

Special Program . . .

A Night in Persia



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~~Politics~~

*We don't need to know everything,
but knowing HIM is everything.*



Expert





IRAN

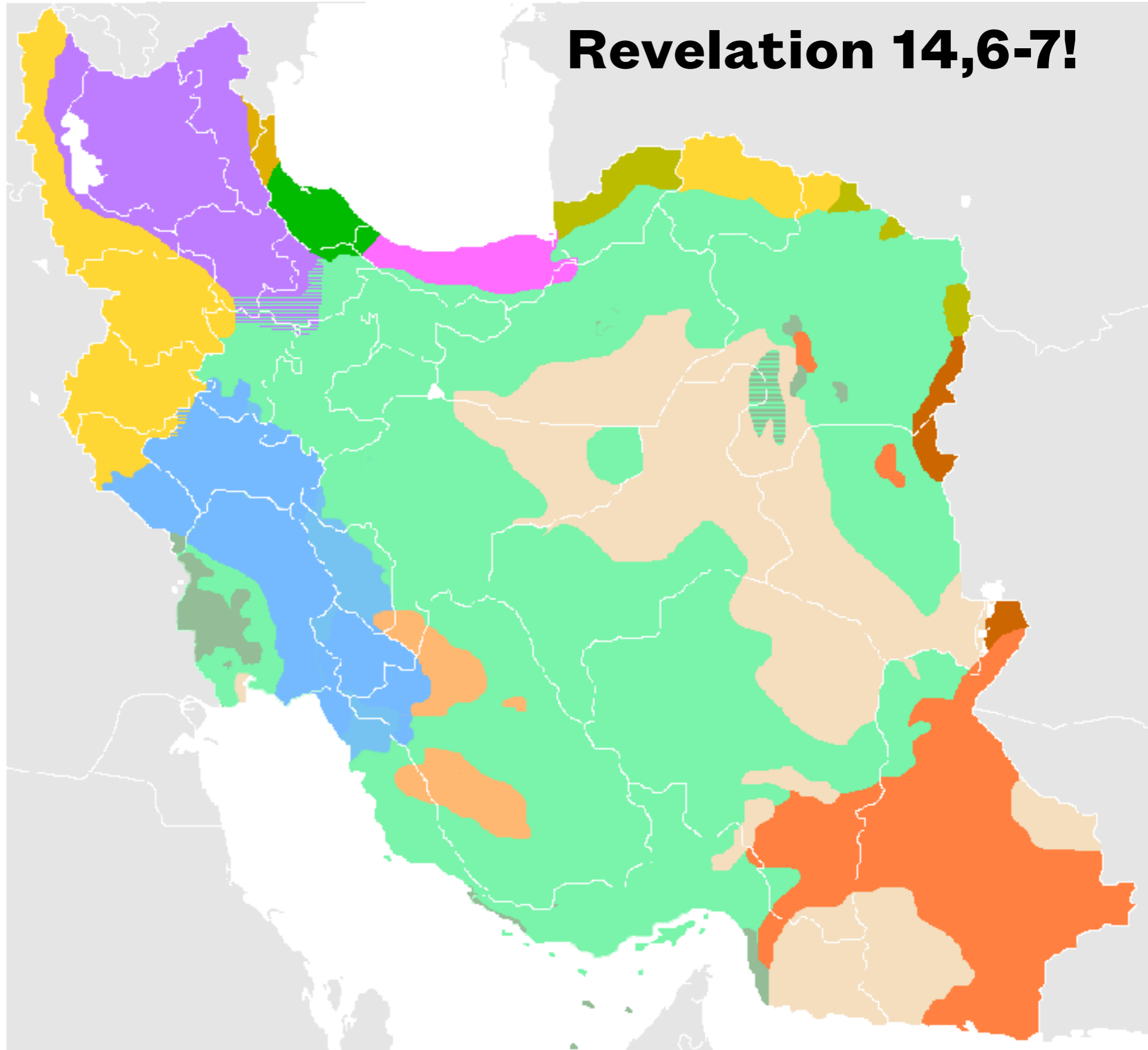
Ee-ran, as in Auto**BAHN**

NOT



Revelation 14,6-7!

- Persians
- Azeris
- Kurds
- Lurs
- Balochs
- Gilaks
- Mazandarani
- Talyshs
- Arabs
- Turkmens
- Qasqais

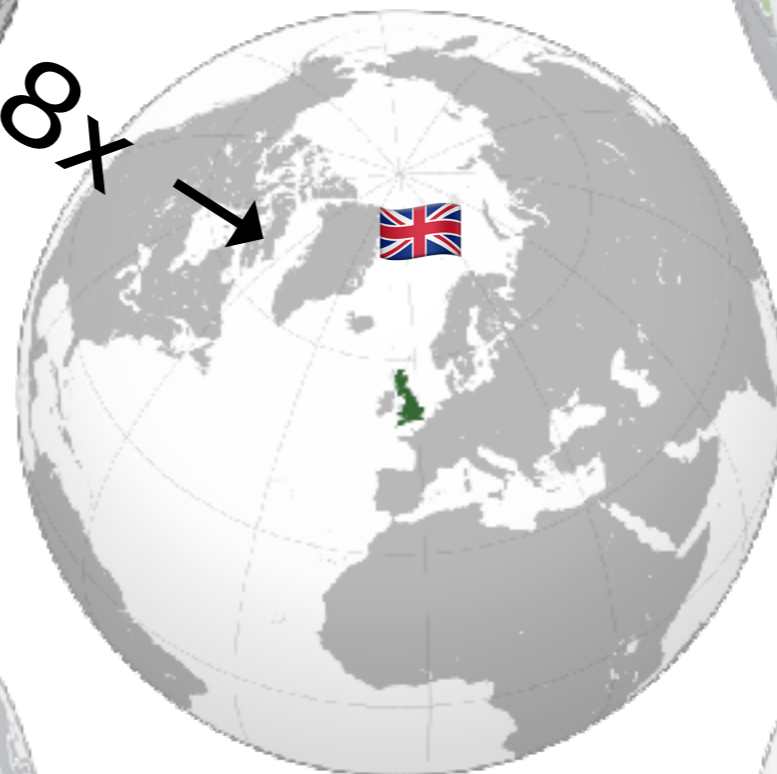




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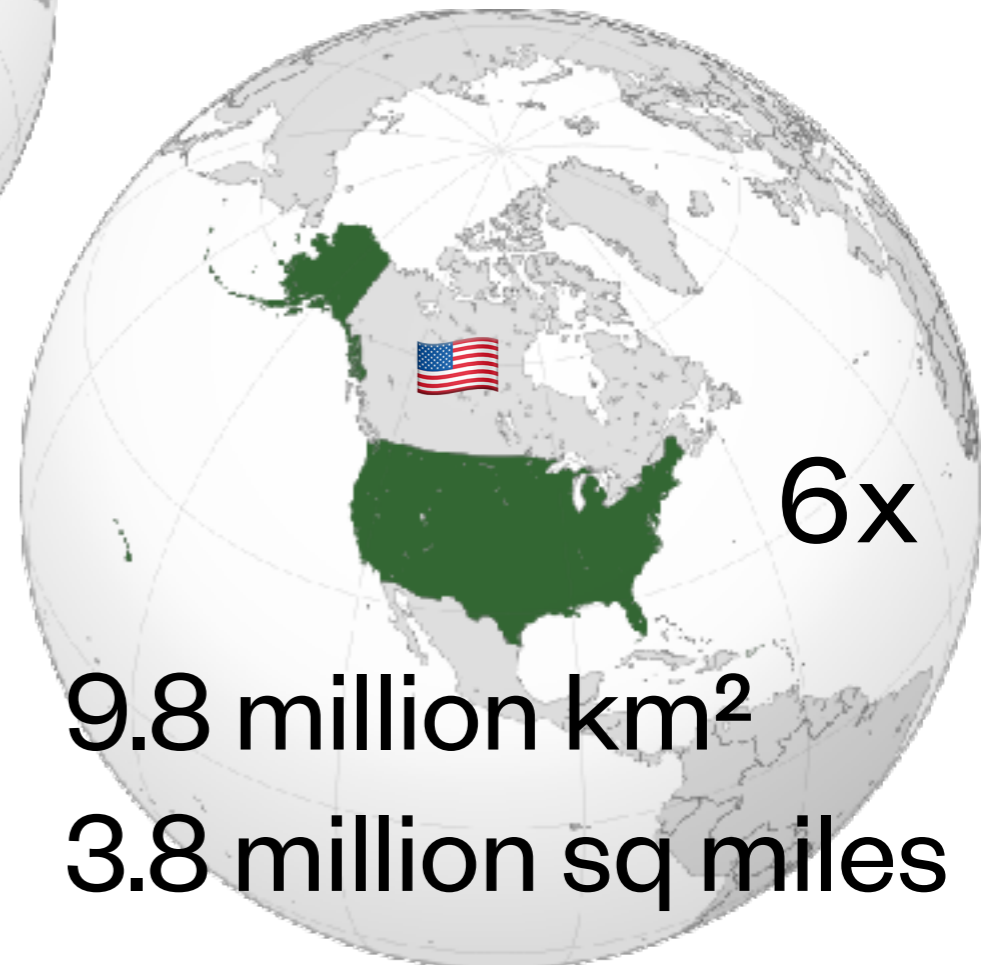
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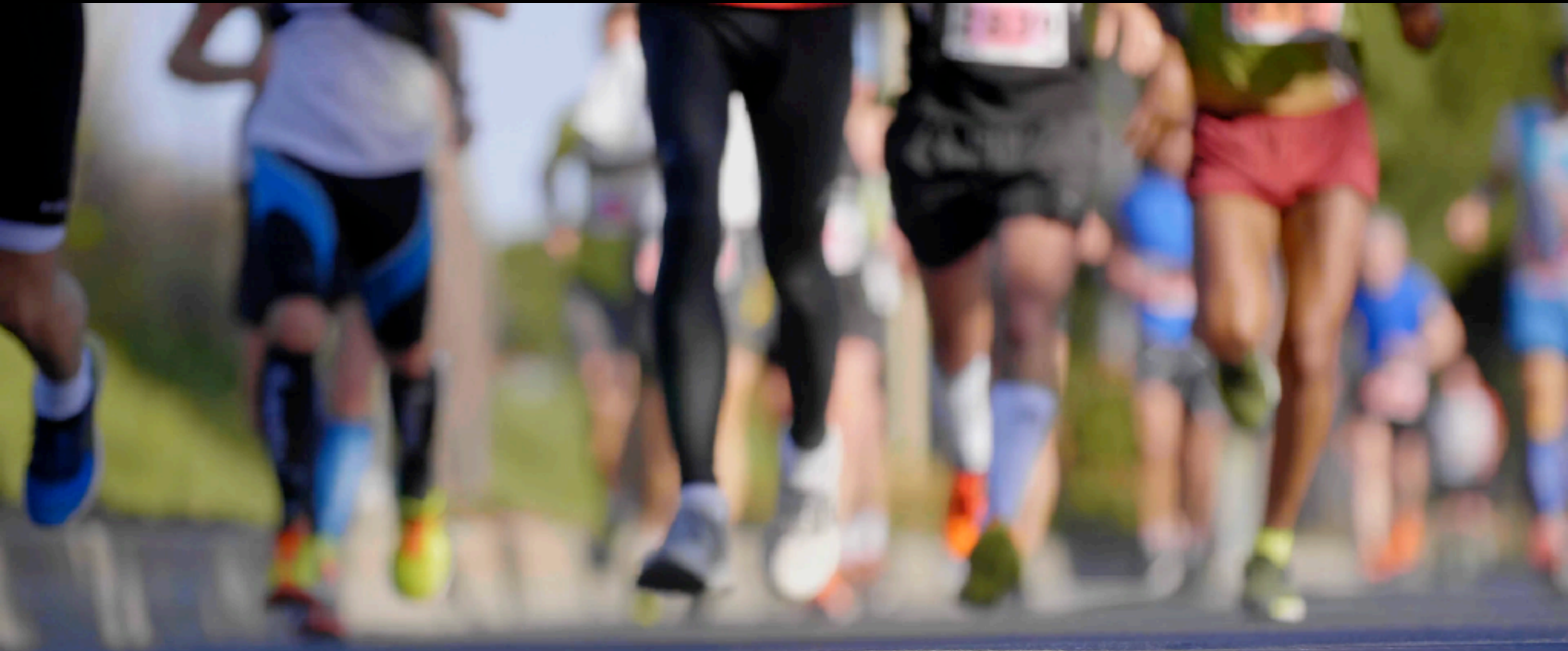


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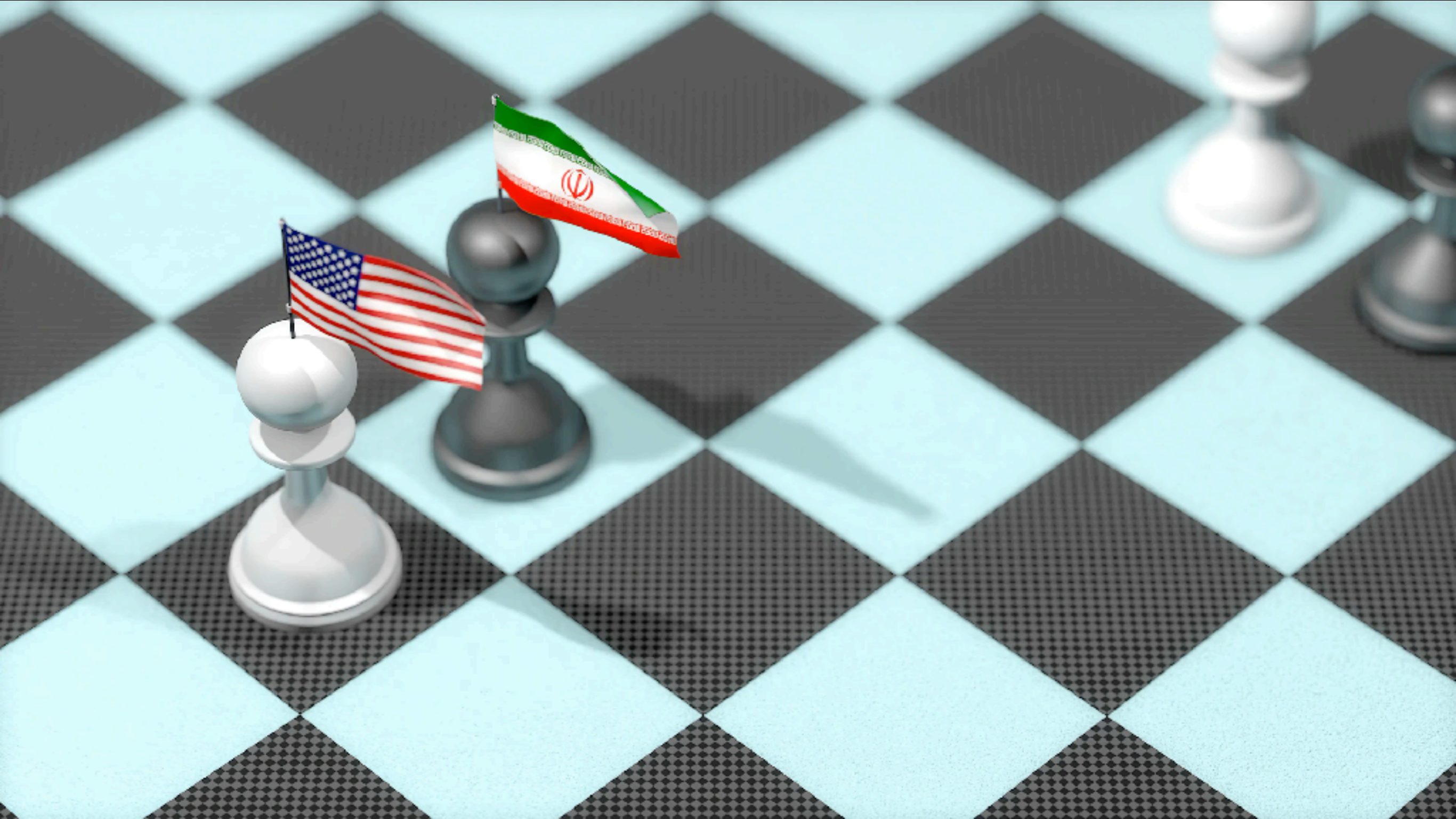




490 B.C. Persia ↔ Athens



Marathon!





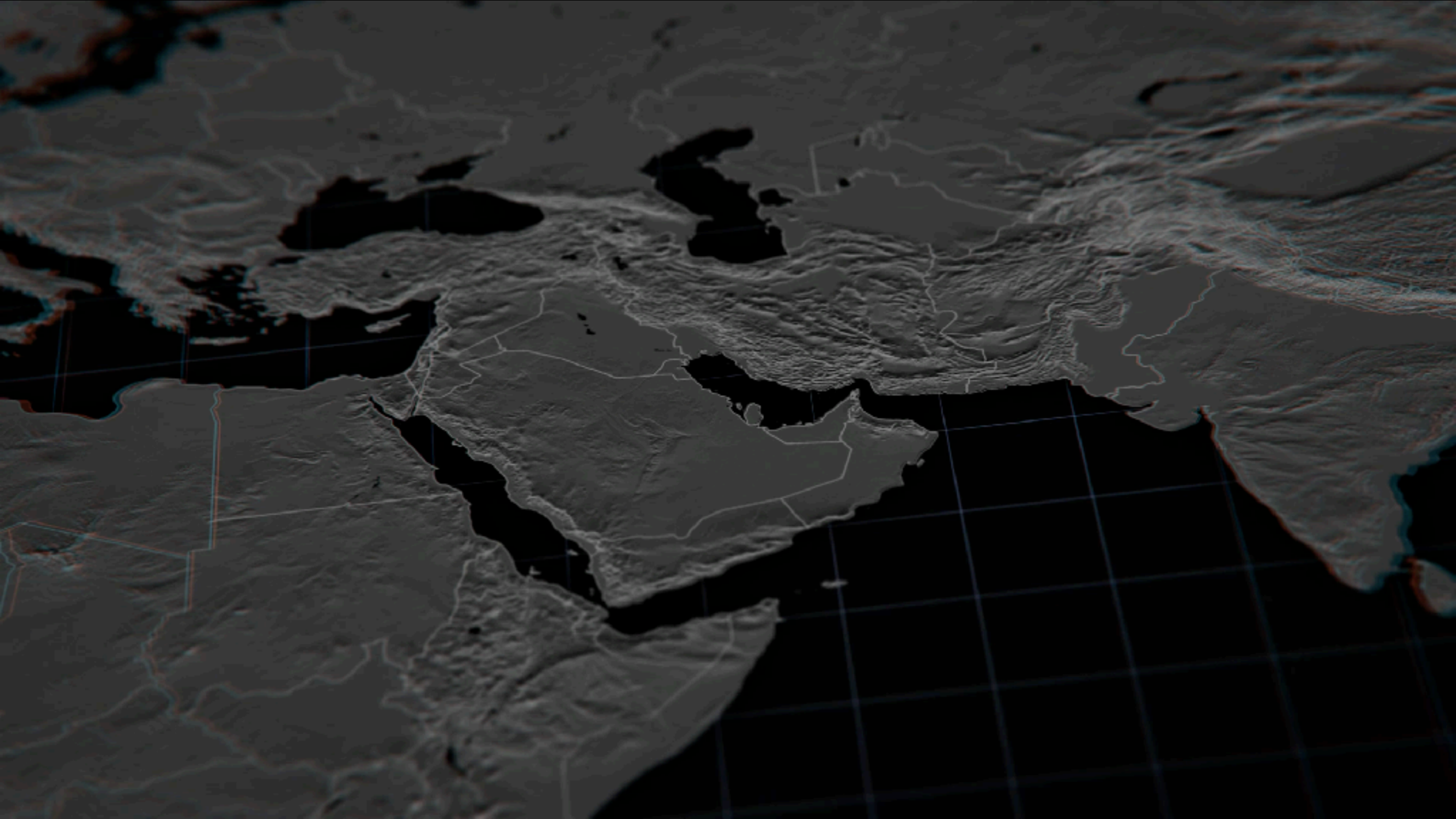
















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I will “unite the civilized world against radical Islamic terrorism, which we will completely eradicate from the face of the earth” ... “will, if necessary, conduct aggressive joint and coalition military operations”.





3 World Religions:

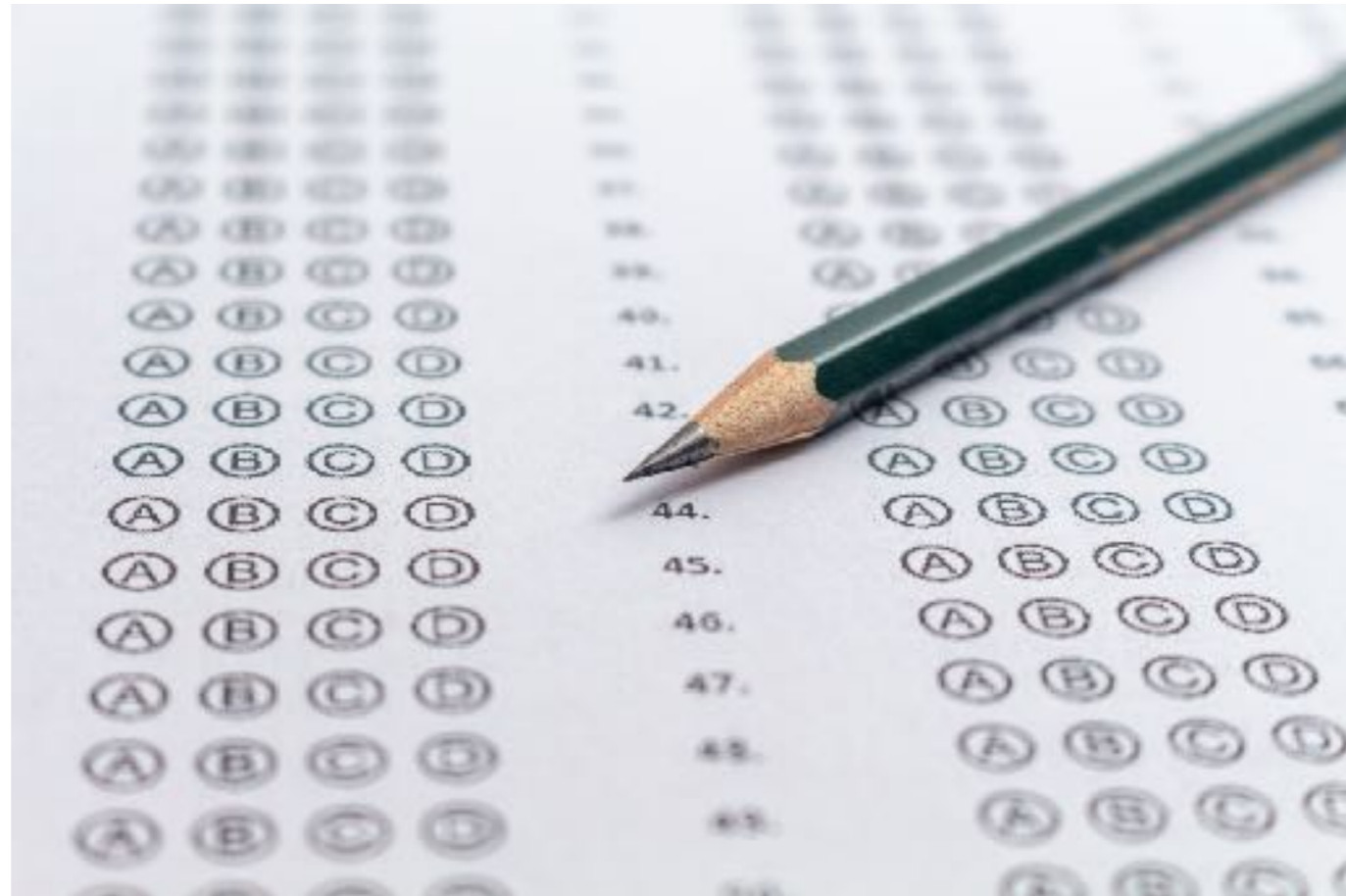


Messianic Figures for the Eschatological Age

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Quiz!

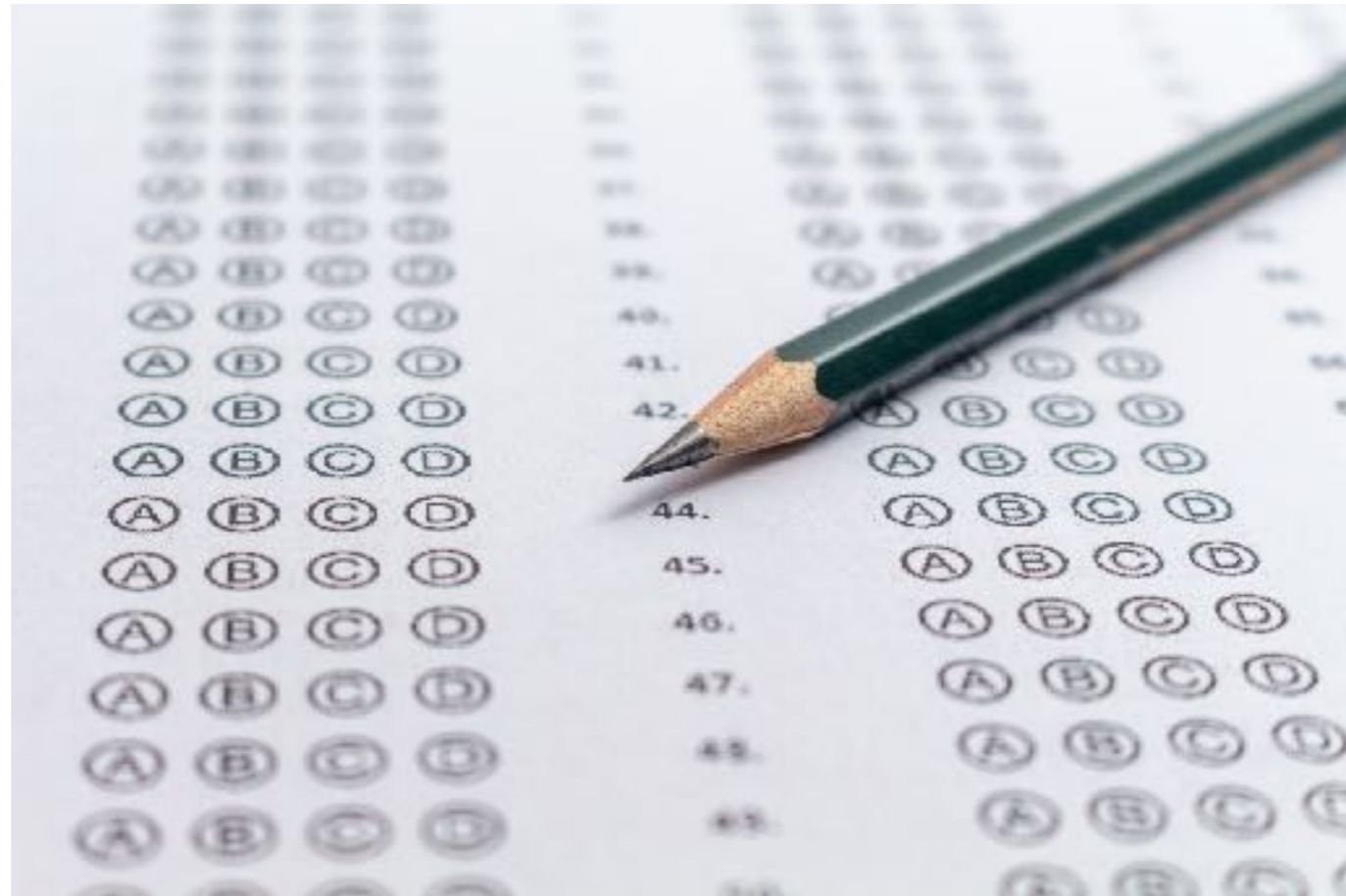


What day of the week was February 28, 2026?



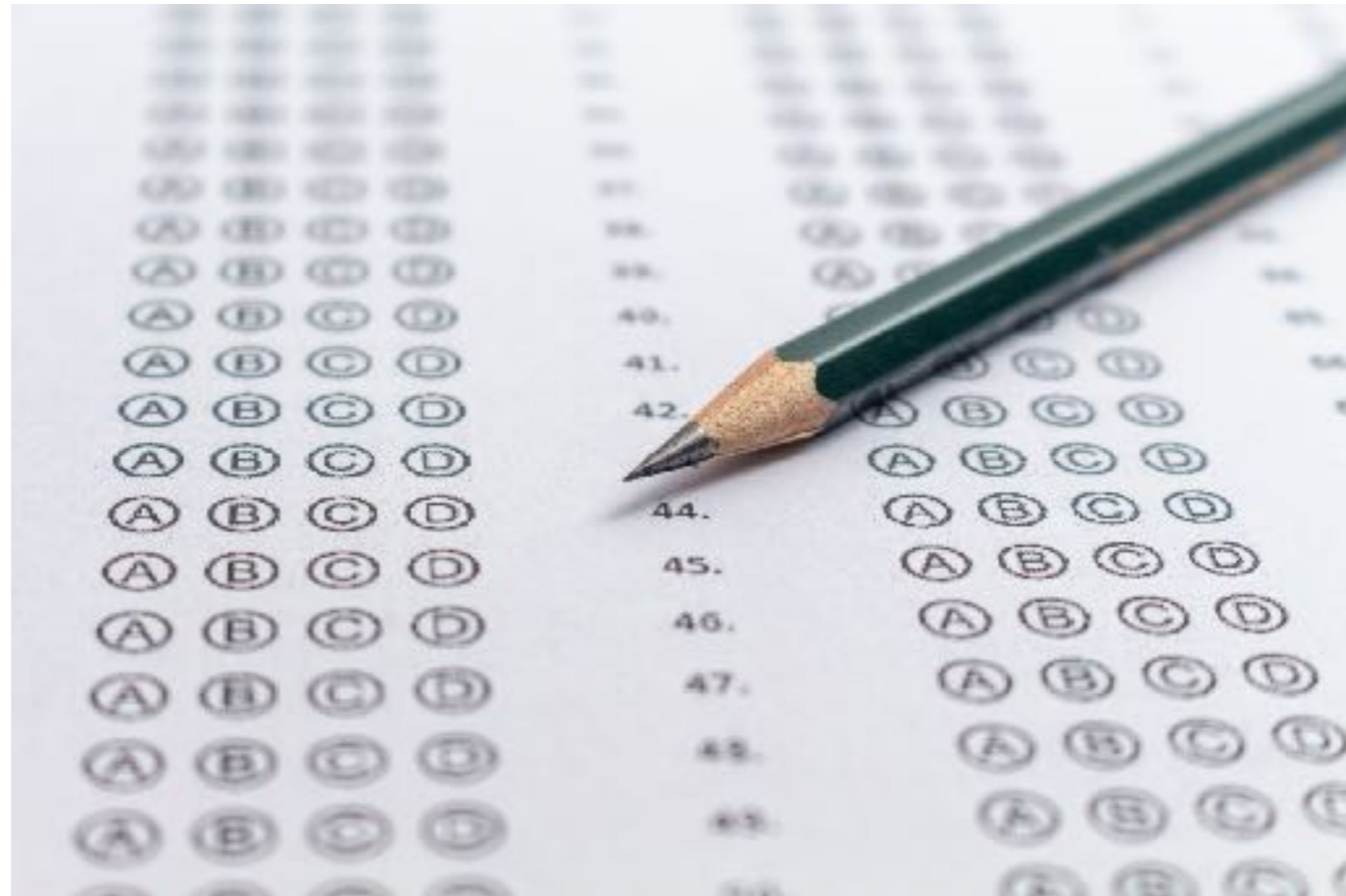
Sabbath

Which Jewish Feast began March 2, 2026?



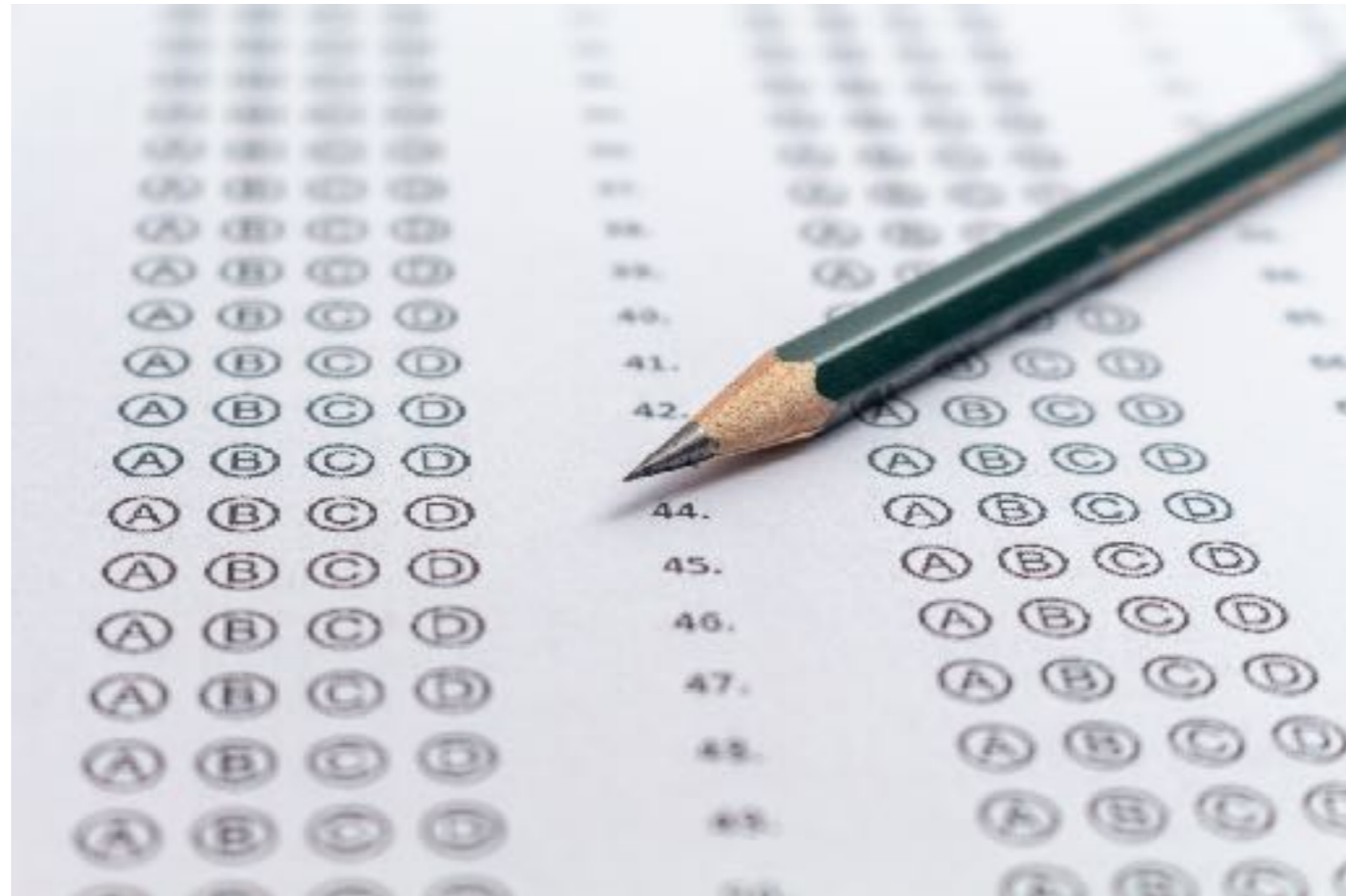
Purim

From which book of the Bible do we get Purim?



Esther

What was Esther's original name?



Hadassah

“Esther”

“Star”

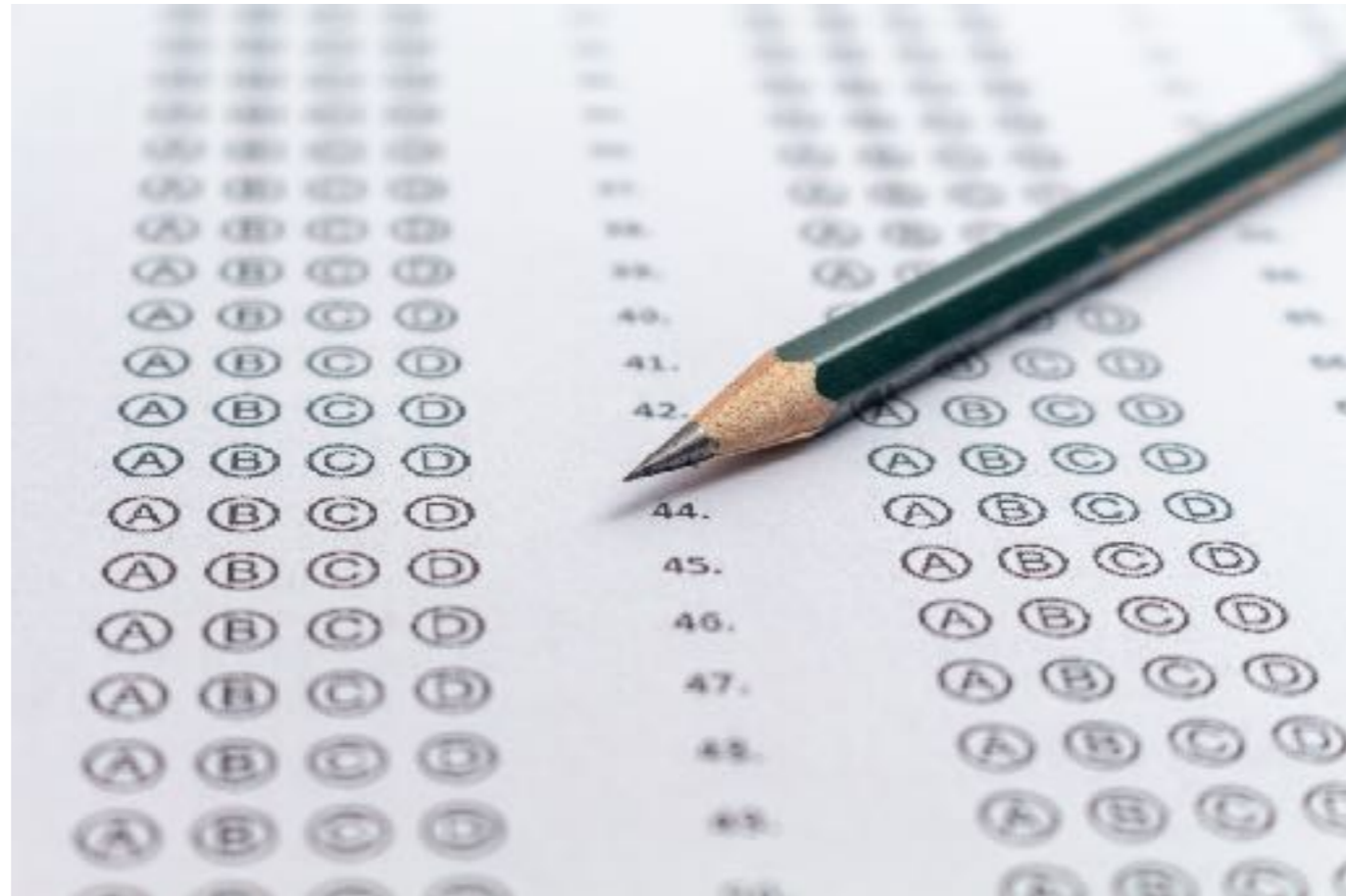
Ishtar

Iraq 1959-1963

Venus

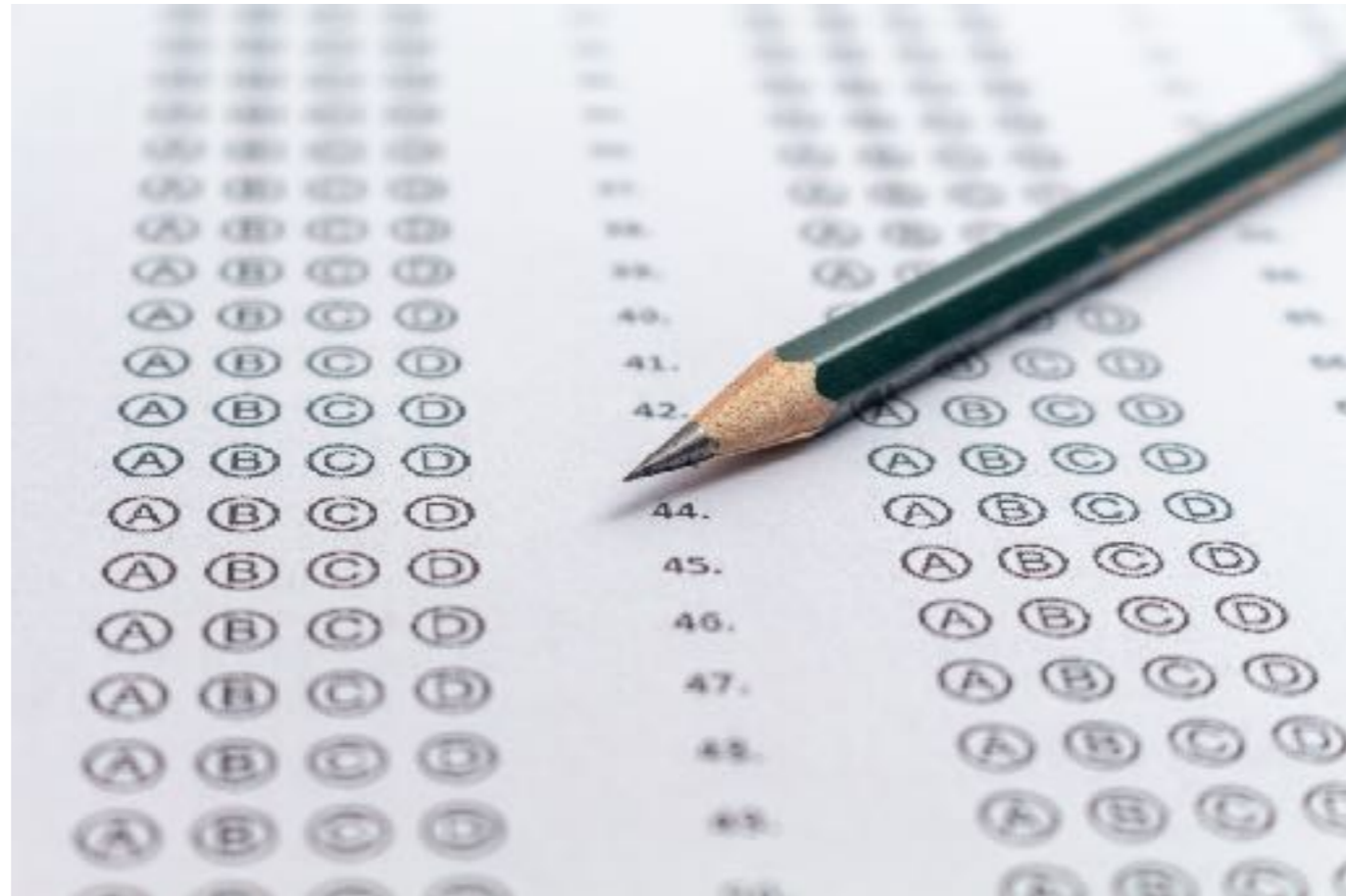


**In what country does
the book Esther take place?**



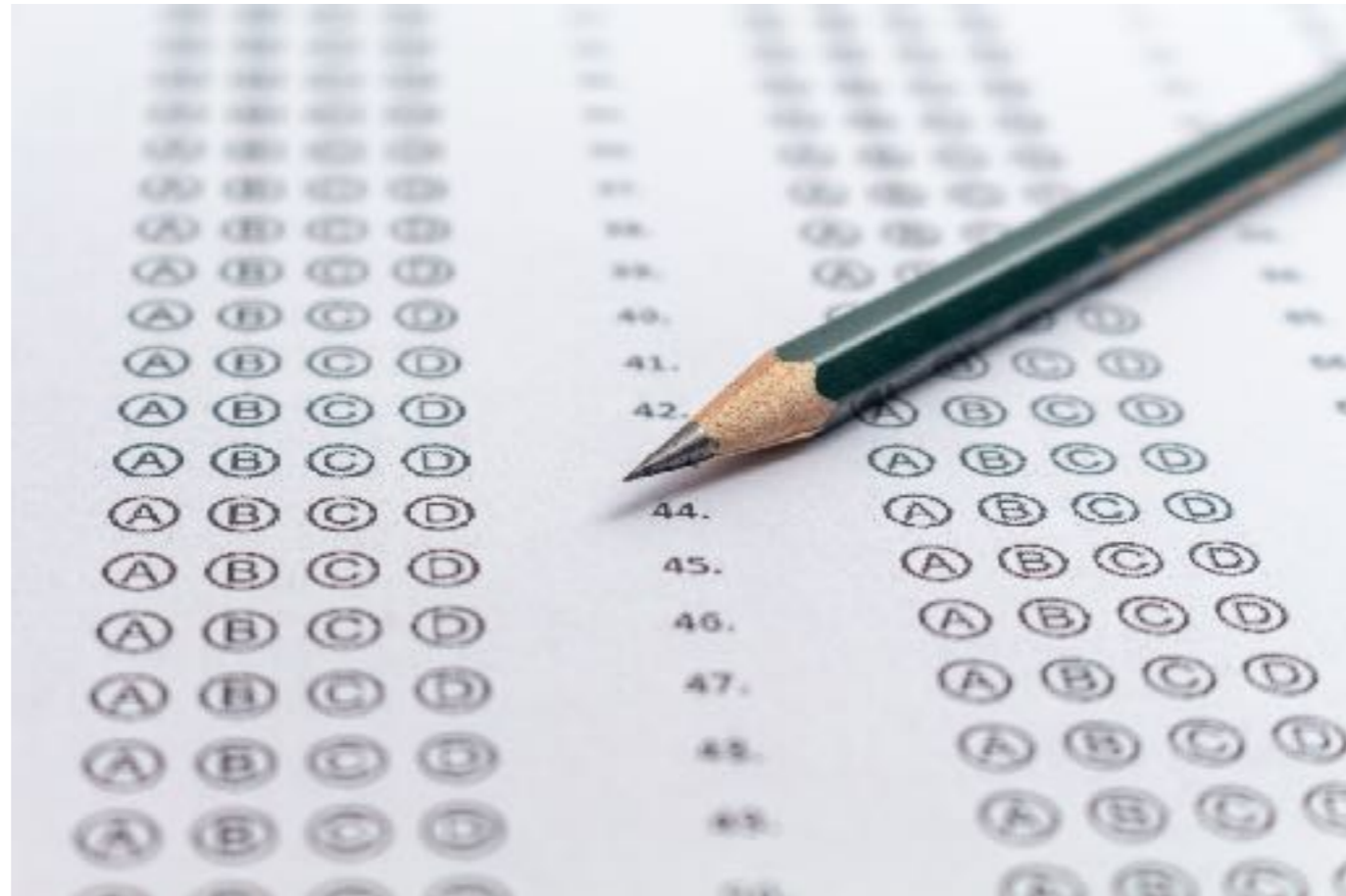
Persia

What does the word PURIM mean?



Lots (Esther 3:7)

What language is the word PURIM?

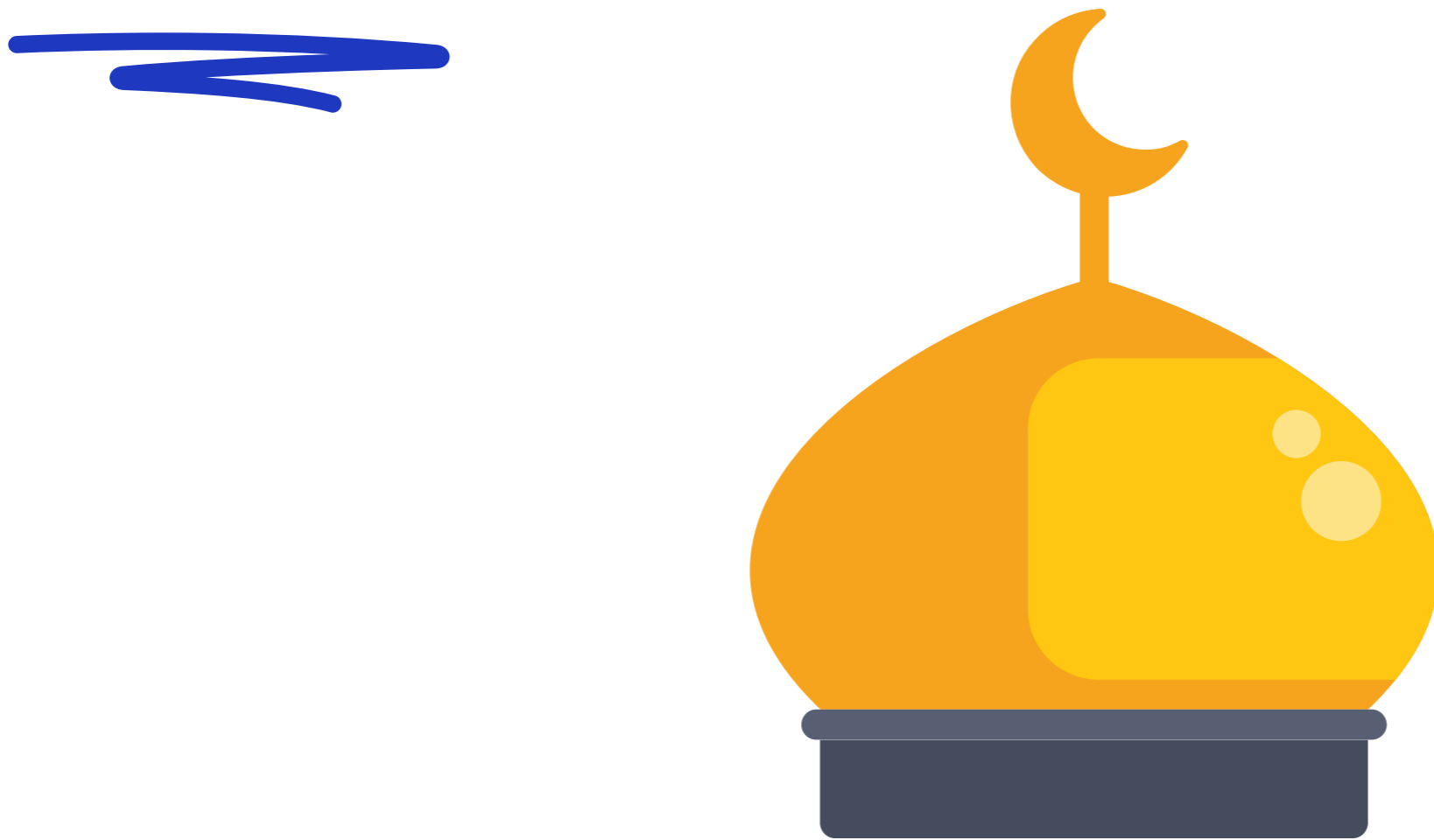


Persian

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خ د ذ ر ز ژ س ش
ه ه ف غ م م ظ ط ض ط
ک گ ل م ن و ه ه ی

<https://mena-languages.northwestern.edu/language-learning/languages-with-different-scripts/persian-alphabet.html>

What country is PERSIA today?



Iran









پاسداران
امام علی (ع)
Pasdaran St.
Imam Ali Exp.

آفریقا - شمال
شہید مدرس
Afriqa Blvd. - North
Modarres Exp.

گاندی
آرژانتین
Gandi St.
Arjantin Sq.

همسرا با همه مردم ایران





https://hr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reza-šah_Pahlavi

Persia → Iran

Land of the Aryans “Noble”, “Kinsmen”

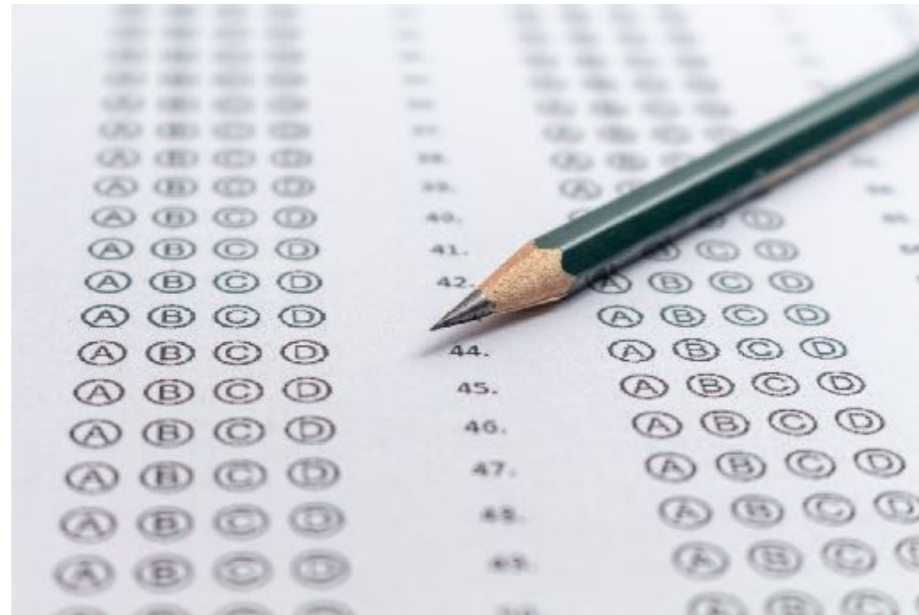
Reza Shah Pahlavi - May 1935

جمهوری اسلامی ایران

Jomhuri-ye Eslâmi-ye Irân

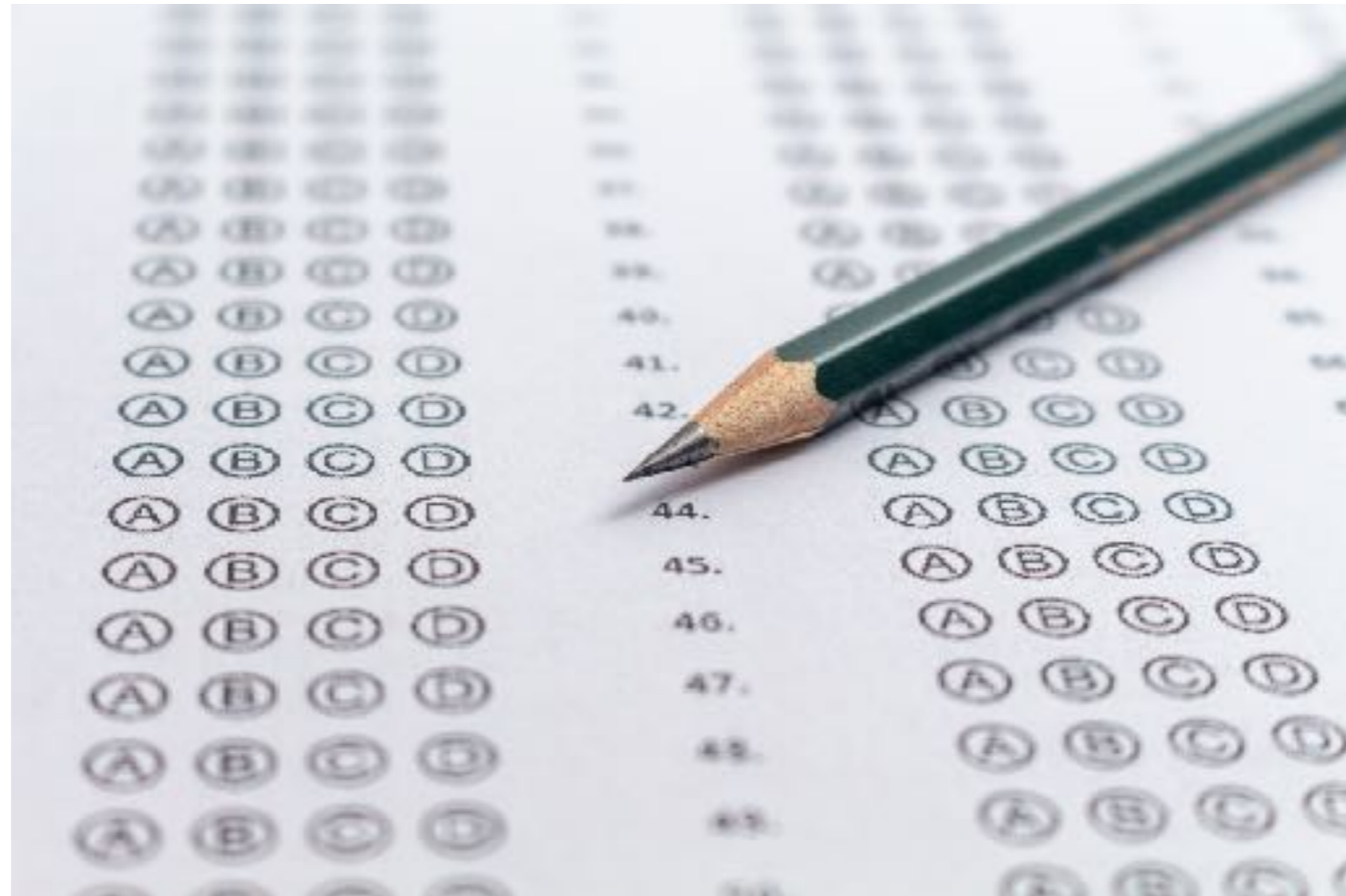


What is the language of Iran called other than Persian?



Farsi!

Who is the bad guy in the book of Esther?



Haman

Haman = Ayatollah Khamenei?!

הָמָן



سید علی حسینی

romanized: *Seyyed Ali Hoseyni Xāmene'i*,
pronounced [ʔæ'li: hosej'ni: xɒ:mene'ʔi:]



What was the name of Esther's father?!



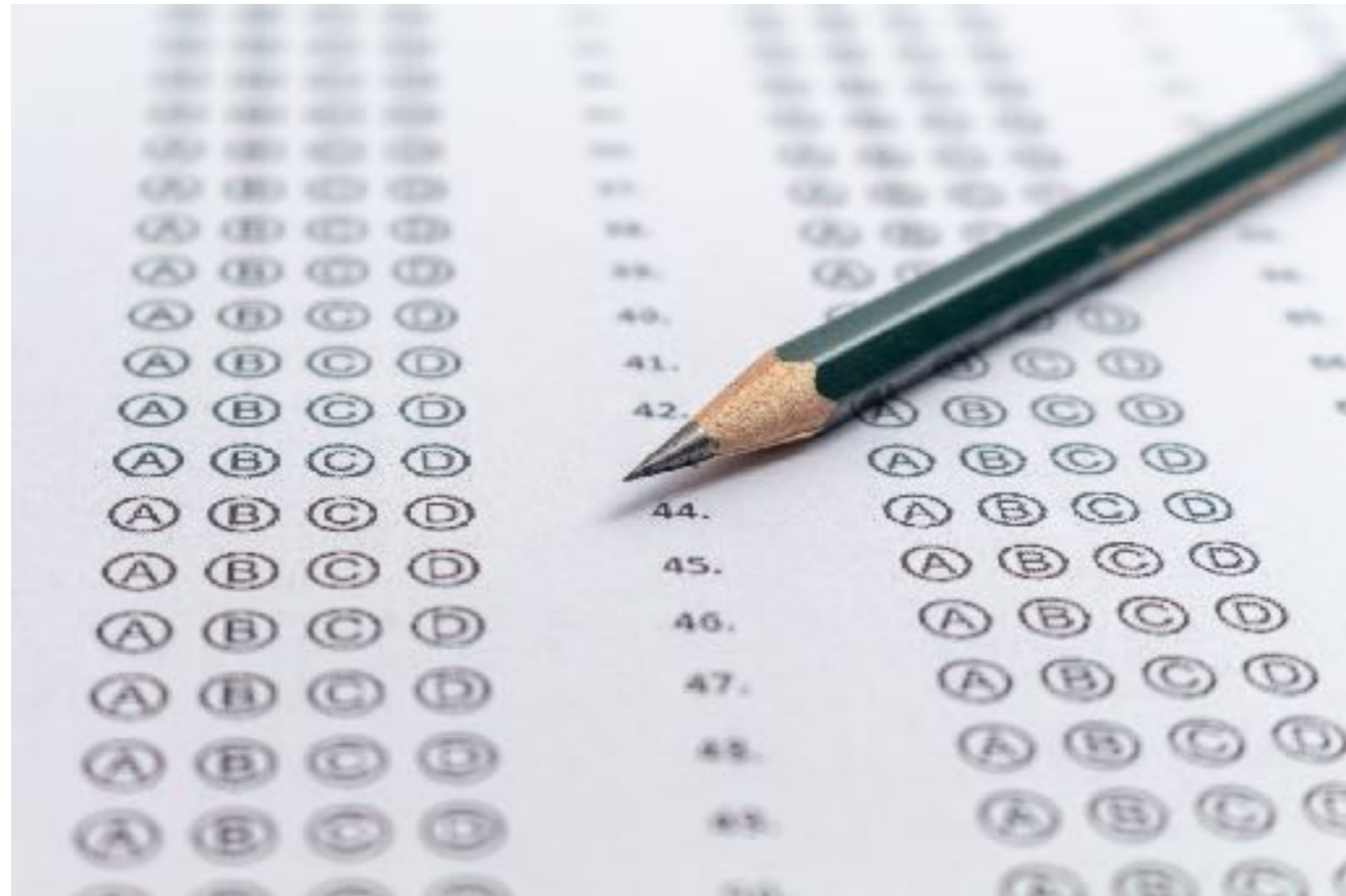
Abihail

What was the name of Haman's wife?



Zeresh

WHO is NOT mentioned in the book of Esther?!



GOD



Septuagint (LXX)

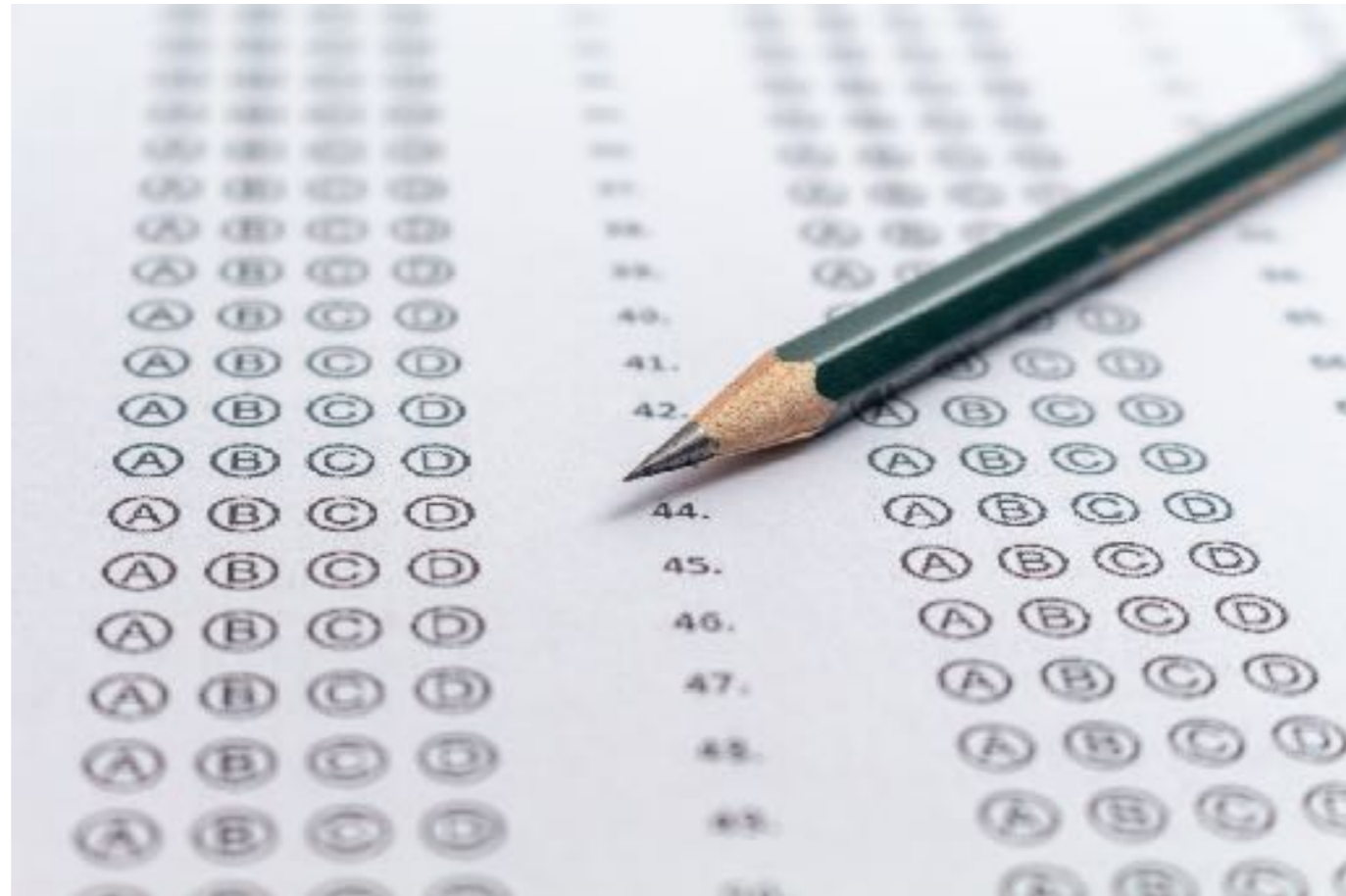


107 extra verses:

God > 50x!




How many people live in Iran today?



> 90 million

Relevance

Pentecost



Acts 2:5 “And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.”

Verse 9: Parthians, Medes, Elamites









Babylon → Medo-Persia



**15th Tishri (7th Month)
= October 12, 539 BC
Feast of Tabernacles**

**10th Tishri:
יום כּפּוּר Yom Kippur**

**Pioneer SDAs:
“Movement of the 7th Month”**

Daniel 5:25

Mene Mene Tekel
Upharsin

מנא מנא תקל

ופרסין







וּפְרֹסֵיךְ
תִּקַּל מִנָּח
מִנָּח מִנָּח

Zoroastrianism: Light | Dark

Ahura Mazda → Jujiro Matsuda



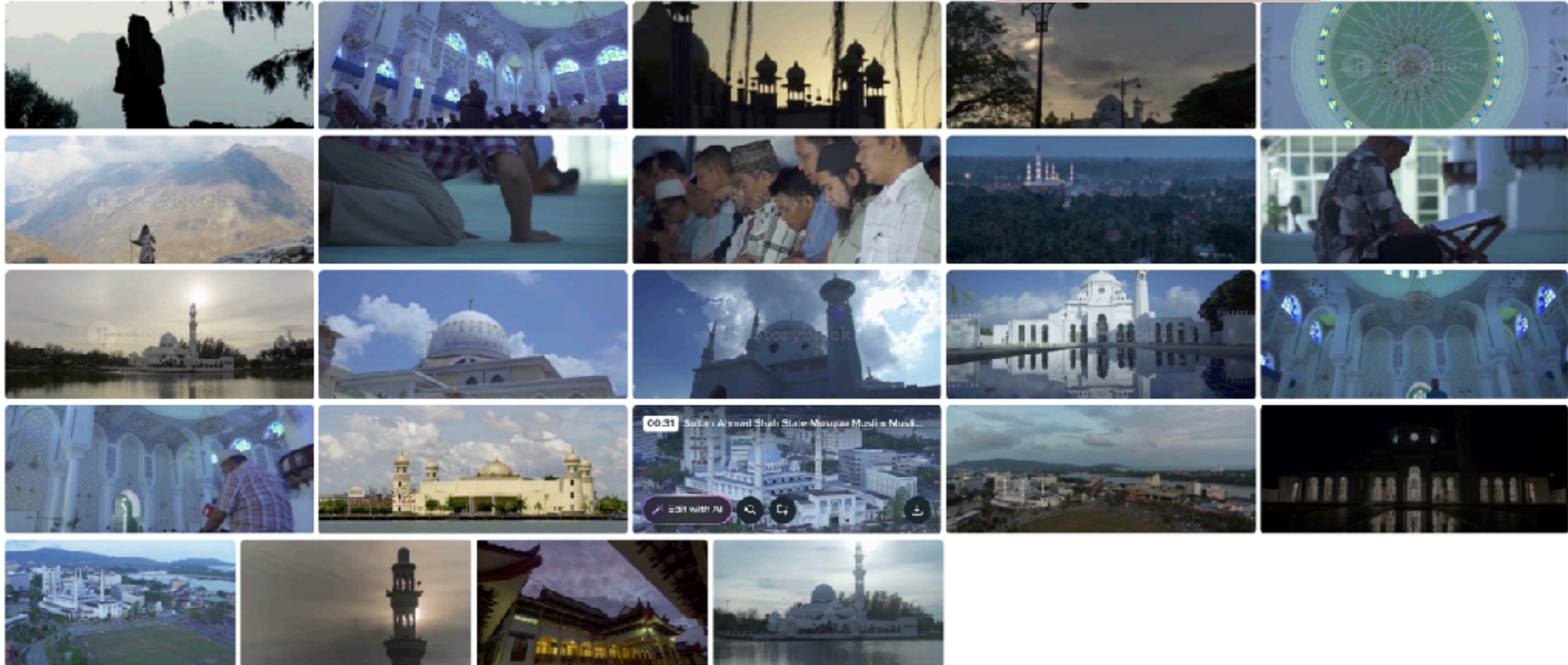
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“monotheism”

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Islam...



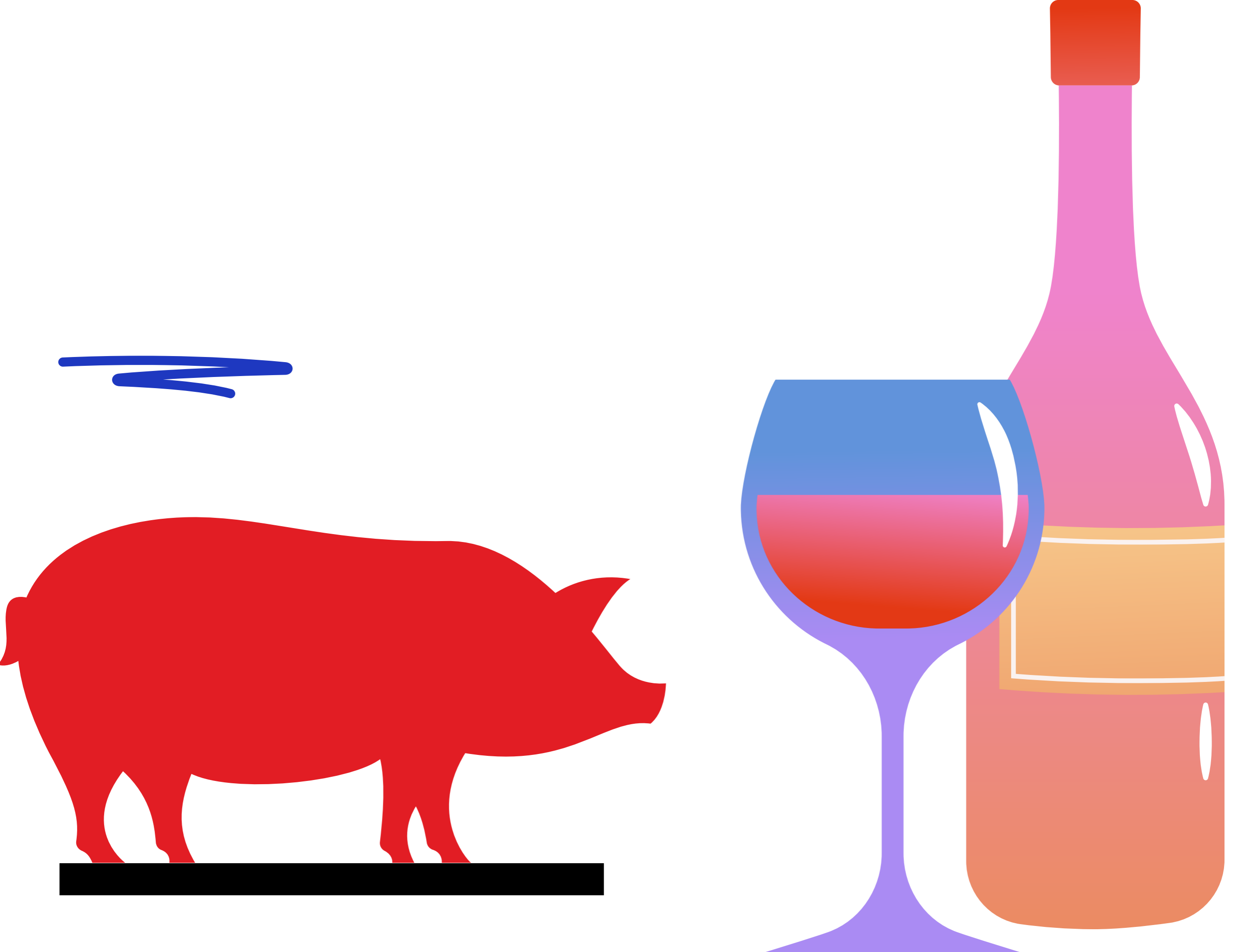
A false conception of God . . .



“Are we worshipers of Jehovah, or of Baal? of the living God, or of idols? No outward shrines may be visible, there may be no image for the eye to rest upon, yet we may be practicing idolatry. **It is as easy to make an idol of cherished ideas or objects as to fashion gods of wood or stone. Thousands have a false conception of God and His attributes. They are as verily serving a false god as were the servants of Baal.** Are we worshiping the true God as He is revealed in His word, in Christ, in nature, or are we adoring some philosophical idol enshrined in His place? God is a God of truth. Justice and mercy are the attributes of His throne. He is a God of love, of pity and tender compassion. Thus He is represented in His Son, our Saviour. He is a God of patience and long-suffering. If such is the being whom we adore and to whose character we are seeking to assimilate, we are worshiping the true God.” 5T 173.3-5T 173.4

Linear + Finite Understanding of Time









Amalekites



- First attack on Israel after Exodus
- King Saul → King Agag 🚫
- Haman the Agagite (Esther 3:1)

Parallels



Death Penalty

Esther 8:15

  **not all parallels define meaning**

“So Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of

blue and **white**

Do not ask what your country can do for you . . .



Chiasm



**. . . ask what you
can do for your country!**



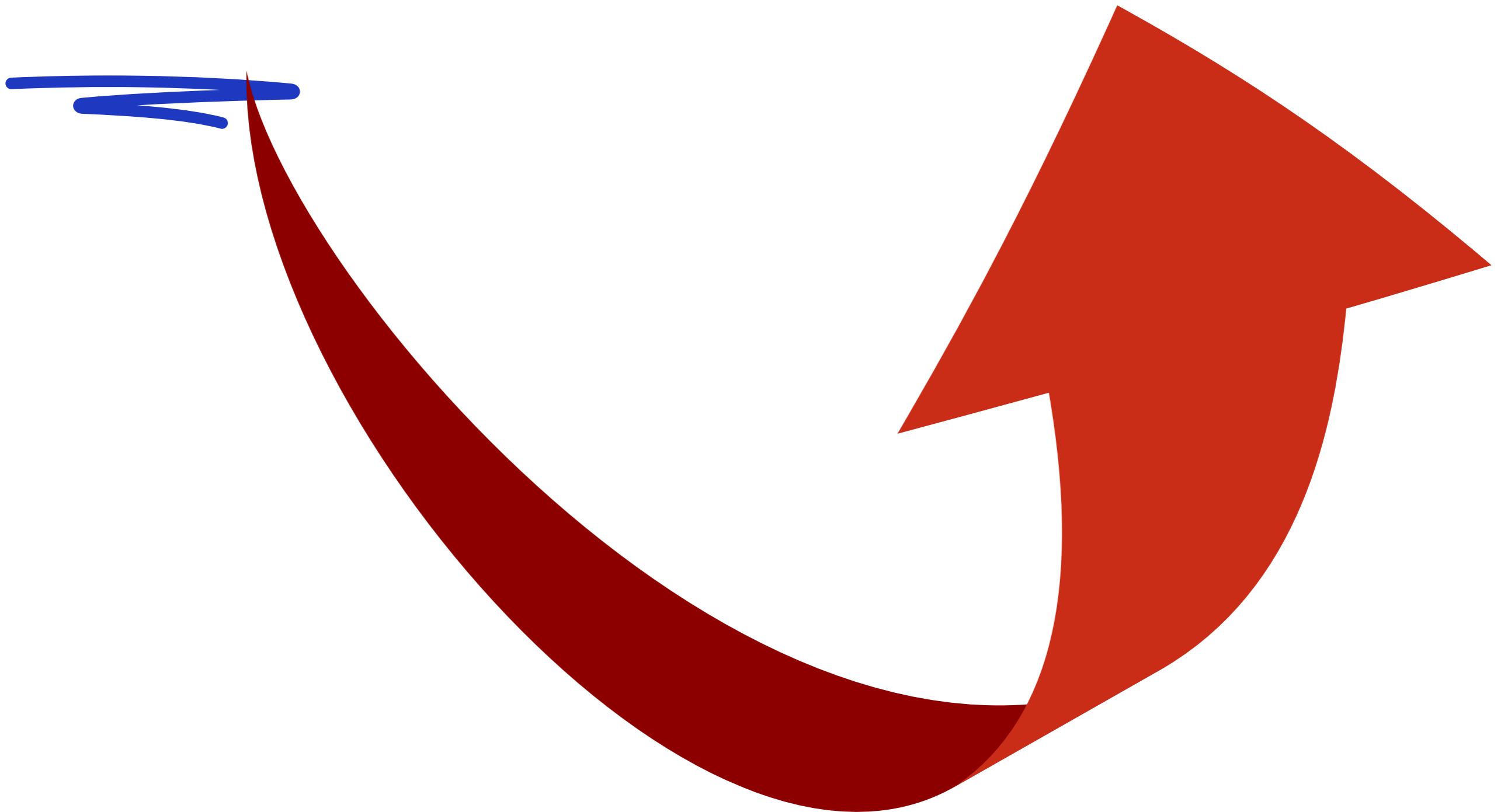
Word/Concept A

Key Point B

Word/Concept A'



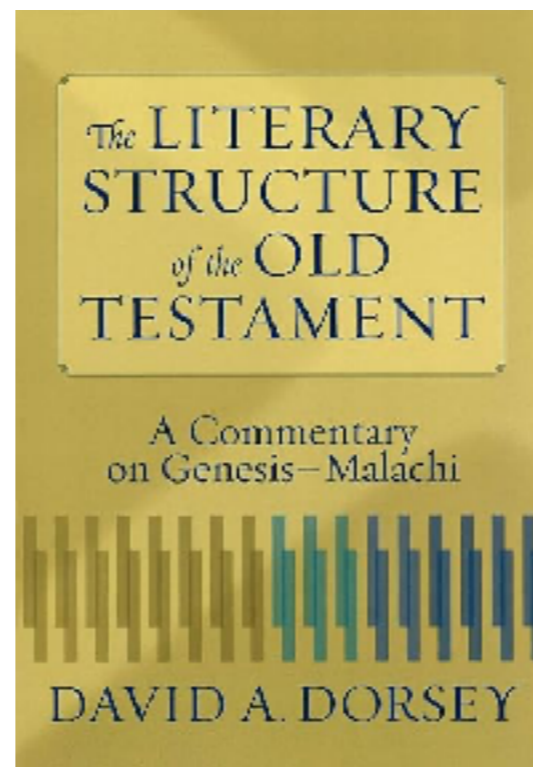
Narrative Loop















Macrostructure

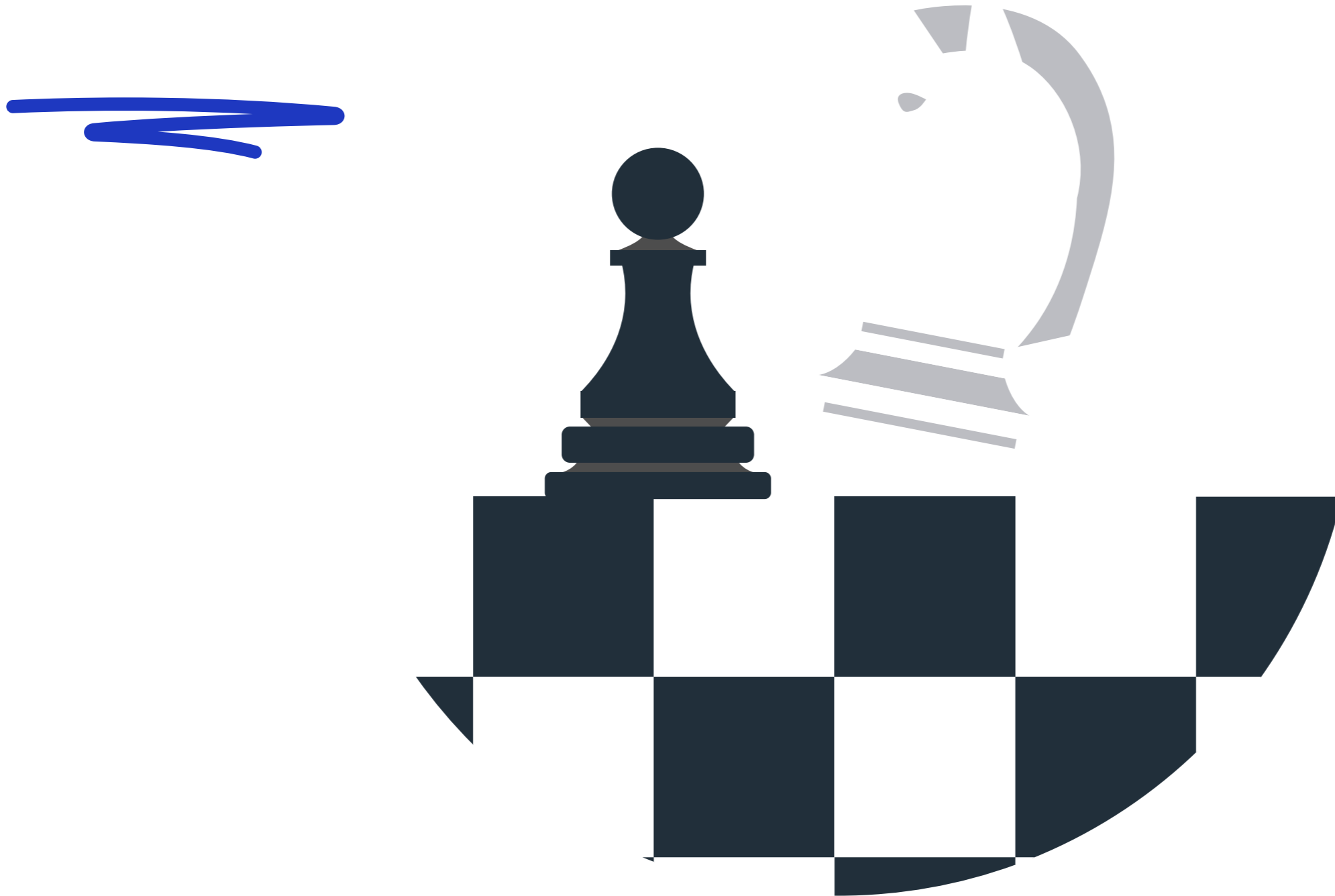


The Fine Print



A 1:1-22	King's Feast: Queen Vashti deposed; letters to the entire kingdom	 
B 2:1-18	Esther becomes queen: a feast in her honor; gifts	
C 2:19-23	King's life saved: the murder plotters murdered	
D 3:1-4,3	Haman's conspiracy: Jews are to be killed during Adar Haman: "If the king approves, let it be written down." "Destroy" "Kill" "Annihilate" "Plunder" Edict in all languages; sealed with the king's signet ring; sent by couriers In the end: Susa dismayed by the edict; Mordecai in sackcloth	 
E 4:4-17	Mordecai learns of Haman's plan; money; appeal to Esther	\$
F 5:1-14	Esther invites the King and Haman: First banquet Haman builds gallows; king asks Esther: "What is your concern?"; half the kingdom	1/2
G 6:1-14	 Turning Point: Haman's fortunes take a turn: honor Mordecai the Jew	
F' 7:1-10	Esther invites the King and Haman: Second Banquet Haman hanged on gallows; King asks Esther: "What is your concern?"; 1/2 of kingdom	1/2
E' 8:1-2	Mordecai and Esther receive Haman's property	
D' 8:3-17	Haman's plot fails: Esther convinces the king to kill enemies during Adar Esther to the king: "Does it please the king? Have it written down." "Destroy" "Kill" "Annihilate" "Plunder" Edict in all languages; sealed with the king's signet ring; sent by couriers In the end: Susa rejoices over the edict; Mordecai in festive attire; joy	 
C' 9:1-10	Lives of the Jews saved: the murder planners murdered	
B' 9:11-19	Esther secures a second day for Jews in Susa: a festival in her honor; gifts	
A' 9:20-10:3	Jewish festival: Purim: King promotes Mordecai; letters to the entire empire	 

Esther 1-6: Hamans Plot



A 1:1-22 Queen Vashti demoted

King → Advisor: “What should be done with the disobedient queen?”

Advisors give king advice

Queen is made an example of

B 2:1-18 Esther goes to the King

He likes her; appoints her as new queen

King gives Esther a banquet (מִשְׁתֶּה)

C 2:19-23 Mordecai learns of the plot to murder the king
turns to Esther to ask her to speak to the king

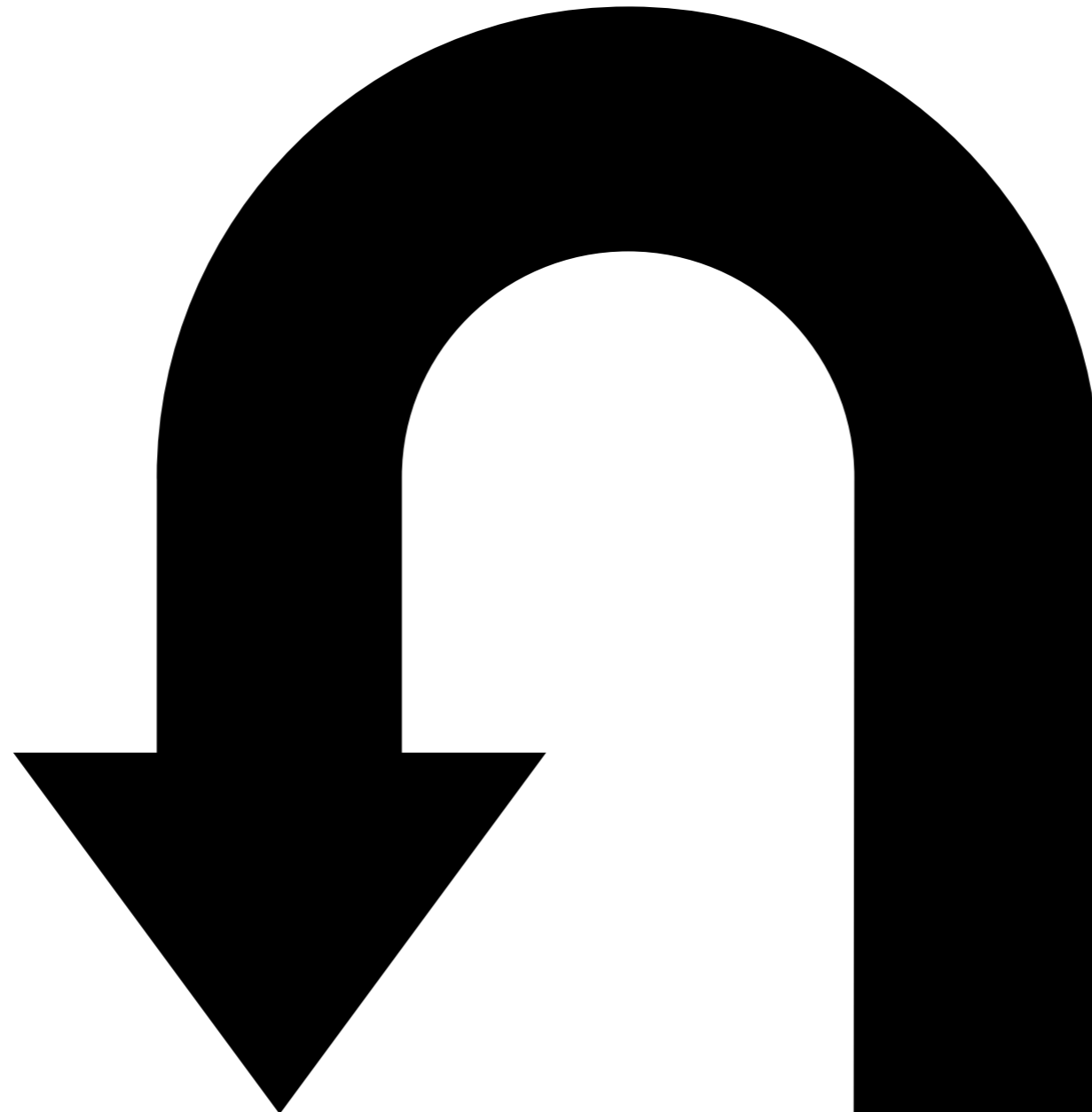
D 3:1-15 Haman's Plot

C' 4:1-17 Mordecai learns of the plot to murder the Jews
turns to Esther so that she will speak to the king

B' 5:1-14 Esther goes to the King
He likes her; he inquires about her request
Esther gives the king a banquet. (מִשְׁתֶּה)

A' 6:1-14 Mordecai honored
King → Haman: “What should be done with those whom the king wishes to honor?”
Haman advises the king
This is what happens to a man whom the king wishes to honor

Esther 6-10: Haman's End



A 6:1-14 Mordecai honored

Beginning: King reads royal reports about Mordecai's deeds

B 7:1-10 King asks Esther about her request on the second day, at second banquet

Esther asks that the Jews not be killed

Result: Haman is hanged

C 8:1-2 Mordecai's new Position in Palace

Signet ring; appointed over Haman's possessions

Signet ring and everything that should have belonged to Hamann given to a Jew

D 8:3-17 Haman's plot foiled

C' 9:1-10 Mordecai's new Position in Palace

Jews kill those who wanted to kill them

Everything that was meant to be done to the Jews the Jews do to them

B' 9:11-19 King asks Esther about her request; Esther's request on second day

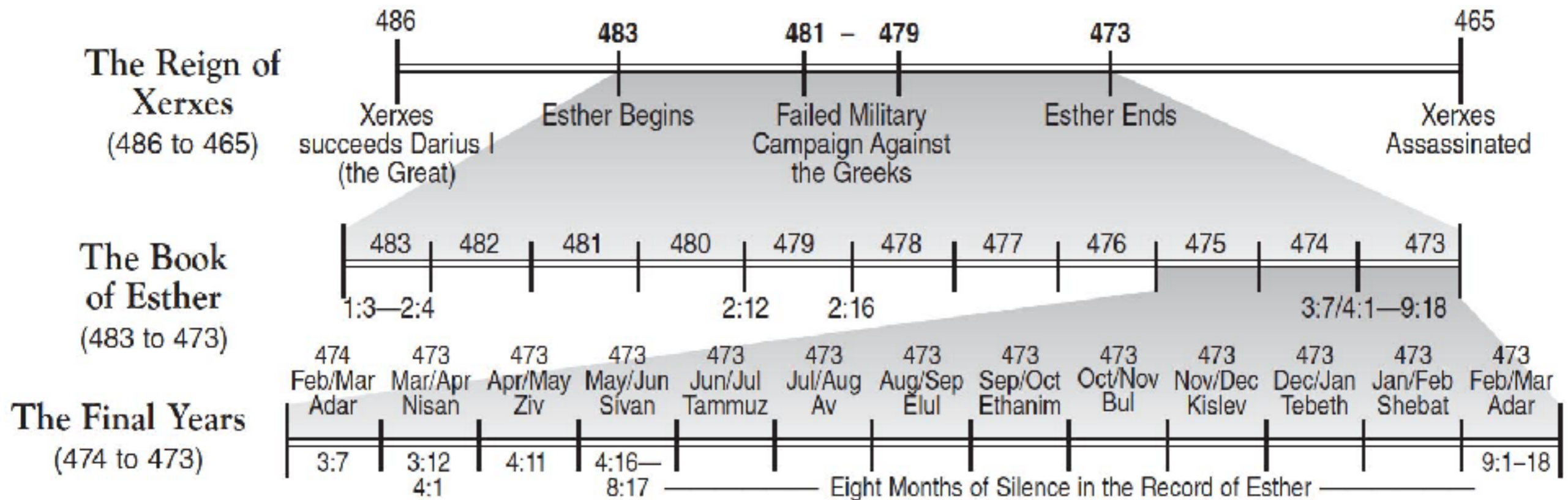
Esther asks that the Jews be allowed to kill their enemies for one more day

Result: Bodies of Haman's sons hanged; Purim banquet on second day

A' 9:20-10,3 Mordecai honored, promoted to second in command after king

End: Report that Mordecai's deeds are recorded in royal files

✦ THE HISTORICAL CHRONOLOGY OF ESTHER ✦



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Individuals



Seven Attendants: Mehuman, Bista, Harbona, Bigta, Abagta, Setar, and Carcas

Seven Princes: Carshena, Setar, Admata, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memuchan

Attendants of the Women: Hegai and Shashgaz

Father of Esther: Abihail

Two Evil Attendants: Bigta and Teres

Attendants of the King: Hatah and Harbona

Haman's Wife: Zeresh

Haman's Sons: Parsandata, Dalphon, Aspatha, Porata, Adaliah, Aridata, Parmastah, Arisai, Aridae, Vajesata

וְשָׁמְעוּ הוֹלֵךְ בְּכָל־הַמְּדִינֹת כִּי־הָאִישׁ מְרַדְּכֵי הוֹלֵךְ וְגָדוֹל: וַיָּכּוּ הַיְהוּדִים
בְּכָל־אֲבֵיהֶם מִכַּת־חֶרֶב וְהָרֵג וְאָבְדוּ וַיַּעֲשׂוּ בְשֵׁנְאֵיהֶם כְּרָצוֹנָם:
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אֲדִלְיָא

אֲרִידָתָא: ט

פְּרַמְשָׁתָא

אֲרִיסִי

אֲרֵדִי

וַיִּזְתָּא: י

Esther 9:7-9

Haman's 10 Sons

בְּנֵי הַמֶּזֶן בֶּן־הַמְּדִתָּא צִרְרַה הַיְהוּדִים הָרְגוּ וּבִבְזוּתָא לֹא שָׁלְחוּ אֶת־יָדָם:
בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא בָּא מְסַפֵּר הַהֲרוּגִים בְּשׁוֹשָׁן הַבִּירָה לְפָנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ: וַיֹּאמֶר
הַמֶּלֶךְ לְאַסְתֵּר הַמַּלְכָּה בְּשׁוֹשָׁן הַבִּירָה הָרְגוּ הַיְהוּדִים וְאָבְדוּ חֲמִשׁ מֵאוֹת

יא"ב

Identity Crisis?



2:10



2:20



3:4



Statistics



“King”

196!

“Women”

11x in Esther 2

Haman in Esther 6

8x, Esther 7: 9x

“Jehudim” הַיְהוּדִים

58x of 88

Esther 9: >20x

Chapter	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
King	26	25	19	14	22	24	16	22	11	2
Esther	0	13 (14)	0	9	11	1	8	8	5	0
Haman	0	12	12	1	11	10	9	6	5	0
Mordechai	0	11	7	12	4	7	2	6	7	2
Women	3	11	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	0
Jews	0	1	4	6	1	2	0	16	26	2



“No Parents” ?!

The Hebrews 7:3 and Esther 2:7 Parallel

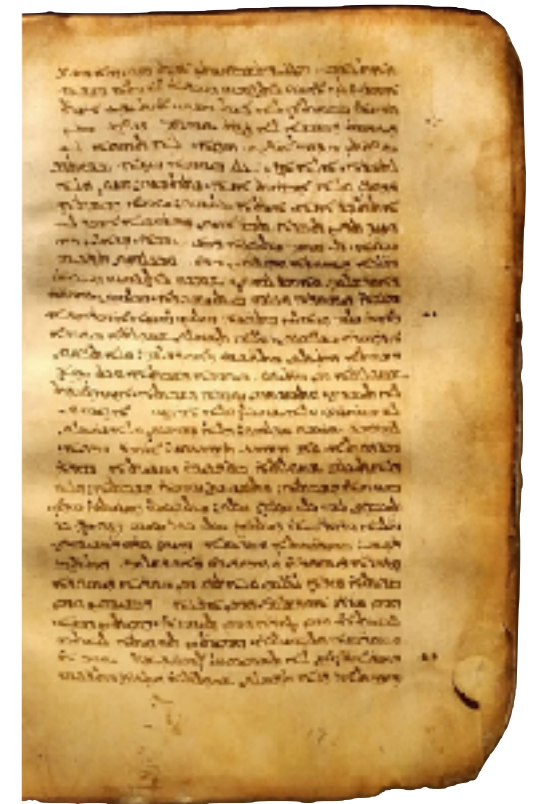


Heb 7:3 “**without father, without mother,**
without genealogy,
having neither beginning of days nor end of life,
but made **like** the Son of God, remains a priest continually.”

Esther 2:7 “And *Mordecai* had brought up Hadassah, that is,
Esther, his uncle’s daughter, **for she had neither father nor**
mother.”

Syriac Peshitta

Heb 7:3



ⲕⲓⲁ ⲕⲁⲃⲓⲛⲉ ⲛⲁⲃⲓⲛⲉ ⲛⲁⲃⲓⲛⲉ ⲛⲁⲃⲓⲛⲉ ⲛⲁⲃⲓⲛⲉ ⲛⲁⲃⲓⲛⲉ
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“Neither his father nor his mother **is recorded in the genealogies;** and neither the beginning of his days nor the end of his life; but, like the Son of God, his priesthood abides for ever.”

Esther 3: Pars Pro Toto

The part stands for the total

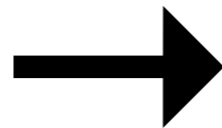


Mordecai → Jews

Crisis:



Esther 4:15-17



Corporate Fasting



And Good.



**Active when
apparently
absent!**



Esther 5:4

God?!



“Let the King and Haman come today”

יבוא המלך והמן היום

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Jehovah

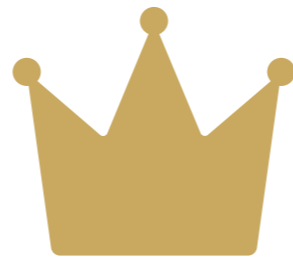
Ezra 9:9



“For we *were* slaves. Yet our God did not forsake us in our bondage; but He extended mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to revive us, to repair the house of our God, to rebuild its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem.”

2 Chronicles 36:22-23

The *last* verses of the Hebrew Bible!



“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, saying,

Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah. Who *is* among you of all His people? May the LORD his God *be* with him, and let him go up!”





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