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## Exodus 12

26 And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?'  
27 that you shall say, 'It is the Passover sacrifice of the Lord, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.' " So the people bowed their heads and worshiped.



## Exodus 13

- 13 But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.
- 14 So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' that you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.'



## Deuteronomy 6

20 “When your son asks you in time to come, saying, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the Lord our God has commanded you?’

21 then you shall say to your son: ‘We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand



## Joshua 4

**5** and Joshua said to them: "Cross over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, **6** that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?'"



## 1 Peter 3

**14** But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." **15** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; **16** having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.



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## 2 Timothy 3

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,  
17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.



## 2 Peter 1

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,



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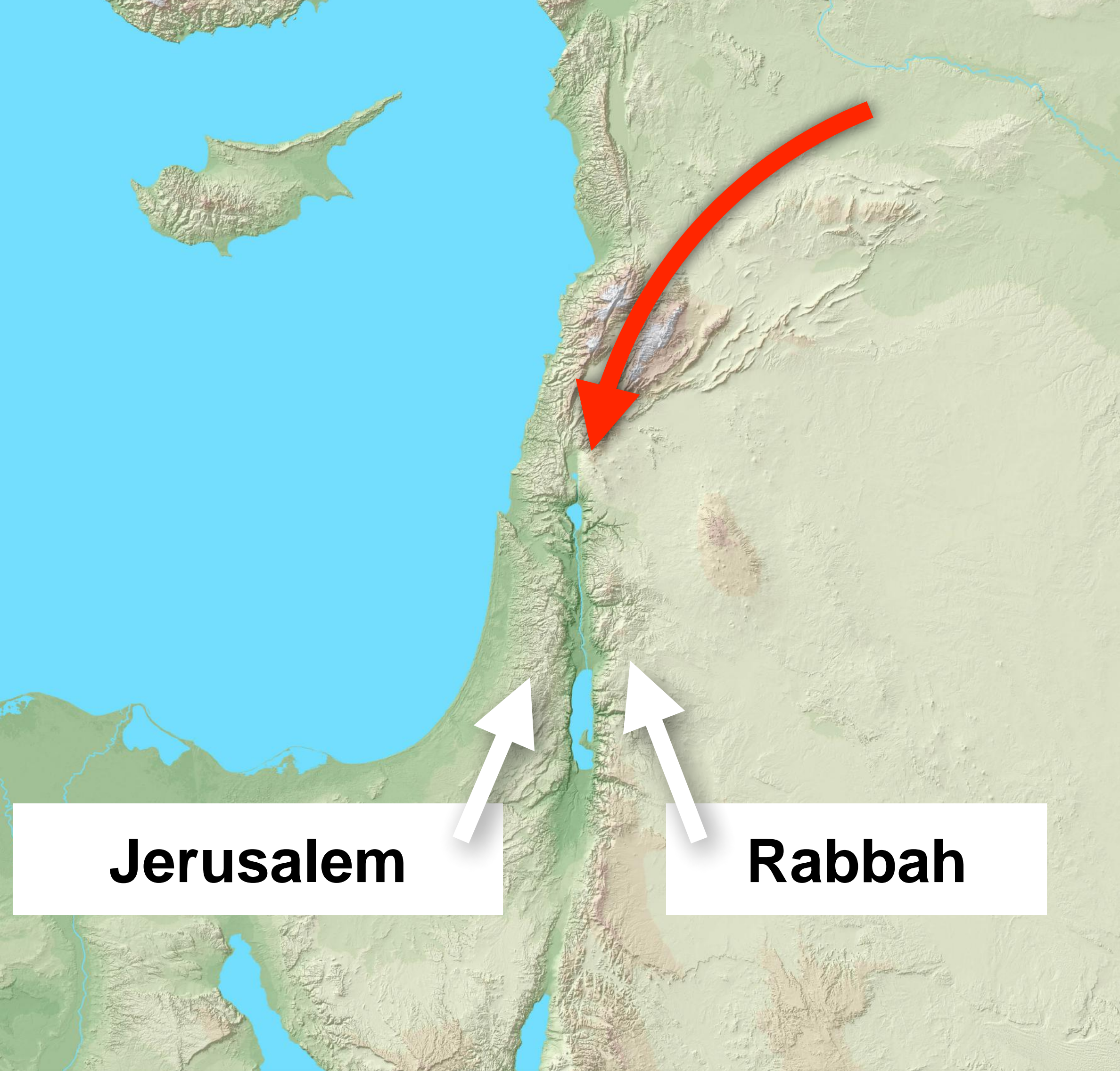
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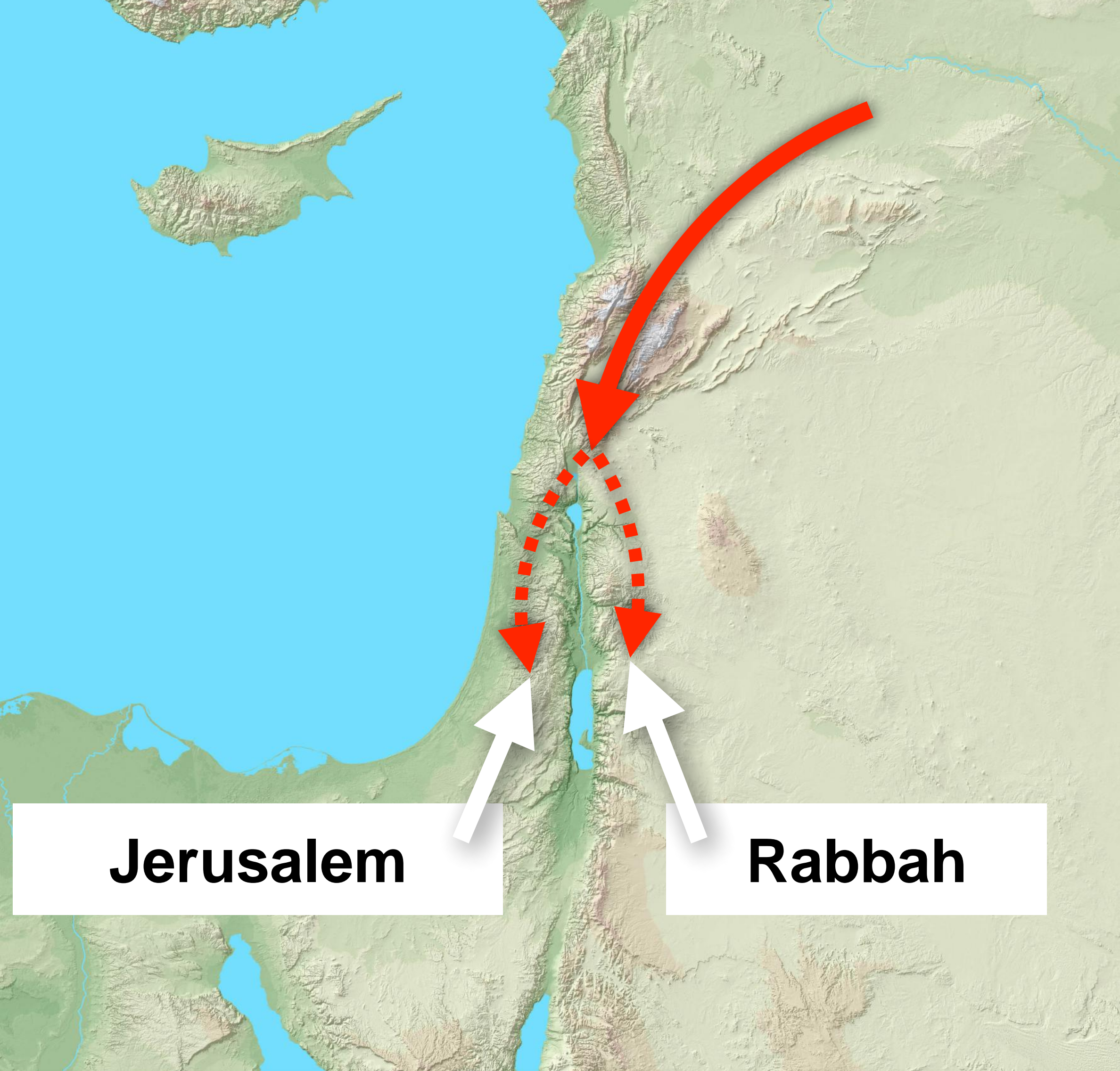
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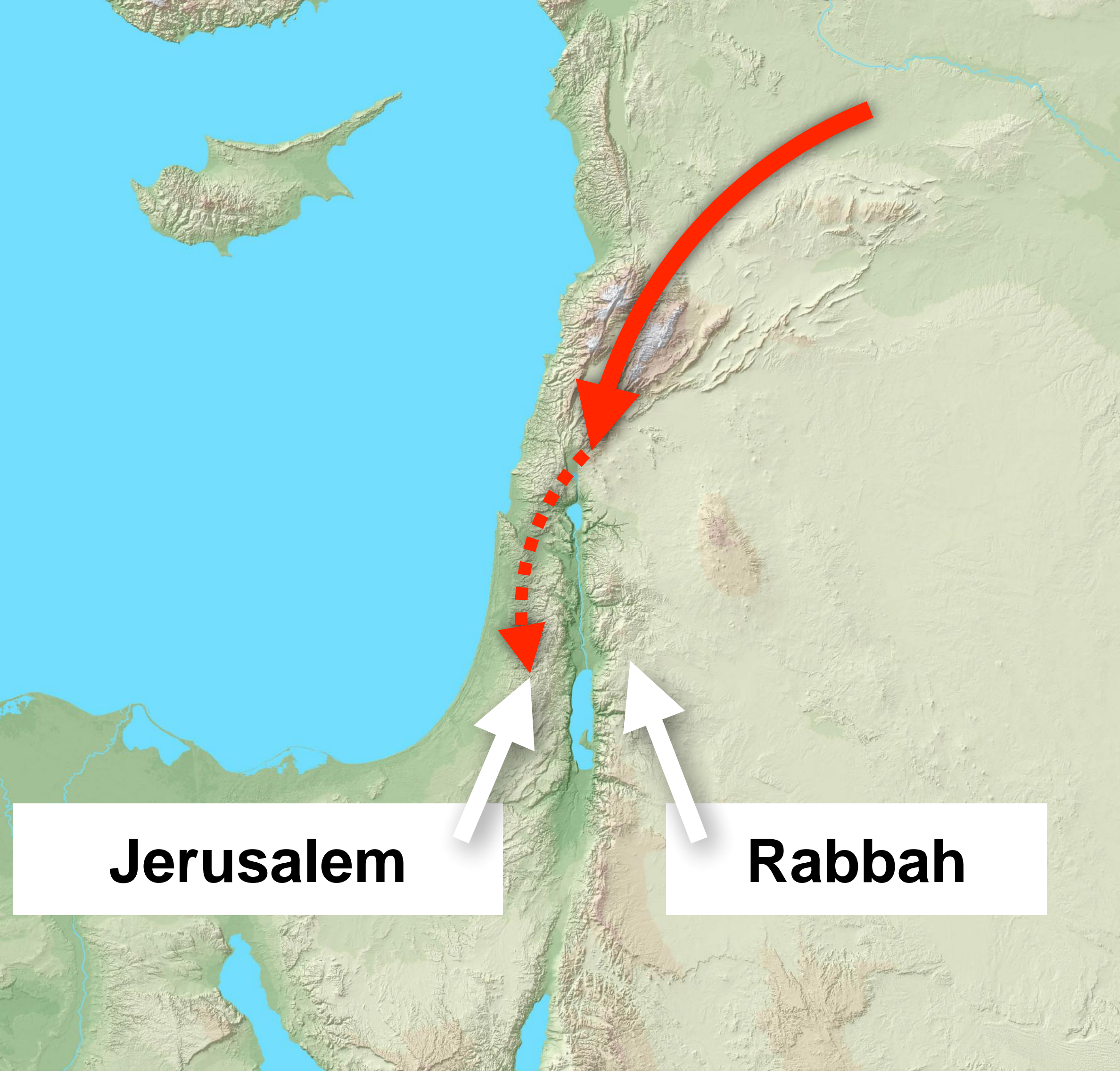
The lot is cast into the lap,  
But its every decision is from the Lord.  
**Proverbs 16:33**



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God uses unbelievers to accomplish His purposes and can even overrule their pagan methods of making decisions. God's people did not obey the declared will of God, but the pagan nations obeyed God and did not know it. What a paradox!

**Warren Wiersbe, With The Word**



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