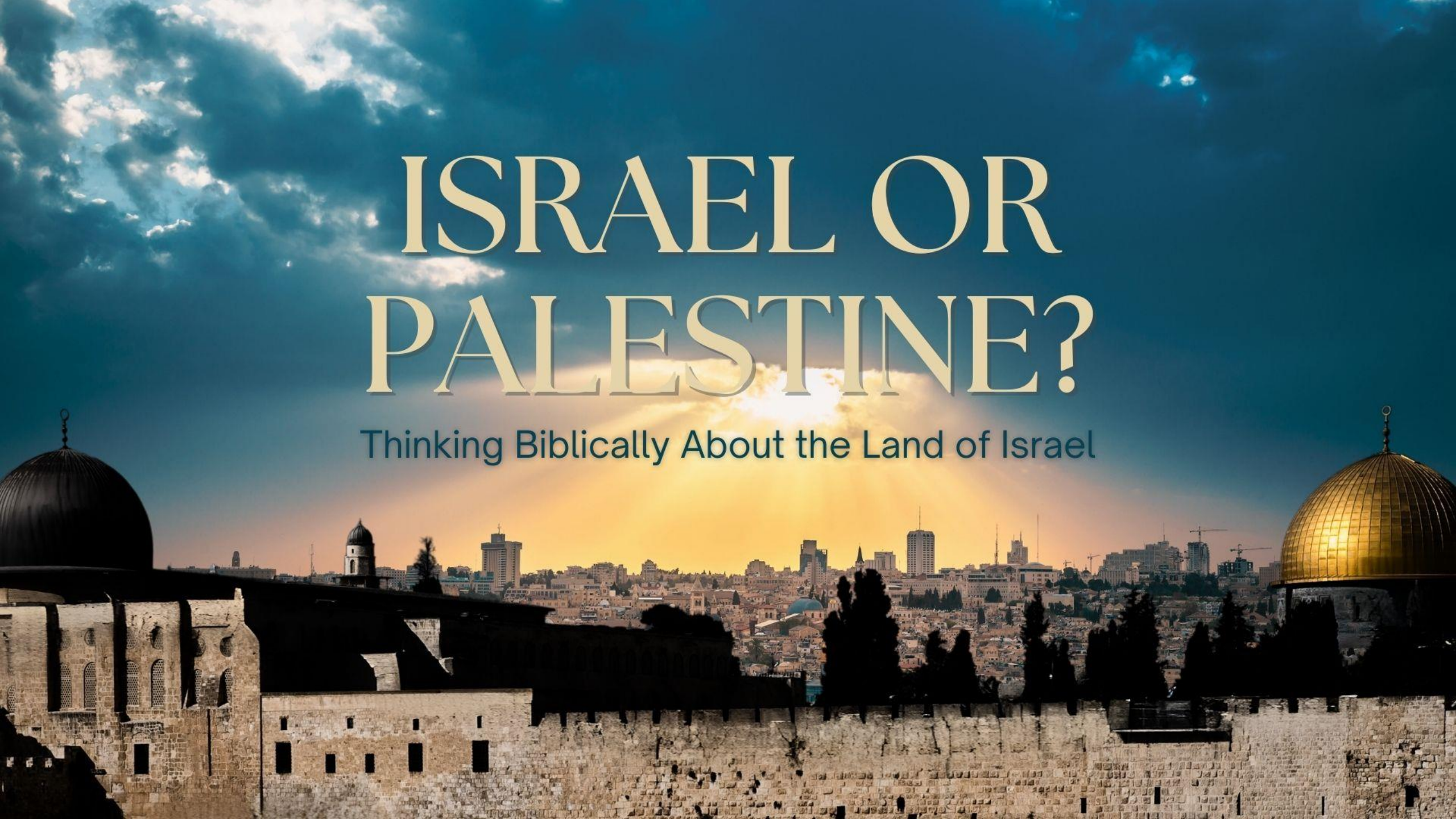
ISRAEL OR PALESTINE?

Thinking Biblically About the Land of Israel





REASON FOR STUDY:

To think biblically about the land of Israel.

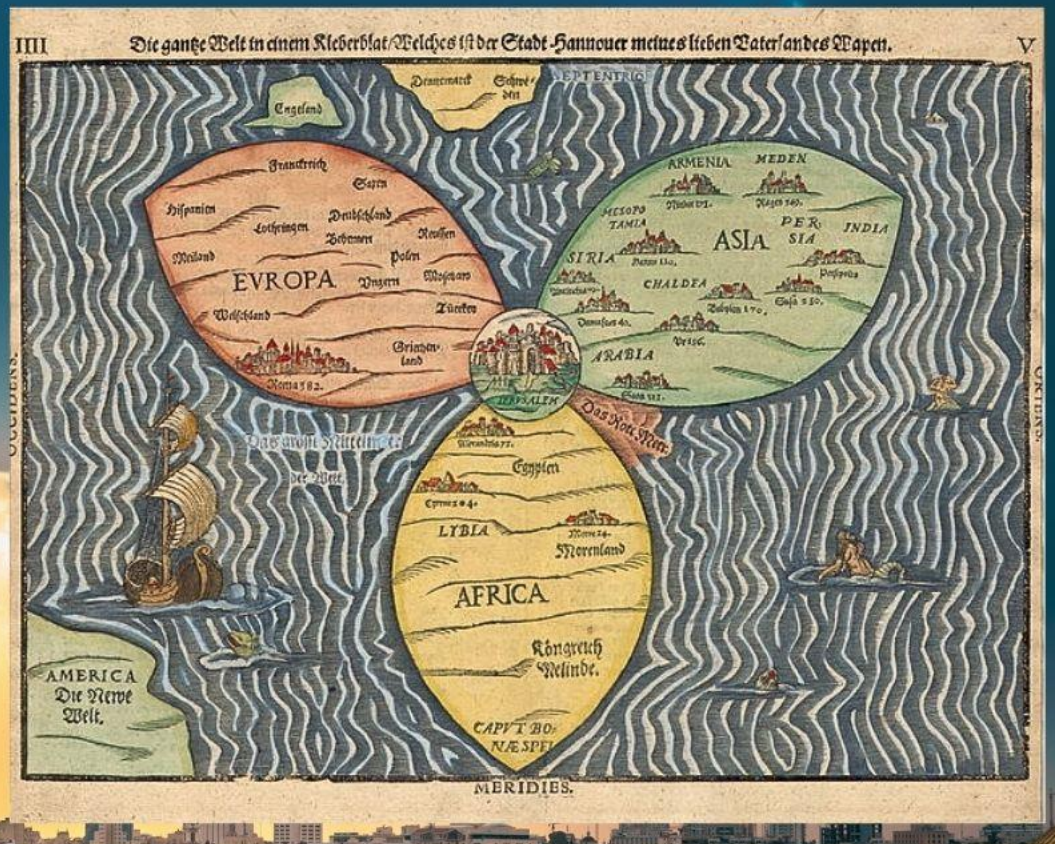
FOUNDATIONAL CONCEPTS:

1. God promised the land to Abraham (the first Jew) and his descendants.
2. God ratified that promise with a unilateral, unconditional covenant.

WHY DID GOD CHOOSE THIS LAND?:

3) Israel was to be a godly influence on the wicked world.

4) This global influence was possible due to God placing Israel in the most strategic spot on the international highway of the ancient world.



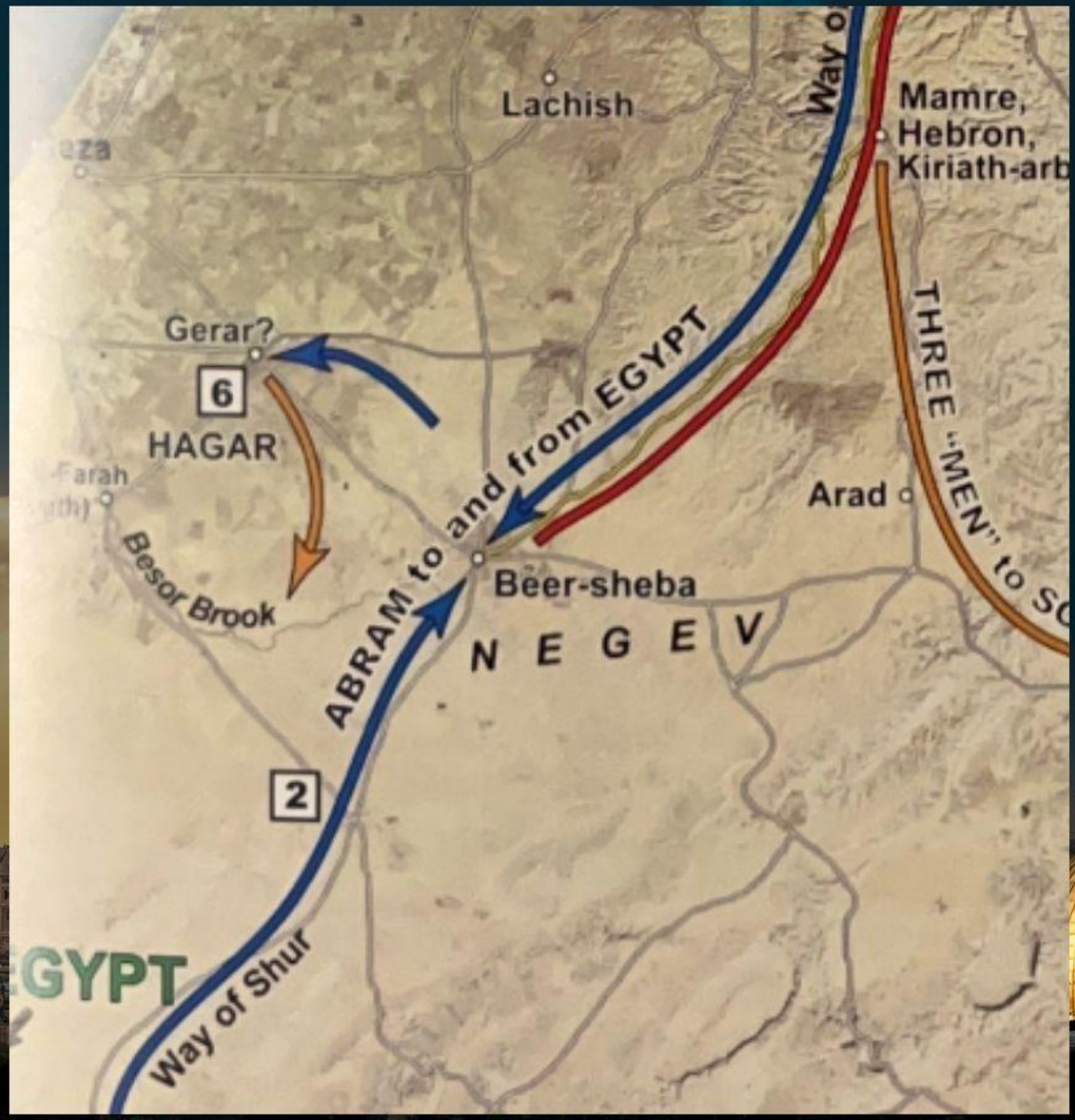
The Büntine Clover Leaf map





Cave of the Patriarchs, Hebron

“And you shall name him Ishmael, Because the Lord has heard your affliction. But he will be a wild donkey of a man; His hand will be against everyone, And everyone’s hand will be against him; And he will live in defiance of all his brothers.”




Lebanon
Syria
Tunisia
Morocco
Israel
Iraq
Kuwait
Bahrain
Jordan
Qatar
Algeria
Libya
Egypt
United Arab
Emirates
Saudi
Arabia
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Oman
Yemen
Sudan
Djibouti
Somalia


Cyprus
Syria
Baghdad
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Iraq
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Cairo
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Jerusalem
SHUR
Kuwait
HAVILAH
Persian Gu
Bahrain
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الرياض
Egypt
Al-Madinah
al-Munawwarah
المدينة المنورة
Saudi Arabia
Jeddah
جدة
Mecca



FACT #1:

The land is promised
to Isaac,
not Ishmael.

FACT #2:

The land is promised to Jacob (Israel), not Esau.



Reason #1
There is ancient animosity over the promised land.



Unlike the Abrahamic covenant, the **Mosaic covenant** is bilateral and conditional.

Exodus 19:8
"All that the Lord has spoken we will do!"



BLESSING: Deut. 28:15

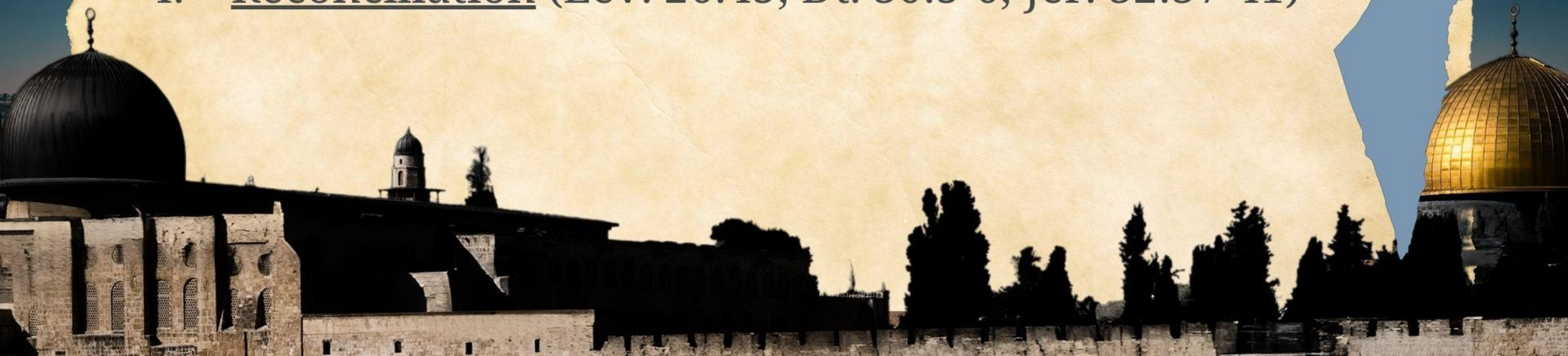
"He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God gives you. The Lord will **establish you** as a holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways. So all the people of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they will be afraid of you."

CURSING: Deut. 28:64

"Moreover, the Lord will **scatter you** among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone, which you or your fathers have not known. Among those nations you shall find no rest, and there will be no resting place for the sole of your foot."

THE PATTERNABLE DIVINE PROGRAM FOR ISRAEL:

1. Dispersion (Lev. 26:27-28; 26:33; Dt. 28:64-66) followed by…
2. Preservation (Lev. 26:44; Dt. 30:1) followed by…
3. Restoration (Lev. 26:42; Dt. 30:3) followed by…
4. Reconciliation (Lev. 26:45; Dt. 30:5-6; Jer. 32:37-41)



Reason #1
There is ancient animosity over the promised land.

Reason #2
The land always belongs to Israel, but disobedience brings exile from it.




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