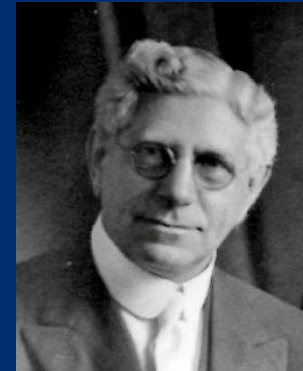


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Premillennialism: A One-Text Theology?



"The only scriptural basis for this theory [i.e. 'premillennialism'] is Revelation 20:1-6, after an Old Testament content has been poured into it."

Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology: With a Complete Textual Index*, 4th and rev. ed. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1932; reprint, Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996), 715.

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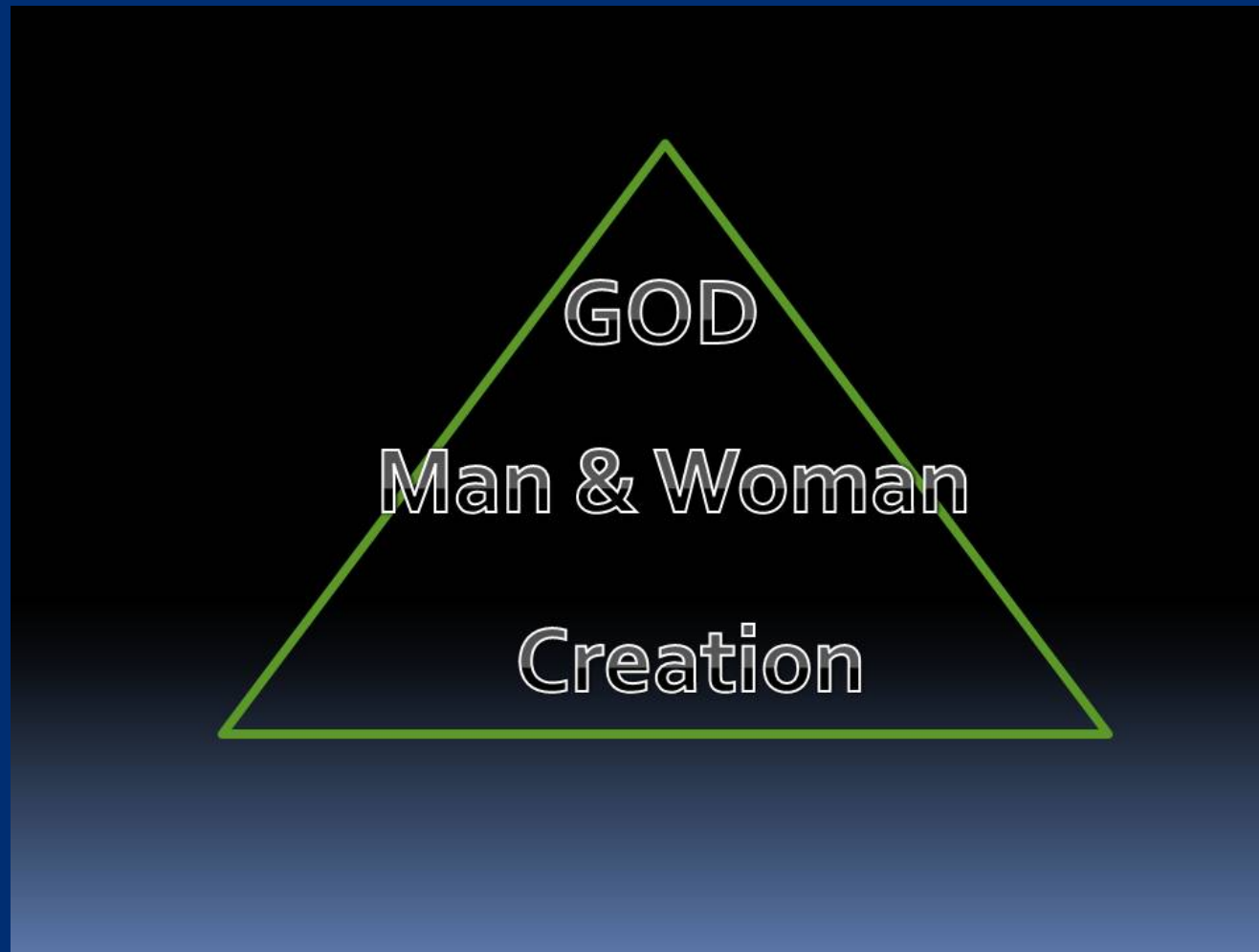


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Theocratic Administrator





Charles Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, Page 511

“Why is an earthly kingdom necessary? Did He not receive His inheritance when He was raised and exalted in heaven? Is not His present rule His inheritance? Why does there need to be an earthly kingdom? Because He must be triumphant in the same arena where He was seemingly defeated. His rejection by the rulers of this world was on this earth (1 Cor. 2:8). His exaltation must also be on this earth. And so it shall be when He comes again to rule this world in righteousness. He has waited long for His inheritance; soon He shall receive it.”

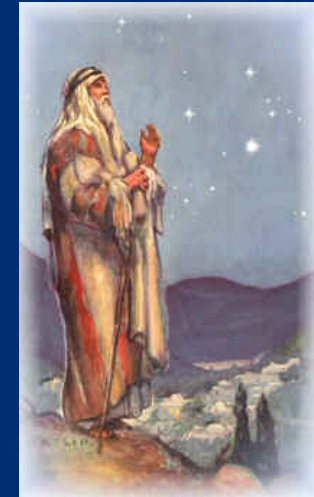
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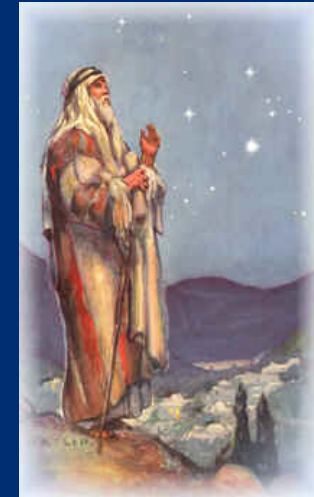
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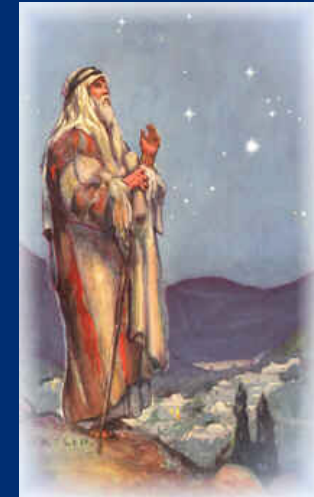
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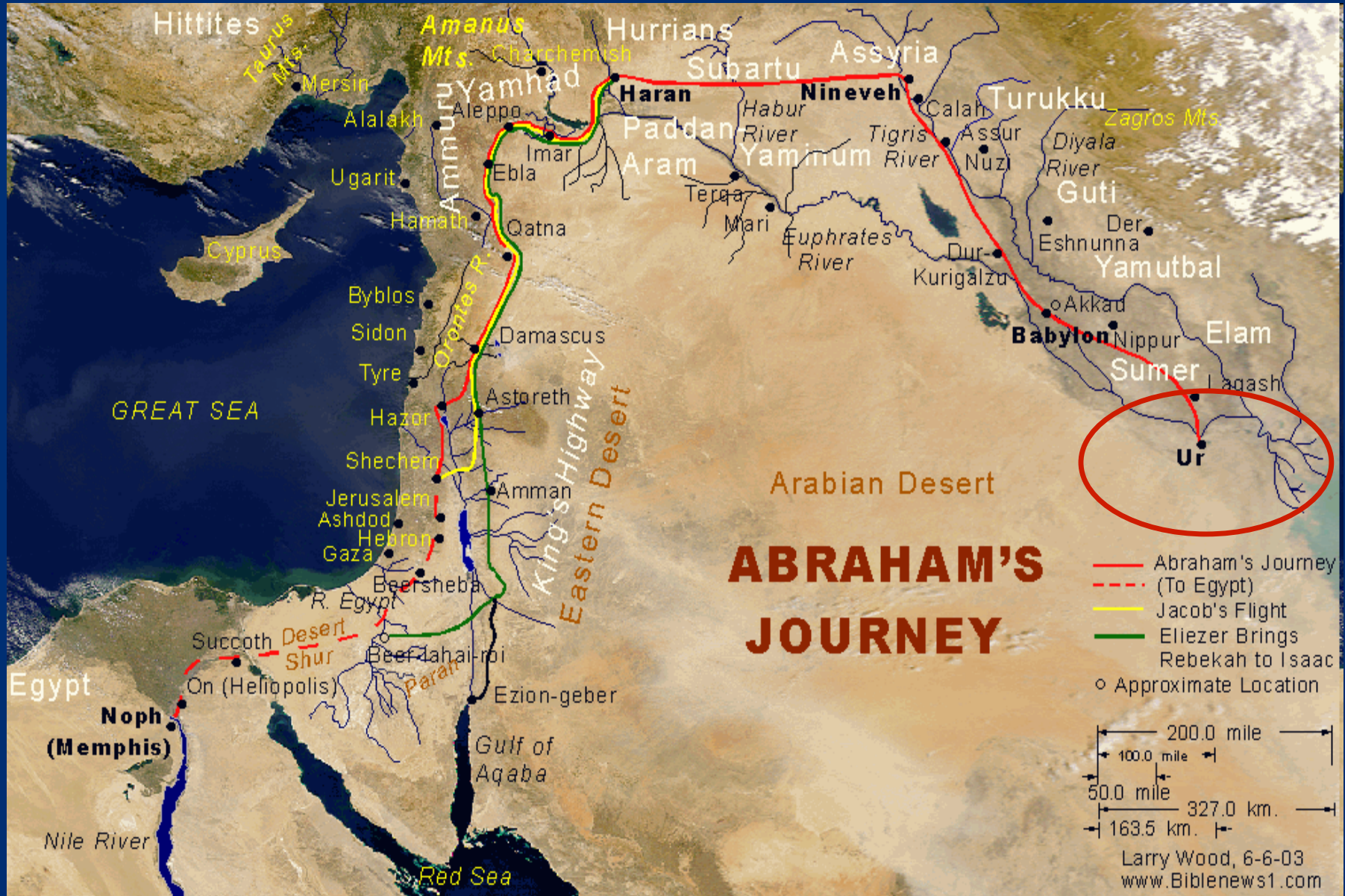
	Mother	Child
Assyria	Ishtar	Tammuz
Phoenicia	Astarte	Baal
Egypt	Isis	Osirus/Horus
Greece	Aphrodite	Eros
Rome	Venus	Cupid
Roman Catholicism	Mary	Jesus
Israel	Queen of Heaven (Jer. 7:18; 44:17)	Tammuz (Ezek. 8:14-15)

Alexander Hislop, *Two Babylons*

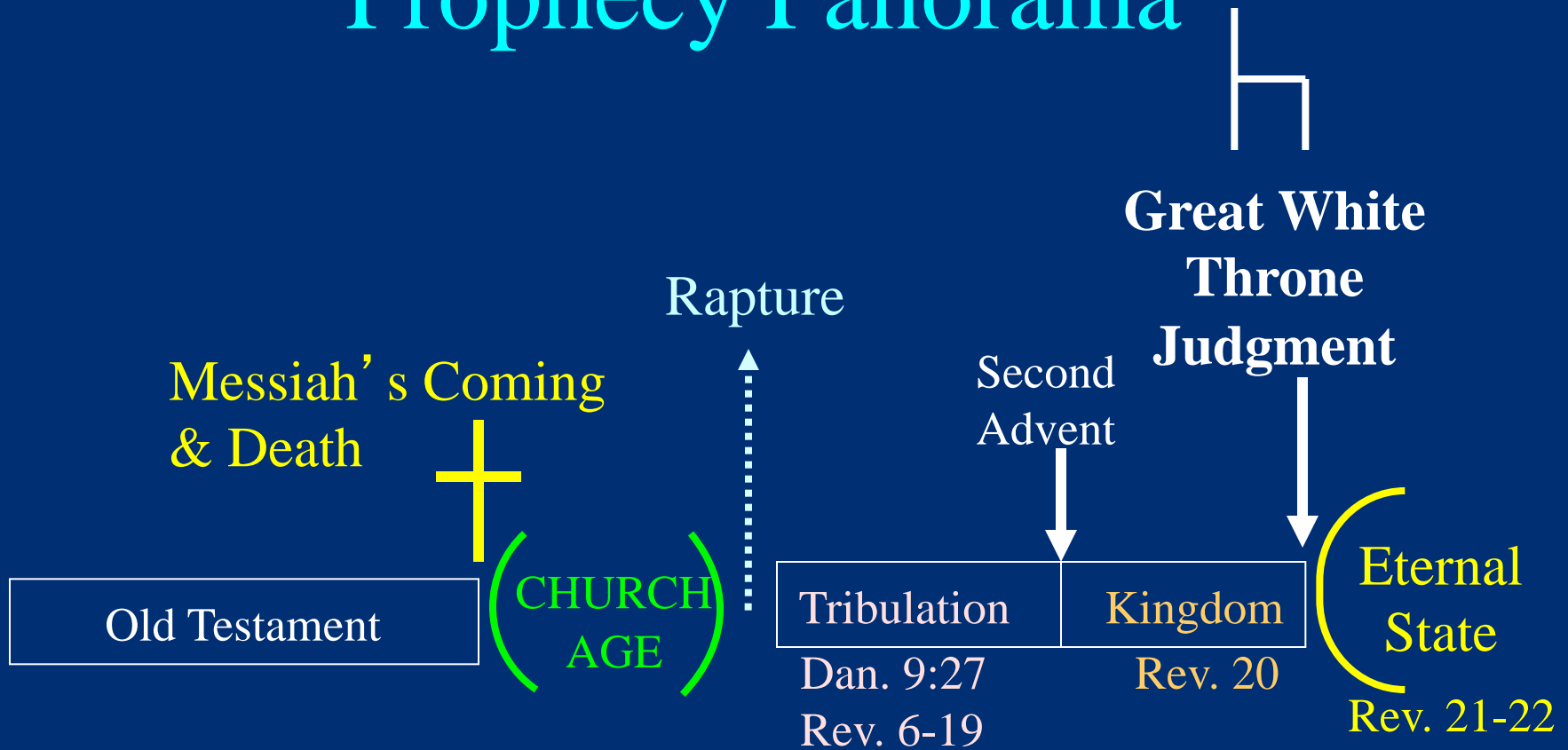
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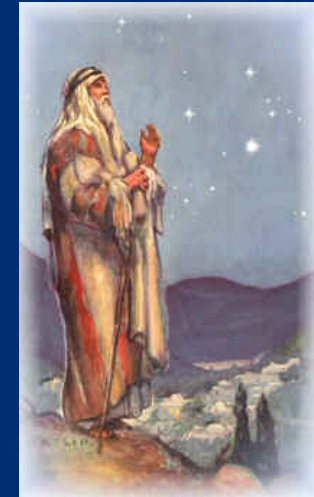
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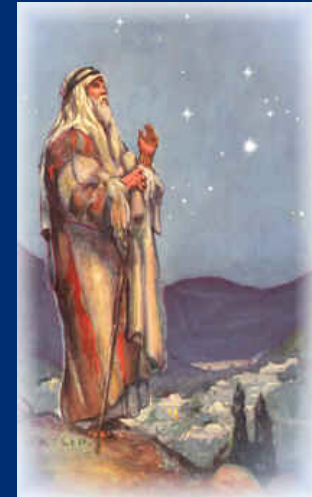
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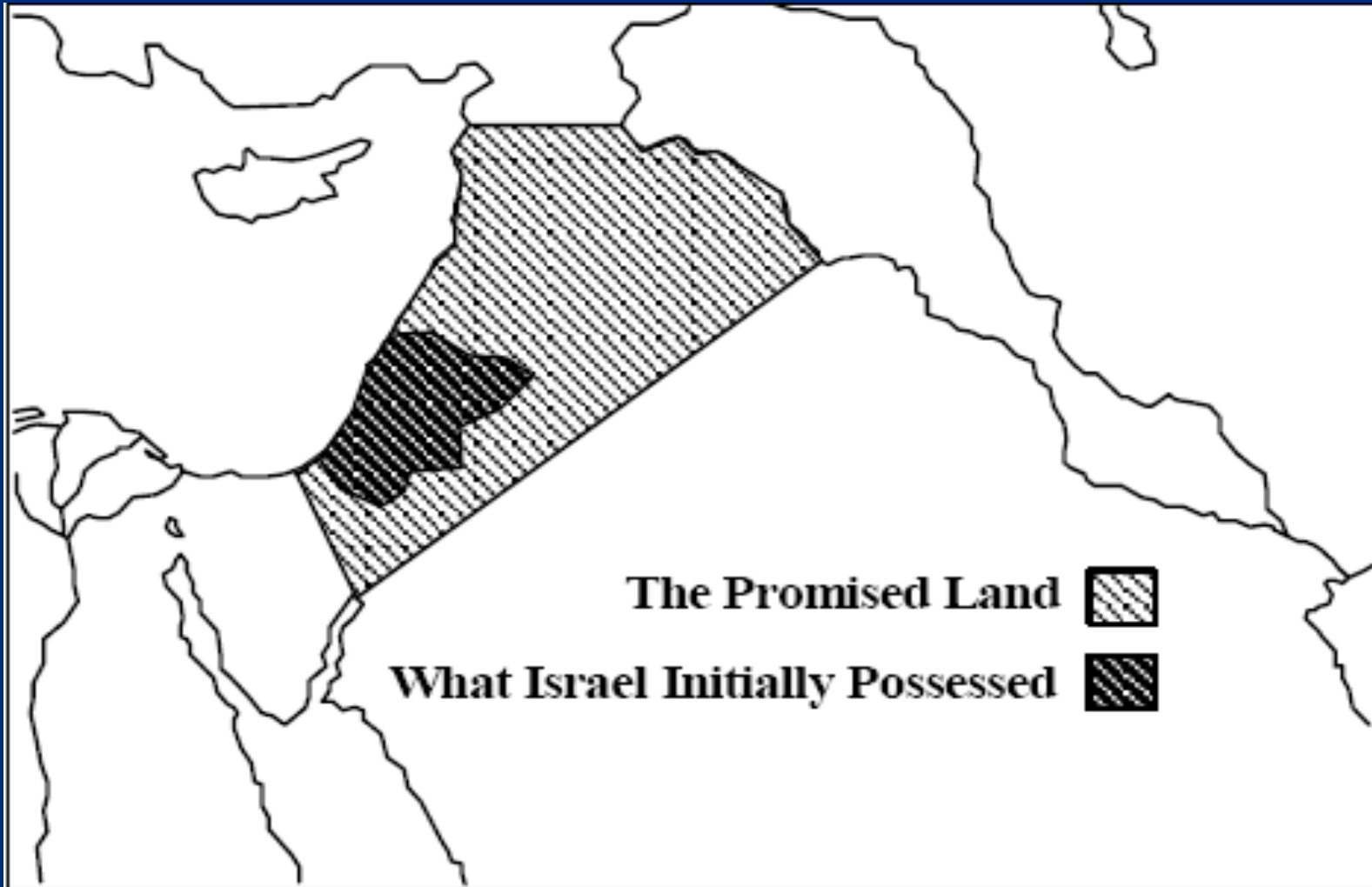
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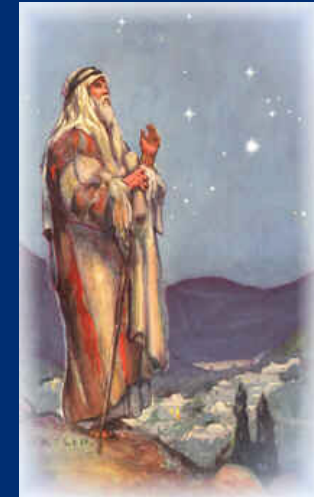
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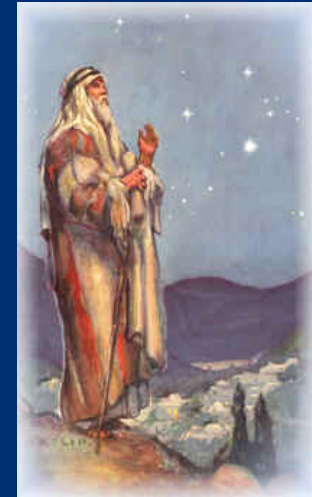
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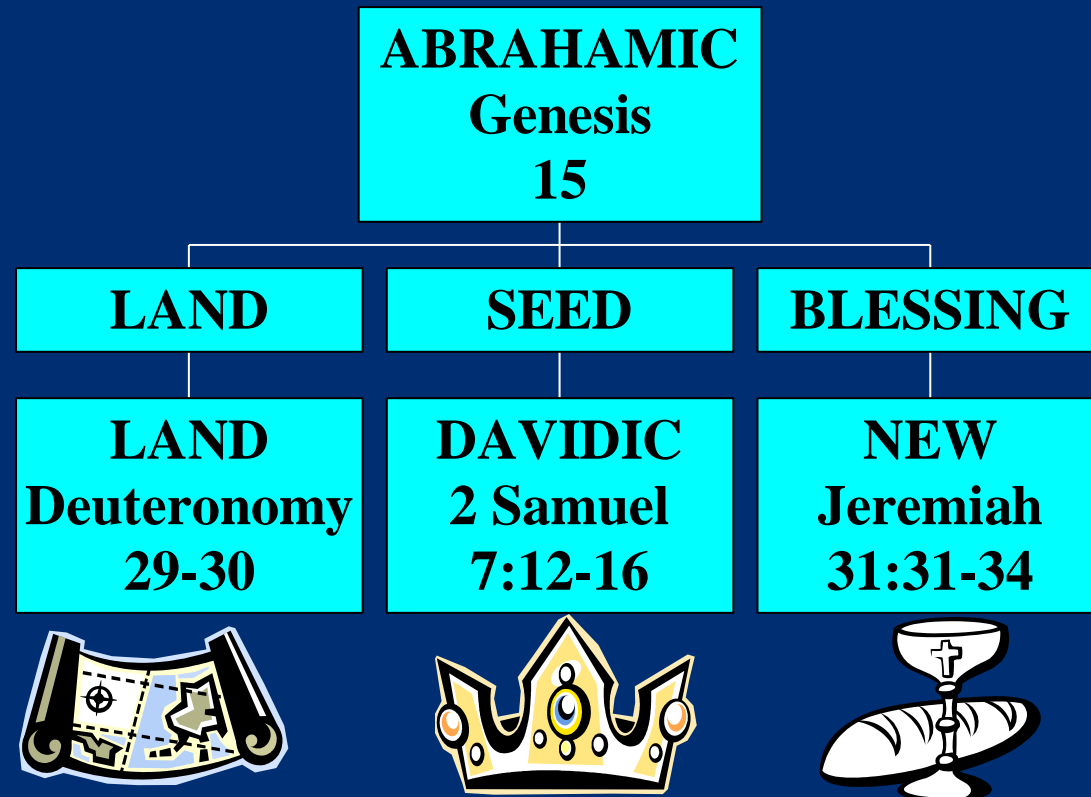


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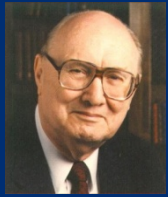
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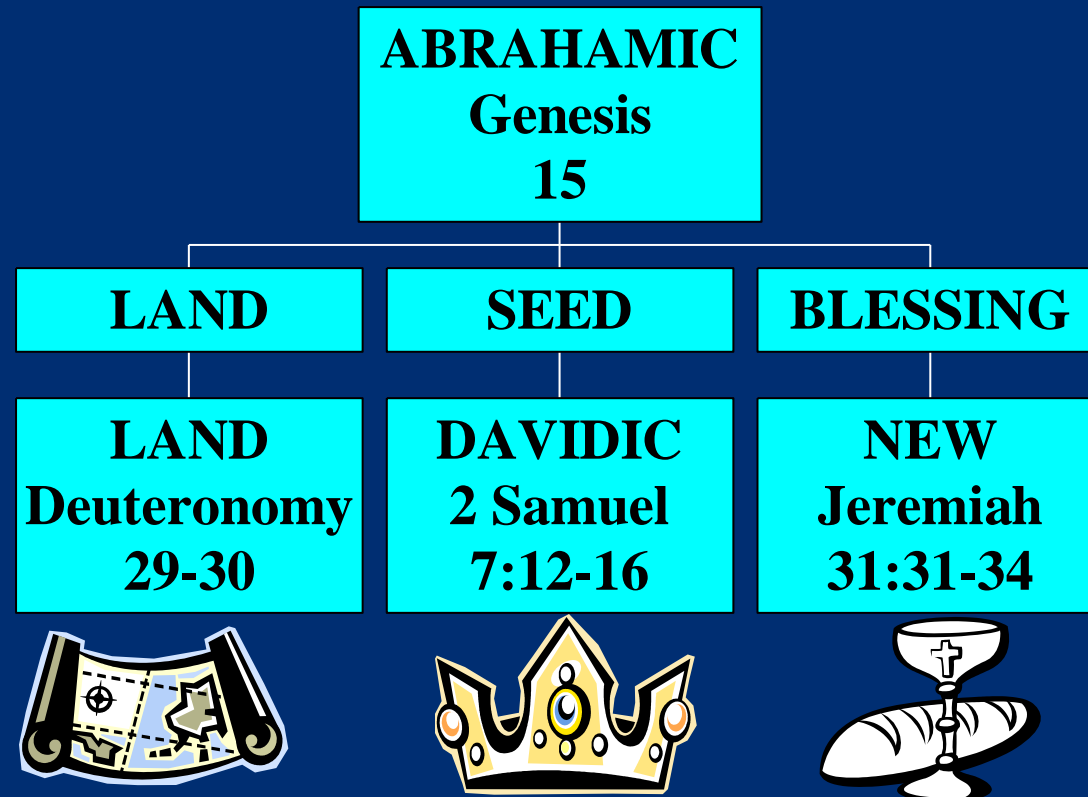
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John F. Walvoord, *Israel in Prophecy* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1962), 84-85, 87.

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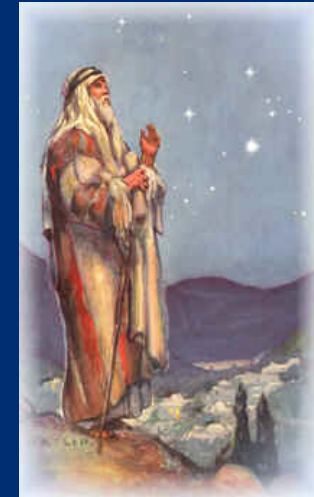
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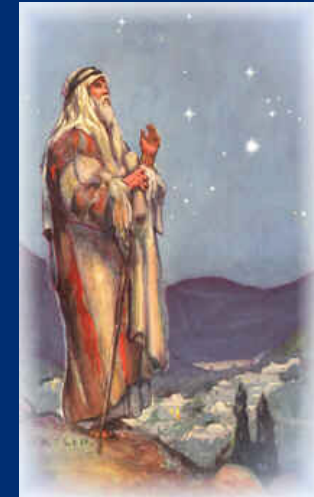
Evidence of Abrahamic Covenant's Unconditional Nature

- ANE covenant ratification ceremony (Gen 15)
- Lack of stated conditions for Israel's obedience (Gen 15)
- Covenant's eternality (Gen 17:7, 13, 19)
- Covenant's immutability (Heb 6:13-18)
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Walvoord, *The Millennial Kingdom*, 149-52

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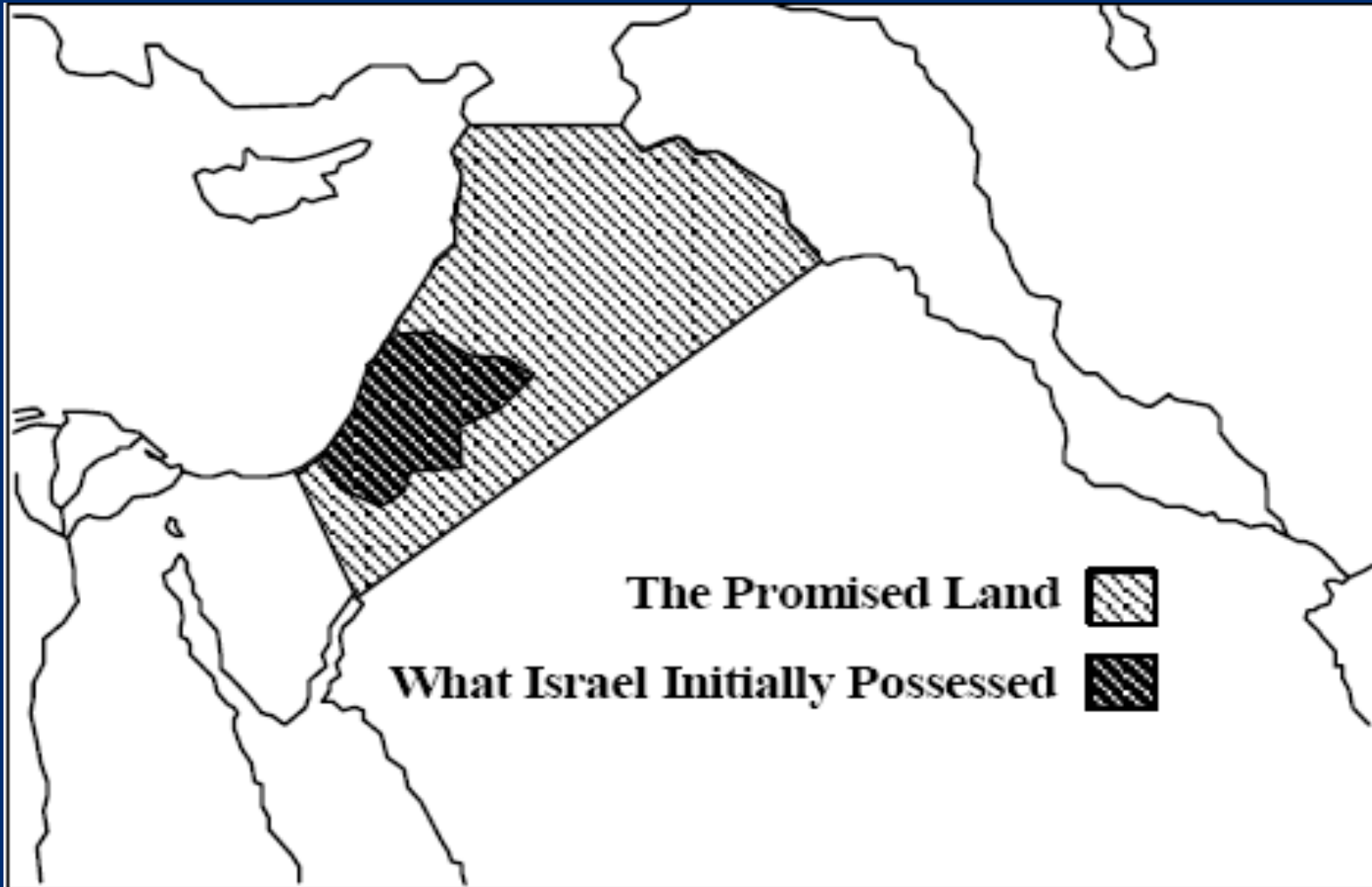
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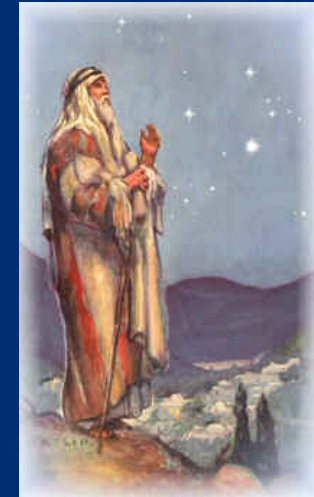
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Exodus 19:5-6



“Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.”

Six Parts of a Suzerain-Vassal Treaty in Deuteronomy

- Preamble (1:1-5)
- Prologue (1:6–4:40)
- Covenant obligations (5–26)
- Storage and reading instructions (27:2-3; 31:9, 24, 26)
- Witnesses (32:1)
- Blessings and curses (28)



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the King's
Dream



EMB

Statue & Stone

2. A Statue and a Stone



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



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GOLD

WORLD POWER
BABYLON
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CHEST AND ARMS
SILVER

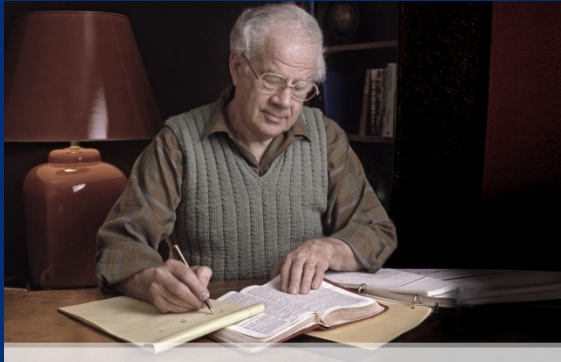
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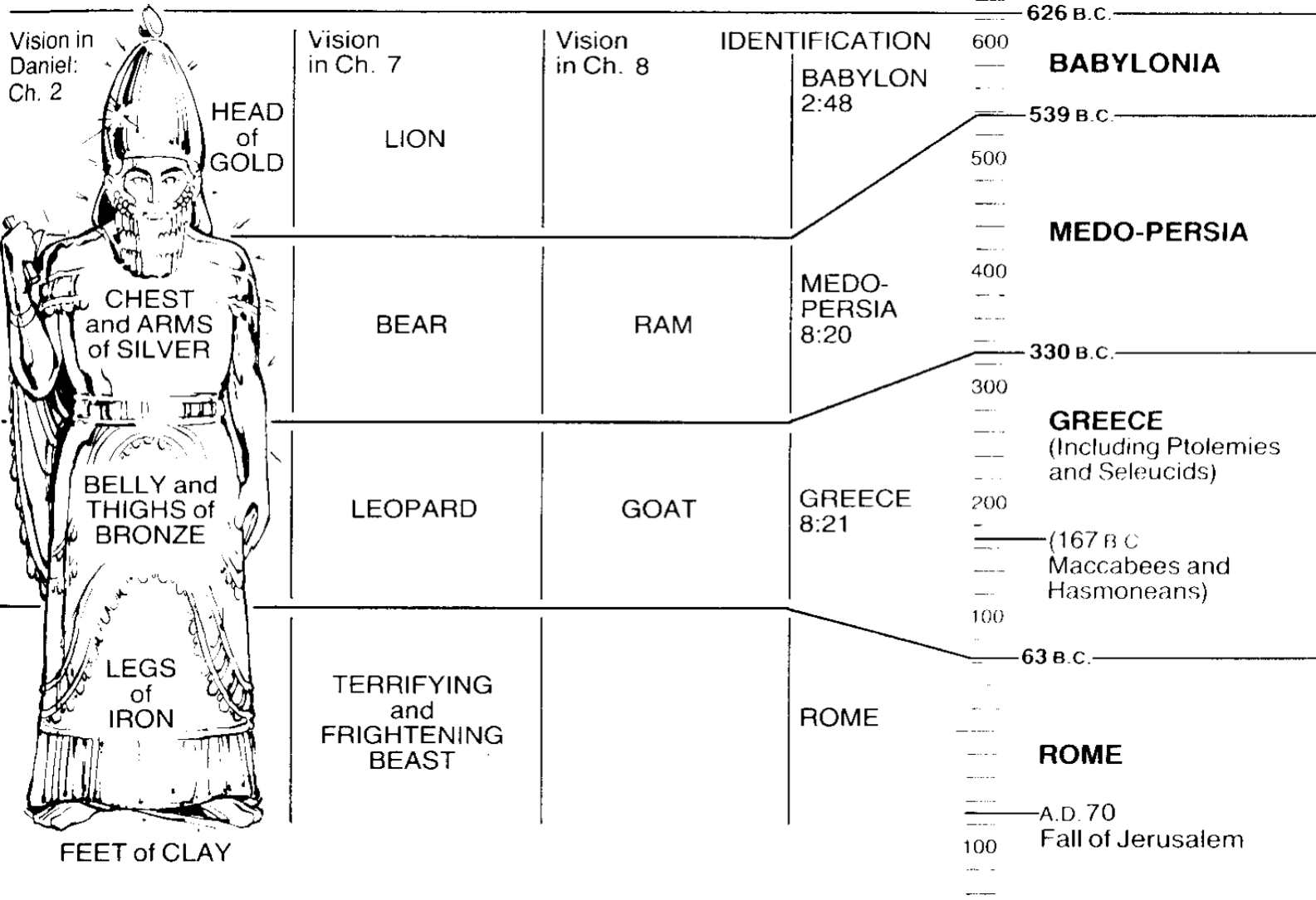
2:44-45 is Future

- Christianity did not suddenly fill the whole earth
- Christ did not destroy Rome
- No 10 simultaneous kings in the time of Christ
- Christ was not the smiting stone
- Christ did not destroy all the kingdoms of the world
- The church is not a political kingdom

J. Dwight Pentecost, *Bible Knowledge Commentary*, 1336

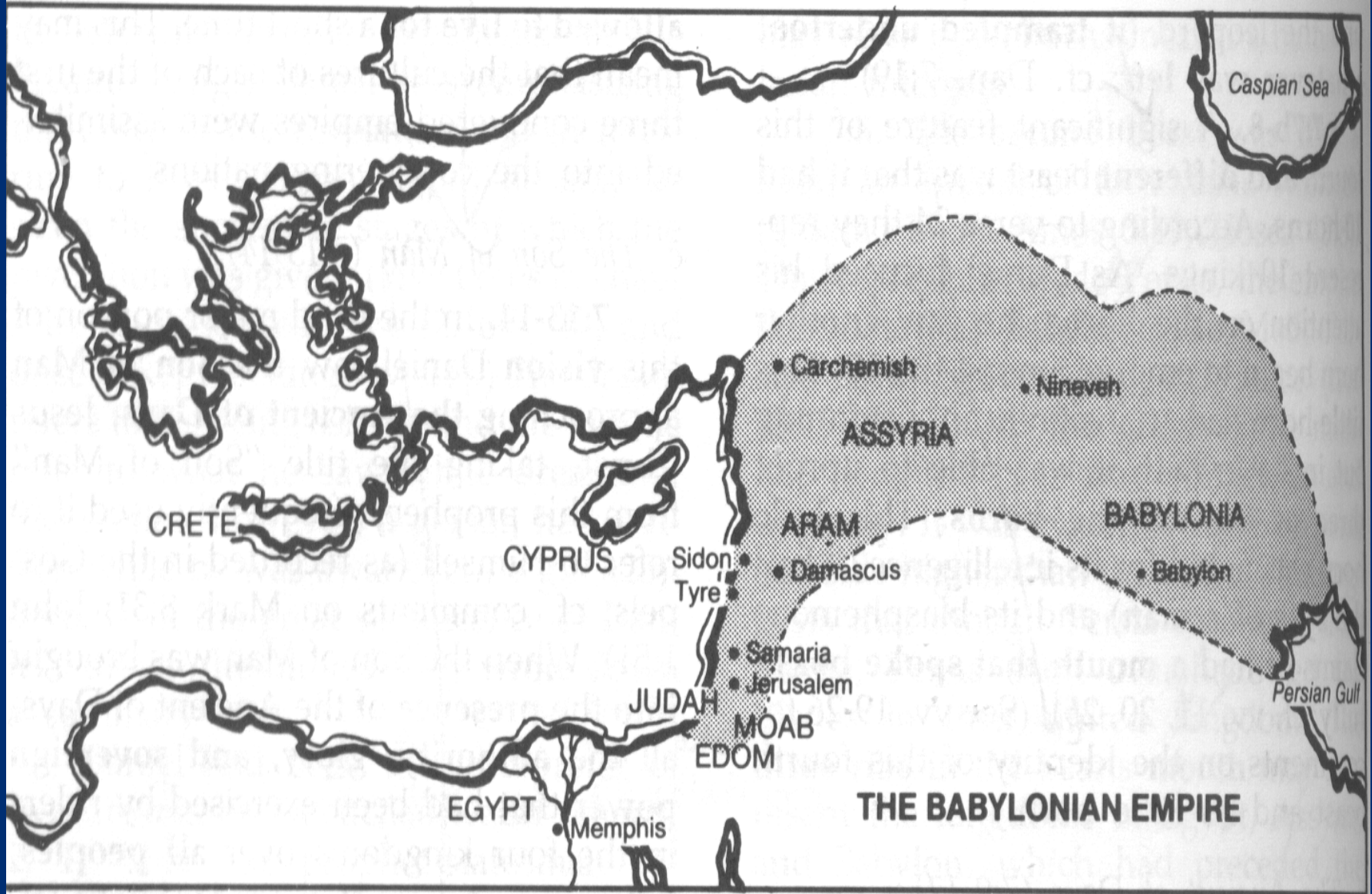
Identification of the Four Kingdoms

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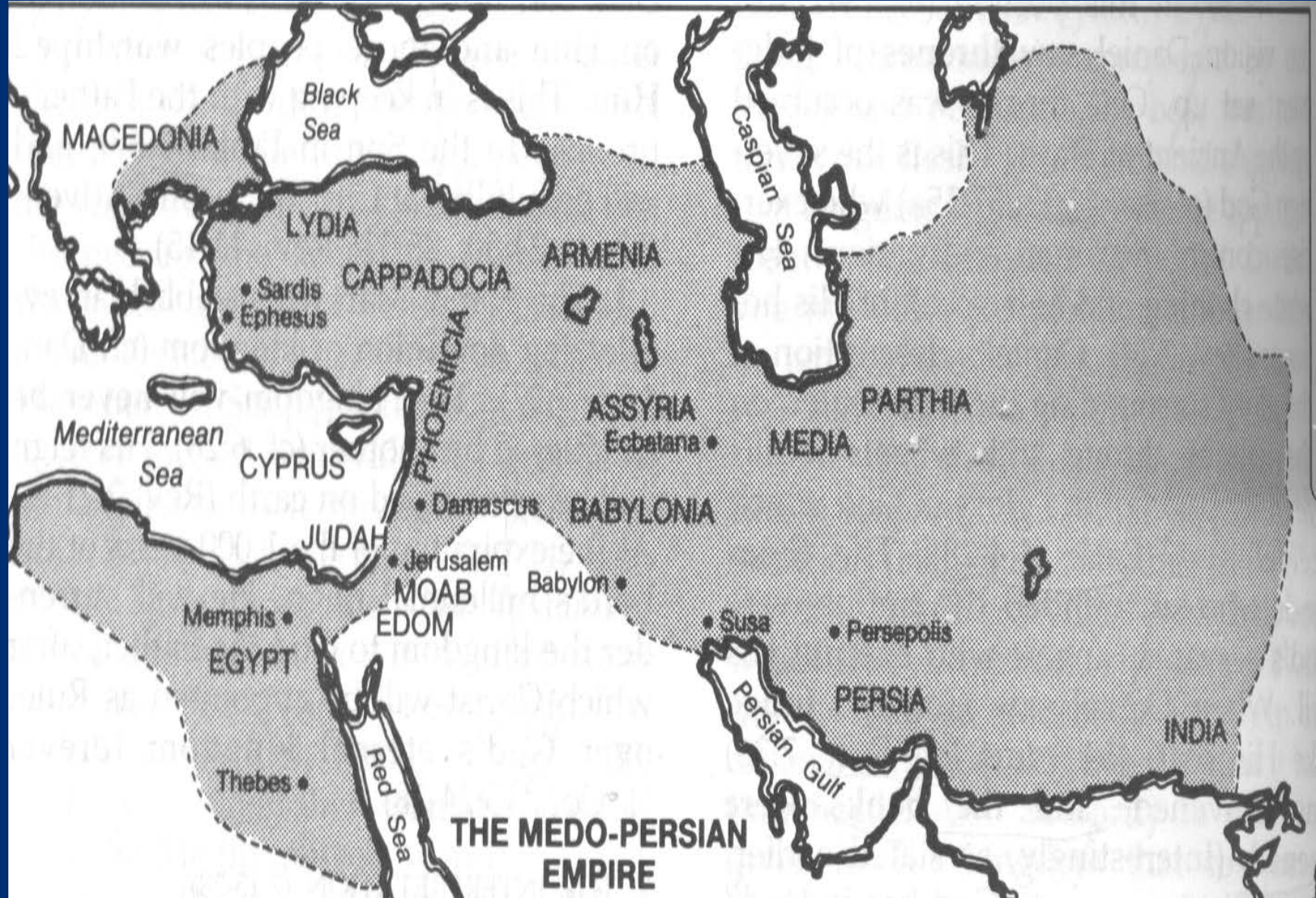


“Hence, the iron kingdom with its feet of iron and clay (cf. 3:33-35, 40, 44) and the nondescript beast of 7:7-8 envision...the form in which it will exist *after the church period*, when God will resume His dealing with the *nation* Israel. How futile for conservative scholars to ignore that fact and to seek to find literal fulfillment of those prophecies in history or in the church, when those predictions refer to events yet future and have no application whatever to the church.”

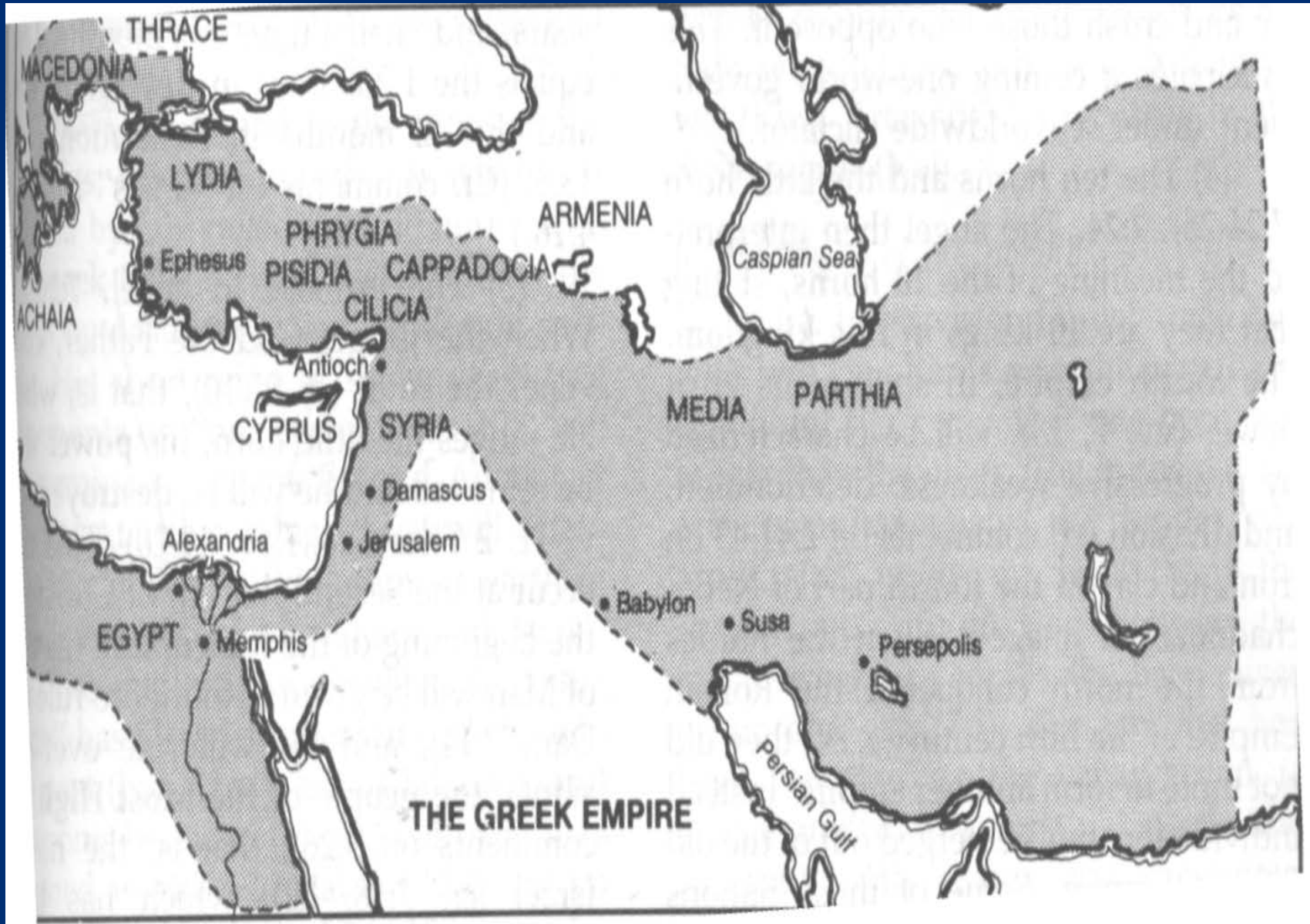
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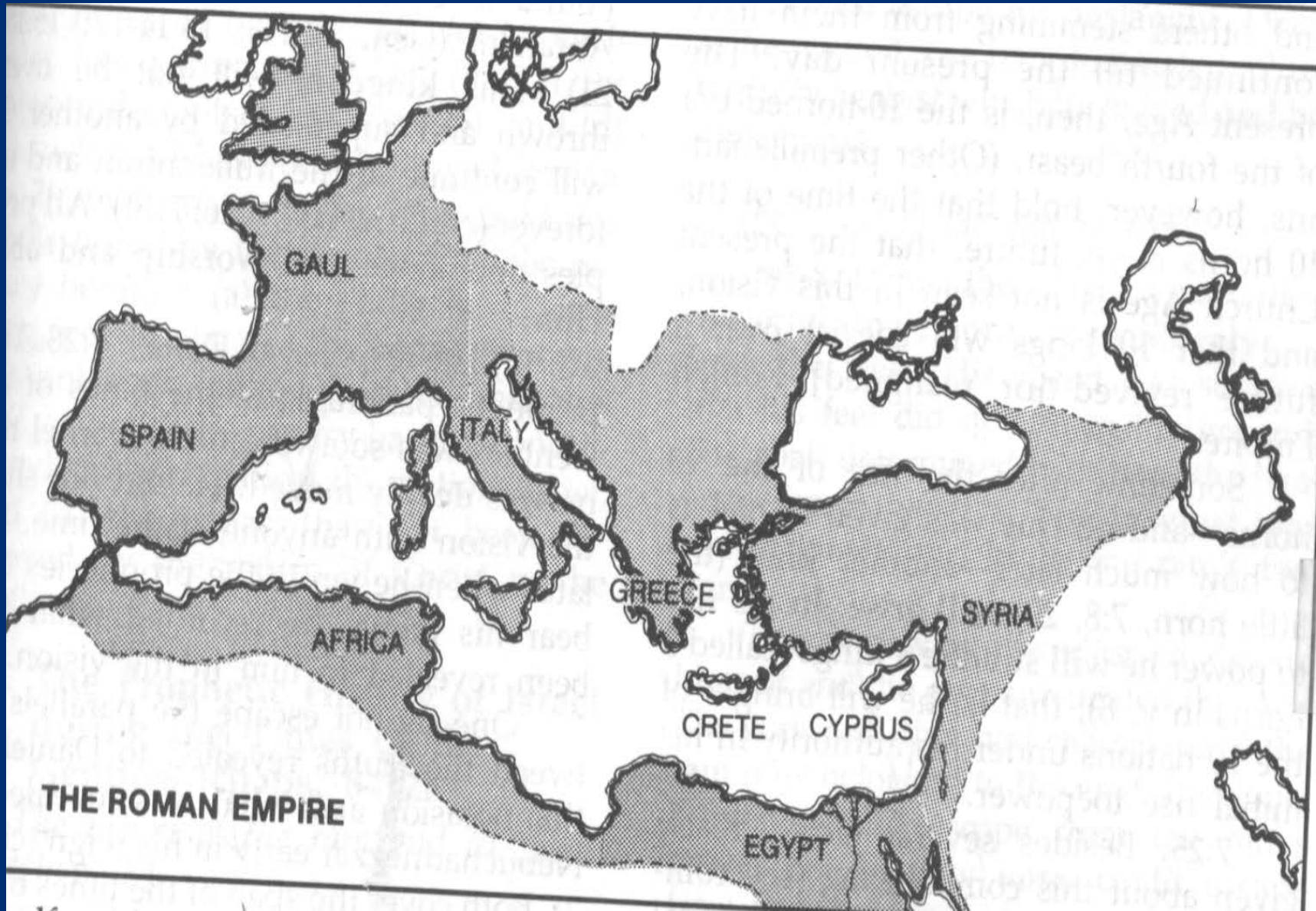
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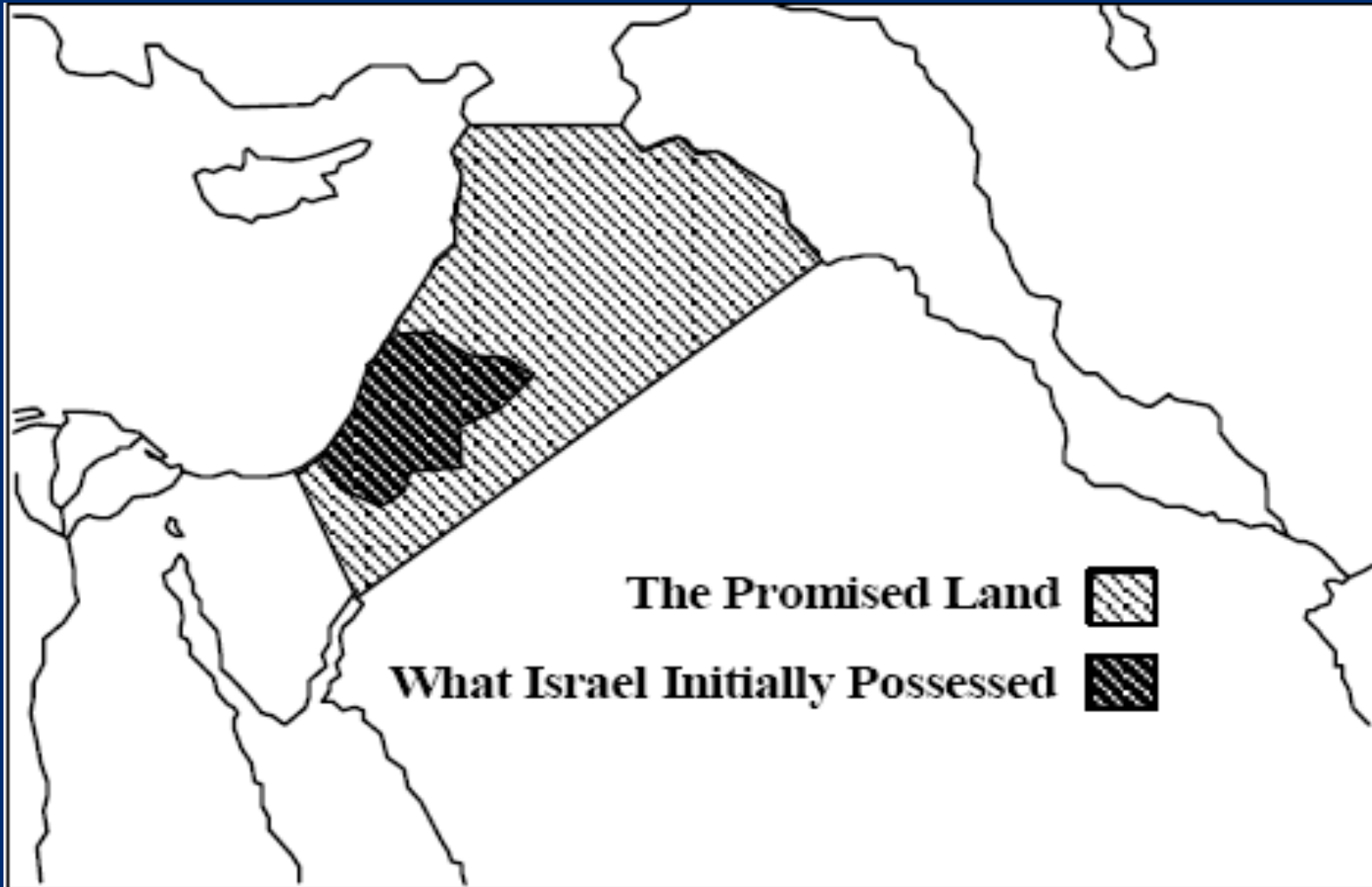
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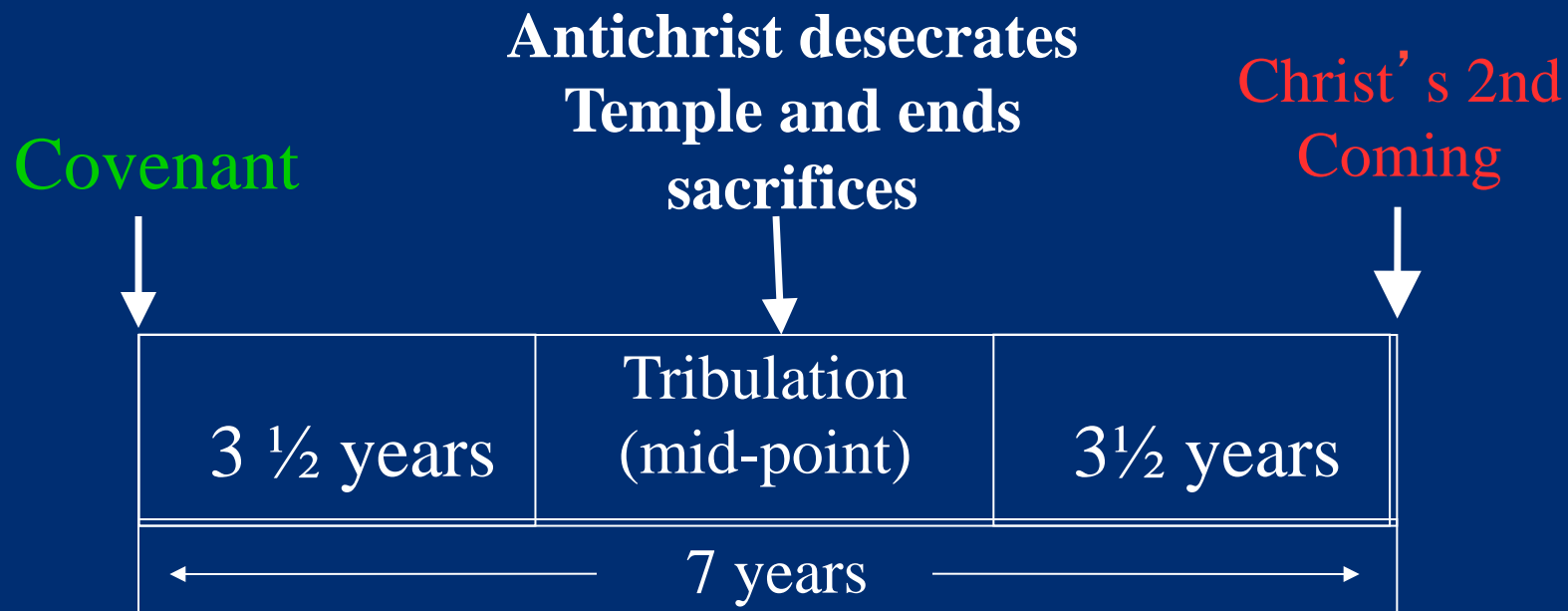


Israel's Two Regatherings

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

DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



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Deuteronomy 4:30



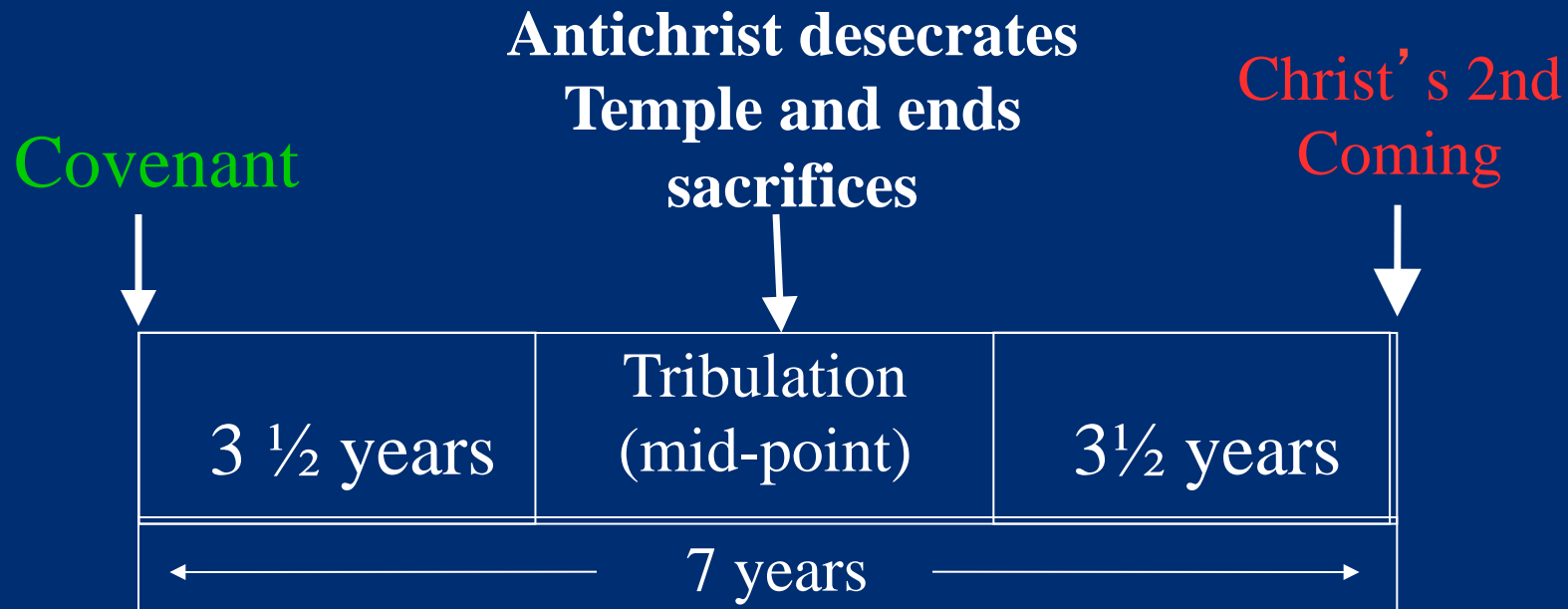
“ When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice.”

Jeremiah 30:7



“ Alas! for that day is great,
There is none like it;
And it is the time of Jacob’s distress,
But he will be saved from it.”

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6 Prophecies WILL BE fulfilled in Daniel 9:24c

- 1) “to finish transgression”
- 2) “to make an end of sin”
- 3) “to make atonement for iniquity”
- 4) “to bring in everlasting righteousness”
- 5) “to seal up vision and prophecy”
- 6) “to anoint the most holy place”

Arnold Fructenbaum, *Footsteps of the Messiah*, p.191-4

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Deuteronomy 30:3



“ Then the LORD your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.”

8. Israel's Regathering in Belief

- Deuteronomy 30:3
- Jeremiah 16:14-15
- Ezekiel 36:24-28
- Zechariah 8:7-8
- Amos 9:14-15



Mark Hitchcock and Thomas Ice, *Breaking the Apocalypse Code* (Costa Mesa, CA: Word for Today, 2007), 136-37.



"Every Old Testament prophet, except Jonah, speaks of a permanent return to the Land of Israel by the Jews."

Reliability of the Divine Regathering Predictions

	Return	Predicted	Fulfilled
First	From Egypt to Canaan	Gen. 15:13-14	Joshua 1–12
Second	From Babylon to Israel	Jer. 25:11; 29:10	Ezra & Nehemiah
Third	From the Diaspora to Israel	Ezekiel 36:24-28	????

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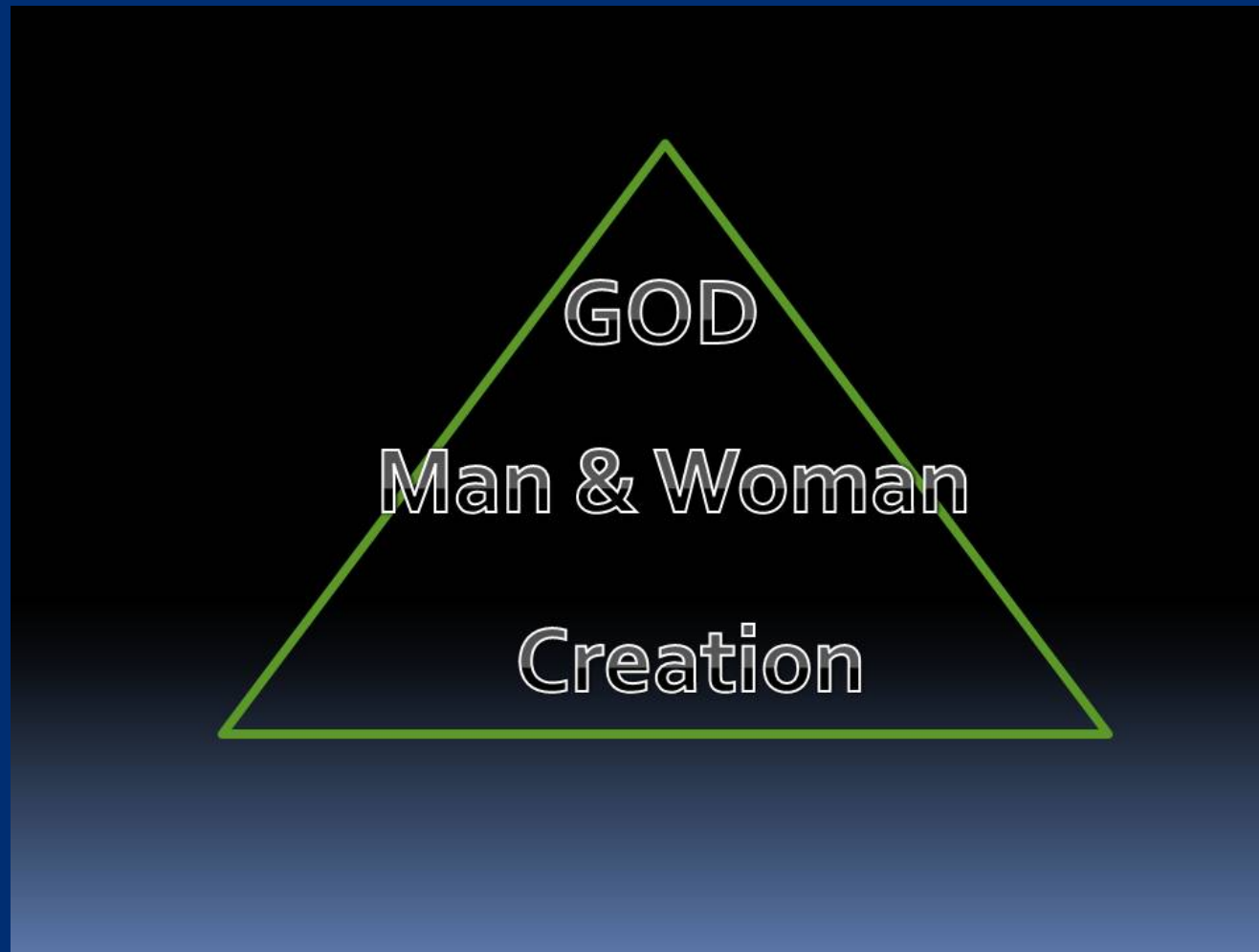


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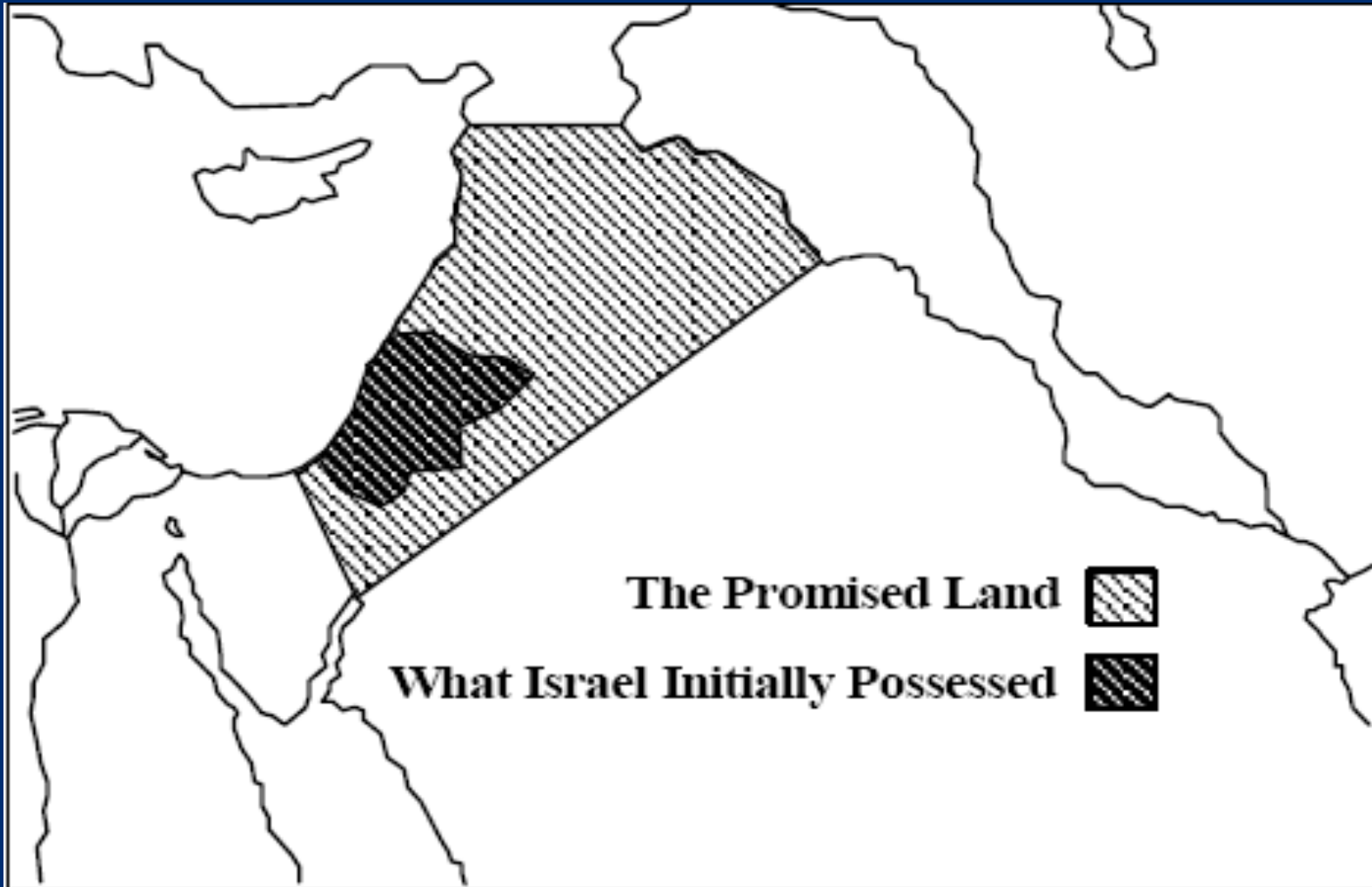
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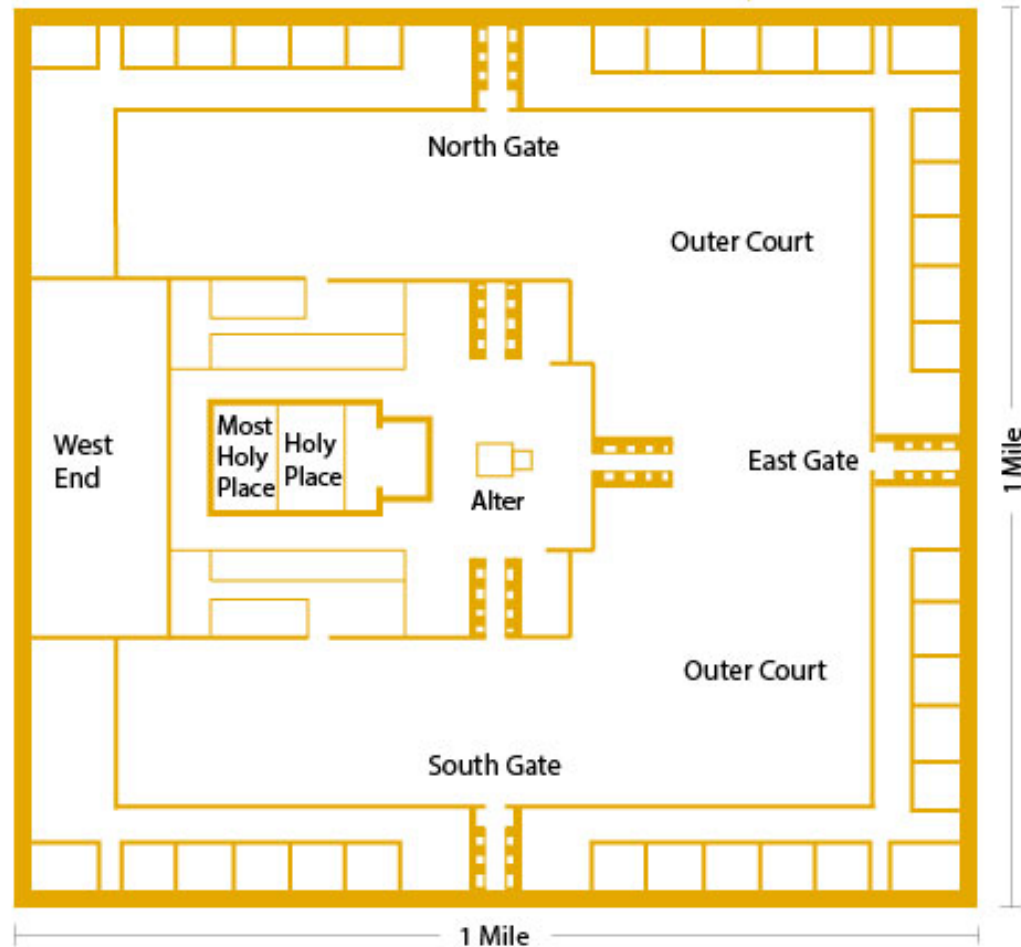
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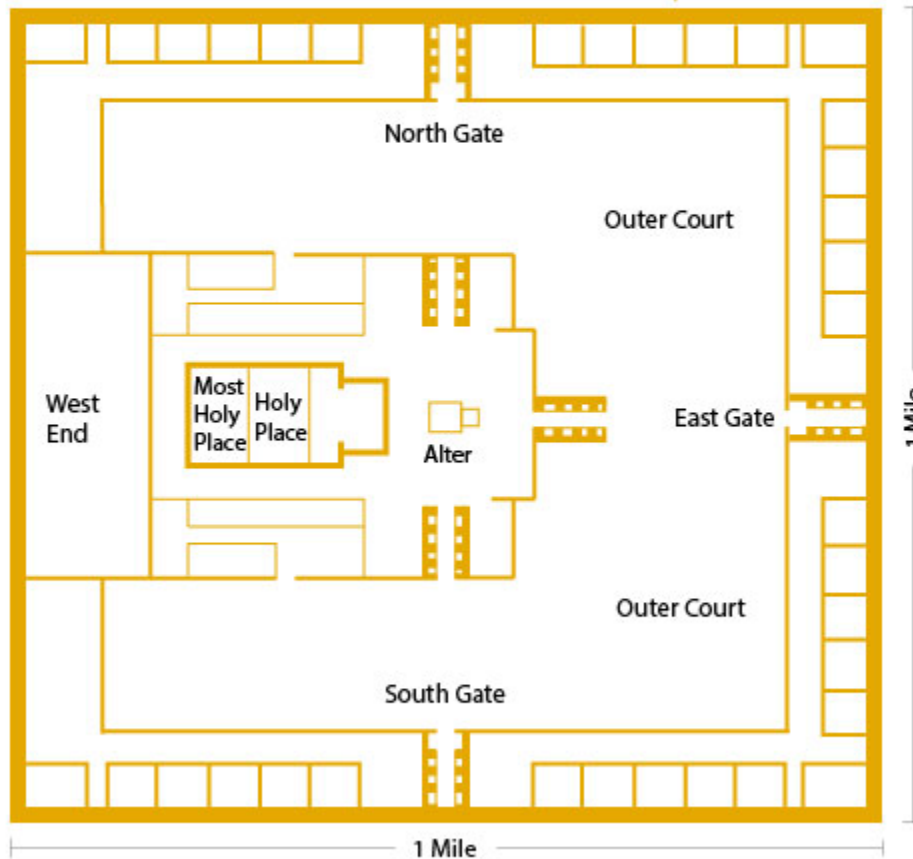
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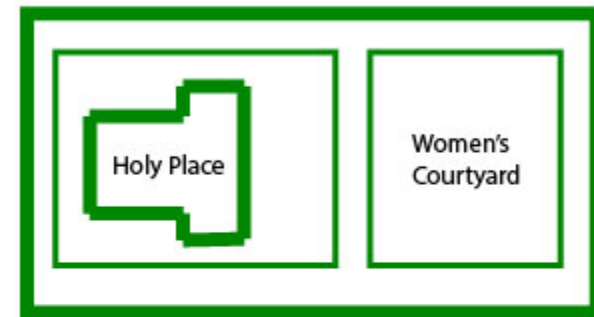
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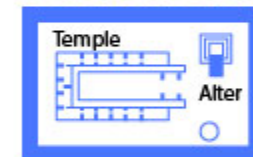


TABERNACLE



100x50 CUBITS | 150x75 FT

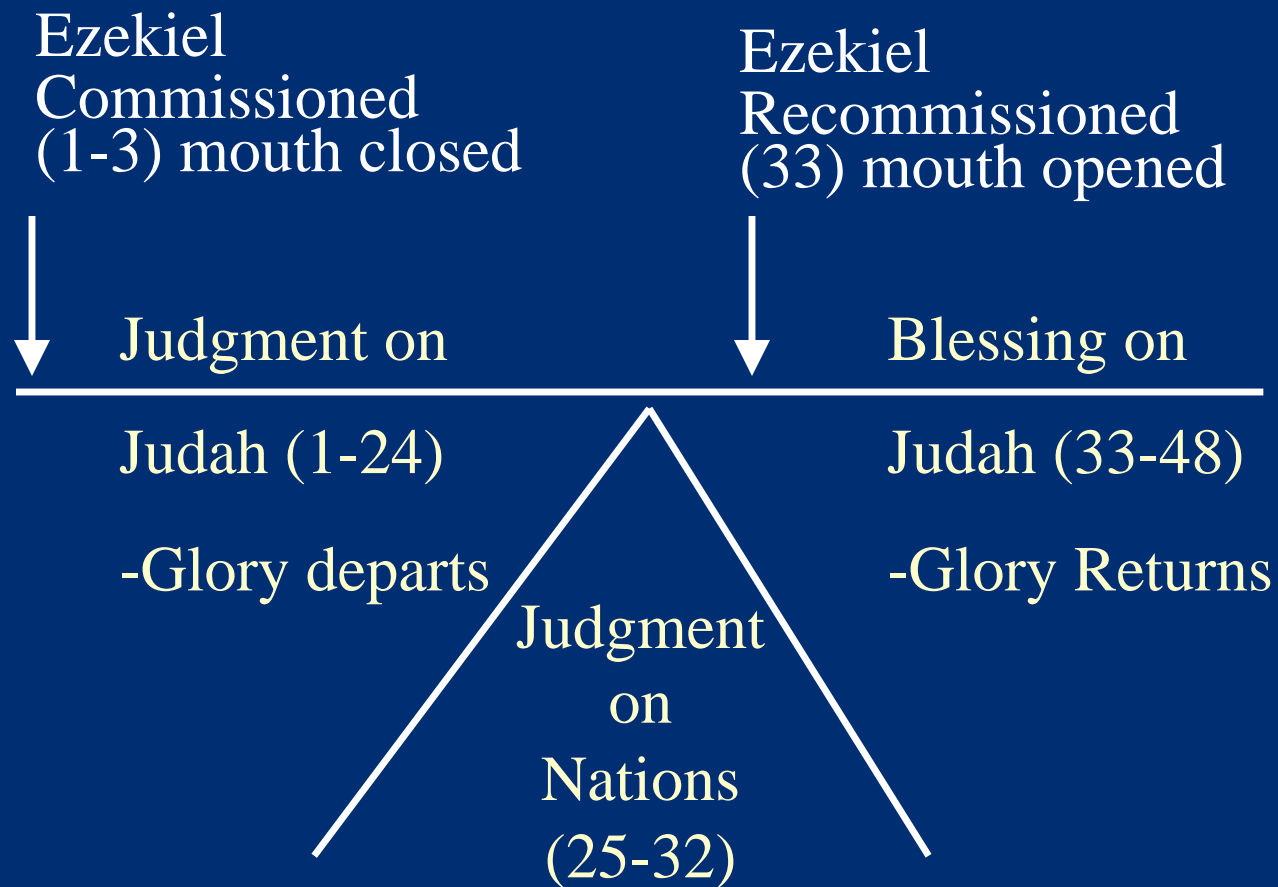
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FOOTBALL FIELD



100x50 YARDS | 300x150 FT



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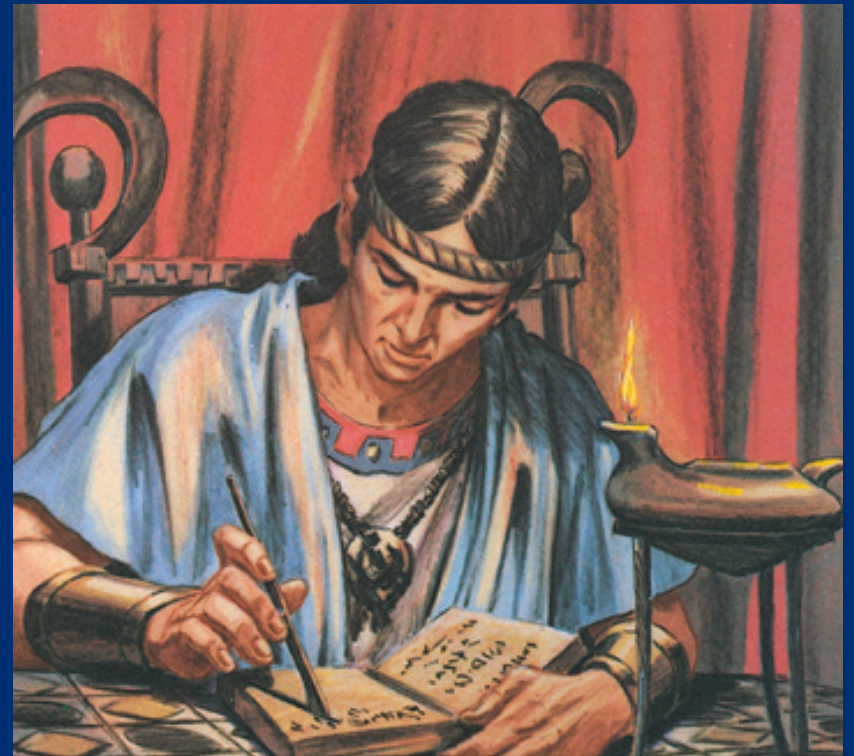
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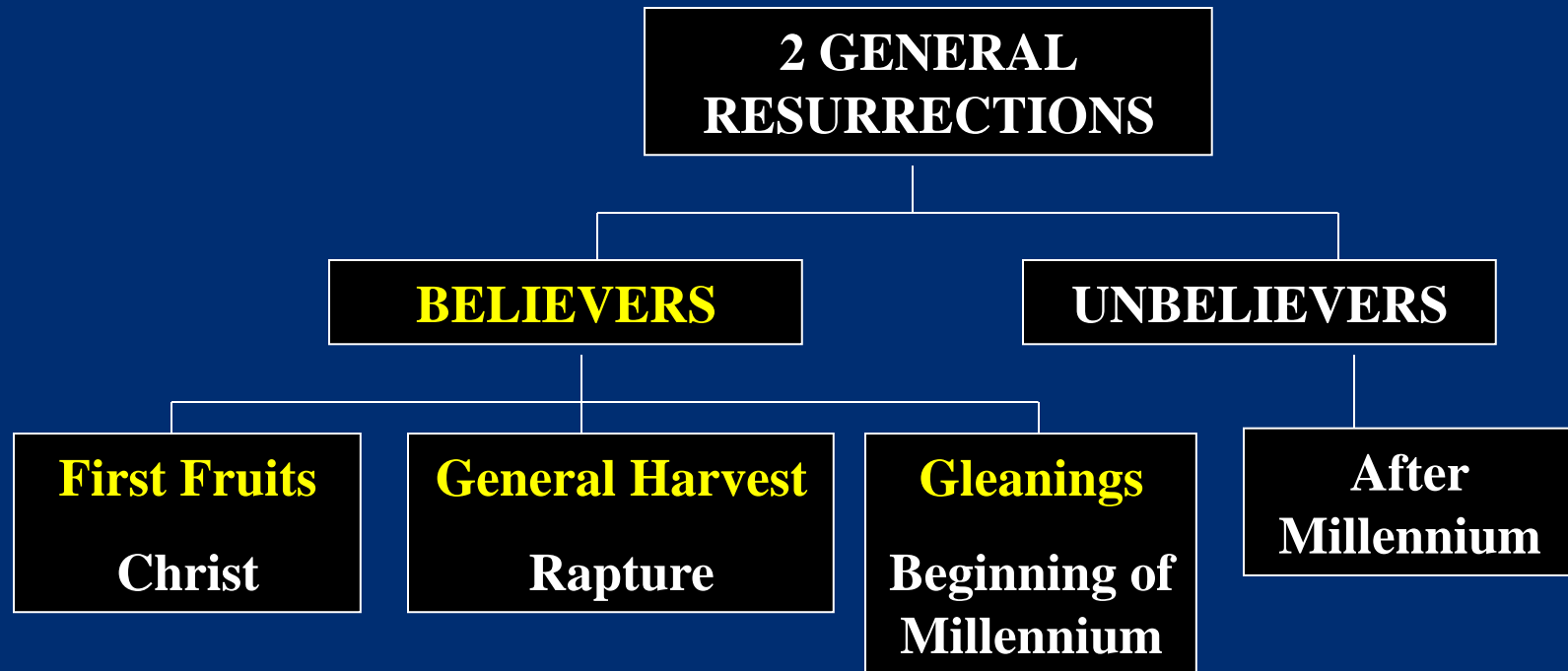


The Millennial David

- Root of Jesse
- Branch of David
- Son of David
- Seed of David



God's Resurrection Program



Order or *Tagma* (1 Cor. 15:23)

- General: Christ's resurrection (1 Cor 15:23)
- Officer: Rapture (1 Thess 4:13-18)
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- Captives: Unsaved of all ages (Rev 20:5)



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Prophecy Panorama

