

# Cherry Picking

Isa. 40-66

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# My Fam



God: "I have a plan for your life"  
What it feels like:



Jobby



# Hobby



# Hobby

What I think I look like in Bible Study



What I'm actually like in Bible Study



*The*  
COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE  
*to* SCIENCE  
*and* FAITH

*Exploring the Ultimate Questions  
About Life and the Cosmos*

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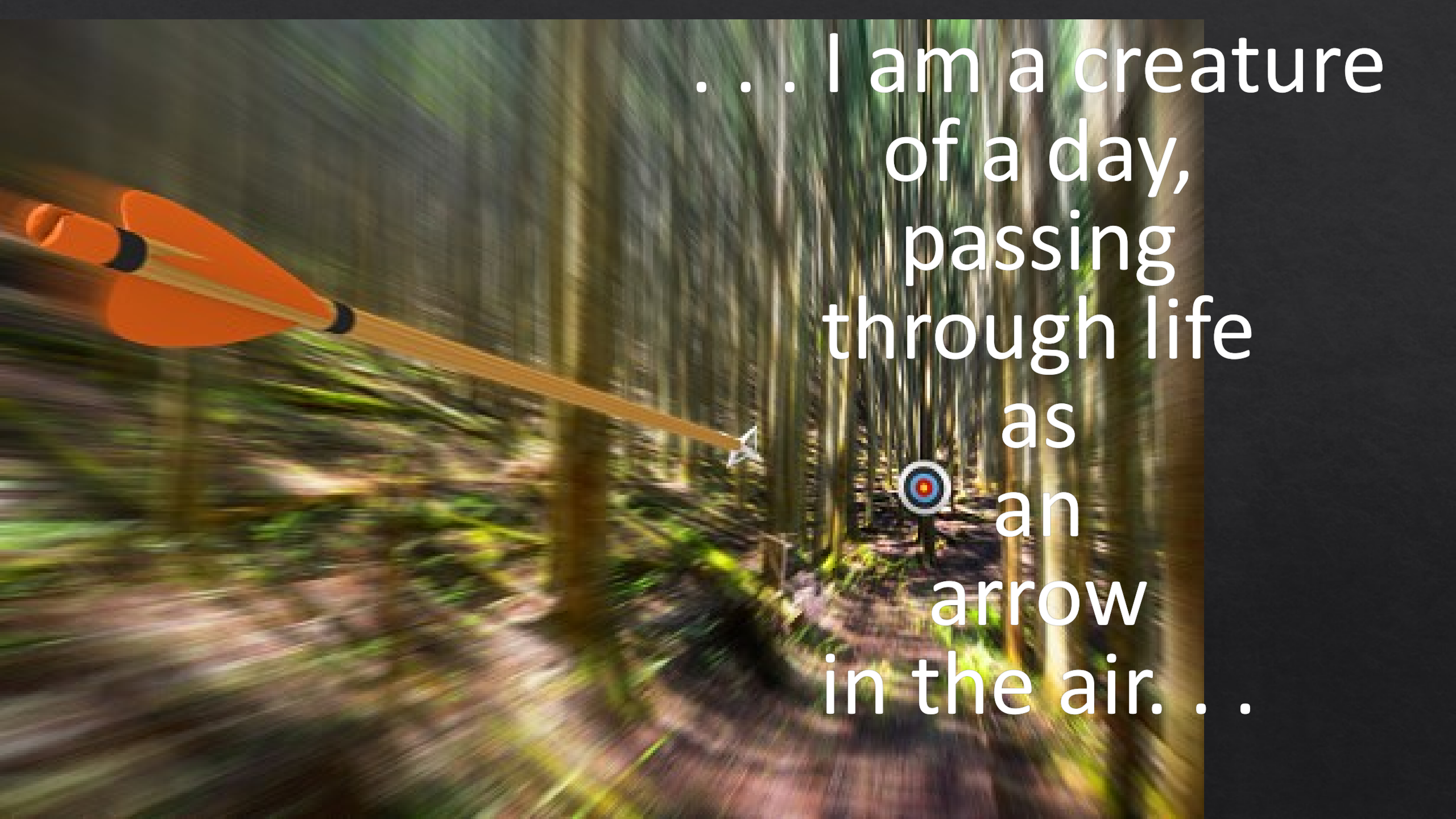


Cheerleader!



John Wesley:

To candid, reasonable men,  
I am not afraid to reveal  
what have been  
the inmost thoughts of my  
heart. . .



... I am a creature  
of a day,  
passing  
through life  
as  
an  
arrow  
in the air. . .

... I am a spirit come from  
God, and returning to God,  
just hovering over  
the great gulf—  
till, a few moments hence,  
I am seen no more seen;  
I drop into unchangeable  
eternity! ...

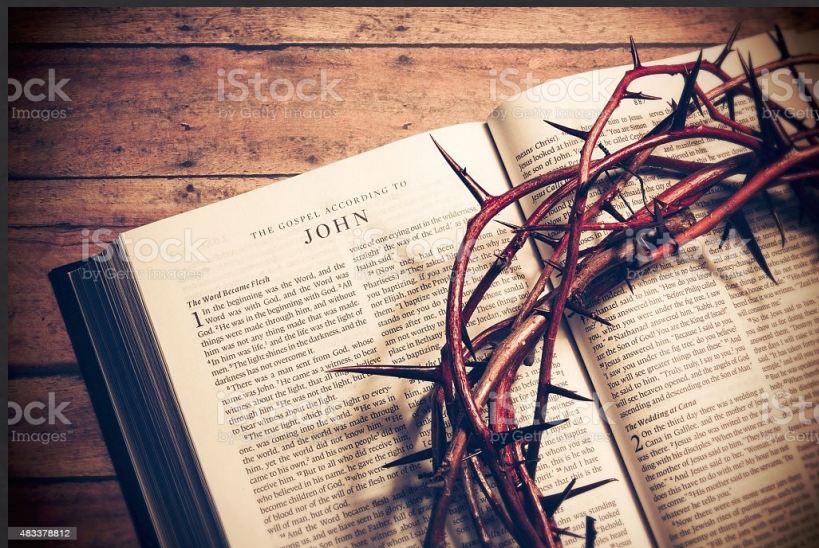


... I want to  
know one thing:  
the way to  
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condescended to  
teach the way; for  
this very end He  
came from  
heaven...

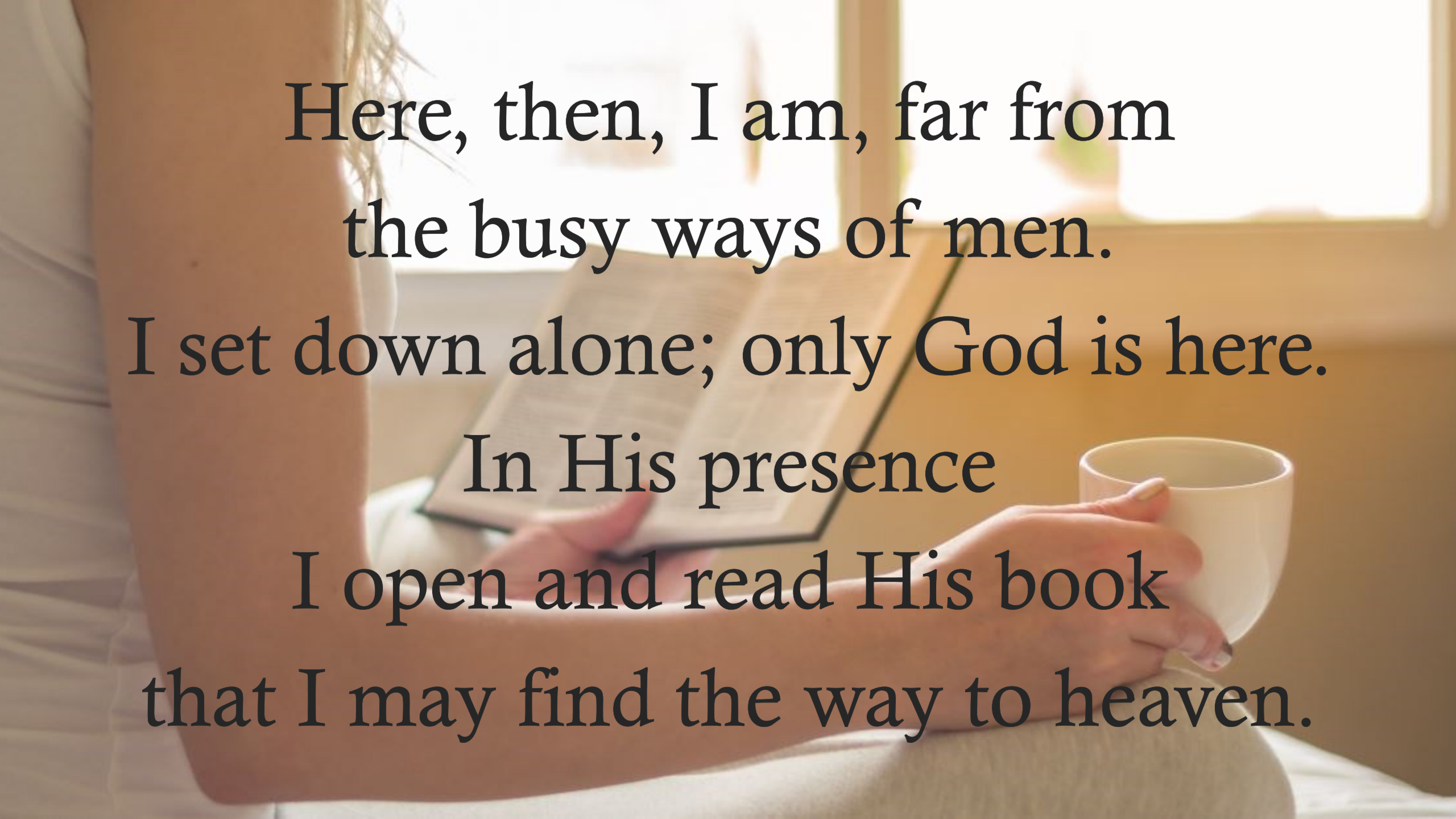




...He has written it  
down in a book.

Oh give me that book!

At any price, give me the book of God!  
I have it—here is knowledge enough for  
me. Let me be a man of one book.

A person is shown from the back, sitting and reading an open book. They are holding a white cup of coffee in their left hand. The scene is set in a bright, sunlit room, likely near a window, with a warm, golden glow. The person is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved shirt.

Here, then, I am, far from  
the busy ways of men.

I set down alone; only God is here.

In His presence

I open and read His book  
that I may find the way to heaven.



Is there a doubt about what I read?

Does anything appear dark or intricate?

I lift up my heart to the Father of Lights:

“Lord, is it not Thy word,

‘if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God’?

Thou ‘giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not.’

Thou has said,

‘If any man will do his will, he shall know.’

I am willing to do. Let me know Thy will.”

I then search after and consider  
parallel passages of scripture,  
“comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

I meditate on them with all the attention  
with which my mind is capable.

If any doubt remains, I consult those  
who are experienced in the things of God;  
and then the writings whereby, being dead, they yet speak.

And what I thus learn, that I teach.

## 2 Timothy 3

bad to worse, deceiving and <sup>y</sup> being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But as for you, <sup>z</sup> continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom <sup>1</sup> you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how <sup>a</sup> from childhood you have been acquainted with <sup>b</sup> the sacred writings, <sup>c</sup> which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> <sup>d</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that <sup>e</sup> the man of God <sup>2</sup> may be complete, <sup>f</sup> equipped <sup>g</sup> for every good work.

“so heavenly minded of  
no earthly good?”

## Avoided **Bloody** Revolution?!

“These spiritual and scholarly forces concentrated in the person of John [Wesley] produced the Oxford Methodist, who was to sire the spiritual revival which **saved England from a social upheaval** matching in ferocity the **French Revolution.**”

*John Wesley* by Basil Miller, p.11

(Best of both worlds!)

# Evangelical Distinctives

- ◆ Biblicism (highest view of the Bible)
- ◆ Crucicentrism (crucifixion)
- ◆ Conversionism (rebirth)
- ◆ Activism (Go! Do! Be!)

But what does something  
written so long ago  
to the tribes of Judah &  
Benjamin  
have to do with us today?



- ◆ There are more than 400 quotations from or allusions to the Book of Isaiah in the New Testament.
- ◆ 47 of the 66 chapters of Isaiah are either quoted or alluded to in the New Testament
- ◆ Apostle Paul quoted Isaiah more than any other OT book
- ◆ Can we understand the NT without the OT???
- ◆ Always room for secondary, indirect applications

# Five Christian Views of “Israel” and the Church

1. Majority: The Church Replaced Israel / is New Israel
2. Contender: The Church and Israel are Totally Distinct Entities
3. Hybrid - Mostly “1” but some room for “2”
4. Hybrid - Mostly “2” but some room for “1”
5. Small Minority: The Church is Grafted into Israel

“Our main doctrines,  
which include all the rest, are  
**repentance**, **faith** and **holiness**.

The first of these we account  
as if it were the porch of  
religion; the next, the door;  
the third, religion itself.”

p.132 *John Wesley* by Basil Miller

Repentance =	Porch
Faith =	Door
Holiness =	Inside

# Interesting Coincidence!

- ◆ Isaiah has 66 chapters - Bible has 66 books
- ◆ Strangely mirrors OT-NT
- ◆ Judgement and Comfort
- ◆ Bad news **vs** Good news

## SIMILARITIES BETWEEN ISAIAH AND THE WHOLE BIBLE<sup>2</sup>

Isaiah	The Bible
66 chapters	66 books
Two sections: chapters 1—39 and 40—66	Two Testaments: 39 OT books and 27 NT books
Emphasis in chapters 1—39 on God's righteousness, holiness, and justice	Emphasis in the 39 OT books on God's righteousness, holiness, and justice
Emphasis in chapters 40—66 on God's glory, compassion, and grace	Emphasis in the 27 NT books on God's glory, compassion, and grace
Chapters 1—39 emphasize Israel's need for restoration.	The OT emphasizes humanity's need for salvation.

Chapters 40—66 predict God's future provision of salvation in the Servant.

The NT describes God's provision of salvation in the Messiah.

Isaiah begins with a description of Israel's rebellion and ends with predictions of restoration.

The Bible begins with a description of humanity's rebellion and ends with a depiction of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Message: A holy God will gain glory by judging sin and restoring His people.

Message: A holy God will gain glory by judging sin and saving those who call on the name of His Son Jesus.

What is  
the main point  
of  
the book of Isaiah?

Kings of Judah	Bible	Good/Bad	Kings of Israel	Bible	All Bad
Rehoboam	1 Kings 11-14	BAD	Jeroboam I	1 Kings 12-14	BAD
Abijam	1 Kings 14-15	BAD	Nadab	1 Kings 15	BAD
Asa	1 Kings 15	Good	Baasha	1 Kings 15-16	BAD
			Elah	1 Kings 16	BAD
			Zimri	1 Kings 16	BAD
			Omri	1 Kings 16	BAD
			Ahab	1 Kings 16	BAD
Jehoshaphat	1 Kings 22	Good	Ahaziah	1 Kings 22	BAD
Jehoram	2 Kings 8	BAD	Jehoram	2 Kings 1	BAD
Ahaziah	2 Kings 8-9	BAD	Jehu	2 Kings 3-9	BAD
Athaliah	2 Kings 11	BAD	Jehoahaz	2 Kings 9-10	BAD
Joash	2 Kings 11-12	Good	Jehoash	2 Kings 13-14	BAD
Amaziah	2 Kings 14	Good	Jeroboam II	2 Kings 14	BAD
Azariah	2 Kings 15	Good	Zechariah	2 Kings 14-15	BAD
Jotham	2 Kings 15	Good	Shallum	2 Kings 15	BAD
			Menahem	2 Kings 15	BAD
			Pekahiah	2 Kings 15	BAD
Ahaziah	2 Kings 16	BAD	Pekahiah	2 Kings 15	BAD
Hezekiah	2 Kings 18-20	Good	Hoshea	2 Kings 15-17	BAD
Manasseh	2 Kings 21	BAD	<b>Assyrian Captivity - No return</b>		
Amon	2 Kings 21	BAD			
Josiah	2 Kings 21-23	Good			
Jehoahaz	2 Kings 23	BAD			
Jehoiakim	2 Kings 23	BAD			
Jehoiachin	2 Kings 24	BAD			
Zedekiah	2 Kings 24-25	BAD			
<b>Babylonian Captivity - 70 years</b>					



John Martin

“Isaiah”

*The Bible Knowledge Commentary*

“These years in Israel’s history were **a time of great struggle** both politically and spiritually. The Northern Kingdom of Israel was **deteriorating politically, spiritually, and militarily** and finally fell to the Assyrian Empire in 722 B.C. The Southern Kingdom of Judah looked as though it too would **collapse** and fall to Assyria, but it withstood the **attack**. In this political struggle and spiritual **decline**, Isaiah rose to deliver a message to the people in Judah. His message was that they should **trust in God who had promised them a glorious kingdom** through [the prophecies of] Moses and David. Isaiah urged the nation **not to rely on Egypt** or any other foreign power to protect them for the Lord was the only protection they would need.”

“Chapters 40-55 emphasize the fact that God would **deliver** His people from captivity in Babylon. Through Isaiah, God predicted that Cyrus would appear on the scene ... and **deliver** Judah from captivity. . . return from exile... Isaiah was calling the people back to a proper covenantal relationship with God. He was reminding his generation of the sinful condition in which they were living and of its consequences. **God would judge the nation, but He would also eventually restore them to the land with full kingdom blessings** because of his promises to Abraham.”

“Isaiah was aware ... that Judah was **destined for exile** as had recently befallen the Northern Kingdom. His book, then, was directed to two groups of people: (a) those of his generation who had strayed from the **covenantal** obligations given them in the Mosaic law and (b) those of a future generation who would be in exile. Isaiah was calling the first group back to holiness and obedience, and he was **comforting** the second group with the **assurance** that God would **restore** the nation to their land and would establish His kingdom of peace and prosperity. The theme of ‘**comfort**’ is dominant in Isaiah 40-66. . . .”

# CHOICE:

In the face of great danger, who Judah trust?

The God who . . .

- ◇ made a unilateral covenant with Abraham-Isaac-Jacob
- ◇ made a bilateral covenant with Moses-Israel
- ◇ made a unilateral covenant with King David
- ◇ created the heavens and the earth
- ◇ who knows, controls, and tells the future
- ◇ Parted the Red Sea and Jordan River

OR. . .

...OR...

Idols/gods



Egyptian military / alliance



Covenants?

Covenantal  
relationships???

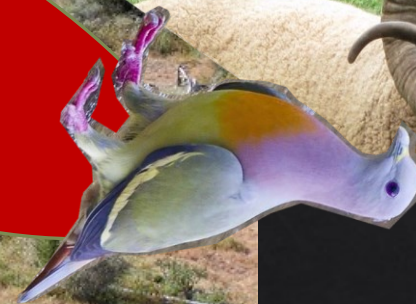
Telling the Story (of the Bible)

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(3rd & 4th)







WALT DISNEY'S  
*Cinderella*



# The Story of Jerusalem (Ezk. 16)



“Then I bathed you with water and washed off your blood from you and anointed you with oil. I **clothed you also with embroidered cloth** and shod you with fine leather. I wrapped you in **fine linen** and covered you with **silk**.

*Israel's Sin and the Servant's Obedience*

- 50** Thus says the LORD:  
“Where is <sup>g</sup>your mother’s certificate of divorce,  
with which <sup>h</sup>I sent her away?  
Or <sup>i</sup>which of my creditors is it  
to whom I have sold you?  
<sup>j</sup>Behold, for your iniquities you were sold,  
and for your transgressions your mother was sent away.  
2 <sup>k</sup>Why, when I came, was there no man;  
why, when I called, was there no one to answer?  
<sup>l</sup>Is my hand shortened, that it cannot redeem?  
Or have I no power to deliver?

Isaiah 54

- 4 “Fear not, <sup>m</sup> for you will not be ashamed;  
be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;  
for you will forget the shame of your youth,  
and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.
- 5 <sup>n</sup> For your Maker is your husband,  
the LORD of hosts is his name;  
<sup>o</sup> and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,  
<sup>p</sup> the God of the whole earth he is called.
- 6 <sup>q</sup> For the LORD has called you  
like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit,  
like a wife of youth when she is cast off,  
says your God.
- 7 <sup>r</sup> For a brief moment I deserted you,  
but with great compassion I will gather you.
- 8 <sup>r</sup> In overflowing anger for a moment  
I hid my face from you,  
<sup>s</sup> but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,”  
says the LORD, your Redeemer.

*Faithless Israel Called to Repentance*

<sup>6</sup> The LORD said to me in the days of <sup>p</sup> King Josiah: “Have you seen what she did, that **faithless one, Israel,** <sup>q</sup> how she went up on every high hill and under every green tree, and there <sup>i</sup> **played the whore?** <sup>7</sup> And I thought, ‘After she has done all this **she will return to me,**’ but she did not return, and her treacherous <sup>r</sup> sister Judah saw it. <sup>8</sup> She saw that for all the adulteries of that faithless one, Israel, **I had sent her away with <sup>t</sup> a decree of divorce.** <sup>u</sup> Yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but she too went <sup>i</sup> and **played the whore.** <sup>9</sup> Because she took her whoredom lightly, she polluted the land, **committing adultery** with <sup>v</sup> stone and tree. <sup>10</sup> Yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah did not return to me <sup>w</sup> with her whole heart, but in pretense, declares the LORD.”

<sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to me, <sup>x</sup> **Faithless** Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah. <sup>12</sup> Go, and proclaim these words toward <sup>y</sup> the north, and say,

<sup>z</sup> **“Return, faithless** Israel,  
declares the LORD.

I will not look on you in anger,  
for <sup>a</sup> I am merciful,  
declares the LORD;

## Isaiah 49

- <sup>14</sup> But Zion said, <sup>m</sup>“The LORD has forsaken me;  
my Lord has forgotten me.”
- <sup>15</sup> <sup>n</sup>“Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?  
Even these may forget,  
yet I will not forget you.
- <sup>16</sup> Behold, <sup>o</sup>I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;  
your walls are continually before me.





"wild  
ingrafted  
branches"

"natural branches"

New Covenant!!!  
(Jer.32-32, Ezk.36, etc.)

Mosaic Covenant  
(Ex. 19-20) &  
Palestinian Covenant  
(Deut. 27-30)

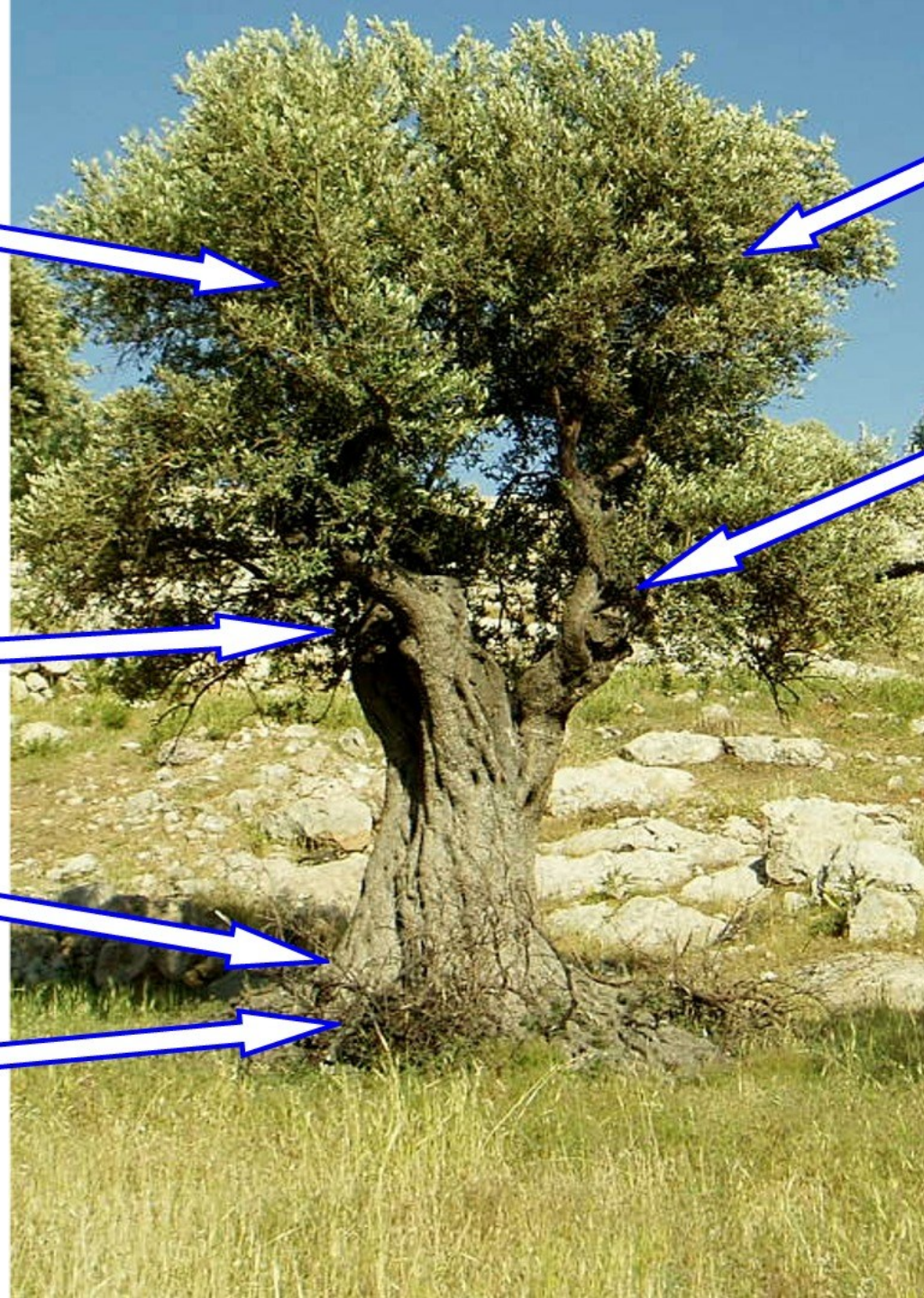
Davidic Covenant  
(2 Sam. 7:4-17)

Covenant with Noah  
(Gen. 6-9)

Abrahamic  
Covenant  
(Gen. 15)

Covenant with Creation  
(Gen. 1-3)

God's  
Grace/Generosity,  
Mercy, & Love

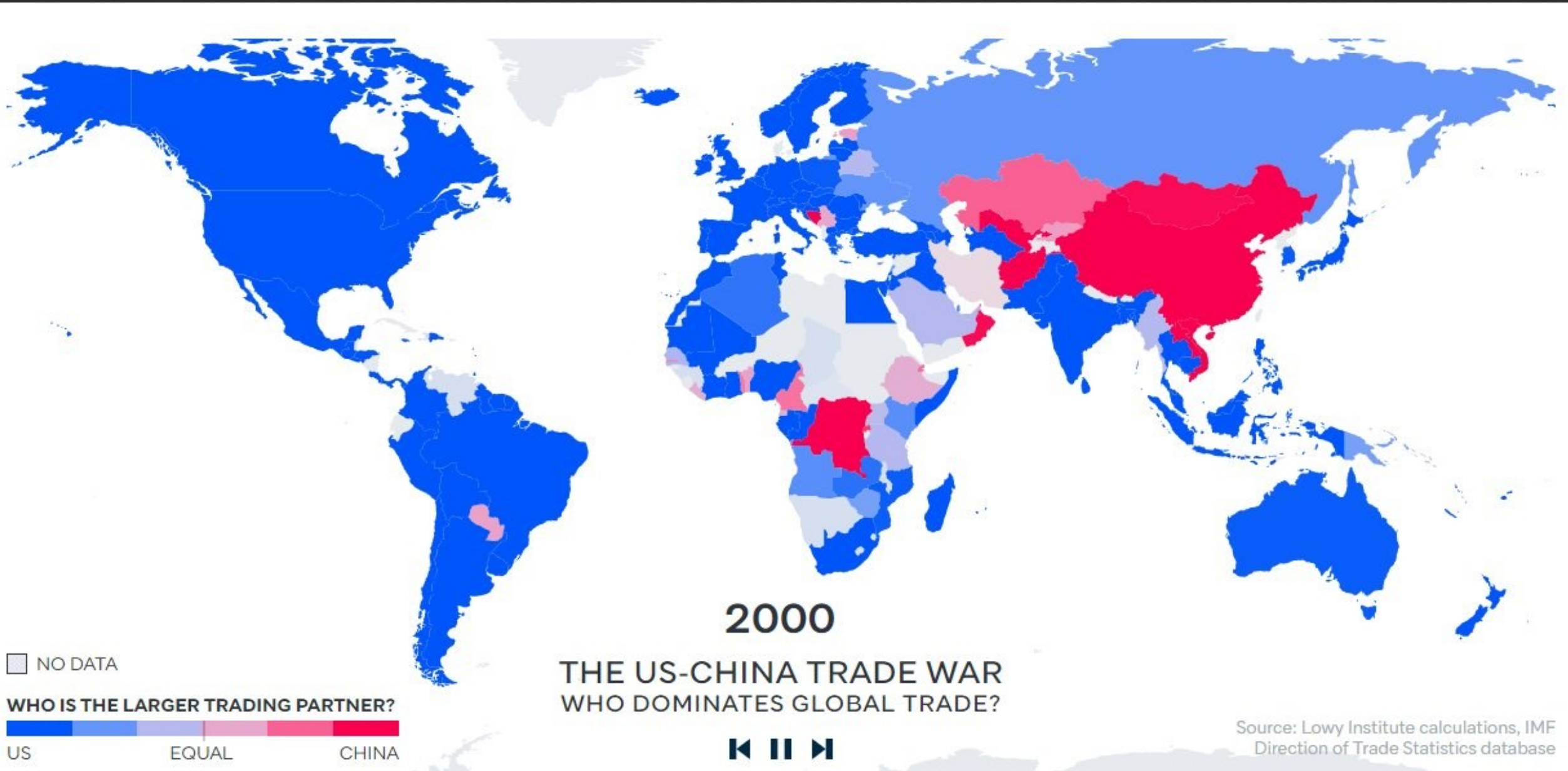


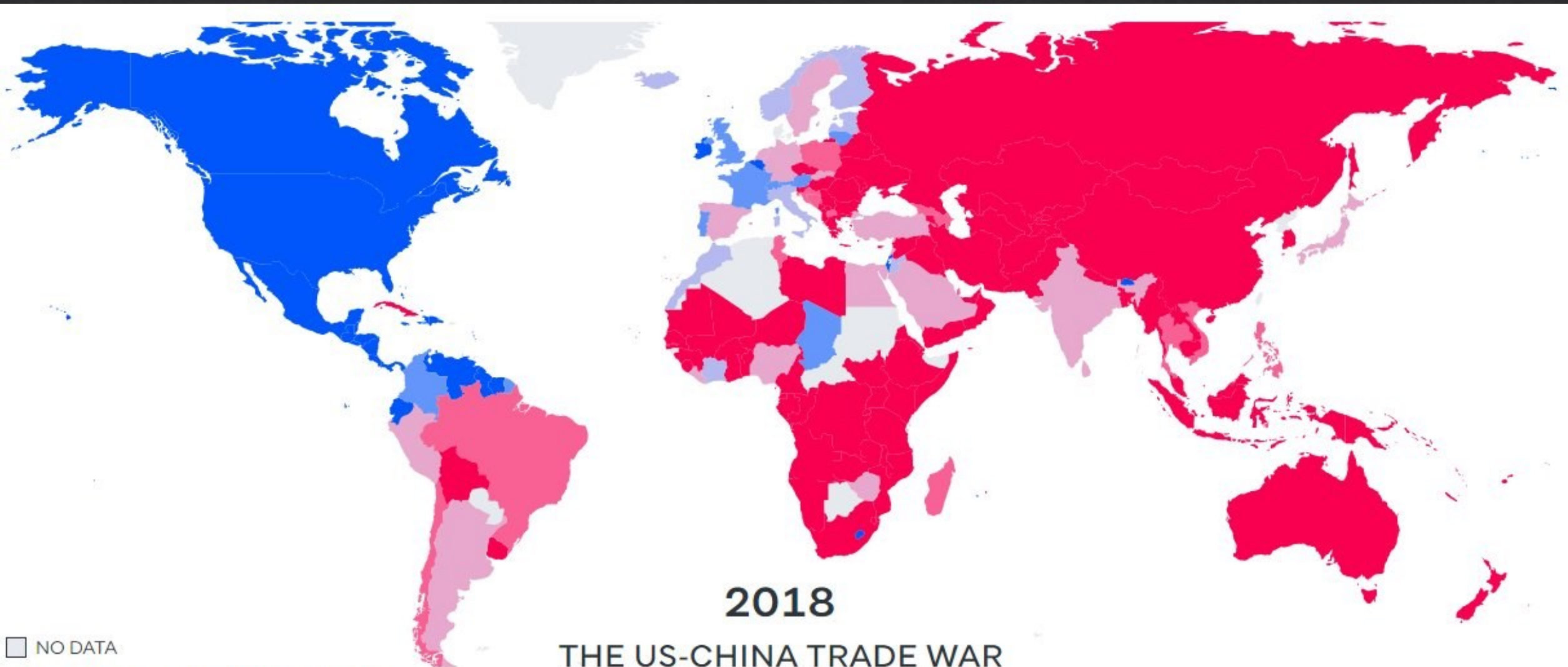
## Main point of the Book of Isaiah?

- ◆ Judah had to decide what to do about the threat of expansionist Assyria/Babylon
- ◆ Choice: Keep covenant with the Lord? Or break covenant and trust in idols and Egypt?

# Parallels?

Aggressive Expanding Empire	Small Kingdom (in the path of expansion)	Possible Allies (with strong military might)
Assyria & Babylon	Israel & Judah	Egypt
Modern China	Hong Kong, Taiwan, Philippines	Japan, S. Korea, USA?????





2018

THE US-CHINA TRADE WAR  
WHO DOMINATES GLOBAL TRADE?

□ NO DATA

WHO IS THE LARGER TRADING PARTNER?

US      EQUAL      CHINA



Source: Lowy Institute calculations, IMF  
Direction of Trade Statistics database

# Global Reserve Currencies

1530-1641  
SPAIN

1642-1720  
NL

1720-1815

FRANCE

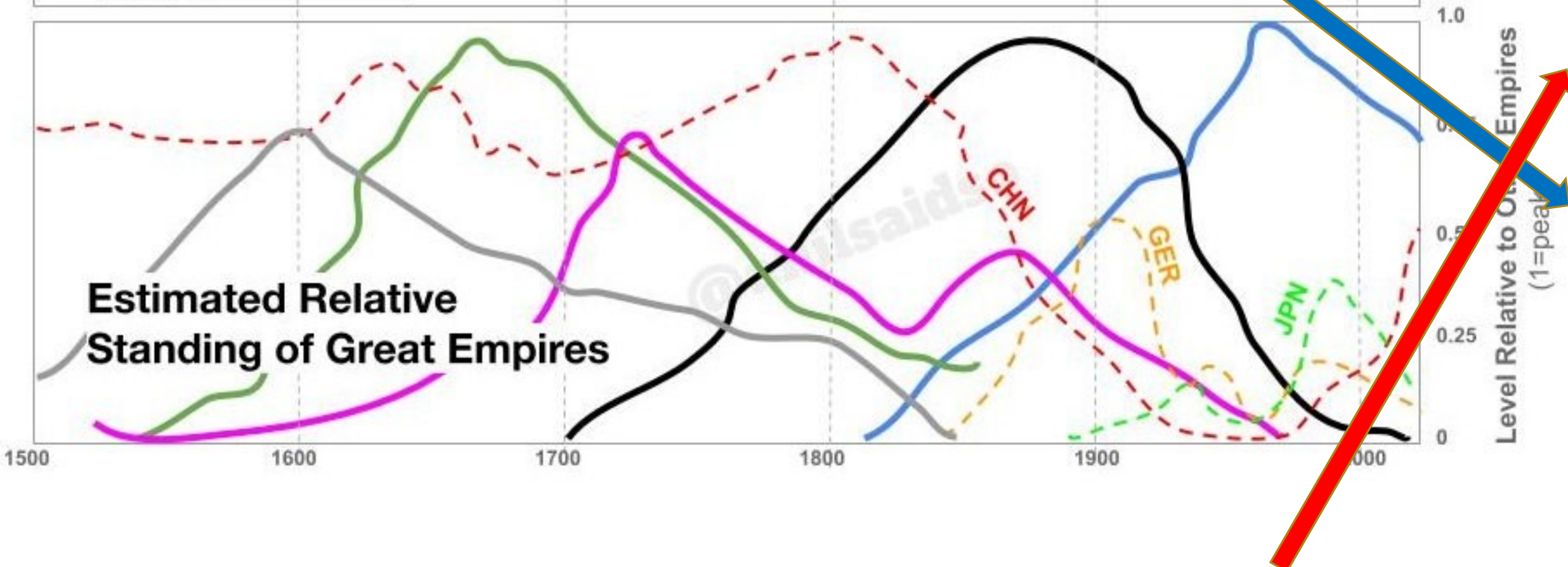
1815-1920  
UK

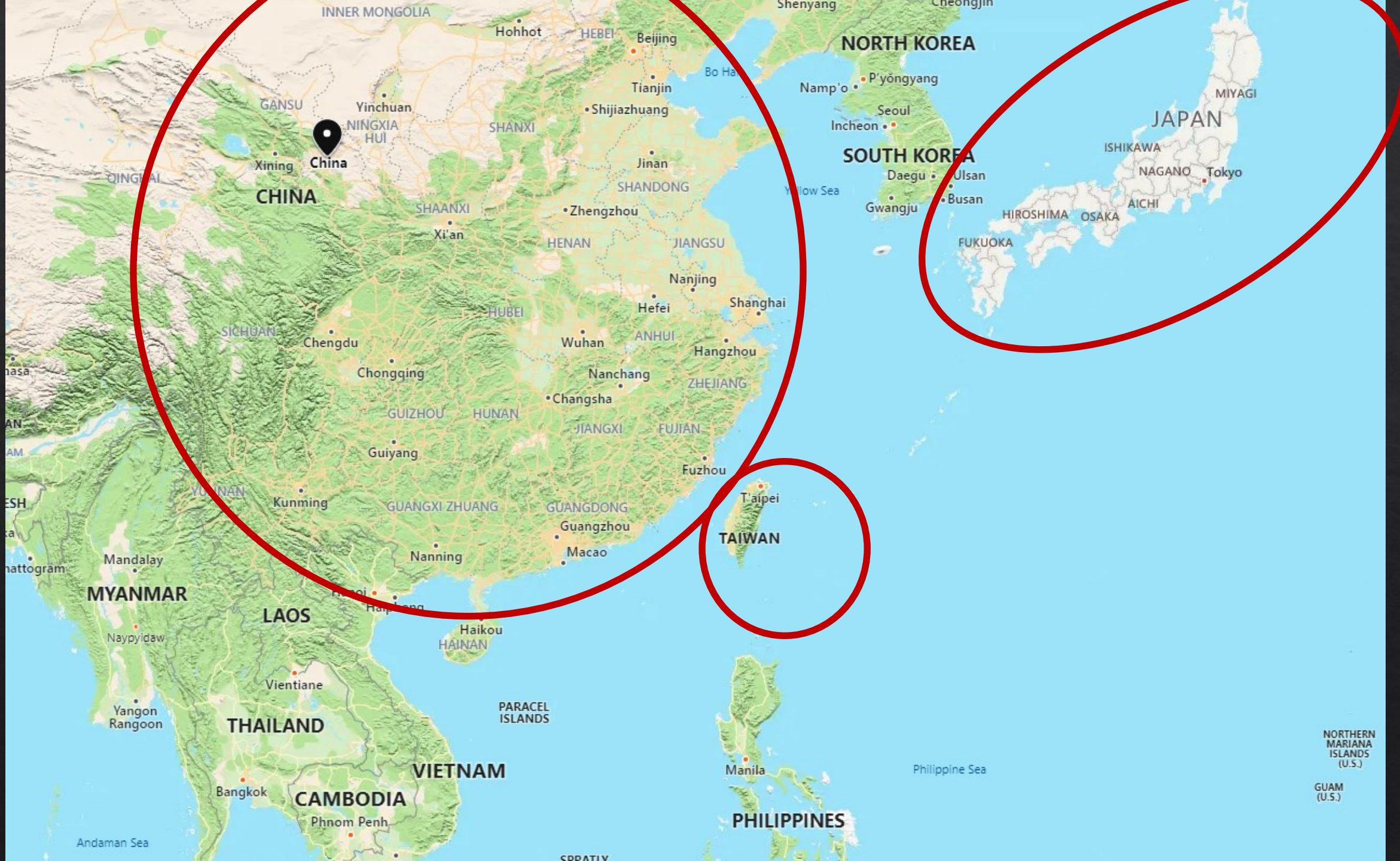
1920-

USA

## Estimated Relative Standing of Great Empires

Level Relative to Other Empires  
(1=peak)





CHINA

NORTH KOREA

SOUTH KOREA

JAPAN

TAIWAN

MYANMAR

LAOS

THAILAND

VIETNAM

CAMBODIA

PHILIPPINES

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (U.S.)  
GUAM (U.S.)



# China threatens to nuke Japan over Taiwan issue, claim reports

**Beijing:** The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) aired a video in which it threatened Japan with a nuclear response and "full-scale war" if it interfered in China's handling of Taiwan. The video, which appeared on a channel approved by the CCP, [singled out Japan as the one exception to China's policy to not use nuclear weapons](#) against non-nuclear powers, Fox News reported.

"We will use nuclear bombs first, we will use nuclear bombs continuously," the video said.

"We will do this until Japan declares unconditional surrender for the second time," it further said.

The video was deleted from Chinese platform Xigua after gaining 2 million views, but copies were uploaded to YouTube and Twitter, Taiwan News reported.

The threats follow [comments made two weeks ago by Japanese officials about Taiwan's sovereignty](#), with Deputy Prime Minister Taro Aso saying that Japan must "defend Taiwan," The Japan Times reported.



Main point of the Book of Isaiah?

- ◆ Isaiah means “The LORD saves!”
- ◆ To sum it up in one word...

F A I T H

But What is Faith???

## But What is Faith? (Synonyms)

Faith in	Hope in
Trust in	Wait upon
Rely on	Look to
Believe in	Call upon
Take refuge in	Go to for help

*Hezekiah Reigns in Judah*

**18** <sup>h</sup>In the third year of Hoshea son of Elah, king of Israel, <sup>i</sup>Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. <sup>2</sup> He was <sup>j</sup>twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was <sup>k</sup>Abi the daughter of Zechariah. <sup>3</sup> <sup>l</sup>And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. <sup>4</sup> <sup>m</sup>He removed the high places and broke the <sup>n</sup>pillars and cut down <sup>o</sup>the Asherah. And he broke in pieces <sup>p</sup>the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it (it was called Nehushtan). <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup> <sup>q</sup>He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel, <sup>r</sup>so that there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those who were before him. <sup>6</sup> <sup>s</sup>For he held fast to the LORD. He did not depart from following him, but kept the commandments that the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>7</sup> <sup>t</sup>And the LORD was with him; wherever he went out, <sup>u</sup>he prospered. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and would not serve him. <sup>8</sup> <sup>v</sup>He struck down the Philistines as far as Gaza and its territory, <sup>w</sup>from watchtower to fortified city.

Asaph, the recorder.

<sup>19</sup> And the Rabshakeh said to them, “Say to Hezekiah, “Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: On what do you rest this trust of yours?”

<sup>20</sup> Do you think that mere words are strategy and power for war? In whom do you now trust, that you have rebelled against me? <sup>21</sup> Behold, you are trusting now in Egypt, that broken reed of <sup>g</sup> a staff, which will pierce the hand of any man who leans on it. Such is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him. <sup>22</sup> But if you say to me, “We trust in the LORD our God,” is it not he <sup>h</sup> whose high places and altars Hezekiah has removed, saying to Judah and to Jerusalem, “You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem”? <sup>23</sup> Come now, make a wager with my master the king of Assyria: I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them. <sup>24</sup> How then can you repulse a single captain among the least of my master’s servants, when you trust in Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? <sup>25</sup> Moreover, is it without the LORD that I have come up against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, “Go up against this land and destroy it.””

*Woe to Those Who Go Down to Egypt*

- 31** Woe<sup>1</sup> to <sup>v</sup>those who go down to Egypt for help  
and rely on horses,  
who <sup>w</sup>trust in chariots because they are many  
and in horsemen because they are very strong,  
but <sup>x</sup>do not look to the Holy One of Israel  
or consult the LORD!
- <sup>2</sup> And <sup>y</sup>yet he is wise and brings disaster;  
<sup>z</sup>he does not call back his words,  
but <sup>a</sup>will arise against the house of the evildoers  
and against the helpers of <sup>b</sup>those who work iniquity.
- <sup>3</sup> The Egyptians are man, and not God,  
and their horses <sup>c</sup>are flesh, and not spirit.  
When the LORD stretches out his hand,  
the helper will stumble, and he who is helped will fall,  
and they will all perish together.



This is key  
to understanding  
every chapter  
in Isaiah

## What is Faith?

- ◆ Always has **an object**
- ◆ Always has **a purpose**
  - ◆ Purpose involves risk/danger
- ◆ Everyone has faith in something every day

# What is Faith? (Everyday Examples)

- ◆ I am trusting in this chair to prevent me from falling down, getting tired, losing focus
- ◆ We are trusting in Zoom meeting technology to keep us connected this hour
- ◆ We put our faith into our steering and braking systems every time we drive our vehicles to prevent us from crashing
- ◆ Some are trusting in a vaccine to protect them from coronaviruses
- ◆ Others are trusting in \_\_\_\_\_ to protect them from coronaviruses

## What is Faith? (Bad Examples)

- ◆ Someone witnessing to me testified to his belief in Jesus to save him \*only\* from cigarette addiction.
- ◆ Televangelists may say: Believe in Jesus to save you [only] from lack of health and wealth
- ◆ A preacher once preached faith in your own faith. [instead of in Jesus]

# “I believe in Jesus?” What does that mean?

1. I believe **in the crucified Lord Jesus**, the Lamb, **to pay for my sins**, guilt, and shame before a holy God and **to give me peace with God**
2. I believe **in the risen Lord Jesus** **to resurrect my body**, fix me, and give me eternal life
3. I believe **in the Jesus the Lion** of Judah, the Lord of Lords, the Son of Man, **to fix this broken world** and rule the nations in a future geopolitical kingdom.

## Questions

- ◆ Which **object(s)** is your faith in?  
And for which **purpose(s)/risk(s)**?
- ◆ What might your **idol(s)** be?

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