Zechariah

God Remembers!





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Structure

I. Introductory call to repentance (1:1-6)

II. <u>Eight-night visions (1:7–6:15)</u>

III. Question and answers about fasting (7–8)

IV. Two burdens (9–14)



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)
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- Conclusion: crowning of Joshua (6:9-15)



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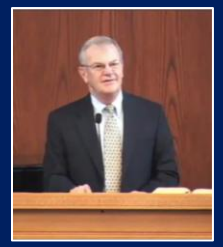
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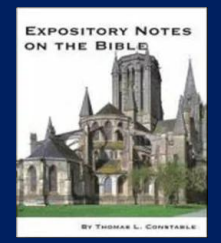
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Constable's online notes on Zechariah, p. 62.



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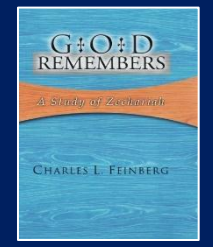
B. Four Horses (2-3)





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"Since the chariots go forth to actual geographical designations, as we shall see later, just so the mountains from whence they proceed are to be taken as representing a specific geographical locality. The mountains, in all probability, are Mount Zion and the Mount of Olives…Between these two mountains in Palestine [Israel] lies the Valley of Jehoshaphat, which is related in Scripture to the judgment of the nations."

His Body
(Rev. 1:14-16)

1. His hair (14a)
2. His eyes (14b)
3. **His feet (15a)**
4. His voice (15b)
5. His right hand (16a)
6. His mouth (16b)
7. His face (16c)



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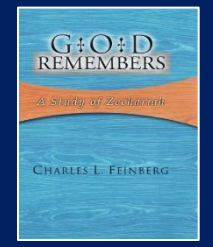
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"The four winds speak of divine judicial power exerted in judgment, carrying out the purposes of God. CF. Psalm 148:8; Jeremiah 49:36; Daniel 7:2; Revelation 7:1."



Ezekiel 38:12

"to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are *now* inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, **who live at the center of the world**."



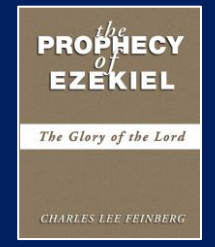
Ezekiel 5:5

“Thus says the Lord God, ‘This is Jerusalem; I have set her at the **center of the nations**, with lands around her.'”





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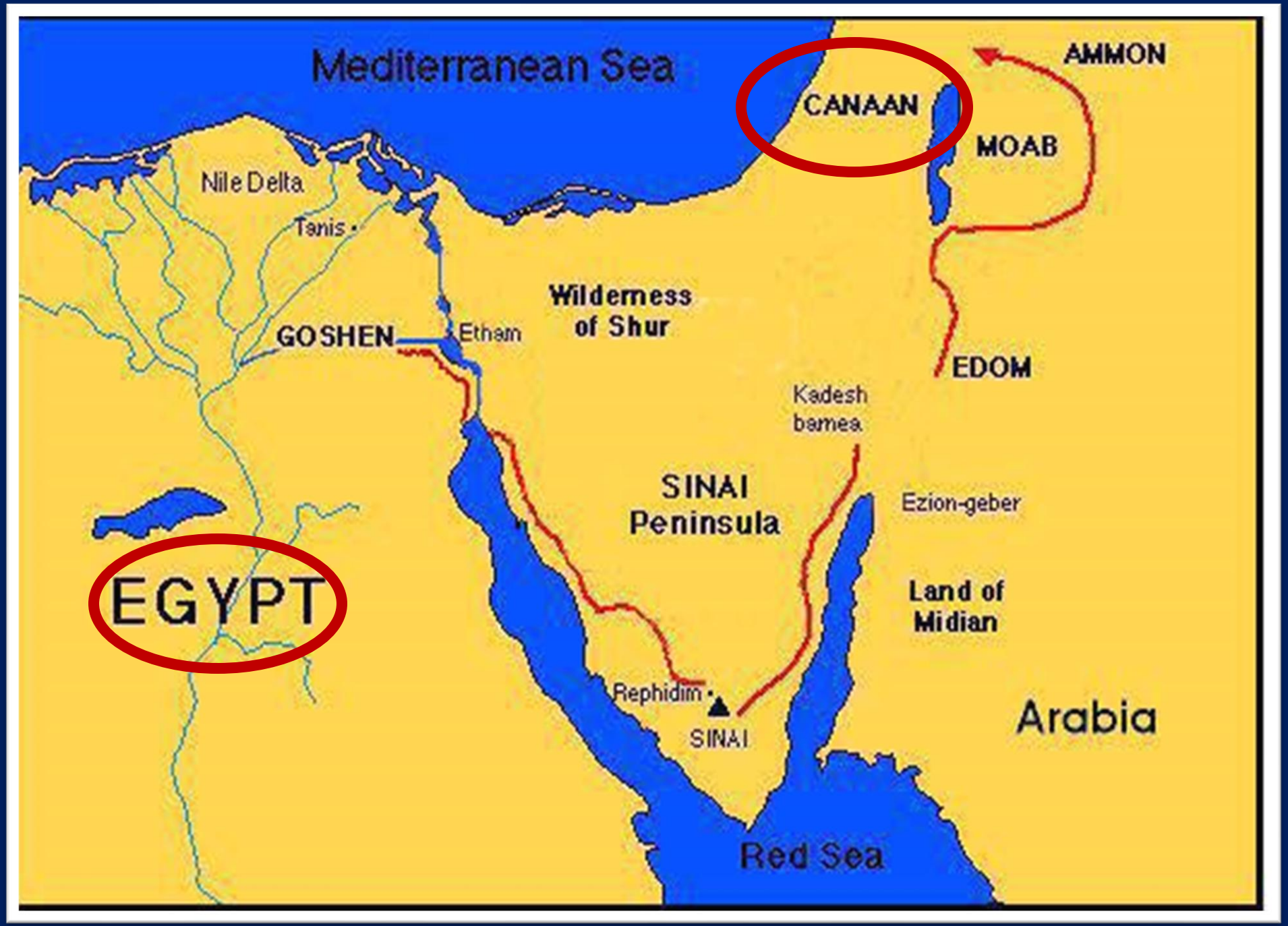
The Prophecy of Ezekiel: The Glory of the Lord, Paperback ed. (Chicago: Moody, 1969; reprint, Chicago: Moody, 1984), 223.

"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*."

Ezekiel 39:2, 4

“2 and I will turn you around, drive you on, take you up from the remotest parts of **the north** and bring you against the mountains of Israel…4You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you as food to every kind of predatory bird and beast of the field.”



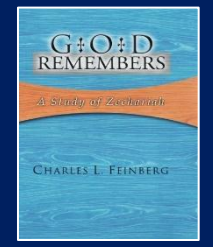

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Peninsula
Ezion-geber
EGYPT
Land of
Midian
Rephidim
SINAI
Arabia
Red Sea


Mediterranean Sea
Gaza
CANAAN
Dead Sea
Beersheba
Arad
Way to the Land of the Philistines
Migdol
WILDERNESS OF ZIN
Rameses
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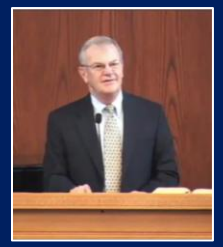
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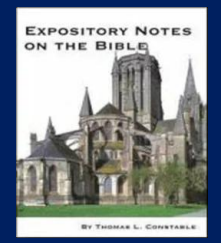
"The special prophetic application of what Zechariah had beheld was at that moment connected with the king of Babylon on the north [Jer. 1:14, 15; 25:9] and Egypt on the south. Between these two powers God would sustain His feeble flock, checkmating every effort to destroy them till Messiah should Himself appear."


Lebanon
Damascus
Har Hermon
Tyre
Kiryat Shmona
Syria
Nahariya
Akko
Tsfat
Kinneret (Sea of Galilee)
Tiberias
Haifa
Mediterranean Sea
Nazareth
Beit She'an
Jordan (Ha'yarden) River
Hadera
Jenin
Netanya
Tul Karm
Herzliya
Kfar Saba
Shchem
Tel Aviv - Yafo
Bat Yam
Ramla
Ramalla
Amman
Ashdod
Jerusalem
Jericho
Ashkelon
Bethlehem
Aza
Netivot
Hebron
Han Yunes
Be'er Sheva
Arad
Dead (Salt) Sea
Israel
Ha Negev
Jordan
Sinai Desert
Mitspe Ramon
Petra
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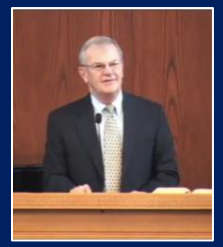


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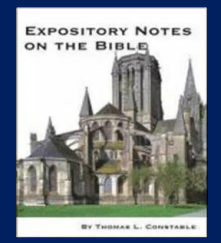


"Because of the geography of Palestine [Israel], all of Israel's enemies came against her from the north or from the south; the Mediterranean Sea on the west, and the Arabian Desert on the east, prohibited major foreign invasions from those directions."



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"Since the chariots went in compass directions, we should probably understand their judgment to be universal (cf. 2:6; Jer. 49:36; Ezek. 37:9; Rev. 7:1). They went north and south out of Palestine [Israel], but they executed judgment in every direction. The total picture is of God executing His judgments against all nations that oppose Israel."

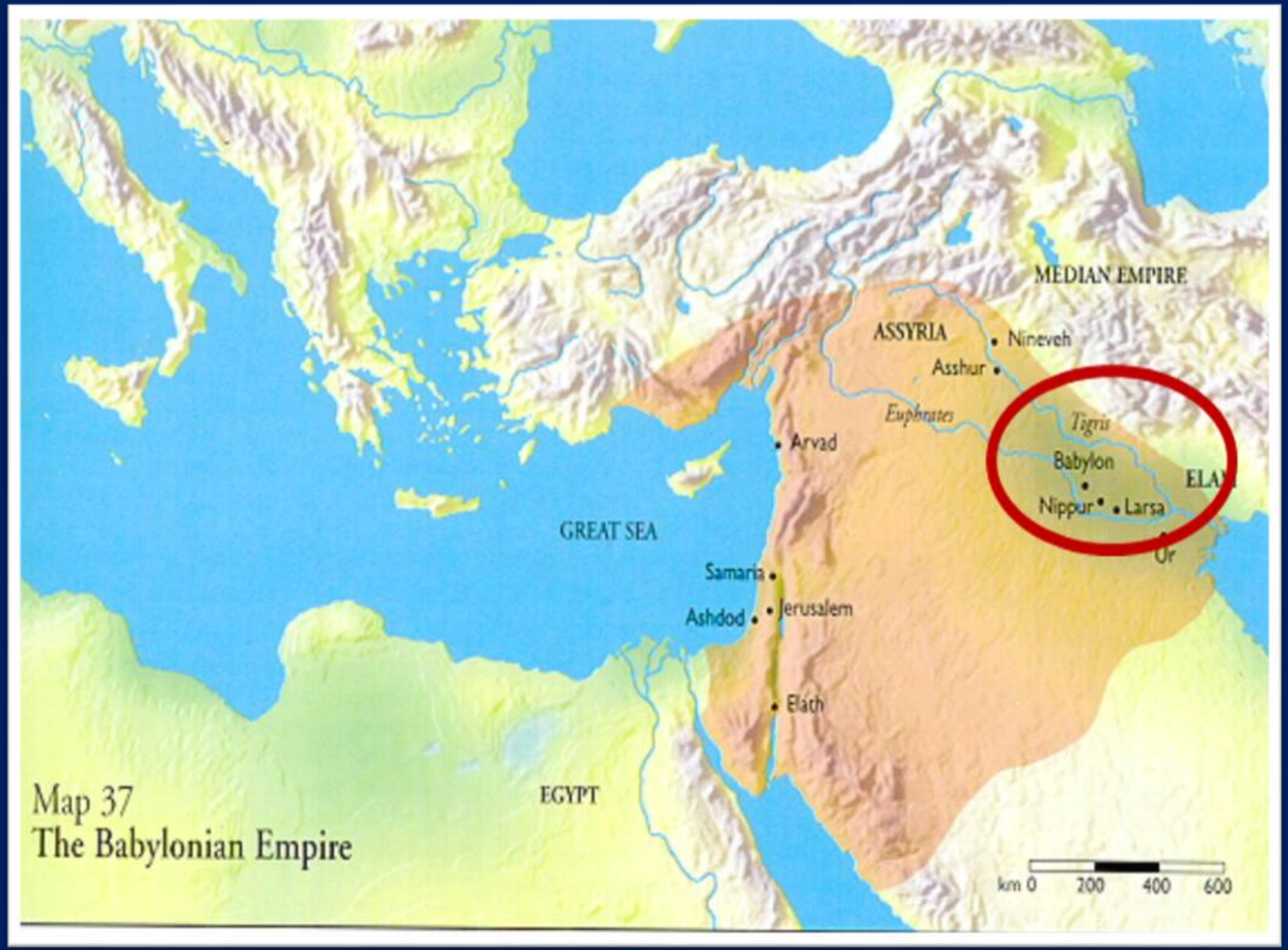
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Map 37
The Babylonian Empire

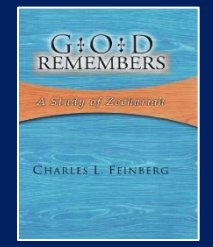
Isaiah's Oracles Against the Nations (Isa 13–23)

1. **Babylon (13:1-14:23)**
2. Assyria (14:24-27)
3. Philistia (14:28-32)
4. Moab (15-16)
5. Damascus and Samaria (17)
6. Ethiopia (18)
7. Egypt (19-20)
8. **Babylon (21:1-10)**
9. Edom (21:11-12)
10. Arabia (21:13-17)
11. Jerusalem (22)
12. Tyre (23)



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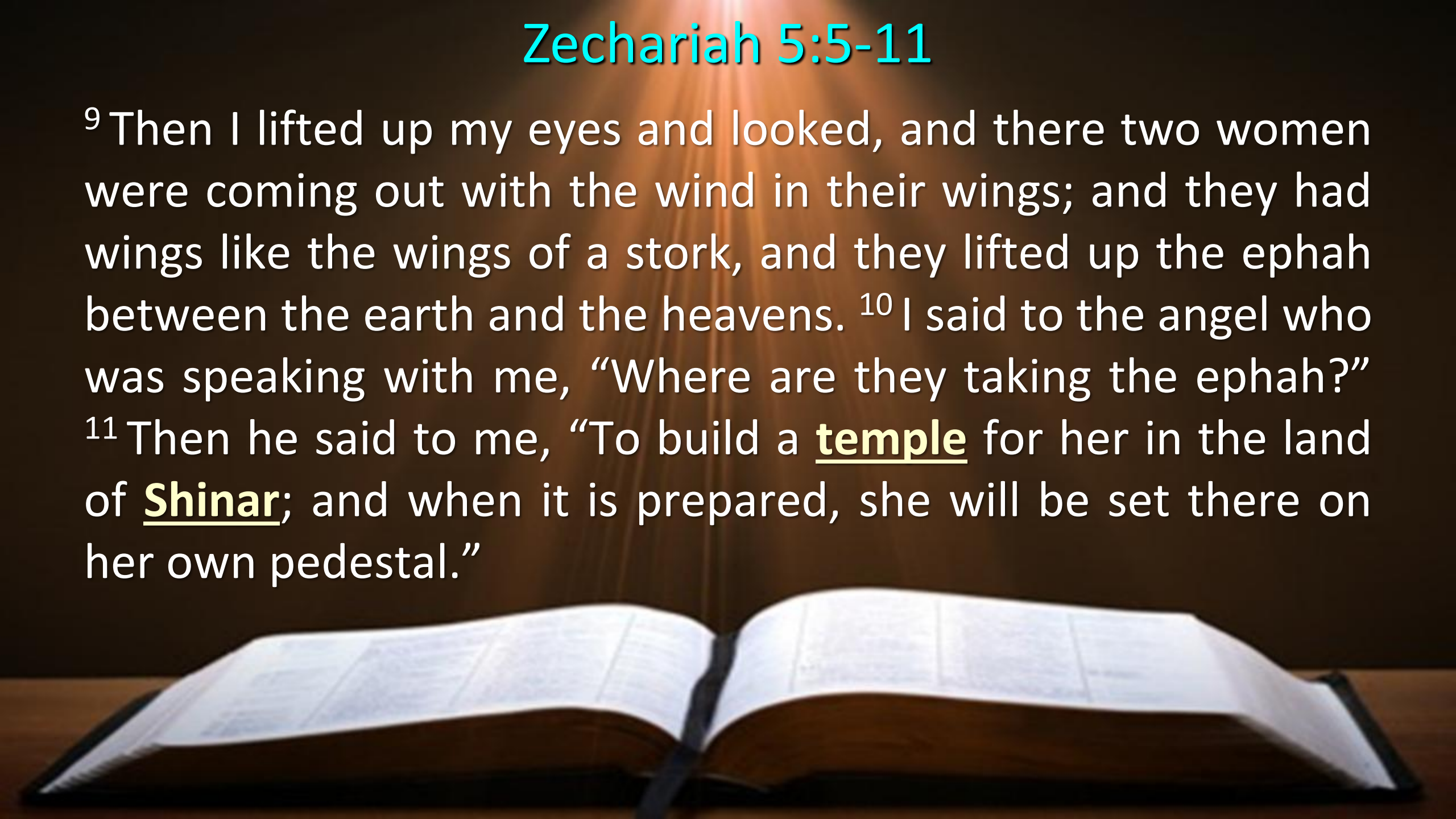
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"Why, then, is Babylon again before us in verse 8? First, it would serve to comfort and encourage the returned remnant of Israel that had come from Babylon. Second, the Babylonian world-empire, as a matter of history, had already experienced the judgment of God in her overthrow and downfall. Third, it is where that wickedness will again be established and finally extirpated. Cf. 5:11. In the end time, the coming of Christ again in the establishment of His kingdom in righteousness will be preceded by final judgment on wicked Babylon."

Zechariah 5:5-11

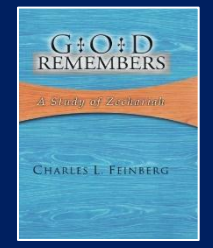
9 Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and there two women
were coming out with the wind in their wings; and they had
wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ephah
between the earth and the heavens. 10 I said to the angel who
was speaking with me, “Where are they taking the ephah?”
11 Then he said to me, “To build a **temple** for her in the land
of **Shinar**; and when it is prepared, she will be set there on
her own pedestal.”





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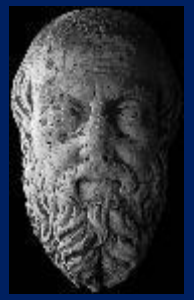
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"The first mention of Shinar in the Bible is in Genesis 10:10. (It is found in all, six other times: Gen. 11:2; 14:1, 9; Isa. 11:11; Dan. 1:2; and here). **In all instances where it occurs it is used as a definite geographical designation**. Strictly speaking it covers more than Babylon but is it is employed to denote this land."

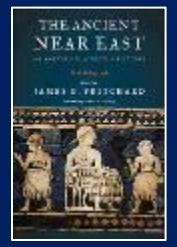
Daniel Interprets the Writing (5:24-28)





Herodotus, *Histories*, 1:191 (450 B.C.)

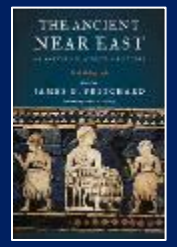
"…he (Cyrus) conducted the river by a channel into the lake…and so **he made the former course of the river passable by the sinking of the stream**. When this had been done, the Persians who had been posted for this very purpose entered by the bed of the river Euphrates into Babylon, **the stream having sunk so far that it reached about to the middle of a man's thigh…those Babylonians who dwelt in the middle did not know that they had been captured**…"



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The Ancient Near East Texts Relating to the Old Testament, 315-16.

Without any battle... sparing Babylon... any calamity....I am Cyrus...king of Babylon....When I entered Babylon...under jubilation and **rejoicing...troops** walked around Babylon...**in peace**, I **did not allow** anybody to **terrorize** (any place) of the [country of Sumer] and Akkad. I strove for peace in Babylon...and in all his (other) sacred cities....I returned to (these) sacred cities on the other side of the Tigris, the sanctuaries of which have been in ruins for a long time, the images which (used) to live therein and established for them **permanent sanctuaries**.



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I (also) gathered all their (former) inhabitants and returned (to them) their habitations. Furthermore, I resettled... **unharmed**, in their (former) chapels, the places which make them happy. May all the gods whom I have resettled in their sacred cities ask daily Bel and Nebo for a long life for me...all of them I **resettled in a peaceful place**... ducks and doves,...I endeavoured to fortify/repair their dwelling places . . .

VI. 8 New Promises

Genesis 12:1-3

A. Land (Gen. 12:1b)

B. Great nation (Gen. 12:2a)

C. Personal blessing (Gen. 12:2b)

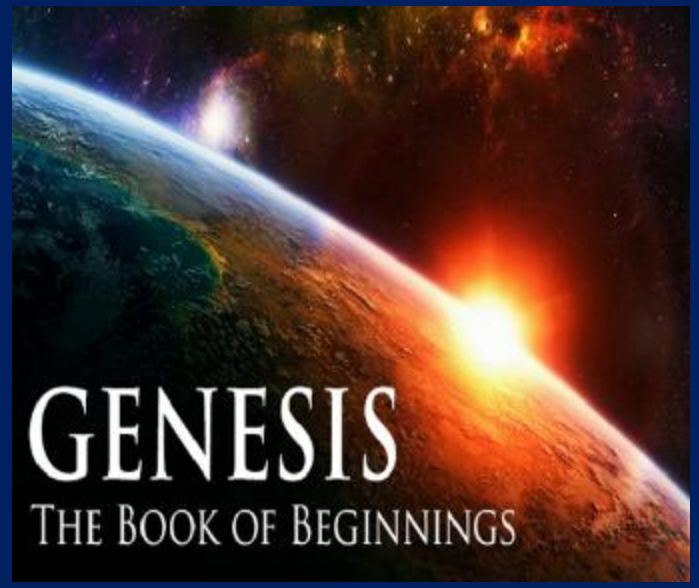
D. Great name (Gen. 12:2c)

E. Blessing to others (Gen. 12:2d)

F. Blessing to blessers (Gen. 12:3a)

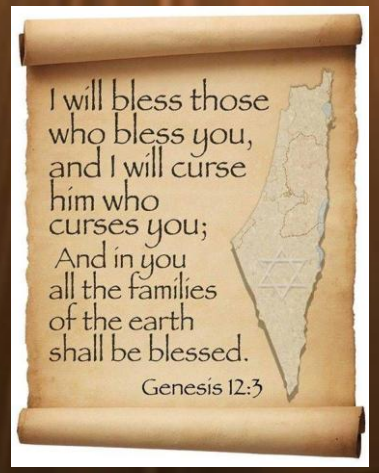
G. **Cursing to cursers (Gen. 12:3b)**

H. Blessing to the world (Gen. 12:3c)



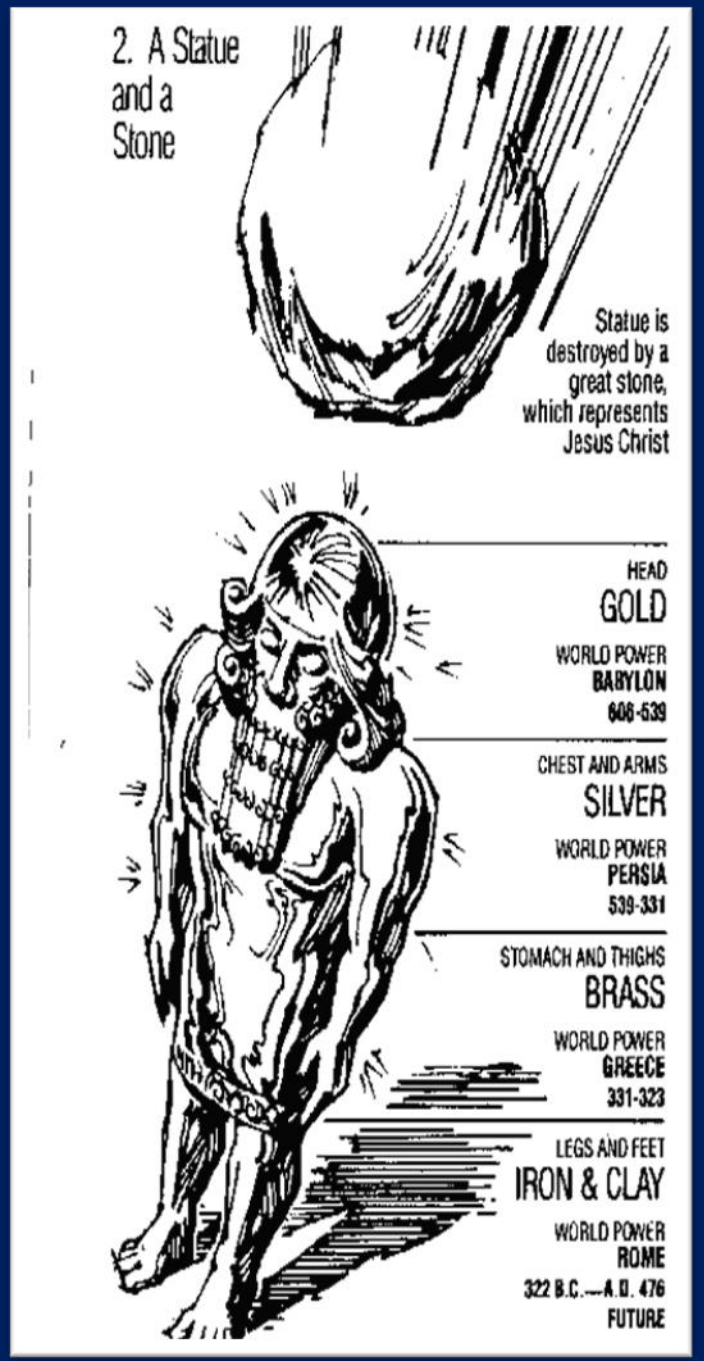
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"And I will bless those who bless you, And **the one who curses you I will curse**. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."





Statue & Stone



Identification of the Four Kingdoms



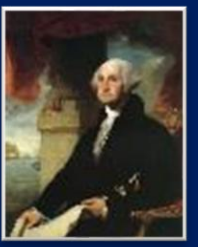
Vision in Daniel: Ch. 2	Vision in Ch. 7	Vision in Ch. 8	IDENTIFICATION
HEAD of GOLD	LION		BABYLON 2:48
CHEST and ARMS of SILVER	BEAR	RAM	MEDO-PERSIA 8:20
BELLY and THIGHS of BRONZE	LEOPARD	GOAT	GREECE 8:21
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FEET of CLAY			

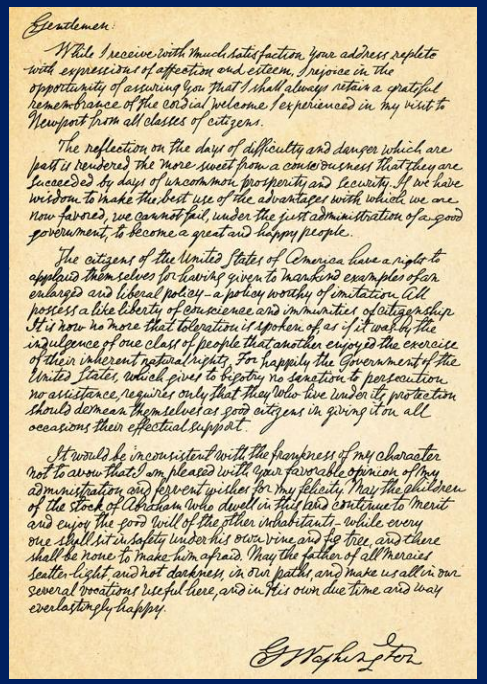
Chronology of Major Empires in Daniel

626 B.C.
600
BABYLONIA
539 B.C.
500
MEDO-PERSIA
400
330 B.C.
300
GREECE
(Including Ptolemies and Seleucids)
200
(167 B.C. Maccabees and Hasmoneans)
100
63 B.C.
ROME
A.D. 70
Fall of Jerusalem
100

George Washington's Letter

to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island, *August 18, 1790*





Gentlemen:

While I receive with much satisfaction your address replete with expressions of affection and esteem, I rejoice in the opportunity of assuring you that I shall always retain a grateful remembrance of the cordial welcome I experienced in my visit to Newport from all classes of citizens.

The reflection on the days of difficulty and danger which are past is rendered the more sweet from a consciousness that they are succeeded by days of uncommon prosperity and security. If we have wisdom to make the best use of the advantages with which we are now favored, we cannot fail, under the auspices of a good government, to become a great and happy people.

The citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for having given to mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy—a policy worthy of imitation. All possess a like liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it were by the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights. For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction to persecution no assistance requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.

It would be inconsistent with the frankness of my character not to avow that I am pleased with your favorable opinion of my administration and fervent wishes for my felicity. May the children of the Stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants—while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid. May the father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness in our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in His own due time and way everlastingly happy.

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8. Four chariots (6:1-8)

- **<u>Conclusion: crowning of Joshua (6:9-15)</u>**

