



Middle East Melt Down

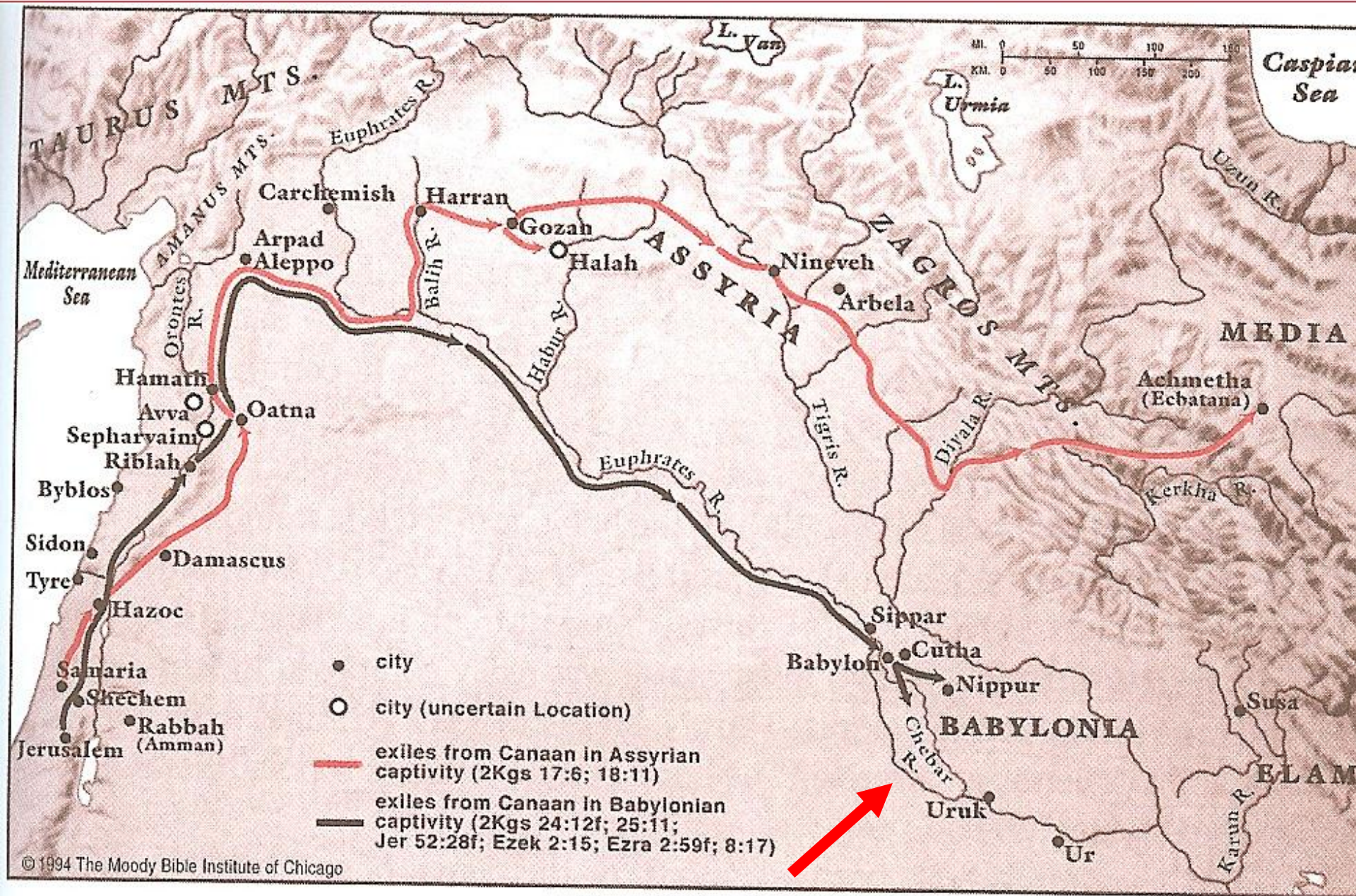
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Adapted from Mark Hitchcock, *The Battle of Gog and Magog*, PTSG 2005

Chinese proverb



“May he live in interesting times.”



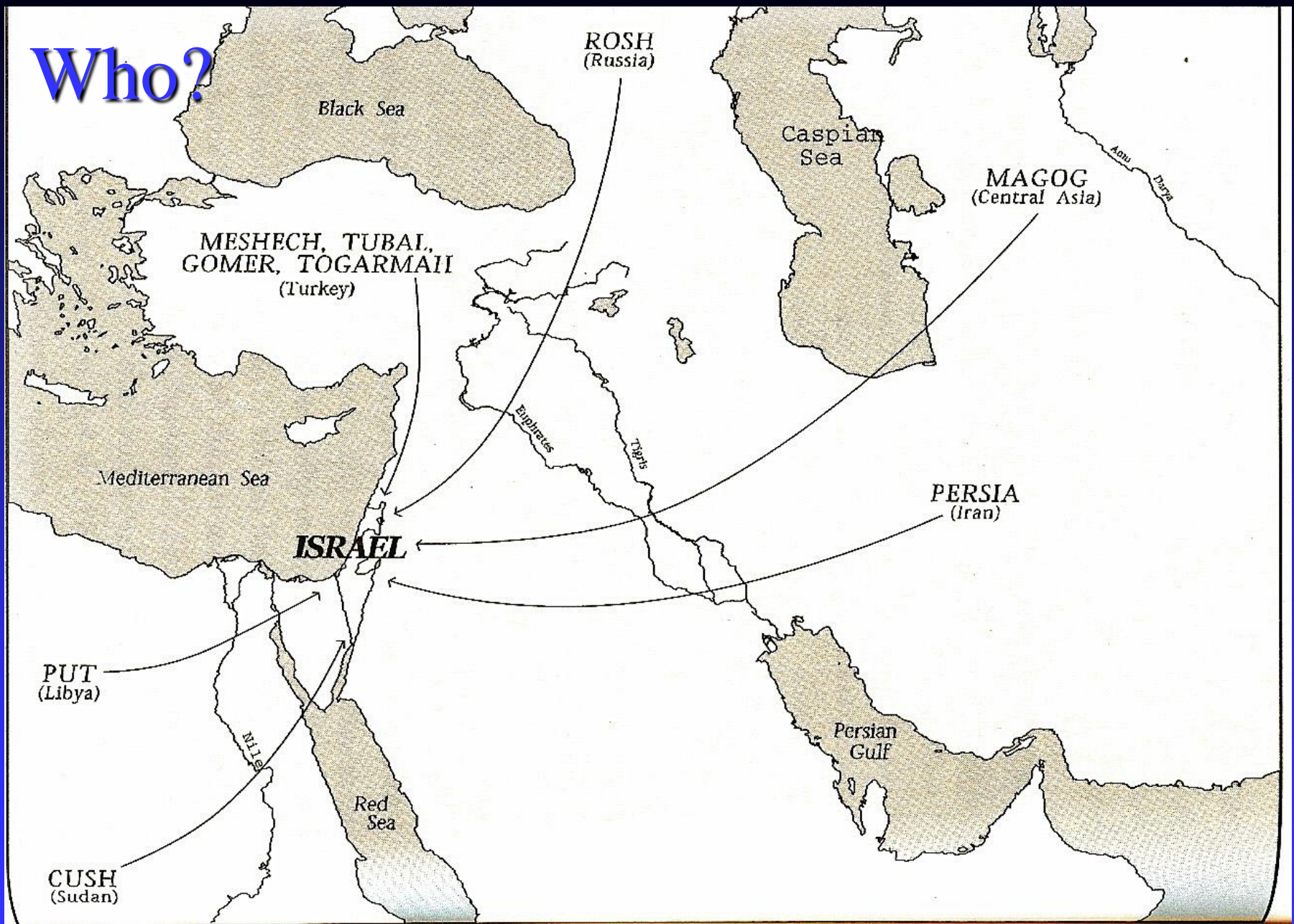
EXILE OF ISRAEL (721 B.C.) AND EXILE OF JUDAH (586 B.C.)

Five questions

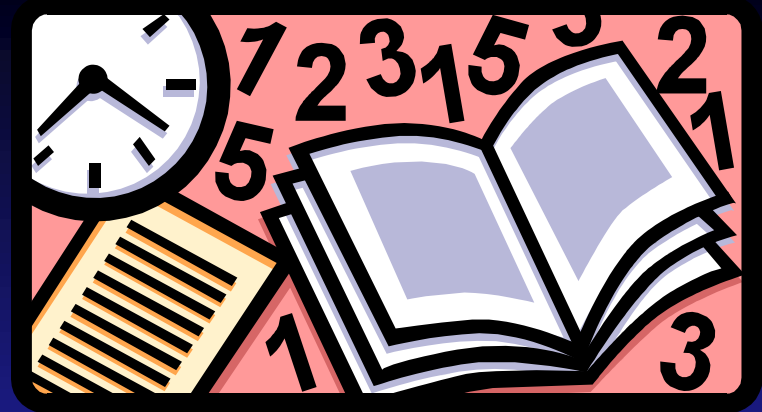
1. Who?
2. When?
3. Why?
4. What?
5. How?



Who?



When?



1. Esther 9
2. End of the Tribulation
3. Beginning of the millennium
4. End of the millennium
5. Two phase view
6. Before the Tribulation
7. First half of the Tribulation

Past Fulfillment?

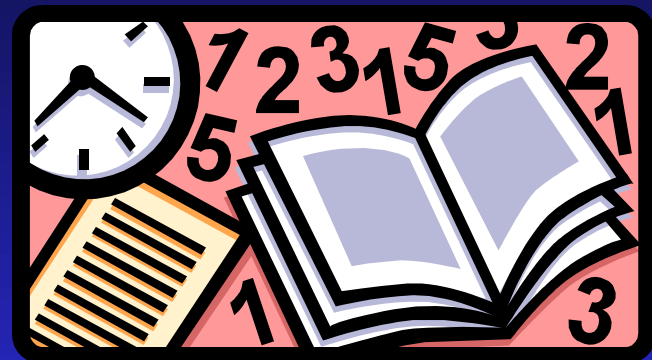
Ezek 38-39	Esther 9
Israel invaded (38:16; 39:4, 11)	Persia invaded (9:2)
Israel converted (39:22, 29)	Israel not converted
Dead bodies buried to cleanse Israel's land (39:12)	Dead bodies are not in the land of Israel
Invaders destroyed supernaturally (38:19-22)	Invaders destroyed naturally (9:3-5)
Invaders come from the far west and north (38:5)	Invaders come from the near west and north (8:9)
Fire comes upon invaders (39:6)	Fire does not come upon invaders

Millennial Fulfillment?

Ezek 38-39	Rev 20:7-9
Northern invasion	All nation invade
Invasion leads to Millennium (Ezek 40-48)	Invasion comes at end of Millennium
Invasion leads to Millennium (Ezek 40-48)	Invasion leads to Eternal State (Rev 21-22)
7 months necessary to dispose of the dead (39:12)	Dead disposed of instantaneously (20:9)
Satan not bound prior to invasion	Satan bound prior to invasion (Rev 20:2)

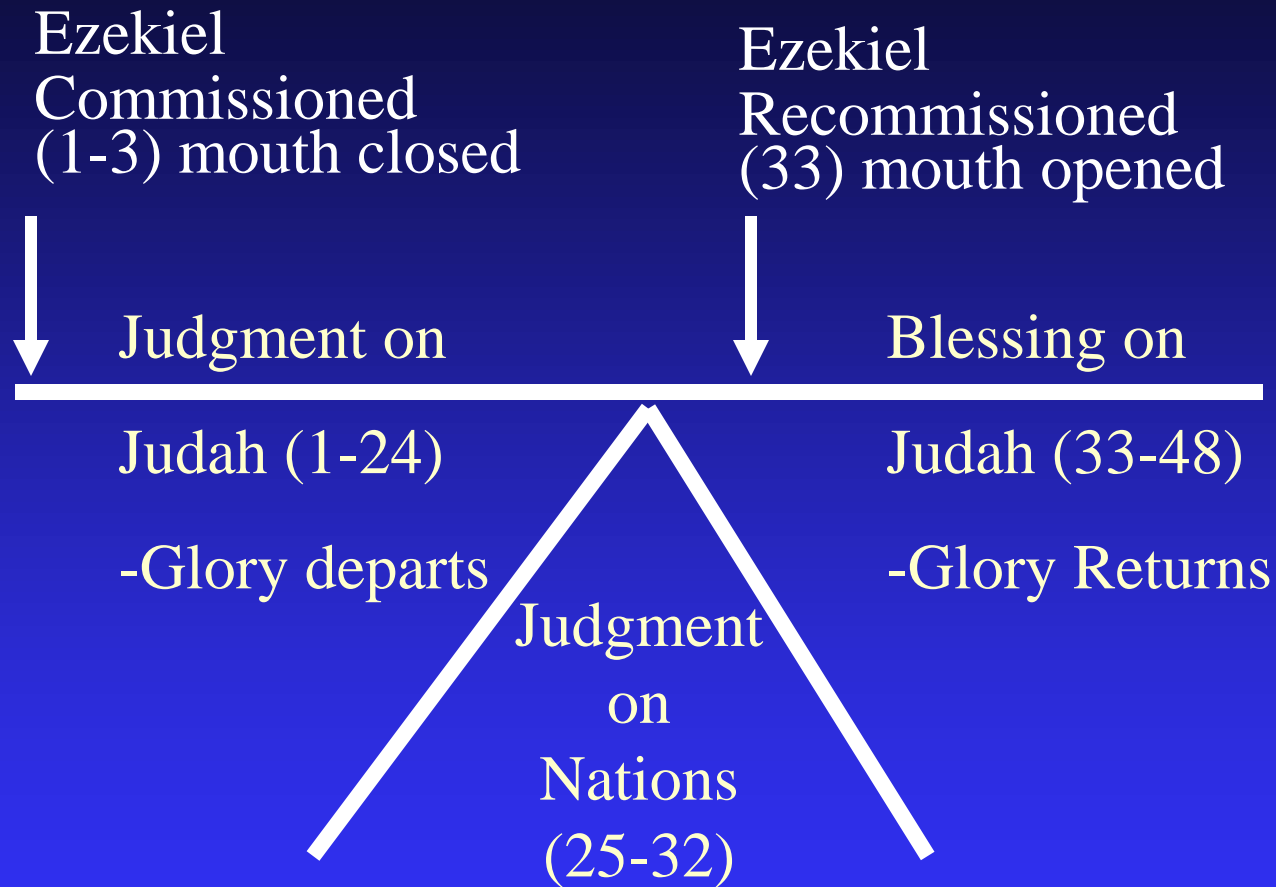
5 Timing Clues

1. Restoration section (33-48)
2. Latter times (38:8a)
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4. After Israel's regathering in unbelief but before her final restoration (38:8b; 39:22, 29)
5. While Israel is living securely and peacefully (38:8c, 11)



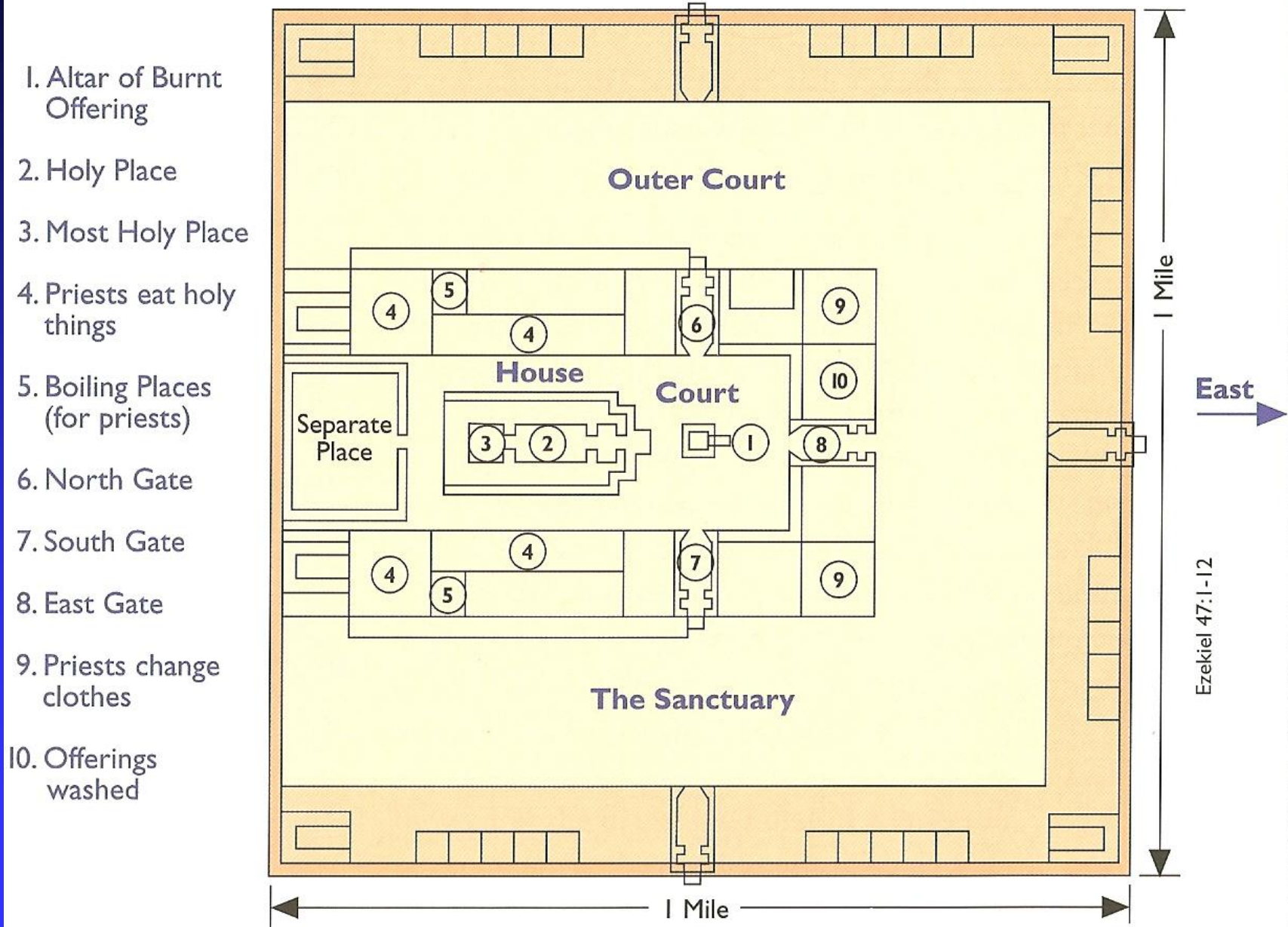
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- Judgment upon Judah (1-24)
- Judgment upon the nations (25-32)
- Israel's future restoration (33-48)

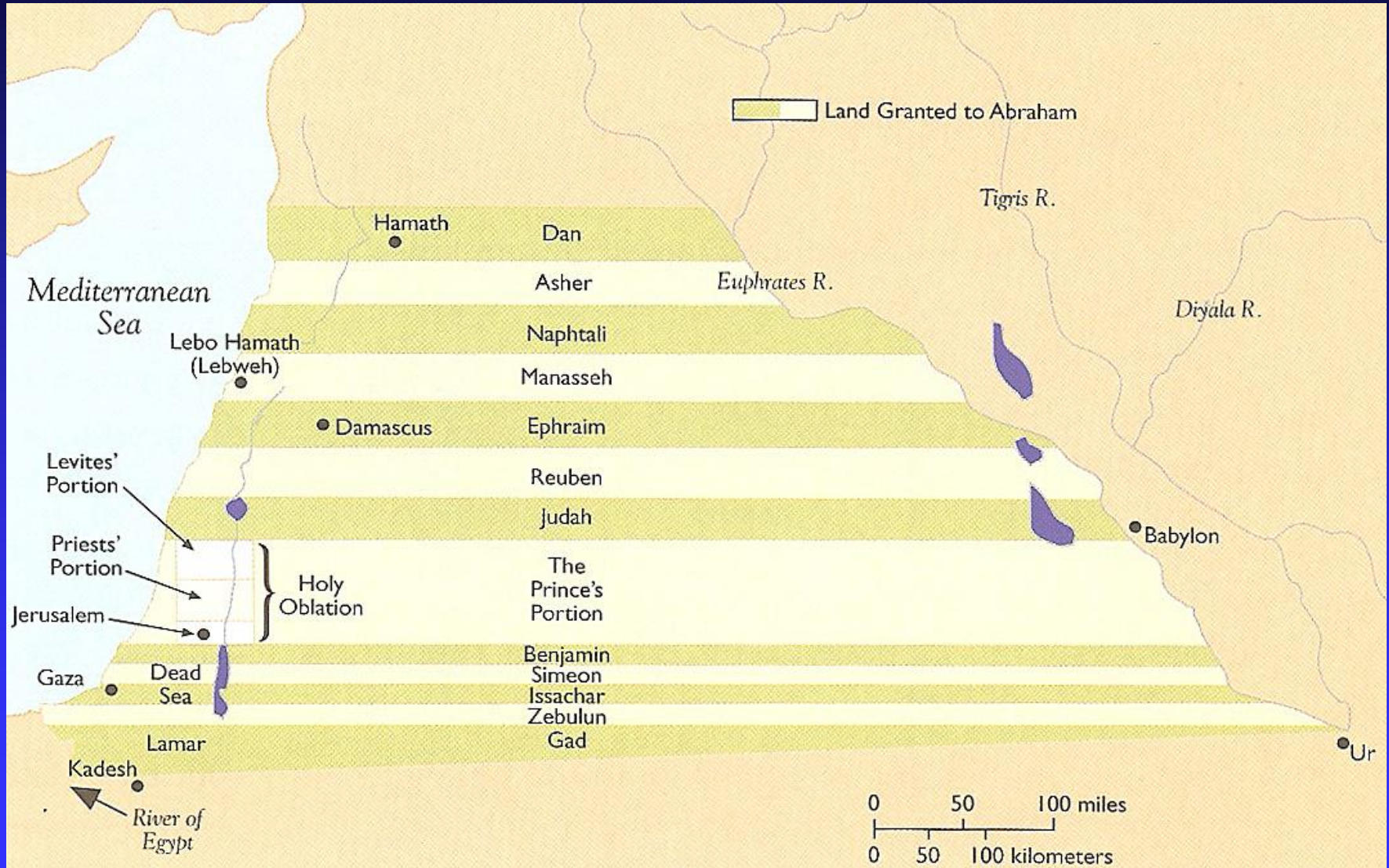


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The Millennial Temple

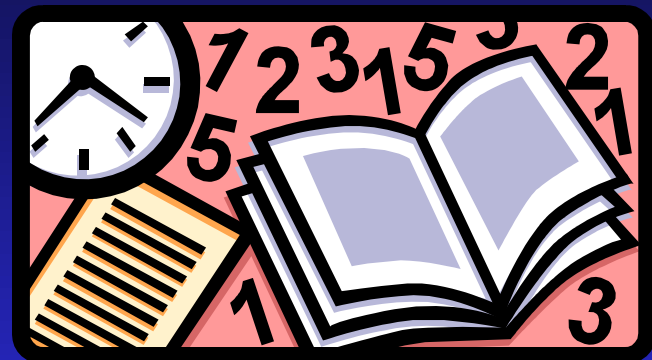


Division of Land In Millennium



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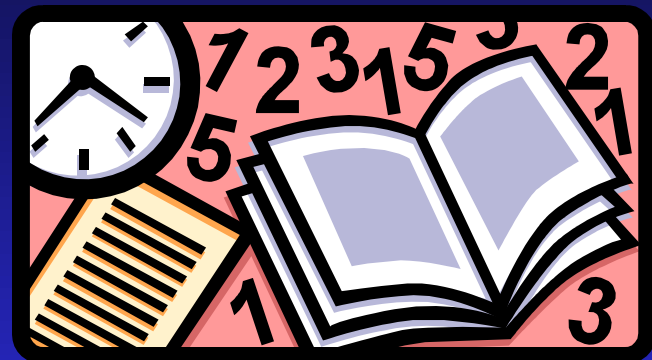
Israel's Two Regatherings

THE PRESENT (FIRST) REGATHERING	THE PERMANENT (SECOND) REGATHERING
Return to part of the land	Return to all the land
Return in unbelief	Return in faith
Restored to the land only	Restored to the land and the Lord
Sets the stage for Tribulation (discipline)	Sets the stage for Millennium (blessing)

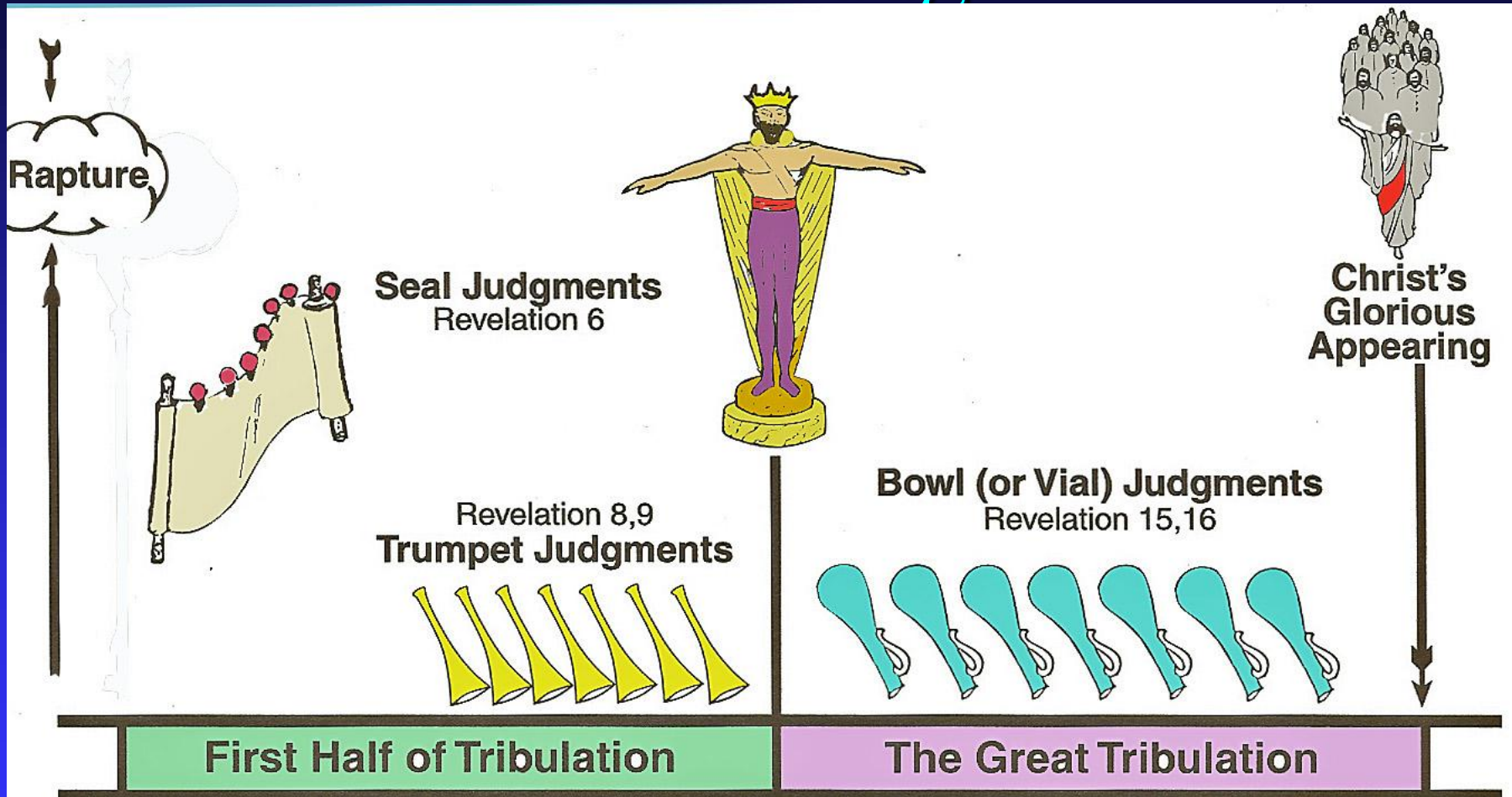
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Tribulation Judgments



Adapted from: LaHaye, *Rapture: Under Attack*, 59

Israel's 3 Blessings to the World

1. Scripture: past



2. Messiah: past



3. Kingdom: future



Why?

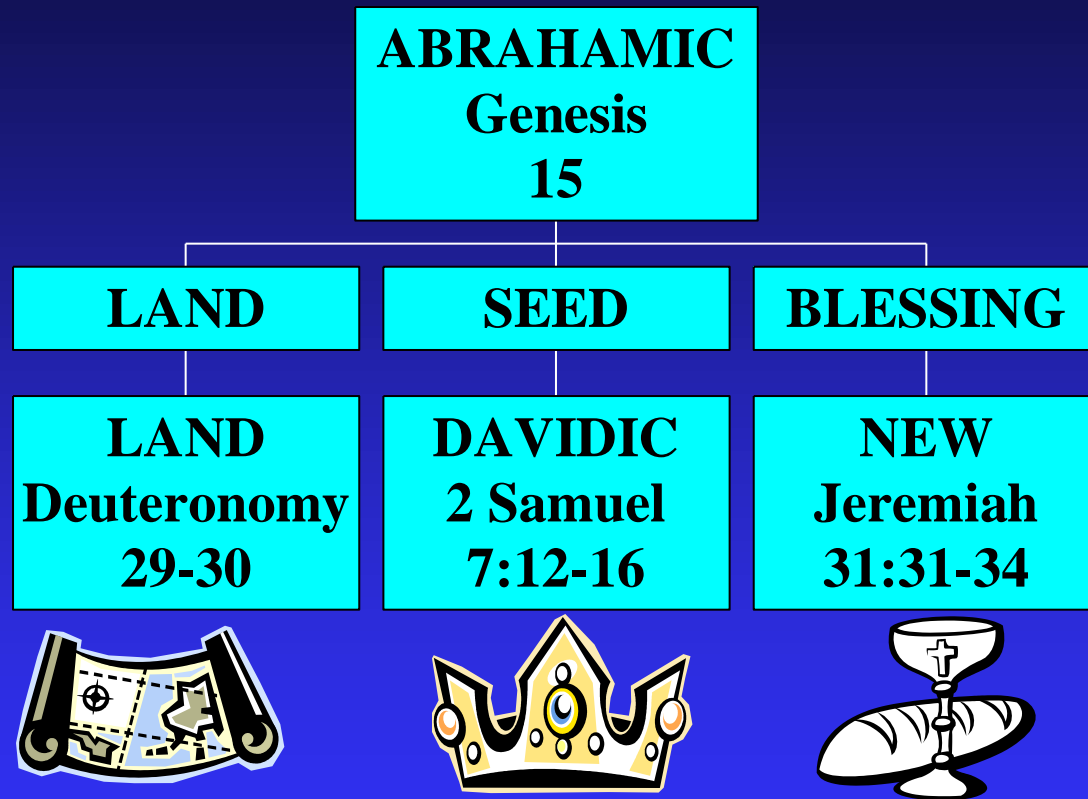
COUNTRY	GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT
Israel	\$123 billion
Egypt	\$81 billion
Syria	\$26 billion
Lebanon	\$21 billion
Jordan	\$12 billion

Source: CIA World Fact Book, 2005

What?

- Divine annihilation of the coalition (38:19-22)
- Birds and beasts feast on the carnage (39:4-5, 17-20)
- Seven-month burying of the dead (39:11-12, 14-16)
- Seven-year burning of weapons (39:9-10)
- Israel's salvation and restoration (39:22)

Abrahamic Covenant



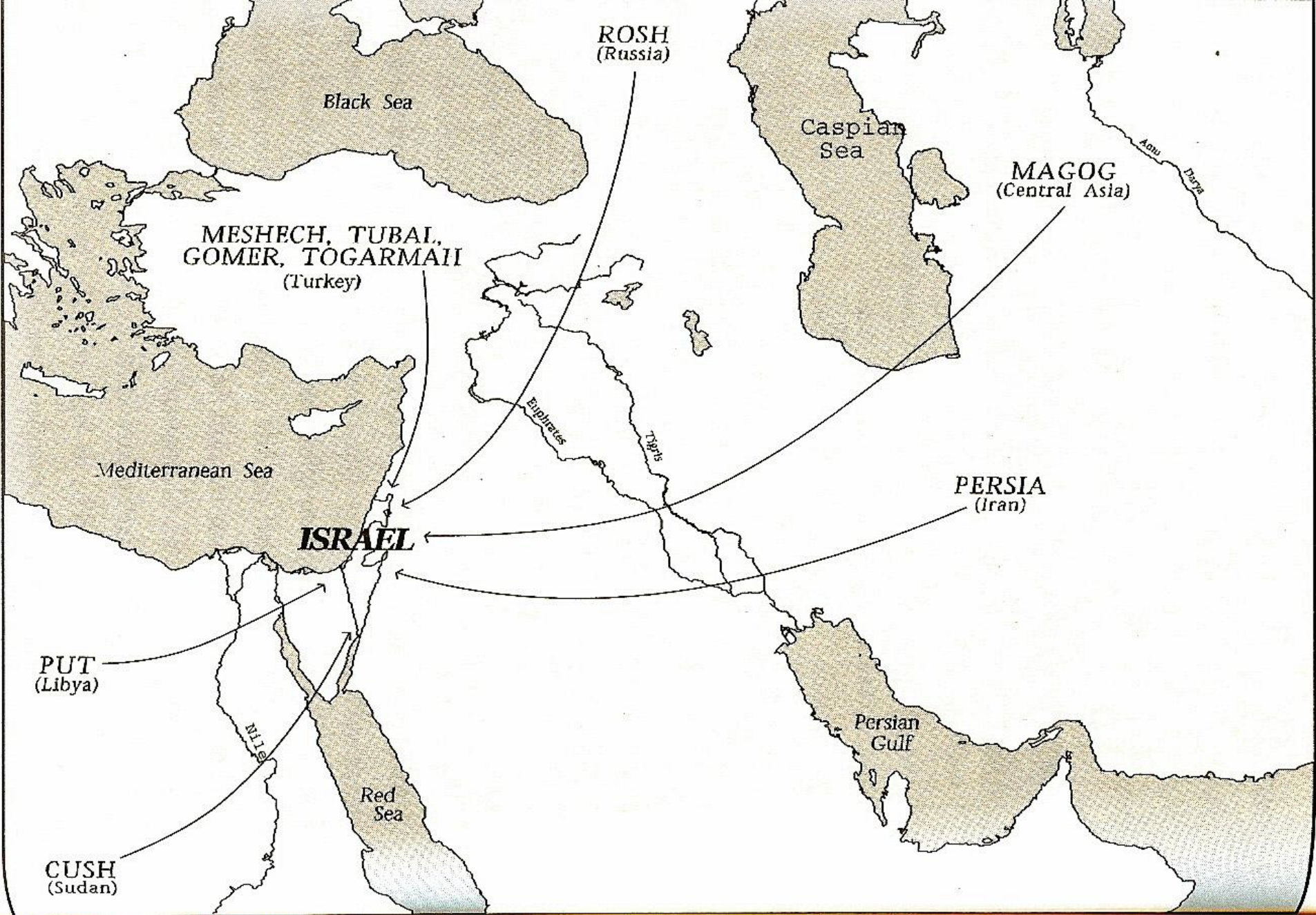
Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)

How?



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2. Alignment of the nations against Israel
3. 1948, 1967, 1973, etc.





Hitchcock, *Iran: the Coming Crisis*, 168

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Application



1. Prophecy is proof of inspiration (Isa 48: 3, 5)
2. Prophecy's calming effect
3. Prophecy's reminder of God's faithfulness
4. Keep your eye on Israel (Ezek 38:12)
5. Support Israel
6. Remember we are living on borrowed time