

Ezekiel 36–39

The Middle East Meltdown 2022



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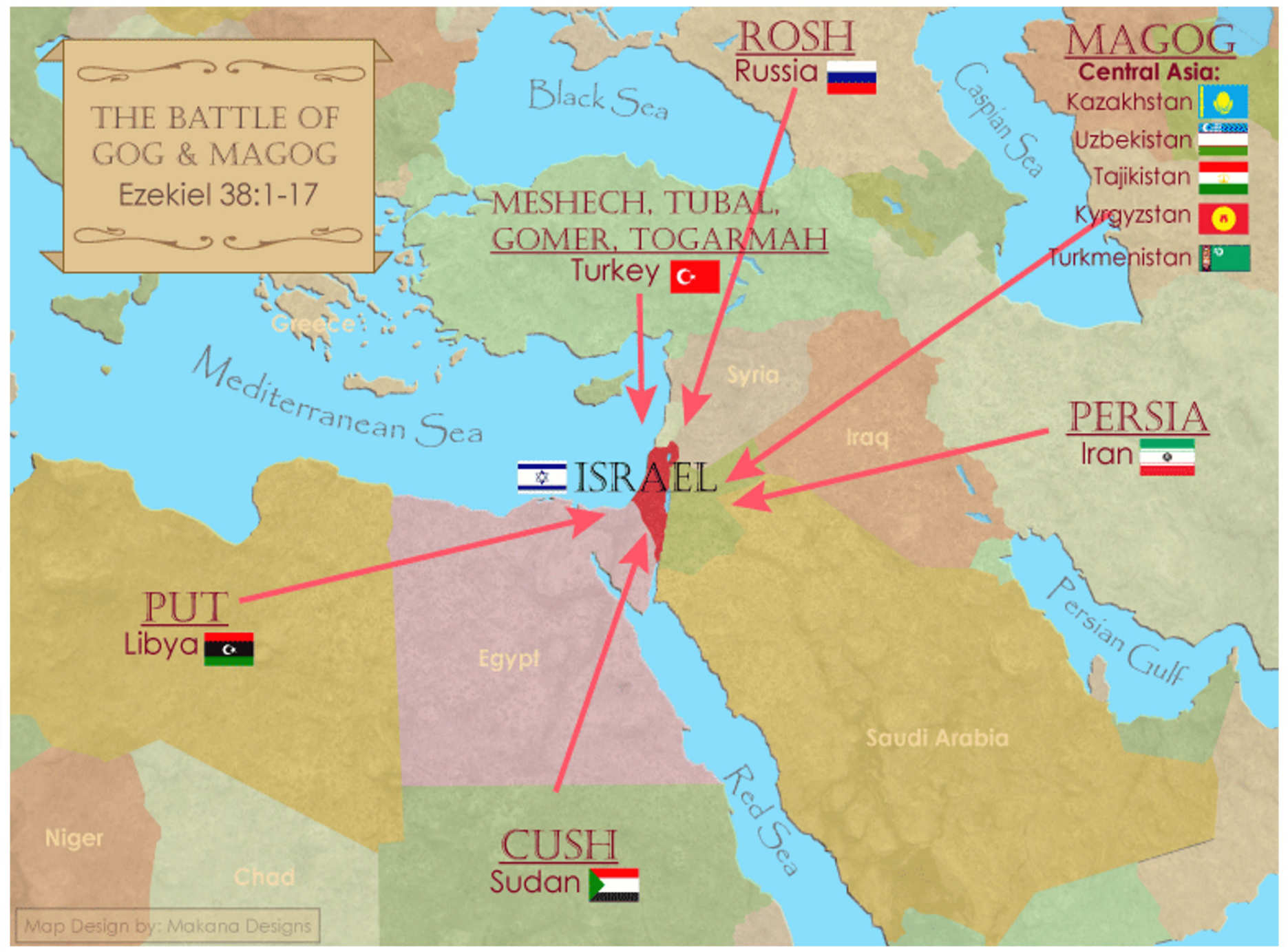
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Ezekiel 38:1-17



ROSH
Russia

MAGOG
Central Asia:

- Kazakhstan
- Uzbekistan
- Tajikistan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Turkmenistan

MESHECH, TUBAL,
GOMER, TOGARMAH
Turkey

PERSIA
Iran

ISRAEL

PUT
Libya

CUSH
Sudan

Ancient Names From Ezekiel 38:1-9

1. Magog (Central Asia),
2. Rosh (Russia),
3. Meshec (Turkey),
4. Tubal (Turkey),
5. Persia (Iran),
6. Put (Libya),
7. Cush (Sudan),
8. Gomer (Turkey),
9. Togarmah (Turkey)
10. Sheba (Saudi Arabia)
11. Dedan (Saudi Arabia or Yemen)
12. Tarshish (Spain)
13. Merchants of Tarshish
(Conglomeration of Western powers including Europe)
14. Israel



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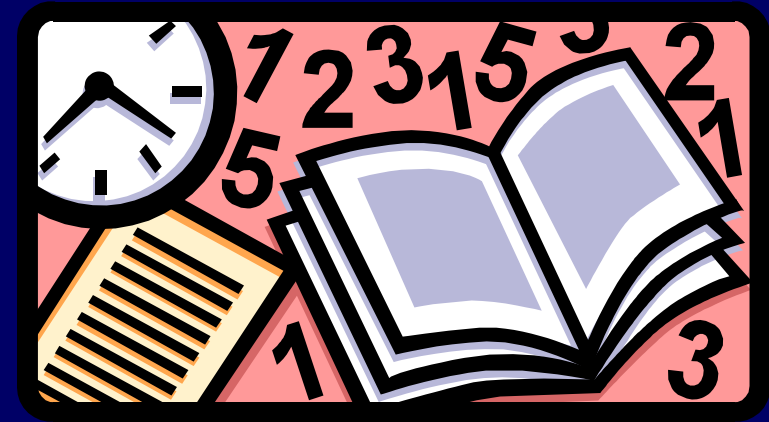
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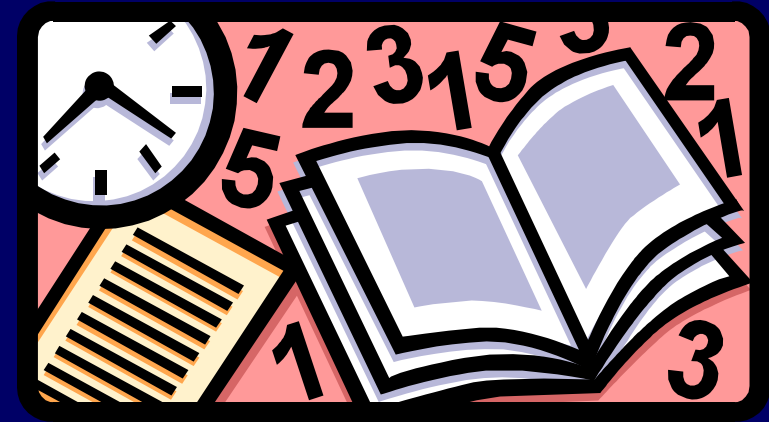
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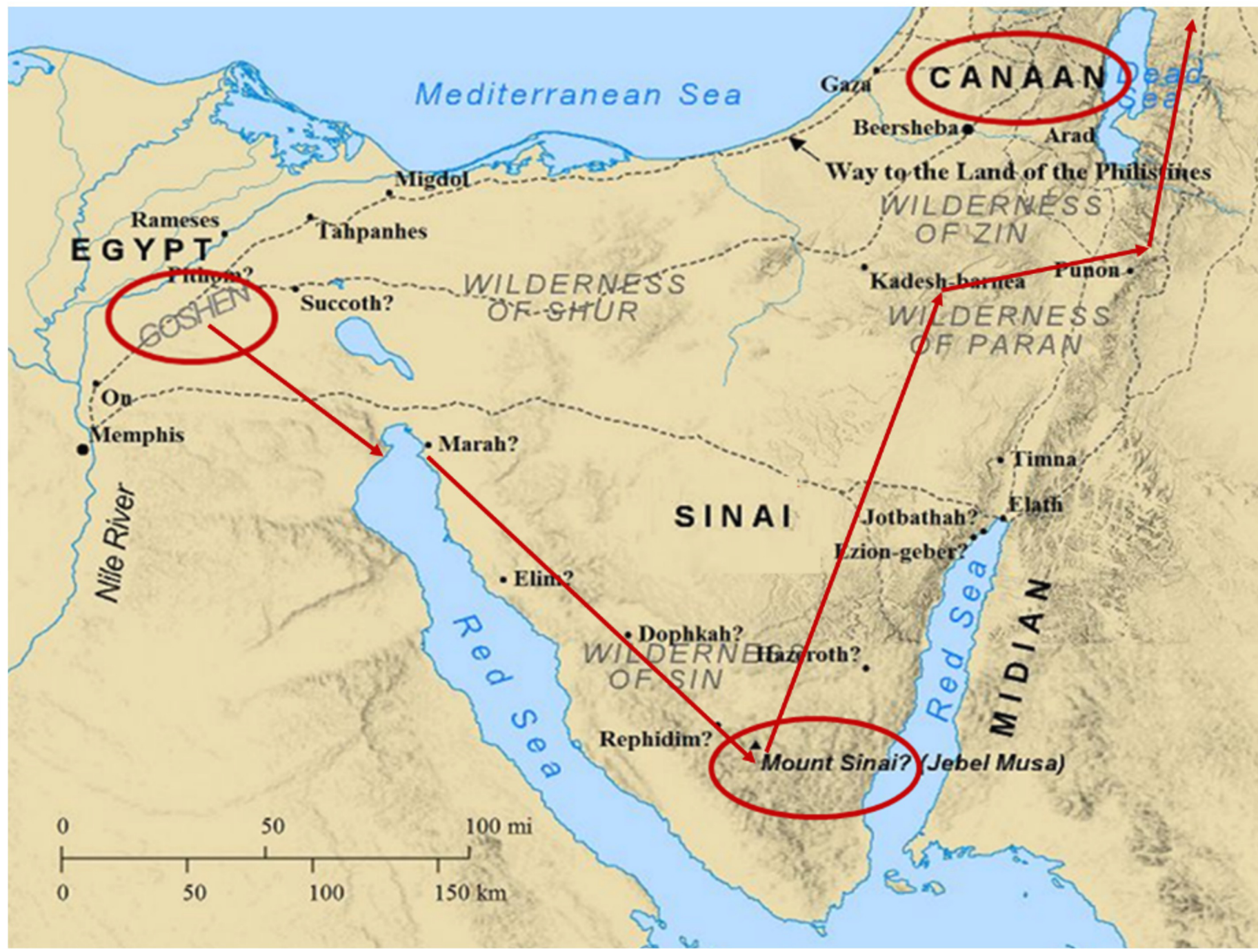
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Six Parts of a Suzerain-Vassal Treaty in Deuteronomy

- Preamble (1:1-5)
- Prologue (1:6–4:40)
- Covenant obligations (5–26)
- Storage and reading instructions (27:2-3; 31:9, 24, 26)
- Witnesses (32:1)
- *Blessings and curses (28)*



Deuteronomy 28:49-50

⁴⁹ “The LORD will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down; a nation whose language you will not understand, ⁵⁰ a nation with a defiant attitude, who will have no respect for the old, nor show favor to the young.”



Israel's Judgments

- Division of the kingdom in 931 B.C. (1 Kgs. 12)
- Assyrian judgment in 722 B.C. (2 Kgs. 17)
- Babylonian captivity in 586 B.C. (2 Kgs. 25)
- Rome *Diaspora* in A.D. 70 (Luke 19:41-44)



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Quran Surah (or chapter) 24:55

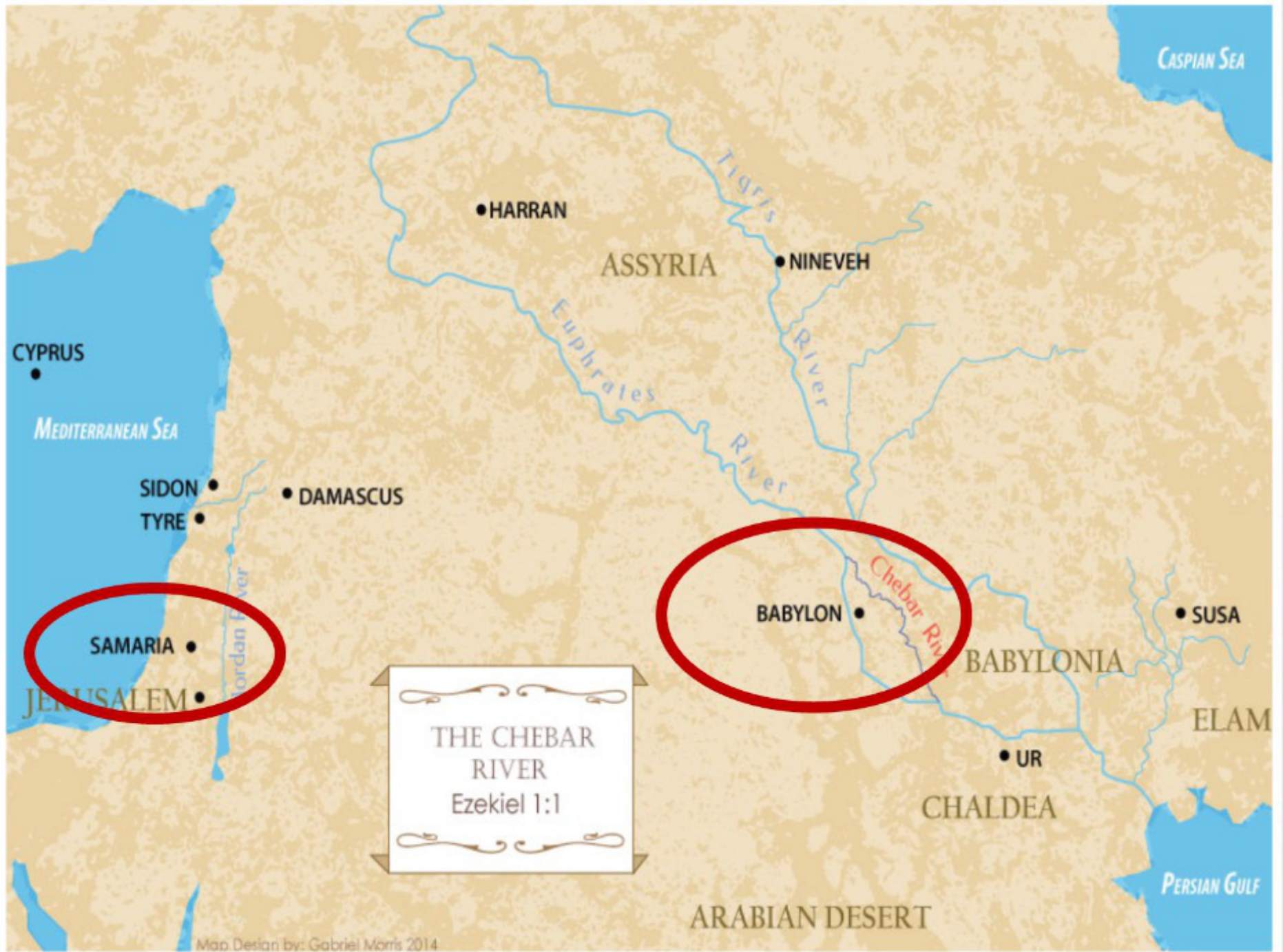
“Allah has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them succession [Caliphate] upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them and that He will surely establish for them [therein] their religion which He has preferred for them and that He will surely substitute for them, after their fear, security, [for] they worship Me, not associating anything with Me. But whoever disbelieves after that - then those are the defiantly disobedient.”



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THE CHEBAR RIVER
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“² and I will turn you around, drive you on, take you up from the remotest parts of the north and bring you against the mountains of Israel...⁴You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you as food to every kind of predatory bird and beast of the field.”





Mountains of Israel?

Mark Hitchcock, *The Amazing Claims of Bible Prophecy: What You Need to Know in These Uncertain Times* (Harvest House: Eugene, OR, 2010), 211.

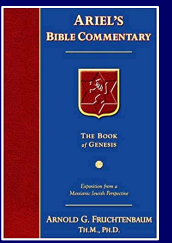
“According to Ezekiel 39:2, 4, Israel must possess the ‘mountains of Israel’ when this invasion occurs...The famous Six Day war in Israel in 1967 helped set the stage for this to be fulfilled. Before the Six Day War, all the mountains of Israel, with the exception of a small strip of west Jerusalem, were in the hands of the Jordanian Arabs. Only since 1967 have the mountains of Israel been in Israel, thus setting the stage for the fulfillment of this prophecy.”



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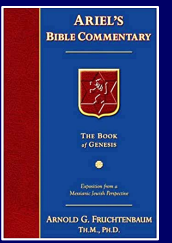
“But where in the Land of Israel will the invading armies be destroyed? The exact location is revealed in Ezekiel 39:2 and 4a: ‘and I will turn you about, and will lead you on, and will cause you to come up from the uttermost parts of the north; and I will bring you upon the mountains of Israel...you shall fall upon the mountains of Israel.’ The phrase ‘the mountains of Israel’ refers to the central mountain range that makes up the backbone of the country. In the Hebrew Scriptures, these mountains were known as the Hill Country of Ephraim and the Hill Country of Judah. Some of the famous biblical cities that lie within these . . .



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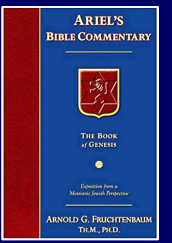
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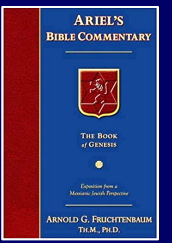
...two, and then went out again and continued along the foot of these mountains. Israel had maybe five percent or less of the mountains, while the rest belonged to Jordan. Only since 1967 have the mountains of Israel been in Israel. Besides the Temple compound falling into Jewish hands, another by-product of the Six-Day War was that these mountains also fell under Israeli sovereignty. Therefore, not only could this prophecy not have been fulfilled before 1948, but it could also not have been fulfilled before 1967.”“The mountains of Israel (the West Bank) are yet to have a very important and relevant role in Bible . . .



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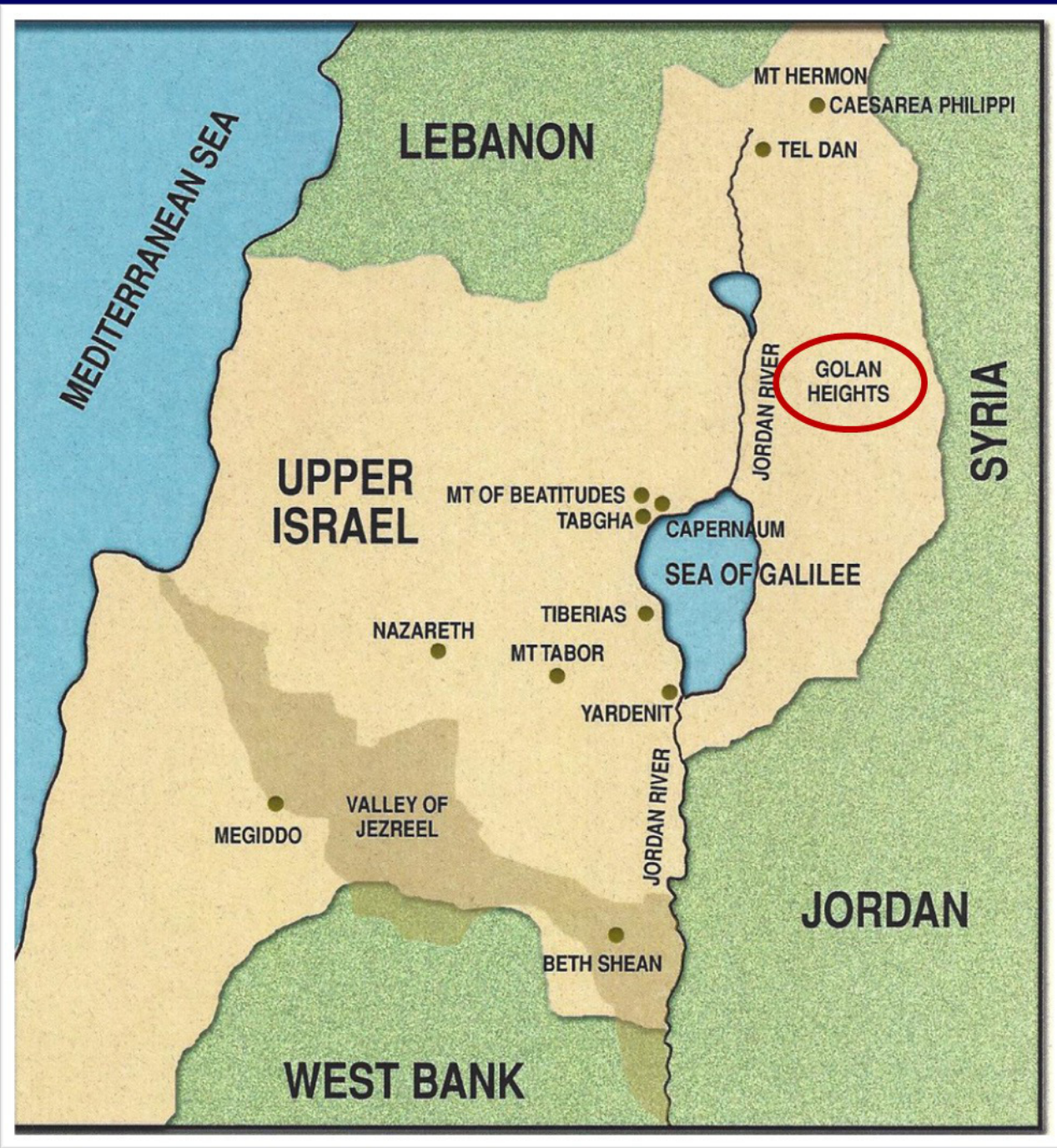
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...prophecy. As for the present State of Israel, they became part of Israel in 1967. This is yet another way the modern Jewish State fits within Bible prophecy.”





MEDITERRANEAN SEA

LEBANON

MT HERMON
● CAESAREA PHILIPPI
● TEL DAN

SYRIA

GOLAN HEIGHTS

UPPER ISRAEL

MT OF BEATITUDES
● TABGHA ●

● CAPERNAUM

SEA OF GALILEE

● TIBERIAS

● NAZARETH

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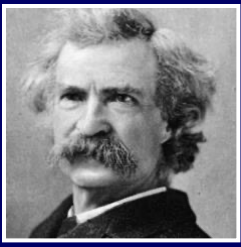
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Leviticus 26:43

“For the land will be abandoned by them, and will make up for its sabbaths while it is made desolate without **them**. They, meanwhile, will be making amends for their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes.”





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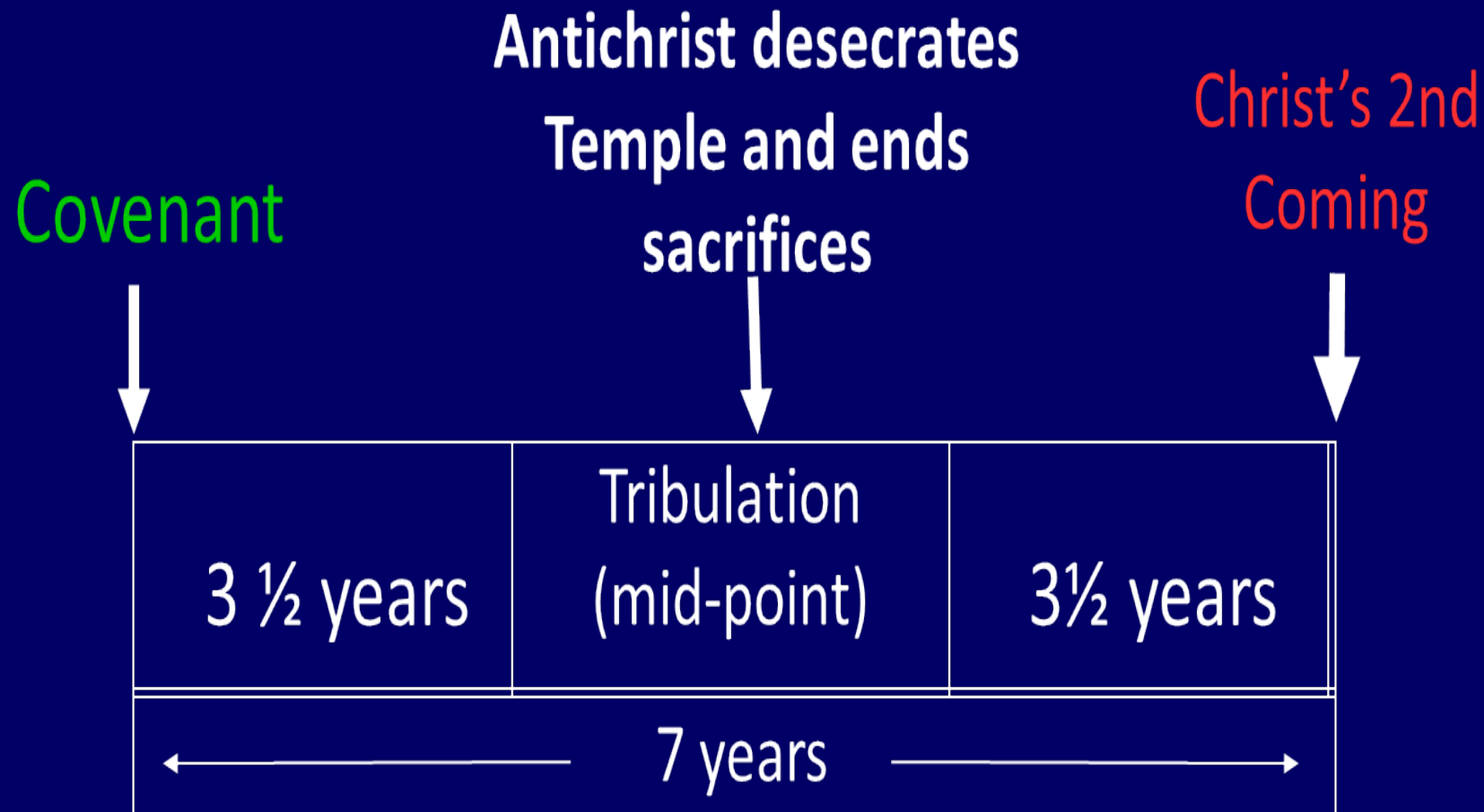


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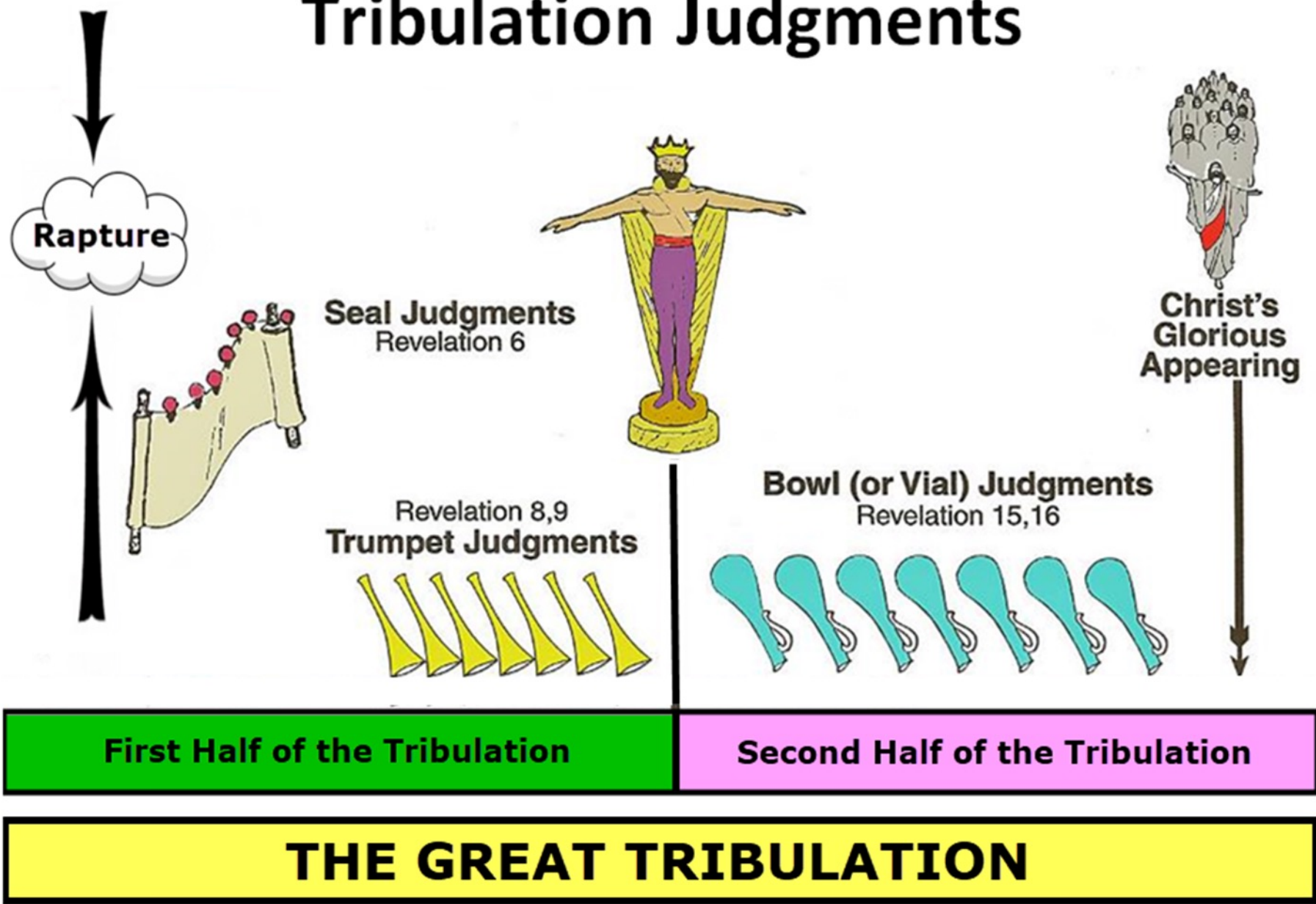
And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.



DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



Tribulation Judgments



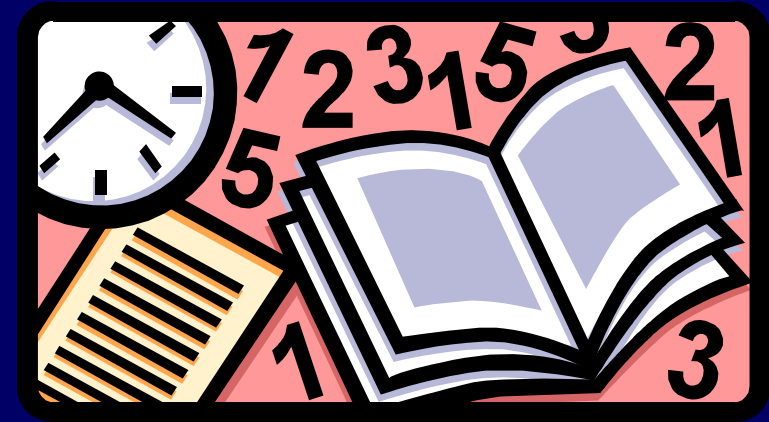
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THE ARAB CONFEDERACY

Psalm 83

- **ANCIENT NATIONS**
- Modern Nations



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Genesis 12:3

“And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”



Israel's Three Blessings to the World

(Gen 12:3b)

- 1) Scripture (Rom 3:2)
- 2) Savior (John 4:22)
- 3) Kingdom (Isa 2:2-3)



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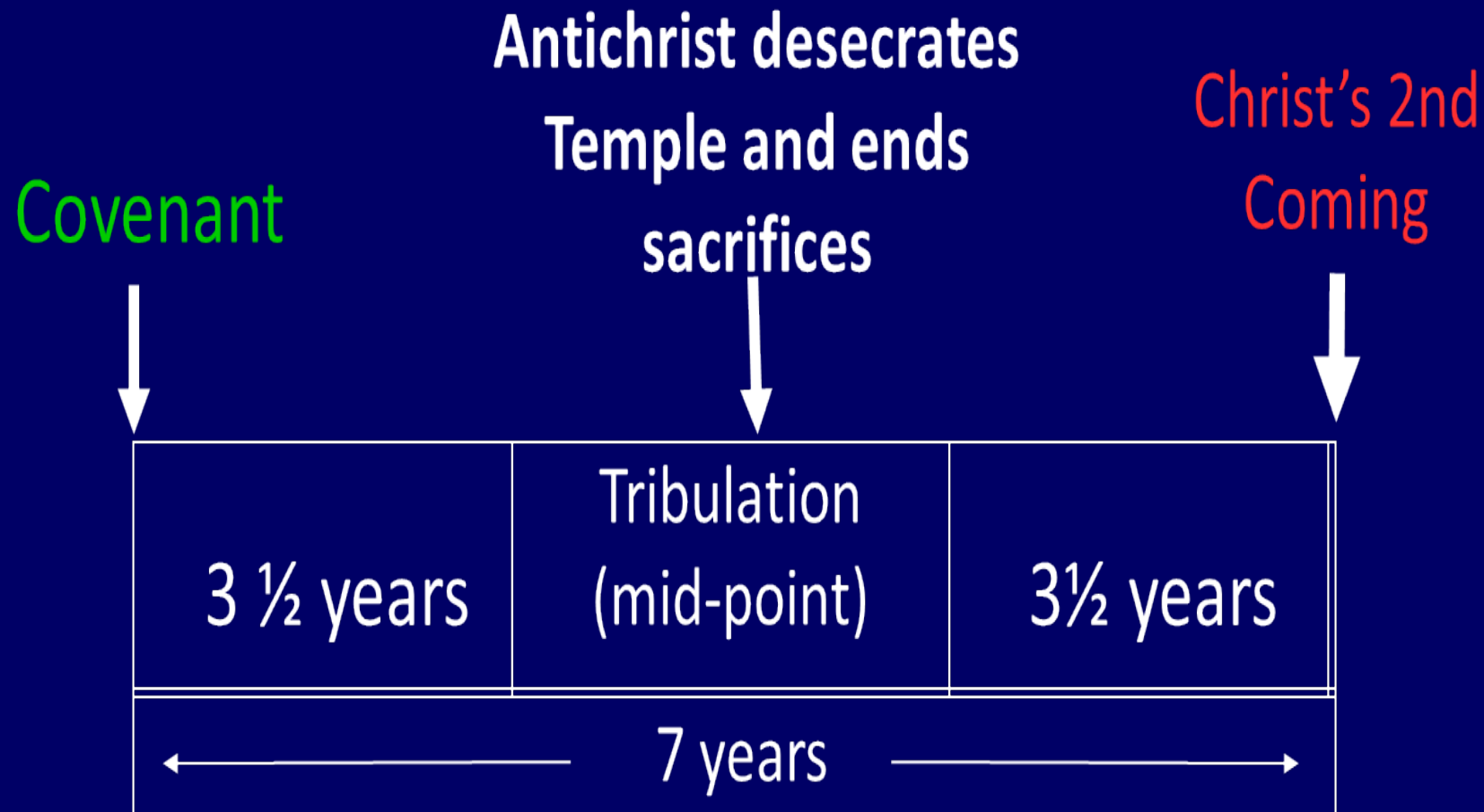


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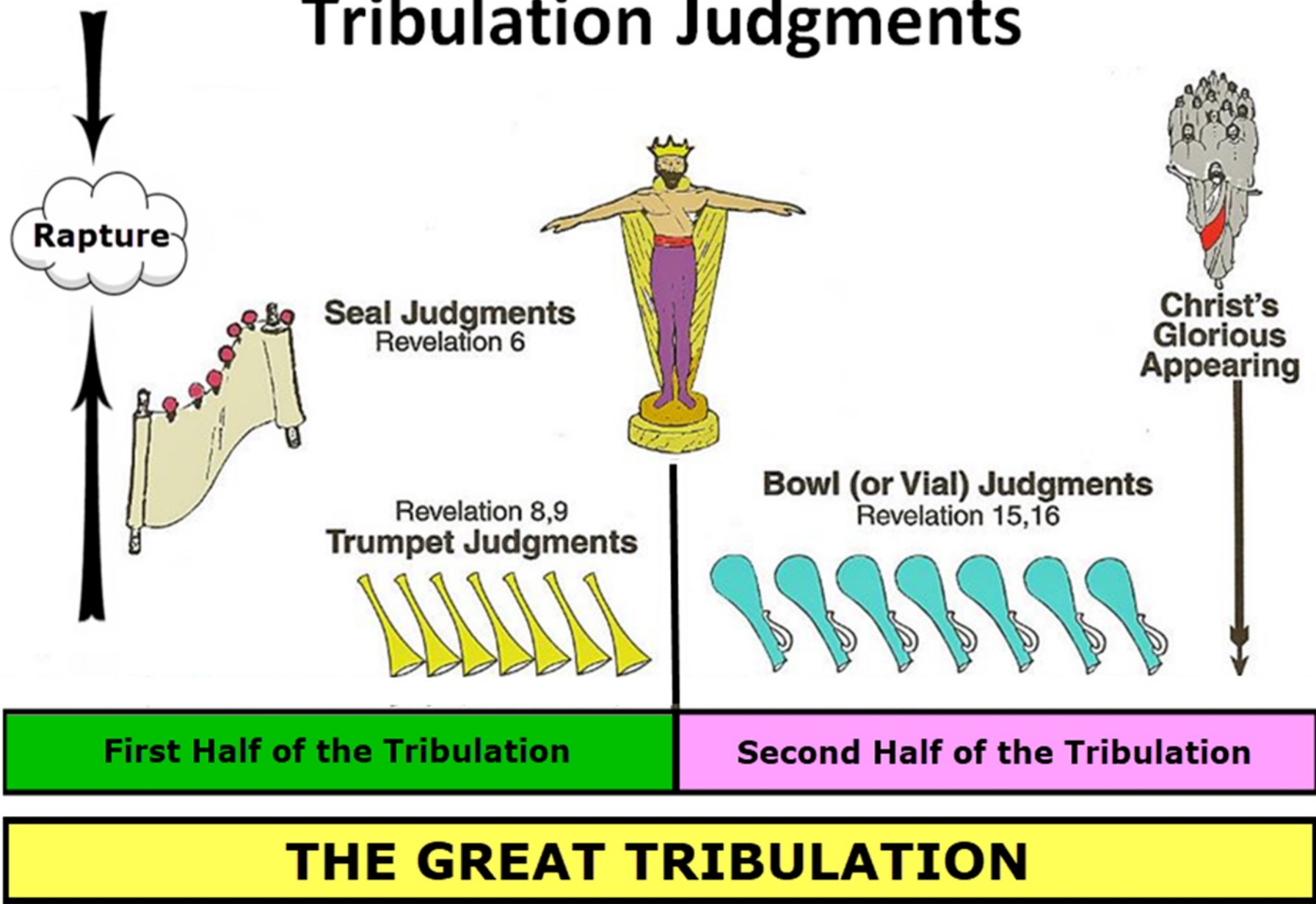
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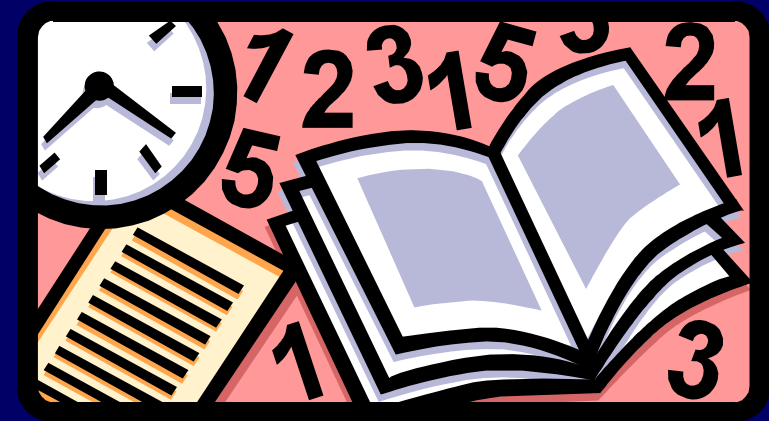


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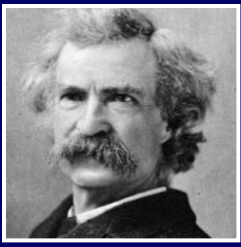
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(Chicago: Moody, 1969; reprint, Chicago: Moody, 1984), 222-23.

“What is it that will allow for the coalition of nations to descend upon and invade the Holy Land?...The plan will be devised because of one important feature of Israel’s occupation of their ancestral home: their wealth...How much we hear today on all sides of national security, social security and financial security. Men’s minds are occupied with plans for security. Thus, the enemy will see the opportunity of the day to invade, overrun with ease and come off with a handsome prize, for the returned people will have come with much wealth (cf. Isa. 60:5–9). . . .



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. . .The enemy, greedy of Israel's wealth, will embark on a campaign quest for gain. It is now common knowledge that the deposits of mineral wealth in the Dead Sea are the greatest in the world. The envious eyes of the foe will not be denied longer; the hour when Israel lives without fear of attack and will be considered the most auspicious for the invasion and plunder."

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

Why?

COUNTRY	GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (in U.S. \$)
ISRAEL	\$467 BILLION
Egypt	\$396 billion
Jordan	\$45 billion
Lebanon	\$19 billion
Syria <i>(no data <u>after</u> 2010)</i>	\$60 billion <i>(est. 2010)</i>

Source: I.M.F., 2021

THE ROTHSCHILD'S PALESTINE, ALL ROADS LEAD TO JERUSALEM

<http://www.matterofprinciple.net/011/11/rothschilds-palestine.html> (accessed December 15, 2011). Although there is a wide variation of estimates, many different sources estimate the mineral wealth of the Dead Sea in the trillions of dollars.

“The value of the minerals of the Dead Sea is estimated at five trillion dollars. This estimate appears to be optimistic but it is supported in part by the report of the Crown Agents of the British Colonies entitled ‘Production of Minerals From the Waters of the Dead Sea’.... This official report estimates the minerals, except oil, in 1925 as follows: Magnesium Chloride, 22,000 tons, value 600 billion dollars; Potassium Chloride, 20,000 tons, value 75 billion dollars; other minerals valued at 1,200 billion dollars; or a total of about three trillion dollars, exclusive of oil.”

Todd Strandberg

“Could Israel Become a Major Oil Exporter,” online: www.bibleprophecy.com, accessed 26 May 2015.

In the summer of 2010, "...huge deposits of natural gas were found along Israel's northern coastline...Israel is actually sitting on top of a vast amount of oil. According to Harold Vinegar, the former chief scientist of Royal Dutch Shell, the Shefla Basin holds the world's second-largest shale deposits outside the United States, from which around 250 billion barrels of oil—about the same as Saudi Arabia's proven reserves...Estimates of global deposits range from 2.8 trillion to 3.3 trillion barrels of recoverable oil...The technology curb has now reached the point where shale is becoming an exploitable resource...the Shefla shale is in a hospitable location. It also contains oil of the light, sweet variety that is easy to refine into gasoline or other common end products. Most of all, the Jews have proven themselves to be very talented at exploiting resources. If they can't make shale oil work, I doubt any nation can.”

OIL DISCOVERY IN ISRAEL?

Globes Correspondent, "Huge Oil Discovery on Golan Heights," online: <http://www.globes.co.il/en/article-huge-oil-discovery-on-golan-heights-1001071698>, accessed 09 October 2015.

"Israel consumes 270,000 barrels of oil per day. Although the existence of the oil in the ground is a fact, the critical phase now is to check how easily it can be extracted and whether it involves high production costs. In a period of very low oil prices, extraction will have to be relatively cheap to make exploitation of the field profitable. Just as Israel's offshore Mediterranean gas discoveries have created an entire energy industry, so the Golan oil find could also generate a new industry around it. But while the gas has been found dozens of kilometers from Israel, the Golan find is much closer...Bartov said, "There is enormous excitement. It's a fantastic feeling. We came here thinking maybe yes or maybe no and now things are really happening."

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"After more than a year of round-the-clock drilling, large amounts of oil have been found on the Golan Heights. Estimates are that the amount of oil discovered will make Israel self sufficient for very many years to come. Afek Oil and Gas chief geologist Dr. Yuval Bartov told Channel 2 News, "We are talking about a strata which is 350 meters thick and what is important is the thickness and the porosity. On average in the world strata are 20-30 meters thick, so this is ten times as large as that, so we are talking about significant quantities. The important thing is to know the oil is in the rock and that's what we now know." Three drillings have so far taken place in the southern Golan Heights which have found large reserves of oil. Potential production is dramatic - billions of barrels, which will easily provide all Israel's oil needs..."

Matthew Kreiger

Jerusalem Post, cited in David Jeremiah, *What in the World Is Going On? 10 Prophetic Clues You Cannot Afford to Ignore* (Nashville: Nelson, 2008), 175.

“Despite a population of only slightly more than 7 million people...Israel is now home to more than 7,200 millionaires...Of the 500 wealthiest people in the world, six are now Israeli, and all told, Israel's rich had assets in 2007 of more than \$35 billion dollars... Israel's GDP is almost double that of any other Middle Eastern country.”



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Ezekiel 5:5

“Thus says the Lord God, ‘This is Jerusalem; I have set her at the center of the nations, with lands around her.’”

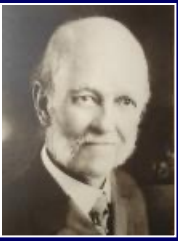




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The Prophecy of Ezekiel: The Glory of the Lord, Paperback ed.
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“An interesting phrase is employed to define the place where God’s people will be dwelling. It is called the middle (literally, the navel) of the earth as explained in 5:5. The land of Israel is in the center of the earth as far as God’s purposes for the world are concerned (cf. Deut. 32:8). Rabbinic literature states: ‘As the navel is set in the center of the human body, so the land of Israel is the navel of the world...Situated in the center of the world, in Jerusalem in the center of the land of Israel, and the sanctuary in the center of Jerusalem, and the holy place in the center of the sanctuary, and the ark in the center of the holy place, and the foundation stone before the holy place, because from it the world was founded.’ Midrash, *Tanachma, Qedoshim*.”



William E. Blackstone

Jesus Is Coming: God's Hope for a Restless World (New York: F.H. Revell, 1908; reprint, Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1989), 238.

“Israel is God's sun dial. If anyone desires to know our place in God's chronology, our position in the great march of events, look at Israel.”



ISRAEL

God's Time Piece



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Tarshish = Spain

Ryrie Study Bible, p. 1,421.



The Ryrie Study Bible indicates that Tarshish “is located in the S of Spain near Gibraltar, 2,500 mi. (4,000 km) W of Palestine [or Israel] and the opposite direction from Nineveh.”



Young Lions = Western Nations

Mark Hitchcock, *After the Empire: Bible Prophecy in Light of the Fall of the Soviet Union* (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale, 1994), p. 101.

“Young lions are often used in the Scripture to refer to energetic rulers. Therefore, the young lions who verbally oppose Gog’s invasion are strong military and political leaders who act with Tarshish...It was in the farthest west regions of the known world, in Spain. As we know, Spain is in modern Europe. Tarshish, or modern Spain, could be used by Ezekiel to represent all of the western nations whom Saudi Arabia will join with in denouncing this invasion.”

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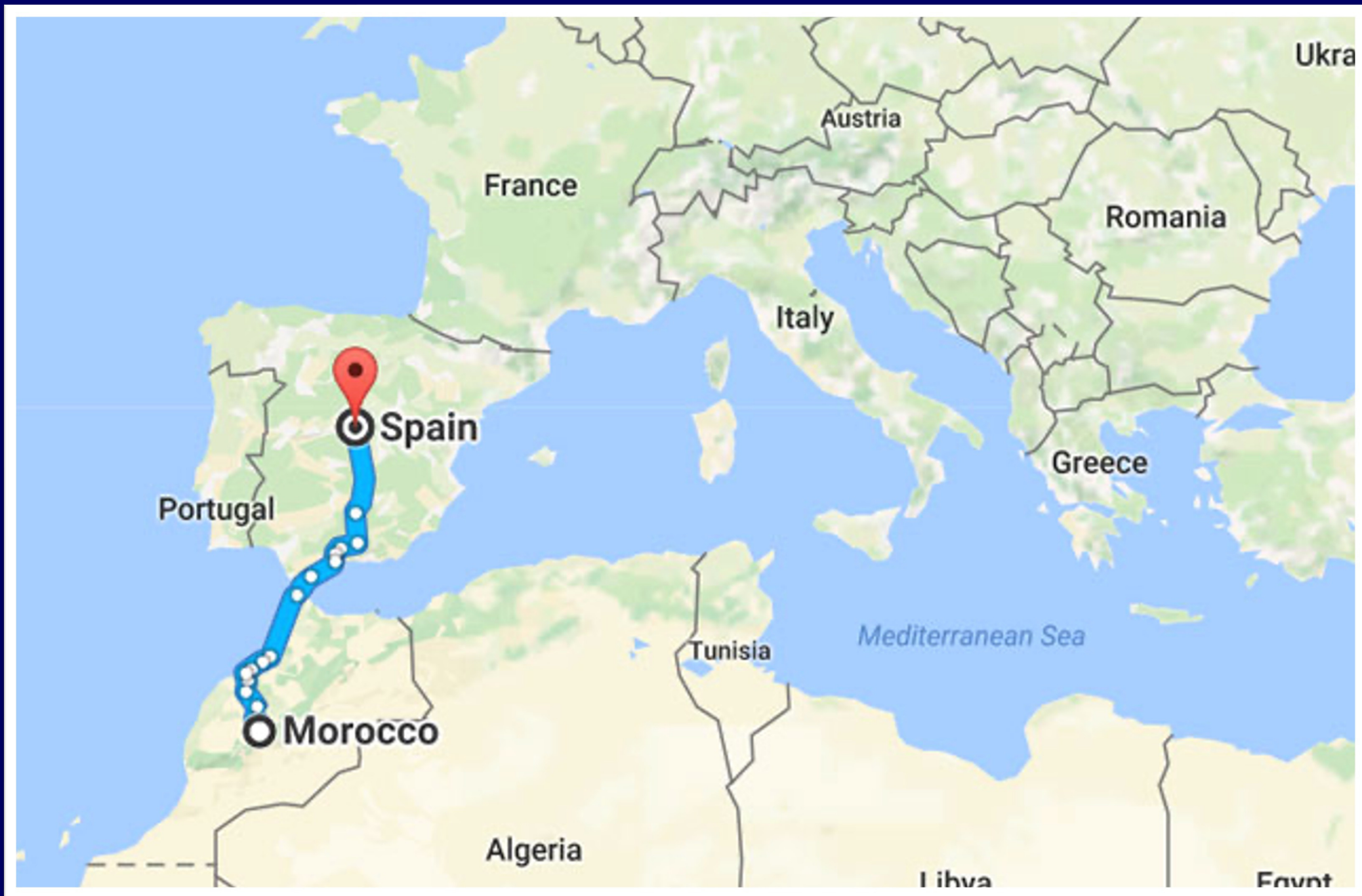
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“The young lions of Tarshish are taken to mean either the strong leaders and princes or greedy rulers of these commercial communities.”







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- IV. Invasion's results (39:21-29)



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