GAZA IS WITHIN THE BORDERS OF ISRAEL GIVEN BY YEHOVAH!

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I just saw a picture and video that was deeply moving: the IDF at the beach in Gaza. God bless His Holy Land!!!
ISRAEL!

Soldiers were singing HaTikvah - Israel's National Anthem - as they re-establish the Israeli Flag in Gaza at the westernmost border of Israel! The anthem means "The Hope" ... I don't know what Israel will do with Gaza once it is taken back over, but everyone, even Israel's leadership, needs to remember that it IS part of the Promised Land and the Tribe of Judah's inheritance and they should try to keep it this time! The ongoing ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR that Hamas terrorists from Gaza started on October 7, 2023 by massacring upwards of 1400 Israelis proves that the government of Israel under Prime Minister Ariel Sharon made a drastic mistake in GIVING GAZA to the Palestinians in 2005 on a silver platter, in an attempt to appease them. At that time, the Israeli government expelled all of the Jews from the area, displacing them completely from their homes and lives! Research "Gush Katif Expulsion" and it will be more than evident.

(Unfortunately, it seems Gaza could still be contested area even at the time of The Messiah's return according to Isaiah 11:10-16! More on that below.)

The following scriptures show that Gaza belongs to Israel and is part of the inheritance of Judah at this time:

[Joshua 15:12 KJV] 12 And the west border [was] to the great sea.... (Mediterranean Sea)

[Joshua 15:20 KJV] 20 This [is] the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families....

[Joshua 15:47 KJV] 47 Ashdod with her towns and her villages, **GAZA WITH HER TOWNS AND VILLAGES**, unto the river of Egypt, and the great sea, and the border [thereof]:

[Judges 1:18 KJV] 18 Also **JUDAH TOOK GAZA WITH THE COAST THEREOF**, and Askelon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof.

Without trying to research and describe the entire history of Philistia, suffice it to say that The Philistines were always the arch enemy of Israel and controlled that area of land during most of Biblical history!

BUT, KING HEZEKIAH CONQUERED PHILISTIA/GAZA – HE WAS BLESSED BECAUSE HE KEPT THE WRITTEN TORAH OF MOSES!!! YEHOVAH MUST HAVE

BEEN PLEASED WITH HIM IF HE ALLOWED HIM TO RE-TAKE OVER PHILISTIA/GAZA!!!:

[2 Kings 18:1-8 KJV] 1 Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, [that] Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. 2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also [was] Abi, the daughter of Zachariah. 3 And he did [that which was] right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did. 4 He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan. 5 He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor [any] that were before him. 6 FOR HE CLAVE TO THE LORD, [AND] DEPARTED NOT FROM FOLLOWING HIM, BUT KEPT HIS COMMANDMENTS, WHICH THE LORD COMMANDED MOSES. 7 And the LORD was with him; [and] he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not. 8 He smote the PHILISTINES, [even] unto GAZA, and THE BORDERS THEREOF, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM, PHILISTIA/GAZA WILL STILL BE PART OF ISRAEL!!!:

Ezekiel 47:13-23 gives all the boundaries of the Messianic Kingdom of Israel and Ezekiel 48 describes the boundaries of each of the Twelve Tribes' inheritance, which is somewhat different than now, for the Remnant of Israel and the Gentiles who are joined to them! To which one Philistia/Gaza falls at that time, I cannot be sure, but it is definitely inside the borders of Israel!

The southern boundary and the western boundary (verses 19-20) - The Great Sea being the Mediterranean Sea - lets us know that Philistia/Gaza is inside of Israel!:

[Ezekiel 47:13-23 KJV] 13 Thus saith the Lord GOD; This [shall be] the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph [shall have two] portions. 14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another: [concerning] the which I lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance. 15 And this [shall be] the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad; 16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which [is] between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazarhatticon, which [is] by the coast of Hauran. 17 And the border from the sea shall be Hazarenan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And [this is] the north side. 18 And the east side ye shall measure from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel [by] Jordan, from the border unto the east sea. And [this is] the east side. 19 And the south side southward, from Tamar [even] to the waters of strife [in] Kadesh, the river to the great sea. And [this is] the south side southward. 20 The west side also [shall be] THE GREAT SEA from the border, till a man come over against Hamath. This [is] the west side. 21 So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel. 22 And it shall come to pass, [that] ye shall divide it by lot

for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. 23 And it shall come to pass, [that] in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give [him] his inheritance, saith the Lord GOD.

However, unfortunately, Philistia/Gaza seems to be a contested area at the MESSIAH'S RETURN!

The Root of Jesse is understood by Jews and Christians alike to be The Messiah!

[Isaiah 11:10-16 KJV] 10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. 11 And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. 12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. 13 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. 14 BUT THEY SHALL FLY UPON THE SHOULDERS OF THE PHILISTINES TOWARD THE WEST; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. 15 And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make [men] go over dryshod. 16 And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

Further description of this Isaiah 11 passage that will take place at the Messiah's return follows:

"THE PHILISTINES TOWARD THE WEST" would have to be the people in Philistia, which is the Gaza Strip today! There are those who say there are no Philistines today, but I believe the prophecy!

Moab and **Ammon** is Jordan today, to the east of Israel.

Edom is probably part of southernmost Jordan today.

The way for the Remnant of Israel to return from **Egypt** and other African nations like **Cush** (Ethiopia or ancient Sudan) and **Pathros** (Upper Egypt according to Strong's Concordance) will be opened **by Yehovah "utterly destroying the tongue of the Egyptian Sea."**

Hamath is in Syria today, north of Damascus. (It will be a northernmost border of Israel in the Messianic Kingdom! Ezekiel 47:15-17)

"The River" is almost always referring to the Euphrates River when spoken of in the Bible, so Yehovah will smite the Euphrates River into seven streams and dry it up to become a Highway for the Remnant of Israel to return who are still in "Assyria" (and other eastern nations as Elam [Persia area - IRAN] and Shinar [Babylon-IRAQ]). They will be able to return to Israel on dry land! This Highway (called at times the Highway of Holiness) is spoken of in other scriptures too (Isaiah 19:23-24, Isaiah 35:8-10)

Assyria, Strong's Concordance #H804, is described in Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon according to www.blueletterbible.com accessed November 16, 2023:

HE/S-(1) i.g. HUis, a step; const. with a fem.,

Job 31:7. (a) rarely TUN (1 Ch.5:6), with in local M70s

(Gen. 25:18), pr. n. Assyria [Asshur], (Hos. 9:3; 10:6; Zec. 10:10); more fully MUM M78 Isa. 7: 18,

and the Assyrians, (const. with a masc. Isa. 19:23; 23:13; 30:31; 31:8; Ps.83:9; Hos. 14:4). [" In the arrow-headed inscriptions it is written Asura; see Lassen, über d. Persepol. Keilschriften, p. 71--79."] The name of Assyria is used in various senses by the

Hebrews, e. g.--(a) Assyria ancient and proper (Gen. 10:10-12, 22), and it appears to have comprehended just the same countries as are ascribed to Assyria proper by Ptolemy (vi. 1), i.e. those which lie to the east of the Tigris, between Armenia, Susiana, and Media, namely Adiabene. It is mostly \sim (%) used of the Assyrian empire, which also included Babylonia and Mesopotamia (Isa. 10:9, 10, and see my remarks

on Isa. 39:1), extending as far as the Euphrates (Isa. 7:20), which, on this account, furnishes an image of the Assyrian empire (Isa. 8:7). So the name of As-syria comprehends Babylonia in Herod. (i. 102, 106),

Strabo. (16 init.), Arrian. (Exped. Alex. vii. 7, § 6). Once even in the Old Test., the provinces situated

beyond the 'Tigris appear to be disregarded, and the 'Tigris is said to flow to the east of Assyria (TUN N?7P), Gen. 2:14. - (c) After the Assyrian empire was overthrown, 712N was sometimes used of the countries in which that empire had formerly flourished, and to the new empires which had arisen in its place; videl.

of Babylonia, 2 Ki. 23:29; Jer. 2: 18 (comp. Isa. 8:8);

Lam. 5:6; also Judith 1:5; 2:1; 5:1; of Persia, Ezr. 6:22, where Darius is called His 729. [" Hitzig attempts to show that TUN is put also for Syria, Isa.

19:23 (Begr. d. Kritik, p. 98; or Isa. p. 235).

But

his arguments are not convincing." Ges. add.]

The "Islands of the Sea" with some of the Remnant of Israel that will return are not named. Could America be one of them? I pray so...