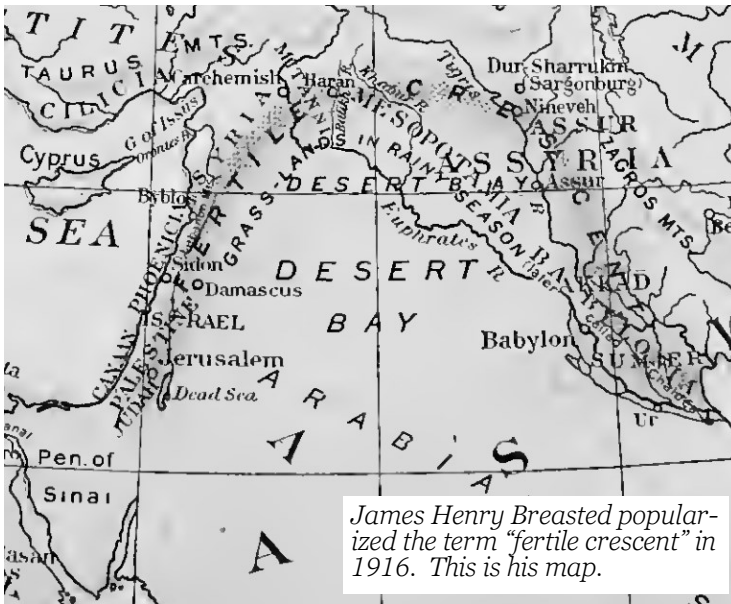


Milk & HONEY & BLOOD

Why War Inhabits the Holy Land



The Most Glorious

Genesis 13:1-18

Exodus 3:1-22

Numbers 13:1-33

Deuteronomy 11:1-32

Ezekiel 20:1-8

What does it mean to be a land flowing with milk and honey? First, this contrasts the entire land to the desert around it. Second, high rainfall in the north gave an abundance of wildflowers for bees, while the dryer south filled with goat herds.

WALKING THE BORDERS

From Mount Hermon in the north to the Brook of Egypt in the south, the Promised Land measures 200 miles. From the Mediterranean Sea to the Syrian Desert is about 90 miles. All in all, the Promised Land is a little bigger than Massachusetts.

The entirety of the land was not ruled by the Jews for long. Joshua's generation was not able to complete the conquest of the land. Israel's first king, Saul, only ruled a portion of the land promised. David, finally, completed the conquest. Solomon ruled in peace, expanding Israel's borders past the boundaries in Scripture. Then, after Solomon, the kingdom divided, and Solomon's expanse was never regained.

LESS THAN CONQUERORS

Numbers 21:21-35 and Joshua 23:11-13 give us a hint of Israel's incomplete execution of God's mandate. Deuteronomy 7 had commanded complete destruction of the people in the land, but Israel's appetite for a war of judgment was limited.

