

GOOD NEWS
and
Great Joy

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“I have redeemed you” **v.1**

Isaiah 43:1-7

“I love you” **v.4**

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*This reveals the heart of God
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John 16:22

So also you have sorrow now,
but I will see you again,
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and no one will take your joy from you.

John 16:16-24

¹⁶ “A little while, and you will see me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see me.”

¹⁷ So some of His disciples said to one another,
“What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again
a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?”

¹⁸ So they were saying,
“What does He mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what He is talking
about.”

¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them,
“Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying,
‘A little while and you will not see me,
and again a little while and you will see me’?”

²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice.
You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

- 21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.
- 22 ***So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.***
- 23 In that day you will ask nothing of me.
Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, He will give it to you.
- 24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name.
Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

Luke 19:1-10

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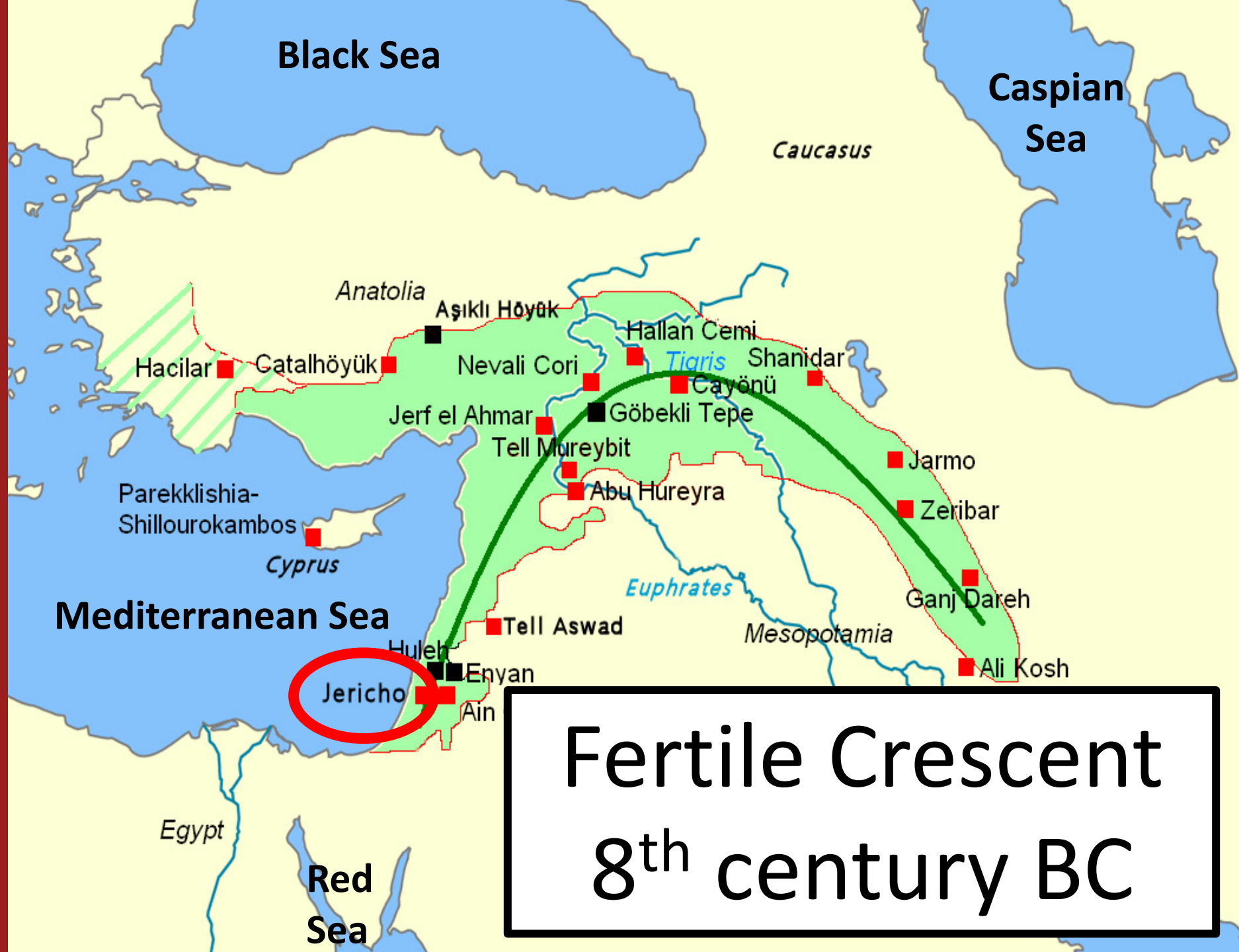
Jericho:

Gateway City

Oldest continuously inhabited city in history; oldest fortified city in history.

“The City of Palms”

Treasured for its Dates and Balsam



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In his restitution he went far beyond what was legally necessary.

- Only if robbery was a deliberate and violent act of destruction was a fourfold restitution necessary (Exodus 22:1).
- If it had been ordinary robbery and the original goods were not restorable, double the value had to be repaid (Exodus 22:4; Exodus 22:7).
- If voluntary confession was made and voluntary restitution offered, the value of the original goods had to be paid, plus one-fifth (Leviticus 6:5; Numbers 5:7).

(Commentary by William Barclay)

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Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,
I will come into him and eat with him,
and he with me.

So....therefore....what now?



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This “good news” is for everyone...

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How about you?

**How about your neighbors and your
workmates?**

So....therefore....what now?

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How about your golfing buddies
or golfing 'buddettes'?

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