

Zechariah

God Remembers!



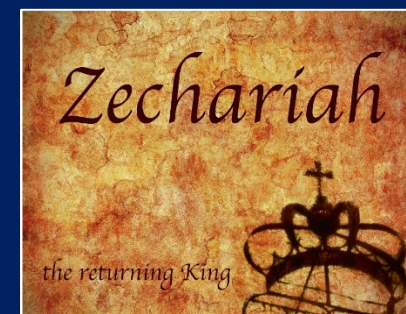
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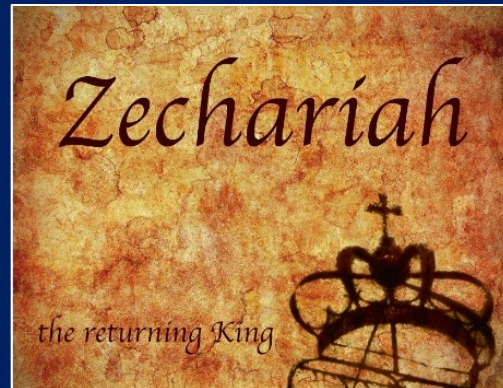
Occasion

- 538 B.C. – Cyrus' decree
- 536 B.C. – Temple foundation laid
- 534 B.C. – Temple building interrupted
- Temple project stalled for 15 years
- **520–518 B.C. – Ministries of Zechariah & Haggai**
- 519 B.C. – Darius confirmation of Cyrus' decree
- Resumption of Temple building
- 516 B.C. – Temple completed



Purposes

- A. To encourage the returnees to rebuild the Temple
- B. To provide eschatological hope in the challenging post-exilic world
- C. To prepare the returnees for Temple worship
- D. To exhort the returnees toward covenant obedience



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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. First Burden Outline (9–11)

1. Divine warrior hymn (9)
2. True shepherd (10)
3. False shepherd (11)



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Zechariah 12

(Israel's Physical & Spiritual Salvation)



- I. Israel's physical deliverance (12:1-9)
 - A. The nations that will attack Israel (1-3)
 - B. The God who will protect Israel (4-9)
- II. Israel's spiritual deliverance (12:10-14)
 - A. God's Spirit: the cause of revival (10a)
 - B. Israel's remorse: the result of revival (11-14)

Zechariah 13

(Israel's Physical & Spiritual Salvation)

- I. Spiritual cleansing (13:1-5)
- II. Comprehensive deliverance (13:6-9)



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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.”



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.’”



Ezekiel 38:12

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Charles L. Feinberg

The Prophecy of Ezekiel: The Glory of the Lord, Paperback ed.
(Chicago: Moody, 1969; reprint, Chicago: Moody, 1984), 223.

“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*.”

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1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

... have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words."



Christ's Return

(Acts 1:11)

- Physical
- Visible
- Bodily
- Earthly
- To the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4)





The Foot

“Jesus’ feet will first touch the earth where they left the earth, on the Mount of Olives. The mountain will split into with a great earthquake the instant that Jesus’ foot touches it. The great crevice which results will run east and west through the center of the mountain. It will go east to the north tip of the Dead Sea and west to the Mediterranean Sea (Zechariah 14). It was reported to me that an oil company doing seismic studies of this area in quest of oil discovered a gigantic fault running east and west precisely through the center of the Mount of Olives. The fault is so severe that it could split at any time. It is awaiting ‘the foot.’”

Ezekiel 38:18-19

“¹⁸ It will come about on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” declares the Lord GOD, “that My fury will mount up in My anger. ¹⁹ In My zeal and in My blazing wrath I declare *that* on that day there will surely be a great earthquake in the land of Israel.”



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“Scientists say thousands could die because Israel, which sits on a major fault line, has ignored warnings to strengthen homes and schools. After a series of minor tremors rattled northern Israel over the last two weeks, experts warned that the country is negligently unprepared for a major earthquake that would likely kill thousands of people, including many children. ‘The threat of an earthquake, is in my eyes, the greatest threat facing the state of Israel,’ geologist Ariel Heimann told Hadashot news on Friday. ‘It is definitely a greater threat than the Qassam [rockets] fired from Gaza, and it is a far greater danger than the Iranian . . .

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... threat.' Israel sits on the Syrian-African rift, a tear in the earth's crust running the length of the border separating Israel and Jordan, and is part of the Great Rift Valley, which extends from northern Syria to Mozambique. 'If, God forbid, we have an earthquake like this, it will leave thousands dead and hundreds of thousands of people will have to leave their homes. Houses will be destroyed, there will be massive economic damage that will set the country back dozens of years,' Heimann warned."

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Revelation 1:6; 5:10

“and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen...You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign [*basileuō*] upon the earth [*gē*].”



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Isaiah 13-14

- Day of the Lord (13:6-9)
- Cosmic disturbances (13:10-13)
- Global judgment (13:11-12)
- Sodom and Gomorrah (13:19)
- Complete and final desolation (13:20-22)
- Universal peace and rest (14:5-8)
- Israel's regeneration (14:1-4)

Henry Morris, *Revelation Record*, 348.

Isaiah 13/Matthew 24 Connection

The background image is a composite of several elements. At the top, there are swirling, ethereal clouds in shades of purple and blue. Below this, a bright, glowing orb (likely the sun or moon) is partially obscured by a dark, circular shadow. The lower portion of the image shows a landscape with green hills and a city that appears to be in ruins or under attack, with smoke or fire rising from the buildings. The overall atmosphere is one of divine judgment and the end of the world.

■ **Isaiah 13:10; Matthew 24:29**

■ **Isaiah 13:12; Matthew 24:21-22**

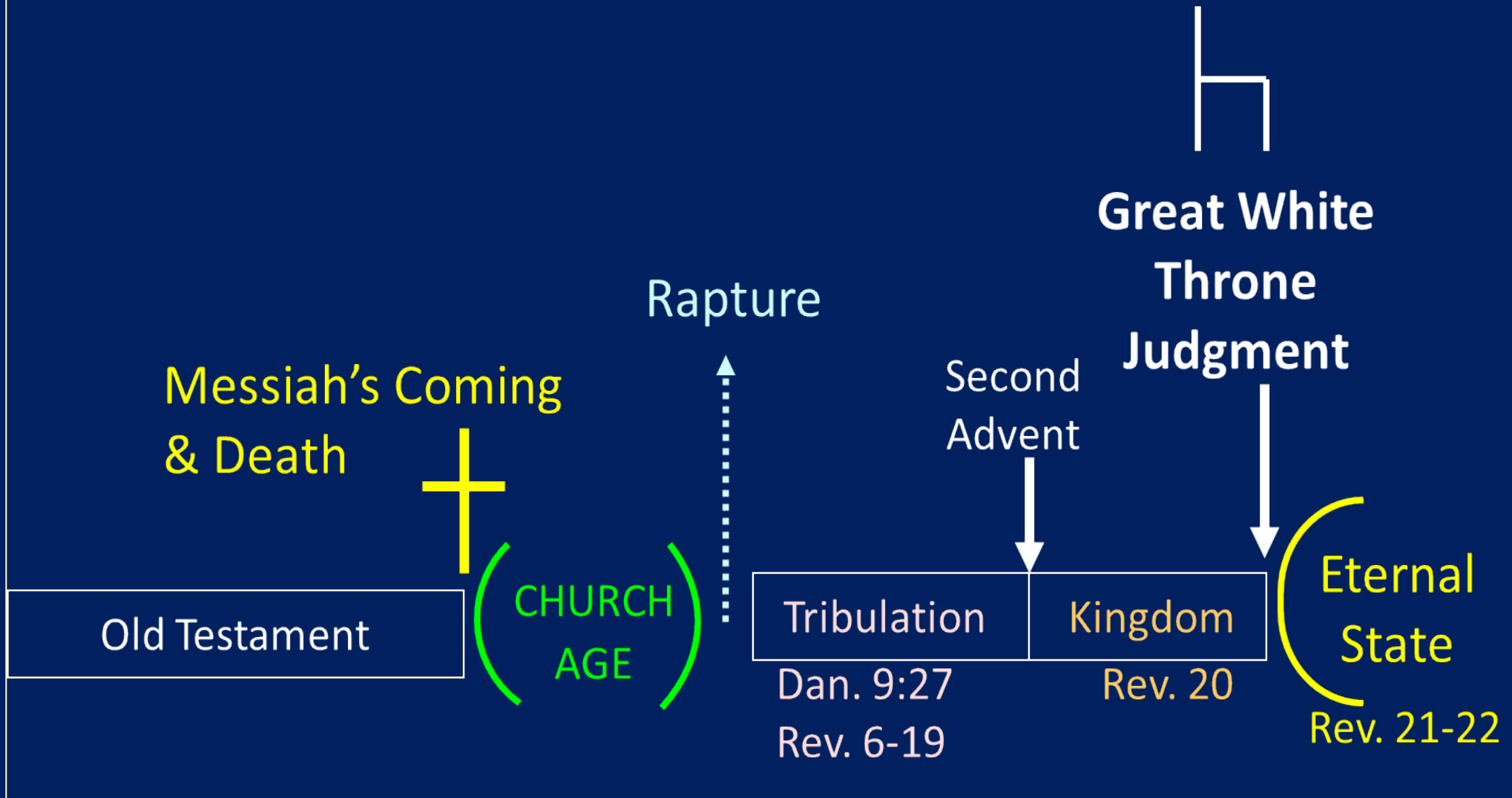
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Tel Aviv-Yafo

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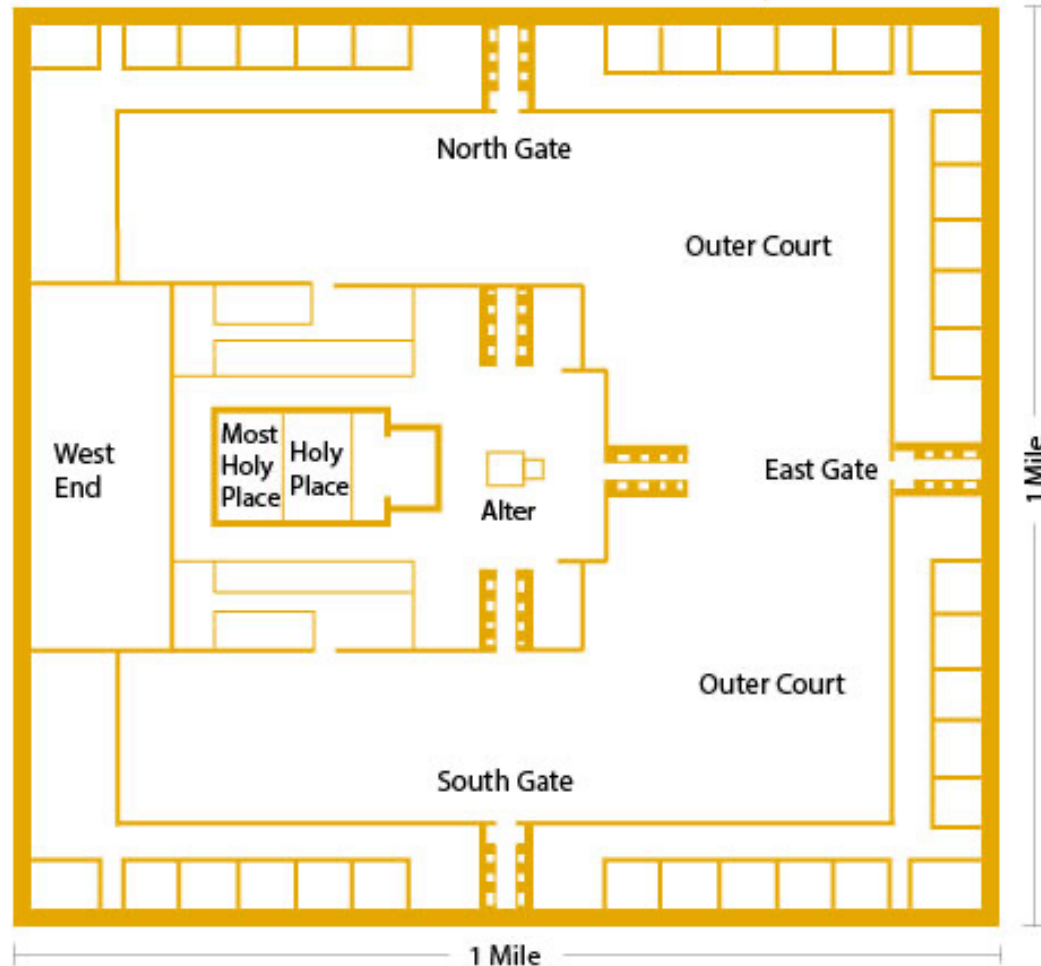
Judea

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The Millennium Temple

THE MILLENNIUM TEMPLE 500 x 500 CUBITS | 750 x 750 FT



Dead Sea





DEAD SEA







Distances Between Israeli Population Centers and Pre-1967 Armistice Lines



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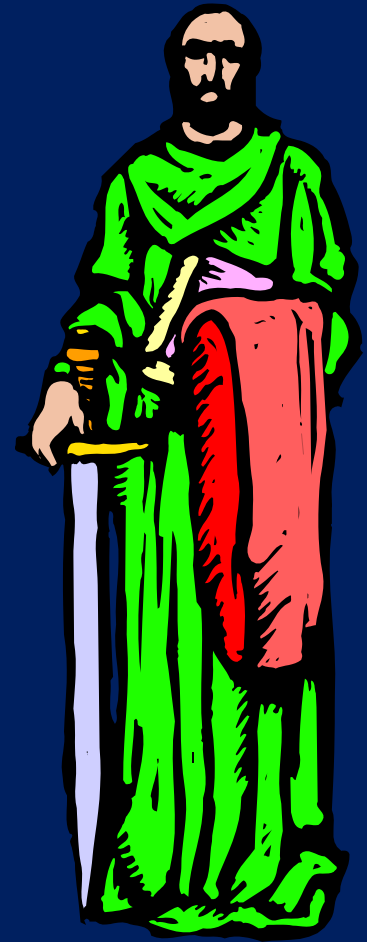
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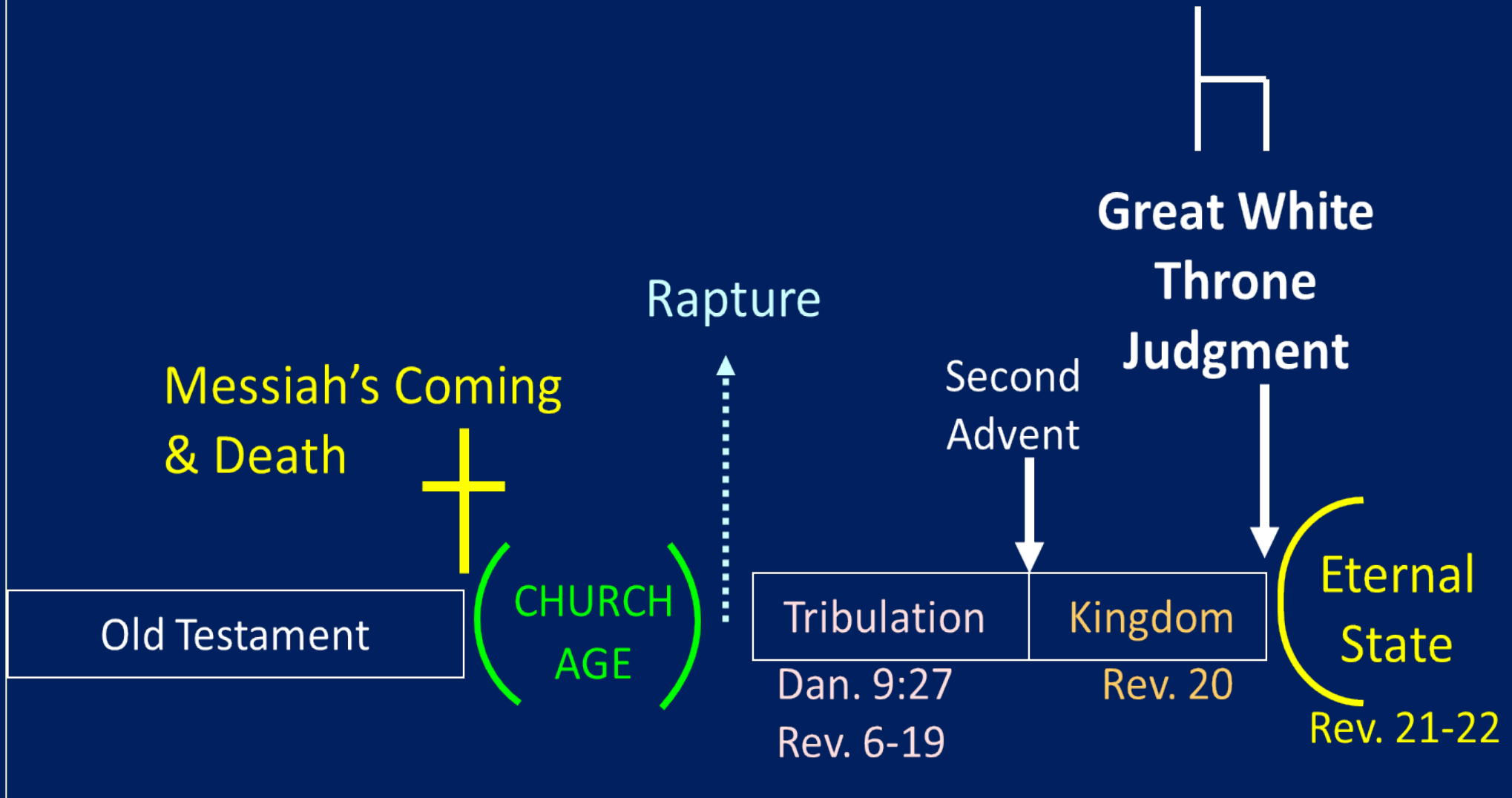


Christ's Three Offices

- Prophet (First Coming)
- Priest (Present Session)
- King (Second Coming)



Prophecy Panorama



Eternal State is Future

1. No Satan (Rev 20:10)
2. No sea (Rev 21:1)
3. No death, crying, or pain (Rev 21:4)
4. No Sun (Rev 22:5)
5. No Moon (Rev 21:23)
6. No temple (Rev. 21:22)
7. No night (Rev 21:25)
8. No evil (Rev 21:27)
9. No curse (Rev 22:3)



Revelation 21:4

“and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”



Zechariah 14:16-18

“Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. ¹⁷ And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. ¹⁸ If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no *rain will fall* on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.”



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Topographical Changes

(Ezek. 47:1-12)



- a. Abundant rainfall (Ezek. 34:26-27)
- b. Water in the desert (Isa. 35:6-7)
- c. Life to the Dead Sea (Ezek. 47:1-12)
- d. Sun seven times brighter (Isa. 30:26)
- e. Physical healing (Isa. 35:5-6)

Isaiah 2:1-4

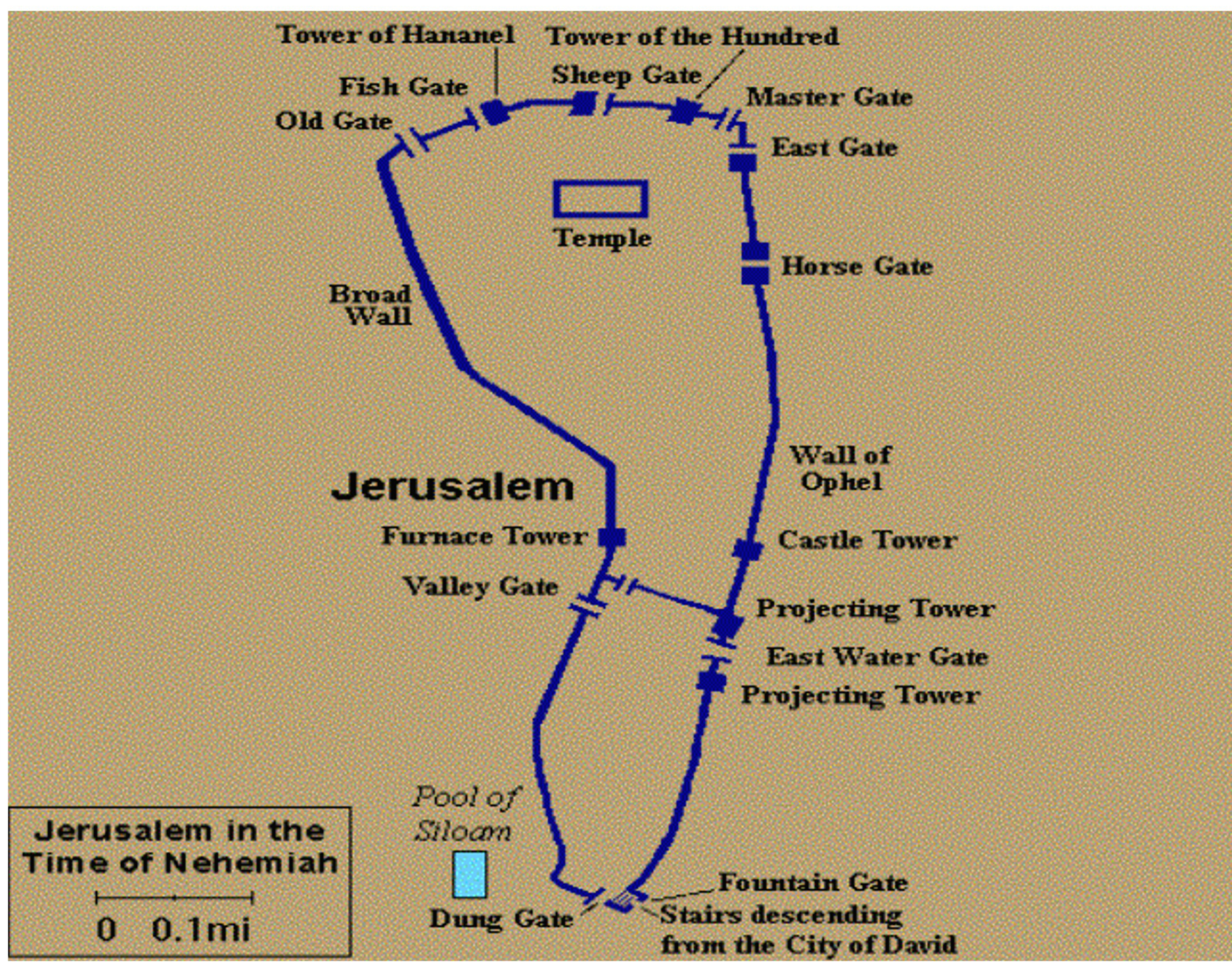
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Millennium Rev.20	Eternal State Rev.21-22
Sin restrained	Sin removed
Curse restrained	Curse removed
Death	No death
Mortals / resurrected	Resurrected only
Mortals Destinies undecided	All Destinies sealed
Renovation	Recreation
Temporary	Eternal
Transitional	Non-transitional

Millennium and Eternal State

	Rev 20:1-10	Rev 21–22
Time	20:4	22:5
Luminaries	Isa 30:26	21:23; 22:5
Temple	Ezek 40–48	21:22
Death	Isa 65:20	21:4
Satanic activity	20:7	20:10
Rebellion	20:8-9	21:27



1st Six Seals (Revelation 6)

SEAL 1 – 6:1-2 – Advent of antichrist

SEAL 2 – 6:3-4 – War

SEAL 3 – 6:5-6 – Famine

SEAL 4 – 6:7-8 – Death

SEAL 5 – 6:9-11 – Martyrdoms

SEAL 6 – 6:12-17 – Cosmic disturbances



Ezekiel 38:8, 11

“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 [batach], all of them.... ¹¹ and you will say, ‘I will go up against the land of unwalled villages. I will go against those who are at rest [shacat], that live securely [batach], all of them living without walls and having no bars or gates.”



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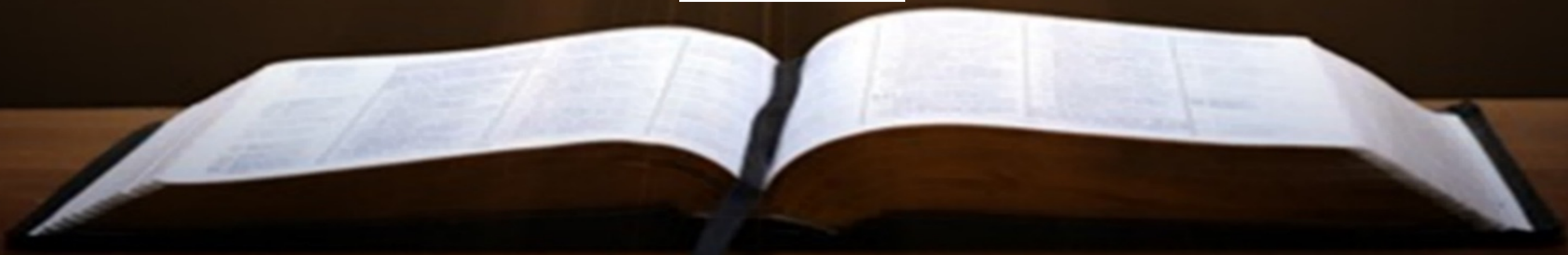
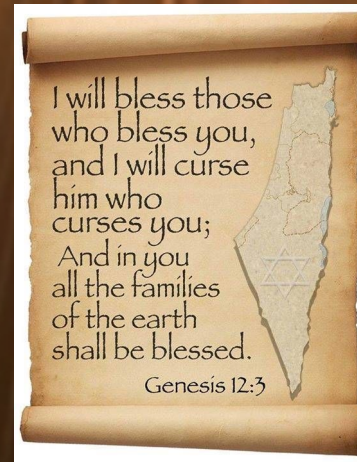
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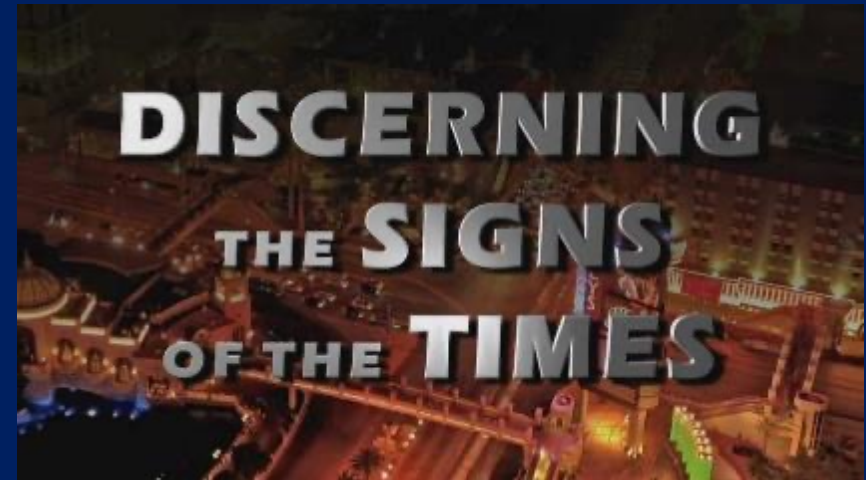
Genesis 12:3

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



Signs of the Second Coming

1. Israel
2. International Politics
3. Economics
4. Technology
5. Spirituality
6. Society
7. Understanding Bible Prophecy



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“Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish with all its villages will say to you, ‘Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great spoil?’”



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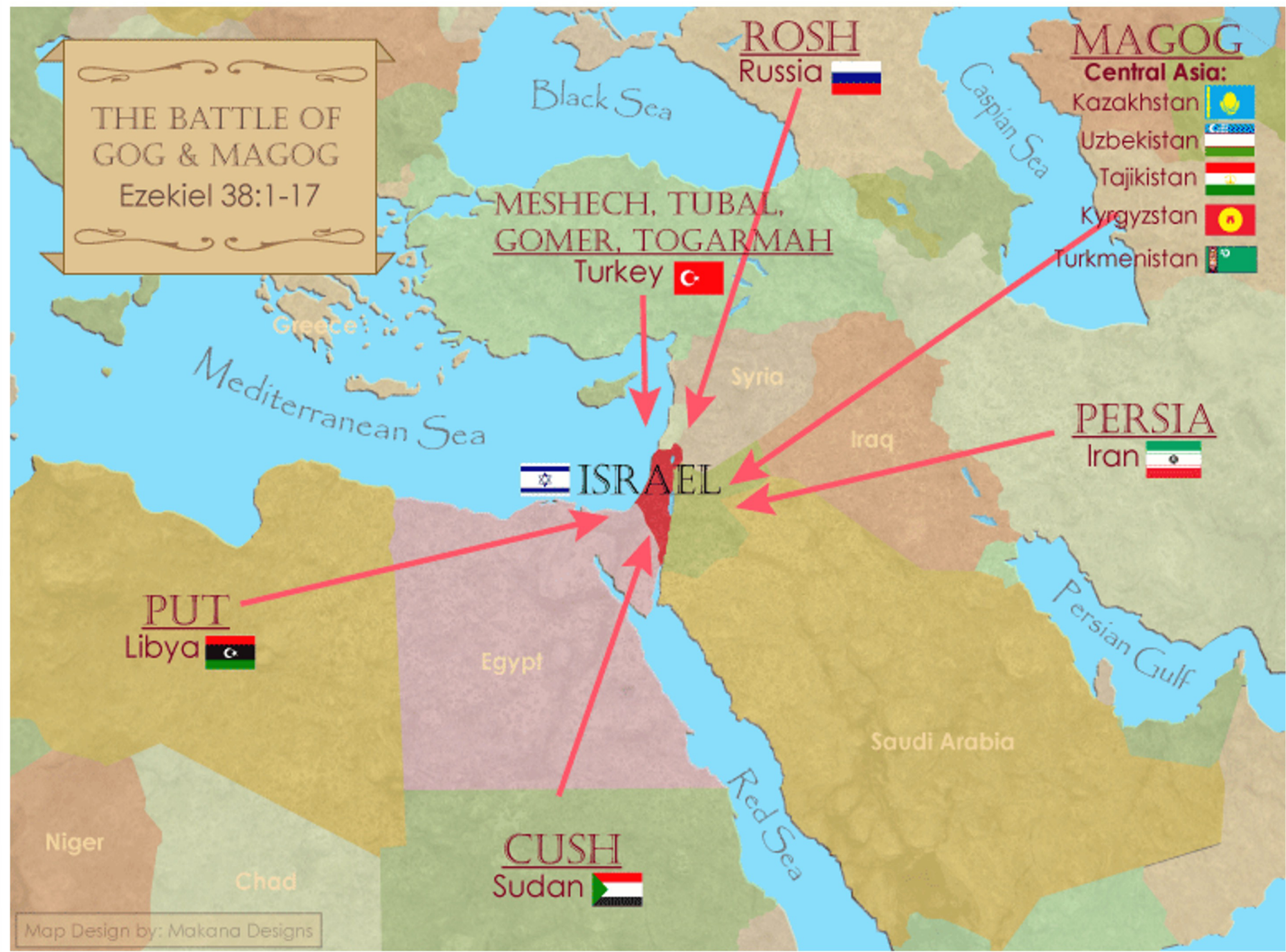
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THE BATTLE OF
GOG & MAGOG
Ezekiel 38:1-17



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Russia

MAGOG
Central Asia:

- Kazakhstan
- Uzbekistan
- Tajikistan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Turkmenistan

MESHECH, TUBAL,
GOMER, TOGARMAH
Turkey

PERSIA
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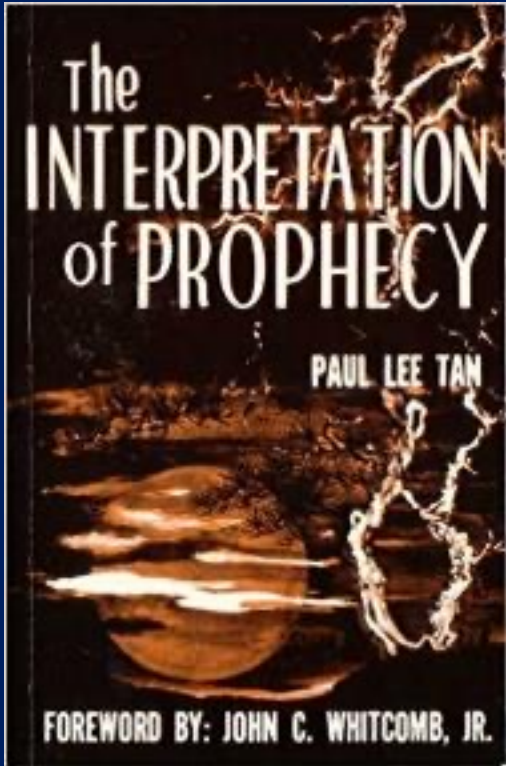
ISRAEL

PUT
Libya

CUSH
Sudan

Paul Lee Tan

The Interpretation of Prophecy, 223-24



“Interestingly, these prophesied military instruments though centuries old have not been made obsolete. The horse, for instance, is still used in warfare on certain kinds of terrain.”

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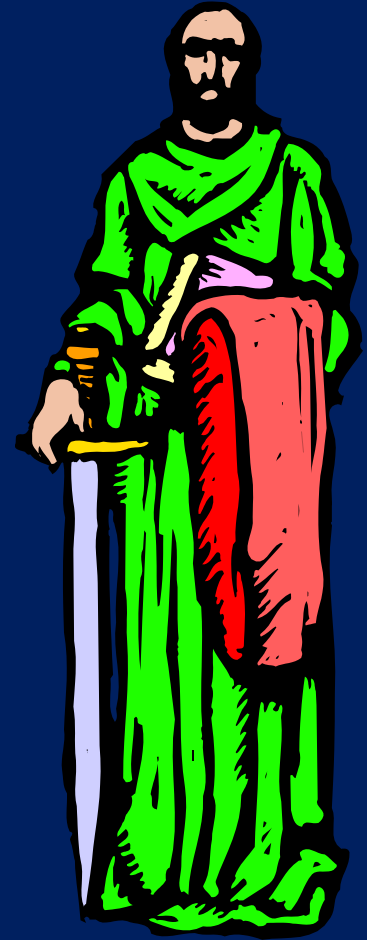
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... walk in His paths.” For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.⁴ And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.”



Revelation 20:7-9

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Robert Thomas

Four Views on the Book of Revelation, page 207.



“At the end of the Millennium that city will be Satan’s prime objective with his rebel army, because Israel will be a leader among the nations.”



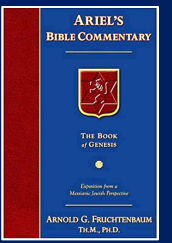
Levitical Feasts (Leviticus 23)

Feast	Season	Purpose	Type
Passover	Spring	Redemption	1 Cor 5:7
Unleavened Bread	Spring	Separation	John 6:35
1st fruits	Spring	Praise	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



Dr. Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum

Footsteps of the Messiah, 456-57



“There are usually three main objections to taking these sacrifices literally. *First objection:* This would mean a return to the sacrificial system of the Mosaic Law which ended when Messiah died and therefore violates all that the New Testament teaches about the termination of the Law as a rule of life. *Answer:* While there are many similarities with the sacrifices of the Mosaic Law, as there are between the sacrifices of Noah and Moses, the differences show they are not the same. It was these very differences that kept the rabbis from accepting Ezekiel into the Hebrew Canon for some time. These differences include the following...All these differences show that this is not a return to the Law of Moses, but it is a new system under Kingdom Law and so it does not violate what the New Testament teaches concerning the termination of the Law with Messiah’s death.”

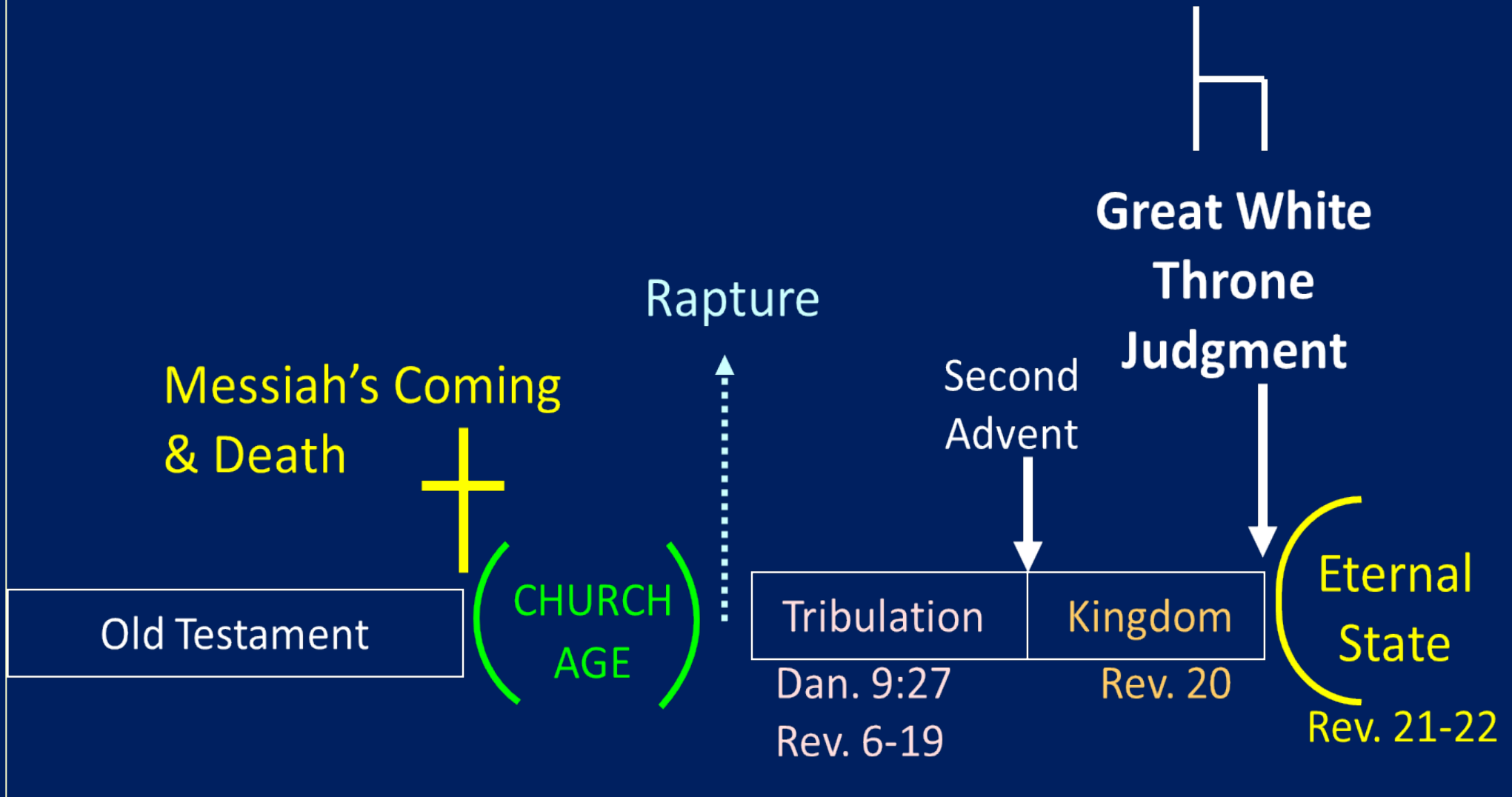
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(Zechariah 14:16-21)

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Prophecy Panorama



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9. No curse (Rev 22:3)



Revelation 21:4

“and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”



Millennium Rev.20	Eternal State Rev.21-22
Sin restrained	Sin removed
Curse restrained	Curse removed
Death	No death
Mortals / resurrected	Resurrected only
Mortals Destinies undecided	All Destinies sealed
Renovation	Recreation
Temporary	Eternal
Transitional	Non-transitional

Millennium and Eternal State

	Rev 20:1-10	Rev 21–22
Time	20:4	22:5
Luminaries	Isa 30:26	21:23; 22:5
Temple	Ezek 40–48	21:22
Death	Isa 65:20	21:4
Satanic activity	20:7	20:10
Rebellion	20:8-9	21:27

Ezekiel 20:33-38

³³ “As I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “surely with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I shall be king over you. ³⁴ I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out; ³⁵ and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. ³⁶ As I entered into . . .



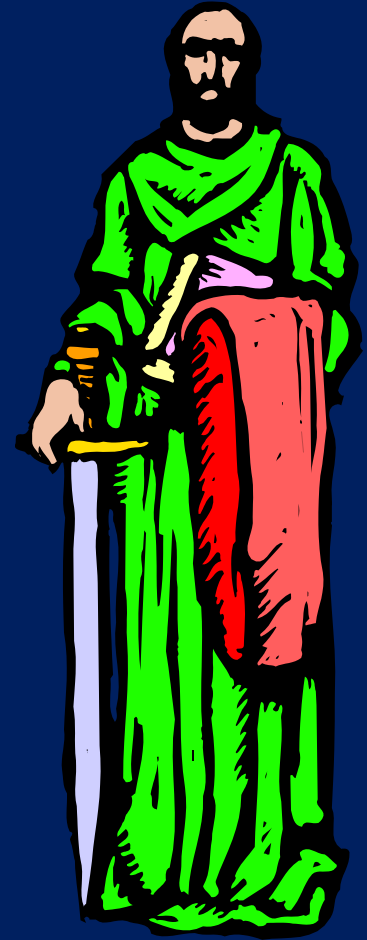
Ezekiel 20:33-38

... judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you,” declares the Lord God. ³⁷ “I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; ³⁸ **and I will purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me**; I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they will not enter the land of Israel. Thus you will know that I am the LORD.



Christ's Three Offices

- Prophet (First Coming)
- Priest (Present Session)
- King (Second Coming)



Zechariah 14:16-18

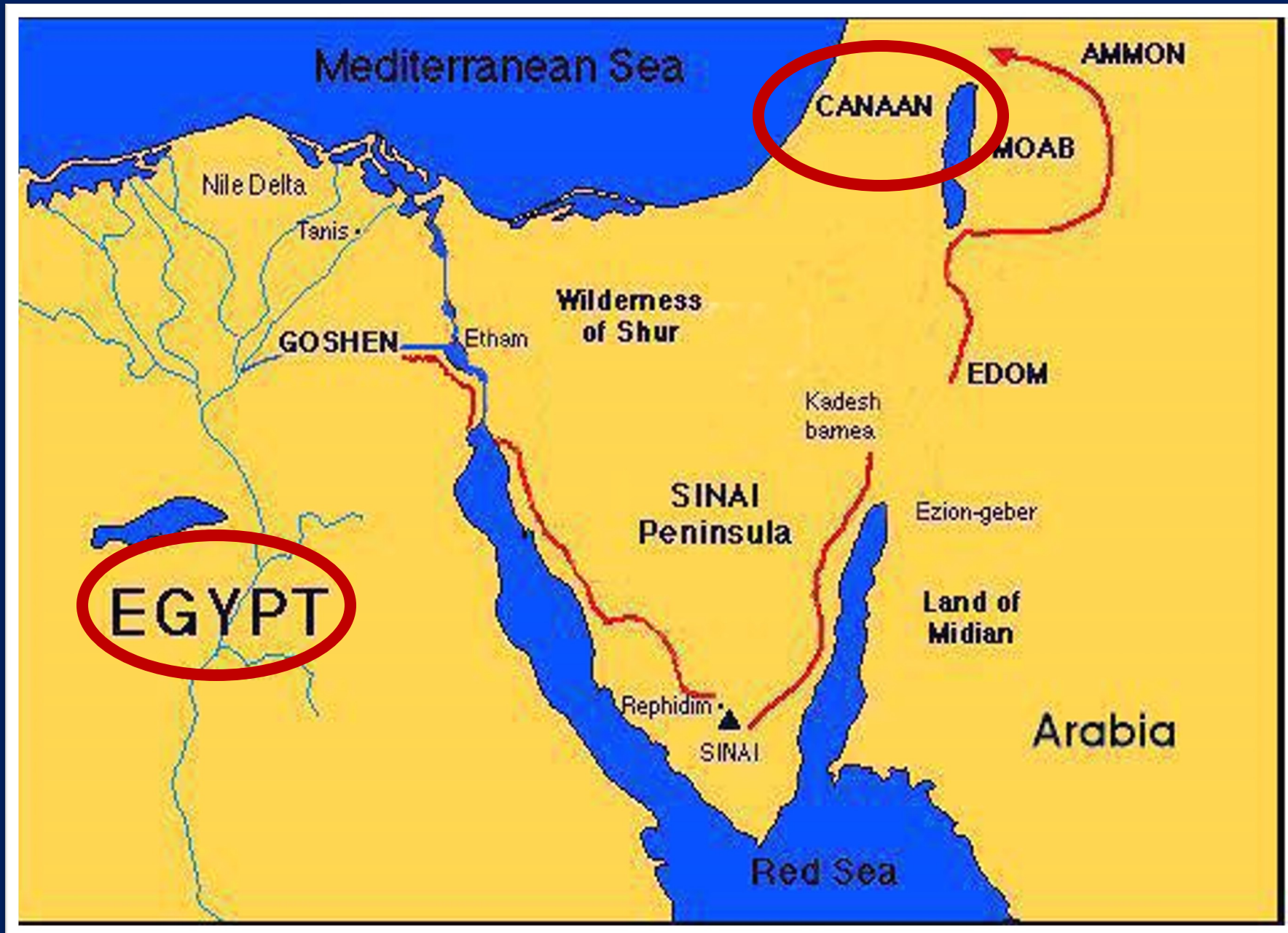
“Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. ¹⁷ And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. ¹⁸ If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no *rain will fall* on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.”



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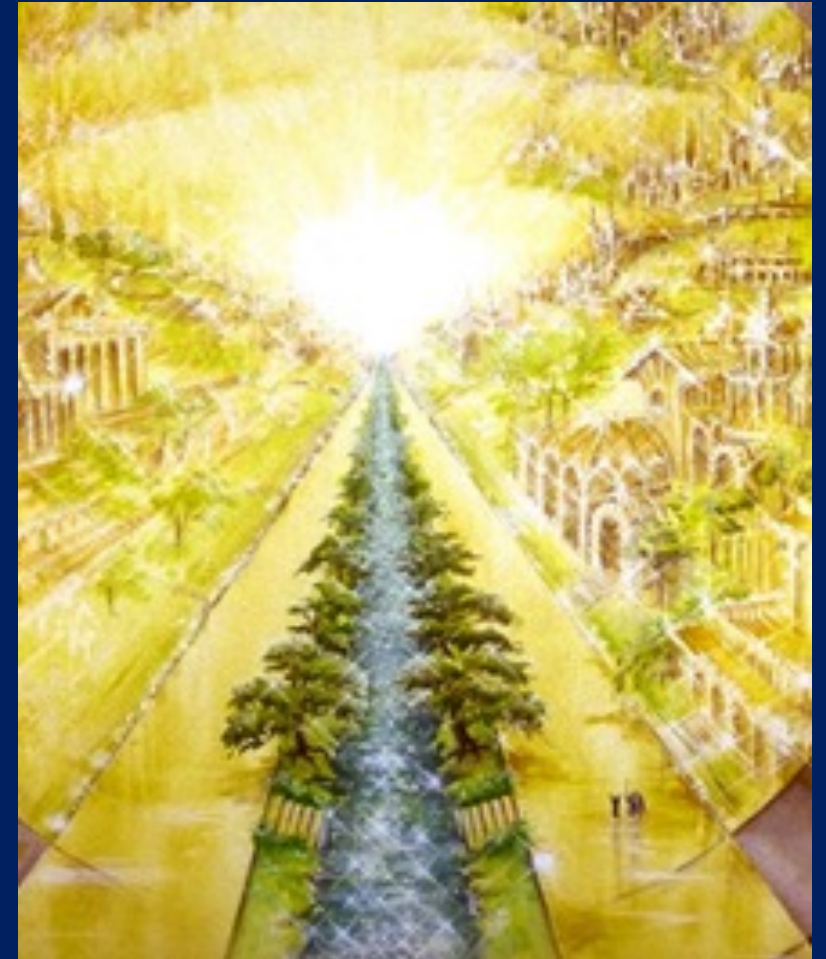
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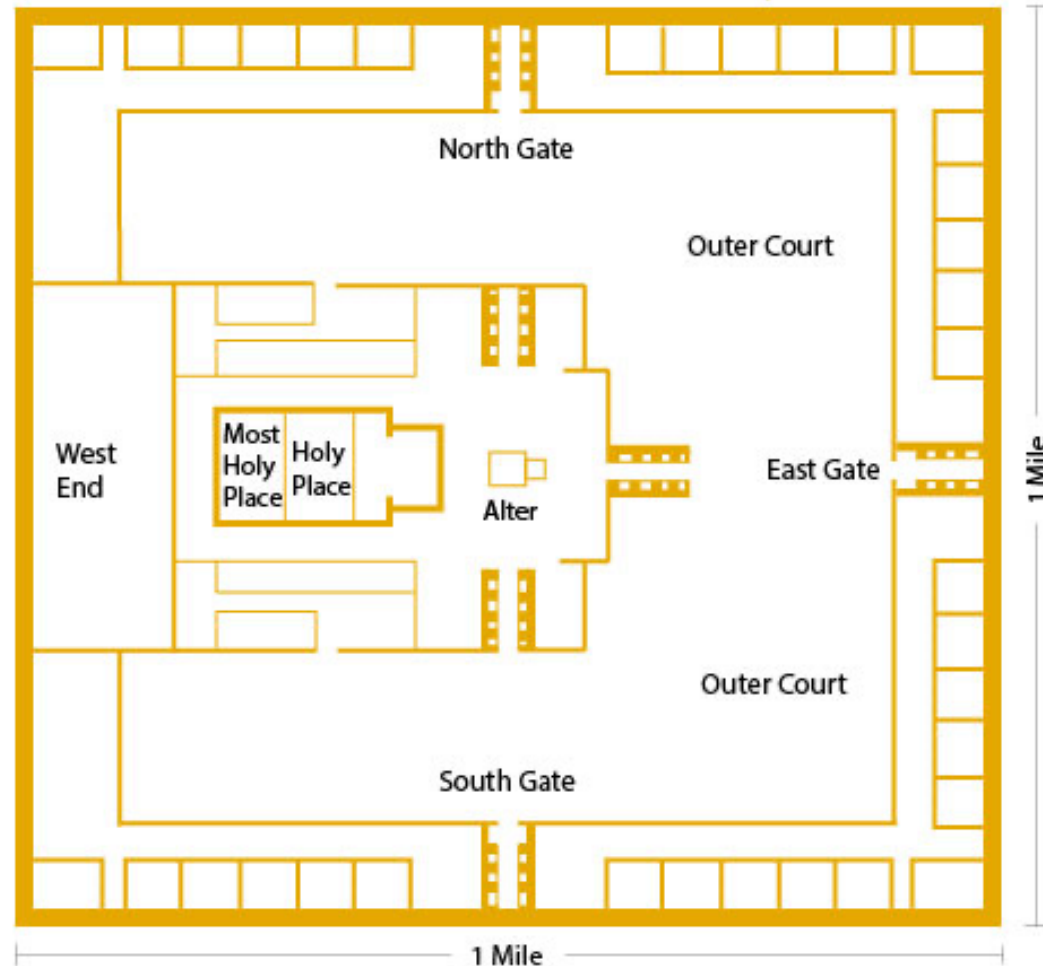


ISRAEL'S FOUR TEMPLES

1. Solomon's pre-exilic temple (Kings and Chronicles)
2. Zerubbabel's post exilic temple (Ezra 1-6; John 2:20)
3. Antichrist's temple (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 11:1-2)
4. Millennial temple (Ezek. 40-48)

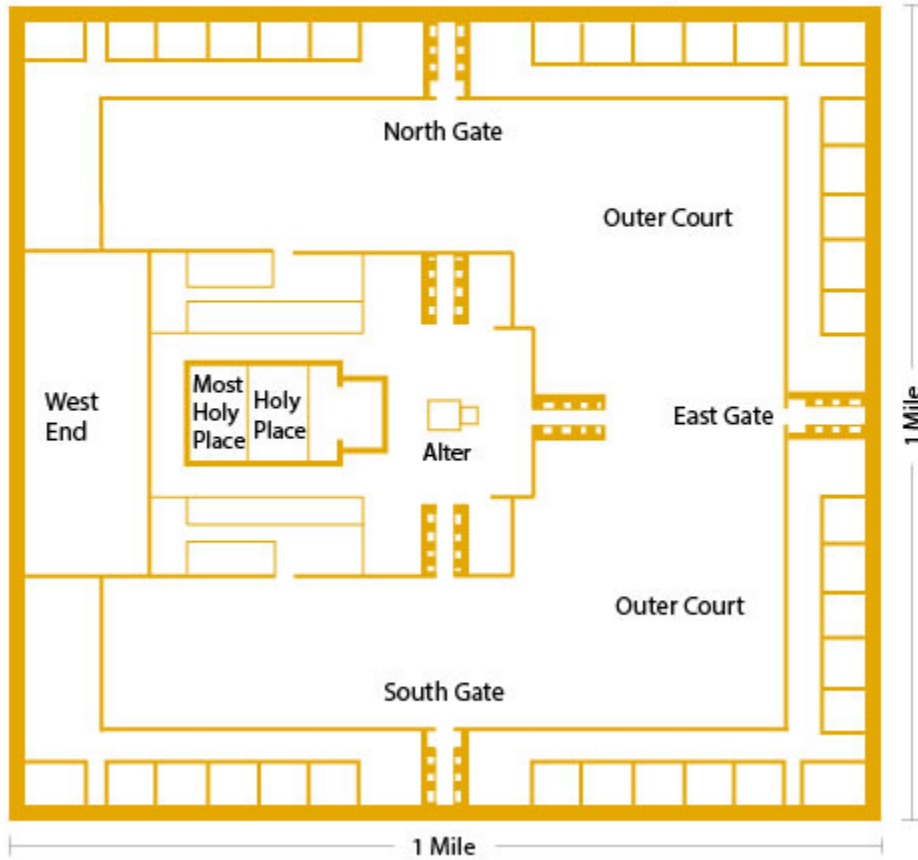
The Millennium Temple

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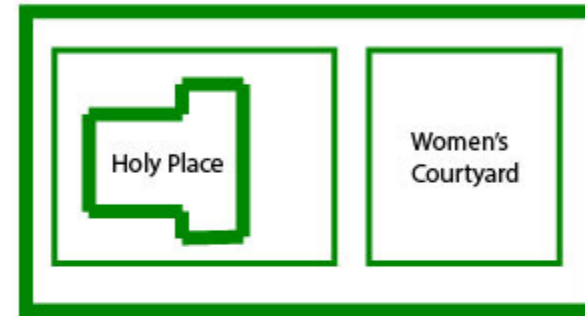


TEMPLE COMPARISONS

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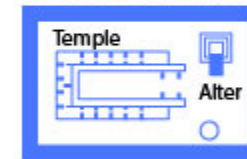


TABERNACLE



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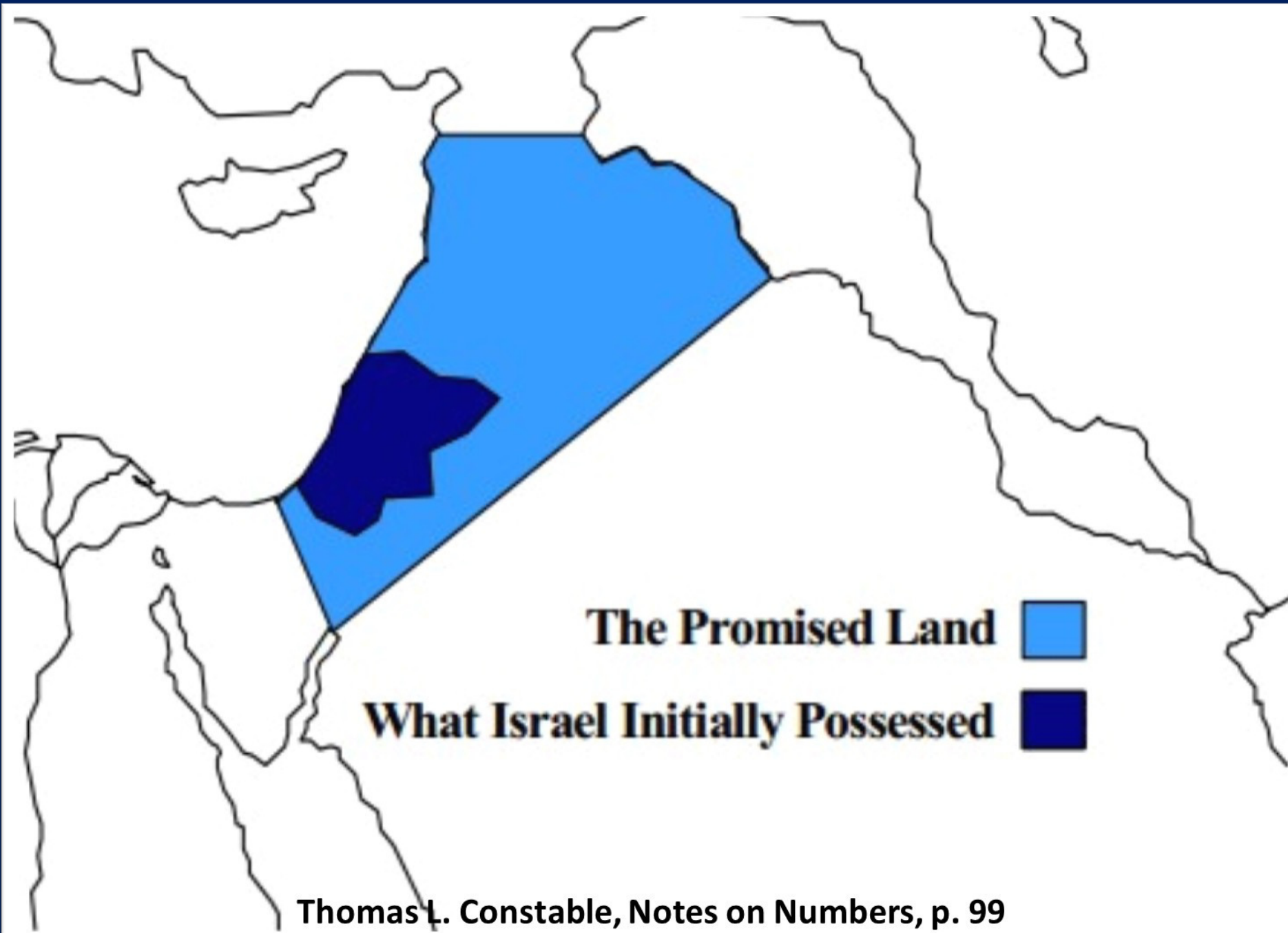
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE



FOOTBALL FIELD



100x50 YARDS | 300x150 FT



Thomas L. Constable, Notes on Numbers, p. 99

Conclusion

Zechariah 14

(Israel's Kingdom)

- I. Jerusalem's deliverance (14:1-7)
- II. Kingdom conditions (14:8-11)
- III. Enemies' judgment (12-15)
- IV. Kingdom worship (16-21)

