

Salt & Light



Israel Update

10/13/24

The “State” of Palestine

By some accounts, the “country” of Palestine consists of both Gaza and the West Bank.

The two regions are governed by different political entities: **Hamas** controls Gaza, while the **Palestinian National Authority (PNA)** governs the West Bank.

This division has led to political and ideological differences, resulting in tensions and occasional conflicts.

The PNA President is Mahmoud Abbas, who also leads **FATAH** in the West Bank. His authority is not recognized or enforced in Gaza.





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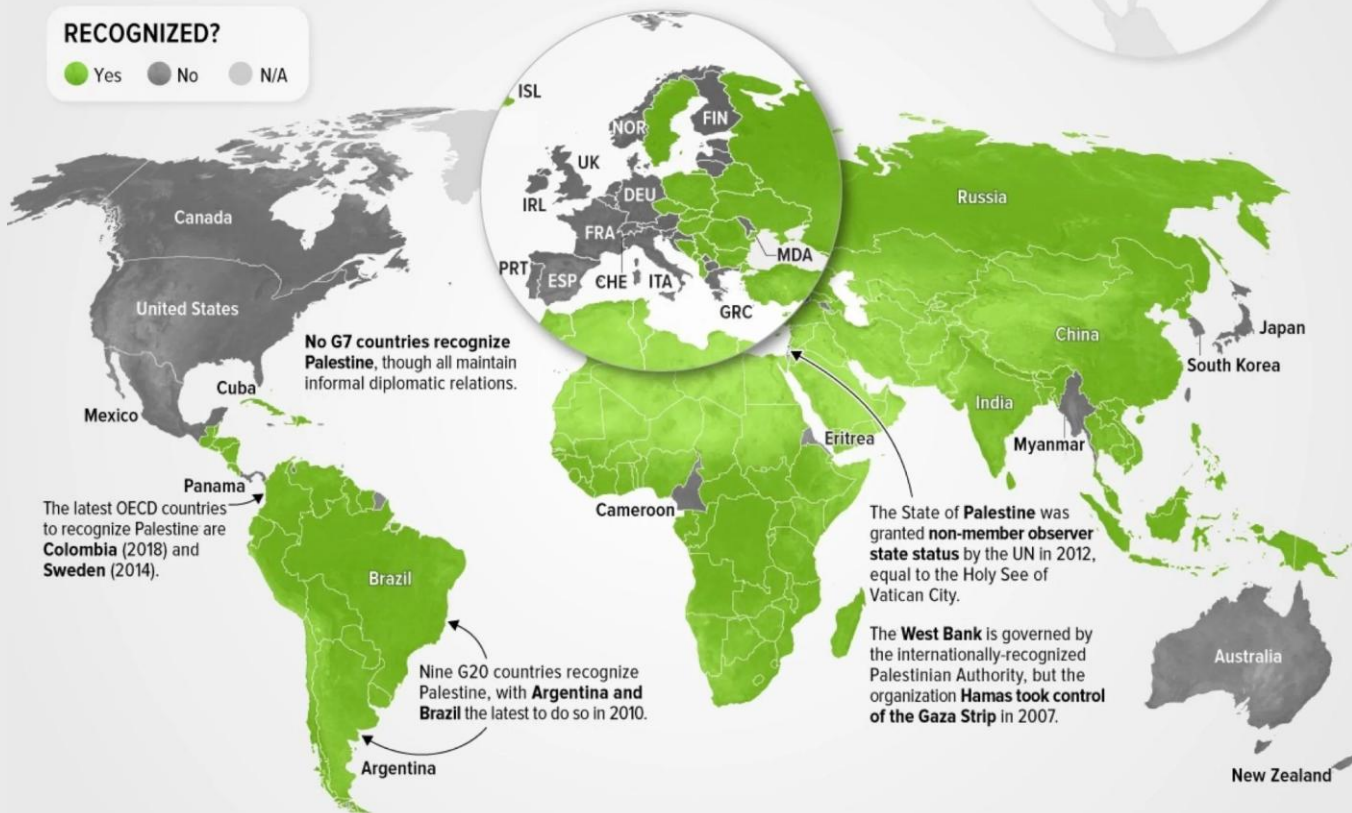
PALESTINE RECOGNITION

The State of Palestine, comprising the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, has been recognized by **138 of the 193 UN member states**.



RECOGNIZED?

● Yes ● No ● N/A



G7 countries

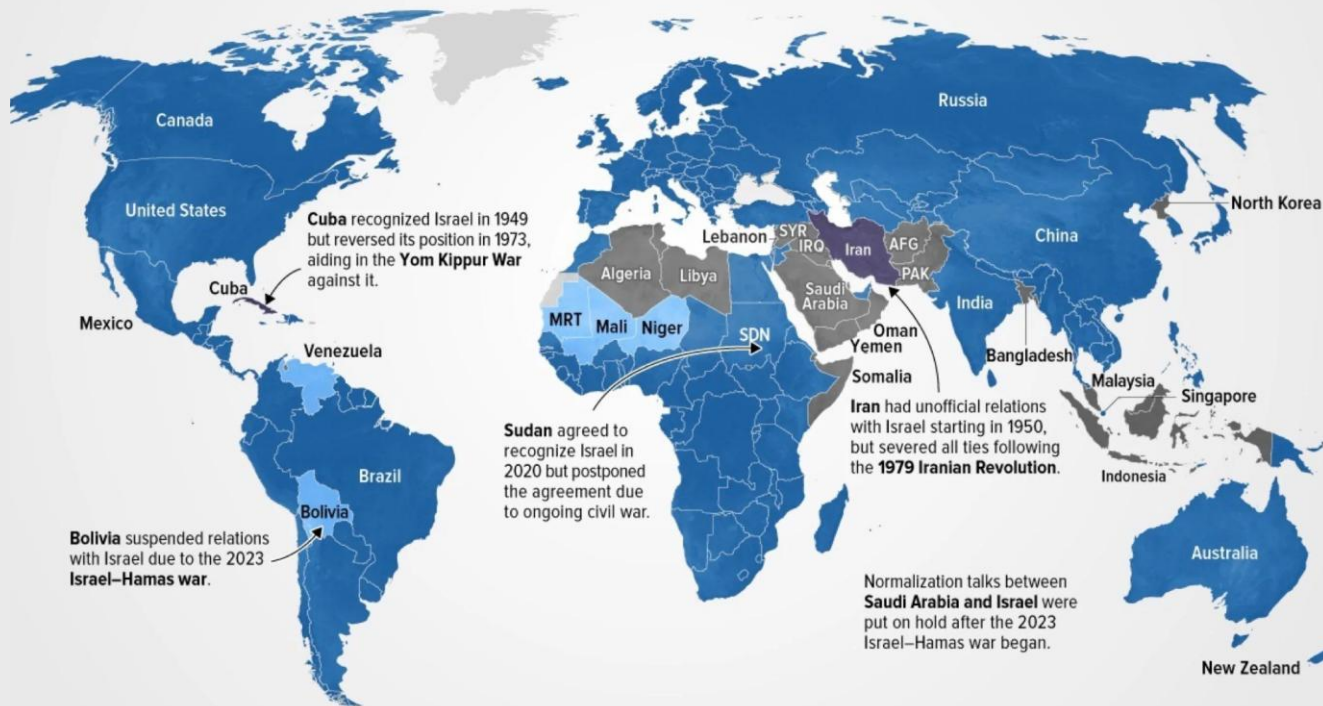
**Canada,
France,
Germany,
Italy,
Japan,
UK,
US.**

MAP OF ISRAEL RECOGNITION

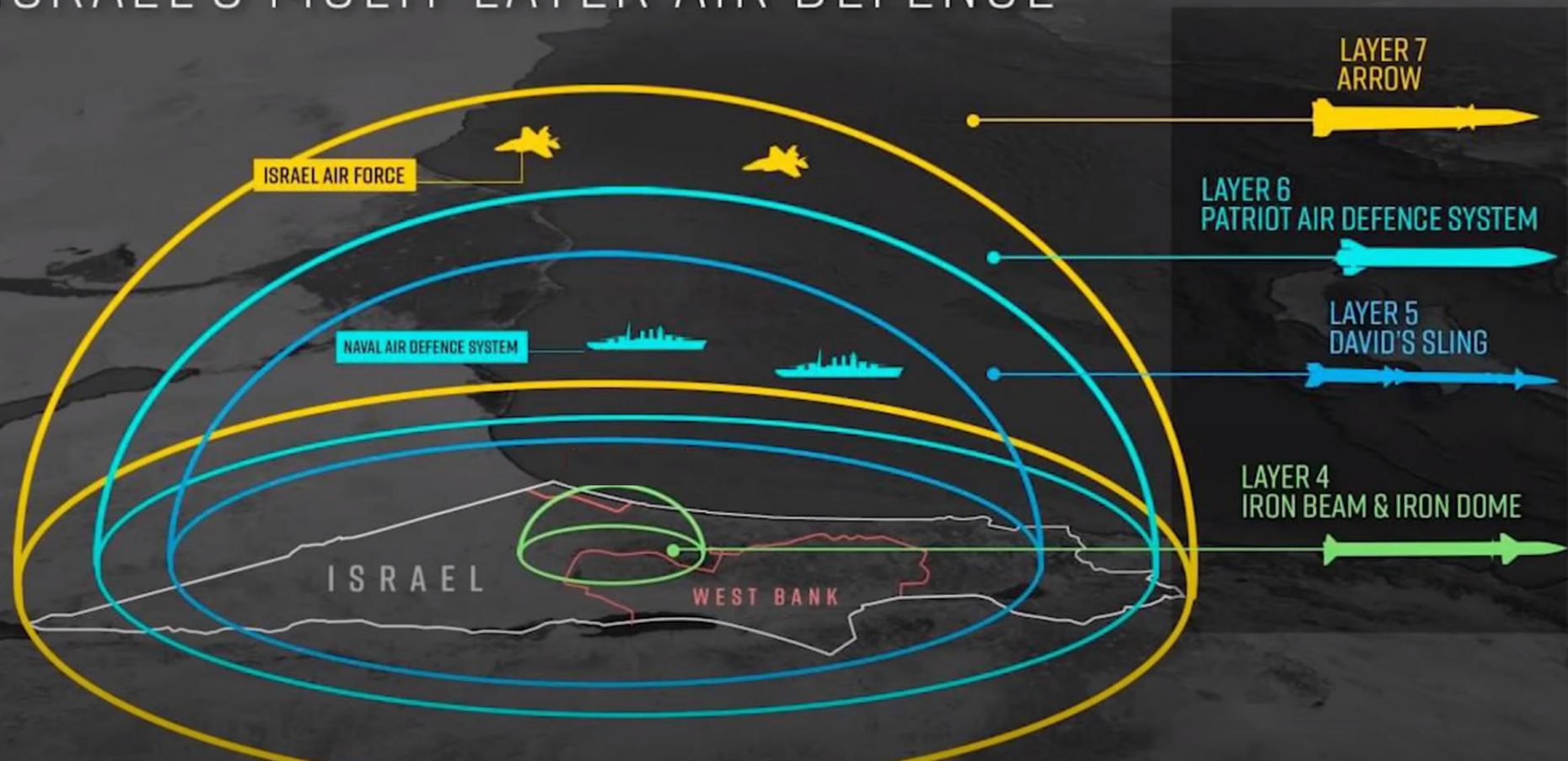
Israel has been recognized by
164 of the 193 UN member states.

RECOGNIZED?

- Yes
- No
- Withdrew
- Suspended/Cut Relations
- N/A



ISRAEL'S MULTI-LAYER AIR DEFENCE





Missile distance range



Missile altitude





THAAD Missile Defense System

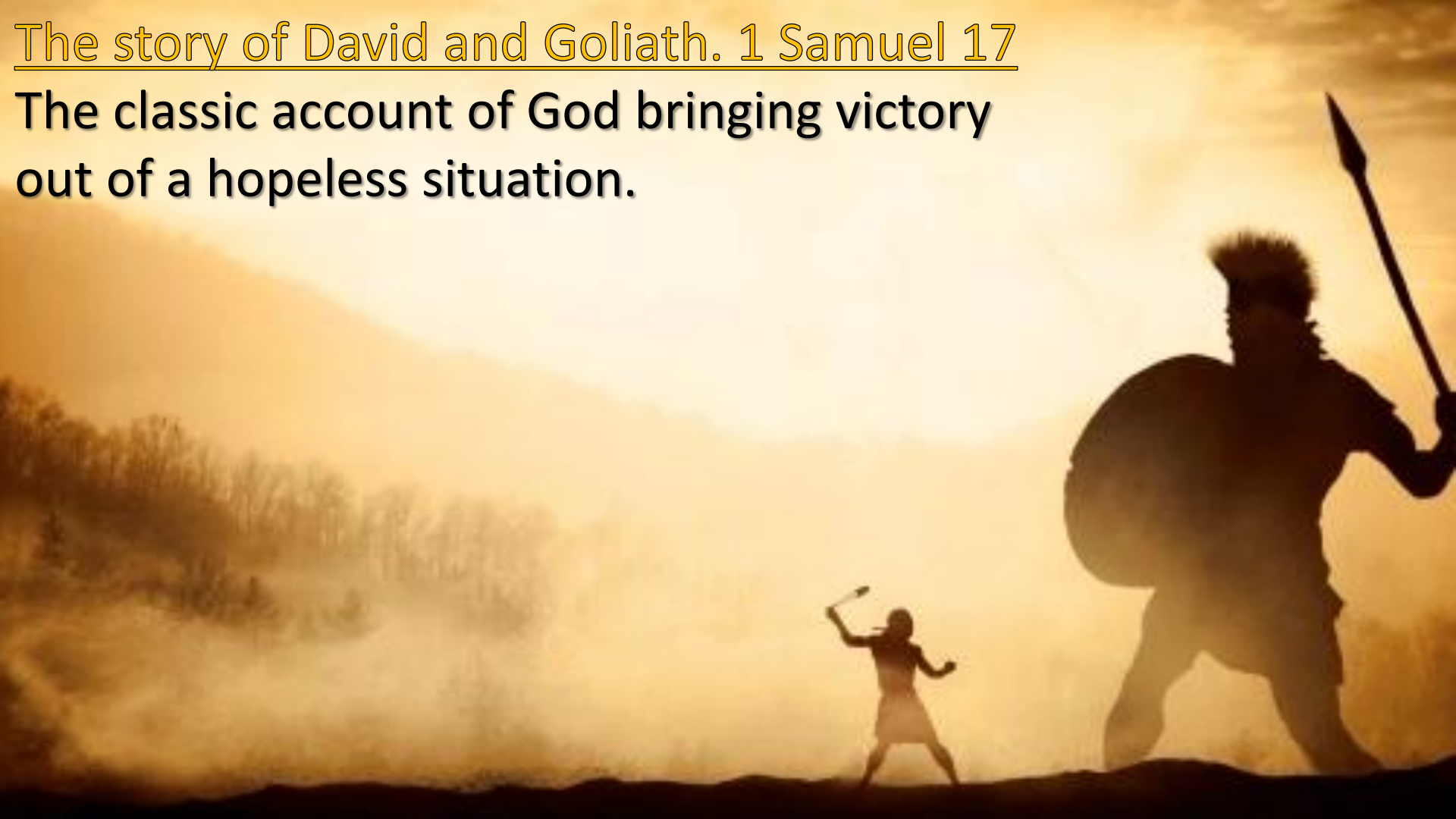
UPDATE 10/12/24. The US is positioning 1 of its 7 THAAD systems to the Middle East.

Is it preparing to assist Israel in attacking Iran?



The story of David and Goliath. 1 Samuel 17

The classic account of God bringing victory out of a hopeless situation.



The embryonic nation of Israel at Red Sea – Pursued by the Egyptians and their horsemen on chariots, the strongest and most feared weapon by the largest nation of the day.

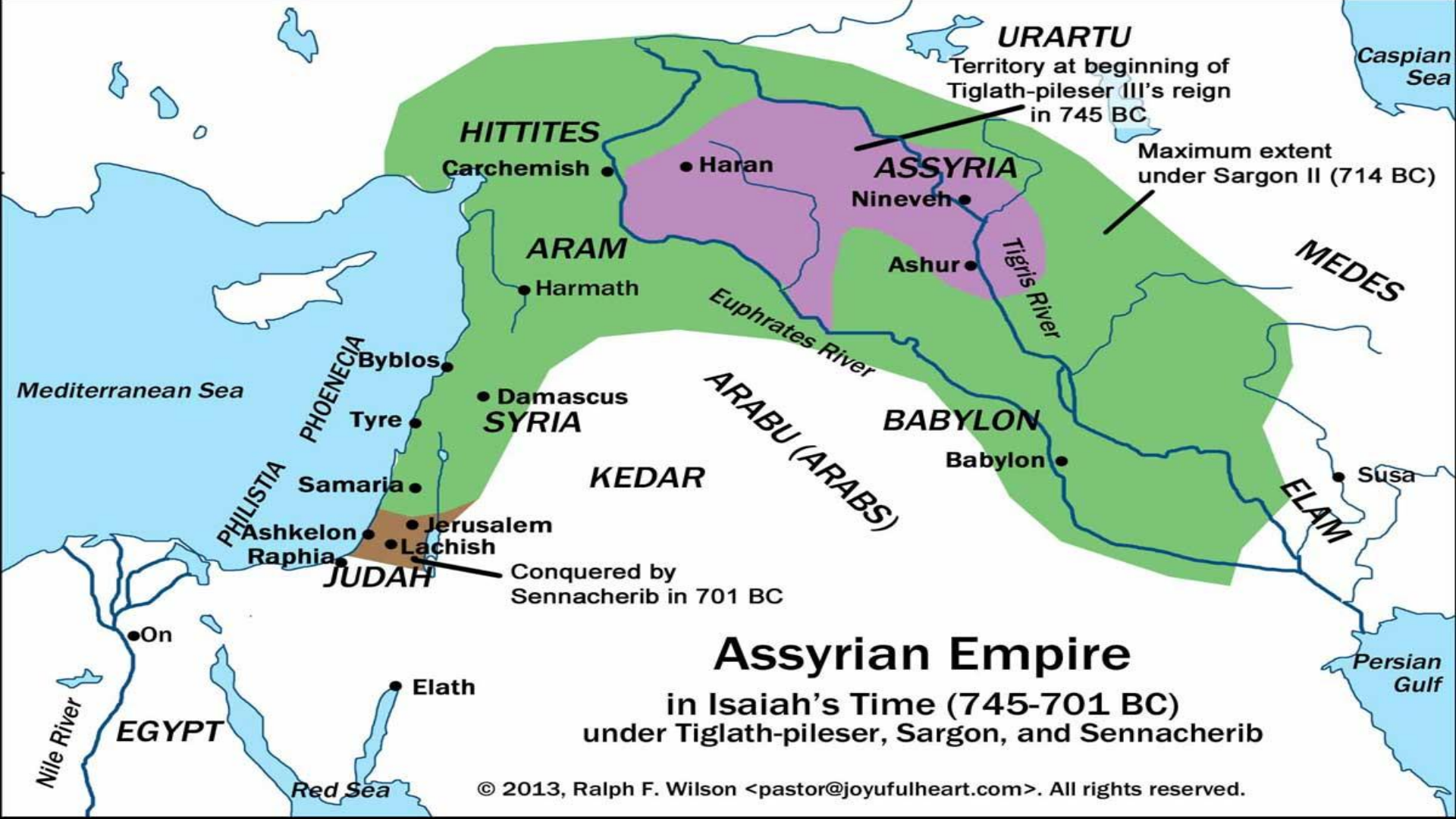
Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.” Exodus 14:13-14



Hezekiah/Isaiah “God is salvation.” – Assyrians surrounded Israel with only Jerusalem remaining. Jerusalem was like the last little dot on an old TV turned off, facing extinction.

The Lord said: ‘I will defend this city, to save it. For My own sake and for My servant David’s sake.’ Then the angel of the Lord went out and killed in the camp of the Assyrians 185,000; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead. Isaiah 37:35-36





URARTU

Territory at beginning of
Tiglath-pileser III's reign
in 745 BC

Maximum extent
under Sargon II (714 BC)

HITTITES

Carchemish

Haran

ASSYRIA

Nineveh

Ashur

Tigris River

ARAM

Harmath

Euphrates River

MEDES

SYRIA

Byblos

Tyre

PHOENECIA

Samaria

PHILISTIA

Jerusalem

Lachish

Raphia

JUDAH

Conquered by
Sennacherib in 701 BC

KEDAR

ARABU (ARABS)

BABYLON

Babylon

ELAM

Susa

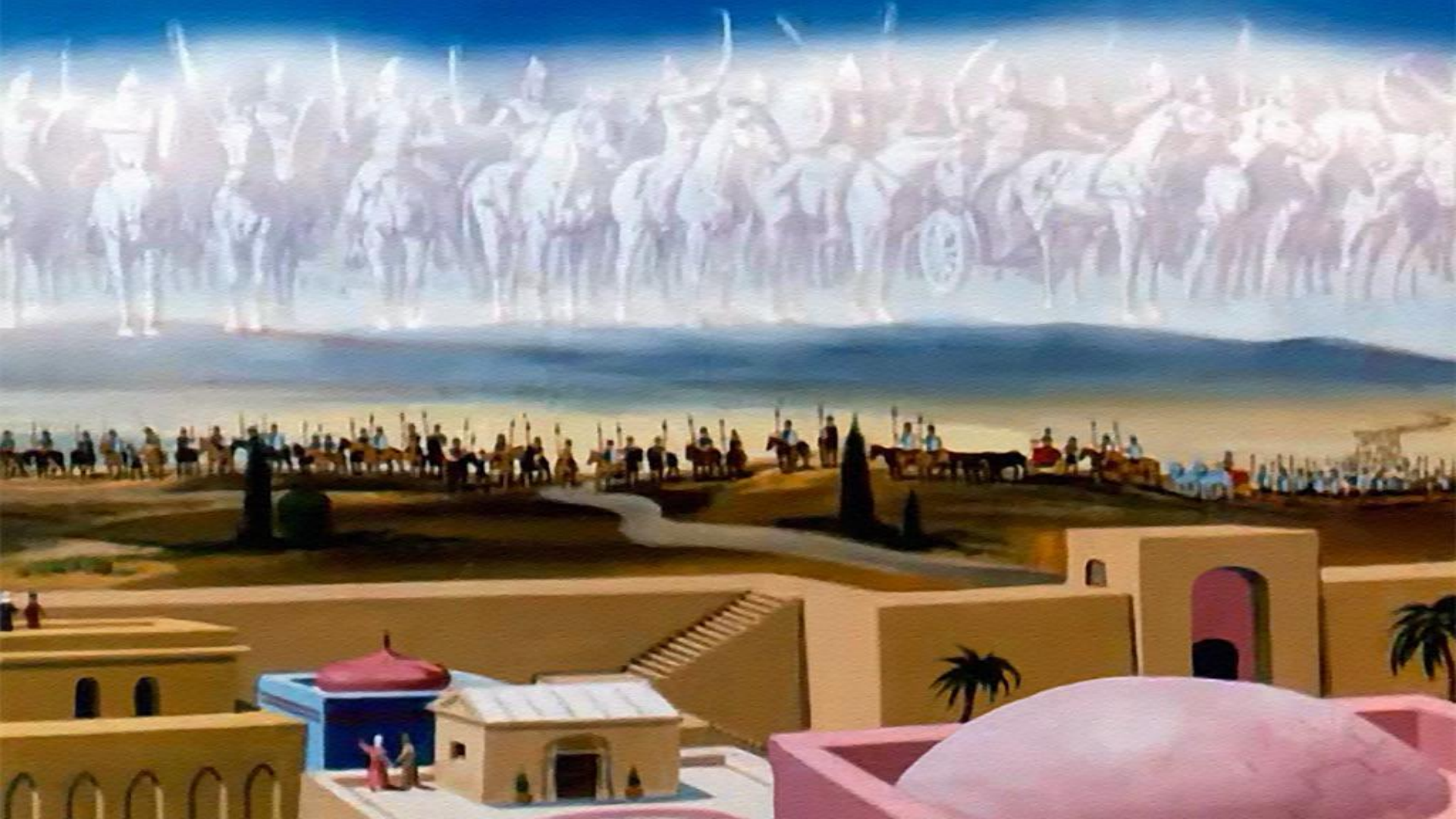
Assyrian Empire

in Isaiah's Time (745-701 BC)
under Tiglath-pileser, Sargon, and Sennacherib

Elisha – Surrounded by the Syrians

[Elisha] answered, “Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” And Elisha prayed, and said, “Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.” Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 2 Kings 6:14-17







Genesis 12:3

*"I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will
curse; and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."*

**Civilizations,
nations and
empires that have
tried to destroy
the Jewish People**

NATION	STATUS
Ancient Egypt	X – GONE
Philistines	X – GONE
Assyrian Empire	X – GONE
Babylonian Empire	X – GONE
Persian Empire	X – GONE
Greek Empire	X – GONE
Roman Empire	X – GONE
Byzantine Empire	X – GONE
Crusaders	X – GONE
Spanish Empire	X – GONE
Nazi Germany	X – GONE
Soviet Union	X – GONE
Iran	???

**The Jewish People
The smallest of
nations but with
a Friend in the
highest of places!
So ... BE NICE!**

The Battle of Armageddon. Revelation 16:16-20

And the demonic spirits gathered all the rulers and their armies to a place with the Hebrew name Armageddon. Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air. And a mighty shout came from the throne in the Temple, saying, "It is finished!" Then the thunder crashed and rolled, and lightning flashed. And a great earthquake struck—the worst since people were placed on the earth.



The Battle of Armageddon. Revelation 16:16-20, cont.

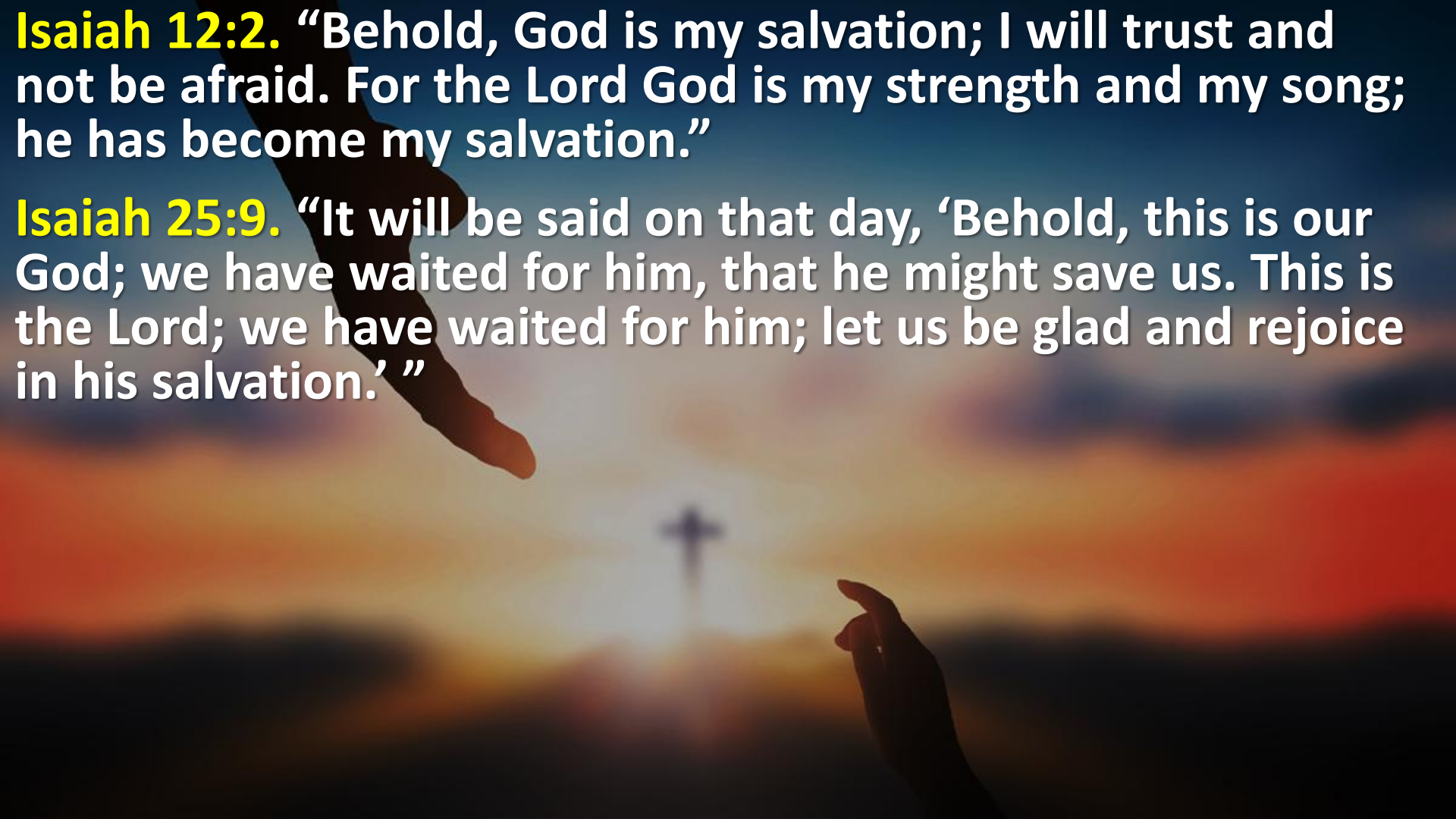
The great city of Babylon split into three sections, and the cities of many nations fell into heaps of rubble. So God remembered all of Babylon's sins, and he made her drink the cup that was filled with the wine of his fierce wrath. And every island disappeared, and all the mountains were leveled. There was a terrible hailstorm, and hailstones weighing as much as seventy-five pounds fell from the sky onto the people below. They cursed God because of the terrible plague of the hailstorm.







Psalms 147:10-11
He does not delight in the strength of the horse;
He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man.
The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
In those who hope in His mercy.

The background of the image is a soft-focus sunset or sunrise sky, transitioning from deep blue at the top to warm orange and red at the bottom. In the center, a small, dark silhouette of a cross is visible against the bright light. Two hands are shown in silhouette: one on the left, reaching upwards and slightly towards the center, and another on the right, reaching upwards towards the cross. The overall mood is spiritual and hopeful.

Isaiah 12:2. “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord God is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.”

Isaiah 25:9. “It will be said on that day, ‘Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.’ ”

Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage,
And the people plot a vain thing?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*,
“Let us break Their bonds in pieces
And cast away Their cords from us.”



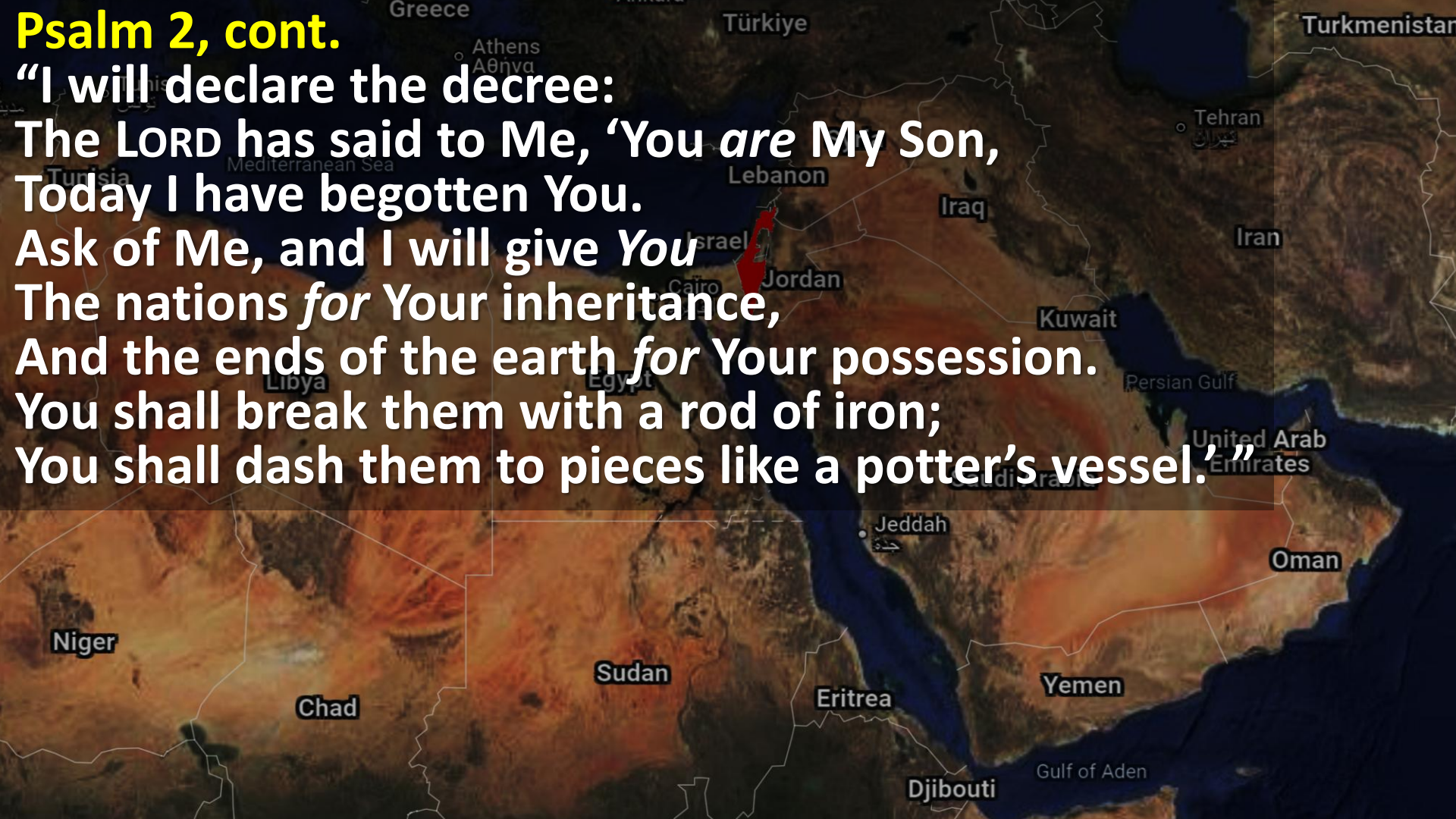
Psalm 2, cont.

**He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;
The Lord shall hold them in derision.
Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,
And distress them in His deep displeasure:
“Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.”**



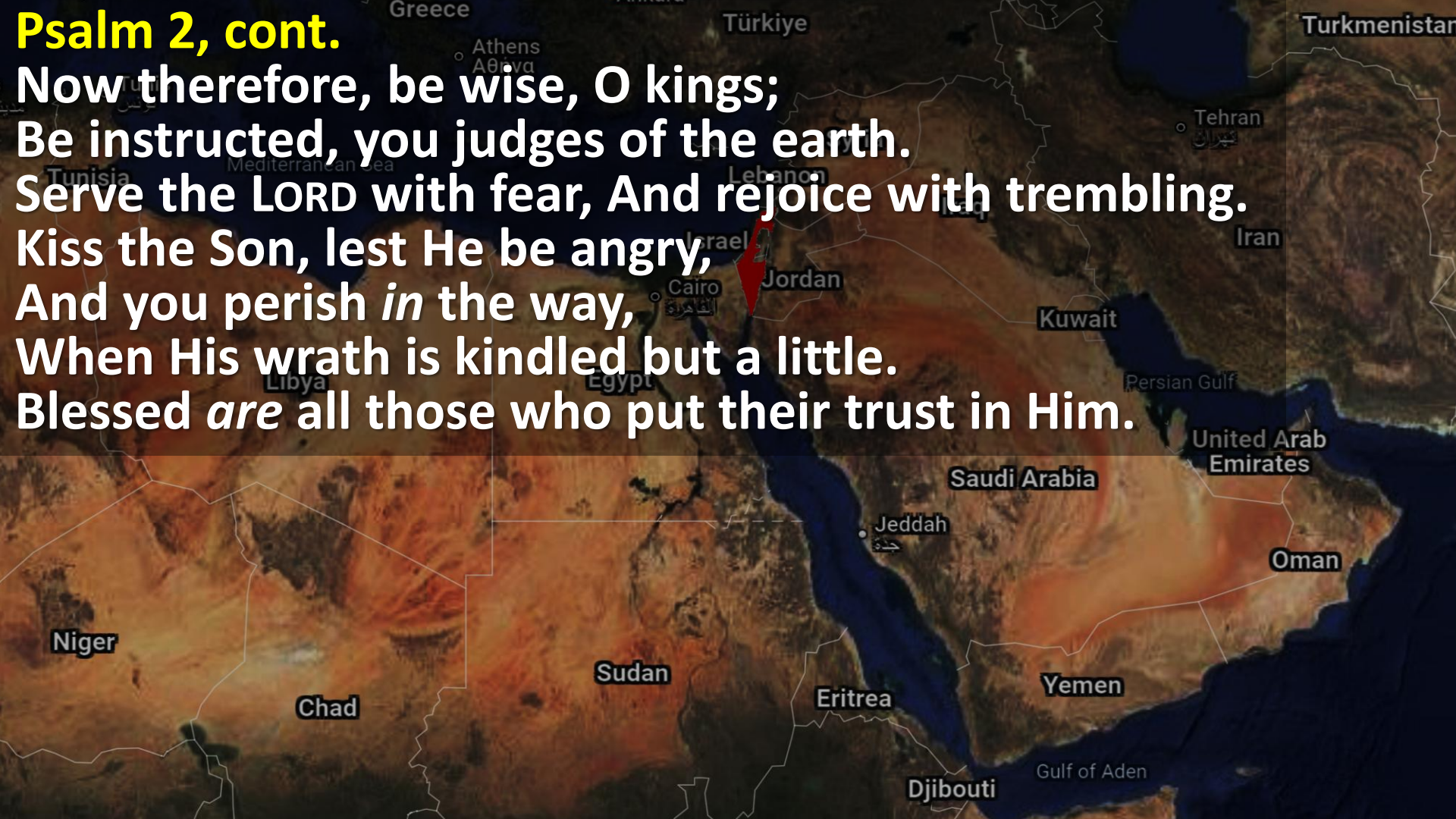
Psalm 2, cont.

“I will declare the decree:
The LORD has said to Me, ‘You *are* My Son,
Today I have begotten You.
Ask of Me, and I will give *You*
The nations *for* Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron;
You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’”



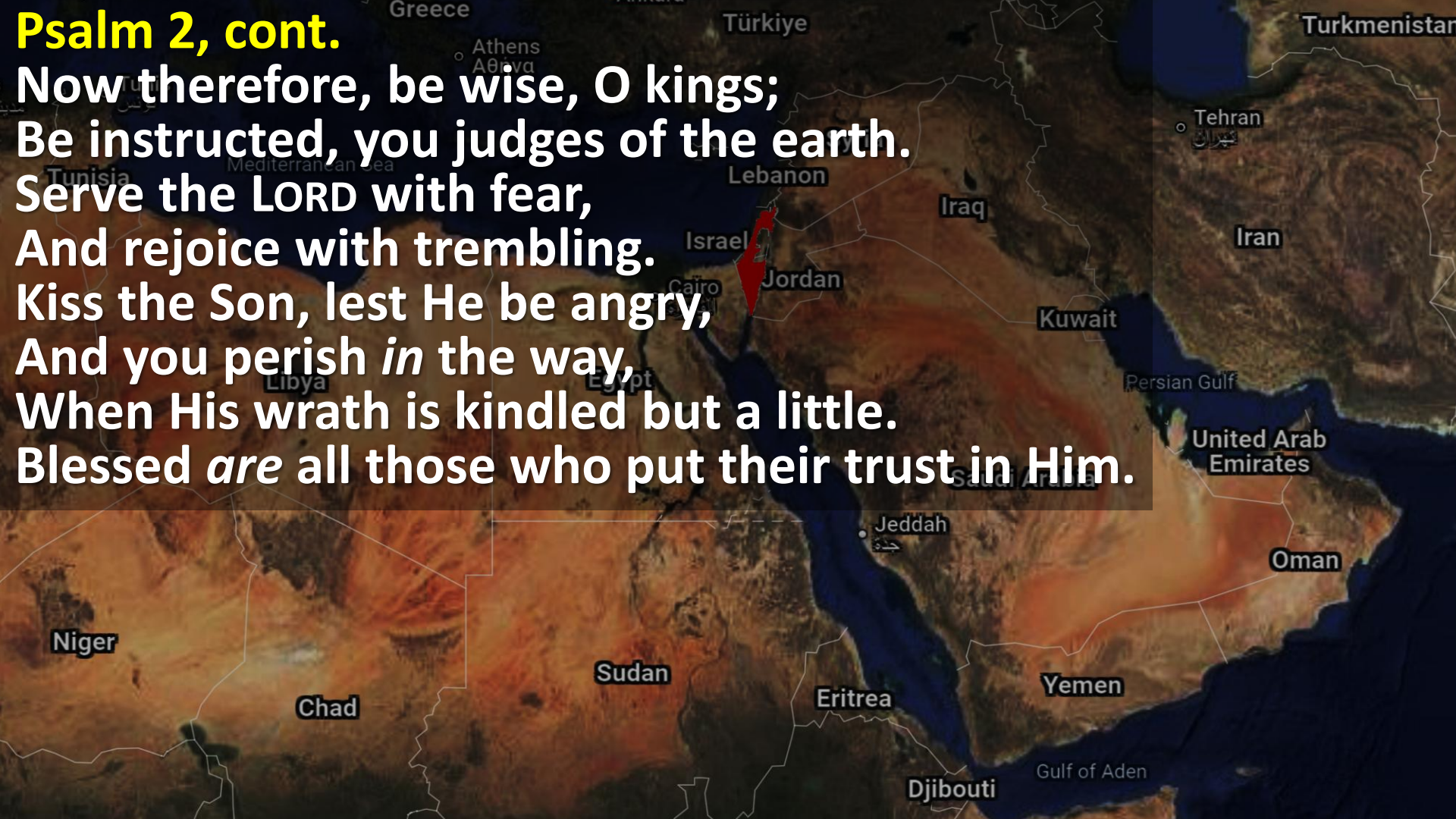
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Now therefore, be wise, O kings;
Be instructed, you judges of the earth.
Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.
Kiss the Son, lest He be angry,
And you perish *in* the way,
When His wrath is kindled but a little.
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A satellite map of the Middle East and surrounding regions, including parts of North Africa, the Mediterranean Sea, and the Persian Gulf. The map shows various countries and cities, with a red arrow pointing to Jerusalem. The text is overlaid on the map.

Zechariah 14:2

**I will gather all the
nations to Jerusalem
to fight against it.**

Psalms 46:10 (KJV)

Be still and know that I am God.

Exodus 14:13 (KJV)

Stand still and see the salvation of the LORD.

The 34 things I sometimes think about worrying about...

- 3D Printing:** While democratizing manufacturing, 3D printing can also be used to create dangerous items, such as untraceable firearms.
- Artificial Intelligence (AI):** Advanced AI systems can lead to job displacement, privacy issues, and even autonomous weapons.
- Autonomous Vehicles:** While promising safer roads, autonomous vehicles also raise concerns about hacking, ethical decision-making, and job losses in the transportation sector.
- Banking Failures & Economic Collapse:** The loss of the dollar as the world reserve currency; prolonged recession.
- Biotechnology:** Genetic engineering and synthetic biology could lead to unintended consequences, such as new diseases or ecological disruptions.
- Climate Change:** Rising temperatures, extreme weather, and sea-level rise.
- Cybersecurity Threats:** As technology advances, so do the methods of cyberattacks, which can disrupt critical infrastructure and steal sensitive information.
- Deepfakes:** The ability to create realistic fake videos and images can spread misinformation and undermine trust in media.
- Denial and Misinformation:** The spread of false information hindering effective responses.
- EMP (Electro-Magnetic Pulse) Attack.** The shutdown of electrical services by an enemy attack.
- Facial Recognition:** This technology can be used for mass surveillance and infringe on privacy rights.
- Finances:** Concerns about money, job security, and managing expenses.
- Food Insecurity:** Growing populations and changing climates affecting food production.
- Future:** Uncertainty about the future, including career, family, and personal goals.
- Health:** Worries about personal health or the health of loved ones.

Internet of Things (IOT): The proliferation of interconnected devices increases the risk of cyber attacks & data breaches.

Mass Extinction and Ecosystem Collapse: Loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Nanotechnology: While offering breakthroughs in medicine and materials, nanotechnology could also pose health and environmental risks.

Nuclear Weapons: The risk of nuclear conflict or accidents.

Pandemics: The potential for new infectious diseases to spread globally.

Parenting: Concerns about raising children and their well-being.

Pollution: Air, water, and soil pollution affecting health and ecosystems.

Relationships: Issues with family, friends, or romantic partners.

Resource Depletion: Overuse of natural resources like water, minerals, and fossil fuels.

Safety: Concerns about personal safety and security.

Self-Image: Worries about body image, self-worth, and confidence.

Social Connections: Anxiety about fitting in, making friends, and maintaining social relationships.

Space Wars: Satellites being attacked by enemies causing loss of communications and GPS.

Synthetic Biology: The creation of synthetic organisms could lead to biosecurity risks if these organisms are accidentally or intentionally released.

Time Management: Feeling overwhelmed by the demands on their time.

Transhumanism: The use of technology to enhance human physical and cognitive abilities.

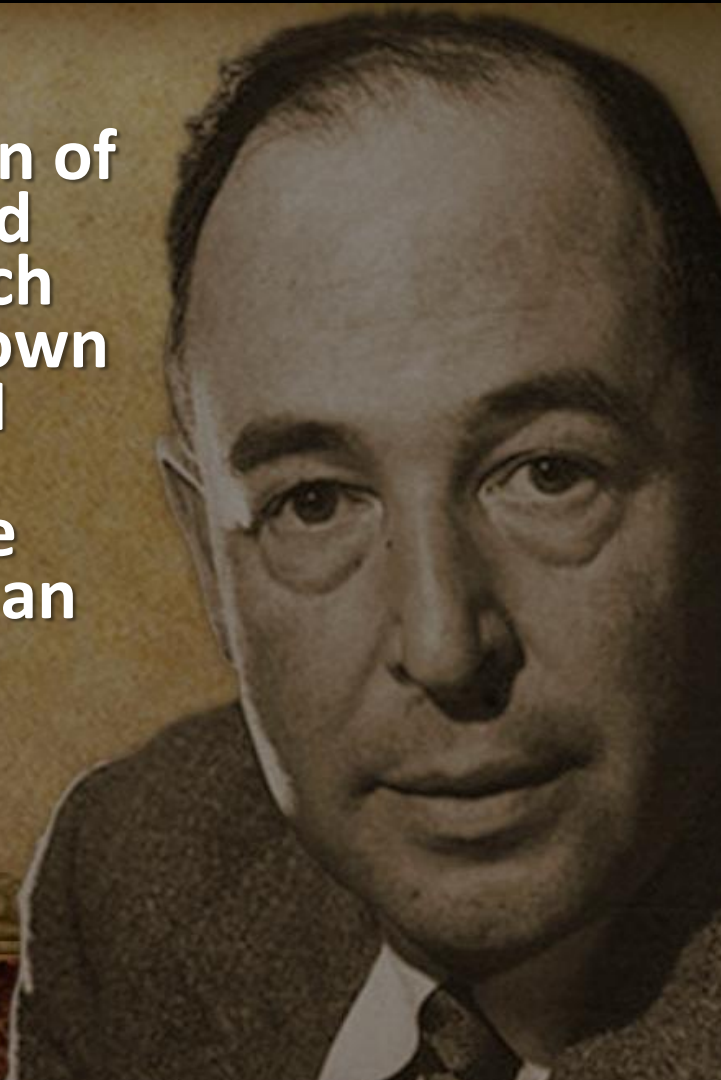
Unchecked Human Population Growth: Strain on resources and infrastructure.

Work: Stress about job performance, career progression, and work-life balance.

World War III. Escalating war of the Middle East, Russia-Ukraine, or China-Taiwan.

C.S. Lewis once wrote

“It is one of the evils of rapid diffusion of news that the sorrows of all the world come to us every morning. I think each village was meant to feel pity for its own sick and poor whom it can help, and I doubt if it is the duty of any private person to fix his mind on ills which he cannot help. (This may even become an escape from the works of charity we really can do to those we know).”



Psalm 46:10 (MSV)

Just take a chill pill. God's got this.