

THE TIMES OF THE SIGNS

The background of the image is a large, detailed clock face. The numbers 45, 50, 55, and 60 are visible on the outer ring. The clock hands are dark and ornate. In the background, behind the clock face, there is a faint illustration of several people in various poses of distress, prayer, or despair, rendered in a classical, painterly style. The overall color palette is dark and moody, with shades of brown, gold, and black.

Lamentations 3:22-24

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end; they are
new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in Him."

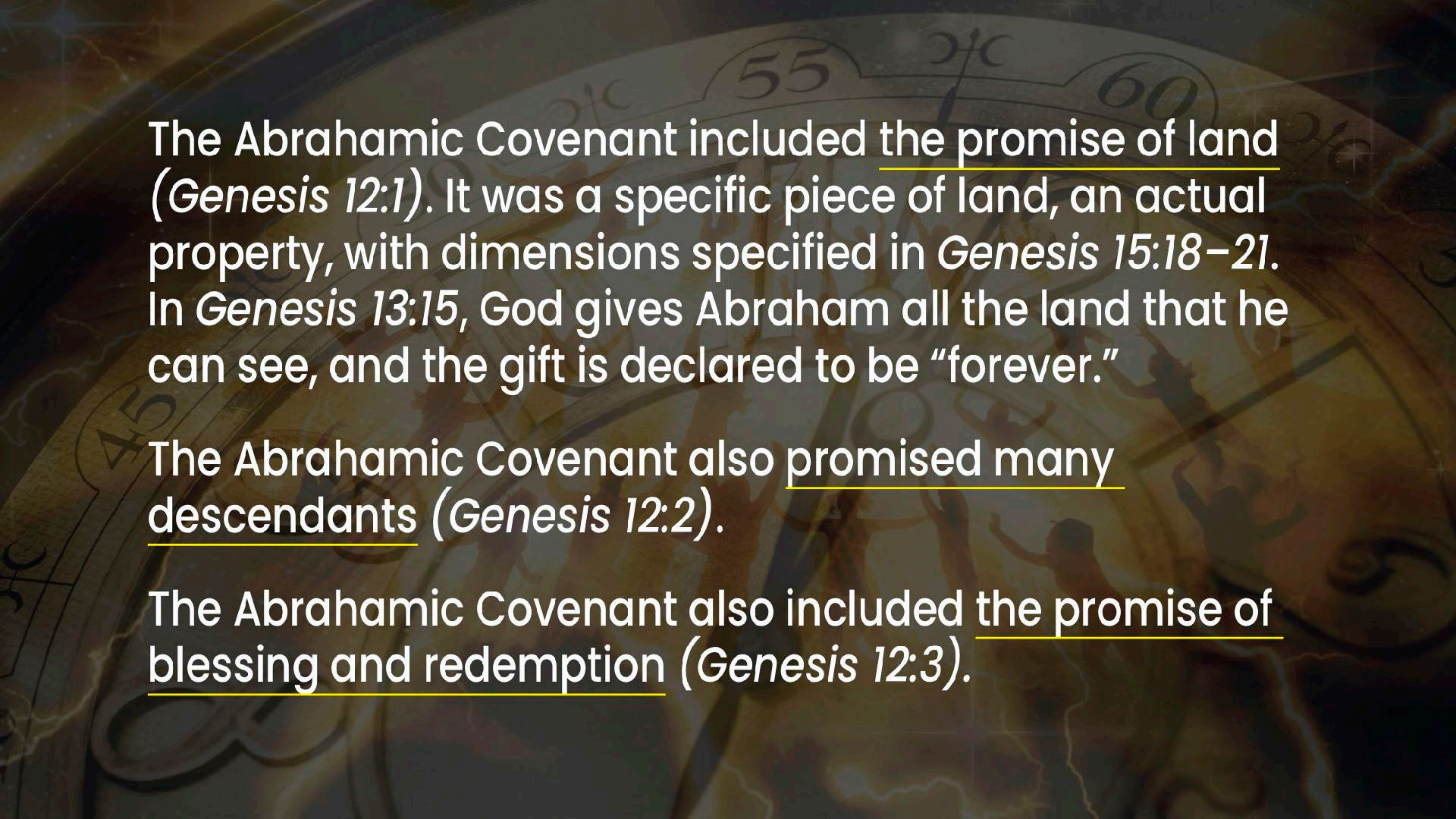
ISRAEL



- the centre-piece of God's redemptive & prophetic purposes
- the time-piece in God's redemptive & prophetic timetable

Psalm 105:7-11

7. He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.
8. He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations,
9. the covenant that He made with Abraham, His sworn promise to Isaac,
10. which He confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
11. saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

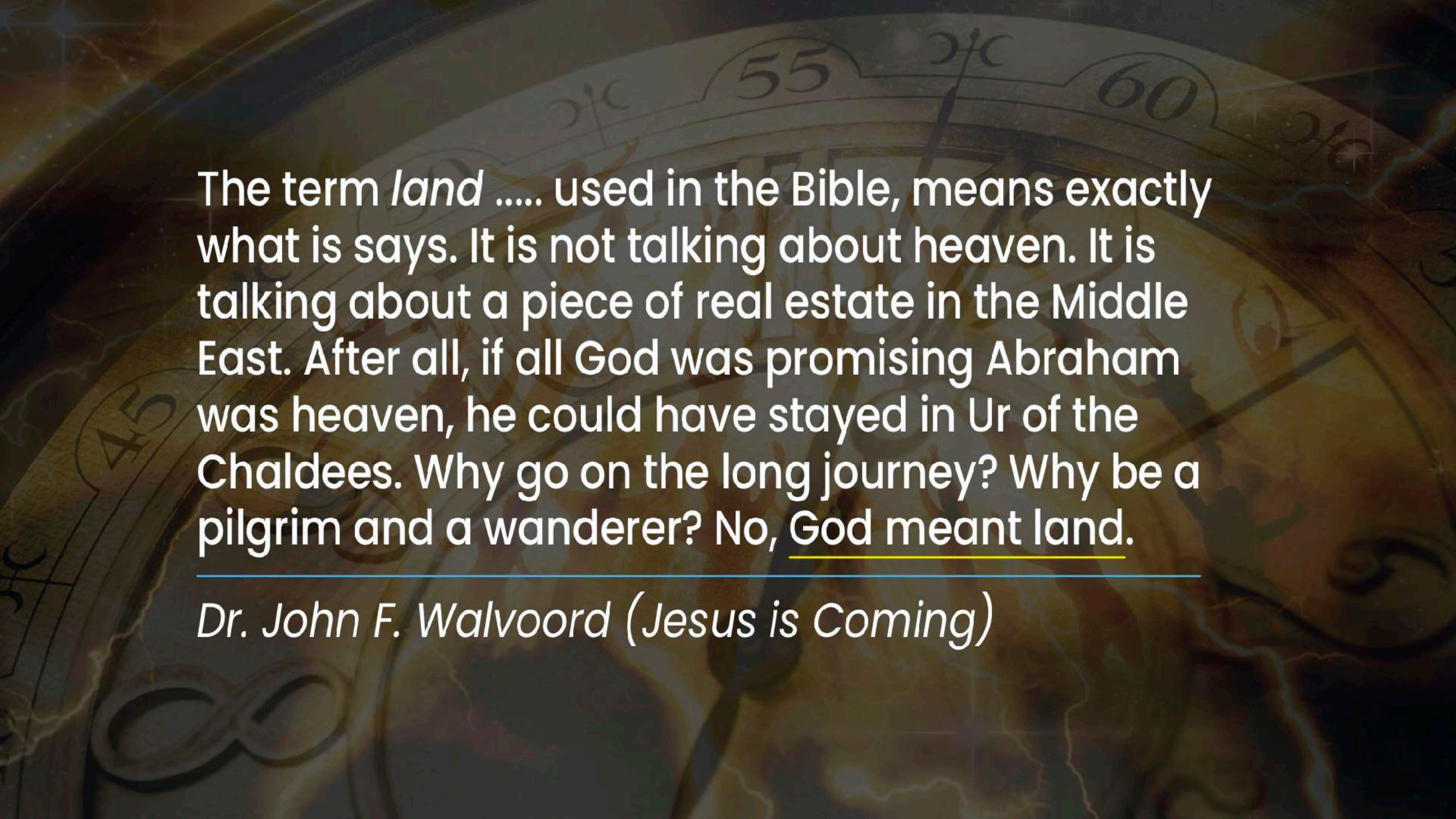


The Abrahamic Covenant included the promise of land (*Genesis 12:1*). It was a specific piece of land, an actual property, with dimensions specified in *Genesis 15:18–21*. In *Genesis 13:15*, God gives Abraham all the land that he can see, and the gift is declared to be “forever.”

The Abrahamic Covenant also promised many descendants (*Genesis 12:2*).

The Abrahamic Covenant also included the promise of blessing and redemption (*Genesis 12:3*).





The term *land* used in the Bible, means exactly what it says. It is not talking about heaven. It is talking about a piece of real estate in the Middle East. After all, if all God was promising Abraham was heaven, he could have stayed in Ur of the Chaldees. Why go on the long journey? Why be a pilgrim and a wanderer? No, God meant land.

Dr. John F. Walvoord (Jesus is Coming)

Psalm 105:7-11

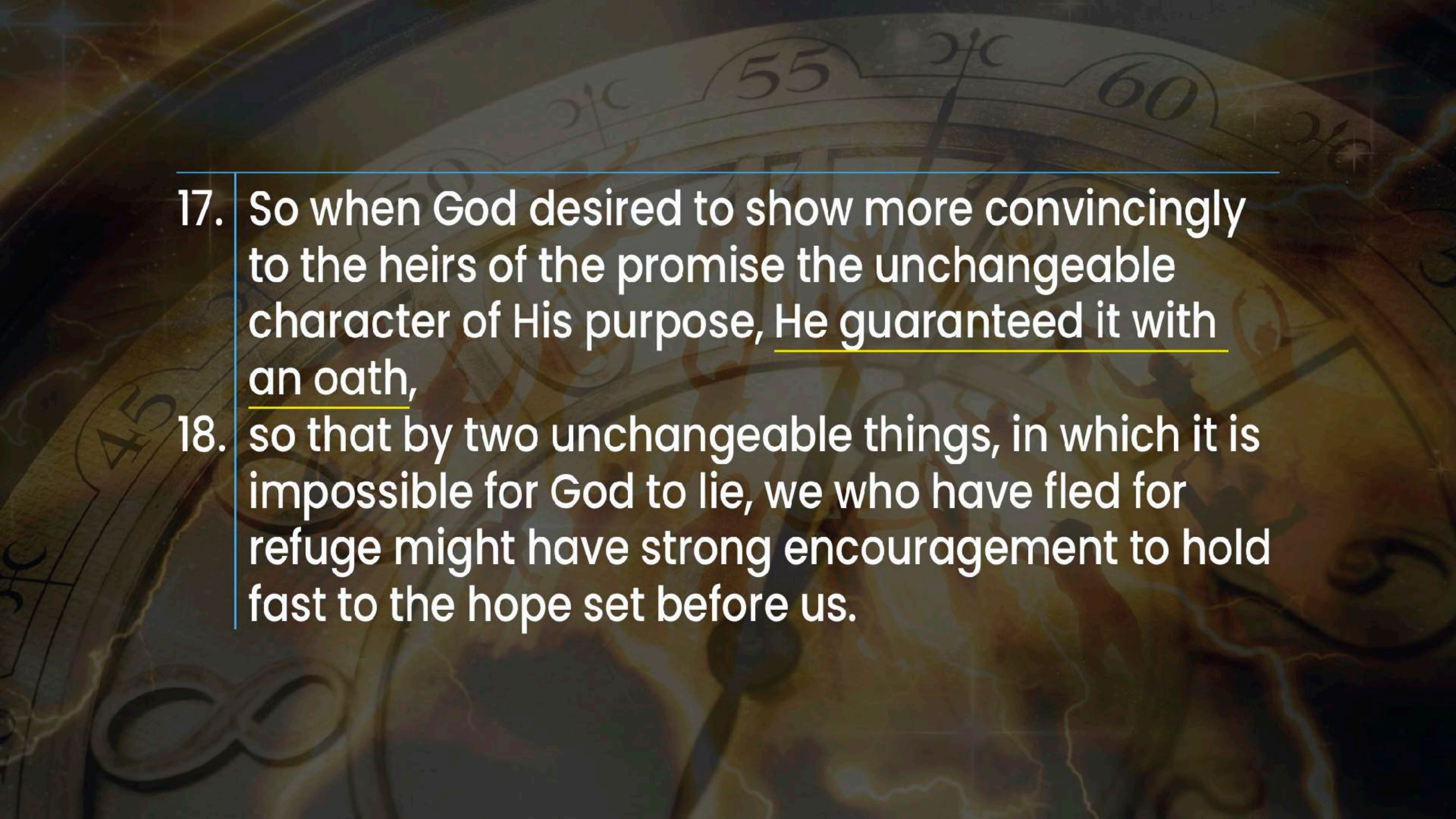
- My COMMANDED WORD
- My COVENANT made to Abraham
- My SWORN PROMISE (OATH) given to Isaac
- My STATUTE (DECREE) as confirmation to Jacob (Israel)
- My EVERLASTING COVENANT relating to the title deed to land

Isaiah 55:10-11

7. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
8. so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Hebrews 6:13–18

13. For when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself,
14. saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.”
15. And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise.
16. For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation.

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17. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He guaranteed it with an oath,
18. so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

Acts 17:26–27

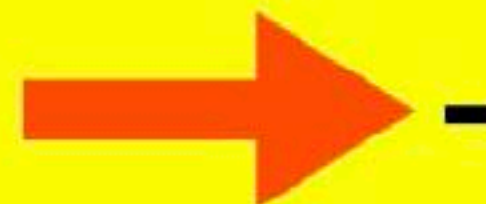
26. And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,
27. that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him.

Ezekiel 47:21-23

21. So you shall divide this land among you according to the tribes of Israel.
22. You shall allot it as an inheritance for yourselves and for the sojourners who reside among you and have had children among you. They shall be to you as native-born children of Israel. With you they shall be allotted an inheritance among the tribes of Israel.
23. In whatever tribe the sojourner resides, there you shall assign him his inheritance, declares the Lord GOD.

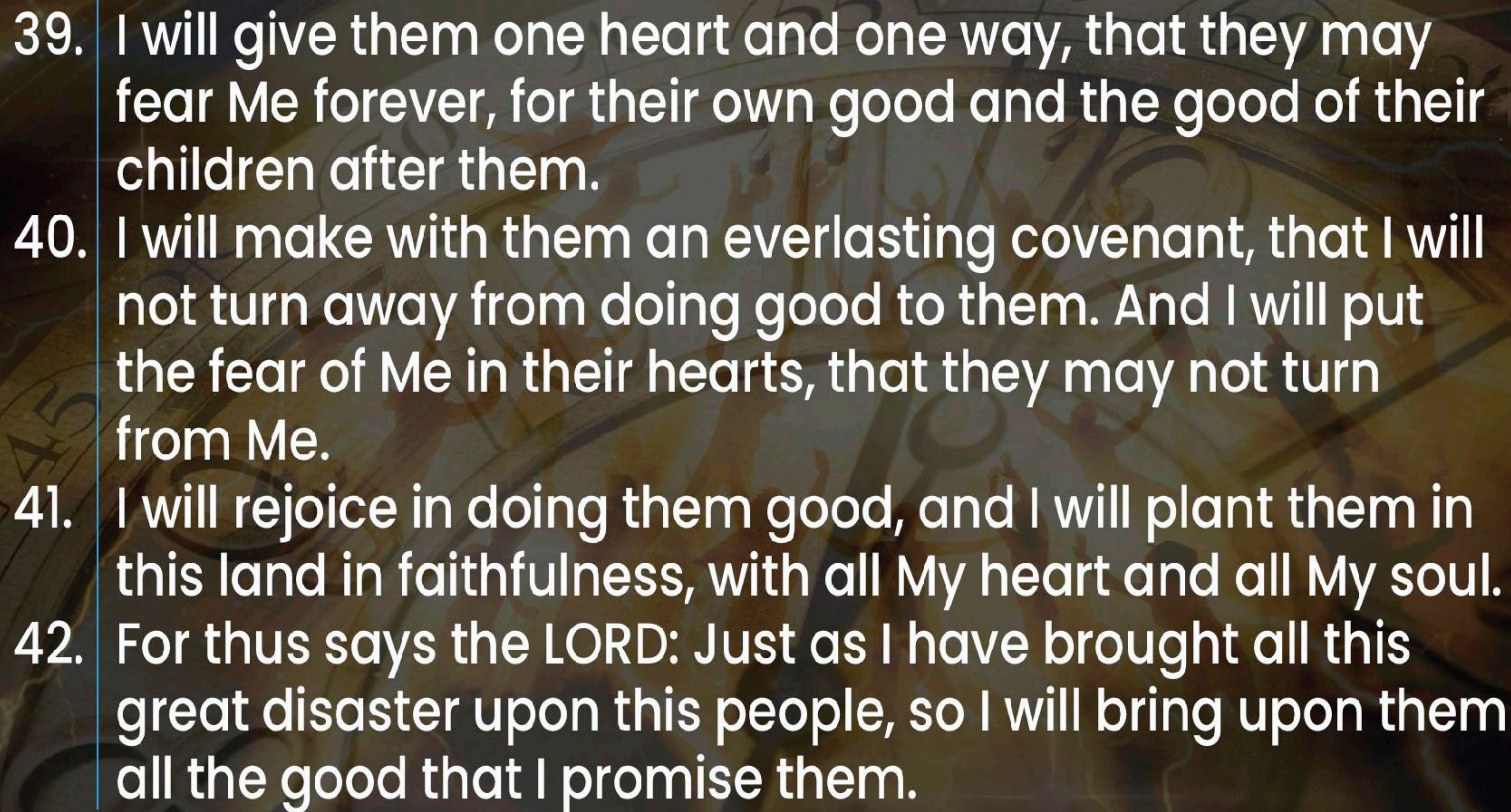
Arab Nations: 14,000,000 sq. kilometres of land

Israel: 21,671 sq. kilometres of land
= 0.0016%



Jeremiah 32:36–42

36. Now therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, 'It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine, and by pestilence':
37. Behold, I will gather them from all the counties to which I drove them in My anger and My wrath and in great indignation. I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety.
38. And they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

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39. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them.
40. I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of Me in their hearts, that they may not turn from Me.
41. I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all My heart and all My soul.
42. For thus says the LORD: Just as I have brought all this great disaster upon this people, so I will bring upon them all the good that I promise them.

Isaiah 11:11–12

11. In that day the Lord will extend His hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of His people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.
12. He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Jeremiah 16:14–15

14. Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when it shall no longer be said, 'As the Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,'
15. but 'As the Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where He had driven them.' For I will bring them back to their own land that I gave to their fathers.

The background of the slide features a large, antique-style clock face. The clock is dark with light-colored numbers and hands. Several lightning bolts are depicted striking the clock face, adding a dramatic effect. Silhouettes of people are visible, some appearing to be running or gathered around the clock. The overall tone is dark and atmospheric.

Isaiah 43:5–6

5. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.
6. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the end of the earth.



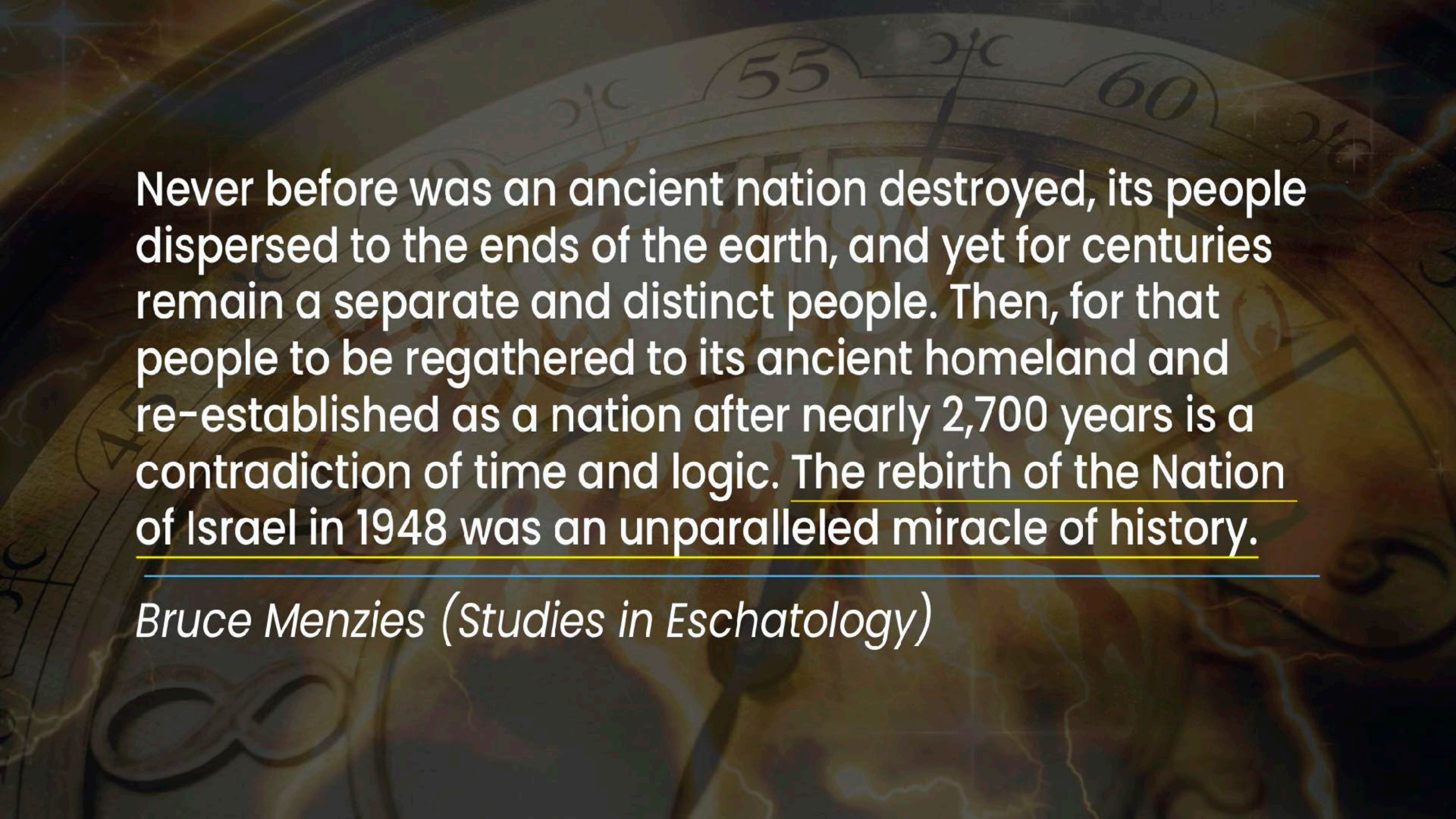
Isaiah 66:8

Who has heard such a thing?

Who has seen such things?

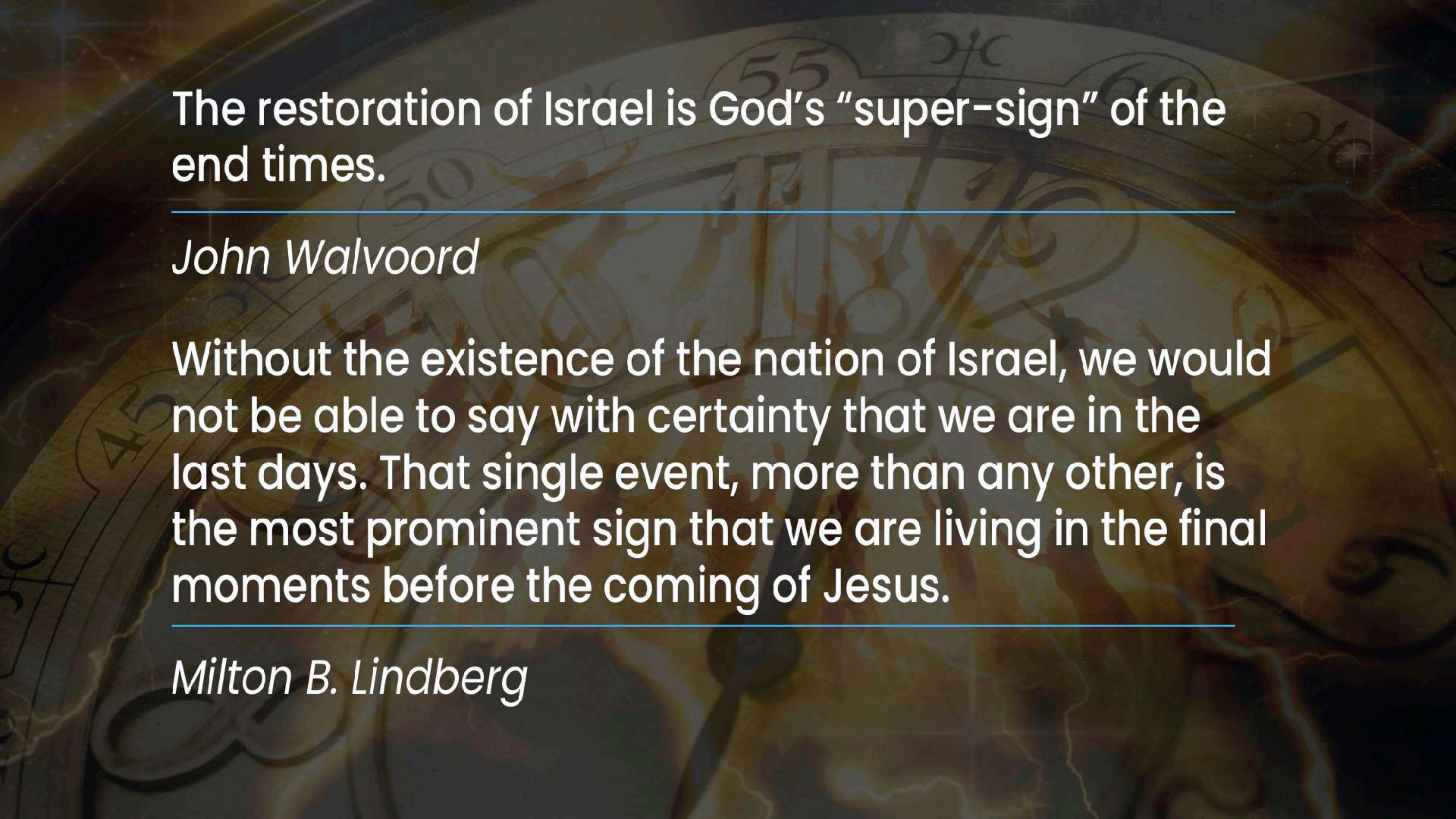
Shall a land be born in one day?

Shall a nation be brought forth in one moment?



Never before was an ancient nation destroyed, its people dispersed to the ends of the earth, and yet for centuries remain a separate and distinct people. Then, for that people to be regathered to its ancient homeland and re-established as a nation after nearly 2,700 years is a contradiction of time and logic. The rebirth of the Nation of Israel in 1948 was an unparalleled miracle of history.

Bruce Menzies (Studies in Eschatology)

The background of the slide is a dark, textured image featuring a large clock face. The clock face is partially visible, with numbers like 45, 50, 55, and 60. Overlaid on the clock face are numerous small, golden, stylized human figures in various poses, some appearing to be running or jumping. The overall tone is dramatic and urgent.

The restoration of Israel is God's "super-sign" of the end times.

John Walvoord

Without the existence of the nation of Israel, we would not be able to say with certainty that we are in the last days. That single event, more than any other, is the most prominent sign that we are living in the final moments before the coming of Jesus.

Milton B. Lindberg

Psalm 83:2–8

2. ... those who hate You have raised their heads.
3. They lay crafty plans against Your people; they consult together against Your treasured ones.
4. They say, "Come, let us wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Israel be remembered no more!"
5. For they conspire with one accord; against You they make a covenant—
..... tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites, Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Asshur also has joined them; they are the strong arm of the children of Lot.

Zechariah 12:2–3

2. “Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of staggering to all the surrounding peoples. The siege of Jerusalem will also be against Judah.
3. On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will surely hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth will gather against it.

Zechariah 14:2–3

2. For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken
3. Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when He fights on a day of battle.

The fig tree as a symbol of Israel

Hosea 9:10; Jeremiah 24:1–10; Joel 1:7; Luke 13:6–9

Matthew 24:32–34

- 32. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.
- 33. So also, when you see all these things, you know that He is near, at the very gates.
- 34. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.