

Ezekiel 36–39

The Middle East Meltdown 2022



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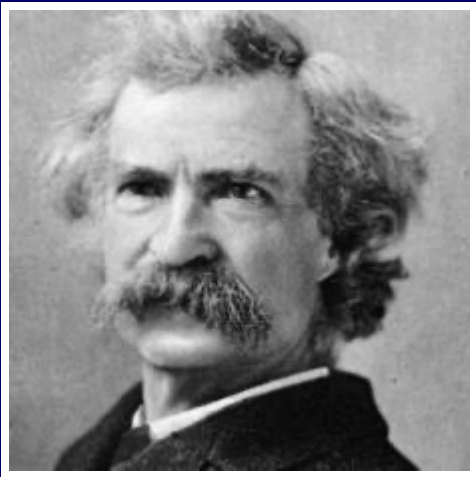
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Mark Twain

The Innocents Abroad, Complete, 1st ed. (A Public Domain Book, 1869),
267, 285, 302. These quotes can be found in chapters 47, 49, 52.



“... A desolate country whose soil is rich enough, but is given over wholly to weeds... a silent mournful expanse... a desolation is here that not even imagination can grace with the pomp of life and action... we never saw a human being on the whole route... there was hardly a tree or shrub anywhere. Even the olive tree and the cactus, those fast friends of a worthless soil, had almost deserted the country.”

Leviticus 26:43

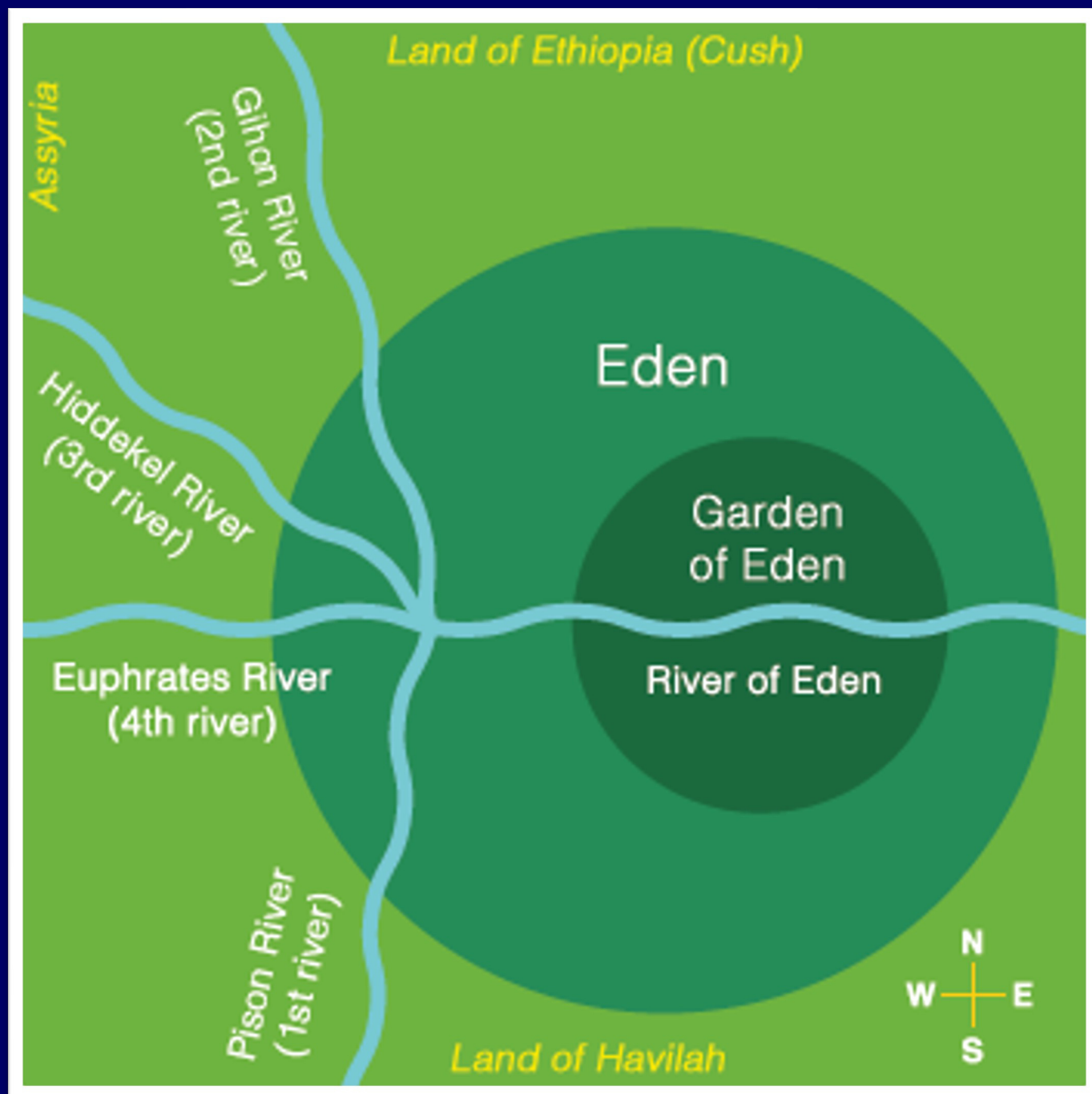
“For the land will be abandoned by them, and will make up for its sabbaths while it is made desolate without them. They, meanwhile, will be making amends for their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes.”

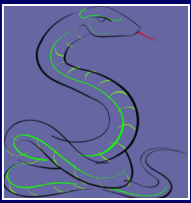


Ezekiel 38:8

“After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but its people were brought out from the nations, and they are living securely, all of them.”

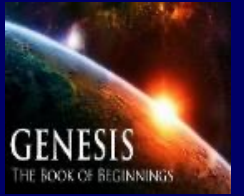






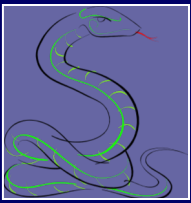
Divine Judgments

(3:14-19)



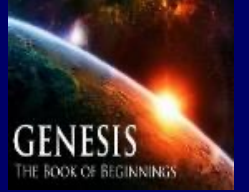
- Serpent (3:14-15)
- Woman (3:16)
- Man (3:17-19)





Serpent

(3:14-15)



- Serpent's body (3:14)
- Protoevangelium (3:15)



Woman

(3:16)

- Painful child birth (3:16a)
- Relational conflict (3:16b)



Man

(3:17-19)

- Painful labor (3:17-19a)
- Death (3:19b)



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

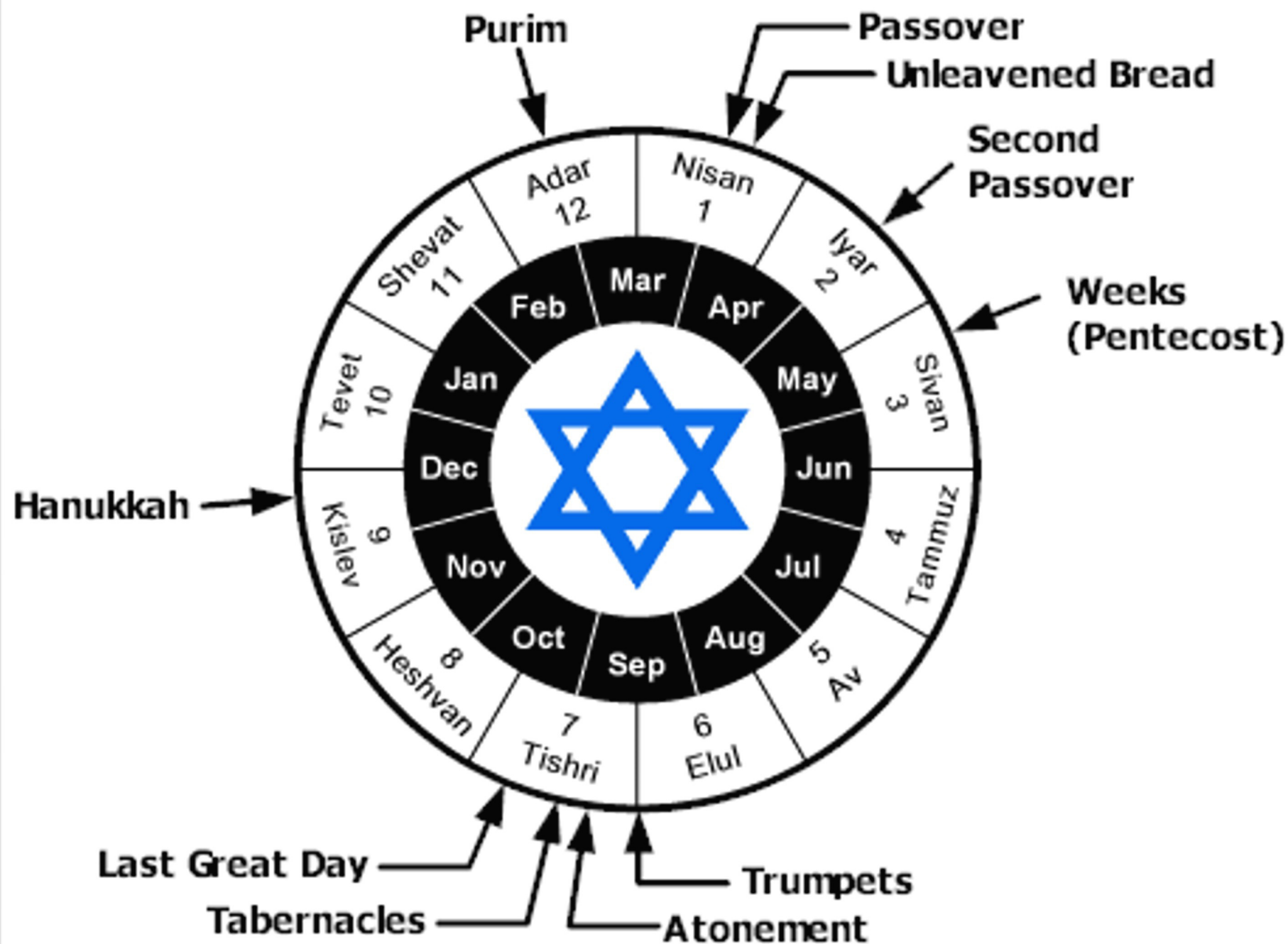
THE NATIONS OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:9-11

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Levitical Feasts (23)

| Feast | Season | Purpose | Type |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Passover | Spring | Redemption | 1 Cor 5:7 |
| Unleavened Bread | Spring | Separation | John 6:35 |
| 1st fruits | Spring | Praise | 1 Cor 15:20 |
| Pentecost | Spring | Praise | Acts 2:1-4 |
| Trumpets | Fall | New Year | Matt 24:31 |
| Atonement | Fall | Lev 16 | Zech 12:10 |
| Booths | Fall | Wilderness provision | Zech 14:16-18 |



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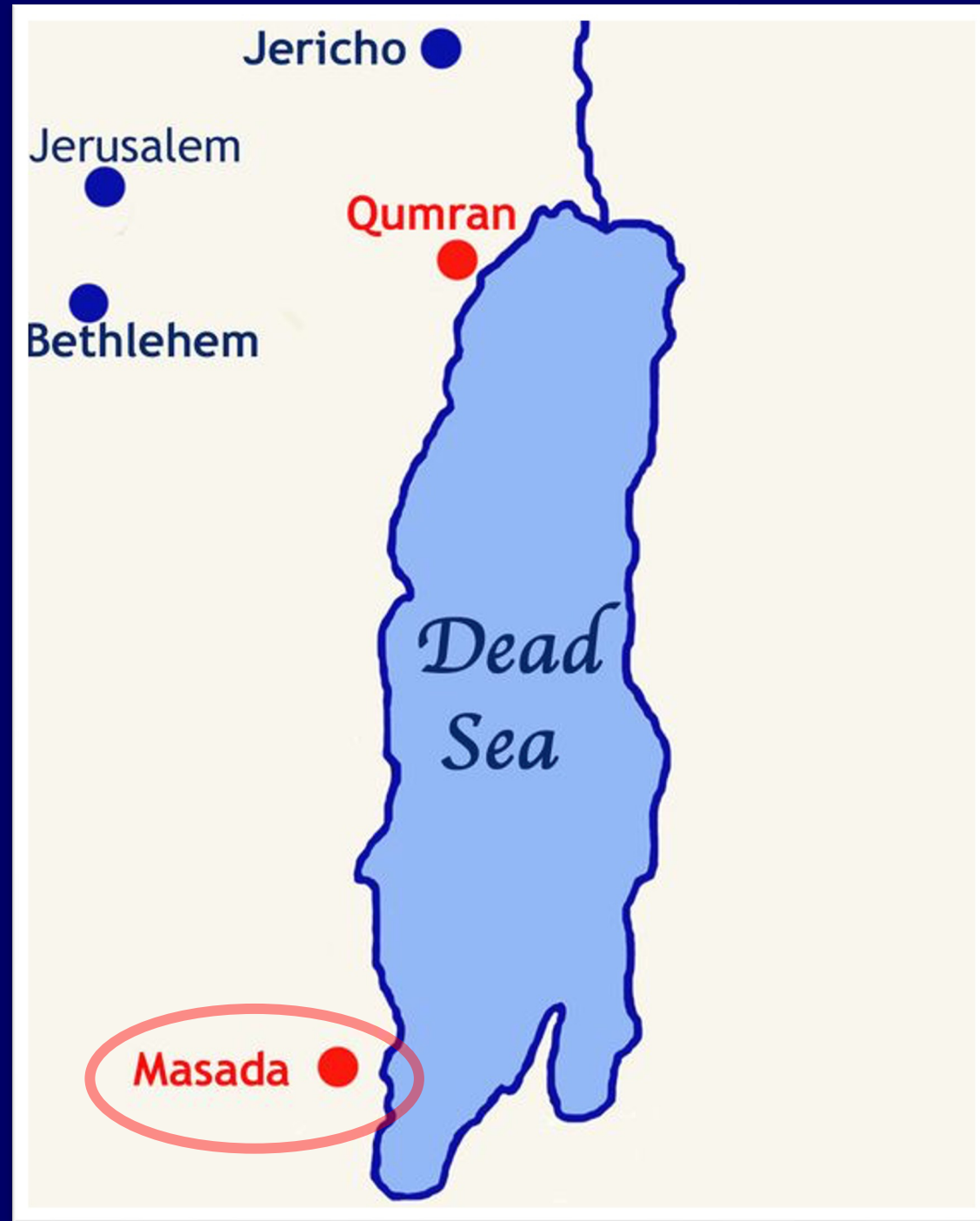
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Jericho ●

Jerusalem ●

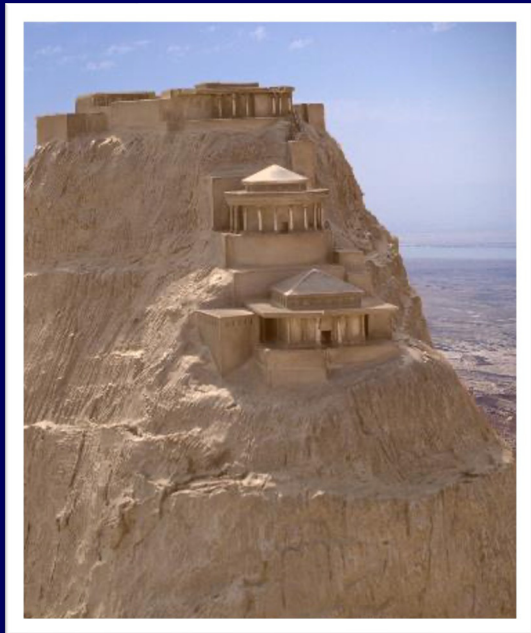
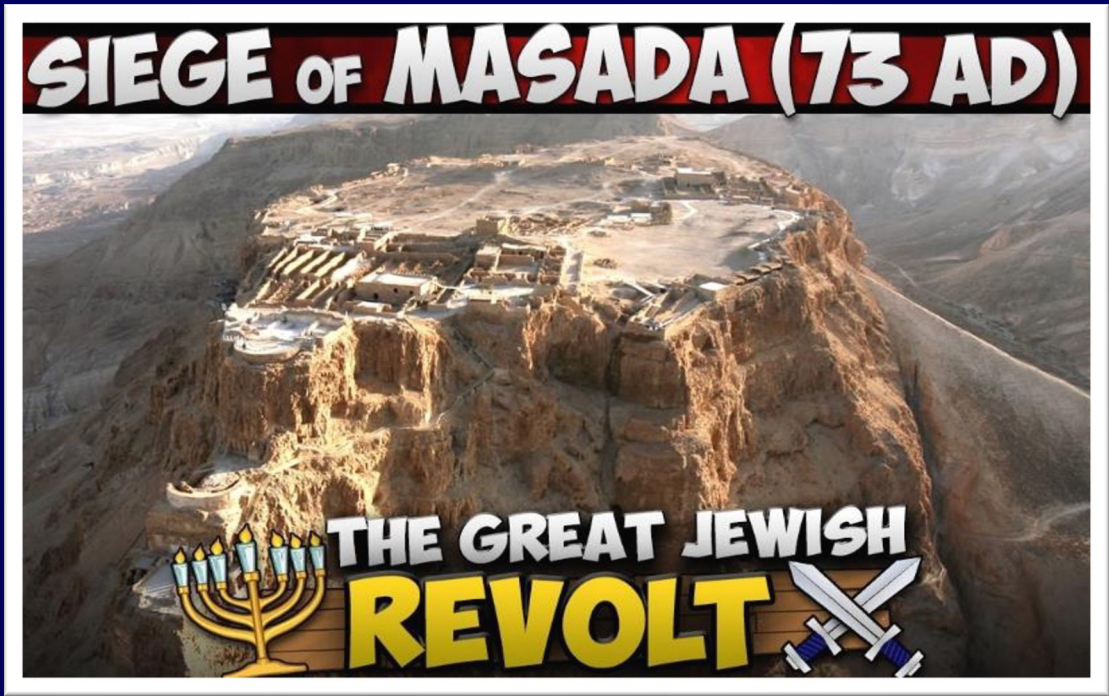
Bethlehem ●

Qumran ●






Dead
Sea

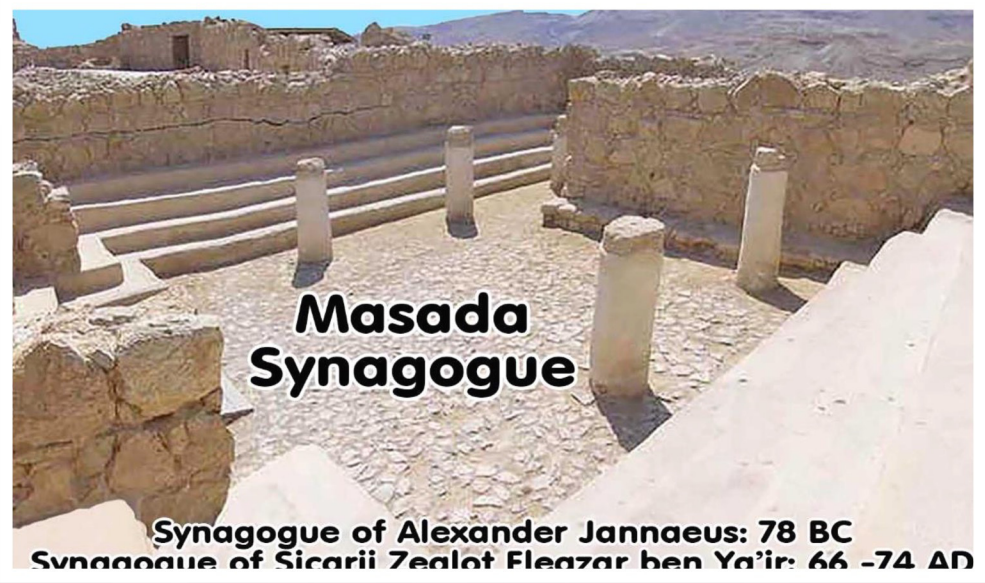
Masada ●





Hebrew fragments of the Bible found buried under Scroll Room floor

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| <p>Genesis 46:7-11 "Israel sold into Egyptian slavery for its own sin" 90 BC MasGen 1030</p>  | <p>Deut 33:17-34:6 "The Death of Moses" 90 BC MasDeut 1043/a-d Found under synagogue floor</p>  | <p>Lev 4:3-9; 8:31-11:40 "Sin offering without defect" 25 BC MasLev 1039-270 Lev 4:3-9 MasLev 92-480 Lev 8:31-11:40</p>  | <p>Ps 81:2-85:6; 150:1-6 "Israel did not obey Me" "Praise God in His sanctuary" 25 BC MasPs 1103-1742 MasPs 1038-160</p>  | <p>Ezekiel 35:11-38:14 "Messianic Vision Dry Bones rising" "Davidic kingdom, one shepherd" 90 BC MasEzek 1043-2220 Found under scroll room floor</p>  |
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The Prophecy of Ezekiel: The Glory of the Lord, Paperback ed.
(Chicago: Moody, 1969; reprint, Chicago: Moody, 1984), 213.

“In order to emphasize the hopelessness of the situation from the human point of view, the Lord asked Ezekiel whether these bones could live. Ezekiel’s answer revealed that it would require a power beyond man’s to bring this about. It was an answer of reverence, not giving a positive or negative response.”



Revelation 7:13-14

¹³ . . . ‘These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?’ ¹⁴ I said to him, ‘My lord, you know.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation [*thlípsis*], and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’”



John 13:19; 14:29

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Zechariah 12:3

“It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.”



Zechariah 14:2

“For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.”





ISRAEL

Ezekiel 36:24-28

²⁴ “For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. ²⁸ You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.”



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)

Adapted from: Price, *Jerusalem In Prophecy*, 219



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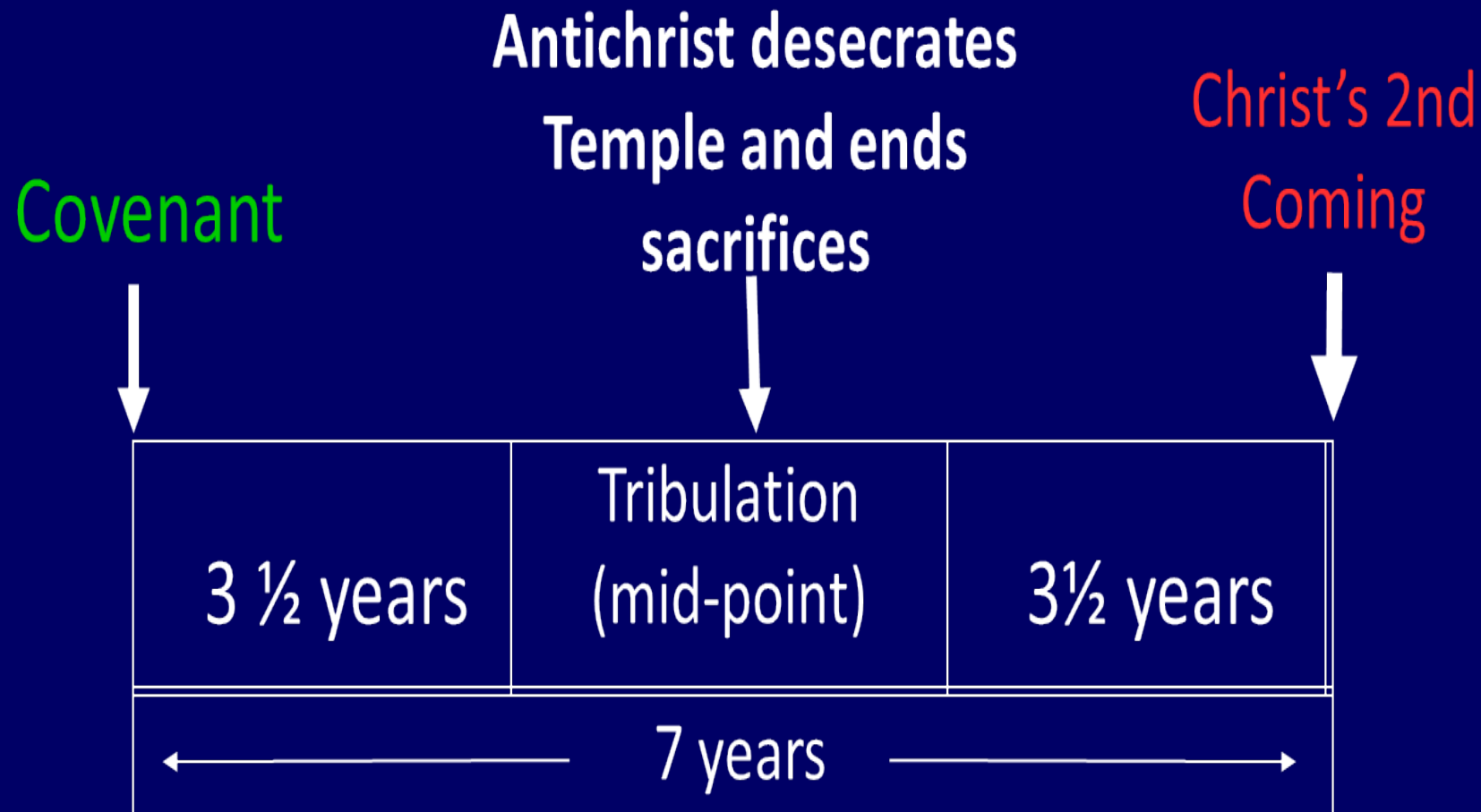
“Apparently the reference to the absence of breath in the bodies indicated that when Israel will be returned to the land in the latter days, they will be unconverted. Surely the general tenor of the prophetic Scriptures points in this direction (See Zech. 13:8-9). Otherwise, it is difficult to see how a covenant could be made nationally with such a godless one as the Roman prince of the end times (cf. Dan. 9:27).”

Daniel 9:27

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



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Literal Interpretation

One Meaning

Plain Literal

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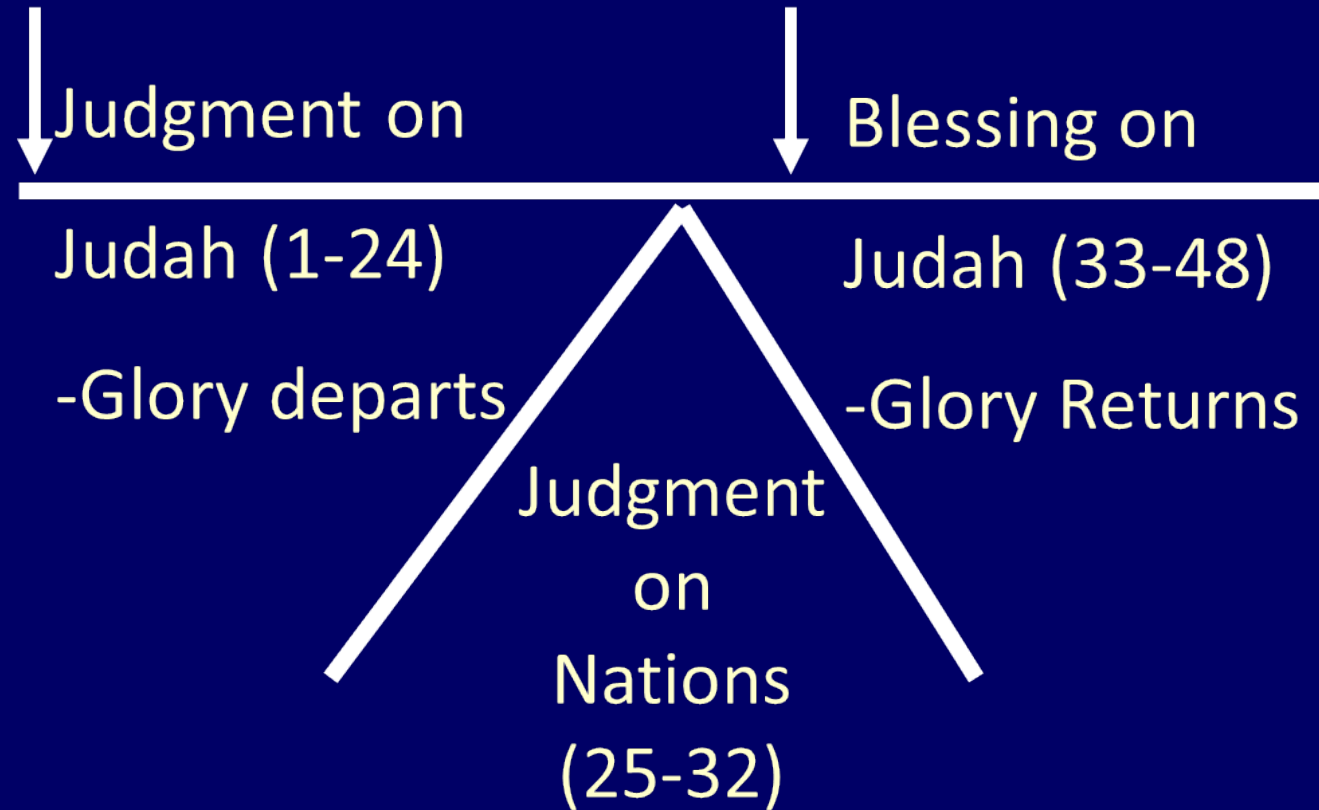
Figurative Literal

The literal interpretation is the specific intention of the figure—CONNOTATIVE

Chart by Earl Radmacher

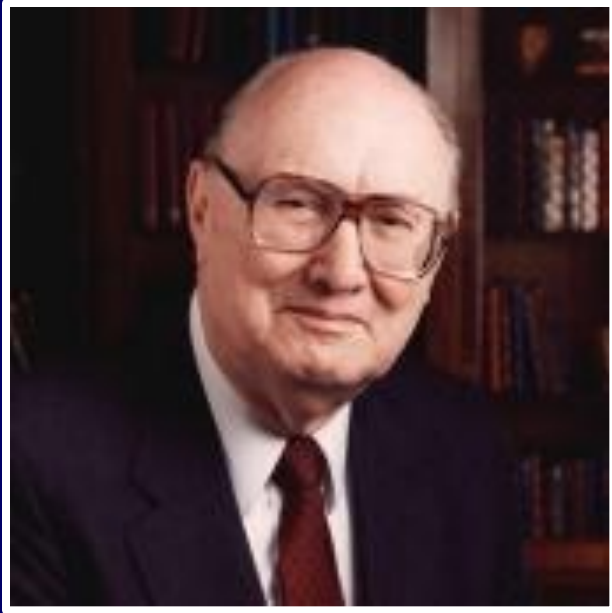
Ezekiel
Commissioned
(1-3) mouth closed

Ezekiel
Recommissioned
(33) mouth opened



Source: Charles Dyer, *Notes on Ezekiel*

Two Rules of Interpretation



- Search the immediate context
 - ◆ Walvoord: 26X
- Search the remote context
 - ◆ Old Testament
 - ◆ Thomas: 278 / 404 verses

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... commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹ Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off’.”





Arnold Fruchtenbaum

Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, "Israel and the Church," in *Issues in Dispensationalism*, ed. Wesley R. Willis and John R. Master (Chicago: Moody, 1994), 118.

"In the book of Acts, both Israel and the church exist simultaneously. The term *Israel* is used twenty times and *ekklēsia* (church) nineteen times, yet the two groups are always kept distinct."



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“In addition to the gift of the responsive heart the Lord will grant the gift of his Holy Spirit to willing ones in Israel. This is the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Israel in the future, not that at Pentecost.”



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