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[God] drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

-Genesis 3:24



2 Samuel 19:14-15

And [David] swayed the heart of all the men of Judah as one man, so that they sent word to the king, “Return, both you and all your servants.” So the king came back to the Jordan, and Judah came to Gilgal to meet the king and to bring the king over the Jordan.

2 Chronicles 36:22-23

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, ‘The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him. Let him go up.’”

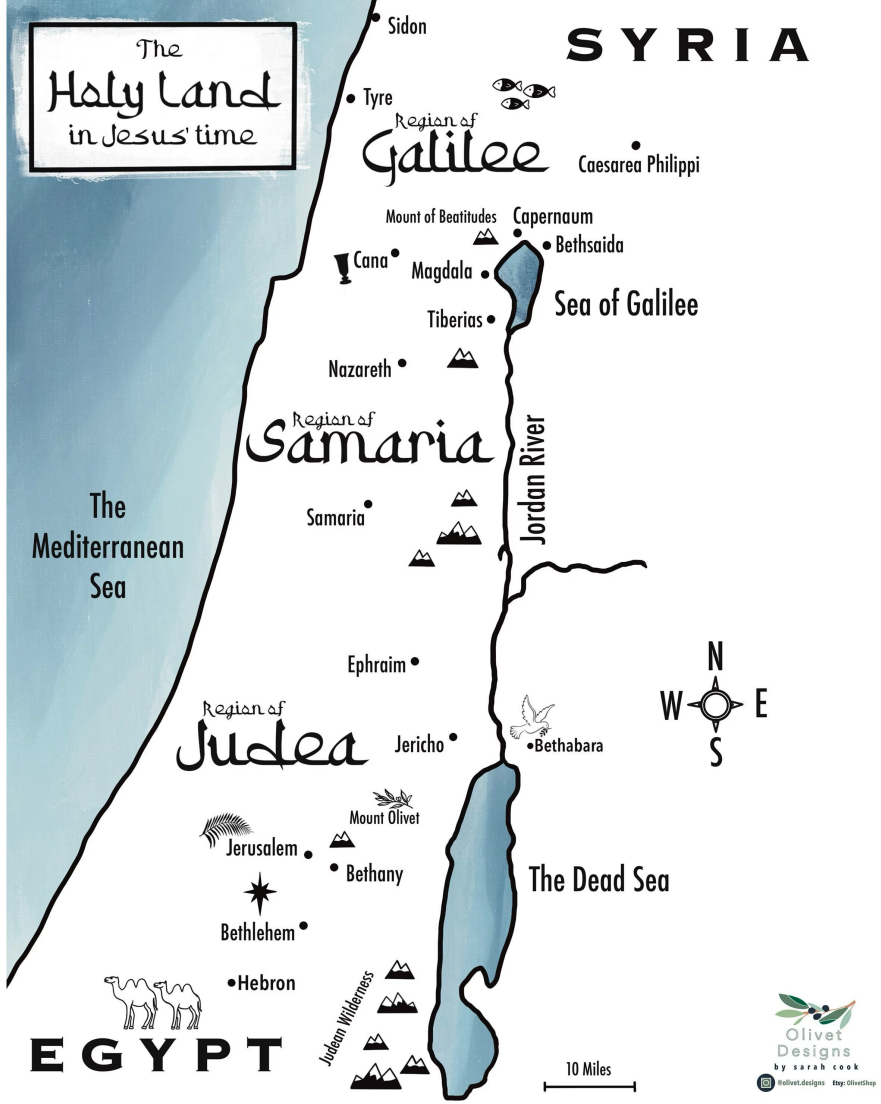
Ezra 3:10-11

And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord, according to the directions of David king of Israel. And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord,

“For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.”

Ezra 3:11-13

And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard far away.



What is expressed in the Old Testament by physically returning to a geographic destination is fulfilled in the New Testament as a return to right relationship with God.



John 1:35-39

35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples,
36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the
Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they
followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to
them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi”
(which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to
them, “Come and you will see.”

STAYING = μένω = ABIDE

John 4:19-21, 26

**19 The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.
20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in
Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” 21 Jesus
said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the
Father.**

26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

Luke 15:1-2

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

Luke 15:3-7

3 So he told them this parable: 4 “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Luke 15:8-10

8 “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Luke 15:11-16

11 And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. 13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. 14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

Luke 15:17-19

17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’

Luke 15:20-24

20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.21 And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

ROBE - RING - SHOES

Luke 15:25-32

**25 “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house,
he heard music and dancing. 26 And he called one of the servants and asked what
these things meant. 27 And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father
has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ 28
But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 29
but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never
disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might
celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured
your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ 31 And he said
to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 It was fitting
to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost,
and is found.’”**

1 Peter 2:25

**“For you were straying like sheep,
but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”**

