

MIDDLE EAST: BASIC INSIGHTS

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GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL MANKIND

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Based upon ancient and modern revelation, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints gladly teaches and declares the Christian doctrine that all men and women are brothers and sisters, not only by blood relationship from common mortal progenitors but also as literal spirit children of an Eternal Father.

The great religious leaders of the world such as Mohammed, Confucius, and the Reformers, as well as philosophers including Socrates, Plato, and others, received a portion of God's light. Moral truths were given to them by God to enlighten whole nations and to bring a higher level of understanding to individuals.

Compare Book of Mormon: 2 Nephi 29:7, 12; 30:8; Mosiah 3:13; Alma 29:8;

Doctrine and Covenants 11:22; 109:54-58; and Ezekiel 47:22-23.

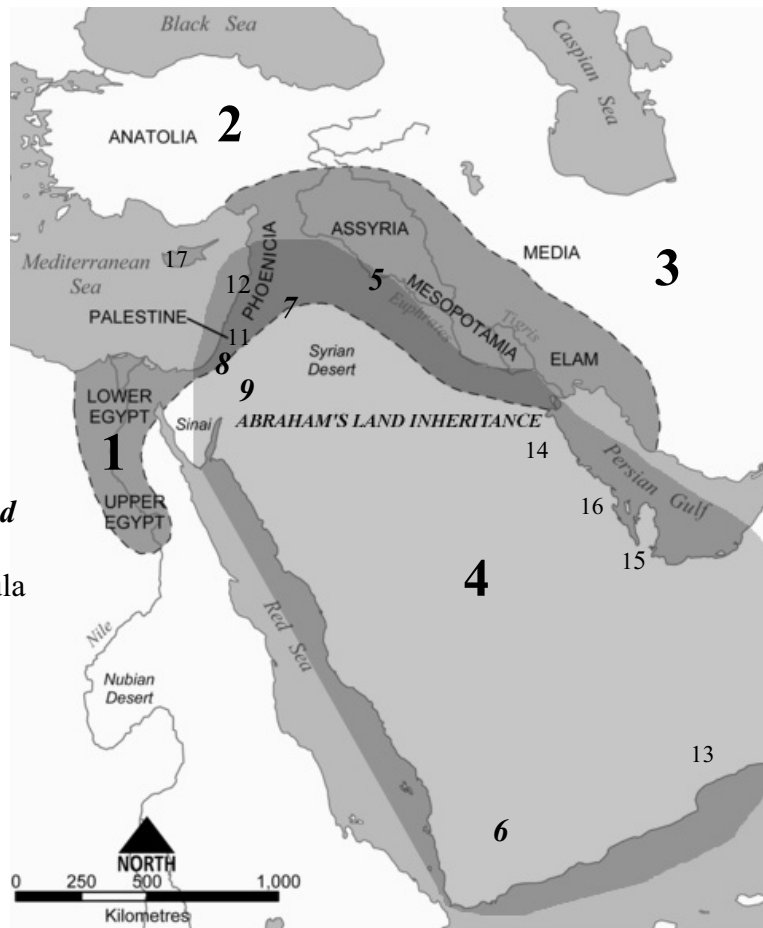
'FERTILE CRESCENT' = THE BRIDGE BETWEEN CONTINENTS

EUROPE

--- 'Fertile Crescent' boundaries

Abraham's Land Inheritance =
Arabian Peninsula & central Fertile Crescent

AFRICA



ASIA

Modern Countries:

1. EGYPT
2. TURKEY
3. IRAN
4. SAUDI ARABIA
5. Iraq
6. Yemen
7. Syria
8. Israel
9. Jordan
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11. "Palestine"
12. Lebanon
13. Oman
14. Kuwait
15. Qatar
16. Bahrain
17. Cyprus

Listed in order
of population
(94 > 1.2 mil.)

SEVEN NOACHIAN COMMANDMENTS

1. Worship one God only
2. Lead a moral life (no adultery)
3. Be useful in society (do not murder)
4. Practice honesty (do not steal)
5. Have respect for God & man
6. Practice justice & fairness (don't lie)
7. Be kind to animals (do not be cruel)

Notes:

THREE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT PROMISES

1. A numberless posterity ---
Eight sons multiplied into millions today
2. A land inheritance ---
Central-south areas of the Middle East
3. A blessing to all nations/families of the earth ---
The Messiah and various spiritual blessings
Ethical foundation of Western civilization