

ROMANS



Circumcision -
2:25-29

Colosseum



**Arch of Severus,
Arch of Titus in
distance**

**Predicament of
Self-righteous**



2:1

**Principles of
Judgment**



2:2-16

Proof of Jews' Guilt



2:17-29

Protests of Jews

3:1-8

OUTLINE

- I. Introduction 1:1-17**
- II. Prov. of God's Righteousness 1:18-8:39**
 - A. Condemnation 1:18-3:20**
 - 1. Guilt of Humanity 1:18-32**
 - 2. Guilt of Jews 2:1-3:8**
 - a. Predicament of Self-Righteous 2:1**
 - b. Principles of God's Judgment 2:2-16**
 - c. Proof of the Jews' Guilt 2:17-29**

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 - 1) Failure of Inconsistency** **2:17-24**
 - 2) Failure in Circumcision** **2:25-29**
 - a) Complaint** **2:25**
 - (1) Value of Circumcision**

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CIRCUMCISION

1. Importance -

Gen 17:10-14

בְּרִית (berit)

- **A Legally Binding Contract**
- **An Agreement, Pact, Treaty**
- **Specifies behavior to be complied with**



ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

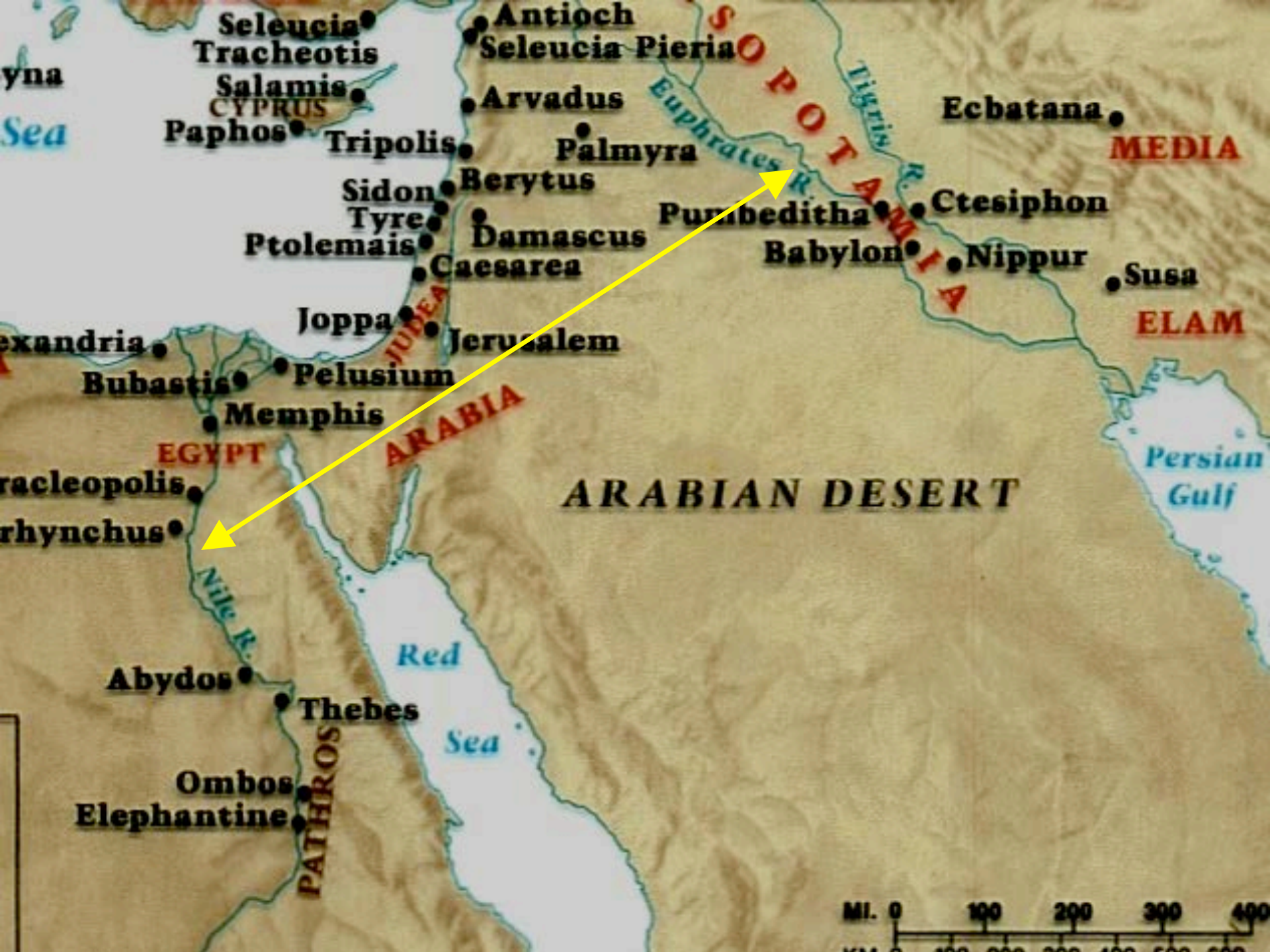
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- **Stipulations**

COVENANT

➤ **Seed**

➤ **Land**





COVENANT

- **Seed**
- **Land**
- **Blessing**



ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

- **Parties - God, Abraham, & descendants**
- **Stipulations**
- **Signing - unconditional**
- **Sign - circumcision**

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CIRCUMCISION

1. Importance - Gen 17:10-14
2. Jewish misconception

QUOTES

✓ **“Circumcision saves from hell”**
Jalkut Rubeni

✓ **“God swore to Abraham, that no
one who was circumcised should
be sent to hell”**

Medrasch Tillim

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LAW OBEDIENCE

➤ **Perfection required**

➤ **Sacrifices reminded**

➤ **Commentary -**

Gal 5:3, Jas 2:10, 4:17

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3. Spiritual significance

SIGNIFICANCE

- **Not intended for salvation**
- **Physical act with spiritual point -
sign of regeneration - Deut 10:16
cutting away from old life**
- **Return to land - Lev 26:41, Deut 30:6**
- **Prophets - Ezek 44:9**
- **NT - Gal 6:15, Col 2:11-12, Phil 3:3**

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 - (2) Condemnation of Circumcised** **2:27**

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A photograph of the Sea of Galilee at sunset. The sun is a bright yellow orb on the right side of the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the water. In the middle ground, a long pier structure with several truss-like bridges extends from the left towards the center. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, fading into a pale blue at the top. The water in the foreground is dark blue with small ripples.

Sea of Galilee

**Rituals have value
but not for salvation!!!**