

A CALL TO HUMILITY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

THE BOOK OF OBADIAH



Key Word

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Edom

Obadiah

Theme

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**Edom's Destruction for
Opposing Judah**

Obadiah

Key Verse

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

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

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Kingdom Statement

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**As universal King, God will judge
Edom and all nations who oppose
His nation.**

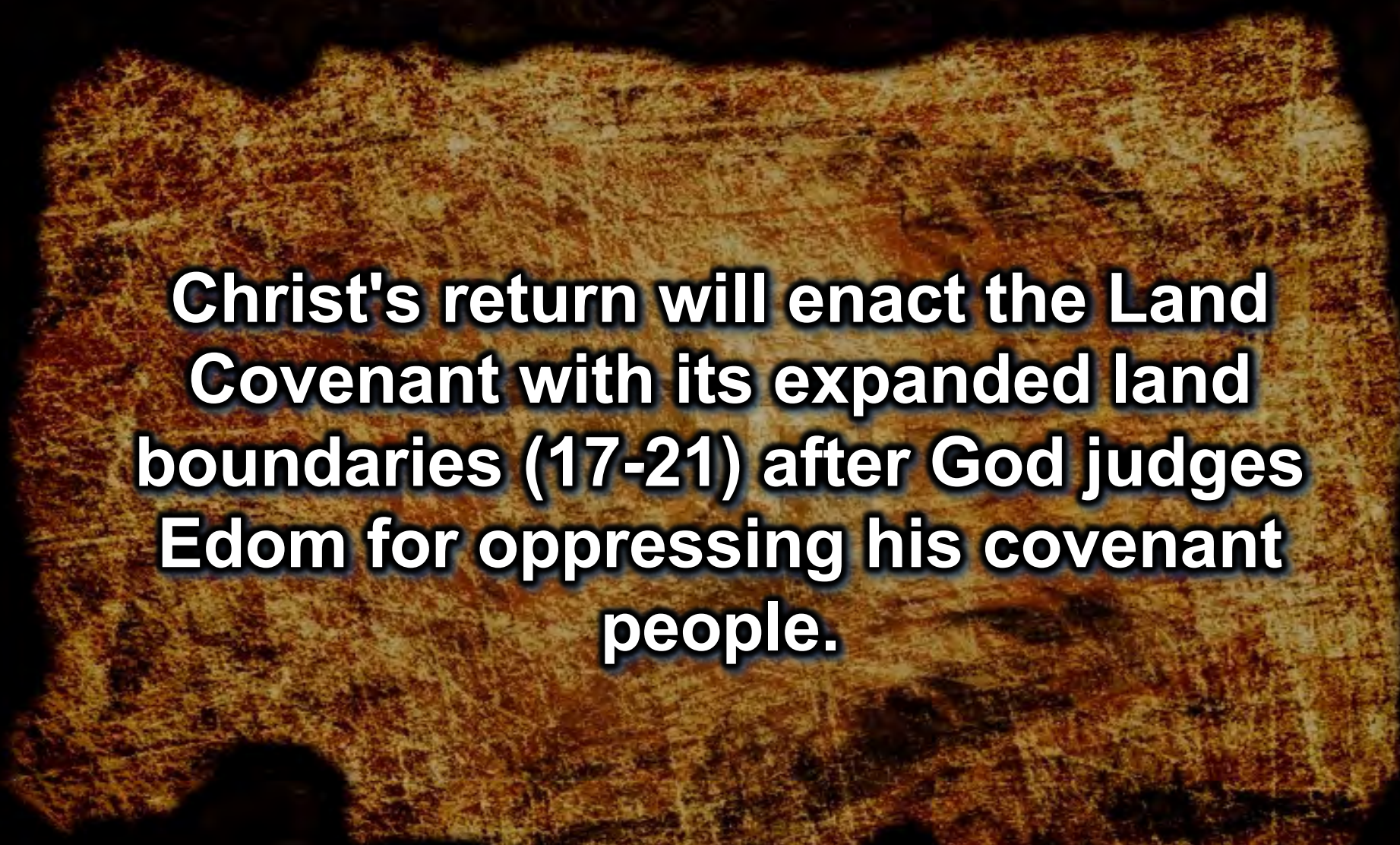
Obadiah



Summary Statement

Destructions of both **Edom in the near future and all nations in the day of the LORD will come as God's judgment for their opposing Judah, but Judah can be comforted with a promise of blessing due to God's protection in the Land Covenant.**

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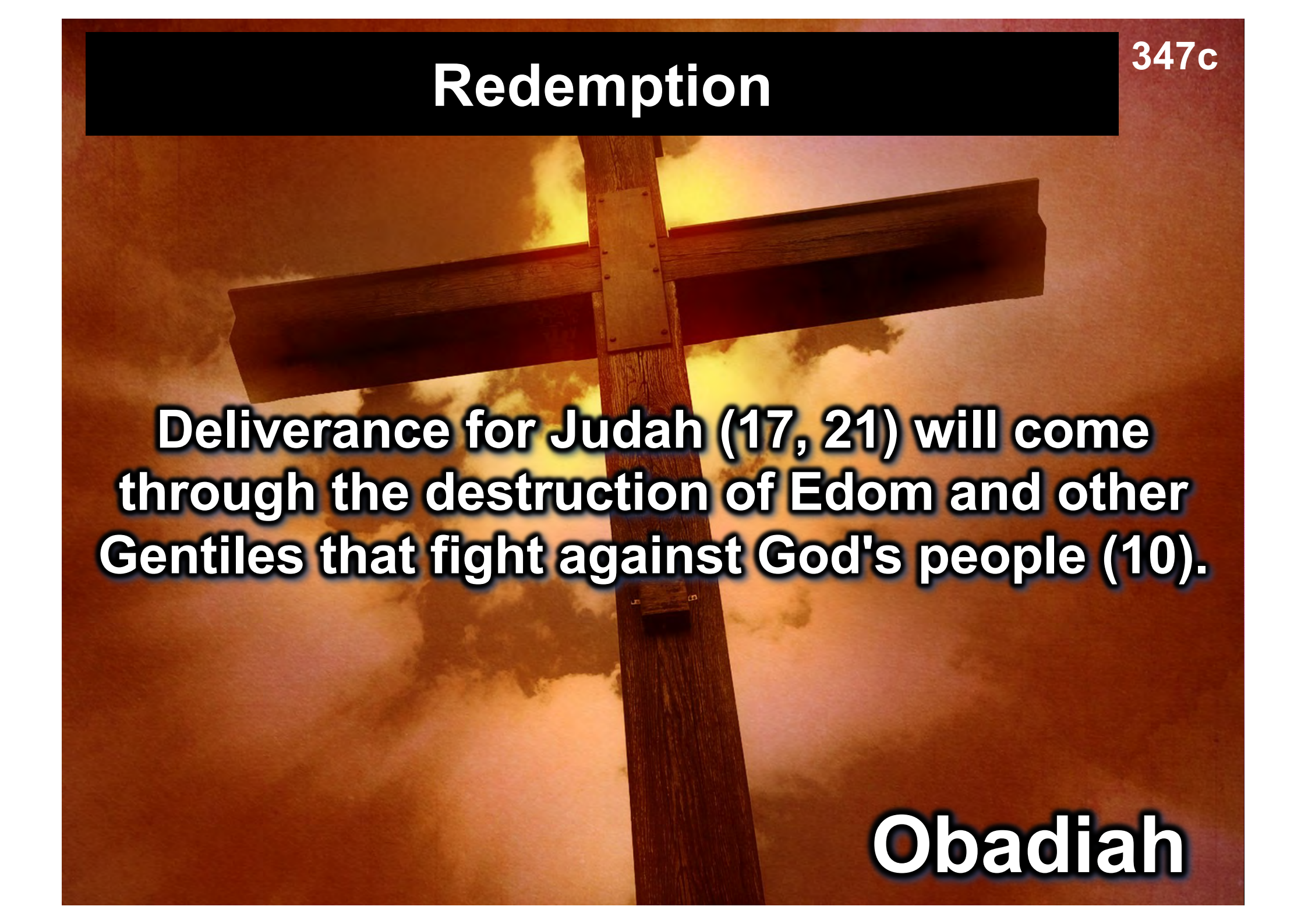


Christ's return will enact the Land Covenant with its expanded land boundaries (17-21) after God judges Edom for oppressing his covenant people.

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Redemption

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A wooden cross is centered in the background, set against a dramatic sky with warm, orange and yellow clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The cross is made of dark wood and has a horizontal beam with a metal plate at the intersection.

**Deliverance for Judah (17, 21) will come
through the destruction of Edom and other
Gentiles that fight against God's people (10).**

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Messiah

Christ will judge not only Edom but all nations (15-16) before he reigns with the other deliverers (21).

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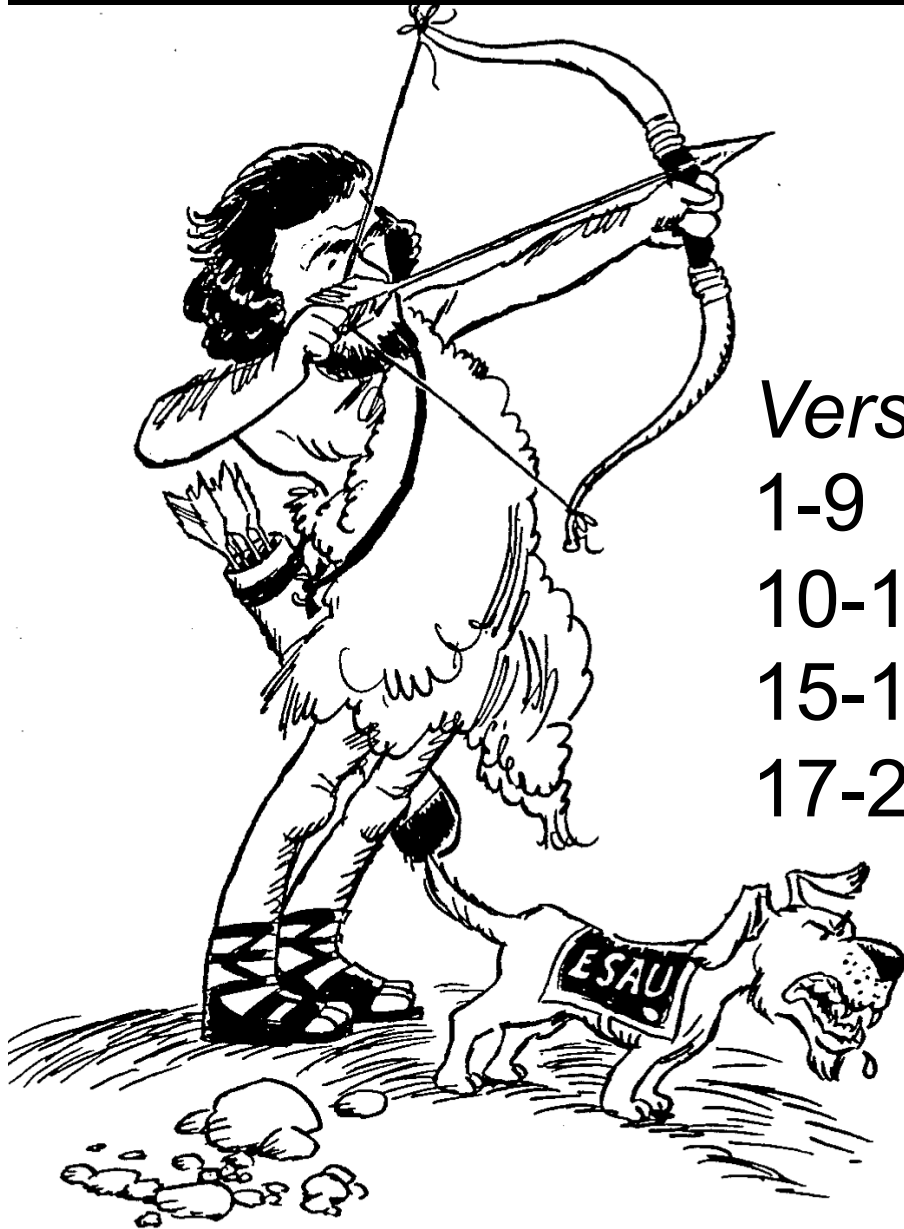
Obadiah Summary Chart

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Obadiah



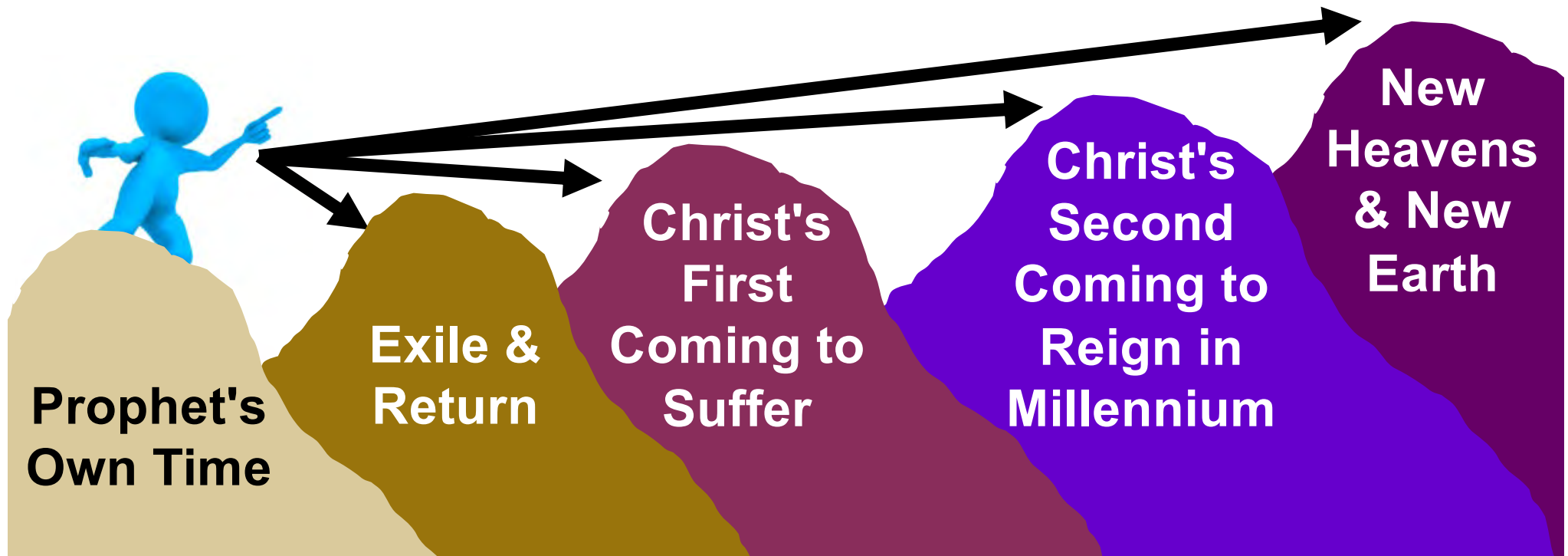
Verses

- 1-9 Edom's doom is prophesied
- 10-14 **Sins** of the Edomites
- 15-16 **Accountability** of all nations
- 17-21 **Ultimate** restoration of Israel

BE HUMBLE

A young child with light brown hair, wearing a dark jacket and pants, is sitting on the ground. They are holding a small amount of sand in their right hand and pouring it into the air. The sand is falling in a vertical stream, creating a soft, glowing effect. The background is a warm, golden-brown color, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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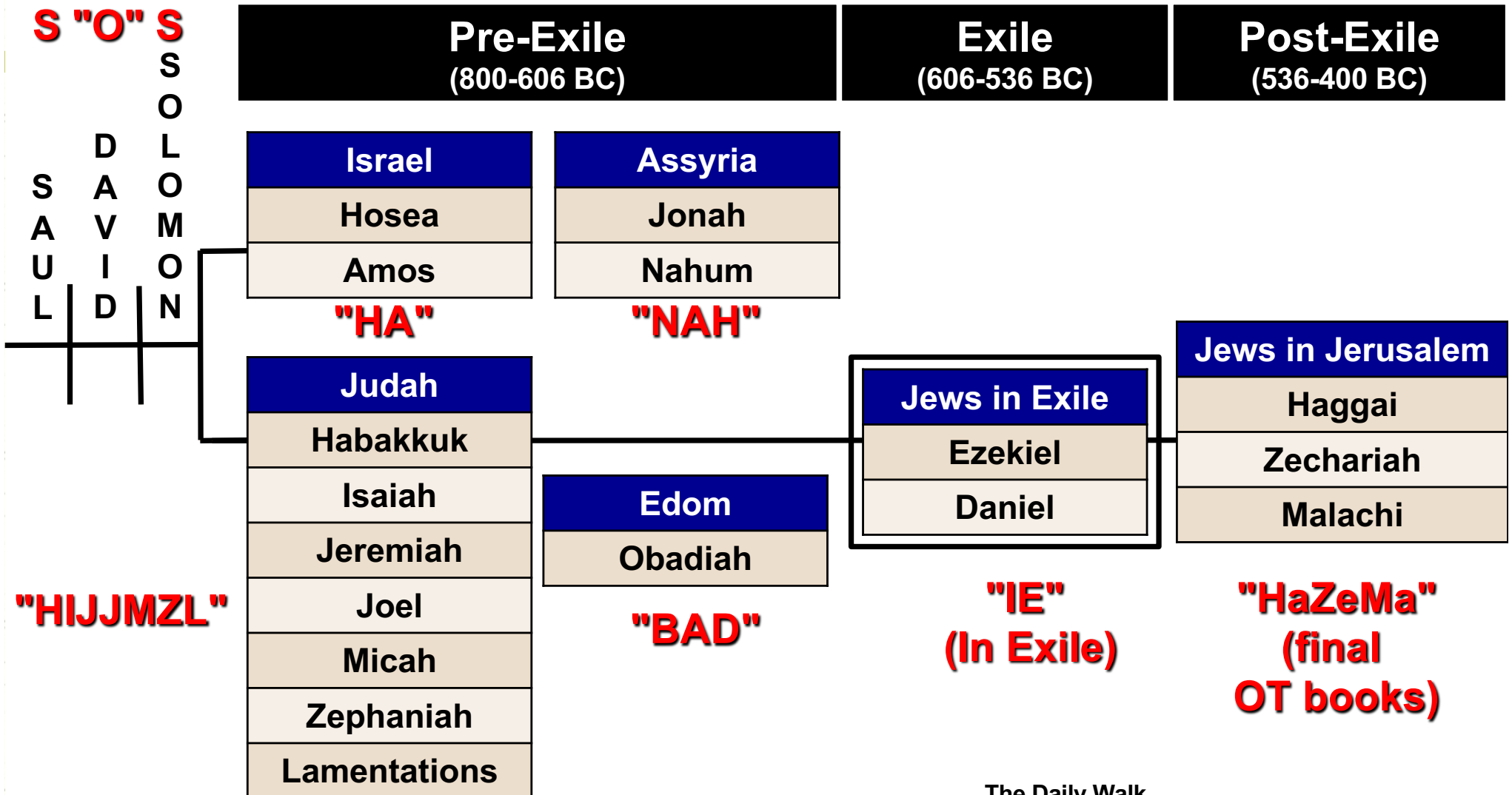
Time Periods of the Prophets

Adapted significantly from Salem Kirban, *Charts on Revelation* (1979), 49

To Whom the Prophets Ministered



Placing the Prophetic Books



The Daily Walk

Adapted from *Walk Thru the Old Testament*
Walk Thru the Bible Press, 1978

How does God respond to

PRIDE

????

Obadiah



I. God
judges the
proud.

Obadiah 1-14

II. God
blesses the
humble.

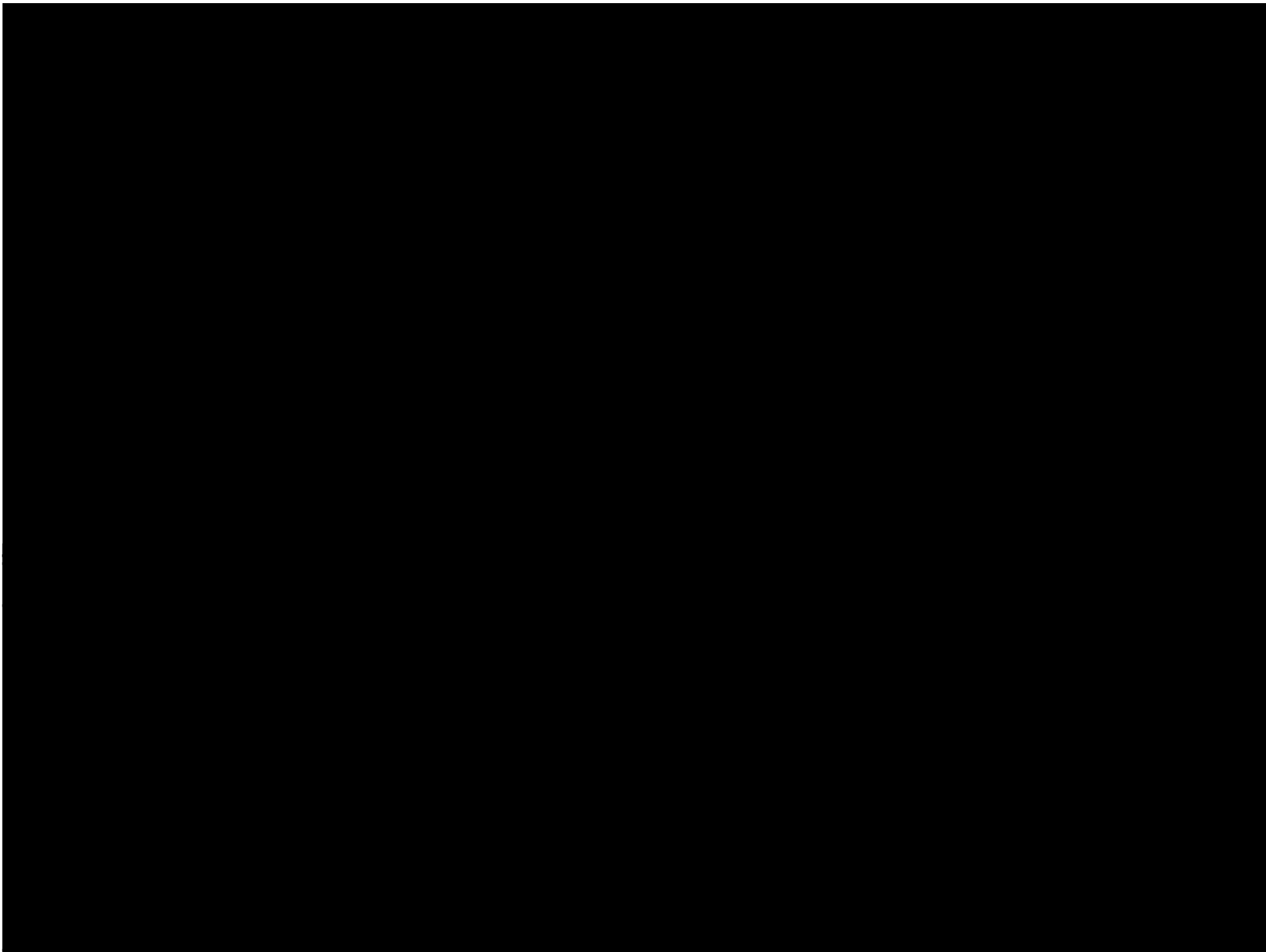
Obadiah 15-21





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

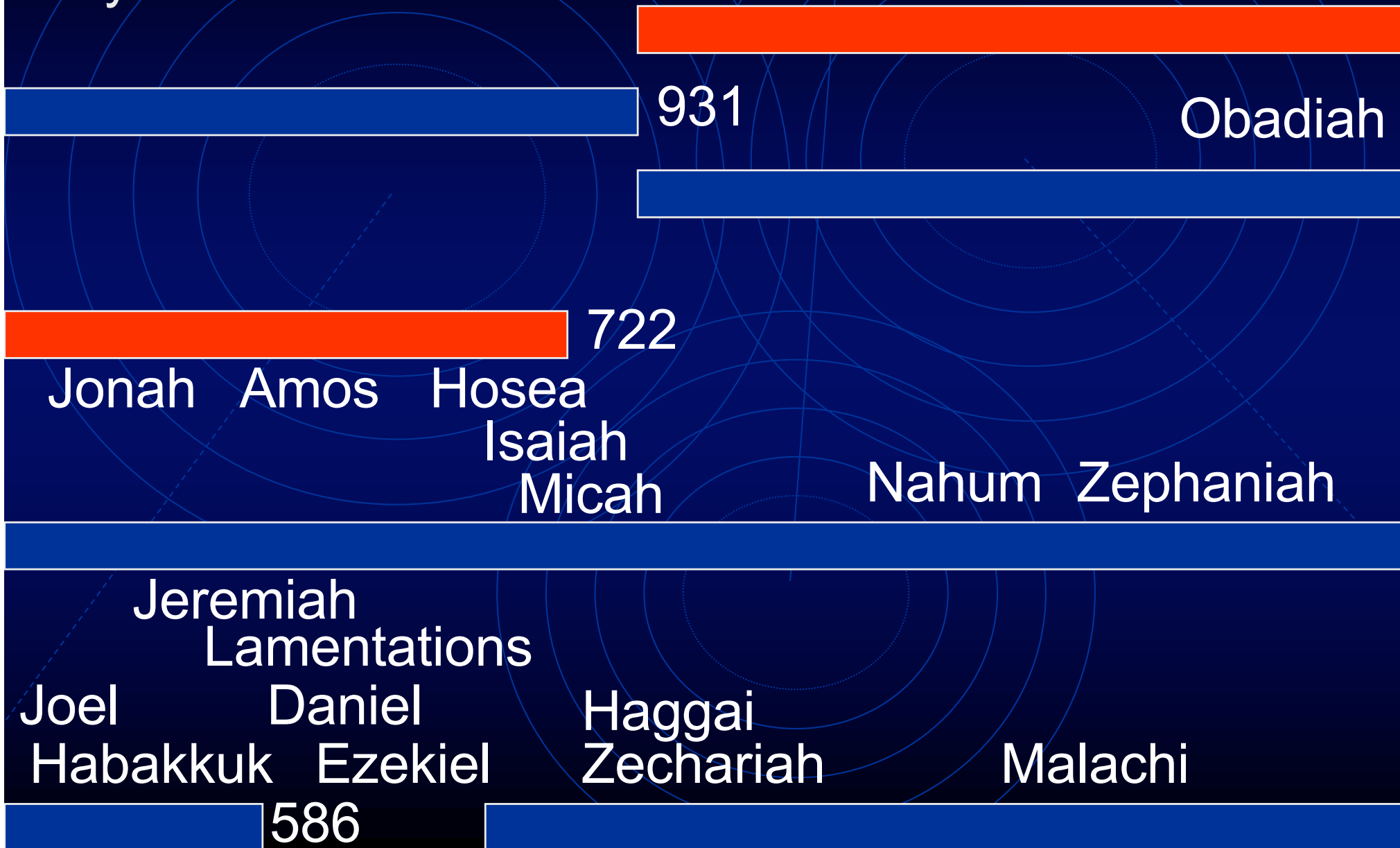
—Main Idea of Obadiah—



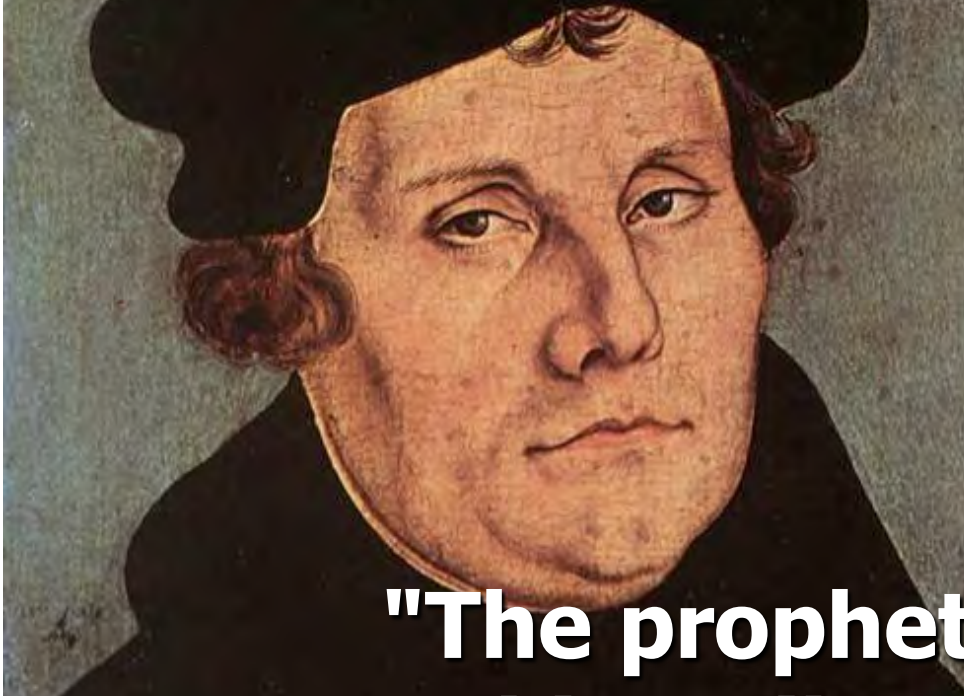
Placing the Prophets

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Key Dates



Luther on the Prophets

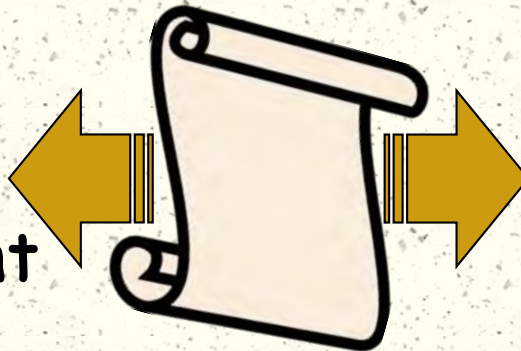


"The prophets have a queer way of talking, like people who, instead of proceeding in an orderly manner, ramble off from one thing to the next, so that you cannot make head or tail with them or see what they are getting at."

Problems & Tips in Interpreting Prophecy

Inaccurate Presuppositions

Ethical
Forthtelling
Mosaic Covenant



Predictive
Foretelling
Abrahamic Covenant

Prophets were mainly covenant enforcers based on the Mosaic law

The Prophetic Message

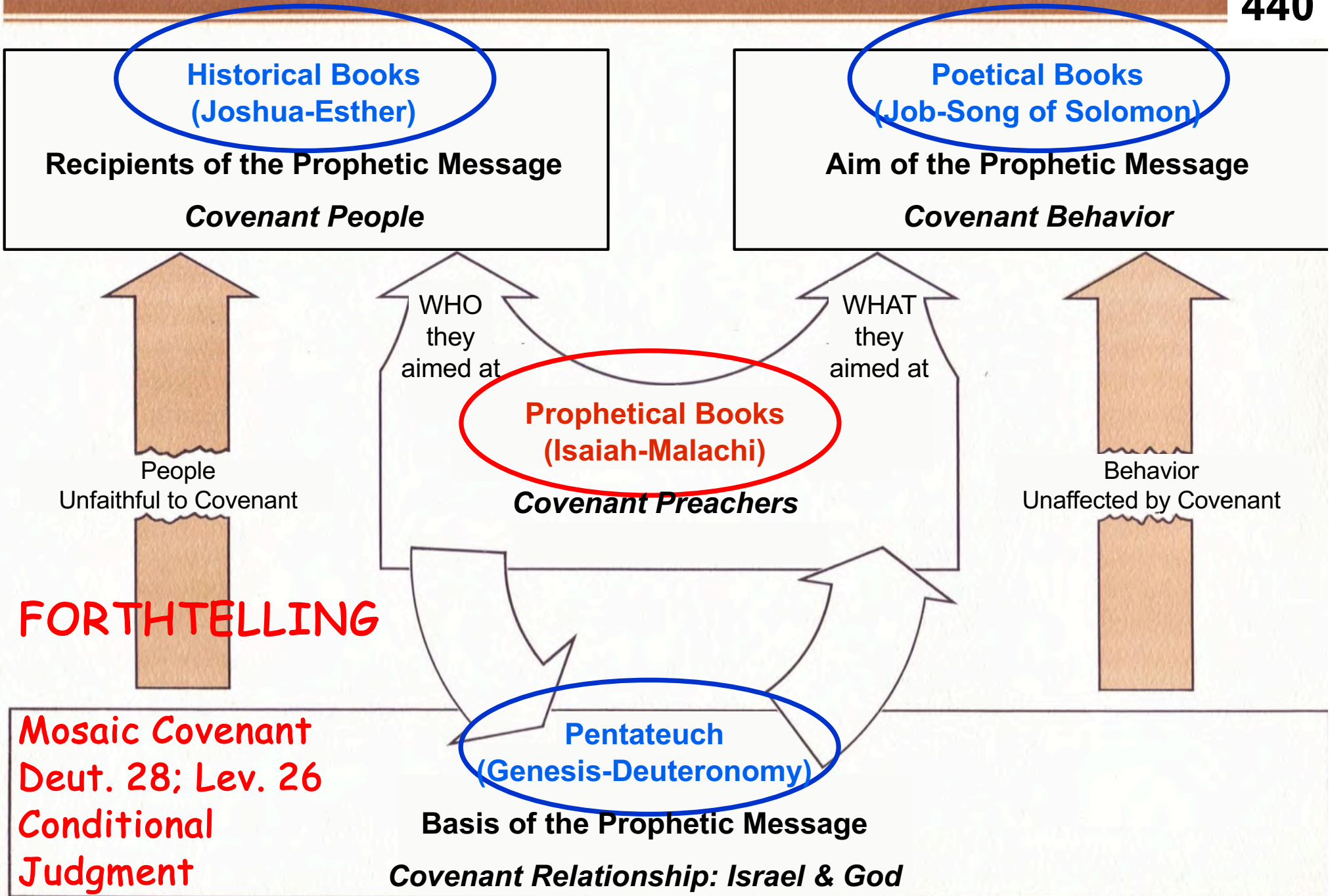
- # The prophets were not pushovers. They went against the tide to preach the word of Yahweh to a rebellious nation.

The Prophetic Message

- # A major concern posed by the prophets was idolatry.
- # But they also had social and economic concerns.
- # They spoke pronouncements of judgments to steer the nation away from the curses.

Purpose of the Prophetic Books

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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 (17)**

**Your fruit baskets and bread-
boards will be cursed (18)**

**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



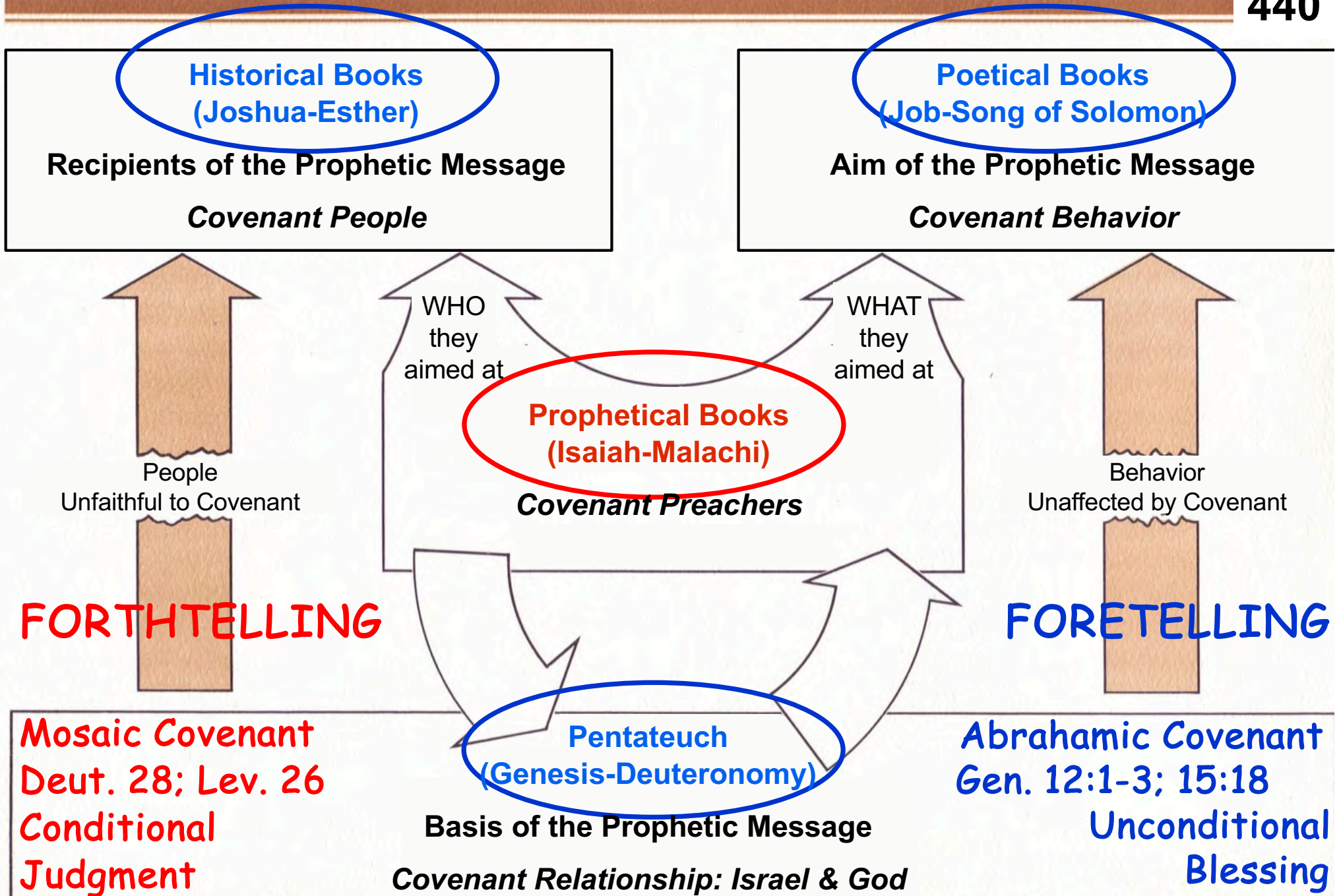
Why?

Deut. 28

Exile

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Abrahamic Covenant

Gen. 12:1-3



LAND

SEED

BLESSING

• LITERAL

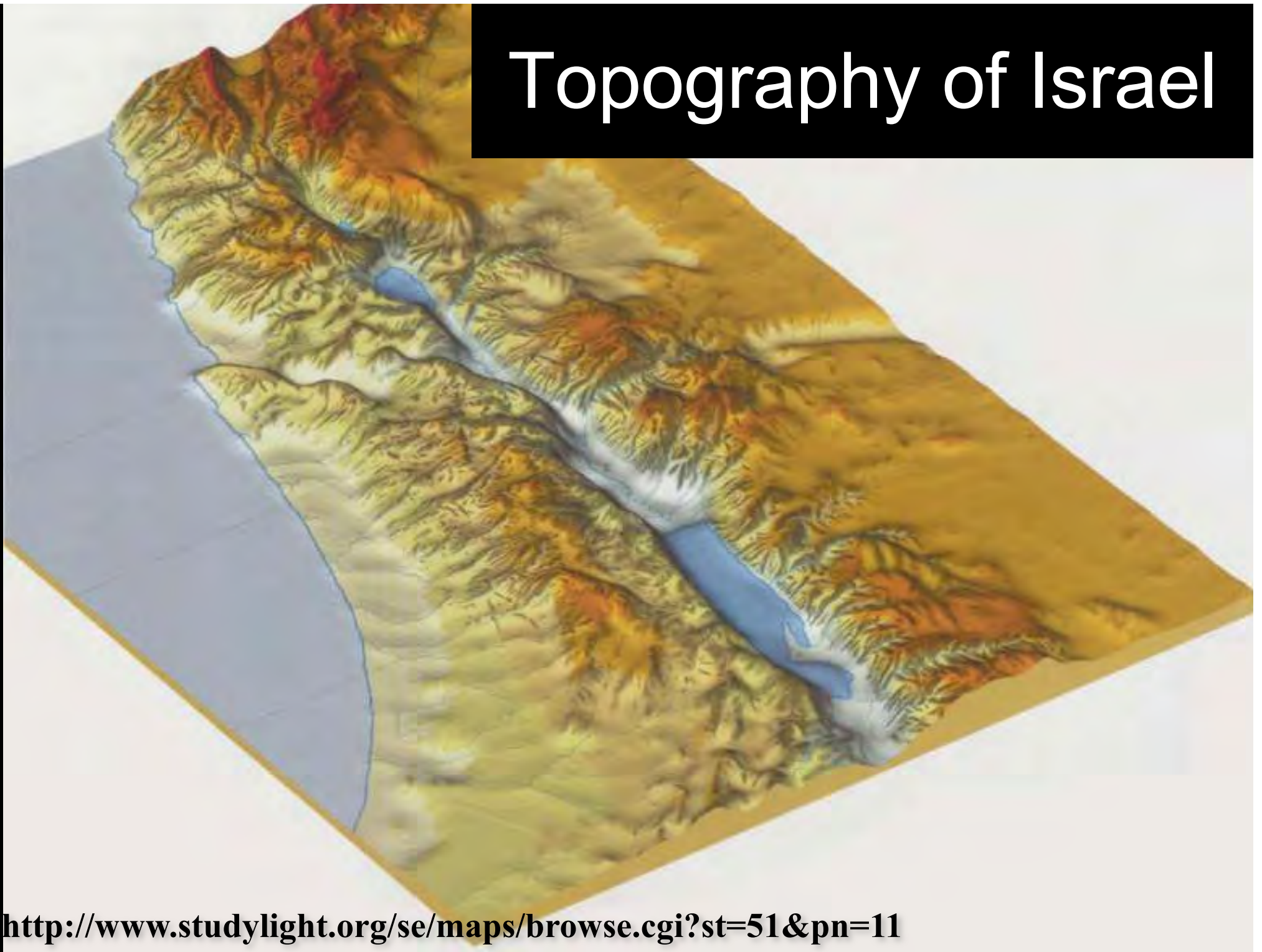
• ETERNAL

• UNCONDITIONAL

ABRAHAM
The CALL
L - S - B

Handbook pg. 19-24

Topography of Israel



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Abrahamic Covenant

Gen. 12:1-3



ABRAHAM
The CALL
L - S - B

"L-S-B"

Types of Unconditional Covenants

Abrahamic

Land

Davidic

New

Land

Seed

Blessing

Physical

Political

Spiritual

Deut. 30

2 Sam. 7

Jer. 31

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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 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

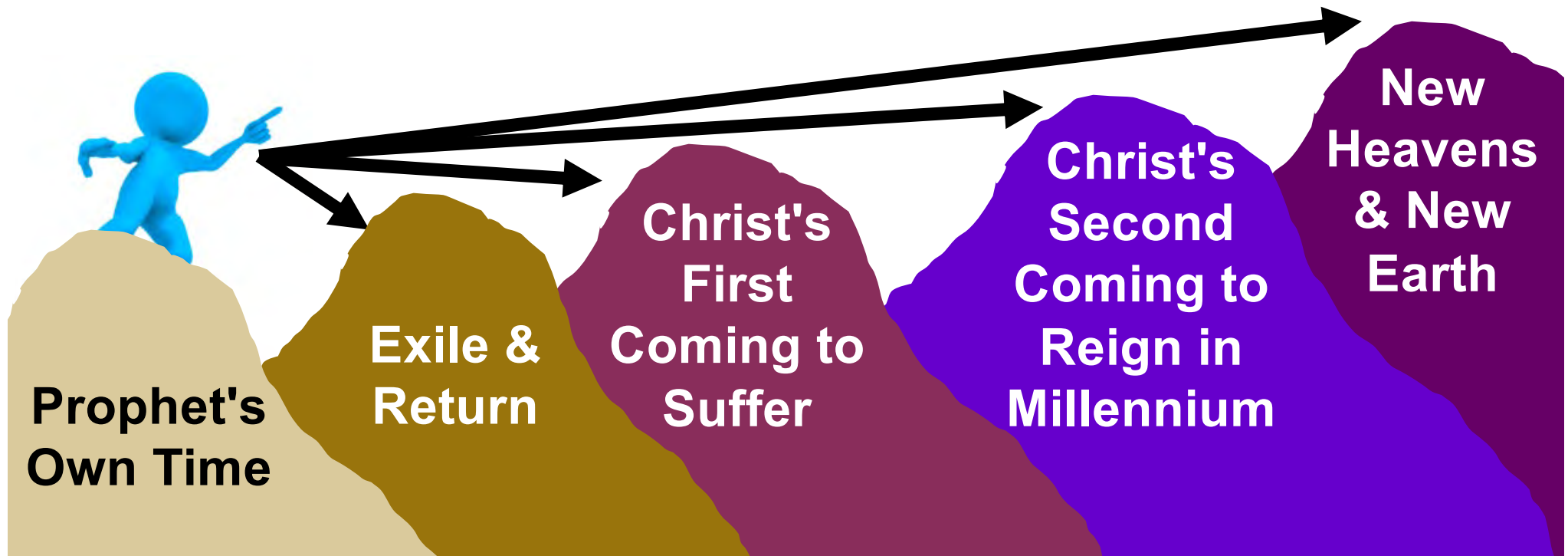
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5 Sermons

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Approaching a Summit





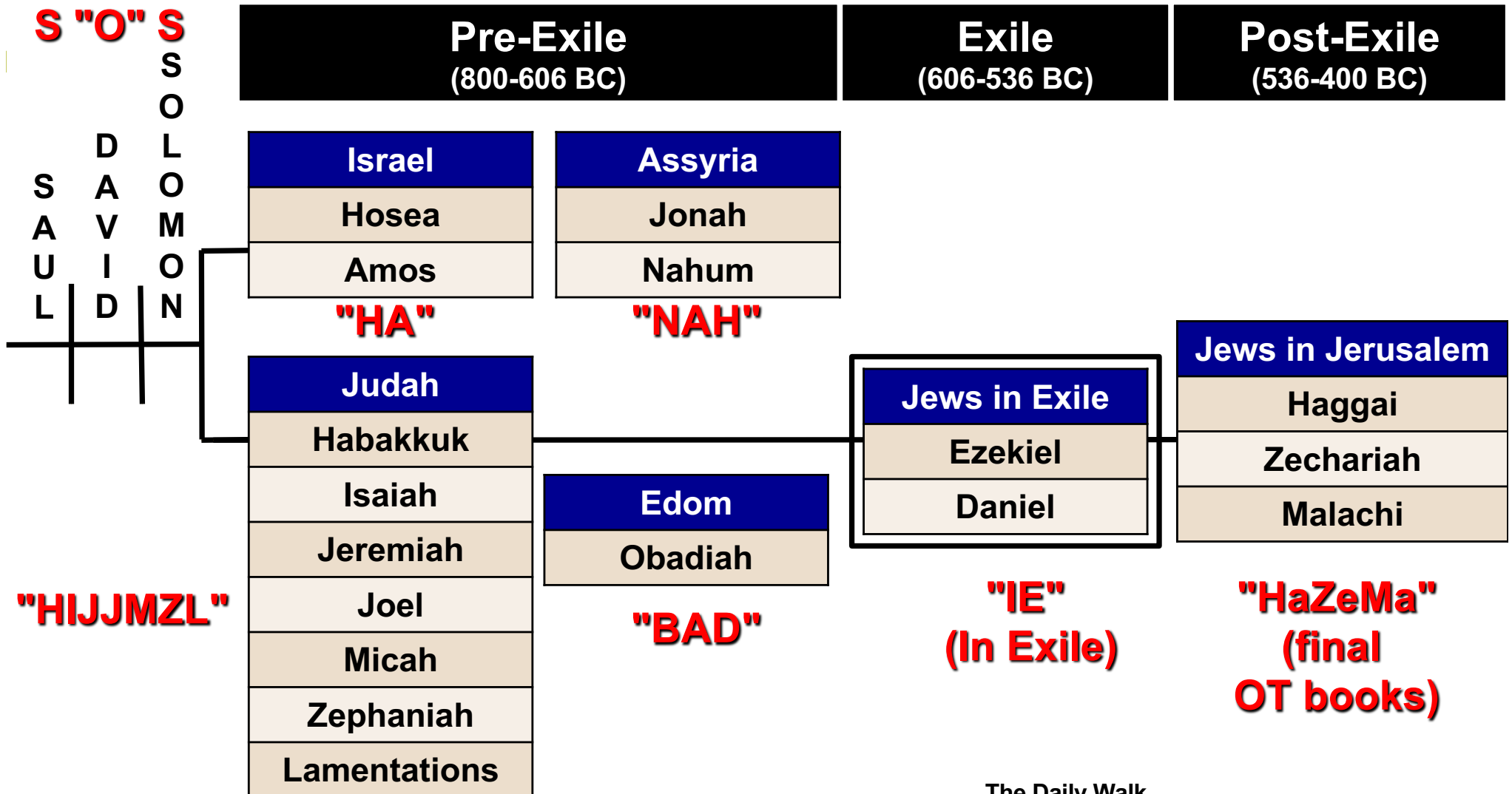
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We See the Valleys



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To Whom the Prophets Ministered



Obadiah

Characteristics

Map

Occasion

Author Date Audience Purpose Key Verses Issues

Summary Chart

Summary Statement

Applications

Theology

Characteristics

- ❖ One of the 12 Minor Prophets
- ❖ **Shortest Book of the OT – 21 verses**
- ❖ Earliest of the prophetic writings
- ❖ **Only entire book in Scripture devoted to Edom's destruction**



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Authorship: External Evidence

- ❖ **Most probably:**
 - **Ahab's servant who hid the prophets of God in a cave (1 Kings 18:3)**
- ❖ **One of the three prophets who wrote exclusively about a non-Jewish nation**
 - **Habakkuk wrote about Babylon**
 - **Nahum wrote about Assyria**
 - **Obadiah wrote about Edom**



Authorship: External Evidence 595

- ❖ **Common name – 12 times in OT**
- ❖ **Different possibilities**
 1. **Ahab's servant who hid the prophets of God in a cave (1 Kings 18:3)**
 2. **Jehoshaphat's official sent by the king to teach the law in Judah (2 Chron. 17:7)**
 3. **Josiah's temple repair overseer who was a Levite (2 Chron. 34:12)**
 4. **Ezra's leader who returned from the Exile (Ezra 8:9)**
 5. **A priest involved in the revival of Nehemiah's time (Neh. 10:5)**
- ❖ **Most probably option 1 – Identified by Talmud and followed by Jerome**



Internal Evidence

- ❖ **No evidence for the exact author – "The vision of Obadiah" (1:1a) - NOT clear**
- ❖ **No mention of his father's name, home region, or the reign of a king**
- ❖ **Probably lived in the southern kingdom**
- ❖ **Probably not from a royal or priestly line**



Audience

- ❖ **Originally delivered to the southern kingdom and not to Edom itself.**
 - Because of the mention of the Jerusalem (vv. 11, 20; "Mt. Zion" in vv. 17, 21) and Judah (v. 12; "Jacob" in vv. 17-18)



Issues



- ❖ **If the Book of Obadiah is inspired Scripture, then why is it not quoted in the NT?**
- ❖ **Is the prophecy of Obadiah simply an expression of Jewish nationalism?**



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OBADIAH

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We all hate pride.

Yet we all struggle with it.

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

PRIDE

????

How does God respond to

PRIDE

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Old Testament *Genesis - Malachi*

Law
(5)

History
(12)

Prophecy
(17)



Poetry
(5)

Major 5 Minor 12

The background of the image is a composite of twelve portraits of the apostles, arranged in a 3x4 grid. The portraits are set against a light blue background that resembles an open book. The text is overlaid on this background.

The Twelve

Courage to Confront Culture

—A Preaching Series on the Minor Prophets—

What do these men have to offer us?

A quill pen with a dark, feathered upper section and a light-colored, pointed lower section lies horizontally across the middle of the image. It rests on a piece of aged, yellowish-brown parchment that has a rough, torn edge on the left side. The background is a solid black bar at the top and bottom.

**MAJOR
MESSAGES**

FROM **MINOR
PROPHETS**

How does God respond to

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

No king = No Time Period



Different Dates Proposed

845 735 586 450 BC



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

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



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



Shishak



"But when Rehoboam was firmly established and strong, he abandoned the Law of the LORD, and all Israel followed him in this sin. ² Because they were unfaithful to the LORD, **King Shishak of Egypt came up and attacked Jerusalem in the fifth year of King Rehoboam's reign.** ³ He came with 1,200 chariots, 60,000 horses, and a countless army of foot soldiers, including Libyans, Sukkites, and Ethiopians" (2 Chron 12:1-3 NLT).



**Egyptian
Warrior**

"Shishak conquered Judah's fortified towns and then advanced to attack Jerusalem. ⁵ The prophet Shemaiah then met with Rehoboam and Judah's leaders, who had all fled to Jerusalem because of Shishak. Shemaiah told them, 'This is what the LORD says: You have abandoned me, so I am abandoning you to Shishak.' ⁶ Then the leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves and said, 'The LORD is right in doing this to us!'" (2 Chron 12:4-6 NLT).



**Egyptian
Warrior**

"When the LORD saw their change of heart, he gave this message to Shemaiah: 'Since the people have humbled themselves, I will not completely destroy them and will soon give them some relief. I will not use Shishak to pour out my anger on Jerusalem.

⁸ But they will become his subjects, so they will know the difference between serving me and serving earthly rulers"
(2 Chron 12:7-8 NLT).



**Egyptian
Warrior**

**"So King Shishak of Egypt came up
and attacked Jerusalem. He
ransacked the treasuries of the
LORD's Temple and the royal
palace; he stole everything,
including all the gold shields
Solomon had made"
(2 Chron 12:9 NLT).**



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Obadiah 1-14



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Obadiah 1-14

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A topographical map showing the border between Israel and Edom. The map uses a color gradient where green indicates lower elevations and brown/orange indicates higher elevations. A large white arrow with a black outline points from the word 'ISRAEL' in the upper left towards the lower right, specifically pointing to the border area. The Dead Sea is visible as a blue body of water in the center. The word 'EDOM' is located at the bottom center of the map.

ISRAEL

**“This is what the
Sovereign LORD
says about Edom”
(Obadiah 1b NIV).**

EDOM

**"We have heard a message from the LORD:
An envoy was sent to the nations to say,
'Rise, and let us go against her for battle'—"
(Obadiah 1c NIV).**



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



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



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Geographical Setting



Jacob

Israel

Esau

Edom



**God chose Jacob,
not Esau**



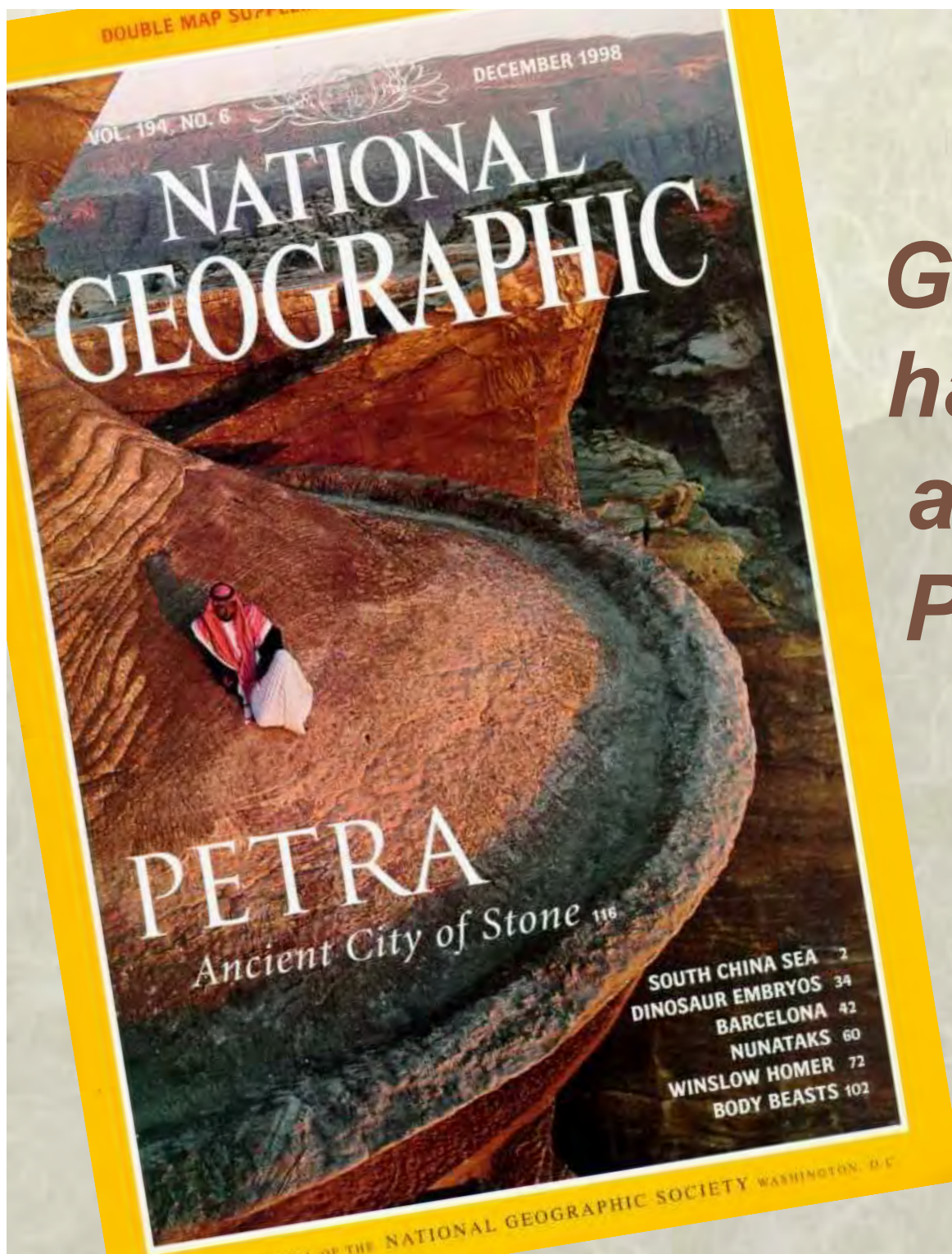
Genesis 27:1-40

Purpose

The book of Obadiah has a twofold purpose:

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





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

Here's Dec. 1998



PETRA



ANCIENT CITY OF STONE

BY UGGY BELT AND ANNE BELT

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ANNIE GRIFFITHS BELT

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



Imagine living in this terrain!

The Siq (pronounced "seek")

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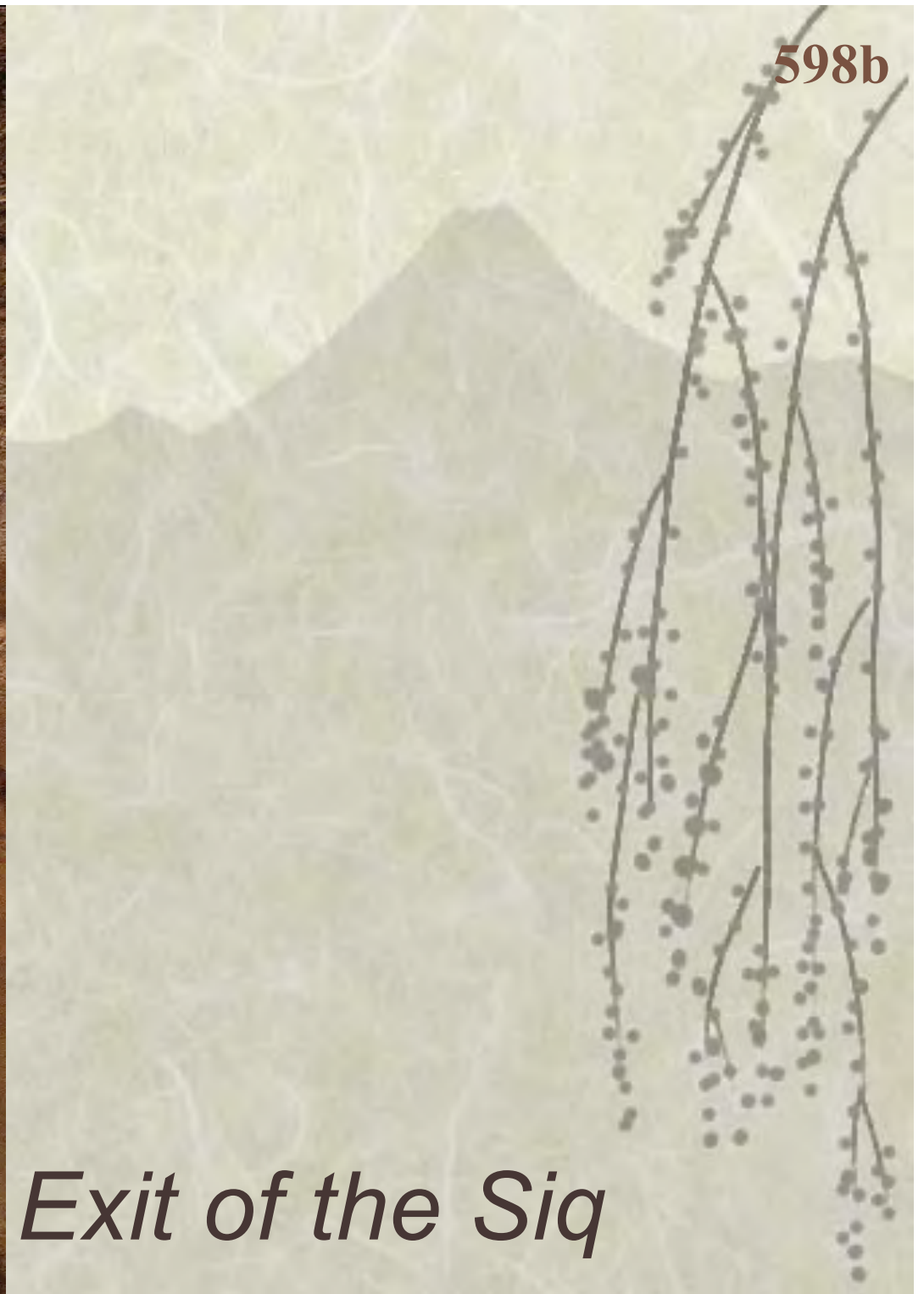
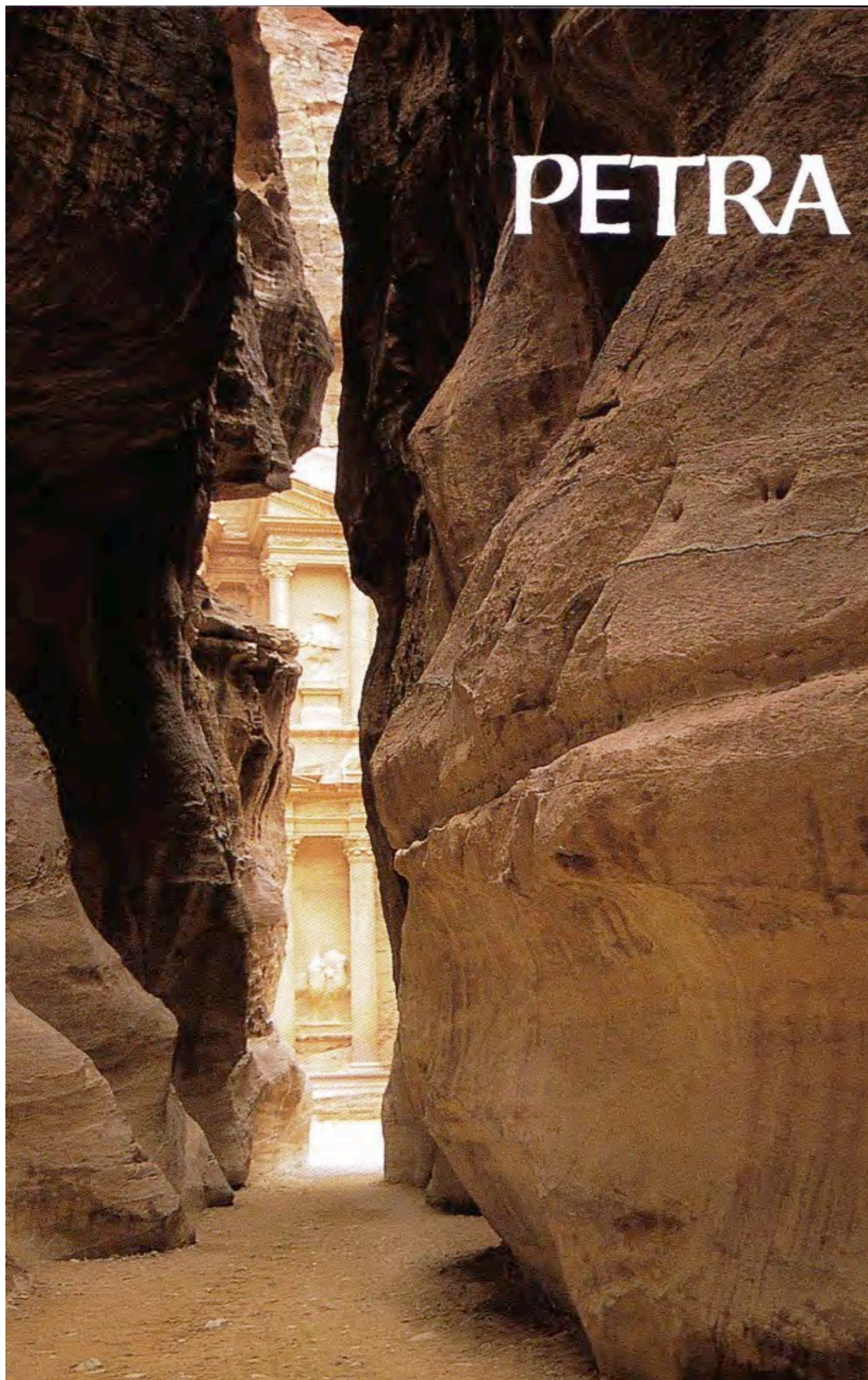
The only
entrance to
Petra

Water Course





Water channels were buried for centuries





If you're as nervous to get back from the familiar and greenery of Denver once the campfire starts smoking and the campfires started up. Then the current single would at a time of life would sit out through the morning rain, pouring its precious campfire heat, and your usually single Mr. around the fringes of New.

But if things were going well, the caravan would pause in trade at Medina, drinking from its headrich wells and gathering strength for the journey ahead. Then it would strike yet north along the Red Sea, first across oases of western Arabia, then from one water hole to the next all the way to the capital of the Abbasids, who ruled the lands east of the Hijaz. When the camel drivers of two centuries ago, they, too, were, however, led a damned race.

What a relief I must have been to see the greenish and red marshland ridges, and to be seated in after paying the toll, and to breathe the open air beside the 244 (presented) such, the 250-foot (44) crack in the rock that was, and still is, the main road into Pira.

For the clergy there was some loss of a flowing down various steep channels along the roadway, for the ground was down there were carved stairs to Holyday, the head Nabuonid god, on the dusty mountain side. They (a darkness would sink by, almost) of the effort (the level of confusion) and, starting from previous knowledge just ahead. Finally, the coming word (they were April 1st) to look at Church (the former), the visiting, which could have (as of) such, and (phage) into the crowded marketplace beyond.

They described what they planned to do.

From dawn of the city, the 17 January (Feb) started the first modern European Great Open. Johannes the alchemist, a person who at what reached height in 1817 disappeared at a Mexican village. Meeting followers of the doctrine of the five keys today (John: Ritscher) recognized the named place in the *Praxis of science* (Feb), which reached from ancient maps to the modern course.



of ancient terra cotta endure in the heart of southern India. The facades of its buildings pour out from banks of drift sand, and you can wander freely among them. Fragments of shelled rock. Delicate bits of Nabatanian pottery lie scattered across the land like signposts, so numerous at times that it's hard to avoid stepping on them. And if you're out early—before the first sunset has pulled up its pale, pale blanket—poor night even hear whines of the ancient vireo, as I have, in the local *Bledius* feeding by its own kind in the water up by the quarter-by-quarter new look of incoming sea.

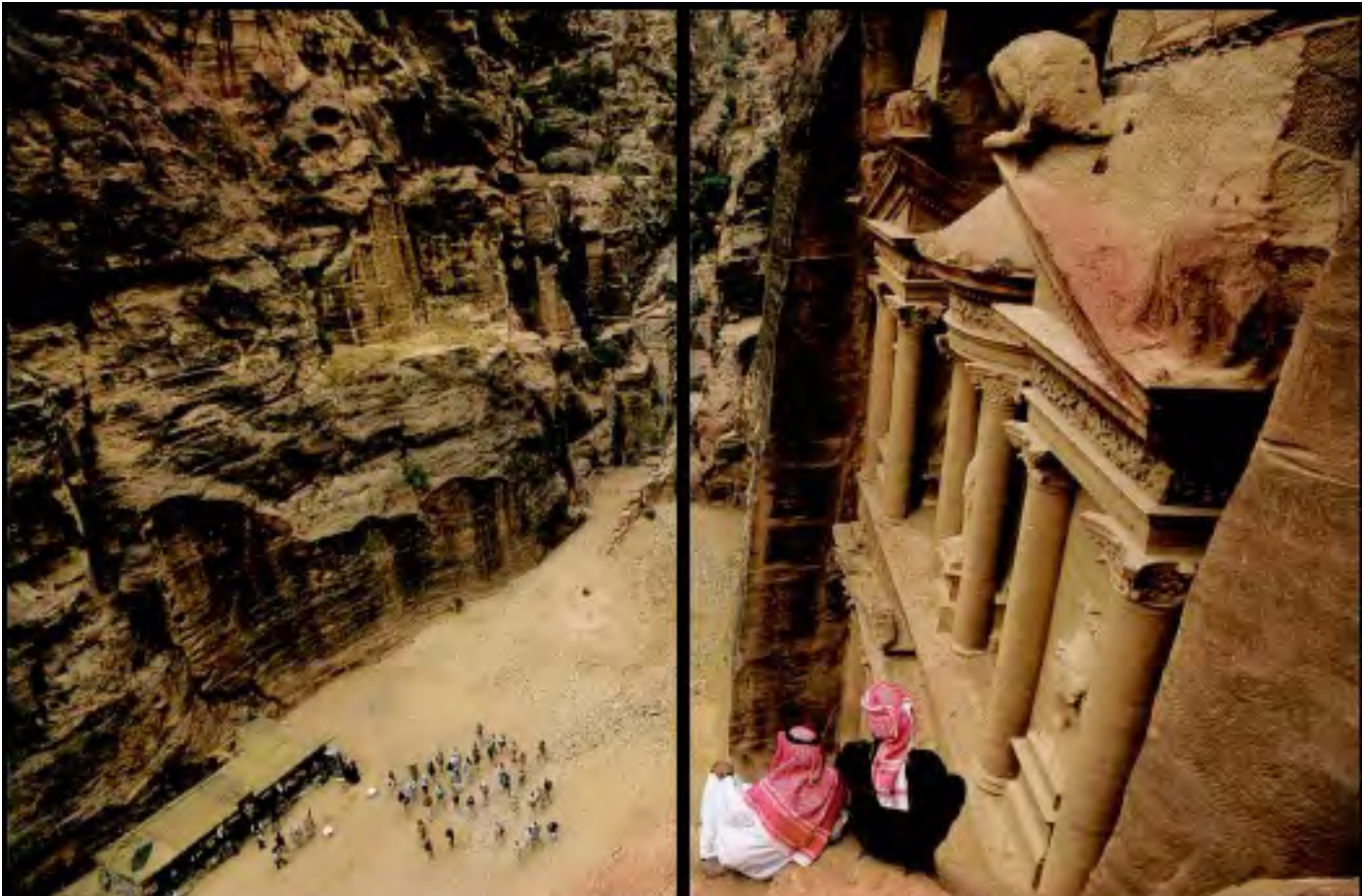
After decades of exile, however, to recognize this immediacy of the past as Petrarca's surpassing aim, yet to make the city's most probable defense, a living, ongoing presence resistant to those who would preserve the past as frozen in memory, or perhaps in his case as unimportant

Like other nomadic peoples who wandered through the spotlight of history, the Nabataeans left little behind to explain themselves.

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The Treasury

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From atop the Treasury

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





Nabatean tombs east of the city center

Byzantine Church Mosaic *(5th century)*



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





Colonnade Envisioned



Colonnade Realized

Nymphaleon



Nymphaleon



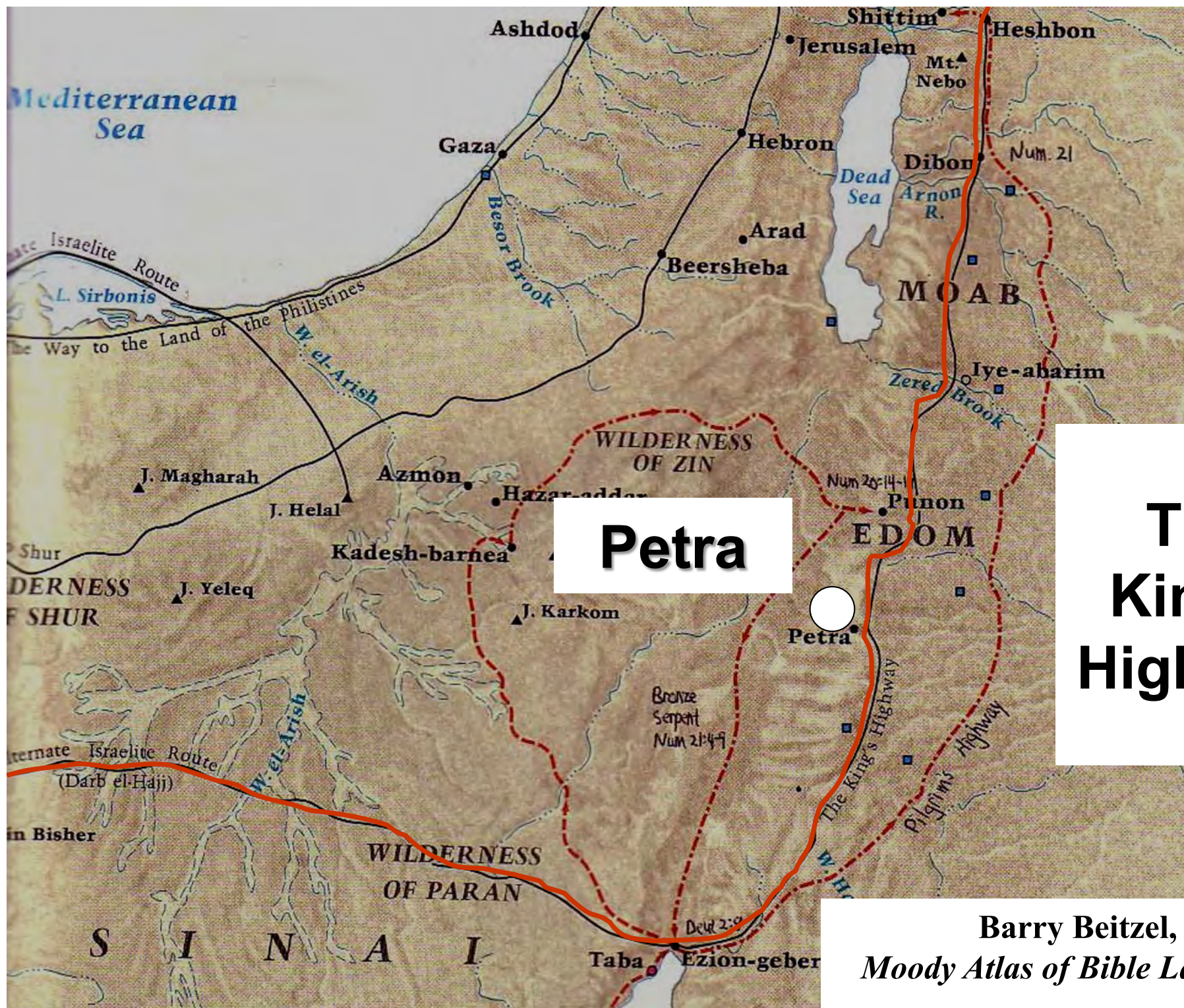


Who Lived at Petra?

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

Egypt to Mesopotamia Trade





Petra

**The
King's
Highway**

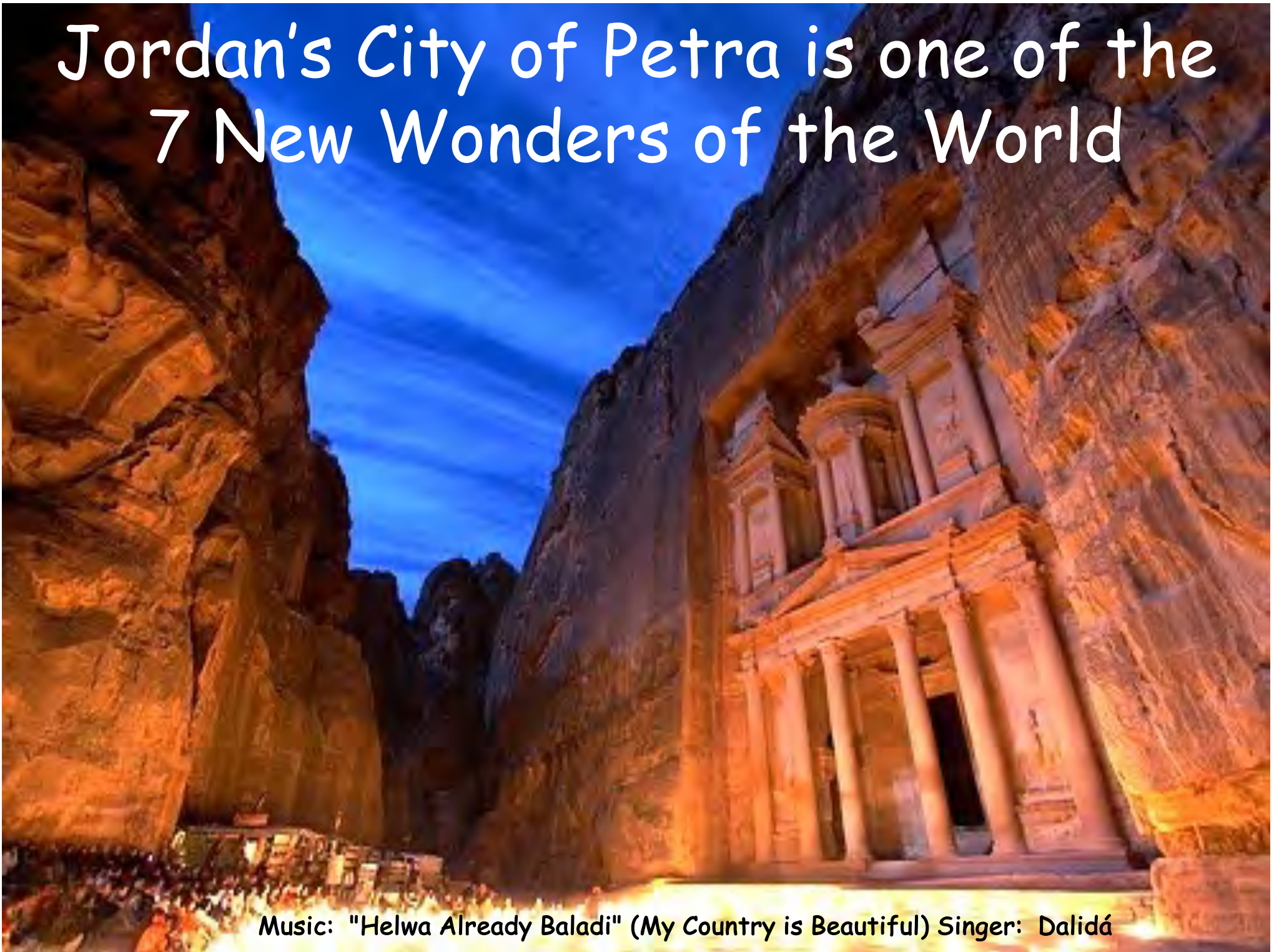
**Barry Beitzel,
Moody Atlas of Bible Lands, 87**

The Spice Trade

Petra



Jordan's City of Petra is one of the 7 New Wonders of the World



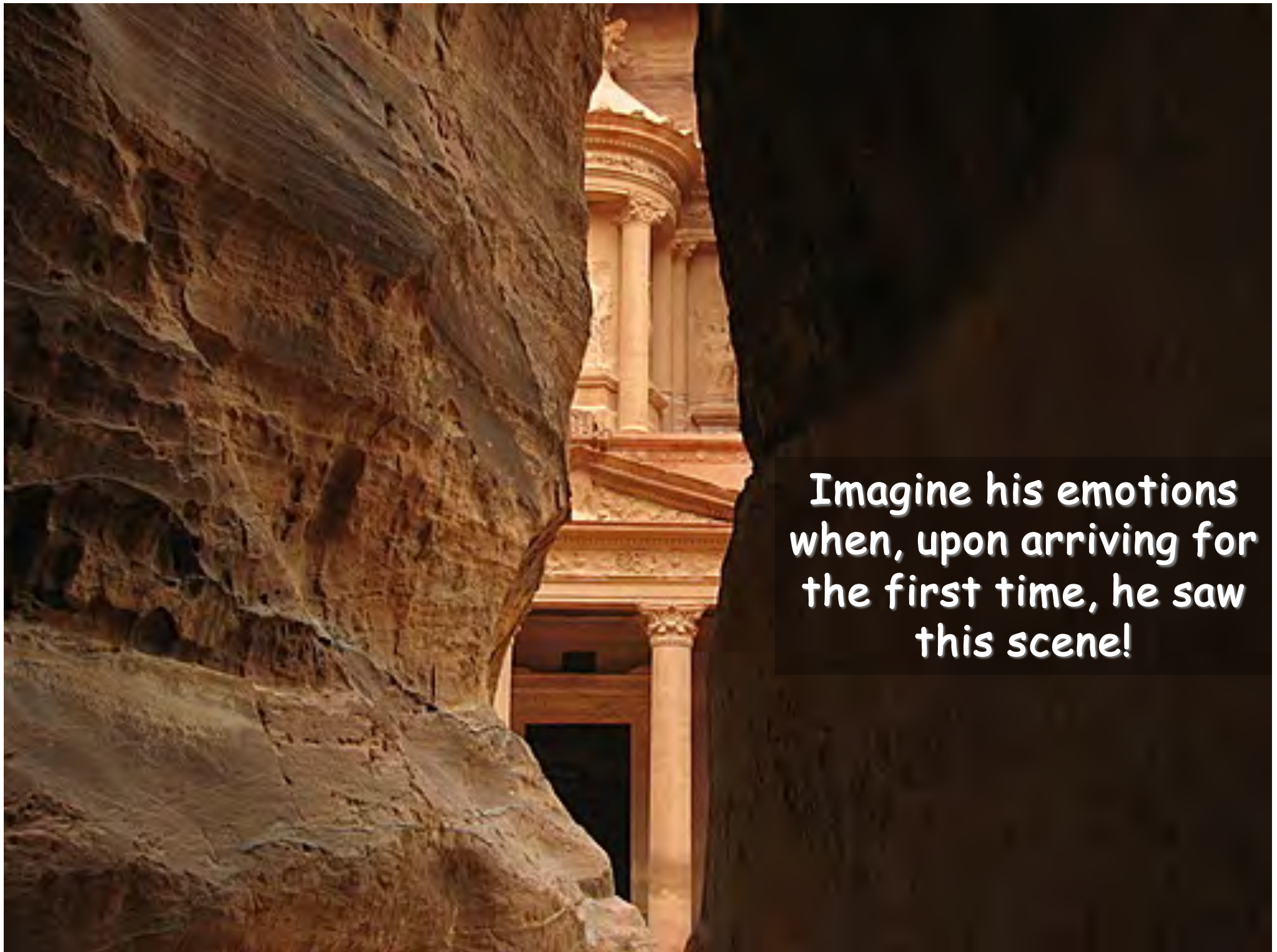
Music: "Helwa Already Baladi" (My Country is Beautiful) Singer: Dalidá

For 600 years it was thought that this city, in the middle of the desert of Jordan, was not real but only legendary like the Atlantis and Troy



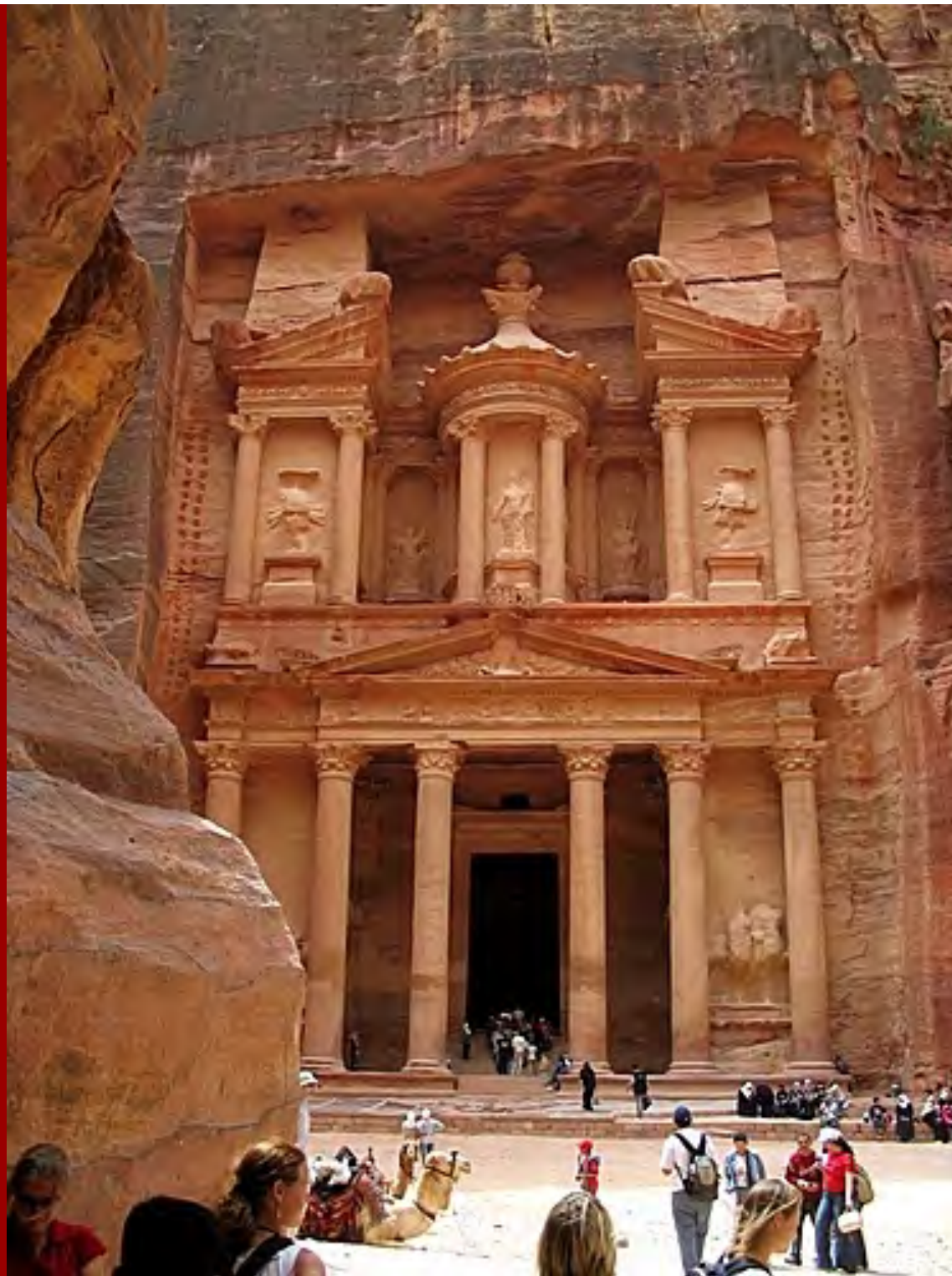
The Swiss explorer who managed to find it in the 19th century had to travel through impressive paths as this among mountains of stone.

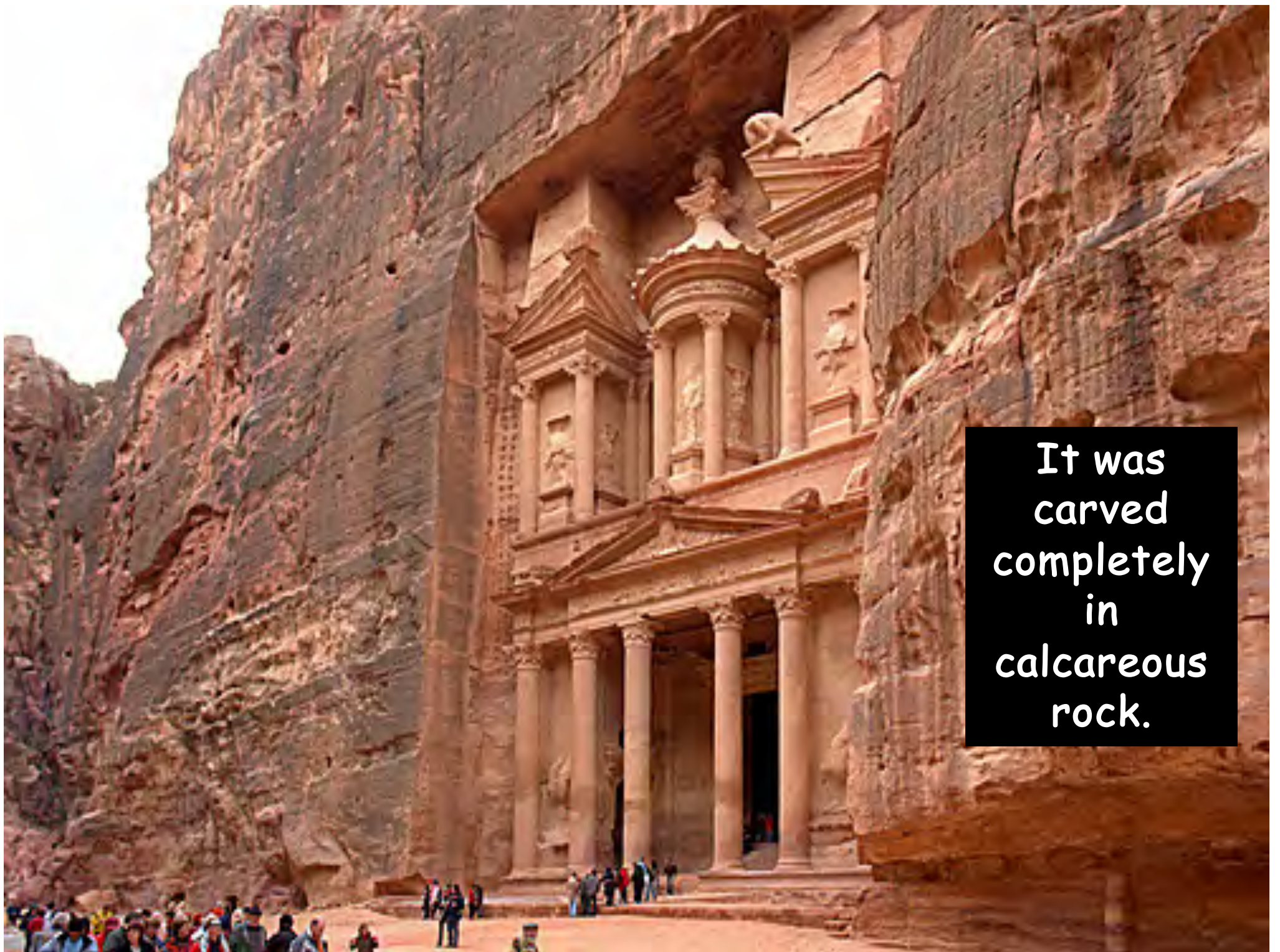




Imagine his emotions
when, upon arriving for
the first time, he saw
this scene!

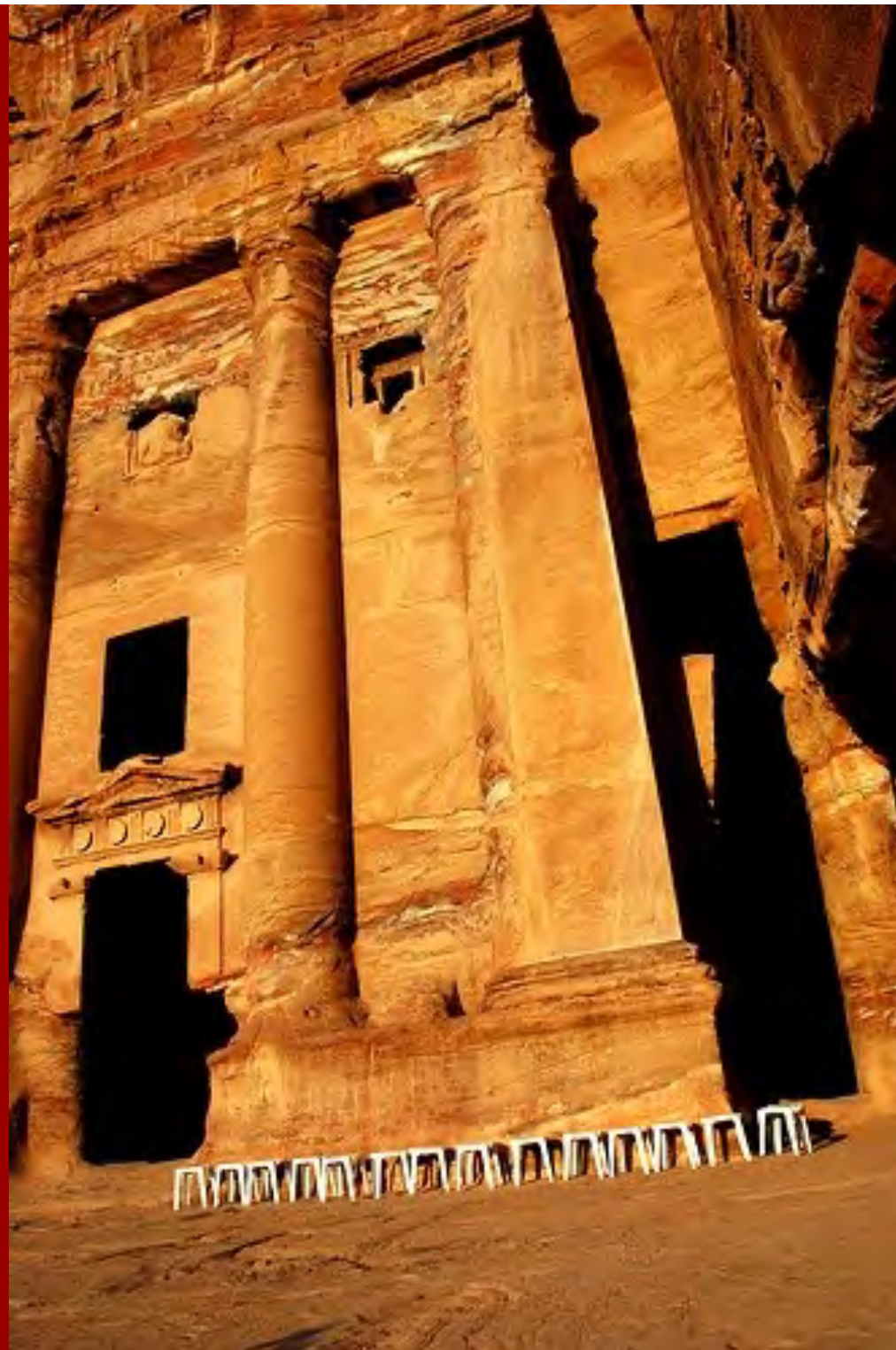
The Palace
of Petra, a
temple in
Greek style
(Hellenic),
is also
called "The
Treasury"
and is 42
meters
high





It was
carved
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in
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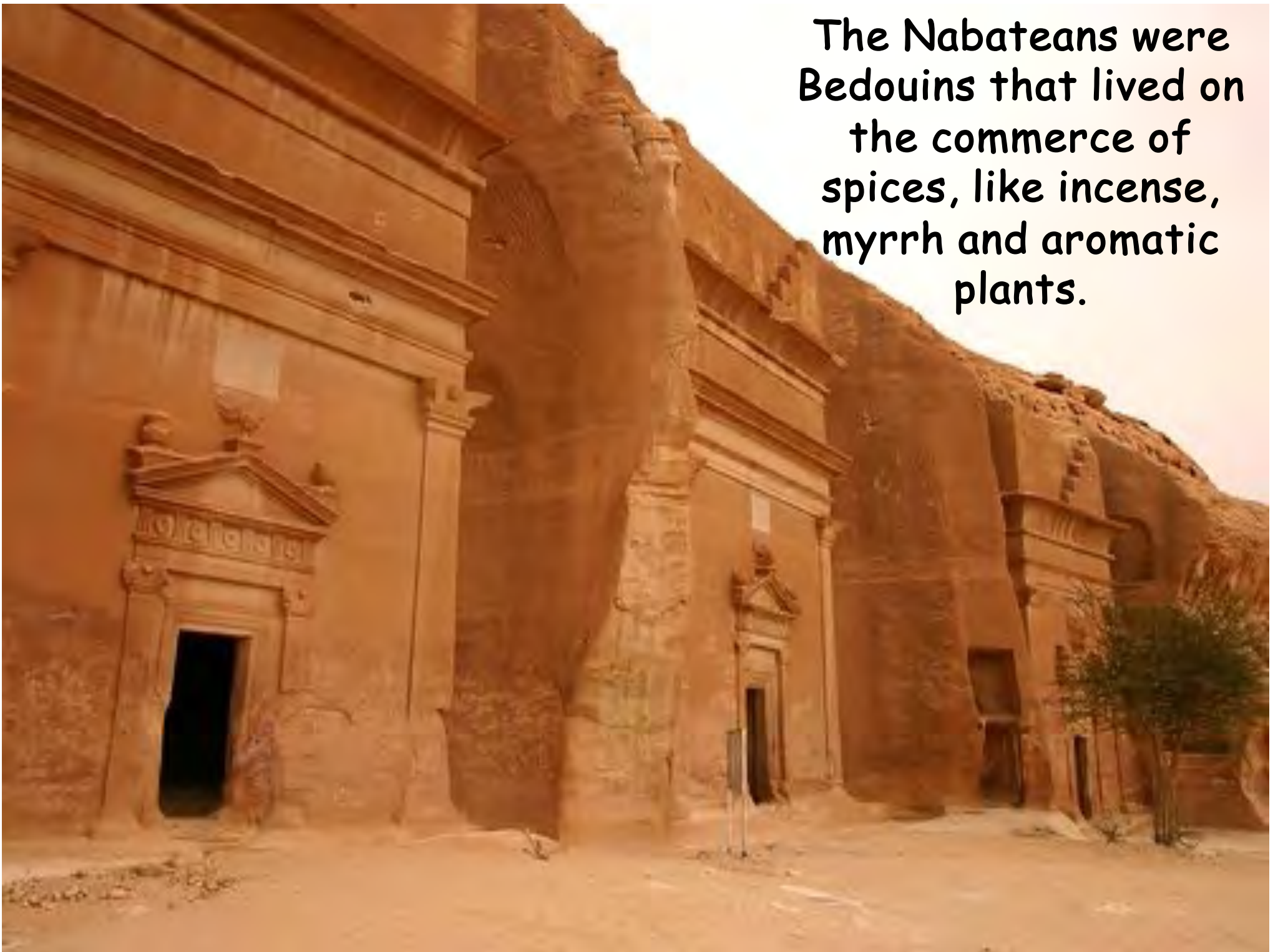
But the palace
is only one
among
the many
magnificent
constructions in
Petra,
all carved in
calcareous rock.



Petra was constructed in the 6th century BC by the Nabateans during the Persian Empire.



The Nabateans were Bedouins that lived on the commerce of spices, like incense, myrrh and aromatic plants.





By the year AD 60 Petra was conquered and became part of the Roman Empire.

Through the years,
the wind has left
its contribution,
carving the most
beautiful forms
in the mountains of
calcareous rock.



Petra was
utilized for
the final
scene of the
movies
Indiana
Jones and
The Last
Crusade



Note the details
in the interior
carvings



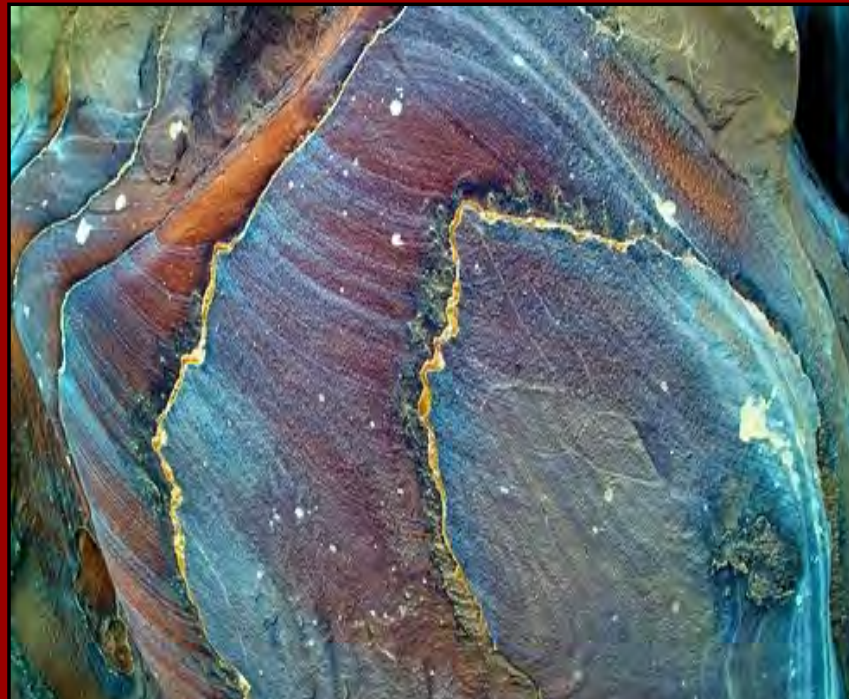
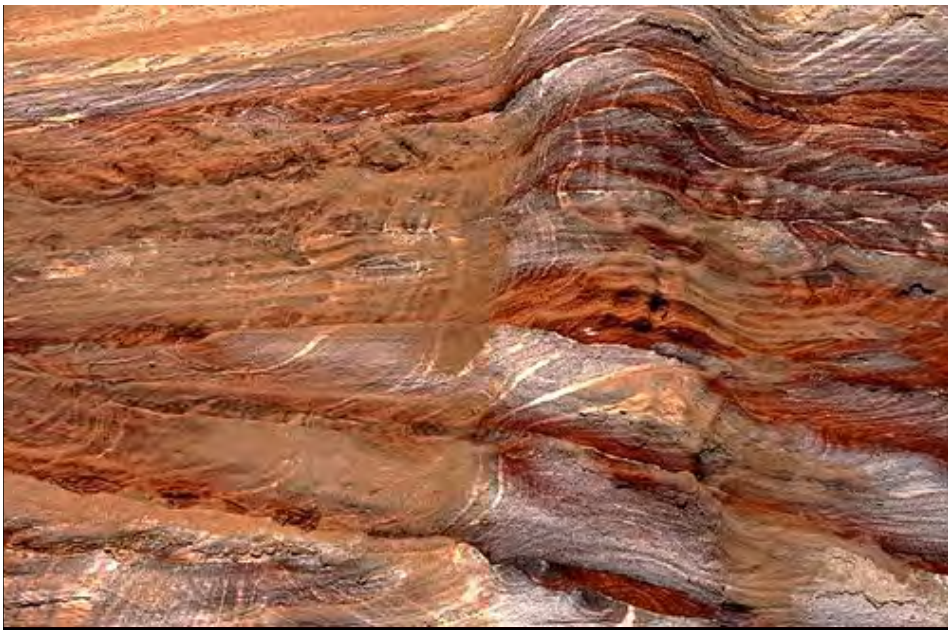
The colors in the stones are natural.





The natural colored geological composition of the sand is favorable for "natural paintings" such as these.





These formations found in the walls of some mountains take one's breath away!

The Nabateans also carved a sophisticated hydraulic system with tunnels and tanks of water to bring water to Petra



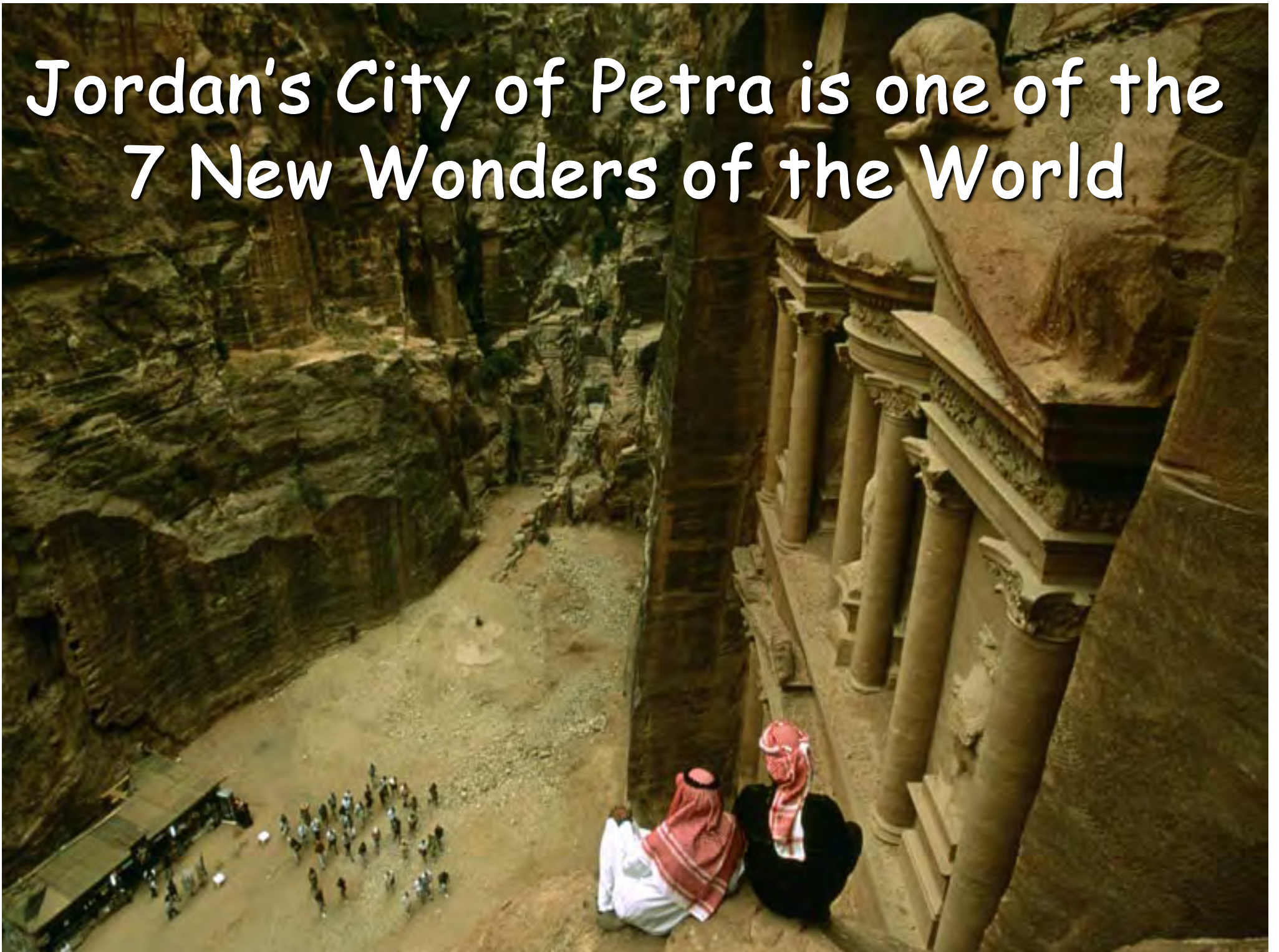


This theater, in Greek-Roman style, sat 4,000 spectators.

In AD 551 a second great earthquake destroyed almost all the city, so Petra was never again inhabited.



Jordan's City of Petra is one of the 7 New Wonders of the World



Obadiah 4 (NIV)



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

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





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

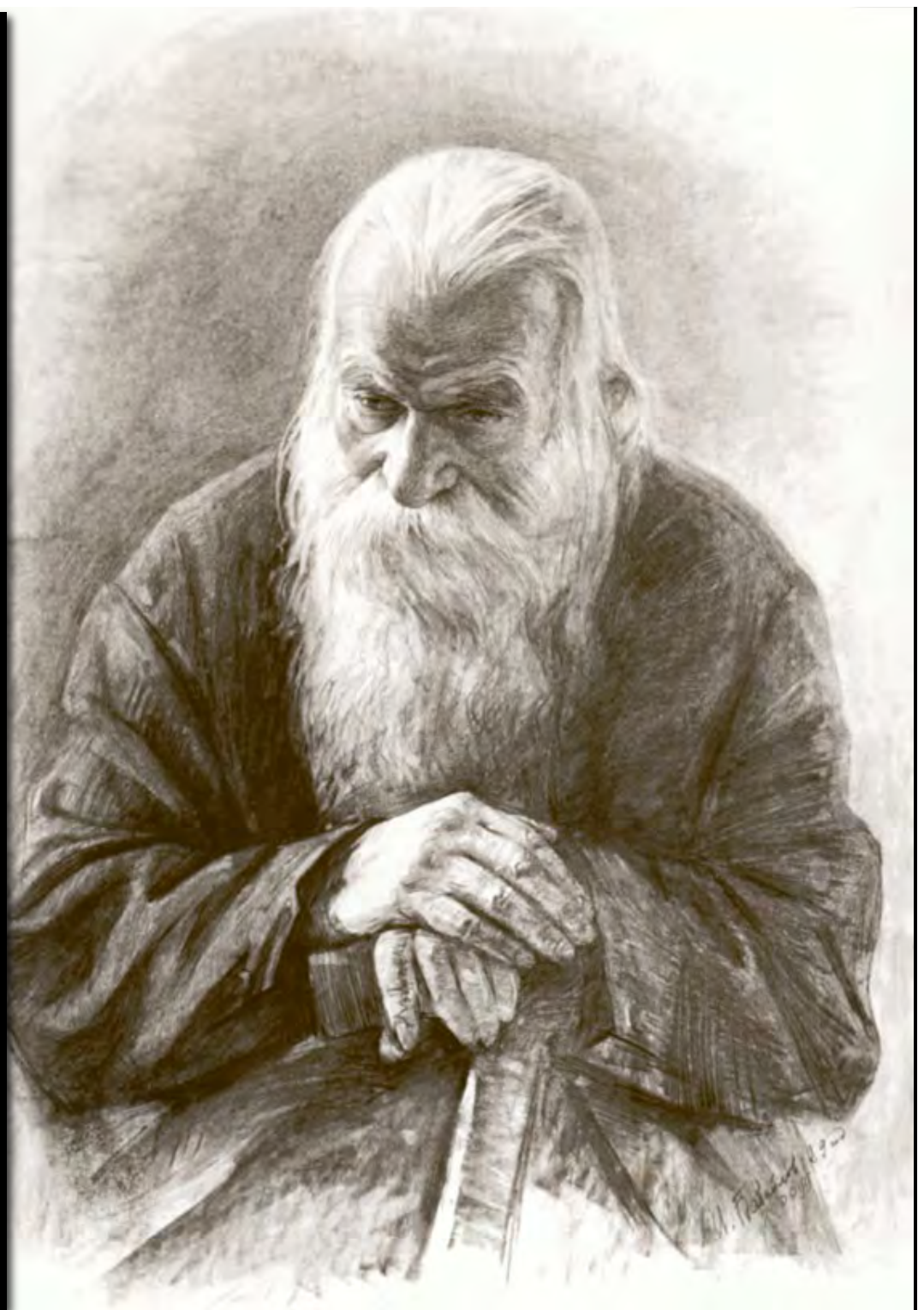


**“Every nook and cranny of Edom will
be searched and looted. Every treasure
will be found and taken”
(Obadiah 6 NLT).**

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



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





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

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



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



Shishak



"But when Rehoboam was firmly established and strong, he abandoned the Law of the LORD, and all Israel followed him in this sin. ² Because they were unfaithful to the LORD, **King Shishak of Egypt came up and attacked Jerusalem in the fifth year of King Rehoboam's reign.** ³ He came with 1,200 chariots, 60,000 horses, and a countless army of foot soldiers, including Libyans, Sukkites, and Ethiopians" (2 Chron 12:1-3 NLT).



**Egyptian
Warrior**

"Shishak conquered Judah's fortified towns and then advanced to attack Jerusalem. ⁵ The prophet Shemaiah then met with Rehoboam and Judah's leaders, who had all fled to Jerusalem because of Shishak. Shemaiah told them, 'This is what the LORD says: You have abandoned me, so I am abandoning you to Shishak.' ⁶ Then the leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves and said, 'The LORD is right in doing this to us!'" (2 Chron 12:4-6 NLT).



**Egyptian
Warrior**

"When the LORD saw their change of heart, he gave this message to Shemaiah: 'Since the people have humbled themselves, I will not completely destroy them and will soon give them some relief. I will not use Shishak to pour out my anger on Jerusalem.

⁸ But they will become his subjects, so they will know the difference between serving me and serving earthly rulers'"
(2 Chron 12:7-8 NLT).



**Egyptian
Warrior**

**"So King Shishak of Egypt came up
and attacked Jerusalem. He
ransacked the treasuries of the
LORD's Temple and the royal
palace; he stole everything,
including all the gold shields
Solomon had made"
(2 Chron 12:9 NLT).**



**Egyptian
Warrior**



Edom's Excuse

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

OBADIAH

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



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

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



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





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

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



1 Peter 5:5b (NIV)



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

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



1 Peter 5:6

The Rainbow



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

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



Proverbs 16:5 (NIV)

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

Proverbs 16:18



Broken People

145-146

Henry Blackaby

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

Broken People

145-146

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



I. God
judges the
proud.

Obadiah 1-14

How does God respond to

HUMILITY

????

Key Verses

❖ Judgment on Edom

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

❖ Blessing on Israel

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

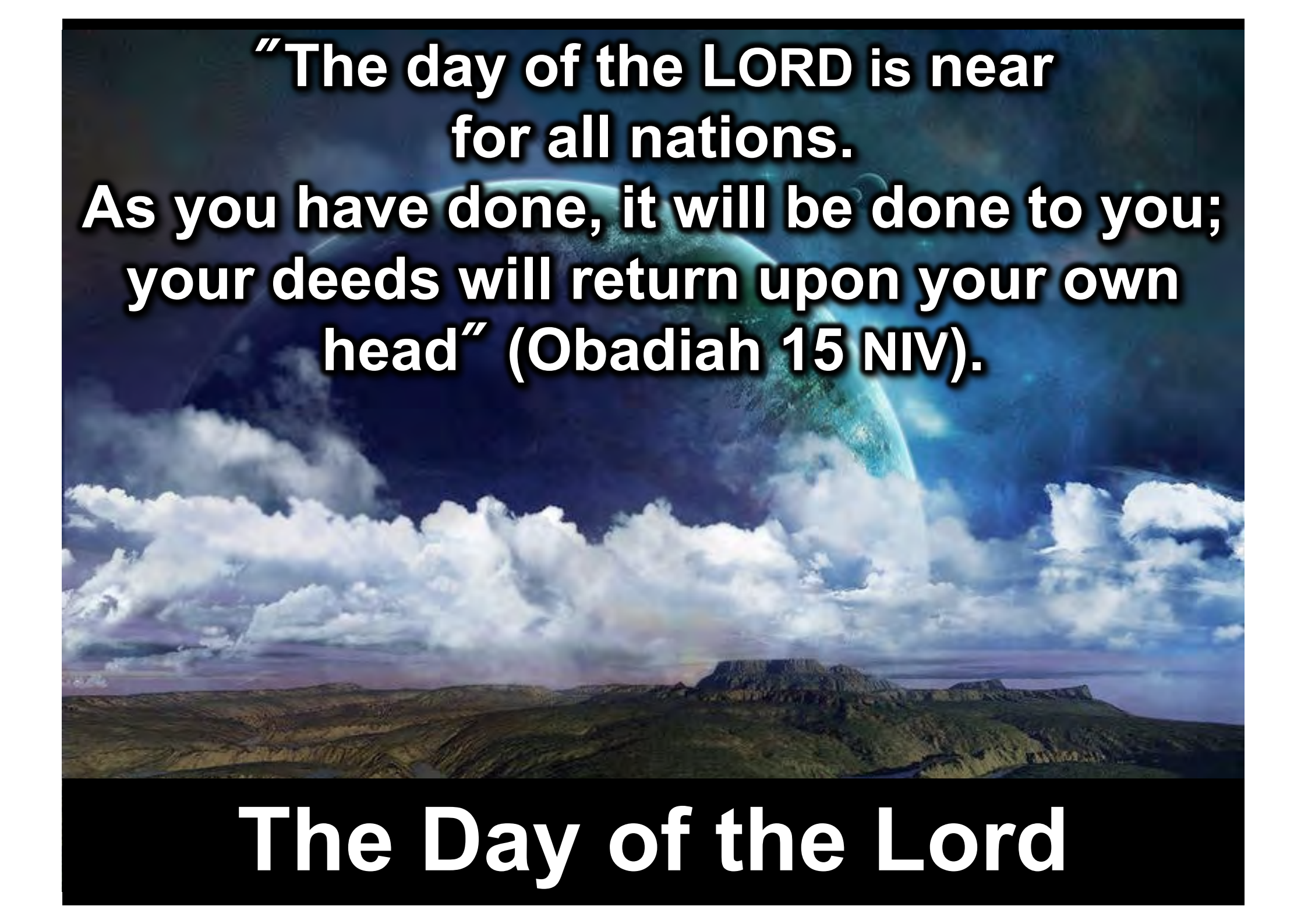


Obadiah 15-21

II. God
blesses the
humble.

Obadiah 15-21





**"The day of the LORD is near
for all nations.
As you have done, it will be done to you;
your deeds will return upon your own
head" (Obadiah 15 NIV).**

The Day of the Lord



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

Reversal in Obadiah

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Edom
Over
Israel

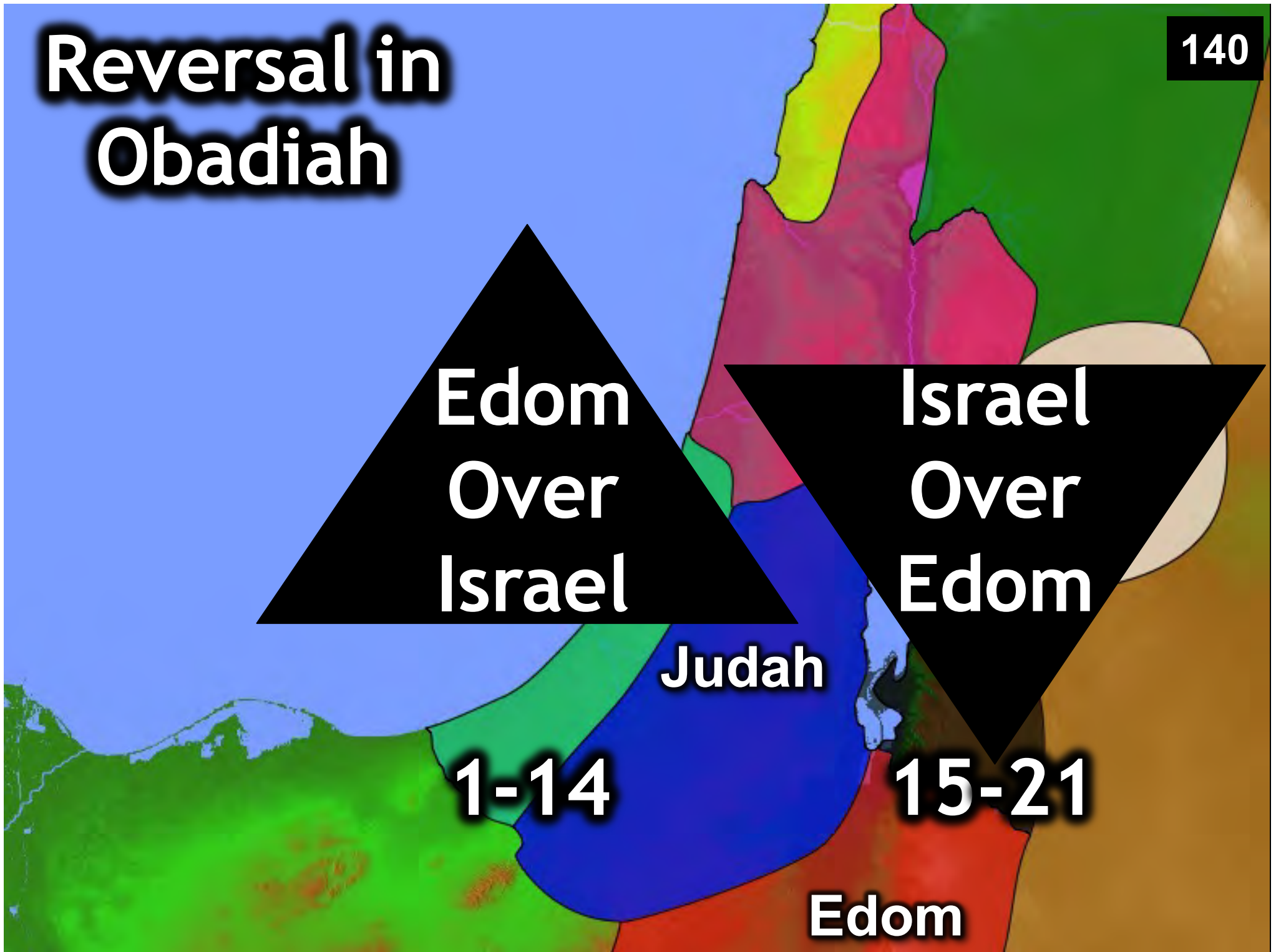
Israel
Over
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Judah

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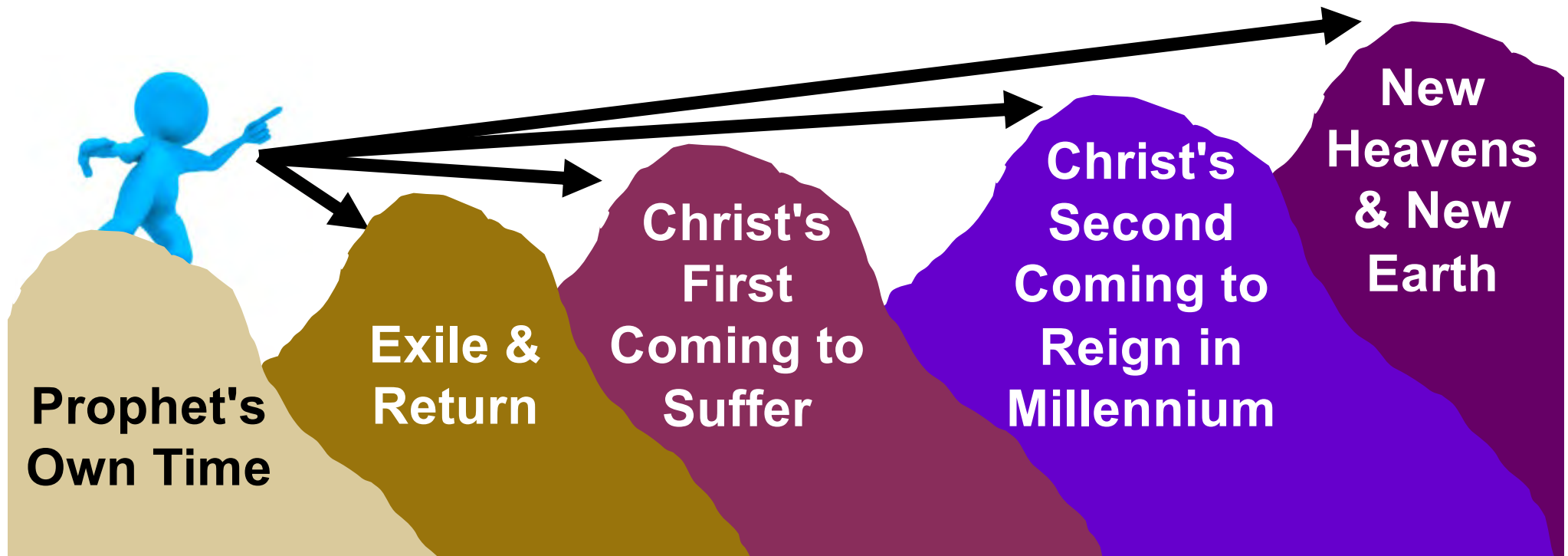
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Edom



Approaching a Summit





Time Periods of the Prophets

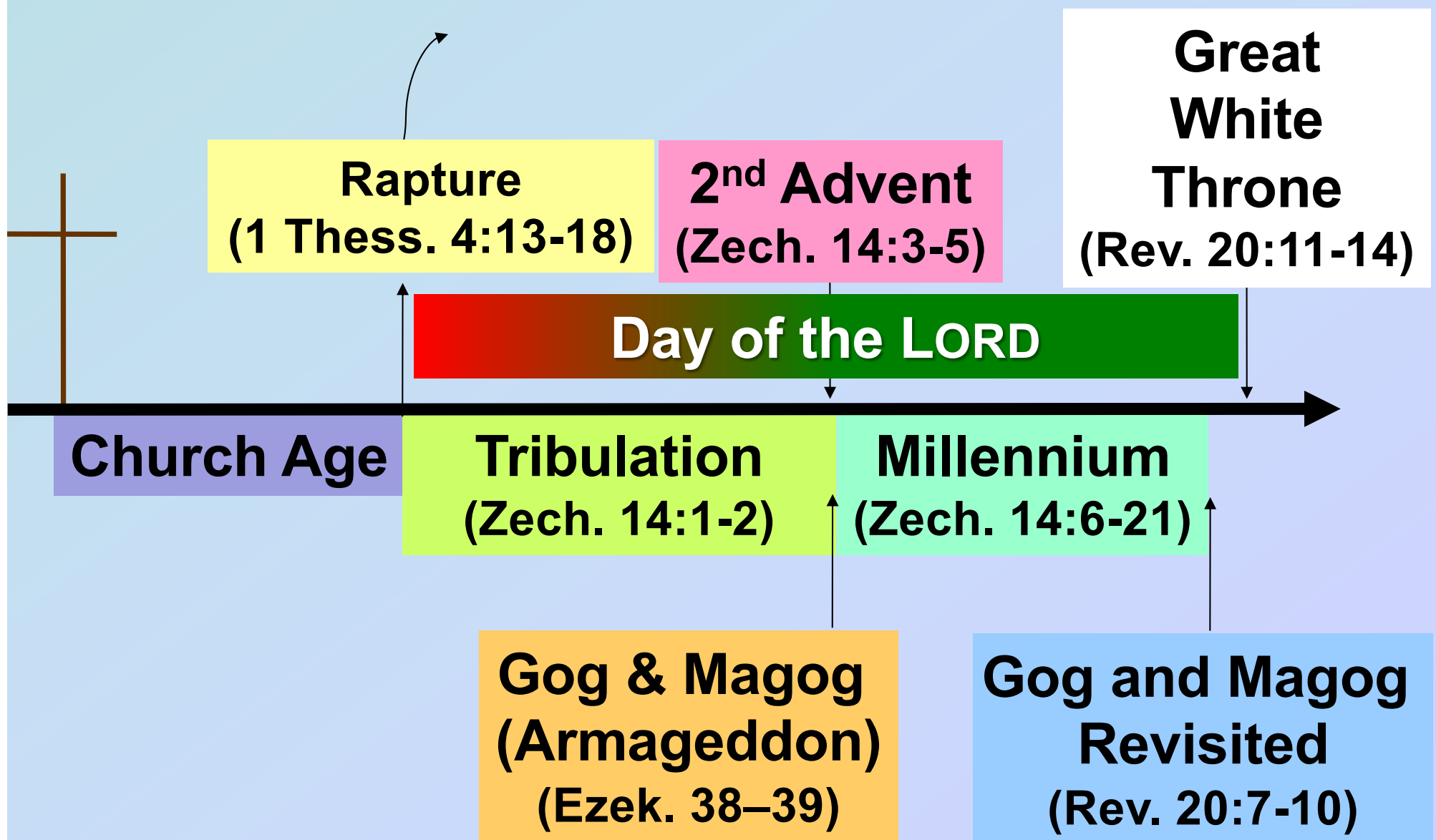
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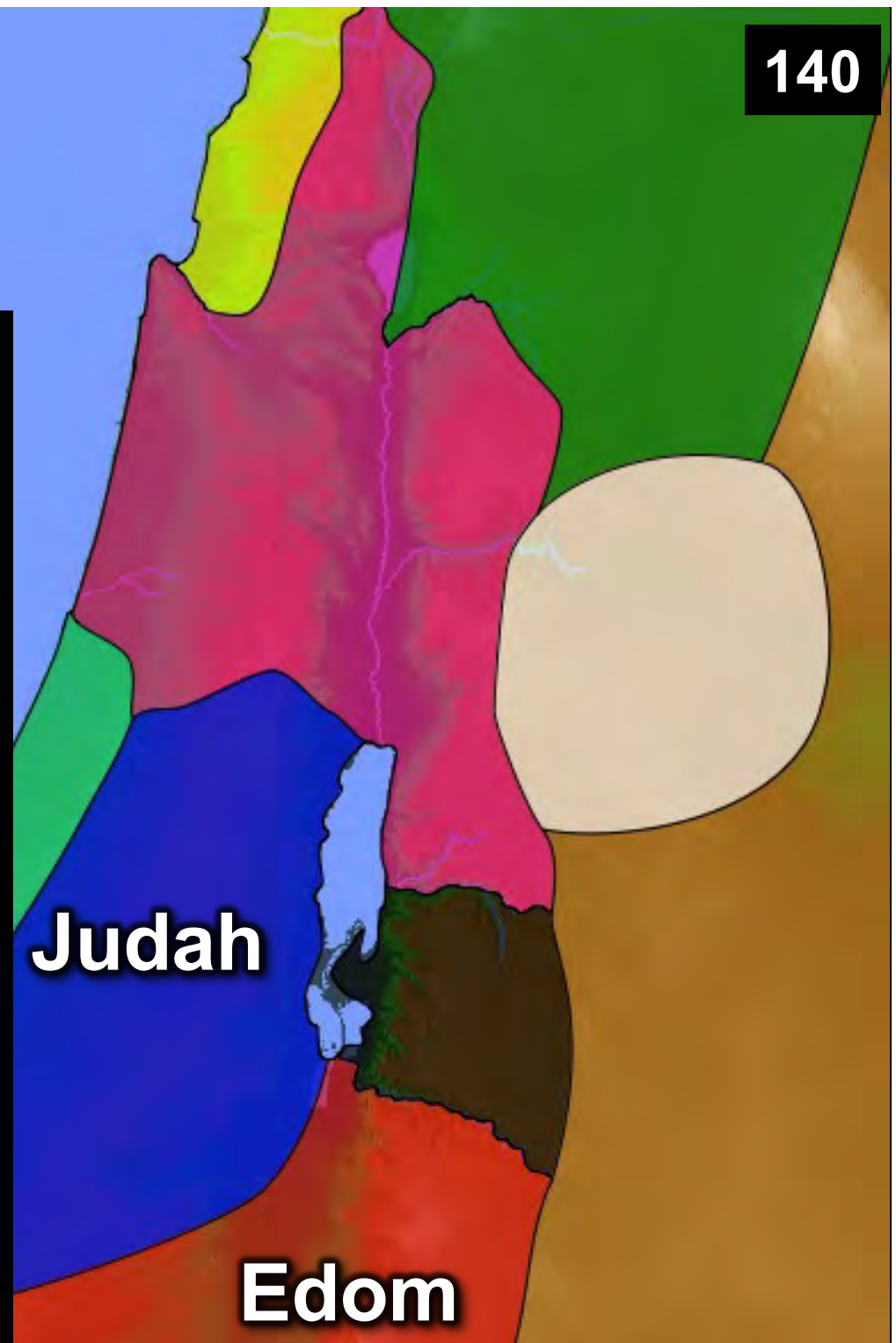
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Reversal in Obadiah

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



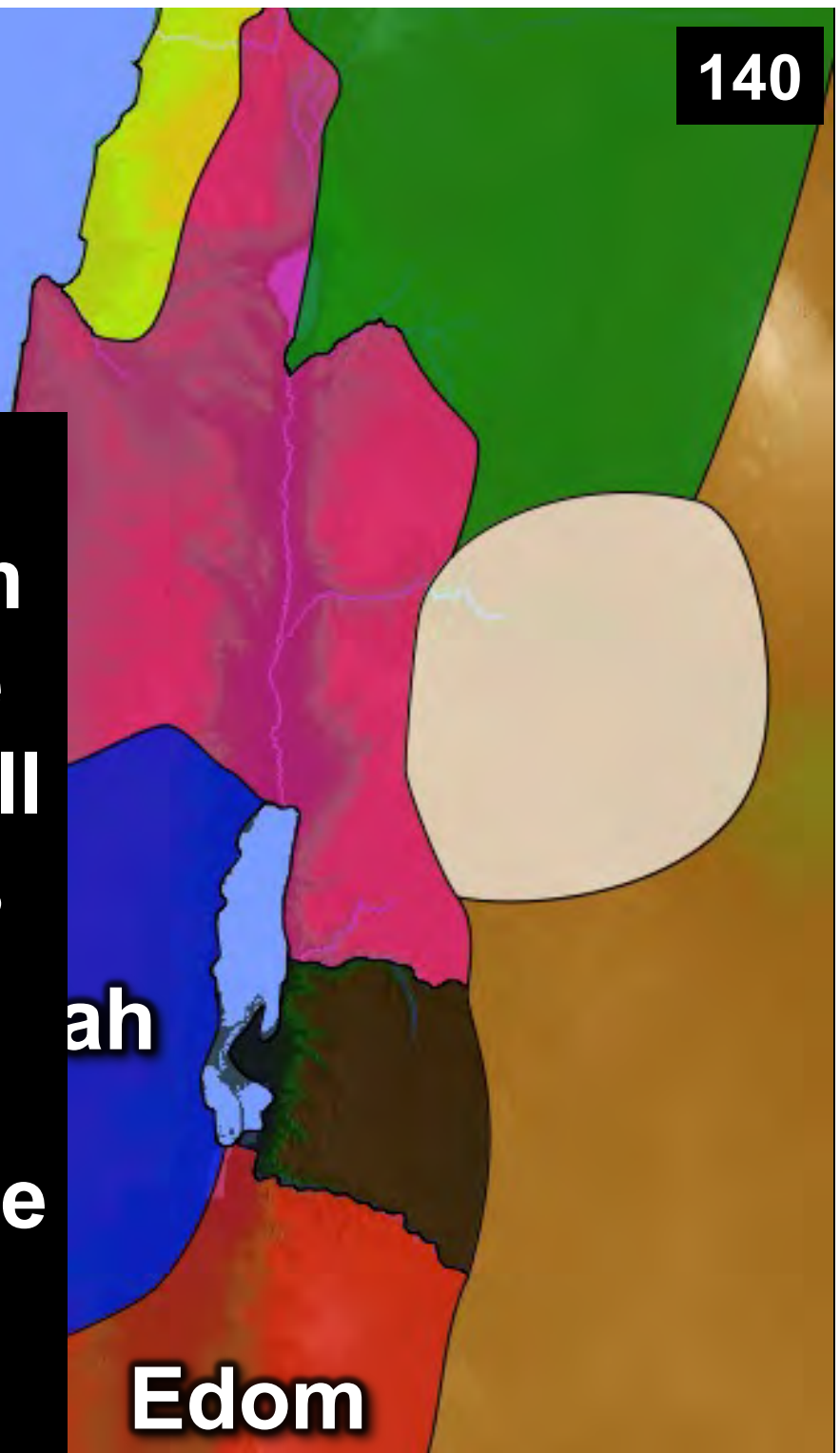
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**“The people of Israel will be a raging fire, and Edom a field of dry stubble. The descendants of Joseph will be a flame roaring across the field, devouring everything. There will be no survivors in Edom. I, the LORD, have spoken”
(Obadiah 18 NLT).**

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Edom



Is There a Future for Ethnic Jews?



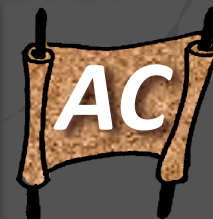
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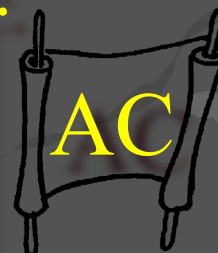
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WHICH SON?

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

Genesis 22:2

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

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

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WHICH SON?

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

Gen. 17:20-21 (NKJV)

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COMPARE THE GIFTS TODAY...

ISAAC

ISHMAEL

WHY THE
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ISRAEL

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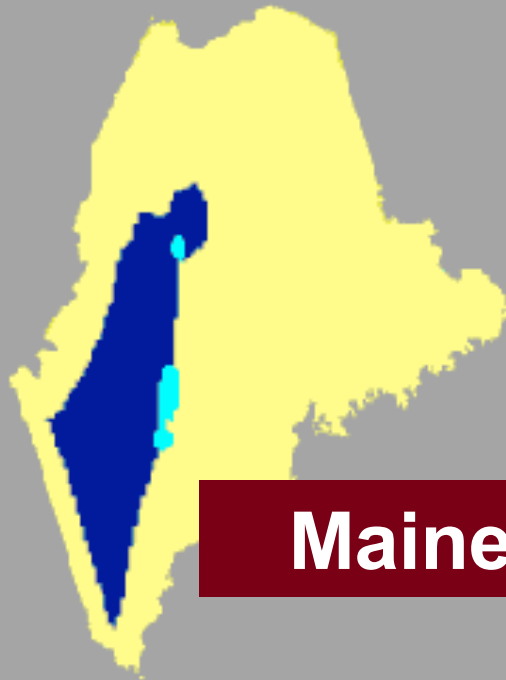
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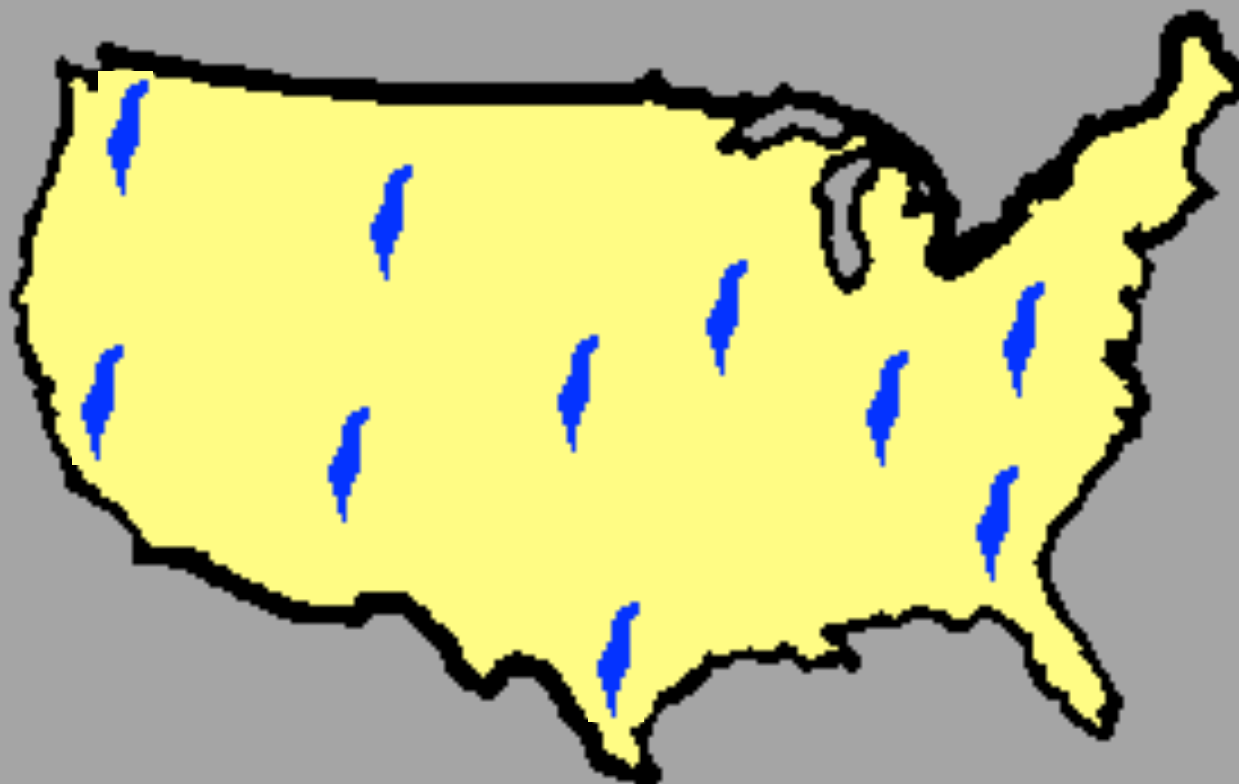
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ISRAEL and...

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DOES THIS SEEM FAIR?

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

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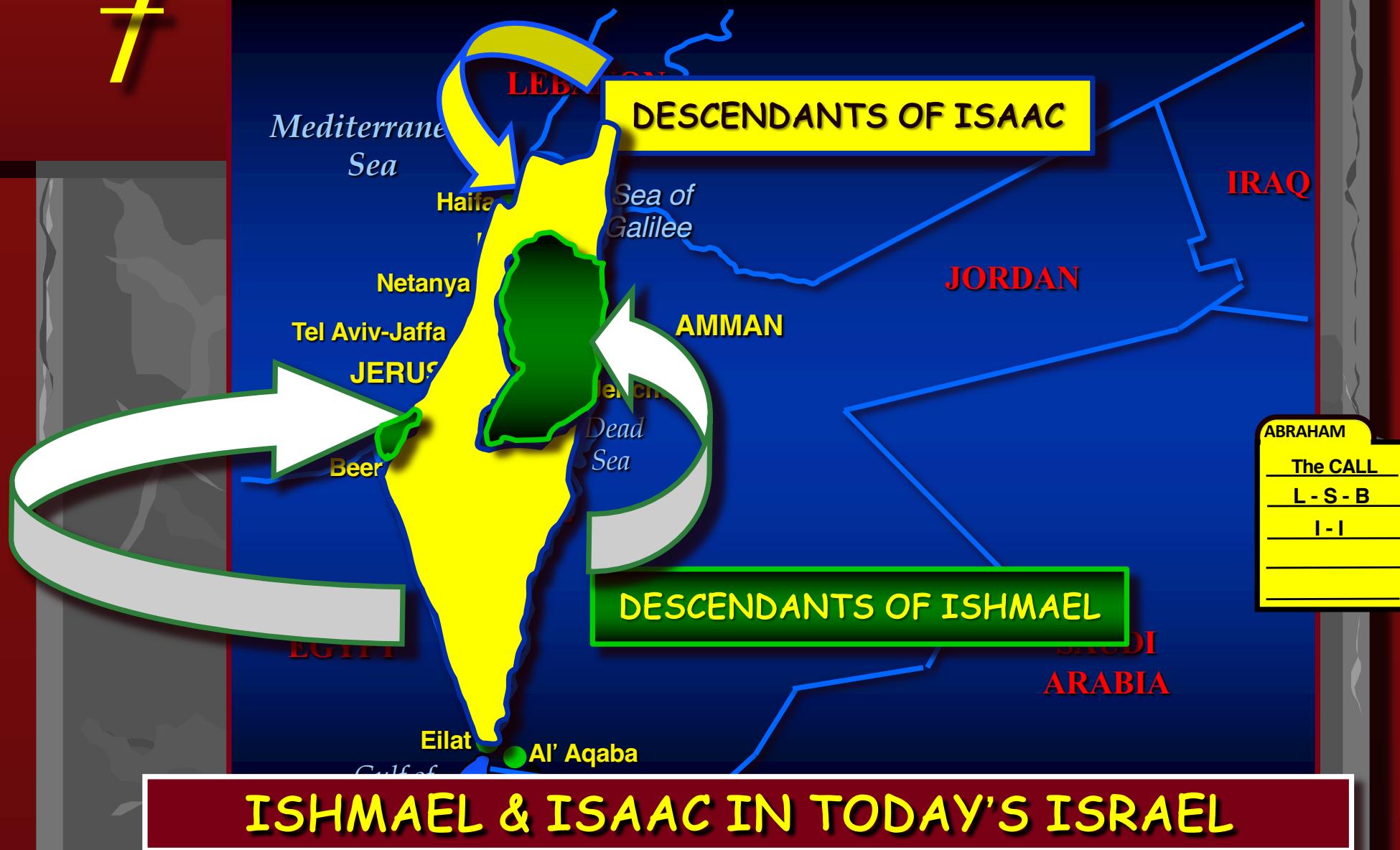
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Borders of the Land Promised to Abraham

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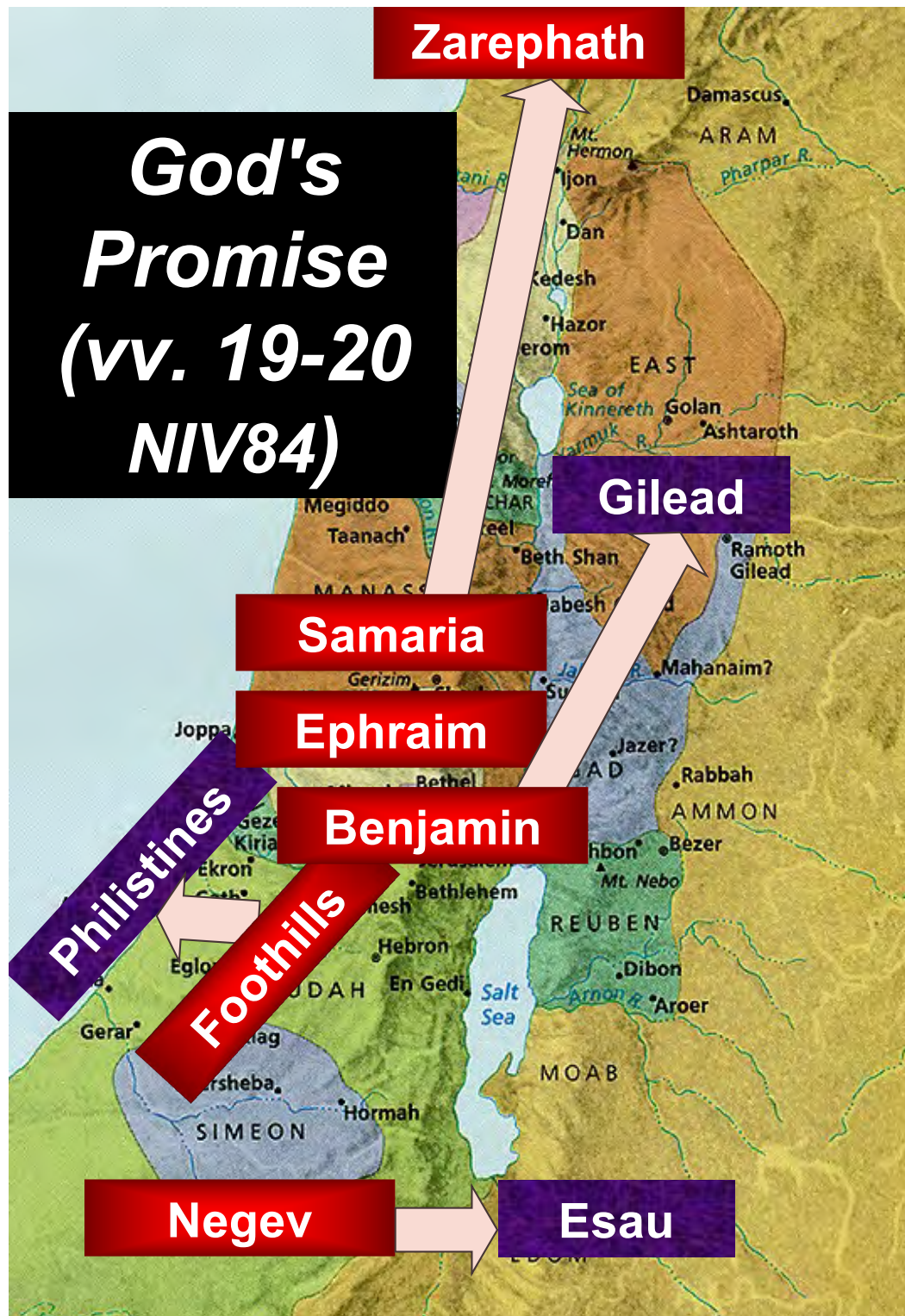


Syria
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Israel
Jordan

Egypt

Genesis 15:18

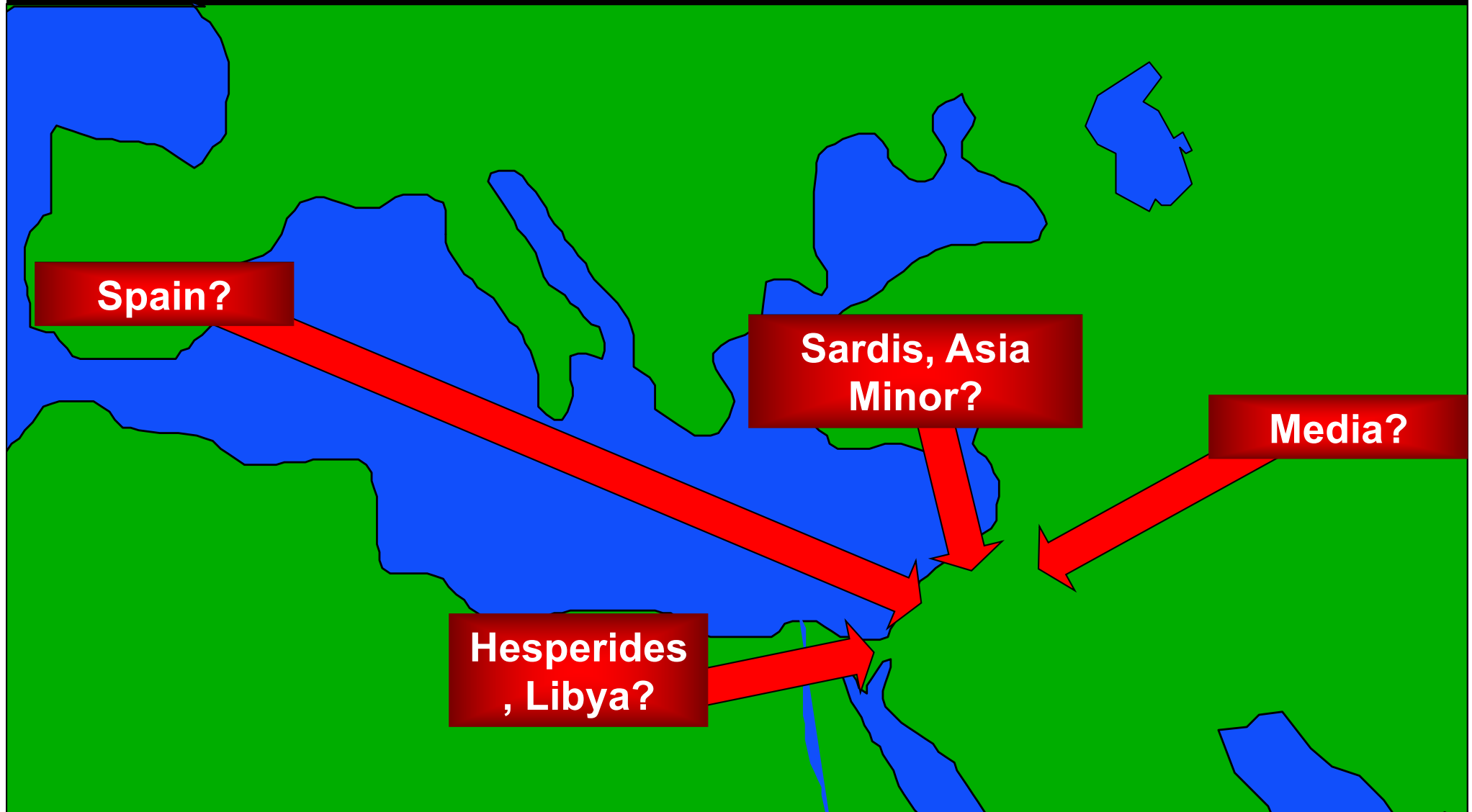
"On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates'" (ESV)



"People from the Negev⁴⁴⁴
will occupy the^{598d}
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Where was Sepharad (v. 20)?



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

**God's
Promise
(v. 20
NIV84)**



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God's Promise (v. 21 NIV84)



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

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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)

Noahic Covenant

Genesis 6:18; 9:8-17

Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3

land

Land Covenant

Genesis 15:18 (cf. Deut. 30:1-10) promises:
•Land from Wadi of Egypt to Euphrates River (Isa. 27:12)
•Eternal possession of land (Gen. 17:8) after exile/restoration
•Whole world blessed via the land (Isa. 14:1-2)

ISRAEL
(National Focus)

CHURCH

The "New Man" (Eph. 2:15)

Israel judged for rejecting Messiah by dispersion away from land for 19 centuries (AD 70–AD 1948) but now partially restored (Ezek. 37:1-7)

MESSIANIC
Millennial

Full restoration (Ezek. 37:8-28)
Jerusalem world capital (Isa. 2:1-5)

KINGDOM
Eternal

New Jerusalem (Rev. 21–22)

seed

Davidic Covenant

2 Samuel 7:12-16 promises:
•Sons ("house" never wiped out)
•Kingdom (political dynasty)
•Throne (right to rule by descendants)
•Temple (son to build it)

Christ is Head over His Church, which is a spiritual temple (Eph. 2:19-22; 2 Cor. 6:16)

Christ reigns over the world (Isa. 11) with saints (Rev. 5:10; 20:4-6)

Christ hands kingdom over to Father (1 Cor. 15:24)

blessing

New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises:
•Forgiveness
•Indwelling Spirit
•New heart, nature, mind
•Reunification of Israel and Judah
•No need for evangelism

Mosaic Law replaced with first three elements of the New Covenant (Luke 22:20; 2 Cor. 3:6)

All 5 elements fulfilled in national restoration (Zech. 8)

All things made new! (Rev. 21:5)

Mosaic Covenant

Temporary (Gal. 3:19) and conditional (Deut. 28) to reveal sin (Rom. 7:7) and regulate Israel (Gal. 3:23-25)

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

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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 again enjoy world prominence after trusting Christ at His second coming.

How does God respond to

PRIDE

????



I. God
judges the
proud.

Obadiah 1-14

II. God
blesses the
humble.

Obadiah 15-21





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

—Main Idea of Obadiah—

Calls to Humility


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



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

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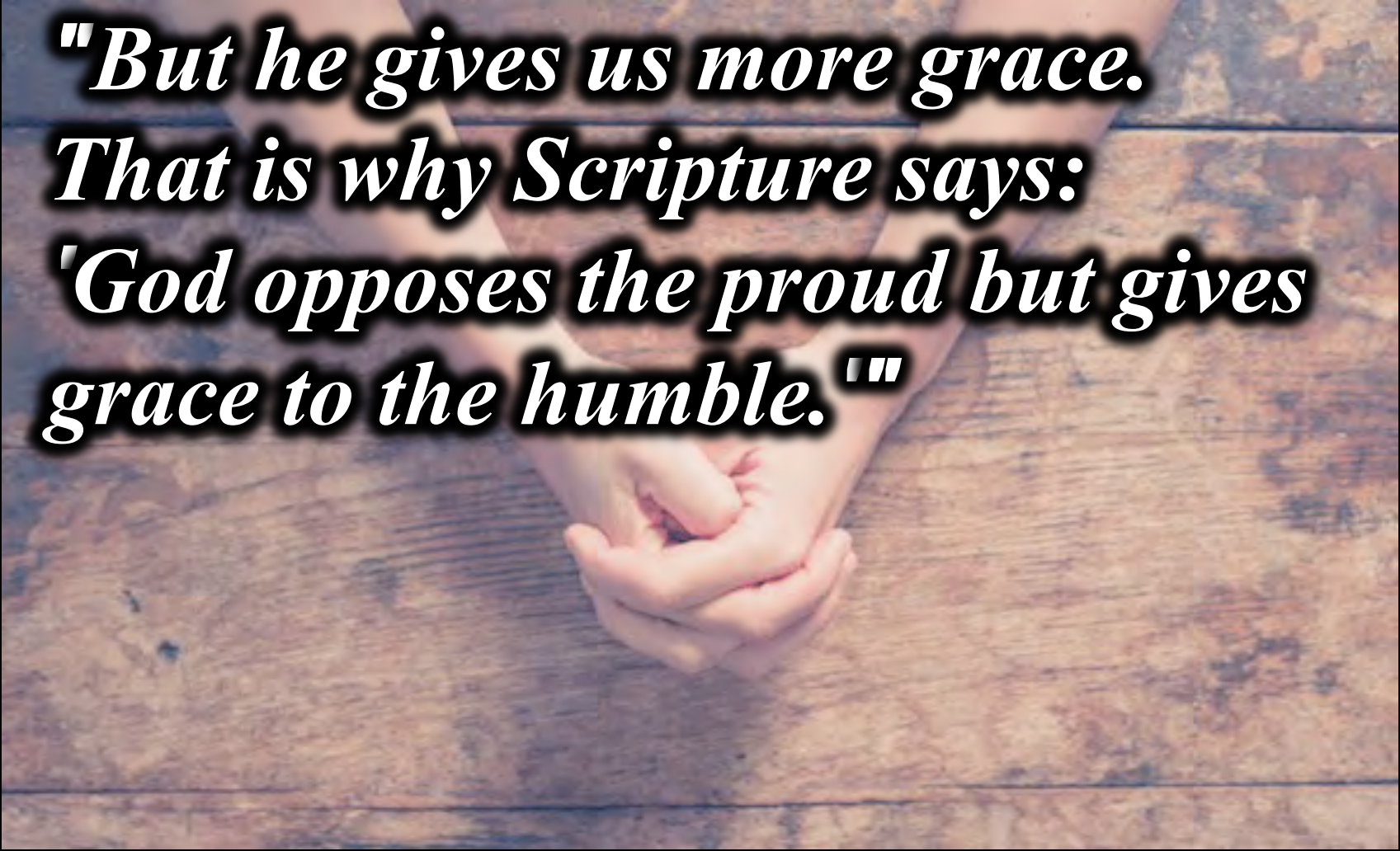
Isaiah 2:12 (NIV)



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

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

Matthew 23:12 (NIV)



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

James 4:6 (NIV)

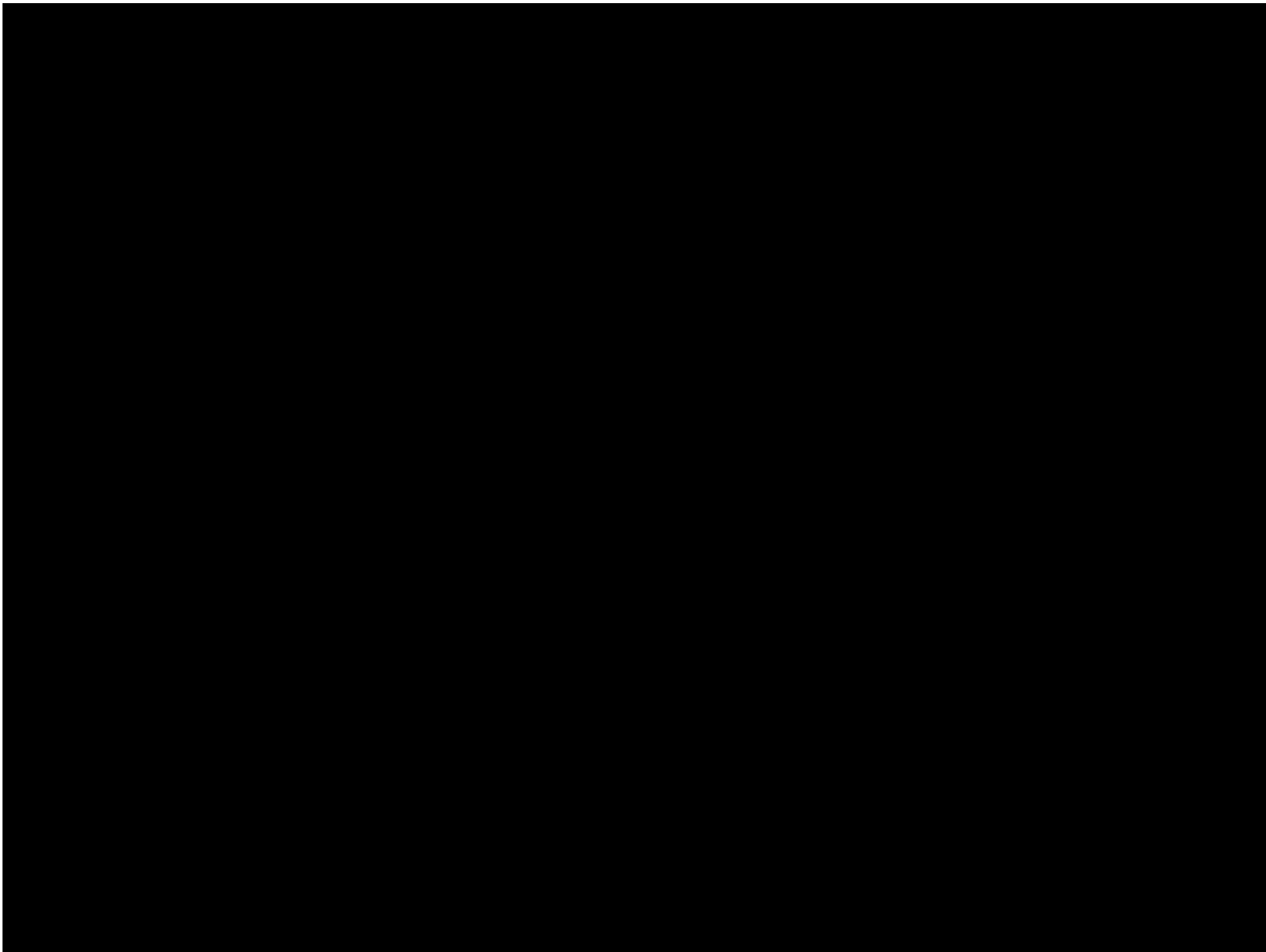
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**It means you think of
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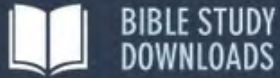
—Ken Blanchard—

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






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Broken People

145-146

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

Broken People

145-146

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

Occasion

Obadiah prophesies a message of judgment upon Edom as a comfort to the people of Judah who have seen Edom gloat over the recent devastation of Jerusalem by the Philistines and Arabs.



Summary Statement

Destructions of both Edom in the near future and all nations in the day of the LORD will come as God's judgment for their opposing Judah, but Judah can be comforted with a promise of blessing due to God's protection in the Land Covenant.



Verses 1-14

The LORD through Obadiah describes Edom's future destruction for doing injustices to Judah to comfort Judah with His protective hand.

Verses 15-21

Obadiah describes the day of the LORD as God's judgment on end times nations who opposed Judah but His blessing upon Judah to comfort His people with His faithfulness to the Land Covenant.



Theology

- ❖ It gives hope for God's people: Obadiah gave the people concrete hope in that he declared the defeat of a perennial enemy, Edom.
 - Judah can be assured of God's justice in that Edom would be humiliated.
 - God has not forsaken his people.
- God is just and faithful to his covenant with Israel.
- Edom stands as a type of all who oppose the purposes of the LORD. Whatever Obadiah says about Edom applies equally to any nation that sets itself against the LORD and His people.



Obadiah

¹We have heard a message from the LORD: An envoy was sent to the nations to say, "Rise, and let us go against her for battle"—

Jeremiah 49

¹⁴I have heard a message from the LORD: An envoy was sent to the nations to say, "**Assemble yourselves to attack it! Rise up for battle!**"

Obadiah

³The pride of
your heart has
deceived you,
you who live in
the clefts of the
rocks and make
your home on the
heights,

Jeremiah 49

¹⁶. . . the pride of
your heart have
deceived you,
you who live in the
clefts of the rocks,
who occupy the
heights of the hill.

Obadiah

⁴Though you . . .
make your nest
among the stars,
from there I will
bring you down,"
declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 49

¹⁶Though you
build your nest
as high as the eagle's,
from there I will
bring you down,"
declares the LORD.

Obadiah

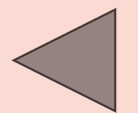
**⁵If grape pickers
came to you,
would they not
leave a few
grapes?**

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Problem #1

The NT writers quote literally hundreds of citations from every major section of the OT. Yet, the Book of Obadiah is not quoted even once. If it is inspired, then why isn't it cited at least once?



Solution

- Many OT books are not directly quoted in the NT (e.g., Ruth, 1-2 Chronicles, Esther, Song of Songs and Ecclesiastes). However, all these books were considered inspired by both Jews and Christians.
- Being quoted in the NT was not a test for the inspiration in the OT. Rather, it was whether it was written by a spokesperson accredited by God and accepted by His people. Obadiah meets this test.
- NT writers had no occasion to quote from every OT book. Few Christians now quote 1 Kings, yet the NT did (Rom. 11:4). Indeed, few believers ever cite 2 or 3 John, and yet they were part of the inspired Word. How often a book is quoted does not determine whether it is inspired.



Problem #2

Obadiah is a message of divine moral judgment on the nations. Of the 21 verses in this book...

- ❖ **16 pronounce judgment against Edom**
- ❖ **5 prophesy Israel's future triumph over Edom**

But isn't this simply Jewish nationalism rather than a revelation of God?

Solution

- **The Book of Obadiah reveals the sovereignty of God amid national disgrace and defeat. The impotence of God's people against their enemies reflected upon the power of the God of Israel. Was Yahweh a defeated God? Was He powerless to resist the enemies of His people?**
- **"No!" is Obadiah's resounding reply! The God of Israel will keep His promises even though the future looks black. The nations have not understood that their temporary victory over God's people was the very work of God.**



Solution

- The message of Obadiah is that Israel's God is always in complete control, and He accomplishes His purpose. It is a message of faith, hope, and triumph against the enemies of God.
- But the triumph of Israel will be a blessing to all nations. Israel's apostasy brought judgment.

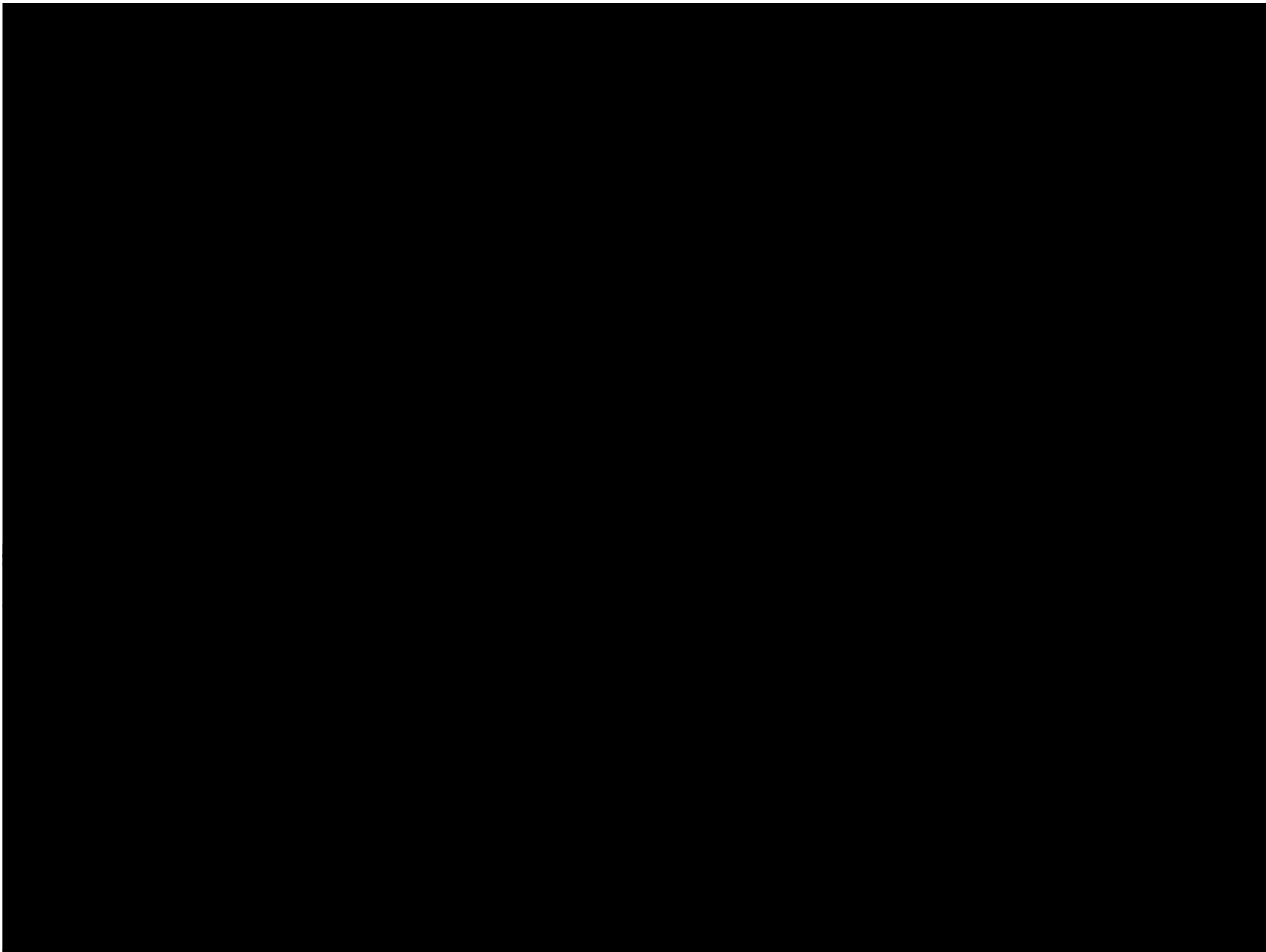
"For if [Israel's] rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? (Rom. 11:15).



Solution

- **This book is not simply an expression of Jewish nationalism.**
- **It declares the faithfulness of God as a testimony to His moral justice by which He will ultimately establish justice in the earth.**






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