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A satellite-style map of the Middle East region. The land is shown in shades of brown and tan, indicating arid terrain. The Mediterranean Sea is on the left, and the Red Sea is at the bottom. A blue Star of David is overlaid on the map, centered over the country of Israel. To the right of the star, there is white text with a drop shadow.

We need to see and  
understand who we are and  
what we are.



As born again believers we  
are linked to this nation  
through Jesus since 30AD.

30-90AD: Jesus is at the Right Hand of  
God the Father.

All of the Apostles have been martyred with the exception of John who is exiled on the Island of Patmos.

Jerusalem has been demolished and a new city  
Aelia Capitolina is being built on top of the ruins.

The geographical area of Israel has been renamed  
- *Palestine* by the Romans.

The Jews have been driven out and the area resettled by various populations of Romans, Greeks, Syrians, Lebanese, Bedouins and Arabs.

Mt. Vesuvius erupted nine years after Jerusalem was destroyed changing the weather for the whole region for several months.

Rumors are circulating that Jesus has already returned and believers missed Him.

Jesus in all His Glory and Grace appears to John to deliver a message in person.

## Revelation 1:12–16 (ESV)

12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,

13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.

14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire,

15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.

## Revelation 1:16–20 (ESV)

16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last,

18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Revelation 1:19–20 (ESV)

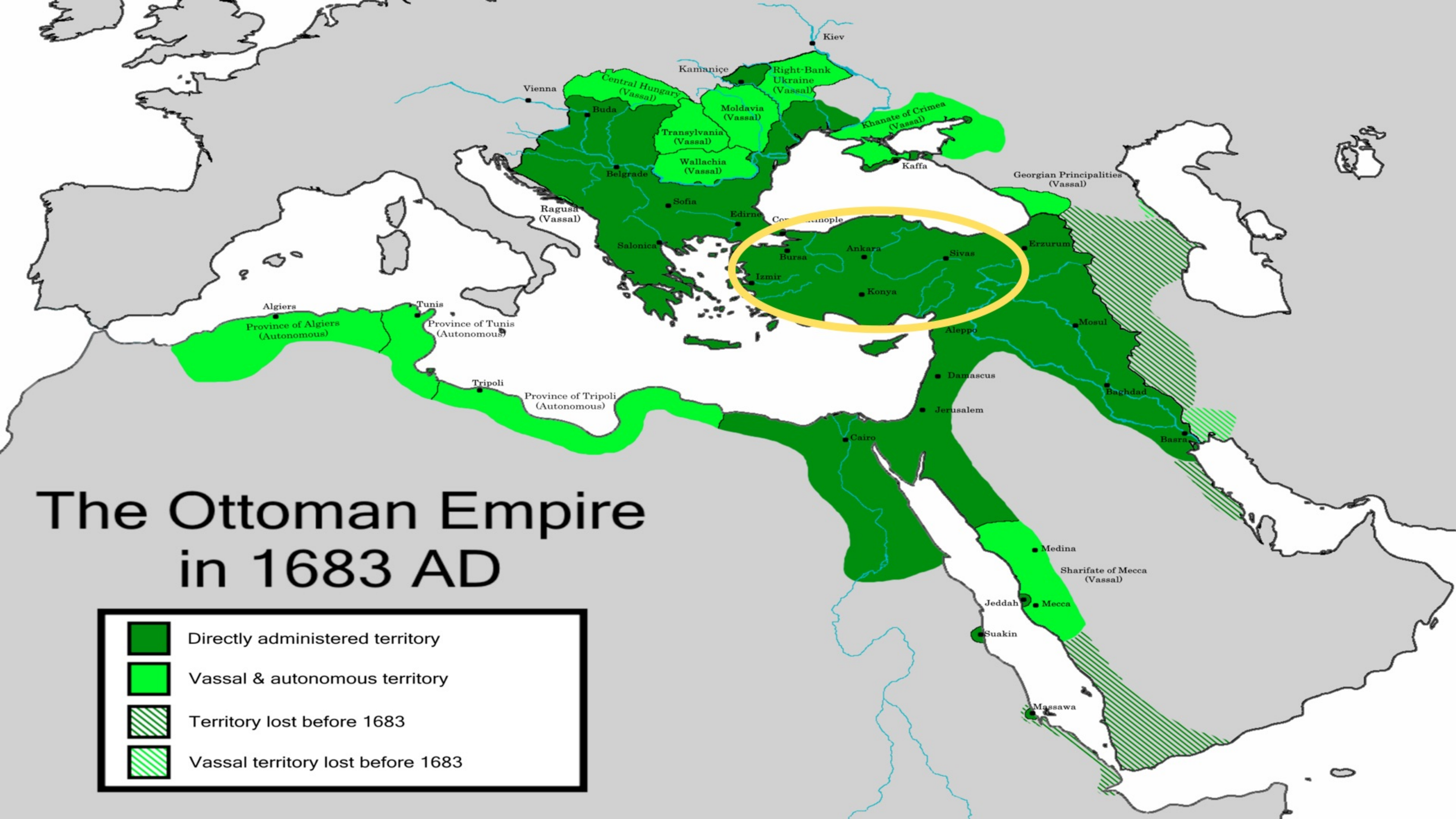
19 Write therefore the things that you have seen,  
those that are and those that are to take place after  
this.

20 As for the mystery of the seven stars that you  
saw in my right hand, and the seven golden  
lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the  
seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the  
seven churches.





Jesus begins by addressing 7 churches founded by the Apostle Paul from the church at Ephesus.

The Churches are also just south of the capitol of Byzantium which in 286AD will become the Eastern Greek speaking Roman Empire known as Constantinople also known as the Byzantine Empire.

The Byzantine Empire continues until 1450AD when the Ottoman Empire (Turkish Muslims) take control until 1923 when they are defeated in WWI.



# The Ottoman Empire in 1683 AD

	Directly administered territory
	Vassal & autonomous territory
	Territory lost before 1683
	Vassal territory lost before 1683

25 years later in 1948 Israel is reborn.



1923

1922/1991  
Russia

1949

1925

1930

1946

1932

1948

1921

1951

1922

1932

1956

The purpose of this book is to reveal the great mystery of Jesus and the Church since He rose and went to be with God the Father.

Jesus in His perfect wisdom chose to use symbolic imagery to explain the Great Mystery of God and the Day of the Lord, fulfilling all of the prophecies of the Prophets, Jesus and Apostles.

Jesus first encourages and warns the 7 churches which represent the whole Bride beginning with the Church at Ephesus which founded the other 6 churches in Revelation 2-3.

When Jesus finishes addressing the churches serving Him on the earth; He begins to explain what has been happening in Heaven since He left the earth and entered the Throne Room of Heaven.

## Revelation 5:1–5 (ESV)

1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”

## Revelation 5:3–5 (ESV)

3And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it,  
4and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.  
5And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

John gets to look back at what has been going on  
for the last 60 years since the ascension from  
Mt. Olives.

Revelation gives believers the assurance of the victory of Jesus the Christ and insight into the End of Days.

Byzantium  
Constantinople  
Istanbul



Why theses 7  
Churches?



What does it mean to be a (C)hurch?

What does it mean specifically for NLF?



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