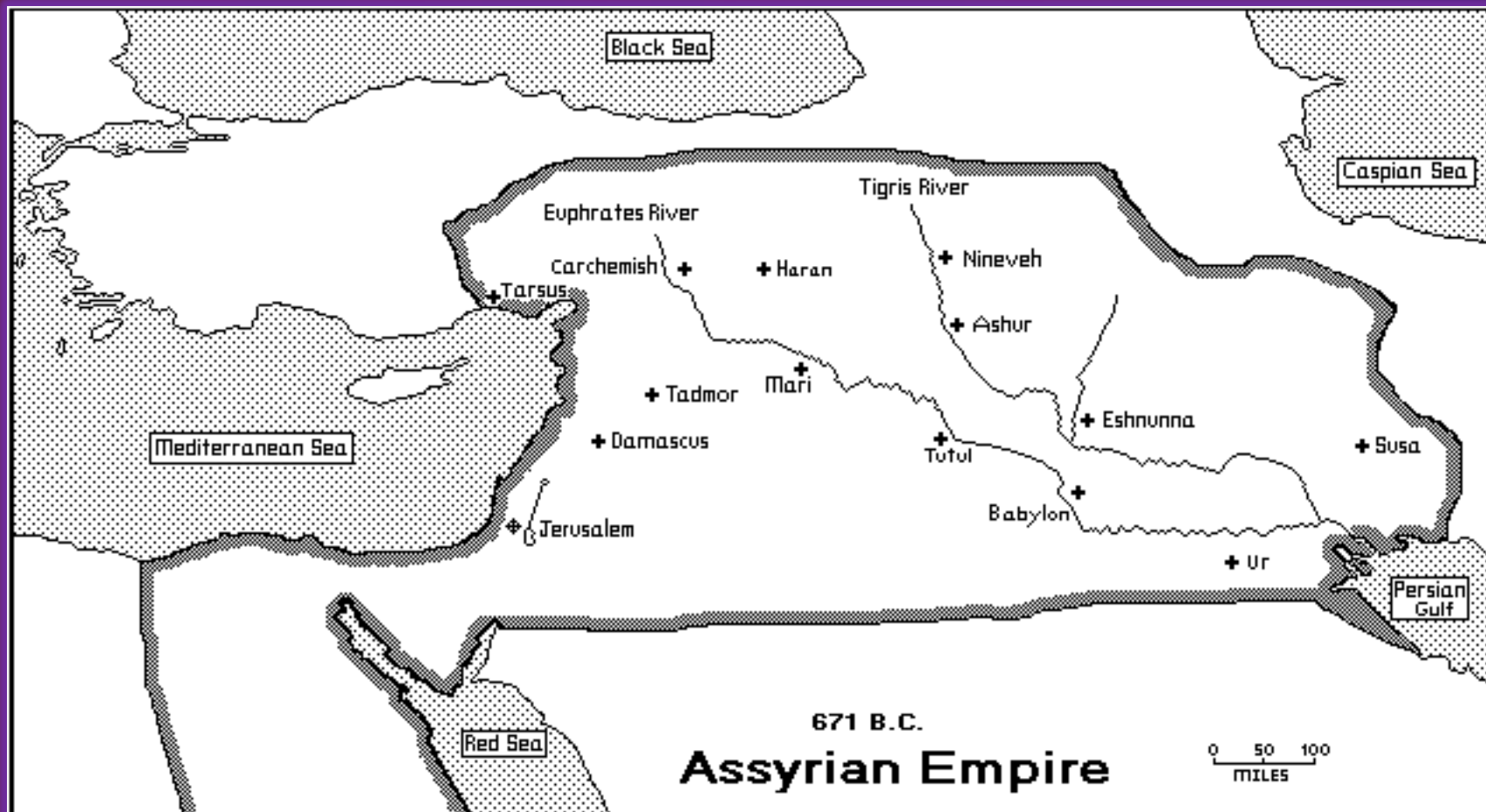


**God Considers  
Us His  
Workmanships-  
Masterpieces!**

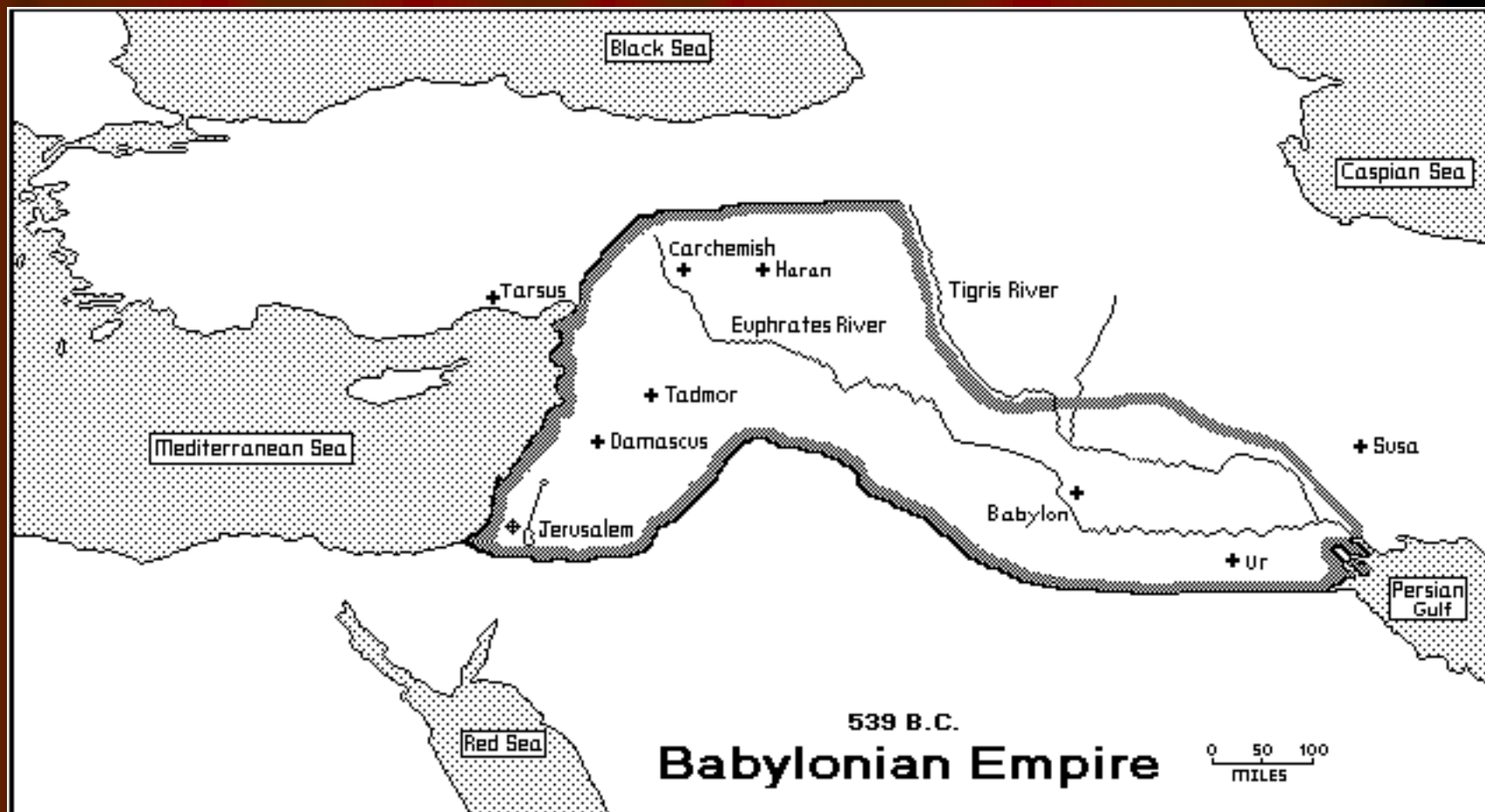
# Ephesians 2:10

”For we are His **workmanship**  
*(poiéma = “masterpiece”)*,  
created in Christ Jesus for  
good works, which God  
prepared beforehand so that  
we would walk in them.”



**609 BC marked  
the end of the  
Assyrian empire.**

**After the 605 BC  
battle against Egypt  
at Carchemish, only  
Babylon remained  
in the world ring.**



# Jeremiah 18:22-23a

“They have dug a pit to capture me and hidden snares for my feet . . . Yet You O LORD know all their deadly designs against me.”

# Jeremiah 11:19

**“But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; and I did not know they had devised plots against me, saying, ‘Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.’”**



# Jeremiah 25:3, 7

“From the thirteenth year of Josiah ... even to this day, these twenty-three years the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken to you again and again, but you have not listened ... ‘Yet you have not listened to Me,’ declares the LORD, ‘in order that you might provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm.’”

Jeremiah 8:15a

“For My people  
have forgotten  
(shákah) Me.”

# Jeremiah 2:13

“For My people have committed two evils: They have **forsaken (ázab)** Me, the fountain of living waters, to hew for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

**I Corinthians 10:11-12 “Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.”**

**Matthew 7:13, "For the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it."**

**2 Timothy 3:12**

**“Indeed, all who  
desire to live godly in  
Christ Jesus will be  
persecuted.”**

**Isaiah 64:8: "We are  
the clay, and You are  
our Potter; and all of us  
are the work of Your  
hand."**

**Ephesians 1:3-4: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him” ”**



**It means be filled with  
thanksgiving that  
believers are each  
valuable and useful to  
our Maker — as His  
masterpieces!**

Romans 3:23 states, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory (**honor [*dóxa*]**) of God.” This is the dilemma we all face. Everyone on earth has sinned & fallen short of God’s honor. There are no exceptions. We’ve all sinned and, on our own, cannot approach a holy God as sinners.

Romans 6:23 explains “For the wages of sin is death (spiritual death in hell), but the free gift of God (**a “free gift [*chárisma*] of God” received by saving faith that God gives us**) is eternal life in Christ Jesus our LORD.” These represent the two outcomes for addressing this dilemma. If we pay the wages of sin at the end of our lives, it results in spiritual death in hell. However, God’s free gift offers a way to make a trip from earth to heaven at the end of our lives, because of Jesus’ death on the cross paying the wages of sin in full for all true believers, so we receive God’s free gift of saving faith while He received our spiritual death penalty.

2 Peter 3:9 “The LORD is not slow regarding His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all (who were chosen in eternity past) to come to repentance (*metánoia*on [“meta” change of “noiaon” mind] about sin — changed minds caused by the gift of God ). God causes those chosen in eternity past by God to change their mind about sin: confessing and forsaking it instead of embracing it.

Ephesians 2:8-9 “For by grace [*cháríti*: undeserved favor of God] you have been saved through faith [*pístis*: assurance [of a Bible-based conviction from God about salvation, thus “saving faith”]]; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” We don’t deserve to be saved — we deserve to pay the penalty of our sins, but true Christians are treated with God’s wonderful grace (He doesn’t treat us as we deserve to be treated. His undeserved favor brings us His gift of saving faith.) God’s gift of saving faith causes us to repent our sins and then receive Jesus as Savior and Lord, surrendering to His Lordship and letting Him lead us on His righteous path through life. Salvation is all of God and nothing of us: “not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

**A paper titled How to Go from Earth to Heaven is available after this message in the entrance room low table with the verses and comments in the last two slides for your use in witnessing. Please feel free to take a copy with you. If we run out of copies and you want a copy, send an e-mail to me at [Isaiah68la@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Isaiah68la@sbcglobal.net) and I will be happy to e-m a copy to you.**