



# **Supernatural Worldview of the Bible**

## **Work of Jesus & the New Testament**

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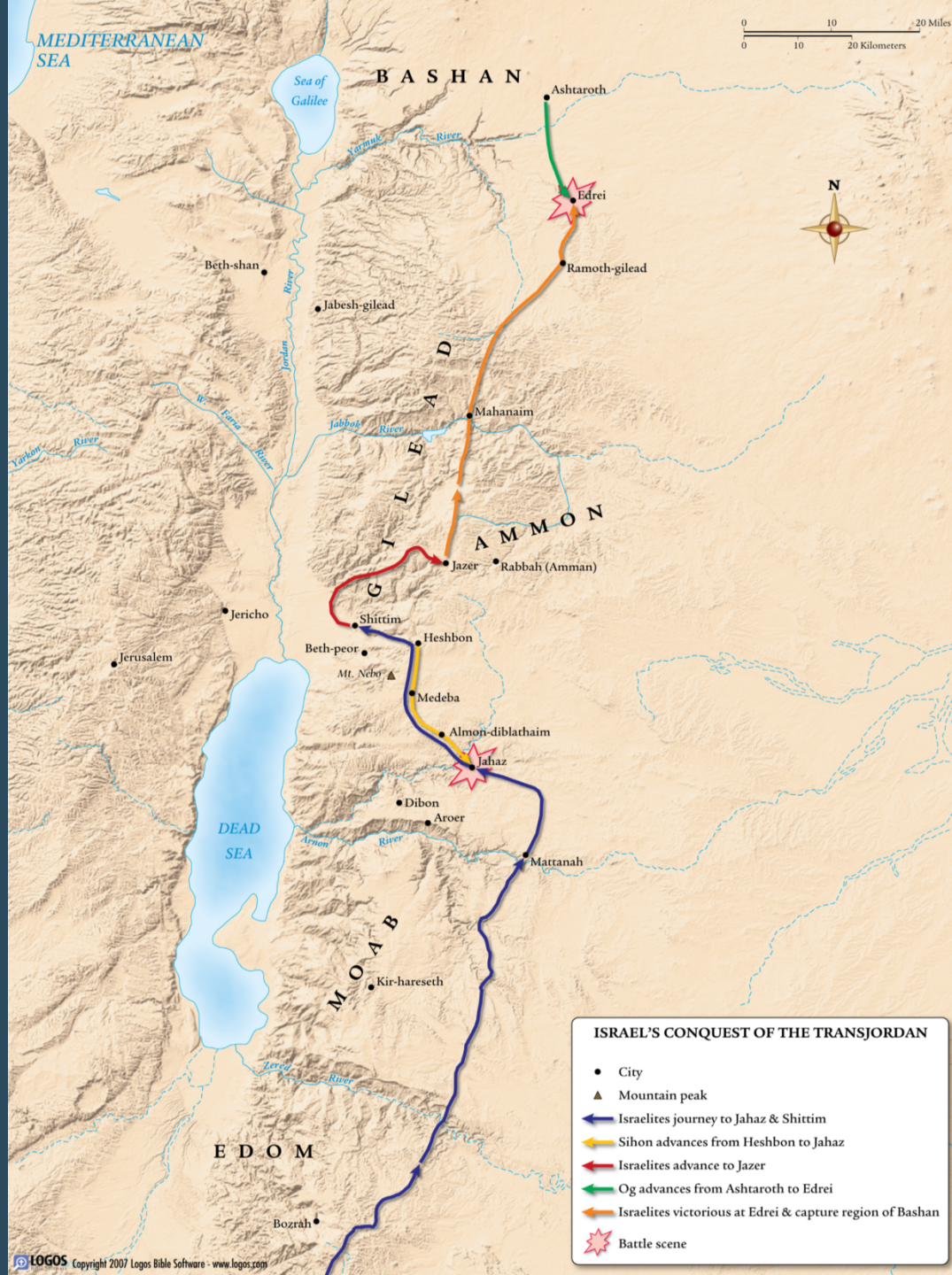
# The Ministry of Jesus

Inaugurating the kingdom,  
Making fools of the dark powers

# Inauguration of Kingdom

Accompanied by:

- Expulsion of **demons**
  - Cp. Matt 8:28-9:1 vs. Mark 5:7-13; Luke 8:26-33
- Sending of the **70/72**
- **Satan** “falls like lightning from heaven”  
(Luke 10:18; cf. dragon cast down Rev 12)



God's leading  
of Moses and  
Joshua; initial  
stage of taking  
the land

Deut 2-3



## Extent of the Conquest

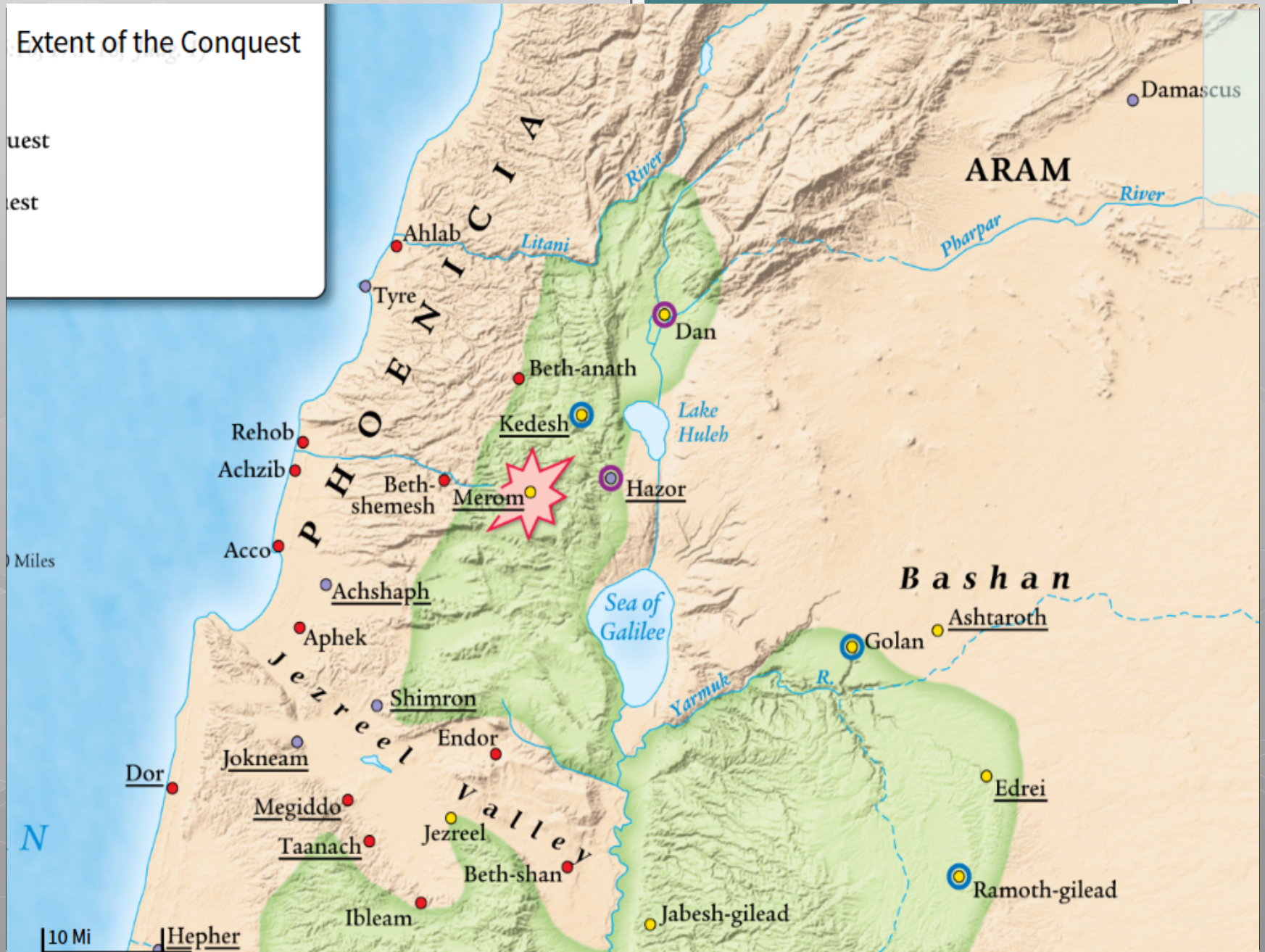
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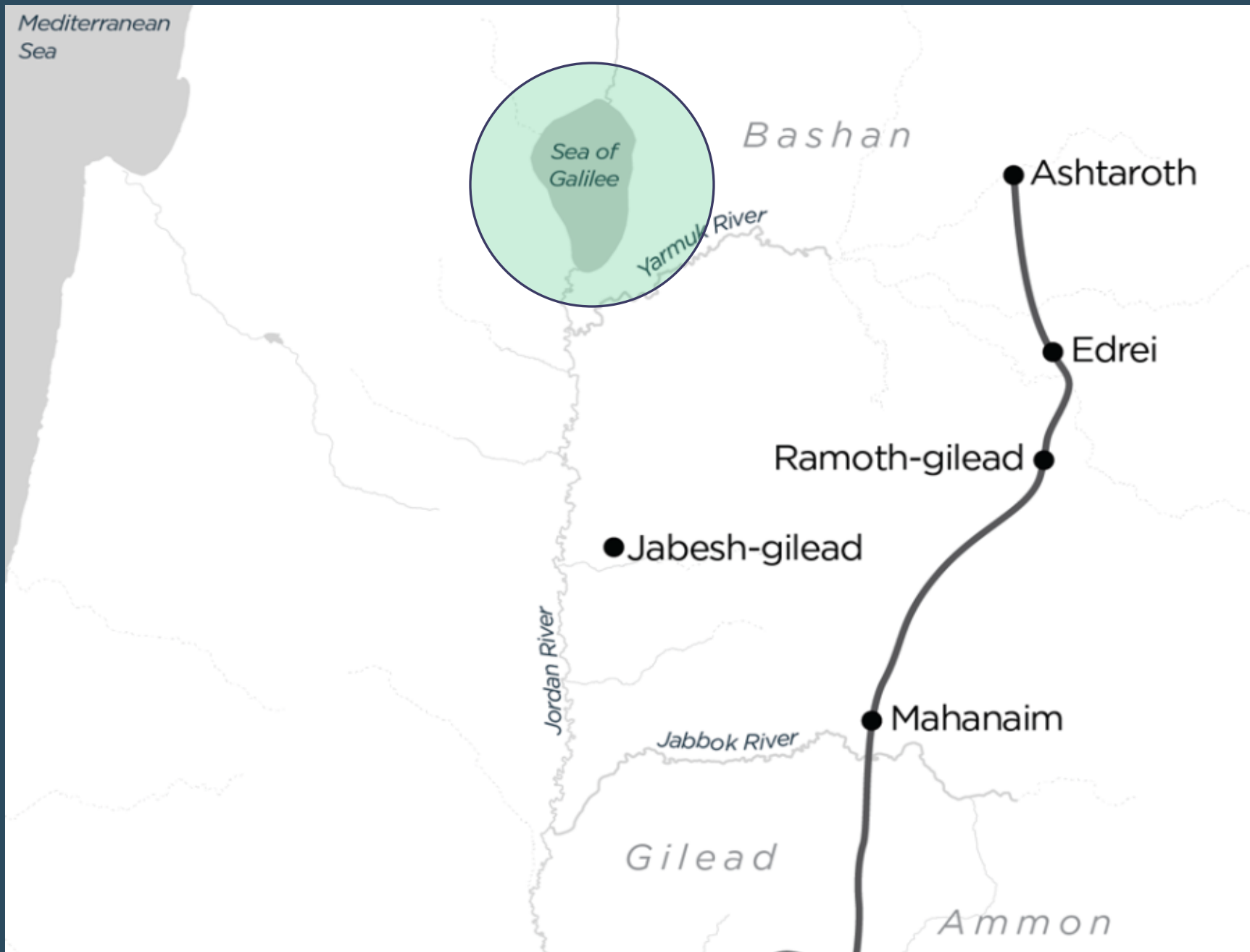
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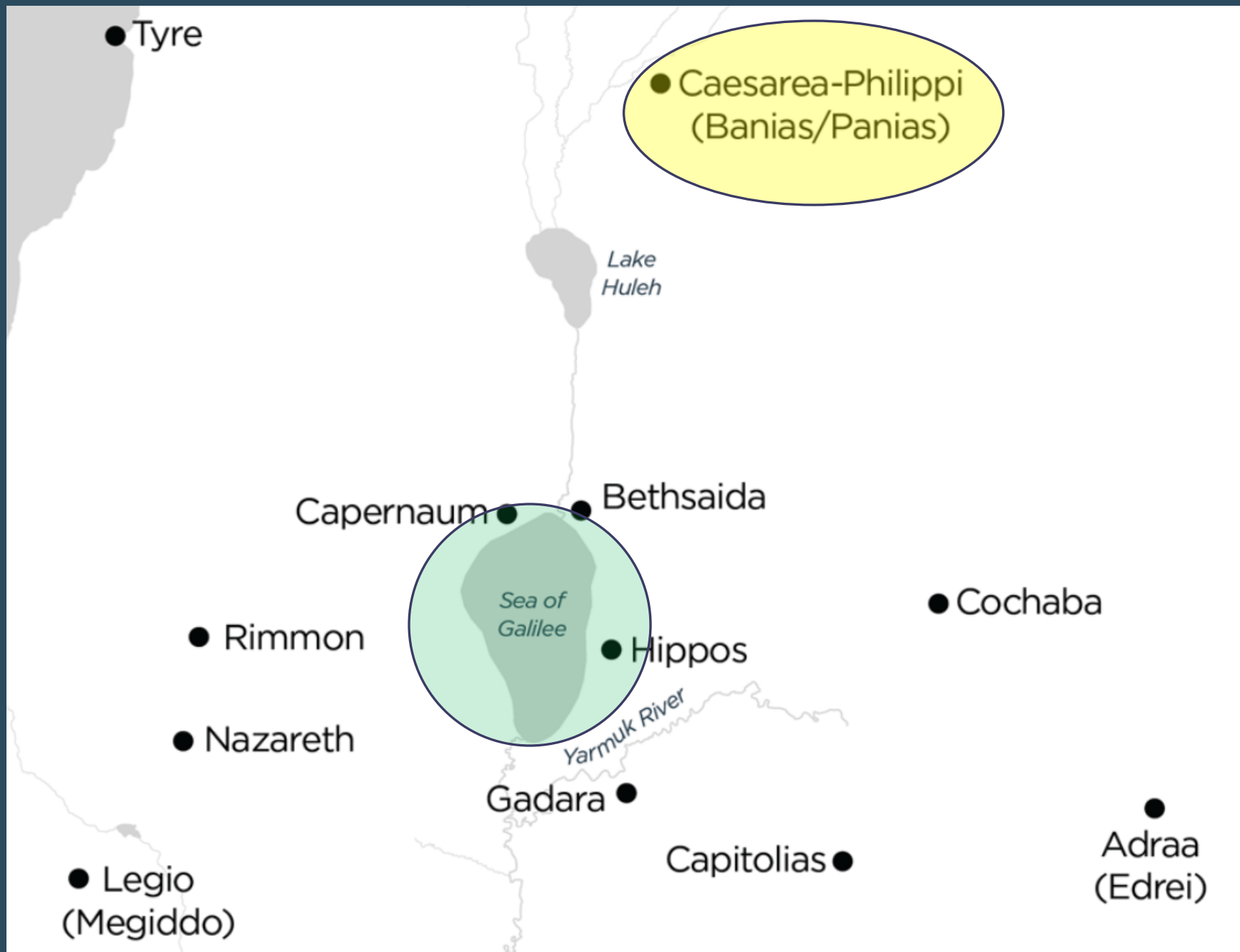
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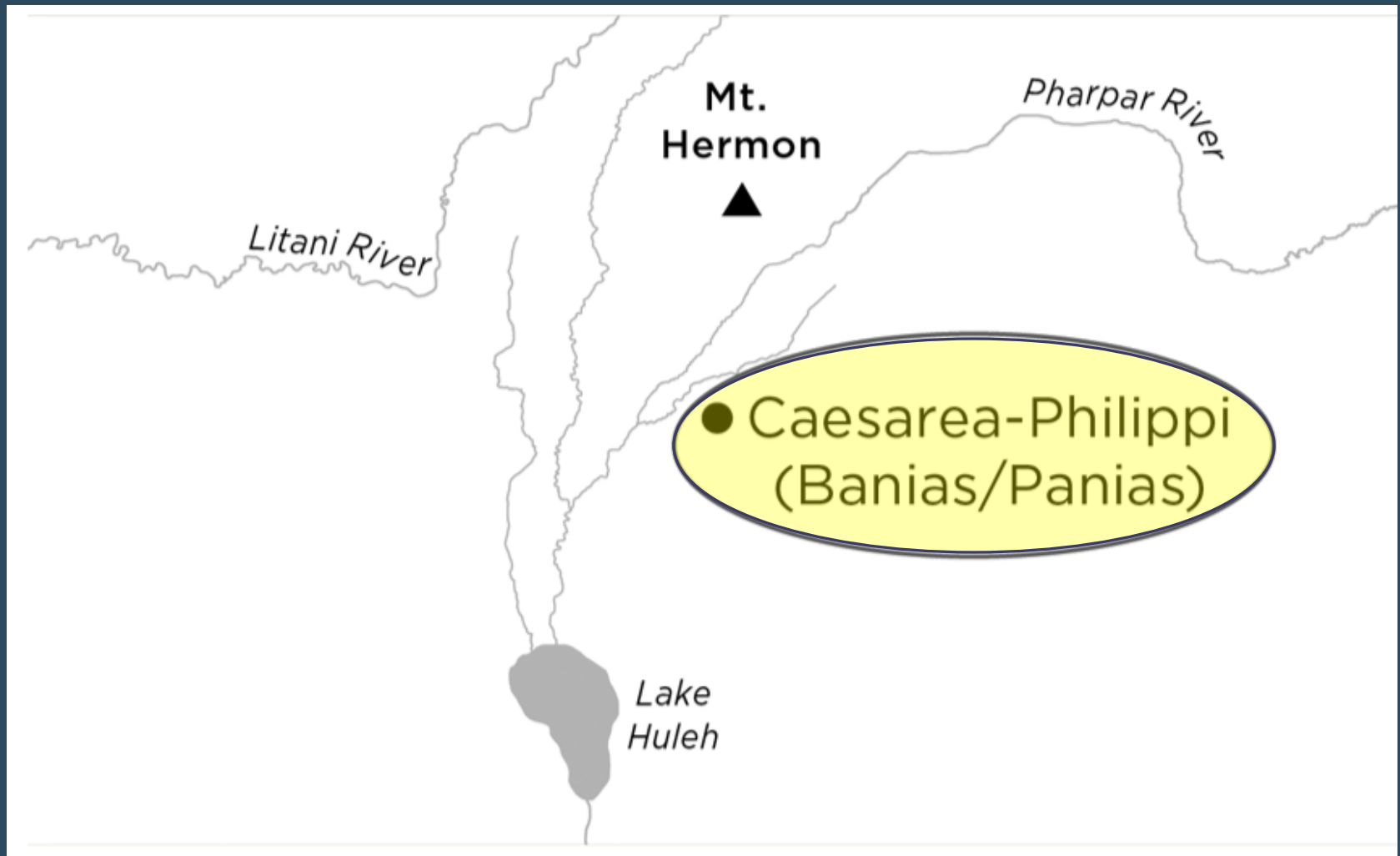
# Bashan

- In Canaanite, *bathan* (“serpent”)
- Moses and Joshua
- Ashtaroth and Edrei = “gateways to the Underworld” in Ugaritic texts
- Temple to Baal
- Baal = lord of the Underworld in Canaanite
- Beelzebul is from Ugaritic *ba'al zebul* (“prince Baal”)









# Jesus & Cosmic Geography

## Caesarea Philippi / Banias / Panias

- Mark 8:27-30 (Matt 16:13-16; Lk 9:18-20)
- **Peter's Confession** ("And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi")

# Jesus & Cosmic Geography

## “Gates of Hell”

- You are Peter, and **on this rock** I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not be able to stand against it.

# Jesus & Cosmic Geography

“against” not in original text (just verb + object);

better: “the gates of hell will not *withstand* it”

heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, <sup>i</sup>you are Peter, and <sup>j</sup>on this rock<sup>2</sup> I will build my church, and <sup>k</sup>the gates of <sup>l</sup>hell<sup>3</sup> shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you <sup>m</sup>the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and <sup>n</sup>whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed<sup>4</sup> in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> <sup>o</sup>Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was

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| MSS       | κατισχύσουσιν <sup>22</sup> | →       | αὐτῆς· <sup>23</sup> | →  | → |      | δώσω    |
| MSS Trl   | katischysousin              |         | autēs                |    |   |      | dōsō    |
| Lemma     | κατισχύω                    |         | αὐτός                |    |   |      | δίδωμι  |
| Lemma Trl | katischyō                   |         | autos                |    |   |      | didōmi  |
| Morph     | VFAI3P                      |         | RP3GSF               |    |   |      | VFAI1S  |
| Strong's  | G2729                       |         | G846                 |    |   |      | G1322   |
| Sense     | to overpower                |         |                      |    |   |      | to give |

# Jesus & Cosmic Geography

- ◉ Mark 9:2-13 (Matt 17:1-8; Luke 9:28-36)
- ◉ “And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain”



# Jesus & Cosmic Geography

## Transfiguration

- In early church tradition, the location of the mount of transfiguration was believed by many to be Mount Tabor.
- The earliest witness to this tradition is the 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D.
- The gospels themselves give no name, and so the tradition has no biblical precedent.

# Jesus & Cosmic Geography

**Mount Hermon is considered by many the better choice since it is much higher than Tabor (8,500 feet vs. 1,843 feet), which would fit better with the description of a “high mountain” by Mark (and in Matthew 17:1).**

- Avraham Negev, *The Archaeological Encyclopedia of the Holy Land* (3rd ed.; New York: Prentice Hall Press, 1996, c1990); “Tabor, Mount (Place),” ABD, 305.
- *Jesus and His World: An Archaeological and Cultural Dictionary*; John J. Rousseau and Rami Arav (Fortress, 1995), 209-210

# Jesus & Cosmic Geography

**Why** did Jesus go to these places, do what he did, say what he said?

**Mark 8:31** And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. **32** And he said this plainly. . .

◉ See **1 Cor 2:6-8**

# **Book of Acts**

**Restoring the One family of God;  
Reclaiming the nations**

# Acts - Cosmic Geography

English Standard Version

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Acts 2:3

Acts > Chapter 2

Article

The Coming of the Holy Spirit


2 When <sup>f</sup>the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like <sup>g</sup>a mighty rushing wind, and <sup>h</sup>it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues <sup>i</sup>as of fire

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| MSS       | →    | ἦσαν <sup>18</sup> | καθήμενοι, <sup>19</sup> | καὶ <sup>1</sup> |     | διαμεριζόμεναι <sup>4</sup> | γλῶσσαι <sup>5</sup> | ὡσεὶ <sup>6</sup> | →  | πυρός, <sup>7</sup> | ὥφθη   |
| MSS Trl   |      | ēsan               | kathēmenoi               | kai              |     | diamerizomenai              | glōssai              | hōsei             |    | pyros               | ōphthē |
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| Morph     |      | VIAI3P             | VPUP-PNM                 | CLN              |     | VPUP-PNF                    | NNPF                 | CAM               |    | NGSN                | VAPI3P |
| Strong's  |      | G2258              | G2521                    | G2532            |     | G1266                       | G1100                | G5616             |    | G4442               | G3700  |



# Acts - Cosmic Geography

## ◉ Acts 2 – Pentecost

▼  The Lexham Greek-English Interlinear Septuagint 19 hits in 19 articles

### Chapter 10 (Ge 10:25)

τὸν Εβερ. <sup>25</sup> καὶ τῷ Εβερ ἐγενήθησαν δύο υἱοί, ὄνομα τῷ ἐνὶ Φαλεκ, ὅτι ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις αὐτοῦ διμερίσθη ἡ γῆ, καὶ ὄνομα τῷ ἀδελφῷ αὐτοῦ Ιεκταν. <sup>26</sup> Ιεκταν δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ελμωδαδ καὶ τὸν Σαλεφ καὶ...

### Chapter 49 (Ge 49:7)

ταῦρον. <sup>7</sup> ἐπικατάρατος ὁ θυμὸς αὐτῶν, ὅτι αὐθάδης, καὶ ἡ μῆνις αὐτῶν, ὅτι ἐσκληρύνθη, διαμεριῶ αὐτοὺς ἐν Ιακωβ καὶ διασπερῶ αὐτοὺς ἐν Ισραηλ. <sup>8</sup> Ιουδα, σὲ αἰνέσαισαν οἱ ἀδελφοί σου, αἰ...

### → Chapter 32 (Dt 32:8)

τὸν πατέρα σου, καὶ ἀναγγελεῖ σοι, τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους σου, καὶ ἐροῦσίν σοι. <sup>8</sup> ὅτε διεμέριζεν ὁ ὕψιστος ἔθνη, ὥς διέσπειρεν υἱοὺς Αδαμ, ἔστησεν ὅρια ἔθνῶν κατὰ ἀριθμὸν ἀγγέλων θεοῦ, <sup>9</sup>...

# Acts - Cosmic Geography

## Acts 2 – Pentecost

English Standard Version x +

Acts 2:6

Acts > Chapter 2


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<sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And <sup>m</sup>at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And

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| Strong's  |         | G4905       |      |          | G2532 |      |      |            | G4797     | G3754    | G1538 | G1520 |         |    |     |    |   |

# Acts - Cosmic Geography

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### Chapter 11 (Ge 11:7)

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καὶ νῦν οὐκ ἐκλείψει ἐξ αὐτῶν [ἴ πάντα, ὅσα ἂν ἴ] ἐπιθῶνται ποιεῖν. <sup>7</sup> δεῦτε καὶ καταβάντες συγγέωμεν ἐκεῖ αὐτῶν τὴν γλῶσσαν, ἵνα μὴ ἀκούσωσιν ἕκαστος τὴν φωνὴν τοῦ πλησίον. <sup>8</sup> καὶ διέσπειρεν...

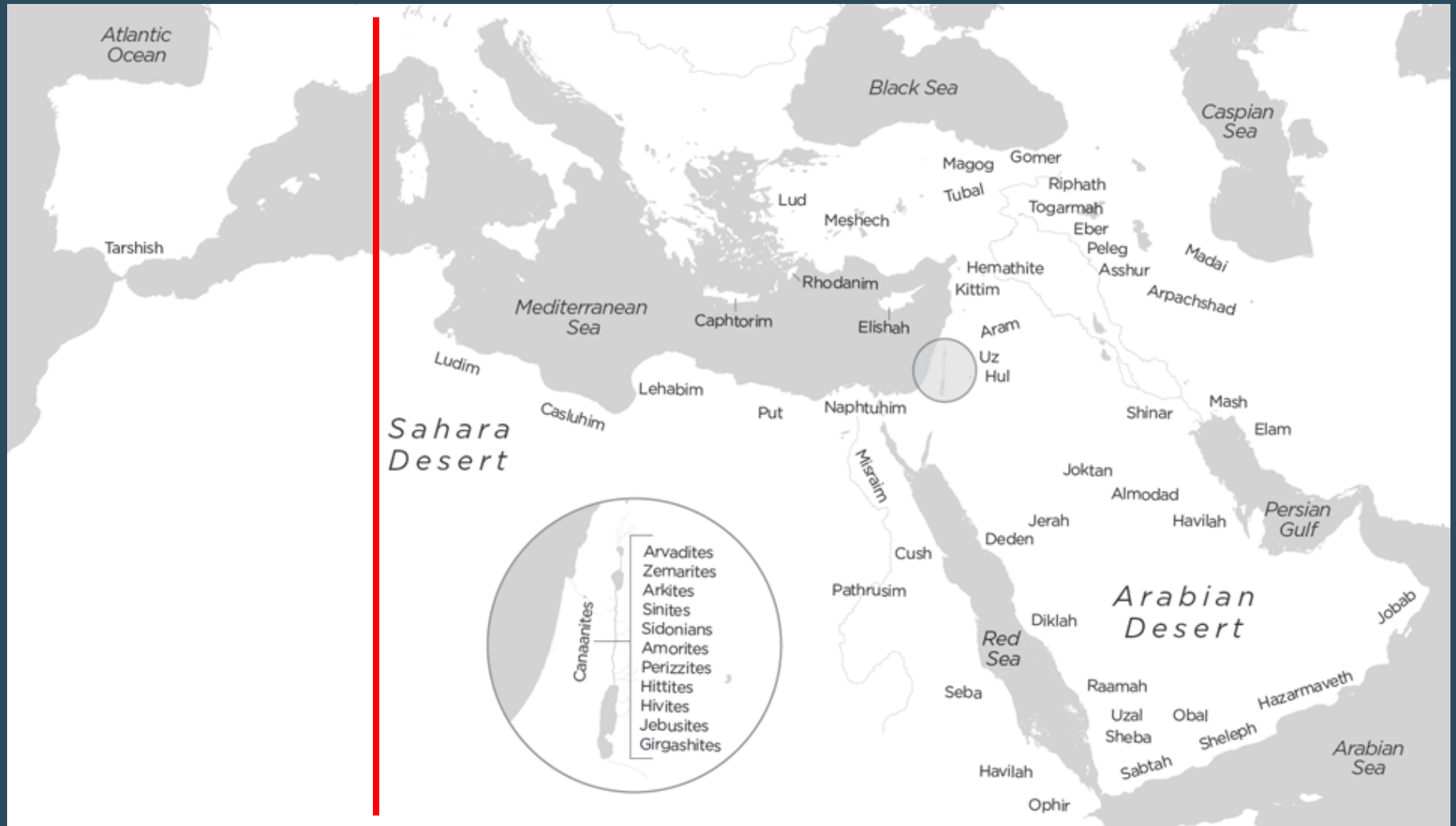
### Chapter 7 (1 Kgdms 7:10)

Ἰσραηλ. καὶ ἐβρόντησεν κύριος ἐν φωνῇ μεγάλη ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ ἐπὶ τοὺς ἄλλοφύλους, καὶ συνεχύθησαν καὶ ἔπταισαν ἐνώπιον Ἰσραηλ. <sup>11</sup> καὶ ἐξῆλθαν ἄνδρες Ἰσραηλ ἐκ Μασσηθαθ καὶ κατεδίωξαν τοὺς...

# NT Cosmic Geography: Acts 2



# The Disinherited Nations (Gen 10)





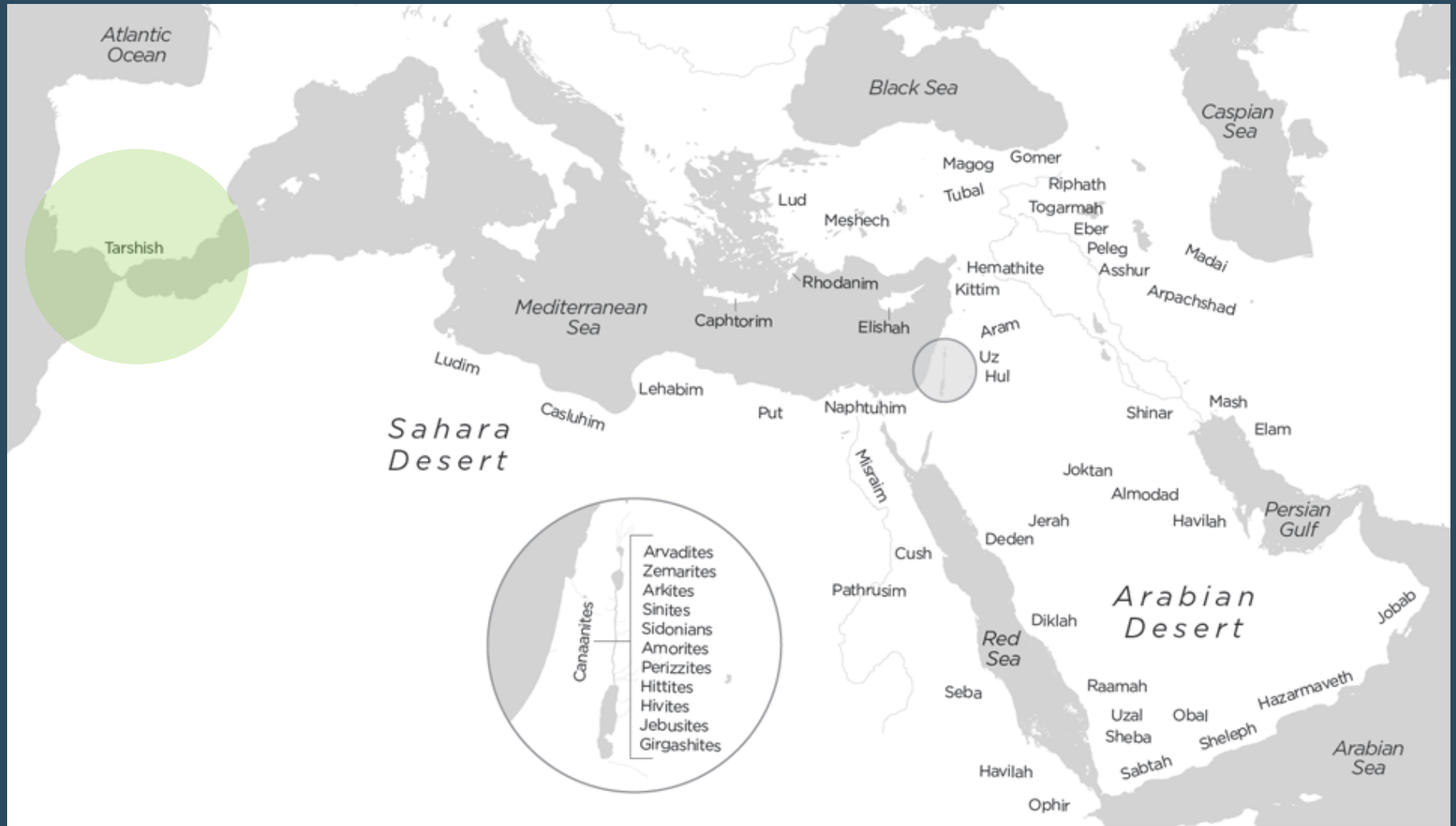
# NT Cosmic Geography

- Acts 2 – Pentecost
- Jerusalem > Judea > (Acts 2-8)
  - Samaria (Acts 8)
  - Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8)
  - Saul's conversion (Acts 9) / Paul
- Gentiles / Nations (cp. Isa 66)
  - Damascus (Acts 9)
  - Cornelius (Acts 10)
  - Missionary journeys to the nations (Acts 11-19)
  - Acts 20 – Paul's arrest > Rome > Spain

## Paul - Cosmic Geography

Rom 15:20 and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation . . .  
23 But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, 24 I hope to see you in passing as I go to **Spain** . . . 28 When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for **Spain** by way of you.

# The Disinherited Nations (Gen 10)



# Paul – Cosmic Geography

- “rulers” (*archontōn* or *archōn*)
- “principalities” (*archē*)
- “powers” / “authorities” (*exousia*)
- “powers” (*dynamis*)
- “dominions” / “lords” (*kyrios*)
- “thrones” (*thronos*)
- “world rulers” (*kosmokratōr*)

# Epistles & Revelation

God's glorified human family  
Ruling with Jesus, their brother



# Believer's Destiny – Cosmic Geography

**Believers** are Sons and Daughters of God

- Edenic Vision Restored
- Divine Council Reconstituted

# Sons and Daughters of God

- John 1:12
- 1 John 3:1-3
- Gal 3:26
- Rom 8:14-17
- Heb 2:10-13

# Over the Nations

Revelation 2 [Jesus says]:

<sup>25</sup> Nevertheless, hold fast to what you have until I come. <sup>26</sup> And **the one who conquers** and who keeps my works until the end, **I will give him authority over the nations,** <sup>27</sup> and “he will shepherd them with an iron rod; he will break *them* in pieces like jars made of clay,” <sup>28</sup> as I also have received from my Father, and **I will give him the morning star.**

# Over the Nations

The **morning star** language in Rev. 2:28 is messianic—it refers to a divine being who would come from Judah.

We know this by considering two other passages in tandem.

- In **Num. 24:17**, we read the prophecy that “a star will go out from Jacob, and a scepter will rise from Israel.”



# Over the Nations

Later in the book of Revelation, Jesus himself refers to his messianic standing with the morning star language:

“I am the root and the descendant of David, **the bright morning star**” (Rev. 22:16).

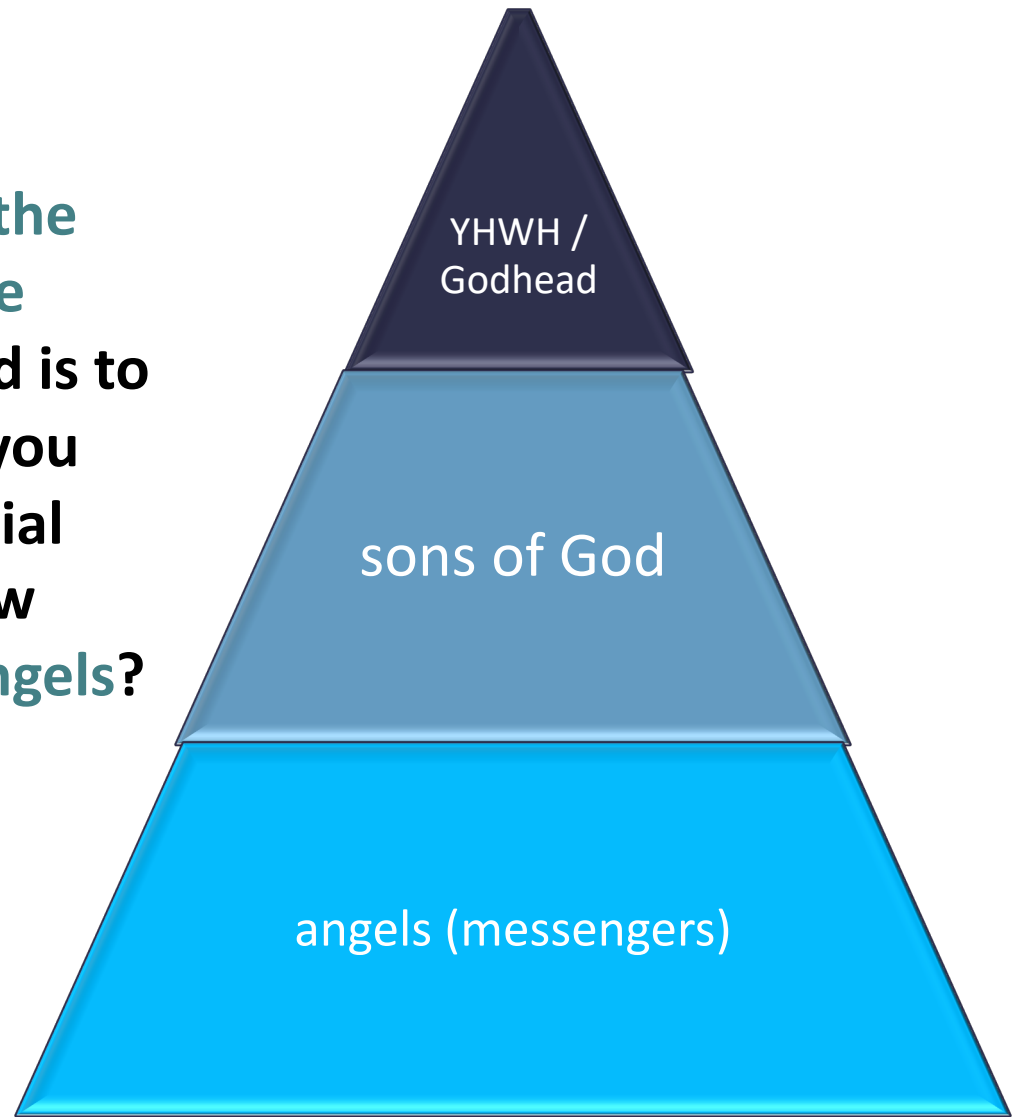
# Over the Nations

Revelation 3 [Jesus says]:

<sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock! If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, indeed I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with me. <sup>21</sup> **The one who conquers, I will grant to him to sit down with me on my throne,** as I also have conquered and have sat down with my Father on his throne.

## 1 Cor 6:2-3

Do you not know that **the holy ones will judge the world**? And if the world is to be judged by **you**, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? Do you not know that **we are to judge angels**?



# Spiritual Warfare?

It's not a mystery



# Spiritual Warfare

## Resurrection and ascension:

- sets the stage for the coming of the Spirit (“the Lord, who is the Spirit”); 2 Cor 3:17-18
- nullifies the authority of the gods of the nations (“principalities, powers, rulers, authorities, etc.”)
  - 1 Cor 15:20-24; Col 2:13-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Rom 15:8-12 (cp. Psa 82:8, LXX); **NBP 232**

# Spiritual Warfare

- We aren't tasked with confronting demons or powers; Jesus gave us one job ...

## Great Commission

- Matt 28:18-20 (don't skip v. 18)
- The thing the powers of darkness fear the most (Rom 11:25-27)

# Spiritual Warfare

**= the advance of the kingdom of God  
(reclaiming the nations / bringing God's children  
back home)**

- US population: 326 million
- Evangelicals: 25.4% US (2014) = 81.63 million
  - Let's **trim that to 40 million**
- World population 2018: 7.6 billion
- Estimated to reach 9.7 billion by 2050

# Spiritual Warfare = Great Commission

**40 million** evangelize 1 person **each** in 2019  
= 80 million (or apply to discipleship)

They all do the same in 2020 = 160 million

Same in 2021 = 320 million

2022 = 640 million

2023 = 1.2 **billion**

2024 = 2.4 **billion**

2025 = 4.8 **billion**

2026 = 9.6 **billion**    **2027** (23 yrs early) 10 **billion+**

# Why WOULDN'T it get done?

Loss of sense of **IDENTITY**

Loss of sense of **MISSION**

- Distractions (worldliness)
- Human opposition (prompted by)
- Spiritual opposition