

Ancient Near East Peoples

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Rationale: Why Study ANE Peoples?

■ Exegete OT Scripture

- Genesis 12:1-3—Why did Abraham leave Ur with his entire family?
- 1 Samuel 13:19—Why did the Israelites go to the Philistine camp to sharpen their weapons to use against them?
- Psalm 29:3—Why does the psalmist claim that the LORD is "above the waters"?



Rationale:

Why Study ANE Peoples?

■ Exegete Present Culture

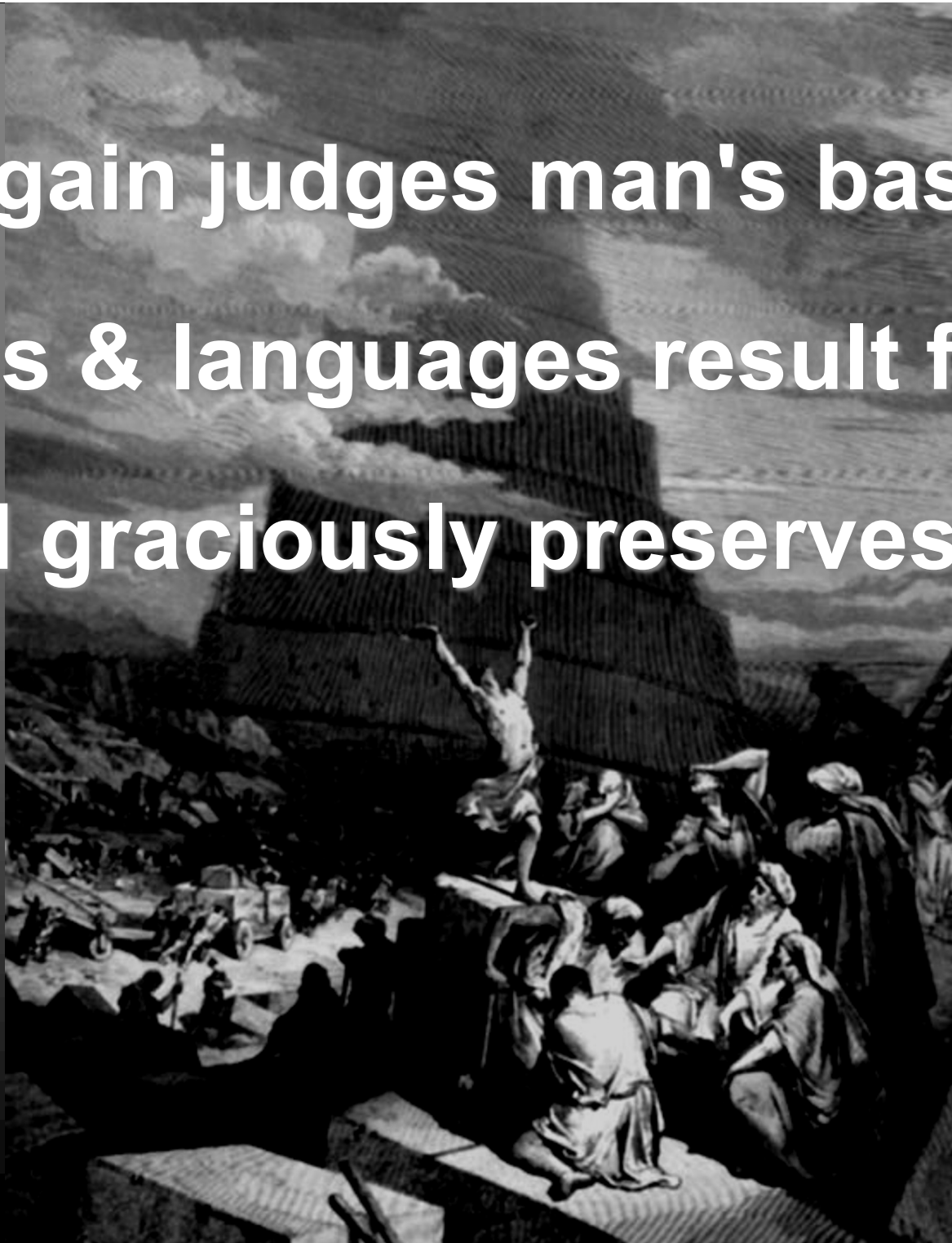
■ What cultural values of unbelievers do you observe in this country?

■ How do these values differ from your own?

ANE History (An Overview)



God again judges man's base heart
Nations & languages result from sin
God graciously preserves man



Genesis 11

ANE Geography

JAPHETHITES

Ararat

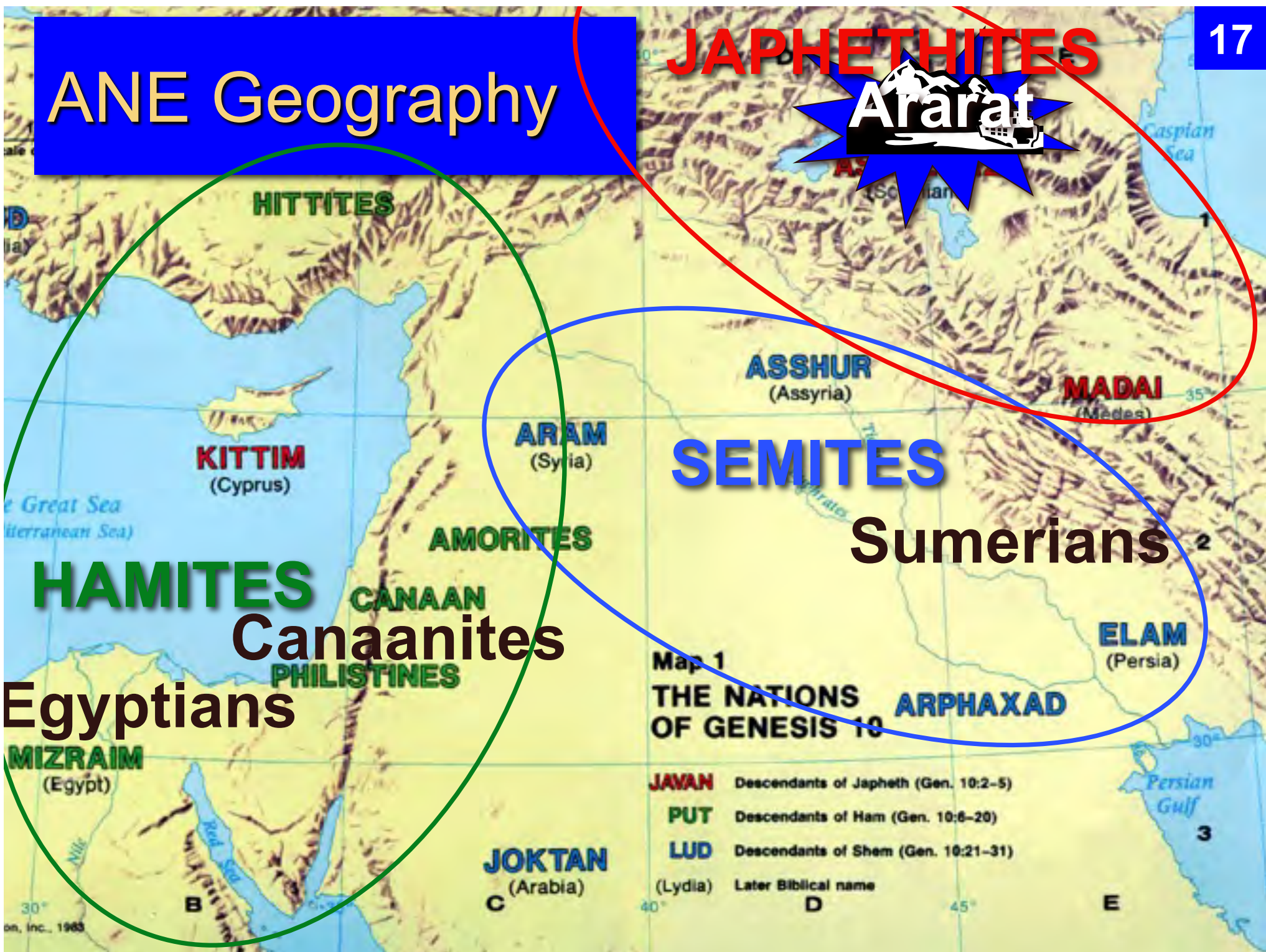
SEMITES

Sumerians

HAMITES

Canaanites

Egyptians



Descendants of Noah's Sons



The Lines of Japheth, Ham, & Shem

Gen. 10

Descendants of Noah's Sons



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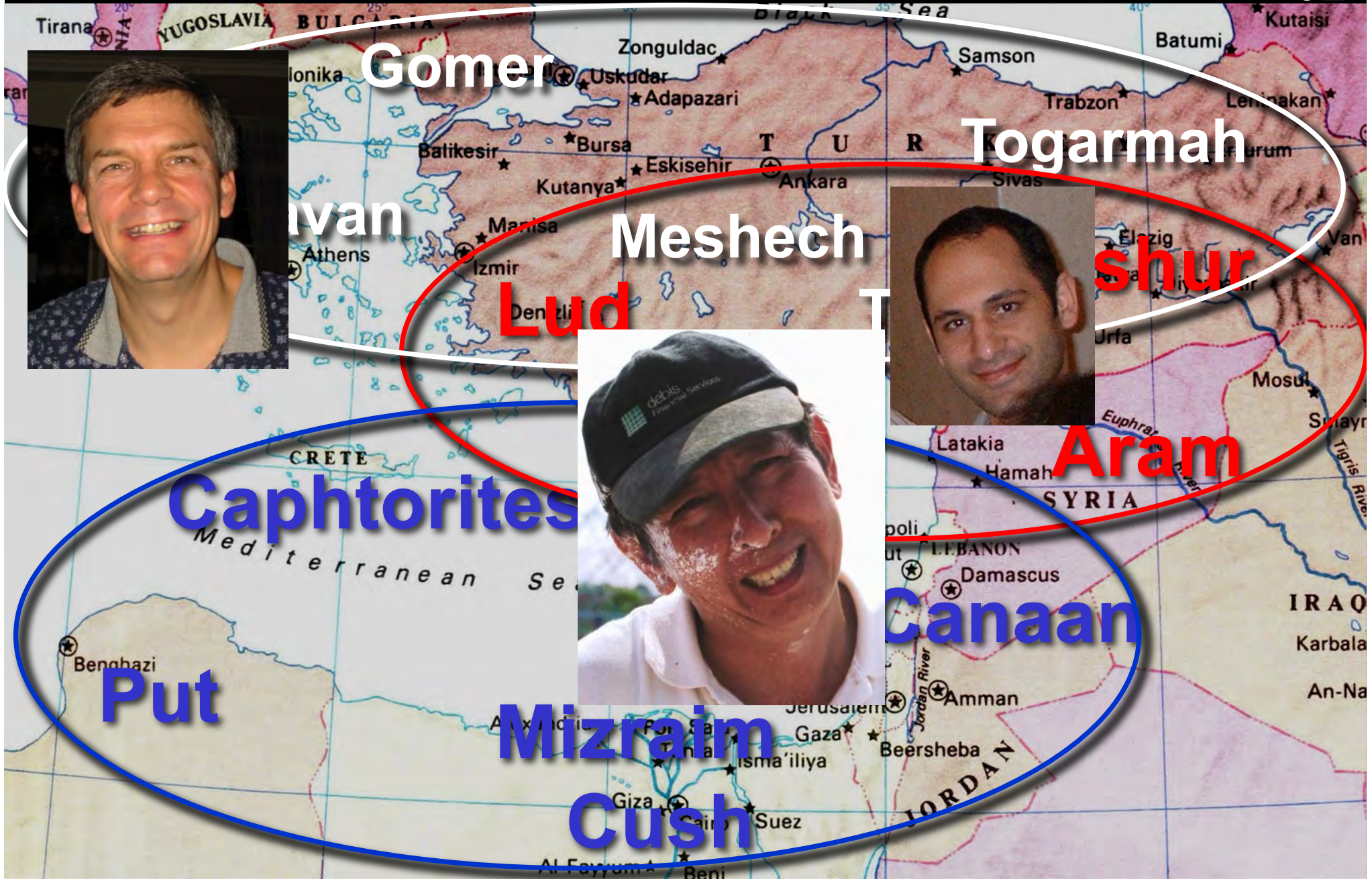


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Gomer



Put

Cush

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Gen. 10

The Table of Nations

(Gen. 10)

NOAH

Sino

Japheth

HAM

SHEM

Sin

Caucasians

Canaanites

Semites

Sinai

Europeans &
East Indians

Africans &
Asians

Jews &
Arabs

Map 1
THE NATIONS
OF GENESIS 10

JAPHETH Descendants of Japheth (Gen. 10:2-5)

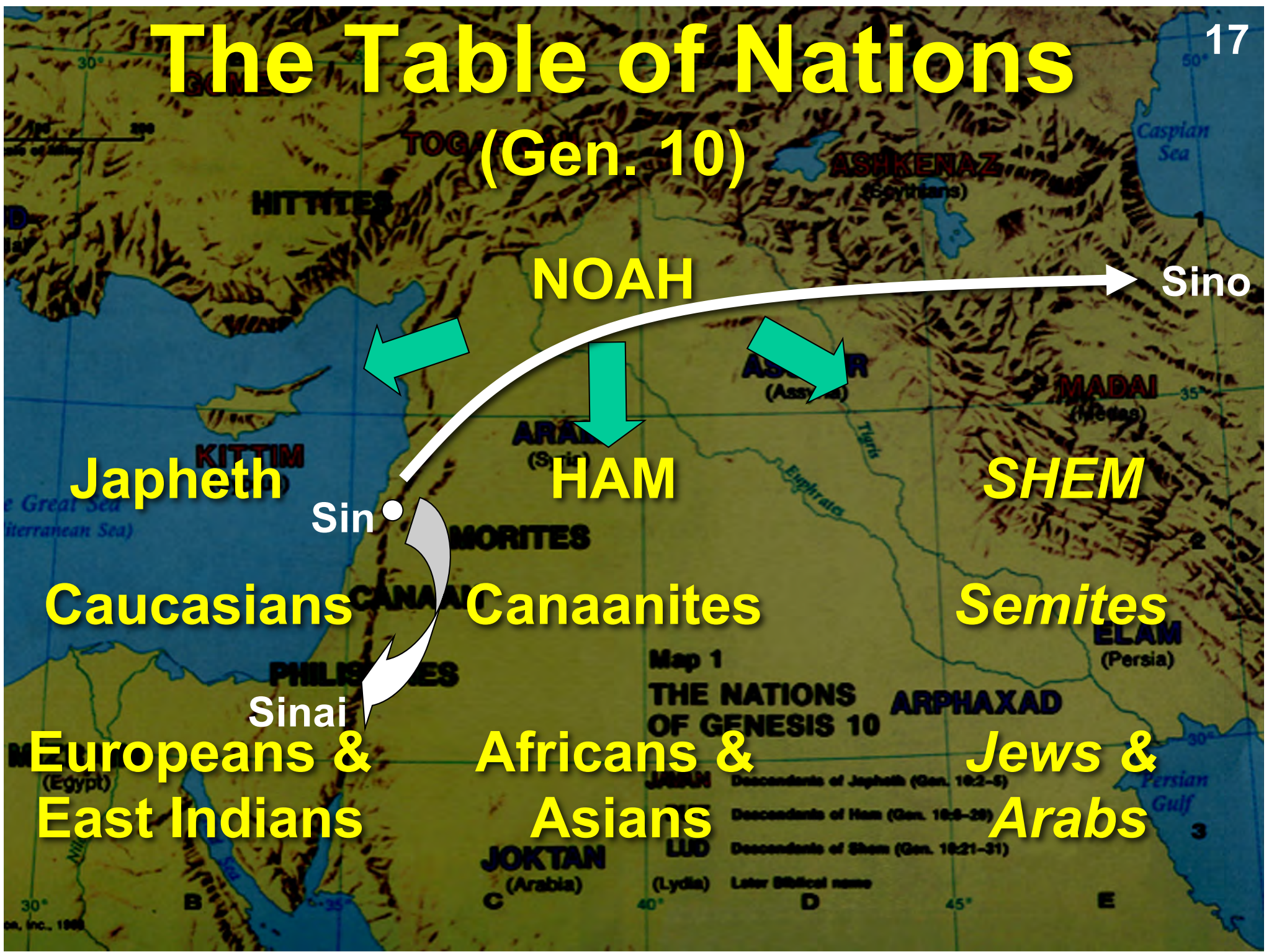
HAM Descendants of Ham (Gen. 10:6-20)

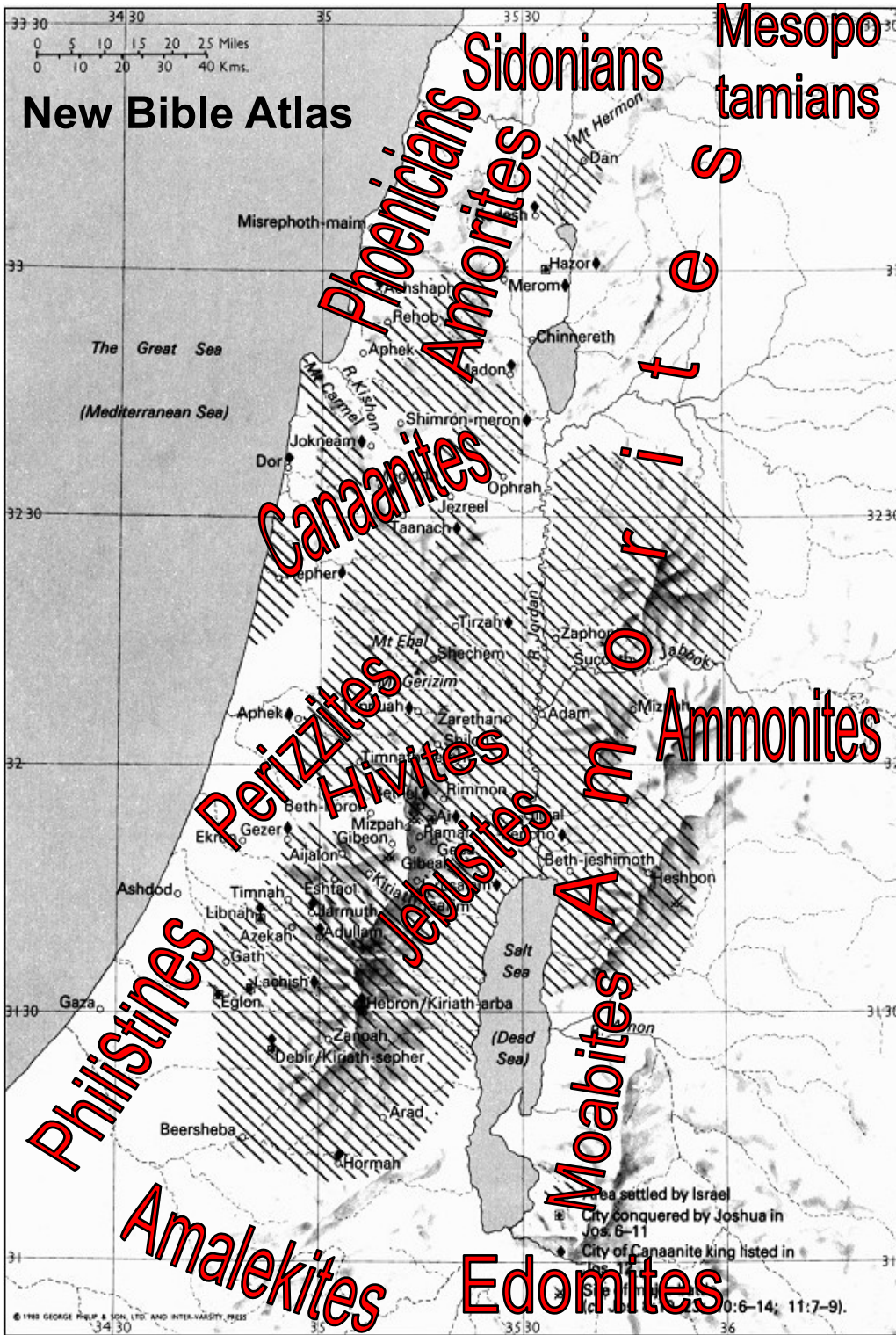
SHEM Descendants of Shem (Gen. 10:21-31)

LUD (Lydia) Later Biblical name

JOKTAN (Arabia)

LUD (Lydia)





Enemies in Canaan During the Judges

What was Israel's Attitude about the Nations?



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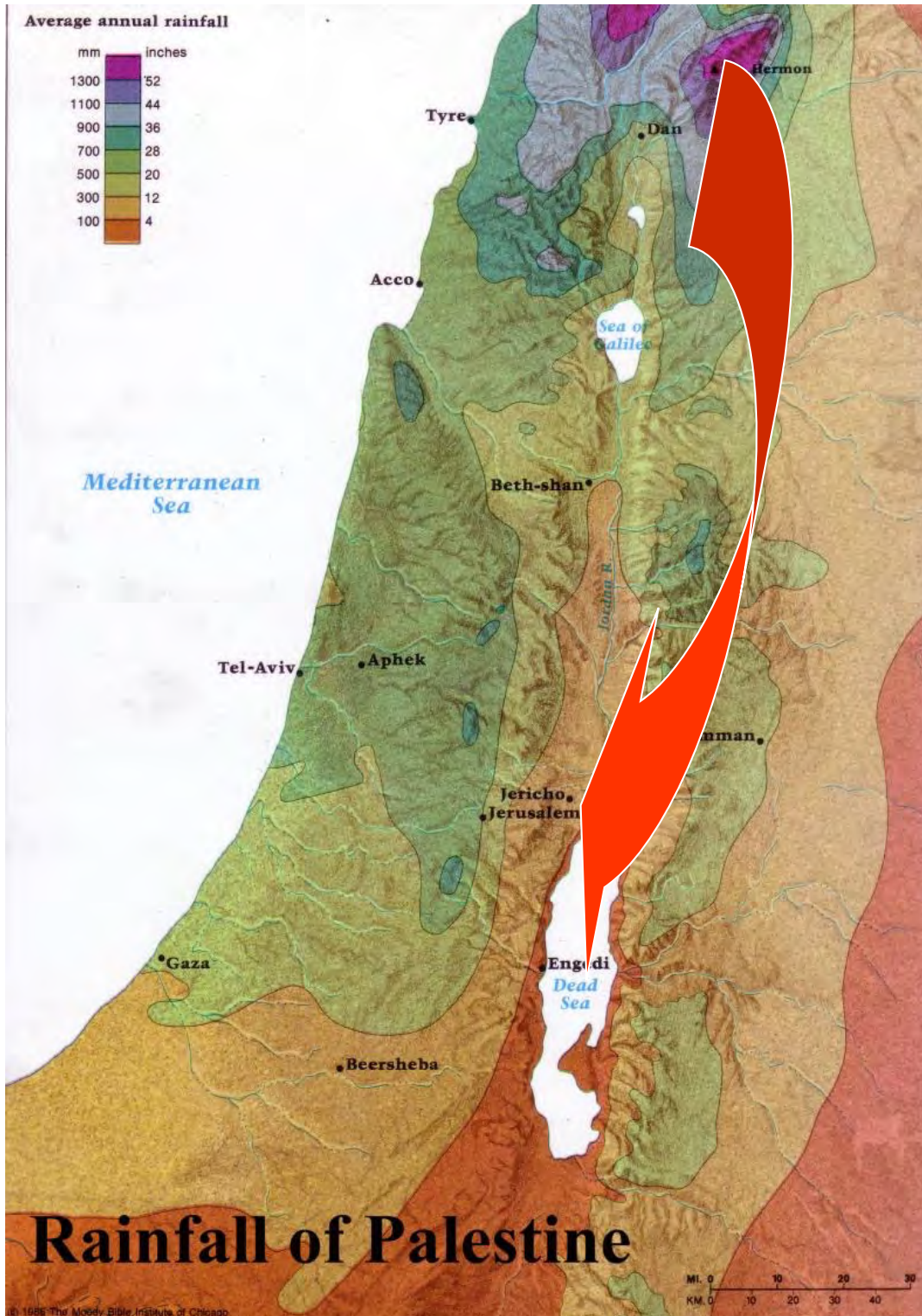
Ten Jewish Levels of Holiness in the Land

**Israel vs.
Other Nations**

"There are ten degrees of holiness. The land of Israel is holier than any other land... in that from it they may bring the Firstfruits and the Two Loaves..."

10th Most Holy Place





- Harvested in the far north of Israel
- Brought down to Jerusalem

Firstfruits: Wave Sheaf Offering

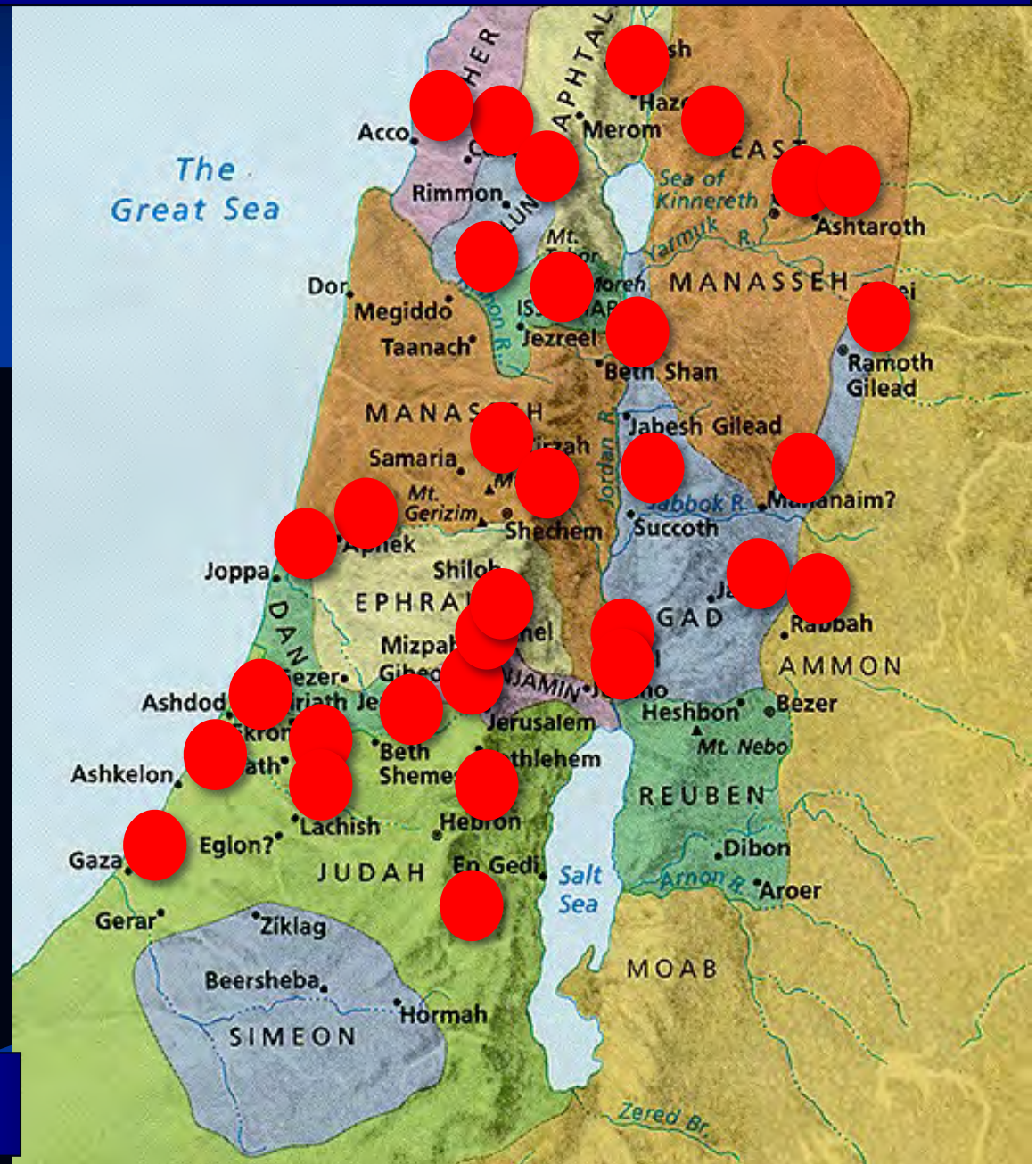
Beitzel, *Moody Atlas of Bible Lands*, 50

Ten Jewish Levels of Holiness in the Land

**Urban vs.
Rural Areas**

"The walled cities are still more holy in that they must send forth the lepers [and corpses] from their midst"

9th Most Holy Place

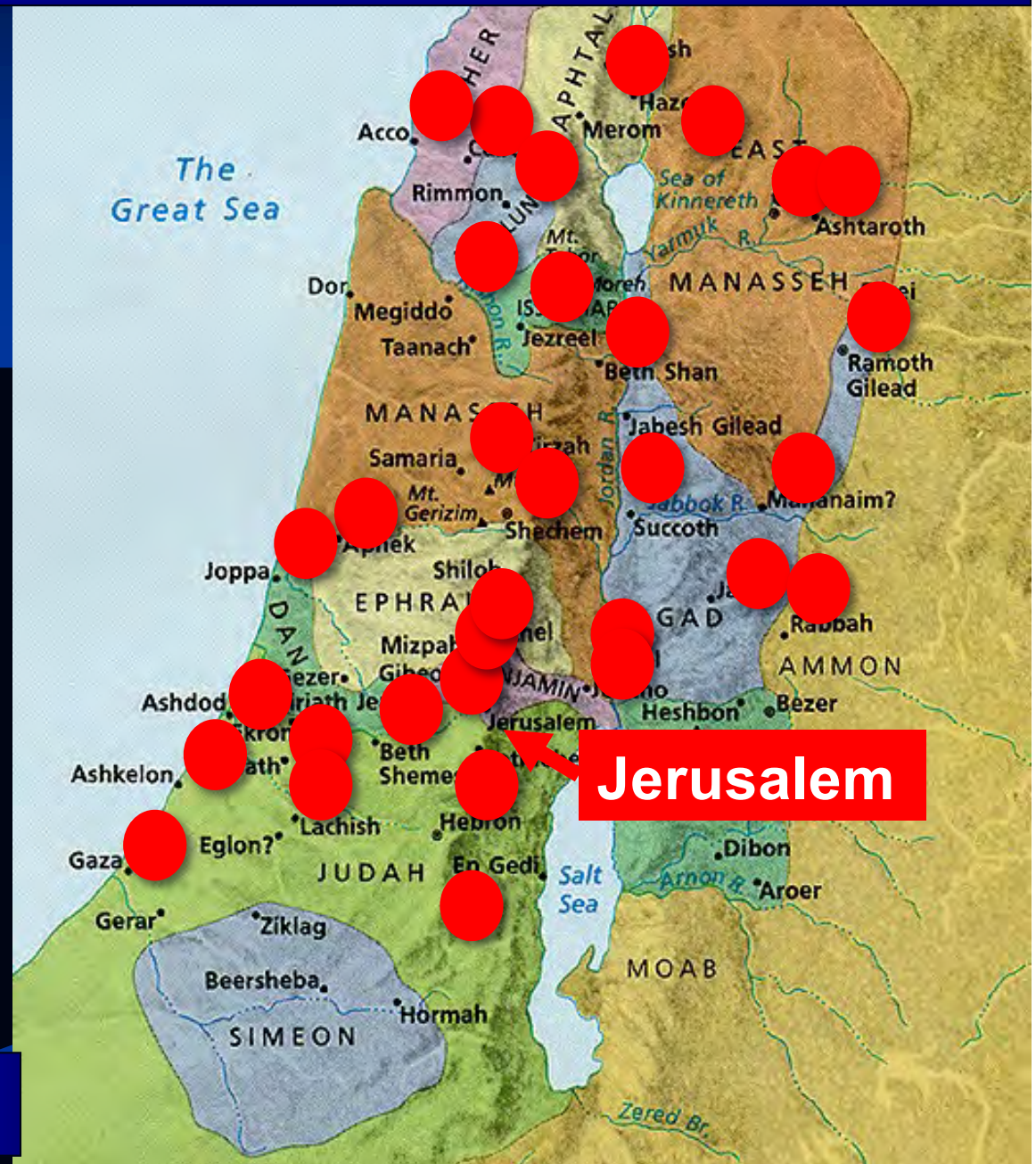


Ten Jewish Levels of Holiness in the Land

Jerusalem vs. Other Cities

"Within the wall [of Jerusalem] is still more holy for there [only] they will eat [the holy food]"

8th Most Holy Place

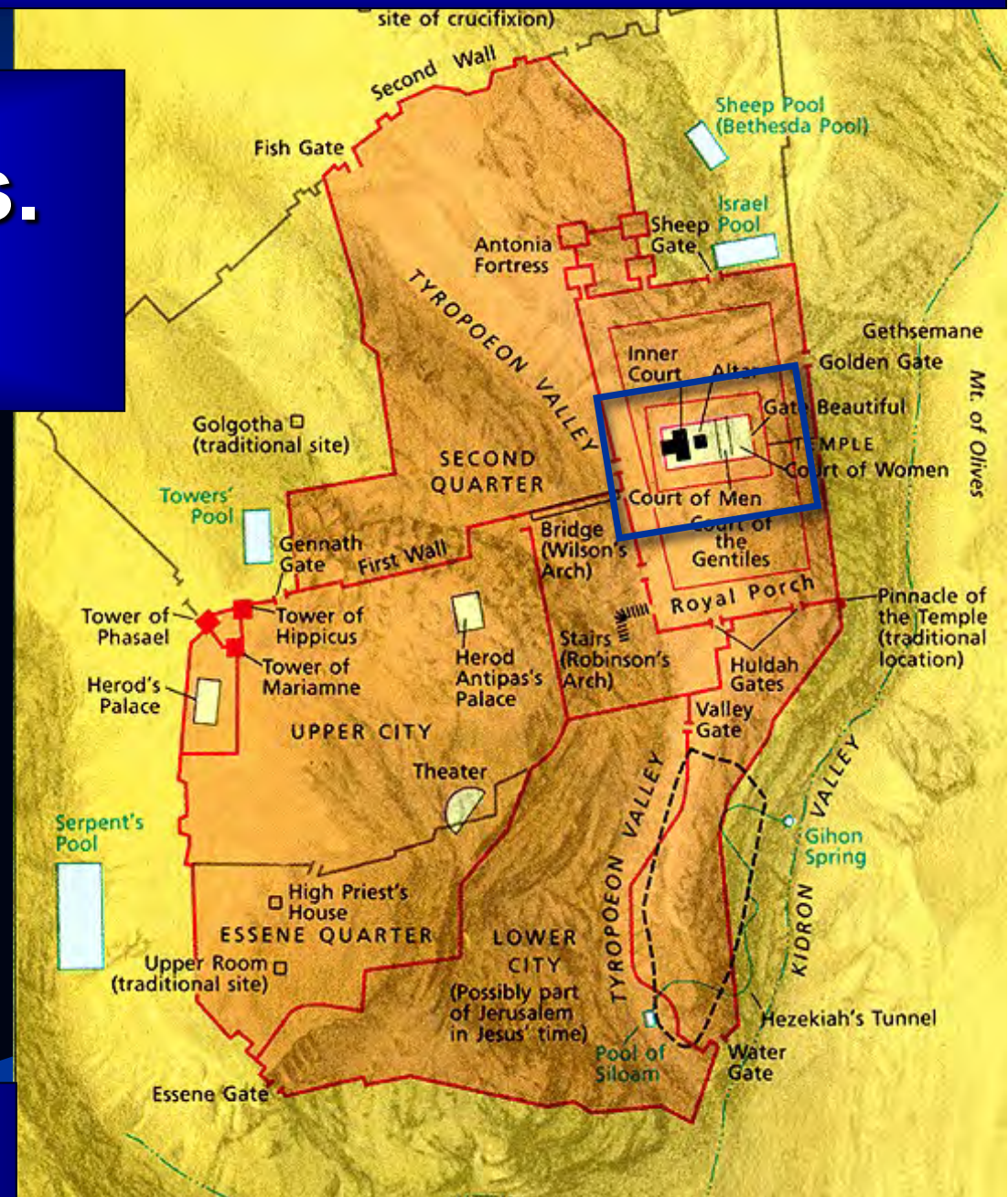


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Temple Mount vs. Other Sections

"No man or woman that has a flux, no menstruant, and no woman after childbirth may enter therein."

7th Most Holy Place

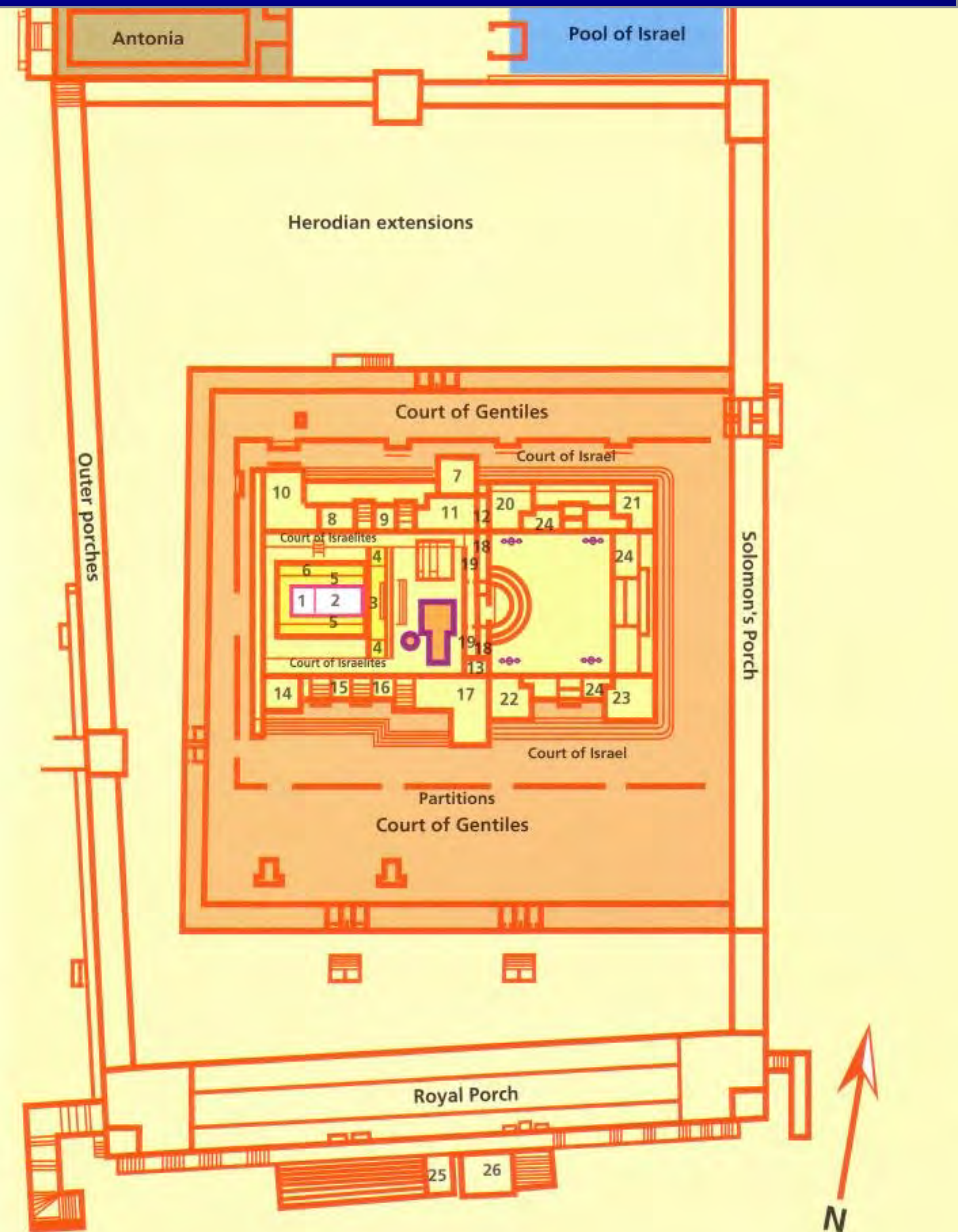


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The Rampart vs. the Rest of Temple Mount

"No Gentiles and none
that have contracted
uncleanness from a
corpse may enter"

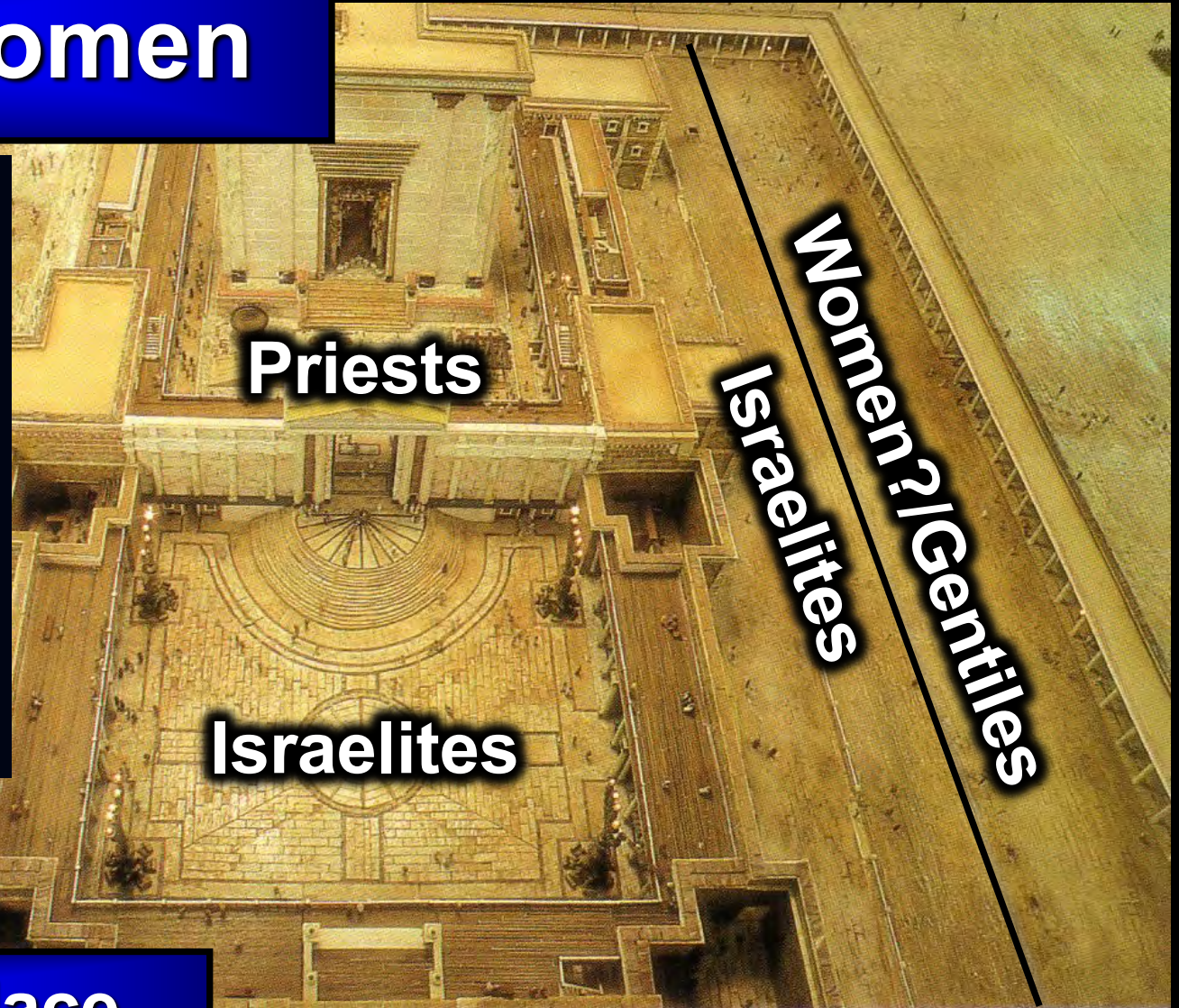
6th Most Holy Place



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Court of Women

This closest place for women also excluded men who had immersed themselves the same day



5th Most Holy Place

Ten Jewish Levels of Holiness in the Land

Court of Israelites

Only men whose atonement was complete could enter (otherwise they needed a sin offering)



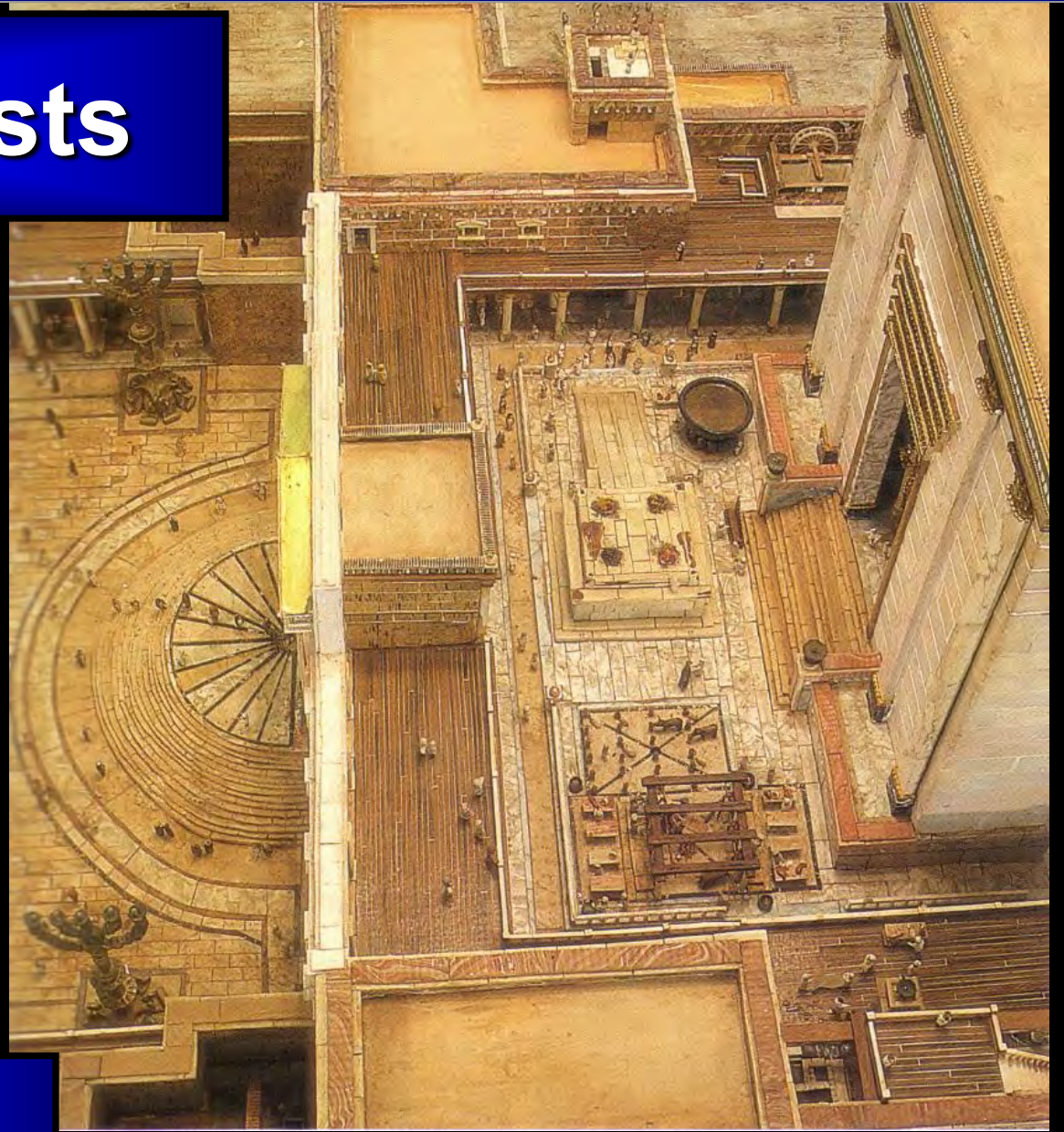
4th Most Holy Place

Ten Jewish Levels of Holiness in the Land

Court of Priests

Only for priests and men who "must perform the laying on our hands, slaughtering, and waving"

3rd Most Holy Place



Ten Jewish Levels of Holiness in the Land

Between Porch & Altar

Only priests without blemishes and hair tied could enter here to wash their hands and feet



Porch

Altar

2nd Most Holy Place



The Great Gates

These led to the temple sanctuary. Only priests with hands and feet washed could enter here.

Ten Jewish Levels of Holiness in the Land

The Holy Place

Only priests with
hands and feet
washed can enter
here

Most Holy Place



Ten Jewish Levels of Holiness in the Land

The Holy Place

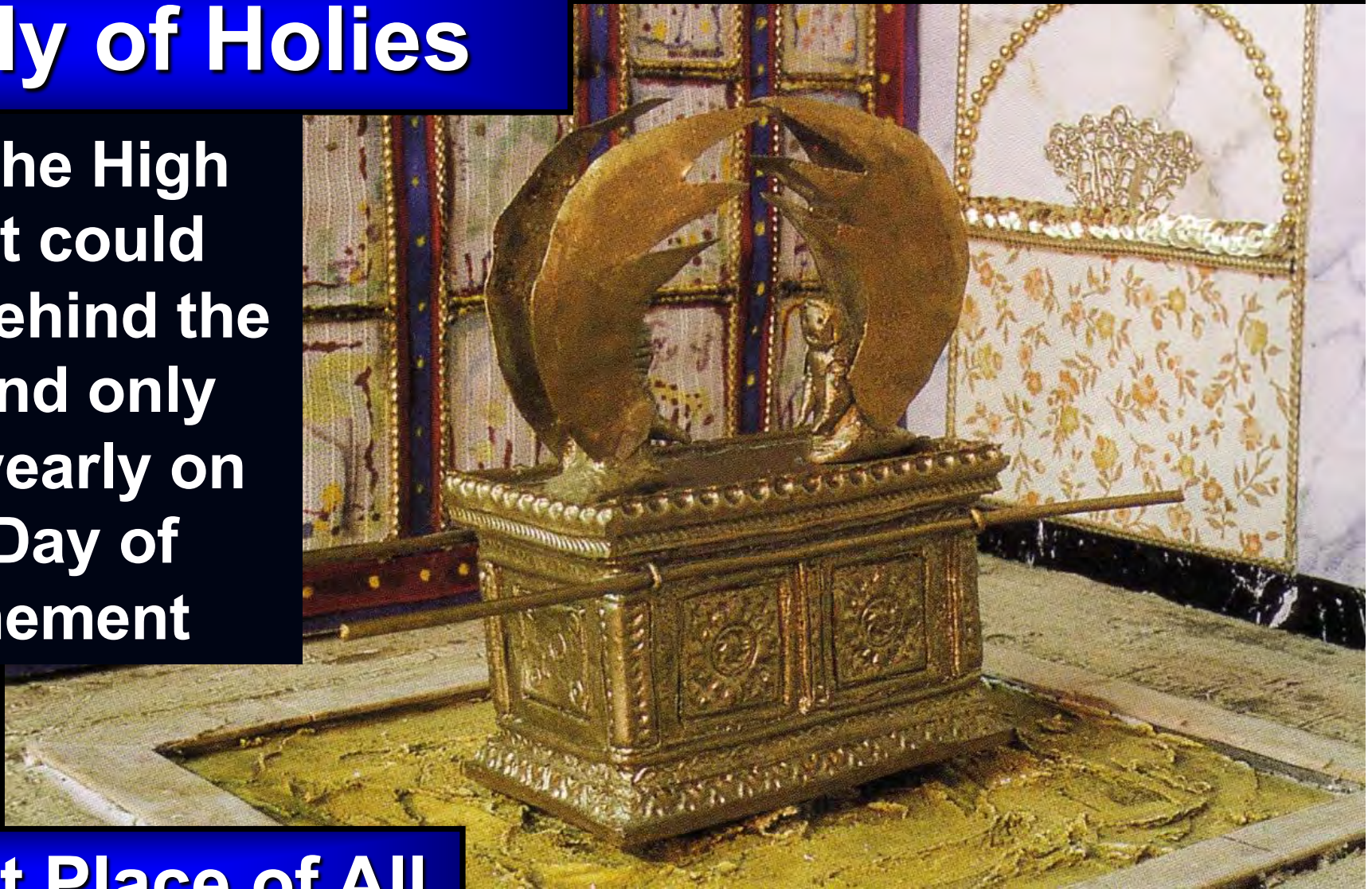


Most Holy Place

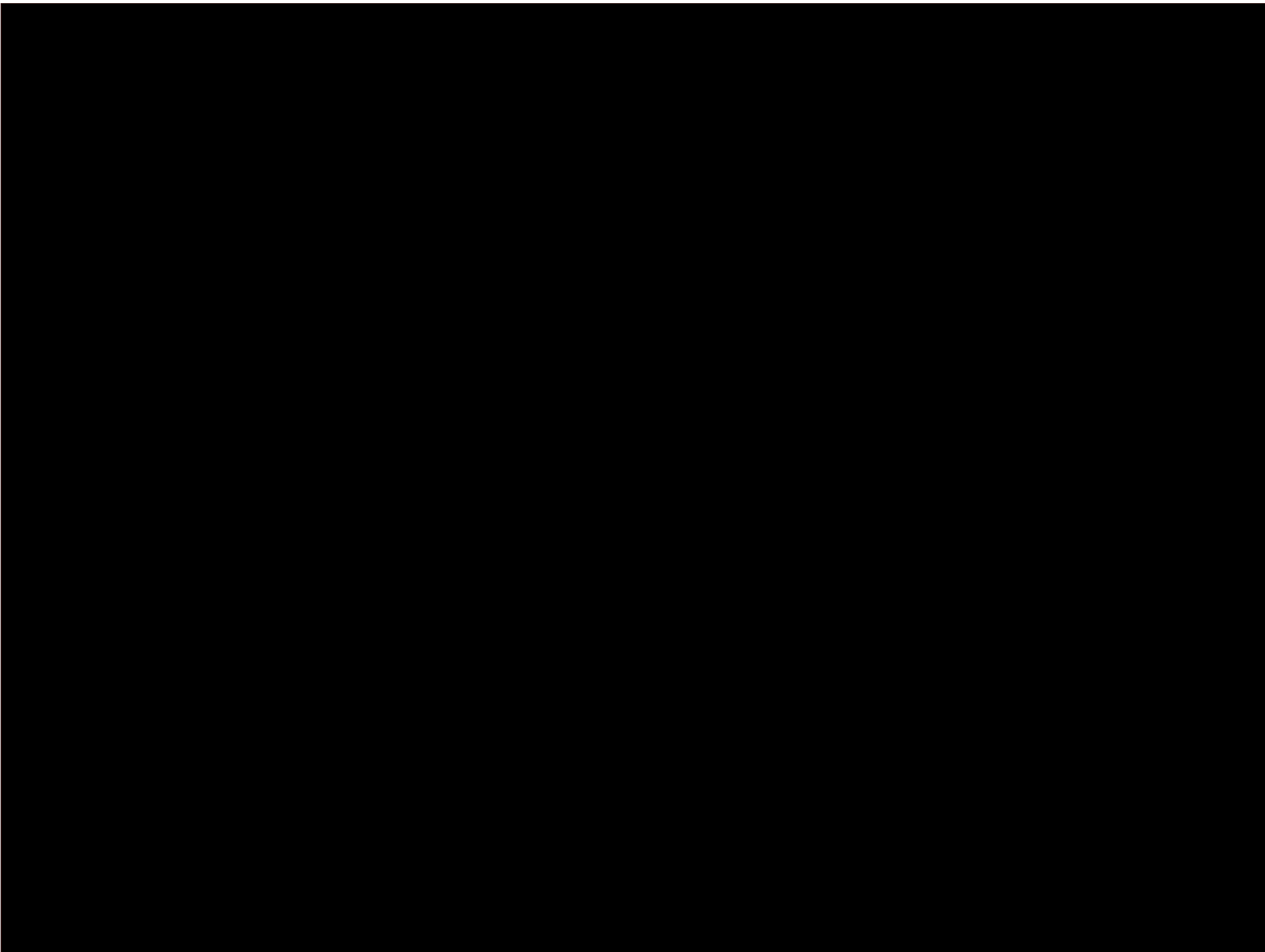
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Holy of Holies

Only the High Priest could enter behind the veil and only once yearly on the Day of Atonement



Holiest Place of All



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