



WHY CHRISTIANS SUPPORT ISRAEL



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Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.” (NASB)



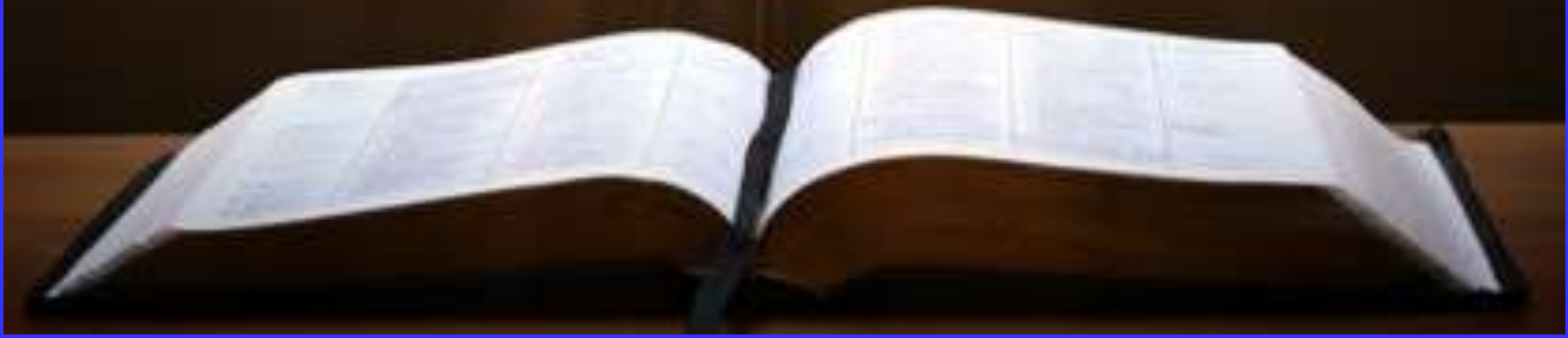
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Genesis 11:5-7

⁵ The Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ The Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. ⁷ “Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.”



Genesis 11:8-9

⁸ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.



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Map 37
The Babylonian Empire

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Spread of the Mother-Child Cult

	Mother	Child
Assyria	Ishtar	Tammuz
Phoenicia	Astarte	Baal
Egypt	Isis	Osirus/Horus
Greece	Aphrodite	Eros
Rome	Venus	Cupid
Asia	Cybele	Desius
India	Isi	Aswara
Roman Catholicism	Mary	Jesus
Israel	Queen of Heaven (Jer. 7:18; 44:17)	Tammuz (Ezek. 8:14-15)

Isaiah 43:1

“But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!'”



From Adam to Abraham

- Gen 3:15
- Gen 5:1 (Adam) to Gen. 5:28-29, 32 (Noah)
- Gen 6:9
- Gen 7:1
- Gen 9:26
- Gen 11:10 (Shem) to Gen 11:32 (Terah)





ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY

- Abraham's Journey
- - - (To Egypt)
- Jacob's Flight
- Eliezer Brings Rebekah to Isaac
- Approximate Location



Genesis 12:3

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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)





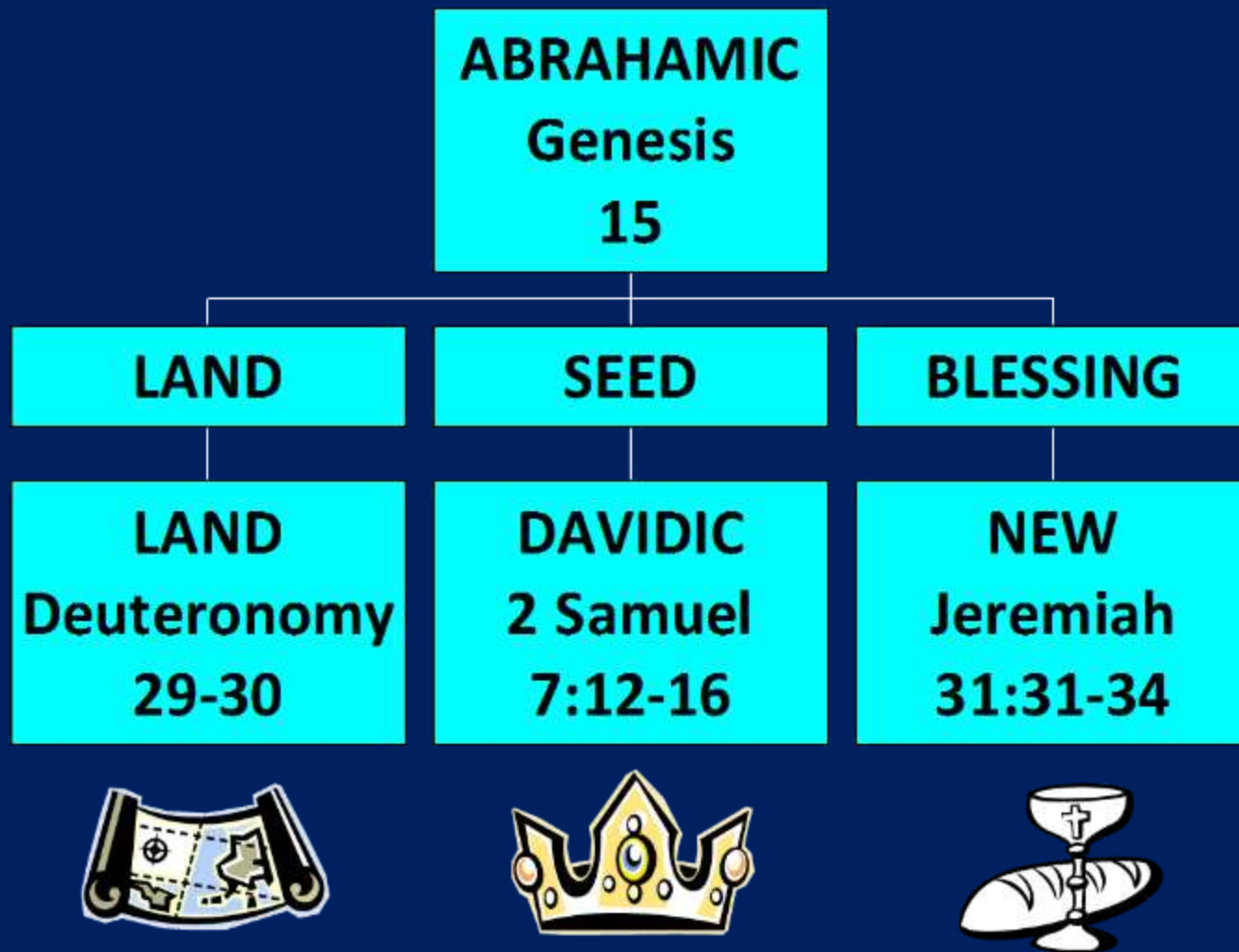
How Israel Has Blessed the World

(Gen 12:3; Rom 9:4-5)

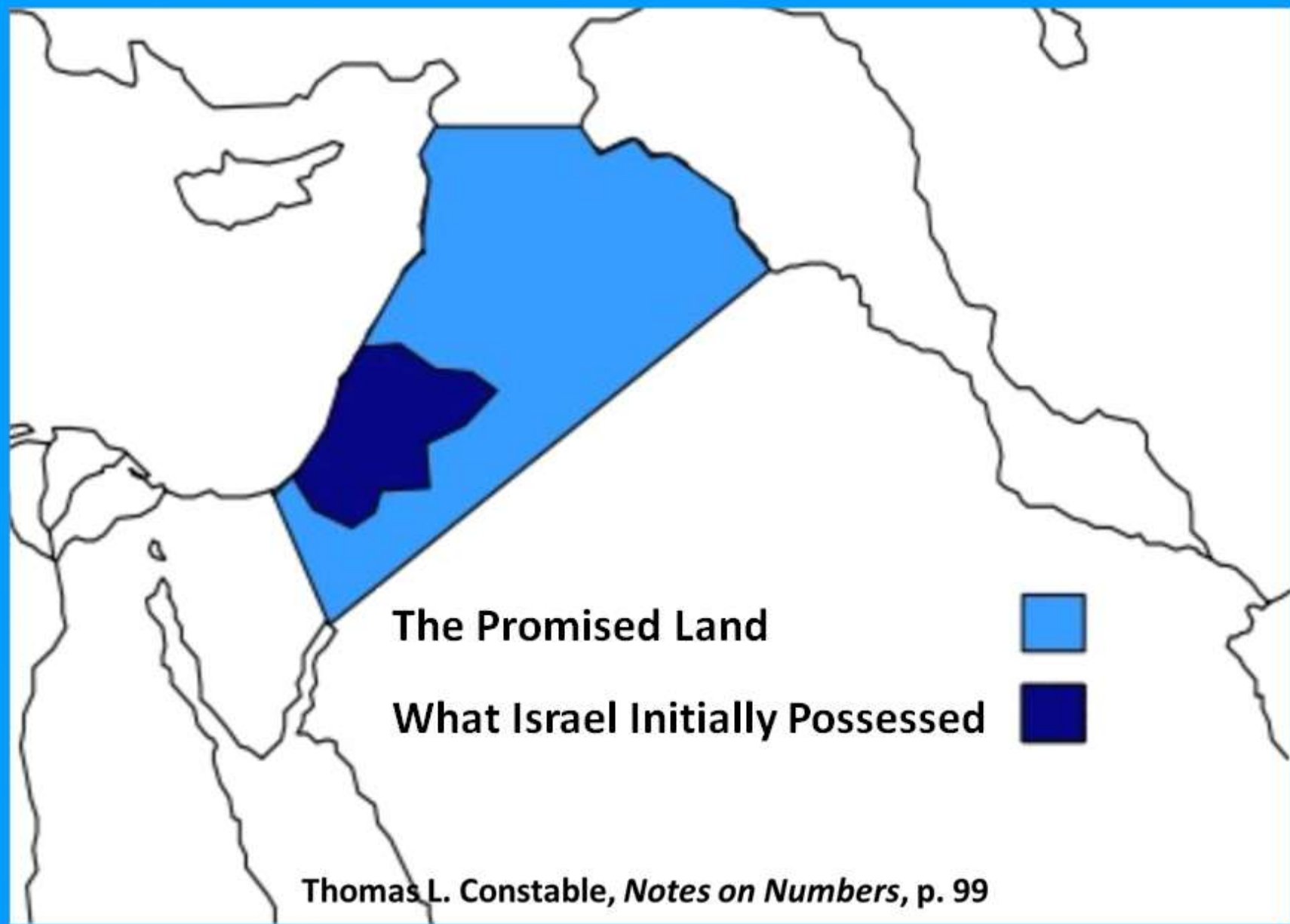


1. Patriarchs
2. Law
3. Prophets
4. Messiah (John 4:22;
Rom 9:5)
5. Apostles
6. Biblical writers
7. Early church
8. Early Christian martyrs
9. Paul
10. Future kingdom

Abrahamic Covenant



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



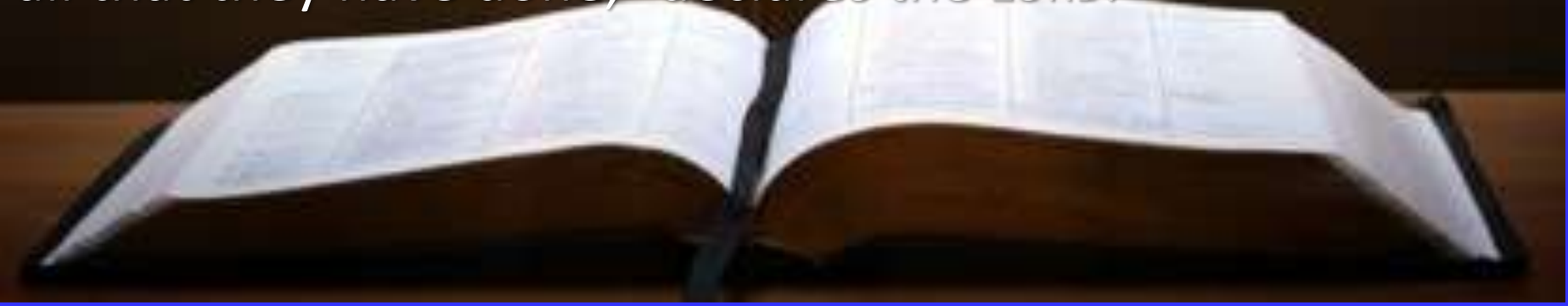
The Promised Land

What Israel Initially Possessed

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

Jeremiah 31:35-37

Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for light by day And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The LORD of hosts is His name:³⁶ “If this fixed order departs From before Me,” declares the LORD, “Then the offspring of Israel also will cease From being a nation before Me forever.”³⁷ Thus says the LORD, “If the heavens above can be measured And the foundations of the earth searched out below, Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel For all that they have done,” declares the LORD.



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.’”



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.”



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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.”





Statue & Stone

2. A Statue
and a
Stone



Statue is
destroyed by a
great stone,
which represents
Jesus Christ



HEAD
GOLD

WORLD POWER
BABYLON
606-539

CHEST AND ARMS
SILVER

WORLD POWER
PERSIA
539-331

STOMACH AND THIGHS
BRASS

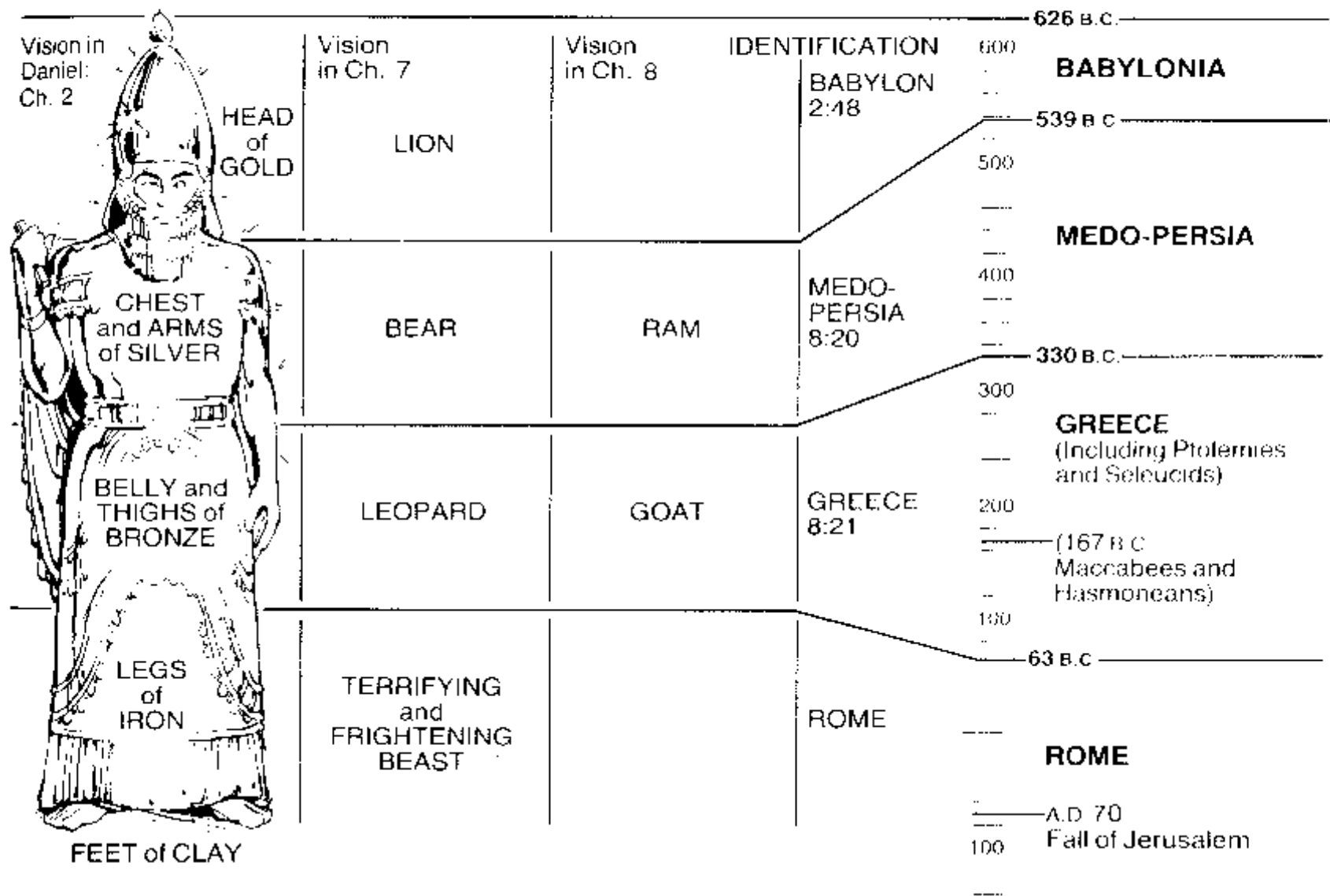
WORLD POWER
GREECE
331-323

LEGS AND FEET
IRON & CLAY

WORLD POWER
ROME
322 B.C.—A.D. 476
FUTURE

Identification of the Four Kingdoms

Chronology of Major Empires in Daniel



Ezekiel
Commissioned
(1-3) mouth closed

Ezekiel
Recommissioned
(33) mouth opened

↓ Judgment on

↓ Blessing on

Judah (1-24)

Judah (33-48)

-Glory departs

-Glory Returns

Judgment
on
Nations
(25-32)

Source: Charles Dyer, *Notes on Ezekiel*

Judgment Against the Nations (Ezekiel 25–32)

A. East

- 1) Ammon
- 2) Moab
- 3) Edom



Judgment Against the Nations (Ezekiel 25–32)

B. West: Philistia

C. North: Tyre & Sidon

D. South: Egypt



EZEKIEL'S PROPHECIES
AGAINST THE
NATIONS



• EGYPT

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

PHILISTIA •

TYRE •

EDOM •

• JERUSALEM

• MOAB

• AMMON

• SYRIA

ASSYRIA •

ARABIA •

BABYLON

RED SEA

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Letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island

August 18, 1790



George Washington

"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...the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance...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."





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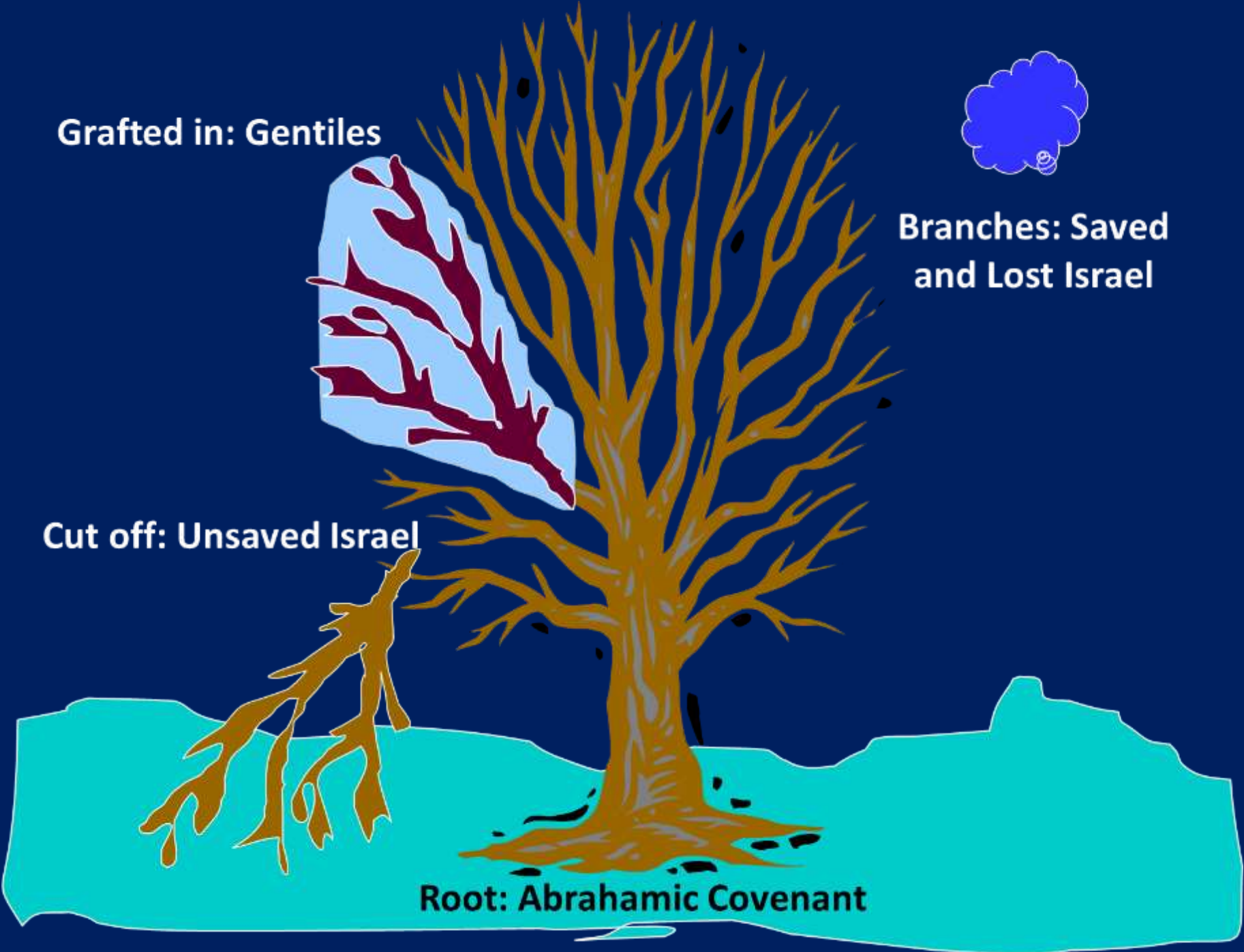


Grafted in: Gentiles



**Branches: Saved
and Lost Israel**

Cut off: Unsaved Israel



Root: Abrahamic Covenant

Romans 11:13, 17-21 (NASB)

“But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry...But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ **do not be arrogant toward the branches;** but if you are arrogant, *remember that* it is not you who supports the root, but the root *supports* you. ¹⁹ You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” ²⁰ Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; ²¹ for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either”



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...”

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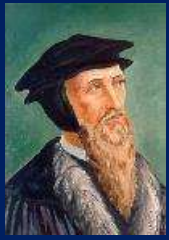
“Seventhly, let the young and strong Jews and Jewesses be given the flail, the ax, the hoe, the spade, the distaff, and spindle, and let them earn their bread by the sweat of their noses...We ought to drive the rascally lazy bones out of our system...”

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.”

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



John Calvin

Commentary on the Prophet Daniel (Vol 1, p. 185). Bellingham, WA:
Logos Bible Software. *Commentary on Daniel 2:44-45*. (2010).

“But here he [the rabbi] not only betrays his ignorance, but his utter stupidity, since God so blinded the whole people that they were like restive dogs. I have had much conversation with many Jews: I have never seen either a drop of piety or a grain of truth or ingenuousness—nay, I have never found common sense in any Jew. But this fellow, who seems so sharp and ingenious, displays his own impudence to his great disgrace.”

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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

¹And 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; ²and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor pain to give birth. ³And another sign was seen in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems.



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.



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?"



Genesis 37:9-10



Sun = Jacob

Moon = Leah

11 Stars=Joseph's brothers

12th Star = Joseph

12 Stars=Israel's twelve tribes

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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Justin Martyr

Dialogue with Trypho, 80.



“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.”



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Asia

• Ephesus

Antioch •

Cyprus

Syria

Damascus •

Jerusalem •

Alexandria •

Egypt

Arabia

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

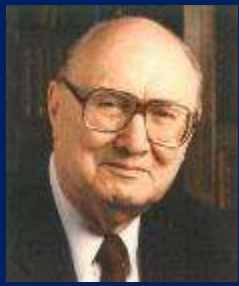
So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; **but there was no breath in them.** ⁹ Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.””” ¹⁰ **So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life** and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹ Then He said to me, “Son of man, **these bones are the whole house of Israel;** behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off’.”



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.”





John Walvoord

Israel in Prophecy, Page 26

“Of the many peculiar phenomena which characterize the present generation, few events can claim equal significance as far as Biblical prophecy is concerned with that of the return of Israel to their land. It constitutes a preparation for the end of the age, the setting for the coming of the Lord for His church, and the fulfillment of Israel’s prophetic destiny.”

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	21	1
Size	640 Times Israel's Size	1/19 th Size of California
Population	250 million (1.4 billion Muslims worldwide)	13 million
Type of government	Dictatorships	Democratic-Republic
Wealth	Most of the world's oil	Some potential oil discoveries
Peaceful co-existence?	Limited desire for peace (except for Egypt and Jordan)	Desire for peace
Holy book	Koran commands worldwide submission	Torah promises small allotment of land

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THE BATTLE OF
GOG & MAGOG
Ezekiel 38:1-17

ROSH
Russia 

MAGOG
Central Asia:
Kazakhstan 
Uzbekistan 
Tajikistan 
Kyrgyzstan 
Turkmenistan 

MESHECH, TUBAL,
GOMER, TOGARMAH
Turkey 

PERSIA
Iran 

 ISRAEL

PUT
Libya 

CUSH
Sudan 

"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. "

Benjamin Netanyahu



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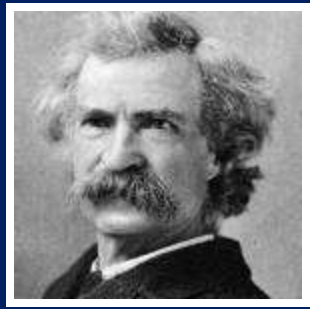
—Theodore H. White

FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL

**THE
ORIGINS OF THE
ARAB-JEWISH
CONFLICT OVER
PALESTINE**

JOAN PETERS





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.

“... 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.”

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

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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