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MATTHEW 3:5-12

5 People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.

6 Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

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7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

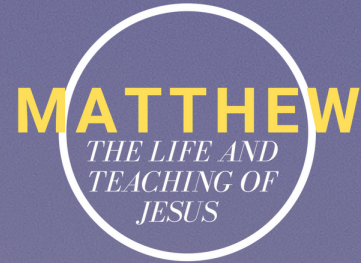
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10 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

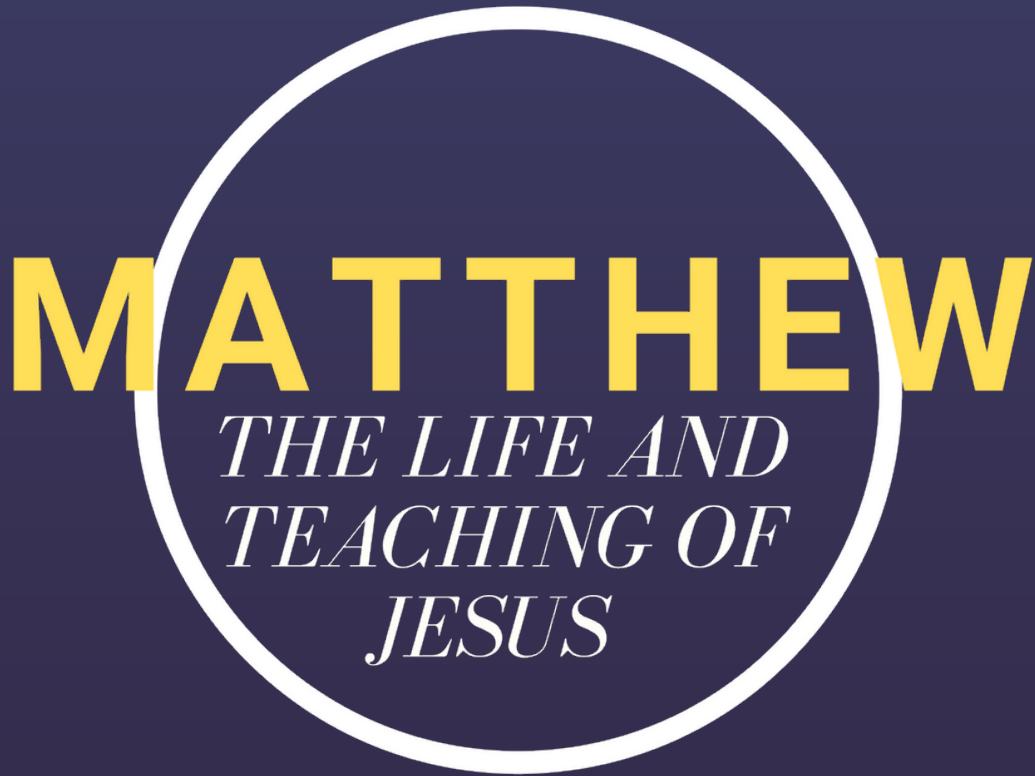
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12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”



TIMELINE OF MATTHEW

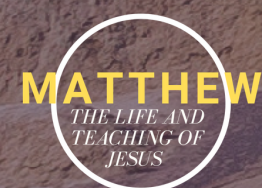
- Joseph's Dream
- 6 BC Jesus' Birth
- 4 BC Magi Visit
- AD 26 John the Baptist





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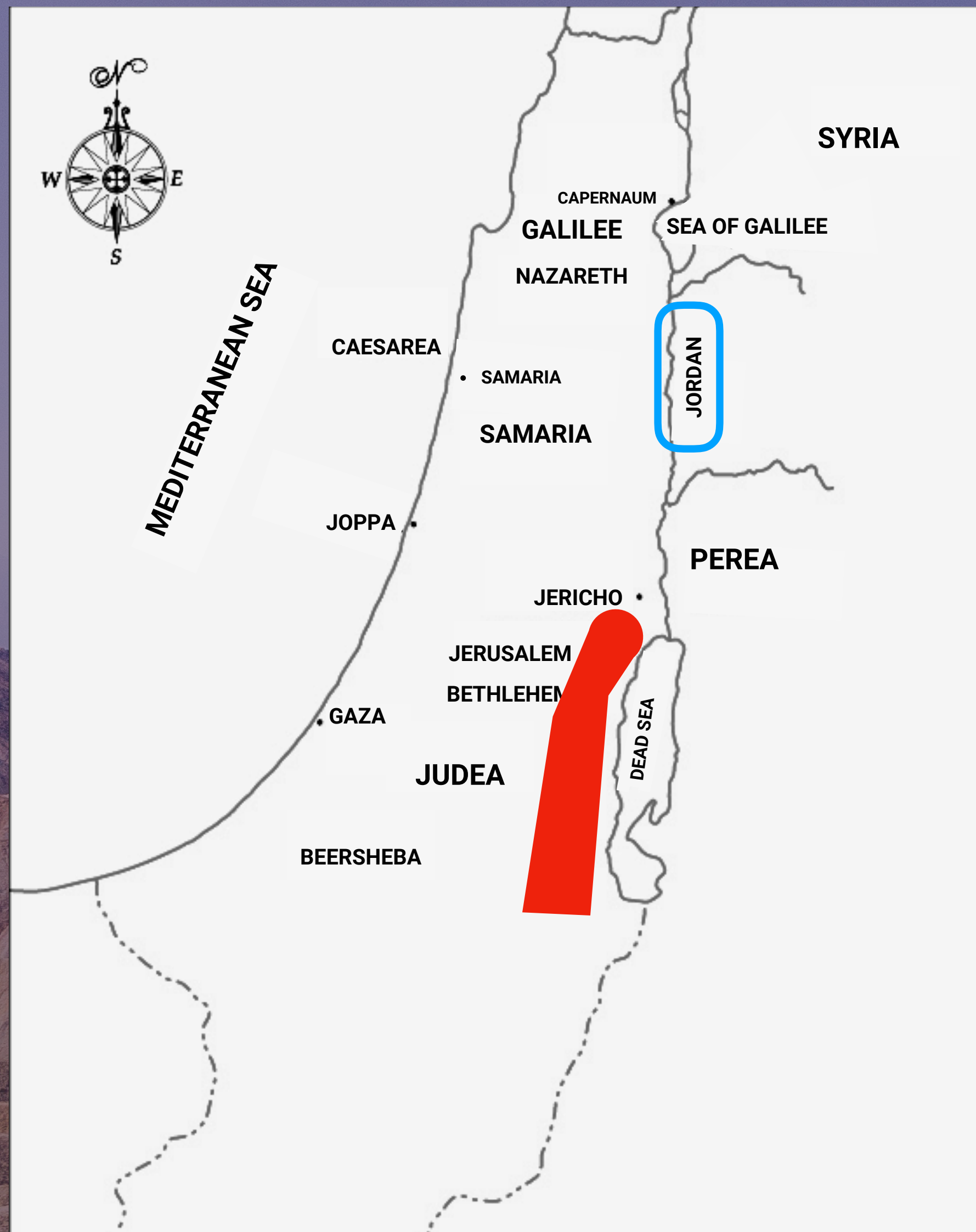
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MAP OF ISRAEL IN JESUS' DAY

“The Desert of Judea”

The barren desert area in the lower Jordan River valley and to the west of the Dead Sea.



“The evidence of real inner spiritual life is always the fruit of a changed external life. The arrival of the kingdom will bring with it real spiritual life that produces change from the inside out.”




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The background of the image is a vast desert landscape. In the foreground and middle ground, there are numerous layers of rock formations, likely sandstone, showing signs of erosion. The colors range from light tan to deep reddish-brown. The formations are jagged and layered, creating a complex texture. In the far distance, more mountain ranges are visible under a pale, hazy sky. The overall atmosphere is one of isolation and grandeur.

“We can create a warped view of God and the gospel by overemphasizing the judgment to come, but we just as surely distort people’s view if we minimize the reality of judgment.”

“The arrival of God’s kingdom in the preaching of John the Baptist is a warning of judgment, but it is also an invitation to life and an expectation of real change in the lives of those who respond.”