



AWAKENING to the Supernatural meta-narrative of the Bible

Part 2



SPIRITUAL WARFARE

PAST

Jesus: Messiah, Son of Man, Son of God

Precursors

The Birth of the Messiah

- Timing, Calendar, Symbolism
- Rom [10:18](#); Rev 12:1-9; Noah (Tishri 1)

Baptism by John

- Mark [1:1-8](#) (Isa 40); symbiotic partnership, heaven and earth
- Dove (περιστερά)

Precursors

Temptation

- Matt 4:8-11
- Where?
- Context of the temptation?
- Genuine?

Jesus and Cosmic Geography

Mark's abbreviated order of events moves from the temptation to this statement:

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Jesus and Cosmic Geography

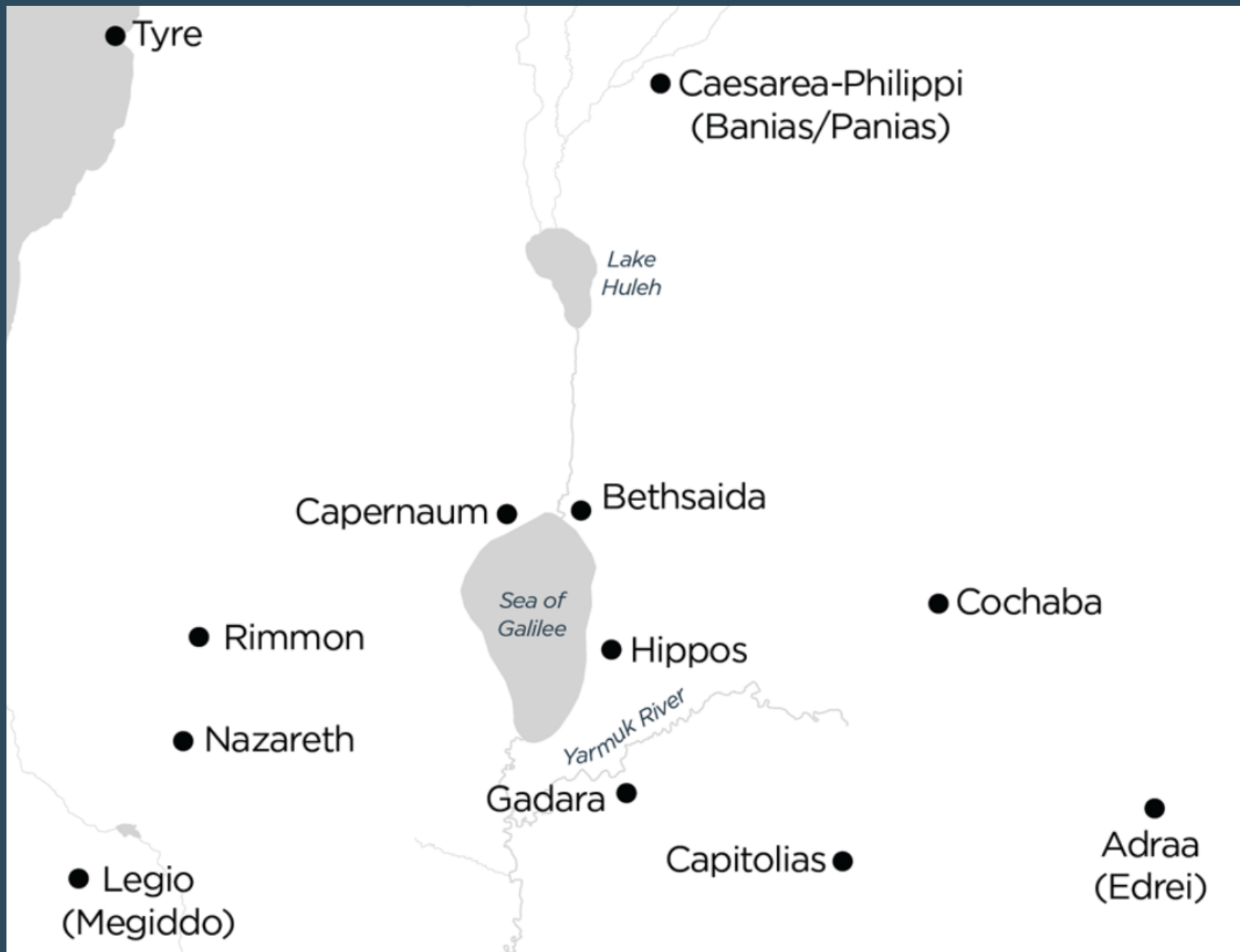
What happens in the Galilee area?

- Luke 4:16-21 (cf. Isa 61:1-2; cp Lev 25:10)
- Luke 8:26-33 - The confrontation with Legion (“opposite Galilee”)
- Luke 9:1-6 – sends out the 12
- Luke 10:1-12 – sends out 70/72
- Return of those disciples (Luke 10:17-20)

Jesus and Cosmic Geography

Matt 15:29 Jesus went on from there and walked beside the **Sea of Galilee** . . .

Matt 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of **Caesarea Philippi**, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”



Extent of the Conquest

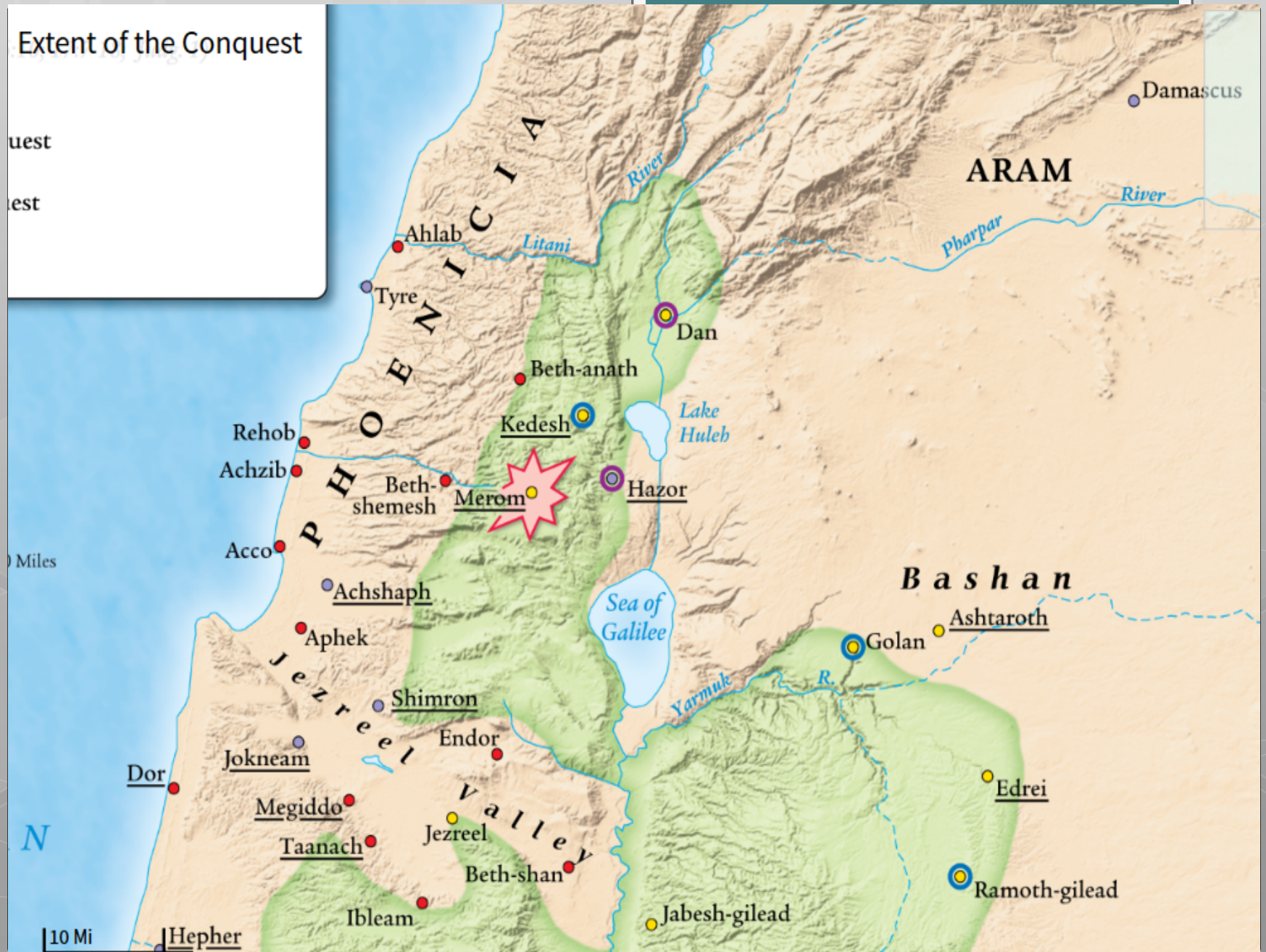
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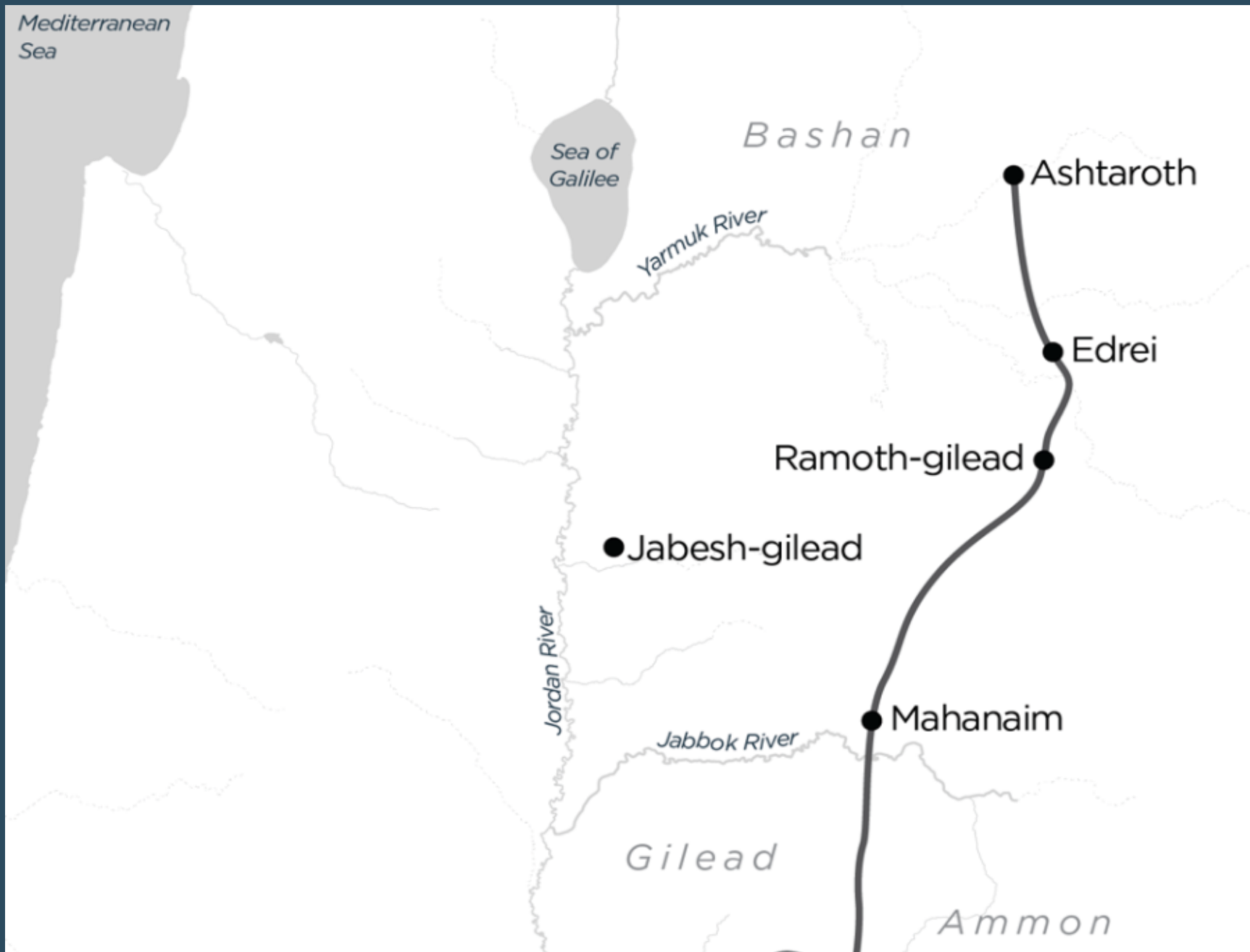
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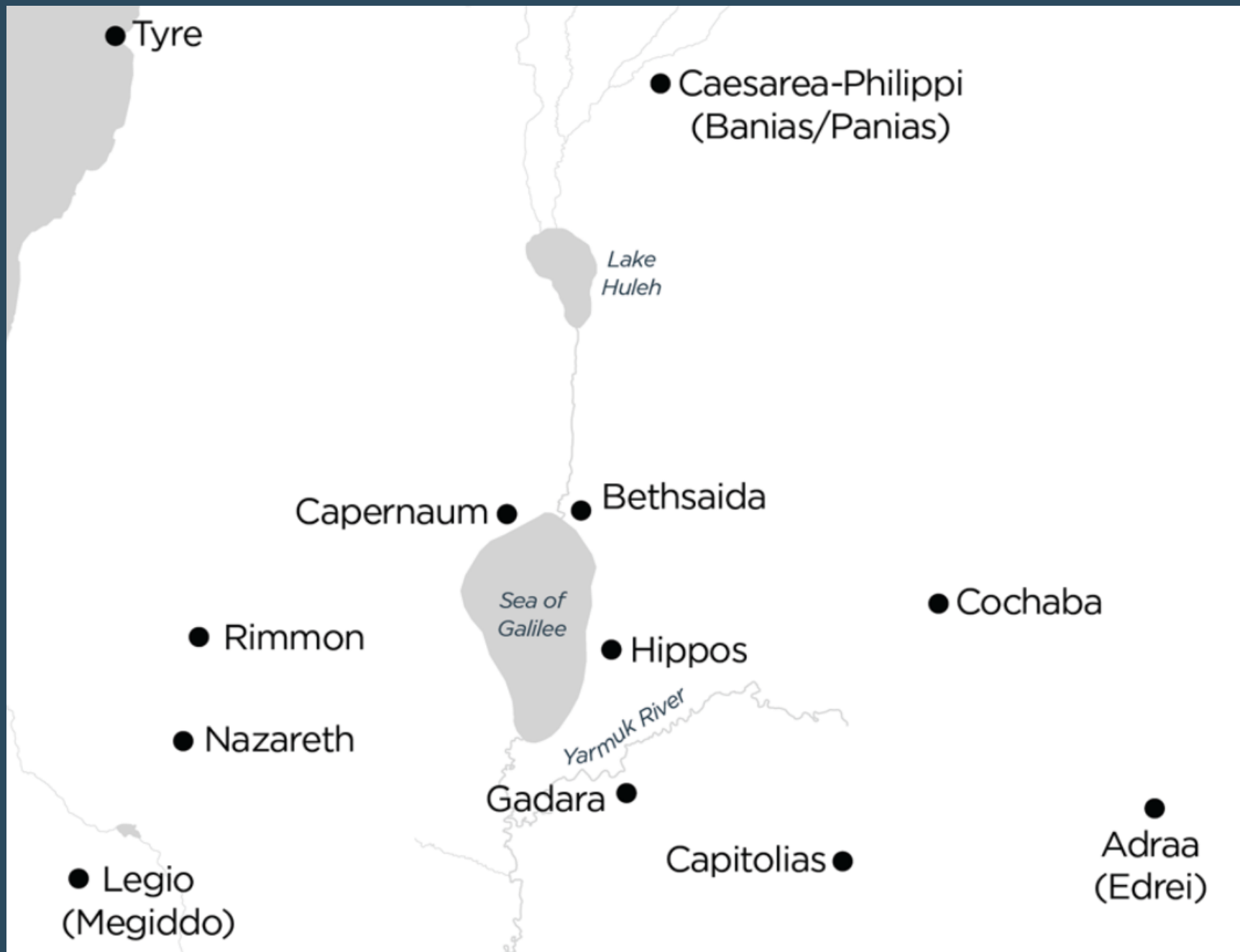
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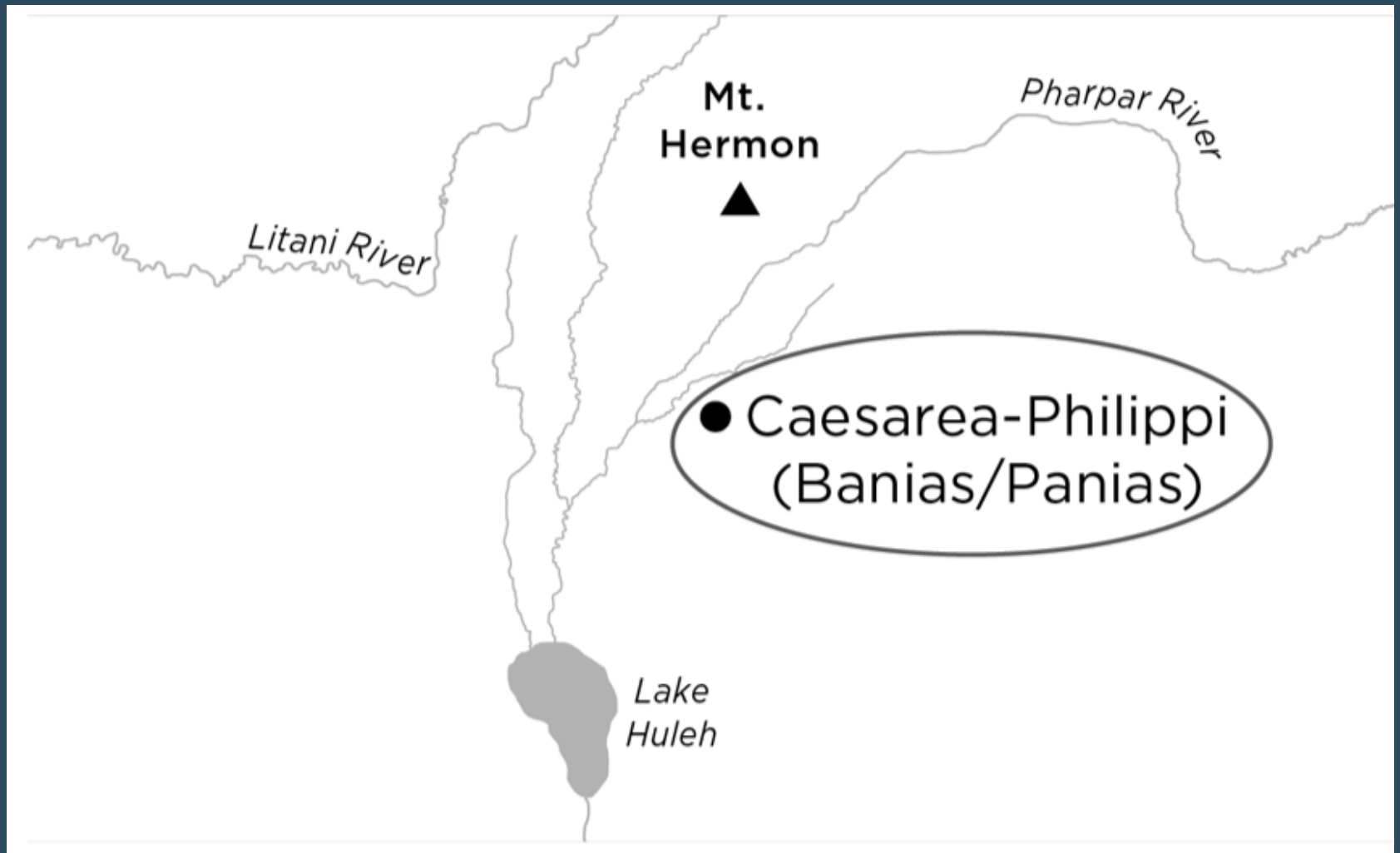
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Jesus and Cosmic Geography

Caesarea Philippi / Banias / Pnias

- 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

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

not revealed this to you, "but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, ⁱyou are Peter, and ^jon this rock² I will build my church, and ^kthe gates of ^lhell³ shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you ^mthe keys of the kingdom of heaven, and ⁿwhatever you bind

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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”
- ◉ Mount Hermon best candidate (right there)

Jesus & Cosmic Geography

Transfiguration Location

- In early church tradition, the location of the mount of transfiguration was believed by many to be Mount Tabor.
- The earliest witness to Tabor = 4th 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

Transfiguration Event

- **Elijah** (forerunner; type / anti-type John);
- **Moses** (Deut 18:15-19; type)

“... symbolize the coming of the messianic age, and their conversation with Jesus marks him out the more clearly as the Messiah who comes as the climax to their eschatological role.” (France, *The Gospel of Matthew*, 648)

Jesus & Cosmic Geography

More connections:

- Moses and Elijah went up on Mount Sinai to meet with God; both saw his glory (Exod 24:15–18; 33:18–23; 1 Kgs 19:8–13).
- Both men also suffered rejection and hostility from the people to whom they were sent, and so prefigured the experience of Jesus the Messiah. (France, 648)

Jesus & Cosmic Geography

Ensuing Events

- Triumphal Entry
- Crucifixion
 - Jesus and Psalm 22
(Cf. Psa 22:12-18 ; vv. 12-13; Bashan)

Don't Miss the Point

- The stories of the gospels **presume** the spiritual warfare / cosmic-geographical worldview of the Old Testament.

Gospels are just the beginning.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

PRESENT: The ministry of the Spirit, the Church as sacred space, the nullification of the authority of the OT gods, the Great Commission.

NT Theology & Powers of Darkness

The New Testament links the **resurrection & ascension** with the sending of the Spirit (who is but isn't Jesus) and the nullification of the authority of the gods of the nations (Deuteronomy 32 worldview).

Jesus and the Spirit

John 14:26 - But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Jesus and the Spirit

John 15:26 - But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

Jesus and the Spirit

John 16:7-8 - Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

Then How ... ?

Matt 18:20 "... where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

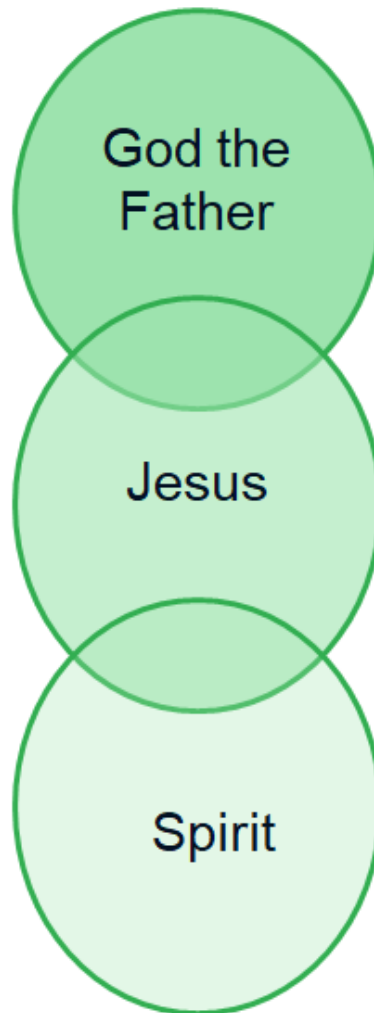
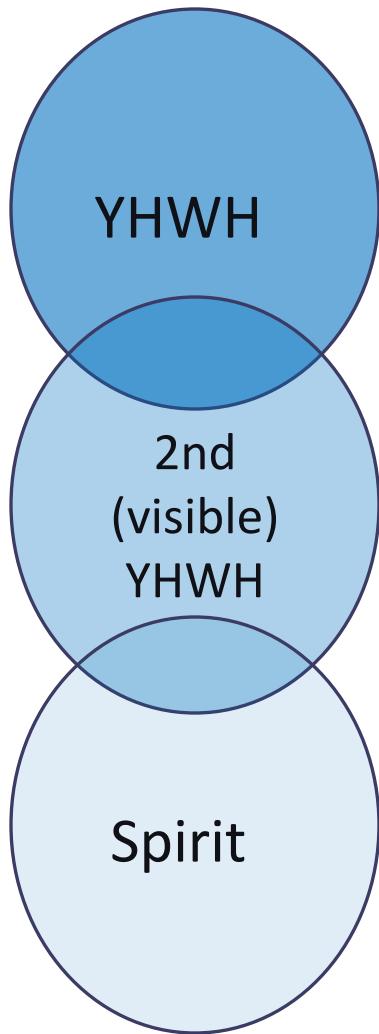
Matt 28:20 "... behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The LORD's Mercy Remembered

- 7 I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
the praises of the LORD,
according to all that the LORD has granted us,
^uand the great goodness to the house of Israel
that he has granted them according to his compa
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
- 8 For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely."
And he became their Savior.
- 9 ^vIn all their affliction he was afflicted,³
and the angel of his presence saved them;
^win his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
^xhe lifted them up and carried them all the days.
- 10 ^yBut they rebelled
^zand grieved his Holy Spirit;
therefore he turned to be their enemy,
and himself fought against them.

- the Most High God their^jredeemer.
- 36 But they ^kflattered him with their mouths;
they ^llied to him with their tongues.
- 37 Their ^mheart was not ⁿsteadfast toward him;
they were not faithful to his covenant.
- 38 Yet he, being ^ocompassionate,
^patoned for their iniquity
and did not destroy them;
he restrained his anger often
and did not stir up all his wrath.
- 39 He ^qremembered that they were but ^rflesh,
^sa wind that passes and comes not again.
- 40 How often they ^trebelled against him in the wilderness
and ^ugrieved him in ^vthe desert!
- 41 They ^wtested God again and again
and provoked ^xthe Holy One of Israel.

Two (& Three) Powers: OT - NT



Acts 8:26 ... 29

Acts 16:6-7

HS = "Spirit of Jesus"
(Phil 1:19)

Rom 8:9

Spirit of God = "Spirit
of Christ" (1 Pet 1:11)

Gal 4:6 – God sent "Spirit
of his Son" into our hearts

NT Theology & Powers of Darkness

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

NT Theology & Powers of Darkness

None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (1 Cor 2:8)



NT Theology & Powers of Darkness

The **death, burial, resurrection, and ascension** of Jesus not only was the cure for the first primeval rebellion, it was the antidote to the second and third rebellions – human depravity, fragmentation of the nations enslaved to the dark powers.

NT Theology & Powers of Darkness

Examples

- Col 2:13-15
- Eph 1:15-22
- Eph 3:1-11
- 1 Pet 3:18-22

NT Theology & Powers of Darkness

Resurrection, demise of the gods also linked to coming of the Spirit and the gifting of believers for the Great Commission.

Eph 4:7-12 (qu. Psa 68:15-18)

Acts - Cosmic Geography

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Acts 2:3

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The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When ^fthe day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like ^ga mighty rushing wind, and ^hit filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** And **divided** tongues ⁱas of fire

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Acts - Cosmic Geography

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

Chapter 10 (Ge 10:25)

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

Chapter 49 (Ge 49:7)

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

→ Chapter 32 (Dt 32:8)

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

Acts - Cosmic Geography

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Acts 2:6

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

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Acts - Cosmic Geography

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Chapter 11 (Ge 11:7)

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

Chapter 7 (1 Kgdms 7:10)

Ἰσραηλ. καὶ ἐβρόντησεν κύριος ἐν φωνῇ μεγάλῃ ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀλλοφύλους, καὶ συνεχύθησαν καὶ ἔπταισαν ἐνώπιον Ἰσραηλ. ¹¹ καὶ ἐξῆλθαν ἄνδρες Ἰσραηλ ἐκ Μασσηθαθ καὶ κατεδίωξαν τοὺς...

This map illustrates the ancient Near East, highlighting the regions of the Canaanites and the various tribes mentioned in the Bible. The map includes the following labels:

- Geographical Features:** Atlantic Ocean, Black Sea, Caspian Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea, Sahara Desert, Arabian Desert.
- Cities and Regions:** Tarshish, Magog, Gomer, Riphath, Togarmah, Eber, Peleg, Asshur, Madai, Arpachshad, Hemathite, Kittim, Aram, Uz, Hul, Shinar, Mash, Elam, Havilah, Almodad, Jerah, Deden, Cush, Pathrusim, Diklah, Raamah, Uzal, Obal, Sheleph, Sabtah, Ophir, Seba, Havilah, Jobab, Lud, Meshech, Rhodanim, Caphtorim, Elishah, Ludim, Casluhim, Lehabim, Put, Naphtuhim, Mizraim, Joktan, Arvadites, Zemarites, Arkites, Sinites, Sidonians, Amorites, Perizzites, Hittites, Hivites, Jebusites, Girgashites.

A circular inset in the lower left corner provides a detailed view of the Canaanite tribes, listing them as follows:

- Arvadites
- Zemarites
- Arkites
- Sinites
- Sidonians
- Amorites
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NT Cosmic Geography: Acts 2



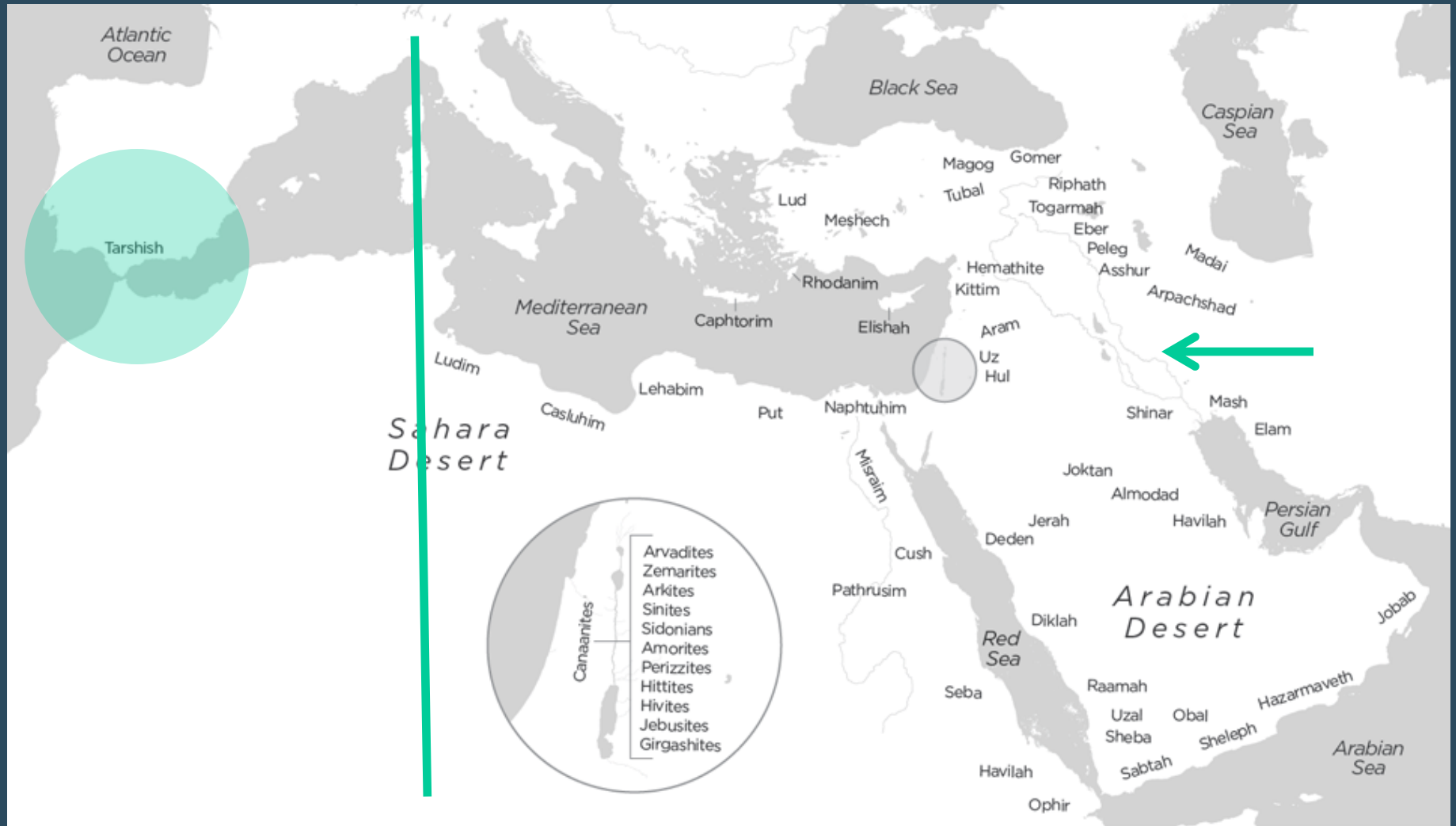
NT Cosmic Geography

- ◉ 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)



New Testament Sacred Space

In the Old Testament, the divine presence, the Word, the Glory dwelt in the Temple.

New Testament transition with Jesus:

John 1:14 – “The word became flesh, and dwelt (*skēnoō*) among us.”

- “to tabernacle” (noun: *skēnē*)
- root search

New Testament Sacred Space

Jesus was God's new temple / tabernacle

- John 2:[18-22](#)
- Who is the body of Christ now?

New Testament Sacred Space

In whom does the Spirit, who is God, now dwell, or “tabernacle”?

- 1 Cor 3:[16-17](#)
- 1 Cor 6:[19-20](#)
- 2 Cor 6:[16-18](#)
- Eph 2:[19-22](#)
- 1 Peter 2:[4-6](#), 9-10 (cf. Eph 2:20)



SPIRITUAL WARFARE

FUTURE: The fullness of the Gentiles,
glorified children of God, inheriting the
nations

Already, but Not Yet

Believers are sons and daughters of God . . . But await their full glorification and inheritance.

- Edenic Vision Restored
- Divine Council Reconstituted

ALREADY

Jesus's death and resurrection makes it possible for us to be reconciled to God and conquer the inevitable death that results from the failure in Eden.

- **Addresses Rebellion #1**

ALREADY

Jesus's resurrection and ascension was the necessary precursor and catalyst for the coming of the Spirit, who now indwells believers, empowering them to resist sin and be what God intended.

- Addresses Rebellion #2

ALREADY

Jesus's resurrection and ascension means the kingdom of God that was offered has been inaugurated. That kingdom must include people from all nations to reverse Babel and restore Eden.

- Addresses Rebellion #3

ALREADY

Children of God; restored human family of God:

- John 1:12
- 1 John 3:1-3
- Rom 8:14-15
- Heb 2:10-13

ALREADY

Residents of God's kingdom, inheritors of the promises given to Abraham.

The new, "circumcision neutral" children of Abraham.

- Col [1:12-13](#) (vocabulary)
- Gal [3:26-29](#)
- Rom [8:16-17](#)

ALREADY

Children of God, fit for sacred space
because we are *in Christ*.

- Gal 3:14
- Eph 3:1-6
- 1 Cor 1:1-2



... NOT YET

obtained our inheritance. . .

- 2 Pet 1:3-4
- Col 3:3-4
- Eph 1:11-14

The nature of our inheritance. . . .

Believer's Inheritance

Revelation 2 [Jesus says]:

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

Believer's Inheritance

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.”

Believer's Inheritance

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).

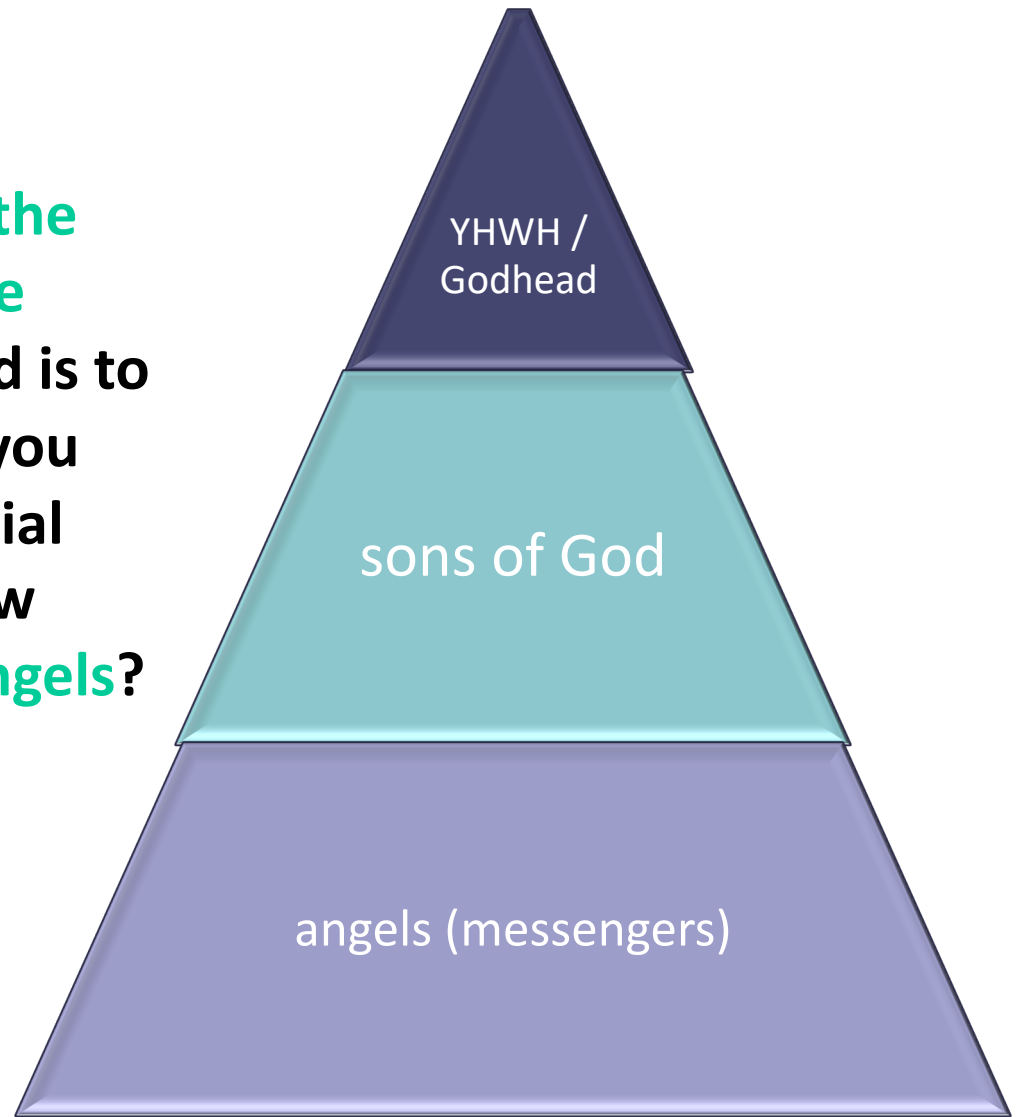
Believer's Inheritance

Revelation 3 [Jesus says]:

²⁰ 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. ²¹ **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**?



Believer's Inheritance

The New, Global Eden

- no temple, because the entire earth is sacred space, occupied by God's children, from all nations.

Revelation [21:1-4](#)

Revelation [21:22-27](#)

Revelation [22:1-5](#)