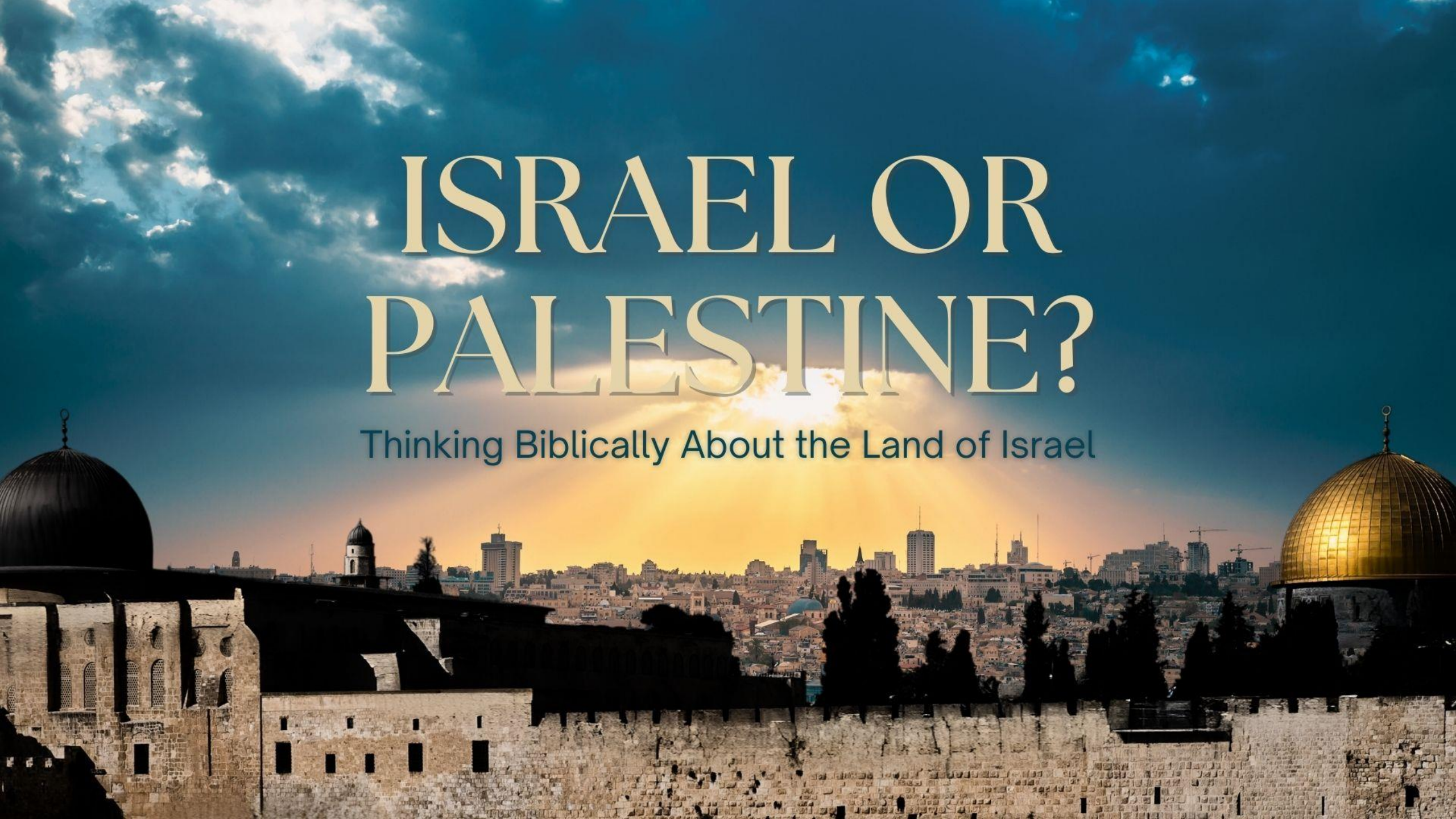
ISRAEL OR PALESTINE?

Thinking Biblically About the Land of Israel





COLONIALISM:

Occupying another country with settlers and oppressing or exploiting the indigenous population.

IMPERIALISM:

One country extending power and influence over another through force.



REASON FOR STUDY:

To think biblically about the land of Israel.

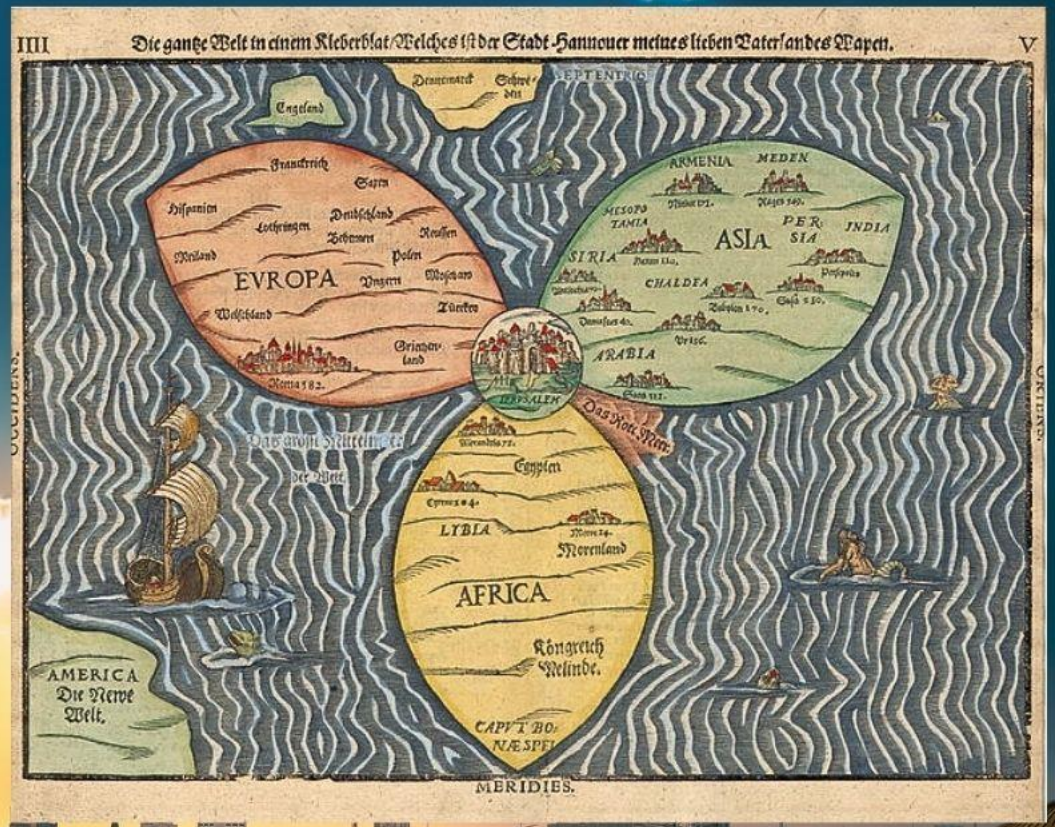
FOUNDATIONAL CONCEPTS:

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 <u>godly influence</u> on the wicked world.

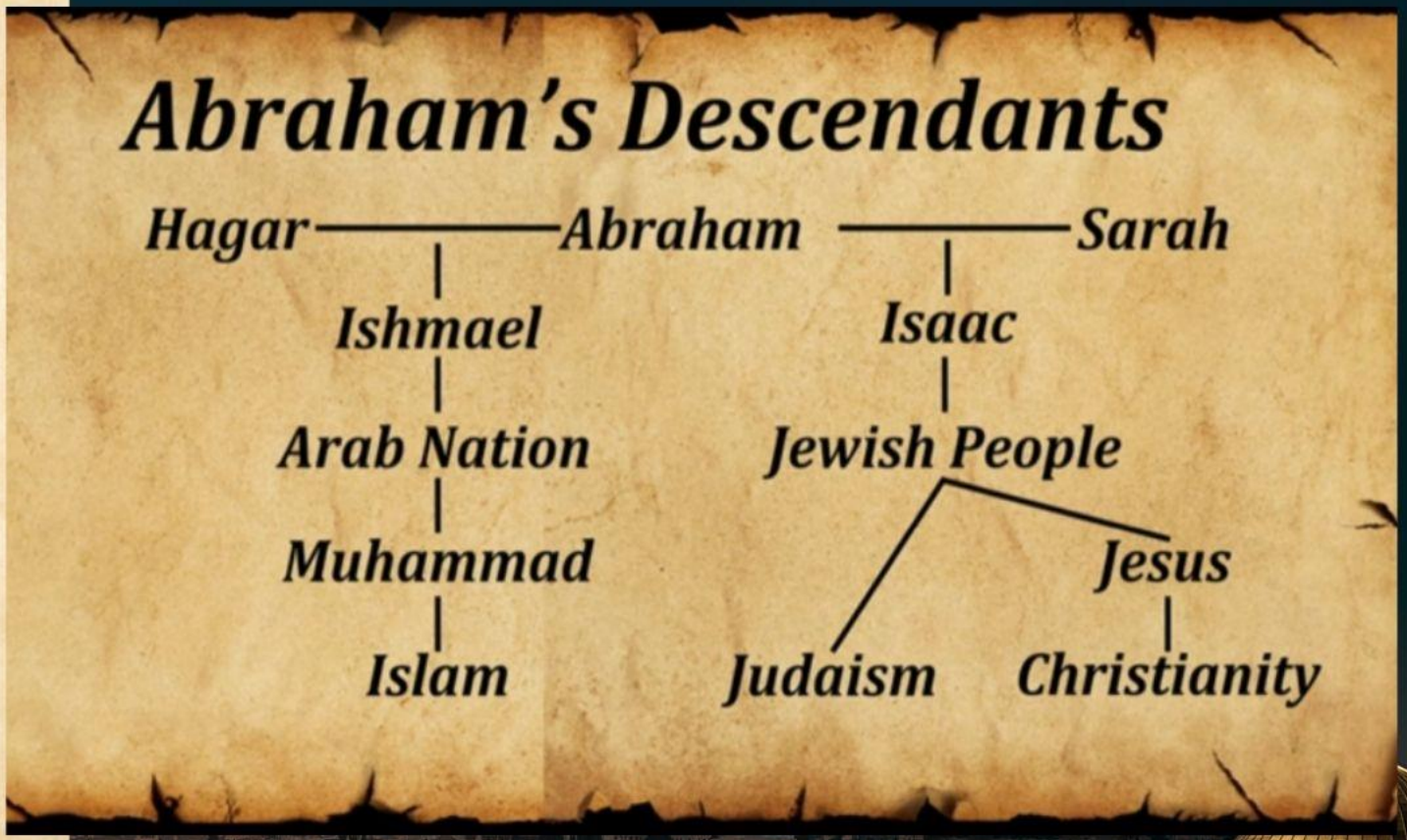
4) This global influence was possible due to God placing Israel in the most <u>strategic</u> spot on the international highway of the ancient world.



The Büntine Clover Leaf map

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

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



THE PATTERNABLE & OBSERVABLE DIVINE PROGRAM FOR ISRAEL:

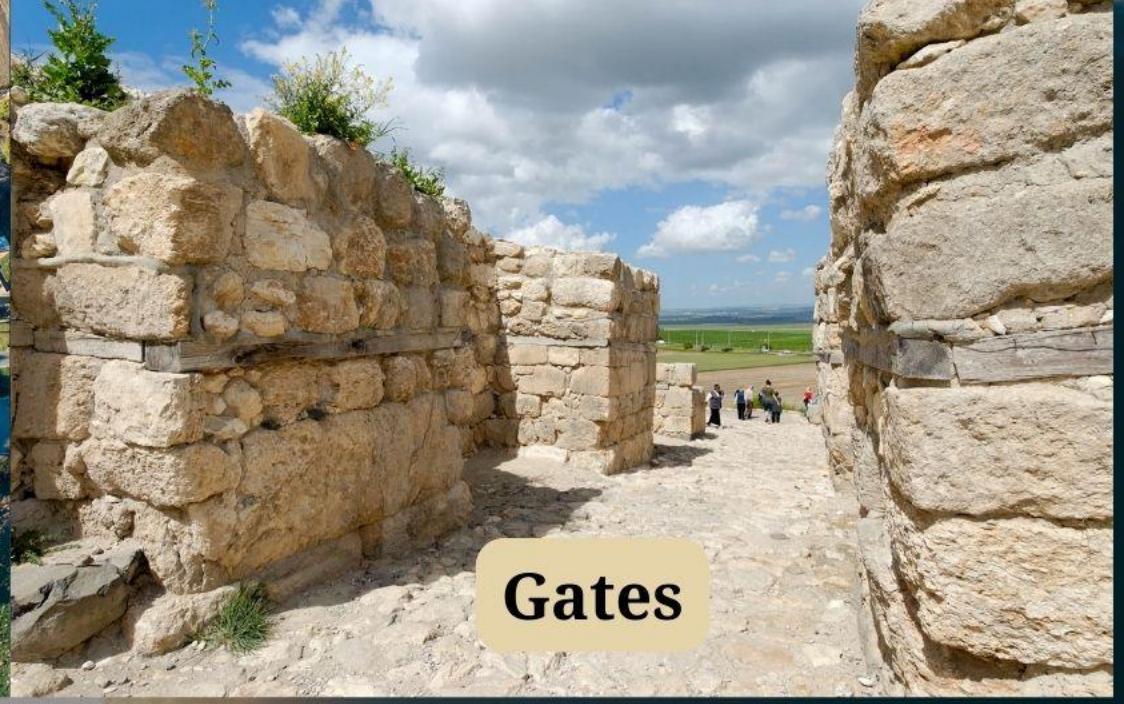
1. Dispersion (Lev. 26:27-28, 33; Dt. 28:64-66) followed by…
2. Preservation (Lev. 26:44; Dt. 30:1) followed by…
3. Restoration (Lev. 26:42; Dt. 30:3) followed by…
4. Reconciliation (Lev. 26:45; Dt. 30:5-6; Jer. 32:37-41)



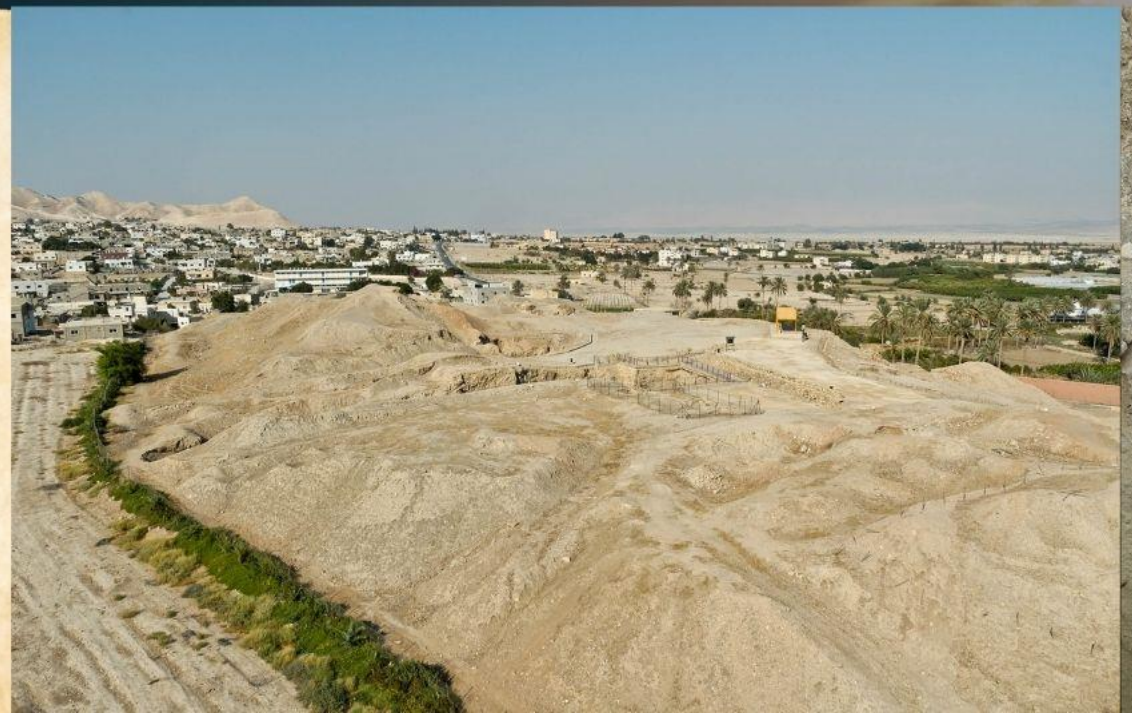

Map giving a general idea of where some of the Canaanites lived.
Girgashites?
Canaanites
Perizzites?
Canaanites
Ammonites
Jebusites
Amorites
Moabites
Hittites
Amalekites
Edomites

MEGIDDO





JERICHO



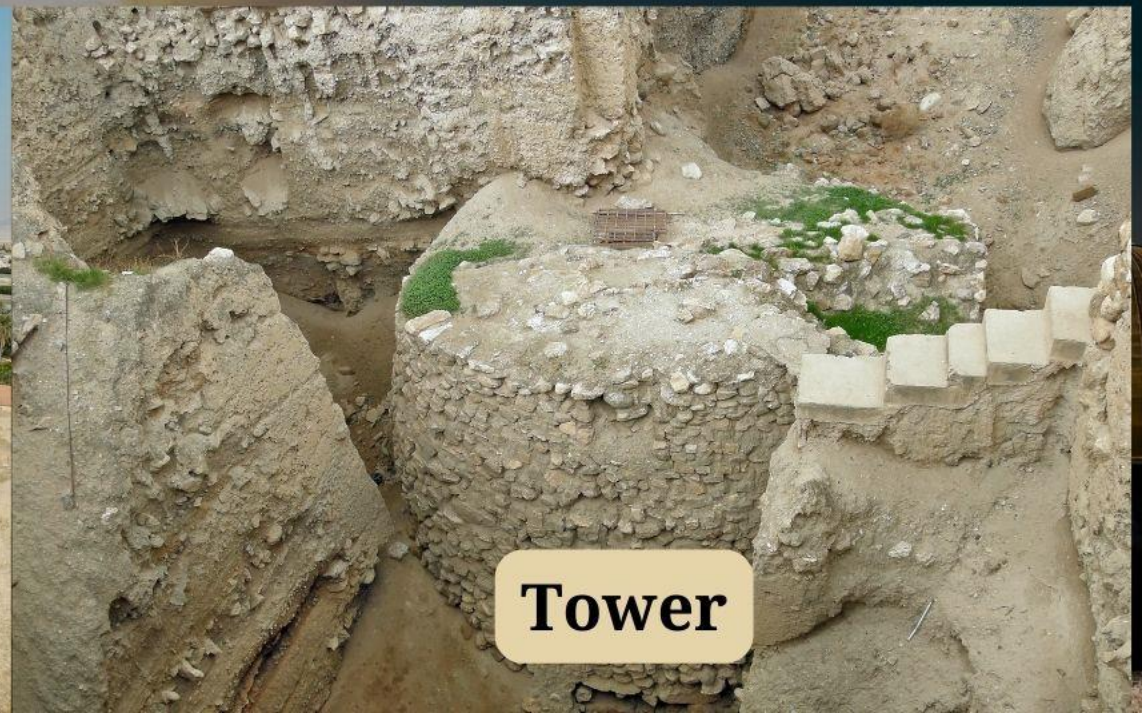
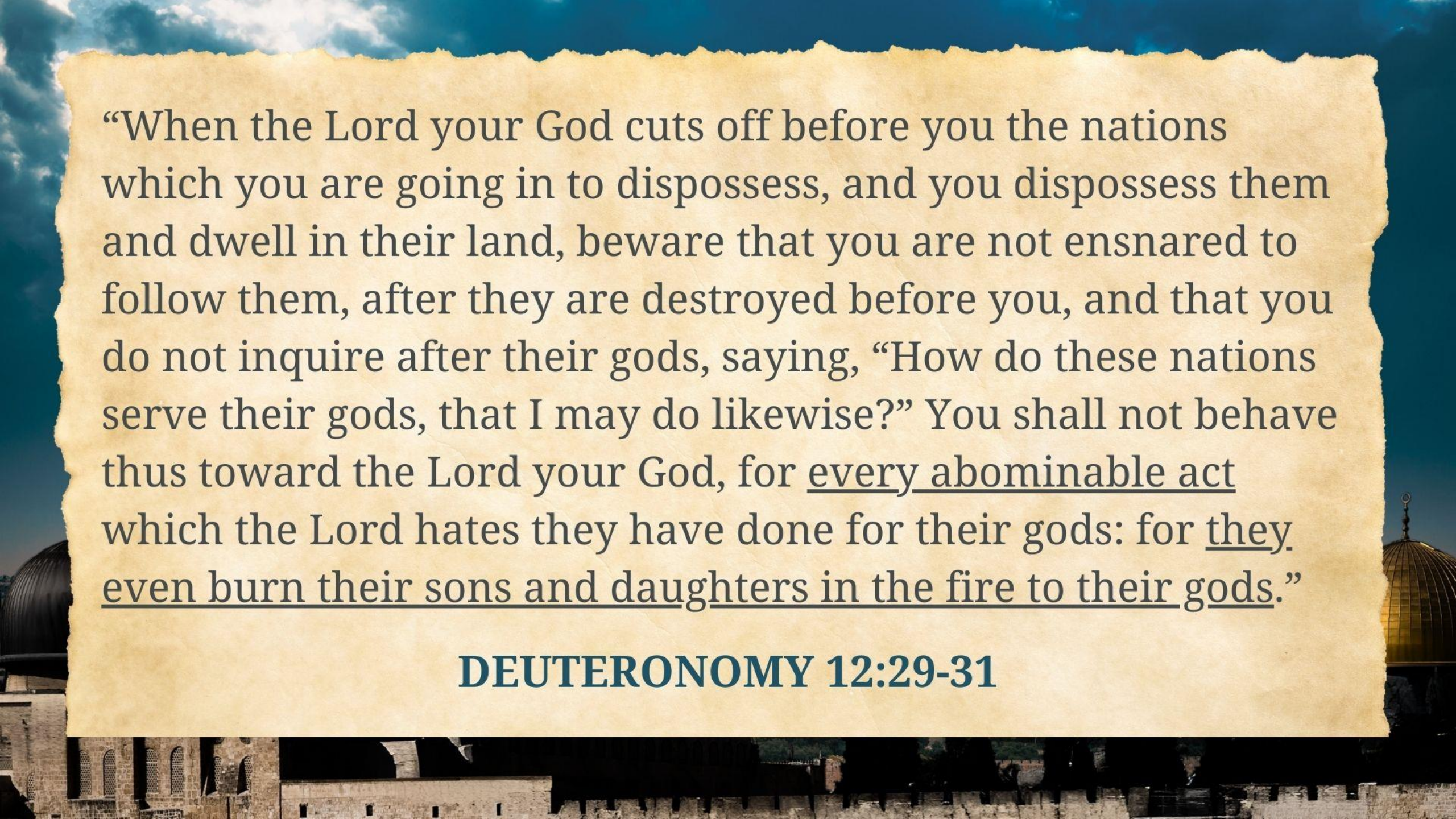






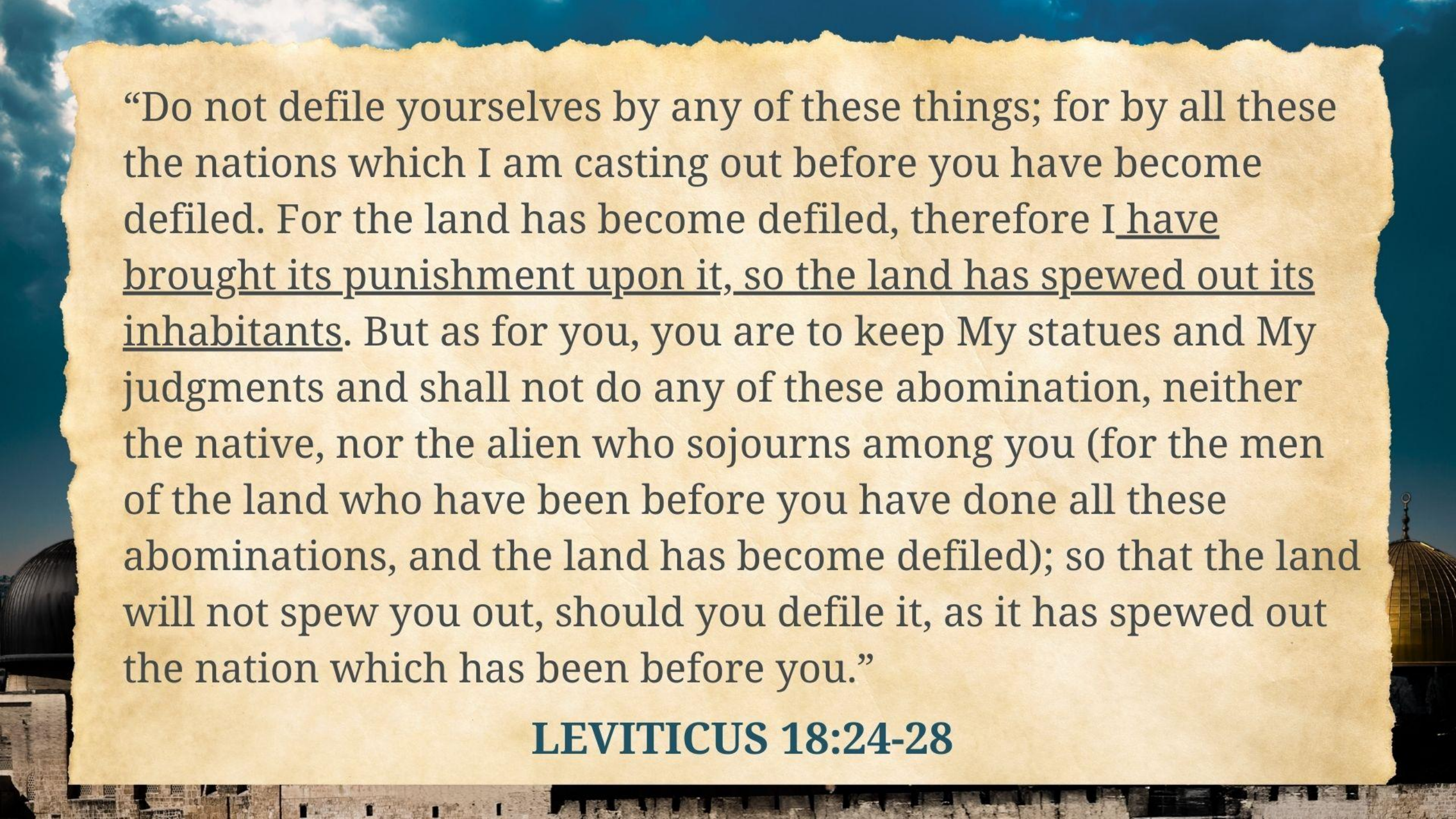
FIG. 18.—SACRIFICED INFANT BURIED IN A JAR

THE INITQUITY OF THE AMORITE



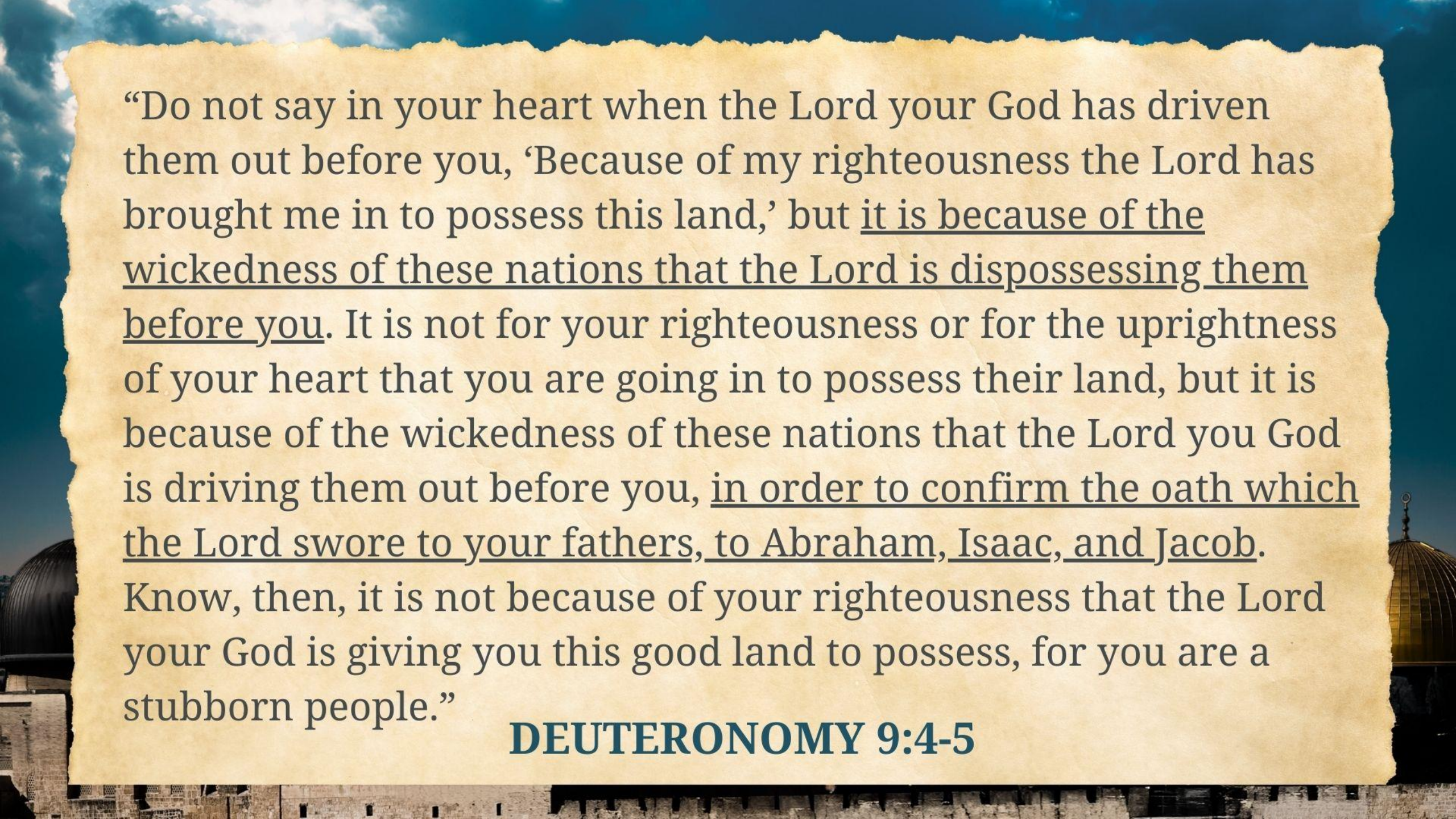
“When the Lord your God cuts off before you the nations which you are going in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, beware that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, “How do these nations serve their gods, that I may do likewise?” You shall not behave thus toward the Lord your God, for every abominable act which the Lord hates they have done for their gods: for they even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.”

DEUTERONOMY 12:29-31



“Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled. For the land has become defiled, therefore I have brought its punishment upon it, so the land has spewed out its inhabitants. But as for you, you are to keep My statues and My judgments and shall not do any of these abomination, neither the native, nor the alien who sojourns among you (for the men of the land who have been before you have done all these abominations, and the land has become defiled); so that the land will not spew you out, should you defile it, as it has spewed out the nation which has been before you.”

LEVITICUS 18:24-28



“Do not say in your heart when the Lord your God has driven them out before you, ‘Because of my righteousness the Lord has brought me in to possess this land,’ but it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is dispossessing them before you. It is not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you are going in to possess their land, but it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord you God is driving them out before you, in order to confirm the oath which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Know, then, it is not because of your righteousness that the Lord your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stubborn people.”

DEUTERONOMY 9:4-5

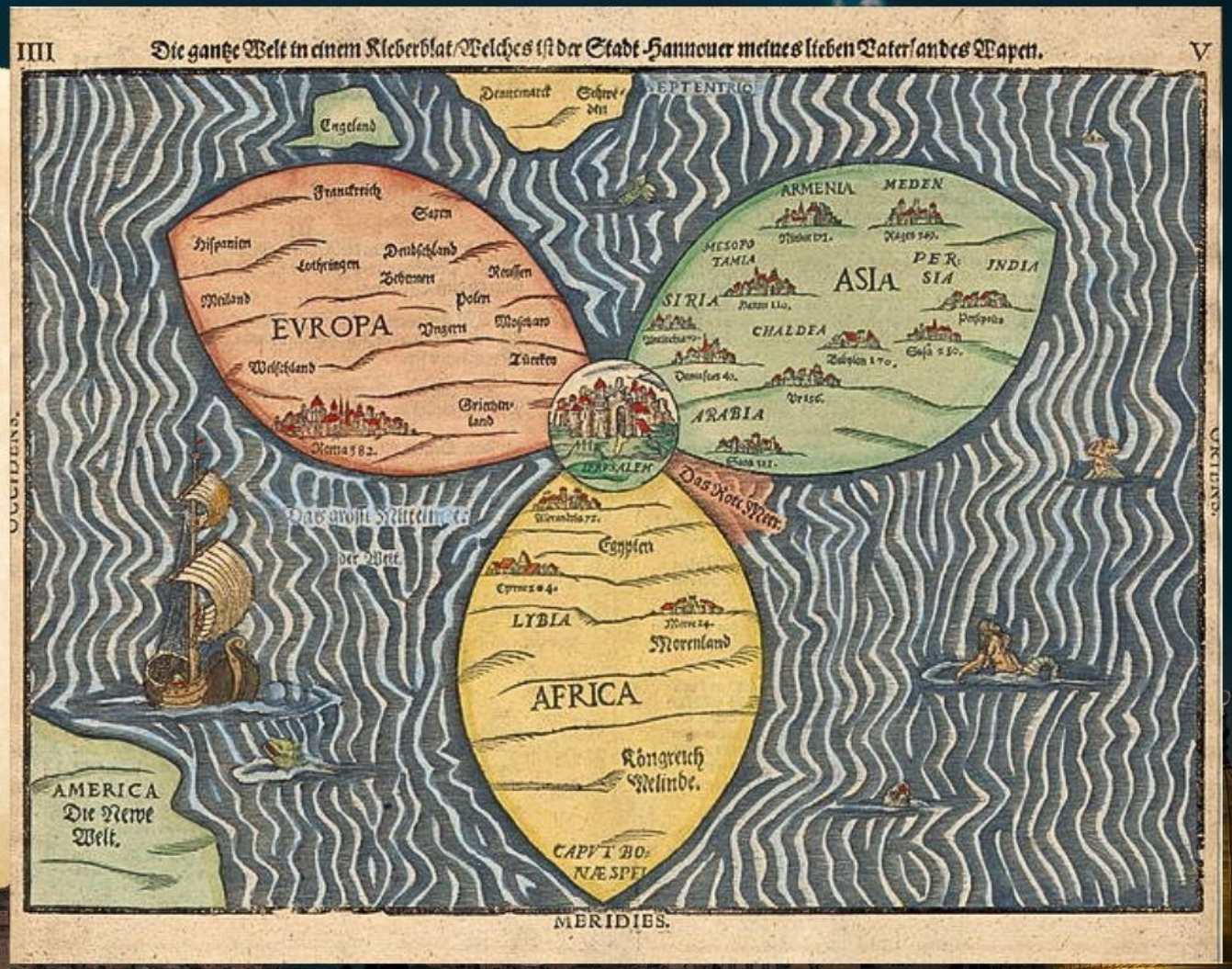
Purpose #1:

The conquest of the land was the <u>just judgment</u> of God.



Purpose #2:

The conquest of the land was an intentional <u>evangelization</u> of the world.





Western Hill

Mt. Moriah/Temple Mount

City of David

Kidron Valley

Central Valley

Hinnom Valley

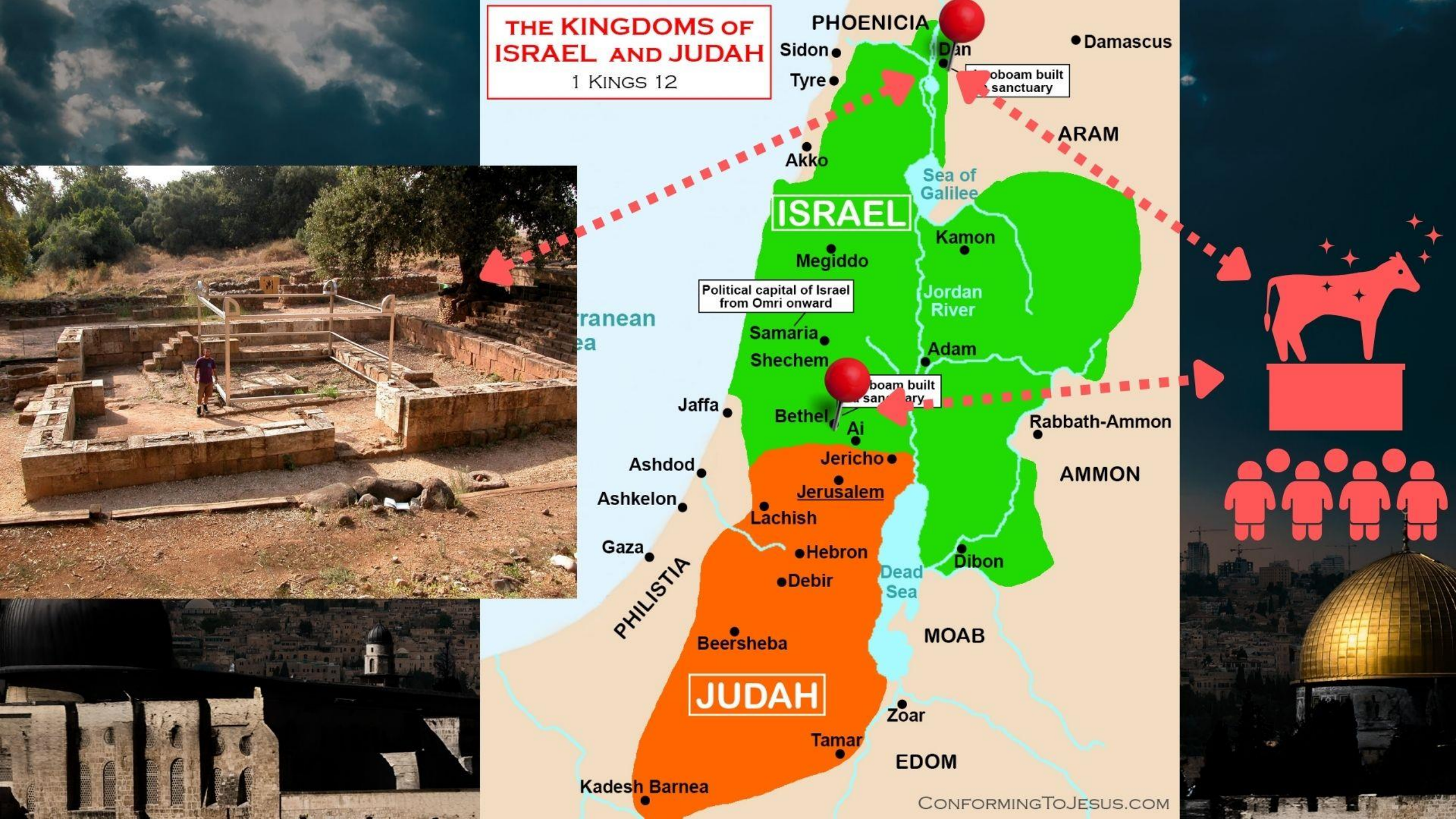
Jerusalem aerial from southwest close-up





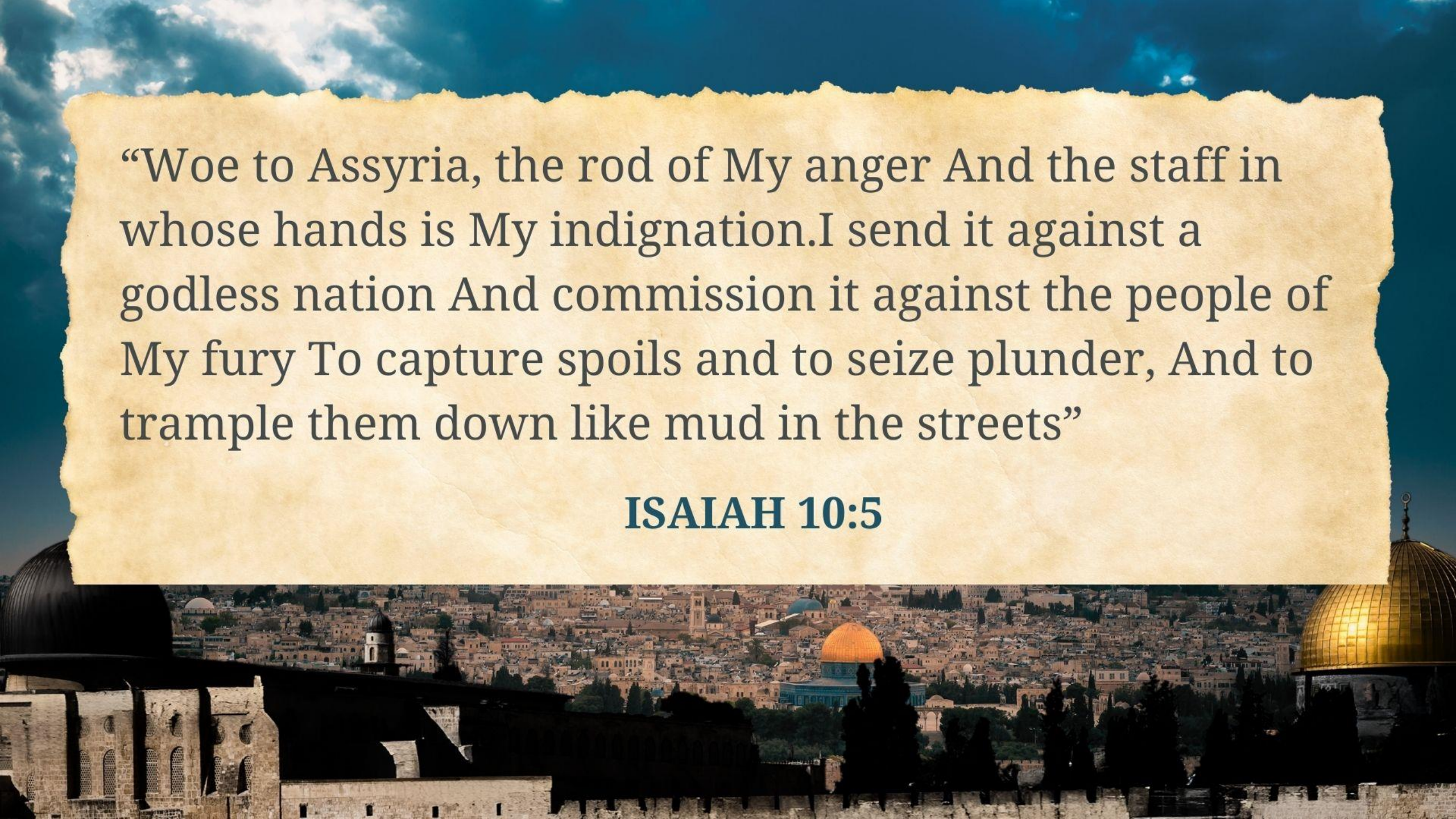
Promised Land

Solomonic Domain


THE KINGDOMS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH
1 KINGS 12
PHOENICIA
Sidon
Tyre
Dan
Damascus
Jeroboam built golden calf sanctuary
ARAM
Akko
Sea of Galilee
ISRAEL
Kamon
Megiddo
Political capital of Israel from Omri onward
Jordan River
Samaria
Shechem
Adam
Jeroboam built golden calf sanctuary
Jaffa
Bethel
Ai
Rabbath-Ammon
Jericho
Ashdod
AMMON
Jerusalem
Ashkelon
Lachish
Gaza
Hebron
Dibon
PHILISTIA
Debir
Dead Sea
MOAB
Beersheba
JUDAH
Zoar
Tamar
EDOM
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“Manasseh misled Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom the Lord destroyed before the sons of Israel. The Lord spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention. Therefore the Lord brought the commanders of the army of the king of Assyria against them, and they captured Manasseh with hooks, bound him with bronze chains and took him to Babylon. When he was in distress, he entreated the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. When he prayed to Him, He was moved by his entreaty and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God.”

2 CHRONICLES 33:9



“Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger And the staff in whose hands is My indignation.I send it against a godless nation And commission it against the people of My fury To capture spoils and to seize plunder, And to trample them down like mud in the streets”

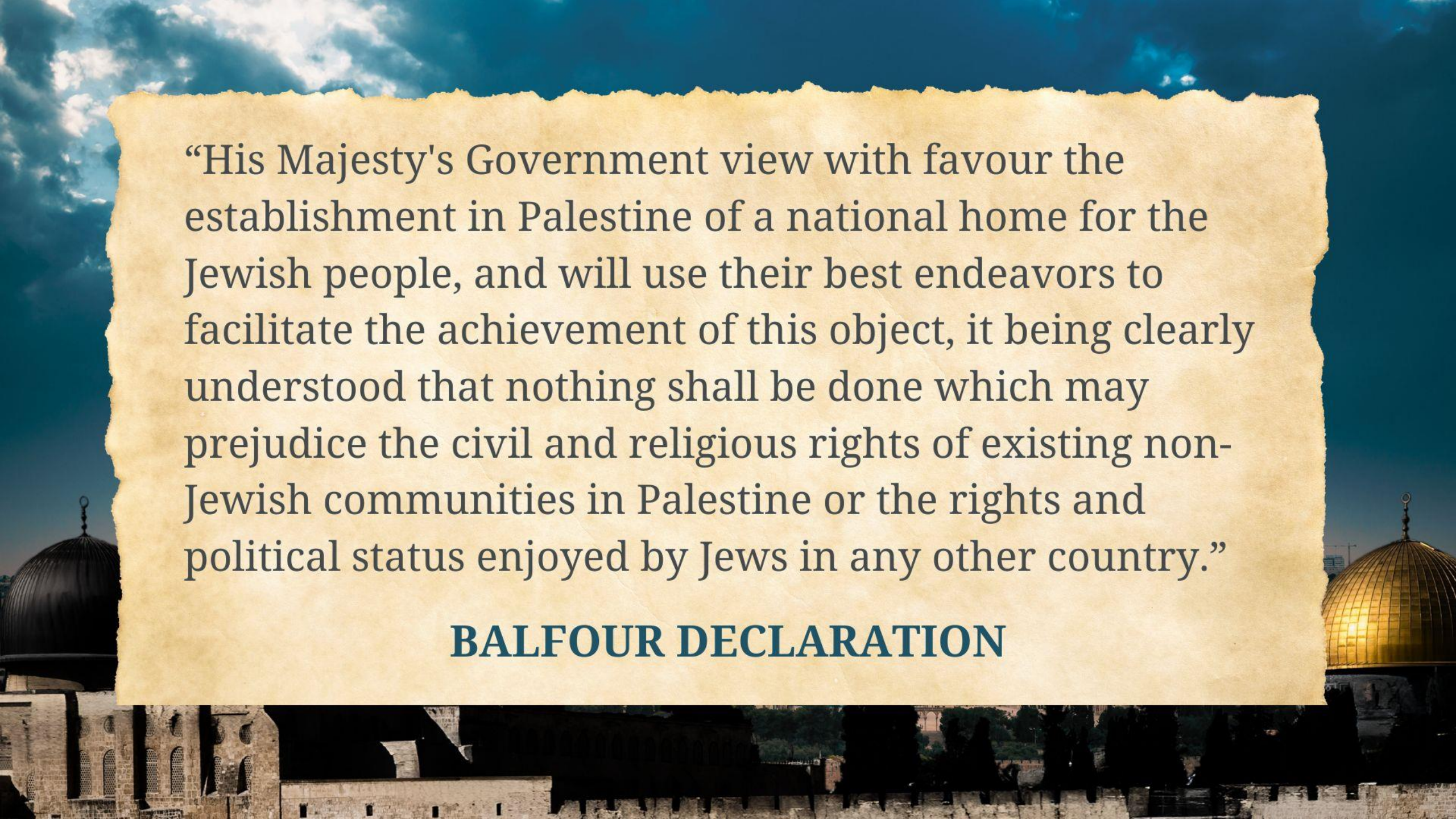
ISAIAH 10:5

2 MAJOR EXILES:

ISRAEL: 722 BC TO ASSYRIA

JUDAH: 586 BC TO BABYLON




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