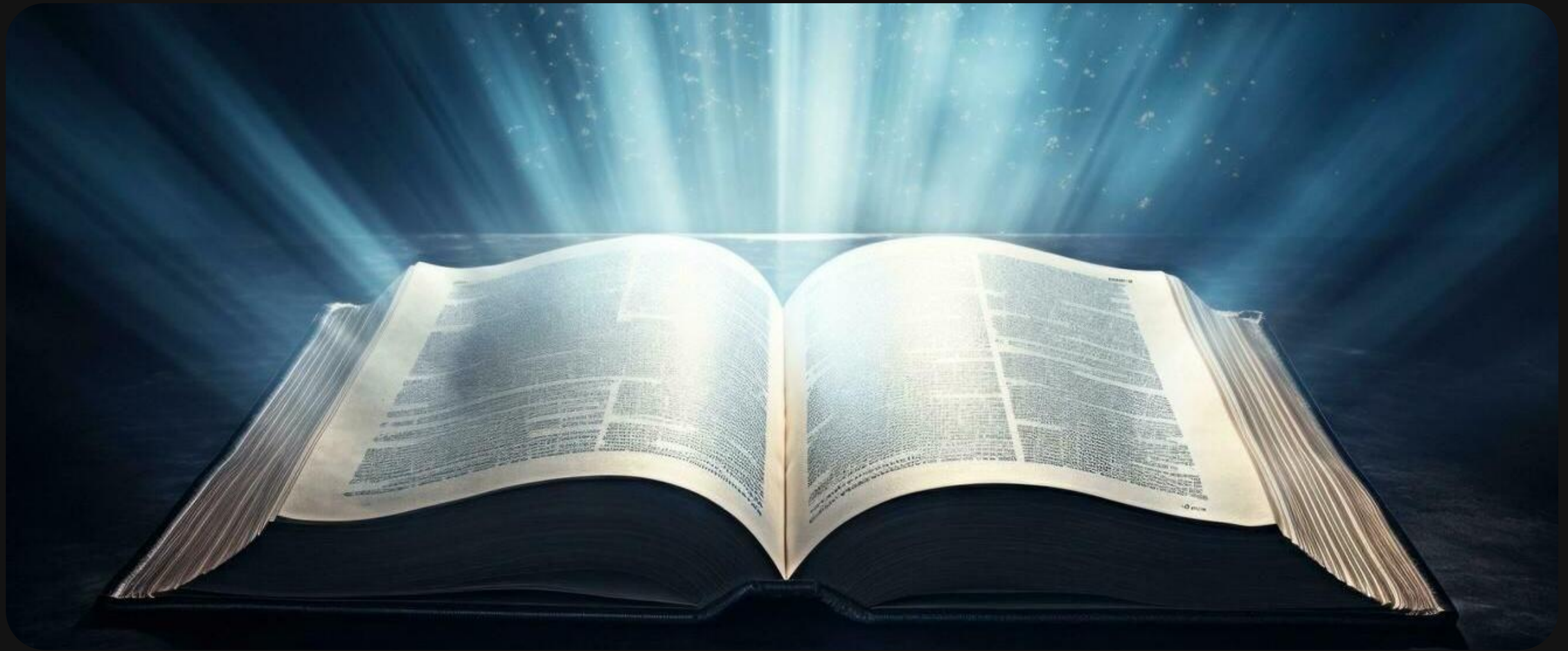


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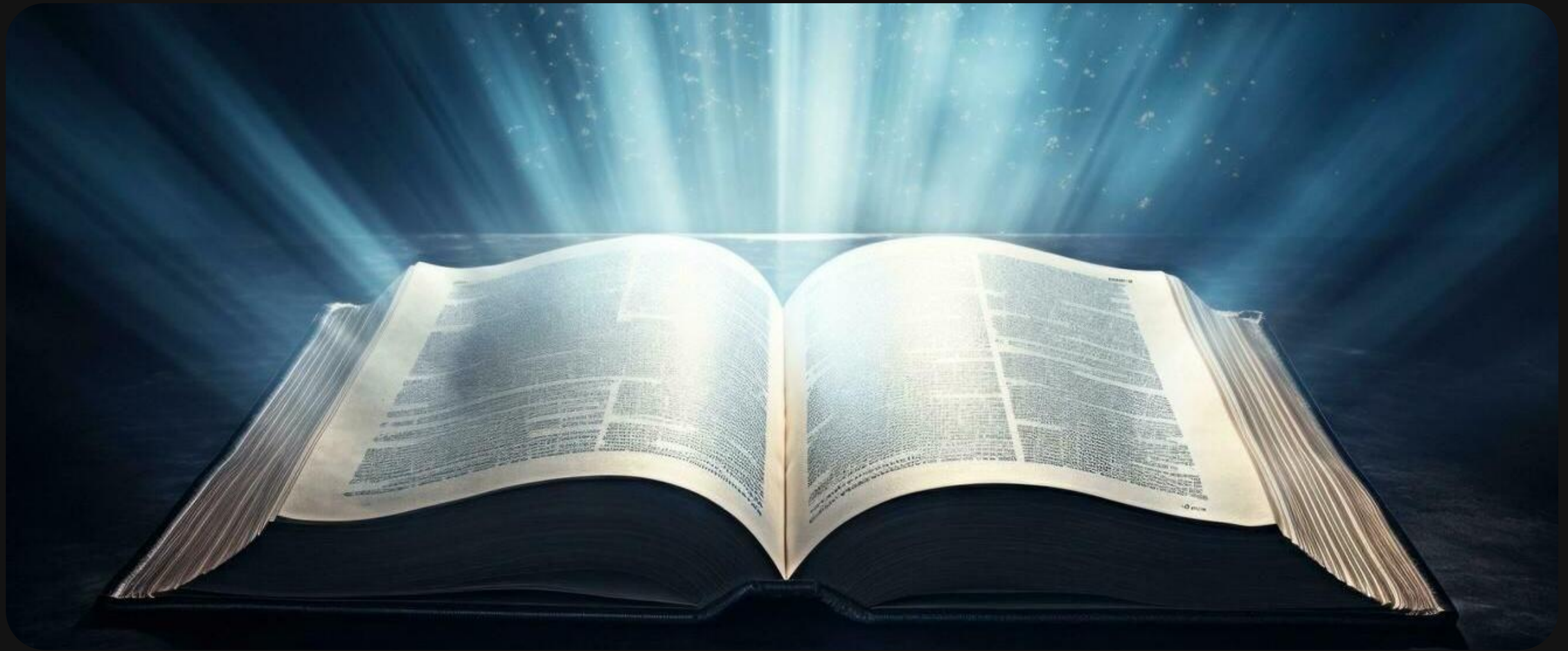
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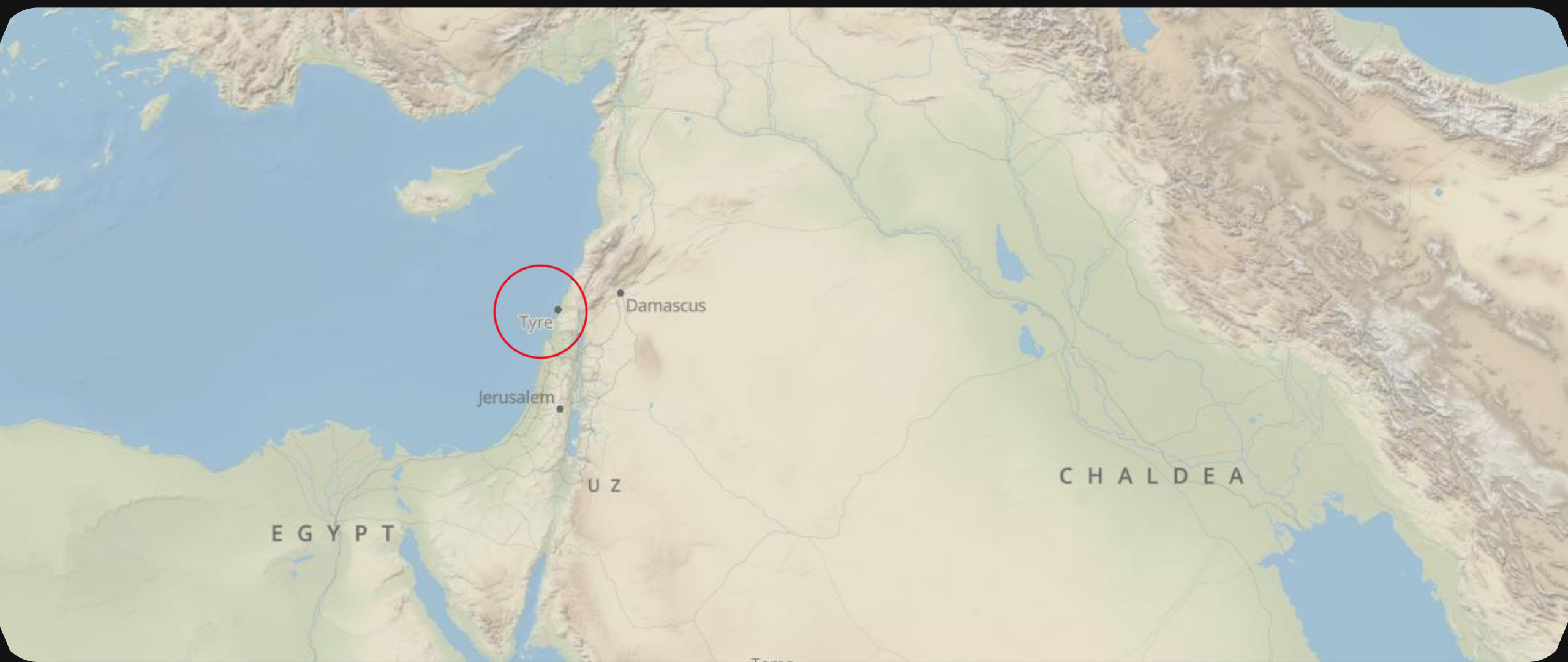
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#6 Fulfilled Prophecy



The Destruction of the Ancient City of Tyre or Tyrus

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: TYRE

Tyre was “the largest and oldest city of the Phoenicians.”

Strabo, *Geography*, 16.2.22.

It existed for two millennia.

2,300 years before Herodotus. See *Histories*, 2.44.3.

It was an “important, fortified city.”

Trudy Ring (et al.), *International Dictionary of Historic Places: Middle East and Africa*, Volume 4 (Fitzroy Dearborn: Chicago, IL, 1996), 711.

A dark silhouette of the city of Tyre, showing its coastal fortifications and towers, set against a light blue background.

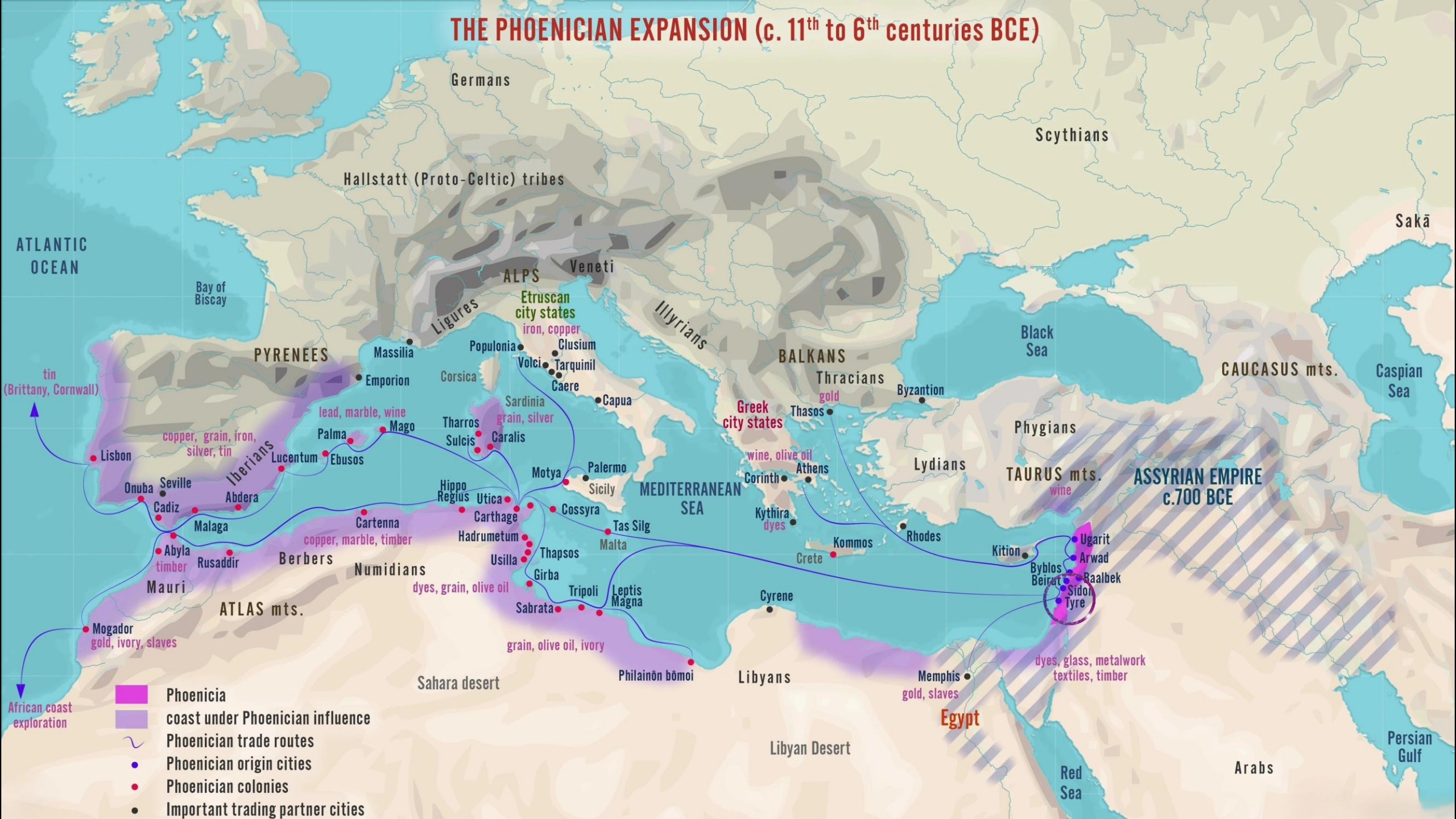
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THE PHOENICIAN EXPANSION (c. 11th to 6th centuries BCE)



Ezekiel's prophecy in chapter 26 included five points:

- Nebuchadnezzar would besiege and absolutely destroy the city.
- Multiple nations would come against it.
- The ruins would be scraped from the site and thrown into the sea.
- The site would become a place for fishermen to spread their nets.
- The city would never be rebuilt again.

Ezekiel 26: 1-6

1 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, because that Tyrus (Tyre) hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken that was the gates of the people: she is turned unto me: I shall be replenished, now she is laid waste:

3 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause **many nations** to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up.

4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.

5 It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD: and it shall become a spoil to the nations.

6 And her daughters which are in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 26: 7-11

7 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people.

8 He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field: and he shall make a fort against thee, and cast a mount against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee.

9 And he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers.

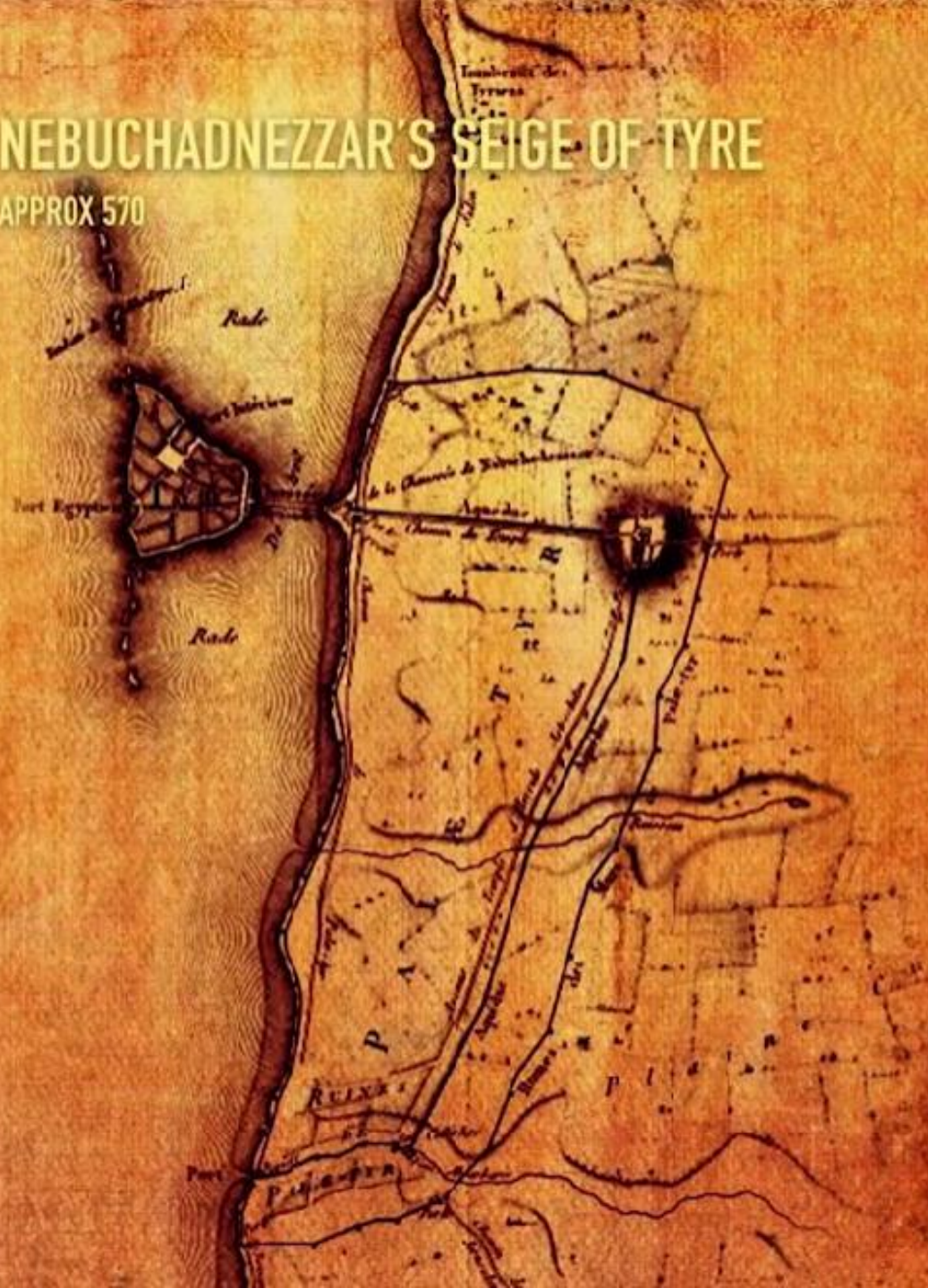
10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach.

11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong garrisons shall go down to the ground.



NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S SEIGE OF TYRE

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Nebuchadnezzar's Siege of Tyre

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, initiated a prolonged siege against Tyre for 13 years.

Tyre was a fortified mainland and island city, making its conquest challenging.

The siege fulfilled Ezekiel 26: 7-11 about Tyre's destruction.

Ezekiel 26:12-14

- 12- And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water.
- 13 And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.
- 14 And I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more: for I the LORD have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.





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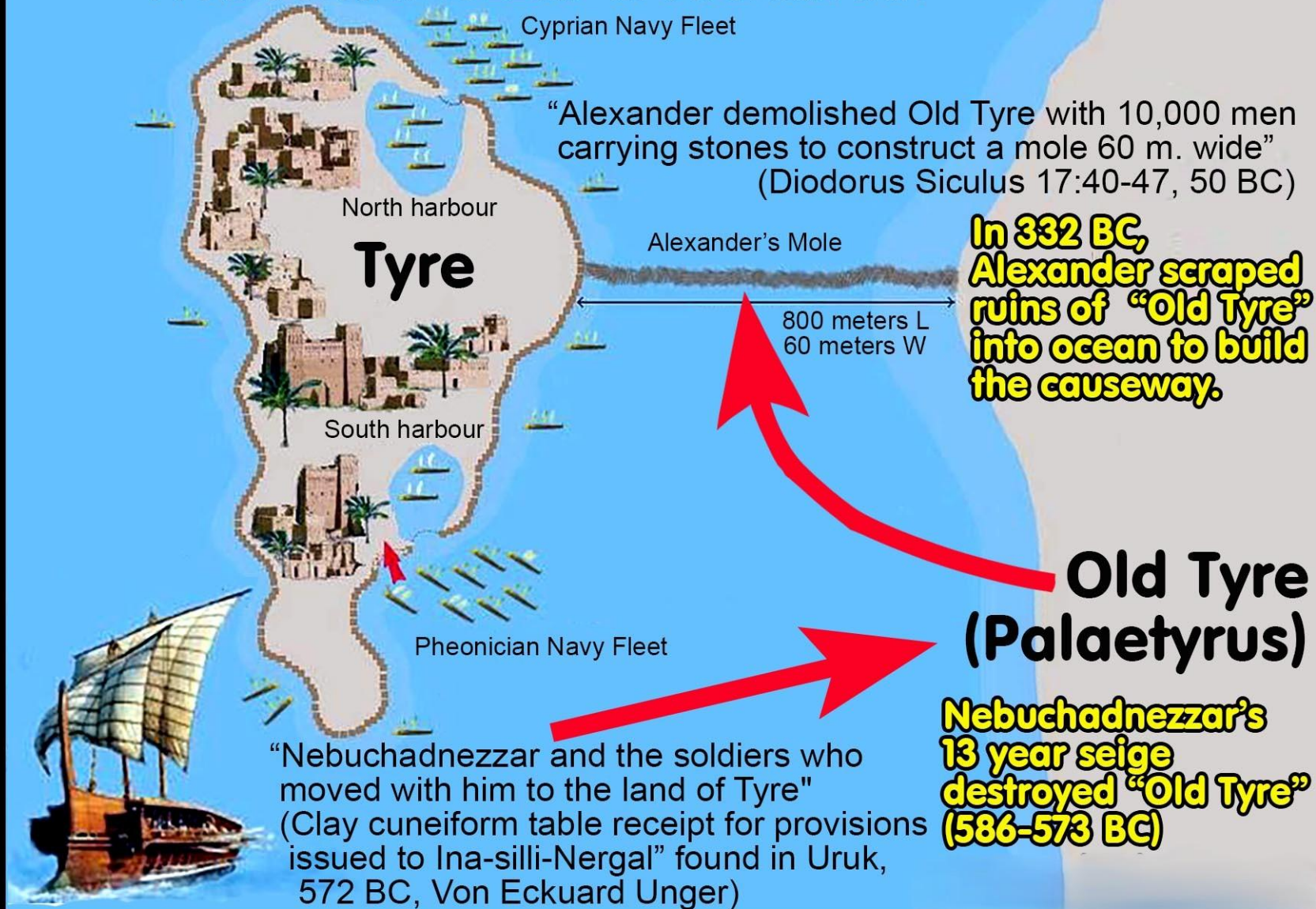




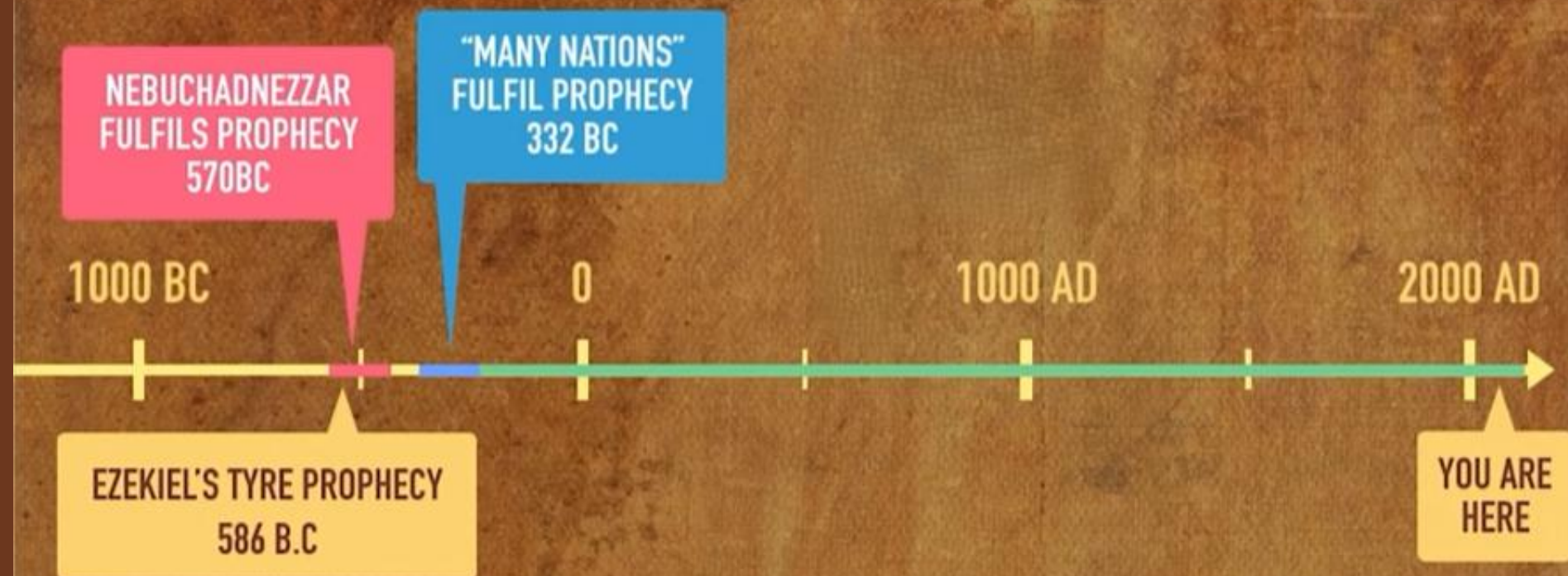


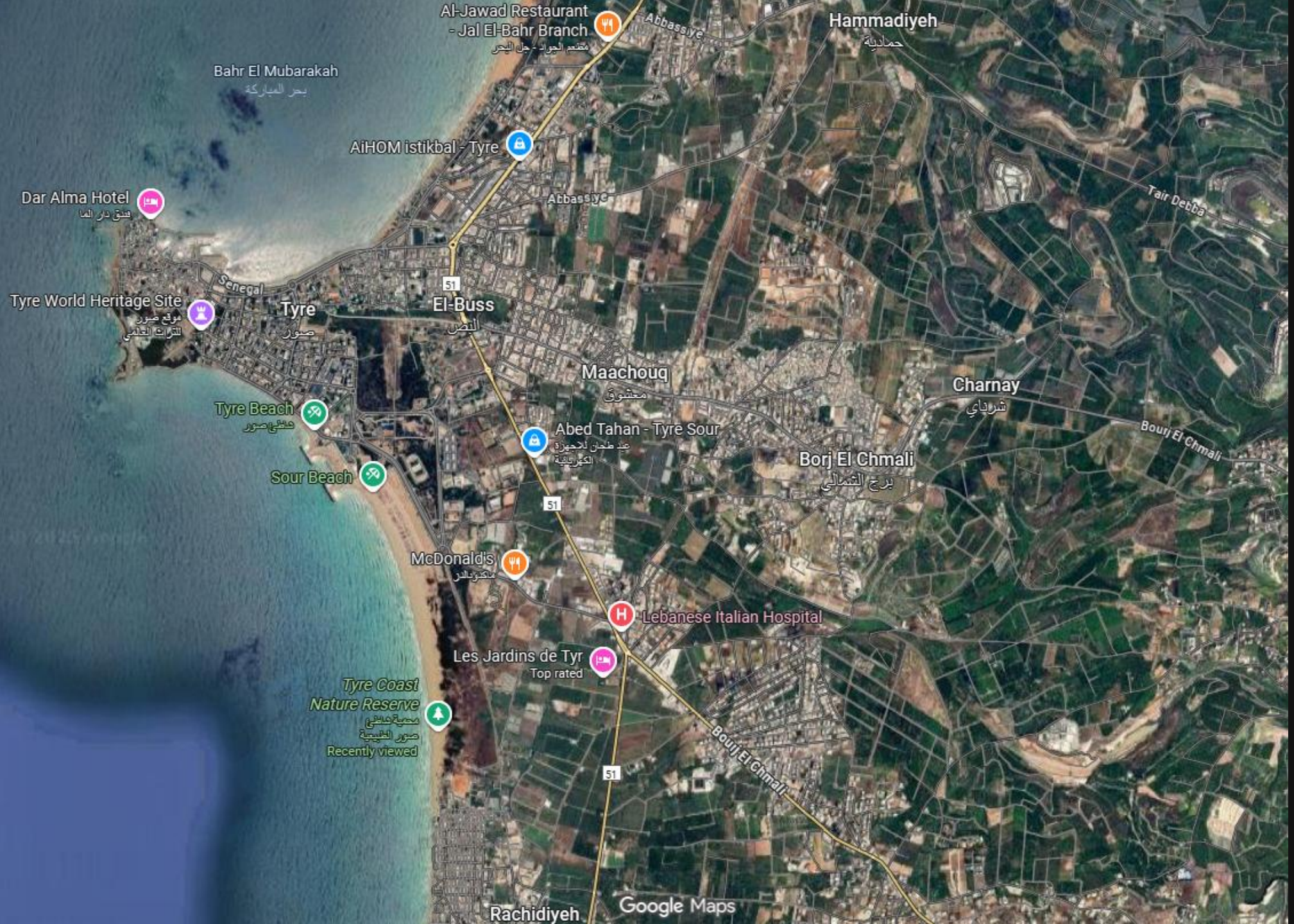
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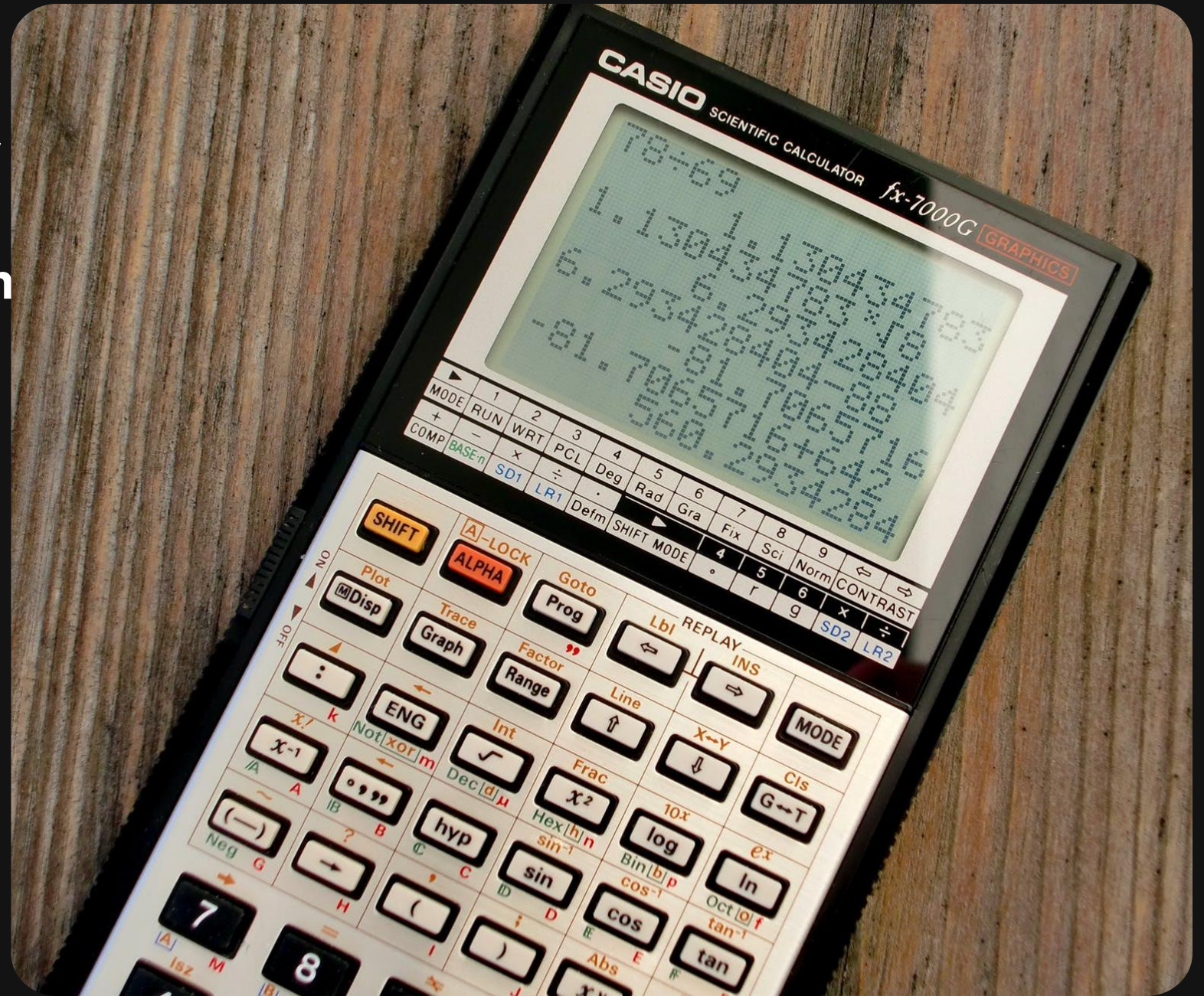
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These are just thirty of the over three hundred prophecies about Jesus:

- He would be born of a woman (Gen. 3:15).
- He would be born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14).
- He would be a descendant of Abraham (Gen. 12:3; 18:18).
- He would be from the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10).
- He would be from the house of David (Ps. 132:11; Jer. 23:5; 33:15; Isa. 11:10).
- He would be born in Bethlehem (Mic. 5:2).
- There would be a forerunner who would prepare the way (Isa. 40:3–5).
- He would be anointed with the Holy Spirit (Isa. 11:2).
- He would have a preaching ministry (Isa. 61:1–2).
- He would speak in parables (Ps. 78:2).
- He would have a healing ministry (Isa. 35:5–6).
- He would be a prophet (Deut. 18:15, 19).
- He would also function as a priest (Ps. 110:4).
- The time of His appearance was foretold (Dan. 9:24–26).
- His death was foretold (Ps. 22; Ps. 69:21).
- He would have a triumphal entry on a donkey (Zech. 9:9).
- He would be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver (Zech. 11:12–13).
- He would remain silent before His accusers (Isa. 53:7).
- He would be abandoned by His disciples (Zech. 13:7).
- He would be beaten (Isa. 50:6).
- He would be spat upon (Isa. 50:6).
- He would be mocked (Isa. 50:6).
- His hands and feet would be pierced (Ps. 22:6).
- He would be crucified with transgressors (Isa. 53:12).
- Lots would be cast for His garments (Ps. 22:18).
- He would cry out from the cross (Ps. 22:1).
- None of His bones would be broken (Ps. 22:17; Exod. 12:46; Ps. 34:20).
- He would be buried with the rich (Isa. 53:9).
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- He would be exalted (Ps. 110:1).

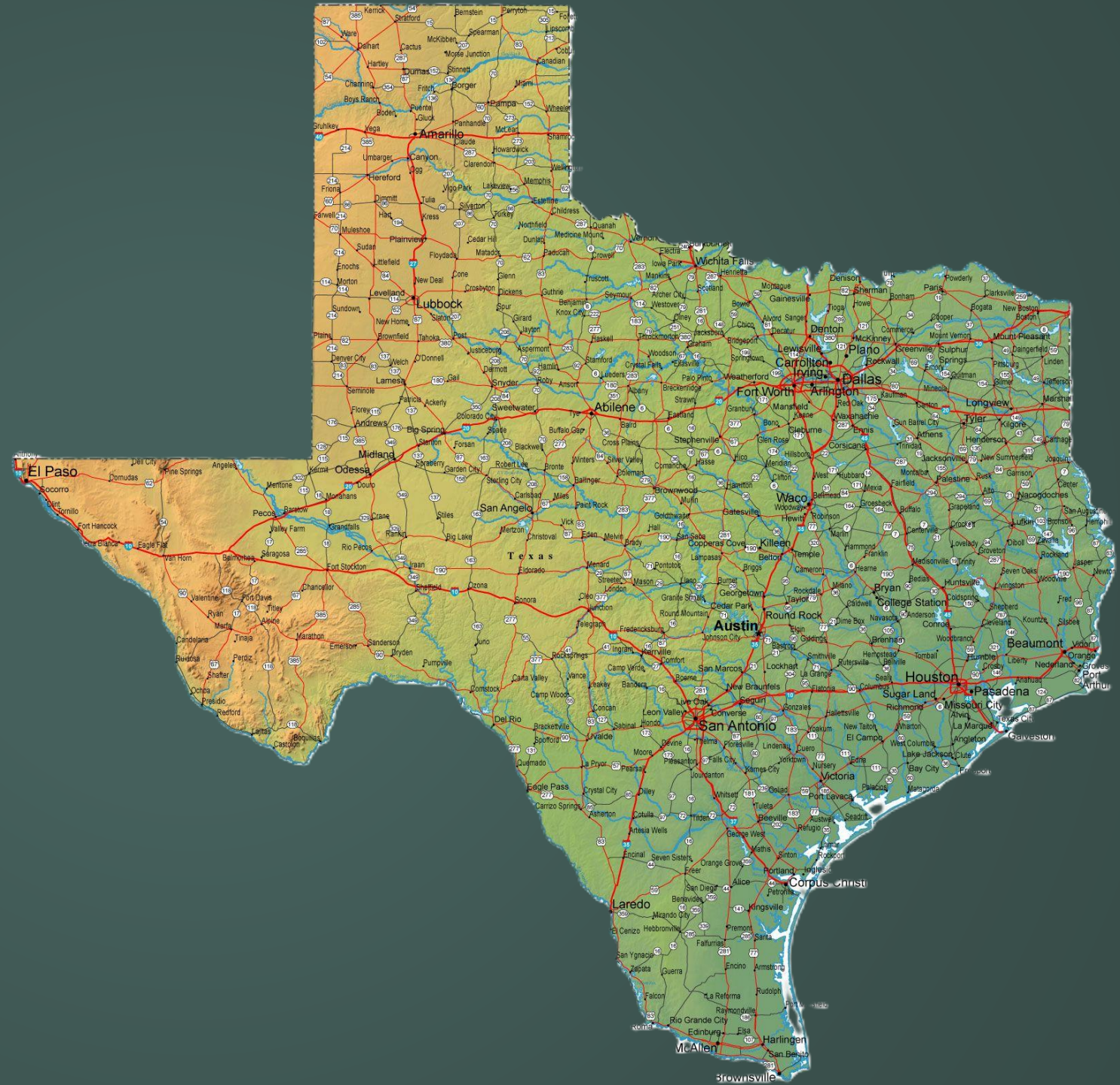
Peter Stoner served as the chairman of the mathematics and astronomy department at Pasadena City College before taking on the same position at Westmont College. As a mathematician, he sought to calculate the likelihood of eight prophecies being fulfilled by a single individual. He determined that the probability of this occurring is one in 10 to the 17th power – that is, one in 100,000,000,000,000,000.

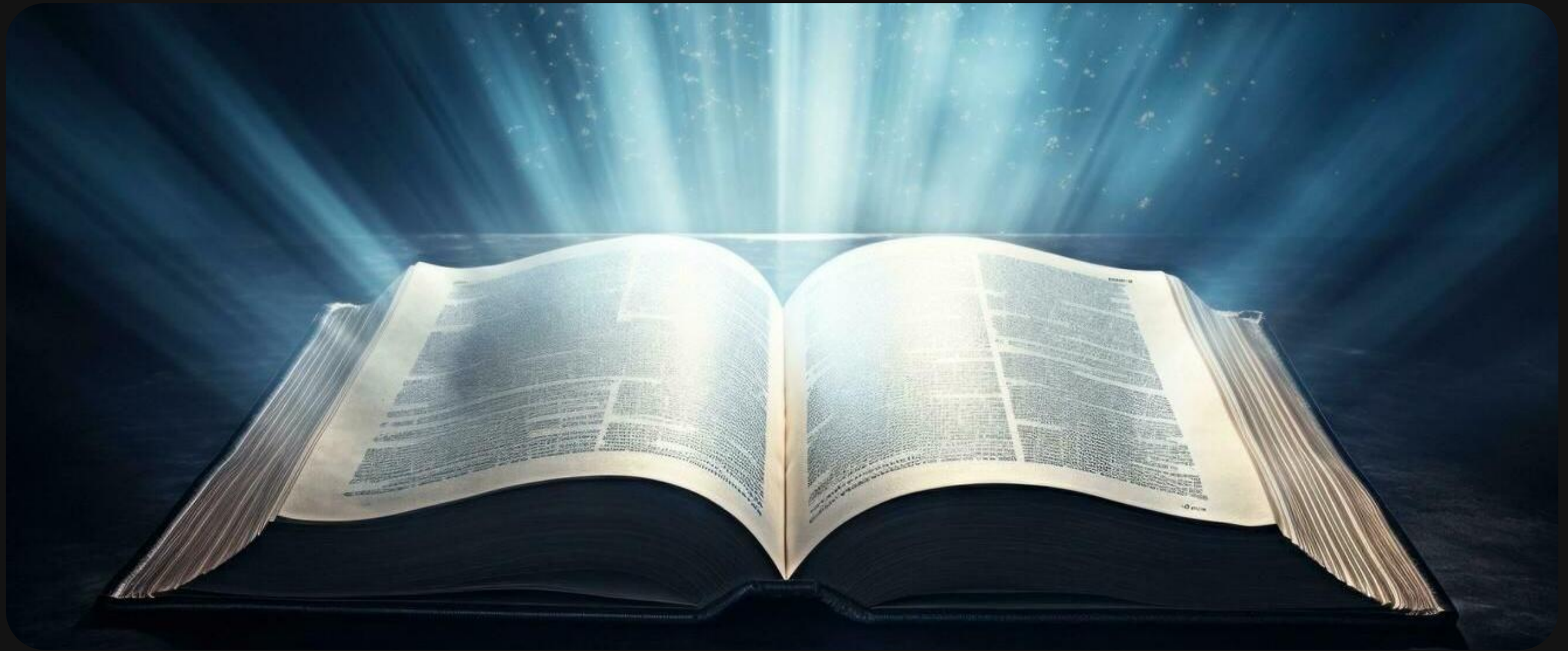


Texas is the second-largest state in the US *with an area of 268,597 square miles or 171,902,080 acres.*

If Texas were its own country, it would be the 40th largest out of 193 countries in the world, bigger than every country in Europe.

It takes 11 hours to drive 773 miles from east to west across Texas.





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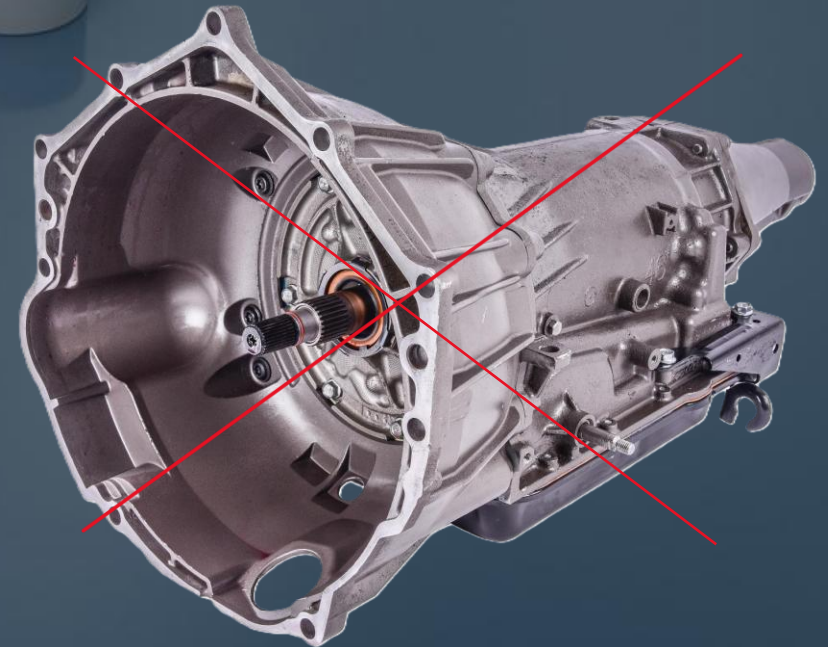


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