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Mark 3	Matthew 13	Jesus says everyone is his brother and sister (in front of his family)
Matthew 13		<u>James is the brother of Jesus</u>
Mark 6		James was not pleased with Jesus – early ministry times
John 2		James watches as Jesus overturns tables and whips up a controversy
John 2		James and Jesus brothers try to trick him into getting into trouble
Acts 1		James is with the apostles when Holy Spirit comes
Acts 1		James is with apostles as new apostles are chosen
Galatians 1		~37 or 38 AD, Paul goes to see Peter in Jerusalem and James is there.
Acts 12		~AD44 James is not son of Zebedee, Peter escapes arrest and sends word to James
Acts 12		~51 AD James, “was an overseer of the Jerusalem church” – leader
Acts 21		~58 AD James and elders seen by Paul - leader

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¹ I, Jude, am writing this letter. I
serve Jesus Christ. I am a
brother of James.

James writing is similar to Jude's.

Both were Jesus brothers!

INTEGRITY
is core to James life...

We discussed
INTEGRITY
Should be core to our lives

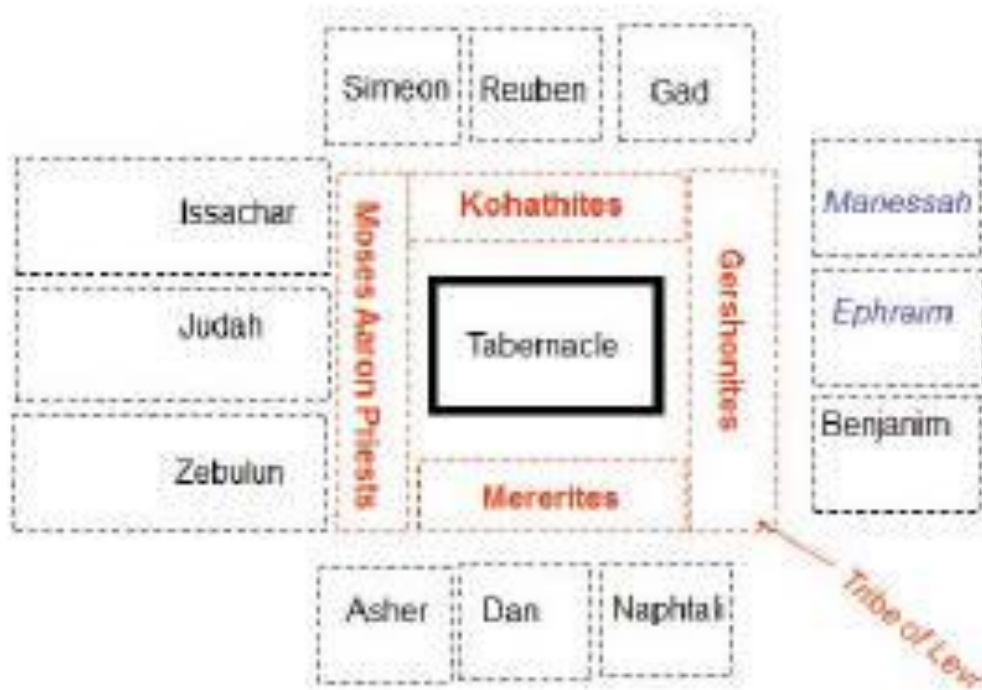
We need to move from knowing to doing!

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What happened to the 12 tribes of Israel?

Where in the world is Israel



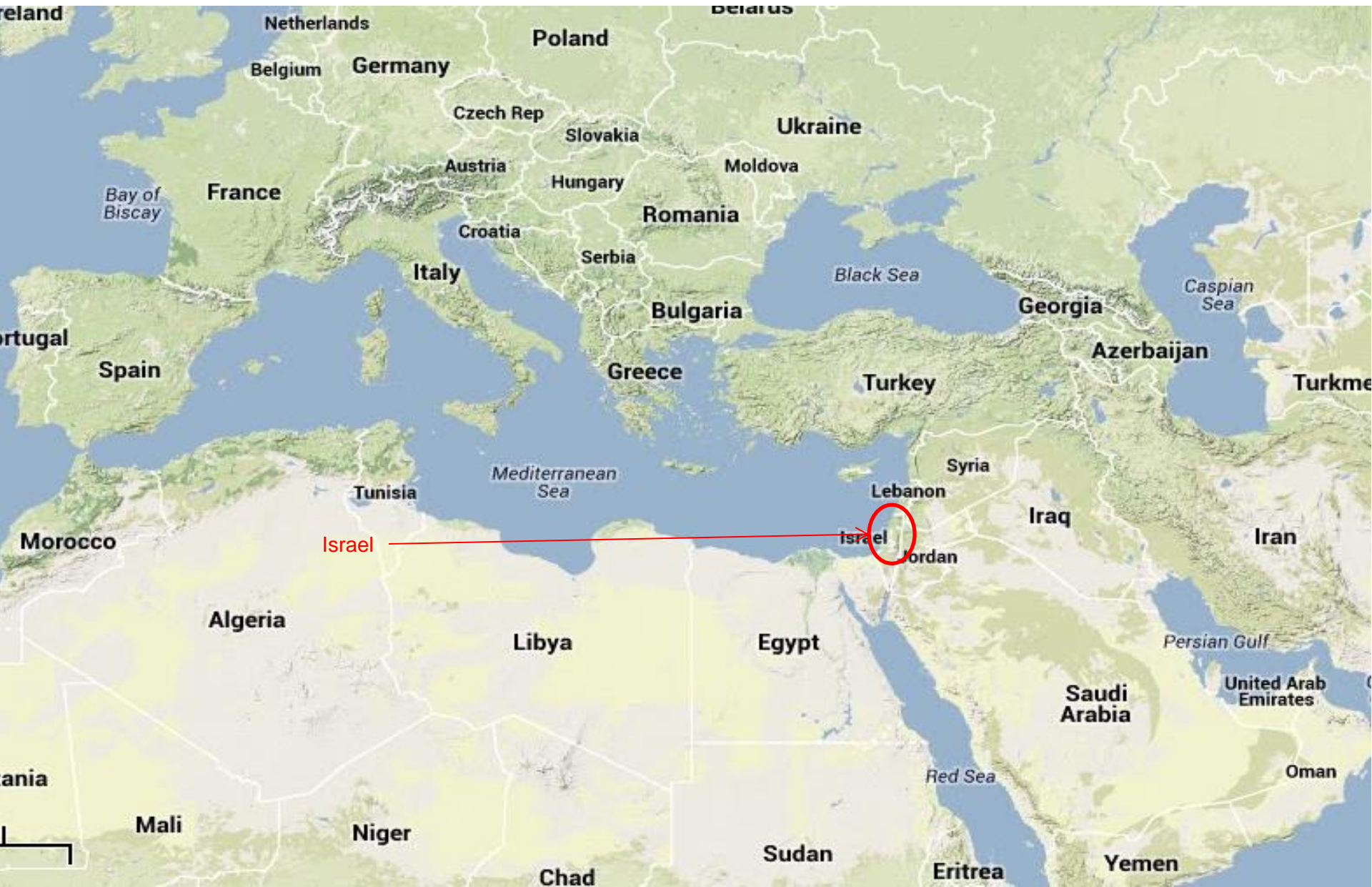
Walking day and night it would take 77 days walking at 5km/hr to get from Ontario to Israel

9300 km

Ontario

Israel

Where in the world is Israel



Civilization started in this area



The tribes start with the descendants of Shem, 1 Chron. 1:24-28,34

A List of Names From Shem to Abraham

Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, Abram. Abram was also called Abraham.

The Family Line of Abraham

` The sons of Abraham were Isaac and Ishmael.

The Family Line of Sarah

Abraham was the father of Isaac. The sons of Isaac were Esau and Israel.

Shem was the originator of the Semitic peoples.

Eber may have led to the term Hebrew although many people think it could also have come from the term **Habiru**.

The Habiru were a group of people living as nomadic invaders in areas of the Fertile Crescent from Northeastern Mesopotamia and Iran to the borders of Egypt in Canaan.

Israel was Semitic and Hebrew, but actually there are also a fair number of other people who would have to be classed the same way under the actual terms (and who probably would never want to be).

Jacob(Israel's) sons names were used to describe the tribes that were from their offspring.

Here are the short list of names of the sons of Israel.

Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Zebulun,
Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali,
Joseph, Benjamin.

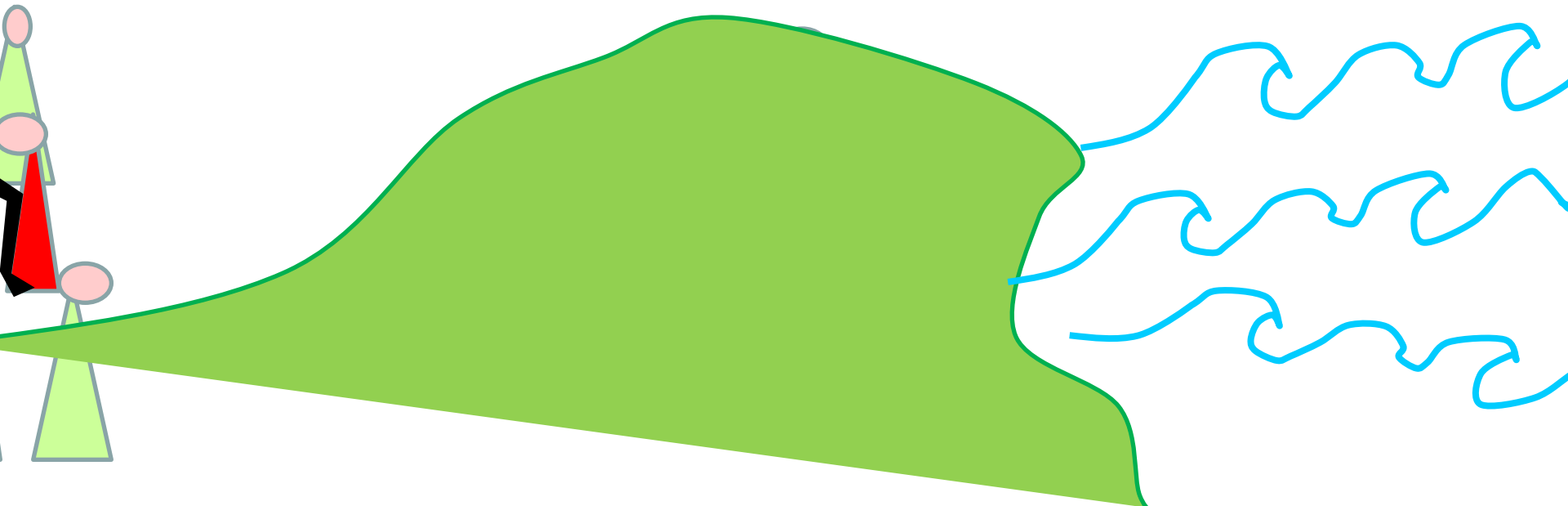
God is not finished with the tribes.

The twelve tribes are Eternal!

Yes! Read this...

Matt. 19:28 “What I’m about to tell you is true,” Jesus said to them. “When all things are made new, the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne. Then you who have followed me will also sit on 12 thrones. You will **judge the 12 tribes of Israel.**”

Moses let the tribes to the promised land!







Families fight and so did the Israelites.

Up to King Solomon's time the guys stuck together but then just afterwards in about 931 B.C. *Jeroboam* formed a northern kingdom (1 Ki 12) of two tribes called **Israel**, and *Rehoboam* a southern kingdom (2 Chron. 11:1,12-14) of the rest called **Judah**.

These got called the "houses", houses of Judah and Israel.

Sometimes the House of Israel was called the House of Joseph because that was the biggest tribe.

Then in 722 BC the House of Israel was captured by Assyria and never returned to their land.

The ten were as follows:

- Reuben
- Simeon ◦ Dan
- Naphtali
- Gad
- Asher
- Issachar
- Zebulun
- Ephraim (Joseph)
- Manasseh (Joseph)

Where modern Palestine is located

10 tribes, lost, gone spread into the world

“boom” Israel is gone, assimilated into other nations!



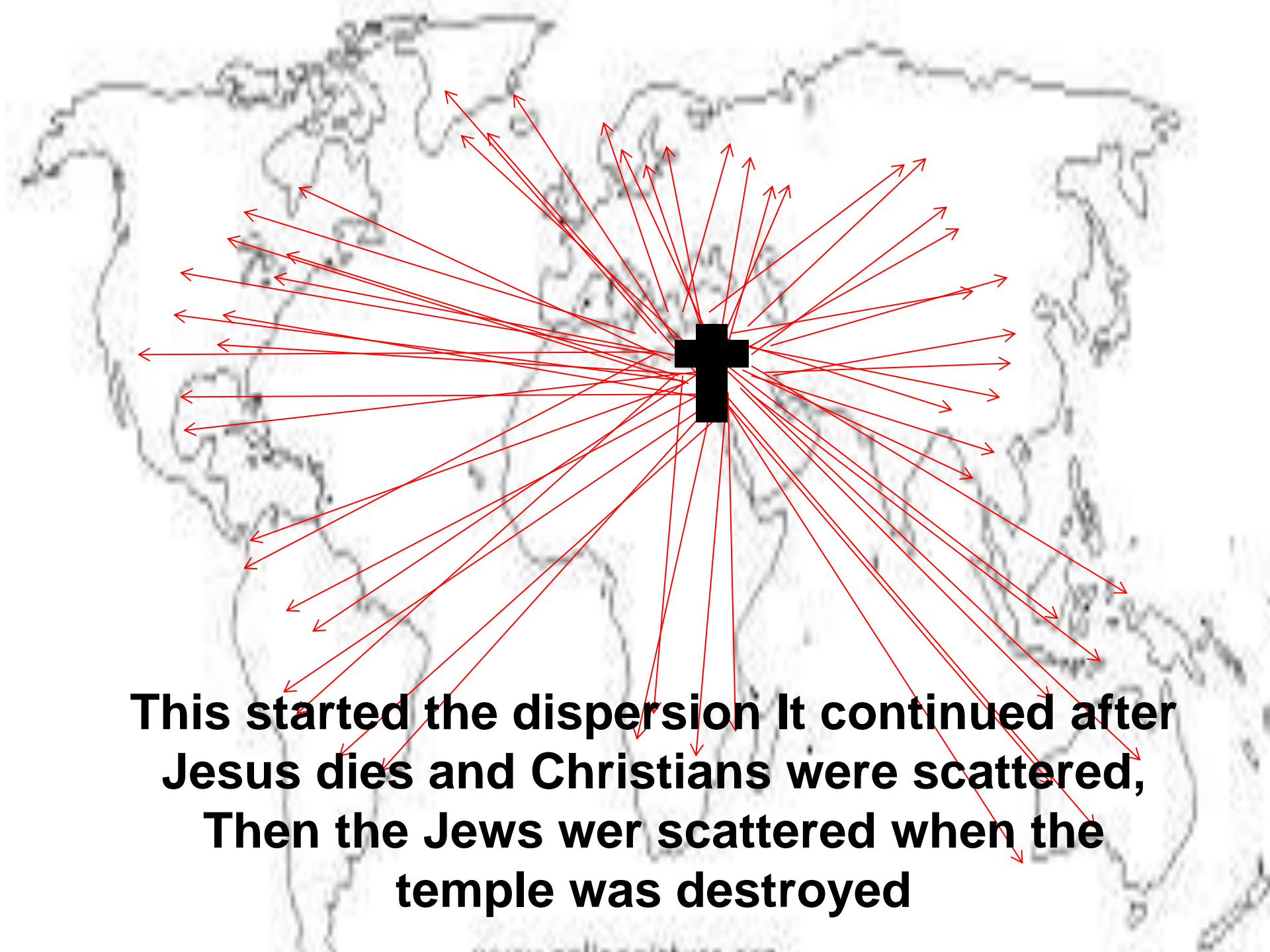
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**In 586 BC the temple
was destroyed.**

**The ten tribes were
captured and working
for the Babylonians.**

Judah was in captivity.

◦Judah ◦Benjamin



**This started the dispersion It continued after
Jesus dies and Christians were scattered,
Then the Jews wer scattered when the
temple was destroyed**



Cyrus the Great of Persia in 538 BCE allowed some of these captives to rebuild the city of Jerusalem and the Temple. (Ezra 1:1-4, 2 Chron 36:22-23)

This is where the small rgroup that was in Israel came from and from whom Jesus was born.

The reality is that tmost of the original tribes have been assimilated worldwide. This means that there is probably DNA of these folk in most of us.

The eastern Jews are probably mostly part of the Asian and eastern community.

The western Jews went into the Roman Empire and have had a few times of dispersion. Under *Roman persecution*, then under *Hitler's* being the two best known.

As a result the Jewish DNA has been flung far and wide across the nations of the world. The western world's Jewish DNA coming mainly for those Jews in the Roman empire.

When people ask about the whereabouts of the twelve tribes of Israel, we can smile inwardly knowing in some ways they could be asking about themselves.

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James was writing to people like us!

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simulated
into
Every culture
and nation by
now



JAMES SAYS

Consider it **pure joy**, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

*We all have problems
don't we?*

*What do problems do
for us?*

*Is he saying we should
enjoy problems?*



**WHAT DOES HE
MEAN?**

THINKING ABOUT WHAT JAMES SAYS

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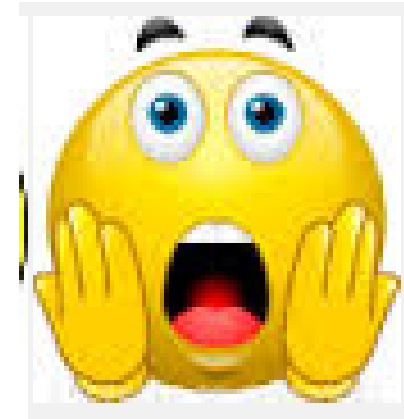
Can we see the solutions or Gods plan at the time we are facing the troubles?

Do we learn most when content and untroubled, or when facing problems and actively trying to overcome them?

Can we see sometimes advantage afterwards?

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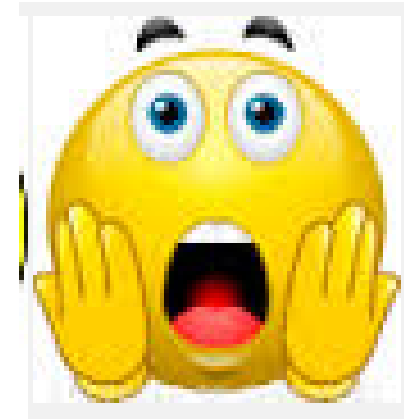
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Who gains from troubles?

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As Christians we are a little strange in that facing trouble we are joyful and almost excited to see God at work

So even if facing tremendous odds, difficult circumstances and overwhelming odds.

Know that God will gain from the situation and we will gain from supporting God by being available to do his work should give us Joy!

So Brothers and Sisters
Let's have a joy filled week!
Blessing others with our lives!

End

Libyan

Nubian

Syrian

Habiru/
Hebrew/
Shasu

Hittite



Fertile Crescent





THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL

Around 1200-1050 B.C.
(according to the Book of Joshua)

