THE BIBLE AND VOTING

Part 11



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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

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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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Israel's Three Blessings to the World
(Gen 12:3b)

1) Scripture (Rom 3:2)

2) Savior (John 4:22)

3) Kingdom (Isa 2:2-3)



Abrahamic Covenant

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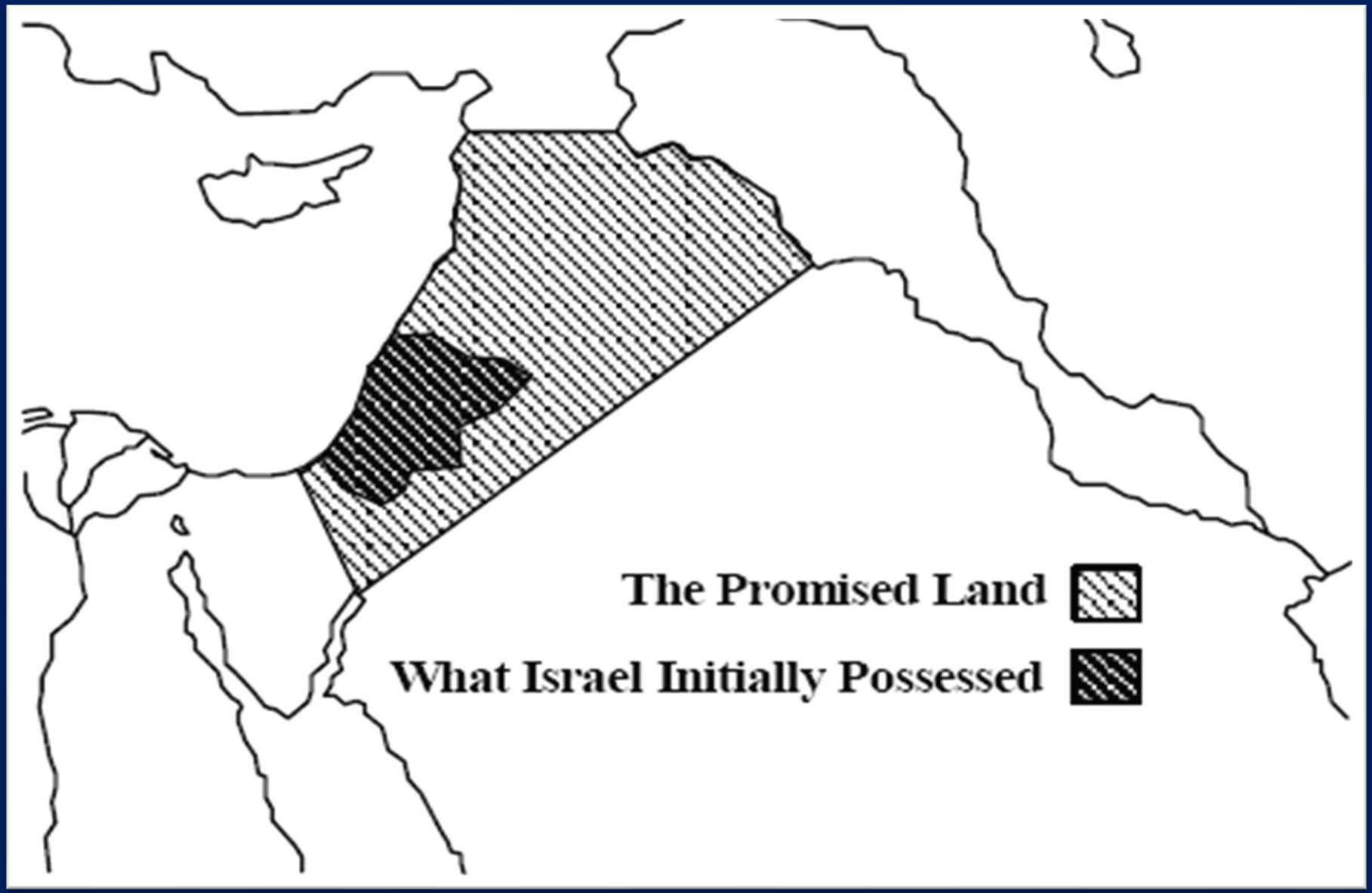
LAND	SEED	BLESSING
LAND **Deuteronomy** **29-30**	**DAVIDIC** **2 Samuel** **7:12-16**	**NEW** **Jeremiah** **31:31-34**







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



Thomas L. Constable, *Notes on Numbers,* p.99

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Zechariah 2:8

"For thus says the LORD of hosts, "After glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for **he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye**."



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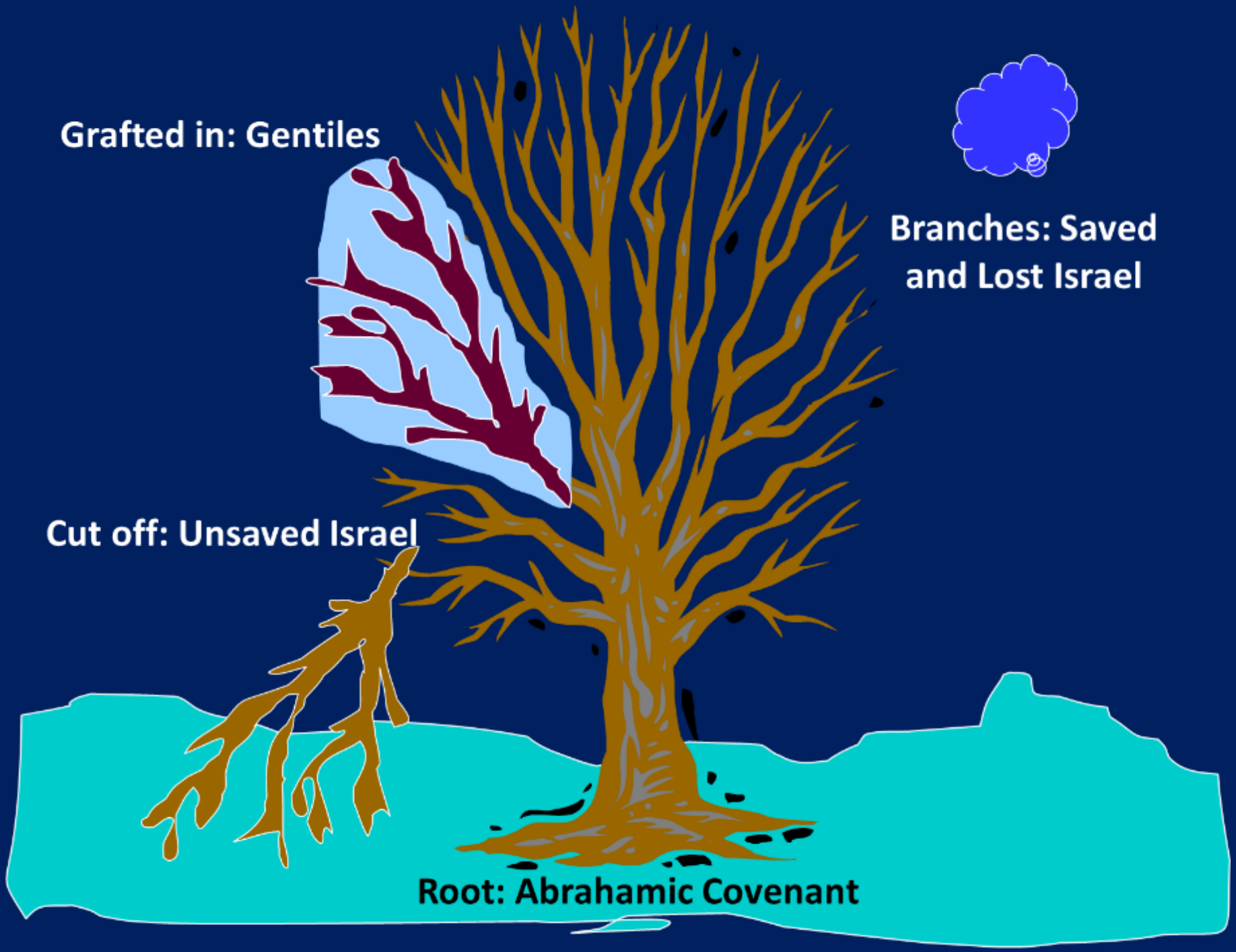
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Grafted in: Gentiles
Branches: Saved and Lost Israel
Cut off: Unsaved Israel
Root: Abrahamic Covenant

Christian Anti-Semitism

"First, their synagogues should be set on fire…Secondly, their homes should likewise be broken down and destroyed…Thirdly, they should be deprived of their prayer books and Talmuds…"

Christian Anti-Semitism

"…Fourthly, their rabbis must be forbidden under threat of death to teach any more…Fifthly, passport and traveling privileges should be absolutely forbidden to the Jews…Sixthly, they ought to be stopped from usury (charging interest on loans…"

Christian Anti-Semitism

"Seventhly, let the young and strong Jews and Jewesses be given the flail, the ax, the hoe, the spade, the distaff, and spindle, and let the earn their bread by the sweat of their noses…We ought to drive the rascally lazy bones out of our system..."

Martin Luther, *Concerning the Jews and Their Lies*, cited in Michael Brown's *Our Hands Are Stained with Blood*, pp. 14-15.

Christian Anti-Semitism

"…Therefore away with them… To sum up, dear princes and nobles who have Jews in your domains, if this advice of mine does not suit you, then find a better one so that you and we may all be free of this insufferable devilish burden–the Jews."

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Decide?

- Weeping Jewish remnant (John 12:19)
- Edomite Herodian Dynasty
- Roman soldiers executed Christ (John 18:30-31)
- Christ partially blamed the Gentiles (Matt. 20:18-19)
- Christ died for the world's sin (John 3:16)
- The Father is responsible (Isa. 53:10)
- Christ is responsible (John 10:17-18)
- “A” culprit vs. “the” culprit (Acts 2:23)

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Biblical Reality of the Angelic World

- Job 1:12
- 2 Kings 6:15-17
- 1 Chron 21:1
- Dan 10:12-13, 20
- Matt 16:21-23
- Eph 6:12



Revelation 12:1-5

[1]And a great **sign** appeared in heaven: a **woman** clothed in the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; [2]and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor pain to give birth. [3]And another sign was seen in heaven: and behold, a great red **dragon**, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems. (NASV 1995)



Revelation 12:1-5 (cont'd)

4And his tail swept a third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman that is about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he may devour her child. 5And she gave birth to a **son**, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. (NASV 1995)



Revelation: 12 Symbols

- Son = Messiah (Rev 12:5; Ps. 2:9; Acts 1:9)
- Dragon = Satan (Rev 12:3, 9)
- Woman = Israel (Rev 12:1; Gen 37:9-10)

Genesis 37:9

Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, “Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.



Genesis 37:10

He related it to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?”



2 CYCLES OF SATANIC PERSECUTION

(Revelation 12:13-16)



1. *"Pursues the woman" =* persecution of Israel 12:13-14

2. *"Flood from his mouth" =* tries to destroy Israel 12:15-16

Descriptions of Satanic Hatred
(Revelation 12:12-17)

- Wrath 12:12
- Persecution 12:13
- Sweep away 12:15
- Enraged 12:17
- War 12:17



Matthew 23:37-39

"**Jerusalem, Jerusalem,** who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. 38 Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! 39 For I say to you, from now on **you will not see Me until you say**, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"



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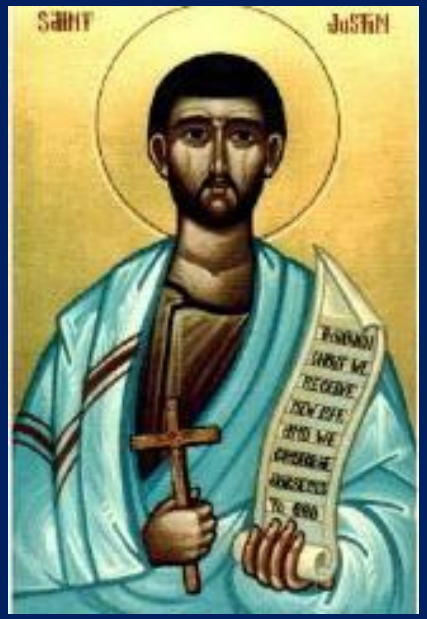
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"But I and every other **completely orthodox** Christian feel certain that there will be a resurrection of the flesh, followed by a thousand years in the rebuilt, embellished, and **enlarged city of Jerusalem** as was announced by the prophets Ezekiel, Isaiah, and the others."

Justin Martyr, *Dialogue with Trypho*, 80.

Every Geographical Location in Acts/Epistles



Ezekiel 36:24-28

“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.”



Ezekiel 37:7-11

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Zechariah 12:10

"**I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace** and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn."



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

Romans 11:28-29

"From the standpoint of the **gospel** they are **enemies** for your sake, but from the standpoint of *God's* choice they are **beloved** for the sake of the fathers; [29] for the gifts and the calling of God are **irrevocable**."



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Transforming David Into Goliath?

	Neighbors	Israel
Number of nations	22	1
Size	640 Times Israel's Size	1/19th Size of California
Population	250 million (1.4 billion Muslims worldwide)	13 million
Type of government	Dictatorships	Democracy
Wealth	Most of the world's oil	Some potential oil discoveries

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	Neighbors	Israel
Peaceful co-existence?	Limited desire for peace (except for Egypt and Jordan)	Desire for peace
Religious freedom	Christianity persecuted	Christianity growing
Holy book	Koran commands worldwide submission	Torah promises small allotment of land
Mention of Jerusalem in Holy book	Koran = 0	OT = 1000x

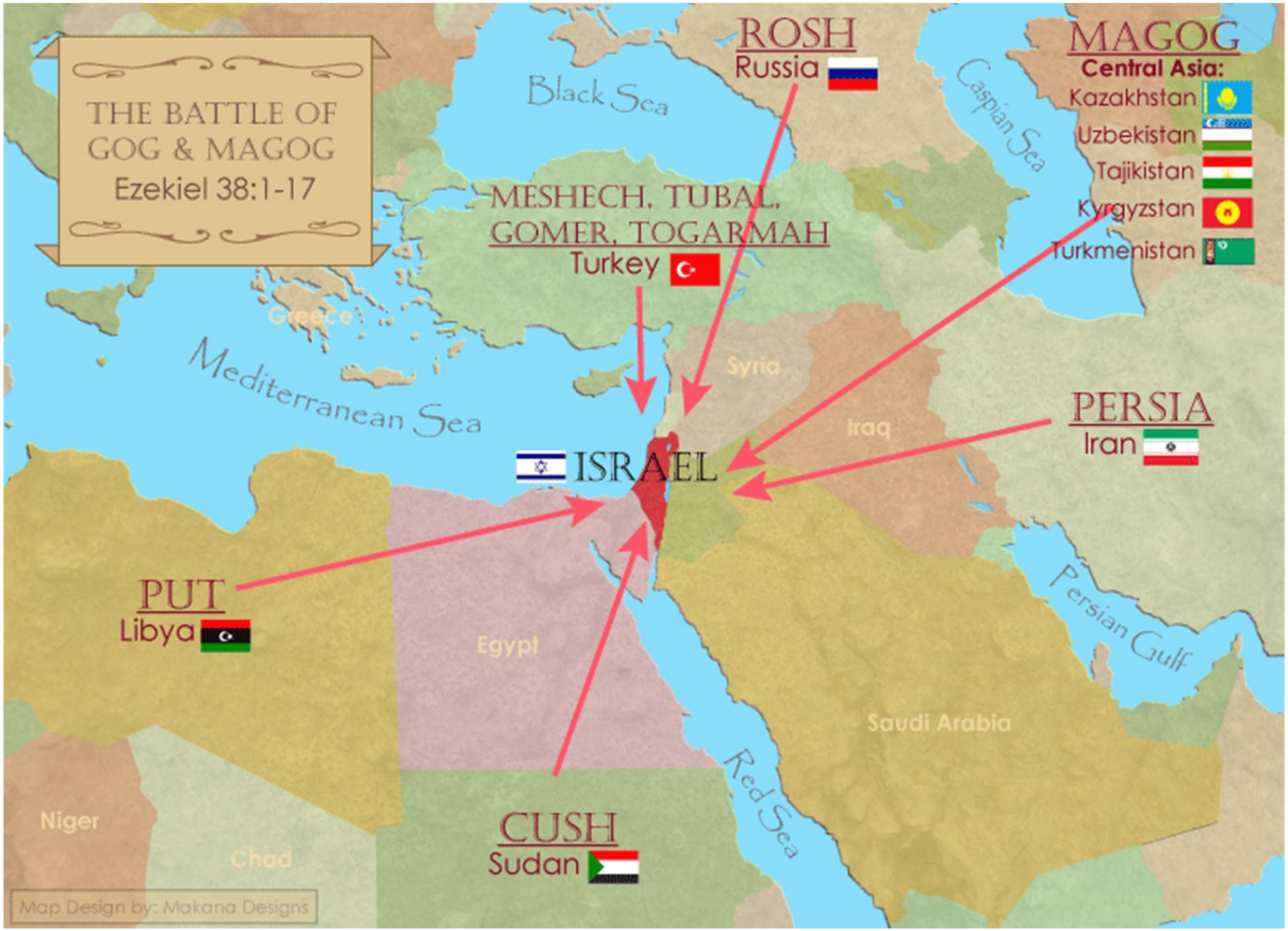
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Quran Surah* 24:55

(*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.”


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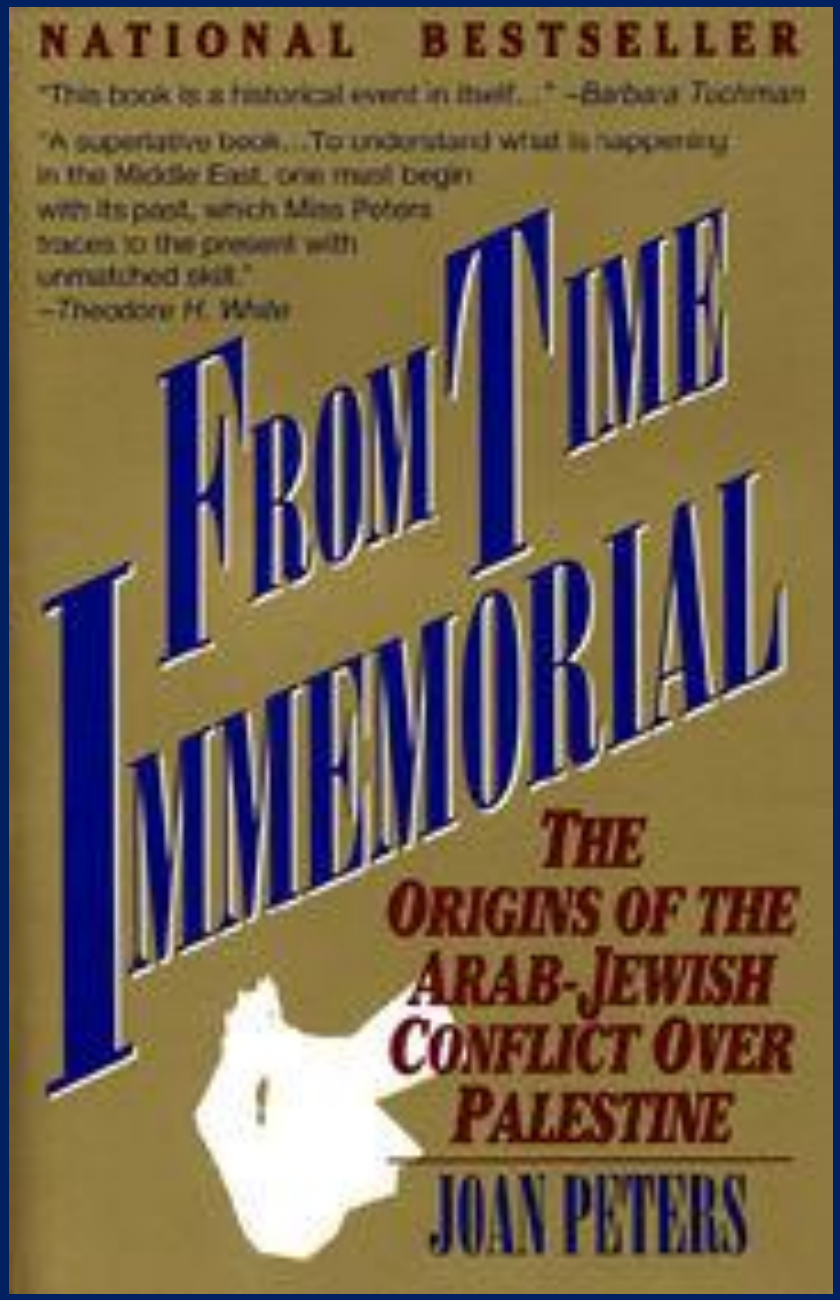

THE BATTLE OF
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Ezekiel 38:1-17
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"If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no more Israel. "

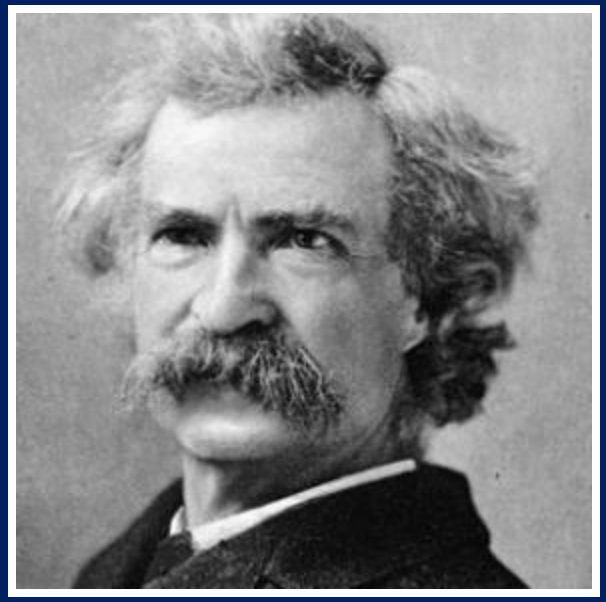
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"... A desolate country whose soil is rich enough, but is given over wholly to weeds… a silent mournful expanse…. a desolation is here that not even imagination can grace with the pomp of life and action…. we never saw a human being on the whole route…. 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."



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

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

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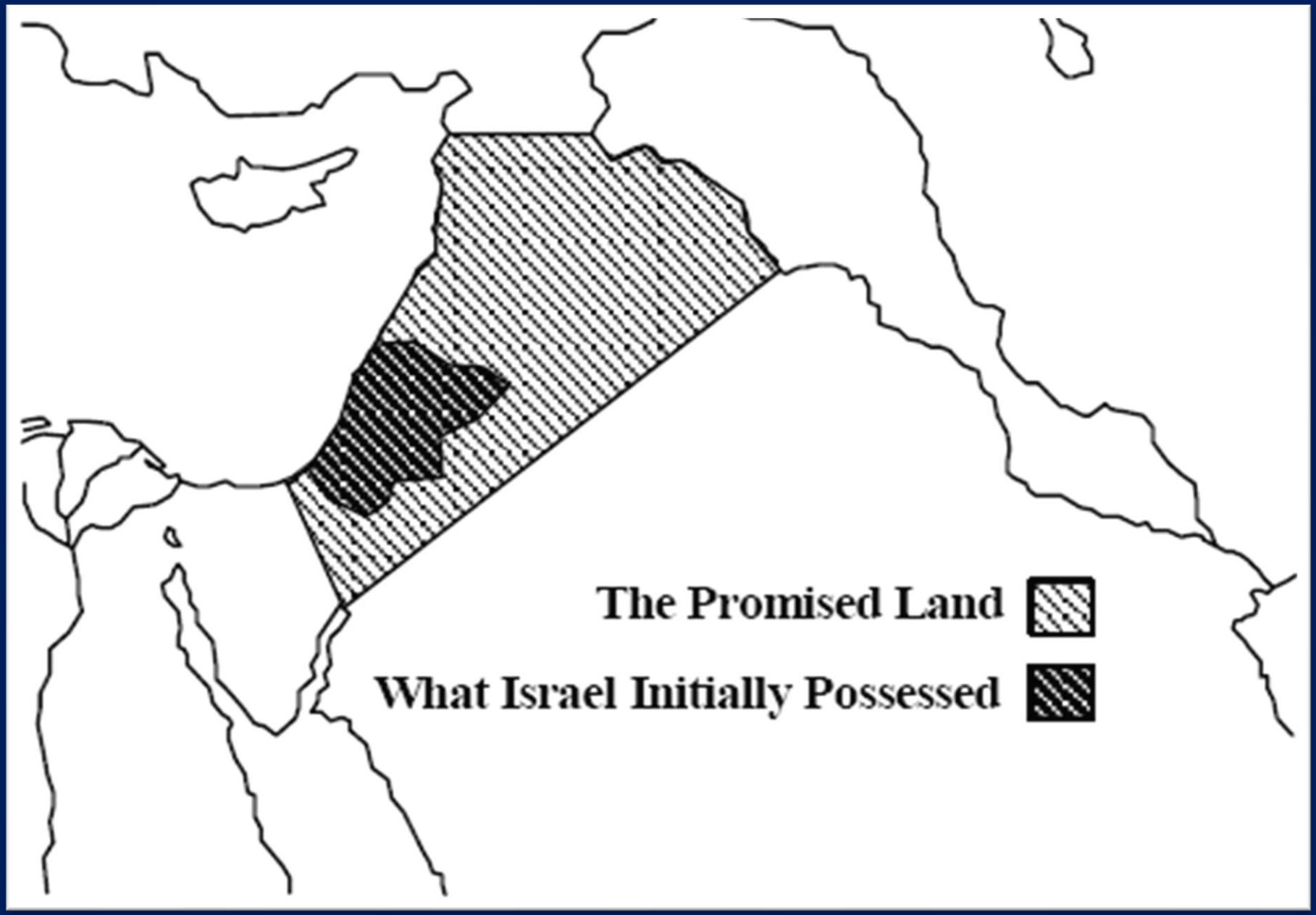
"For I will gather **all the nations against Jerusalem** to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city."



Joel 3:2

“I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into **judgment** with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; And **they have divided up My land**.”





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