



"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."



THE STUDY OF



The Dark Night and God's Grace

Genesis 15:7-21

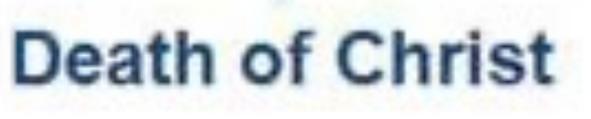
v.1-6 Salvation by Faith alone v.7-21 Through Grace alone



Faith looked forward

Direct knowledge of Christ not required

Faith looks backward



Direct knowledge of Christ required



v.7-8 Foreshadowing: 1. Ur of the Chaldeans" = Babylon (Gen 11:28, 31; Ex 20:2 2. Abe's vision = God's Sinai presence Ex 19:18; 20:18; Dt 4:11 3. The 400-year bondage prophecy (15:13-16) connects covenants

v.9-10 Cutting a Contract be sealed with blood, and bloodshed being poured out on the covenant-breaker. See Jeremiah 34:18-20

- 1. This covenant was serious enough to
- 2. Breaking it would result in the same





v.11 Don't put a bird on it Possibly foreshadows future challenges for his descendants and God's protective care over His promises (Mt 24:28; 27:45



"Perhaps you have unclean birds coming down upon your sacrifice cares, memories, fears, and doubts hovering over your sacred feast. Drive them away through God's gracious Spirit!" - Spurgeon

v.12-16 Dark Night of the Soul Longsuffering gives way to judgment. Centuries for other nations to repent of their wickedness. (Exodus 1:1-14)

v.17 The Smoking Oven: -The pillar of cloud (Ex. 13:21-22) Kings 8:10-12

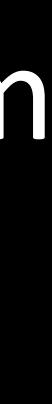


-The smoke on Mount Sinai (Ex. 19:18) -The cloud of God's Shekinah glory (1

The Burning Torch: -The pillar of fire (Ex. 13:21-22) -The burning bush (Ex. 3:4) -The fire consuming acceptable sacrifices (1 Kings 18:38, 1 Chron. 21:26, 2 Chron. 7:1

v.17 Walk of Grace God alone takes sole responsibility for the covenant's fulfillment. Same as Matt. 26:29,, "I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."





v.18-21 The Land These borders—from the brook of Egypt to the Euphrates River (northern reaches)—encompass approximately 300,000 square miles Notably align with the borders of Eden cf. Genesis 2:10-14



v.18-21 The Land Only ever possessed at most 30,000 square miles. (cf. Deut. 11:24-25) Eze. 16, 37, 47, 48, Is. 60:10-14; Jer. 3:18

End Times/ Millennial Reign Fulfillment

The Point

Though God's promises are perfectly fulfilled, they often involve struggle and delay (Hebrews 11:13) Yet walking by faith and grace means relying on God's Word and character despite our circumstances and feelings.



When facing uncertainty, we can remember that our struggles are part of God's larger plan (Rom. 8:28; 2 Cor.4:17-18) and trust in His ongoing faithfulness (Lam. 3:22-23; 2 Tim. 2:13). Be reminded of His Word, His Faithfulness, and His Goodness.



Ephesians 2:8-9 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.". See also Rom. 3:24; Gal. 2:16; Ti. 3:5

"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)

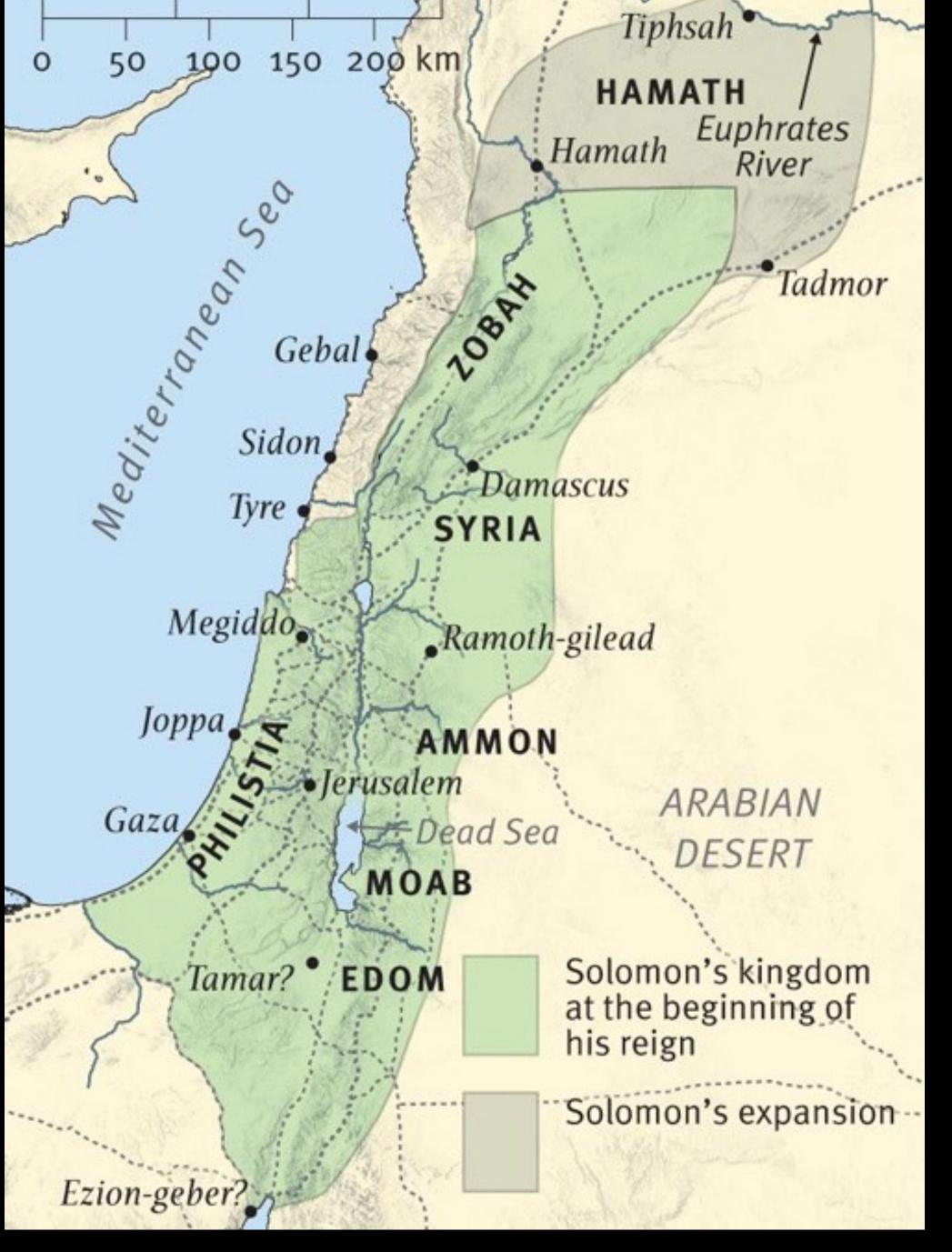


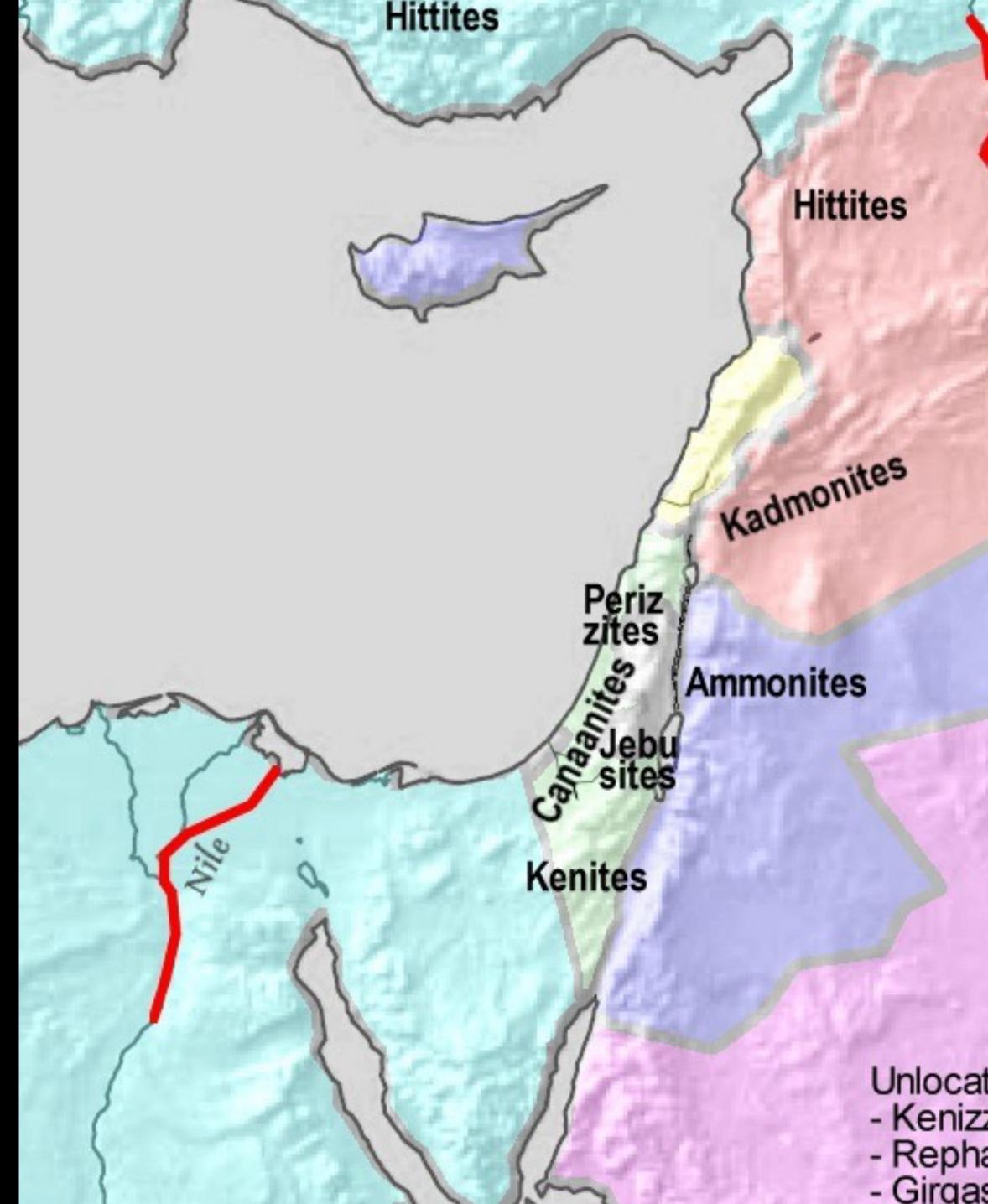
Resources/ bibliography:

- 1. https://www.preceptaustin.org/genesis-15-commentary
- 2. https://www.blueletterbible.org/comm/guzik david/study-guide/genesis/genesis-15.cfm 3. Sailhamer, John H.. NIV Bible Study Commentary (p. 24).
- 4. Warren W. Wiersbe, Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the Old Testament (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1993), Ge 15.
- 5. Sailhamer, John H.. The Pentateuch as Narrative: A Biblical-Theological Commentary (p. 152). 6. Tremper Longman III, "Genesis," in The Baker Illustrated Bible Background Commentary, ed. J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2020), 96–97.
- 7. Boice, James Montgomery "Genesis: An Expositional Commentary" Volumes 1, 2, and 3 (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 1987)
- 8. Maclaren, Alexander "Genesis: Expositions of Holy Scripture" Volume 1 (Genesis to Numbers) (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1984)
- 9. Morris, Henry M. "The Genesis Record: A Scientific And Devotional Commentary On The Book Of Beginnings" (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1976) 10.Spurgeon, Charles Haddon "The New Park Street Pulpit" Volumes 1-6 and "The Metropolitan Tabernacle
- 11.<u>https://www.gotquestions.org/thousand-year-reign-Christ.html</u>









Unlocated on map: - Kenizzites - Rephaites - Girgashites Kes

(Car

aris

