

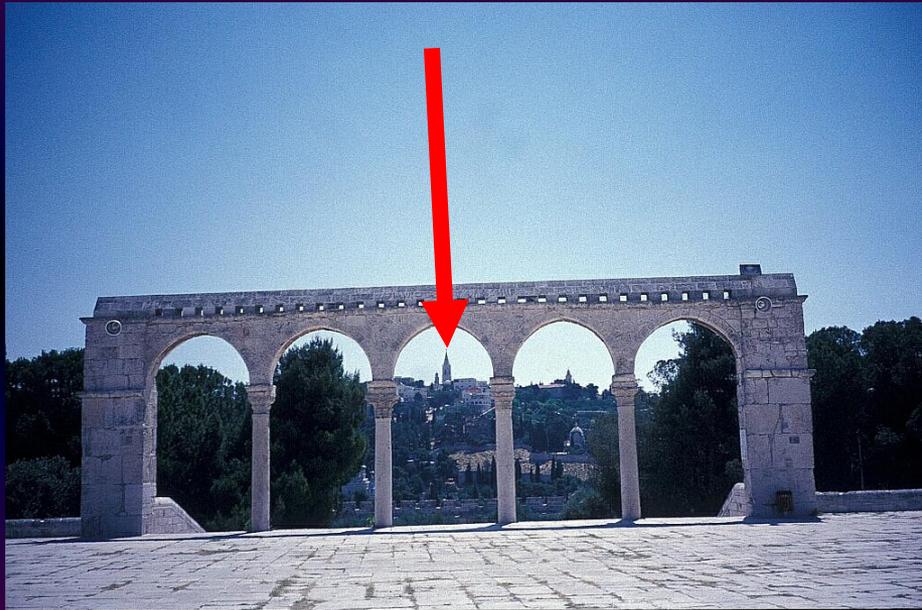
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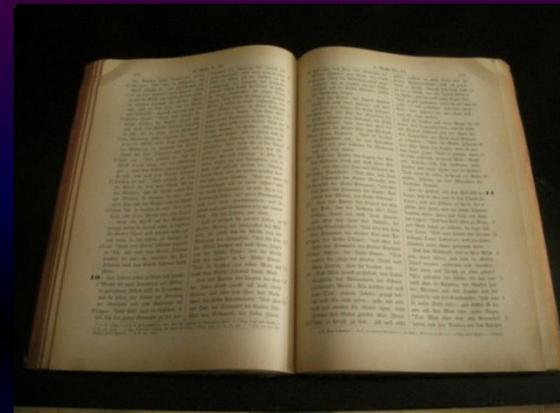


- Is there any evidence, that we are living today in the „Endtimes“, and that Jesus Christ will soon come back as King of the World?

*View on the Mount of Olives, from the Temple Mount.
According to Zech 14,3 Jesus Christ will appear in the
Endtimes on this hill, as Messiah and King of the World.*

What is the exact meaning of the term „End Times“?

- Ez 38:8: „in the latter years“
- Dan 8:23: „in the latter time“
- Hos 3:5: „in the latter days“
- Joel 4:1: „in those days and in that time“
- Mat 24:3: „the end of the age“



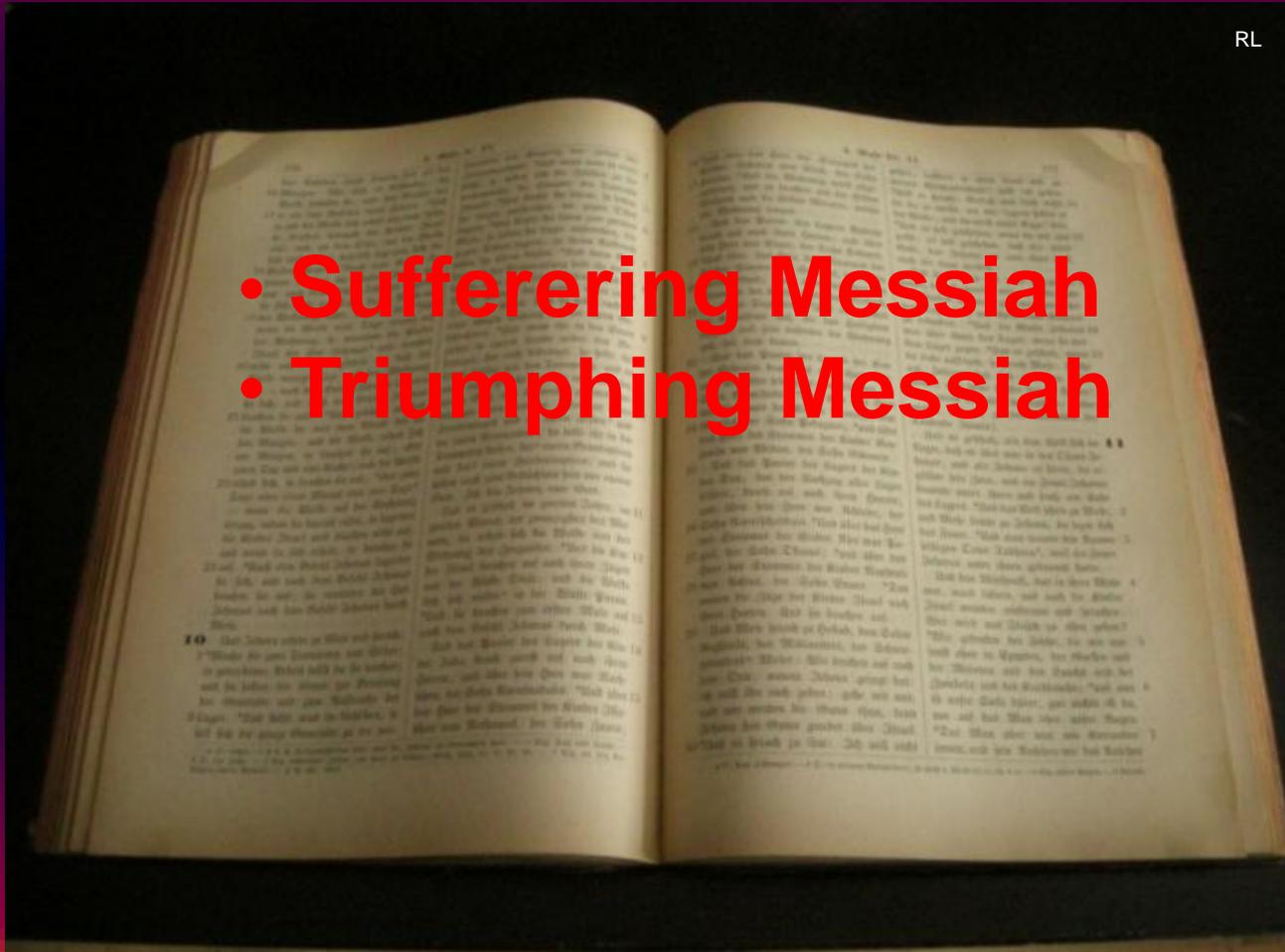
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- 2Tim 3:1: „in the last days“
 - 1John 2:18: „the last hour“
- ➔ the time, when Messiah will come, in order to reign over the whole world

Messiah

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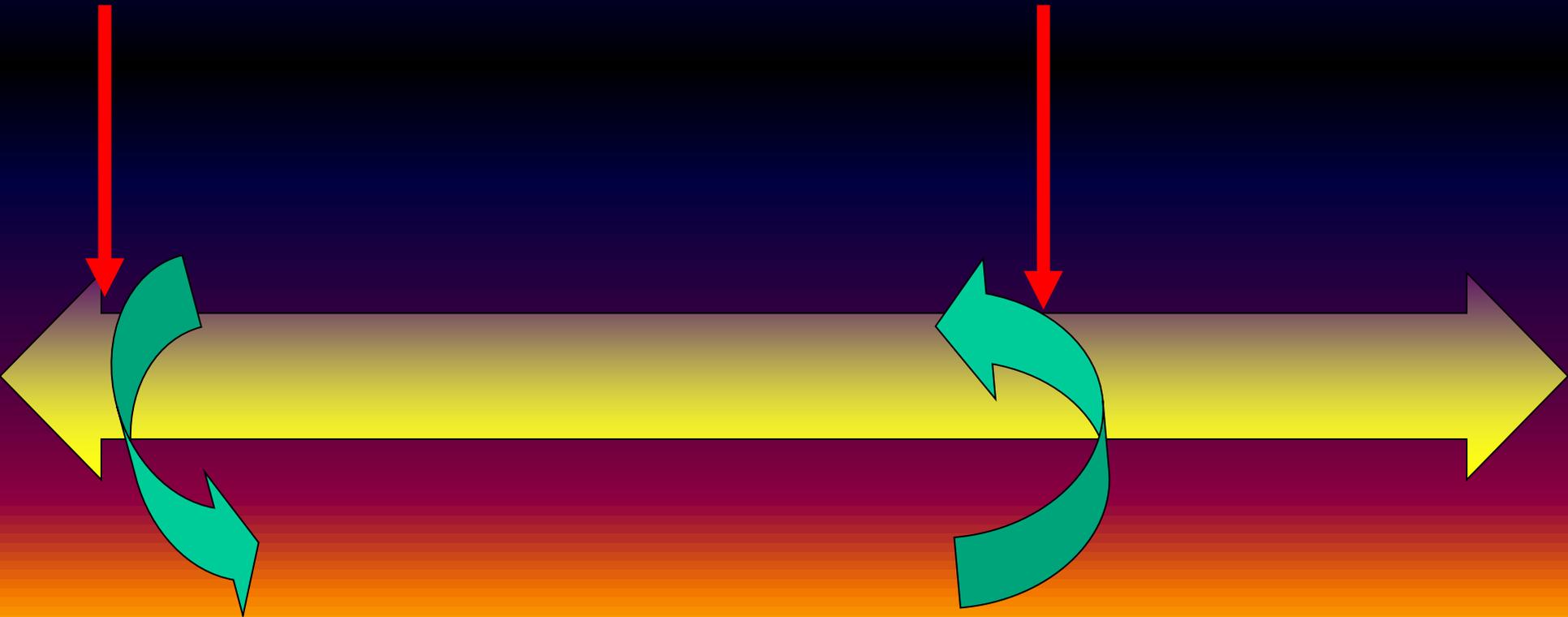
- Suffering Messiah
- Triumphant Messiah



The Two Comings of Messiah

**1st Coming:
Suffering Messiah**

**2nd Coming:
Triumphing Messiah**



Consequences of Messiah's Rejection

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- 70 / 135 of Jerusalem, the Second Temple and the state of Israel

**And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuary unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours [i.e. of the sacrifices].
(Lev 26:31)**



Consequences of Messiah's Rejection

- 70 A.D.: Desolation of the country through the centuries

And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. (Lev 26:32-33)



Consequences of Messiah's Rejection

- Since 70 A.D.: Dispersion of the Jews amongst all the nations of the world

And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other;... (Deut 28:64)



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Consequences of Messiah's Rejection

- 70 – 1948:
about 13 million Jews
lost their lives

**And I will scatter you
among the heathen, and
will draw out a sword
after you: and your land
shall be desolate, and
your cities waste. (Lev
26:33)**



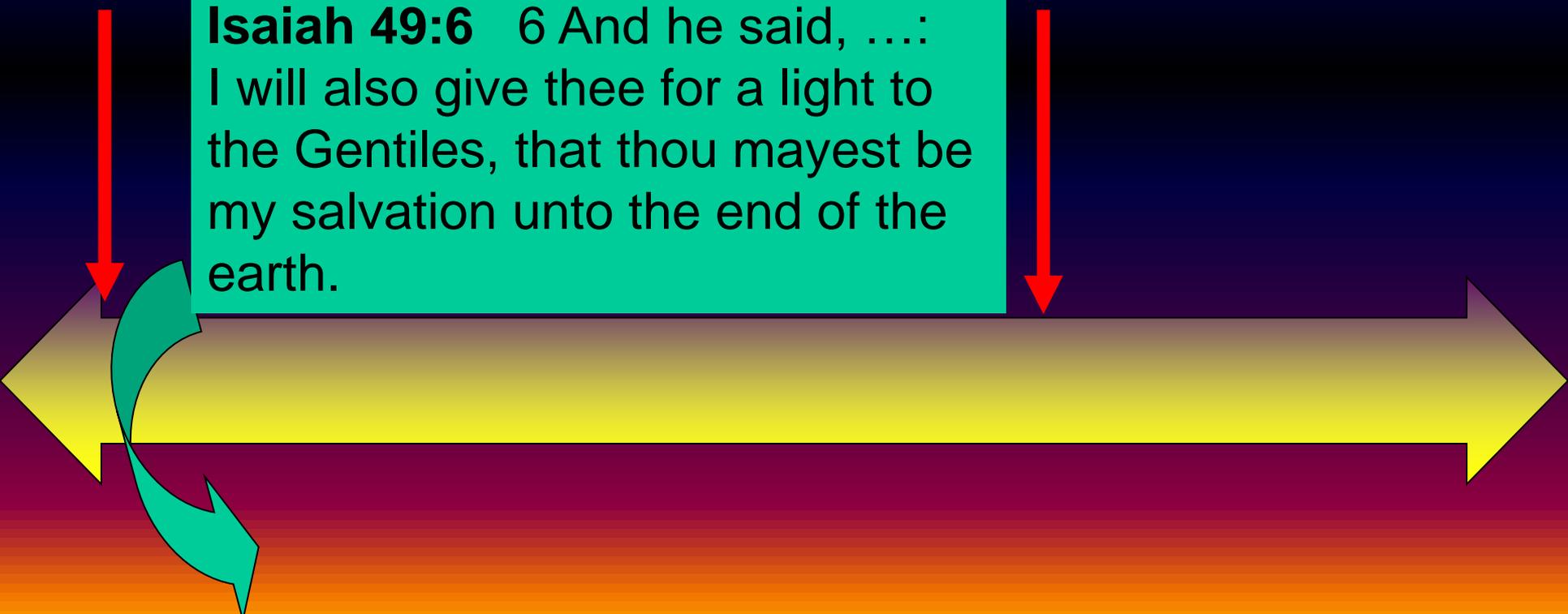
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Good News for the Gentiles

**1st Coming:
Suffering Messiah**

**2nd Coming:
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Isaiah 49:6 6 And he said, ...:
I will also give thee for a light to
the Gentiles, that thou mayest be
my salvation unto the end of the
earth.

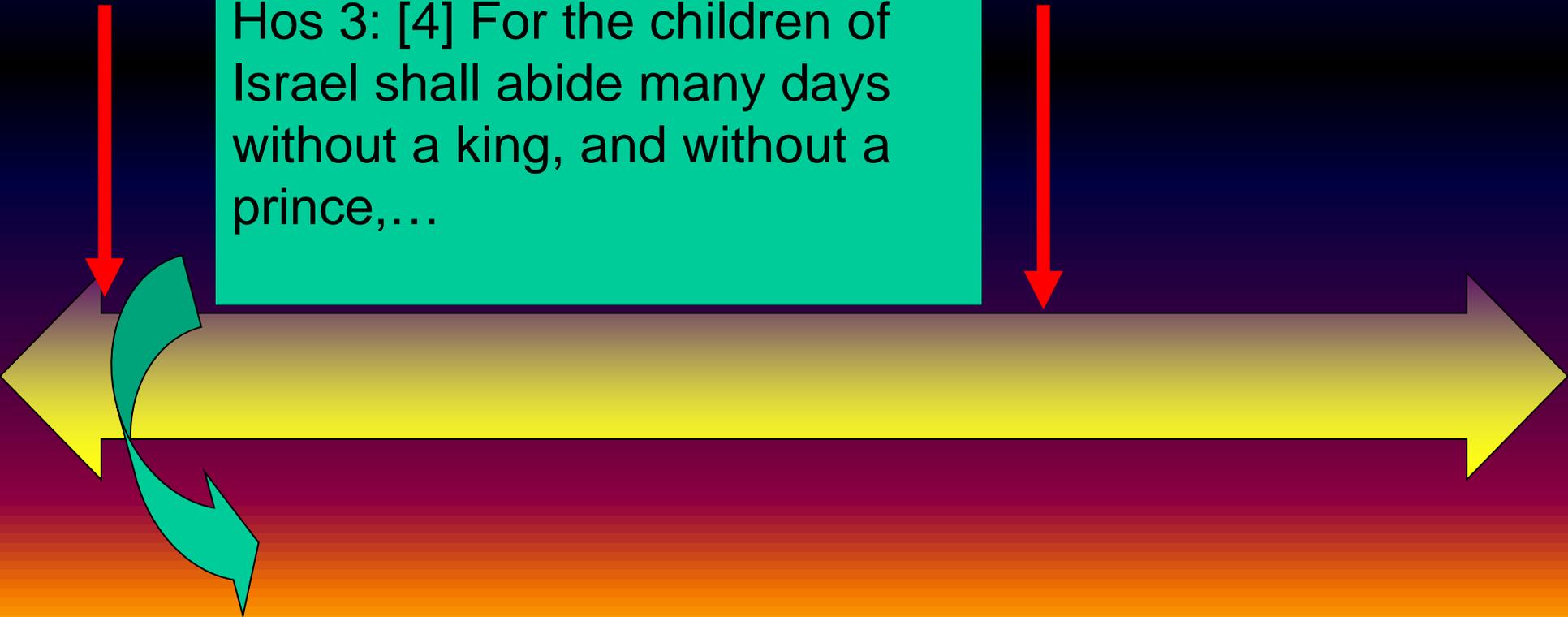


Israel in the Dispersion

**1st Coming:
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**2nd Coming:
Triumphing Messiah**

Hos 3: [4] For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince,...



The Long Period Without a Jewish State

[4] For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, ... [5] Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

(Hosea 3:4-5)

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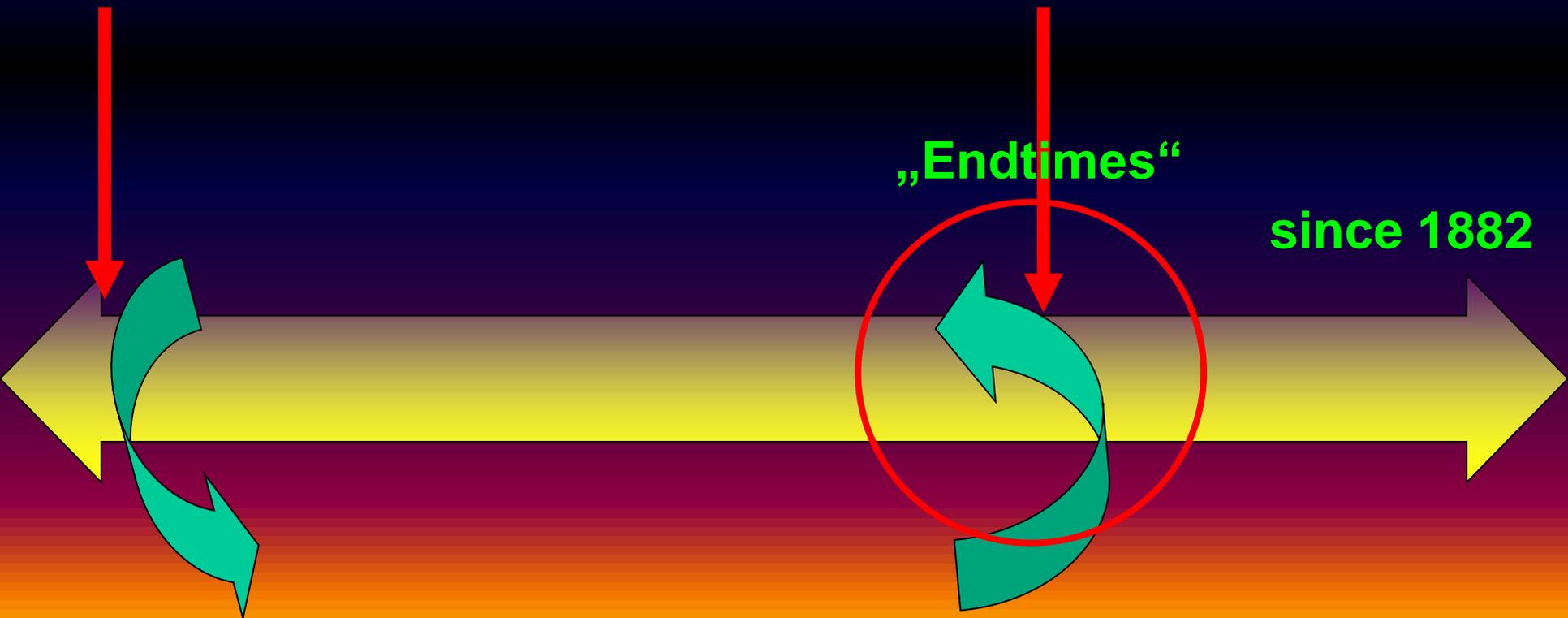


Long period without a national home

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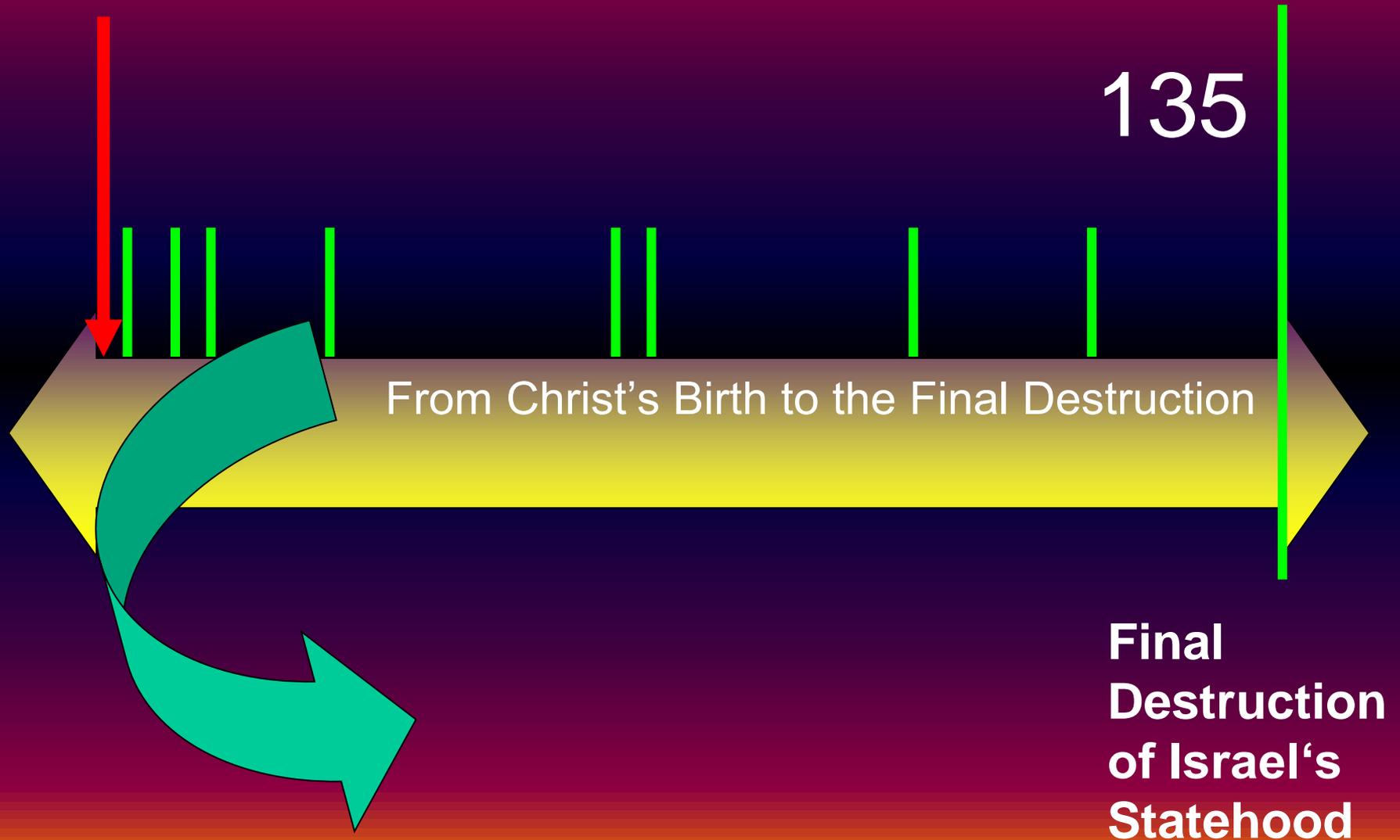


Endtimes: A Period of already 130 years

1882



Beginning: A Period of 135 Years



(1) Return of the Jews: 1882 - 2012

**Eze 36: [24] For I will
take you from among
the nations, and
gather you out of all
countries, and will
bring you into your
own land.**

(6th century B.C.)



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3 million Jews; out of all the 5 continents, from 130 countries

(2) Revival of Hebrew (1881-1922)

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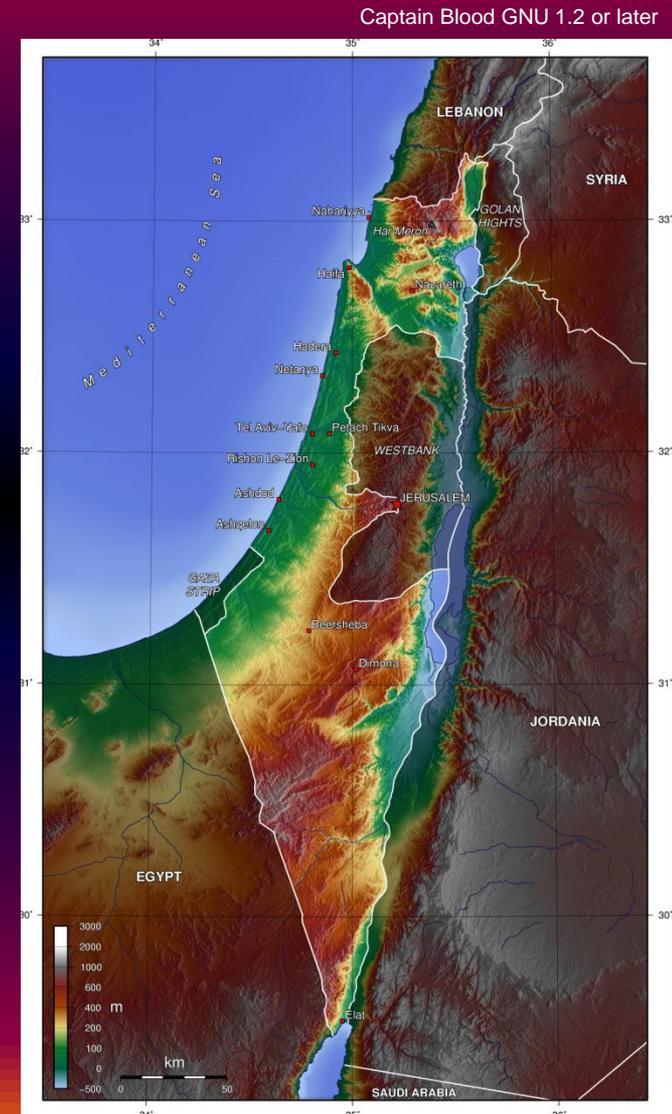


Isaiah 19: [18] In that day shall [even] five cities in the land of Egypt speak the language of Canaan [= Hebrew], ...

Elieser Ben Jehuda (1858-1922) revived the Hebrew language after about 1600 years.

(3) Buying the Land: 1882 - 1940

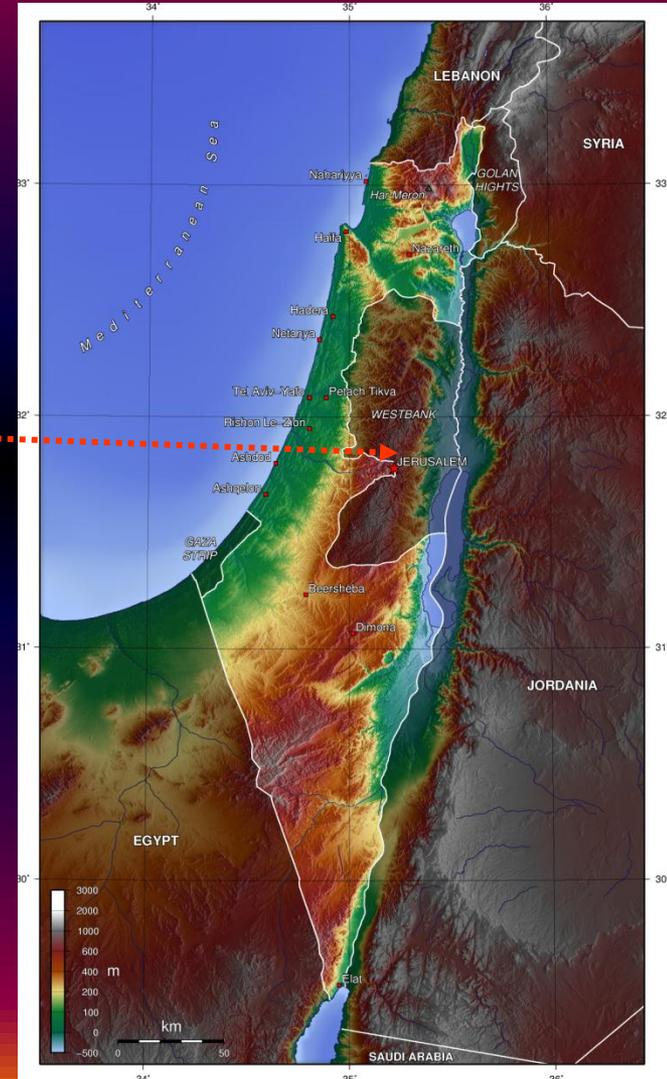
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(4) In the Land of Benjamin

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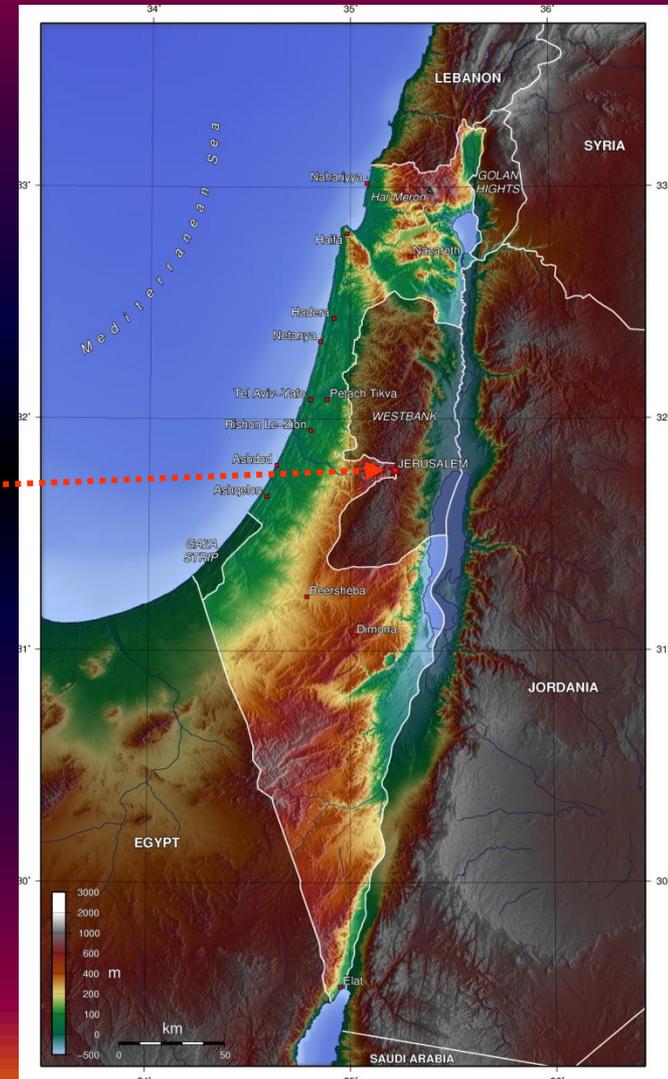
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(5) In the Places about Jerusalem

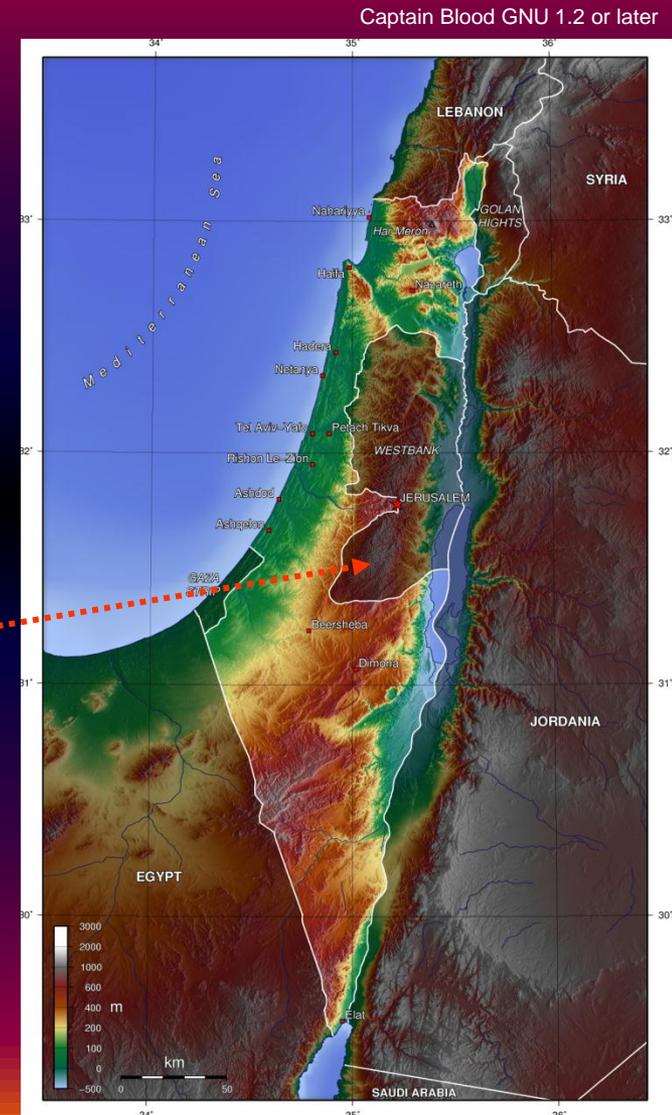
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(6) In the Cities of the Mountains

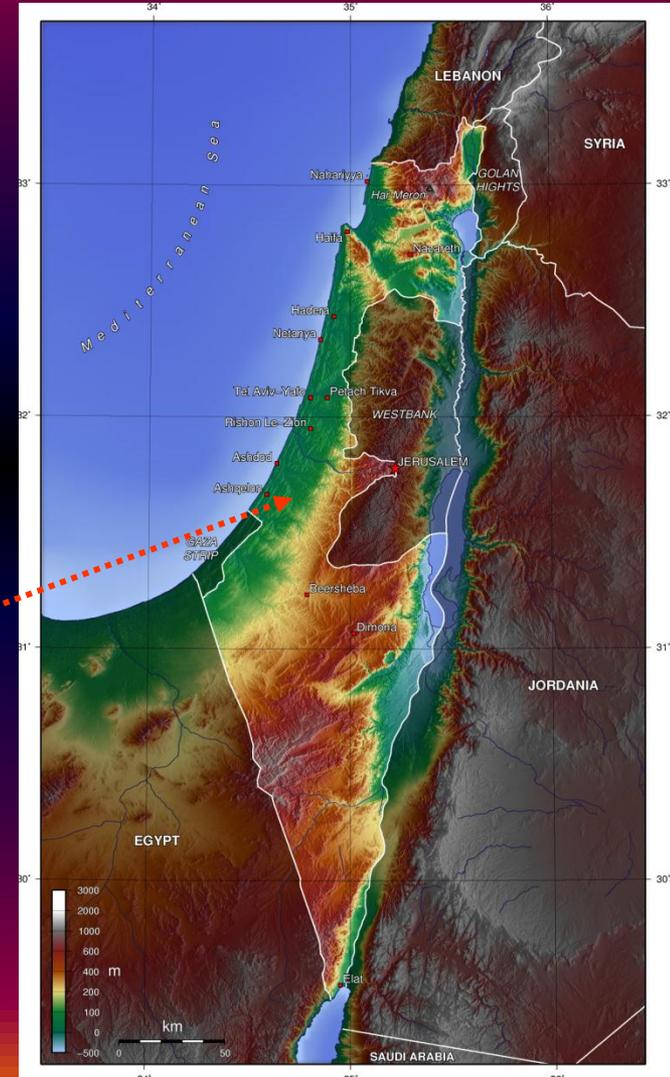
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(7) In the Cities of the Shefela

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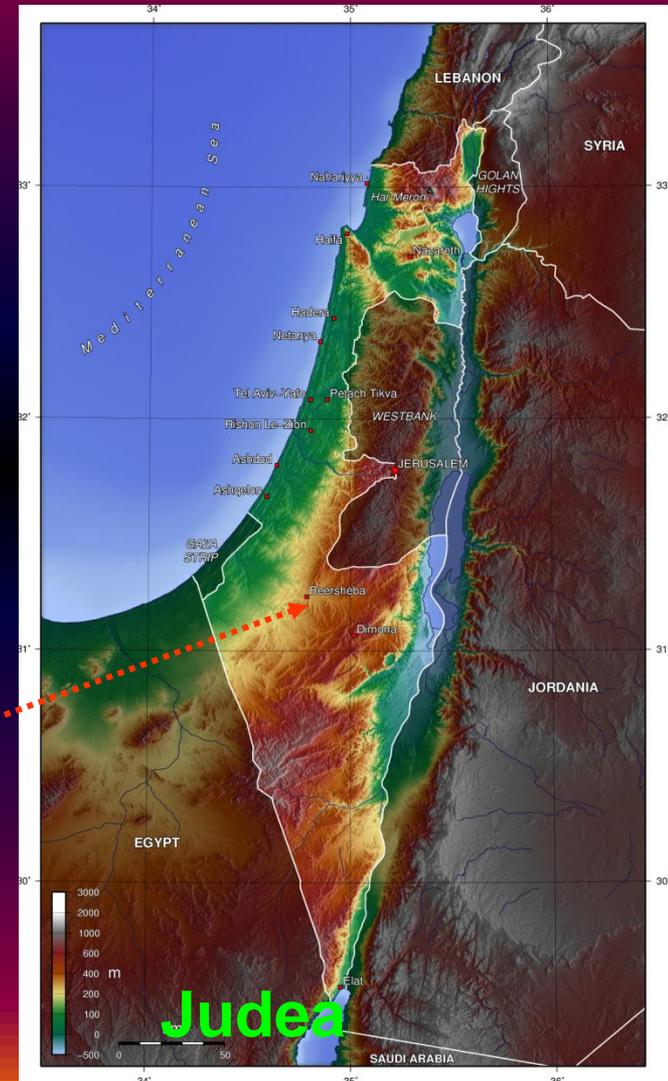
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(8) In the Cities of the Negev

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(9) Restoration of OT Cities

Amos 9: [14] I will bring about the restoration of my people Israel; they shall rebuild and inhabit their ruined cities, plant vineyards and drink the wine, set out orchards and eat the fruits. [15] I will plant them upon their own ground; never again shall they be plucked from the land I have given them, say I, the LORD, your God.

(NAB)

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(10) Vineyards and Wine

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(11) Orchards and Fruits

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(12) Foreign Vines

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Isaiah 17:10:

[6] Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shalt set it with strange slips:



(13) The Desert Shall Blossom

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Eze 36: [34] And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. [35] And they shall say: This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited.

(14) Founding the Statehood of Israel: May 14, 1948

Isaiah 66:8 **Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a land be born in one day? Can a nation be brought forth all at once? As soon as Zion travailed, she also brought forth her sons. (NAS)**



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(16) The Conquest of Mount Zion: June 7, 1967

Ps 126: [1] Song of degrees. When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like them that dream. [2] Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. [3] The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.



The Temple Mount

(17) The aim of the Enemies: The Complete Destruction of Israel

Psalm 83: 1 Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. **2** For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. **3** They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

- 1948-1949
- 1967
- 1973



4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

(18) Alliance of Israel's Enemies: The Arab League

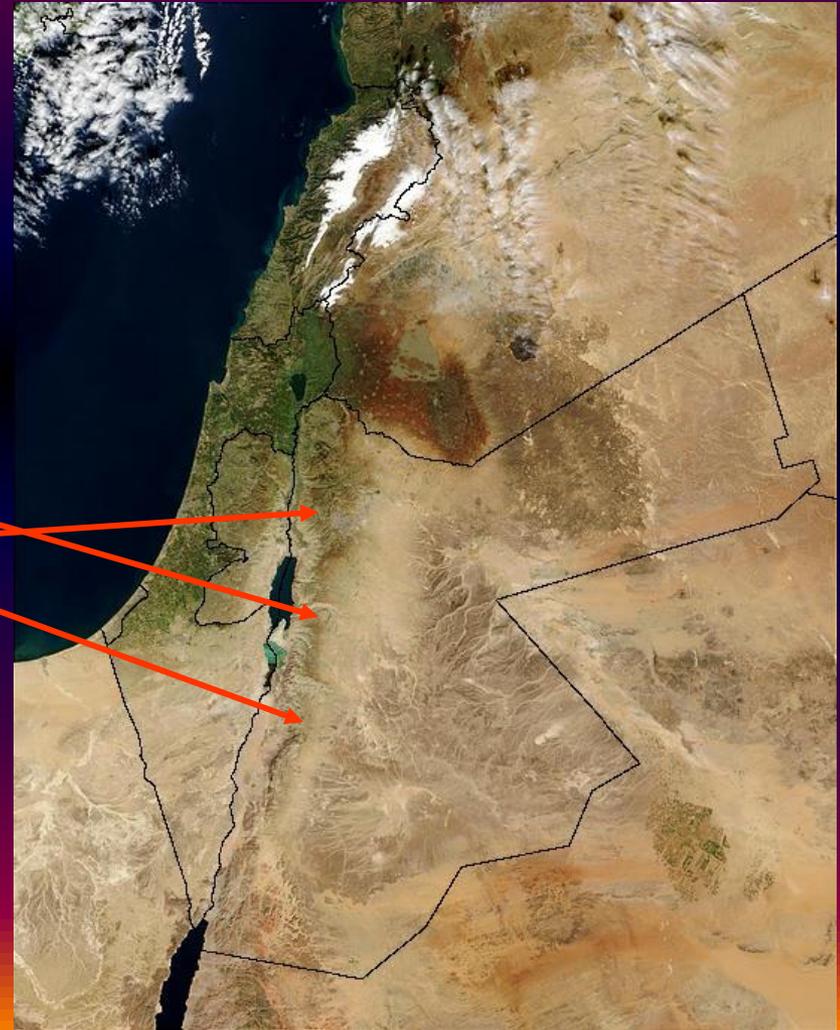
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(19) Alliance of Israel's Enemies: Jordan

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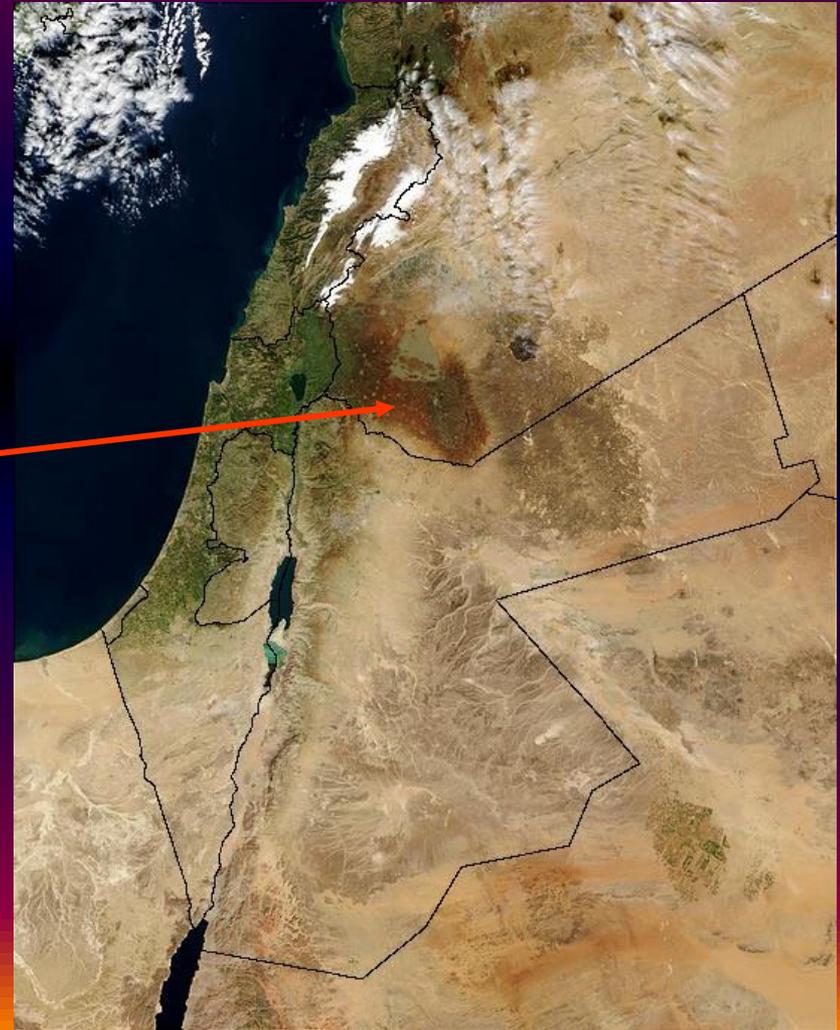
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(21) Alliance of Israel's Enemies: Syria

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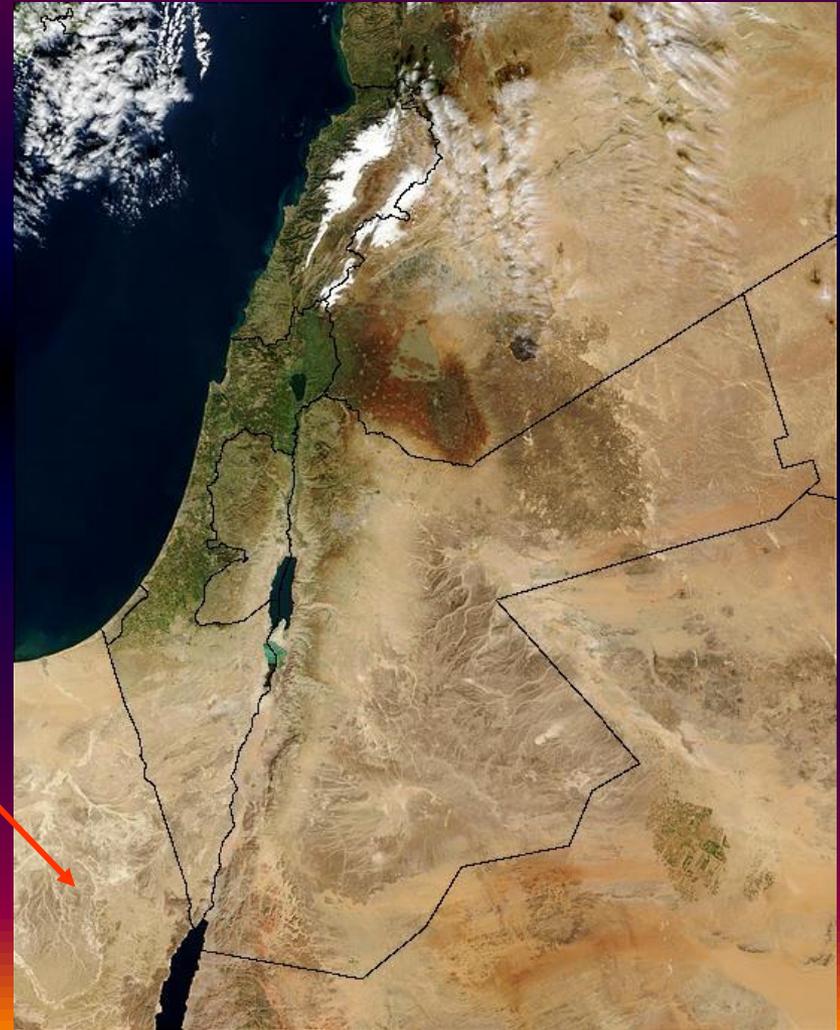
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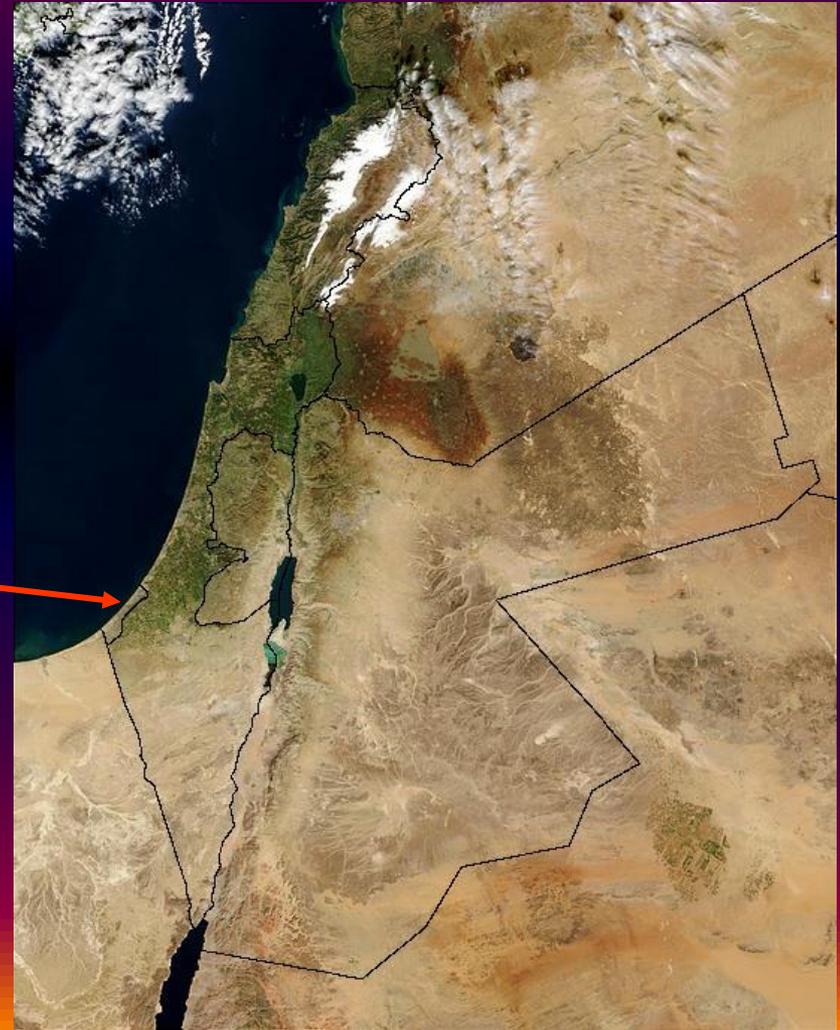
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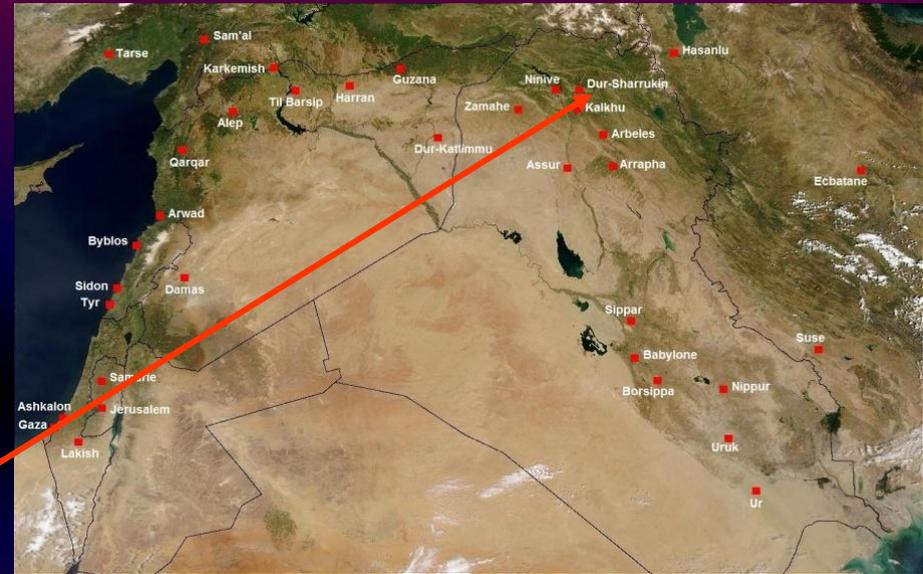
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(25) Alliance of Israel's Enemies: (Northern) Iraq

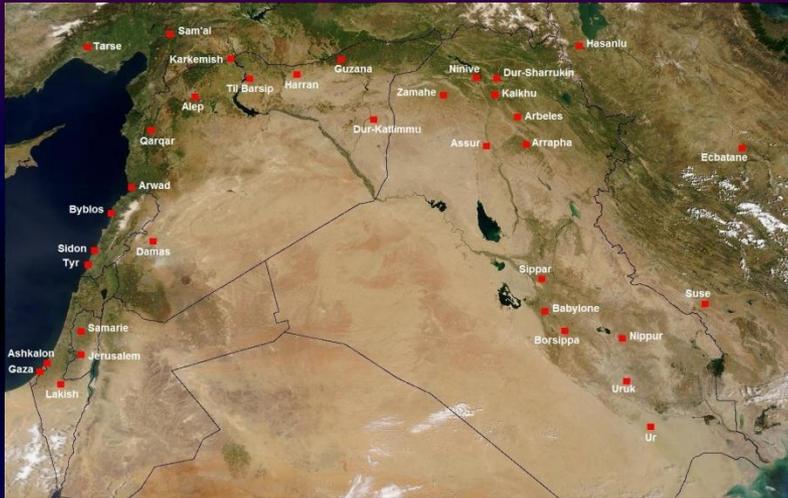
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(26) Flight and (27) Exodus of the Jews out of Iraq

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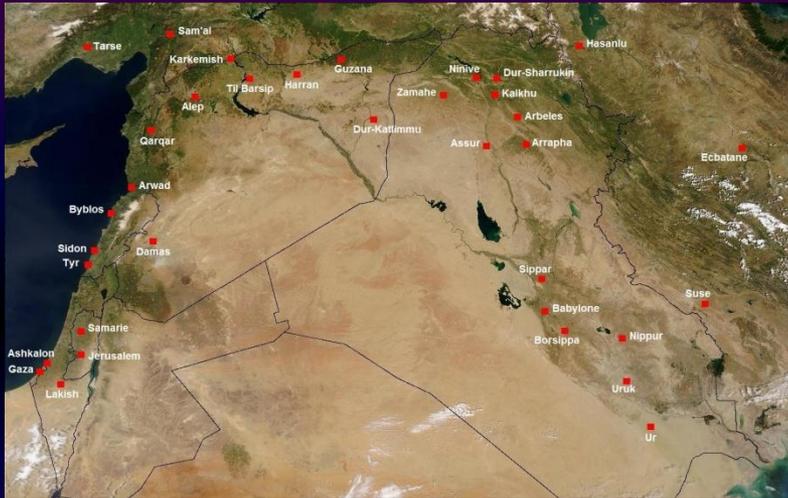
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Jer 51: [6] Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence.

(28) Flight and Exodus before the catastrophe over Iraq

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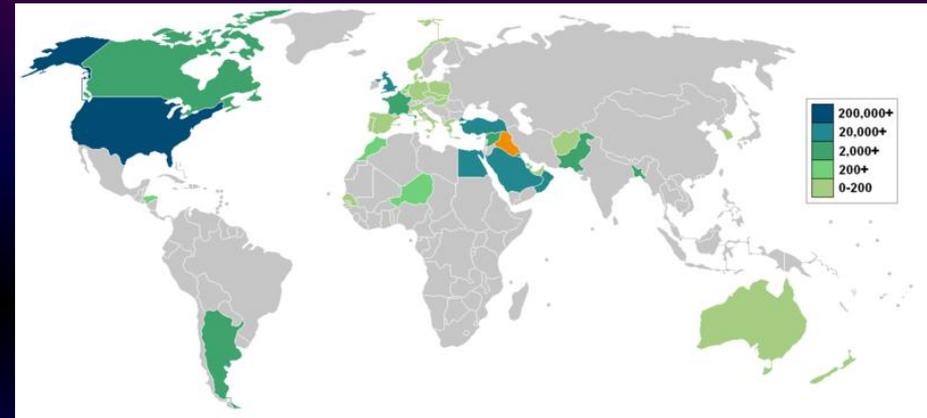
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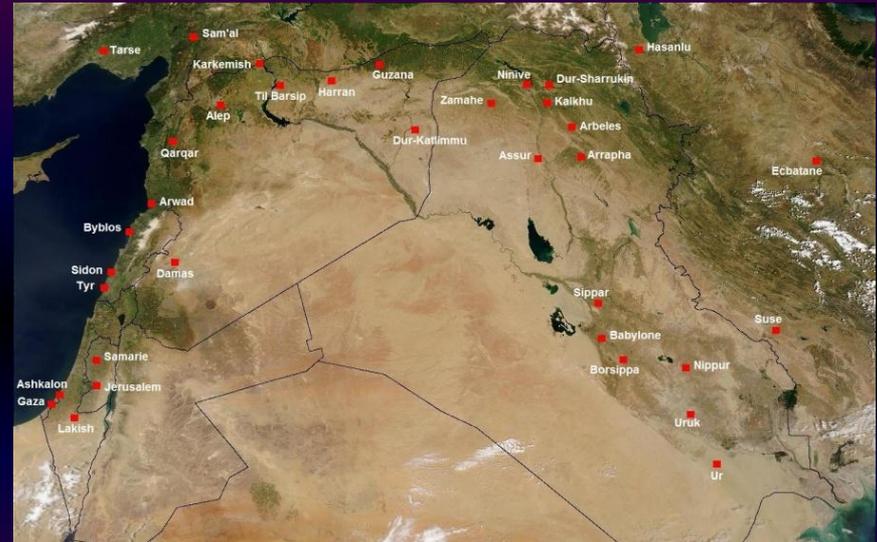
(29) An Army from the End of the World

Isaiah 13: [4c] ... the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.



(30) Destruction of Iraq: 1991

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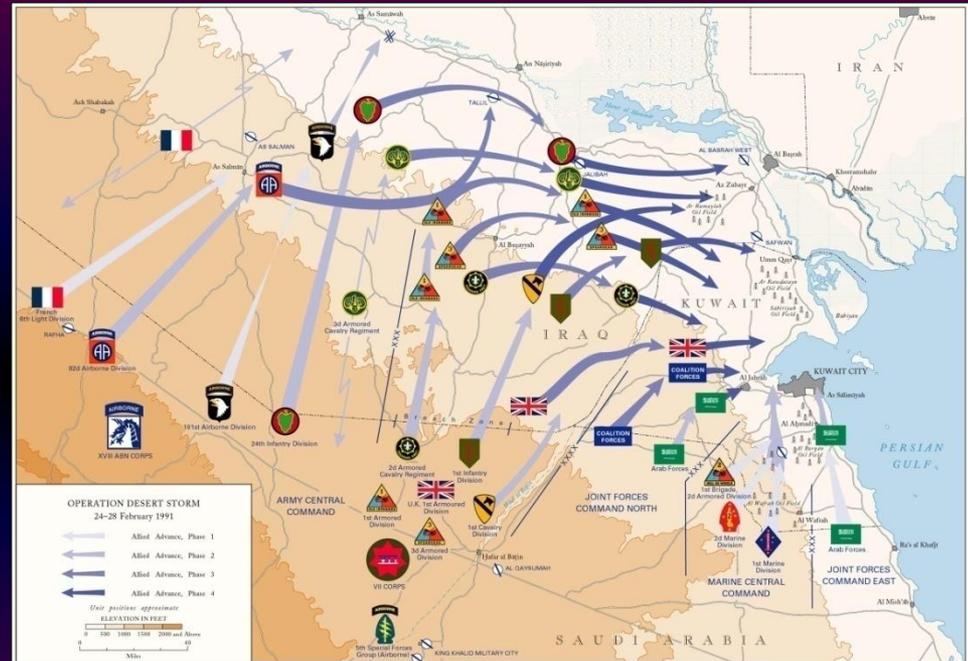
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100,000 arial attacks

(31) Noise of War on the Hills

US-Government

Isaiah 13: [4a-b] The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together:

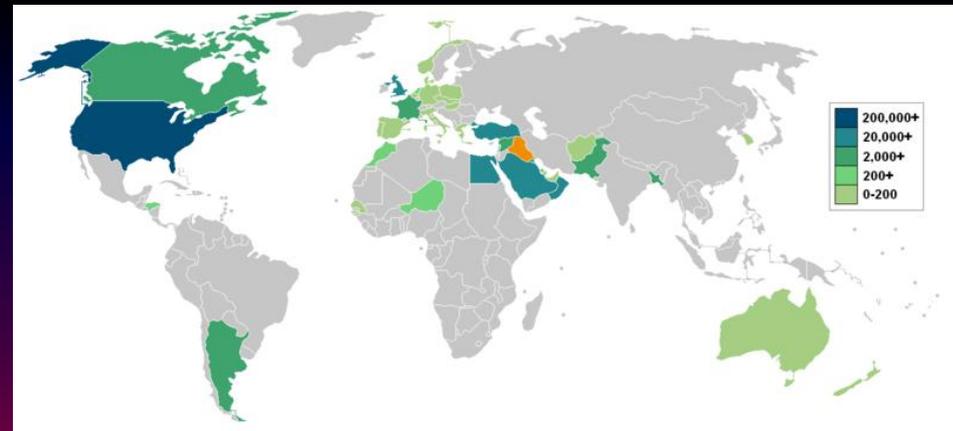


Most of the allied troops entered into southern Iraq, crossed the hills there and entered eventually into Kuwait.

(32) Many nations gathered together

Isaiah 13: [4a-b] **The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together:**

- 956,000 troops from 34 nations, from all the 5 continents of the world



(33) Conquest of Babylonia, a Shock for the World: 2003

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Protest in Montreal

**Jeremia 50:22-23
(NAB): [22] Battle
alarm in the land, dire
destruction! [23] How
has the hammer of the
whole earth been
broken and shattered!
What an object of
horror Babylon has
become among the
nations.**

(35) The Fords Occupied

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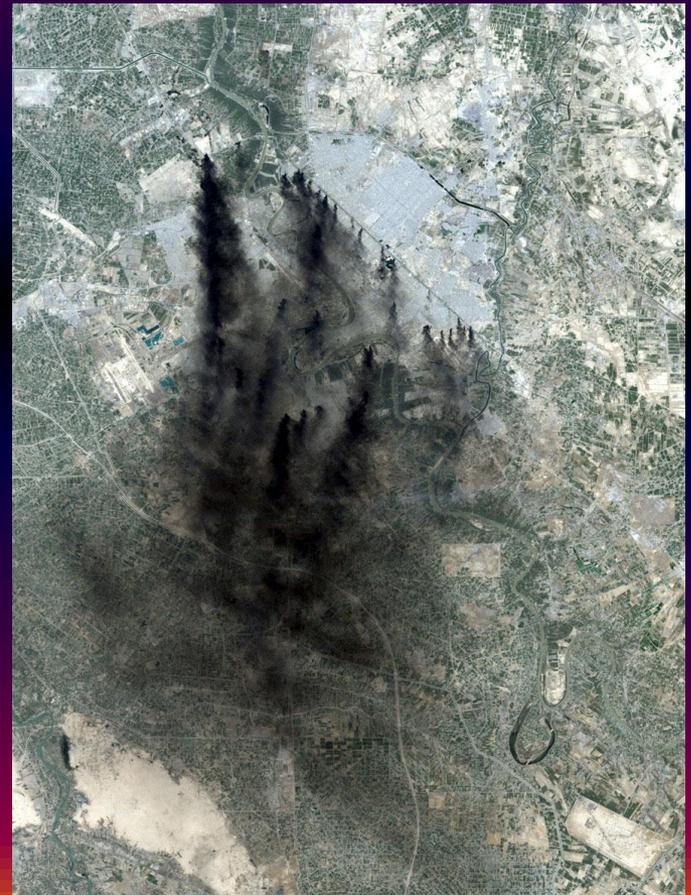
[31] Courier follows
close on courier,
messenger on
messenger, to tell the
king of Babylon that his
city has been taken from
all sides, [32] the fords
occupied, the bastions
[palaces] burnt down
and the fighting men
seized with panic. (Jer
51:31-32 NJB)



(36) The palaces burnt down

... [32] the fords
occupied, the bastions*
[palaces] burnt down
and the fighting men
seized with panic. (Jer
51:32 NJB)

* Hebr. „agammim“
= bastions, palaces, pools



(37) Sudden End of the Battle: 2003

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The mighty men
[the warriors] of
Babylon have
forborn to fight,
they have remained
in their holds: their
might hath failed;
they became as
women: they have
burned her dwelling
places; her bars are
broken. (Jer 51:30)



After 25 days: surprising end of
fighting

(38) Destruction of the Military Housings

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(39) Babylon's Treasures in the Hand of the Enemies

US Government



Iraqi oil

And Chaldea [= Babylonia] shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD.” (Jer 50:10)

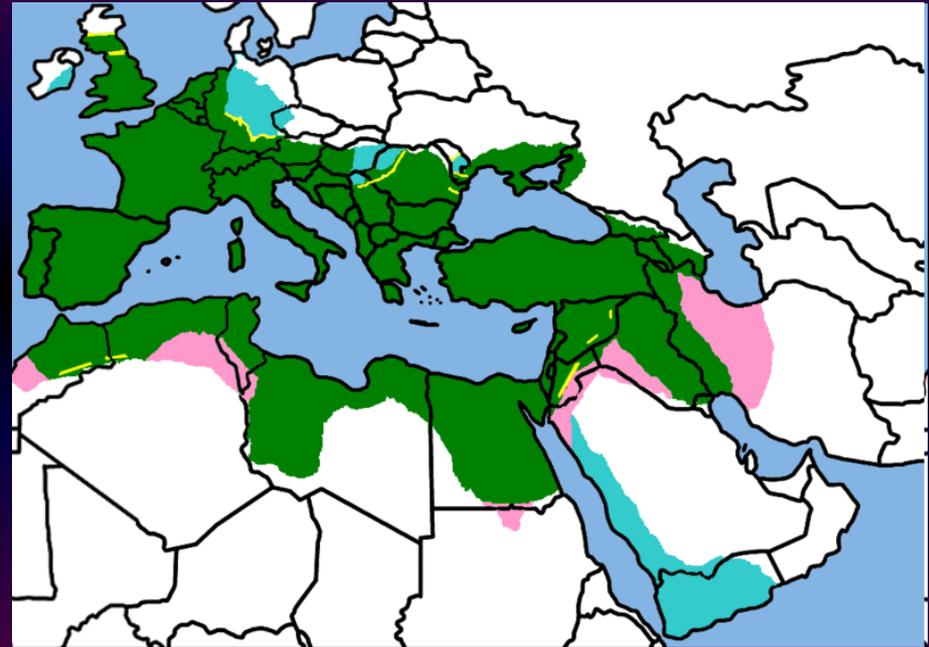
O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness. (Jer 51:13)

Future final event:

Total destruction of Southern Iraq. This region will no more be inhabited (Isa. 13:17ff.; Jer 50-51).

(40) The Revived Roman Empire

- The 4 world empires of Dan 7:
 - (1) Lion = Babylonia
 - (2) Bear = Persia
 - (3) Leopard = Greece
 - (4) Beast with 10 Horns = Rom



The Roman Empire

Revelation 13 and 17 treat again the 4th world empire of the Book of Daniel.

(40) The Revived Roman Empire

Revelation 17:8:
The beast that thou sawest
[a] was,
[b] and is not;
[c] and shall ascend out of the
bottomless pit, and go into
perdition: ...

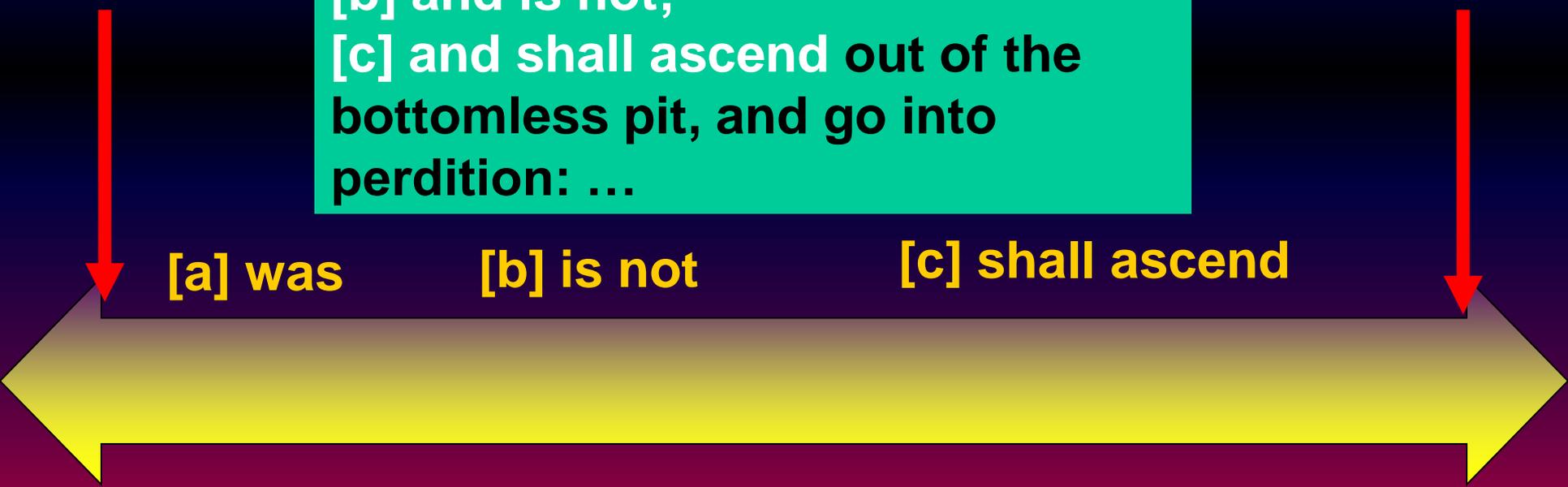
1st Coming

2nd Coming

[a] was

[b] is not

[c] shall ascend



The Signs in the Sermon of the Lord on the Mount of Olives

- Mat 24; Mark 13; Luk 21
- Signs = „birth pangs“ (Mat 24:8): cyclical, more and more intensive and painful

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Mat 24:

[8] All these are the beginning of sorrows.

„The Beginning of Sorrows“

- 1. Mass Wars
- 2. Revolutions
- 3. Famines
- 4. Epidemics
- 5. Earth Quakes

- **Then:**
Persecution of Christians
- **Then:**
Mass Apostasy

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Mat 24:

[8] All these are the beginning of sorrows.

„The Beginning of Sorrows“

1882

1922

Return of the Jews since 1882

40 years: 1882 - 1922



(1) Wars and War News

- A new phenomeeon:
World War on all the 5 continents
- World War I (1914-1918): 18 million dead
- World War II (1939-1945): 50-70 million dead

Mat 24:

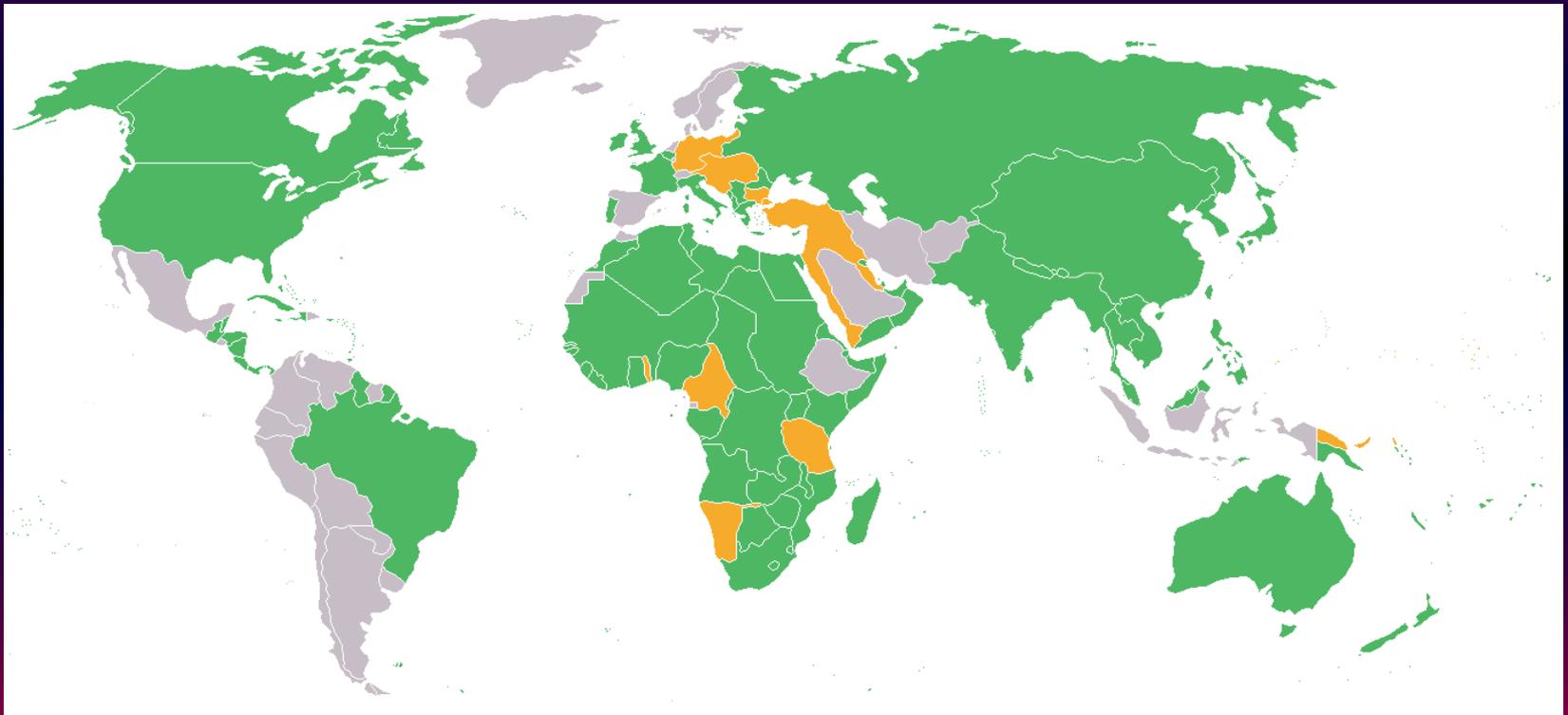
[6] And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. [7]

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:

...

(1) Wars and War News

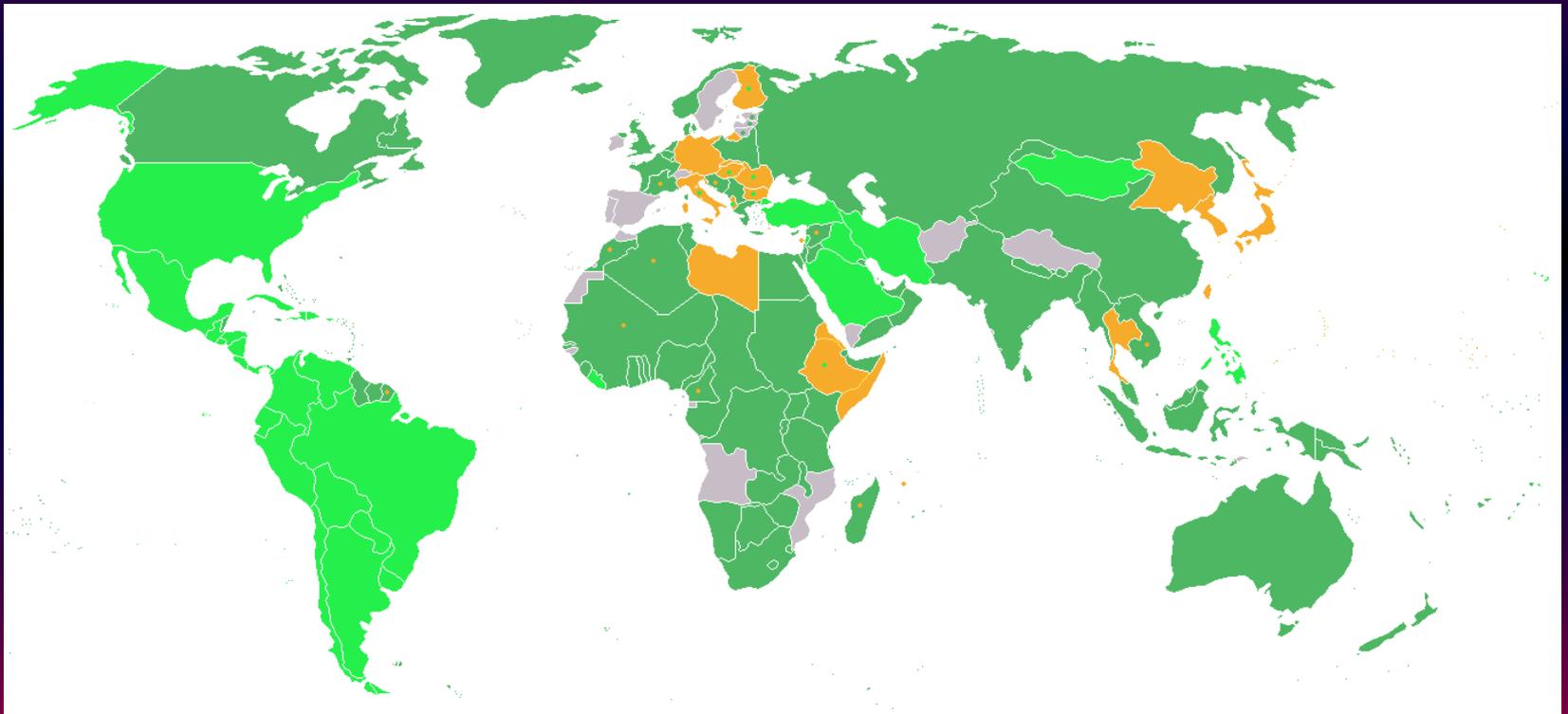
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World war I

(1) Wars and War News

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World war II

„The Beginning of Sorrows“

„The End“

1882

1st WW (1914-18)

2nd WW (1939-45)

Return of the Jews since 1882



„The Beginning of Sorrows“

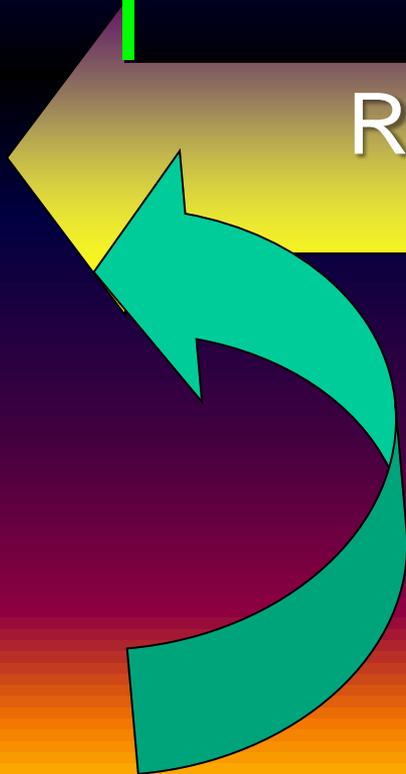
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(2) Revolutions

Mark 13:

[8] ... and there shall be famines and troubles [*tarachai*]: these are the beginnings of sorrows.

Luk 21,9:

[9] But when ye shall hear of wars and revolutions [*akatastasiai*], be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by.

(2) Revolutions

- 1. Philippine Revolution 1896-1898**
- 2. Constitutional Revolution in Iran 1905-1911**
- 3. Russian Revolution 1905**
- 4. The Young Turk Revolution in the Ottoman Empire 1908**
- 5. Mexican Revolution since 1910**
- 6. Chinese (Xinhai-Revolution) 1911/1912**
- 7. Arab Revolt 1916 – 1918**
- 8. February Revolution in Russia 1917**
- 9. October Revolution in Russia 1917**
- 10. November Revolution in Germany 1918 / 1919**
- 11. Aster Revolution 1918 in Hungary**

(2) Revolutions

- 1882 – 1922:
- 70 Revolutions and Rebellions

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1882

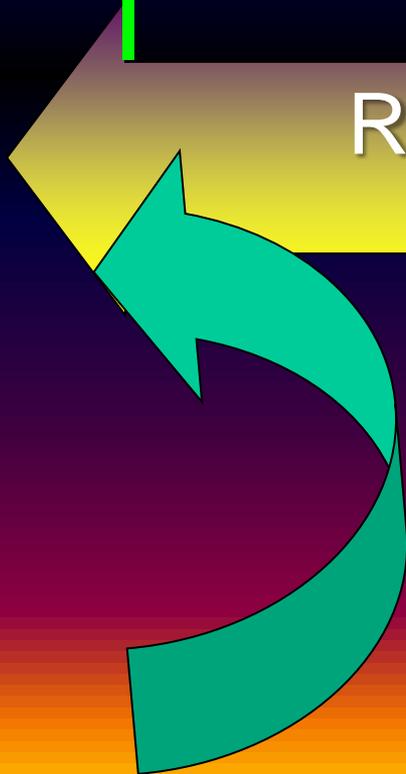
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1st WW

1922

Return of the Jews since 1882

40 years: 1882 - 1922



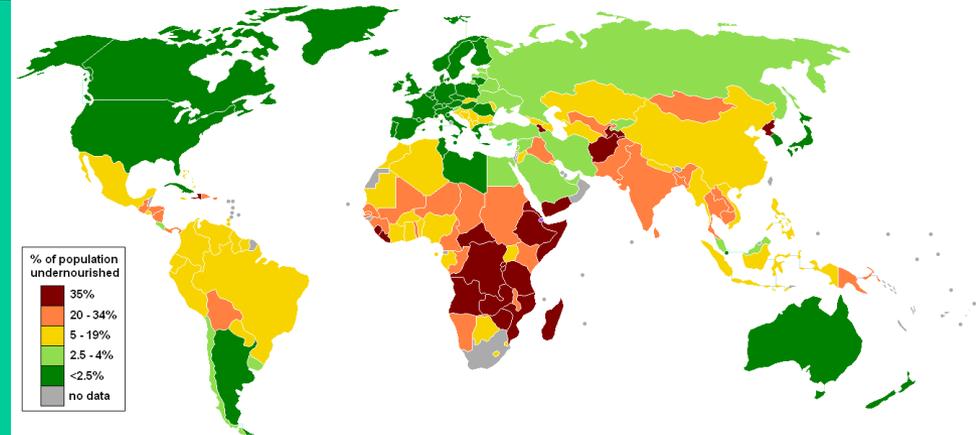
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- 1882 – 2012:
- > 334 Revolutions
and Rebellions

(3) Famines

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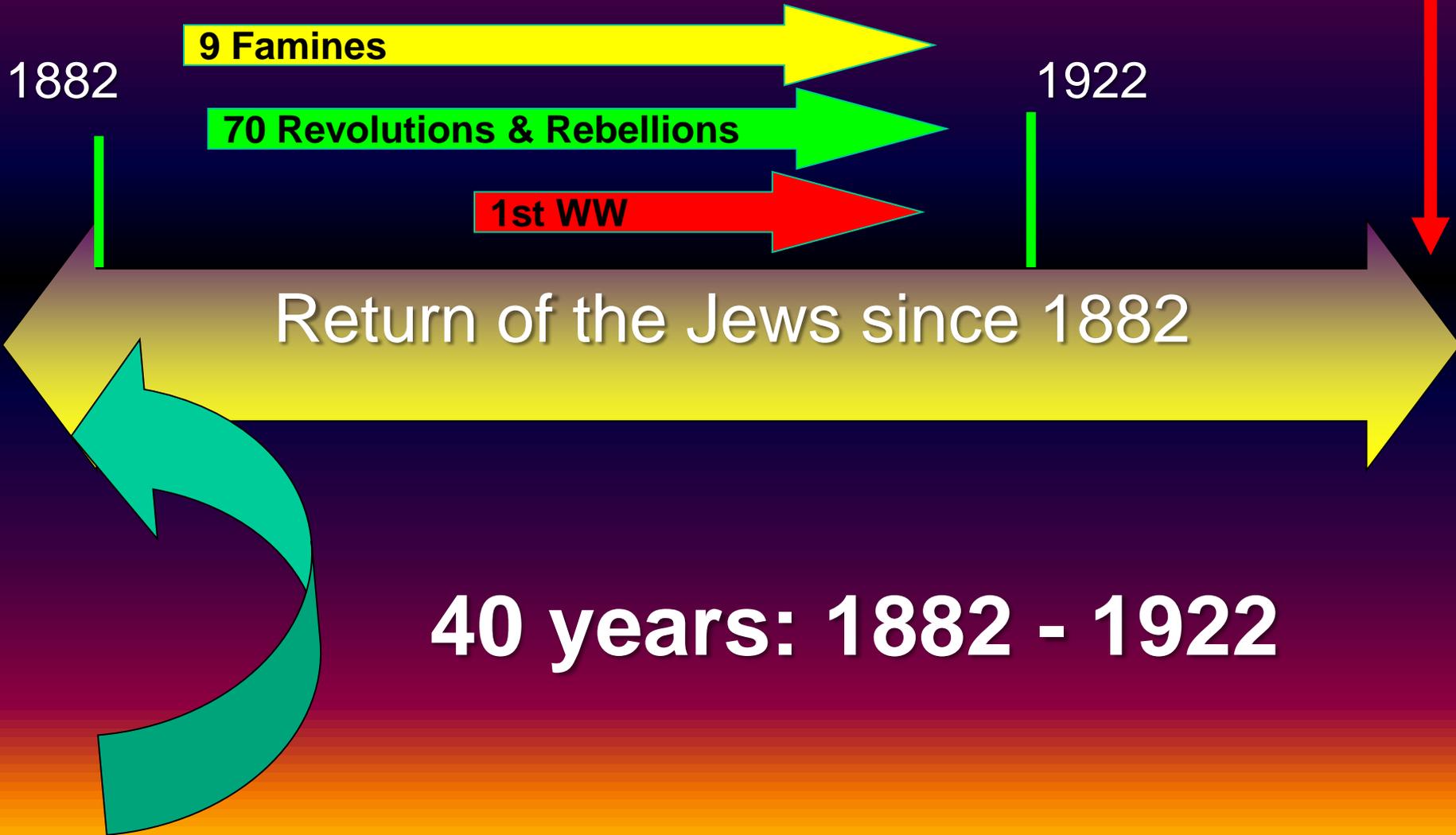
- **China:**
 - **1892 – 1894: famine: 1 million dead**
 - **1896 – 1897: famine: 5 millionen dead**
 - **1920 – 1921: famine in North China: 500,000 dead**
- **Russia:**
 - **1891-1892: Russian famine: ca. 2 millionen dead**
 - **1921: Russian famine: ca. 5 millionen dead**
- **Lebanon:**
 - **1916 – 1918: famine 100,000 dead**

(3) Famines

- **India:**
 - 1896–1897 and 1899–1902 famine; 100 million touched; up to 11 million dead
- **Africa:**
 - 1899: famine in Central Kenia: 50-90 % of the population died.

Total : > 26 million dead

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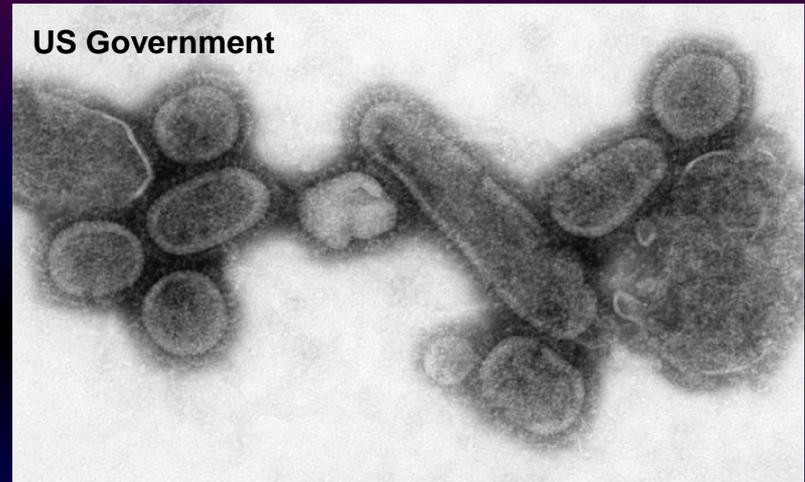
(3) Famines

- **20th century = “The Century of Famines”**
- **The problem of chronic hunger**
- **World population: from 1.6 – 6.5 billion**
- **8 million die each year.**
- **At the moment:
1 billion are hungry.**

**Mat 24:
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(4) Epidemics

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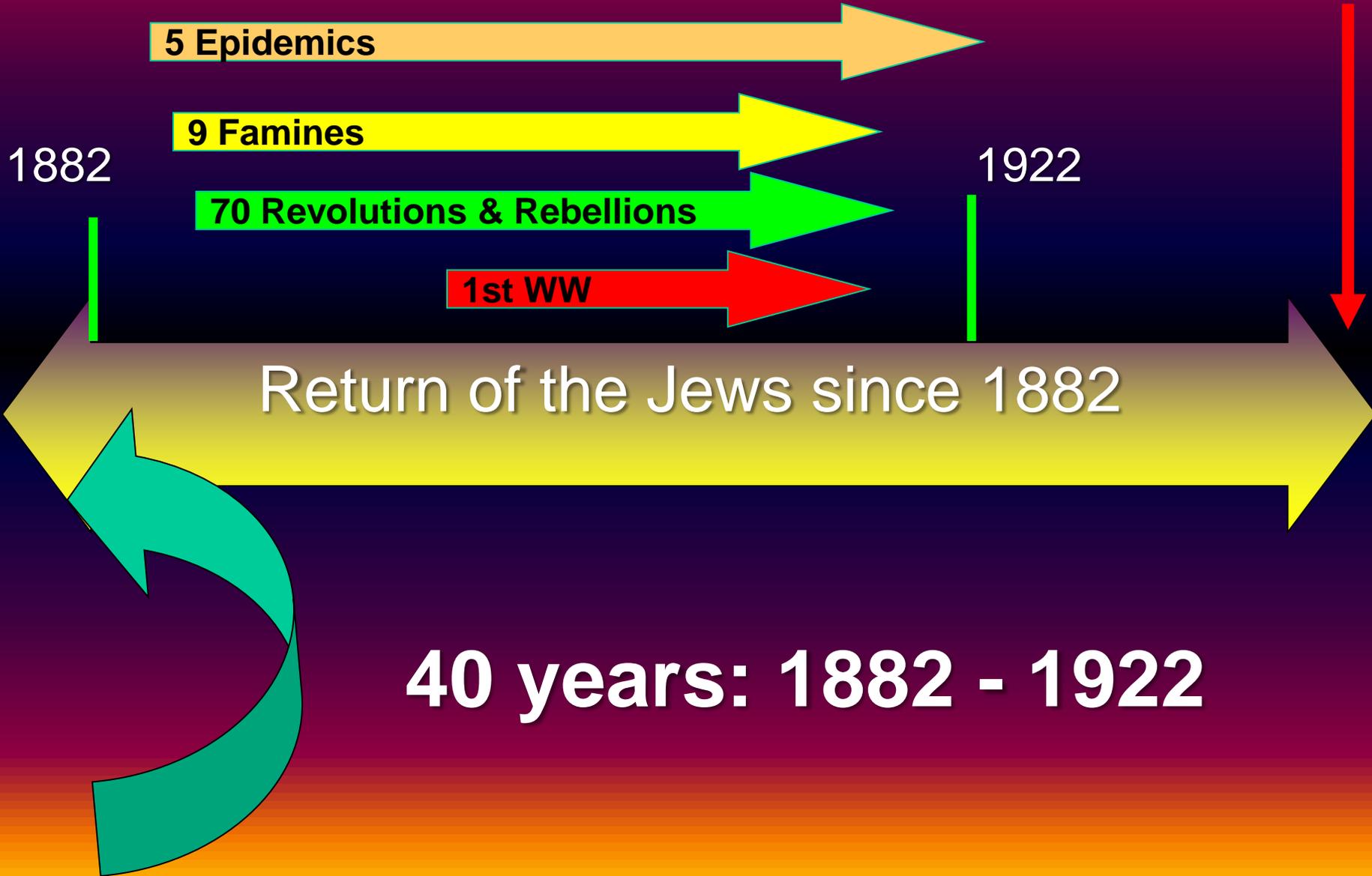


Spanish Flu Virus

(4) Epidemics

- **1. The Russian Flu 1889/1890: 1 million dead**
- **2. The „Third Pest Pandemics“ 1896 – 1945: 12 million dead**
- **3. The „Sixth Cholera Epidemics“ 1899 – 1923: > 800,000 dead**
- **4. The Russian Typhus Epidemics 1918 – 1922: 25 millionen touched; 3,5 million dead**
- **5. Spanish Flu 1918 – 1920: 50 – 100 million dead**

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(4) Epidemics

- **Asian Flu 1956 – 1958: 1-4 million dead**
- **Hong Kong Flu 1968 – 1969: 800,000 - 2 million dead**
- **Russian Flu 1977 – 1978: ca.700,000 dead**
- **AIDS since 1981: 37 million dead (today: 33 million sick persons; 2,6 million infections / year; 1,8 million dead / year)**
- **Small Pox in the 20th. c.: 300 million - ½ billion dead**
- **Tuberculosis in the 20th c.: 100 million dead (today: 1,5 - 2 millionen dead / year)**
- **Measles 1870-2011: 200 million dead**
- **Hepatite B or C: 2011 ½ billion sick (every 12th human being); 1,5 million dead / year**
- **Nicotine addiction in the 20th c.: 100 million dead (WHO)**

(5) Earthquakes

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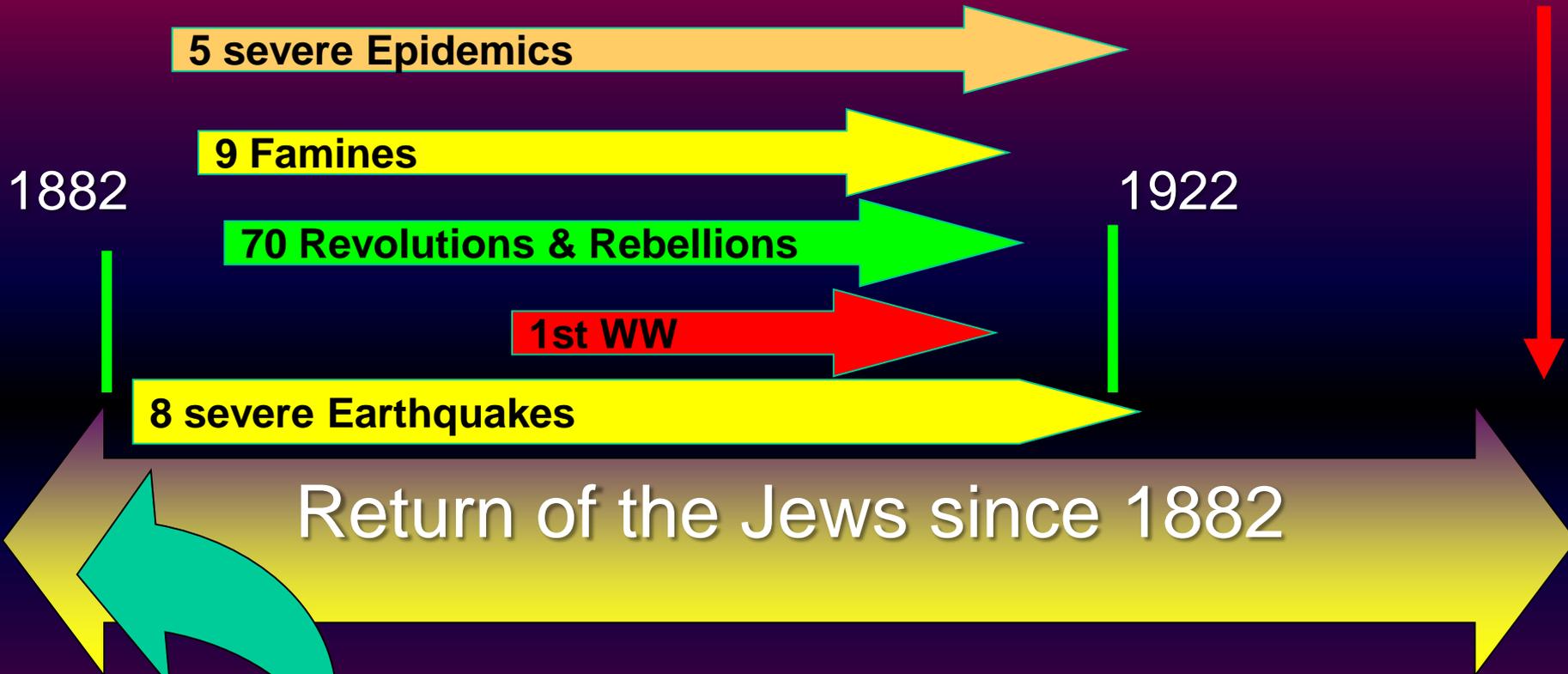
- Ottoman Empire 1883: 15,000 dead
- Iran 1893: 18,000 dead
- Iran 1985: 11,000 dead
- Japan 1896: 27,000 dead
- India 1905: 20,000 daed
- 1908: Messina / Sicily / Calabria: 72,000 – 110,000 daed
- Italia 1915: 30,000 dead
- China 1920: 200,000 dead



San Francisco, 1905

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(5) Earthquakes

20th cent.: 2.3 million dead in about 140 great earthquakes

- **Japan 1923: 150,000 dead**
- **Turkmenia 1948: 100,000 dead**
- **Peru 1970: 66,000 dead**
- **China 1976: 800,000 dead**
- **Iran 1990: 50,000 dead**
- **Iran 2003: 41,000 daed**
- **Pakistan 2005: 90,000 dead**
- **China 2008: 80,000 dead**
- **Haiti 2010: 316,000 dead**

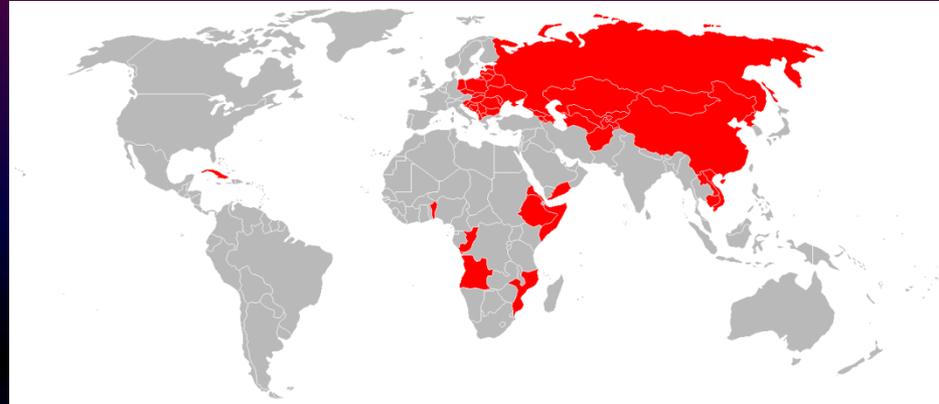
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(6) Affliction, (7) death and (8) hate

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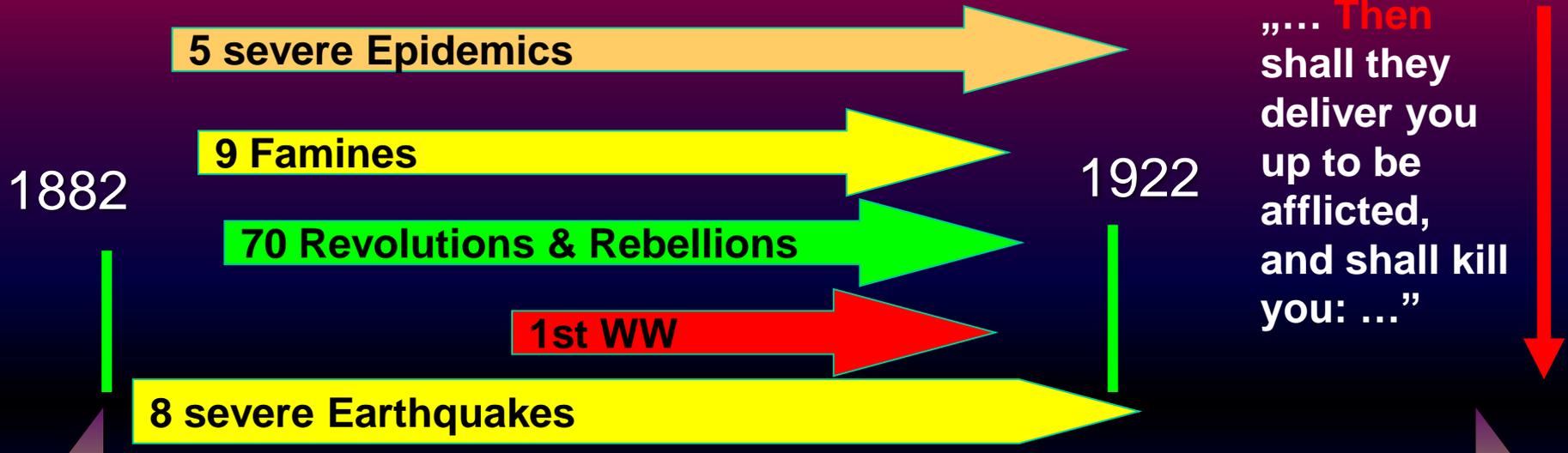
- The communists in the Soviet-Union decided in the 1920s to destroy Christianity. Persecution up to 1991 (dissolution of the Soviet-Union).
- Torture, labour camps, prisons, mental hospitals



Matthew 24:

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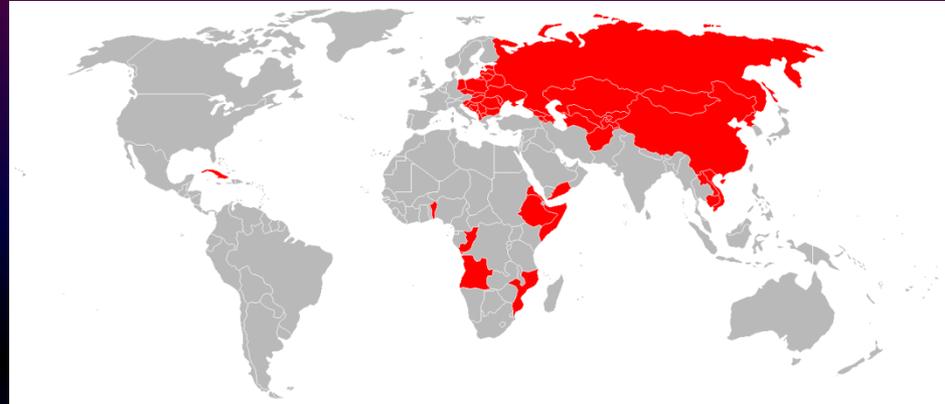
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- Most Christian martyrs died during the 20th century
46.5 million (= 65%)



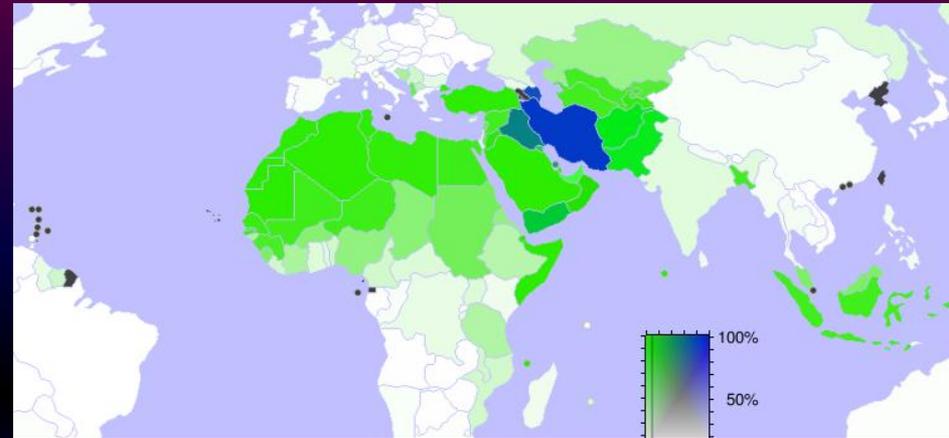
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- Today (Open Doors):
100 million Christians
are persecuted in 25
different countries
- 100,000 dead / year



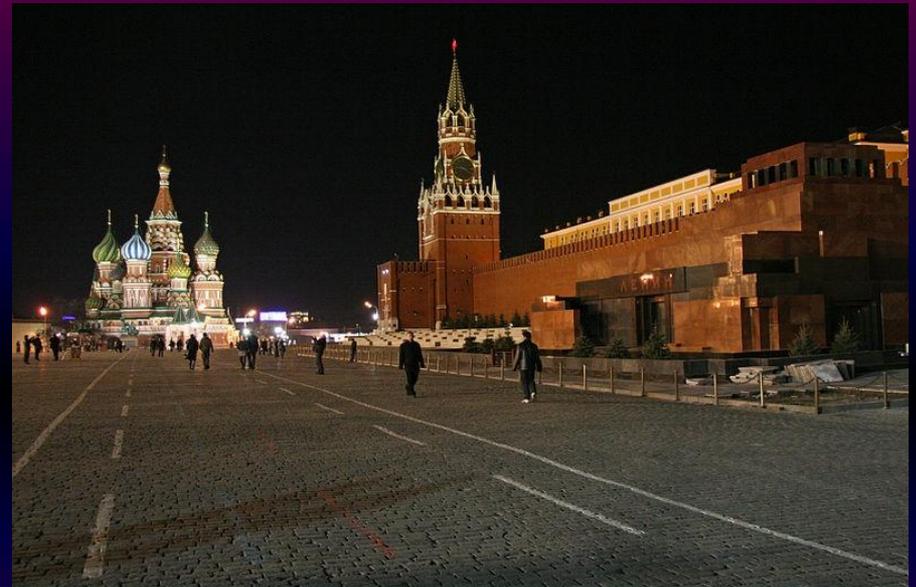
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(9) Forced to Apostasy

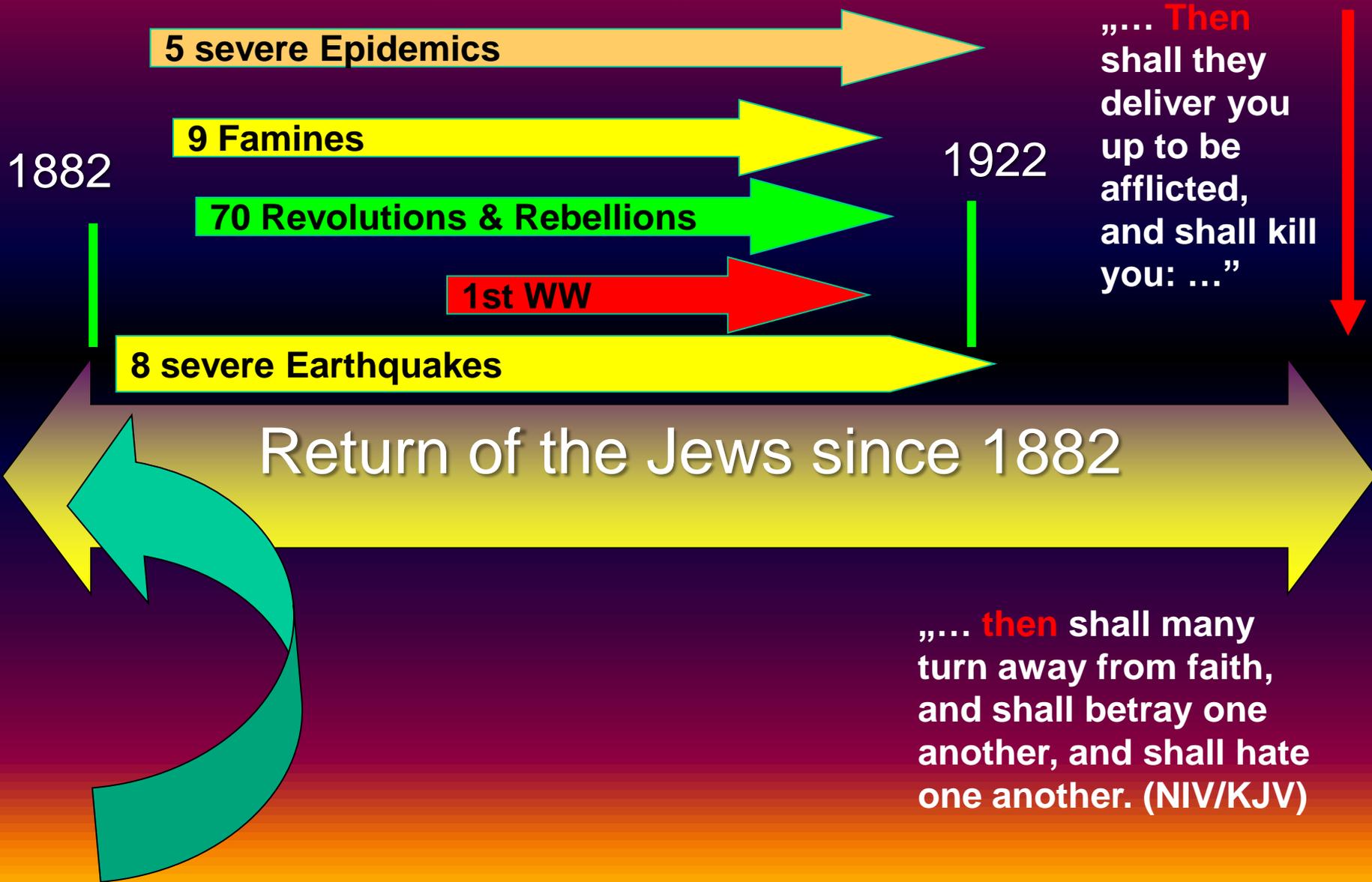
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- Million felt away from the Christian faith, because the communists in the former Soviet-Union and in Eastern Europe forced them to do so.
- Atheism became the common belief in this big part of the world.



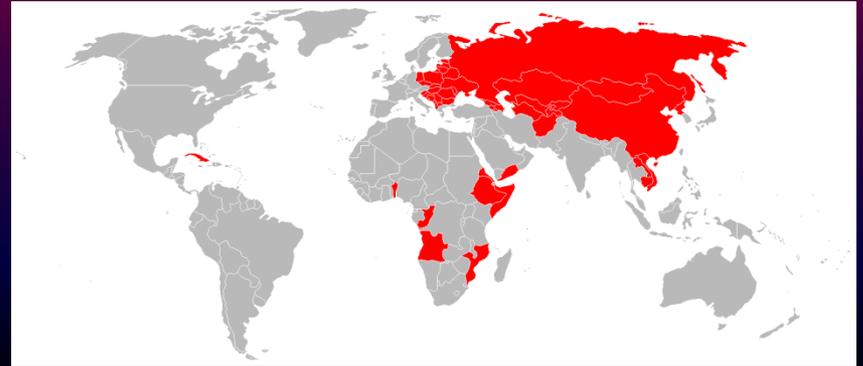
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(10) Betrayal

- The secret police misused the population systematically to work with them betraying one another.

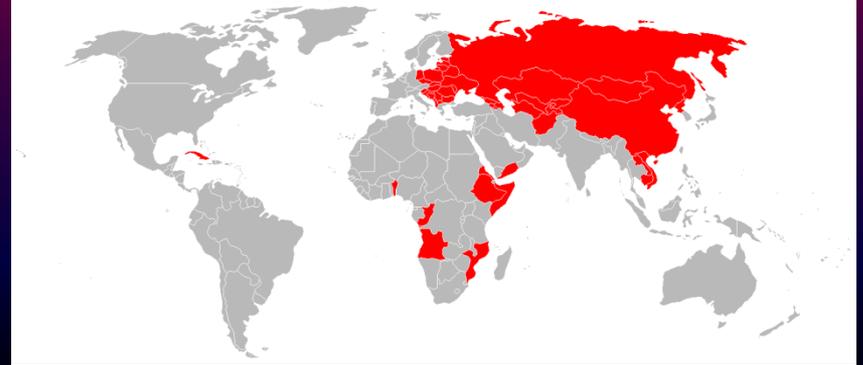


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(11) Hate in Society

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- By the common work of the population with the secret police you could not be sure that members of one's family were not one's enemies.

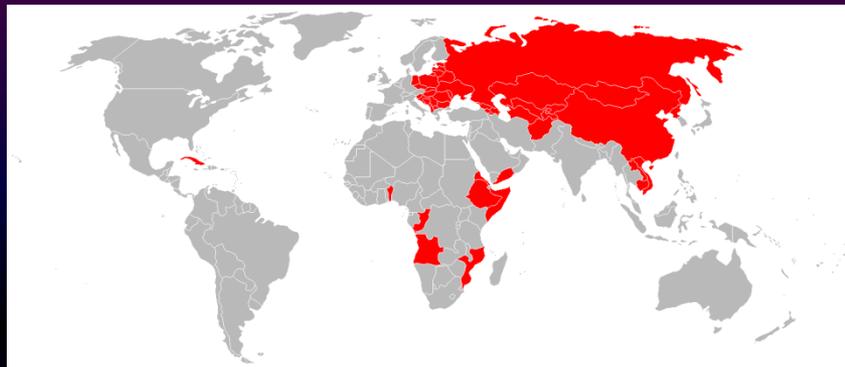


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(12) Persecutions by Family Members

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- The secret police entered even the most inner circle of families. They even risked to destroy most precious family ties.



Mark 13: 12 Now brother shall betray brother to death, and the father his son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause to bring them to death.

2Thess: Deliberate Apostasy

FKJ71 GNU 1.2 or later

- **Falling away of many, hate against believers (Mat 24:10), the Post-Christian Era of the 20th century, esp. since the Sixties**
- **Million of people abandon the Christian faith and its ethical values. Many are now fighting with hate against so called „Fundamentalists“ (= Christians that are „true to the Bible“).**
- **By liberal theology all the fundamentals of the Christian faith are rejected.**



2Thess 2: „[3] ... for that day [i.e. the day of Messiah's coming] shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

(13) False Prophets

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- **Million of people receive these messages with open hearts!**

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Mat 7:

[22] Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? [23] And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

(16) False Messiahs

- Oskar Ernst Bernhardt alias Abd-ru-shin (1875 - 1941): called „the true Christ“.
- Jiddu Krishnamurti (1895 - 1986): Since 1910: „Messiah who came again““
- George Baker alias Father Divine (1880 – 1965): he considered himself to be „the 2nd incarnation of God“
- Maharishi Mahesh Yogi (1918 – 1998)
- San Myung Mun (1920*): He considered himself „the Son of God“ and „Messiah“.

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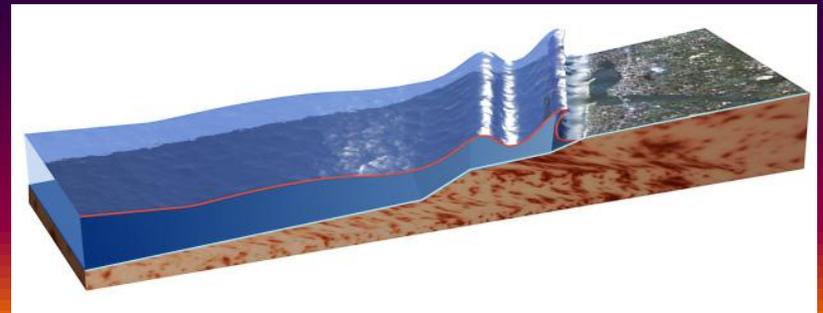
- **Bhagwan Shree Rajnesh / Osho (1931 – 1990)**
- **Guru Maharaj Ji (1957*): Divine Light Mission;**
- **David Koresh (1959 – 1993)**
- **Swami Omkarananda (1930 - 2000): „omnipresent God“.**
- **Jim Jones (1931 – 1978): Mass murder / mass suicide together with 900 adherents in the jungle of Guyana.**
- **Marshall Applewhite (1931 – 1997): UFO sect; mass suicide**
- **Charles Manson (1934*): Black people will one day make him „Ruler of the World“.**
- **Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson (1902 – 1994): 400,000 adherents**

(17) Tsunamis / Large Waves

- Catastrophies by tsunamis and other large waves (Luk 21:25)
- Java / Sumatra 1883: 36'000 dead (30 m high waves); Japan 1896 26'000; 1908: Messina / Sicily / Calabria: 72'000
- India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Indonesia, Thailand 2004: ca. 300,000 dead; 2005: New Orleans; 2005: Texas

Luk 21:25: „... and upon the earth dismay among the nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the rolling waves... (NAV/Darby)

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(18a) Terrorism

- Fearful sights, Greek: *phobêthra* =
 - terrible events (terror, terrorism)
 - dreadful happenings
- International Terrorism
- Isl. Terrorism:
 - (a) since 1920
 - (b) since 1948
 - (c) since 1967
 - (d) since 2001

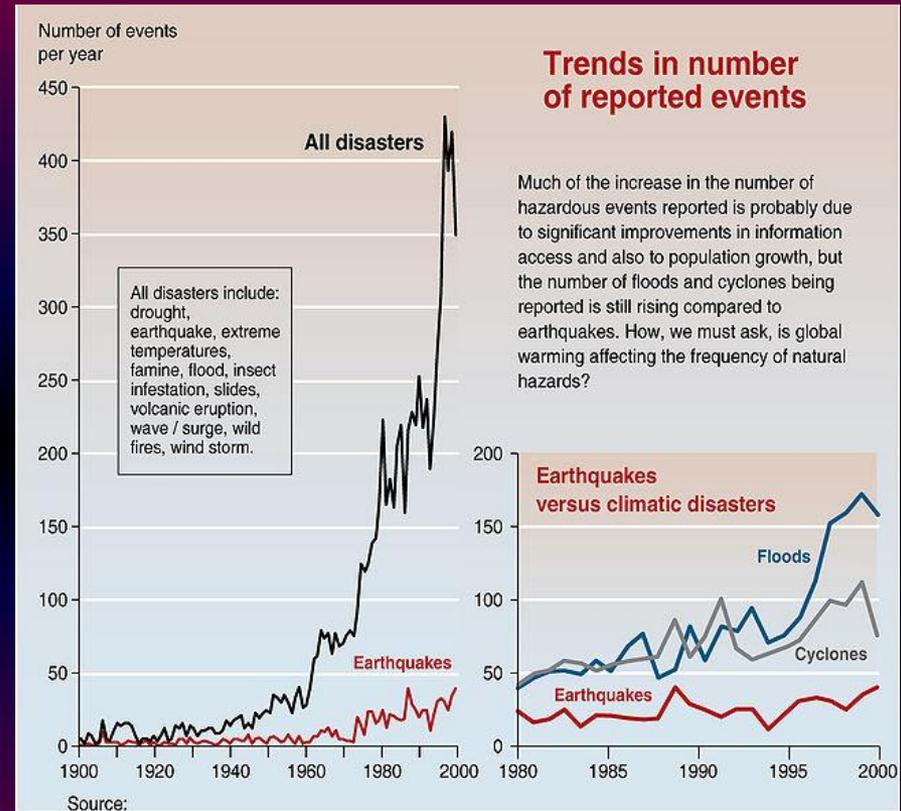
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Luke 21:
[11] And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights [*phobêthra*] ...

(18b) Deadful Happenings

- Beside famines, tsumamis and earthquakes:
- Floods, heat waves, wild fires, oil spill, volcanims, nuclear reactor catastrophey etc.



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(19) Iniquity that Abounds

- Iniquity, Greek: *a-nomia* = lawlessness, violation of law, wickedness, contempt of law & order (Mat 24:12); immorality, sexual perversions, adultery, divorce, atheism, Godlessness, violence, criminality, occultism, idolatry, drug abuse, anarchy, abortion
Abortion worldwide: > 40 million each year (according to WHO)

Woodstock 1969

Derek Redond GNU



Mat 24:

... [12] And because iniquity [*anomia*] shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

(20) Love Grown Cold

- The love of many shall grow cold (Mat 24:13).
- The abortion of > 40 million a year doesn't shock the „civilised world“ any more!

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(21) The Gospel for All Nations

- The Gospel shall reach all the nations (not all tribes or all language groups; Greek *ethnos* = largest social unity (Mat 24:14))
- 1800: the Bible in 70 languages
- 1830: the Bible in 157 languages
- 2012: the Bible in more than 2700 languages
- 2012: Global Recordings: Biblical messages in more than 5900 languages and dialects
- Radio broadcasting all over the world; Bible access by Internet

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Mark 13: ... [10] And the gospel must first be published among all nations [*ethnos*].

Mat 24: [14] And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations [*ethnos*]; and then shall the end come.

Conclusions

- **1. God exists.** He holds the whole world in his hands, also my personal life and fate.
- **2. The Bible is the Word of God.** The Bible is fully trustworthy. Read a portion of the Bible every day, in order to learn about God's message for you personally.
- **3. The conversion to God is a must for me,** in order to be reconciled with God.

Jesus Died for Me on the Cross!

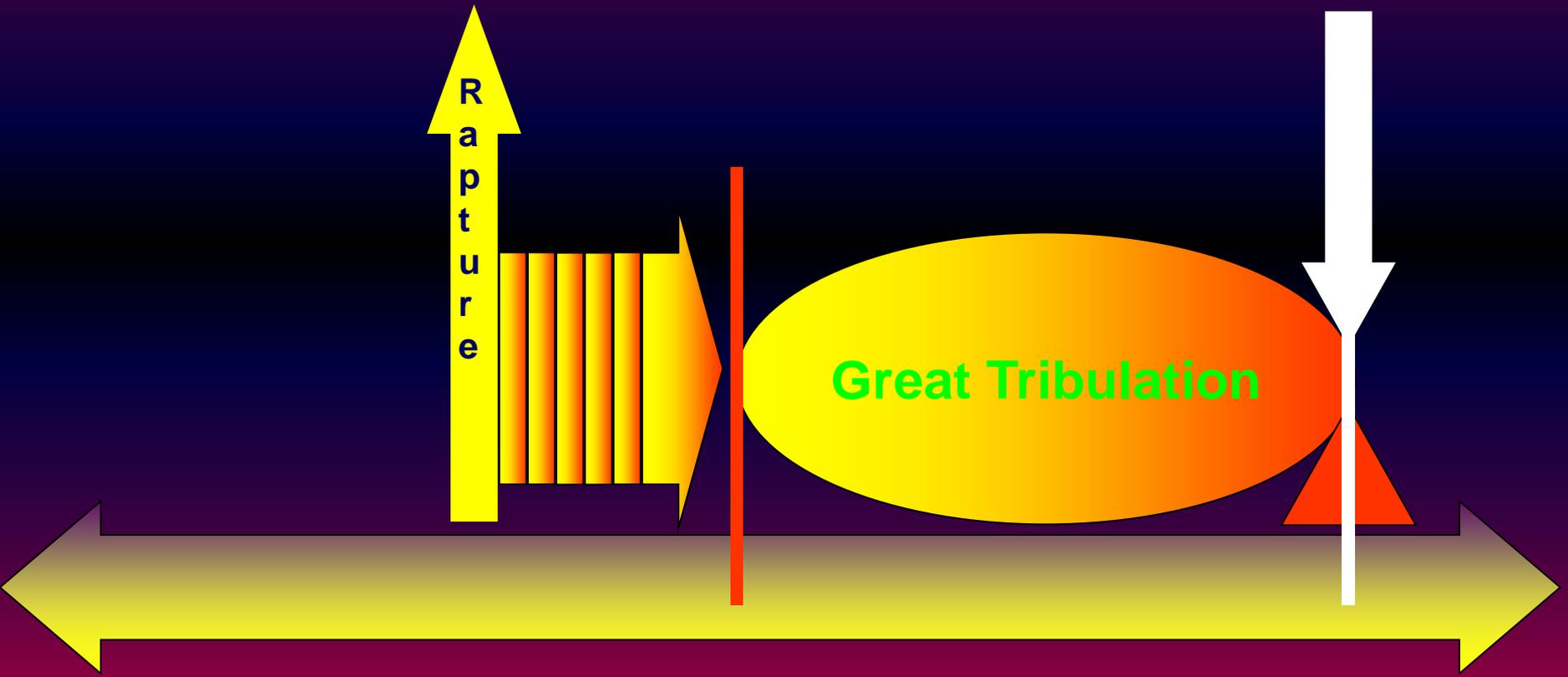
1 John 1: [9] If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



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