

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE -NOW-

[PART 11]

BIBLE PROPHECY AND THE MIDDLE EAST (INTRODUCTION)

Reading: Genesis 12: 1 - 6

Introduction

- **Question:** Why should we be interested in the Middle East?
- It's the land of the Bible.
- It's the region of the world God has spoken most about.
- Its was where life began and sin originated.
- It was from this region, post Flood, humanity went forth to populate the world.
- It was where Jehovah gave His people a homeland.
- It was where the 3 great monotheistic religions of the world had their origin.
- It was the region Israel's founder (Abram) originated from.
- It was the part of the world God came in human form too and where He lived and died.
- It was where the Christian church began.
- It is where a great end time conflict is prophesied to take place.
- It is the region Jesus has said He will initially return too.
- It will be where the ministerial HQ of Christ's earthly kingdom will be.
- It is the region of the world that generates the most news.

1. The Middle East Today



















- NB. The information under this point is included in the maps and chart.

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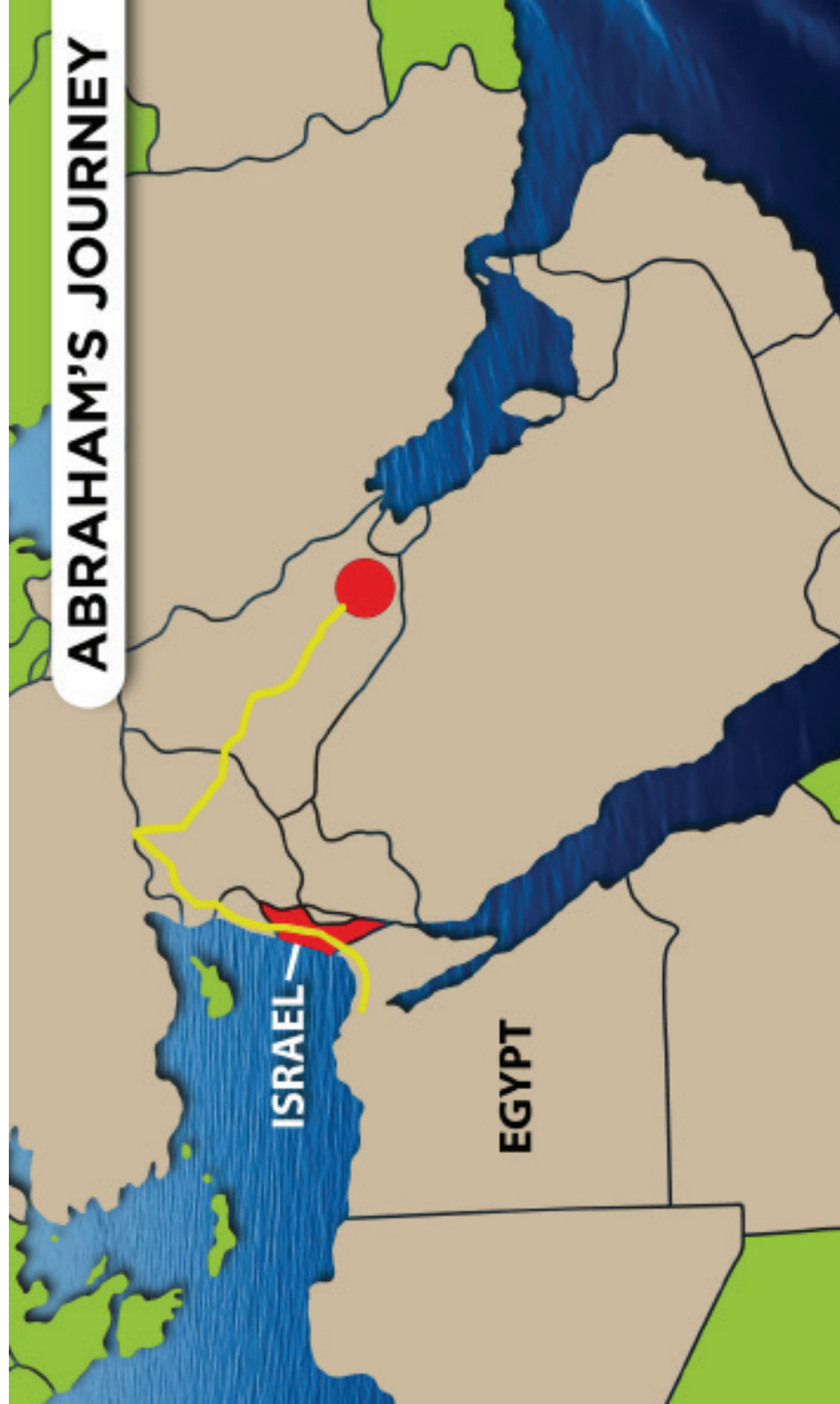
	NAME	FLAG	CAPITAL	RELIGION
1	AFGHANISTAN		KABUL	SUNNI ISLAM
2	BAHRAIN		MANAMA	SUNNI ISLAM
3	EGYPT		CAIRO	SUNNI ISLAM
4	IRAN		TEHRAN	SHIA
5	IRAQ		BAGHDAD	SHIA
6	ISRAEL		JERUSALEM	JUDAHISM
7	JORDAN		AMMAN	SUNNI ISLAM
8	KUWAIT		KUWAIT CITY	SUNNI ISLAM
9	LEBANON		BEIRUT	SHIA
10	LIBYA		TRIPOLI	SUNNI ISLAM
11	OMAN		MUSCAT	SUNNI ISLAM
12	QATAR		DOHA	SUNNI ISLAM
13	SAUDI ARABIA		RIYADH	SUNNI ISLAM
14	SUDAN		KHARTOUM	SUNNI ISLAM
15	SYRIA		DAMASCUS	SUNNI ISLAM
16	TURKEY		ANKARA	SUNNI ISLAM
17	UNITED A. E.		ABU DHABI	SUNNI ISLAM
18	YEMEN		SANA'A	SUNNI ISLAM

WORLD WATCH LIST 2023	POPULATION	SHARIA LAW	EXTRA INFO	OIL
9	40M	✓		
-	1.5M	✓		
35	109M	✓		
8	88M	✓		9
18	44M	✓		6
-	9M <small>1.6% OF 550.5M</small>	✗		
49	11M	✓		
-	4.5M	✓		10
-	5.5M	✓	HEZBOLLAH (Party of Allah) funded by Iran	
4	7M	✓		
47	4.5M	✓		
34	2.5M	✓	HAMAS HAS POLITICAL OFFICE IN QATAR	
13	36M	✓		2
10	46M	✓		
12	21.5M	✓		
41	85M	✗		
-	9.5M	✓	HOUTHY MOVEMENT (SUPPORTER OF GOD)	7
3	33M	✓		

SHIPPING ROUTE



ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY





2 A Closer Look At A Few Middle East Players

- NB. The information under this point is also included in the accompanying maps and chart.

3 It Began With A Man Called 'Abram.'

- 4000 years ago the geography of the Middle east was totally different.
- A race of people referred to as '**Canaanites**' occupied the land we know today as '**Israel.**'
- Abram lived in Ur of the Chaldees on the river Euphrates in what today would be Iraq.
- [Joshua 24:2]. This Abram was an idol worshipper until the '**God of glory**' revealed Himself to him.
- [Genesis 12]. God told him to get out and leave family behind and go to a distant land - Canaan.
- God promised to make of him and his descendants a great people. [Genesis 13:16].
- He defined the boundaries of the land He was giving him. [Genesis 15:18].
- It was a massive part of the Middle East they have never occupied through their disobedience and unbelief.
- [Genesis 22:17] Jehovah promised Abram that his descendants would possess the '**gate**' of their enemies. (The sea gate of Suez).

4 The Problem

- Abram and his wife Sarai were elderly and had no children.
- How would prophecy be fulfilled and indeed would it be fulfilled?

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