

WHY IS ISRAEL THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT THE FUTURE?

(Selected Scripture)

Central Idea: *There isn't among the peoples of the world another people like the Jews. They have a unique relationship with God who has a special purpose and destiny for them.*

I. Israel: A Special Relationship with God

II. Israel: A Special Purpose for God's Glory

III. Israel: A Special Future in God's Plan

Conclusion ... So What?

1. It helps us to properly understand the Scriptures.
2. It helps us to properly understand and live in light of world events.
3. It helps us to properly understand God's plan for the future.

Fellowship Group Discussion Questions

1. How do you think the world today generally views Israel and the Jewish people? How do believers think about Israel and the Jewish people?
2. When you consider that God has chosen the Jews from among the nations of the world for a special purpose and that He has a future plan for them, how should we think about the people of Israel? Is our thinking consistent with their special place in God's eyes?
3. Discuss the similarities of God's sovereign choice of Israel and His sovereign choice of believers today. Are there also some differences?
4. That Israel still has a place in God's plan for the future affirms that God keeps His covenants (promises). He can be trusted to keep His promises both to Israel and to us. How does that truth impact our lives today? How does knowing a promise-keeping God encourage you?
5. Consider and discuss the three implications shared in this message. ("So What?")
6. Close by praying for the salvation of the Jewish people.

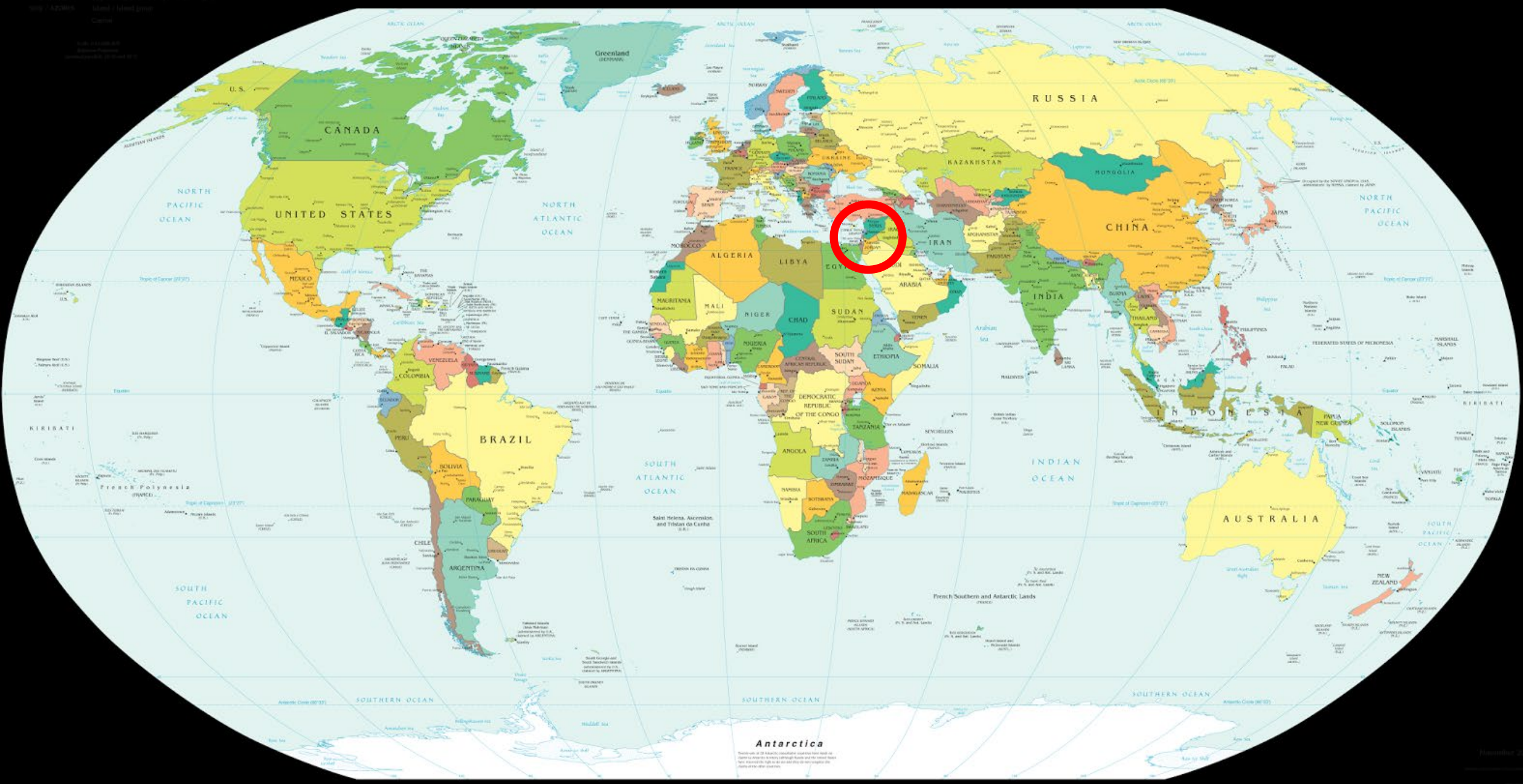
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Political Map of the World, November 2011

Scale: 1:100,000,000
Projection: Robinson
Source: CIA World Factbook
Date: November 2011



Antarctica

ISRAEL and...

The Arab World



Adapted from a map by the
Israel Information Center.
Israel shown in blue.

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to the same scale.
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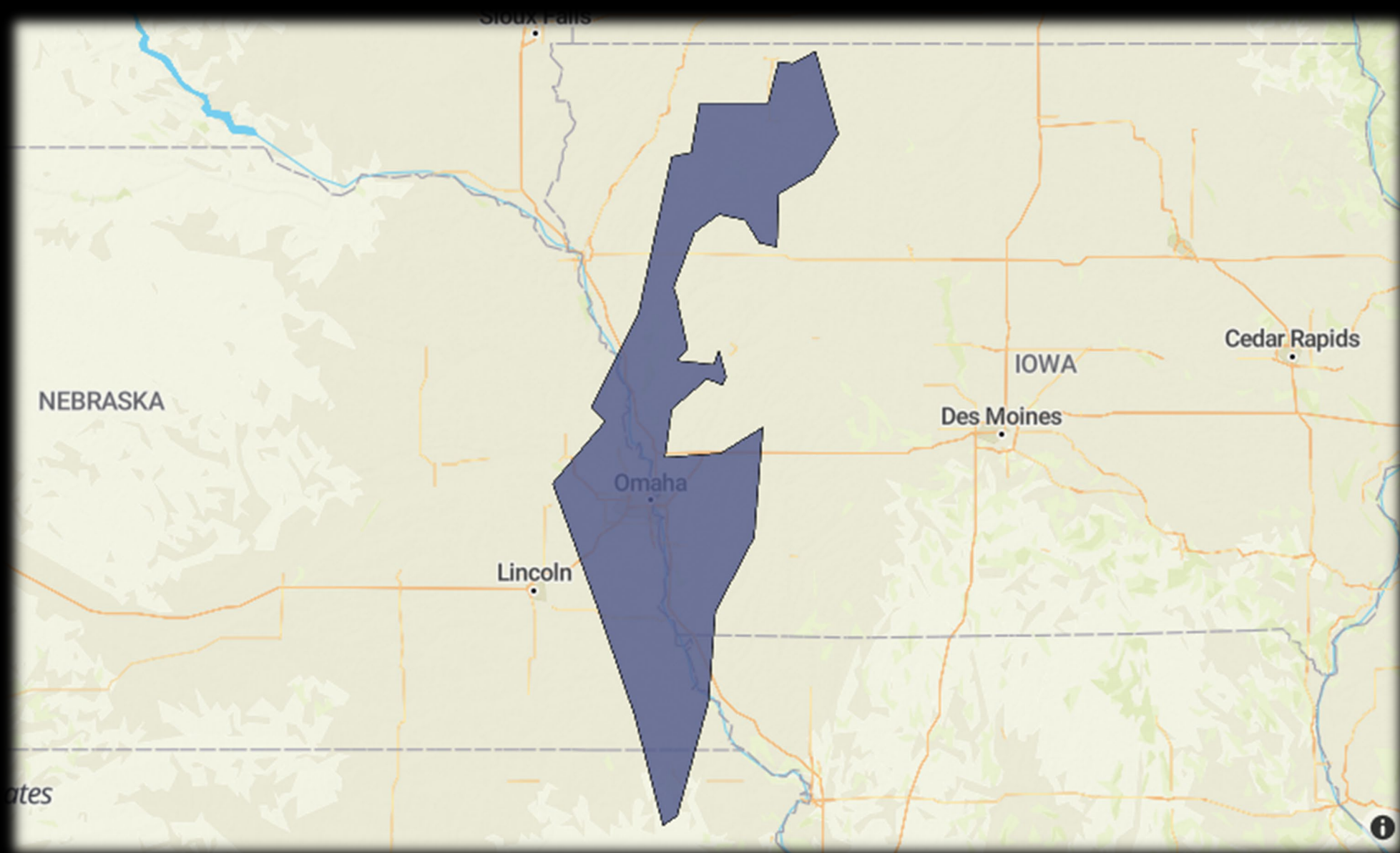
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NET ... For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

NLT ... Of all the people on earth, the Lord your God has chosen you to be *his own special treasure*.

Deut 7.6

NET ... For you are a people holy to the Lord your God.
He has chosen you to be his people, prized above all
others on the face of the earth.

Deut 14.2

Who is like your people, Israel, a unique nation on the earth?

You made Israel *your very own people for all time*. You, O Lord, became their God.

2 Samuel 7.23a, 24 (NET)

Understand, therefore, that it is not because of your righteousness that the Lord your God is about to give you this good land as a possession, **for you are a stubborn people!** Remember—don't ever forget—how you provoked the Lord your God in the wilderness; from the time you left the land of Egypt until you came to this place **you were constantly rebelling against him.**

Deut 9.6-7 (NET)

Sing for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done this; shout aloud, O earth beneath. Burst into song, you mountains, you forests and all your trees, for the LORD has redeemed Jacob, **he displays his glory in Israel.**

Isaiah 44.23 (NIV)

To Jacob ...

and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

Gen 12.3b; 28.14b (NASB)

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