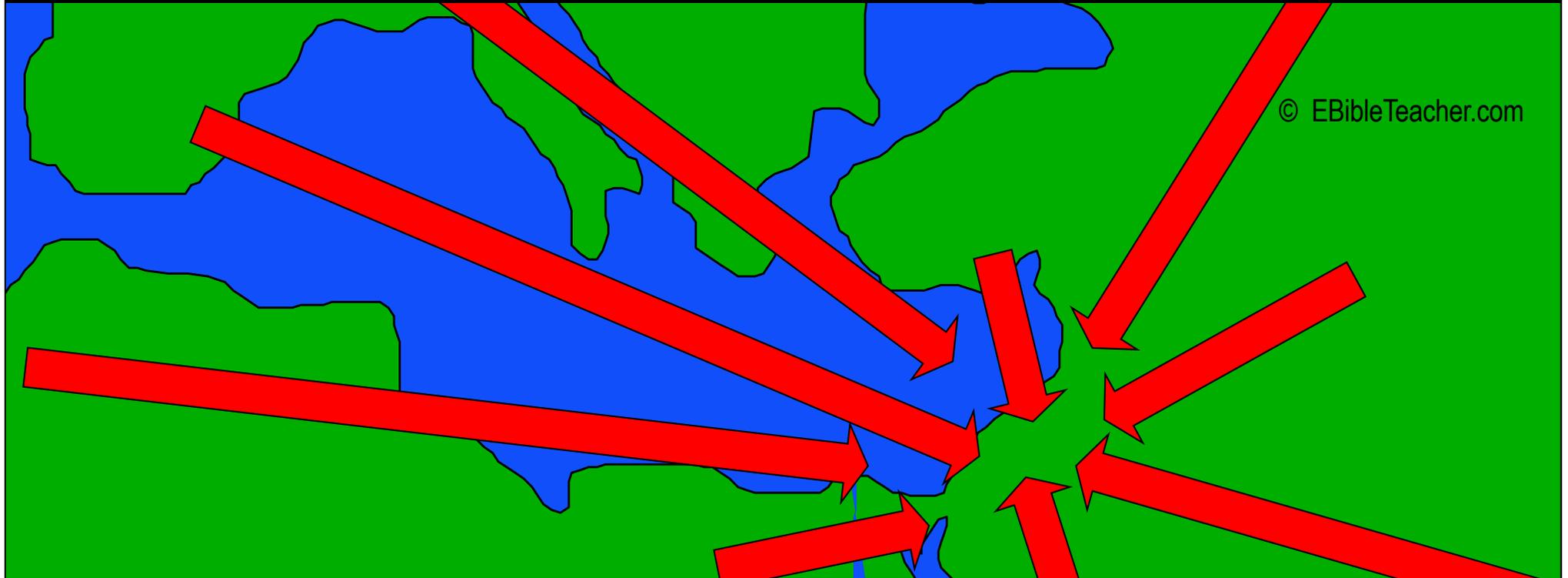




“But when this happens, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, I will honor you, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, my servant. I will make you like a signet ring on my finger, says the LORD, for I have chosen you. I, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, have spoken!” (Haggai 2:23 NLT).

Zechariah 2

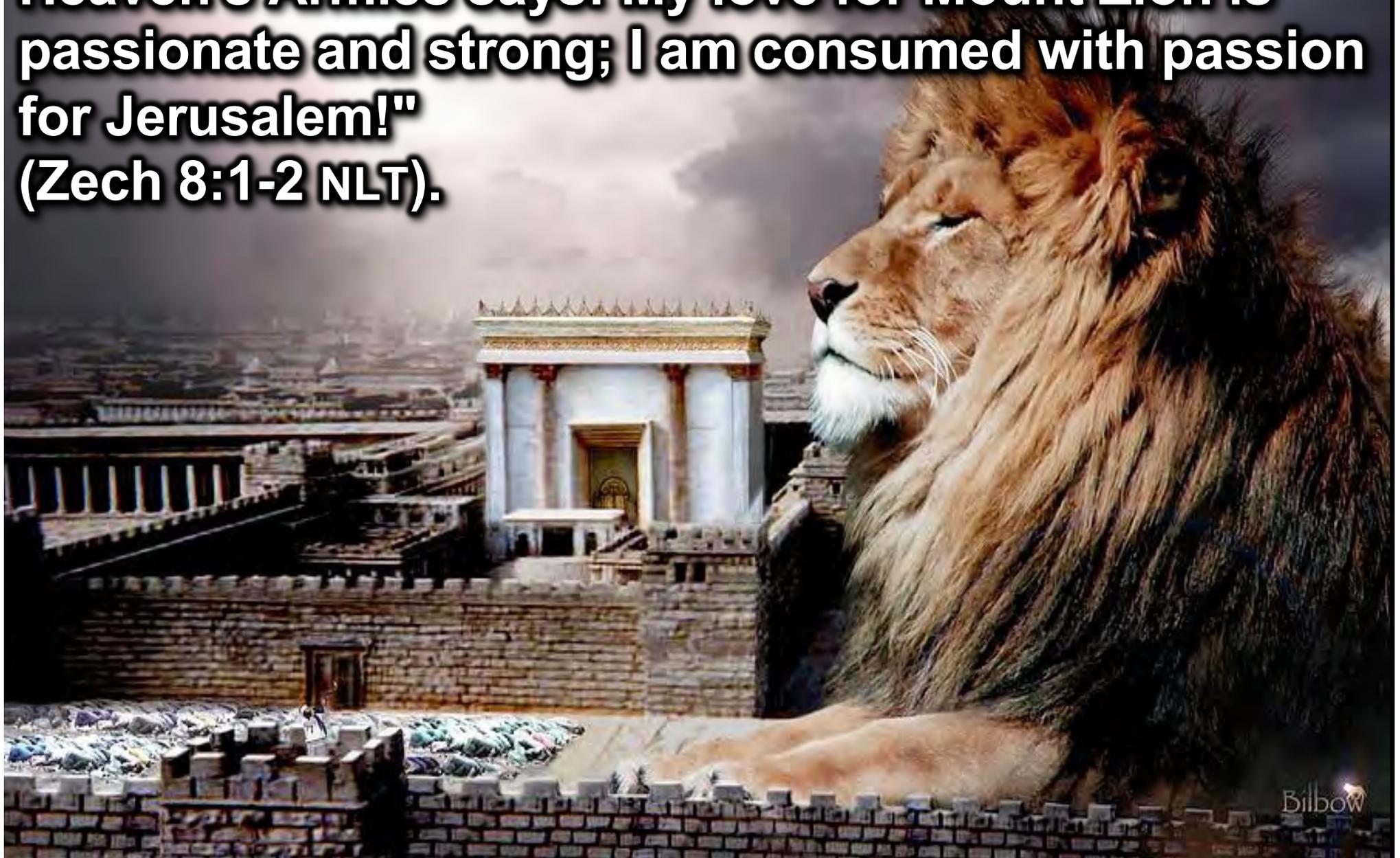
Zechariah 2:10-12 NLT



The LORD says, "Shout and rejoice, O beautiful Jerusalem, for I am coming to live among you. ¹¹ Many nations will join themselves to the LORD on that day, and they, too, will be my people. I will live among you, and you will know that the LORD of Heaven's Armies sent me to you. ¹² The land of Judah will be the LORD's special possession in the holy land, and he will once again choose Jerusalem to be his own city."

Zechariah 8

**"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).**

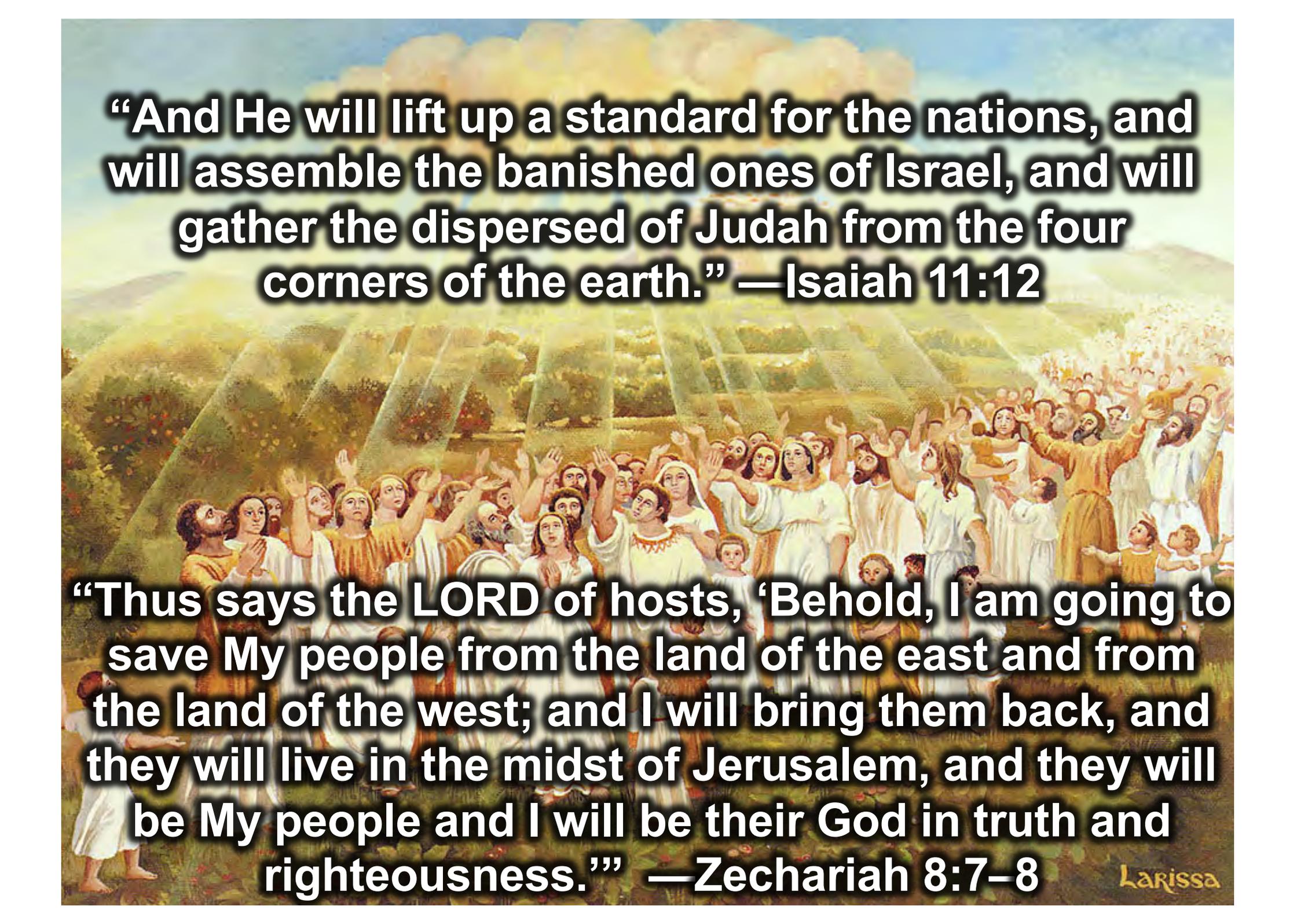


Key Verse

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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

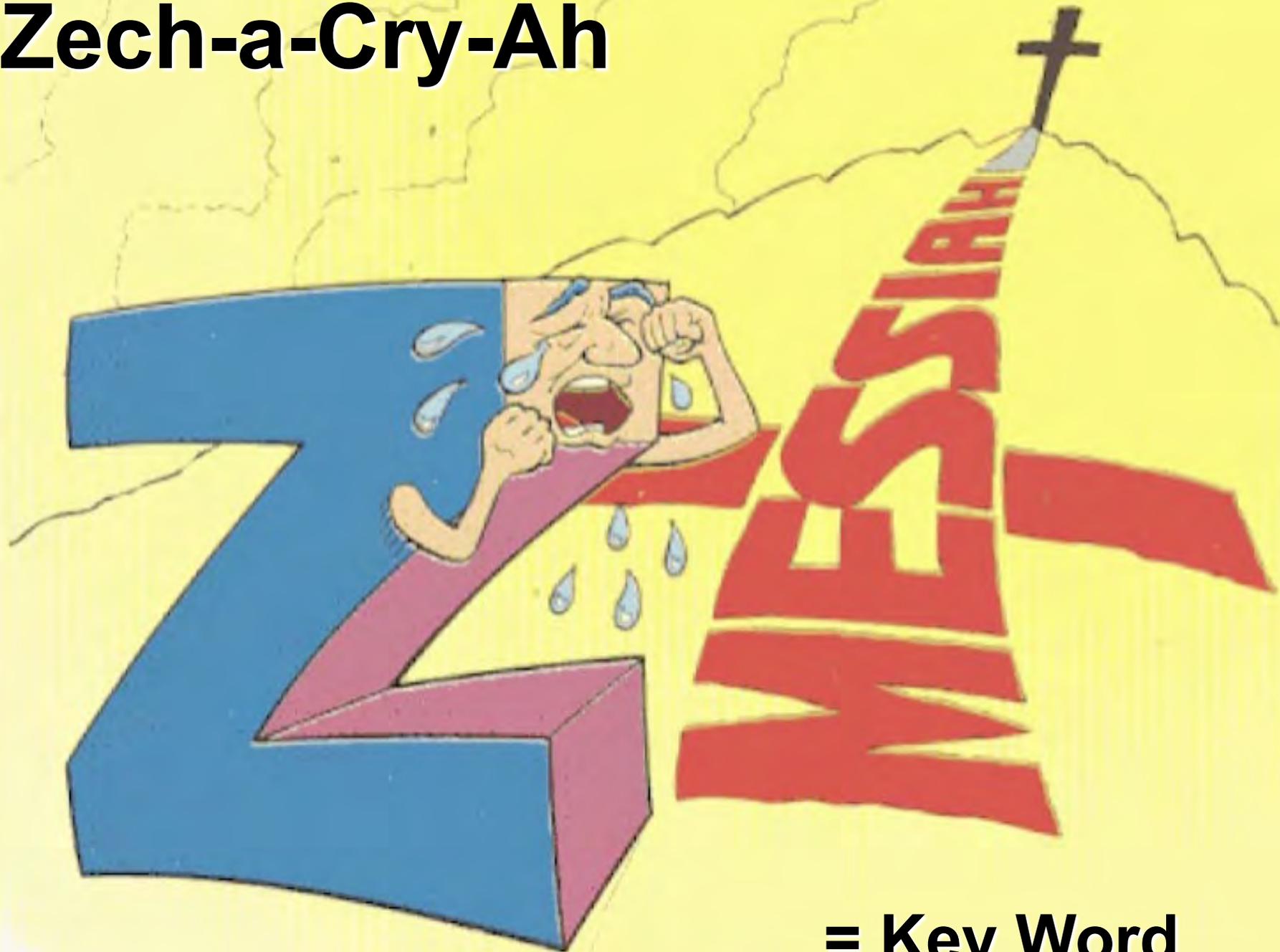


“And He will lift up a standard for the nations, and will assemble the banished ones of Israel, and will gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.” —Isaiah 11:12

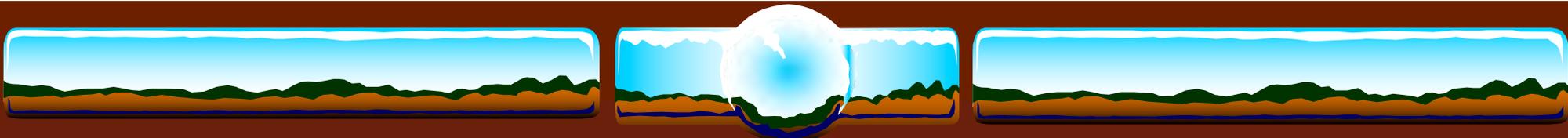
“Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Behold, I am going to save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; and I will bring them back, and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem, and they will be My people and I will be their God in truth and righteousness.’” —Zechariah 8:7–8

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Zech-a-Cry-Ah



= Key Word

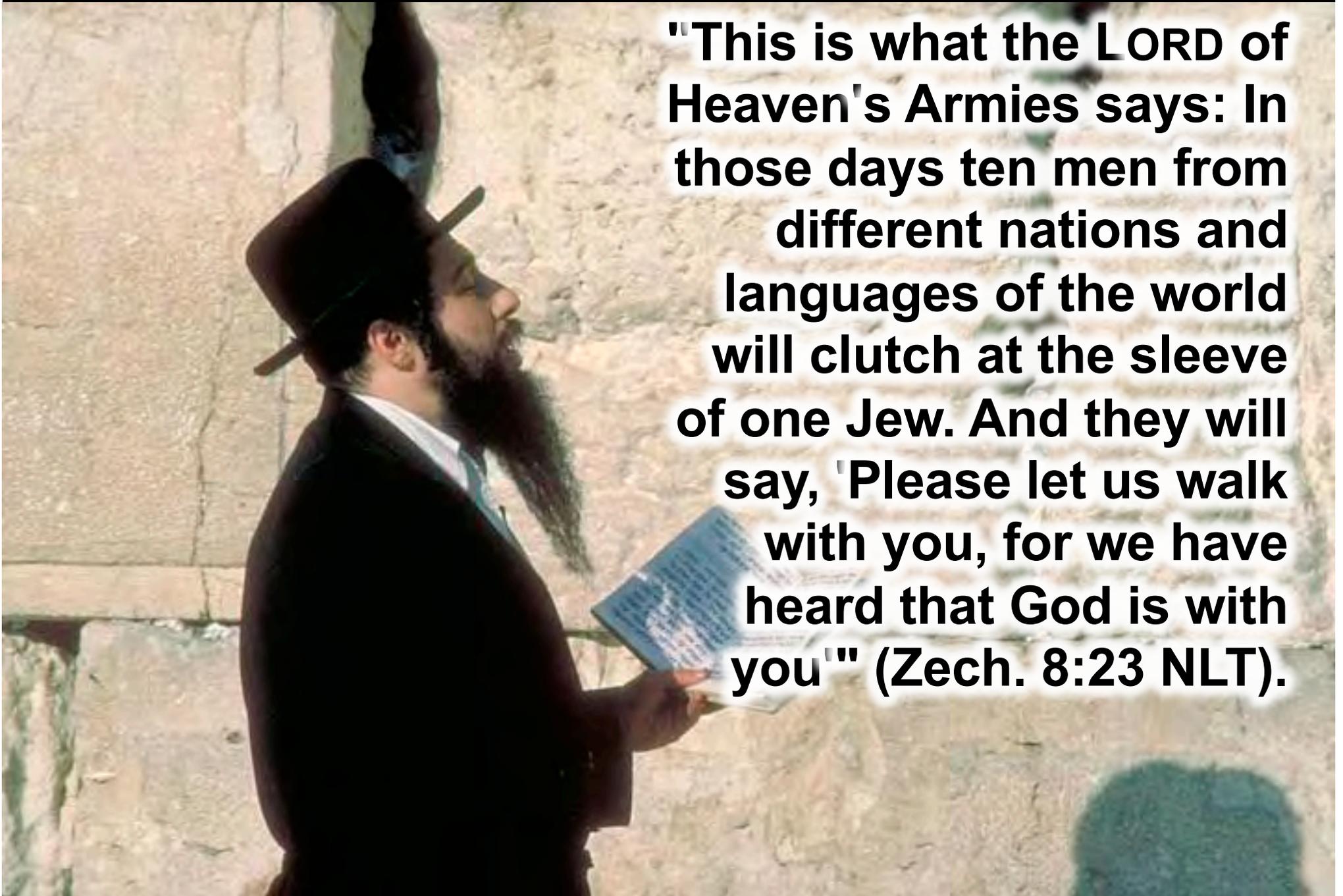


**"For this is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says:
I was determined to punish you when your
ancestors angered me, and I did not change my
mind, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. ¹⁵ But now
I am determined to bless Jerusalem and the people
of Judah. So don't be afraid. ¹⁶ But this is what you
must do: Tell the truth to each other. Render
verdicts in your courts that are just and that lead to
peace. ¹⁷ Don't scheme against each other. Stop
your love of telling lies that you swear are the truth. I
hate all these things, says the LORD"
(Zech 8:14-17 NLT).**

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).



Zechariah 9

Key Word

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Messiah

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Zechariah Kingdom Statement

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**Judah must rebuild the temple
(6:9-15) for blessing in the
Messiah's kingdom.**

Zechariah

- 1 **M**eaning of Zechariah's vision
- 2 **E**xamination with measuring line
- 3 **S**atan and the Branch
- 4 **S**even lampstands of gold
- 5 **I**nterpreting the flying scroll
- 6 **A**ct of crowning Joshua
- 7 **H**earts become like flint
- 8 **S**ecurity comes to Jerusalem

- 9 **R**eturn of the Messiah
- 10 **E**phraim and Judah restored
- 11 **T**eaching about wicked shepherds
- 12 **U**nderstanding whom they pierced
- 13 **R**efining of God's remnant
- 14 **N**ew kingdom ushered in



Hamath ●

Damascus
Sidon ● ●

Tyre ● **Aram**

Israel

Judgments

Zechariah 9:1-4 NLT

"This is the message from the LORD against the land of Aram and the city of Damascus, for the eyes of humanity, including all the tribes of Israel, are on the LORD. ²Doom is certain for Hamath, near Damascus, and for the cities of Tyre and Sidon, though they are so clever. ³Tyre has built a strong fortress and has made silver and gold as plentiful as dust in the streets! ⁴But now the LORD will strip away Tyre's possessions and hurl its fortifications into the sea, and it will be burned to the ground."



Rebuild Temple for Messiah

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Zech. 9:9

Triumphal Entry





"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).



"On that day the LORD their God will rescue his people, just as a shepherd rescues his sheep. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown" (Zechariah 9:16 NLT).

Zechariah 10

"Ask the LORD for rain in the spring, for he makes the storm clouds. And he will send showers of rain so every field becomes a lush pasture. ²Household gods give worthless advice, fortune-tellers predict only lies, and interpreters of dreams pronounce falsehoods that give no comfort. So my people are wandering like lost sheep; they are attacked because they have no shepherd" (Zech 10:1-2 NLT).



**"My anger burns against your shepherds,
and I will punish these leaders.**

**For the LORD of Heaven's Armies has arrived
to look after Judah, his flock.**

**He will make them strong and glorious,
like a proud warhorse in battle.**

**⁴ From Judah will come the cornerstone,
the tent peg,
the bow for battle,
and all the rulers.**

**⁵ They will be like mighty warriors in battle,
trampling their enemies in the mud under their feet.
Since the LORD is with them as they fight,
they will overthrow even the enemy's horsemen"
(Zech 10:3-5 NLT).**

**"I will strengthen Judah and save Israel;
I will restore them because of my compassion.
It will be as though I had never rejected them,
for I am the LORD their God, who will hear their
cries.**

**⁷ The people of Israel will become like mighty
warriors,
and their hearts will be made happy as if by wine.**

**Their children, too, will see it and be glad;
their hearts will rejoice in the LORD. When I whistle to
them, they will come running,
for I have redeemed them.**

**From the few who are left,
they will grow as numerous as they were before"
(Zech 10:6-8 NLT).**

How will there be a second return?

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Postexilic prophecy
(Zech. 10:9-10)

Lebanon

Gilead

Egypt

Assyria

"Though I have scattered them like seeds among the nations, they will still remember me in distant lands. They and their children will survive and return again to Israel.
¹⁰ I will bring them back from Egypt and gather them from Assyria. I will resettle them in Gilead and Lebanon until there is no more room for them all."

The Resettlement

Zechariah 10:11-12 NLT



Lebanon

Assyria

Gilead

Egypt

"They will pass safely through the sea of distress,
for the waves of the sea will be held back,
and the waters of the Nile will dry up.
The pride of Assyria will be crushed,
and the rule of Egypt will end.
¹² By my power I will make my people strong,
and by my authority they will go wherever they wish.
I, the LORD, have spoken!"

Zechariah 11



**"Open your doors, Lebanon,
so that fire may devour your
cedar forests.**

**²Weep, you cypress trees, for all
the ruined cedars;
the most majestic ones have
fallen.**

**Weep, you oaks of Bashan,
for the thick forests have been
cut down.**

**³Listen to the wailing of the
shepherds,
for their rich pastures are
destroyed.**

**Hear the young lions roaring,
for their thickets in the Jordan
Valley are ruined."**

Zechariah 12

"This message concerning the fate of Israel came from the LORD: 'This message is from the LORD, who stretched out the heavens, laid the foundations of the earth, and formed the human spirit' (Zech 12:1 NLT).

The Day of the Lord

**"I will make Jerusalem like an intoxicating drink that makes the nearby nations stagger when they send their armies to besiege Jerusalem and Judah"
(Zech 12:2 NLT).**



**"On that day I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock. All the nations will gather against it to try to move it, but they will only hurt themselves"
(Zech 12:3 NLT).**



"I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock."

"On that day," says the LORD, "I will cause every horse to panic and every rider to lose his nerve. I will watch over the people of Judah, but I will blind all the horses of their enemies. ⁵And the clans of Judah will say to themselves, 'The people of Jerusalem have found strength in the LORD of Heaven's Armies, their God'" (Zech 12:4-5 NLT).



**"On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a flame that sets a woodpile ablaze or like a burning torch among sheaves of grain. They will burn up all the neighboring nations right and left, while the people living in Jerusalem remain secure"
(Zech 12:6 NLT).**



"The LORD will give victory to the rest of Judah first, before Jerusalem, so that the people of Jerusalem and the royal line of David will not have greater honor than the rest of Judah. ⁸On that day the LORD will defend the people of Jerusalem; the weakest among them will be as mighty as King David! And the royal descendants will be like God, like the angel of the LORD who goes before them! ⁹For on that day I will begin to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem" (Zech 12:7-9 NLT).

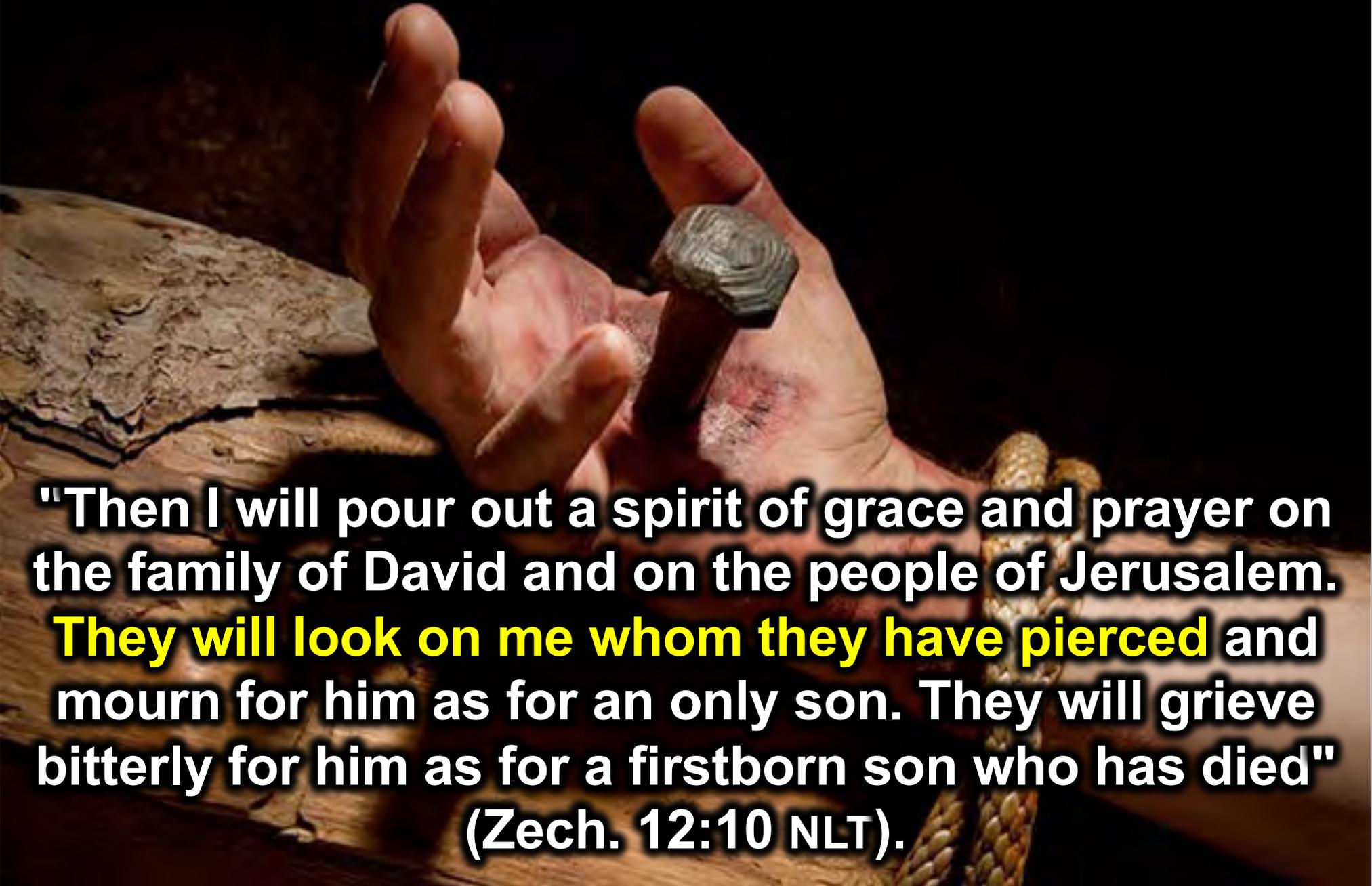




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The Repentance of Israel



"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)

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!"**

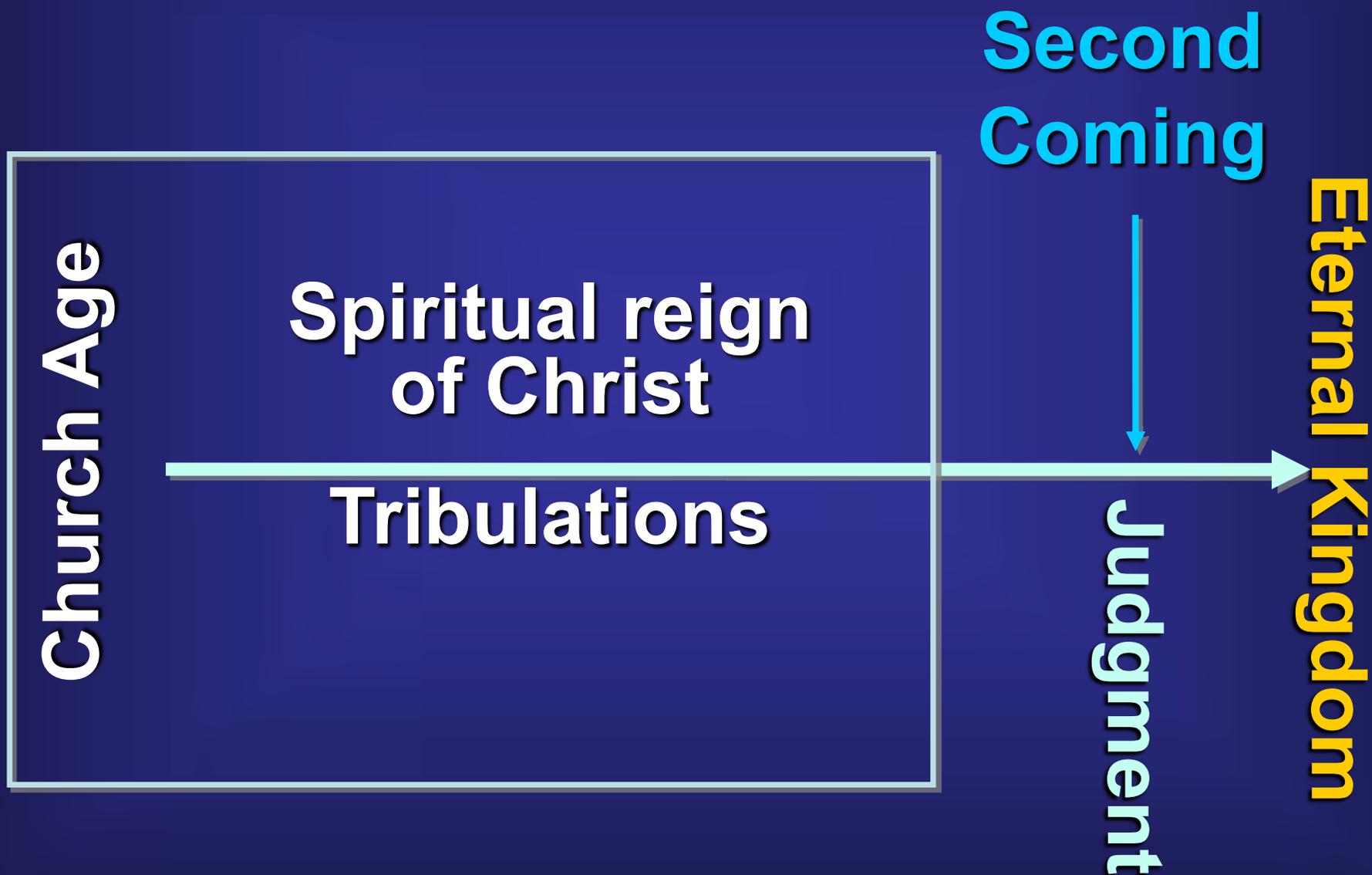


**"The sorrow and mourning in Jerusalem on that day will be like the great mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddo"
(Zech 12:11 NLT).**



"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,¹³ the clan of Levi, and the clan of Shimei.¹⁴ Each of the surviving clans from Judah will mourn separately, and with the husbands separate from their wives" (Zech 12:12-14 NLT).

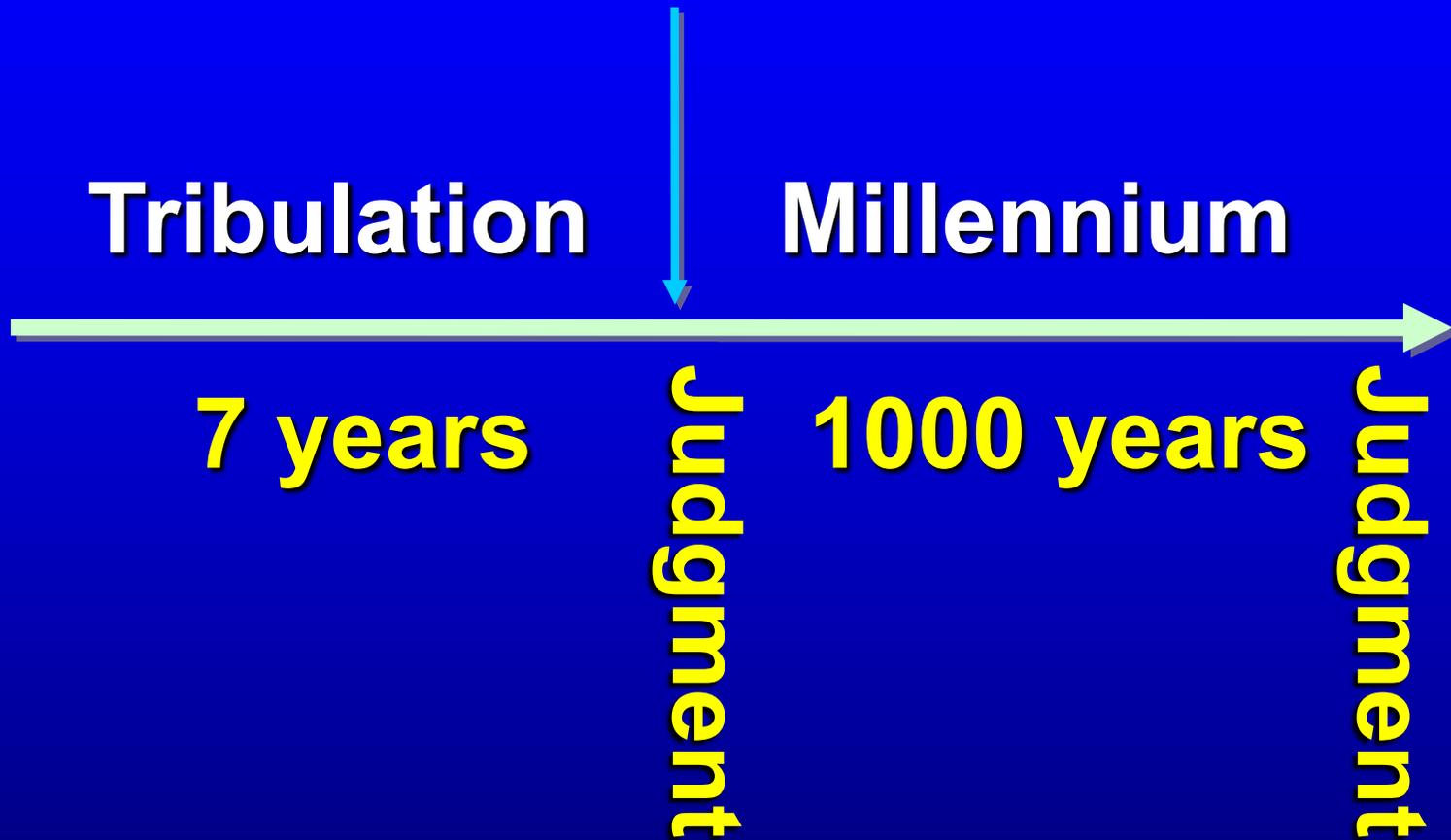
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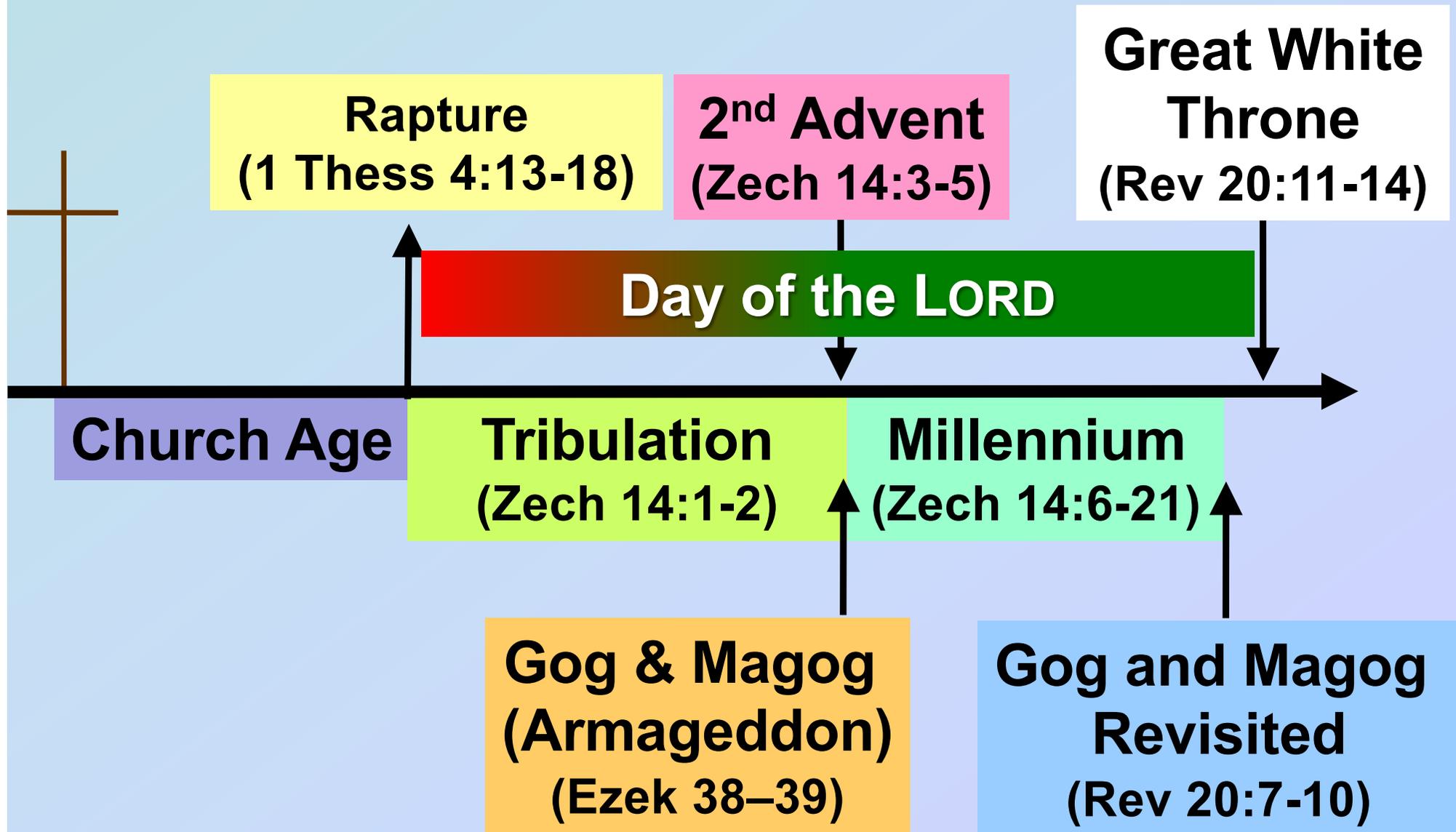
Second Coming = Second Advent

Church Age



Eternal Kingdom

A Dispensational Timeline



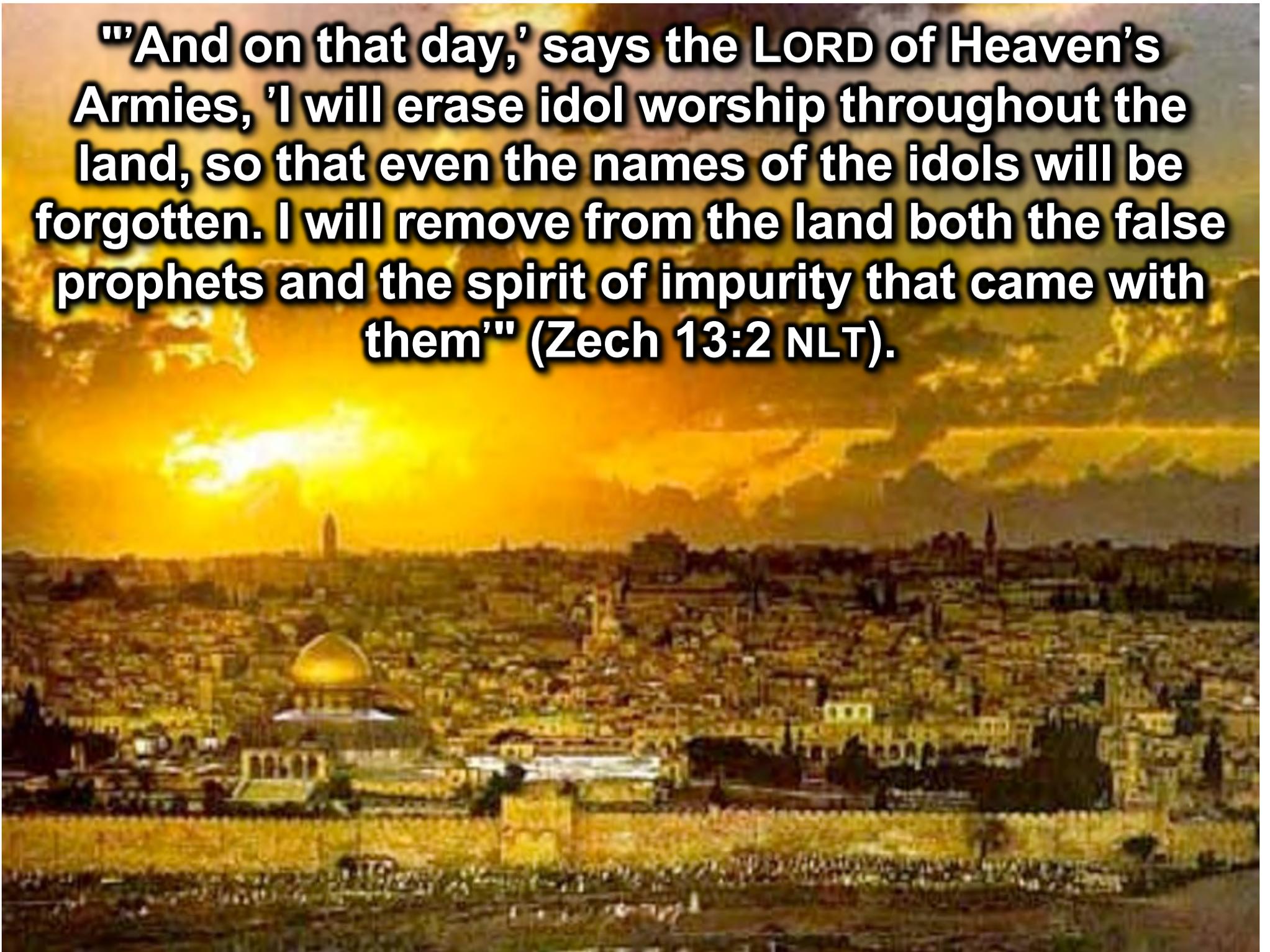
Zechariah 13

"On that day a fountain will be opened for the dynasty of David and for the people of Jerusalem, a fountain to cleanse them from all their sins and impurity" (Zech 13:1 NLT).



Moon and Back Graphics
James Feeler, photo

""And on that day,' says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, 'I will erase idol worship throughout the land, so that even the names of the idols will be forgotten. I will remove from the land both the false prophets and the spirit of impurity that came with them'" (Zech 13:2 NLT).



"If anyone continues to prophesy, his own father and mother will tell him, 'You must die, for you have prophesied lies in the name of the LORD.' And as he prophesies, his own father and mother will stab him" (Zech 13:3 NLT).

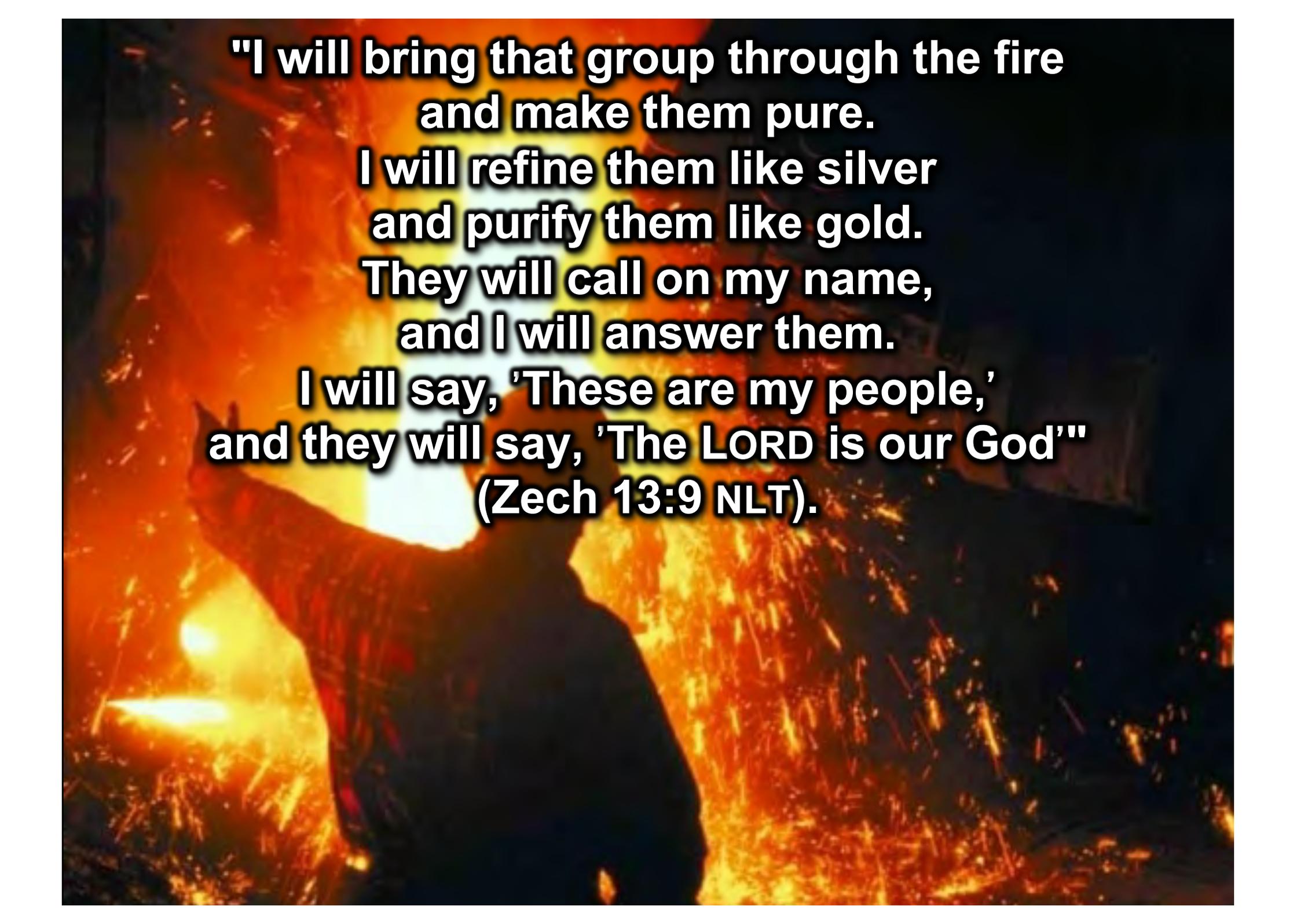


**"On that day people will be ashamed to claim the prophetic gift. No one will pretend to be a prophet by wearing prophet's clothes. ⁵ He will say, 'I'm no prophet; I'm a farmer. I began working for a farmer as a boy.' ⁶ And if someone asks, 'Then what about those wounds on your chest?' he will say, 'I was wounded at my friends' house!'"
(Zechariah 13:4-6 NLT).**



**“Awake, O sword,
against my shepherd, the
man who is my partner,
says the LORD of
Heaven’s Armies. ‘Strike
down the shepherd, and
the sheep will be
scattered, and I will turn
against the lambs. ⁸Two-
thirds of the people in
the land will be cut off
and die,’ says the LORD.
‘But one-third will be left
in the land’”
(Zech 13:7-8 NLT).**





**"I will bring that group through the fire
and make them pure.
I will refine them like silver
and purify them like gold.
They will call on my name,
and I will answer them.
I will say, 'These are my people,'
and they will say, 'The LORD is our God'"**
(Zech 13:9 NLT).

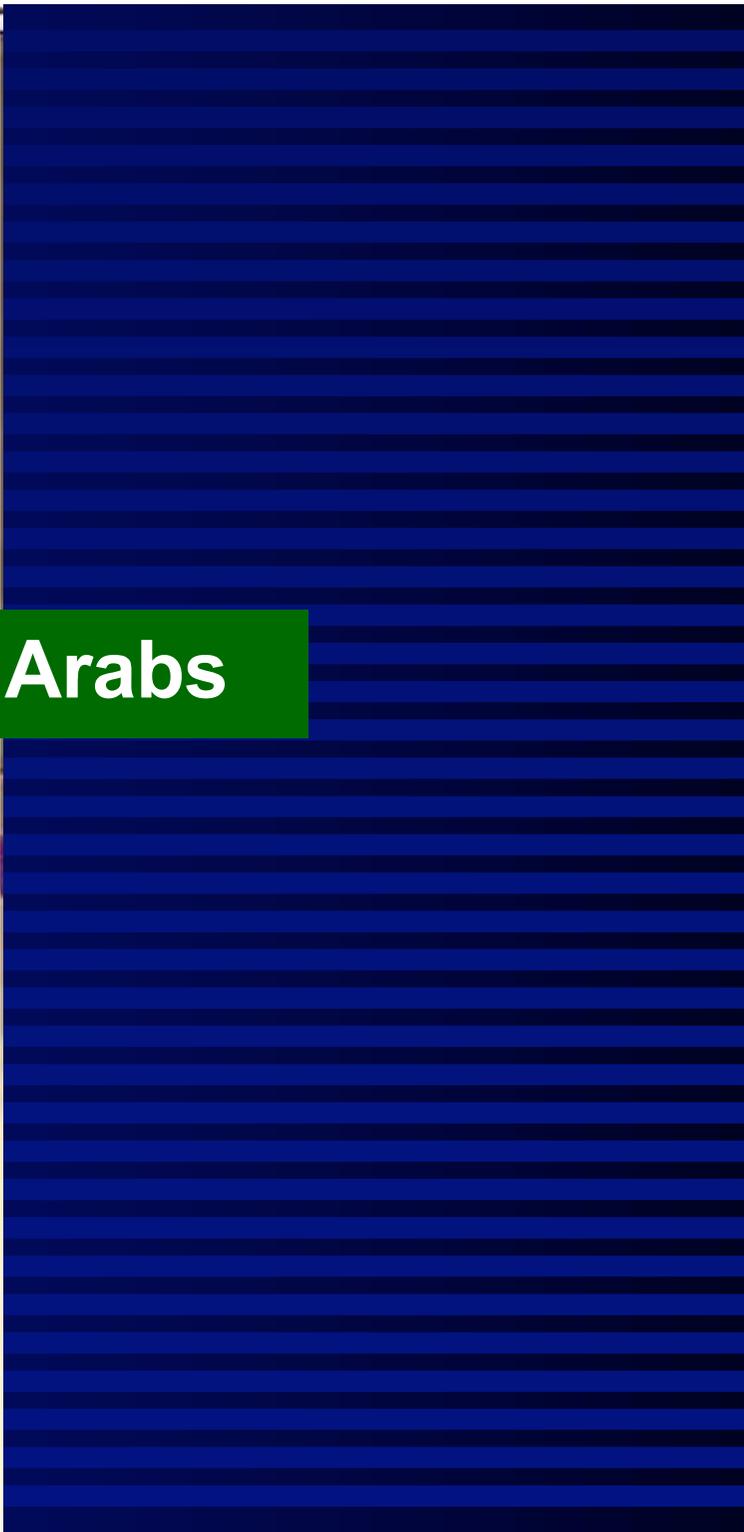
Zechariah 14

Jerusalem Population (2002)



East = Arabs

West = Jews



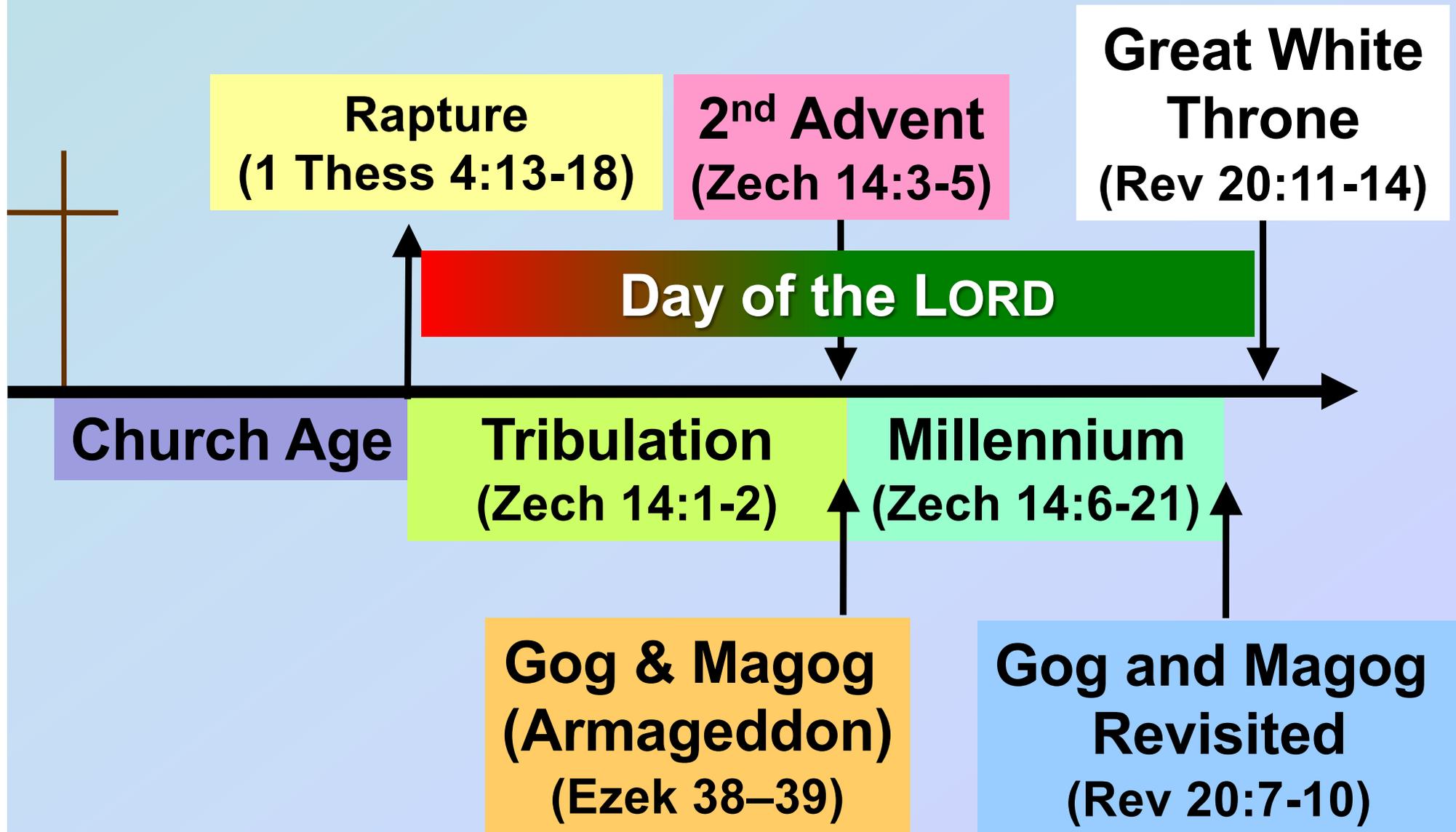
**"Watch, for the day of the LORD is coming when your possessions will be plundered right in front of you!"
(Zech. 14:1).**



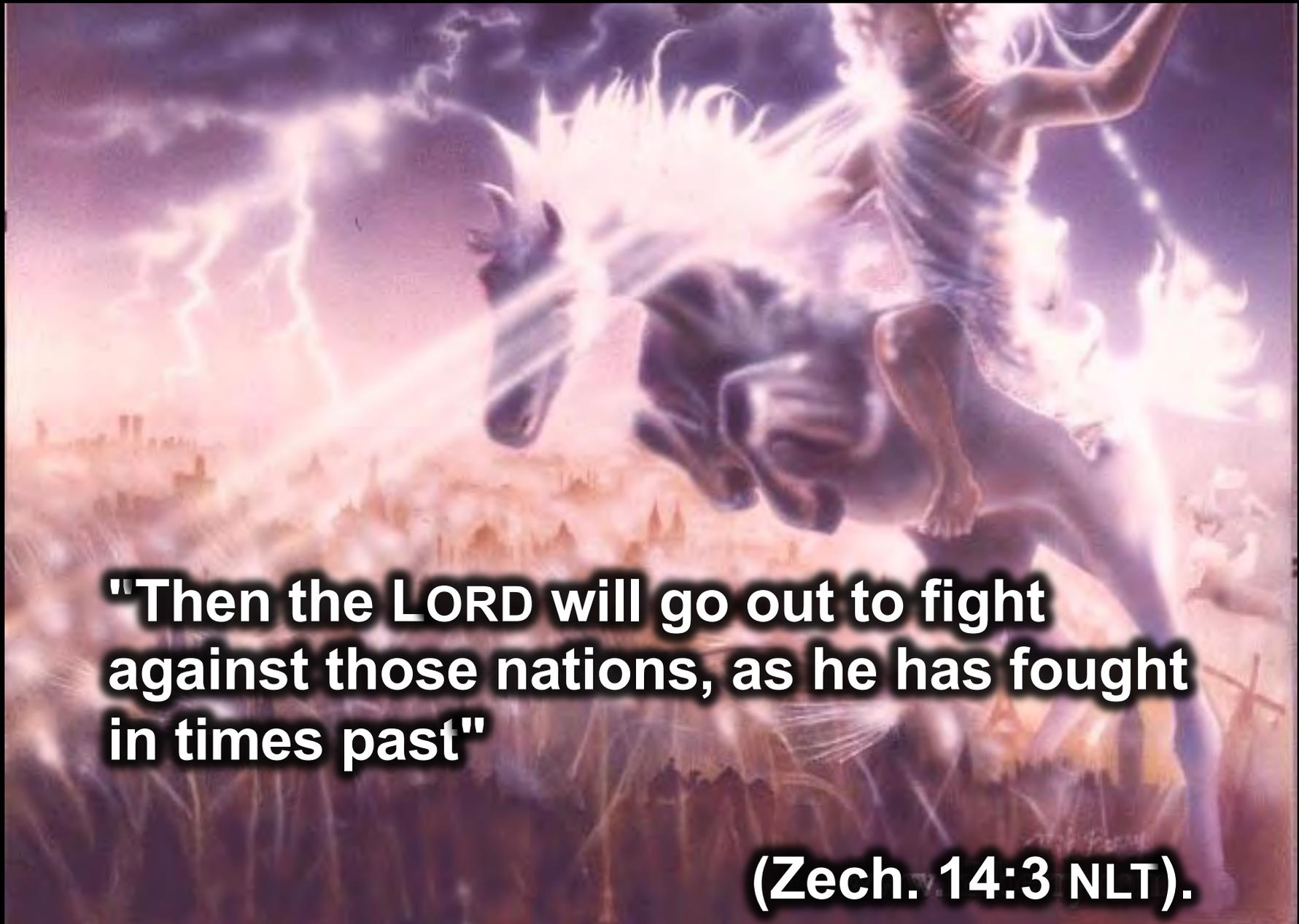


"I will gather all the nations to fight against Jerusalem. The city will be taken, the houses looted, and the women raped. Half the population will be taken into captivity, and the rest will be left among the ruins of the city" (Zech. 14:2 NLT).

A Dispensational Timeline



Christ's Return



**"Then the LORD will go out to fight
against those nations, as he has fought
in times past"**

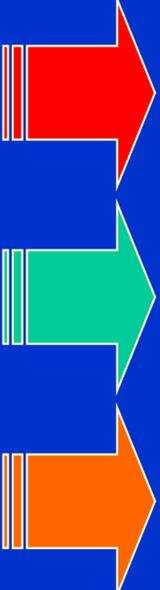
(Zech. 14:3 NLT).

The Second Coming



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

Mt. of Olives



Ezek. 8:4; 9:3; 10:4; 10:18-19; 11:23

Luke 19:37; 24:50; Acts 1:10

Acts 1:11; Zech. 14:4; Ezek. 43:1-5



a donkey, fulfilling an ancient prophecy (Zec 9:9). The crowd welcomed him with "Hosanna" and the words of

Since the next day was the Sabbath, the Lord spent the day in traditional fashion with his friends.

The Spirit Leaves & Returns

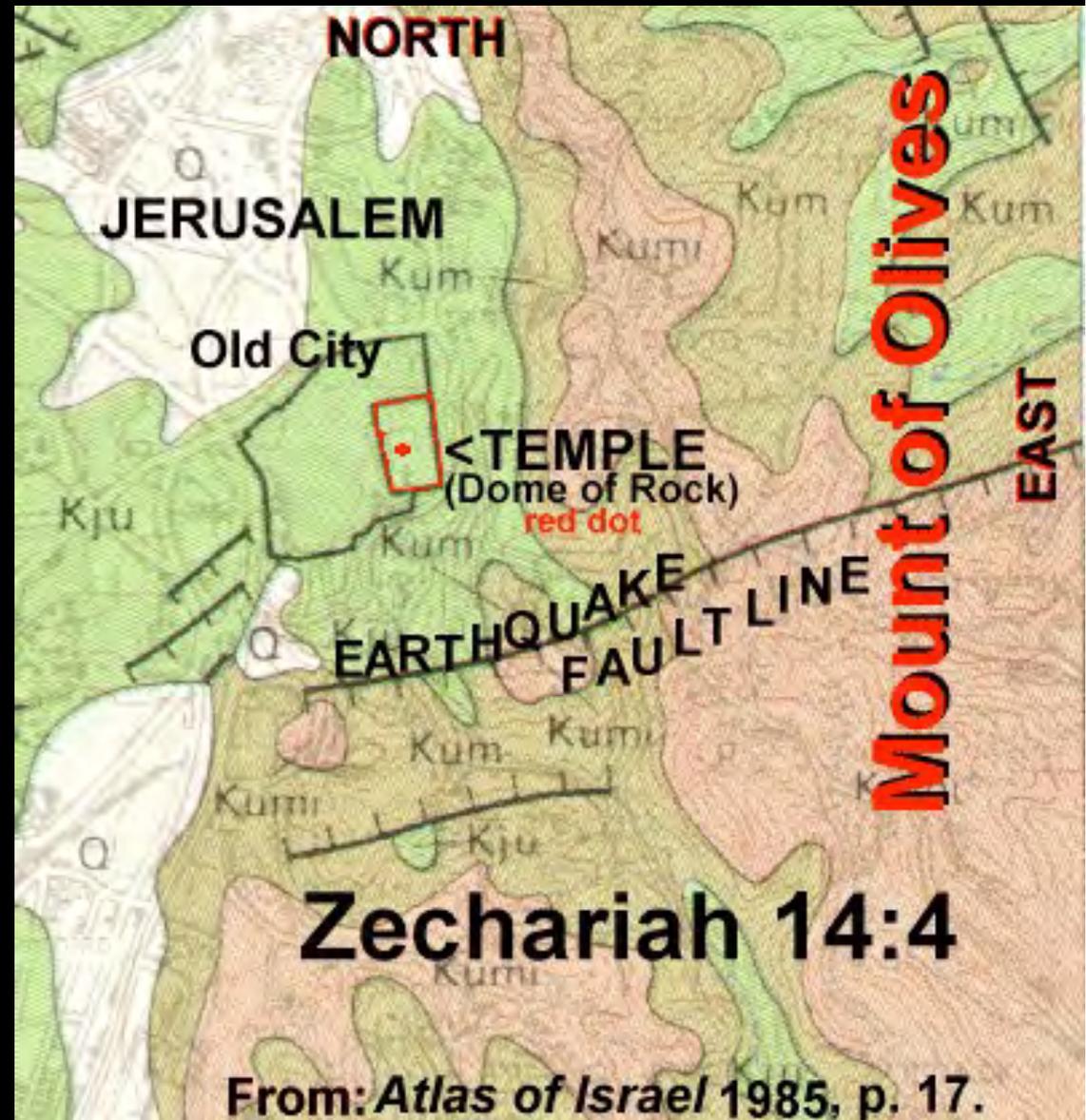
The Second Coming

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).**

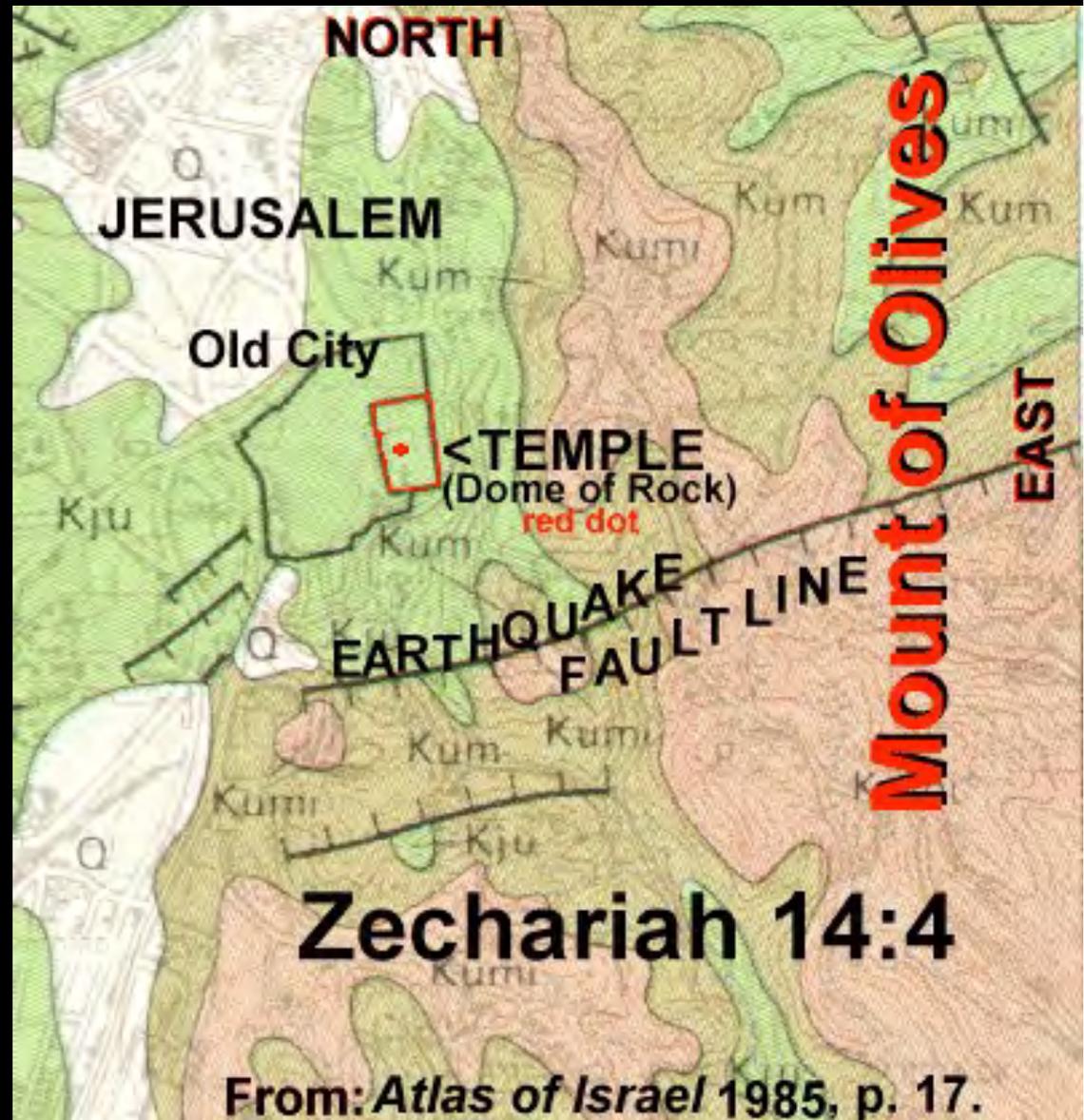
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"...And the Mount of Olives will split apart, making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south" (Zech. 14:4b NLT).

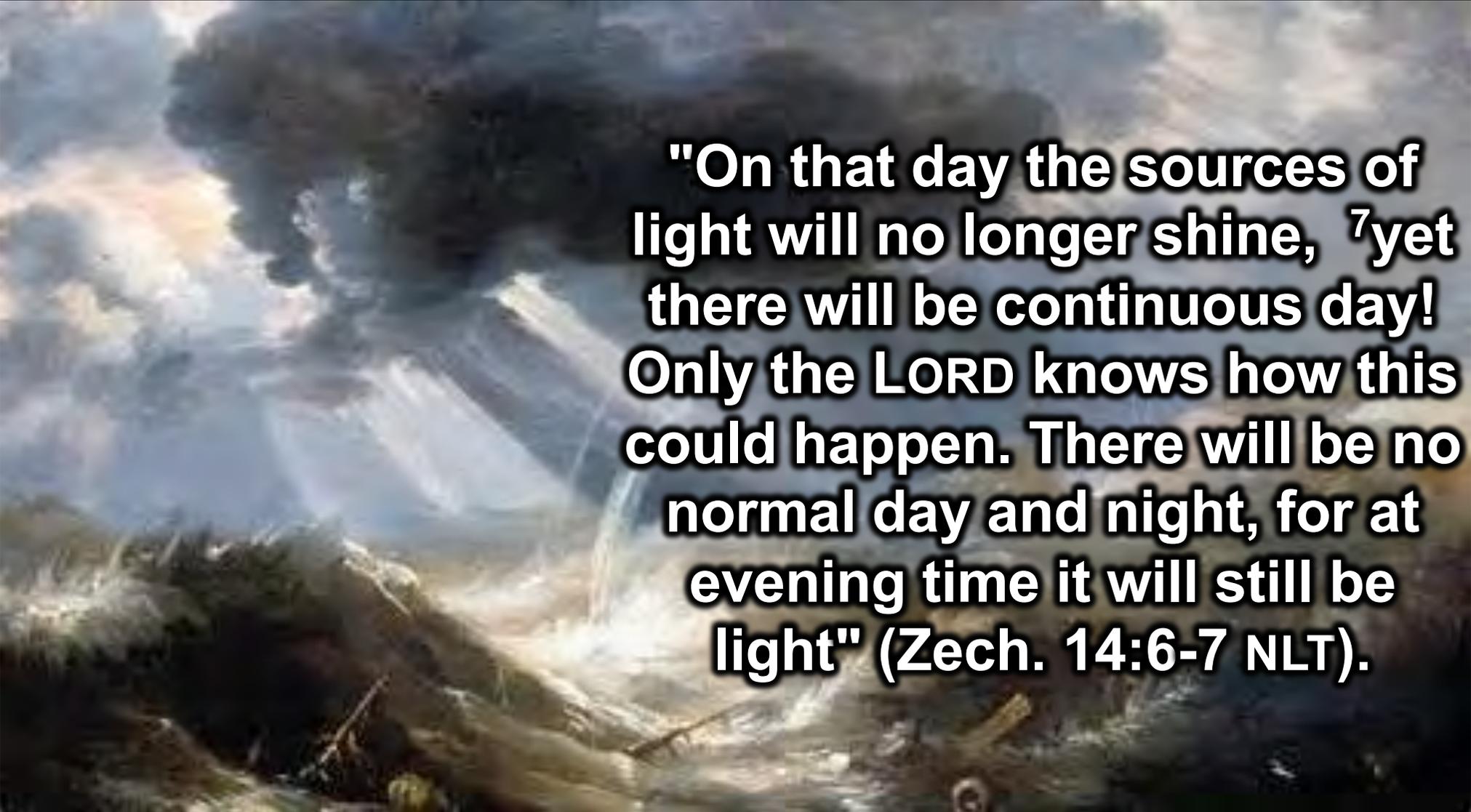


The Second Coming

"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, ⁷yet 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).

The Second Coming

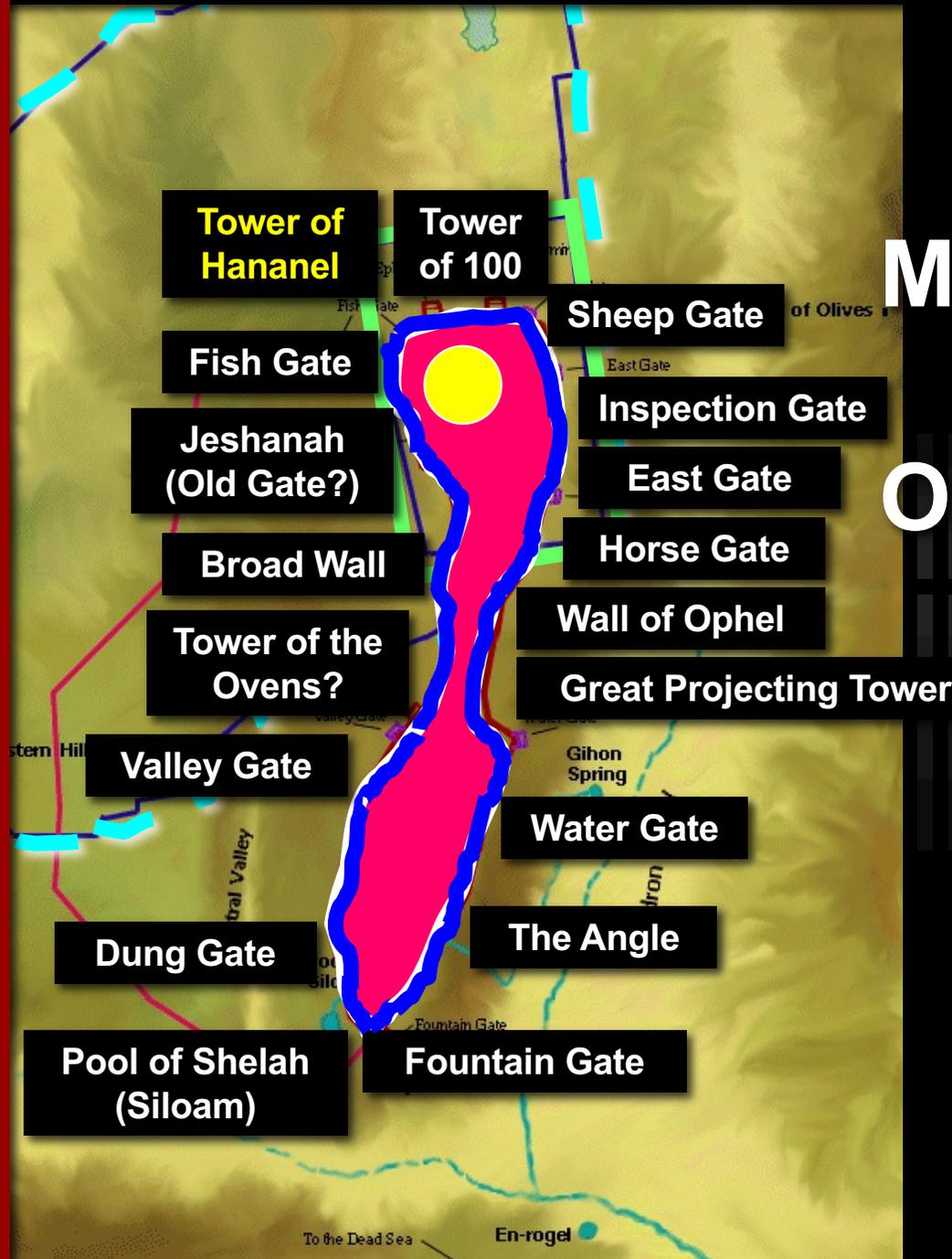


**"And the LORD will be king over all the earth.
On that day there will be one LORD—
his name alone will be worshiped"
(Zech. 14:9 NLT).**

Jerusalem Repopulated

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¹⁰ All the land from Geba, north of Judah, to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become one vast plain. But Jerusalem will be raised up in its original place and will be inhabited all the way from the Benjamin Gate over to the site of the old gate, then to the Corner Gate, and from the **Tower of Hananel** to the king's winepresses. ¹¹ And Jerusalem will be filled, safe at last, never again to be cursed and destroyed" (Zech. 14:10-11 NLT).



Mount
of
Olives

The Plain & Holy Portion in **Cubits**

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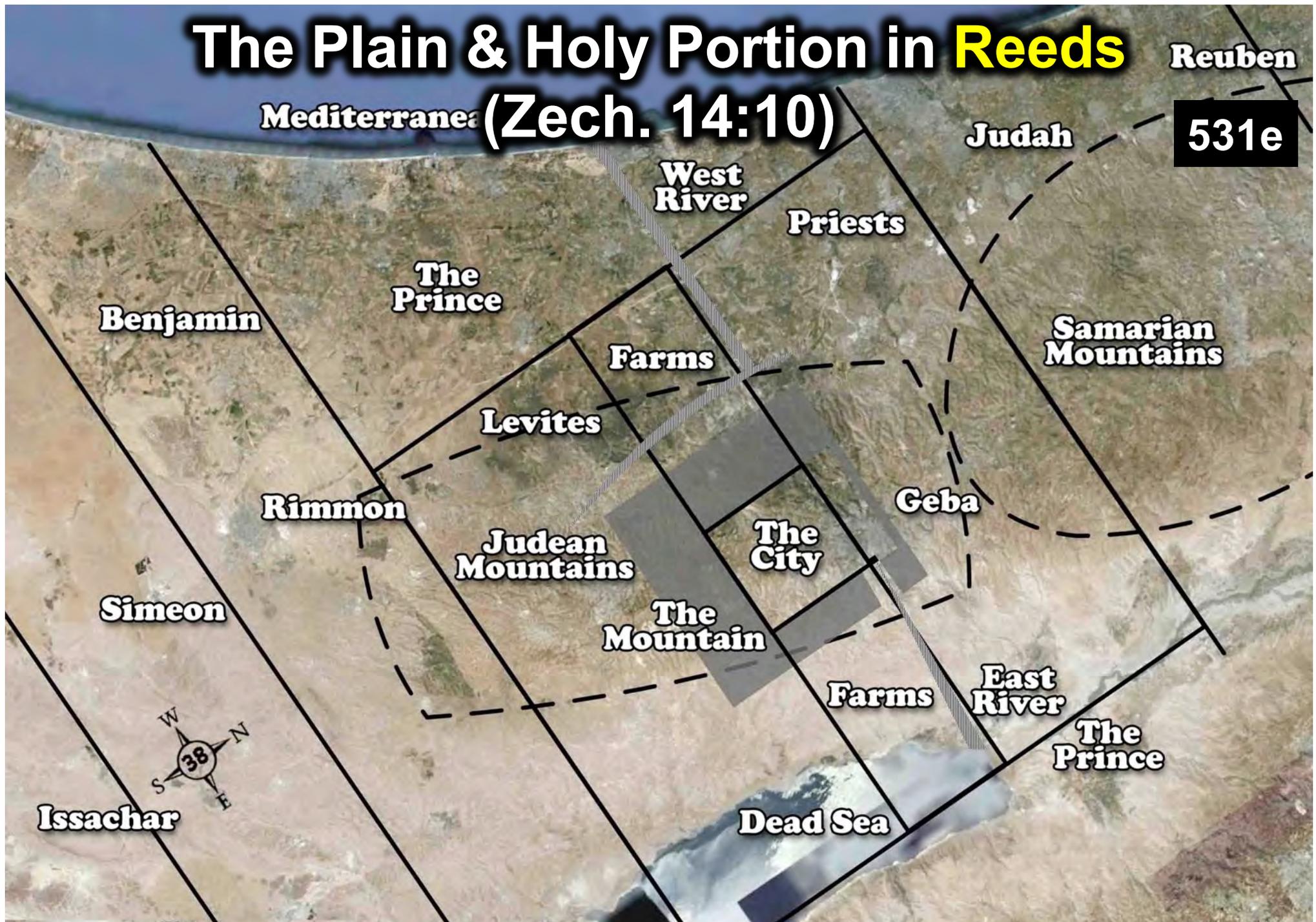
Mediterranea (Zech. 14:10)



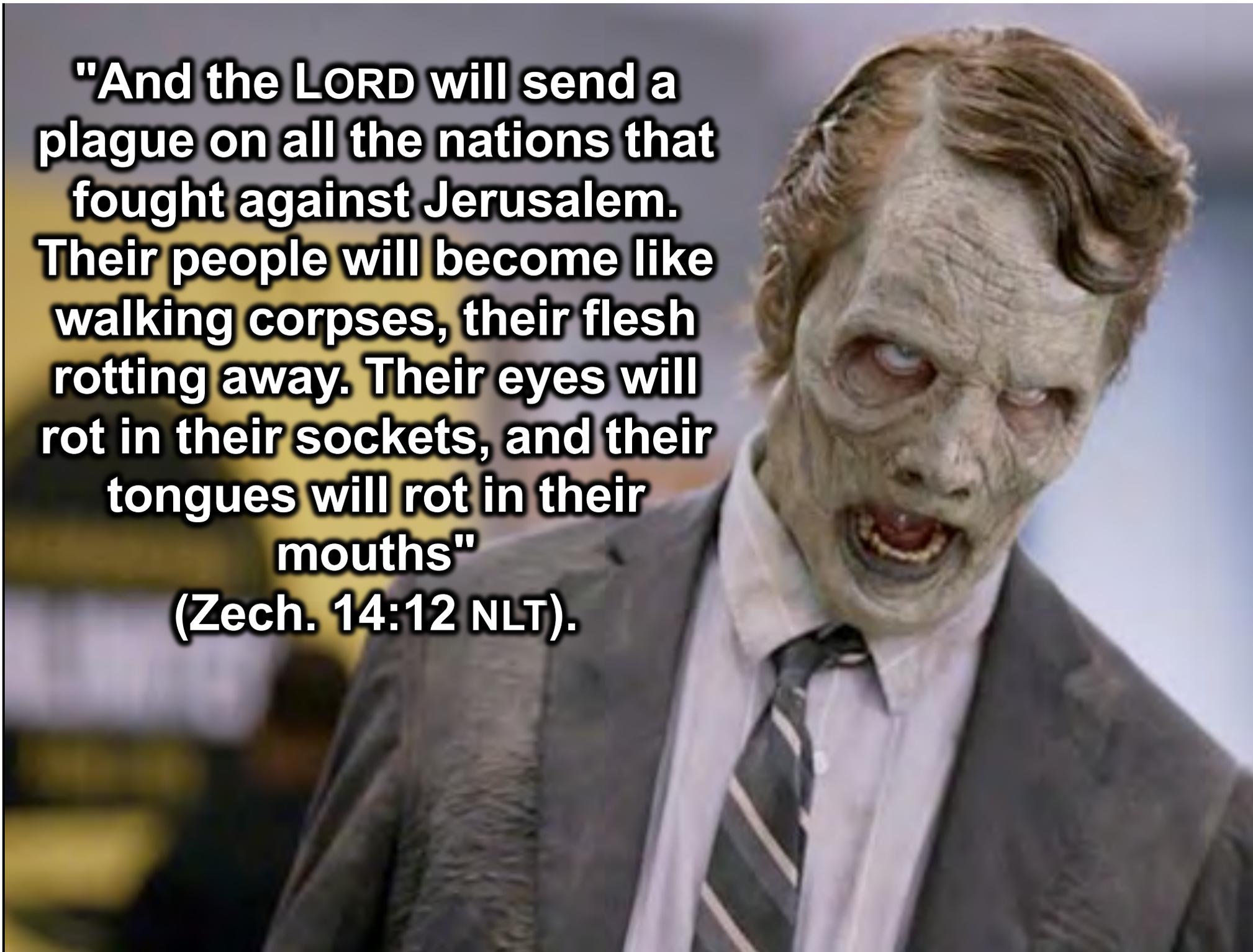
The Plain & Holy Portion in **Reeds** (Zech. 14:10)

Reuben

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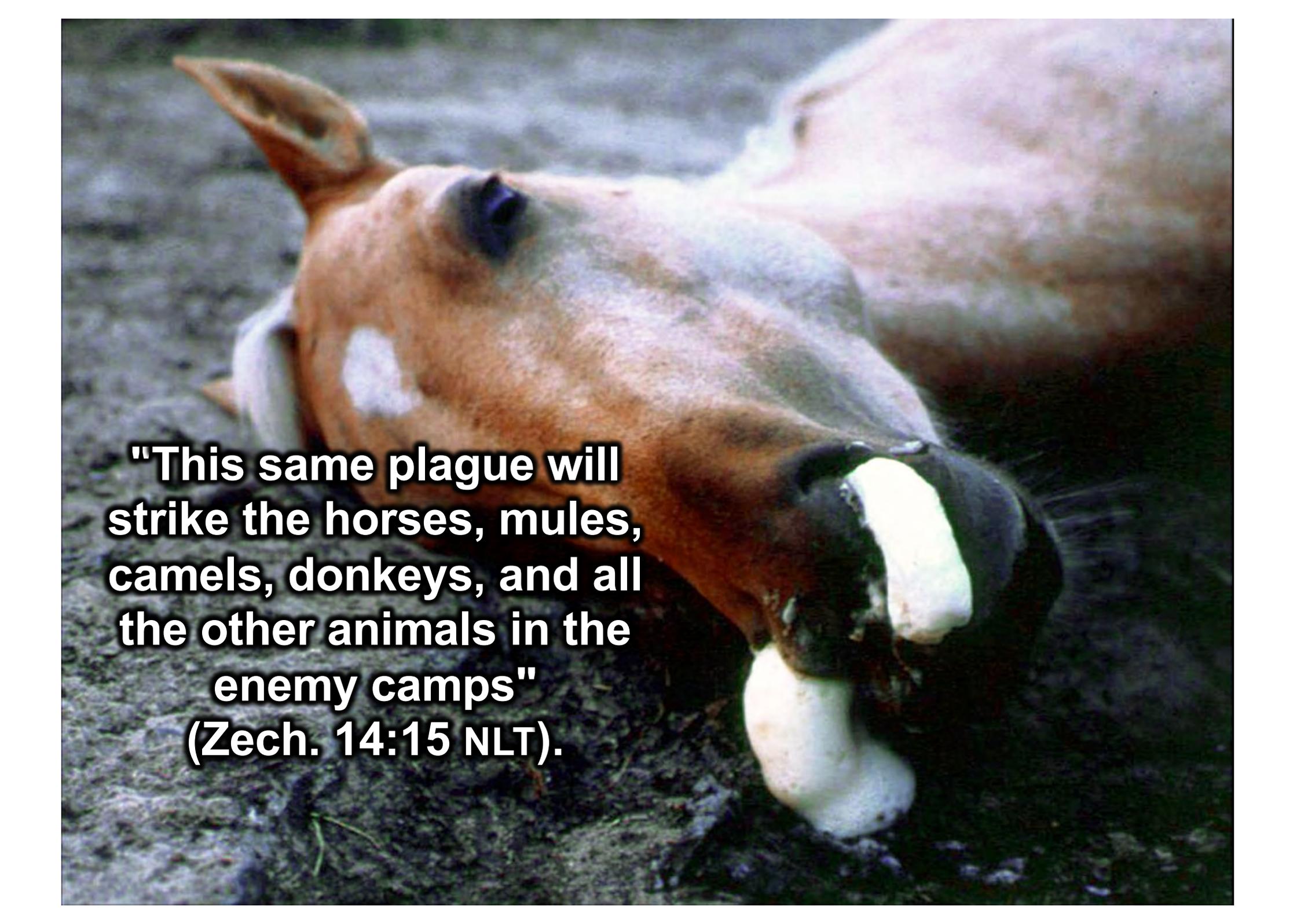


**"And the LORD will send a plague on all the nations that fought against Jerusalem. Their people will become like walking corpses, their flesh rotting away. Their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths"
(Zech. 14:12 NLT).**



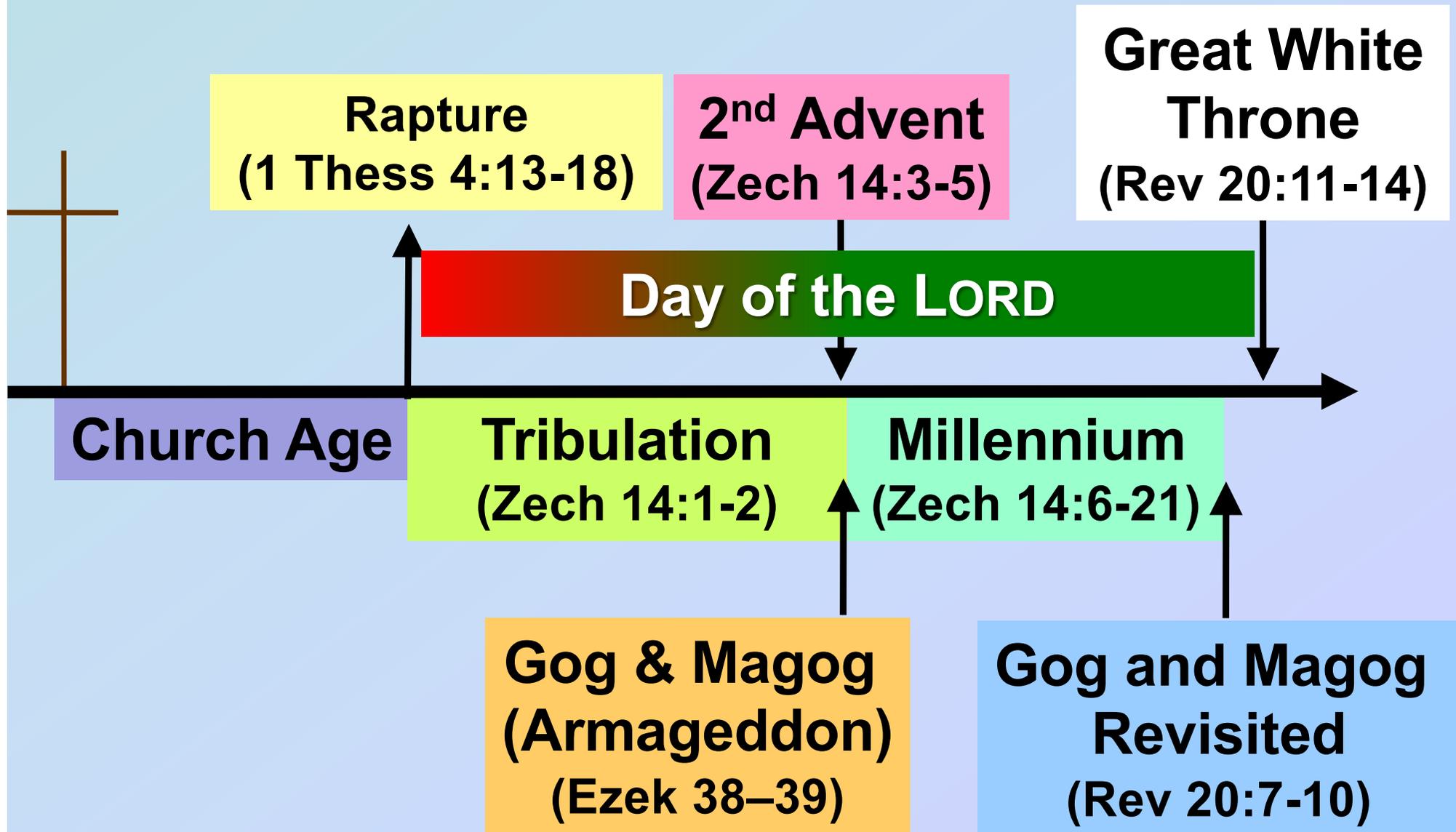


"On that day they will be terrified, stricken by the LORD with great panic. They will fight their neighbors hand to hand. ¹⁴Judah, too, will be fighting at Jerusalem. The wealth of all the neighboring nations will be captured—great quantities of gold and silver and fine clothing" (Zech. 14:13-14 NLT).



"This same plague will strike the horses, mules, camels, donkeys, and all the other animals in the enemy camps" (Zech. 14:15 NLT).

A Dispensational Timeline



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. ¹⁷Any nation in the world that refuses to come to Jerusalem to worship the King... will have no rain. ¹⁸If 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. ¹⁹Egypt and the other nations will all be punished if they don't go to celebrate the Festival of Shelters"

(Zechariah 14:16-19 NLT).

Millennial Holiness



²⁰ "On that day even the harness bells of the horses will be inscribed with these words: Holy to the LORD. And the cooking pots in the Temple of the LORD will be as sacred as the basins used beside the altar.

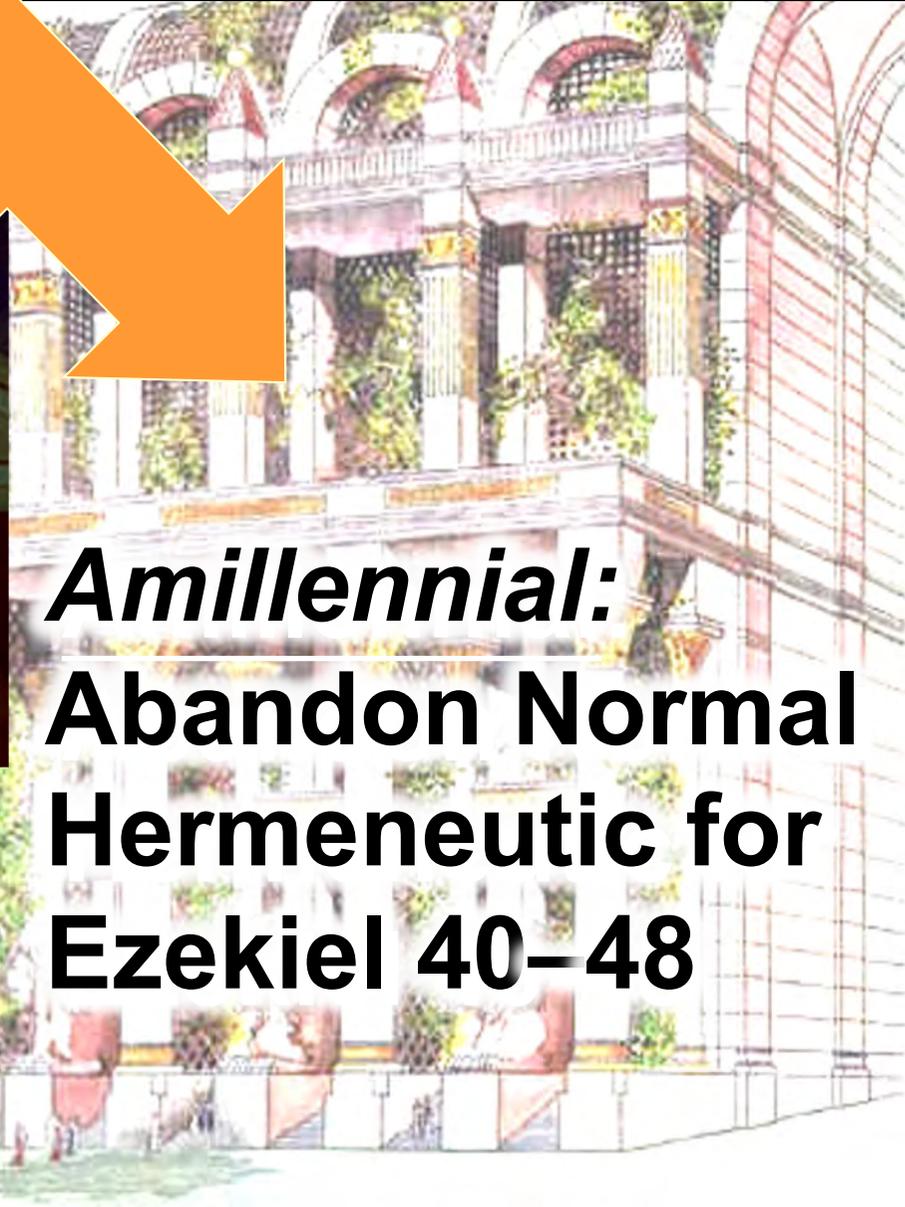
²¹ In fact, every cooking pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be holy to the LORD... All who come to worship will be free to use any of these pots to boil their sacrifices. And on that day there will no longer be traders [Heb. Canaanites] in the Temple of the LORD of Heaven's Armies."

(Zech. 14:20-21 NLT)

Problems Either Way!



Premillennial:
Sacrifices for Sin
(Ezek. 40:39) in
Light of Christ's
Death



Amillennial:
Abandon Normal
Hermeneutic for
Ezekiel 40–48

Why Millennial Sacrifices?

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Pre-Cross:

Looked **toward**
Christ's Death

Post-Cross:

Look **back** on
Christ's Death

- Theocratic: like confession of sin (1 John 1:9)
- Memorial: like Lord's Supper that looks back
- Paul offered a temple sacrifice in AD 57 (Acts 21:26) without seeing a "digression problem"



Zechariah

Summary Statement

Zechariah prepares Judah for the **Messiah** by encouraging the nation to respond to its privileged covenant position among the nations by rebuilding the temple in light of future blessings when the Messiah rules in the kingdom.

Malachi 4

***"But for you who fear my name,
the Sun of Righteousness will rise
with healing in his wings."***

Malachi 4:2 NLT



"...you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture."



Malachi 4:2b



"Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the LORD arrives. ⁶ His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise I will come and strike the land with a curse" (Malachi 4:5-6 NLT).

Matthew 6

"Thy Kingdom Come"



What Kind of Kingdom Did Isaiah (and Matthew) Envision?

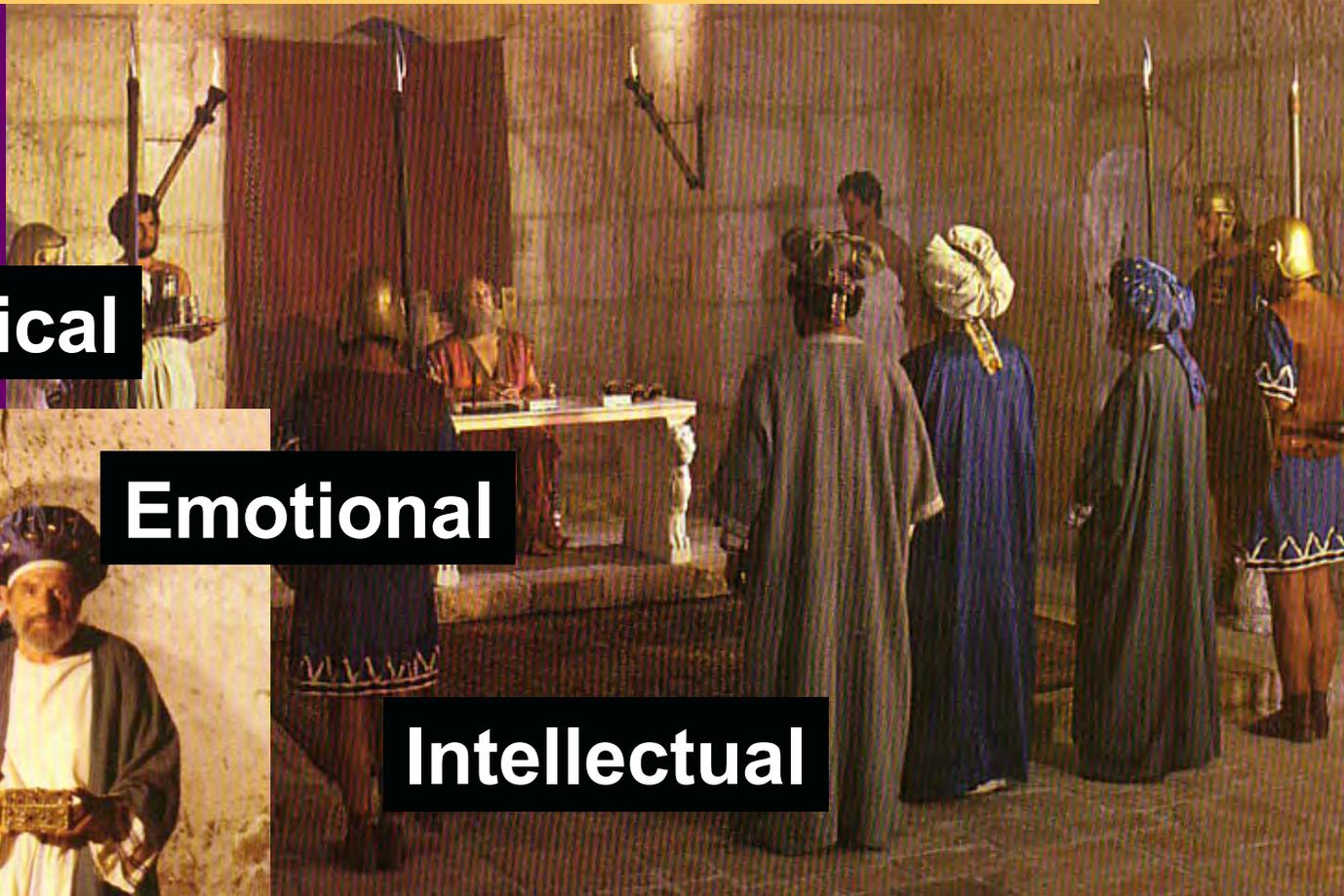
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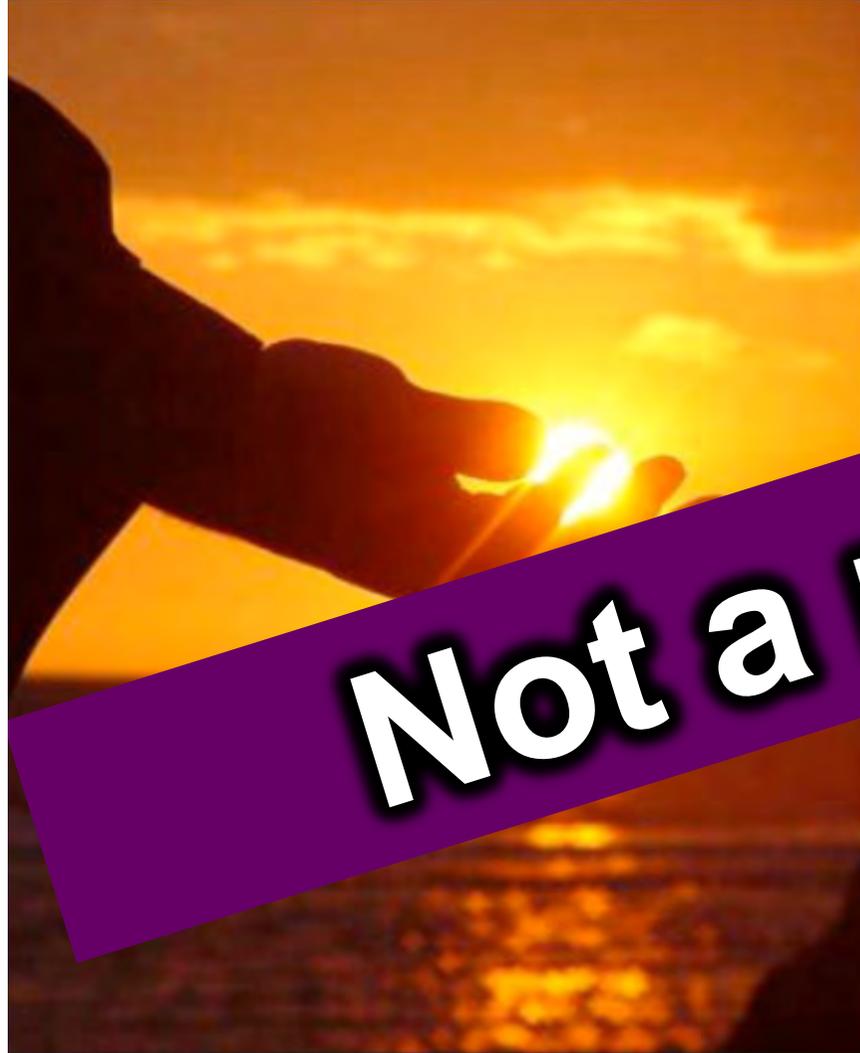
Intellectual

Spiritual





Should we pray...
*"Thy **Kingdom** come"?*



Not a new idea!

"Many passages speak of the second coming of Christ being followed by a reign of righteousness on earth (Pss. 2; 24; 72; 96; Isa. 2:1-5; 60:1-7; 61:1-11; 63:1-4; 64:1-6; Jer. 31:10-14; 33:14-17; 49:14-16; Amos 9:11-12; Micah 4:1-8; Zeph. 3:14-20; Zech. 8:1-8; 14:1-9; Matt. 19:28; 25:31-46; Acts 15:16-18; Rom. 11:25-27; Jude 14-15; Rev. 2:25-28; 19:11-20:6)."

—John Walvoord, "Revelation," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, 2:978

Matthew 19

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)



Matthew 25

Judgment of Living Gentiles



31 "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne.

32 All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world'" (Matt. 25:31-34 NLT).

Judgment of Living Gentiles



41 "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.'

42 For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink.

43 I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

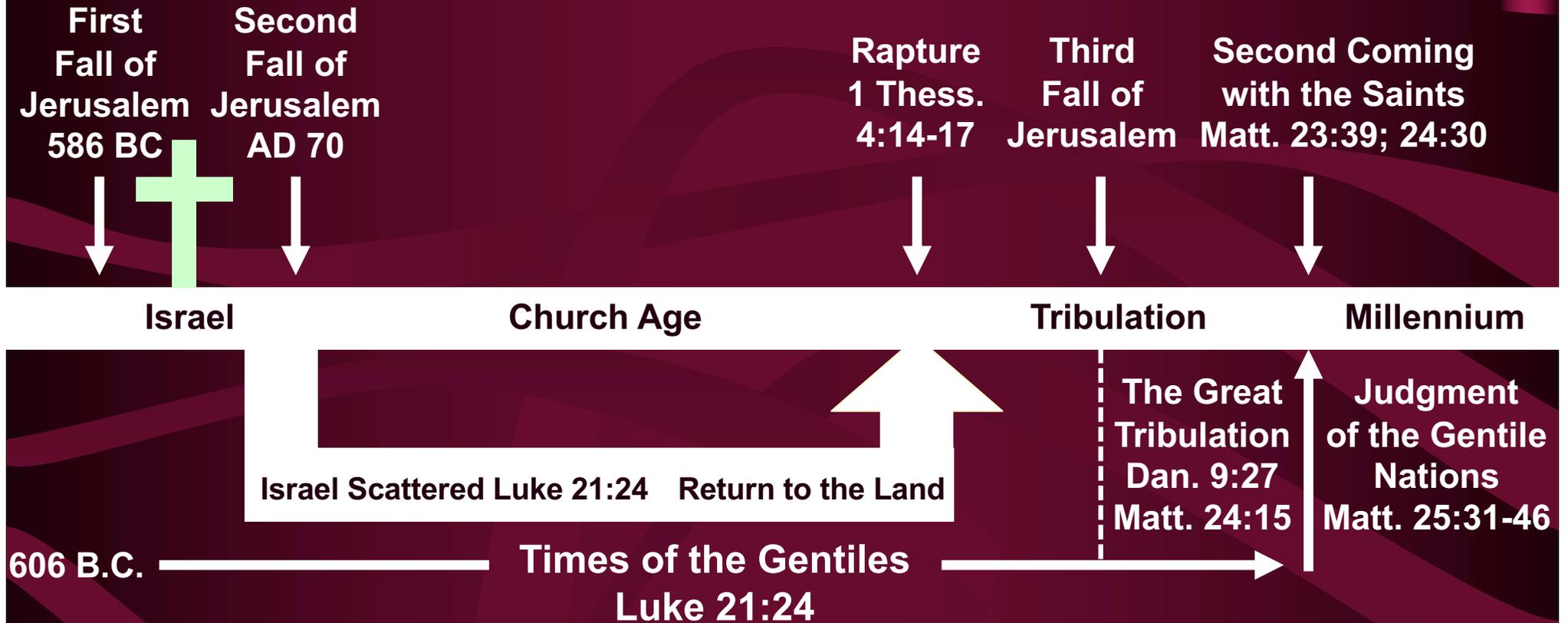
44 "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?'

45 "And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.'

46 "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life" (Matt. 25:41-46 NLT).

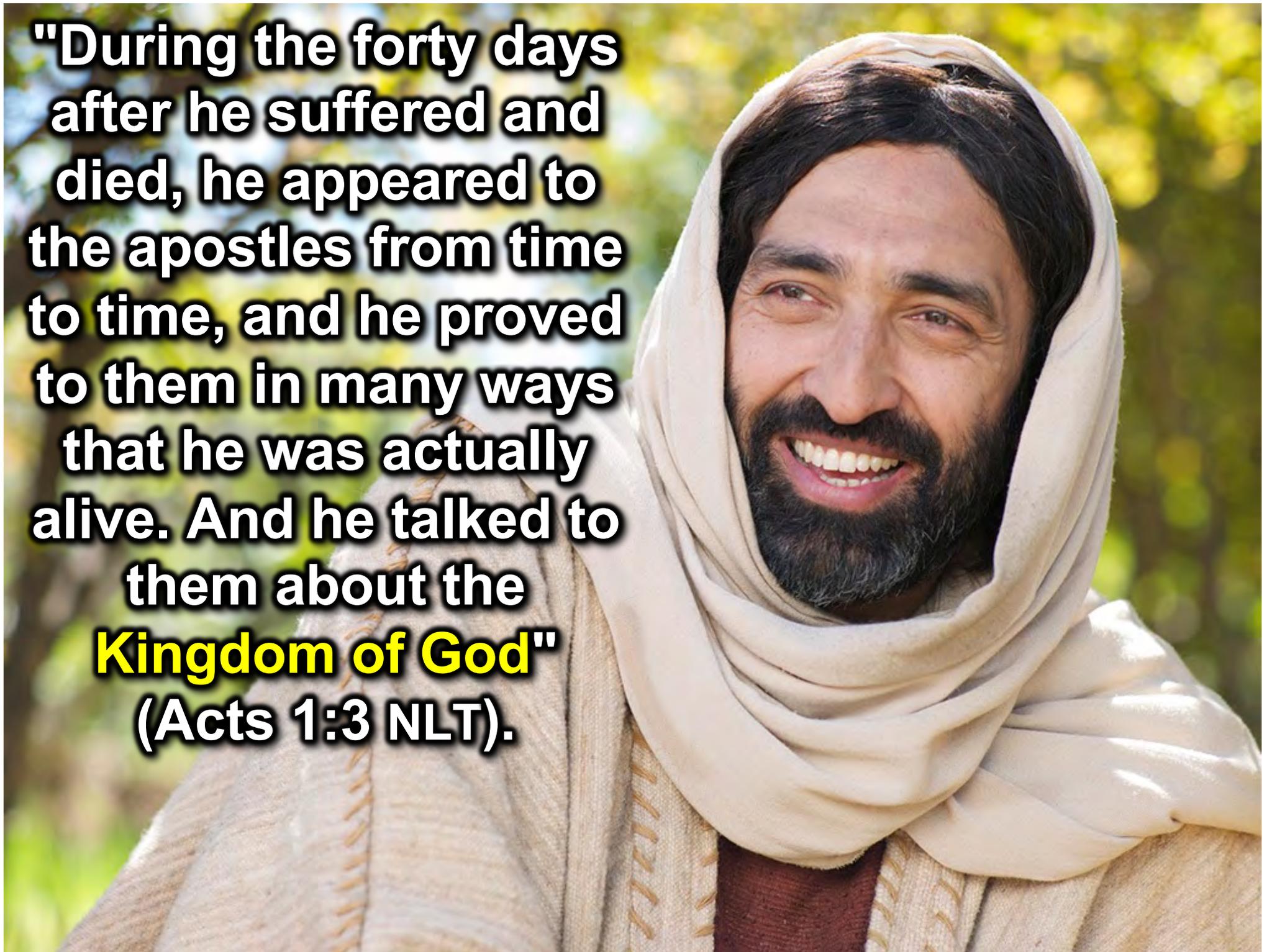
Olivet Discourse Overview (Matt. 24–25)

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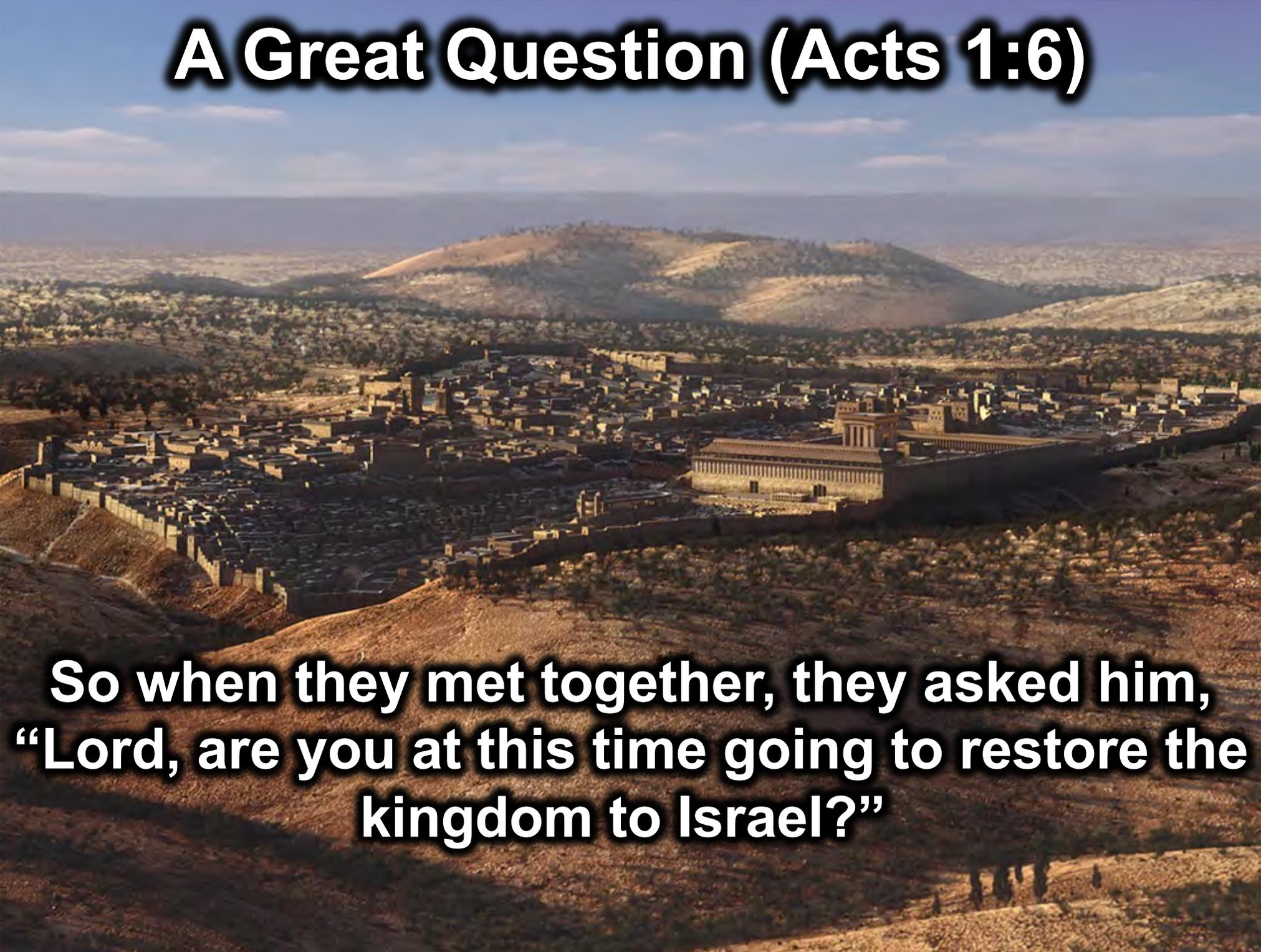


Acts 1

**"During the forty days
after he suffered and
died, he appeared to
the apostles from time
to time, and he proved
to them in many ways
that he was actually
alive. And he talked to
them about the
Kingdom of God"
(Acts 1:3 NLT).**



A Great Question (Acts 1:6)

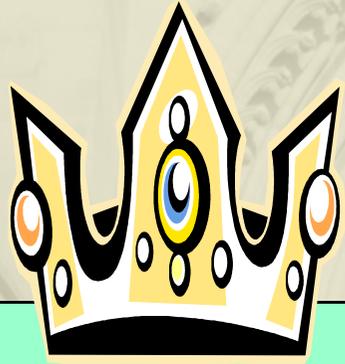
An aerial photograph of Jerusalem, showing the Temple Mount and the Temple of Herod. The city is built on a hillside, with a large, prominent building (the Temple) in the center. The surrounding landscape is hilly and arid, with some trees and a clear sky.

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

Key Characteristics of Acts

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A. Kingdom



Start

"So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and **restore our kingdom?**"
(Acts 1:6 NLT)



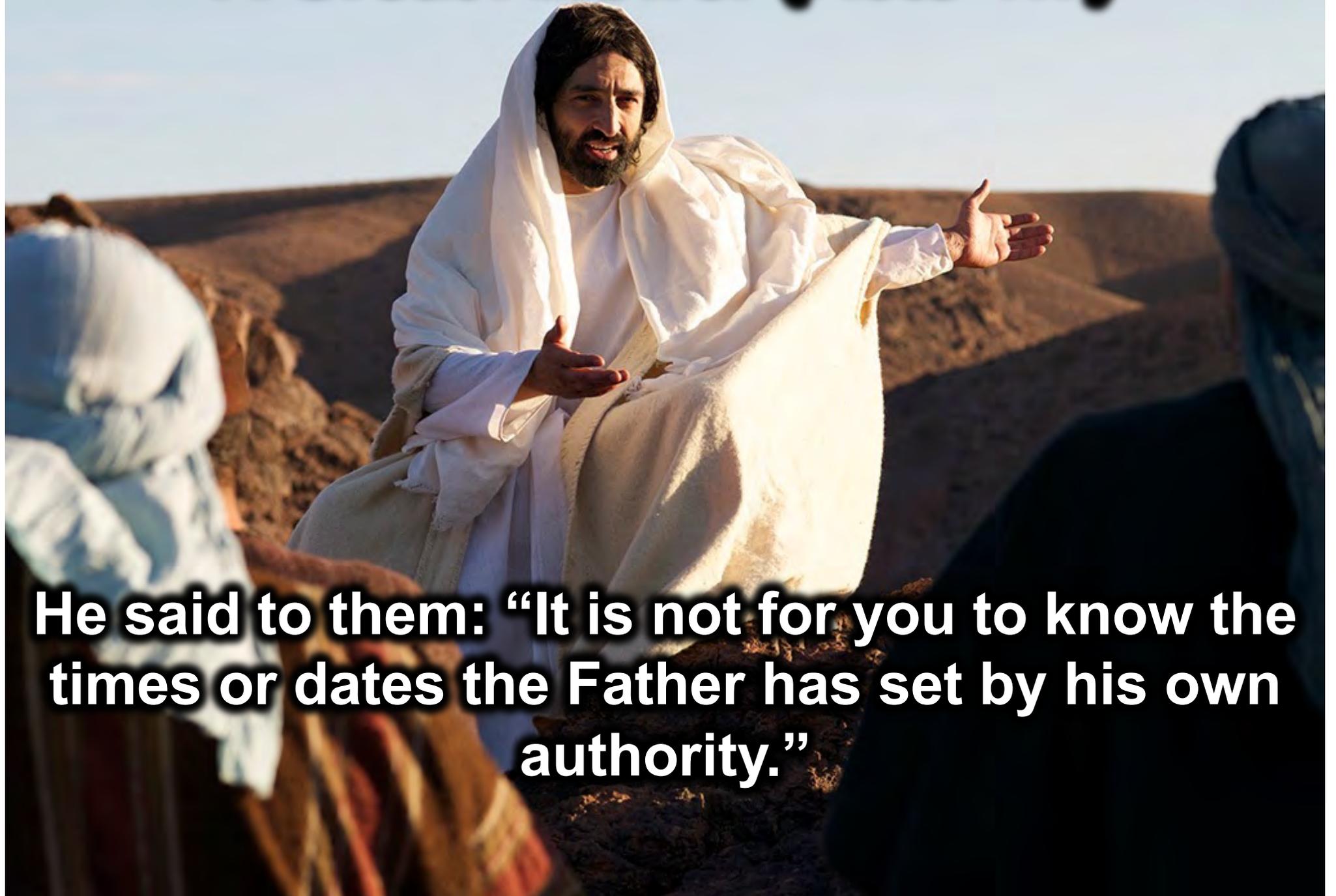
End

"For the next two years, Paul lived in Rome at his own expense. He welcomed all who visited him, ³¹**boldly proclaiming the Kingdom of God** and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ. And no one tried to stop him" (Acts 28:30-31 NLT).

**Will you at this time restore
the kingdom to yourself?**

Acts 1:6

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."



Romans 8

Romans 8:19-21

"The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. . . The creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God."



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Romans 8:19-21



Romans 9

**"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)

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)

Romans 11

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

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25 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.

26 And so **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written:

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

27 **And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."**



Galatians 6

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

"...**and** upon the
Israel of God"
(NAU)

Normal
use of *kai*

= Jewish
Christians

Church ≠ Israel

Revelation 2

The Overcomers (Rev. 2–3)

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Pergamum

2:17

Thyatira

2:26

Smyrna

2:11

He who overcomes,
and he who keeps My
deeds until the end,
TO HIM I WILL GIVE
**AUTHORITY OVER
THE NATIONS (2:26)**

Sardis

Ephesus

2:7

Philadelphia

Laodicea

Revelation 20

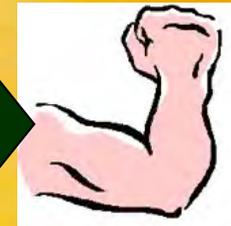
Revelation 20:4-6 Diagrammed

4^band they **came to life** and reigned with Christ for a **thousand years**.



4^aThen I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand...

1000 years



5^bThis is the **first resurrection**. 6^aBlessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power...

6^bbut they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a **thousand years**.

5^aThe rest of the dead did not **come to life** until the **thousand years** were completed.

Is there a future for ethnic believing Israel?

**Dispensational
Premillennialism**

**Amillennialism &
Postmillennialism**

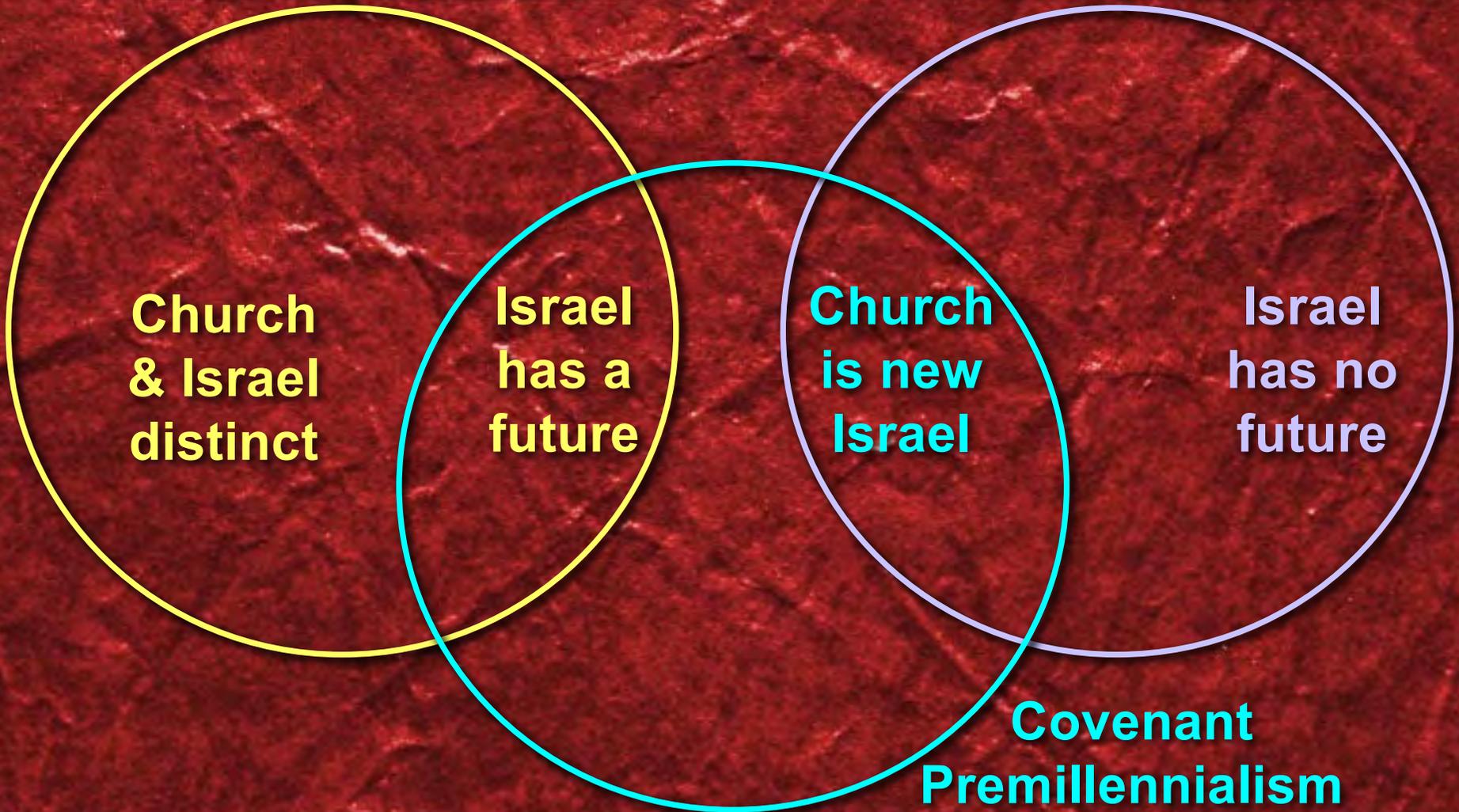
**Church
& Israel
distinct**

**Israel
has a
future**

**Church
is new
Israel**

**Israel
has no
future**

**Covenant
Premillennialism**



Universal Kingdom
(everything inside and outside the circle)

Living Beings

All People
(saved and unsaved all in the box)

Spiritual Kingdom
(saved people)

Kingdom of Darkness
(shaded area of all ages with unsaved people and demons)

Unsaved Before Christ	Saints prior to Moses	Theocracy & Monarchy (OT Saints under Law in Israel)
Present Unbelievers	Church	
Tribulation Unbelievers	Tribulation Believers	
Millennial Unbelievers	Millennial Believers	
Second Death (Hell)	Eternal Life (Heaven)	

Angels & Animals

The Kingdom Diagrammed

Mystery Form of the Kingdom

Millennial Kingdom

Kingdom Aspects

-----The Universal Kingdom-----

-----The Spiritual Kingdom-----



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Jesus Shall Reign

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To Him shall endless prayer be made.
And princes throng to crown His head,
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.**

Jesus Shall Reign

**He shall reign in glory
crowned with grace and might.**

**Bless His name and
praise the Sovereign King!**

**He shall reign forever
with His chosen bride,
And all the earth shall sing
that Jesus is the King!**



Jesus Shall Reign

**People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.**

**Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.**

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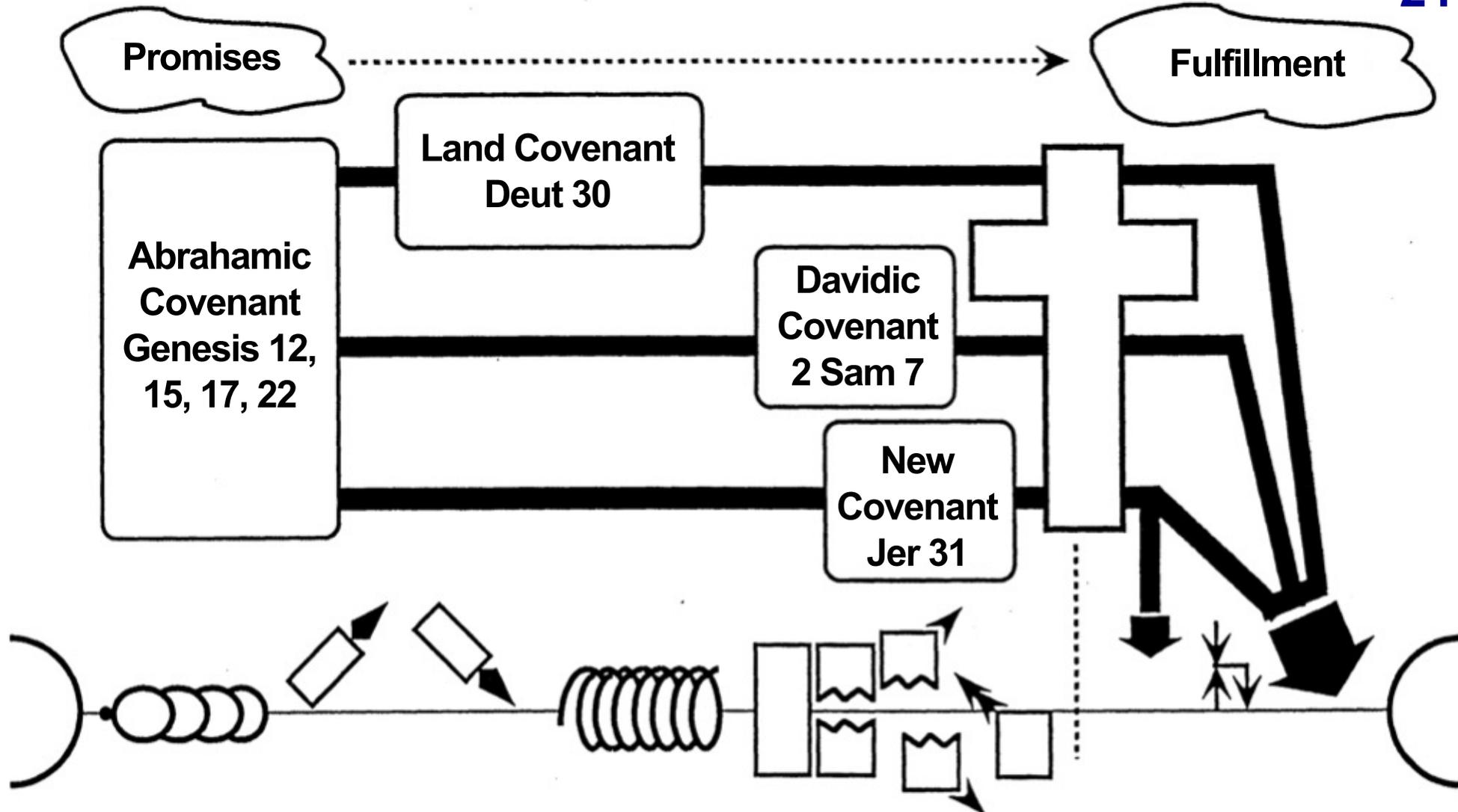
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Jesus Shall Reign

**Where He displays His healing power
Death and the curse are known no more;
In Him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.**

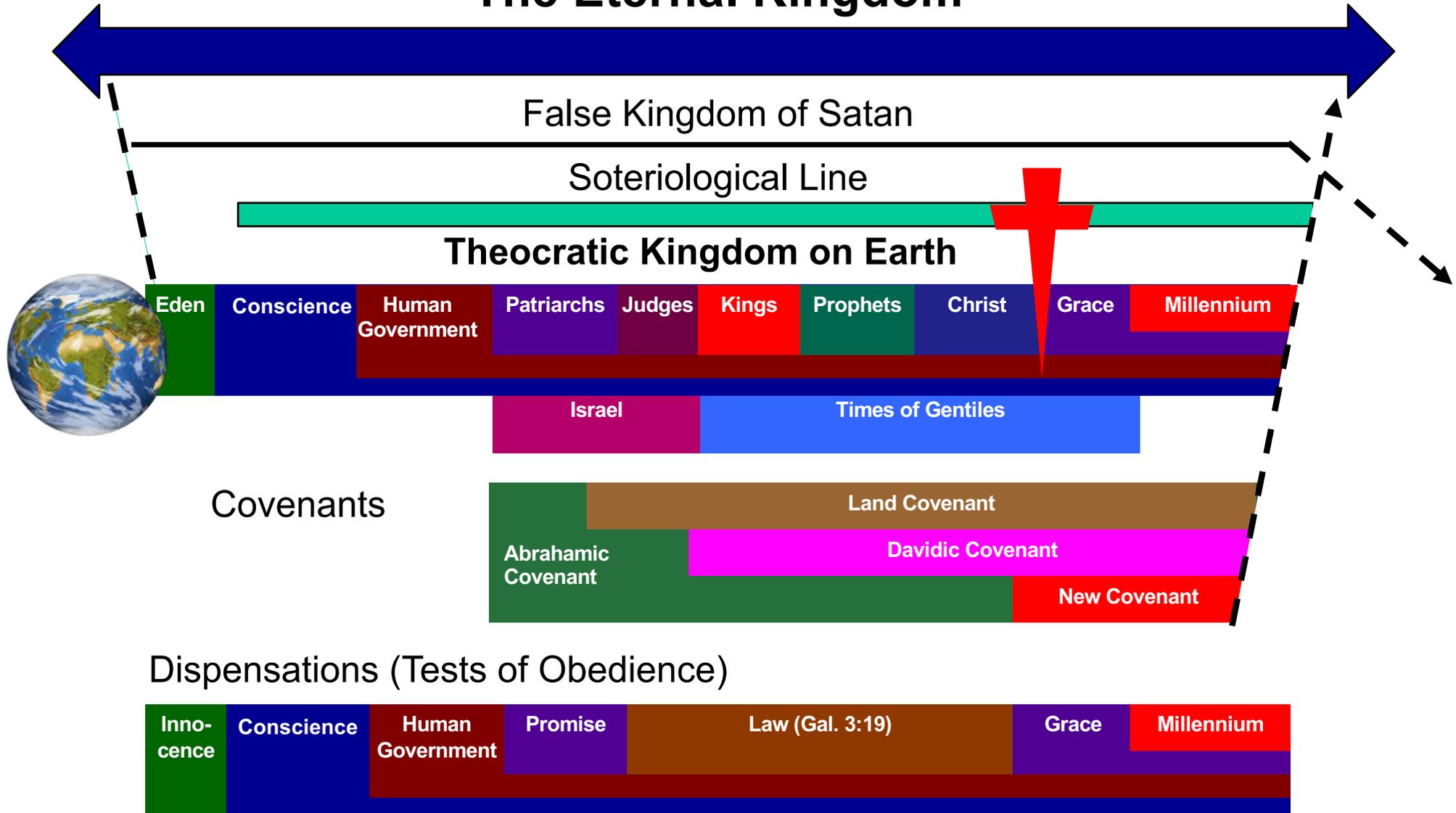


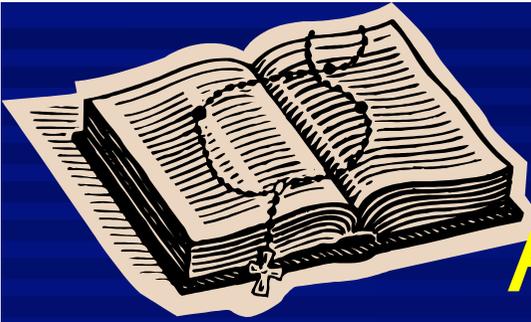
The Abrahamic Covenant & Its Fulfillment

The Kingdom of God

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The Eternal Kingdom





An All-Encompassing Theme

Genesis 1:26-28

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish ... birds ... livestock ... all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground...' God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'"

Revelation 22:5

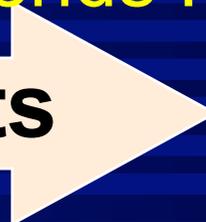
"There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever."

The Bible's Theme: God extends His rule to man

Command



Covenants



Fulfillment

My View of the OT's Theme

The Old Testament narrates

God's restoring man to participate in His kingdom rule for His own glory

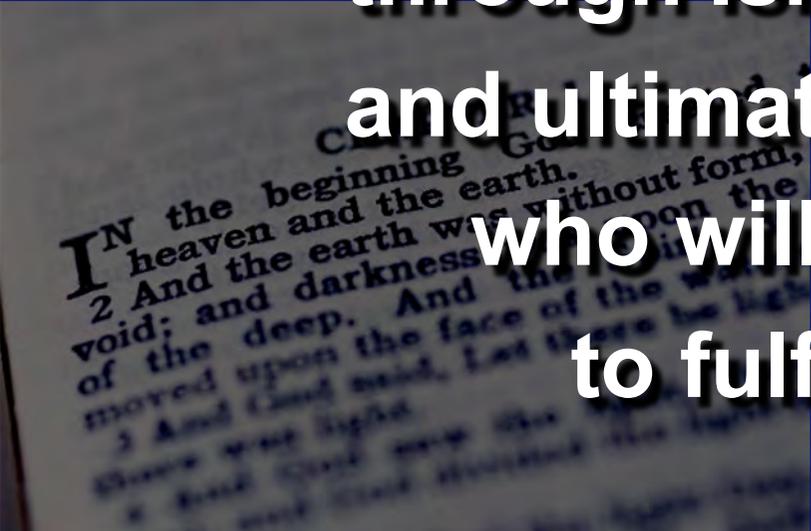
mandated in Eden but lost in the Fall
and accomplished by redeeming man

through Israel as a kingdom of priests

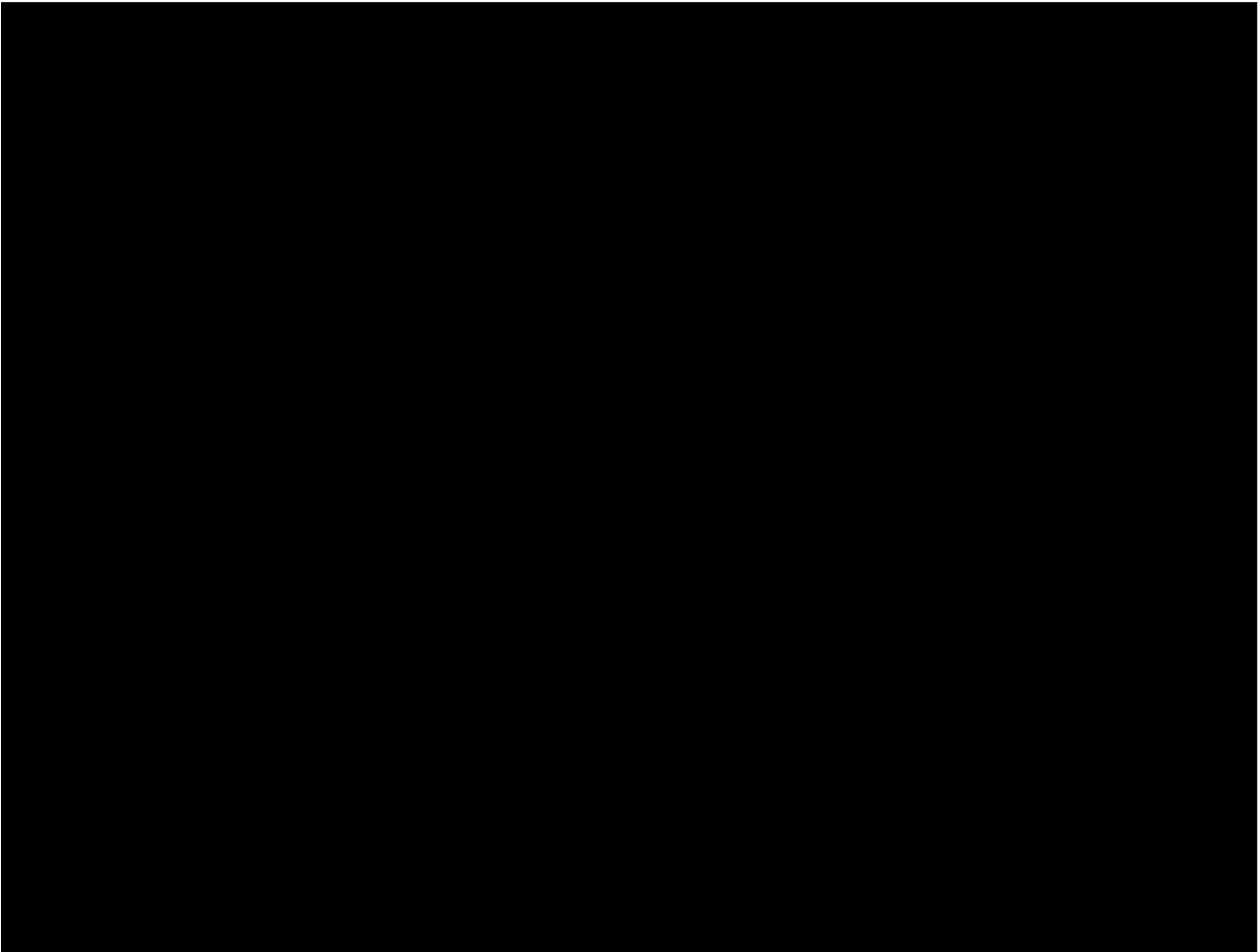
and ultimately through the Messiah,

who will reign as Saviour and King

to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant



IN the beginning
2 And the earth was without form,
void; and darkness was upon the
of the deep. And the Spirit of God
moved upon the face of the water.
3 And God said, Let there be light,
and there was light.



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