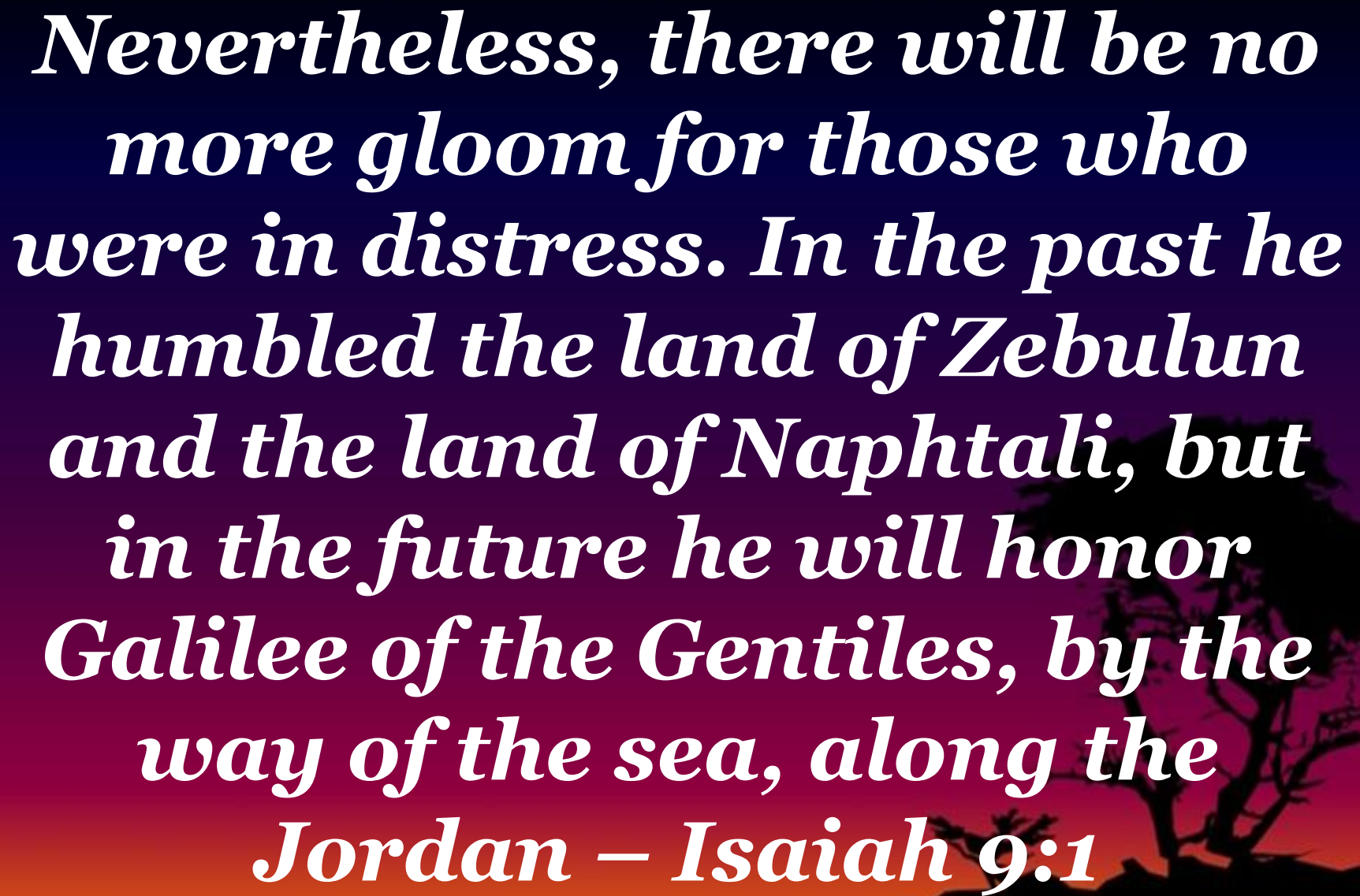


A woman with long brown hair, wearing a red hoodie, is shown from the chest up, holding a baby wrapped in a blanket. She is looking down at the baby with a gentle expression. The background is dark and textured, with faint, overlapping cursive text in a light color, possibly gold or white, which is partially obscured by the woman and the baby. The overall mood is intimate and tender.

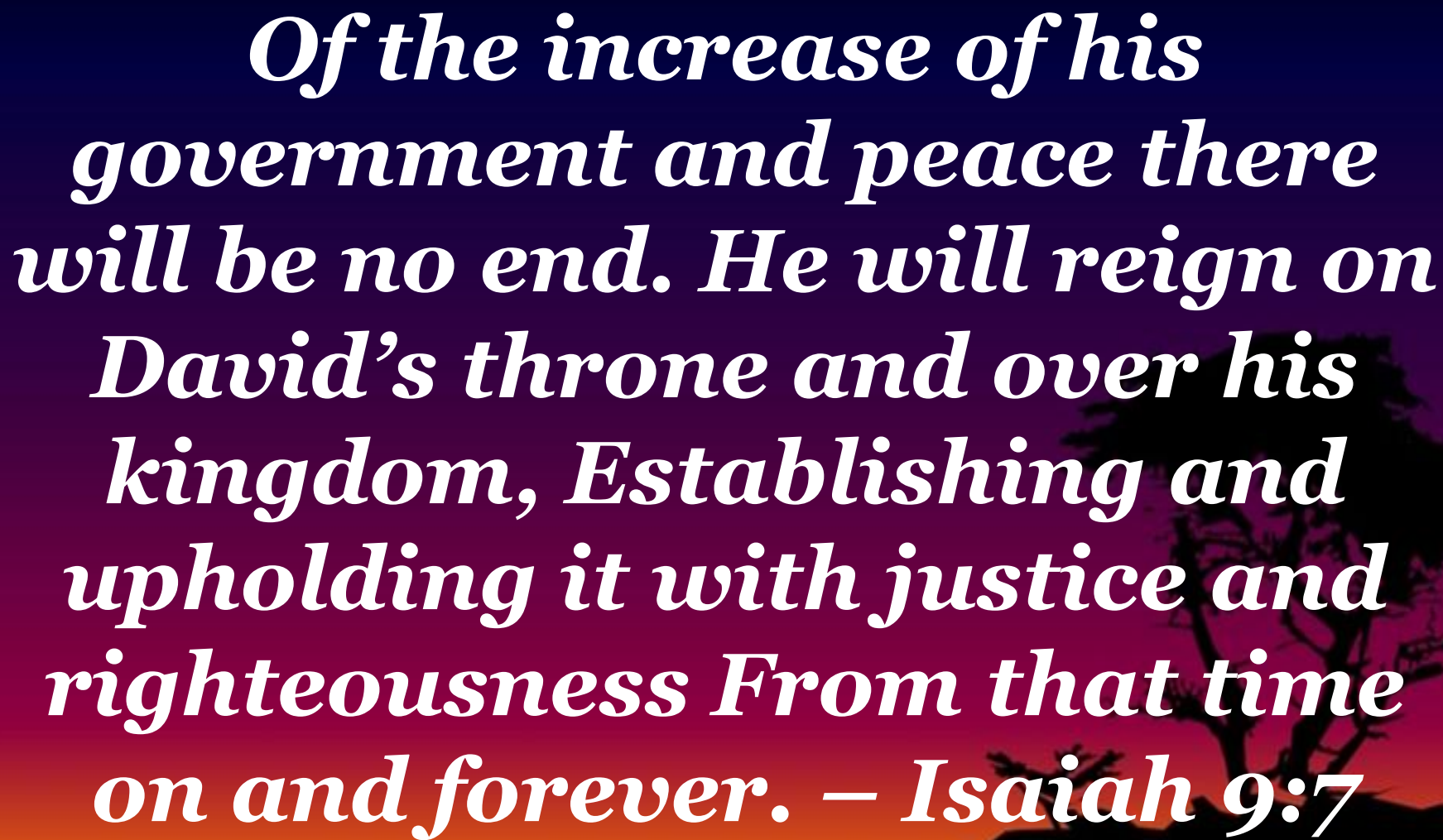
The Everlasting Father

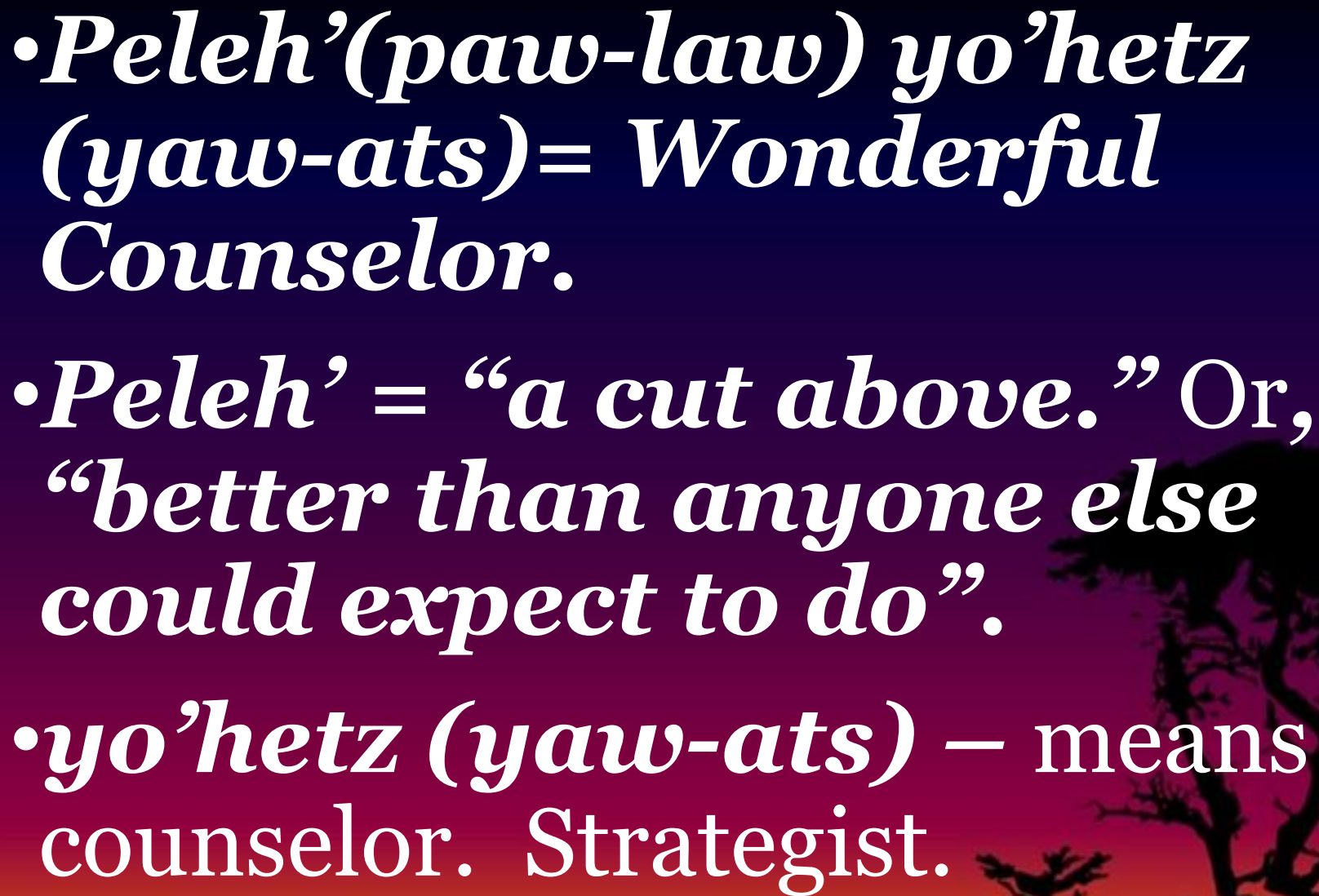
Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan – Isaiah 9:1

The background of the image is a vibrant sunset or sunrise. The sky transitions from a deep purple at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. On the right side, there is a dark silhouette of a tree with intricate branches. The overall mood is serene and hopeful, complementing the text's message of future honor and light.

*For to us a child is born, to
us a son is given, And the
government will be on his
shoulders. And he will be
called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince
of Peace. – Isaiah 9:6*

*Of the increase of his
government and peace there
will be no end. He will reign on
David's throne and over his
kingdom, Establishing and
upholding it with justice and
righteousness From that time
on and forever. – Isaiah 9:7*

The background of the image is a vibrant sunset. The sky transitions from a deep purple at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. In the foreground, there is a dark silhouette of a tree on the right side and a jagged rock formation or cliff edge at the bottom. The overall scene is peaceful and dramatic.

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- *Peleh'* (*paw-law*) *yo'hetz* (*yaw-ats*) = *Wonderful Counselor*.
 - *Peleh'* = “*a cut above.*” Or, “*better than anyone else could expect to do*”.
 - *yo'hetz* (*yaw-ats*) – means counselor. Strategist.

“Mighty God”

El Gibbor.

- *“El”* is the noun in the phrase.
- *“Gibbor”* is the adjective that modifies the noun.
- And *El* is the shortened form of Elohim (word most often used for God in the OT)
- *Gibbor* means mighty. So literally Isaiah says that the Messiah would be **MIGHTY, MIGHTY GOD.**

“Everlasting Father.”

- **ZEBULUN AND NAPHTALI** -Some of you have been wondering what Zebulun and Naphtali and Galilee of the Gentiles and the Way of the Sea are references to in v. 1.
- **Isaiah 9:1 (NASB)**
¹ But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

12 Tribes of Israel

Approximate borders assigned during the Conquest



The Genealogy of Abraham

Abraham

Hagar

Sarah

Keturah

Isaac

Rebekah

Ishmael

Jacob

Esau

Ishmaelites

Israelites

Edomites

Nebaioth	Kedar	Adbeel
Mibsam	Mishma	Dumah
Massa	Hadad	Temur
Jetur	Naphish	Kedemah

Ruben	Simeon	Levi	
Judah	Dan	Napthali	
Gad	Asher	Issachar	
Zebulun	Dinah	Joseph	Benjamin

Joseph
Menasseh Ephraim

Zimran

Jokshan

Medan

Midian

Ishbak

Shuah

Sheba

Dedan

Ephar

Epher

Hanoch

Abida

Eldaah

Asshurites

Leummites

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• ***Jacob***, his name in Hebrew means, “*subplanter*,” or “*usurper*.”



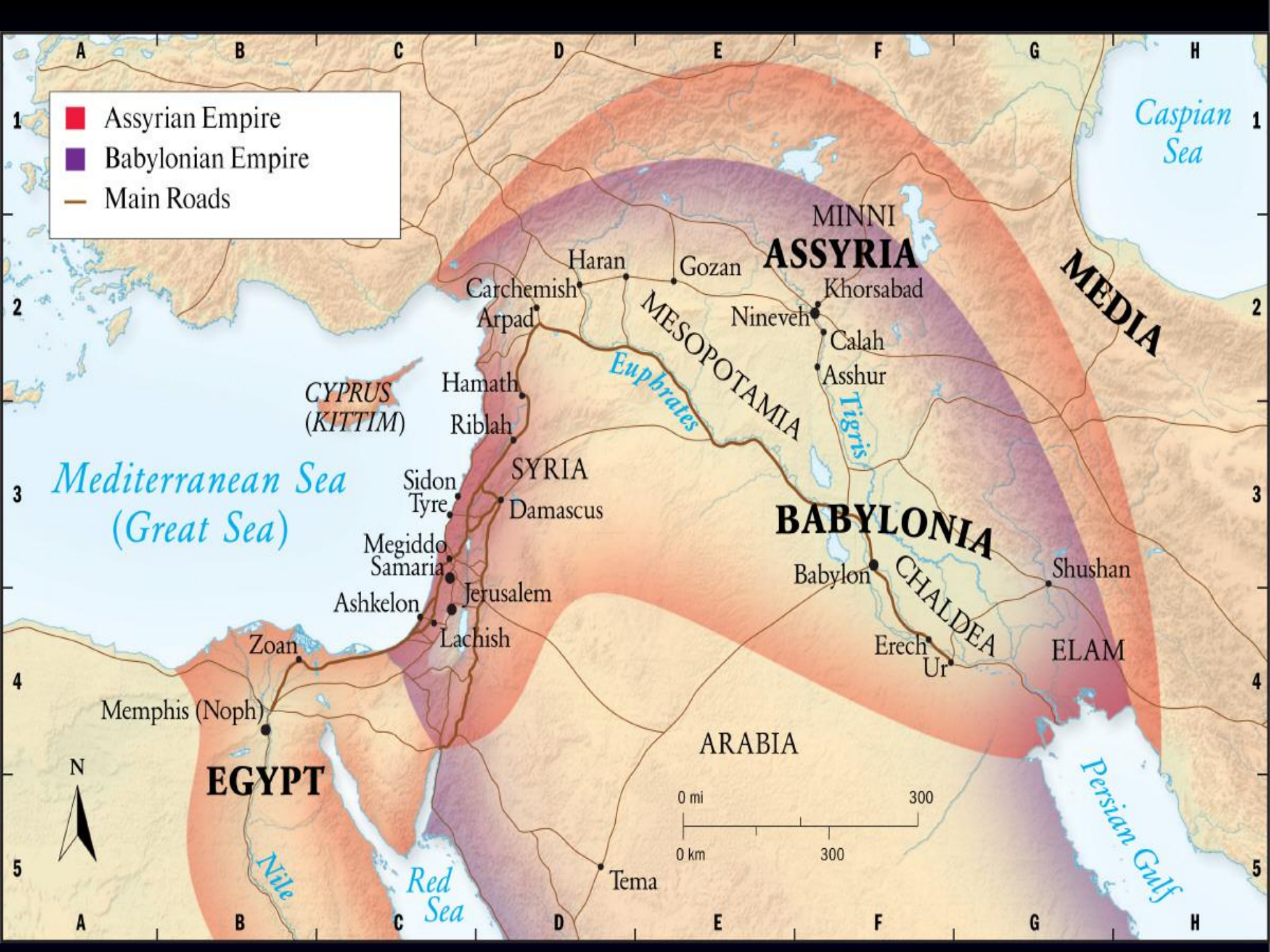
- That phrase, in Hebrew, “One who wrestles with God,” is “*Israel*.”



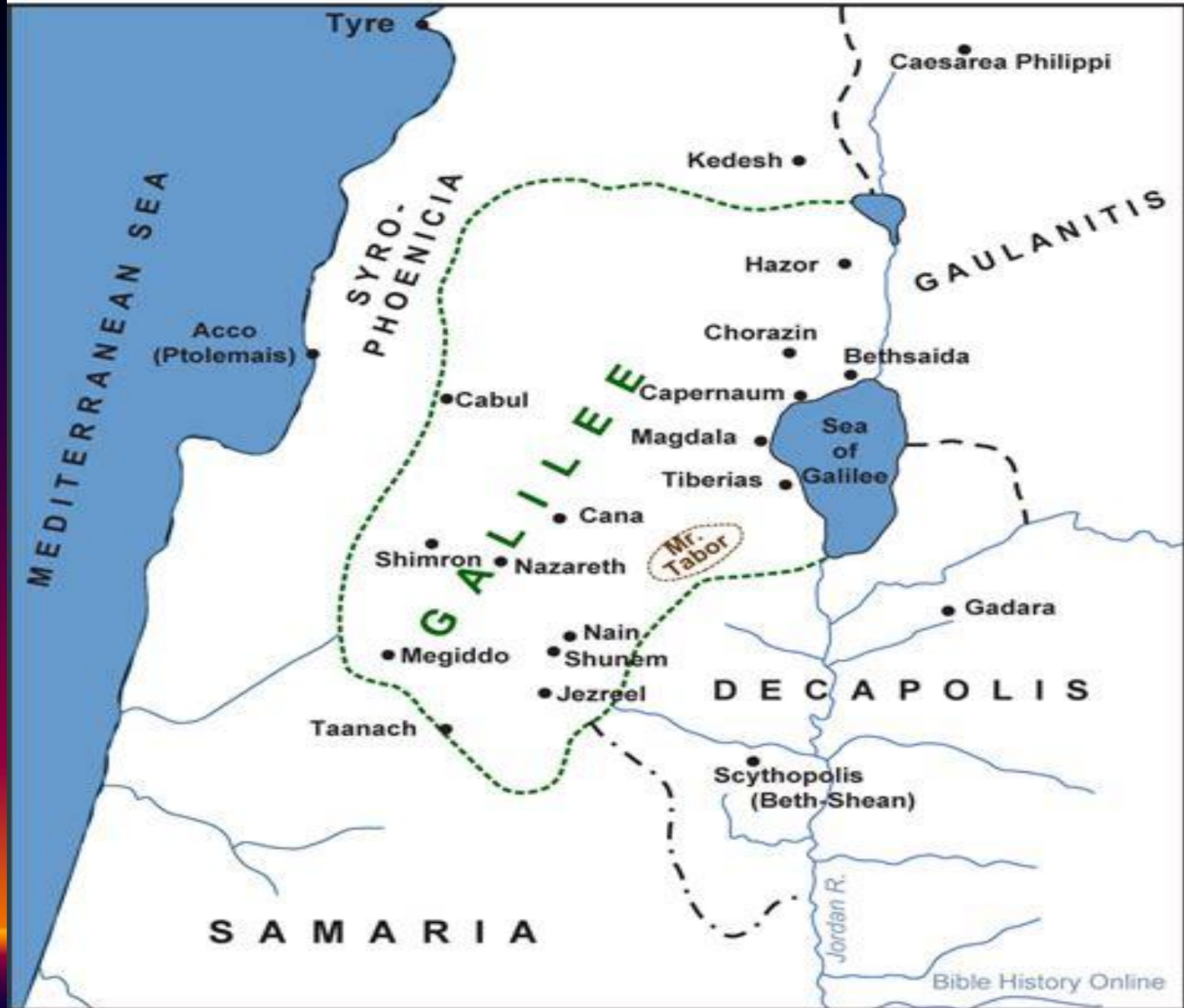
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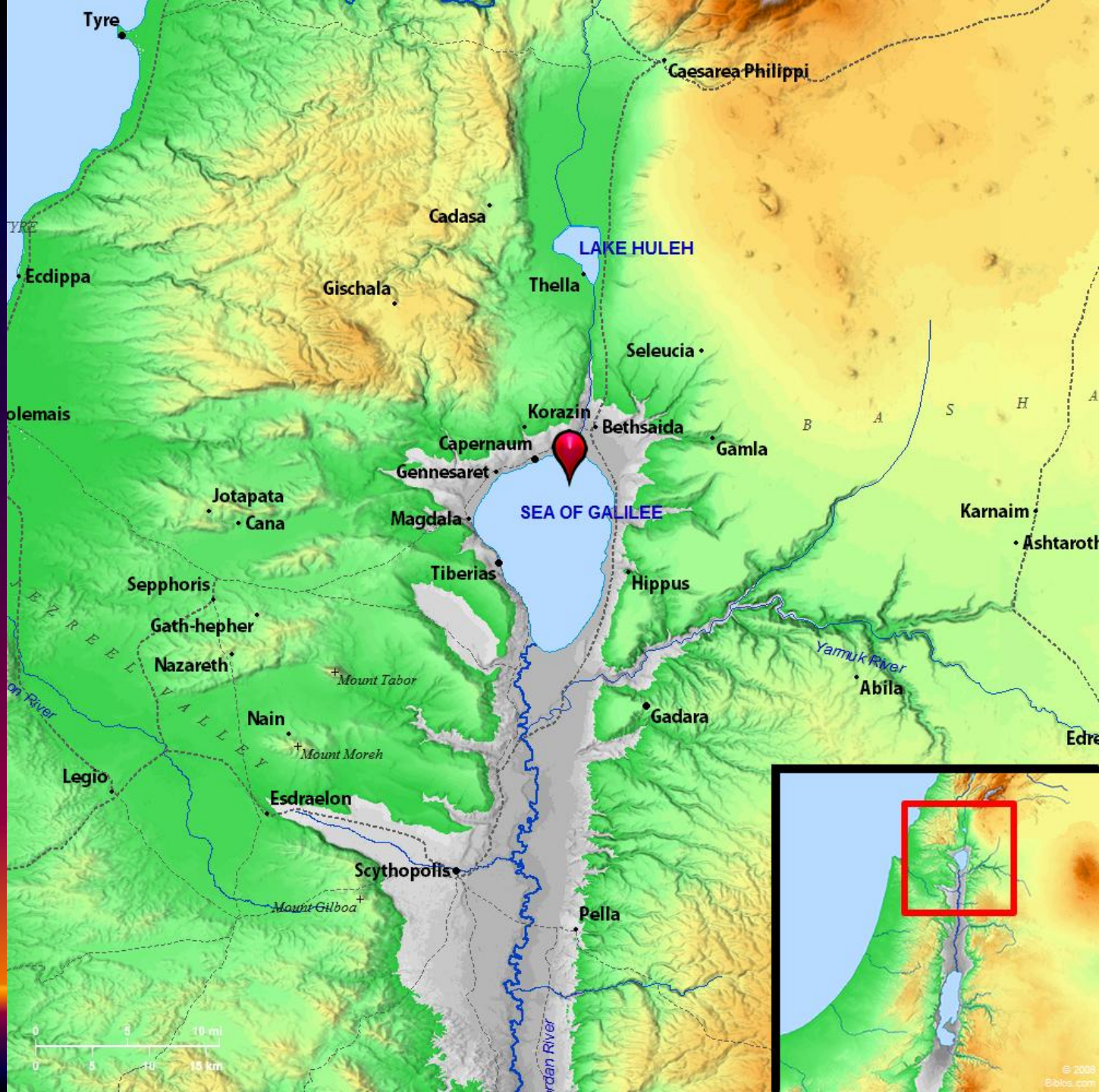
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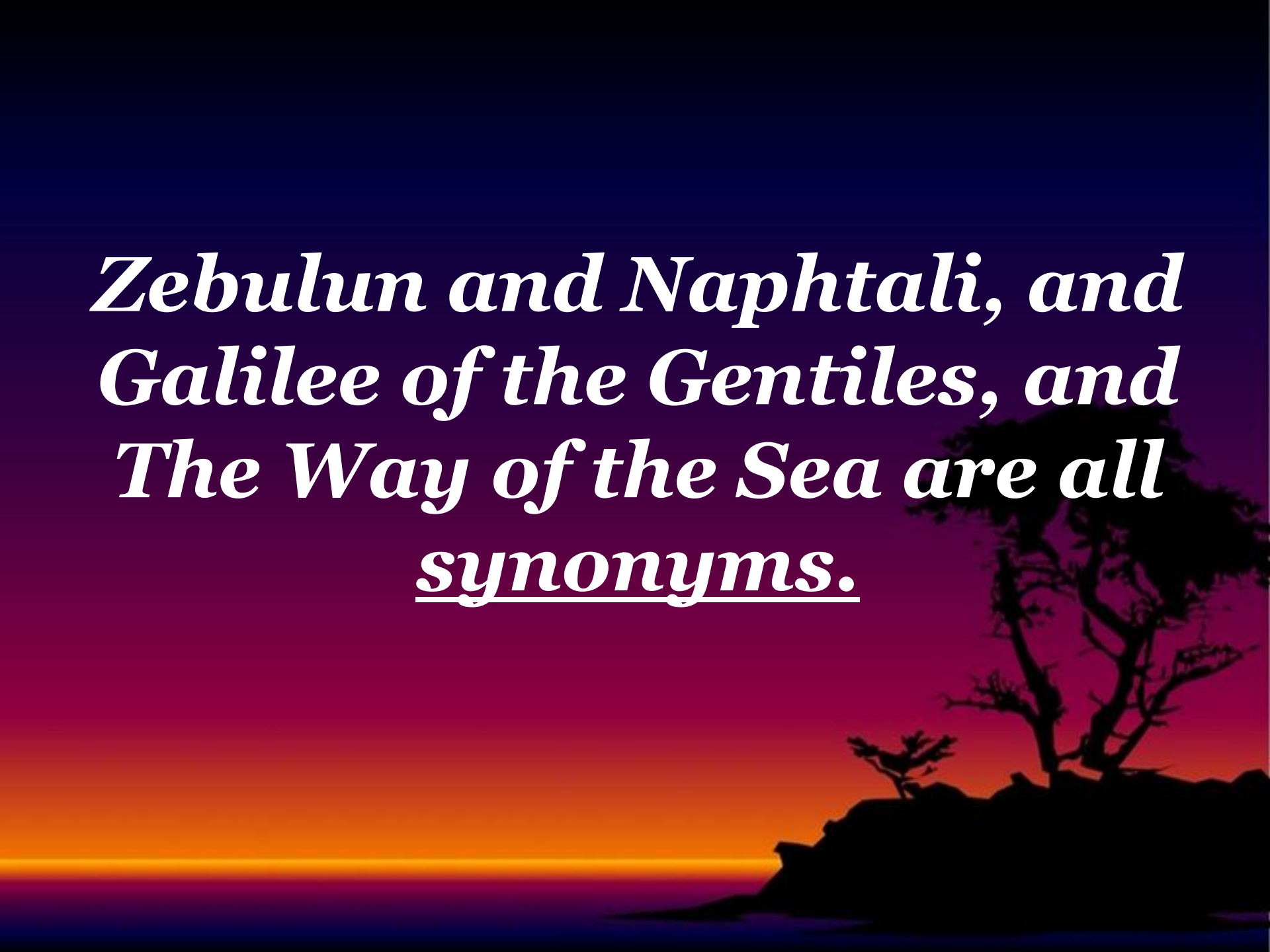


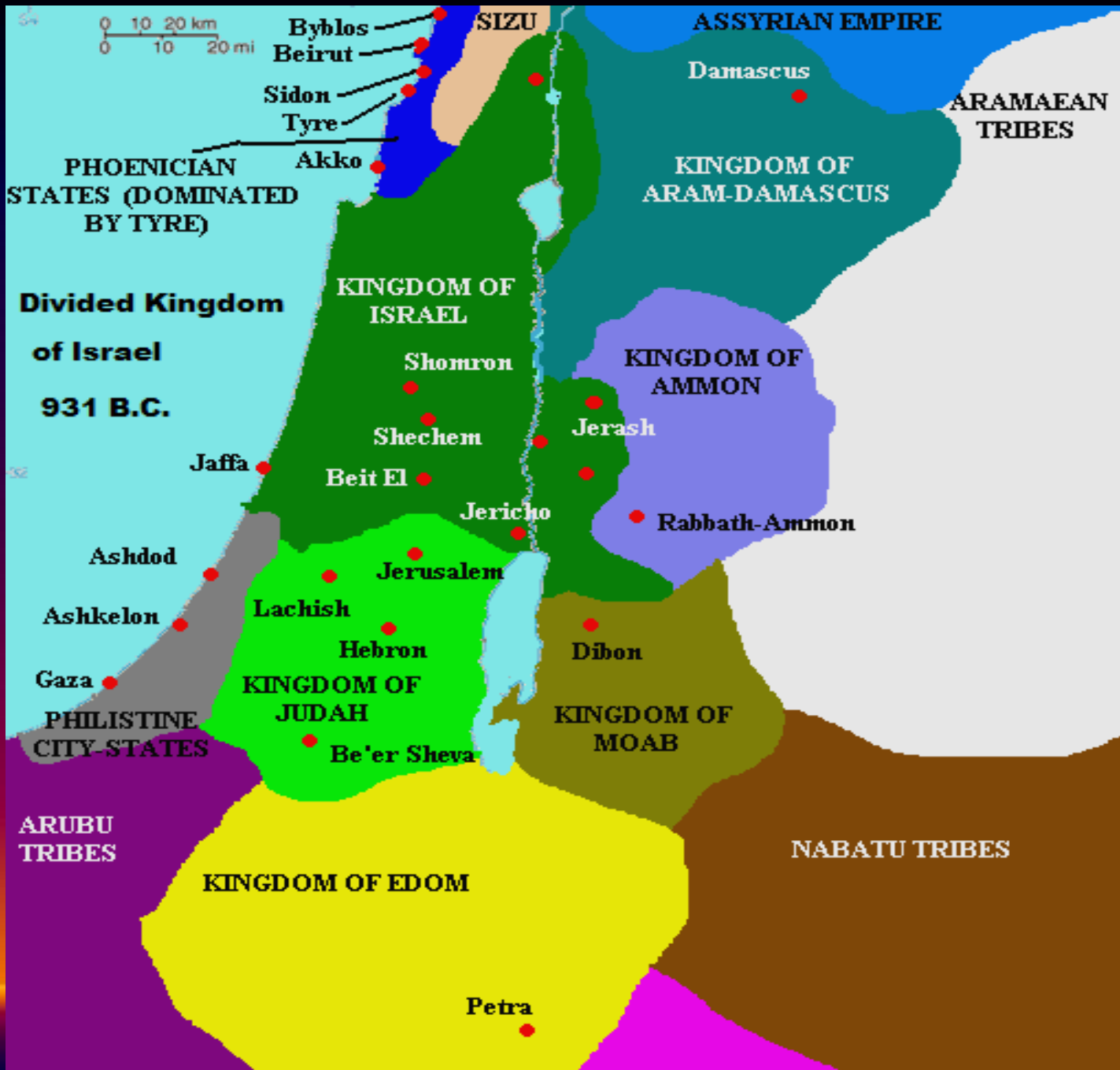
MAP OF THE GALILEE REGION IN NORTHERN ISRAEL





*Zebulun and Naphtali, and
Galilee of the Gentiles, and
The Way of the Sea are all
synonyms.*



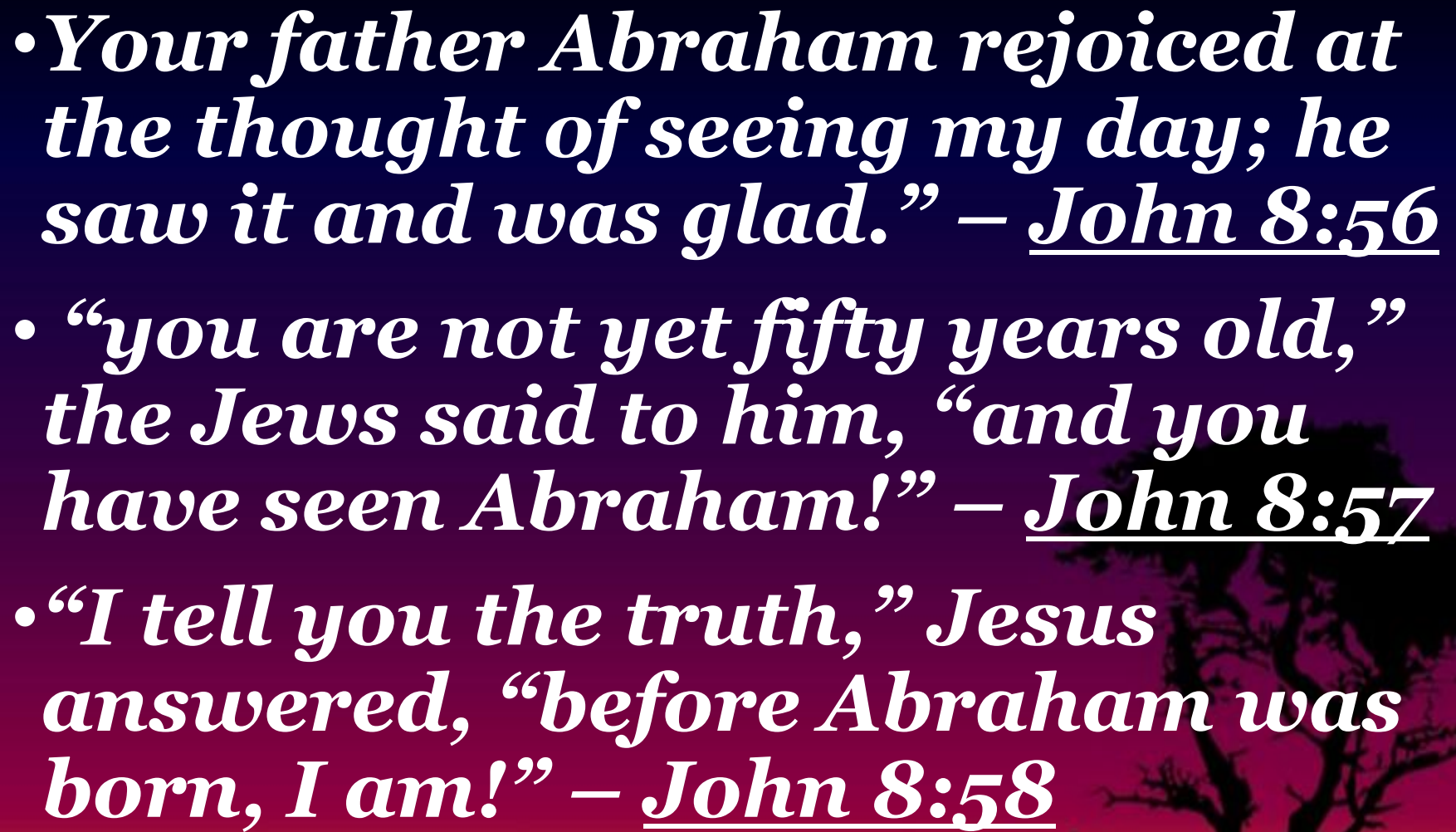


Isaiah 7-12 is called, “the Book of Immanuel.”

- Isaiah talks about the coming of Immanuel, *God with us.*
- In Isaiah 7:14 it says that he will be born of a virgin.
- In 11:1 it predicts that he will be from the house of Jesse.
- 11:2 says that God’s Spirit will be upon Him.
- Isaiah says, “*And he will be called, ‘Everlasting Father.’*”

Everlasting Father = Abi-`ad.

- *“Abi” = “Father.”*
- *`ad = everlasting Or, eternal, or “unceasing in duration.”*
- The one in that manger was ***WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY, MIGHTY GOD, AND ETERNAL, EVERLASTING FATHER.***

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- *Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.” – John 8:56*
 - *“you are not yet fifty years old,” the Jews said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!” – John 8:57*
 - *“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” – John 8:58*



Exodus 3:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

John 14:1, Jesus said, ***“I am going to prepare a place for you.”***

- ***“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!”***
– ***Luke 13:34***

- *When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” – John 11:32*
- *When Jesus saw her weeping... he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. – John 11:33*
- *“Where have you laid him?” he asked.”*
- *“Come and see, Lord,” they replied. – John 11:34*
- *Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” – John 11:35-36*



Matthew 7:11 - *"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!"*

*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...,
how often I have longed to
gather your children
together, as a hen gathers
her chicks under her
wings...*