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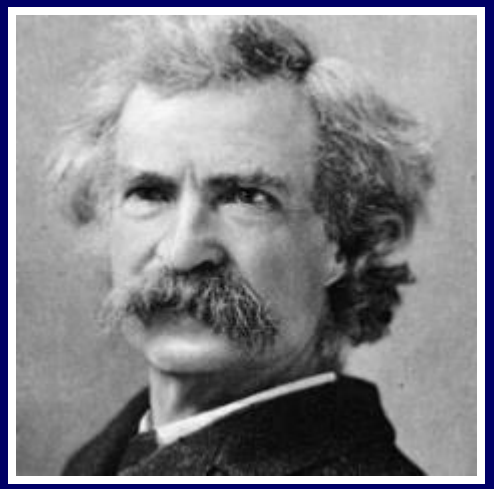
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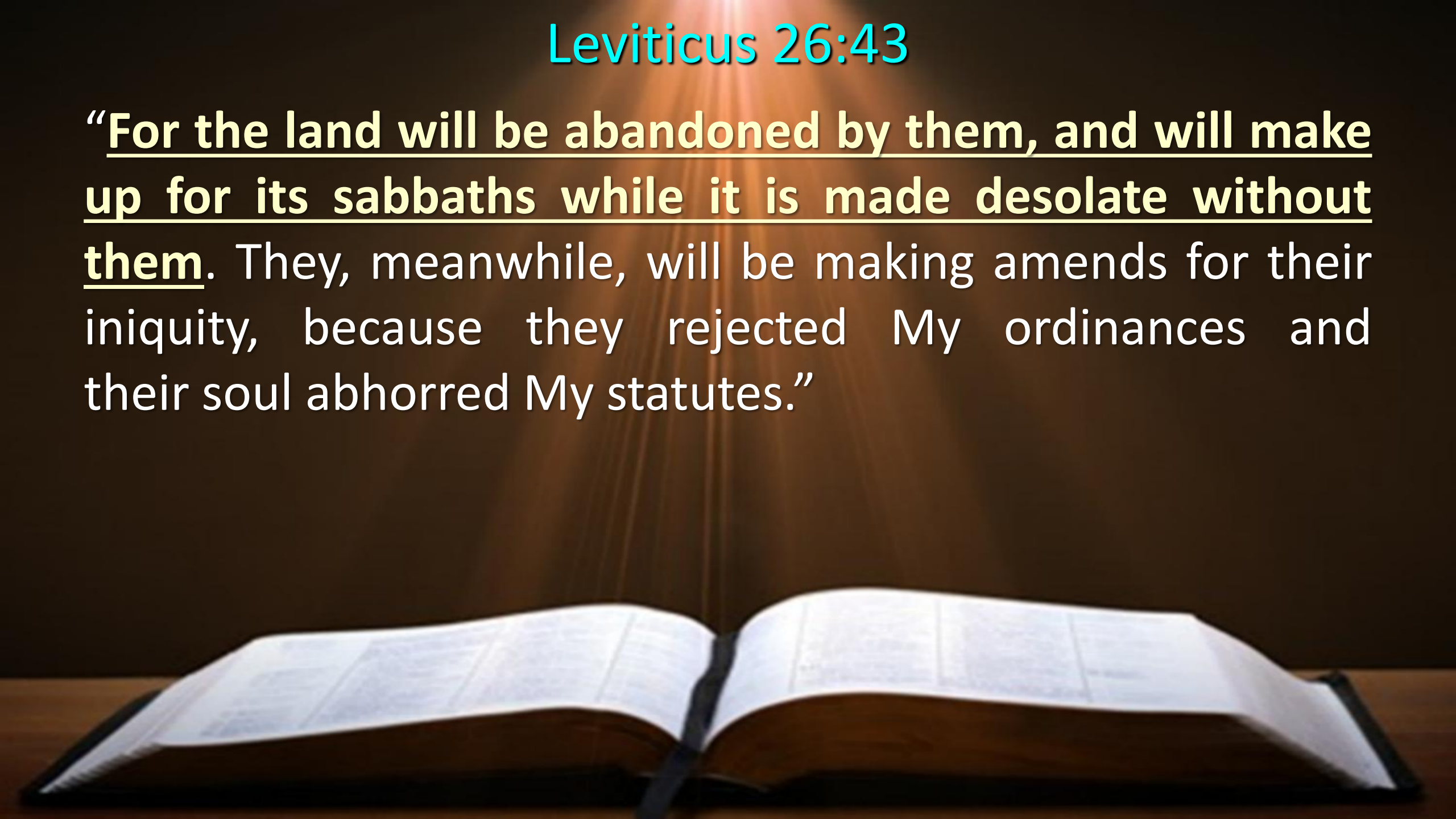
The Innocents Abroad, Complete, 1st ed. (A Public Domain Book, 1869), 267, 285, 302. These quotes can be found in chapters 47, 49, 52.



"... 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

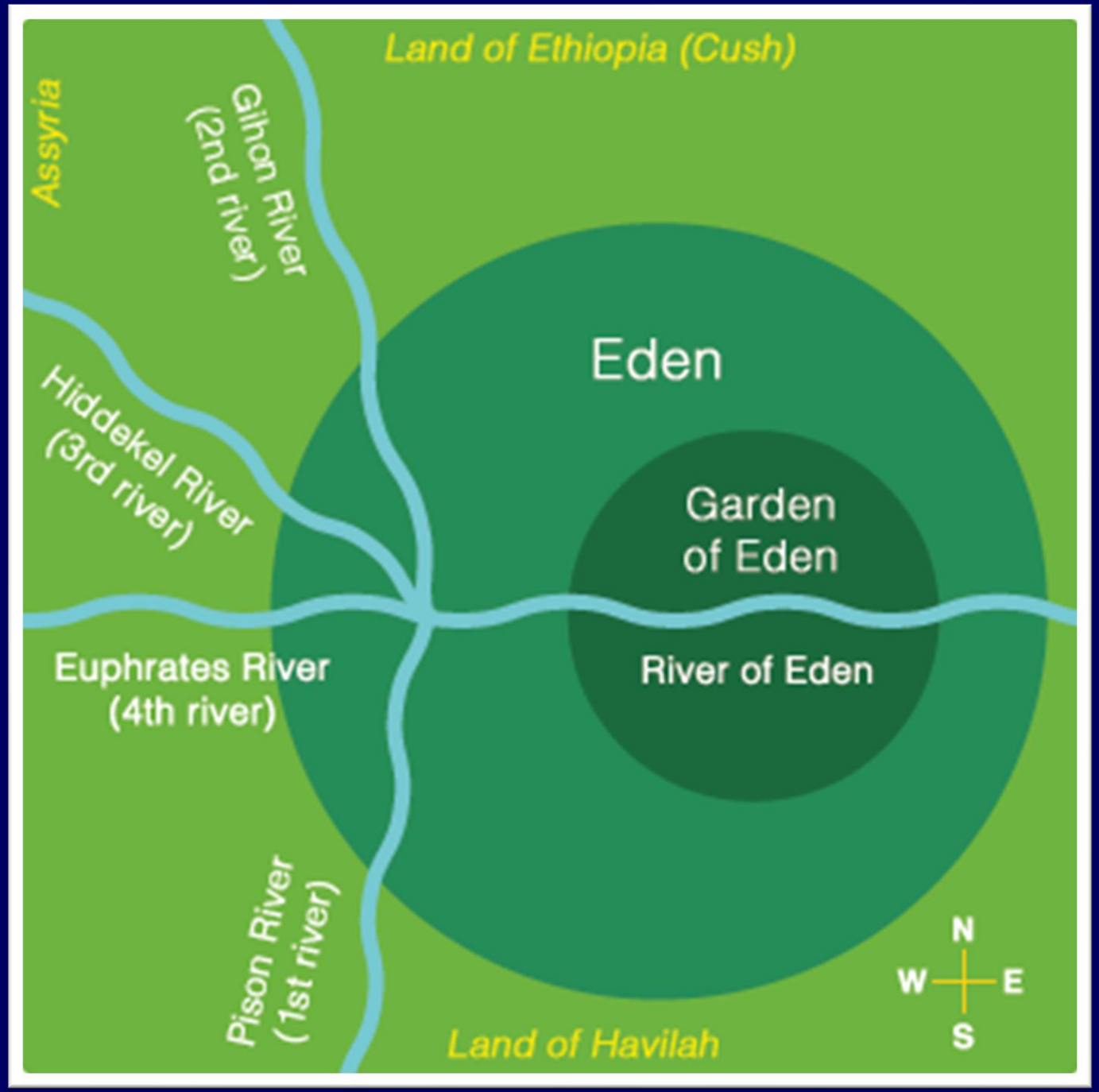
“**For the land will be abandoned by them, and will make up for its sabbaths while it is made desolate without them**. They, meanwhile, will be making amends for their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes.”

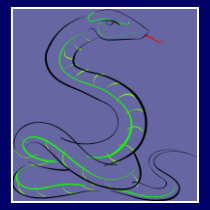


Ezekiel 38:8

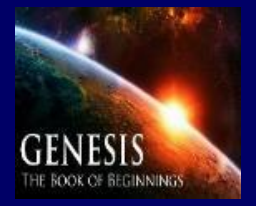
"After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years **you will come into the land** that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel **which had been a continual waste**; but its people were brought out from the nations, and they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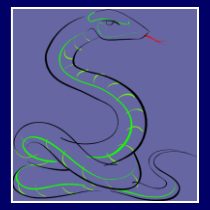


Divine Judgments
(3:14-19)

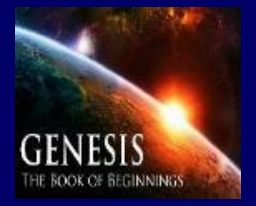


- Serpent (3:14-15)
- Woman (3:16)
- Man (3:17-19)



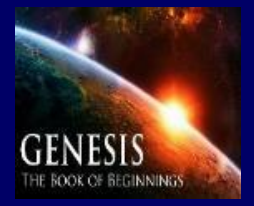


Serpent
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- Serpent's body (3:14)
- Protoevangelium (3:15)

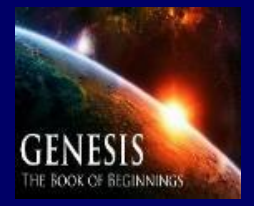




Woman
(3:16)

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





Man
(3:17-19)

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



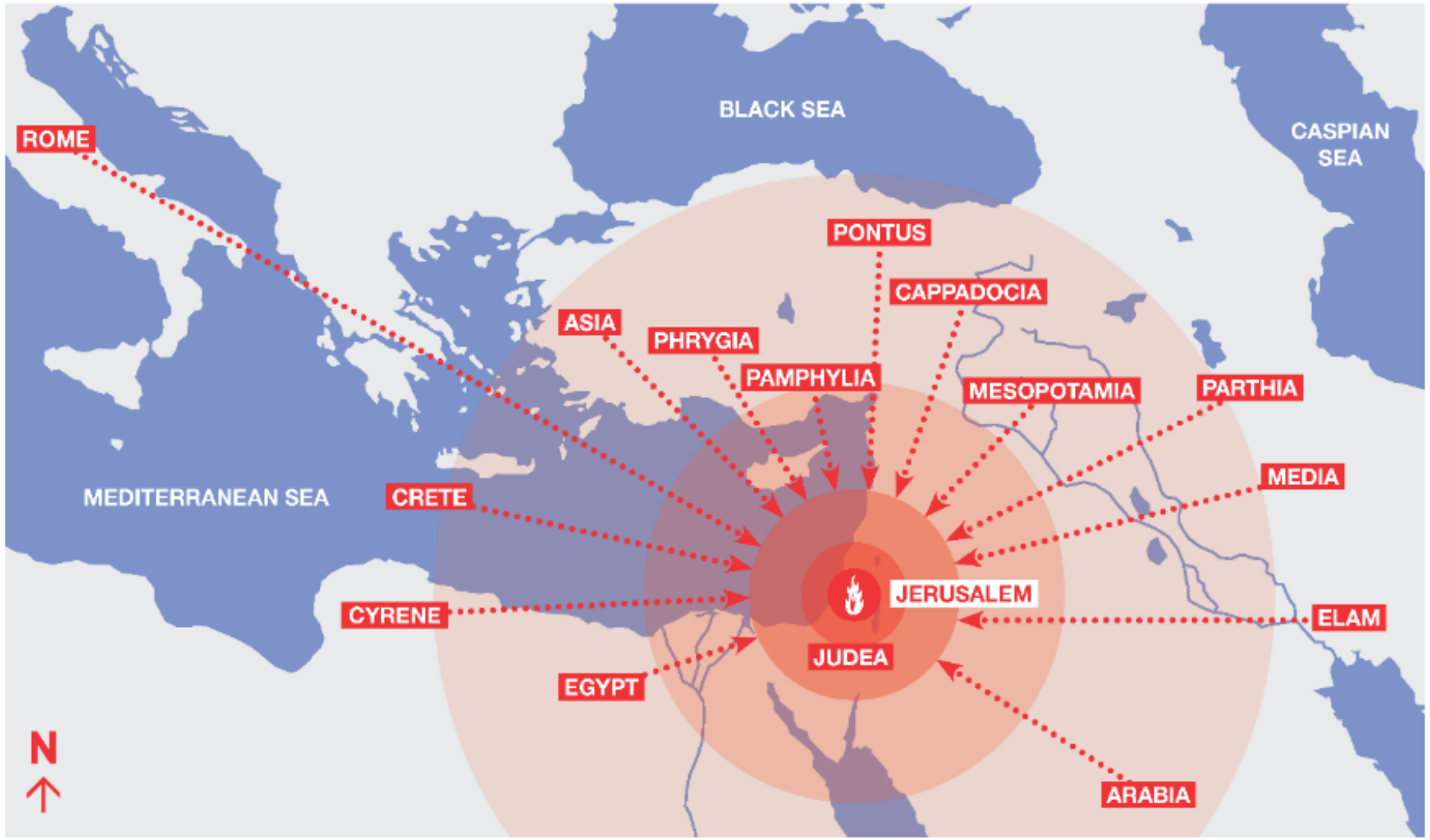
Why?

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

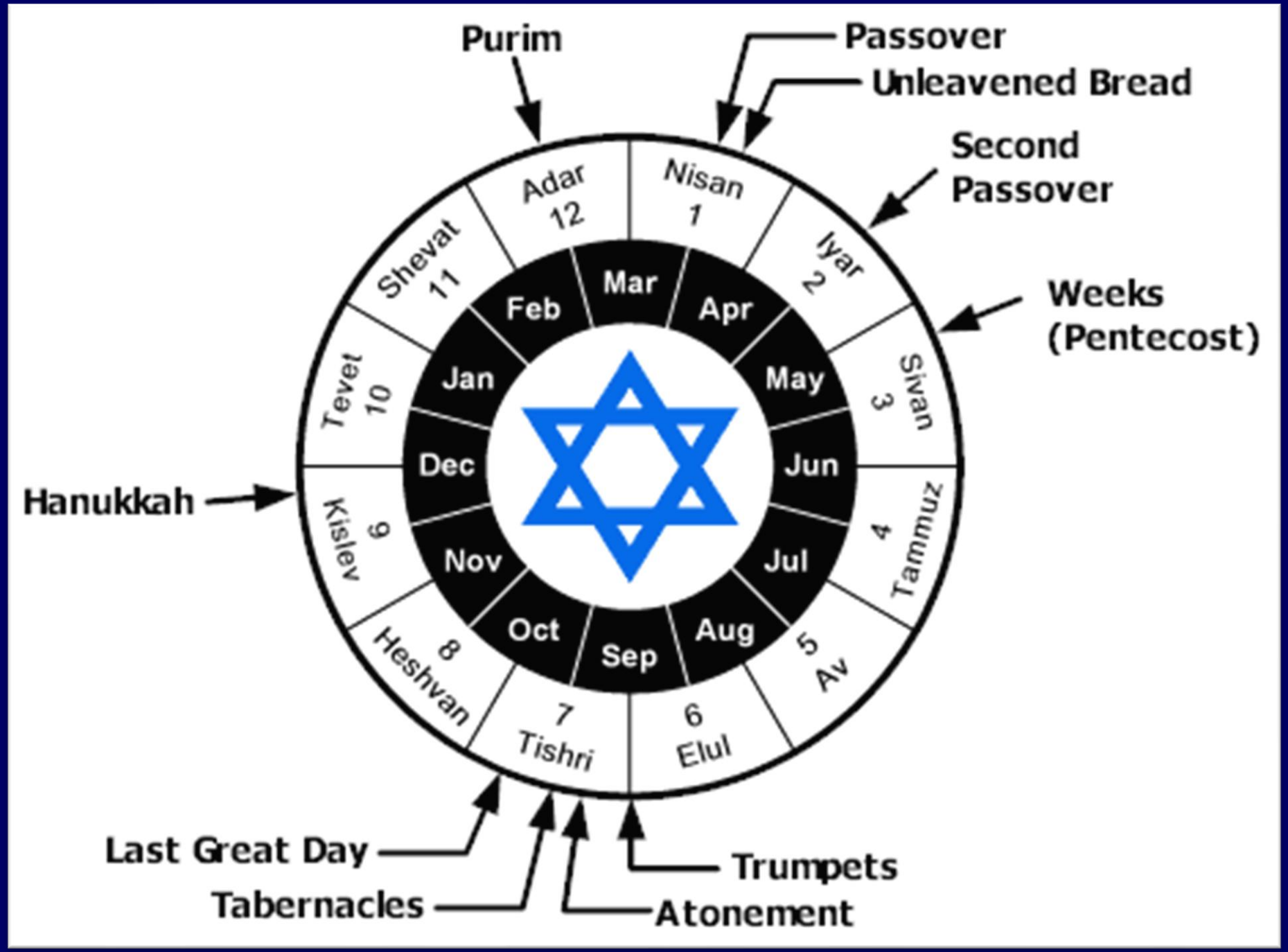
THE NATIONS OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:9-11

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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
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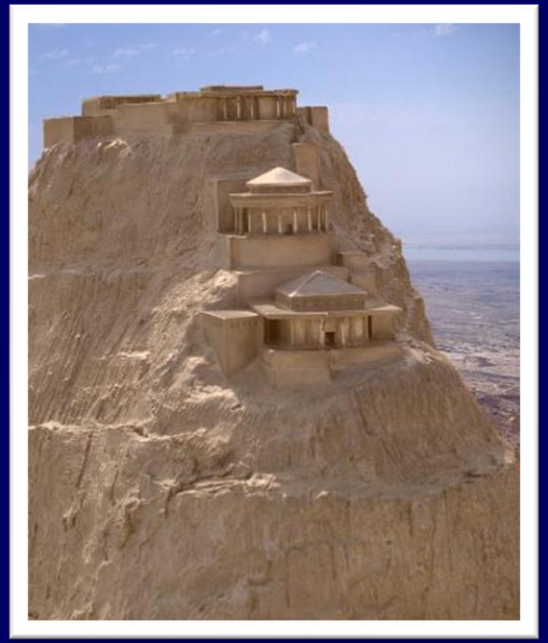



Jericho
Jerusalem
Qumran
Bethlehem
Dead Sea
Masada






SIEGE OF MASADA (73 AD)
THE GREAT JEWISH
REVOLT





Hebrew fragments of the Bible found buried under Scroll Room floor

Genesis 46:7-11

"Israel sold into Egyptian slavery for its own sin"

90 BC



MasGen 1039

Deut 33:17-34:6

"The Death of Moses"

90 BC



MasDeut 1043/a-d
Found under synagogue floor

Lev 4:3-9; 8:31-11:40

"Sin offering without defect"

25 BC



MasLev[a] 1039-270
Lev 4:3-9

MasLev[a] 92-480
Lev 8:31-11:40

Ps 81:2-85:6; 150:1-6

"Israel did not obey Me"
"Praise God in His sanctuary"

25 BC



MasPs[a] 1103-1742

MasPs[a] 1039-160

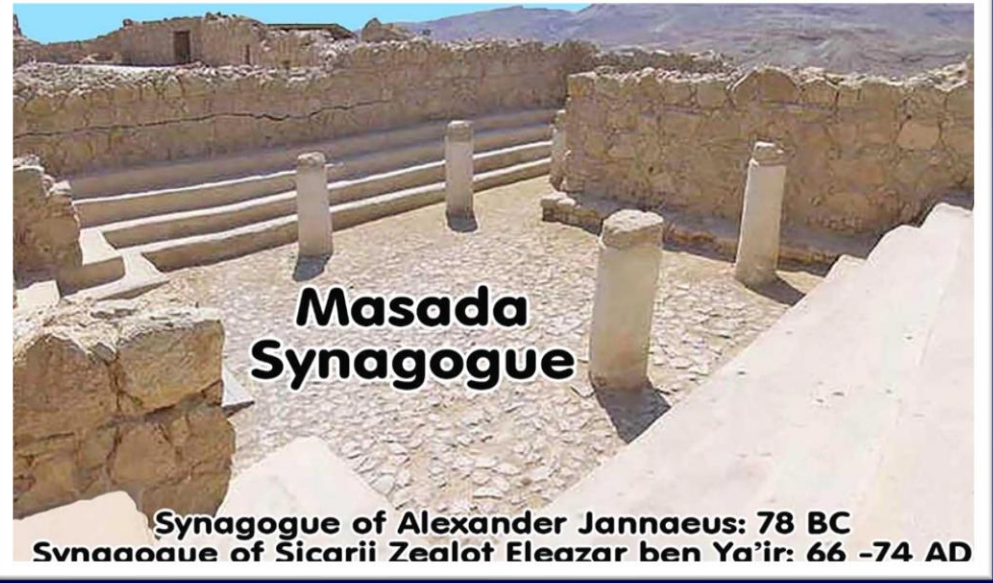
Ezekiel 35:11–38:14

"Messianic Vision Dry Bones rising"
"Davidic kingdom, one shepherd"

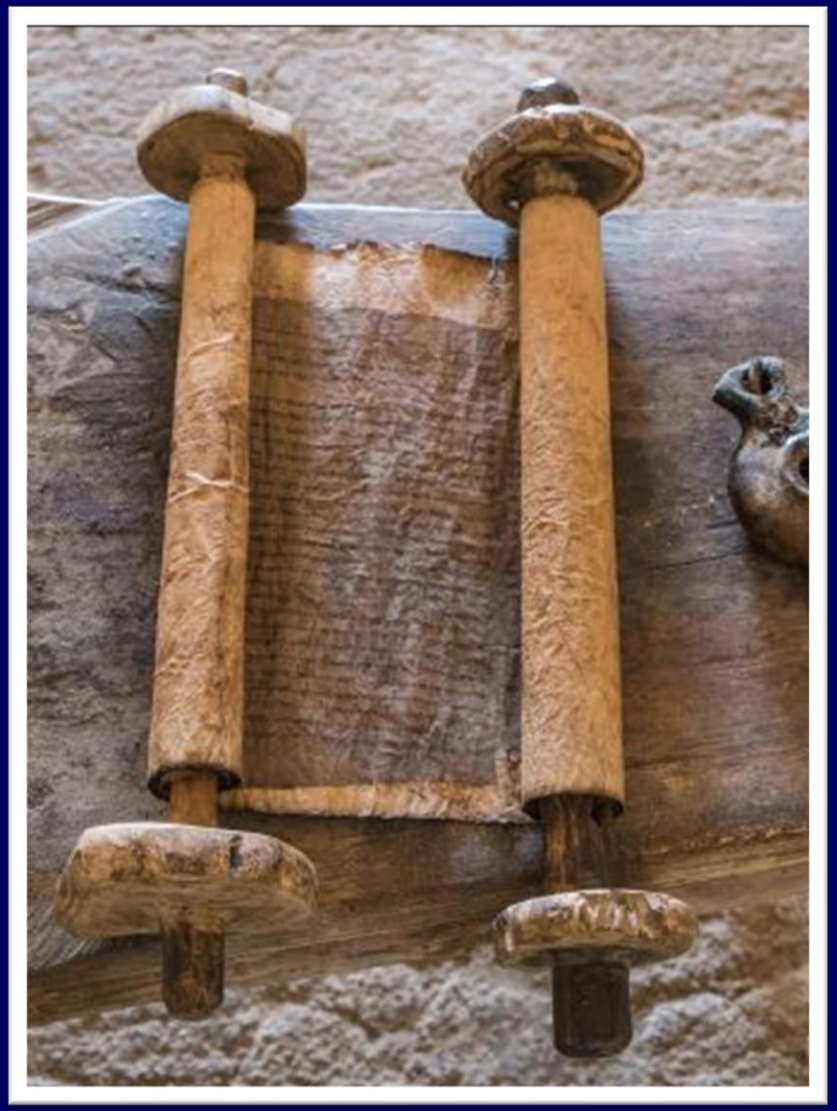
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"In order to emphasize the hopelessness of the situation from the human point of view, the Lord asked Ezekiel whether these bones could live. Ezekiel's answer revealed that it would require a power beyond man's to bring this about. It was an answer of reverence, not giving a positive or negative response."



Revelation 7:13-14

13 . . .‘These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?’ 14 I said to him, ‘**My lord, you know**.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation [*thlípsis*], and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’”



John 13:19; 14:29

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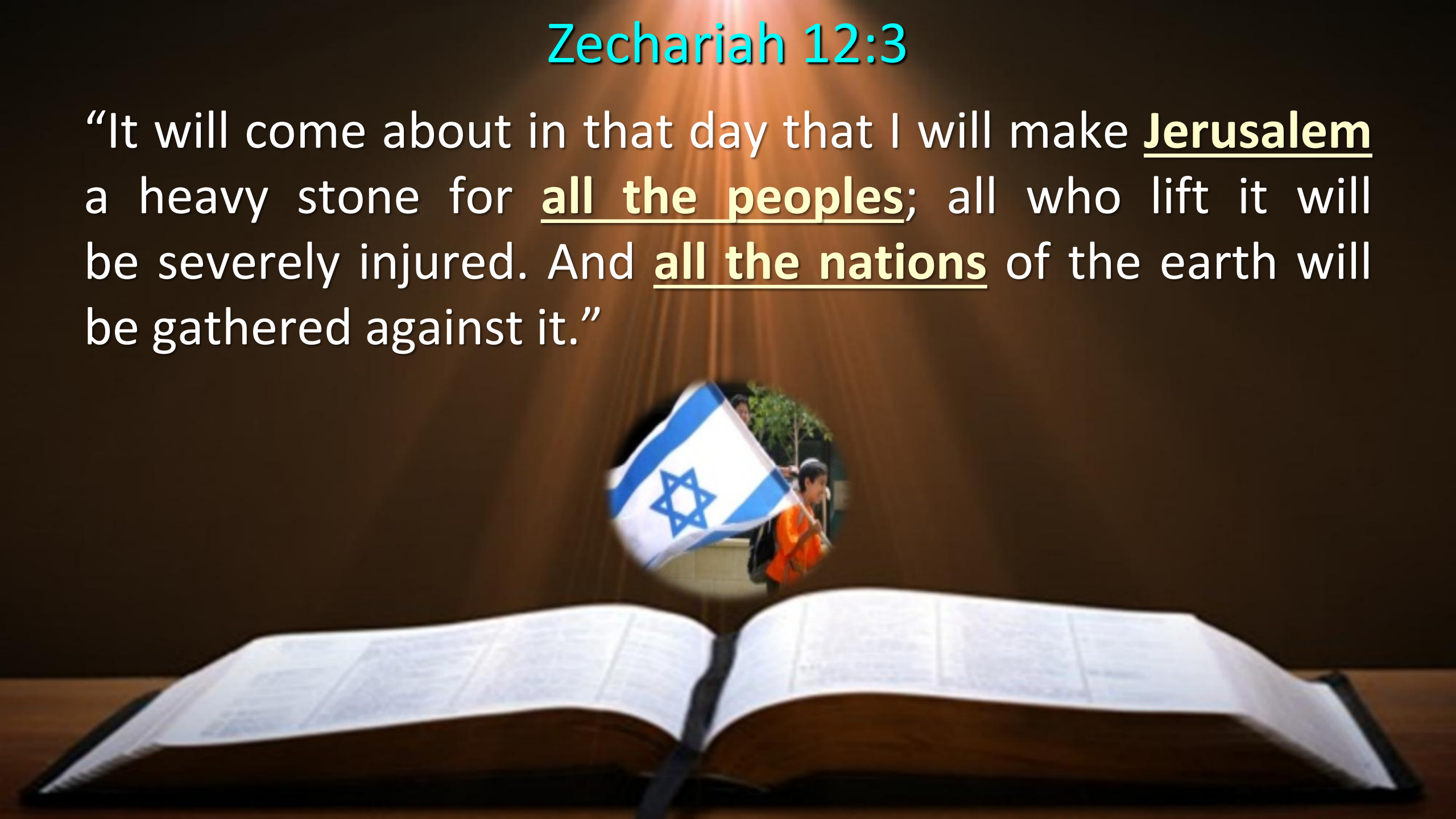
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Zechariah 12:3

"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."



Zechariah 14:2

"For I will gather **all the nations against Jerusalem** to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city."




Russia
Germany
Ukraine
France
Italy
Spain
Turkey
Russia
Kazakhstan
Mongolia
Uzbekistan
Turkmenistan
Syria
Israel
Iraq
Iran
Afghanistan
China
Morocco
Algeria
Libya
Egypt
Jordan
Pakistan
India
Saudi Arabia
Oman
Mauritania
Mali
Niger
Chad
Sudan
Nigeria
Ethiopia
Somalia
Malaysia
Zaire
Indonesia
ISRAEL

Ezekiel 36:24-28

24 “For I will take you from the nations, **gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.** 25 **Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean**; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26 Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. 28 You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.”



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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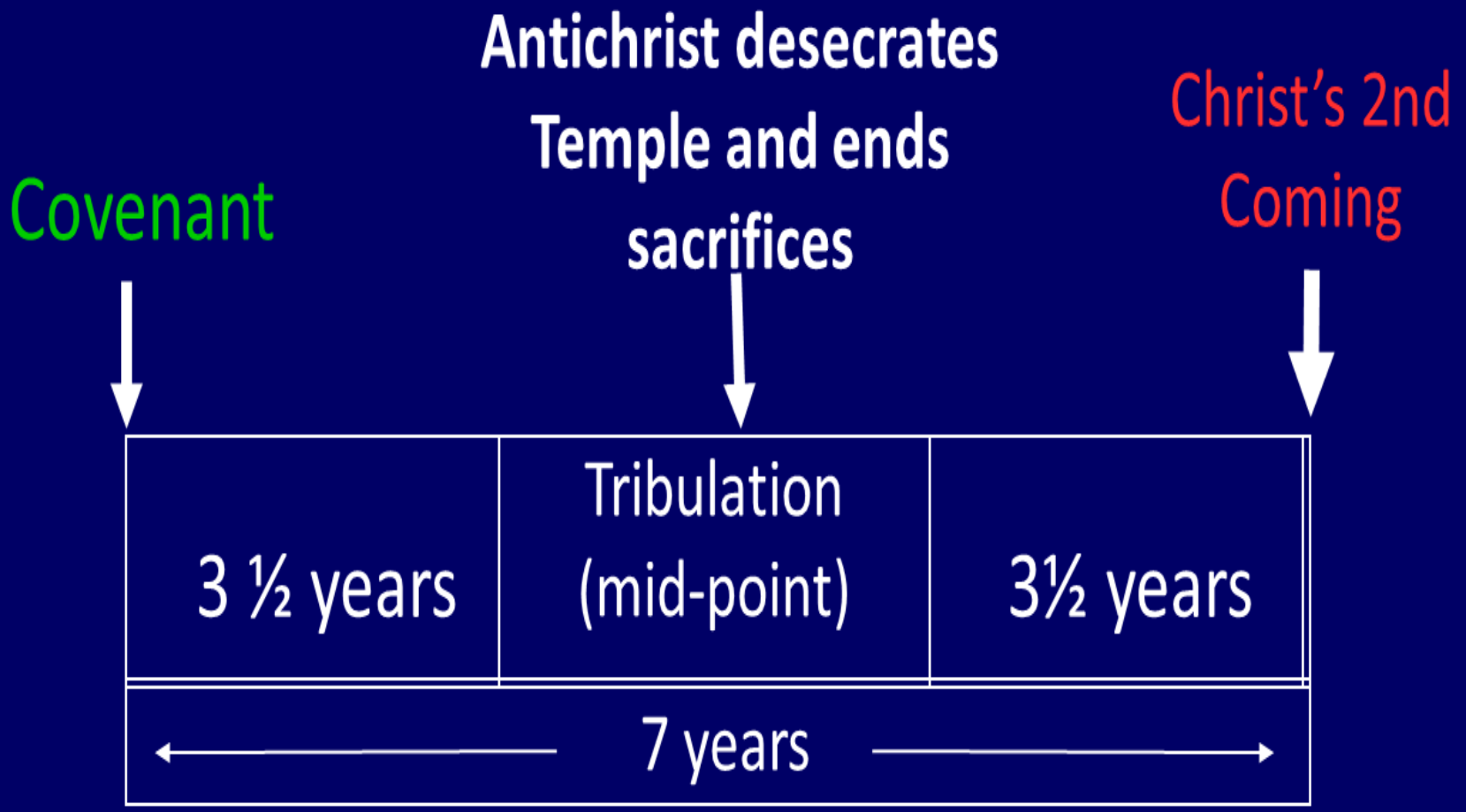
"Apparently the reference to the absence of breath in the bodies indicated that when Israel will be returned to the land in the latter days, they will be unconverted. Surely the general tenor of the prophetic Scriptures points in this direction (See Zech. 13:8-9). Otherwise, it is difficult to see how a covenant could be made nationally with such a godless one as the Roman prince of the end times (cf. Dan. 9:27)."

Daniel 9:27

And **he will make a firm covenant** with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.



DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



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Literal Interpretation

One Meaning

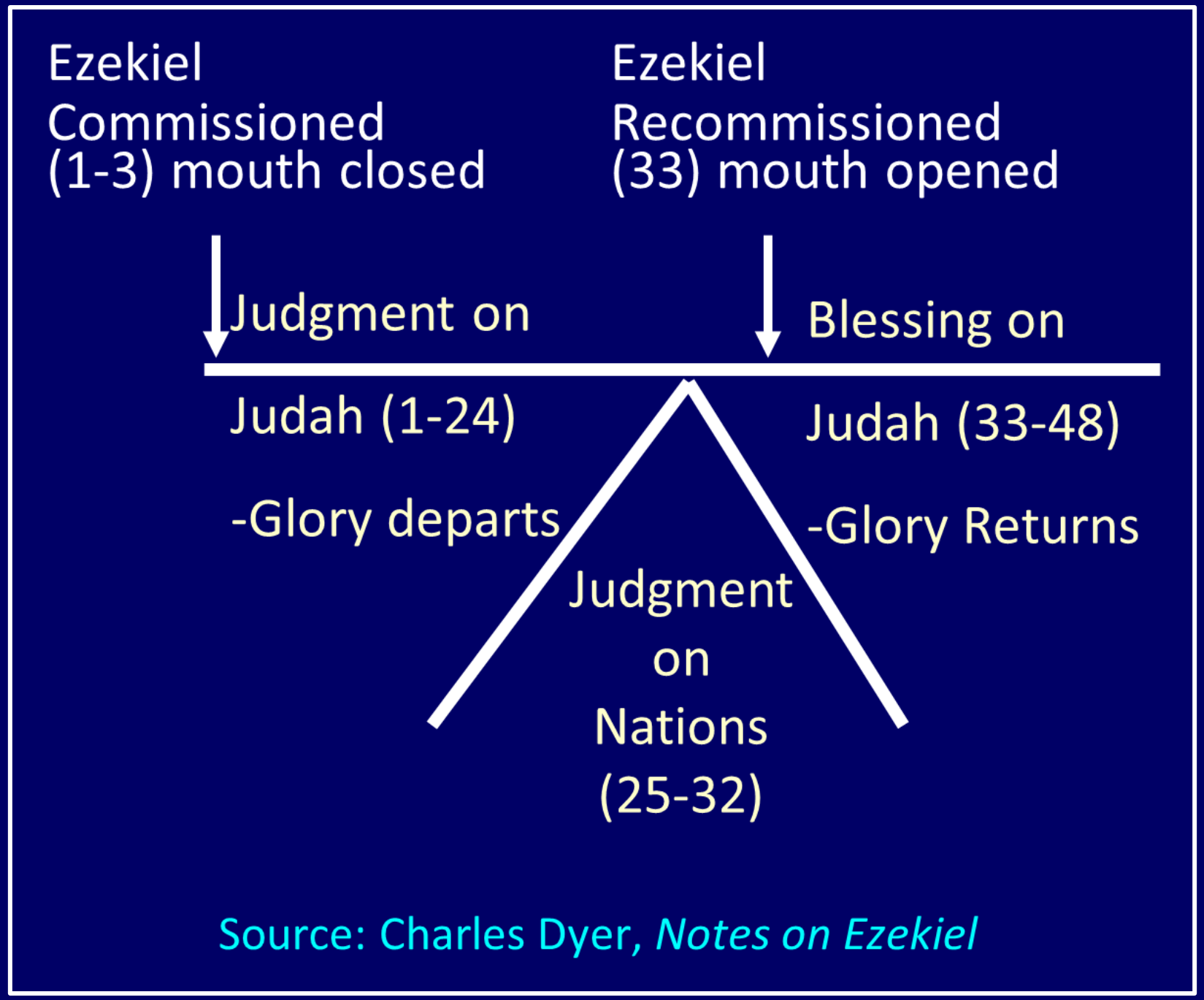
Plain Literal

The literal interpretation is the explicit assertion of the words—DENOTATIVE

Figurative Literal

The literal interpretation is the specific intention of the figure—CONNOTATIVE

Chart by Earl Radmacher



Source: Charles Dyer, *Notes on Ezekiel*

Two Rules of Interpretation



- Search the **immediate** context
  - Walvoord: 26X
- Search the **remote** context
  - Old Testament
  - Thomas: 278 / 404 verses

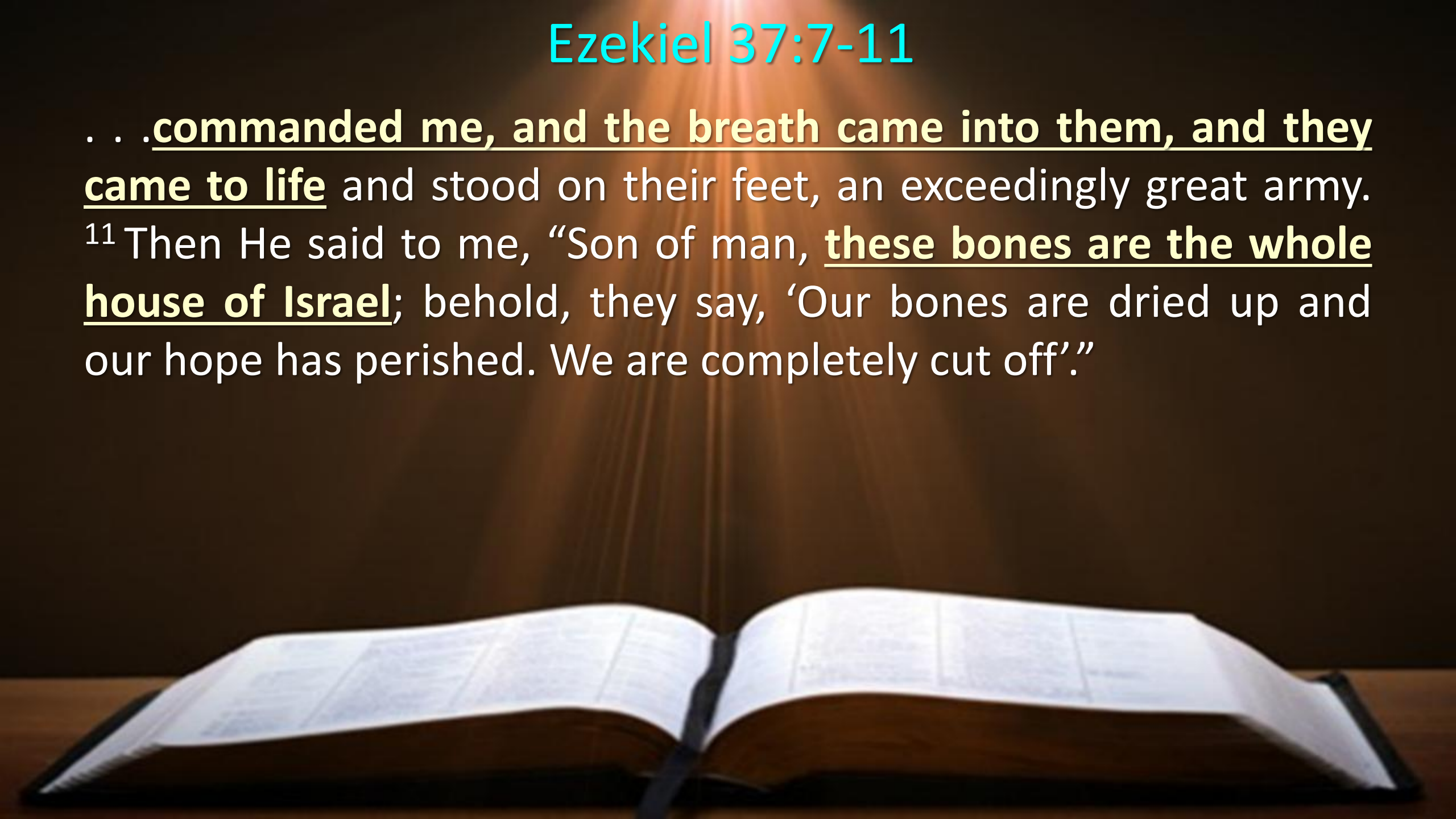
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. . .**commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life** and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.
[11] Then He said to me, “Son of man, **these bones are the whole house of Israel**; behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off’.”





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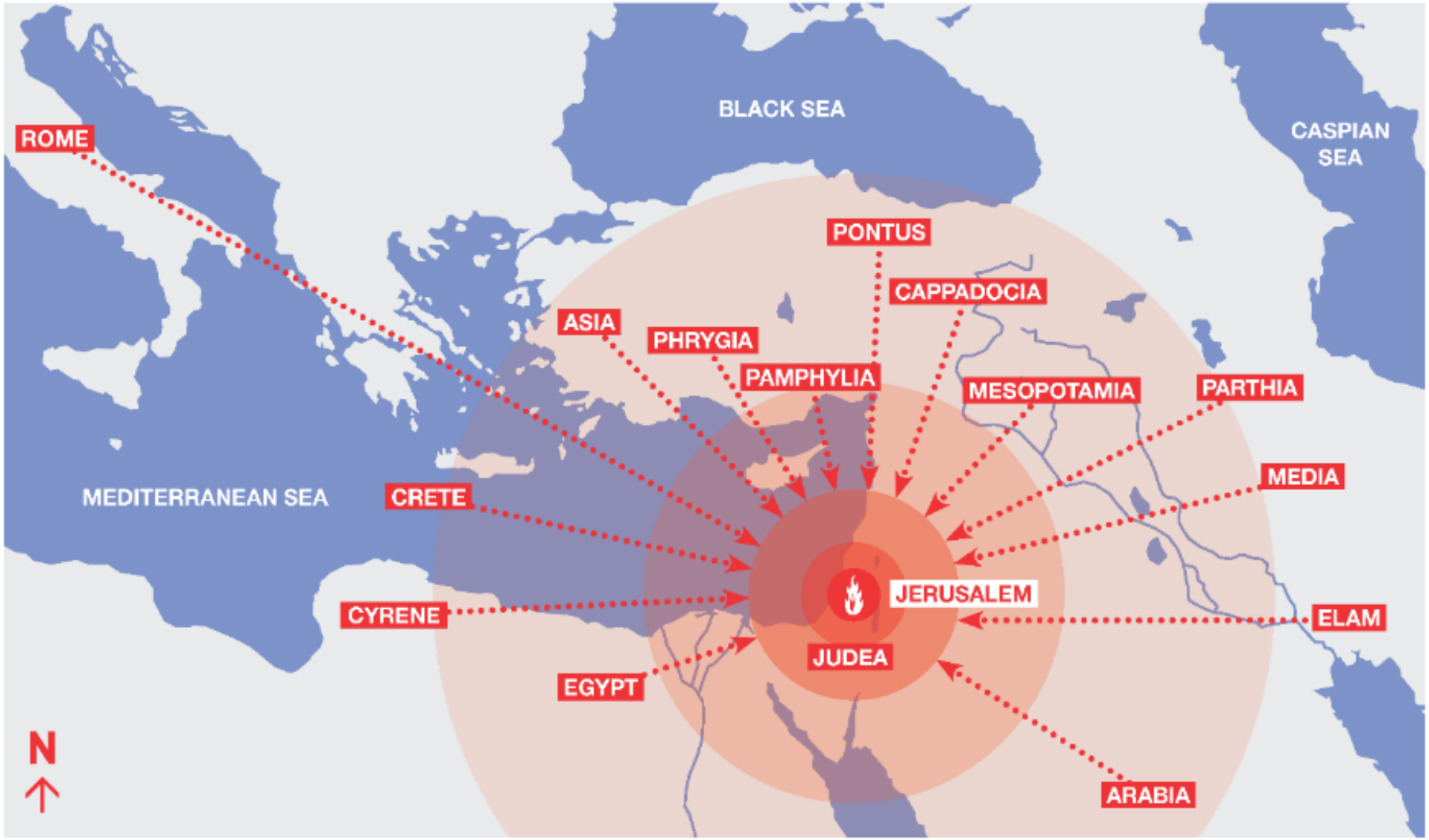
Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, “Israel and the Church,” in Issues in Dispensationalism, ed. Wesley R. Willis and John R. Master (Chicago: Moody, 1994), 118.

“In the book of Acts, both Israel and the church exist simultaneously. The term *Israel* is used twenty times and *ekklēsia* (church) nineteen times, yet the two groups are always kept distinct.”



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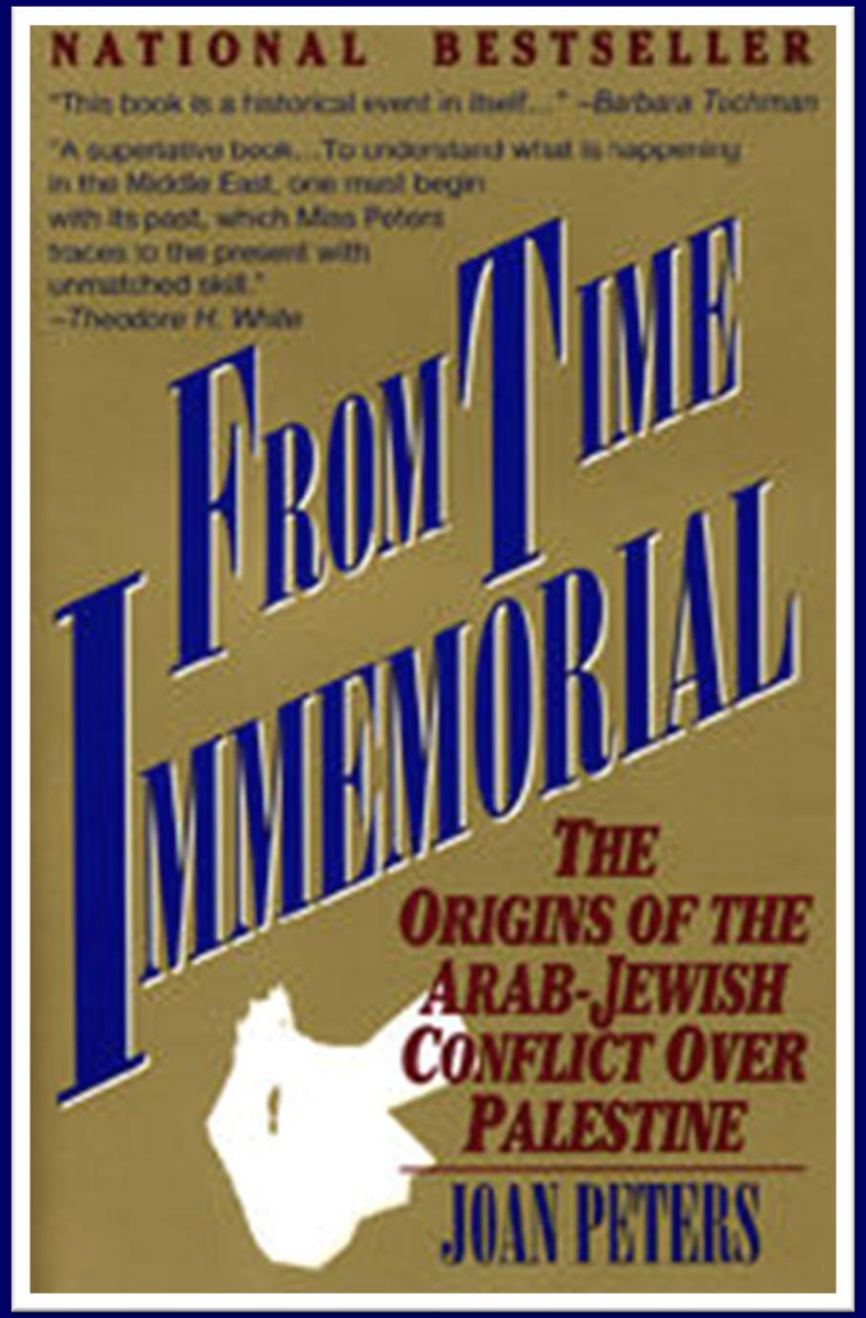


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