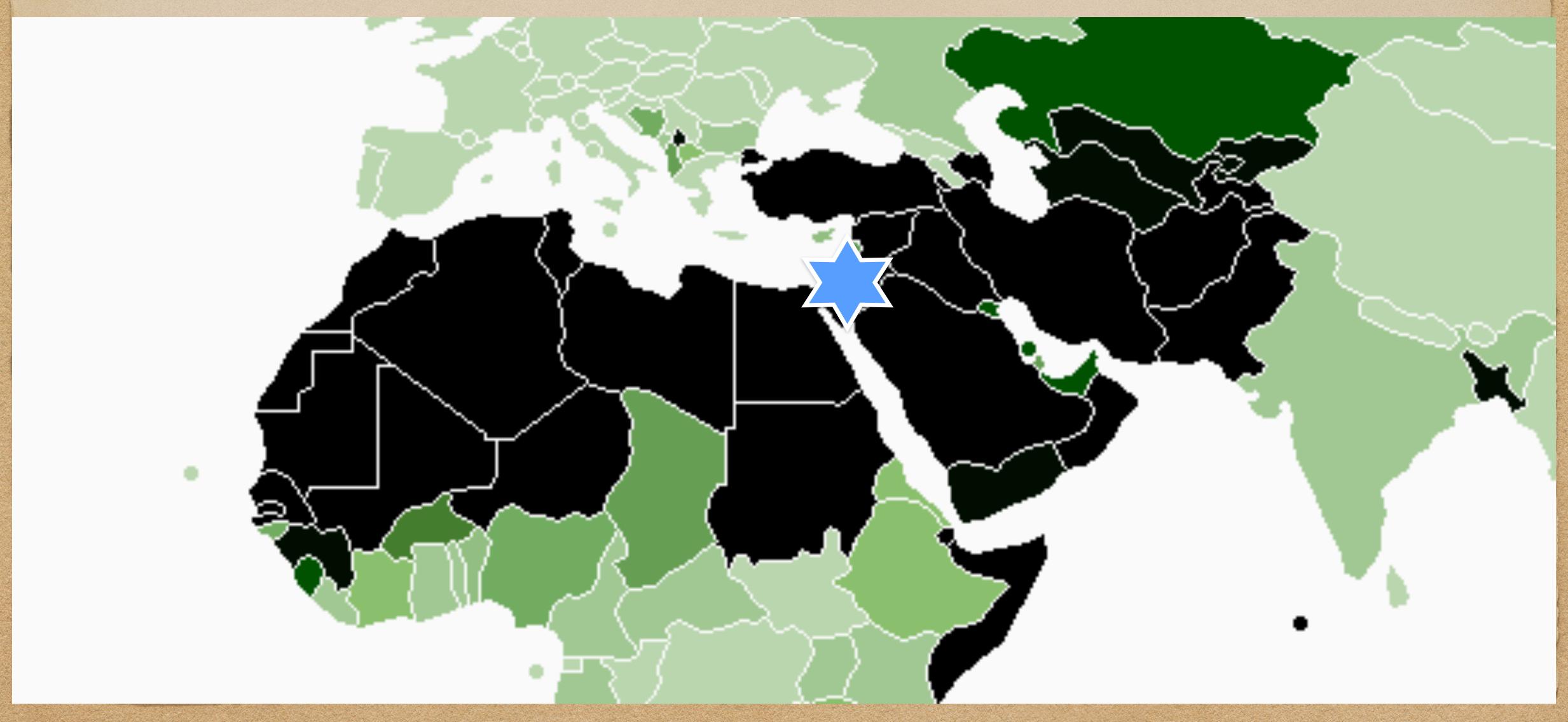
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Hasten and come, all you surrounding nations, and gather yourselves there. Bring down your warriors, O LORD. Let the nations stir themselves up and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

—Joel 3:11-12

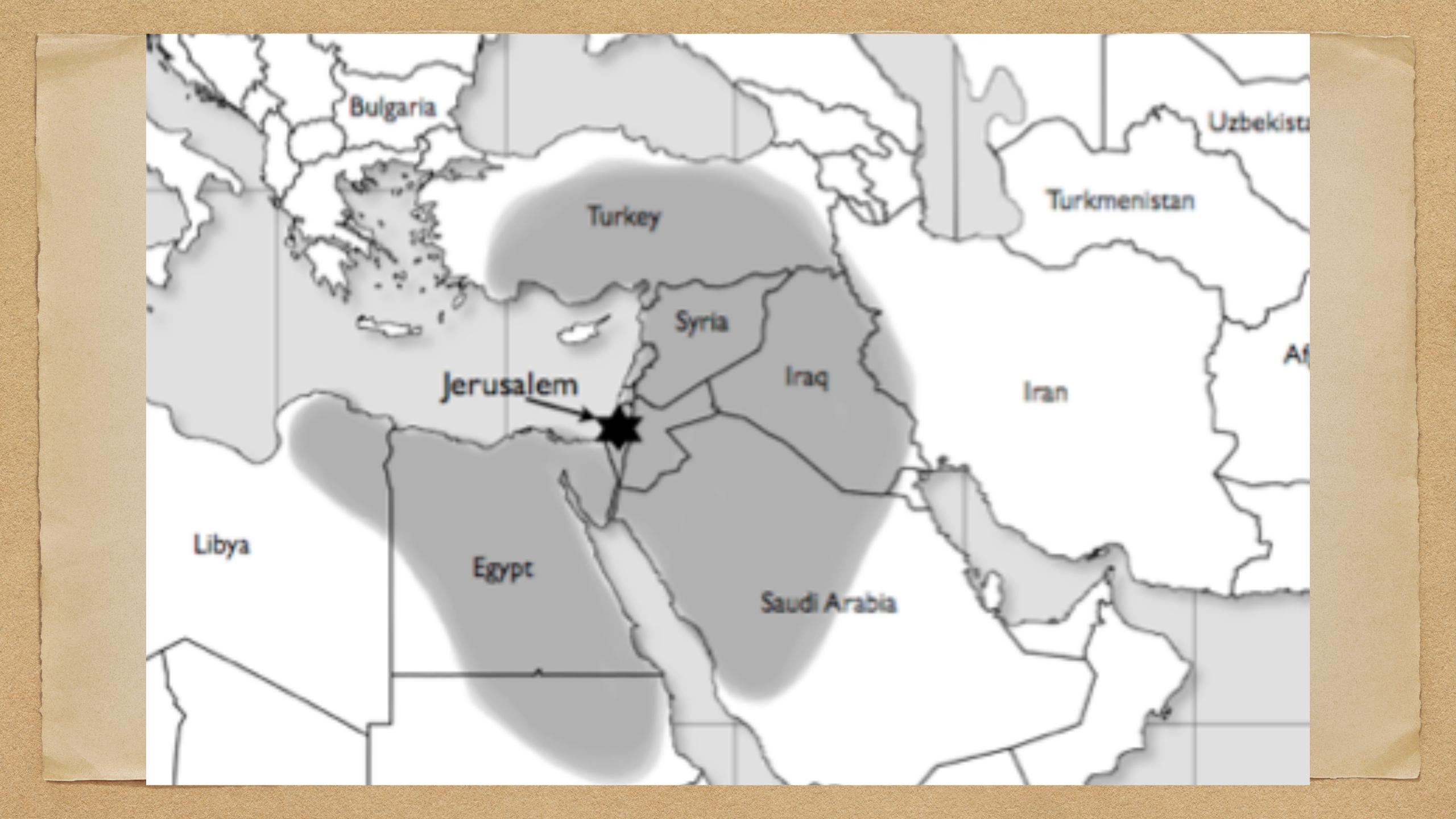
"Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of staggering to all the surrounding peoples. The siege of Jerusalem will also be against Judah.

-Zechariah 12:2

Ezekiel 30

Thus says the Lord GOD: "Wail, 'Alas for the day!' For the day is near, the day of the LORD is near; it will be a day of clouds, a time of doom for the nations. A sword shall come upon Egypt, and anguish shall be in Cush, when the slain fall in Egypt... Cush, and Put, and Lud, and all Arabia, and Libya, and the people of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword."

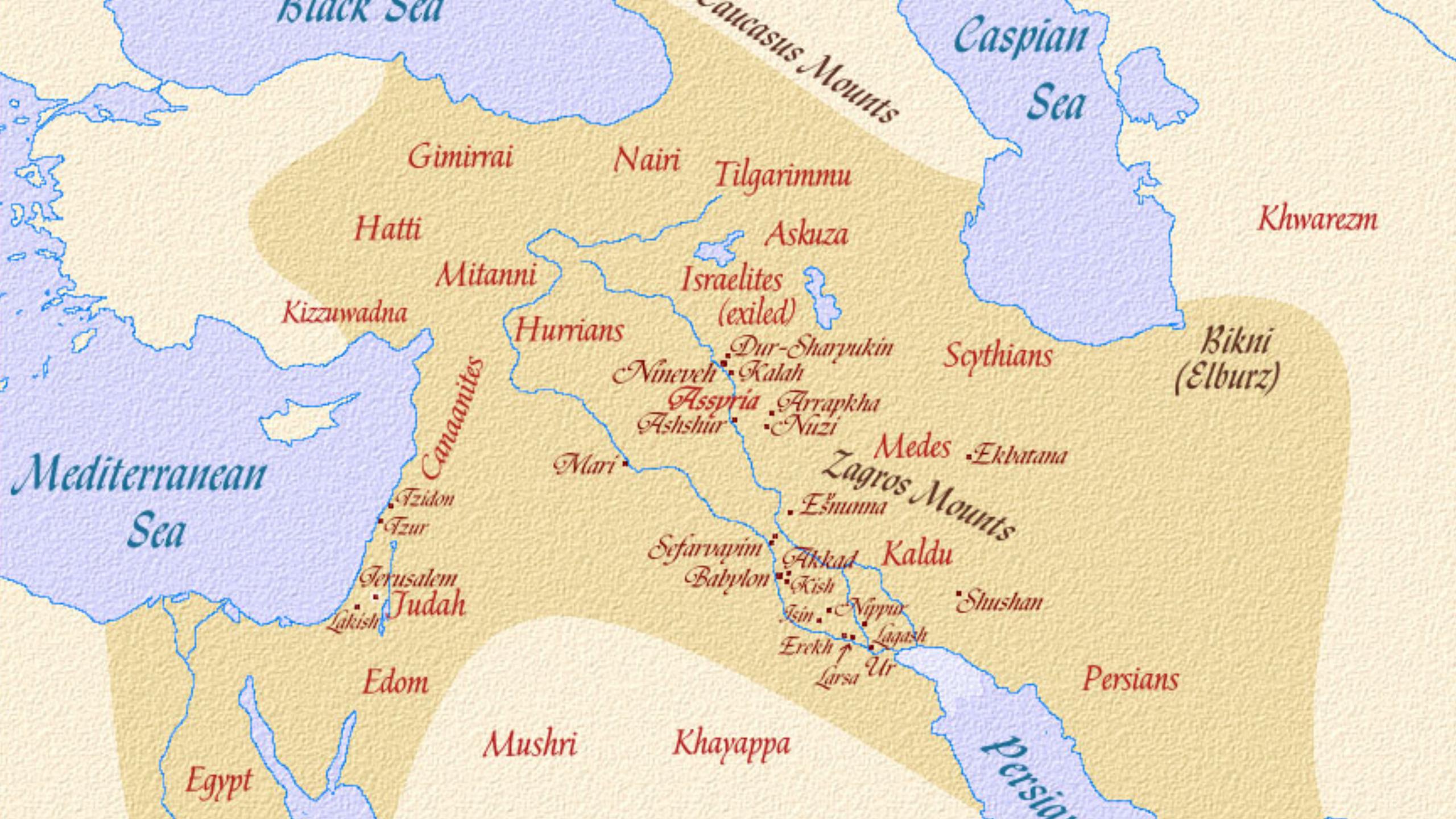
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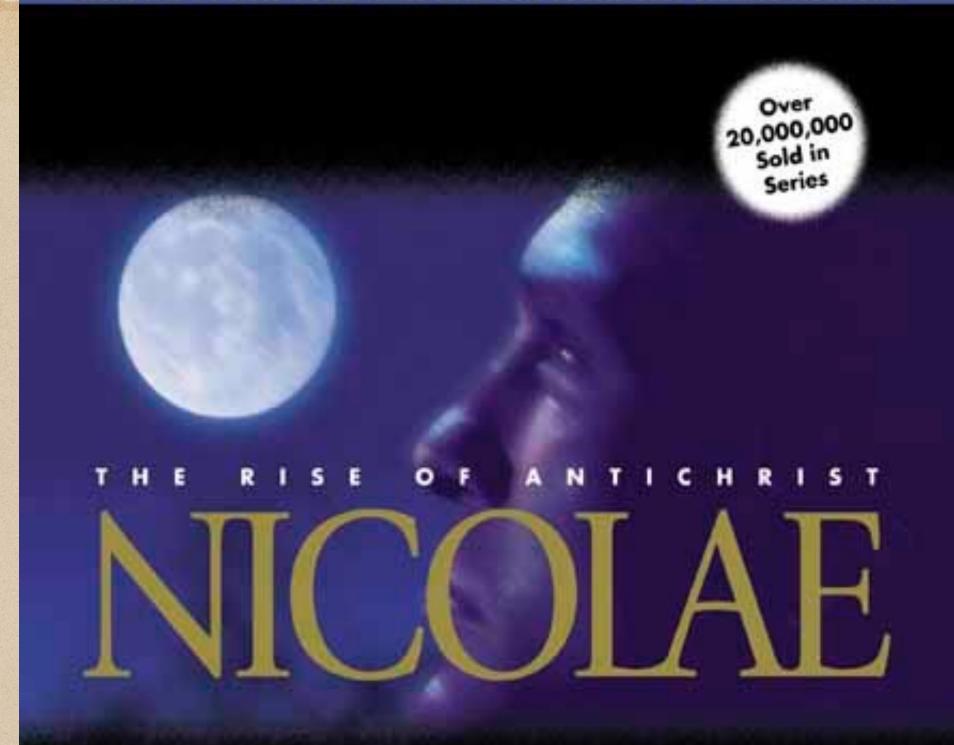
Micah 5: The Assyrian

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." ... He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of LORD, in the majesty of the name of LORD his God... He will deliver us from the Assyrian when he invades our land and marches into

-Micah 5



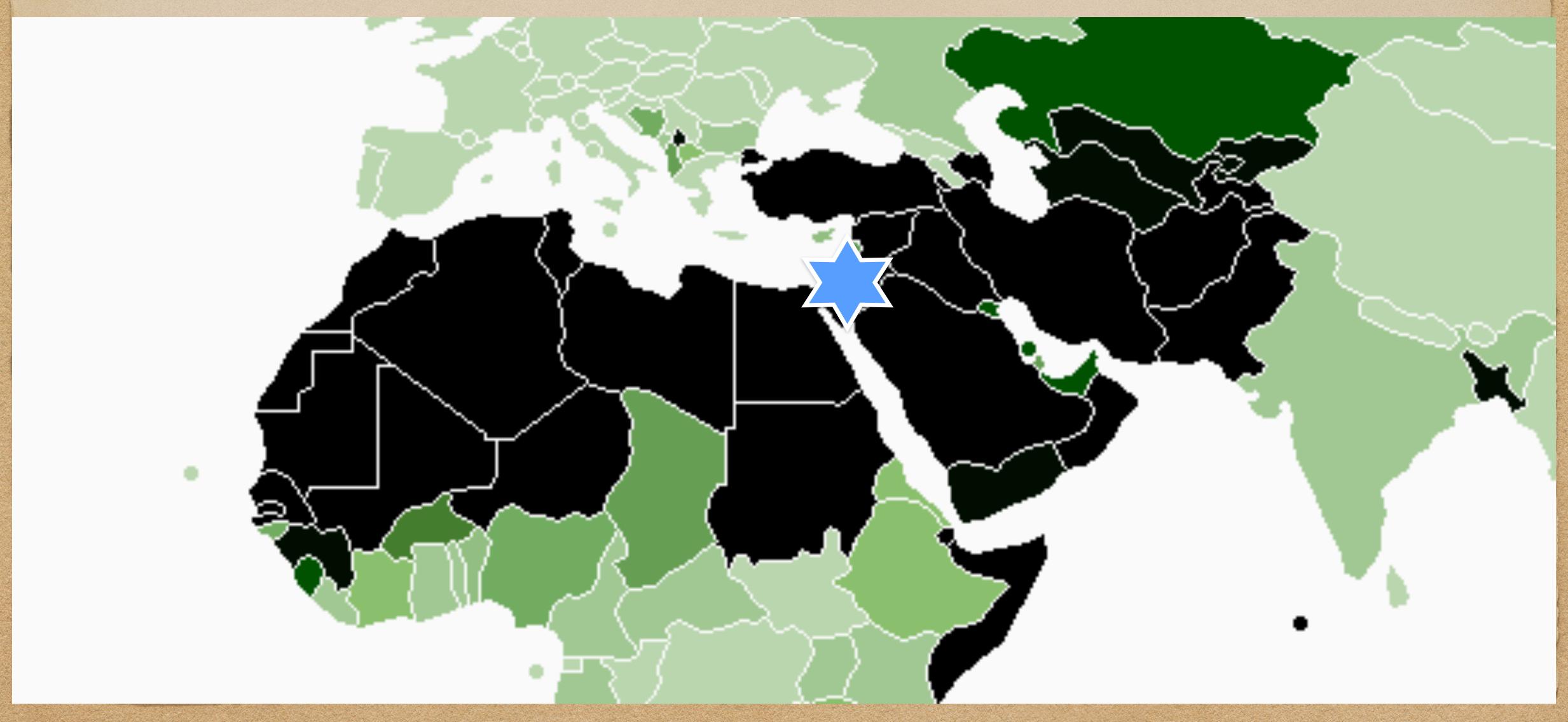
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Daniel 2:

Nebuchadnezzar's Statue



The Rise of the Fourth Kingdom:

And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

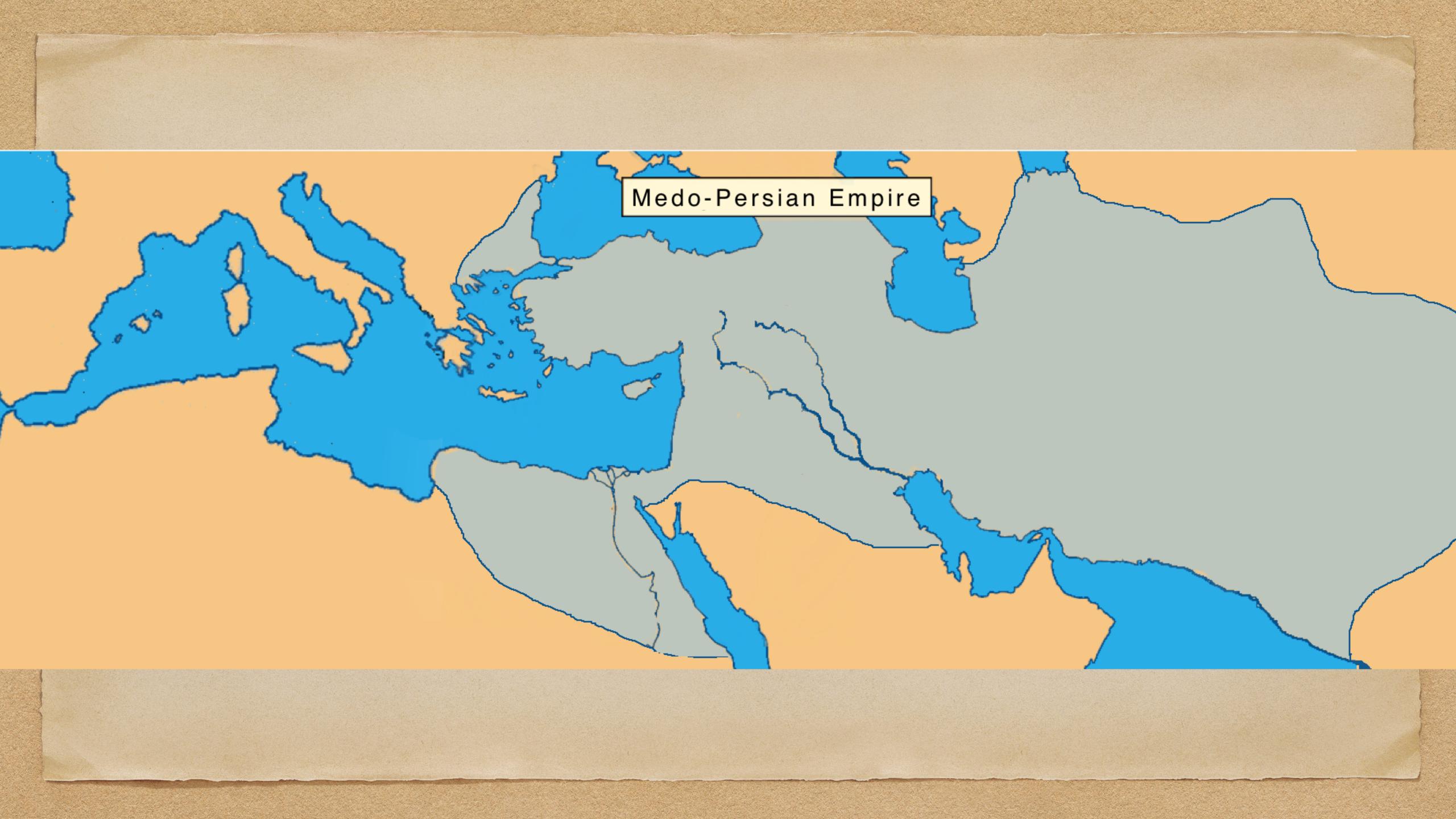
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Destruction of the Fourth Kingdom:

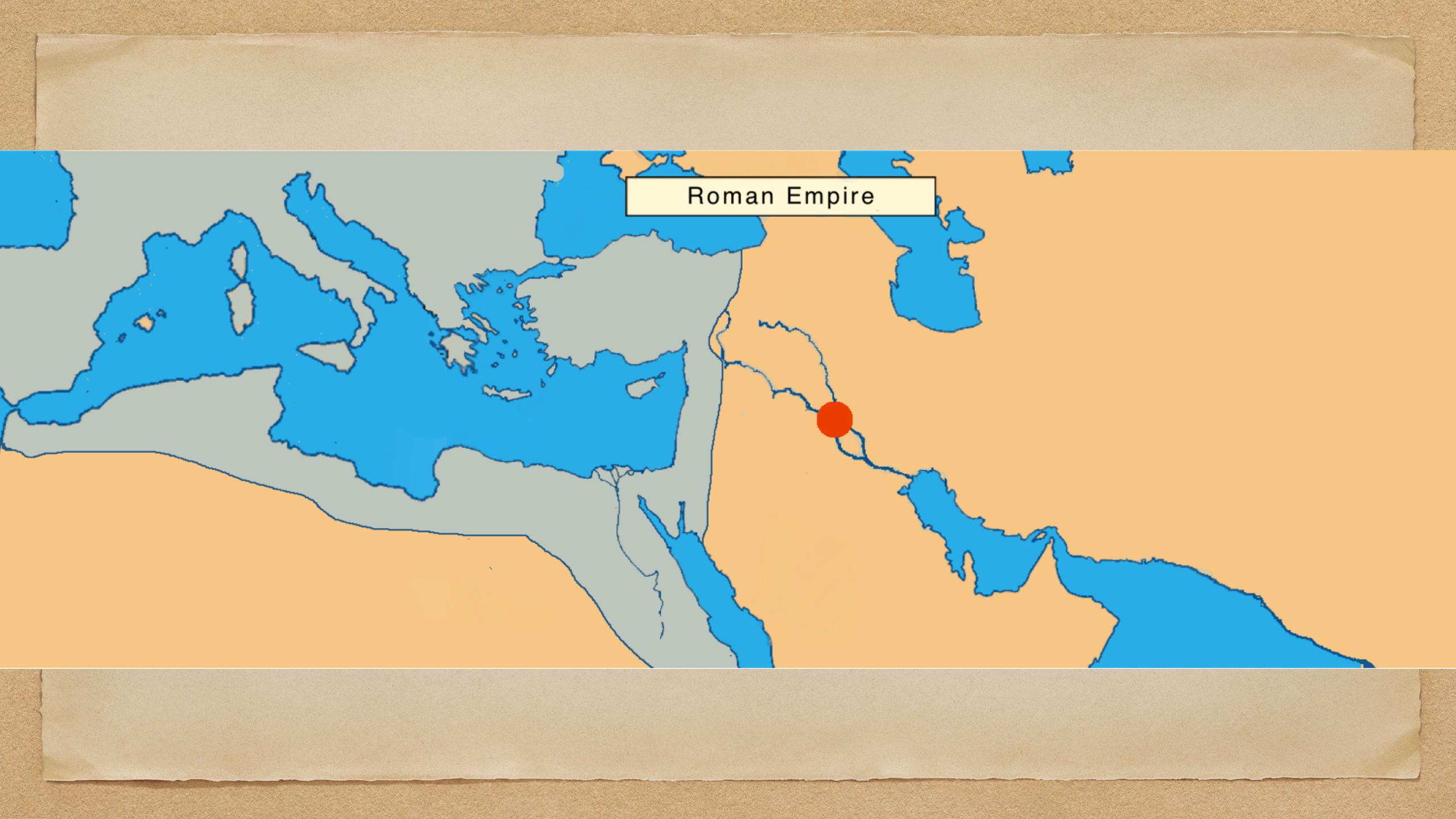
"You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found.

—Daniel 2:33-35













George Rawlinson: "There was no soil beyond the Euphrates, in which Roman institutions could take root, while the expense of maintaining them would have been utterly exhausting."



Rome Did Not "Crush" the Others

- "Crush" is more than mere Military Strength
- It is to Crush Geographically: Borders
- To Crush Culturally
- To Crush Religiously
- To Crush and Replace Languages

Islam: The Crushing Empire

"After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left.

—Daniel 7:7

The Roman Empire added:

- Infrastructure, Law, Order, Roads, Aqueducts, etc.
- Allowed its conquered subjects to maintain their language, religion and culture.
- Demanded taxes and acknowledgment of Caesar
- Much of Roman Empire was overwhelmed by Greek Culture



The Early Muslim Conquests:

- Within 4 years, 1/3rd Million Christians killed.
- Next ten years another million Christians killed.
- Early Muslims would besiege a city, kill all resistors, distribute the booty, and march 30 to 50 thousand woman back to Mecca.
- In less than one generation, the ancient heart of Christiandom was crushed by Islam.
- And within 100 years, 50% of global Christianity had come under Islamic subjugation and rule.

