



TREE OF LIFE
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PROVERBS 3:18

Everlasting Covenant

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Part 2

What Land Did
God Actually Promise?

What I'm NOT arguing for:

- I am not arguing for race-based salvation. Jews and Gentiles are saved exactly the same way: through faith in Messiah Yeshua.
- I am not arguing that every Jewish person is automatically saved because they are Jewish. **Rom 10:1, 11:23, Zech 12:10**
- I am not arguing that modern Israel is morally perfect. Israel in Scripture was often rebuked by God, yet remained covenantally significant. Yet, they have the most moral fighting force in the world.
- I am not arguing for unquestioning support of every action of the Israeli government. Supporting God's covenant purposes is not the same as endorsing every political decision. Antisemites use this as a crutch!
- I am not arguing that the modern State of Israel is the complete fulfillment of all biblical prophecy. Modern Israel is significant, but the ultimate fulfillment includes national repentance and faith in Messiah.

What I'm NOT arguing for:

- I am not arguing that the Church is secondary in God's plan. The nations have always been part of God's redemptive purpose.
- I am not arguing that Israel replaces the Church. Nor am I arguing that the Church replaces Israel. One new man! **Eph 2:15**
- I am not arguing for dual covenant theology. The New Covenant is established through Messiah alone, for ALL people! **Jer 31**
- I am not arguing that God's promises to Israel diminish Christ. Every promise of God finds its "Yes" in Messiah.
- I am not arguing that land promises are more important than the Gospel. The land serves God's redemptive purposes; Messiah remains central. The Land is a part of the Gospel (Repent, for the Kingdom is at hand).
- I am not arguing that prophetic passages should be interpreted through current events alone. Scripture interprets Scripture.

What I AM Arguing for:

- God keeps His covenants.
- God means what He says.
- "Everlasting" means everlasting. Brit Olam = Covenant Forever **Psa 105:8-11**
- The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable. **Rom 11:29**
- Israel's current hardening is partial and temporary. **Rom 11:25**
- Gentiles have been grafted into God's covenant promises through Messiah.
Rom 11:17-18, Eph 2:12-13, Gal 3:28, Acts 10:34-35, Mat 28:19 & Rev 7:9
- The Gentile Believers participate in Israel's Blessings & Covenants but does not replace Israel. Equal co-sharers. **Eph 3:6**
- God will fulfill every promise He made to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Israel, Gentile the believers, and the nations. **Read the Bible!**
- The future hope of Israel is not Israel without Messiah, but Israel redeemed by Messiah. **Zech 12:10, Hos 3:4-5, Isa 11:11-16**

Part One: Brit Olam, A Covenant Forever!

- “Everlasting Covenant” is “Brit Olam” = Covenant Forever!
- From the time God first mentioned this to Abraham to the last time he spoke it to Jacob was a time frame of roughly 185 years!
- Some believers may argue that God fulfilled this in **Joshua 21**, Then why is God reconfirming this again 400 years later in **Psalms 105**?
- God does NOT care about what the nations think of His plans **Psa 2:1-6, 33:10-11**
- It's based on God's election, not man's perfection! Abraham, Isaac and Jacob all failed at different things and at different times. They were not perfect people. Yet that doesn't negate the promise and calling!
- What's at stake here is the very Character and essence of God Himself... Does God have the right to make a promise to anyone? And if He does make a promise to people, will He fulfill it?

Part One: Brit Olam, A Covenant Forever!

- If Gods “Everlasting Covenant” with Israel and the Land can be erased, then using that logic, all “Everlasting Covenants” could be obliterated, fulfilled or done away with... Like the New Covenant **Heb 13:20**, the Davidic Covenant **2 Sam 23:5**, the Covenant with Noah **Gen 9:15-17**, the Sabbath **Exo 31:16-17**, the Torah **Deut 4:26**.
- God, Moses & Yeshua all tie “Forever” “Olam” to Heaven and Earth Passing away: **Deuteronomy 4:26-31, 30:19, 31:28, Jeremiah 33:20-21, Matthew 5:17-18 & 35+ EX.**
- This all goes back to the first demonic challenge of God’s word in **Genesis** “*Did God really say...*”
- God owns the Land! **Lev 25:23, Joel 3:2, Jer 2:7, Ezek 36:5 & Ezek 38:16** It’s not about politics it’s about ownership! The biblical argument isn’t: Israel owns the land. The biblical argument is: God owns the land, and He has the right to assign it however He chooses.
- The One who owns the land has the right to assign it, discipline those who dwell in it, remove them from it, and restore them to it. Ultimately, the debate over the land is not a debate about Israel. It is a debate about whether God has the authority to do what He says with what belongs to Him. God is bound and determined to keep this Everlasting Covenant no matter who stands against it! So side with Him and not the World in it! **Isaiah 46:8-10**

Cornerstone Text:

Psalm 105:6-7 O seed of Abraham, His servant, O children of Jacob, His chosen ones. He is Adonai our God. His judgments are in all the earth.

- Whatever God is about to announce, impacts all people of the earth!
- Every human, in every land is accountable to God on this matter!

Psalm 105:8-11 He remembers His covenant forever—the word He commanded for a thousand generations— which He made with Abraham, and swore to Isaac, and confirmed to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, “To you I give the land of Canaan, the portion of your inheritance.” (Gen 17:8)

- Some consider this to be of no value. Replaced in Christ, or already fulfilled, some say the land covenant “is done away with”.
- Others have strong opinions against God on this.
- If a generation is 20 years = 20,000 years. If a generation is 40 years = 40,000

Eight Explicit Everlasting Covenants:

1. The Noahic Covenant **Genesis 9:16** "The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look upon it to remember the everlasting covenant..."
2. The Abrahamic Covenant **Genesis 17:7** "I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you... for an everlasting covenant."
3. The Land Covenant Aspect **Genesis 17:8** "I will give... all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession." (Psa 105:6-11)
4. The Sabbath Covenant **Exodus 31:16** "The sons of Israel shall keep the Sabbath... as an everlasting covenant."
5. The Priestly Covenant (Aaron) **Exodus 40:15** "Their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood."
6. The Covenant of Peace with Phinehas **Numbers 25:12-13** "I give him My covenant of peace... it shall be for him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood."
7. The Davidic Covenant **2 Samuel 23:5** "He has made with me an everlasting covenant." (Psalm 89:3-4 & Isaiah 55:3)
8. The New Covenant **Ezekiel 37:26, Jeremiah 32:40, Isaiah 61:8** "I will make an everlasting covenant with them." **Hebrews 13:20** "Through the blood of the everlasting covenant."

Demonic Opposition to Gods Everlasting Covenants

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| 1. The Noahic Covenant | 1. Pride, Destroy us now. World Worship. Taking a sign & perverting |
| 2. The Abrahamic Covenant | 2. Sarah's bareness, Sarah taken by Pharoah & Avimelech (Ishmail) |
| 3. The Land Covenant Aspect | 3. Seven Nations entrenched, today! |
| 4. The Sabbath Covenant | 4. Fulfilled, done away/changed confusion |
| 5. The Priestly Covenant (Aaron) | 5. Anti-Messiah opposed |
| 6. The Covenant of Peace with Phinehas | 6. Anti-Messiah opposed |
| 7. The Davidic Covenant | 7. Attacks on Yeshua's birth |
| 8. The New Covenant | 8. Those who keep the commands and hold to the testimony of Yeshua |

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- The Bible contains several covenants explicitly called ‘Everlasting Covenants.’ Believers rightly believe the Noahic Covenant remains, the Davidic Covenant remains, and the New Covenant remains. The Abrahamic Covenant is described with the very same language. Therefore the burden of proof falls upon the person claiming that one everlasting covenant continues while another everlasting covenant has expired.
- What is Satan attacking in every covenant? Not merely land. Not merely people. The Seed. Paul says: **Galatians 3:16 "To your seed... who is Messiah."** Everything ultimately converges on Messiah. The land covenant. The Davidic covenant. The Abrahamic covenant. The New Covenant. All ultimately find fulfillment in Him.
- Yeshua returns to rule and reign over His people, in Jerusalem, in the Temple. That's the reason Satan is in opposition.
- This means Satan's greatest objective has always been: Prevent the arrival of the Seed. Destroy the line of the Seed. Corrupt the people through whom the Seed comes. Blind people to the Seed once He arrives.

Demonic Opposition to Gods Everlasting Covenants

Every covenant God makes becomes a battlefield. Not because Satan can stop God, but because Satan recognizes the importance of what God has promised. The greater the covenant, the greater the opposition. Yet throughout Scripture the story remains the same: kingdoms rise, nations rage, enemies attack, and generations pass away, but God remembers His covenant forever. (Psalm 105:8**)**

God's Covenant with Abraham

- God initiates:

Genesis 12:1-3 Then Adonai said to Abram, “Get going out from your land, and from your relatives, and from your father’s house, to the land that I will show you. My heart’s desire is to make you into a great nation, to bless you, to make your name great so that you may be a blessing. My desire is to bless those who bless you, but whoever curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

- Notice how God initiates (YHWH said to Abraham)
- God hasn’t even shown him the land yet (faith)
- “***Many are called, few chose to respond***”! Abraham's faith is demonstrated by His obedience!
- God's desire is to make Abraham great
- God's desire is to bless all nations and all people through Abraham

Greedy or Spiritual Leading?

Gen 12:1 Then Adonai said to Abram, “Get going out from your land, and from your relatives, and from your father’s house, to the land that I will show you.”

- The promise begins with God. Abraham did not conquer it. Abraham did not negotiate for it. God chose it. A Nation starts on Faith & Obedience!
- No one can claim that Abraham is a greedy land grabber. God was going to show him. In other words, He didn’t know where he was going. It was a spiritual journey as much as a physical one.
- Abraham even gives Lot the choice:
Genesis 13:8-9 So Abram said to Lot, “Please, let there be no strife between me and you, or between my shepherds and yours, since we are relatives. Isn’t the whole land before you? Please separate yourself from me. If to the left, then I’ll go to the right, and if to the right, then I’ll go to the left.”

A Better Home

Hebrews 11:8- 10 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place he was to receive as an inheritance. He went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he migrated to the land of promise as if it were foreign, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob—fellow heirs of the same promise. For he was waiting for the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

- A Nation began with Faith and Obedience!
- The only thing that tied Abraham to this land was a promise from God! He didn't take it by conquest.
- There was no immediate happening to confirm that! Faith
- He was sojourner, never lived in cities. Abraham had something greater than the physical land on his mind.

A Better Home

Hebrews 11:13-16 These all died in faith without receiving the things promised—but they saw them and welcomed them from afar, and they confessed that they were strangers and sojourners on the earth. For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If indeed they had been thinking about where they had come from, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they yearn for a better land—that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

- It's true that the physical is a type & shadow of the original...
However:
- If the physical can be negated, so can the spiritual, the one casting the shadow... Satan opposes both!

How can Abraham's Family be a Blessing?

“and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed”

- How does this come about?
- In at least a few ways:
 1. The Giving of Gods Laws (Torah)
 2. The Revelation of Gods Character & Covenants (Prophets)
 3. The Messiah (Brit Chadesha) (Seed of Abraham)
 4. Family Grafting through Messiah
 5. The Resurrection at the Return of the Messiah (Sin, Land)

What and Where is this Land? **Shechem:**

Genesis 12:5-7 Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions that they had acquired, and the people that they acquired in Haran, and they left to go to the land of Canaan, and they entered the land of Canaan. Abram passed through the land as far as the place of Shechem, as far as Moreh's big tree. (The Canaanites were in the land then.) Then Adonai appeared to Abram, and said, "I will give this land to your seed." So there he built an altar to Adonai, who had appeared to him.

- God says this is the spot... ***"I will give this land to your seed."***
- God not only appears to confirm, Abraham builds an altar here...
- Altars function as covenant memorials or witnesses. Look at Abraham's life. Everywhere God reaffirms the covenant, Abraham often responds by: Building an altar. Calling on the name of the Lord. Planting a Tree. Purchasing land. Marking a location. Those places become physical testimonies that God's promise was made in a real place to a real people.
- This is significant, because Abraham doesn't build an altar in Mesopotamia or Haran on the journey. He builds it in Shechem, Canaan!

What and Where is this Land? **Beit El:**

- Next verse - Beit El, Canaan:

Genesis 12:8-9 From there he moved to the mountain to the east of Beth-El and erected his tent (with Beth-El to the west and Ai to the east). There he built an altar to Adonai and called on the Name of Adonai. So Abram kept on journeying southward.

- Now Beit El is being Marked and Memorialized with an Altar.
- So: **Shechem** & **Beit El** thus far....
- Key to our walk of faith: Abraham initiates the contact here! You have to respond to God in faith when He speaks to you!
- You can't have the attitude of "Well... we'll see what happens"
- Abraham took what God said as true and acted on it!
- God doesn't repeat Himself here, Abraham is reminding! "Call me to Memory" ~ **Isaiah 43:26** God loves to be reminded of His promises!
- After famine & Egypt, Abraham returns here **Gen 12 & 13** (Back to God)

What and Where is this Land? **Hebron:**

Genesis 13:14-18 After Lot separated himself from him, Adonai had said to Abram, “lift up your eyes, now, and look from the place where you are, to the north, south, east and west. For all the land that you are looking at, I will give to you and to your seed forever. I will make your seed like the dust of the earth so that if one could count the dust of the earth, then your seed could also be counted. Get up! Walk about the land through its length and width—for I will give it to you.” So Abram moved his tent from place to place, and came and dwelt by Mamre’s large trees, which are in Hebron, and there built an altar to Adonai.

- So now God & Abraham have marked: **Shechem, Beit El, and Hebron.**
- Certainly, the surrounding area as well! North, South, East & West.
- Even the area’s that Abraham walked... We’ll discuss this later. (Hint ~ Messianic Kingdom upon Yeshua’s return).

What and Where is this Land? **Moriah:**

Genesis 22:1-6 Now it was after these things that God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham.” “Hineni,” he said. Then He said, “Take your son, your only son whom you love—Isaac—and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains about which I will tell you.” So Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son. He split wood for the burnt offering, and got up and went to the place about which God had told him. On the third day, Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from a distance. Abraham said to his young men, “Sit yourselves down here with the donkey. As for me and the young man, we’ll go over there, worship and return to you.” Then Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and put it on Isaac his son. In his hand he took the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

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What and Where is this Land? **Moriah:**

Genesis 22:7-18 Then Isaac said to Abraham his father, “My father?” Then he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Look. Here’s the fire and the wood. But where’s the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself a lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” The two of them walked on together. Then they came to the place about which God had told him, and Abraham built the altar there, laid out the wood, bound up Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of Adonai called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham! Abraham!” He said, “Hineni!” Then He said, “Do not reach out your hand against the young man—do nothing to him at all. For now I know that you are one who fears God—you did not withhold your son, your only son, from Me.” Then Abraham lifted up his eyes and behold, there was a ram, just caught in the thick bushes by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. Abraham named that place, Adonai Yireh,—as it is said today, “On the mountain, Adonai will provide.” The angel of Adonai called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, “By myself I swear—it is a declaration of Adonai—because you have done this thing, and you did not withhold your son, your only son, I will richly bless you and bountifully multiply your seed like the stars of heaven, and like the sand that is on the seashore, and your seed will possess the gate of his enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed—because you obeyed My voice.”

What and Where is this Land? **Moriah:**

Hebrews 11:17-19 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac. Yes, he who had received the promises was offering up his one and only son—the one about whom it was said, “Through Isaac offspring shall be named for you.” He reasoned that God was able to raise him up even from the dead—and in a sense, he did receive him back from there.

- **Gen 22** is a teaching on its own, but just a few points:
- God needed a partner that would also give up His only son if He were to do the same! Yeshua must die here (Golgotha = Land of Moriah)
- “Because you have done this thing” descendants as sand & stars. This refers to an earthly and heavenly (grafted) people. **Rev 1:16**
- So now: **Shechem, Beit El, Hebron & the Land of Moriah.**

What and Where is this Land? Beer-Sheba:

Genesis 21:28-34 Abraham set seven young ewe-lambs apart from the flock of sheep by themselves. Abimelech said to Abraham, “What do these seven ewe-lambs that you’ve set by themselves mean?” He said, “You are to accept the seven ewe-lambs from my hand, so that they may be a witness for me that I dug this well.” That is why that place is named Beer-sheba, because there both of them made a pledge, and they made a covenant in Beer-sheba. Then Abimelech got up, with Phicol the commander of his army, and they returned to the land of the Philistines. Then he planted a tamarisk tree in Beer-sheba and called there on the Name of Adonai, the Everlasting God. He lived as an outsider in the land of the Philistines for many days.

- The tree marks that the water belongs to Abraham, not the Philistines. And later the land! A tree outlives generations... “Everlasting”
- So: **Shechem, Beit El, Hebron, Moriah & Beer-Sheba.**

What and Where is this Land? **Machpelah:**

Genesis 23:14-20 So Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him, “My lord, listen to me. A land worth 400 shekels of silver—what is that between me and you? Bury your dead one.” Abraham heard Ephron. So Abraham weighed out to Ephron the silver that he had spoken of in the ears of the sons of Heth—400 shekels of silver at the merchant’s rate. Now Ephron’s field that is in Machpelah next to Mamre—the field and the cave that is in it, and all the trees that are in the field in all its surrounding territory—was handed over to Abraham as a purchased possession in the eyes of the sons of Heth, before all those who enter the gate of his city. Afterward, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah next to Mamre (that is, Hebron), in the land of Canaan. So the field and the cave that was in it were handed over to Abraham as a gravesite from the sons of Heth.

- Hebron already was marked with an altar, however this is significant because it’s the first place that was specifically purchased.
- Hebrews says Abraham looked for a heavenly city. Yet he still insists on owning land in Canaan. Why? Because he believes God’s promise. The tomb becomes a covenant witness. Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Leah are buried there.

What and Where is this Land? **Borders:**

- In a vision, God gives Abraham the land and defines borders.

Genesis 15:18-21 On that day Adonai cut a covenant with Abram, saying, “I give this land to your seed, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates River: the Kenite, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Raphaites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”

Genesis 15:18

- River of Egypt
- Euphrates
- Land of the “ites”

Exodus 23:31

- Sea of Reeds
- Sea of the Philistines
- Wilderness
- Euphrates

Deuteronomy 11:24

- Wilderness
- Lebanon
- Euphrates
- Western Sea

THE LAND PROMISED TO ABRAHAM

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Genesis 15:18–21

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DEUTERONOMY 11:24

- From the wilderness to Lebanon, from the River, the Euphrates, to the western sea.

These passages describe the same covenant land using broad natural boundaries rather than surveyed borders.

THE PEOPLES OF THE LAND (Genesis 15:19–21)

- Kenites – Descendants of Cain (Gen. 4:17)
- Kenizzites – Descendants of Kenaz (Gen. 15:19)
- Kadmonites – Eastern people (Gen. 15:19)
- Hittites – Major empire in the land (Gen. 15:20)
- Perizzites – Villagers of the land (Gen. 15:20)
- Rephaites – Giants, ancient inhabitants (Gen. 15:20)
- Amorites – Significant and widespread (Gen. 15:20)
- Canaanites – Original inhabitants of the land (Gen. 15:20)
- Girgashites – In the Shephelah (Gen. 15:21)
- Jebusites – In the hill country (Gen. 15:21)

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NATURAL BOUNDARIES OF THE COVENANT LAND



NORTH: Lebanon (Toward Hamath)
The highlands of Lebanon form the northern extent.



SOUTH: The Wilderness
Includes the Wilderness of Zin, Paran and Shur leading toward the Sea of Reeds / River of Egypt.



WEST: The Great Sea (Mediterranean)
The sea is the natural western boundary.



EAST: The Euphrates River
The great river is the natural eastern boundary.

THE COVENANT REAFFIRMED THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE



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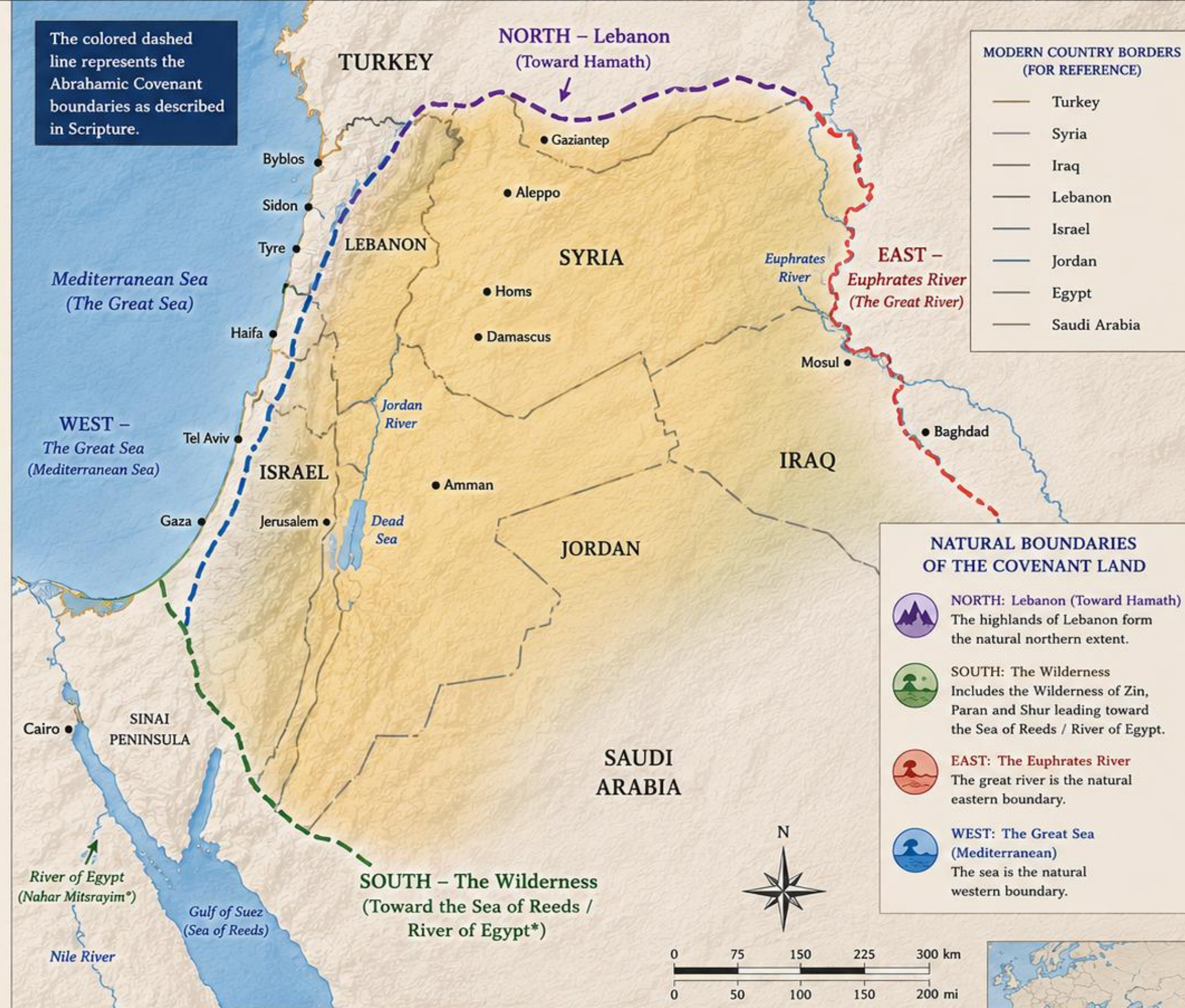
KEY BOUNDARY LANDMARKS

- SOUTH** – From the River of Egypt / Sea of Reeds (Natural southern frontier)
- NORTH** – To Lebanon (Toward Hamath) (Natural northern frontier)
- EAST** – To the Euphrates River (Natural eastern frontier)
- WEST** – To the Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea) (Natural western frontier)

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The colored dashed line represents the Abrahamic Covenant boundaries as described in Scripture.



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- # Covenant Memorials
- Look how the enemy counters...
 - The patriarchs repeatedly marked the land with altars, trees, wells, tombs, and memorial stones. While heaven and earth stand as universal witnesses to God's covenant, these locations stand as local witnesses. They testify that God entered history, spoke specific promises, and attached those promises to real places. The covenant was not only spiritual. It was rooted in geography, history, and the faithfulness of God!

Why Has the Land Always Been Contested?

- From **Genesis** to **Revelation**, the conflict is never merely about geography. It is about God's covenant purposes. Satan has never been able to overthrow God's Word or nullify His covenants, but throughout Scripture he consistently seeks to oppose their fulfillment.
- Satans strategy is remarkably consistent. He attacks the Seed through whom the promises would come. He attacks the Land where God's covenant purposes unfold. He attacks the People through whom the Messiah would be born. He attacks the Message of redemption that goes forth to the nations. And ultimately, he attacks the King who will reign forever.
- This pattern begins immediately after God promises Abraham the land. By the time Israel returns from Egypt, seven hostile nations occupy Canaan (**Genesis 15:19-21; Deuteronomy 7:1**).
- The promise was never canceled, but the inheritance was fiercely opposed. The attacks continue throughout Scripture: Pharaoh attempts to destroy the Hebrew sons before the Exodus. Athaliah seeks to destroy the royal line of David. Haman plots the destruction of the Jewish people. Herod murders the infants of Bethlehem in an attempt to kill the promised Messiah. Satan tempts Yeshua in the wilderness and seeks to divert Him. After Messiah's resurrection, persecution turns toward His followers and the proclamation of the Gospel.

Why Has the Land Always Been Contested?

- The battle is always directed against God's covenant plan. The prophets also reveal that Jerusalem remains central to God's future purposes. **Yeshua** declared: "You will never see Me again until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'" (**Matthew 23:39**) **Zechariah** foretells a future outpouring of the Spirit upon the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, leading them to look upon the One they pierced and mourn in repentance (**Zechariah 12:10-14**).
- Scripture also teaches that Messiah will reign from Zion (**Isaiah 2:2-4; Micah 4:1-3**). Throughout history, efforts have been made to erase or obscure Jerusalem's covenant significance. Even the Eastern Gate of the Temple Mount has been sealed for centuries, traditionally understood as an attempt to prevent the expected entrance of the Messiah. Whether symbolic or practical, it reflects humanity's recurring attempt to resist what God has declared. Yet no human act can frustrate God's purposes. God's covenants stand. God's promises endure. God remembers His covenant forever (**Psalms 105:8**). The same God who preserved Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, and ultimately brought forth the Messiah will also complete everything He has spoken concerning Israel, the nations, and the Kingdom of God. The story of Scripture is not the triumph of evil over God's promises. It is the triumph of God's faithfulness over every attempt to oppose them.

Battle of the Seeds

Genesis 3:15 The war begins before Abraham.

"I will put enmity between your seed and her Seed."

- Abraham becomes the covenant line through which the promised Seed comes.

Babel vs Abraham

- **Genesis 11:** Humanity says:

"Let us make a name for ourselves."

- **Genesis 12:** God says:

"I will make your name great."

- Immediately after man's kingdom comes God's covenant.

THE LAND PROMISED TO ABRAHAM

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Genesis 15:18–21

"To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates River."

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BIBLICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE COVENANT LAND

GENESIS 15:18

- From the River of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates.

EXODUS 23:31

- From the Sea of Reeds to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the Euphrates River.

DEUTERONOMY 11:24

- From the wilderness to Lebanon, from the River, the Euphrates, to the western sea.

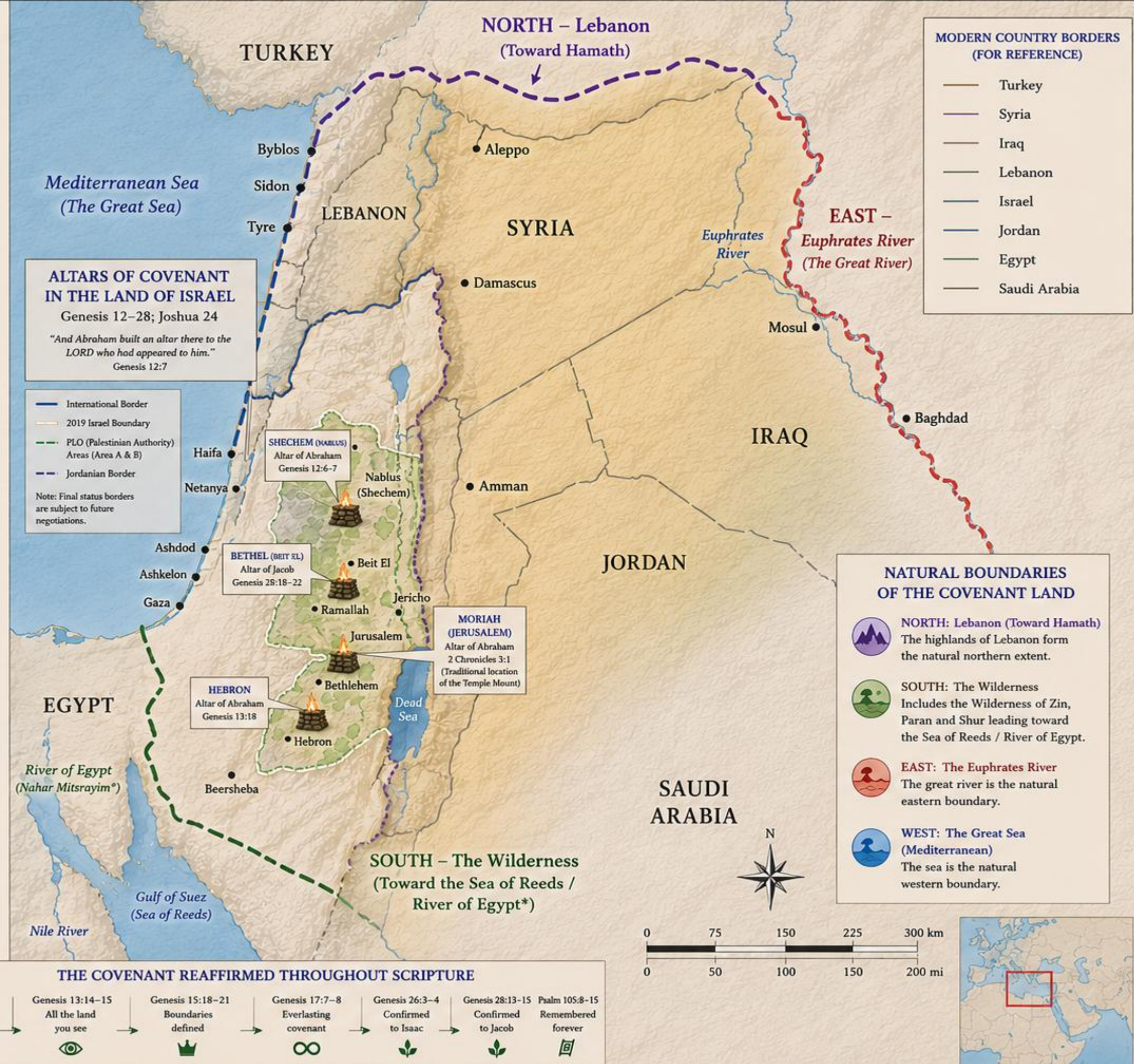
These passages describe the same covenant land using broad natural boundaries rather than surveyed borders.

KEY BOUNDARY LANDMARKS

- SOUTH** – From the River of Egypt / Sea of Reeds (Natural southern frontier)
- NORTH** – To Lebanon (Toward Hamath) (Natural northern frontier)
- EAST** – To the Euphrates River (Natural eastern frontier)
- WEST** – To the Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea) (Natural western frontier)

RIVER OF EGYPT (NAHAR MITSRAYIM)

Genesis 15:18 uses the Hebrew *nahar* ("river"). Later inheritance passages (Numbers 34:5; Joshua 15:4; Isaiah 27:12) use *nachal* ("wadi" or "brook"). Because different Hebrew words are used, the precise identification of Genesis 15's "River of Egypt" is debated.



Messianic Kingdom

- Prophecies, Abraham's land will reach its fullness:

Numbers 24:17-19 "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not soon — a star will step forth from Ya`akov, a scepter will arise from Isra'el, to crush the corners of Mo'av and destroy all descendants of Shet. His enemies will be his possessions — Edom and Se`ir, possessions. Isra'el will do valiantly, From Ya`akov will come someone who will rule, and he will destroy what is left of the city."

Amos 9:11-12 "In that day I will raise up David's fallen sukkah. I will restore its breaches, raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in days of old — so they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations called by My Name." It is a declaration of Adonai, the One who will do this.

Amo 9:14-15 Yes, I will restore the captivity of My people Israel. They will rebuild desolated cities and dwell in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine. They will also make gardens and eat their fruit. Yes, I will plant them on their land, and they will never again be plucked up out of their land that I have given to them." Adonai, your God, has said it.

Battle of the Seeds

- Paul says Israel's present hardening is partial and temporary (**Romans 11:25**), and he warns Gentile believers not to become arrogant toward the natural branches (**Romans 11:18-21**). The conflict is not only against Israel's existence but also against the reconciliation that God intends to bring about through the Gospel!
- The dragon wages war against:
 - the woman,
 - the male child,
 - and "*the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Yeshua*" (**Revelation 12**).
- Satan has never feared a piece of real estate. He fears the God who made covenant, the Messiah who fulfilled it, and the Kingdom that will be established according to His Word. Every attack on the covenant, the land, the seed, the throne, or the Gospel is ultimately an attack on the faithfulness of God Himself.

In closing

The Bible is remarkably specific about the land. God promised it. God defined it. God reaffirmed it to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. **Psalm 105** declares that He remembers that covenant forever.

But the next question is also important: if God gave the land as an everlasting possession, why was Israel repeatedly removed from it, why is the seed persecuted? Was the covenant broken, or was something else happening? That's where we must understand exile, discipline, and restoration.



Everlasting Covenant בְּרִית עוֹלָם

Part Two:

What Land Did
God Actually Promise?
Questions & Comments!