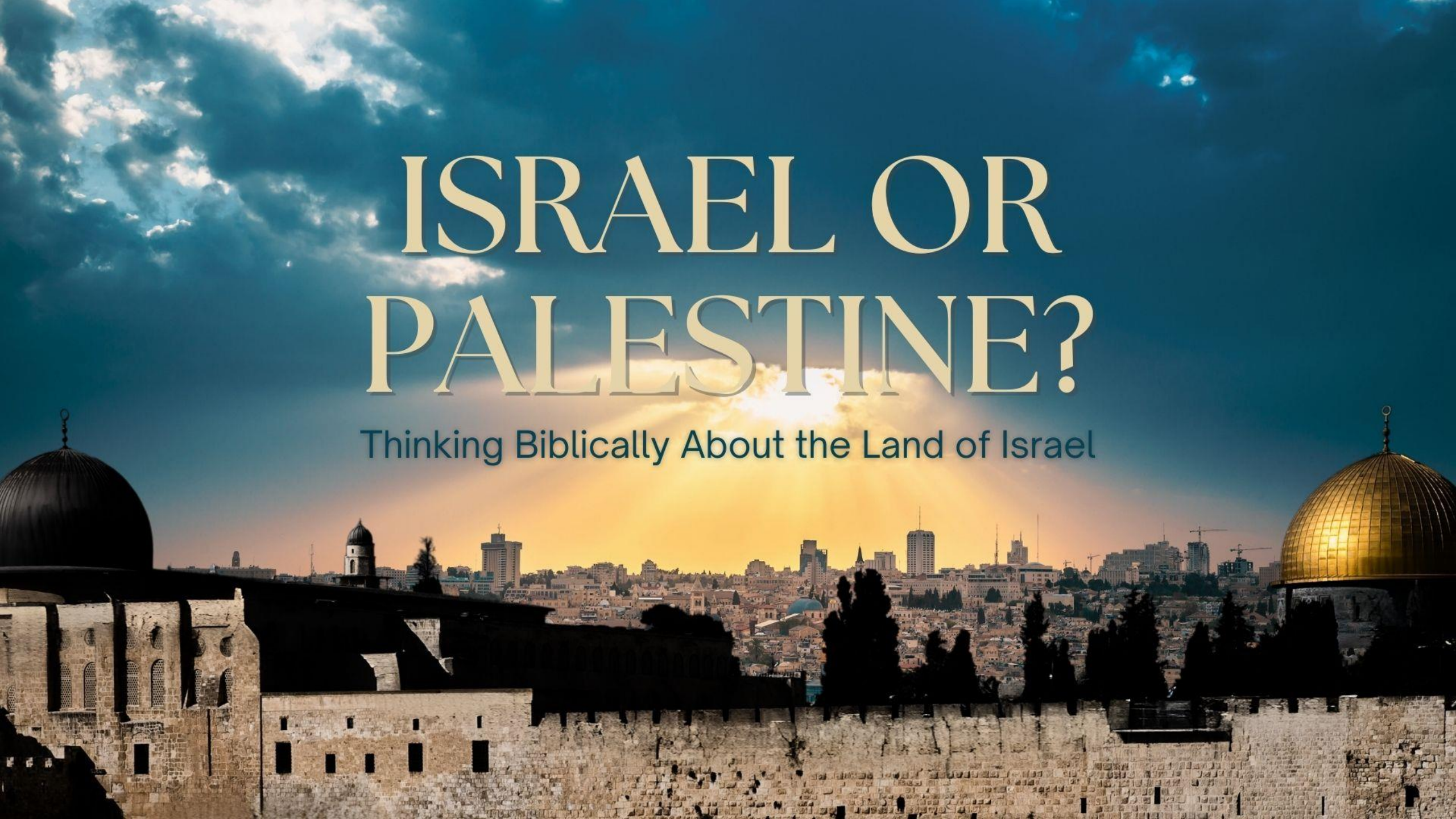
# ISRAEL OR PALESTINE?

## 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?

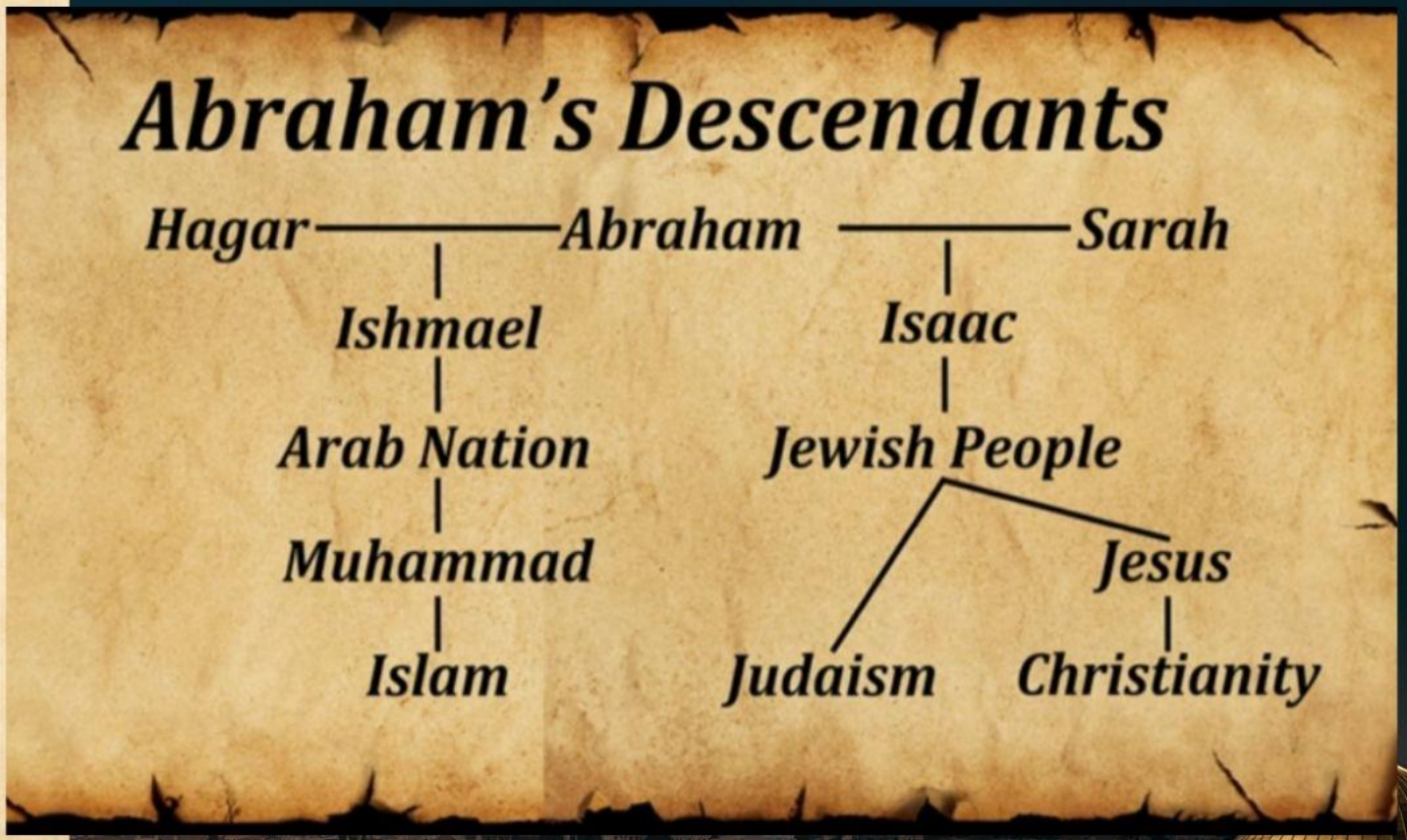
3) Israel was to be a godly influence on the wicked world.

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



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

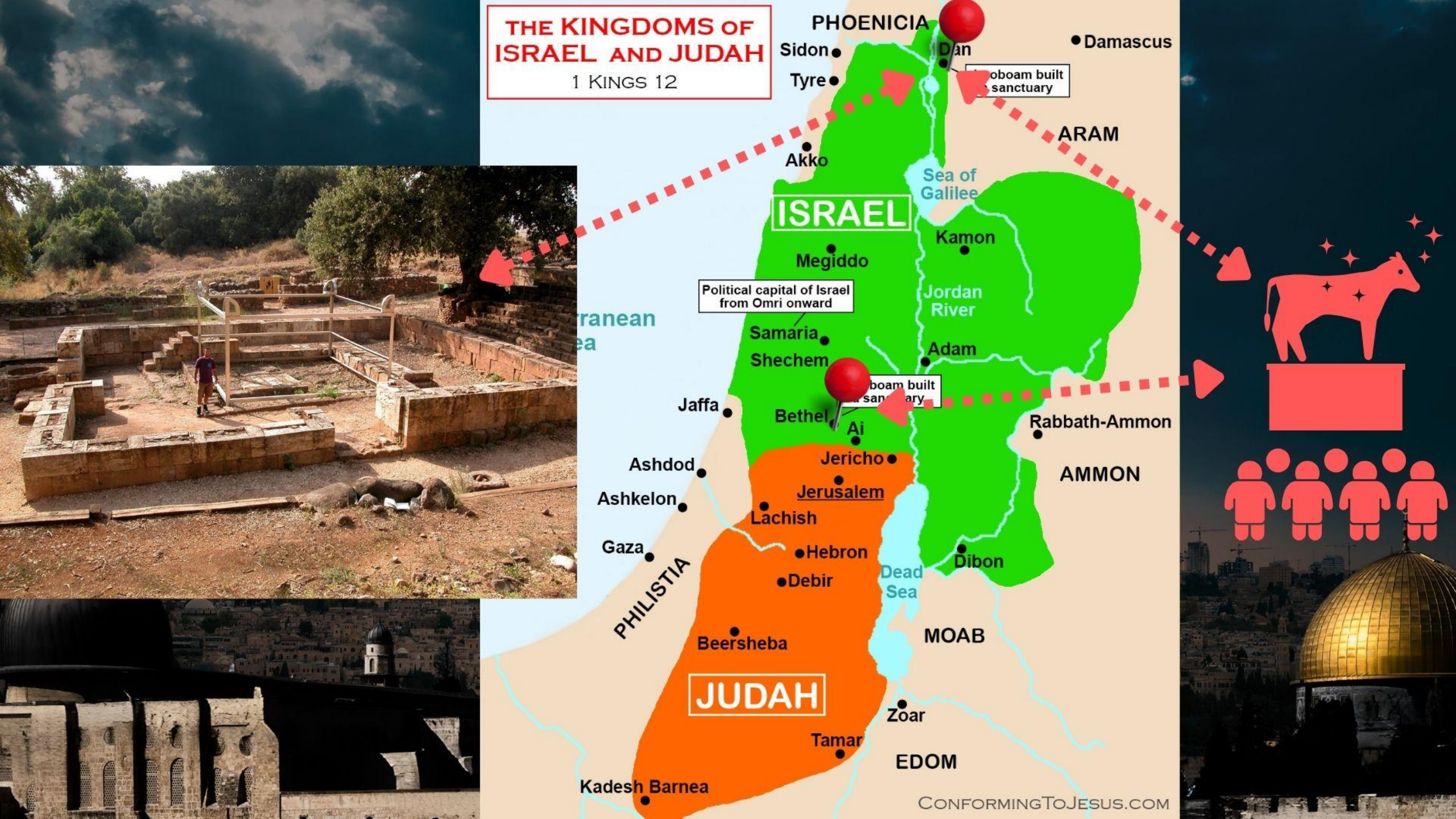
**Reason #2**
The land always belongs to Israel, but disobedience brings exile from it.



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1 KINGS 12
PHOENICIA
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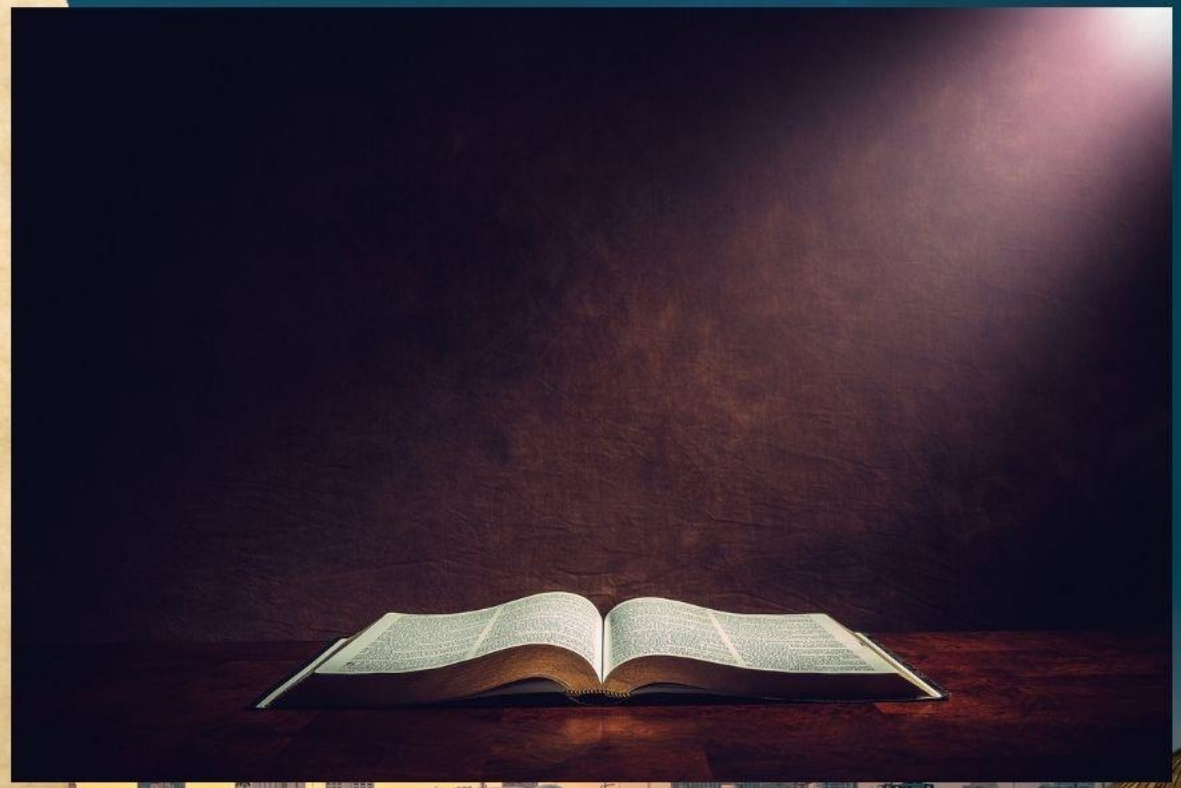


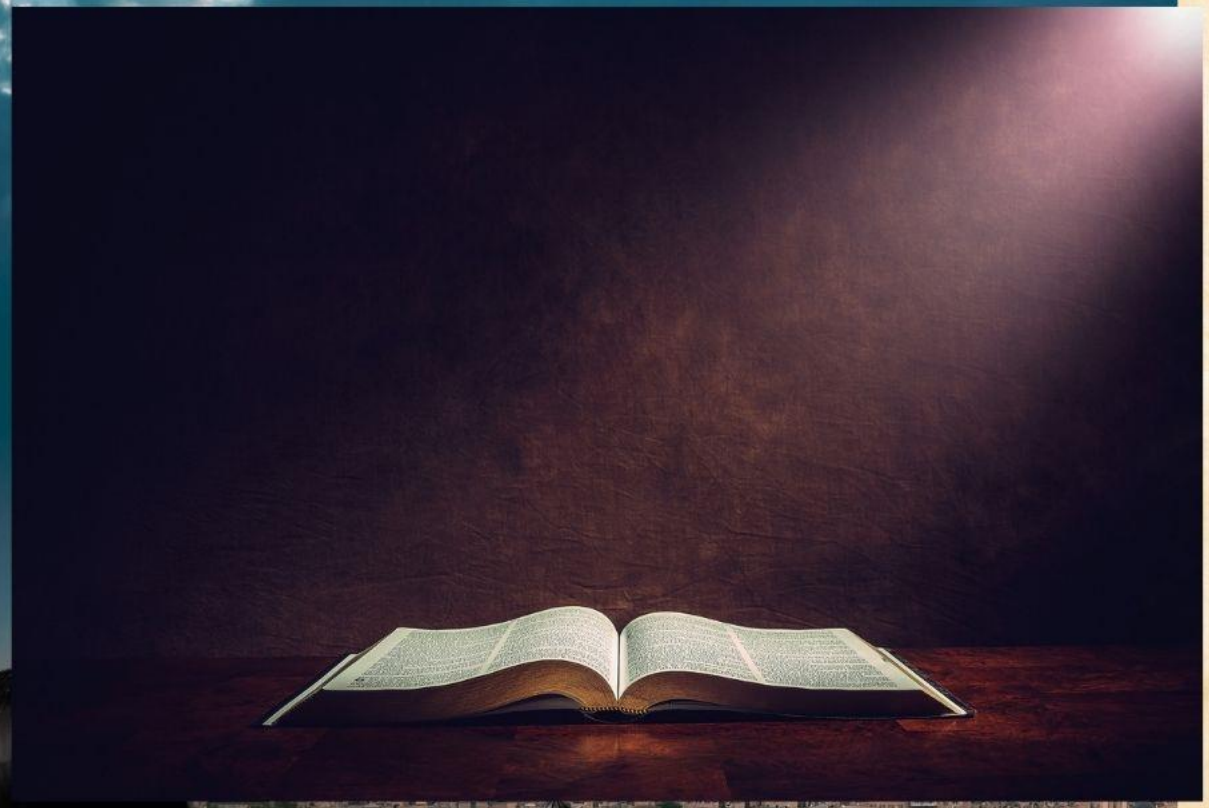
God promises not to destroy them completely, but to return and restore them to the land because of His covenant.



# THE PUPROSE OF PROPHECY

1. Purify
2. Provide Hope
3. Perspective





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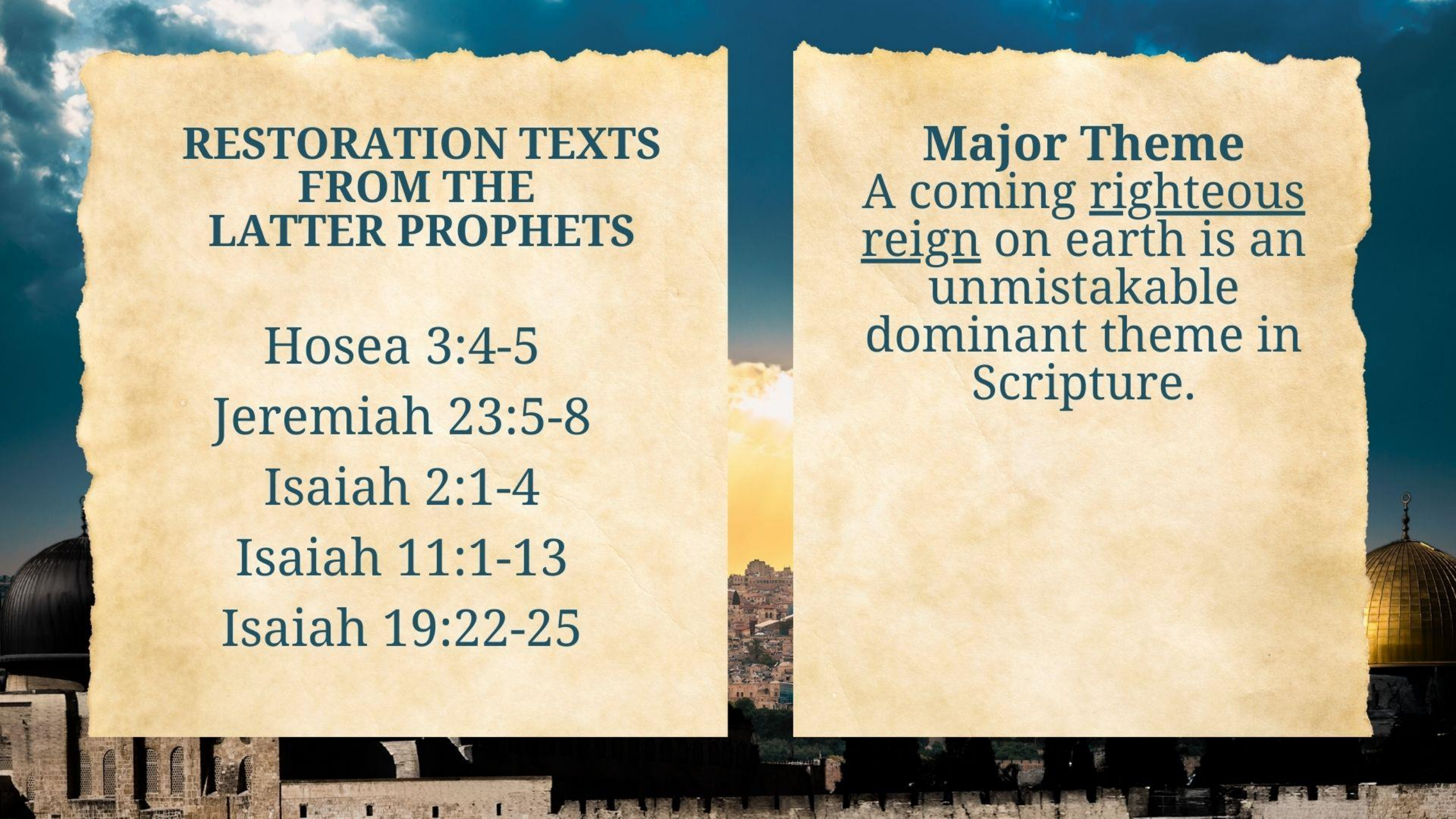
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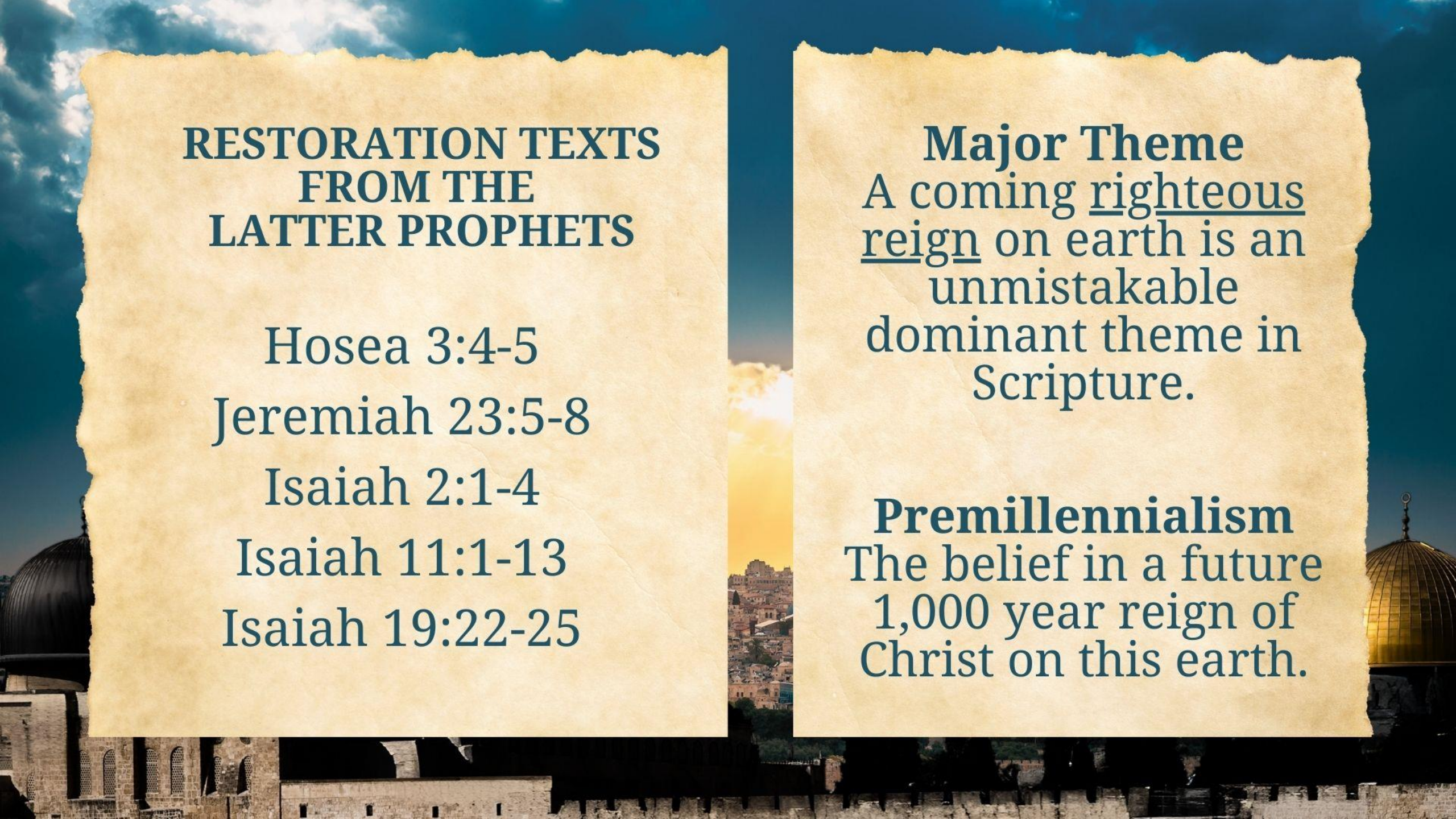
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## Premillennialism

The belief in a future 1,000 year reign of Christ on this earth.

# UNANIMOUS THEMES AMONG THE PROPHETS RELATING TO NATIONAL ISRAEL:

1) exile
2) distress/the great Tribulation
3) return from exile in the land
4) reunification of Israel/Judah
5) new covenant blessing
6) restoration of Jerusalem
7) worship of Christ the King by nations, not just individuals






God’s faithfulness to Israel is a bellwether of His faithfulness to us.