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The Middle East Meltdown 2022



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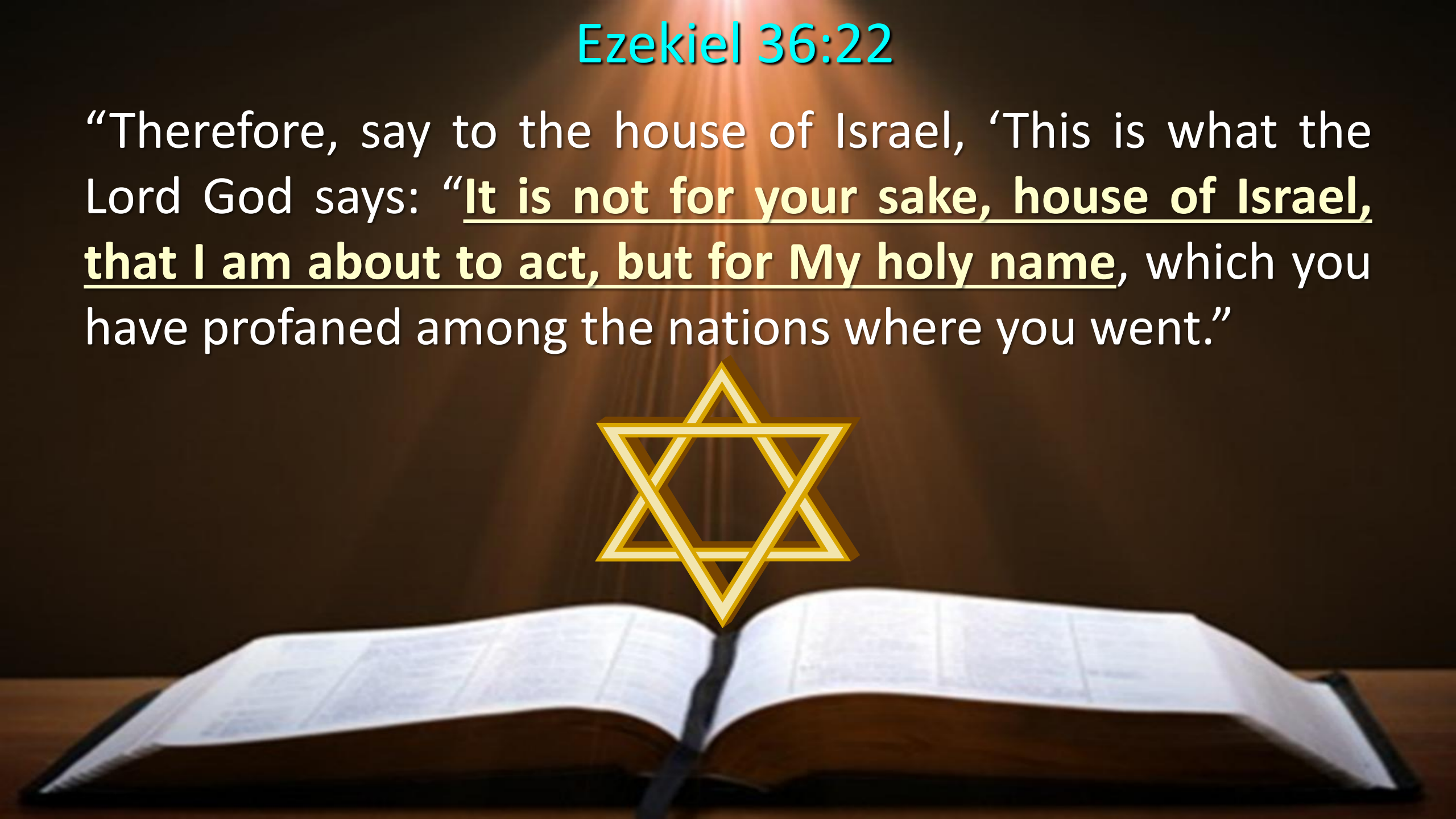
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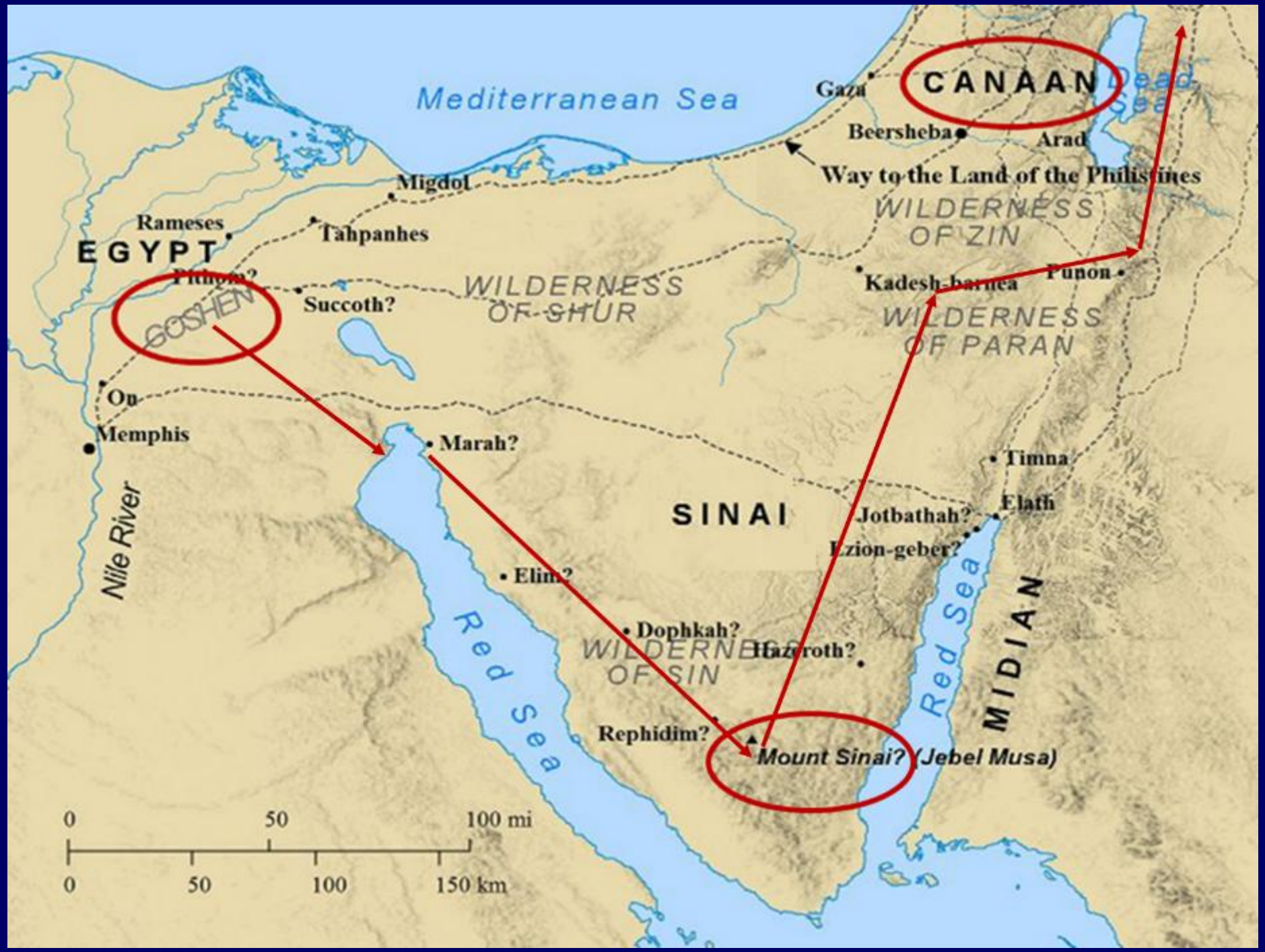
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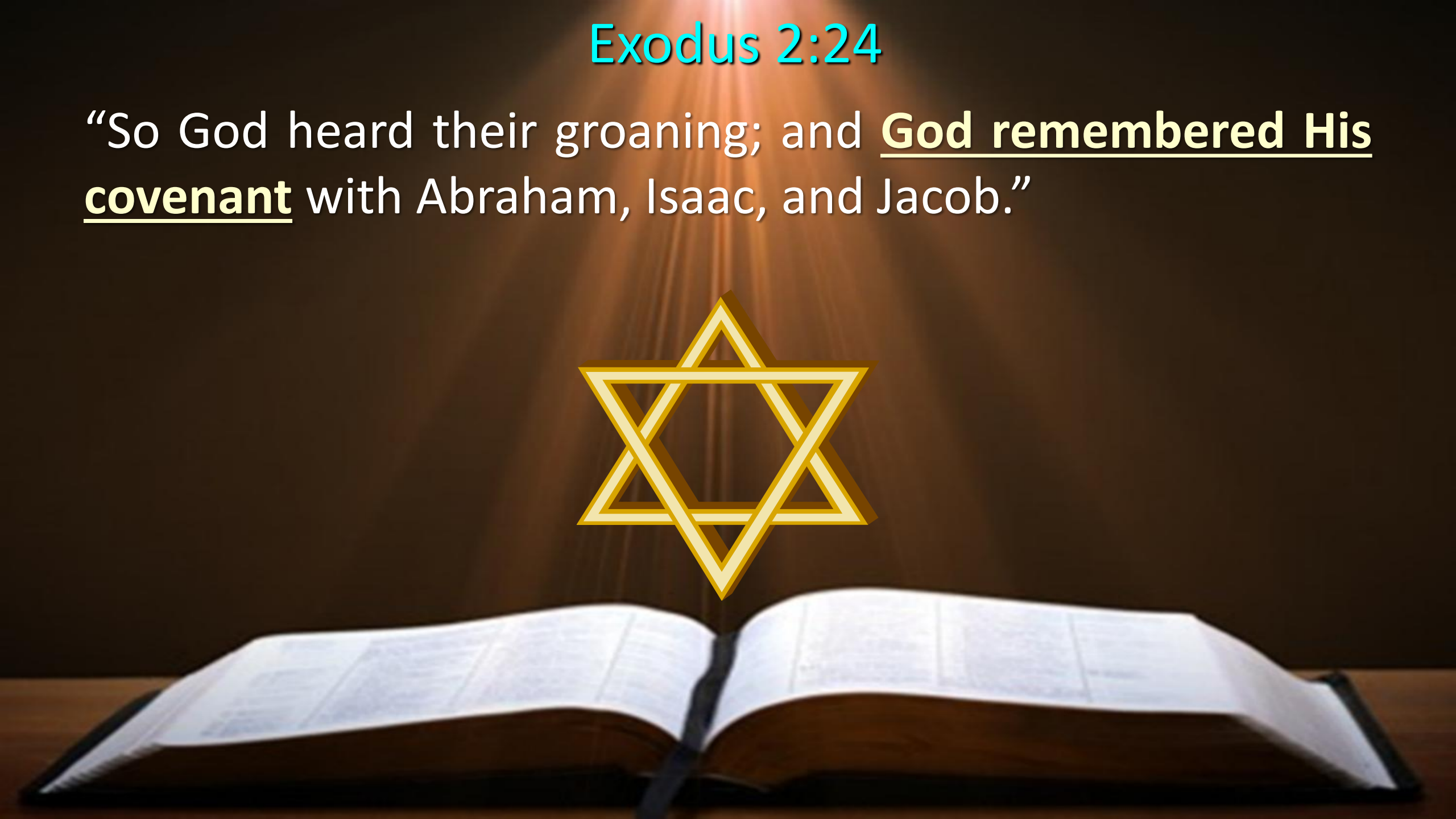
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CANAAN
Gaza
Beersheba
Arad
Dead Sea
Way to the Land of the Philistines
WILDERNESS OF ZIN
Migdol
Rameses
Tahpanhes
EGYPT
Pithom?
GOSHEN
Succoth?
WILDERNESS OF SHUR
Kadesh-barnea
Punon
WILDERNESS OF PARAN
On
Memphis
Marah?
Timna
Elath
Jotbathah?
Ezion-geber?
SINAI
Nile River
Elim?
Red Sea
Dophkah?
WILDERNESS OF SIN
Hazeroth?
MIDIAN
Rephidim?
Mount Sinai? (Jebel Musa)
0 50 100 mi
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Exodus 2:24

"So God heard their groaning; and **God remembered His covenant** with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."





Charles L. Feinberg

The Prophecy of Ezekiel: The Glory of the Lord, Paperback ed. (Chicago: Moody, 1969; reprint, Chicago: Moody, 1984), 206.

"It is vital to remember that's such action on God's part does not reveal in any sense a partiality toward Israel. It is rather a vindication of God's glory and will, for He has condescended to link his purposes on earth with the people of Israel."



Dispensational Theology is a System of Theology

Traditional-normative dispensational theology is a system that embodies three essential, fundamental concepts called the **sine qua non** (lit. “without which is not”):

1. The **consistent** use of a plain, normal, literal, grammatical-historical method of interpretation;
2. Which reveals that the **Church is distinct from Israel**;
3. God’s overall purpose is to bring **glory to Himself** (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14).

Dr. Charles Ryrie, *Dispensationalism*, pp. 38-41

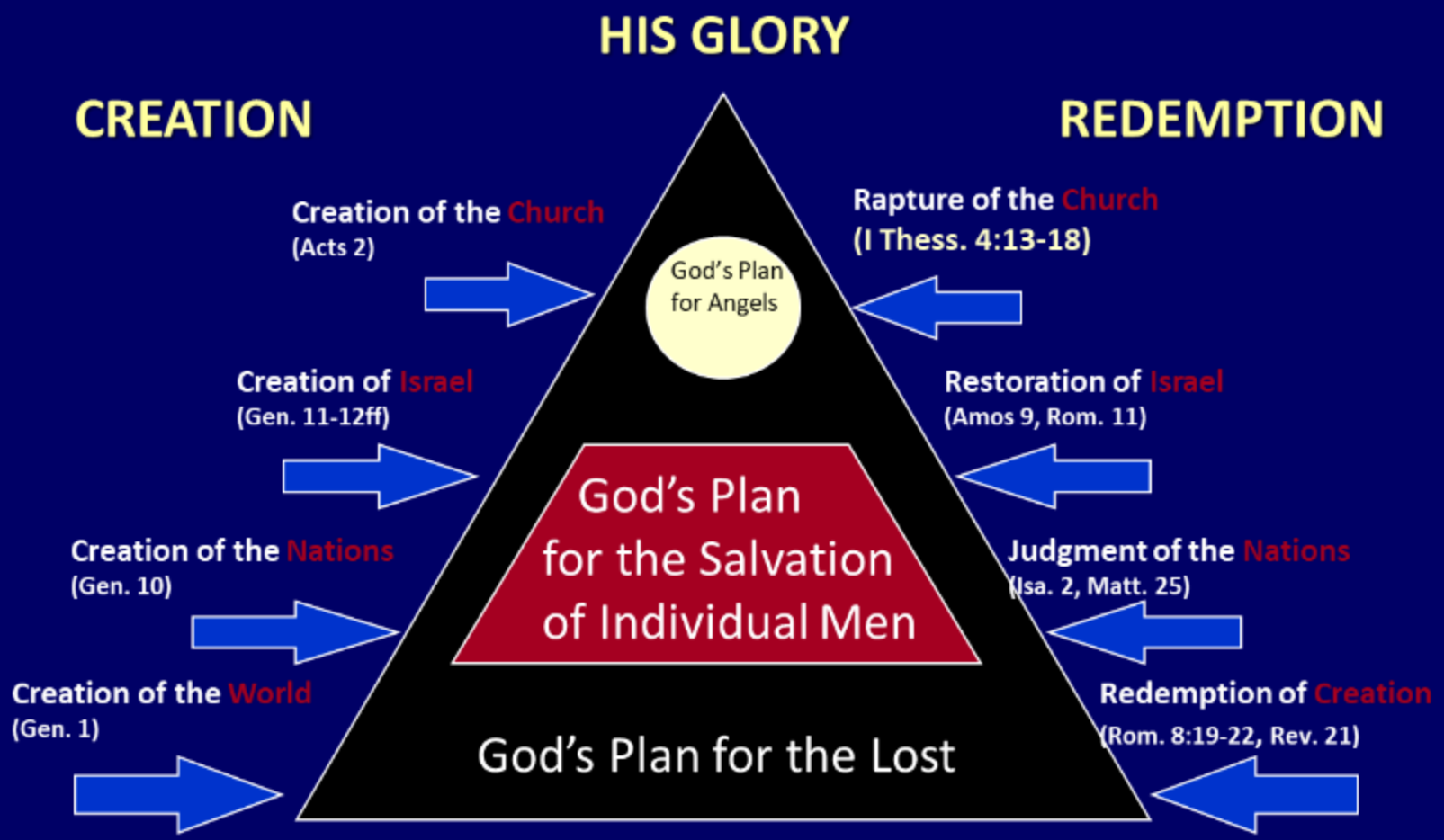
Doxological Purpose

A. God's ultimate purpose for the ages is to glorify Himself. Scripture is not human-centered, as though salvation were the principle point, but God-centered, because His glory is at the center.

B. The glory of God is the primary principle that unifies all dispensations, the program of salvation being just one of the means by which God glorifies Himself. Each successive revelation of God's plan for the ages, as well as His dealing with the elect, non-elect, angels, and nations all manifest His glory.

Dictionary of Premillennial Theology, Charles Ryrie, p. 94

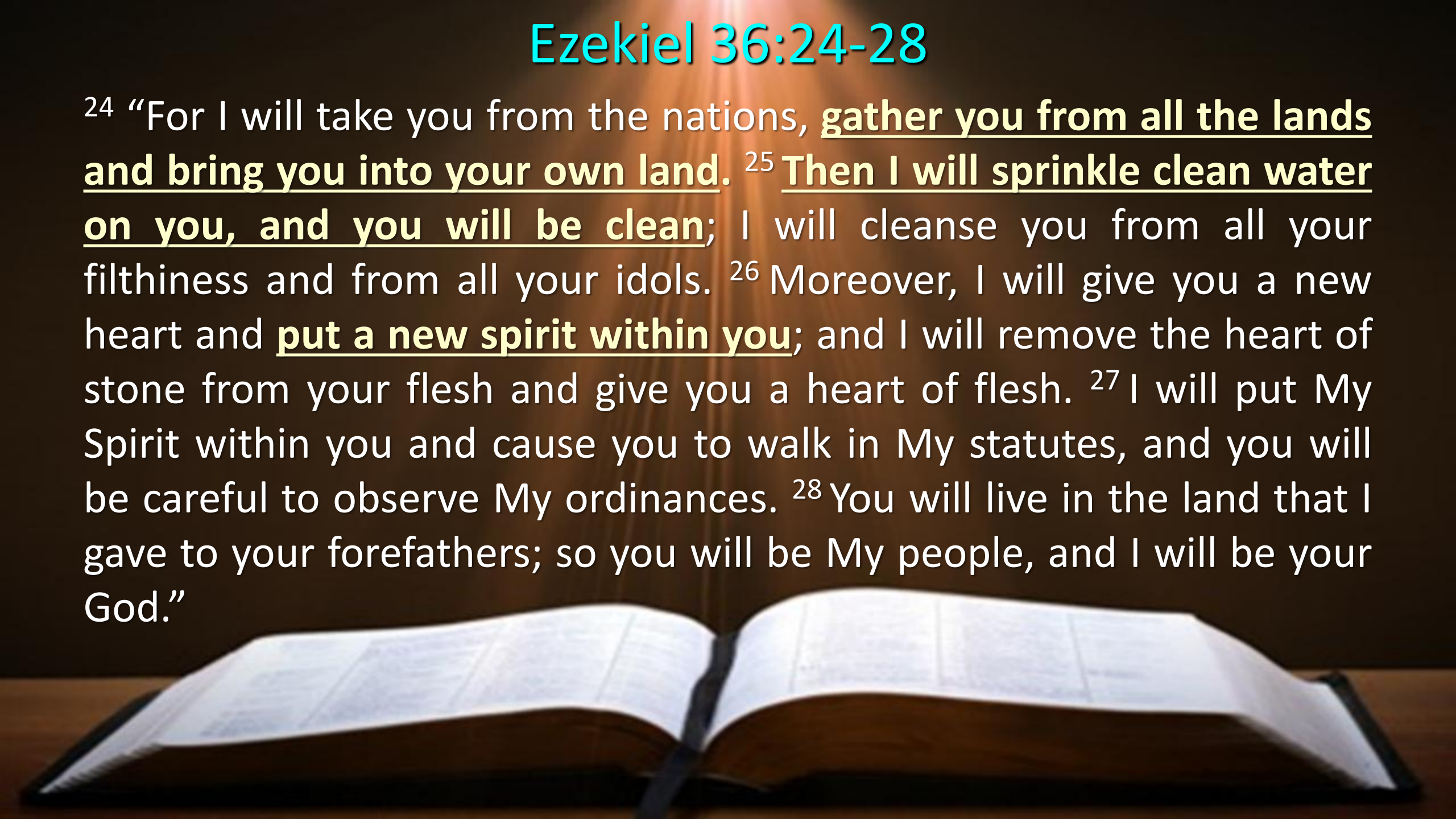
THE FOCUS ON THE GLORY OF GOD IN DISPENSATIONALISM



Dr. Mike Stallard, Baptist Bible Seminary

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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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Abrahamic Covenant

ABRAHAMIC
Genesis
15

LAND	SEED	BLESSING
LAND **Deuteronomy** **29-30**	**DAVIDIC** **2 Samuel** **7:12-16**	**NEW** **Jeremiah** **31:31-34**





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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a **new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah**, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, **My covenant which they broke**, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. 33 “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, . . .



Jeremiah 31:31-34

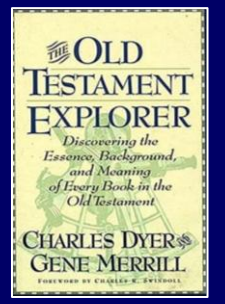
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Charles H. Dyer

Old Testament Explorer, p. 690.



"Ezekiel 36 parallels the New Covenant God promised to Israel and Judah in Jeremiah 31. This covenant includes at least three specific elements: (a) restoration to the land (Ezek. 36:24; Jer. 31:27–29), (b) forgiveness of sin (Ezek. 36:25; Jer. 31:34), and (c) the indwelling presence of God's Holy Spirit (Ezek. 36:26–27; Jer. 31:33)."

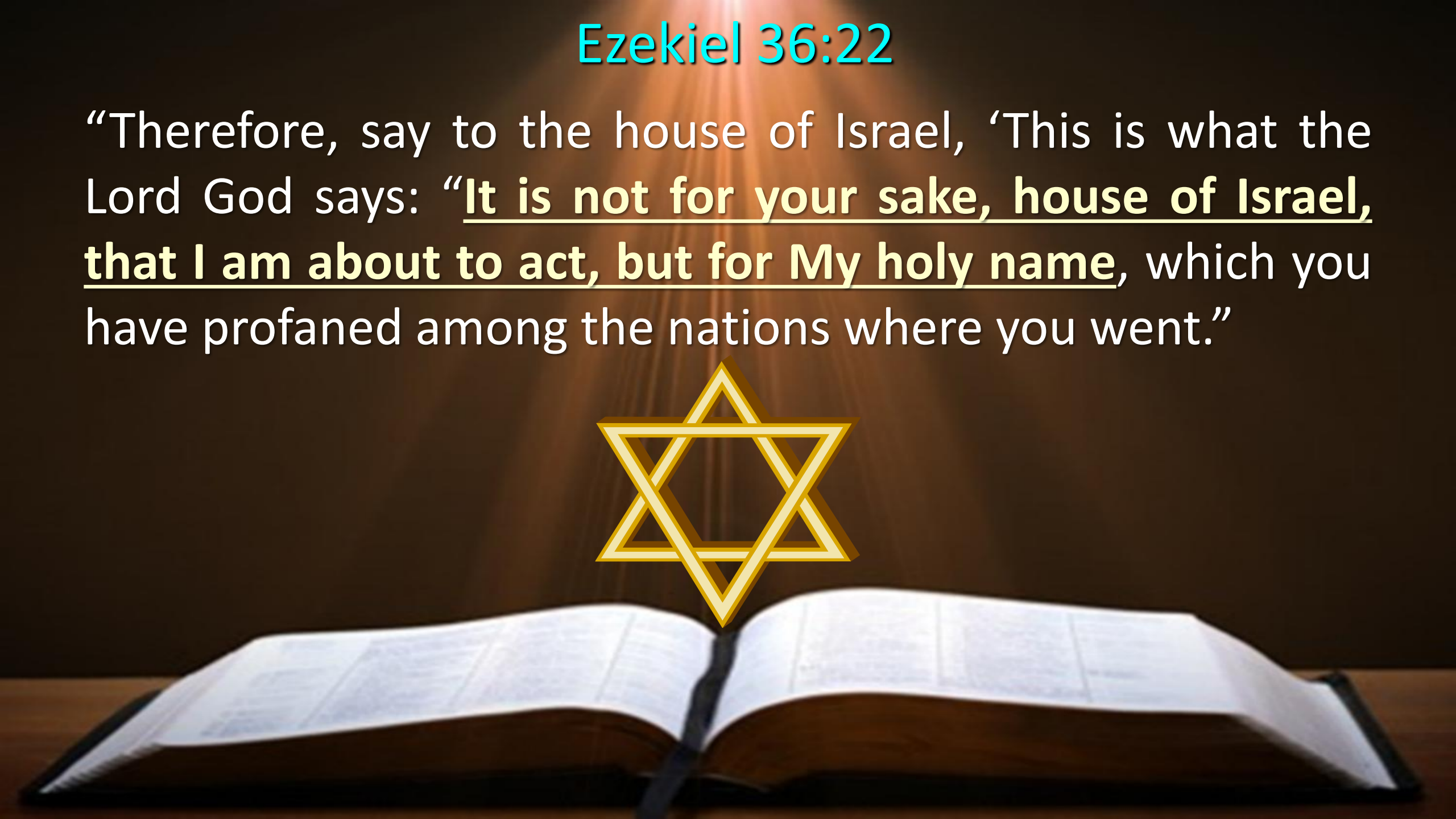
Six Parts of a Suzerain-Vassal Treaty in Deuteronomy

- Preamble (1:1-5)
- Prologue (1:6–4:40)
- Covenant obligations (5–26)
- Storage and reading instructions (27:2-3; 31:9, 24, 26)
- Witnesses (32:1)
- ***Blessings and curses (28)***



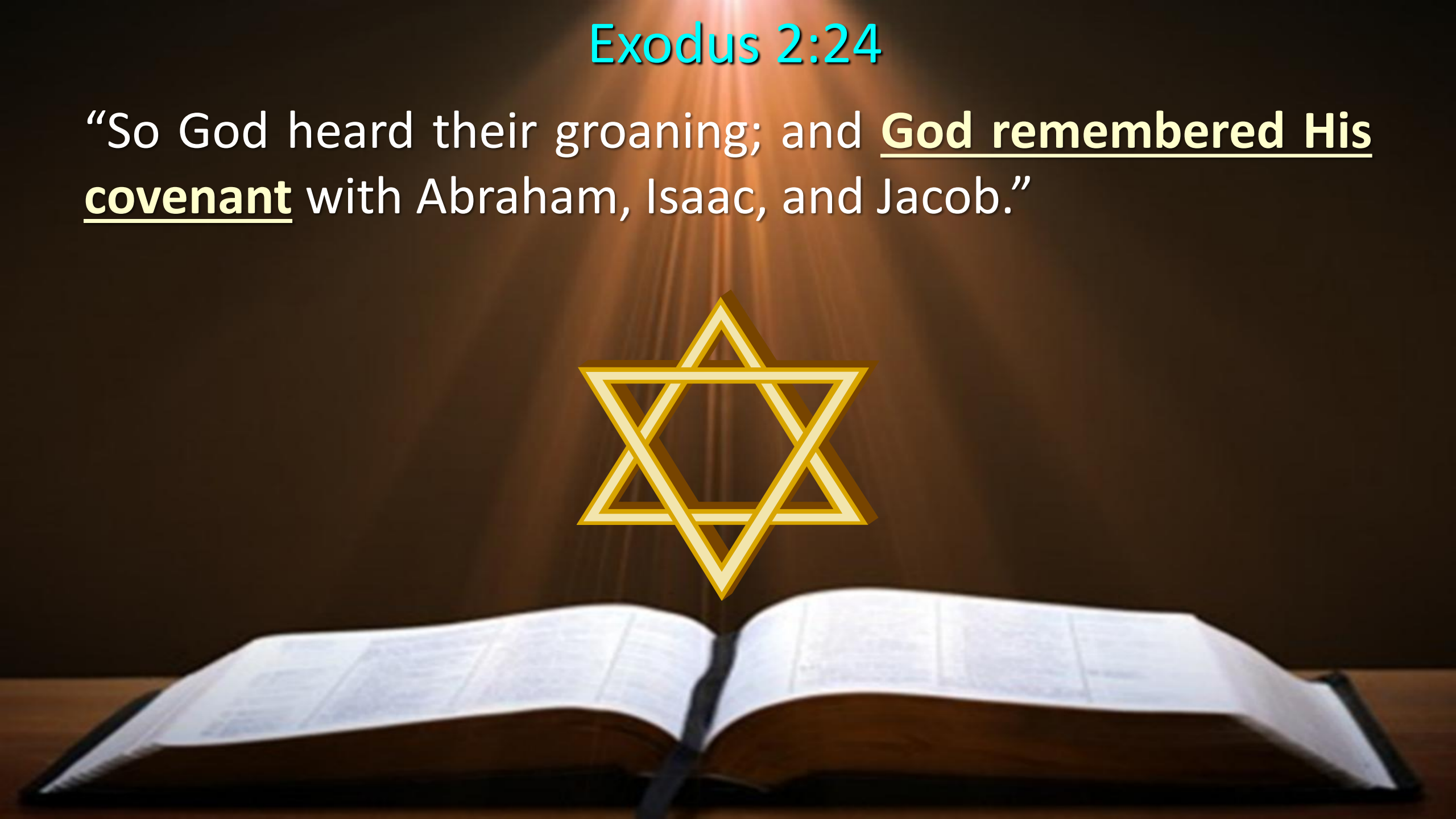
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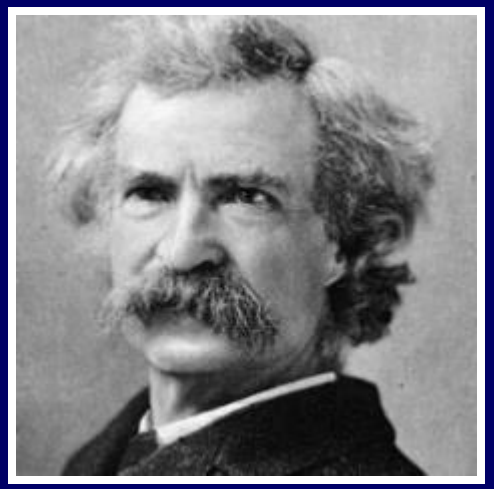
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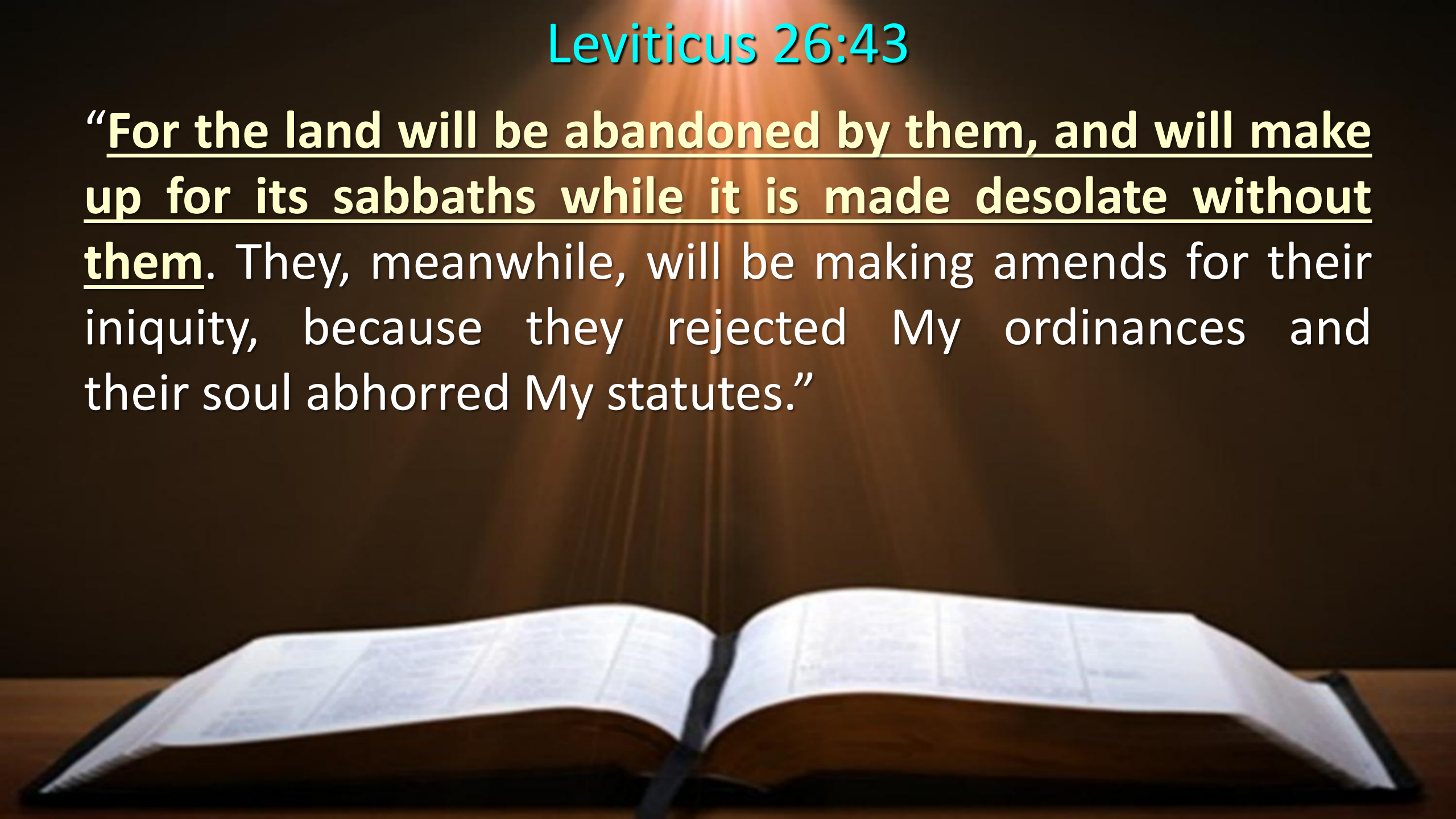
The Innocents Abroad, Complete, 1st ed. (A Public Domain Book, 1869), 267, 285, 302. These quotes can be found in chapters 47, 49, 52.



"... 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

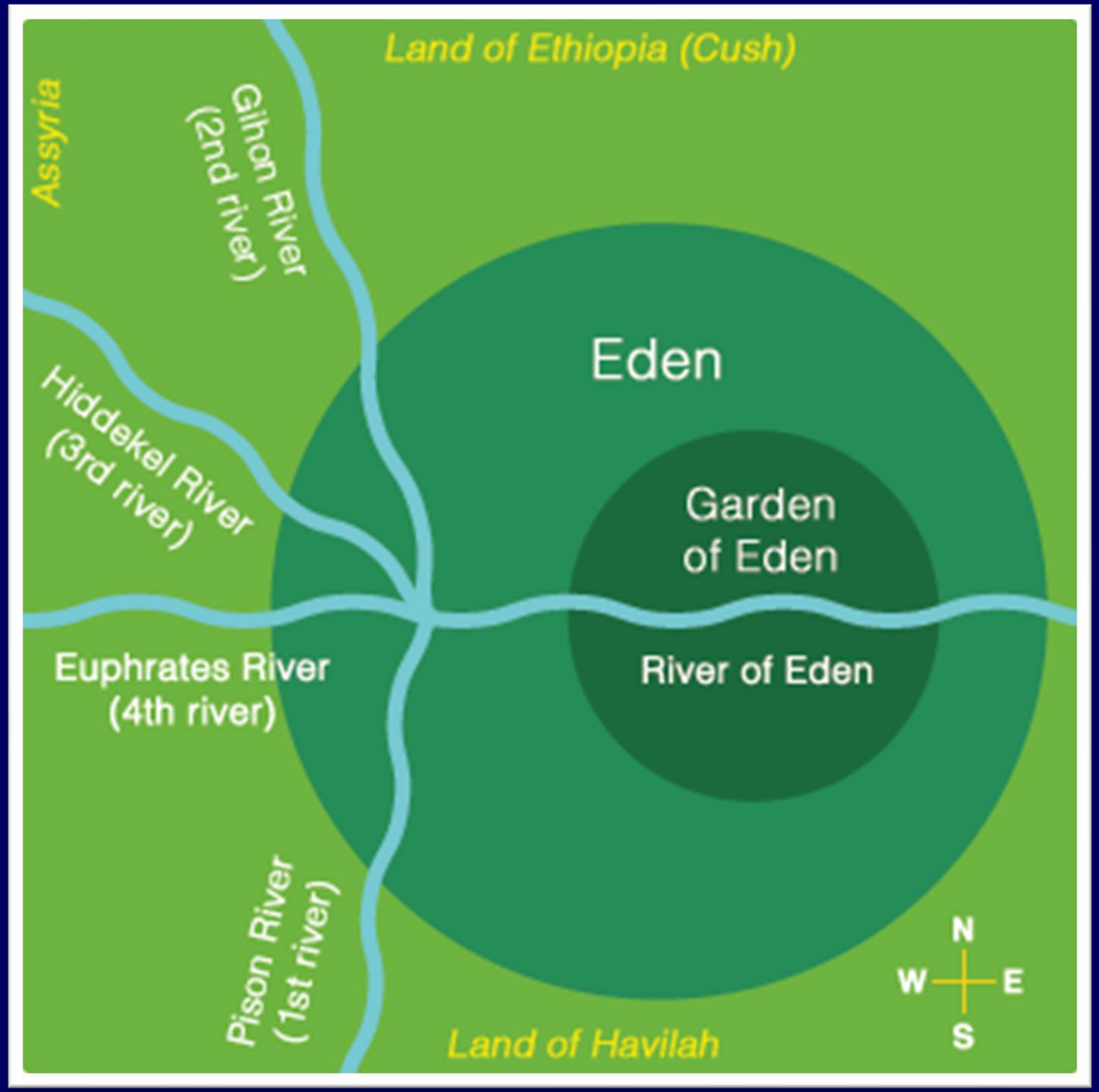
“**For the land will be abandoned by them, and will make up for its sabbaths while it is made desolate without them**. They, meanwhile, will be making amends for their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes.”

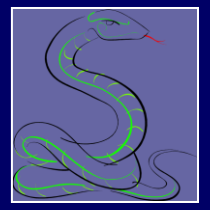


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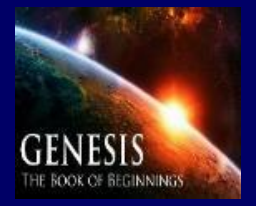
"After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years **you will come into the land** that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel **which had been a continual waste**; but its people were brought out from the nations, and they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




Land of Ethiopia (Cush)
Assyria
Gihon River
(2nd river)
Eden
Hiddekel River
(3rd river)
Garden
of Eden
River of Eden
Euphrates River
(4th river)
Pison River
(1st river)
Land of Havilah
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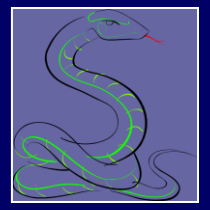


Divine Judgments
(3:14-19)

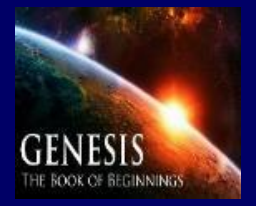


- Serpent (3:14-15)
- Woman (3:16)
- Man (3:17-19)



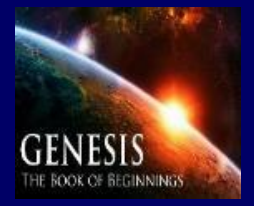


Serpent
(3:14-15)



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

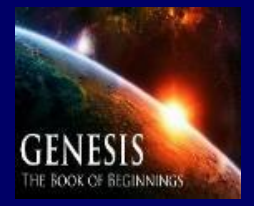




Woman
(3:16)

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





Man
(3:17-19)

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



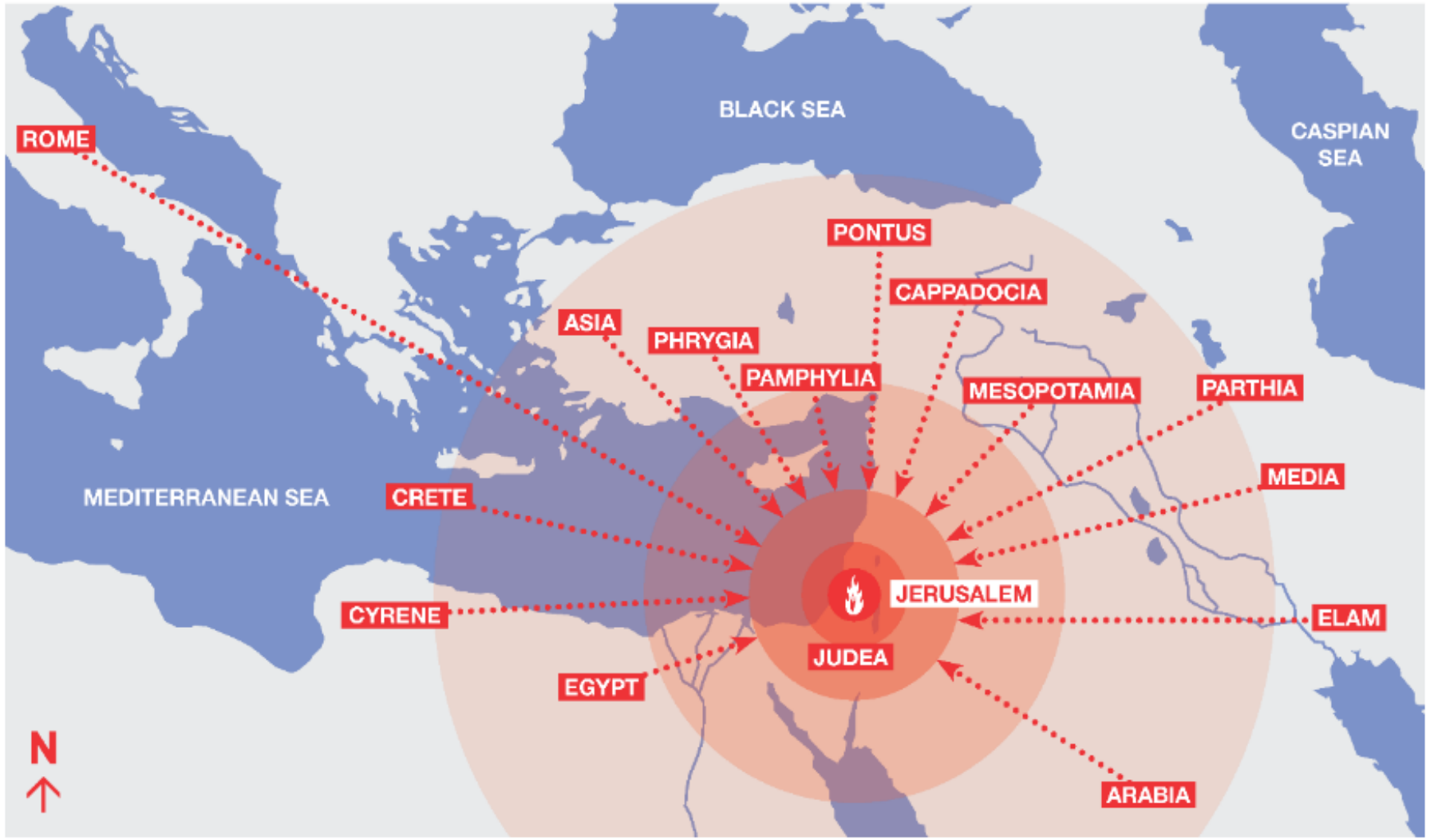
Why?

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

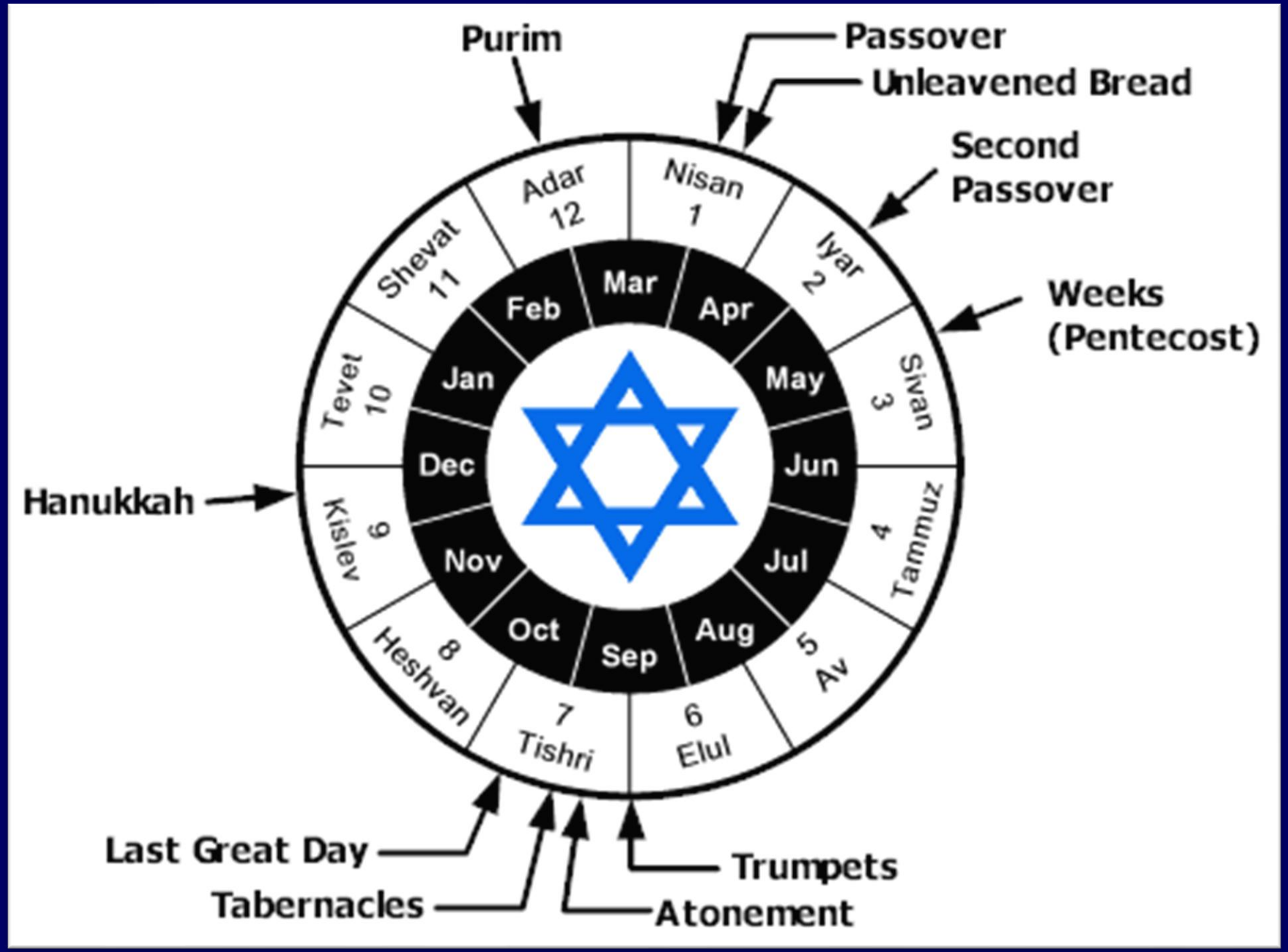
THE NATIONS OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:9-11

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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


Purim
Passover
Unleavened Bread
Second Passover
Weeks (Pentecost)
Hanukkah
Last Great Day
Tabernacles
Atonement
Trumpets
Adar 12
Nisan 1
Iyar 2
Sivan 3
Tammuz 4
Av 5
Elul 6
Tishri 7
Heshvan 8
Kislev 9
Tevet 10
Shevat 11
Mar
Apr
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