

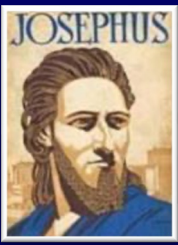
A Christmas Convergence*



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Josephus

Antiquities 18.3.3

“About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he was one who performed surprising deeds and was a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. He was the Christ. And when, upon the accusation of the principal men among us, Pilate had condemned him to a cross, those who had first come to love him did not cease. He appeared to them spending a third day restored to life, for the prophets of God had foretold these things and a thousand other marvels about him. And the tribe of the Christians, so called after him, has still to this day not disappeared.”

Luke 24:27, 44

“²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures...⁴⁴ Now He said to them, ‘These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.’”



John 5:39, 46

“³⁹ You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me...⁴⁶ For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me.”



Acts 17:1-3

“¹ Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ² And according to Paul’s custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, ‘This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ.’”



1 Corinthians 15:3-4

“³ For I handed down to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”



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Modern Example

A. Hemisphere

B. Country

C. State

D. County

E. City



F. Zip code

G. Street name

H. Street address

I. Room

J. Person

1) Messiah must be a man

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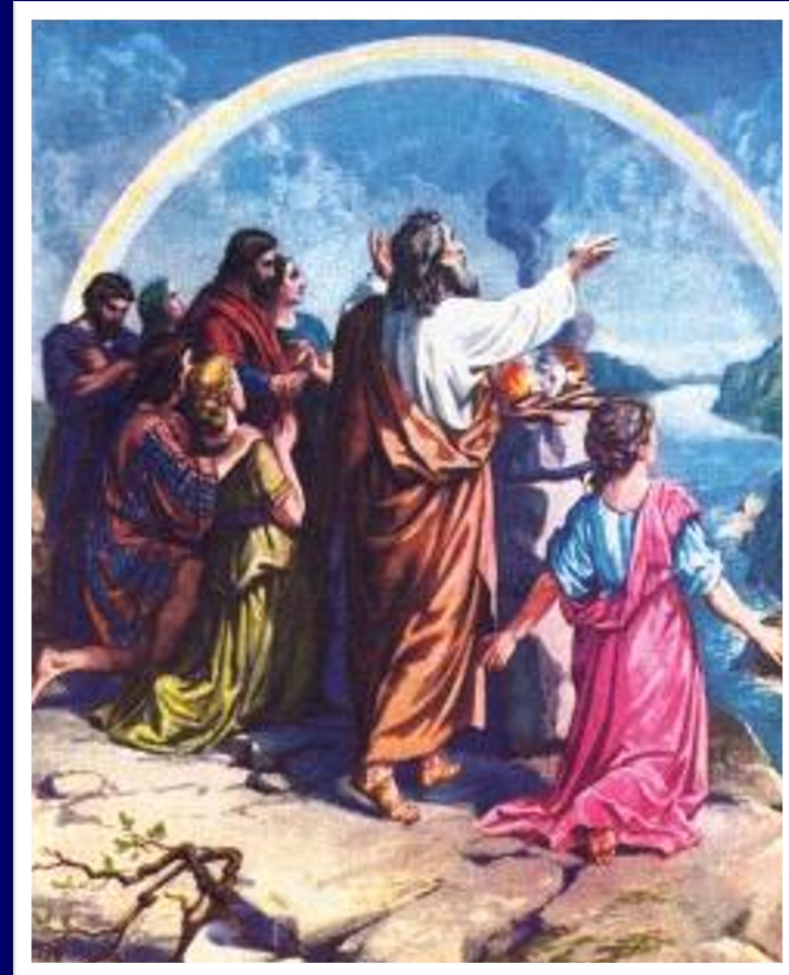
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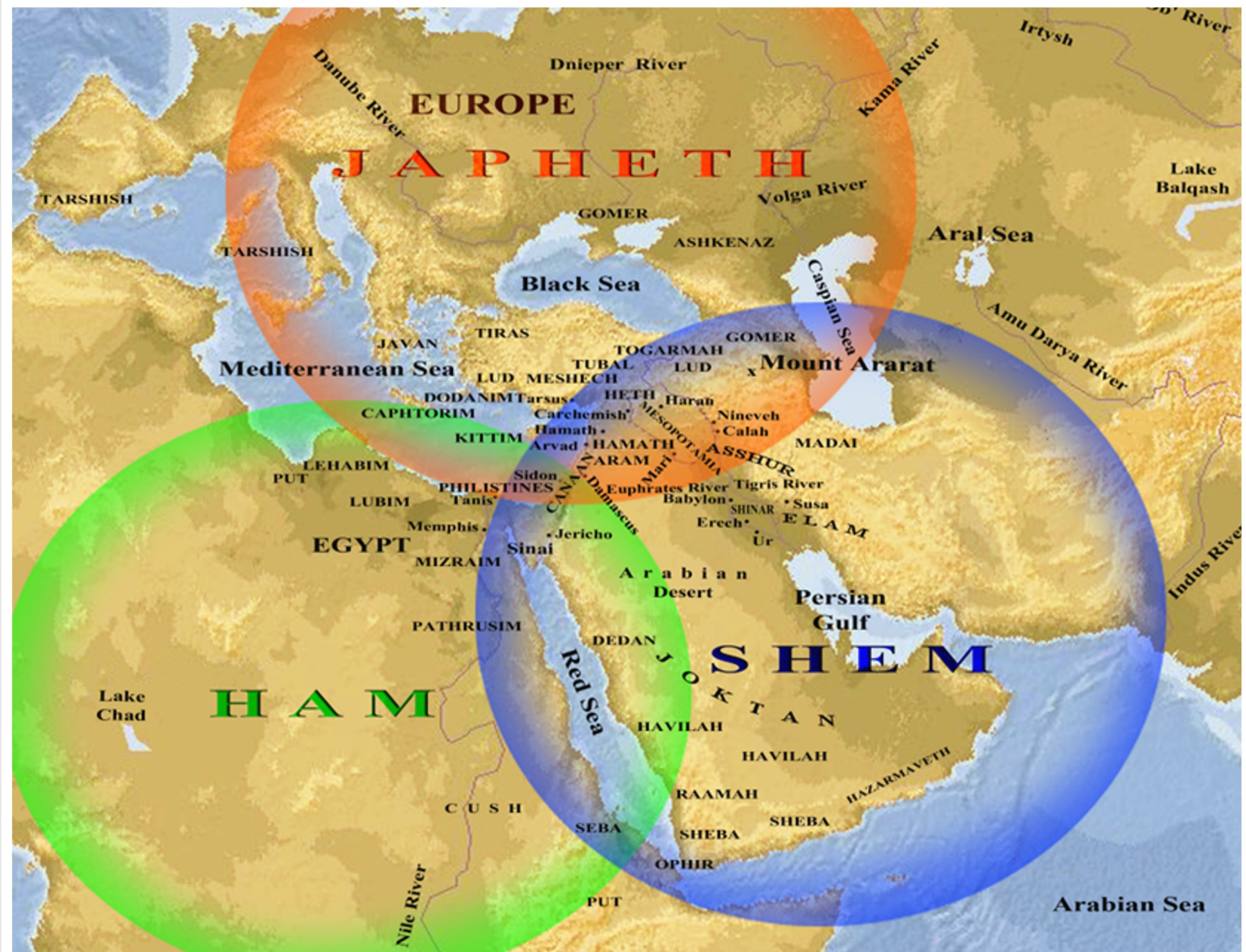


2) Messiah must be Semitic

■ Genesis 9:26







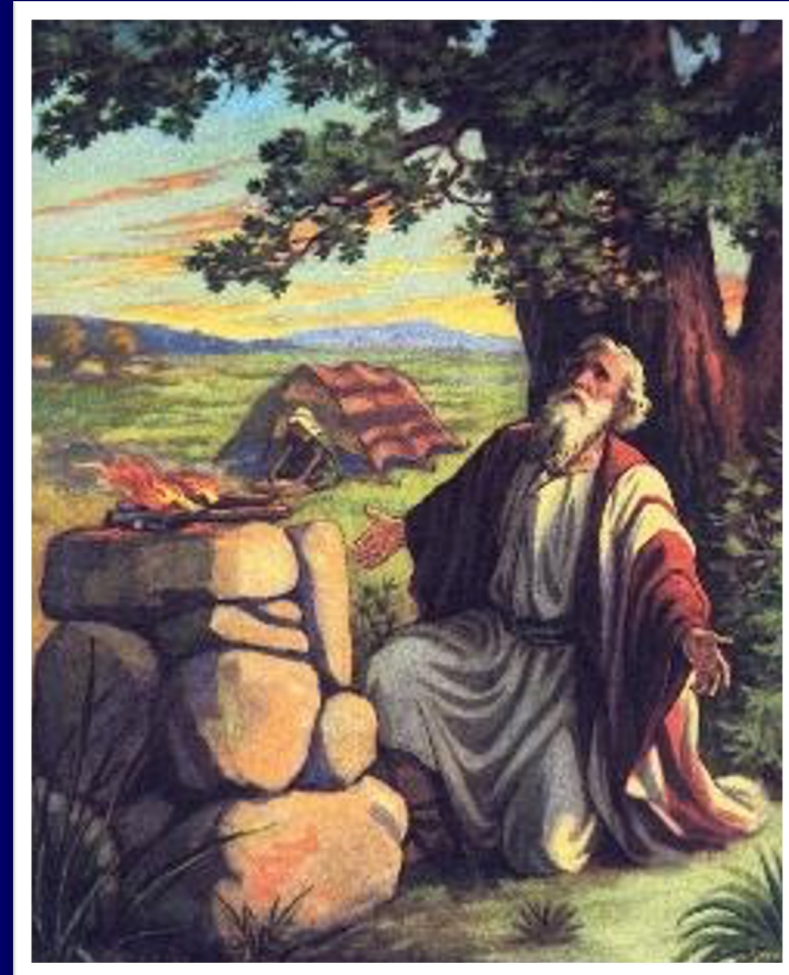
Genesis 9:26

“He also said, “Blessed be the Lord, The God of Shem;
And let Canaan be his servant.”



3) Must be from Abraham's line

■ Genesis 12:3



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“And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”



4) Messiah must be from Isaac's line

■ Genesis 17:18-19



Genesis 15:2-4

“² Abram said, ‘O Lord God, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ ³ And Abram said, ‘Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir.’ ⁴ Then behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir.’”



Genesis 17:18-19

“And Abraham said to God, ‘Oh that Ishmael might live before You!’ But God said, ‘No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.’”

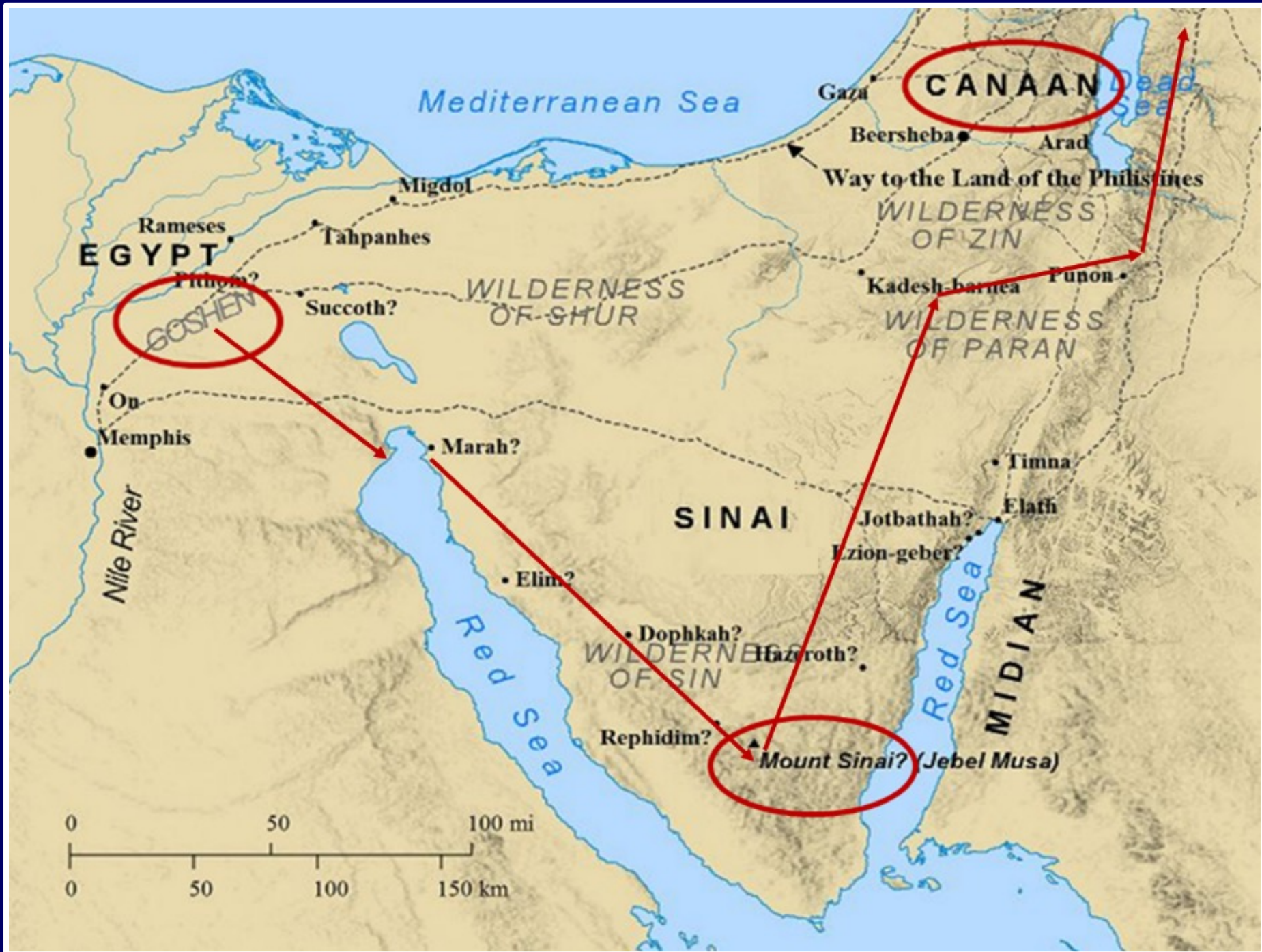


5) Messiah must be Jewish or from the line of Jacob

■ Numbers 24:17







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5. Fifth oracle (24:20) predicts Amalek's destruction. Amalek was the first foe that Israel had to fight against after leaving Egypt (Exod 17).
6. Sixth oracle (24:21-22) predicts the destruction of the Midianite group known as the Kenites as well as Assyria.
7. The nations of the seventh oracle are difficult to identify (24:23-24).

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🚩 Breaking: The fake pope that never condemned October 7 massacre, today attended an exhibition showing a Palestinian Jesus (resting on a Palestinian keffiyeh) 🙄

Someone should tell this “pope” that Jesus was born, raised, and died as a Jew living in Judea.



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THE TIMES OF ISRAEL

Pope Francis inaugurates nativity scene in Vatican showing baby Jesus on keffiyeh

Pontiff, who recently called to investigate Israel for genocide, preaches end to all war, as he dedicates scene by Palestinian artists, to be displayed in Vatican's Paul VI Hall

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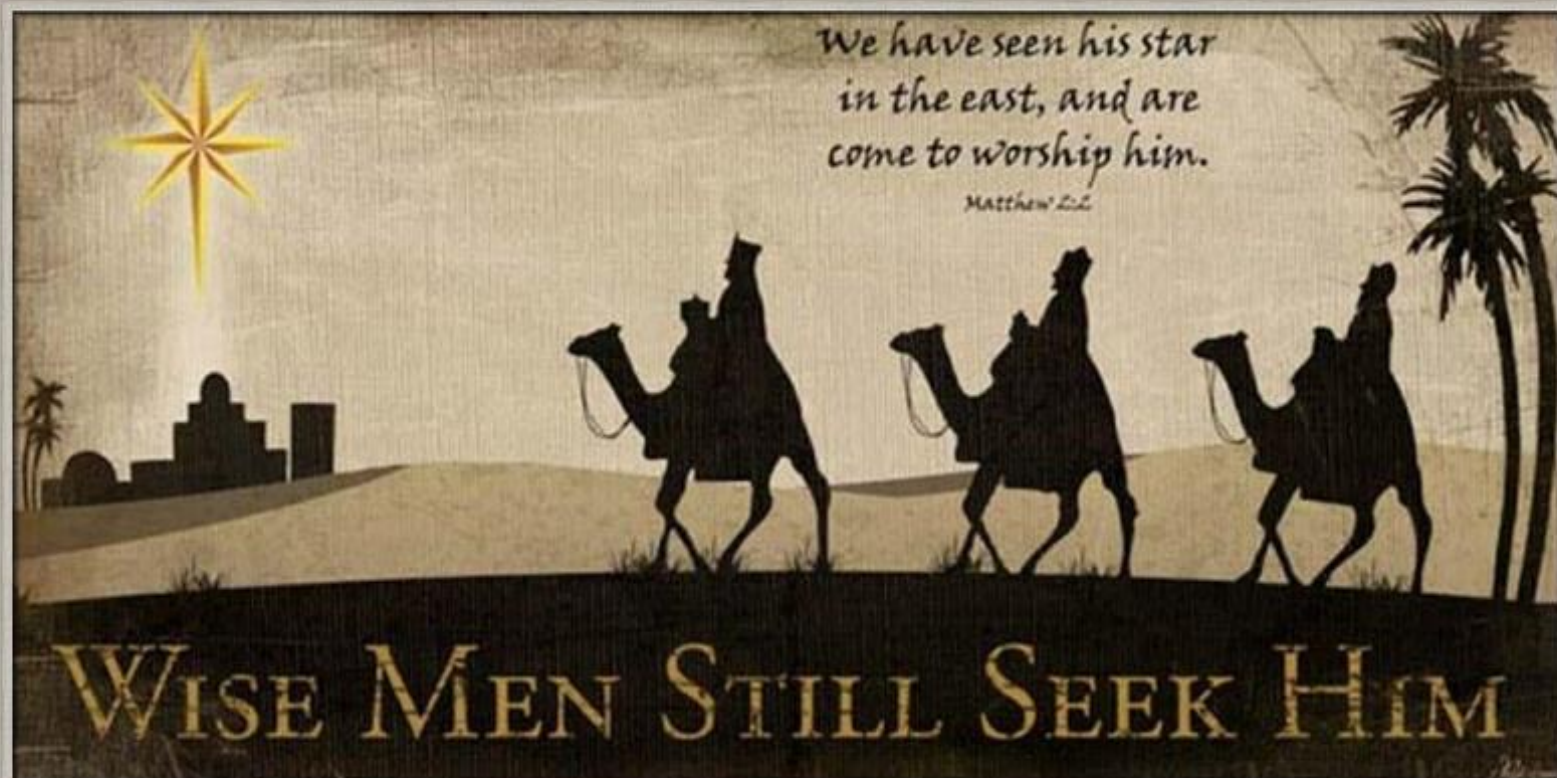
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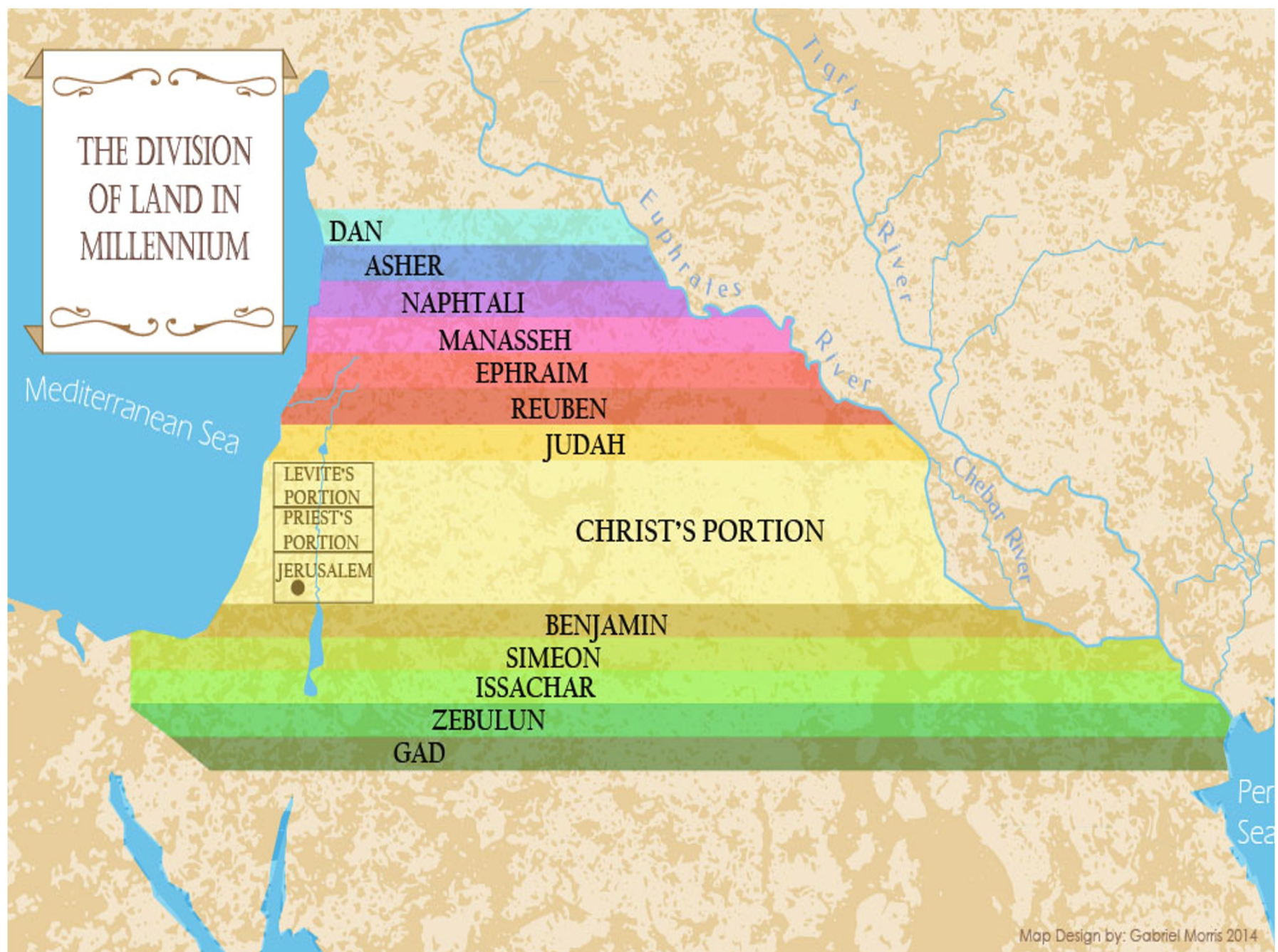


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6) Messiah must be from the tribe of Judah

■ Genesis 49:10



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- Revelation 5:5



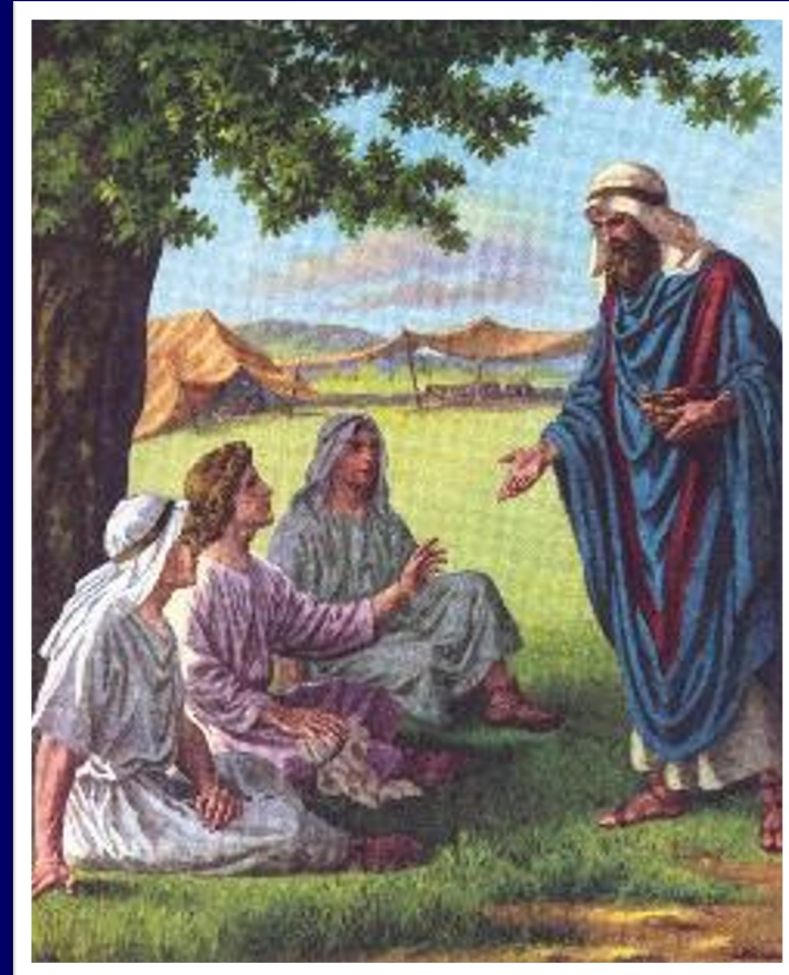
Revelation 5:5

“and one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.”



7) Messiah must be from the family of Jesse

■ Isaiah 11:1



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“Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.”



Isaiah 11:4

“But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.”



1 Samuel 16:10-11

“¹⁰ Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen these.’ ¹¹ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are these all the children?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, and behold, he is tending the sheep.’ Then Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’”



8) Messiah must be from the line of David

■ 2 Samuel 7:16



2 Samuel 7:8, 16

“⁸ Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel... ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.”’



9) Messiah must be from the line of Solomon

- 1 Chronicles 28:4-7



1 Chronicles 28:2, 5

“² Then King David rose to his feet and said, ‘...⁵ Of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons), He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.’”



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Jesus Genealogy According to Matthew

1. Abraham	15. Solomon	29. Shealtiel
2. Isaac	16. Rehoboam	30. Zerubbabel
3. Jacob	17. Abijah	31. Abiud
4. Judah	18. Asa	32. Eliakim
5. Perez	19. Jehosaphat	33. Azor
6. Hezron	20. Jehoram	34. Zadok
7. Ram	21. Uzziah	35. Achim
8. Amminadab	22. Jotham	36. Eliud
9. Nahshon	23. Ahaz	37. Eleazar
10. Salmon	24. Hezekiah.	38. Matthan
11. Boaz	25. Manasseh	39. Jacob
12. Obed	26. Amon	40. Joseph
13. Jesse	27. Josiah	41. Jesus
14. David	28. Jeconiah	

10) Messiah must be born in Bethlehem

■ Micah 5:2



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“But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Too* little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity.”



Psalm 90:2

“Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting (*olam*) to everlasting (*olam*), You are God.”

עוֹלָם

Olam - Eternity



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The Two Bethlehems



* The tribe of Levi, as the priesthood, were distributed throughout the other tribes.

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Matthew 2:4-6

“⁴ Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet: ⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; For out of you shall come forth a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’”



11) Messiah must be born of a virgin

■ Isaiah 7:13-14



Isaiah 7:13-14

“Then he said, “Listen now, O house of David! Is it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God as well? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.”



Almah Does Mean Virgin

A. *Almah*

1. OT uses (Gen 24:43; Exod 2:8; Ps 68:25; Song of Solomon 1:3; 6:8; Prov 30:18-19)
2. LXX
3. Matt 1:23



Isaiah 7:2, 13

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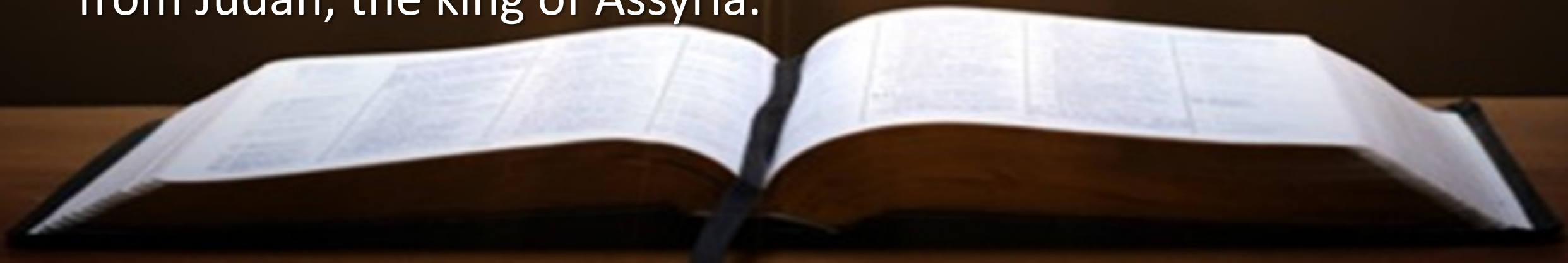
Isaiah 7:9–17

⁹ “... and the head of Ephraim is Samaria and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah. If you [s] will not believe, you [s] surely shall not last.”” ¹⁰ Then the Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ “Ask a sign for yourself [s] from the Lord your God; make it deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I test the Lord!” ¹³ Then he said, “Listen now, O house of David! Is it too slight a thing for you [pl] to try the patience of men, that you [pl] will try the patience of my God as well? . . .



Isaiah 7:9–17

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12) Messiah must come before A.D. 70

■ Malachi 3:1



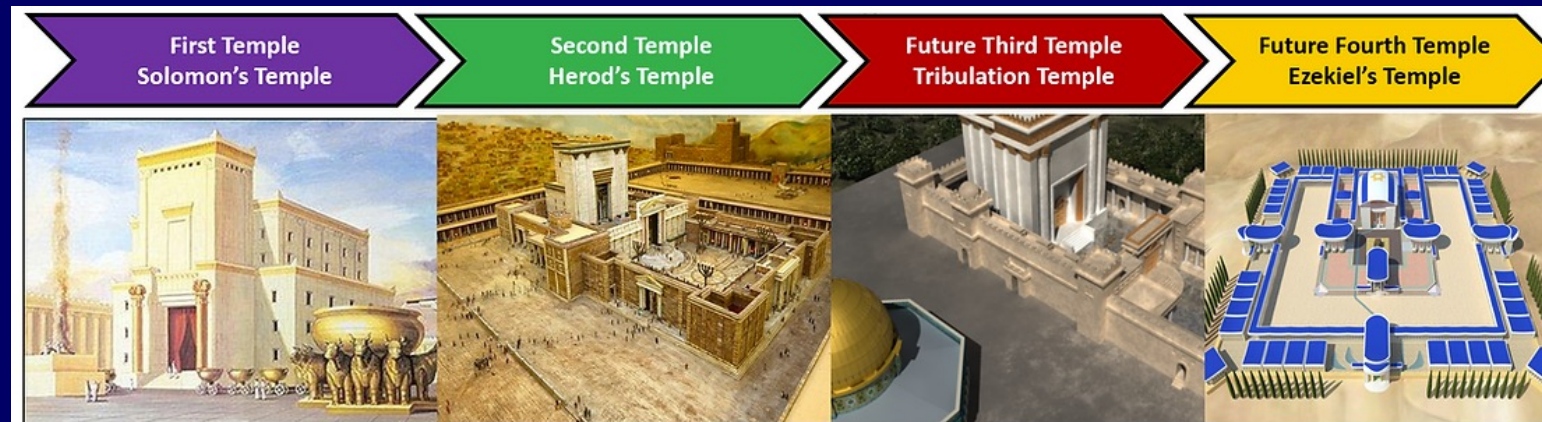
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“Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,’ says the Lord of hosts.”



ISRAEL'S FOUR TEMPLES

- A. Solomon's pre exilic temple (Kings and Chronicles)
- B. Zerubbabel's post exilic temple (Ezra 1-6; John 2:20)
- C. Antichrist's temple (Dan 9:27; Matt 24:15; 2 Thess 2:4; Rev 11:1-2)
- D. Millennial temple (Ezek 40-48)



Luke 19:41-44

⁴¹ “When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, ⁴² saying, “If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, ⁴⁴ and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”



Matthew 24:1-2

“¹ Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. ² And He said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.”





13) Messiah must present Himself to Israel on March 30, A.D. 33

■ Daniel 9:25



Daniel 9:25

“So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.”



March 5, 444 B.C.

March 30, A.D. 33

483 years / 69 "sevens"

Nehemiah 2
decree

Palm Sunday

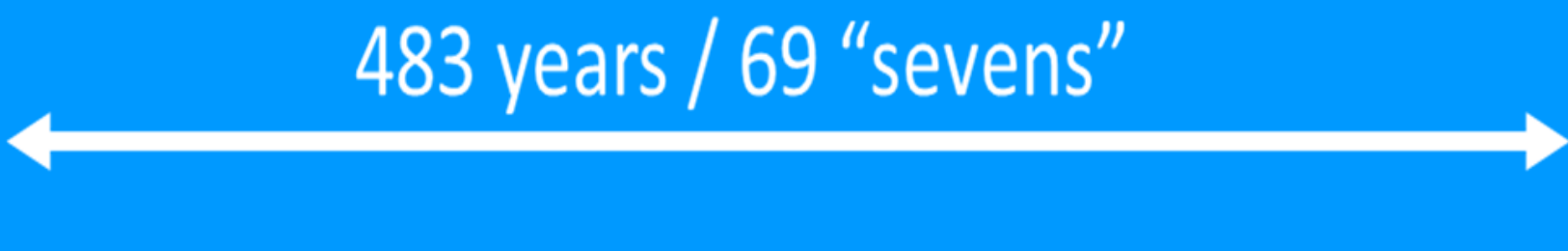


Chart of 173,880 days

Sir Robert
Anderson

March 14, 445 BC

April 6, 32 AD

Decree
of
Artaxerxes

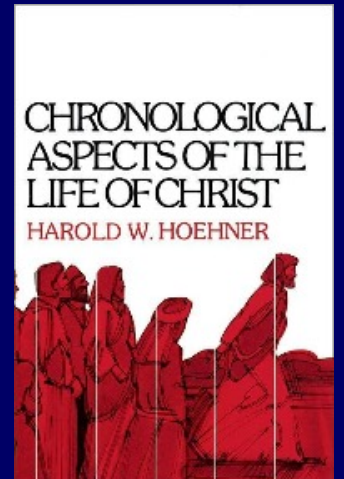
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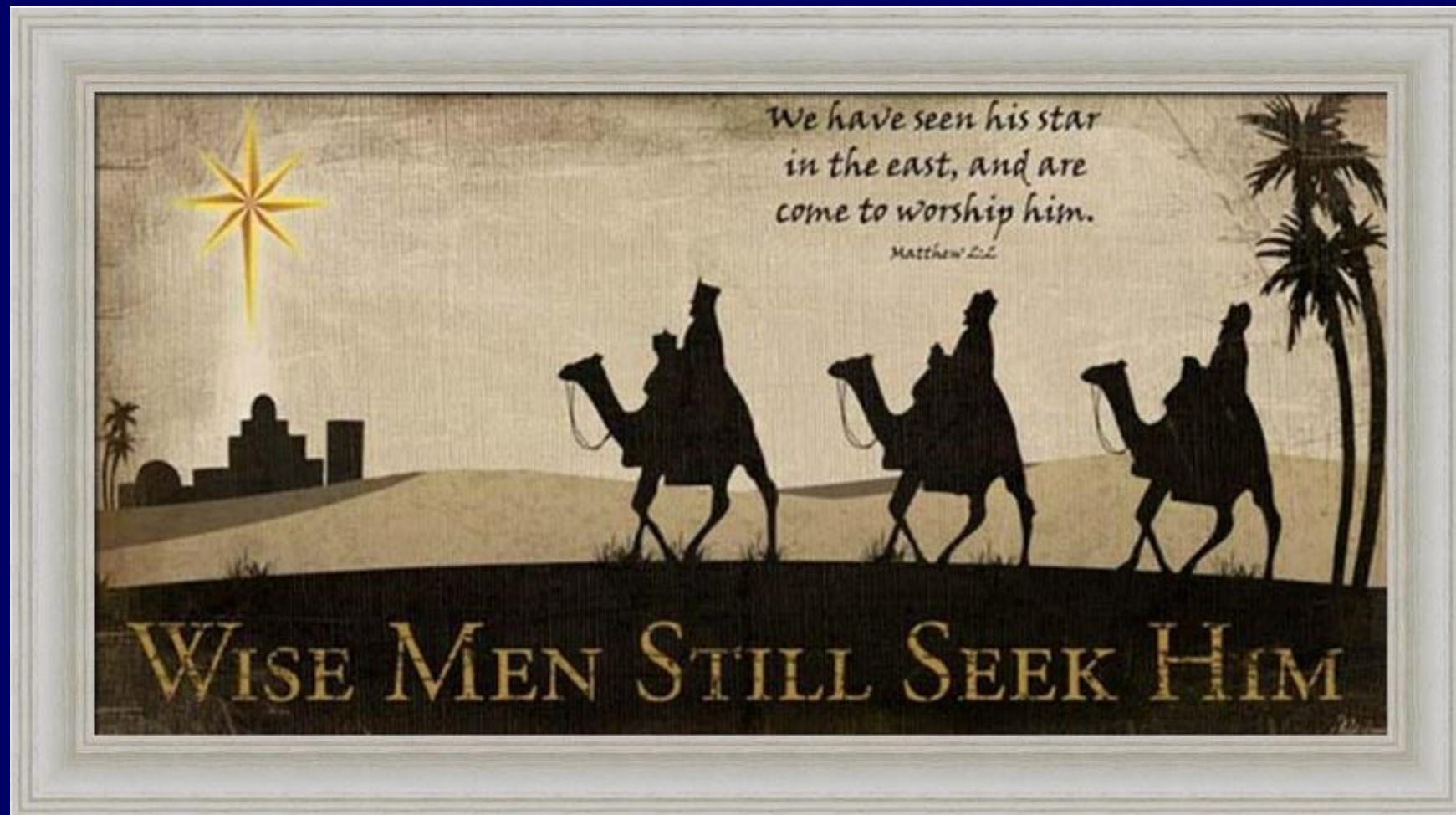
¹ The Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Jesus, they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven. ² But He replied to them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘*It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.*’ ³ And in the morning, ‘*There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.*’ Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot *discern the signs (sēmeion) of the times?*”



Galatians 4:4

“But when *the fullness of the time came*, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law.”





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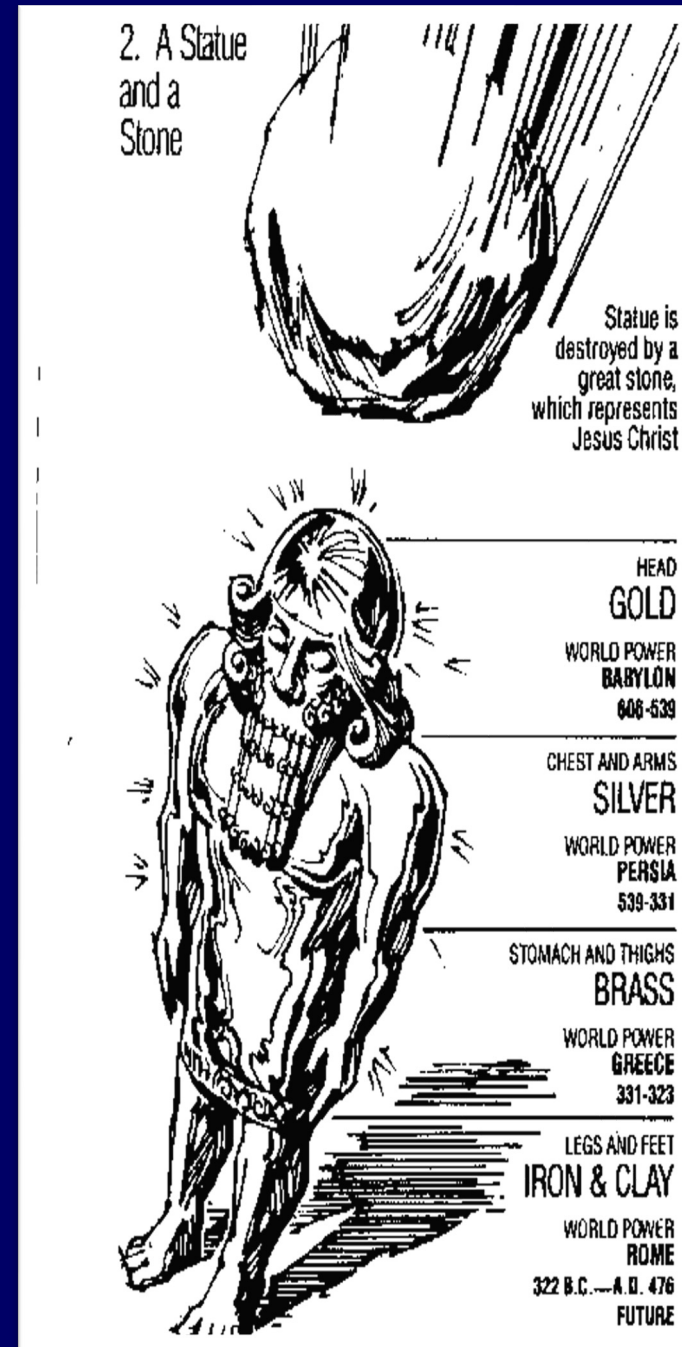
Daniel 1:2

“The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god.”





Statue & Stone



Daniel 2:48

“Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.”



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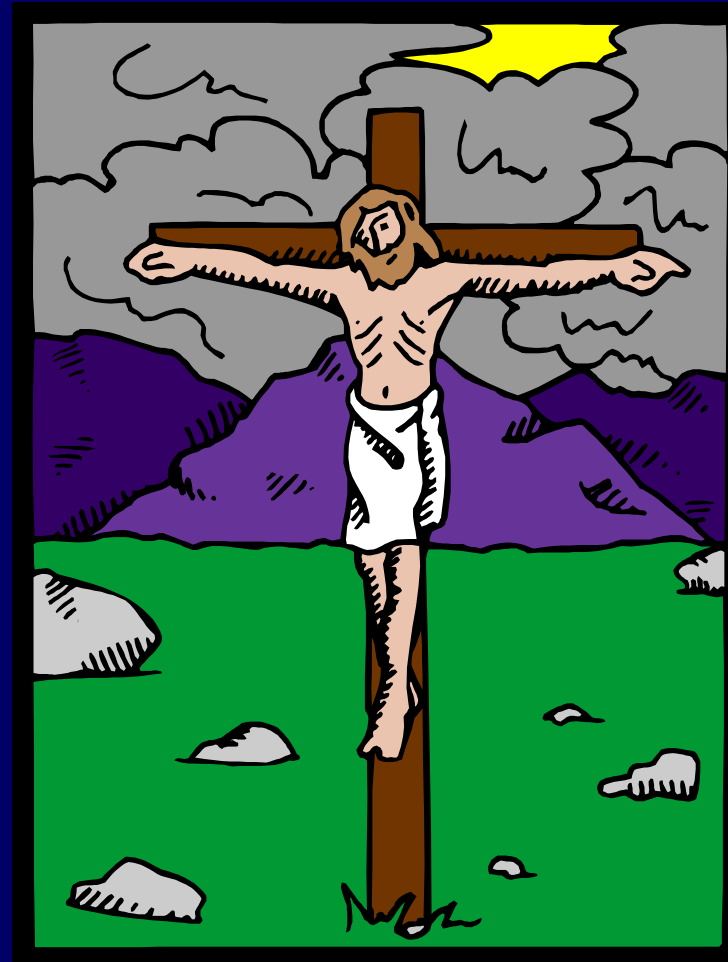
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15) Messiah must die in a particular way

■ Zechariah 12:10



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“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.”



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So What?

- Do you understand what makes Christianity unique?
- Are you allowing God to lead your life?
- Have you considered Christ's claims?



²⁴ The LORD bless you, and keep you; ²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26 (NASB95)