



MATTHEW 6

The Lilies of The Valley

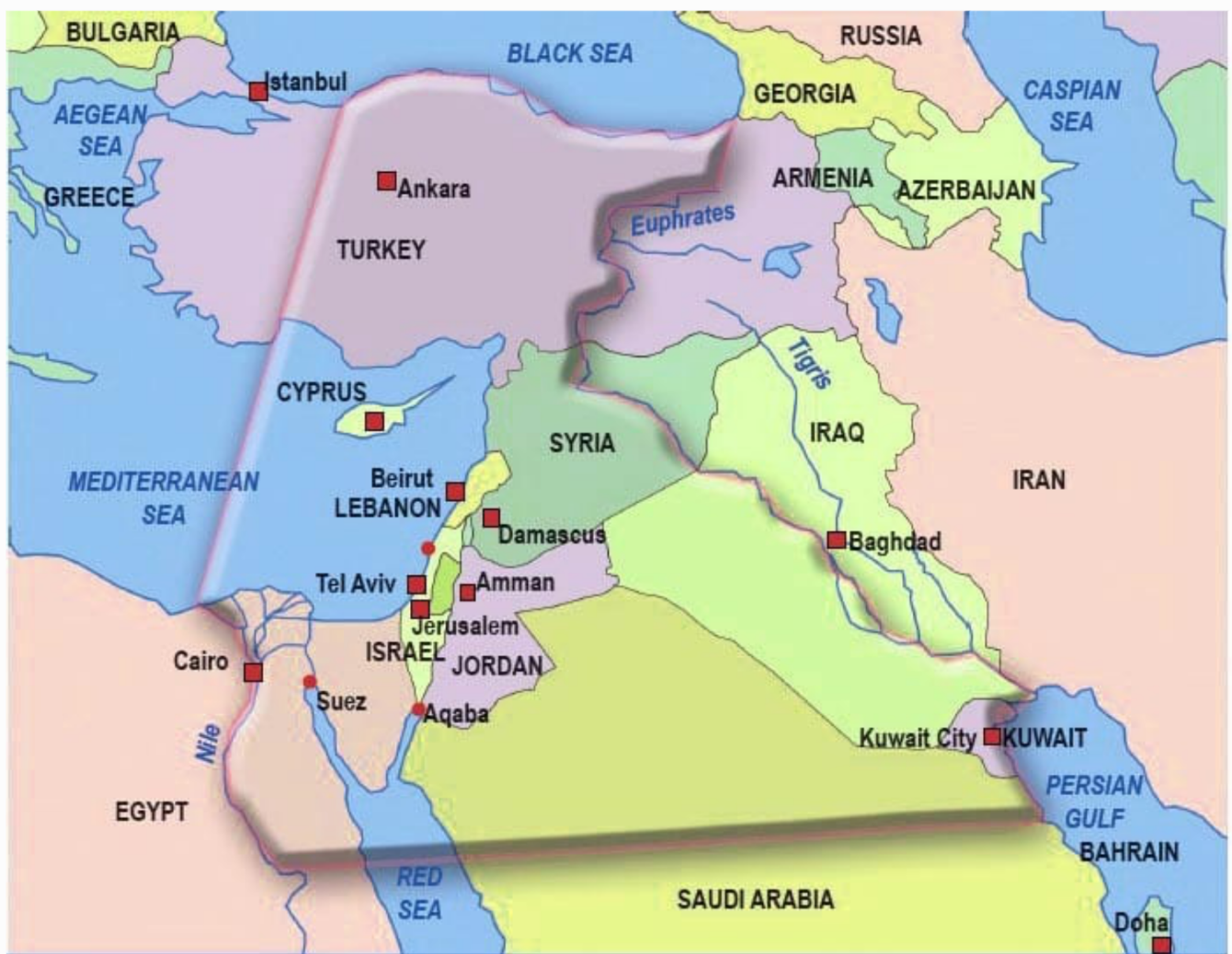
SYRIA - PART OF THE PROMISE LAND

The Middle East is widely recognized as the cradle of civilization. The Garden of Eden, where YHVH placed the first man and woman, near the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers (Genesis 2:14)

Biblical history is not the only reason that the Middle East is important to us. This region is also the focal point of future Bible prophecy.

There are prophecies relating to other parts of the earth, but the Middle East and especially Jerusalem—is central to YHVH 's end-time plan.

Following the great universal flood that came upon the world, the ark that protected Noah and his family came to rest “on the mountains of Ararat” (Genesis 8:4). These mountains are located in modern Turkey.



Genesis 2:10-14

A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

A large portion of the Middle East is referred to as the Promised Land as much of it was promised by YHVH to Abraham and his descendants (Genesis 15:18-21).

This was where the ancient nation of Israel, including its capital city of Jerusalem, was located.

The Middle East is where the Old Testament was inspired by YHVH to be written and the home of its prophets. It is also where Yeshua HaMashiach conducted His ministry.

The Ottoman Empire ruled the Middle East for 400 years, following its collapse in 1918 at the end of World War I. A number of new nations sprout forth thereafter as many formed their own clans.

The strive began long ago, when Abram (later called Abraham, Genesis 17:5) raising his family according to the commandment of YHVH.

Abraham had 12 sons, who each fathered sons and daughters just as YHVH had previously said (Genesis 17:20). Ishmael's descendants are the Arab peoples today.

The entire earth belongs to YHVH and Jerusalem is said in Scriptures "through the prophet Ahijah during the time of Solomon, Jerusalem is "the city which I have chosen for Myself, to put My name there" (1 Kings 11:36). It is the city where YHVH said, "I will put My name forever" (2 Chronicles 33:7).

Jerusalem is where Yeshua HaMashiach spent much of His ministry and where He was crucified. The nearby Mount of Olives is the location to which He will return.

Speaking of this monumental event, Zechariah prophesied: “And in that day [of His return] His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives” (Zechariah 14:4).

We can find several prophecies in the Scriptures pointing to the end times. Ezekiel, Daniel and Revelation describing a time, a time and a half.

The end-time event prophecy described as “great tribulation.” has been explained by Yeshua HaMashiach “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved” (Matthew 24:21-22).

For centuries, researchers searched in vain for any remnant of Solomon’s Temple. Known as the Jerusalem sanctuary, which is described in such exacting detail in 1 Kings 6. It was no doubt one the most stunning achievements of King Solomon in the Bible, yet nothing of the building itself has been found because excavation on Jerusalem’s Temple Mount.

After several centuries the closest known parallel to the Temple of King Solomon is found in the 'Ain Dara temple in northern Syria. The remains bear a striking resemblance to the Temple of King Solomon in the Bible.

Syria is written about throughout the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. Its people trace their origins to Noah.

Biblical heritage go back to a man named Aram. He was a descendant of Shem, Noah's son.

These people settled between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, also known as Mesopotamia. (Genesis 24:10, 25:20) This included a land called Paddan Aram. (Genesis 28:5) Paddan Aram may sound familiar, as this is the homeland of Rebekah, the wife of Issac, Laban, her brother and his daughters Rachel, and Leah, the wives of Jacob.

The land that became Syria, Aram settled northeast, stretching from the Jordan River to the Euphrates, and to Lake Gennesaret. Along with "Syria," it was also called "Aram" and "Mesopotamia."

In the later history we meet with a number of small nations or kingdoms forming parts of the general land of Aram; but as Damascus increased in importance it gradually absorbed the smaller powers, (1 Kings 20:1)

Joshua 1:4

From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory.

Syria is one of the oldest inhabited regions in the world with archaeological finds dating the first human habitation of 700,000 years ago.

A river named Euphrates is one of the four rivers that flow from the Garden of Eden according to Genesis 2:14.

It is the fourth river, after the Pishon, the Gihon, and the Tigris, to form from the river flowing out of the garden.

The river of the same name marked one of the boundaries of the land promised by YHVH to Abraham and his descendants (Isaac, Jacob, etc). In the Hebrew Bible, it is often referred to simply as "The River" (*ha-nahar*).

Deuteronomy 11:24

Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours. Your territory shall be from the wilderness to the Lebanon and from the River, the river Euphrates, to the western sea.

In the Book of Revelation, it is prophesied that in the "near future the Potamos Euphrates or "breaking forth like water" of the middle east will dry up in preparation for the Battle of Armageddon.

Revelation 16:12

The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east

The fight between evil and birthright is now near as we see all prophecy predicted falling into place.

Revelation 1:1-20

The revelation of Yeshua HaMashiach which YHVH gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of YHVH and to the testimony of Yeshua HaMashiach, even to all that he saw. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

Be blessed and stay blessed