

*Is Nothing Sacred?  
 Jehovah's  
 Witnesses and the  
 Significance of  
 Bible Lands*

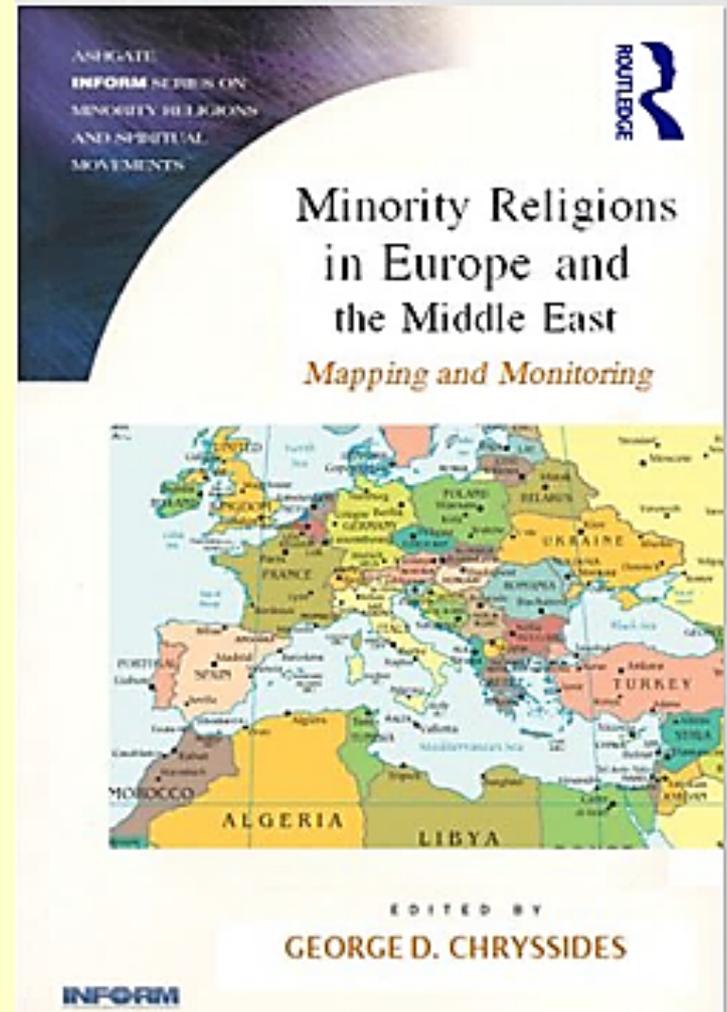
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## Pilgrimage –

- expresses one's own faith
- merit
- sacred space
- requires effort
- intention – self-improvement
- special religious acts / expectations



- space is uniform



- buildings are functional

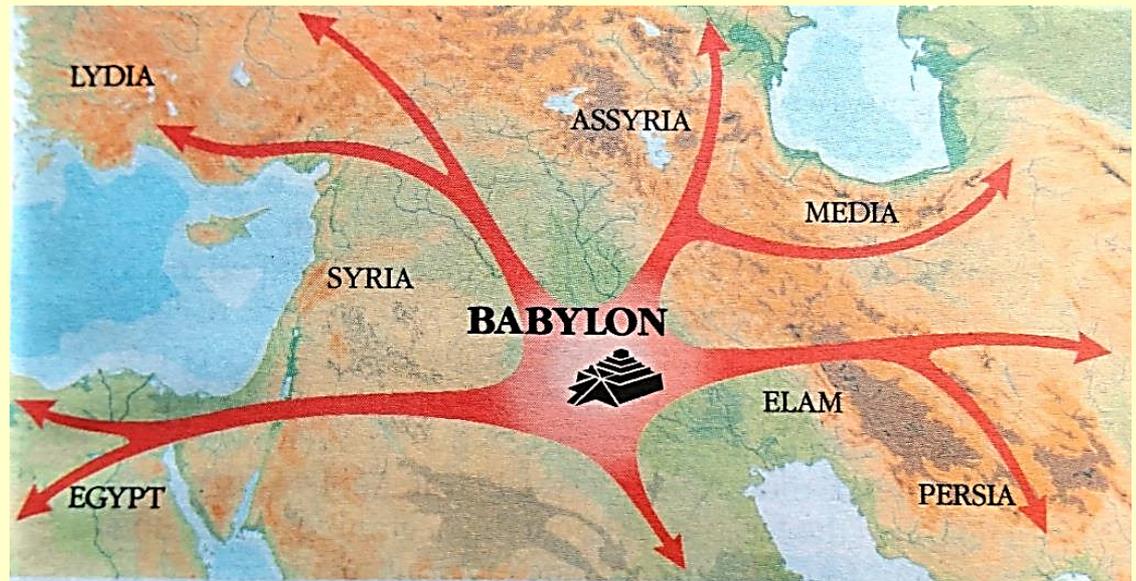
A wooden sign is mounted on a wooden structure. The sign is rectangular with a slightly raised edge and contains the text "The Great Day of Jehovah is Near." in a serif font. Below the main text, it says "-Zephaniah 1:14". The background behind the sign is a dark blue wall with a repeating pattern of golden-brown geometric shapes, possibly a decorative screen or wall paneling. The wooden structure supporting the sign has a dark blue mesh or fabric backing.

*“The Great Day of  
Jehovah is Near.”*  
-Zephaniah 1:14





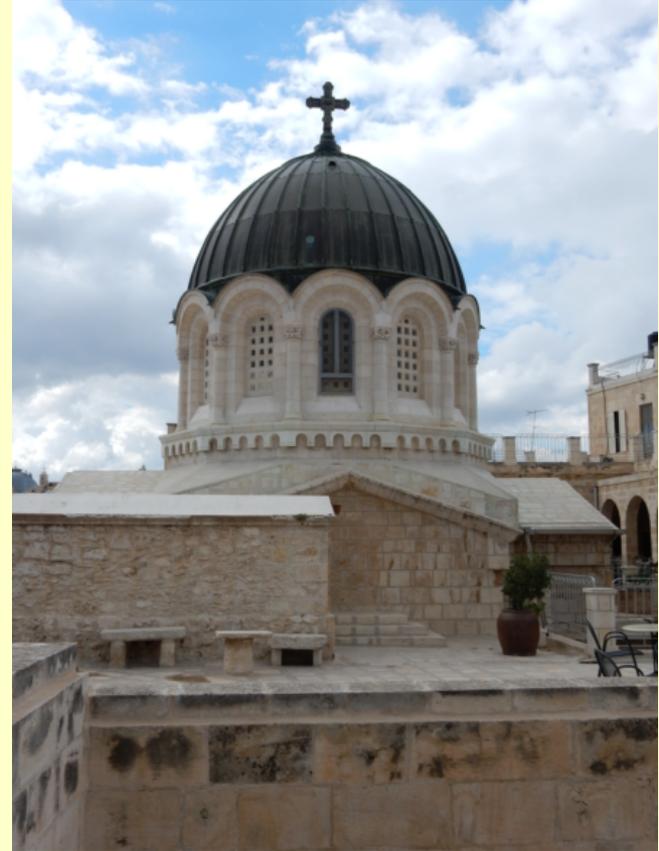
## Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)



**As the human race dispersed from Mesopotamia, their religious ideas and memories went with them**

## Sacred sites

- many owned by mainstream churches
- dubious authenticity
- associated with pagan festivals
- no special merit or benefits





Milan Cathedral



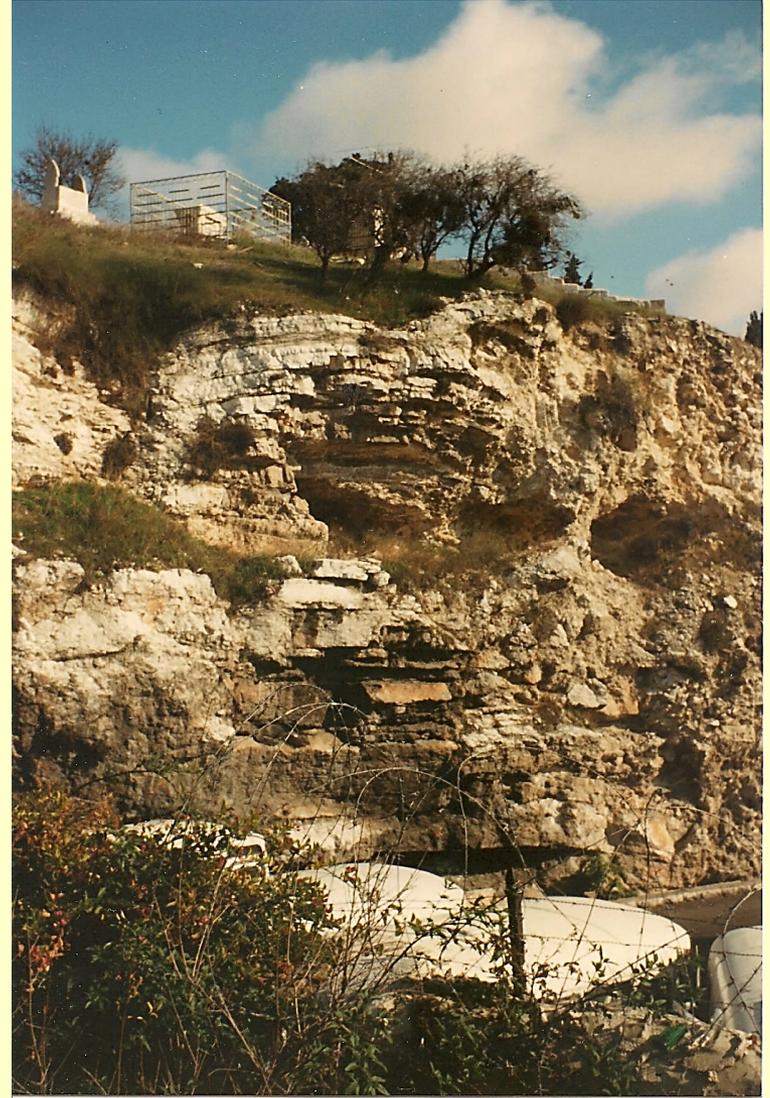
Old Cathedral, St  
Louis, Missouri



But some were saying:  
“The Christ is not coming  
out of Galilee, is he? Does  
the scripture not say that  
the Christ is coming from  
the offspring of David and  
from Bethlehem, the  
village where David was?”  
So a division over him  
arose among the crowd.

(John 7:41-43)





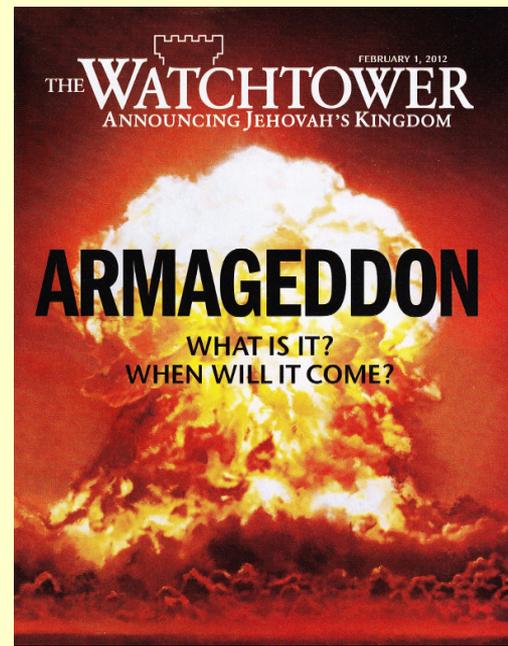




# Megiddo



The name Har–Magedon means “Mountain of Megiddo.” But rather than being a literal place, it represents the world situation into which all nations are gathered in opposition to Jehovah God and where he will finally destroy them. This is global in extent.



“And those slain by Jehovah in that day will be from one end of the earth clear to the other end of the earth.”

(Jeremiah 25:33)

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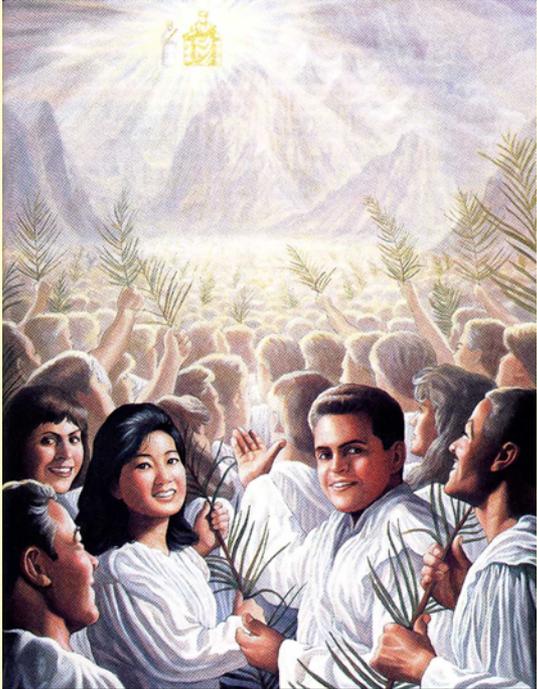
“Time, Travel and Truth”



**Nathan H. Knorr**  
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In the near future the reign of Christ the King will bring the establishment of pure, undefiled worship everywhere on earth, making necessary no pilgrimages here or bloody crusades to wrest one piece of ground from the grasp of its possessors. It was good to know this troubled area was being served by devoted believers in Jehovah's service.

**(Knorr 1952: 330)**



- All earth as sacred space  
    “**All earth belongs to Jehovah**”  
    (Psalm 24:1)
- Bible as a special book
- special people
- sacred time

