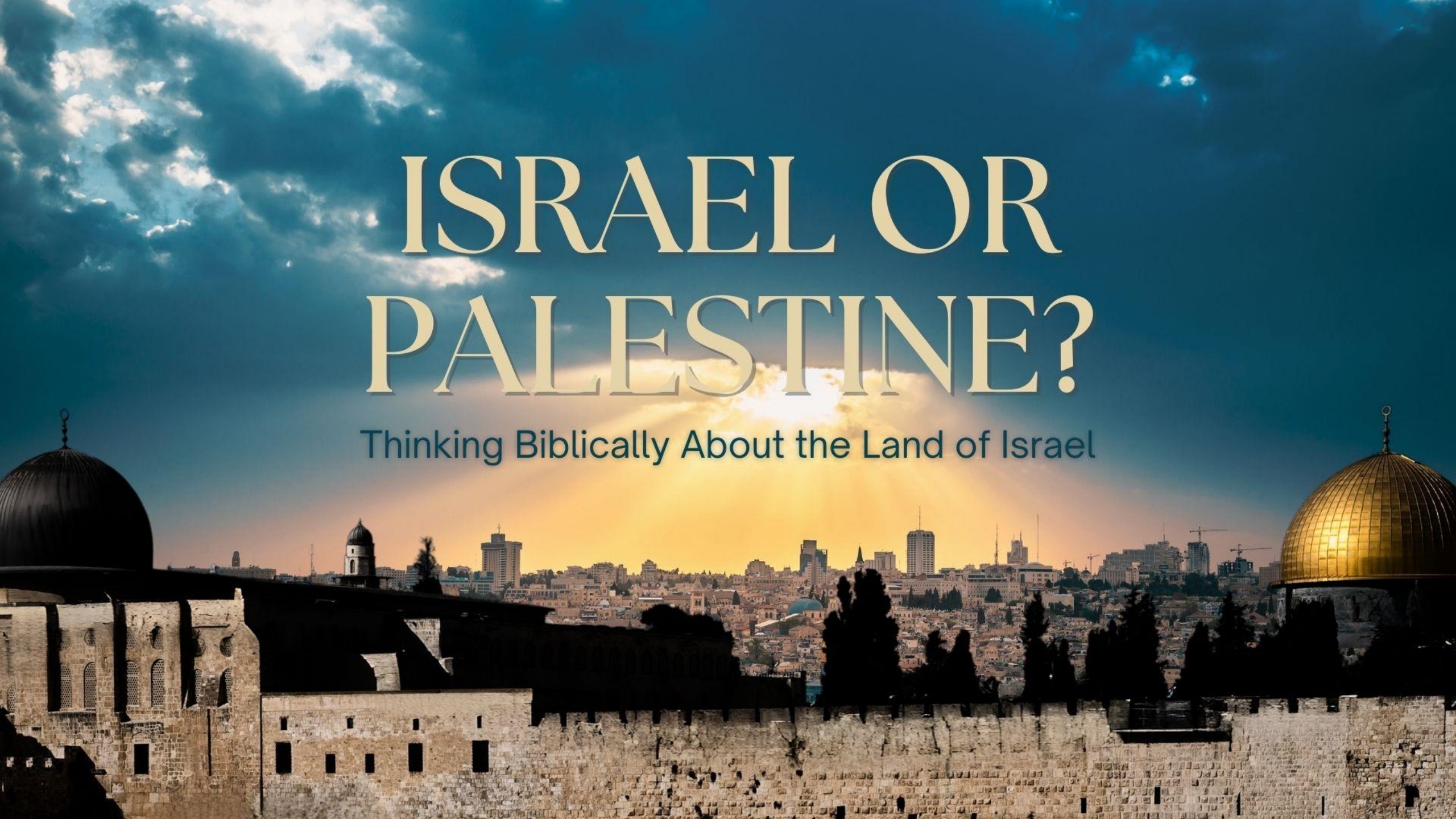
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“All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?”

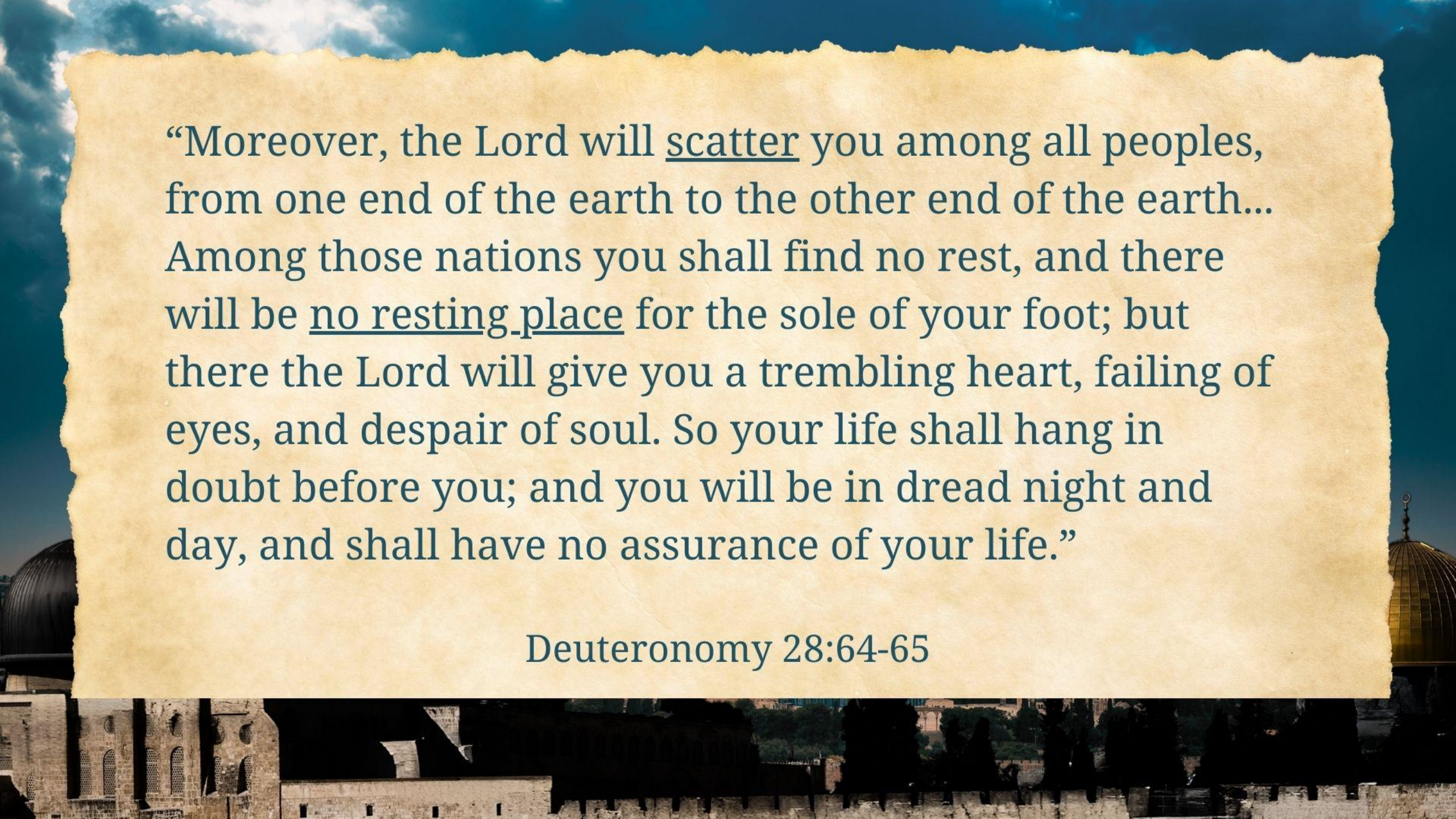
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WHY THE WANDERING JEW?

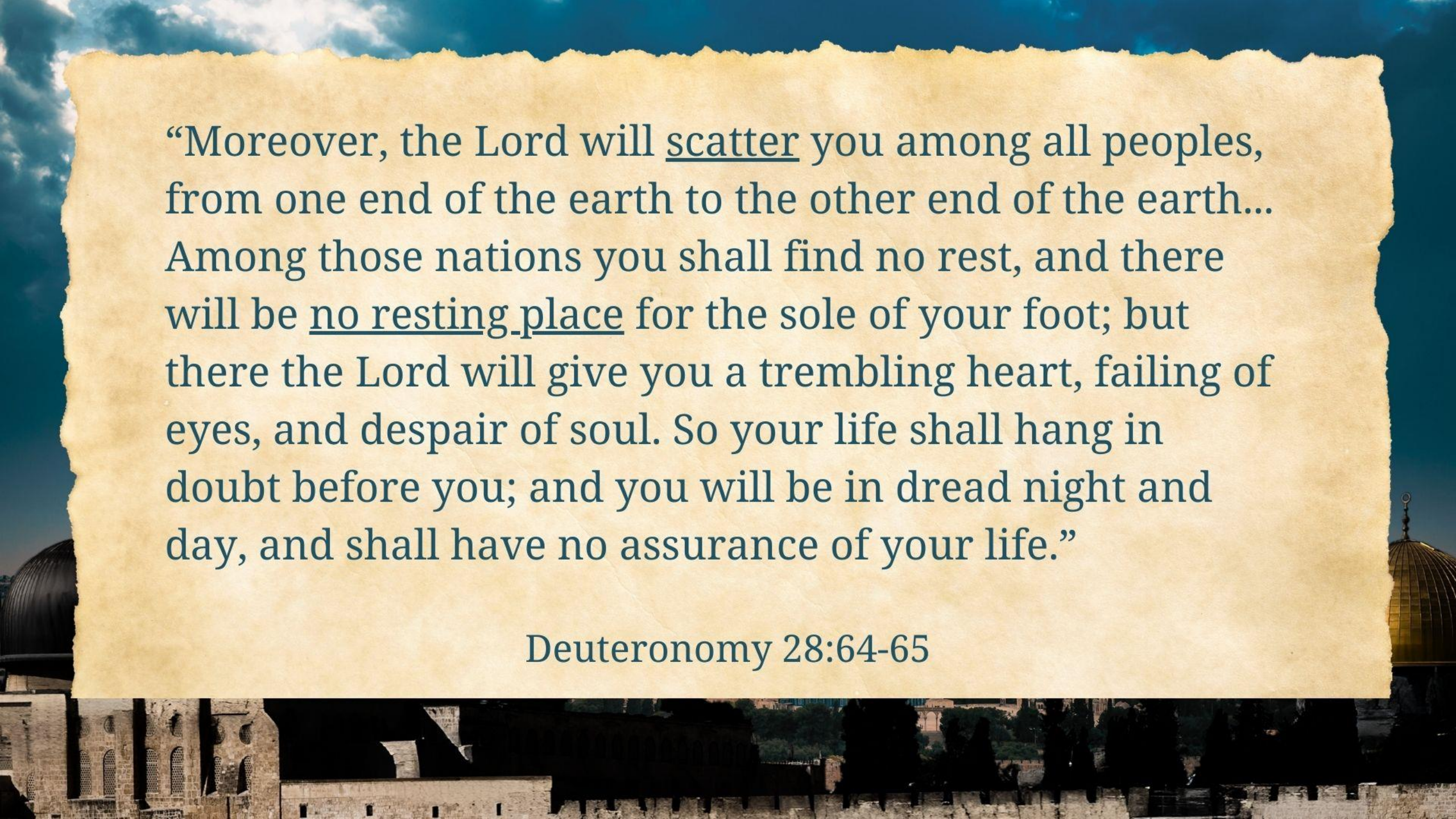
God promised the land of Israel to the Jews forever in a unconditional (Abrahamic) covenant, but disobedience brings scattering/dispersion from the land and insecurity in it.





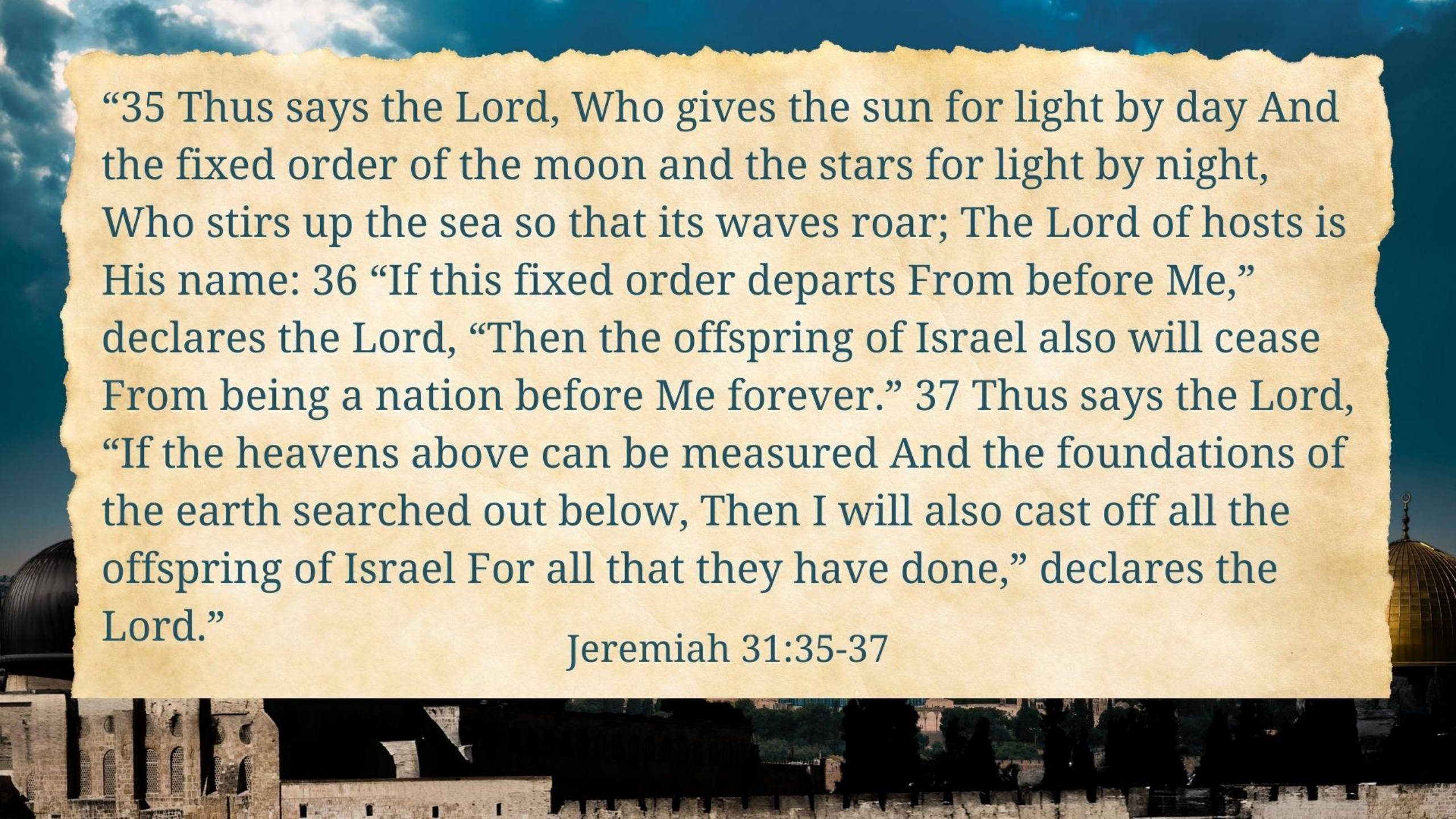
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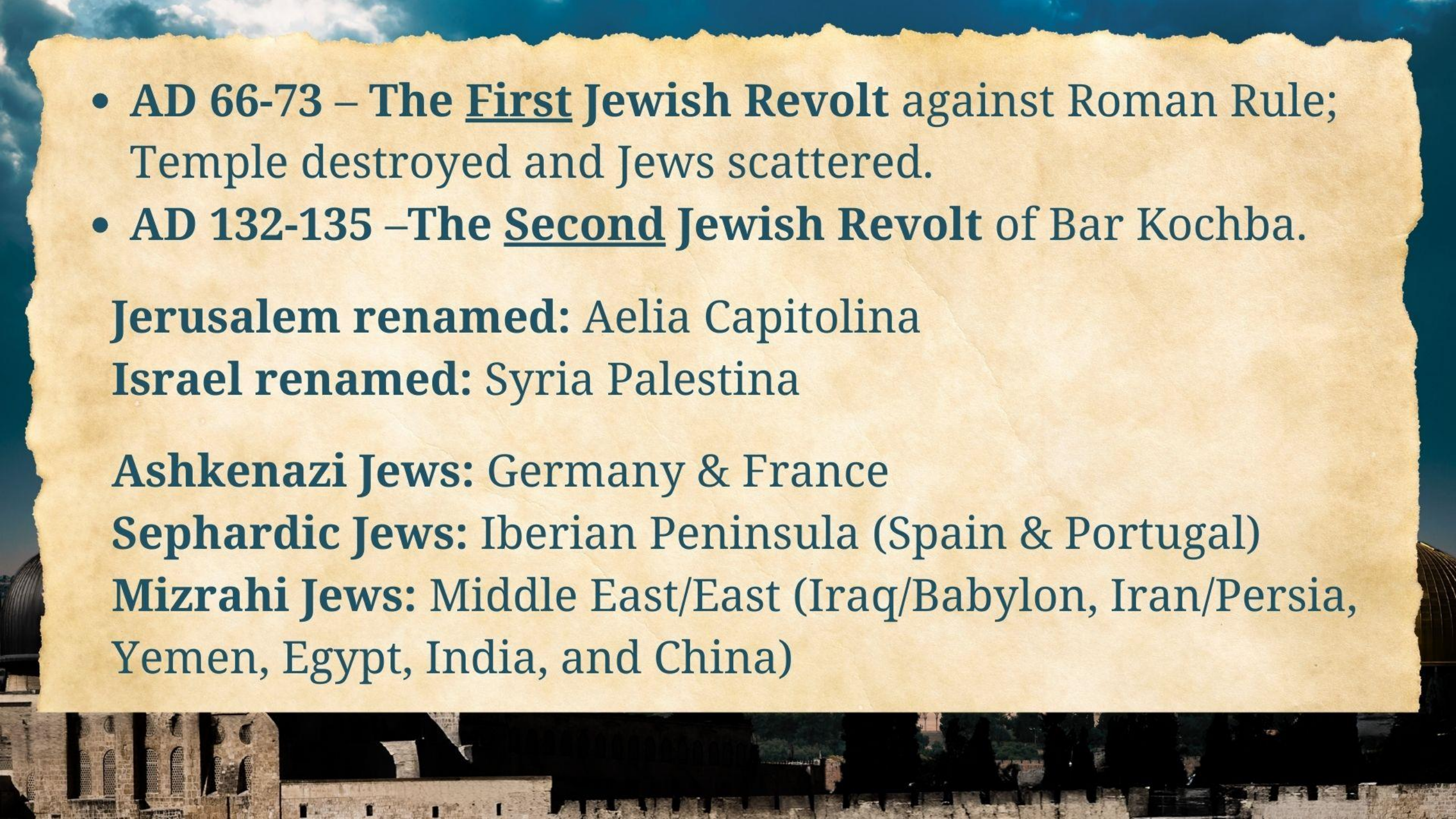
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“35 Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for light by day And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The Lord of hosts is His name: 36 “If this fixed order departs From before Me,” 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.”

Jeremiah 31:35-37


God promises to preserve and restore the Jewish people/nation.



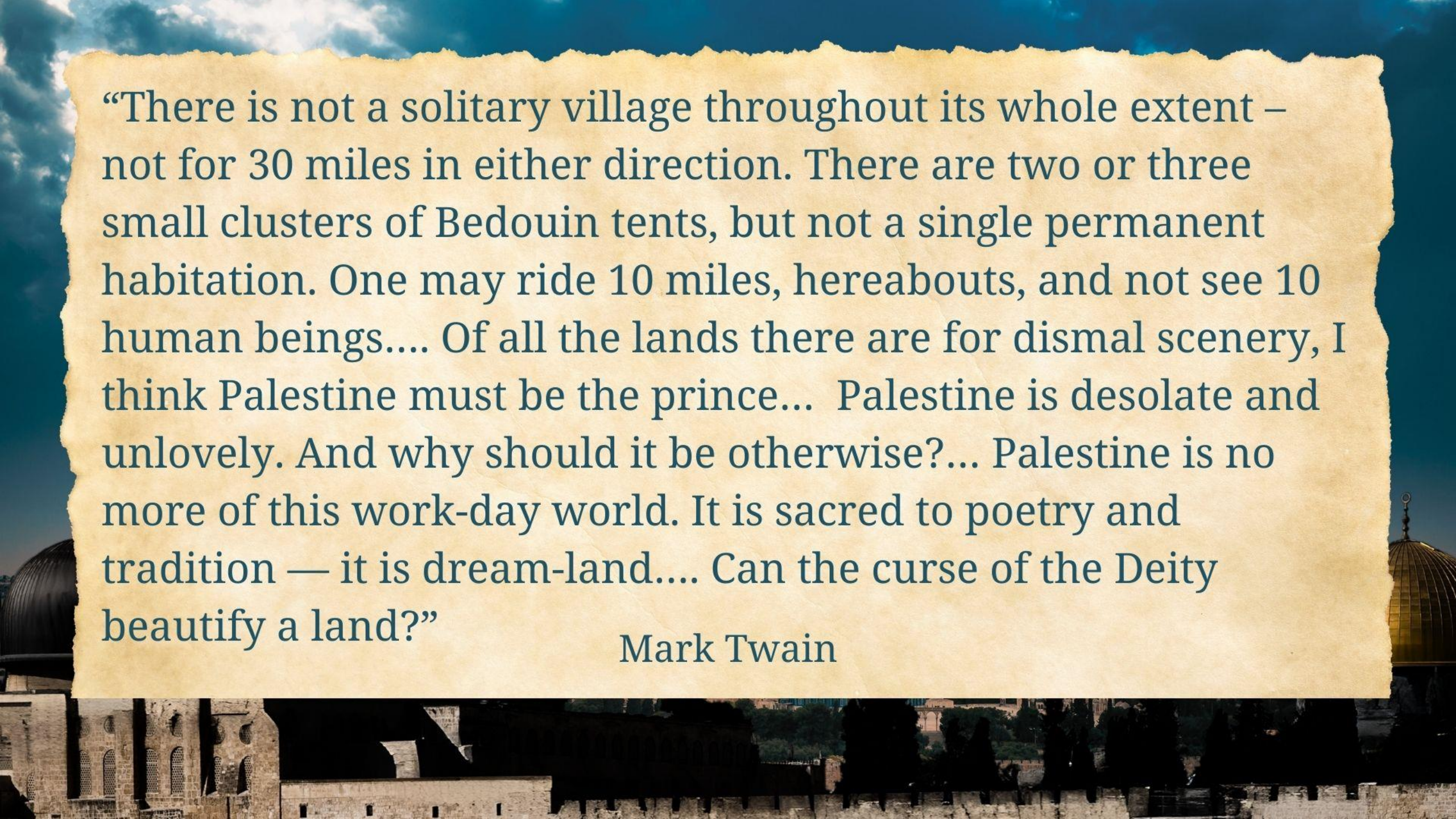
- **AD 66-73 – The <u>First</u> Jewish Revolt** against Roman Rule; Temple destroyed and Jews scattered.
- **AD 132-135 –The <u>Second</u> Jewish Revolt** of Bar Kochba.

Jerusalem renamed: Aelia Capitolina
Israel renamed: Syria Palestina

Ashkenazi Jews: Germany & France
Sephardic Jews: Iberian Peninsula (Spain & Portugal)
Mizrahi Jews: Middle East/East (Iraq/Babylon, Iran/Persia, Yemen, Egypt, India, and China)



- AD 313-636 – Byzantines ruled over “Palestine” as a continuation of Roman rule.
- AD 636-1099 – Arab rule through an Islamic conquest of the land.
- AD 1099-1291 – The Crusader Period.
- AD 1291-1516 – Mamluks rule.
- AD 1517-1917 – Ottoman rule.



“There is not a solitary village throughout its whole extent – not for 30 miles in either direction. There are two or three small clusters of Bedouin tents, but not a single permanent habitation. One may ride 10 miles, hereabouts, and not see 10 human beings.... Of all the lands there are for dismal scenery, I think Palestine must be the prince... Palestine is desolate and unlovely. And why should it be otherwise?... Palestine is no more of this work-day world. It is sacred to poetry and tradition — it is dream-land.... Can the curse of the Deity beautify a land?”

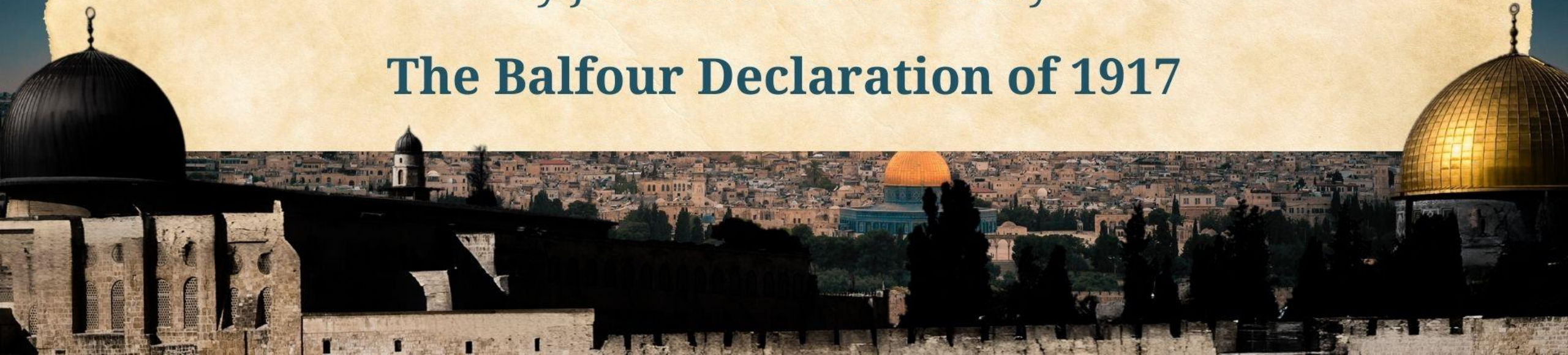
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- **AD 1881-1921 – Pogroms in Russia motivate Jewish return.**
- **AD 1882-1903** – The first Aliyah (means “ascent”)
- **AD 1894-96– Antisemitism erupts in France**; ***Theodore Herzel*** writes **The Jewish State** in 1896.
- **AD 1897** – The First International Zionist Congress convenes in Basel, Switzerland.
- **AD 1904-14** – Second Aliyah (pogroms)
- **AD 1917 – *Balfour Declaration***



“His Majesty’s Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in another country.”

The Balfour Declaration of 1917





- **AD 1919-23** – Third aliyah (communism); White Paper of 1922; Grand Mufti Al Husseini appointed (leader of Arab revolts)
- **AD 1922 – The League of Nations accepts the Balfour Decl.**
- AD 1924-32 - Fourth aliyah; artisans & shopkeepers
- AD 1933 - Fifth aliayh; industrialists & professionals
- AD 1939 - War becoming inevitable; British seeking allies issues the **White Paper of 1939** repudiating Balfour and limiting immigration to 75,000 and then ceasing altogether.

- **AD 1939-45 - WWII & the Holocaust; 6 million Jews died.**



NAZI MASS KILLING
LAID BARE IN CAMP

Victims Put at 1,500,000 in Huge Death Factory of Gas Chambers and Crematories



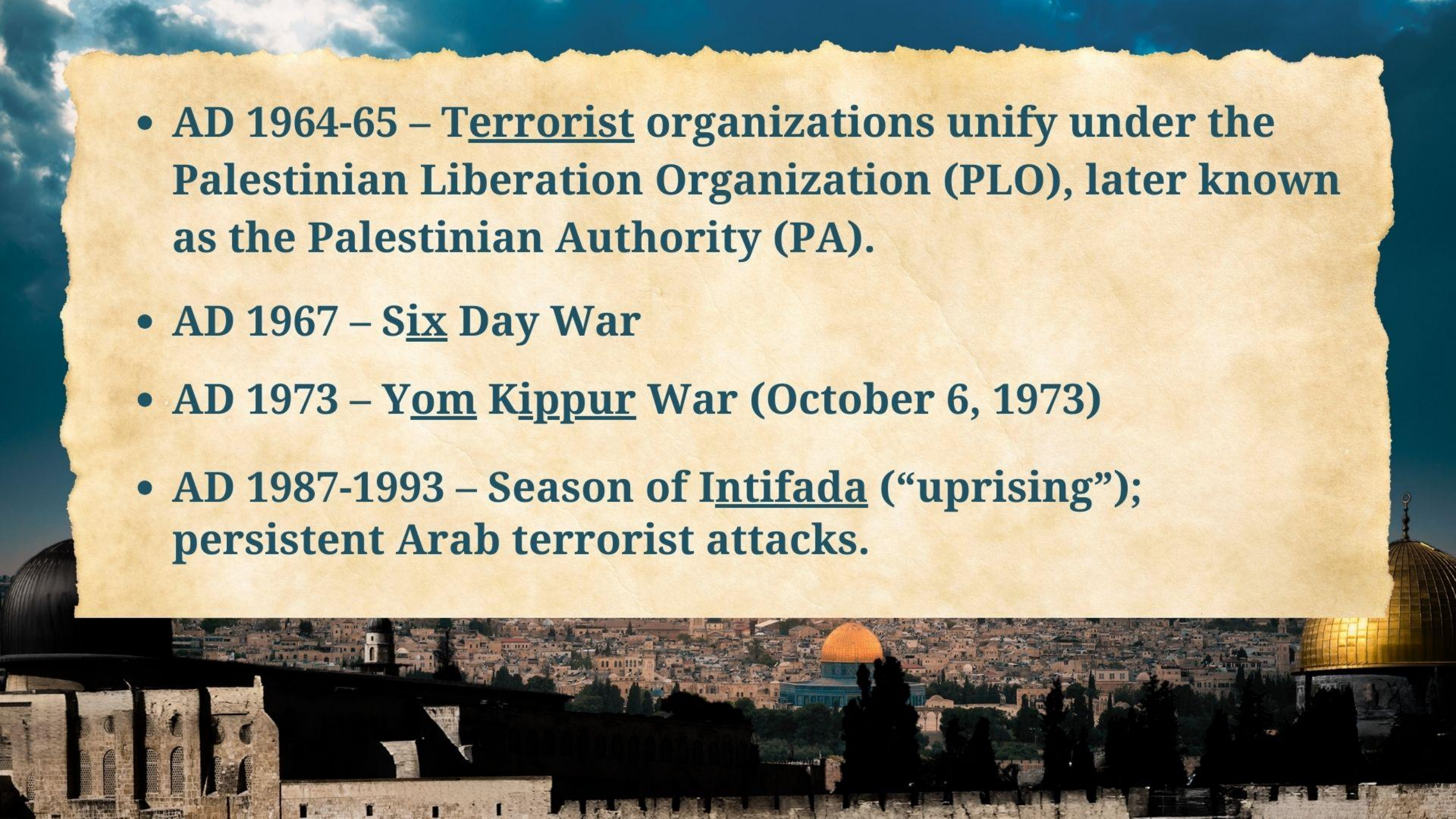
- **AD 1947 - United Nations established**
- **AD 1948 - Jews declare independence; War of Independence**

"It is the natural right of the Jewish people, like any other people, to control their own destiny in their sovereign state. Accordingly, we the members of the People's Council of the Jewish people of Eretz-Israel and of the Zionist movement, are here assembled on the day of the termination of the British mandate over Eretz-Israel, and, by virtue of our natural and historic right and United Nations, we hereby declare the establishment of a Jewish State in Eretz-Israel, to be known as the State of Israel..."

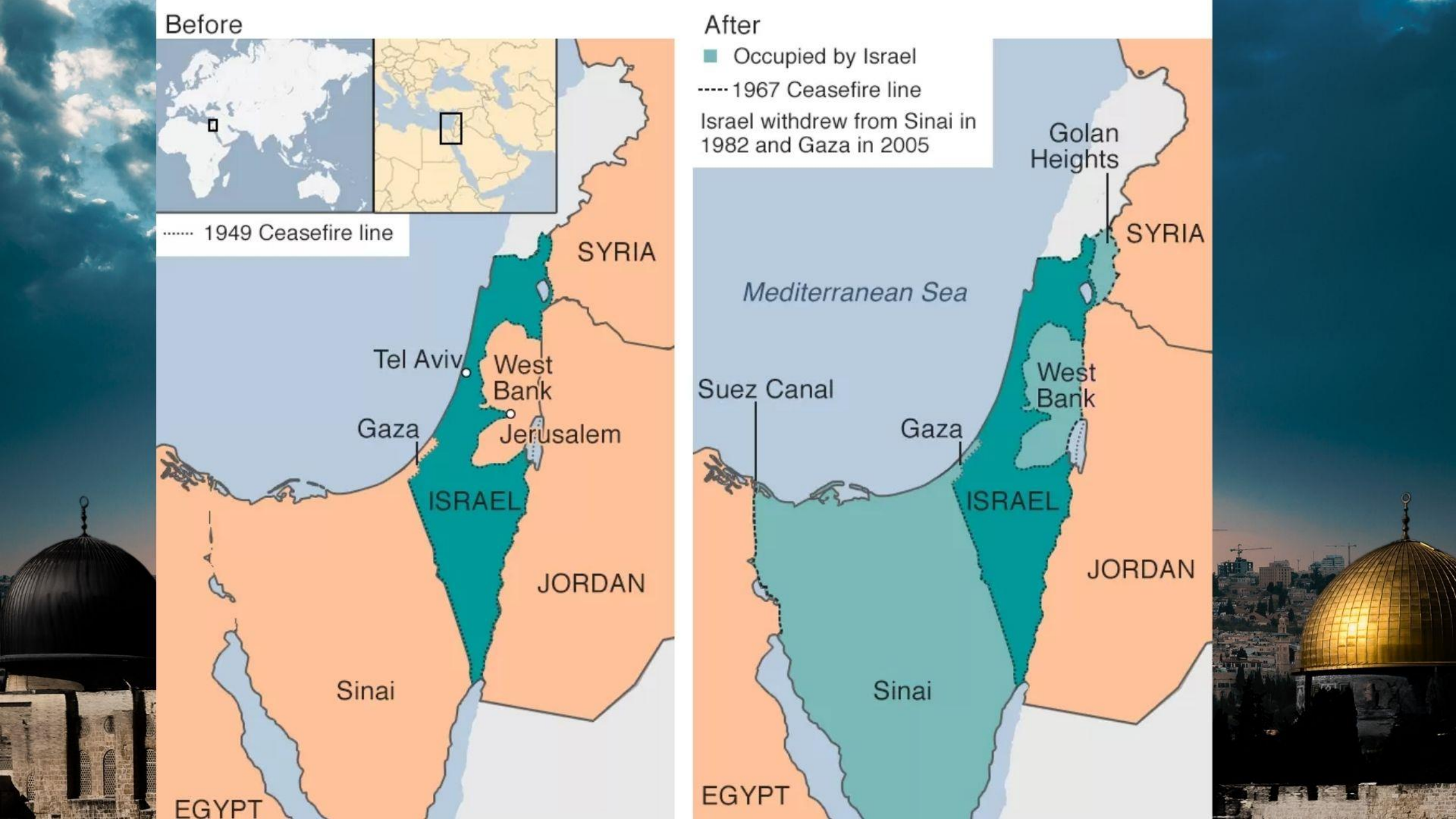
"...The State of Israel will be open for Jewish immigration and the ingathering of the exiles. It will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants. It will be based on the principles of freedom, justice and peace, as envisioned by the Prophets of Israel.... Placing our trust in the Almighty, we affix our signatures to this proclamation at this session of the Provisional Council of State, on the soil of the homeland, in the city of Tel Aviv, on this Sabbath Eve, the fifth day of Iyar, 5708 (May 14, 1948)."




ISRAEL
WAR OF INDEPENDENCE
Arab Attacks, 15 May - 10 June, 1948
ELEVATIONS IN FEET
-1200 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 OVER
10 0 10 20 30 40 50
SCALE OF MILES
LEBANON
Arab Liberation Army
Entered 7 June
Lebanon
2,000
Lebonese
Probes
15-17 May
Syrian Attacks
6 - 7 June
Yifta
SYRIA
4,000
Syrian Attacks
15 - 23 May
ACRE
HAIFA
Carmeli
Golani
Safed
Tiberias
Sea of Galilee
Nazareth
Afula
Megiddo
Jenin
Dera
Rafid
Qunaytirah
IRAQ
7,000
Iraqui Attacks
15 - 22 May, and
28 May - 4 June
MEDITERRANEAN
SEA
Alexandroni
XXX
ZAHAL
YADIN
20,000 (+)
NOTE: Zahal was not given complete command until after this phase of the fighting was over.
Kiryati
TEL AVIV
Givati
Qualqilyah
Nablus
Damia
Approximate partition boundary according to U.N. Resolution of 29 November 1947, Jewish and Arab communities were on both sides of it.
Harel
Ramallah
Jericho
Jordanian Attacks
14 May - 11 June
ARAB
LEGION
5,000
7th
Etzioni
Bethlehem
Askalan
GAZA
Hebron
JORDAN
Negev
KHAN YUNIS
RAFAH
EGYPT
11,000
EL ARISH
Egyptan Attacks
14 - 29 May and
7 - 8 June
Beersheba
Bir Asluj
Karak
Safi
SINAI
Abu Aqeila
Auja



- AD 1964-65 – Terrorist organizations unify under the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), later known as the Palestinian Authority (PA).
- AD 1967 – Six Day War
- AD 1973 – Yom Kippur War (October 6, 1973)
- AD 1987-1993 – Season of Intifada (“uprising”); persistent Arab terrorist attacks.


Before
1949 Ceasefire line
SYRIA
Tel Aviv
West Bank
Gaza
Jerusalem
ISRAEL
JORDAN
Sinai
EGYPT
After
Occupied by Israel
1967 Ceasefire line
Israel withdrew from Sinai in 1982 and Gaza in 2005
Golan Heights
SYRIA
Mediterranean Sea
Suez Canal
West Bank
Gaza
ISRAEL
JORDAN
Sinai
EGYPT

- AD 2005 – Israel completely disengages from the Gaza Strip.

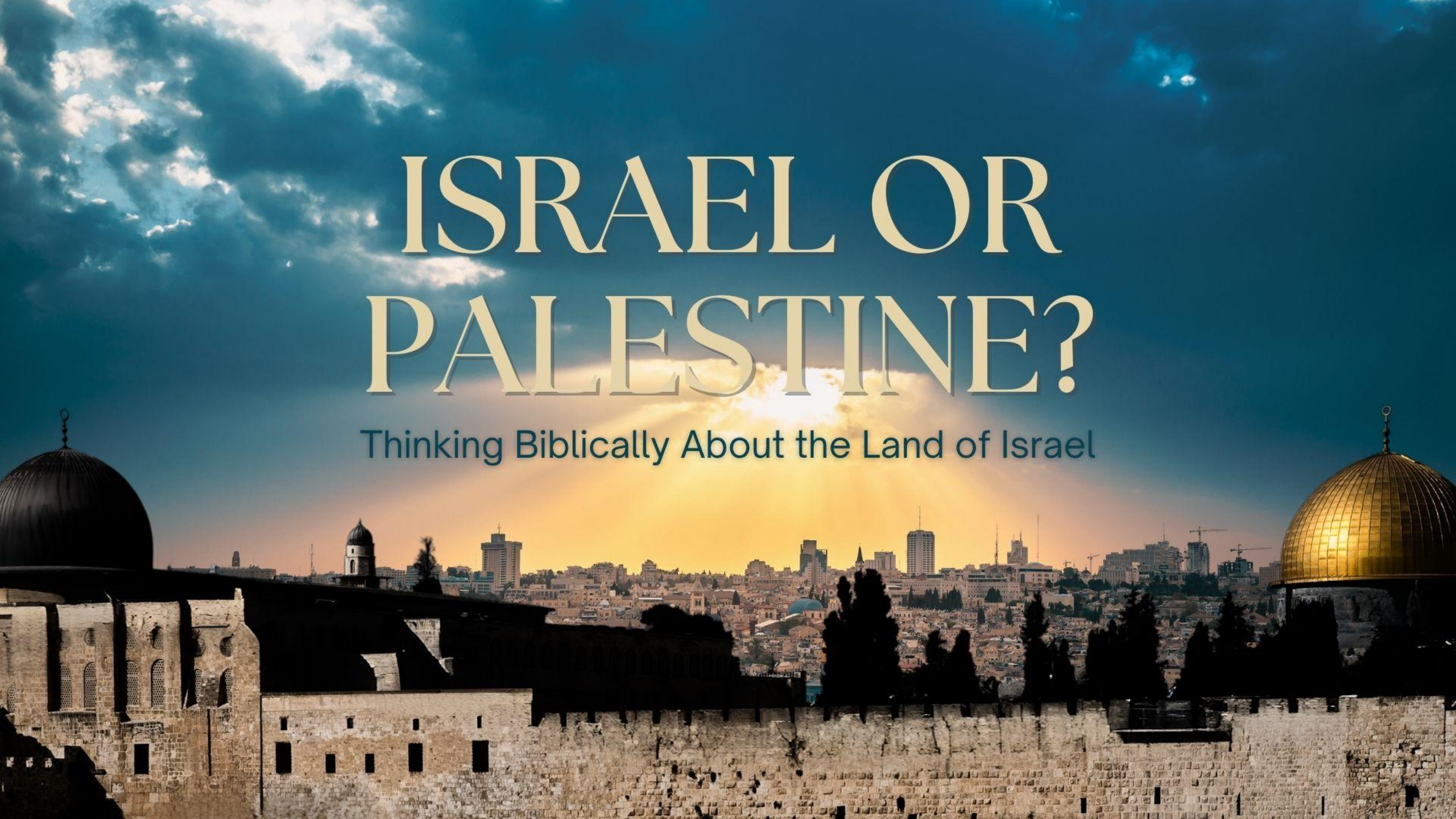
- AD 2006 – Hamas wins a large-scale victory in Palestinian Legislative Council elections; The Gaza Strip becomes a terrorist stronghold and constantly barrages Israel with rockets and skirmishes.

- AD 2023 – Hamas launches a surprise attack October 7th on the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War.

The existence of the Jewish people and reestablishment of Israel as a national state proves the veracity of Scripture and the existence of God.

We can trust God and His Word.




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