

# Understanding Government & Nationalism



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# The Divine Institutions

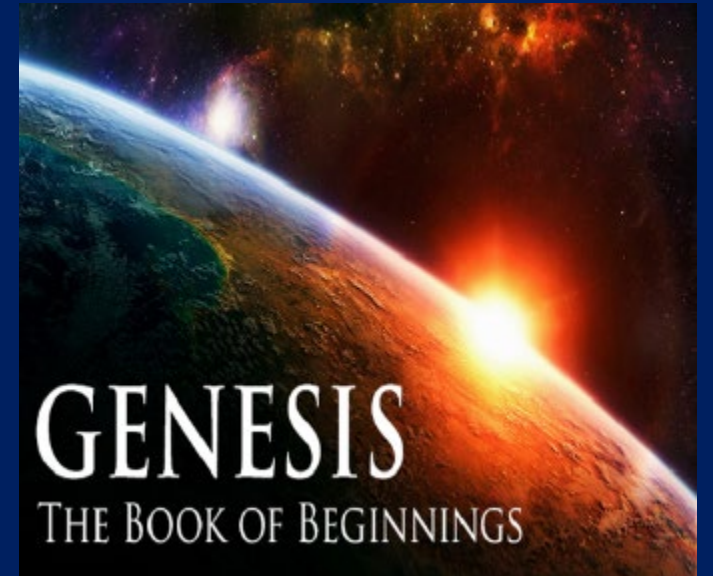
- Conscience (Gen. 3:22)
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# Beginning Themes

■ Universe

■ Life

■ Man

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■ Salvation

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## Genesis 6:11-13

“<sup>11</sup> Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence [חַמָּס; *chamas*]. <sup>12</sup> And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for humanity had corrupted its way upon the earth. <sup>13</sup> Then God said to Noah, ‘The end of humanity has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence [חַמָּס; *chamas*] because of people; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.’”





## Genesis 8:21

The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.” [emphasis mine].



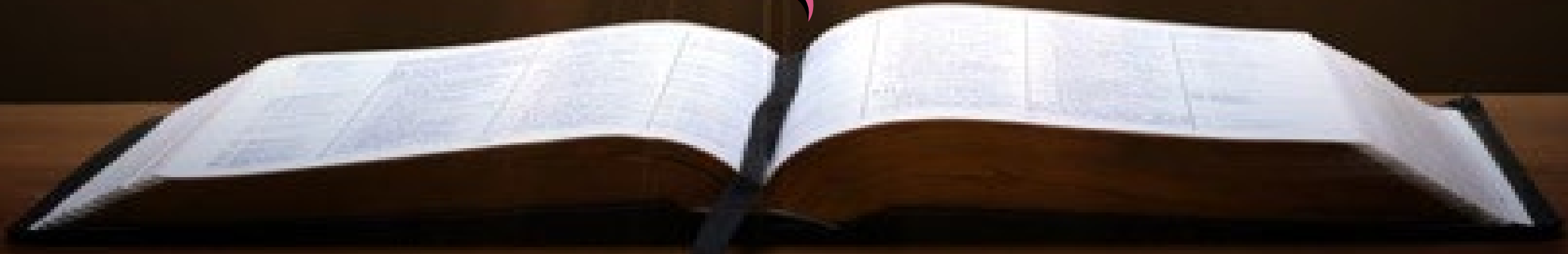
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## Genesis 1:27

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.



## 1 Peter 2:13-14

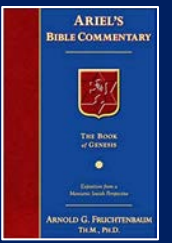
“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.”





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*The Book of Genesis, 186*

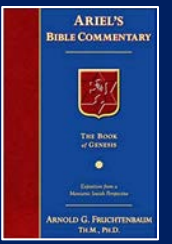


“It is God Who mandates capital punishment...God has already exercised this prerogative of divine retribution with the Flood. However, there is also now to be human retribution, in 9:6: *Whosoever sheds man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed.* Man now has the authority to put another man to death. Capital punishment requires legal execution, and this enactment sets the stage for human government. Under the Noahic Covenant, the mandatory death penalty was only for the crime of premeditated murder...The purpose is...



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... to punish the evildoer...The issue for the Bible is punishing the evildoer, not reforming him or her. Genesis 9:6 concludes by giving the reason why there will be both divine and human retribution for the shedding of human blood: For in the image of God made he man. Therefore, although after the Fall it is a marred image, the image of God is still there.”

## Romans 13:3-5

“For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it [government] is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it [government] does not bear the sword for nothing; for it [government] is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.”





# Robert Charles Winthrop

“All societies of men must be governed in some way or other. The less they may have of stringent State Government, the more they must have of individual self-government. The less they rely on public law or physical force, the more they must rely on private moral restraint. **Men, in a word, must necessarily be controlled, either by a power within them, or by a power without them; either by the Word of God, or by the strong arm of man; either by the Bible, or by the bayonet.** It may do for other countries and other governments to talk about the State supporting religion. Here, under our own free institutions, it is Religion which must support the State.”

Robert Winthrop, *Addresses and Speeches on Various Occasions* (Boston, MA: Little, Brown, 1852), 172. Speech to the Massachusetts Bible Society (1849-05-28).



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## Exodus 20:13

“You shall not murder [חַצַּח; *ratsach*].”



# Killing vs. Murder



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# Noahic vs. Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenants

Name	<b>NOAHIC</b>	<b>ABRAHAMIC</b>	<b>MOSAIC</b>
Human agent	<b>Noah</b>	<b>Abraham</b>	<b>Moses</b>
Scripture	<b>Gen. 8–9</b>	<b>Gen. 12–17</b>	<b>Exod. 19–40</b>
Covenant ( <i>Berit</i> )	<b>Gen. 9:9</b>	<b>Gen. 15:18</b>	<b>Exod. 19:5</b>
Party	<b>World, humanity</b>	<b>Israel, Hebrews</b>	<b>Israel, Hebrews</b>
Israel	<b>Pre-Israel</b>	<b>Post-Israel</b>	<b>Post-Israel</b>

# Noahic vs. Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenants

Covenant	<b>NOAHIC</b>	<b>ABRAHAMIC</b>	<b>MOSAIC</b>
Conditional or unconditional	<b>Unconditional</b>	<b>Unconditional</b>	<b>Conditional</b>
Promises	<b>No more flood judgment, enduring earth, capital punishment</b>	<b>Ownership of land, seed, and blessing</b>	<b>Enjoyment or possession of land, seed, and blessing</b>
Sign	<b>Rainbow</b>	<b>Circumcision</b>	<b>Sabbath</b>
Purpose	<b>Restrain &amp; preserve</b>	<b>Redemptive</b>	<b>Redemptive</b>
Directly binding today?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>



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## Deuteronomy 13:10-11

“So you shall stone him to death because he has sought to seduce you from the Lord your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. Then all Israel will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such a wicked thing among you.”



## Ecclesiastes 8:11

“Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil.”





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# Eighth Amendment

“Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.”



# Fifth Amendment



“No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.”



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# ABORTION OR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT?

	<b>ABORTION</b>	<b>CAPITAL PUNISHMENT</b>
<b>Birth?</b>	<b>Unborn</b>	<b>Born</b>
<b>Crime?</b>	<b>No crime</b>	<b>Committed a crime</b>
<b>Trial?</b>	<b>Not tried by a jury of peers</b>	<b>Tried by a jury of peers</b>
<b>Guilt?</b>	<b>Innocent</b>	<b>Guilty</b>



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# Believer's Responsibilities to State

- Respect (Rom. 13:7)
- Submission (Rom. 13:1)
- Taxes (Rom. 13:7)
- Prayer (1 Tim. 2:1-2)



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# Synthetic Outline

## Chiasm in "Aramaic" ( Dan. 2-7)



1. Gentile History (2)
2. Protection (3)
  3. Revelation to a gentile king (4)
  - 3'. Revelation to a gentile king (5)
2. Protection (6)
1. Gentile history (7)



# Principles of Civil Disobedience

1. “Crystal” clear conflict between the laws of man and God
2. Exhaustion of all creative legal remedies
3. A willingness to “pay the consequences”
4. Maintaining of respect for civil authorities



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# Other Competing Visions

- Libertarianism
- Marxism



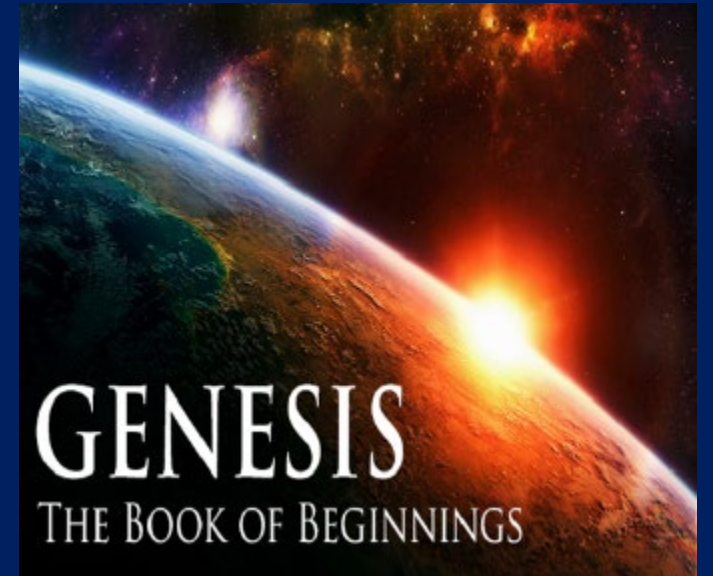


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## Humanist Manifesto II (1973)

*“We deplore the division of humankind on nationalistic grounds. We have reached a turning point in human history where the best option is to transcend the limits of national sovereignty and to move toward the building of a world community... a system of world law and world order based upon transnational federal government.”*



George Soros has made no secret of the fact that his aim is also to open the borders, saying in 2009 that “sovereignty is an anachronistic concept originating in bygone times.”

I. George Soros, “The People’s Sovereignty,” *Foreign Policy*, October 28, 2009, <https://foreignpolicy.com/2009/10/28/the-peoples-sovereignty/>

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# Trump plan to deport migrants a 'disgrace', says Pope

20 January 2025

Laura Gozzi





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# Homan to Newsmax: Pope Should Stick to Fixing Catholic Church



By Mark Swanson | Friday, 24 January 2025  
09:11 PM EST

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## Genesis 11:6

The Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.”



# God's Doctrine of Nations



**Since Babel**

**Deut. 32:8; Acts 17:26**

**Millennium**

**Isaiah 2:4; 66:18; Zech. 14:16-18; Rev. 12:5;  
20:3**

**Eternal State**

**Rev. 21:24, 26**

# Sine Qua Non of Nationhood

- Common currency
- Common language
- Common culture
- Enforceable national borders



## Genesis 10:32

“These are the families of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, by their nations; and out of these the nations were separated on the earth after the flood.”



## Deuteronomy 32:8

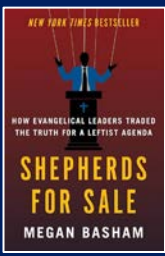
“When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance,  
When He separated the sons of man, He set the  
boundaries of the peoples According to the number of  
the sons of Israel.”



## Acts 17:26

“and He made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times and **the boundaries of their habitation.**”



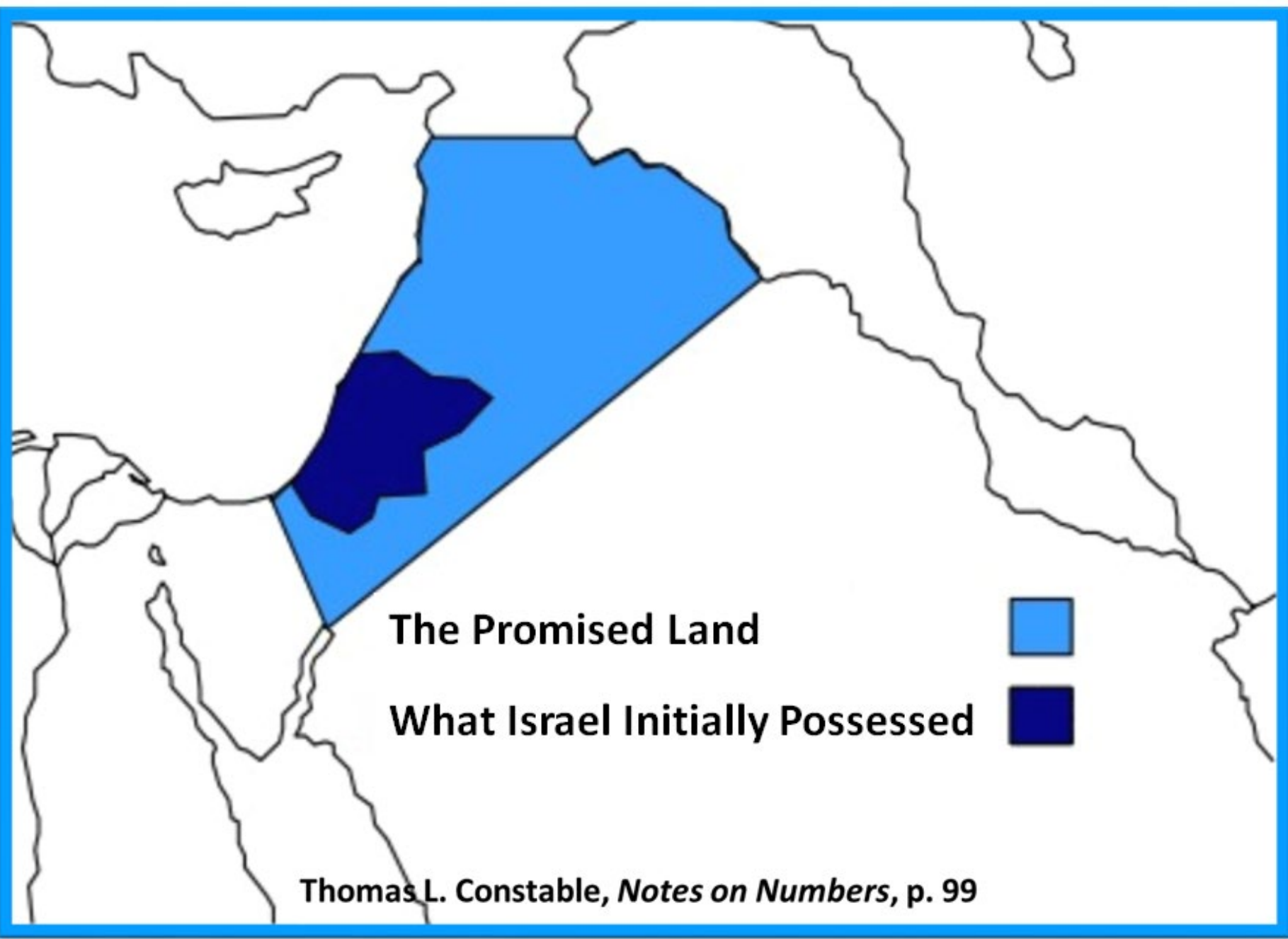


# Megan Basham

*Shepherds for Sale, 50.*

“Scripture does not require us to sacrifice national sovereignty. In fact, Acts 17:26 tells us that God ‘marked out [our] appointed times in history and the boundaries of [our] lands.’ The Lord is not opposed to borders; He invented them. Nor does this command require us to abandon good sense and prudence when setting limits for how many immigrants we admit and what qualifications we use for doing so.”

Megan Basham, *Shepherds for Sale: How Evangelical Leaders Traded the Truth for a Leftist Agenda* (NY: Broadside Books, 2024), 50.

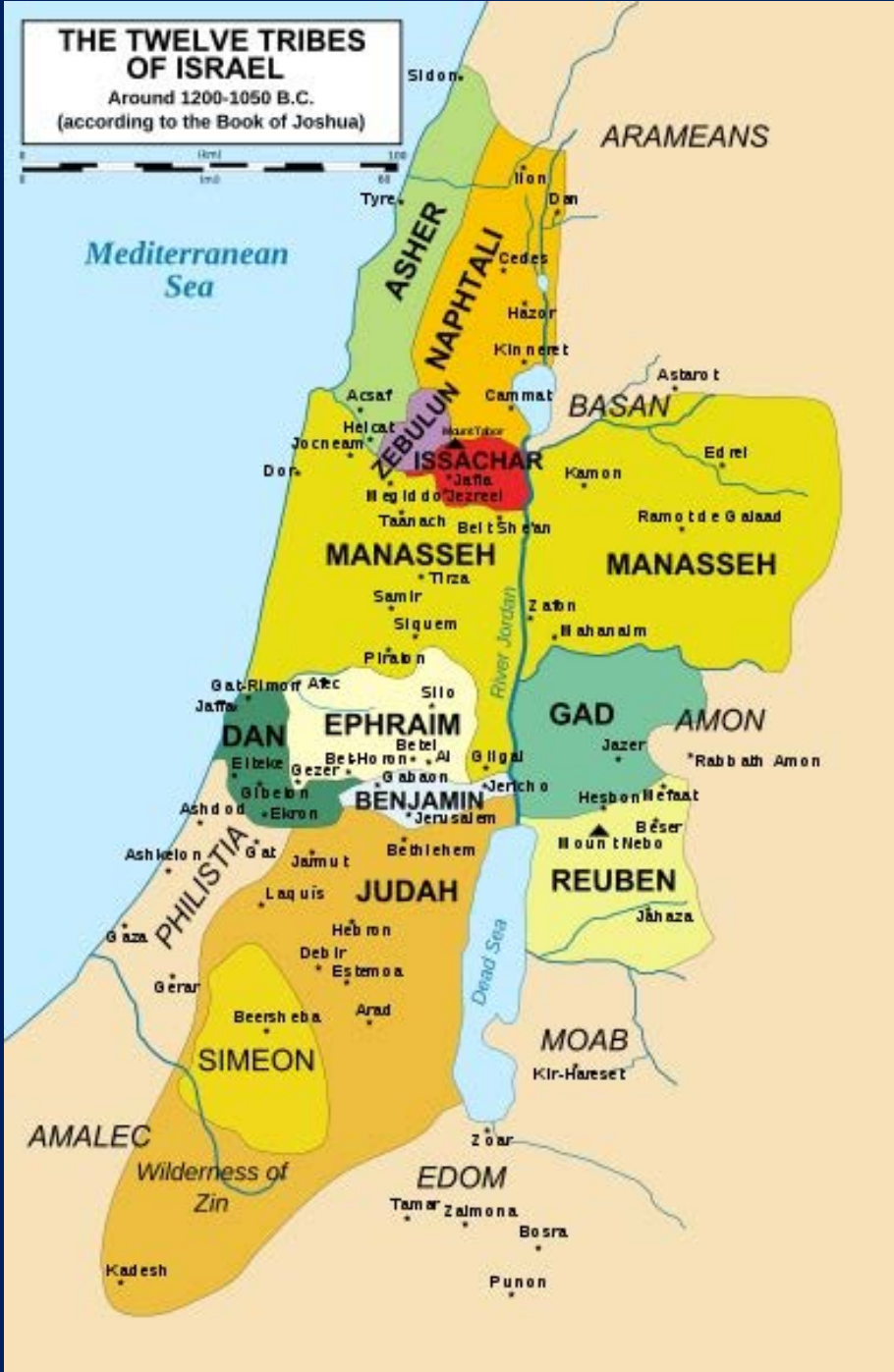


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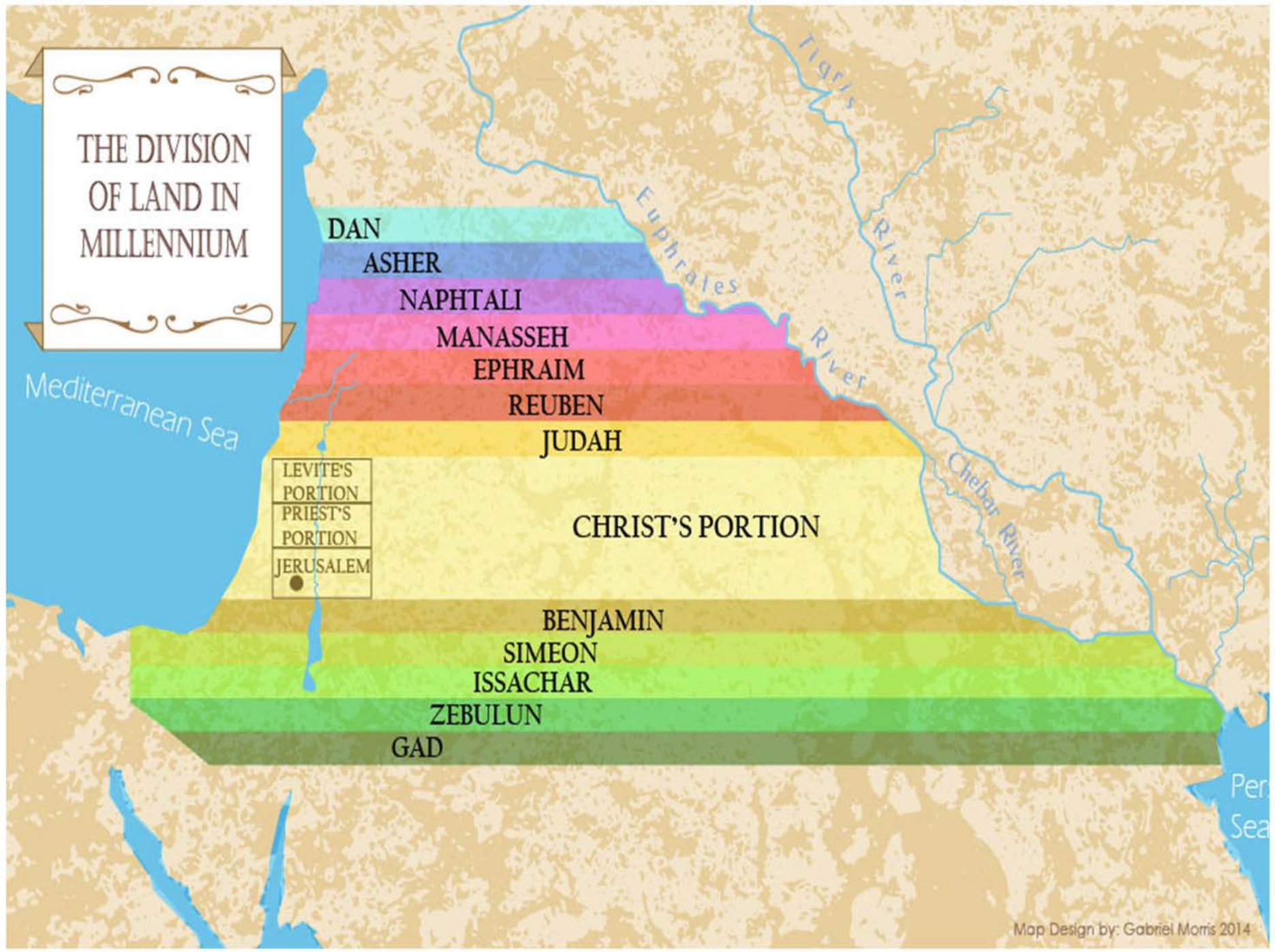
**What Israel Initially Possessed**

Thomas L. Constable, *Notes on Numbers*, p. 99





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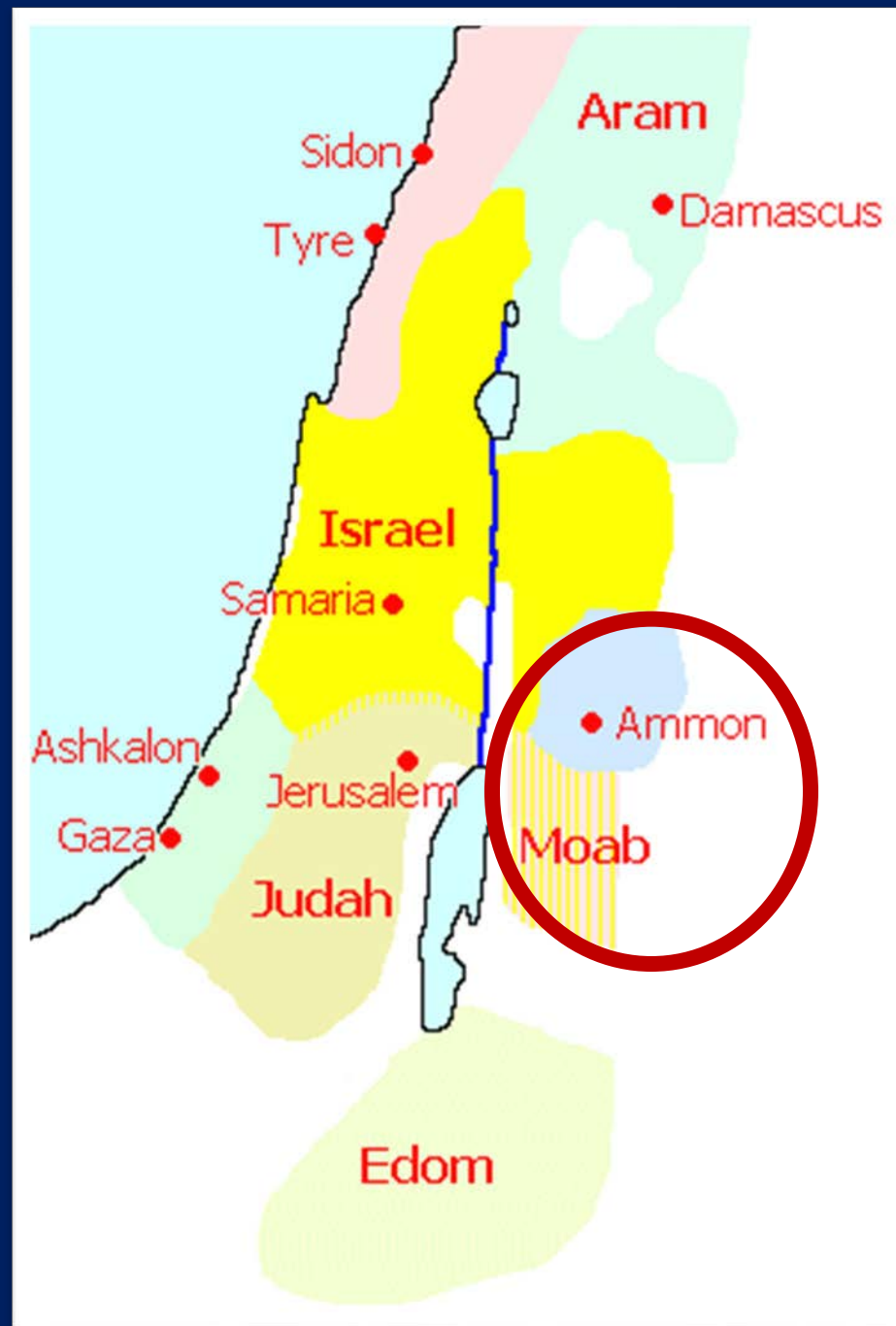


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## Deuteronomy 23:3-4

“No Ammonite or Moabite shall enter the assembly of the LORD; none of their *descendants*, even to the tenth generation, shall ever enter the assembly of the LORD because they did not meet you with food and water on the way when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.”

## Ruth 1:16

“But Ruth said, ‘Do not urge me to leave you *or* turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people *shall be* my people, and your God, my God.’”





## James Hoffmeier

*The Immigration Crisis, 52.*

“In the Hebrew Bible the alien (*Ger*) was a person who entered Israel and followed legal procedures to obtain recognized standing as a resident alien. Hence I will use the term alien or *ger* throughout the book to refer to legal immigrants. Clearly there was a distinction between the alien (*Ger*) and a foreigner (*nekhar* or *zar*) in the Old Testament, and this difference will be clear in the narratives, stories, and laws that will be reviewed in the following sections.”

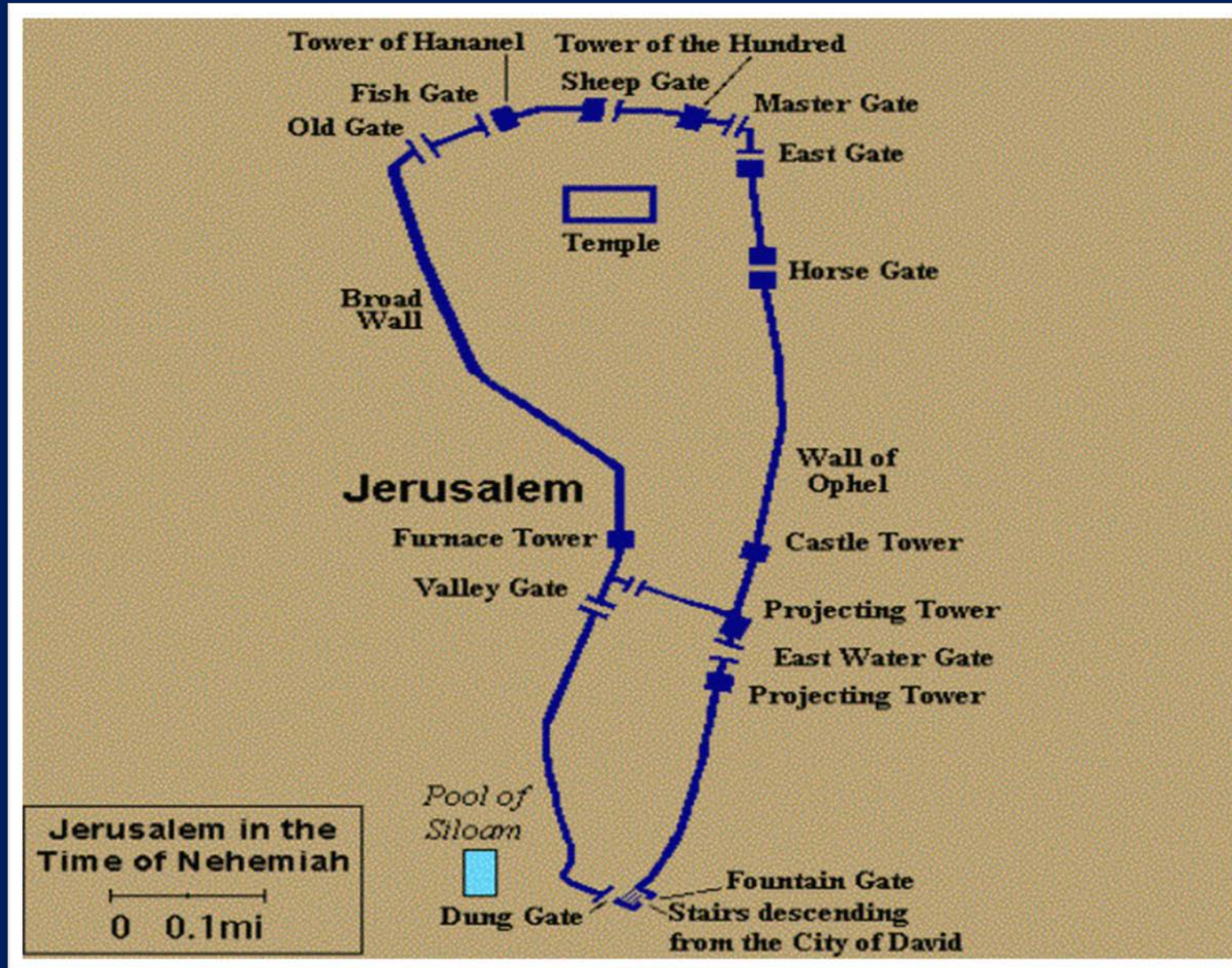
## Exodus 23:9

“You shall not oppress a stranger, since you yourselves know the feelings of a stranger, for you *also* were strangers in the land of Egypt.”



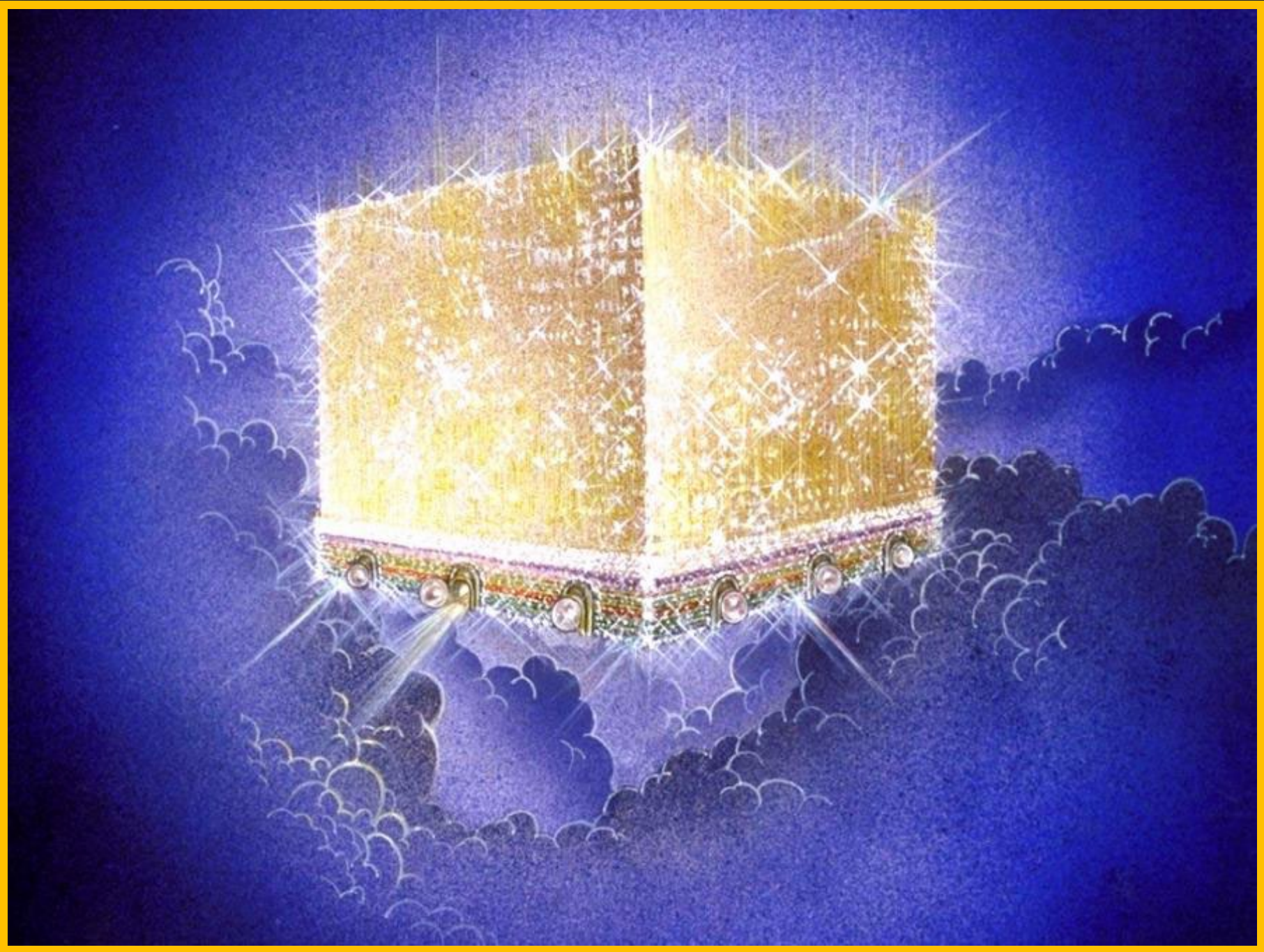


# Gates of Nehemiah



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## Revelation 21:16-17

<sup>16</sup> The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be [*1500 miles*] in length, and as wide and high as it is long. <sup>17</sup> He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, by man's measurement, which the angel was using.



## Charles Ryrie

*The Ryrie Study Bible, p. 1596*

**“21:16-17** Shaped foursquare like a cube, the city is 1,380 mi. (2,220 km) on each face, including height, with a wall 72 yd (66 m) thick. It has been calculated that even if only 25 percent of this space were used for dwellings, 20 billion people could be accommodated spaciously.”

# 7 “I AM” statements in John



**I am the Bread of Life**

**6:35**

**I am the Light of the world**

**8:12**

**I am the Gate for the sheep**

**10:7; cf. v.9**

**I am the Good Shepherd**

**10:11,14**

**I am the Resurrection and the Life**

**11:25**

**I am the Way and the Truth and the Life**

**14:6**

**I am the true Vine**

**15:1; cf. v.5**