THE BIBLE AND VOTING

Part 13



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Introductory Remarks

- A stewardship issue (1 Cor. 4:2)
- A biblical issue (2 Tim. 3:16)
- Biblical principles rather than partisanship

The Bible and Voting

1. Economic issues
2. Social issues
3. Foreign affairs



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Economic Issues

1. Ownership of private property? (Deut. 19:15)
2. Pursuit of economic self interest? (Gen. 8:21)
3. Proper definition of compassion? (2 Thess. 3:10)
4. Who provides charity? (1 Tim. 5:3-8)
5. Family is the building block of society? (Deut. 6:6-7)
6. Wealth retained within the family? (Prov. 13:22)
7. The earth experiences cyclical patterns? (Gen. 8:22)
8. Environmental stewardship rather than earth worship? (Rom. 1:22-23)
9. Opposition to runaway debt? (Prov. 22:7)
10. Limitations upon the government? (Acts 5:29)

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Social Issues

1. Legal protection for the unborn? (Gen. 25:23)
2. Legal protection for the elderly? (Lev. 19:32)
3. Hetero-sexual monogamous marriage as the standard for society? (Gen. 2:18-25)
4. Advocacy capital punishment? (Gen. 9:6)
5. The right to restrict alcohol, pornography, & gambling? (Lev. 10:9; Matt. 5:27-28; Prov. 13:11)
6. Parental authority over children? (Eph. 6:4)
7. Public expressions of Christianity? (Mark 16:15)
8. Right to keep and bear arms? (Luke 22:36)

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B. Lack of education

C. American imperialism



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Genesis 8:21

The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for ***the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth****; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.[emphasis mine].*



Mark 7:20-23

"And He was saying, "That which **proceeds out of the man**, that is what defiles the man. [21] For **from within, out of the heart of men**, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, ***murders***, adulteries, [22] deeds of coveting *and* wickedness, *as well as* deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride *and* foolishness. [23] All these evil things **proceed from within** and defile the man."

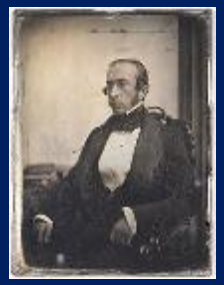


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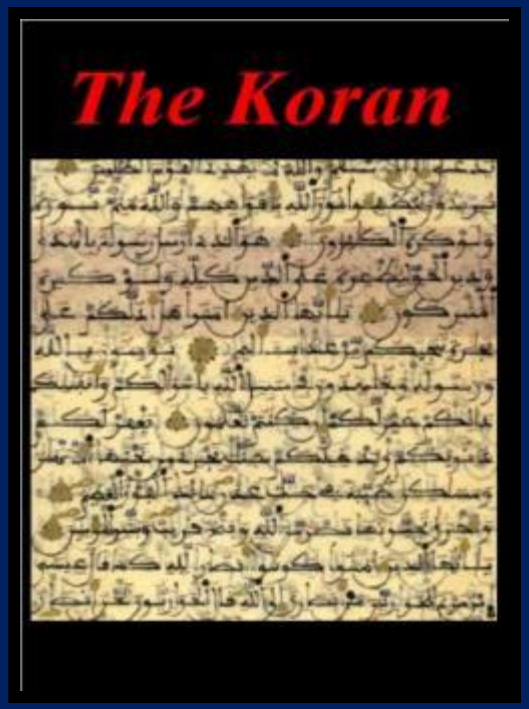
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Quran Surah* 8:12

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“I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them” (Q 8:12)

Quran Surah* 24:55

(*chapter)

"Allah has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them ***succession [Caliphate]*** upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them and that He will surely establish for them [therein] their religion which He has preferred for them and that He will surely substitute for them, after their fear, security, [for] they worship Me, not associating anything with Me. But whoever disbelieves after that - then those are the defiantly disobedient."

“Iranian school textbooks, such as *The Qur'an and Life* (Grade 12, p. 125) prepare Iranian children for the Ayatollahs' sublime goal: the apocalyptic, horrifying, millenarian, military battle against the USA and other "arrogant oppressors of the world," which are ostensibly led by "idolatrous devils." While the "savior" – the infallible, immortal, divinely ordained and eventual global leader, the Mahdi – has not surfaced yet, Iranian children are taught that the battle is already raging throughout the world, awaiting their sacrifice. School textbooks of Western democracies are the most authentic reflection of peoples' values and worldview. School textbooks of tyrannies are the most authentic reflection of the nature and mission of the regimes. Iranian school textbooks reflect the strategy and tactics of the Ayatollahs, much more authentically than speeches, interviews, diplomatic statements and conversations conducted by President Rouhani and Foreign Minister Zarif.”

Yoram Ettinger, “Iran's School Textbooks–Can Congress Afford to Ignore It?,” online: http://theettingerreport.com/Iran-and-MidEast/Iran-s-School-Textbooks-%E2%80%93-can-Congress-afford-to-i.aspx, May 29, 2015, accessed 30 May 2015.

Source:.
"An Explanatory Memorandum on the General Strategic Goal For the Group in North America" Published 1991



The Ikhwan [Muslim Brotherhood] must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and "sabotaging" its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God's religion is made victorious over all religions.



IRAN BEFORE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION



...AND AFTER

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Winston Spencer Churchill, *The River War: The Historical Account of the Reconquest of the Soudan* (1899), pp. 248-49.

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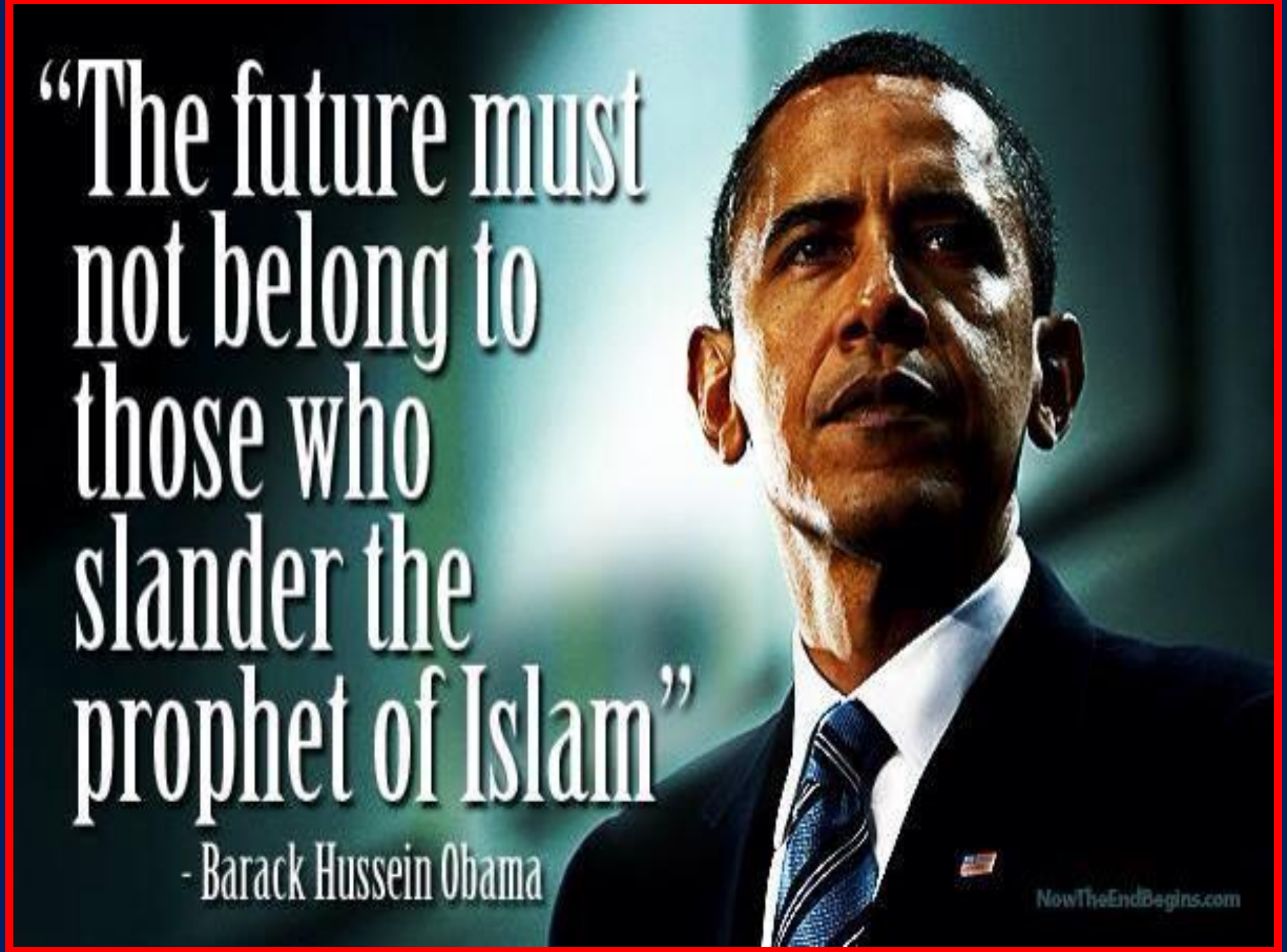
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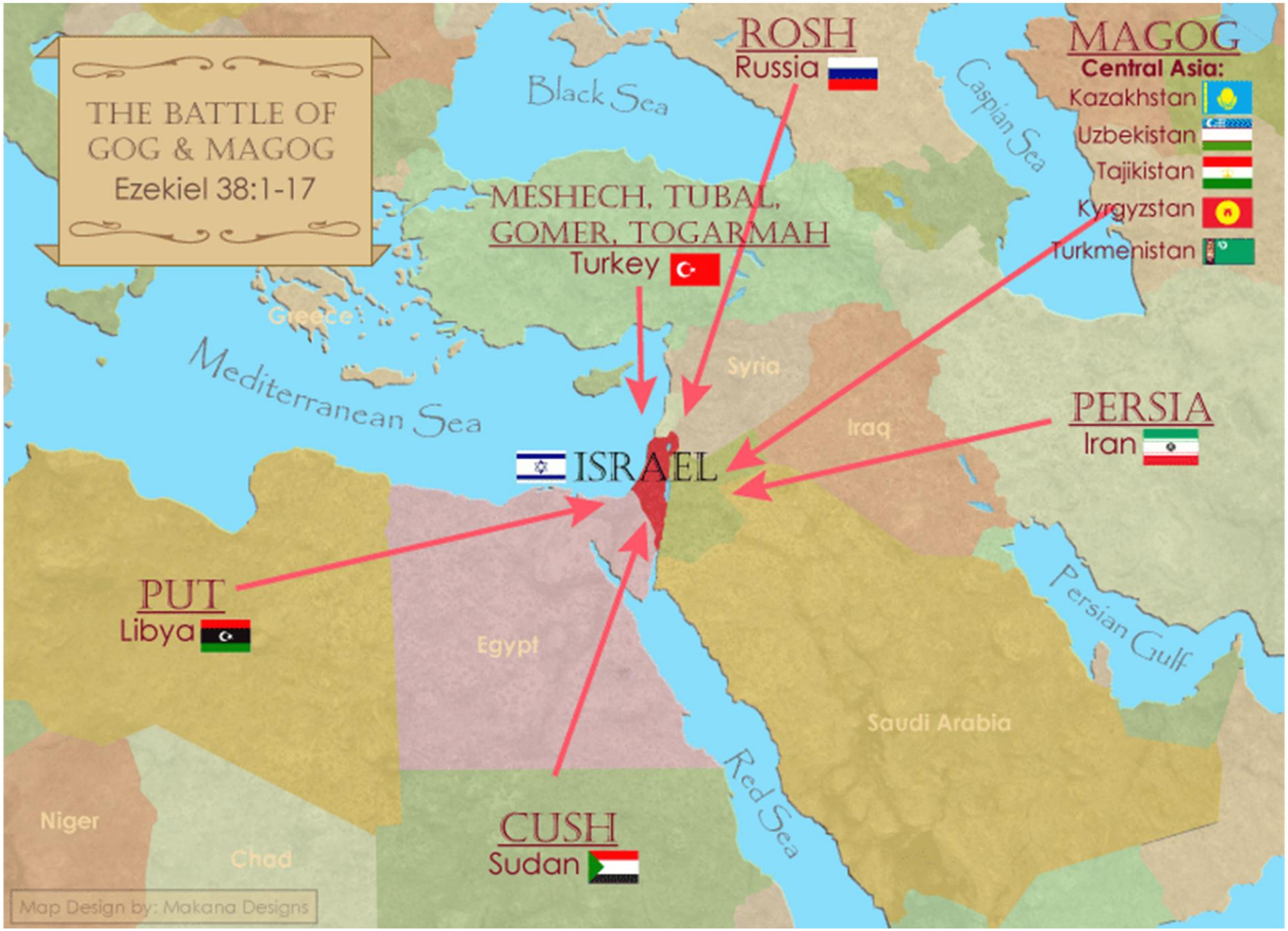
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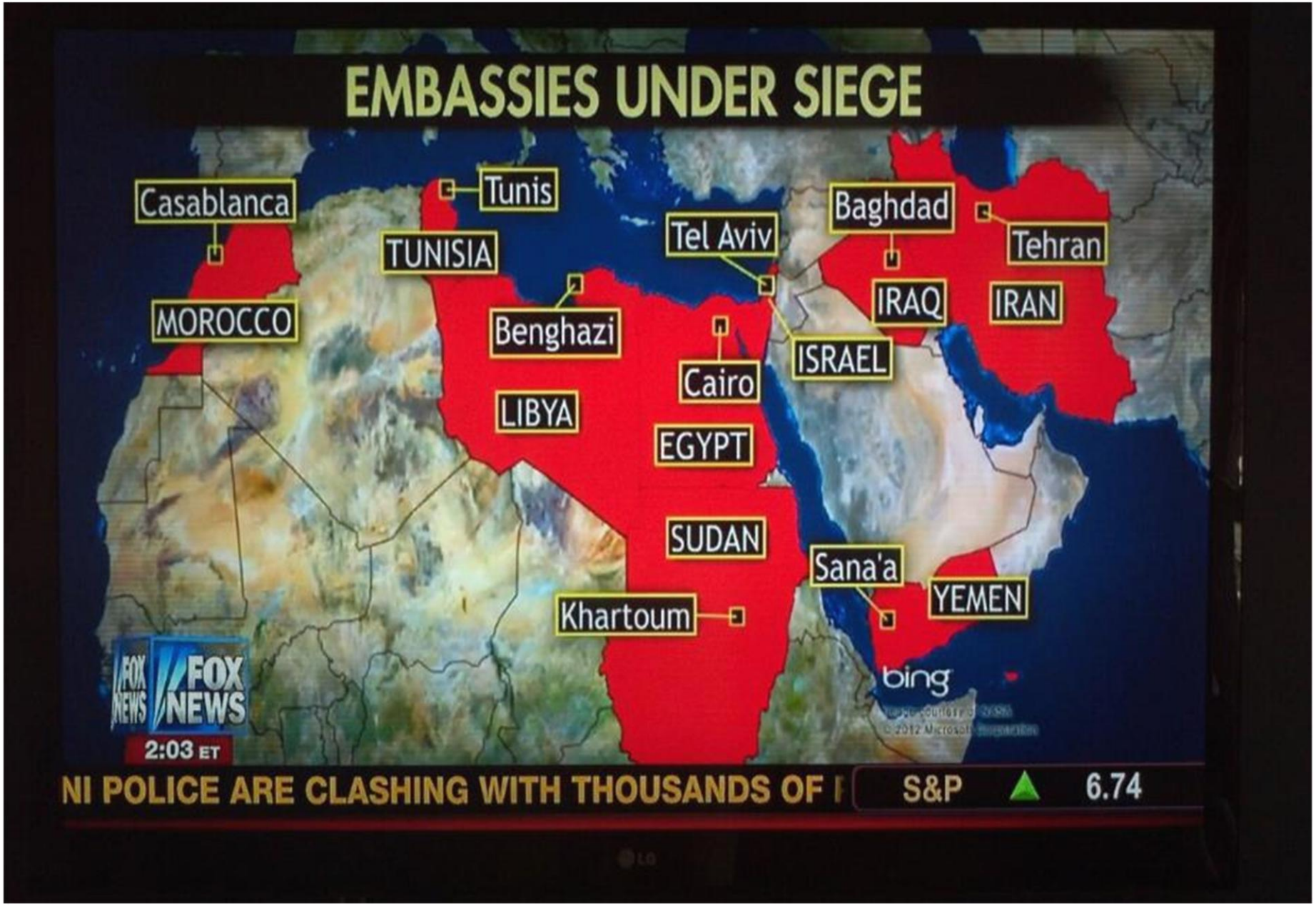
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"The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam"
- Barack Hussein Obama
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Kazakhstan
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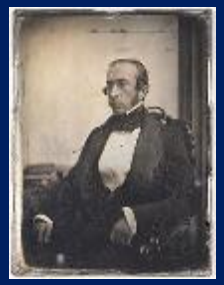
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Genesis 9:6

"Whoever **sheds man's blood, By man** his blood shall be shed, For in the **image of God** He made man."



Noahic vs. Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenants

Name	Noahic Covenant	Abrahamic Covenant	Mosaic Covenant
Human agent	Noah	Abraham	Moses
Scripture	Gen. 8–9	Gen. 12–17	Exod. 19–40
Covenant (*Berith*)	Gen. 9:9	Gen. 15:18	Exod. 19:5
Party	World, humanity	Israel, Hebrews	Israel, Hebrews
Israel	Pre-Israel	Post-Israel	Post-Israel

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	Noahic Covenant	Abrahamic Covenant	Mosaic Covenant
Conditional or unconditional	Unconditional	Unconditional	Conditional
Promises	No more flood judgment, enduring earth, capital punishment	Ownership of land, seed, and blessing	Enjoyment or possession of land, seed, and blessing
Sign	Rainbow	Circumcision	Sabbath
Purpose	Restrain & preserve	Redemptive	Redemptive
Directly binding today?	Yes	No	No

Romans 13:3-5

“For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But **if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing**; for it is a minister of God, **an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil**.”



1 Peter 2:13-14

"Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to **governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers** and the praise of those who do right."



Deuteronomy 13:10-11

"So you shall **stone him to death** because he has sought to seduce you from the Lord your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. Then **all Israel will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such a wicked thing** among you."




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Answering Pacifism's Arguments

A. Violence begets violence?

B. Trust God?

C. World court resolution?



D. Love your neighbor (Matt. 22:39)

E. Turn the other cheek (Matt. 5:39)

F. Thou shalt not kill? (Exod. 20:13)

Wayne Grudem, *Politics According to the Bible*, 390-94

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V. Going Too Far in Deterring Terrorism? Just War Principles

A. Just cause
B. Competent authority
C. Comparative justice
D. Right intention
E. Last resort
F. Probability of success (Luke 14:31)
G. Proportionality of projected results
H. Right spirit



"War" in *ESV Study Bible*, 255

V. Going Too Far in Deterring Terrorism? How to Fight a Just War

A. Proportionality in the use of force (Deut. 20:10-12)

B. Discrimination between combatants & non-combatants (Deut. 20:13-14)

C. Avoidance of evil means

D. Good faith



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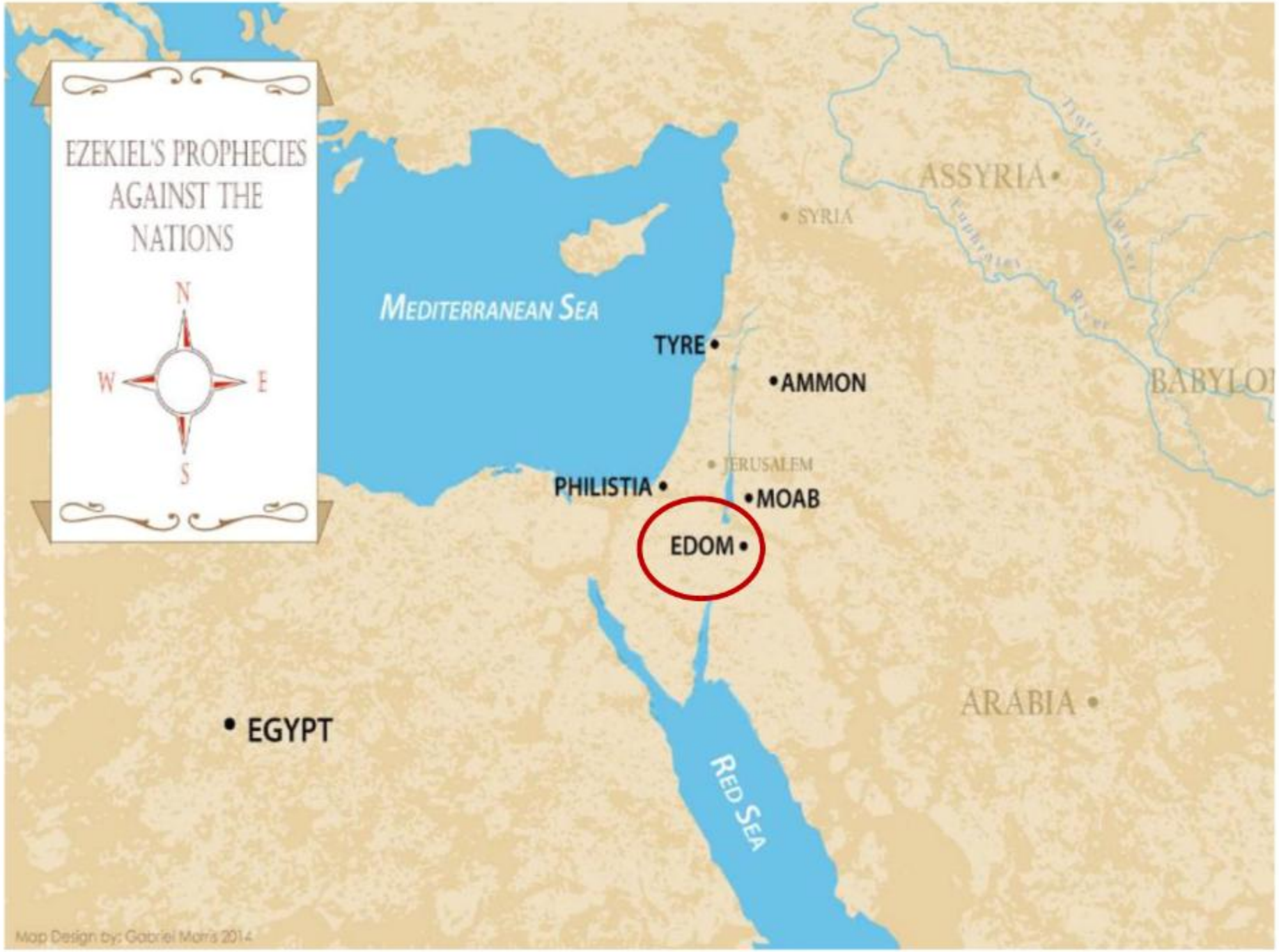
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Obadiah 11

“On the day that you stood aloof, On the day that strangers carried off his wealth, And foreigners entered his gate And cast lots for Jerusalem—You too were as one of them.”



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Enhanced Interrogation Limitations

A. Immorality

B. Denial of medical treatment

C. Sadistic humiliation

D. Violation of religious convictions

E. Causing lasting physical damage



Wayne Grudem, *Politics According to the Bible*, 429

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