LESSONS FROM THE LAND

The Importance of Influence – Curtis Bostic











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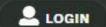
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MY ACCOUNT







The mission was to rescue an Afghan Christian family; a Charleston group made it work

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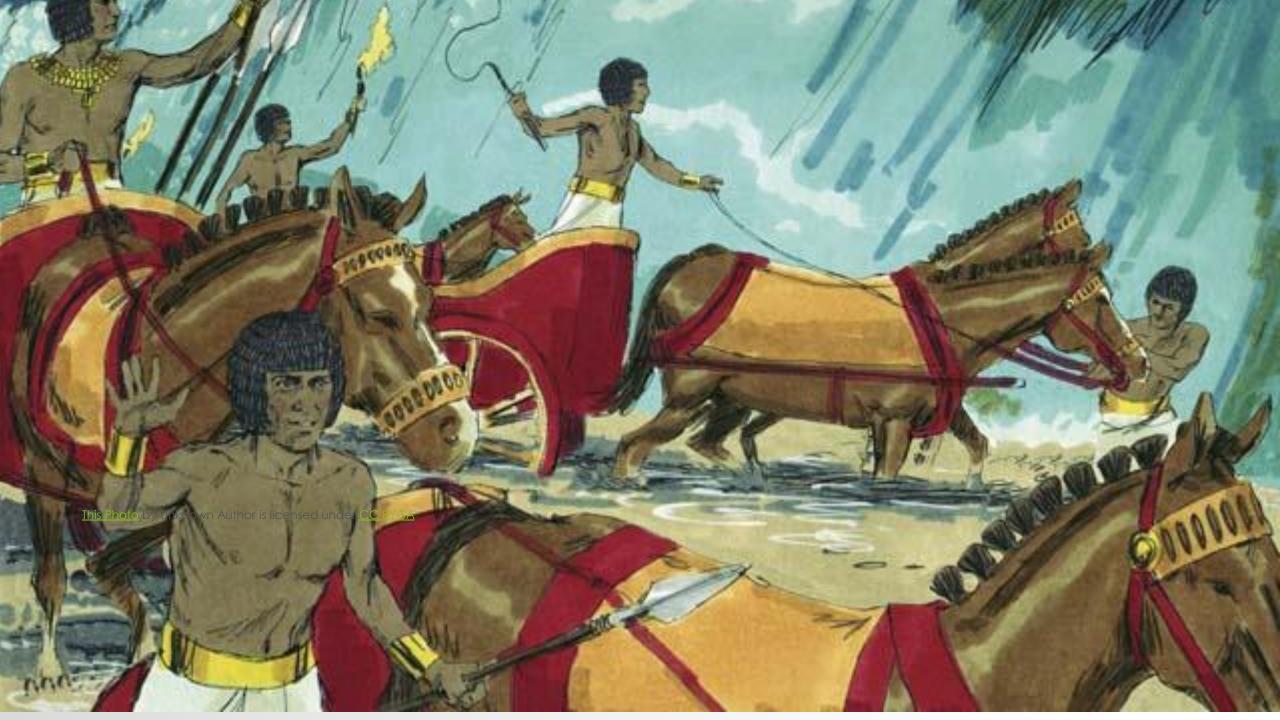






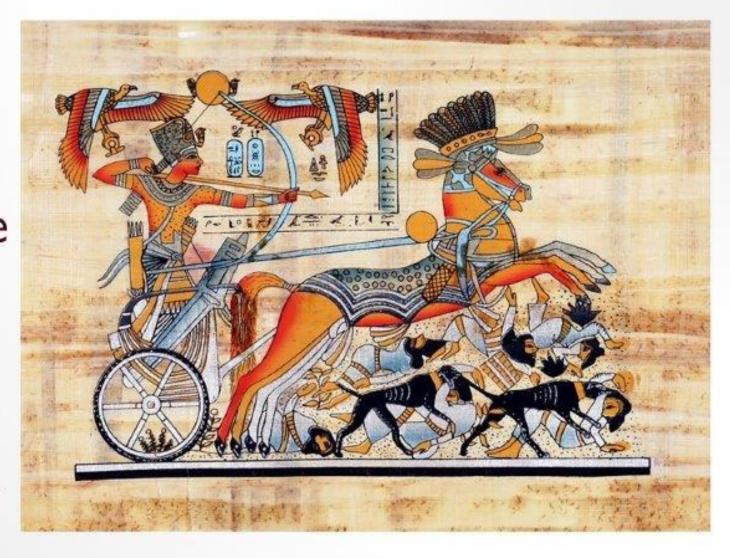
EXODUS 14:26-28

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." 27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. 28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained.





Manetho states "during the reign of Tutimaos a blast of God smote us, and unexpectedly from the regions of the East, invaders of obscure race marched in confidence of victory against our land. By main force they easily seized it without striking a blow..."

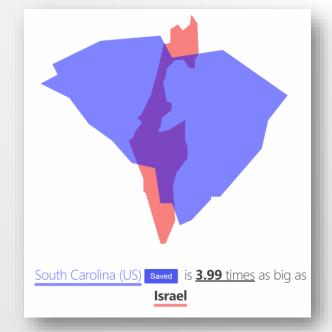




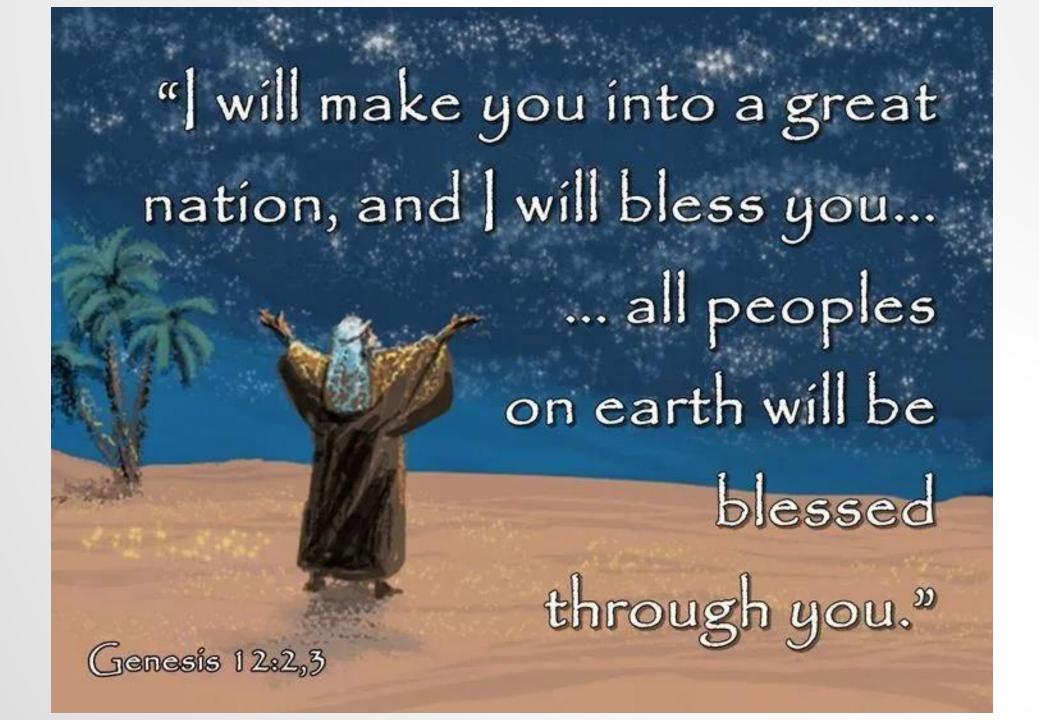
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Small nation with limited natural resources

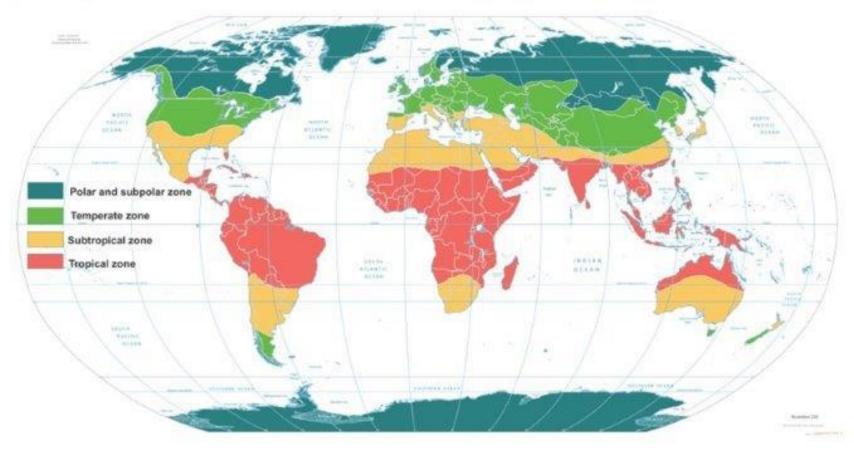






U.S. Growing Conditions are Ideal

The massive amount of arable land in the U.S. has a distinct advantage: it sits in a "Goldilocks Zone" for climate. Not too hot, not too cold. A spring season ideal for planting with plenty of rain, followed by a seasonally hot summer, make for perfect growing conditions.





God prepared for His chosen people a land that embodied the direst of geographic hardship. Possessing meager physical and economic resources ... the Promised Land has yielded up to its residents a simple, tenuous, mystifying, and precarious existence, even under the best of circumstances. - Tina Morgan





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I KINGS 10:11

And the ships of Hiram as well, which brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir a very great number of almug trees and precious stones.

I KINGS 10:24

²⁴ And all the earth was seeking the attention of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

I KINGS 10:8-9

⁸ Happy are your men! Happy are your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! 9 Blessed be the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel forever, he has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness."

INFLUENCE NOT DOMINATION

I will set your **boundary** from the Red Sea to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the *Euphrates* River; for I will hand over the inhabitants of the land to you, and you will drive them out from you.

(Exodus 23:31)

EZEKIEL 5:5

"Thus says the Lord GOD, 'This is Jerusalem; I have set her at the center of the nations, with lands around her.'"

"I am the LORD, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations,..."

Isaiah 42:6

"You are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, So that you may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me. *Isaiah* 43:10

⁵ Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; ⁶ and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel." Ezekiel

EZEKIEL 5:5-8

⁵ "Thus says the Lord God: This is Jerusalem. I have set her in the center of the nations, with countries all around her. 6 And she has rebelled against my rules by doing wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries all around her; for they have rejected my rules and have not walked in my statutes. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you are more turbulent than the nations that are all around you, and have not walked in my statutes or obeyed my rules, and have not let even acted according to the rules of the nations that are all around you, therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, even I, am against you. And I will execute judgments in your midst in the sight of the nations..."

- ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. I Thessalonians 5:11
- ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...
- Hebrews 10:24
- ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.
- ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- Matthew 5:13-14