

Zechariah

God Remembers!



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ZECHARIAH'S EIGHT NIGHT VISIONS

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

(7–8)

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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a) Judgment on the Oppressing Nations

(9:1-8)

- 1) Hadrach (1a)
- 2) Damascus (1b)
- 3) Hamath (2a)
- 4) Tyre & Sidon (2b-4)
- 5) Philistines (5-7)
- 6) Jerusalem (8)



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Psalm 83

- **ANCIENT NATIONS**
- Modern Nations



Kenneth L. Barker

Barker, Kenneth L. "Zechariah." In Daniel-Minor Prophets. Vol. 7 of The Expositor's Bible Commentary. 12 vols. Edited by Frank E. Gaebelin and Richard P. Polcyn. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1985. p. 657.

"As history shows, the agent of the Lord's judgment was Alexander the Great. After defeating the Persians (333 B.C.), Alexander moved swiftly toward Egypt. On his march he toppled the cities in the Aramean (Syrian) interior, as well as those on the Mediterranean coast. Yet, on coming to Jerusalem, he refused to destroy it."

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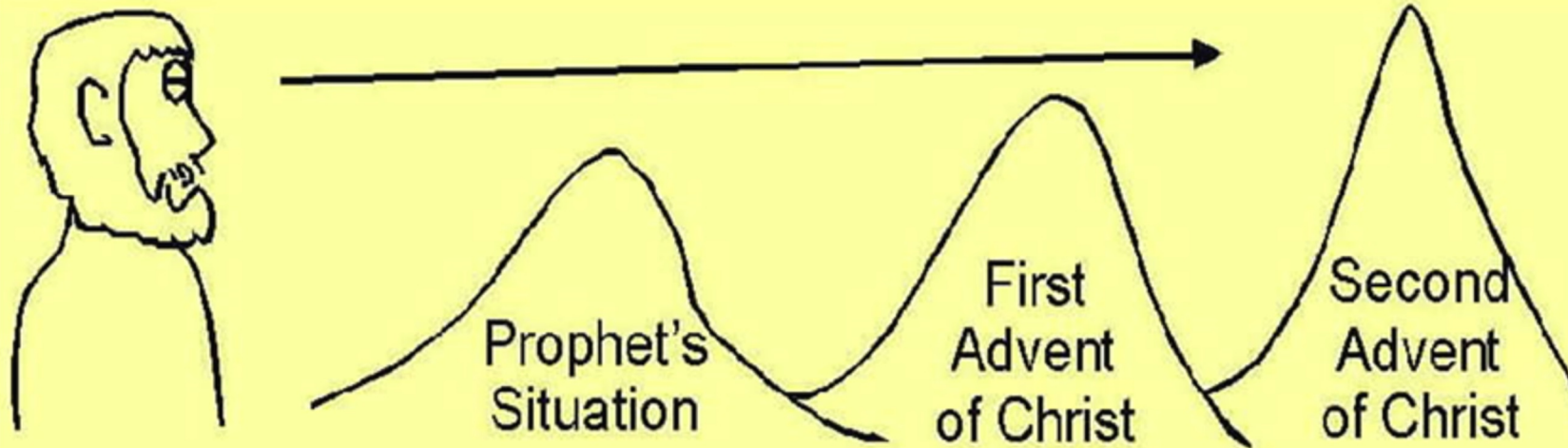
Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout *in triumph*, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; And the bow of war will be cut off. And He will speak peace to the nations; And His dominion will be from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.



Mountain Peaks of Prophecy

Multiple fulfilments in one prophecy



Warren Wiersbe

Wiersbe, Warren W. "Zechariah." In *The Bible Exposition Commentary/Prophets*, pp. 447-76. Colorado Springs, Colo.: Cook Communications Ministries; and Eastbourne, England: Kingsway Communications Ltd., 2002. p. 467.

“The entire age of the church fits between Zechariah 9:9 and 9:10, just as it does between Isaiah 9:6 and 7 and after the comma in Isaiah 61:2.”



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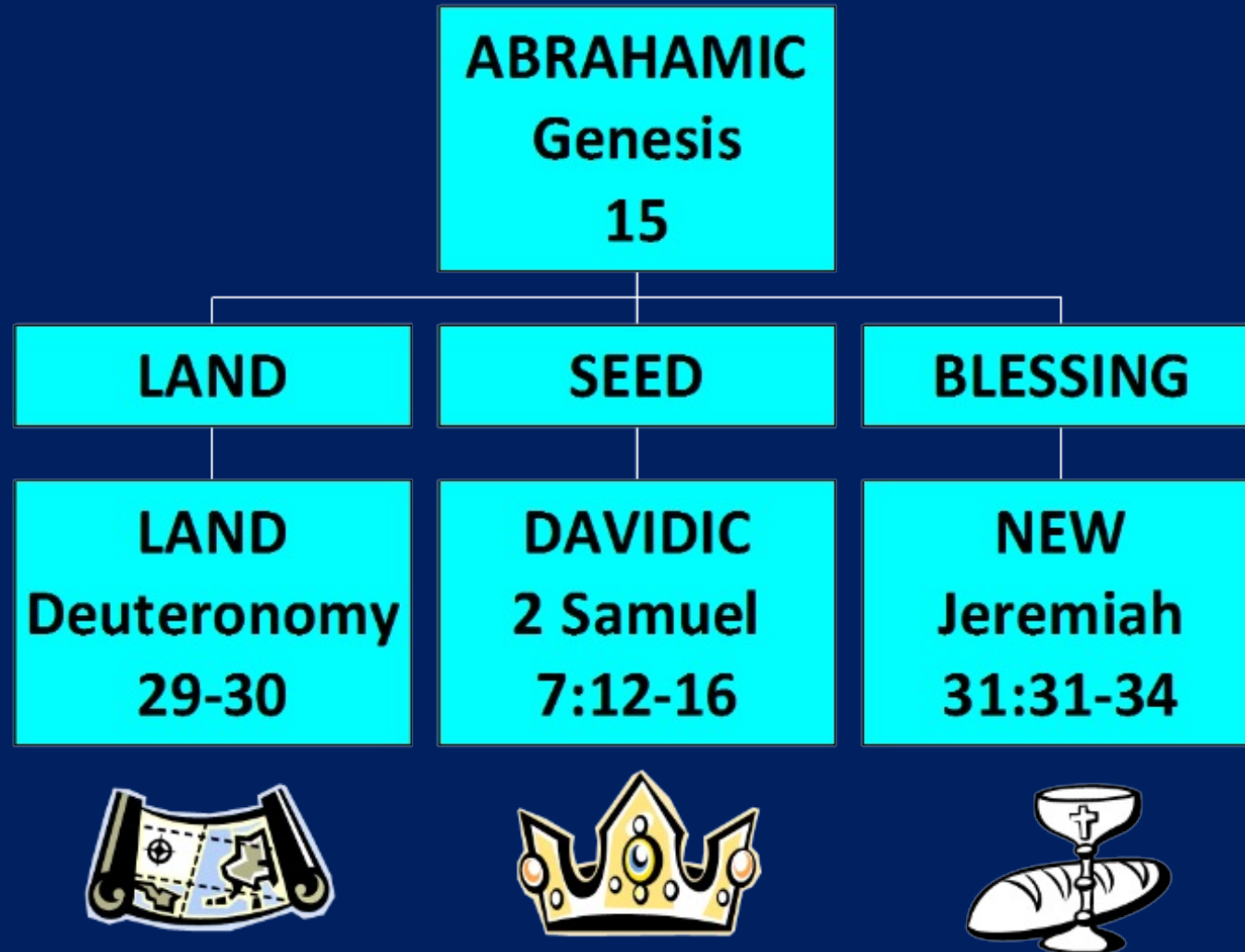
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Abrahamic Covenant



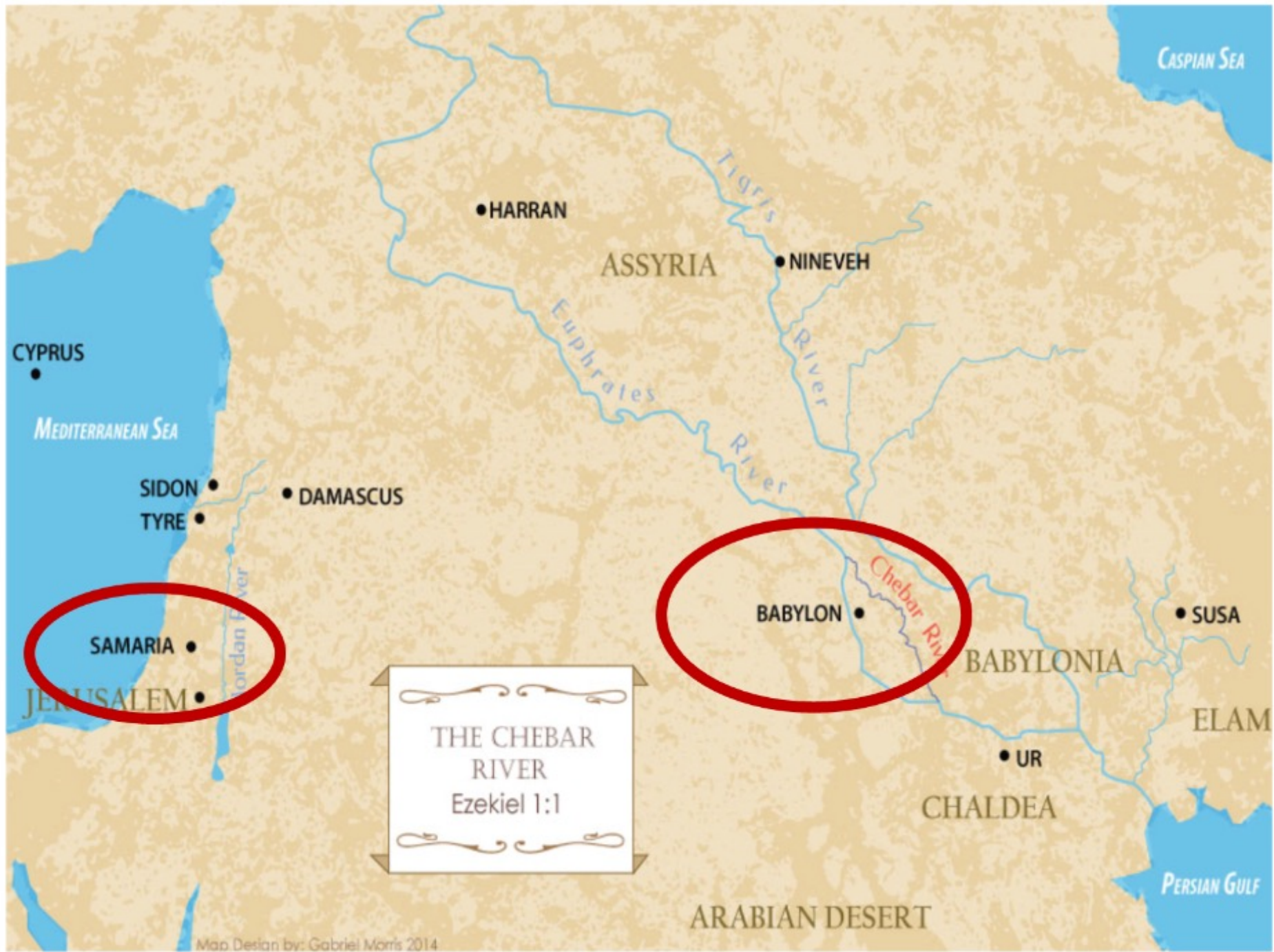
Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)

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Three Returns

	DATE	DURATION	PERSIAN KING	JEWISH LEADER	SCRIPTURE	PURPOSE	NUMBER OF RETURNEES
1st return	538–515 B.C.	23 years	Cyrus (Isa. 44:28–45:1)	Zerubbabel	Ezra 1–6; Isaiah 44:28	Rebuilding the temple	50,000
2nd return	458–457 B.C.	2 years	Artaxerxes	Ezra	Ezra 7–10	Adorning of the temple and reforming the people	2,000
3rd return	444–432 B.C.	8 years	Artaxerxes	Nehemiah	Nehemiah	Rebuilding the wall	

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Charles Ryrie

The Ryrie Study Bible

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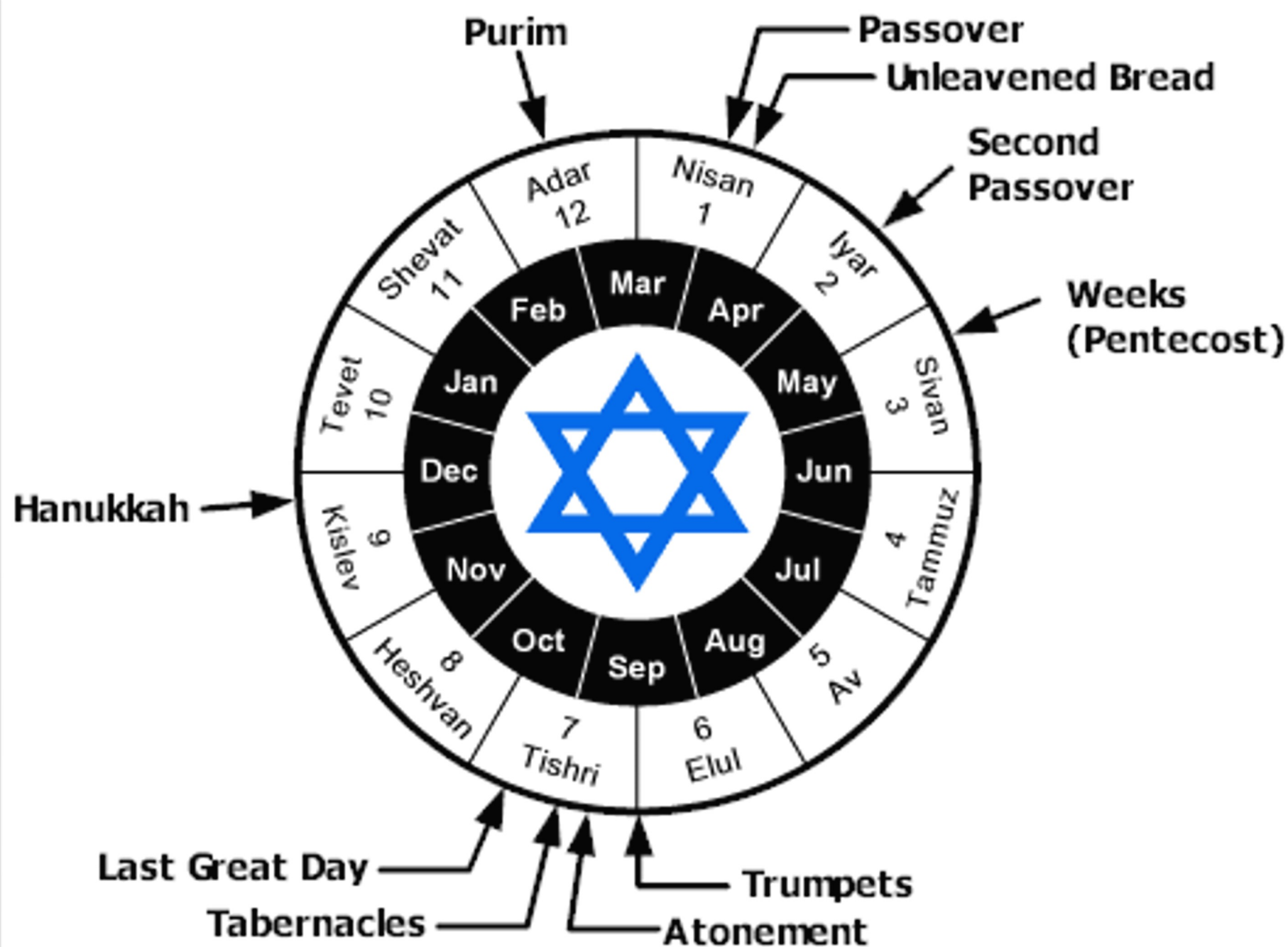
HANUKKAH

- The Maccabean revolt
- December 25th 164 BC, the temple is liberated and rededicated
- 1 & 2 Maccabees (Non-canonical)
- The miracle of the lamp oil
- Hanukkah “Feast of Dedication” (festival of lights).
- Christmas / Jewish Holiday
- John 10:22-24



7 Levitical Feasts (Leviticus 23)

Feast	Season	Purpose	Type
Passover	Spring	Redemption	1 Cor 5:7
Unleavened Bread	Spring	Separation	John 6:35
1st fruits	Spring	Praise for initial crop	1 Cor. 15:20
Pentecost	Spring	Praise for full crop	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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- *Blessings and curses (28)*



Thomas McComiskey

McComiskey, Thomas Edward. "Zechariah." In *The Minor Prophets: An Exegetical and Expositional Commentary*, 3:1003-1244. 3 vols. Edited by Thomas Edward McComiskey. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1992, 1993, and 1998. Page 1174

“The citizens of Christ's kingdom as well as God's ancient people are a landed people. Hebrews 3 and 5 make this clear, affirming the believer's landedness in the gospel—'at- homeness in Christ.' Today, the fruit of the land that causes its citizens to flourish is the fruit of salvation.”

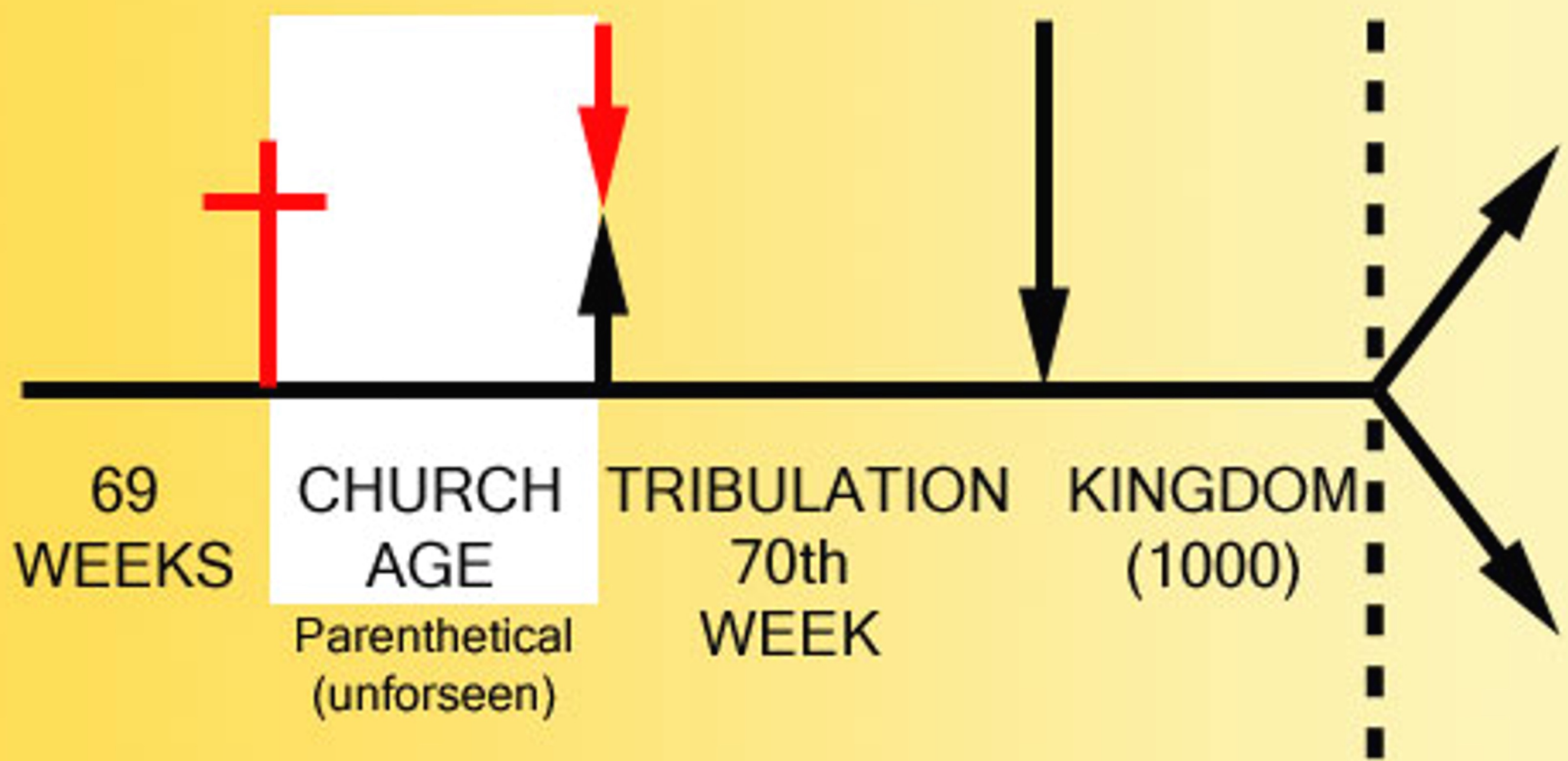
GAP BETWEEN 483rd AND 484th YEAR

- A. Prophecy runs successively for 483 years
- B. Gap between 483rd and 484th year

69 weeks
483 years

(GAP)

70th week
7 years



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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.”

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“The scene is that of the strengthening of the Jews in Palestine 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)

A. Sign (15-17)

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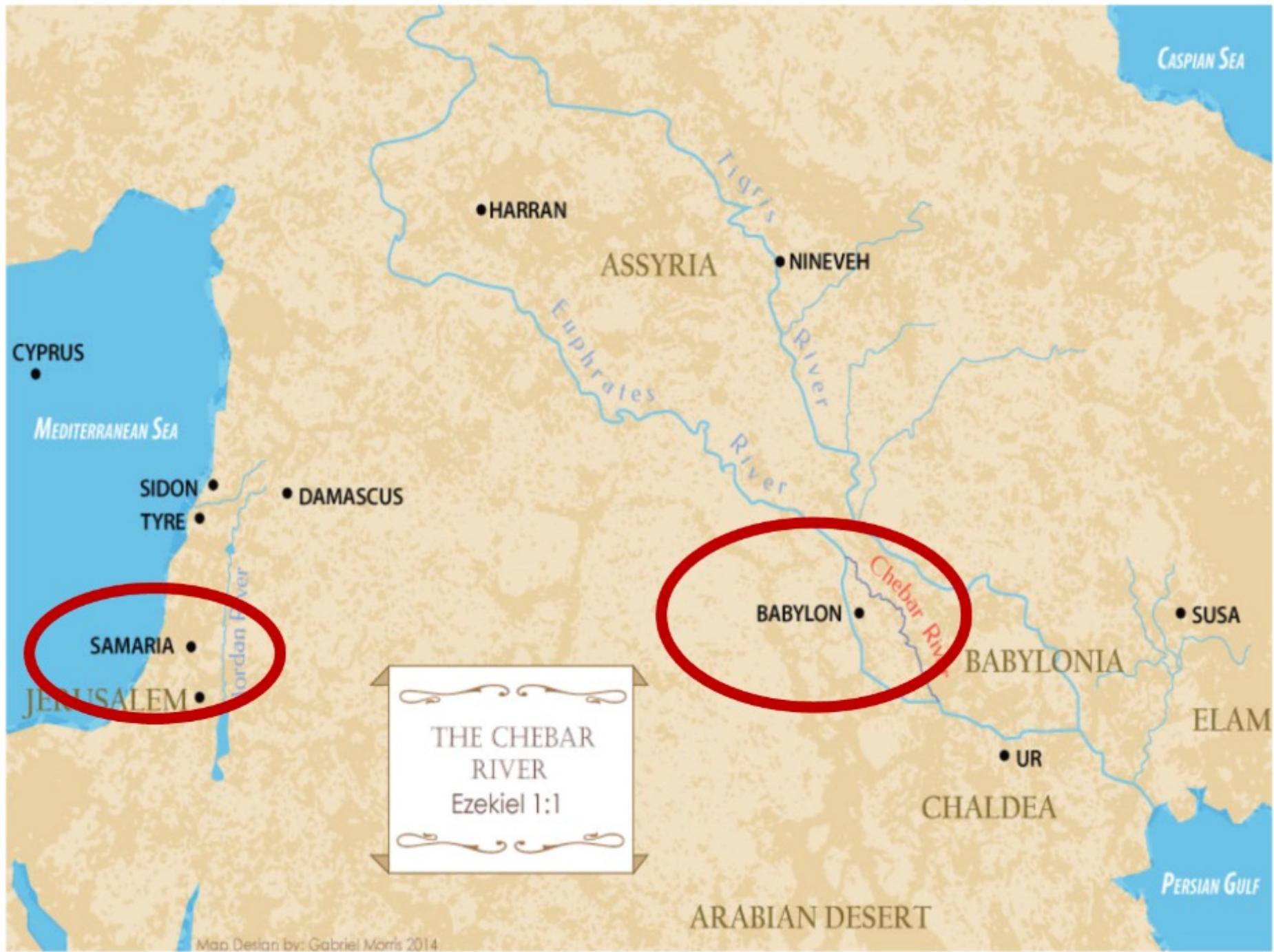
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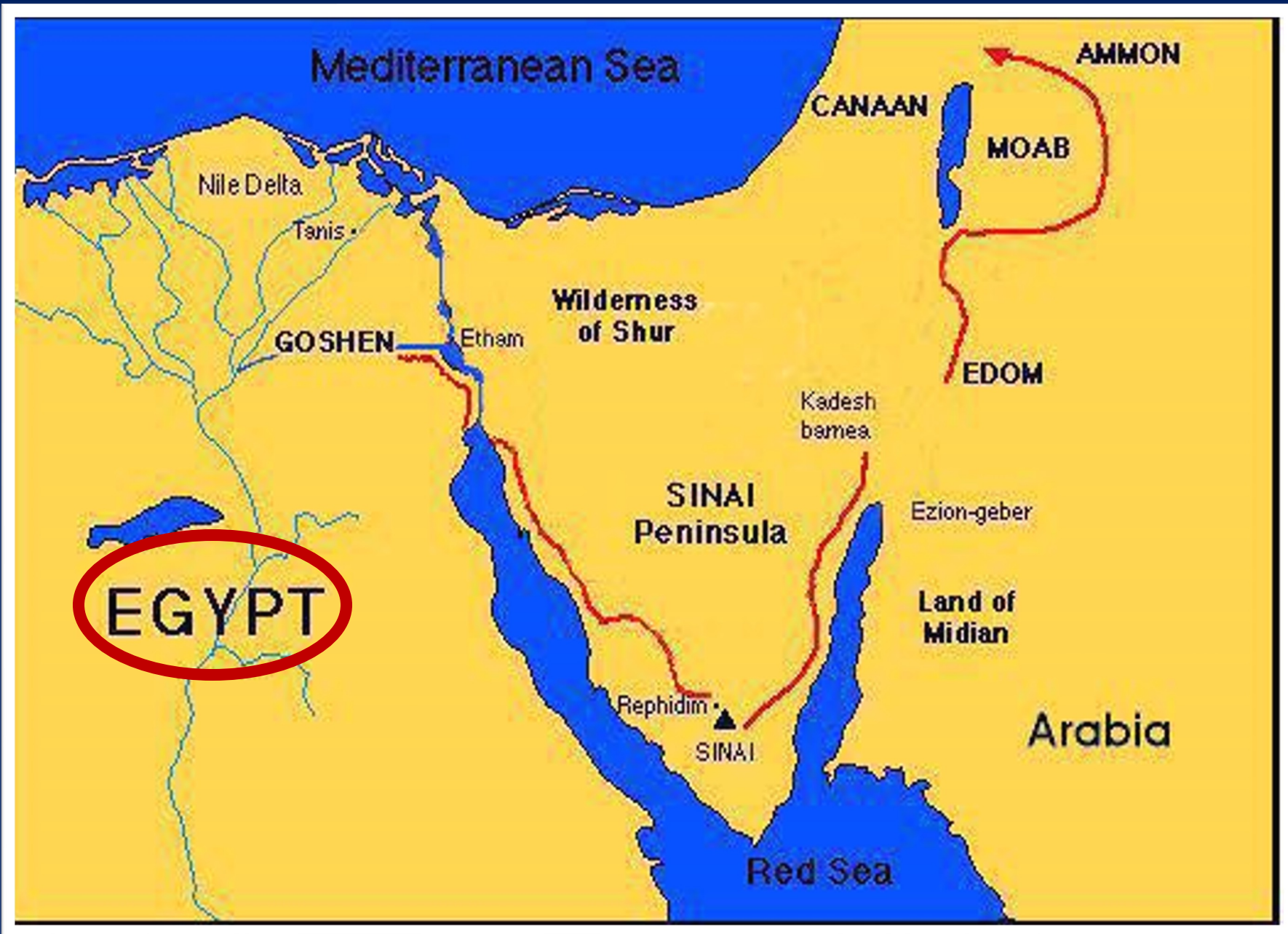


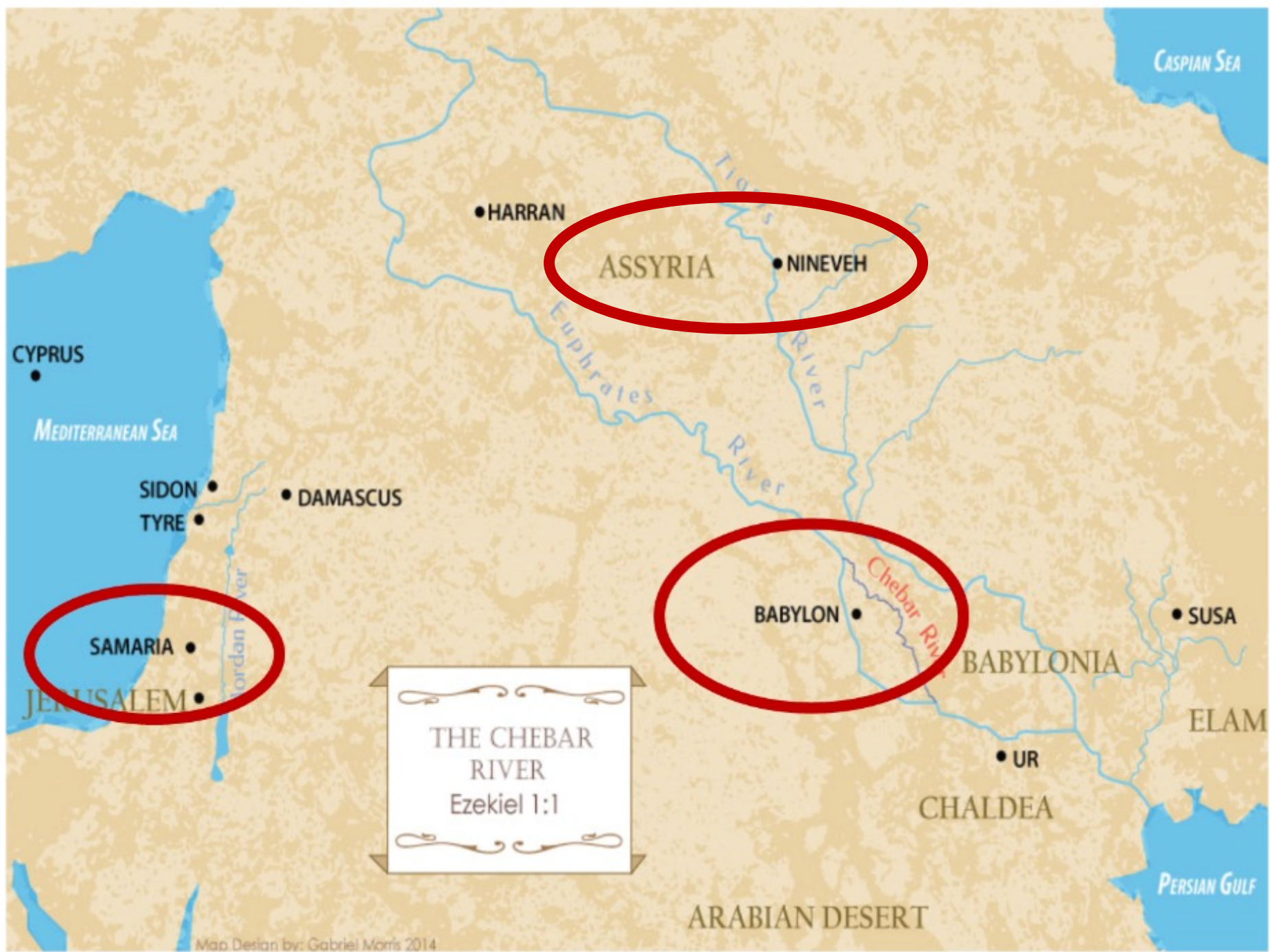
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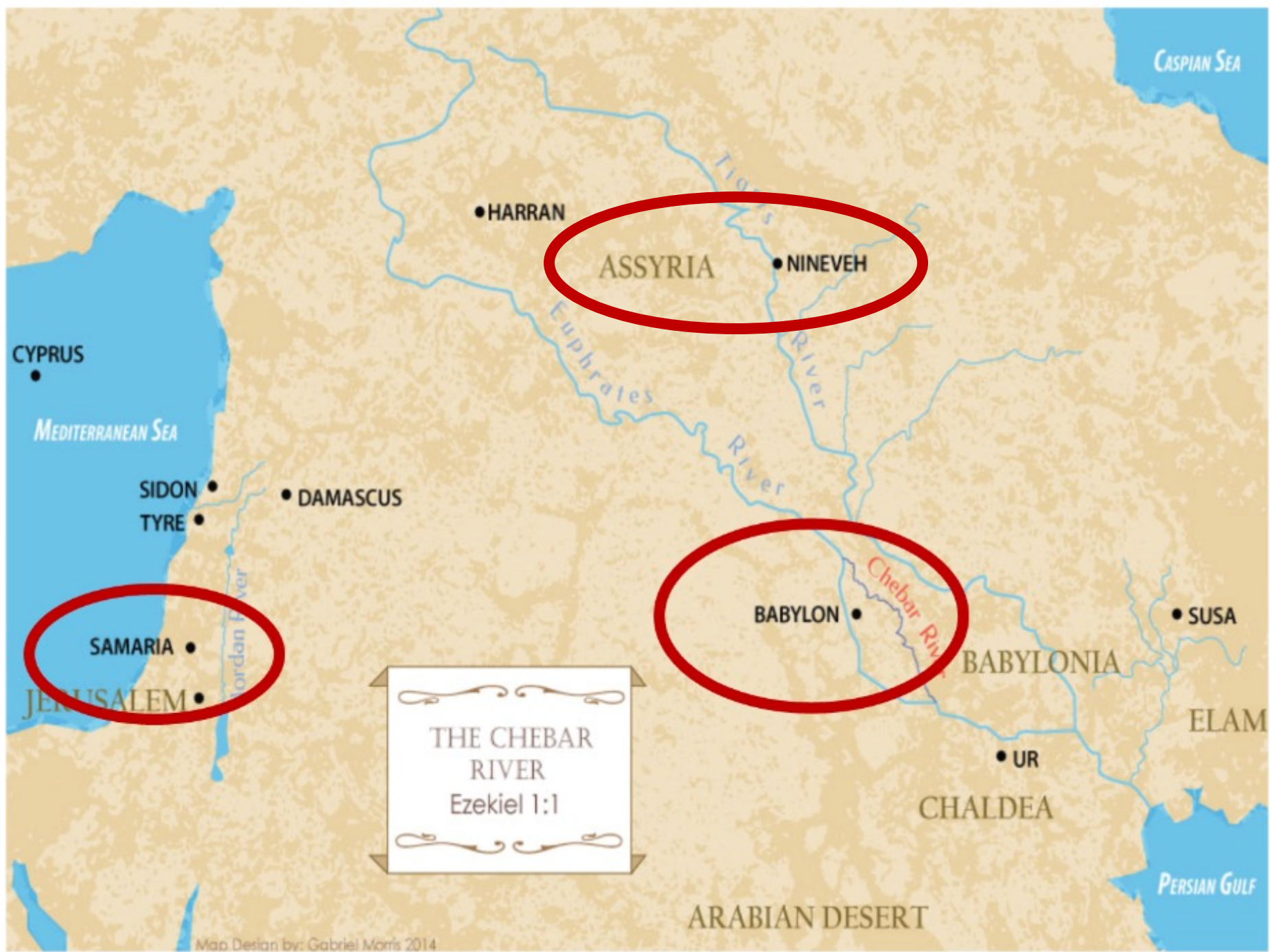
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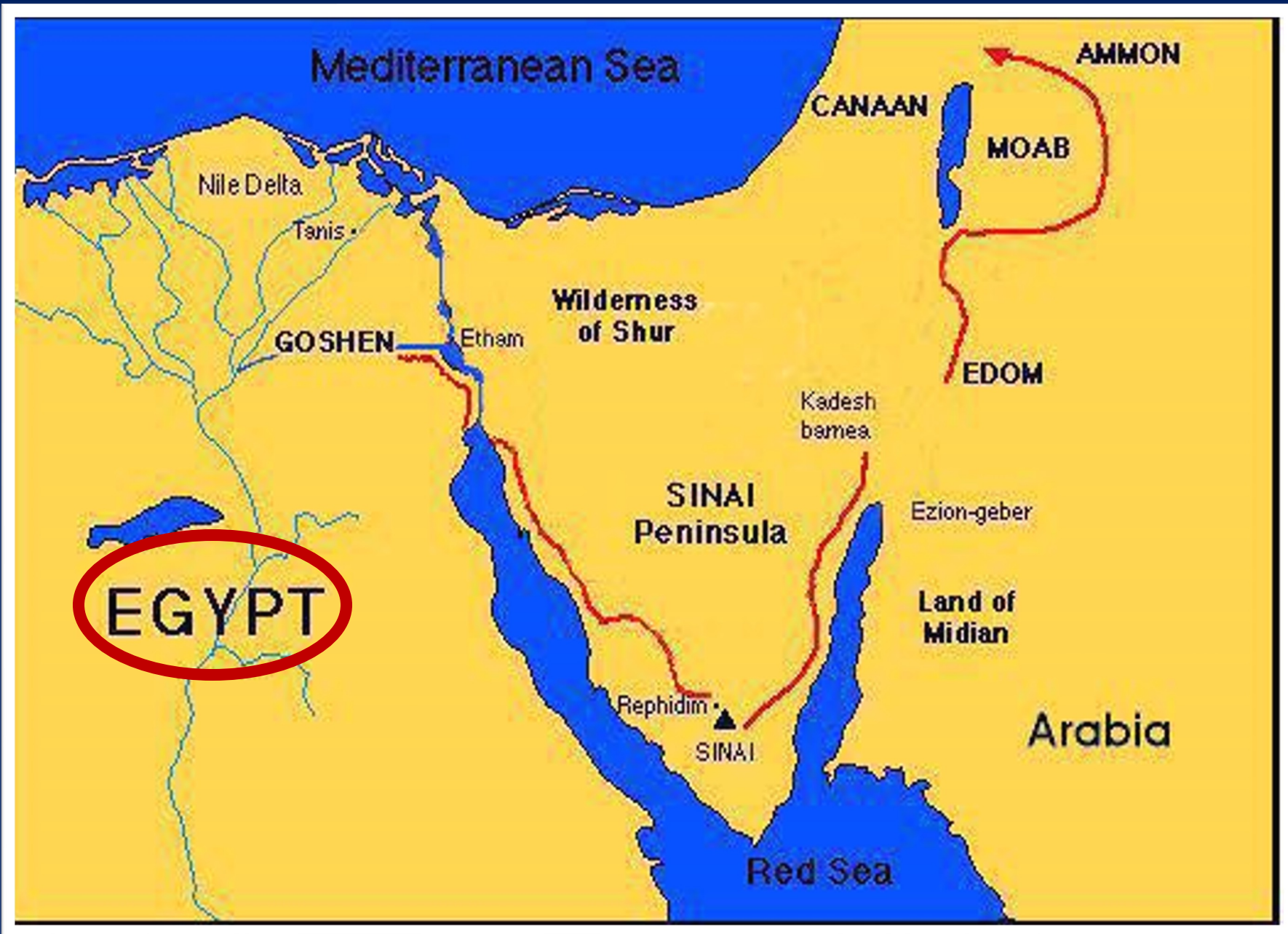








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VI. 8 New Promises

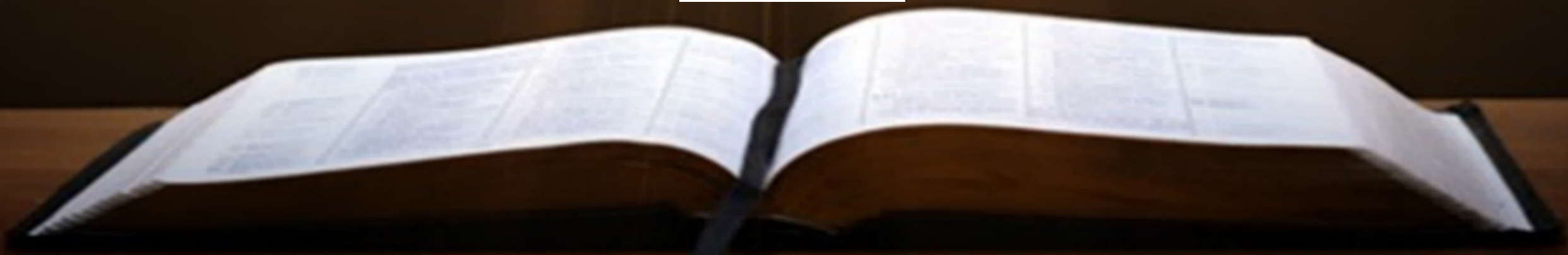
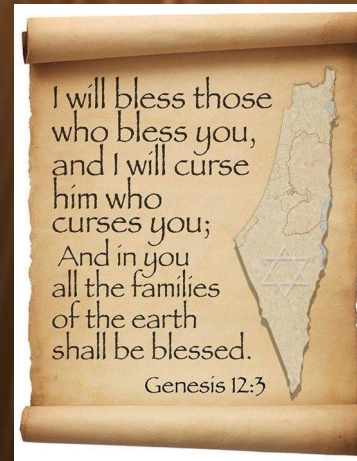
Genesis 12:1-3

- 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)
- H. Blessing to the world (Gen. 12:3c)



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.”



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