

# Zechariah

## God Remembers!



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## ZECHARIAH'S EIGHT NIGHT VISIONS

Vision	Reference	Meaning
The Red-horse Rider among the Myrtles	<b>1:7-17</b>	God's anger against the nations & blessing on restored Israel.
The Four Horns & the Four Craftsmen	<b>1:18-21</b>	God's judgment on the nations that afflict Israel.
The Surveyor with a Measuring Line	<b>Chapter 2</b>	God's future blessing on restored Israel.
The Cleansing & Crowning of Joshua the High Priest.	<b>Chapter 3</b>	Israel's future cleansing from sin & reinstatement as a priestly nation.
The Golden Lampstand & the Two Olive Trees	<b>Chapter 4</b>	Israel as the light to the nations under Messiah, the King-Priest.
The Flying Scroll	<b>5:1-4</b>	The severity & totality of divine judgment on individual Israelites.
The Woman in the Ephah	<b>5:5-11</b>	The removal of national Israel's sin of rebellion against God.
The Four Chariots	<b>6:1-8</b>	Divine judgment on Gentile nations.

## II. Eight Night Visions

(1:7–6:15)

1. Riders & horses among the myrtle trees (1:7-17)
  2. Four horns & four craftsmen (1:18-21)
  3. Man with the measuring line (2)
  4. Cleansing of the High Priest Joshua (3)
  5. Lampstand & olive tree (4)
  6. Flying scroll (5:1-4)
  7. Woman in the basket (5:5-11)
  8. Four chariots (6:1-8)
- Conclusion: crowning of Joshua (6:9-15)



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# III. Questions & Answers Concerning Fasting

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A. Question (7:1-3)

B. Four divine answers (7:4–8:23)

1. Condemnation of empty ritualism (7:4-7)
2. Condemnation of past covenant failure (7:8-14)
3. Prediction of Jerusalem's restoration (8:1-17)
4. Prediction of future blessing (8:18-23)



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- b) Messiah (9-10)
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# Joyce Baldwin

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“A modern parallel is the renewed interest in magic, spiritism and other survivals of primitive times. The more widespread modern equivalent is to ignore God altogether and tacitly to assume that no problem is beyond man's unaided power to solve.”



## Steve Berger

Steve Berger & Sarah Berger, *Have Heart: Bridging the Gulf Between Heaven and Earth* (Franklin, TN: Grace Chapel, 2010).

“And then one night, Josiah [their son] showed up in a dream” (p. 69)

“Josiah came into the sanctuary...It wasn't like he just appeared there. It was a sense of him coming into the aisle, and he got down on one knee and bent into my ear...Then, as quickly as he came, he left. It wasn't that he disappeared; rather, it was a sense of him leaving the sanctuary.... He had a sense of speed about him, not that he was hurried, but as if life on earth was much slower than in Heaven—it's a different place, a different plane. I stood up and went over to my wife and told her, 'Josiah was just here.'” p. 99-100.



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“God granted Josiah permission to make an appearance...it demonstrates his continued presence in not only our lives but in the lives of his friends as well” (p. 100; italics added).

“Yes, the residents of Heaven are personally present, they are aware, and they are near!” p. 100-101.

“We want all of us to continue to have relationship with Siah right up until the day that we are face-to-face in Heaven with him” (p. 103).



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“The cloud of witnesses [of ‘Christian loved ones in Heaven’] is personal, and we believe it is part of their work in the spiritual realm to cheer on their loved ones still on earth...” (p. 107; italics added).

“Our loved ones may show up in dreams or visits or other ways (who can limit God’s imagination?), but the fact is that we’re connected....There is a thin veil, and we’re connected to them, forever, in Christ” (p. 110)





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“You don’t father or mother a child for nineteen years and then hear God say, ‘Oh, now you can’t talk to him. You no longer have a relationship with him until you see him face to face in Heaven...’ We still talk to Josiah, and it’s going to be so great when we’re together again” (p. 125).

## 2 Samuel 12:22-23

<sup>22</sup> “While the child was *still* alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, ‘Who knows, the LORD may be gracious to me, that the child may live.’ <sup>23</sup> But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.”

## Luke 16:24-26

“<sup>24</sup> And he cried out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.’”

## Hebrews 9:27

And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.



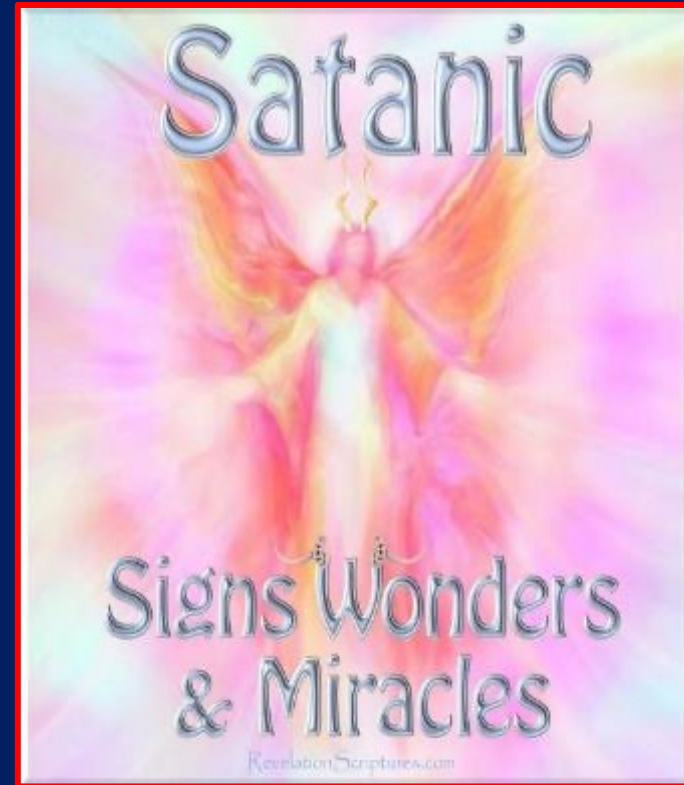
## 2 Corinthians 11:14

“No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”



# Bible Verses Against Necromancy

1. Lev. 19:31
2. Deut. 18:9-14
3. 1 Sam. 28:7-8
4. 2 Kgs. 21:6
5. 1 Chron. 10:13
6. Isa. 8:19-20



# 1 Timothy 4:1

“But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.”



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# Merrill F. Unger

Unger, Merrill F. *Zechariah*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1963. p. 180.

“The scene is that of the strengthening of the Jews in Palestine [Israel] at the time of the invasion from the North under 'the beast' (Dan. 7:8) in conjunction with the events of Armageddon (Rev. 16:14; 19:17-20).”



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# Ezekiel 37

## I. Vision: Valley of the Dry Bones (1-14)

A. Vision (1-10)

B. Interpretation (11-14)

## II. Sign: Two Sticks (15-28)

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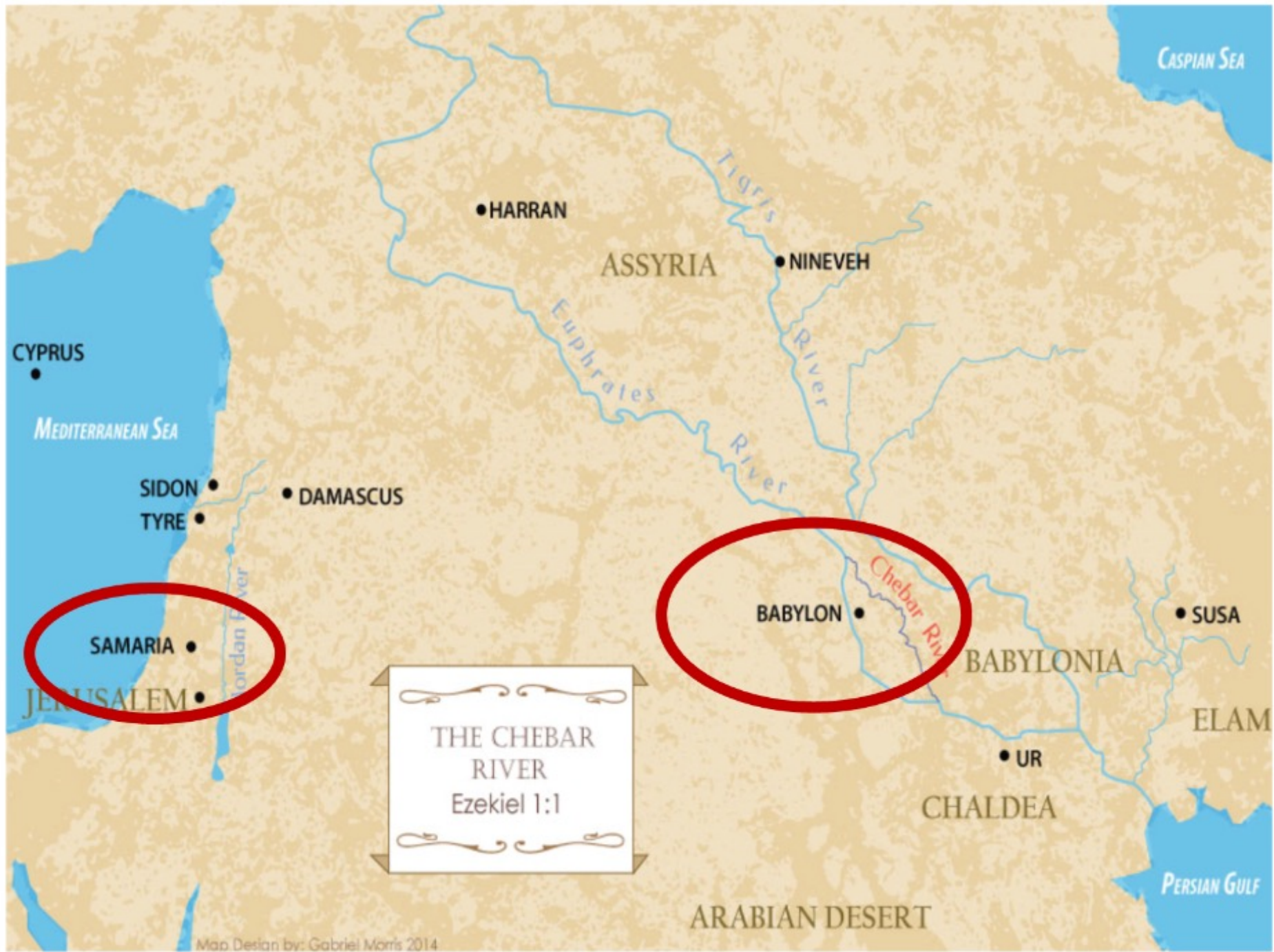
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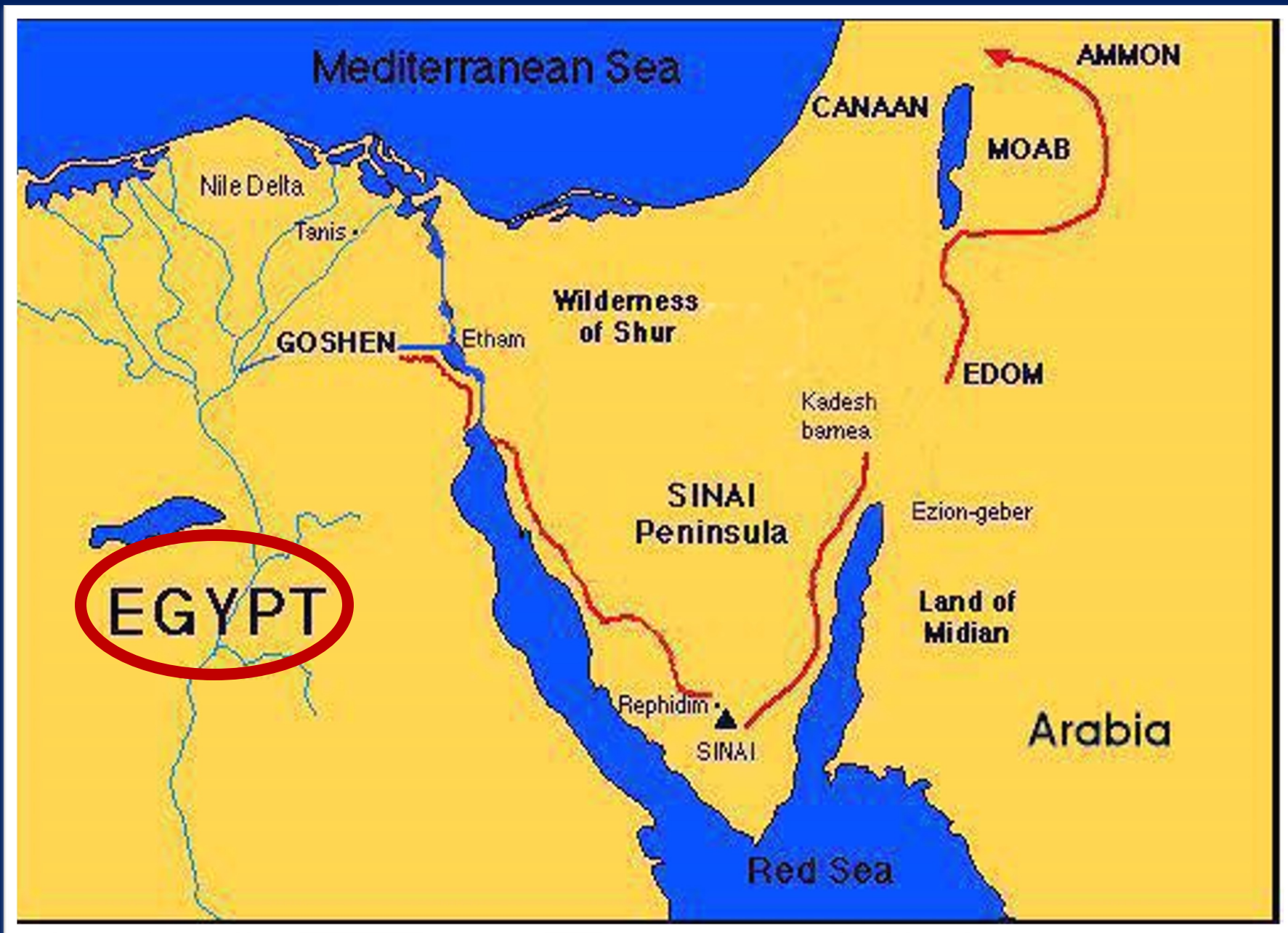


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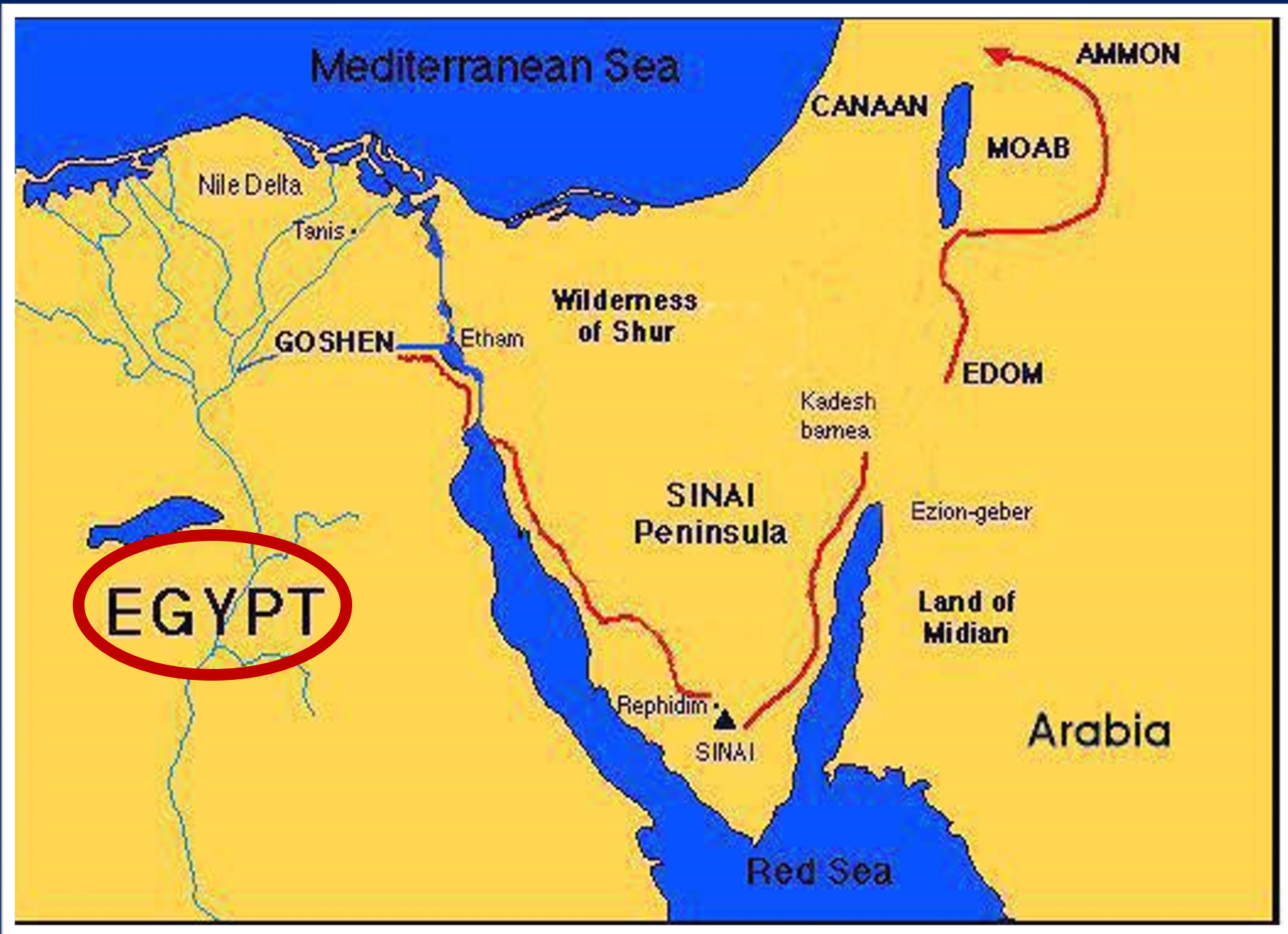




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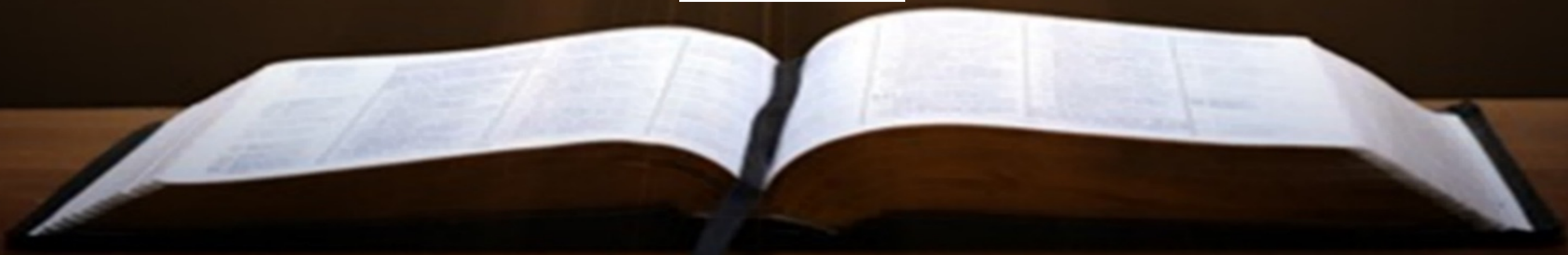
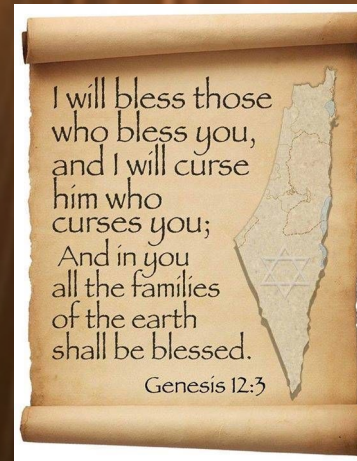






## Genesis 12:3

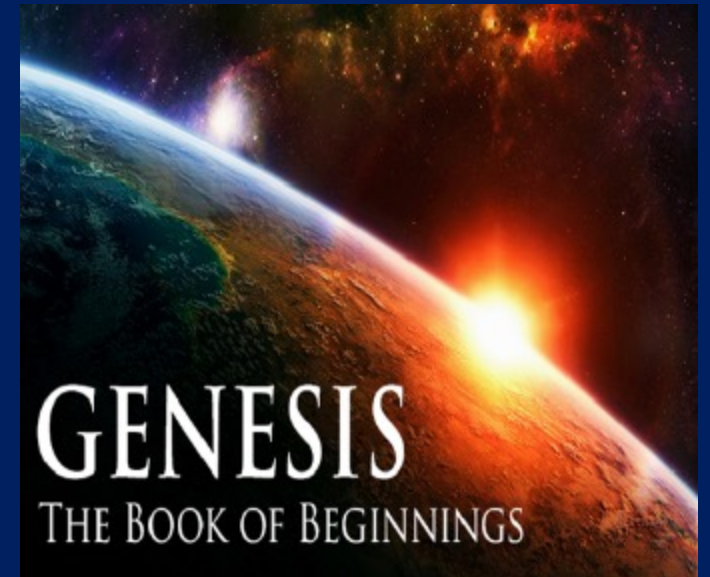
“And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”



# VI. 8 New Promises

## Genesis 12:1-3

- A. Land (Gen. 12:1b)
- B. Great nation (Gen. 12:2a)
- C. Personal blessing (Gen. 12:2b)
- D. Great name (Gen. 12:2c)
- E. Blessing to others (Gen. 12:2d)
- F. Blessing to blessers (Gen. 12:3a)
- G. Cursing to cursers (Gen. 12:3b)
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