

Whence Does He Come?

Matthew 2:13-23

Final Sunday of Advent



Advent Theme: Love

Four Questions

- Who? **Jesus Christ, son of David,
son of Abraham**
- How? **From the Holy Spirit**
- Where? **In Bethlehem of Judea**
- Whence?

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¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

Matt 2:13-15 ESV

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To Egypt



The Flight into Egypt

Paris, Notre Dame Cathedral

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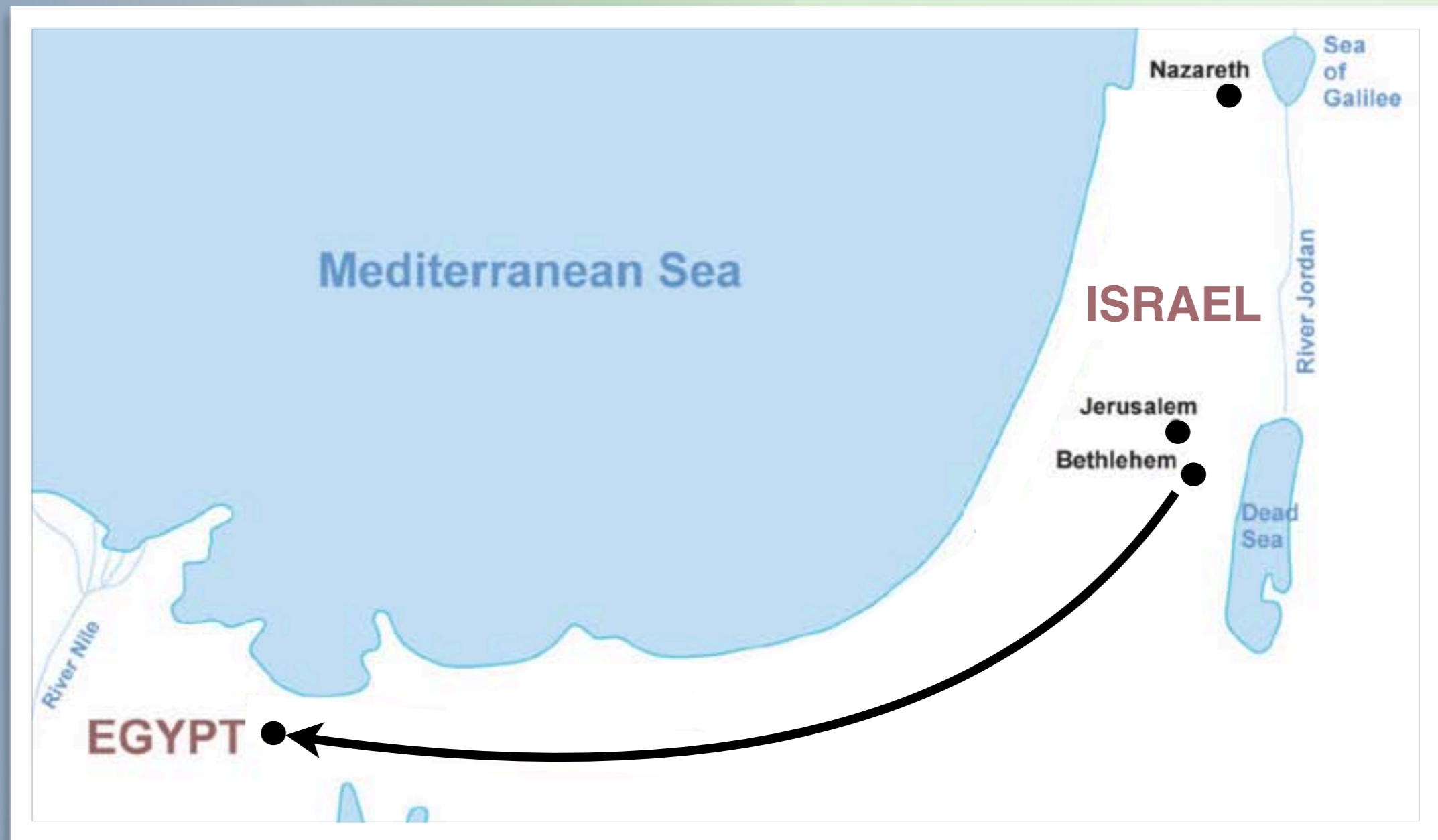
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**“When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.”**

Hosea 11:1



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16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

18 “A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are
no more.”

Matt 2:16-18 ESV

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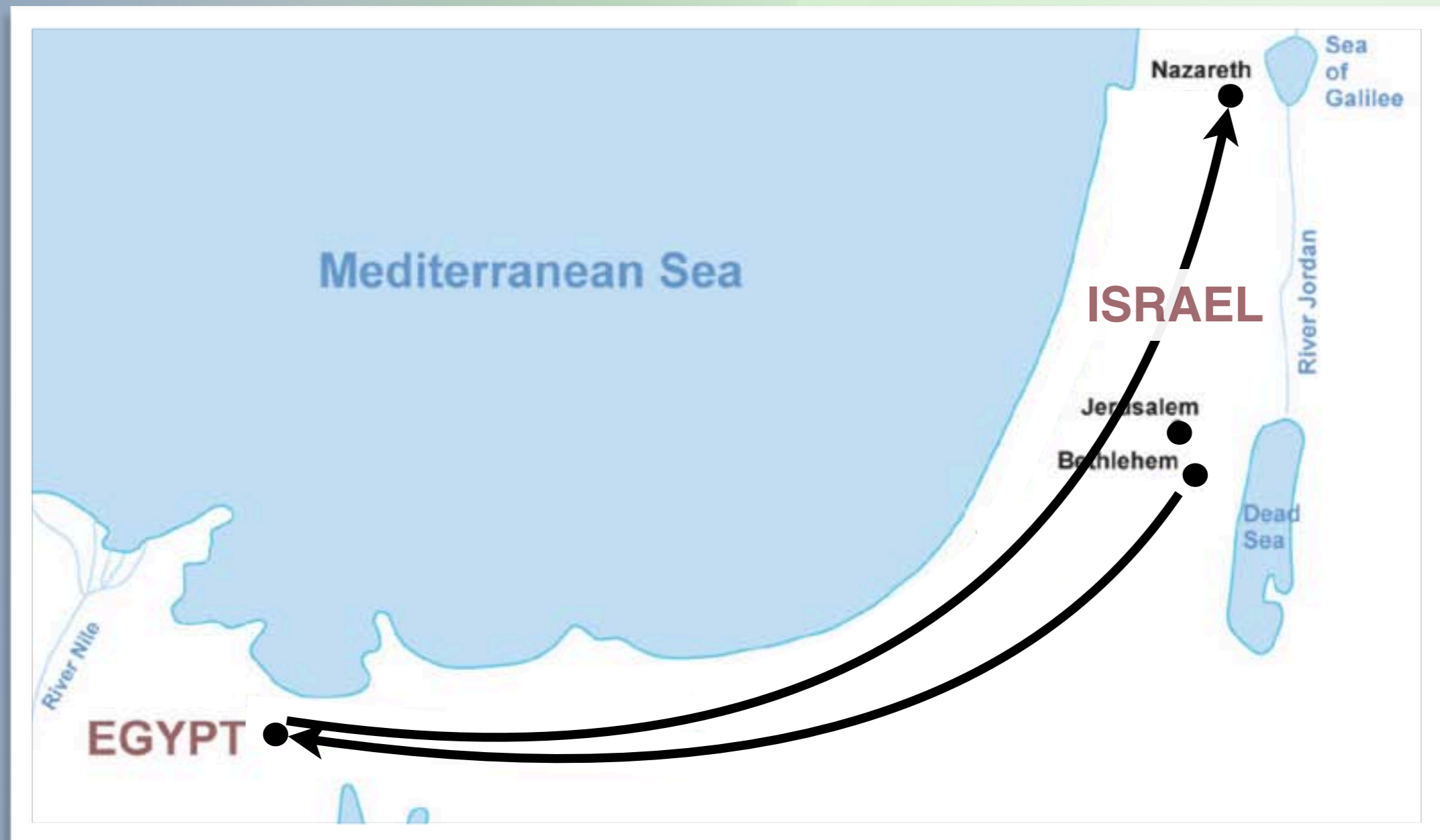
- Hope from Israel's Story
 - Moses is saved from Pharaoh
 - Rachel, the mother of Israel, watches the Israelites walk off into exile
 - Hope then: God will bring the exiles back!
 - Hope now: The child has escaped the monster!

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¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³ And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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 - Refers to the Hebrew root of Nazareth and Nazarene (נֶצֶר = netzer), meaning “branch”



“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a **branch** (נֶצֶר) from his roots shall bear fruit.”

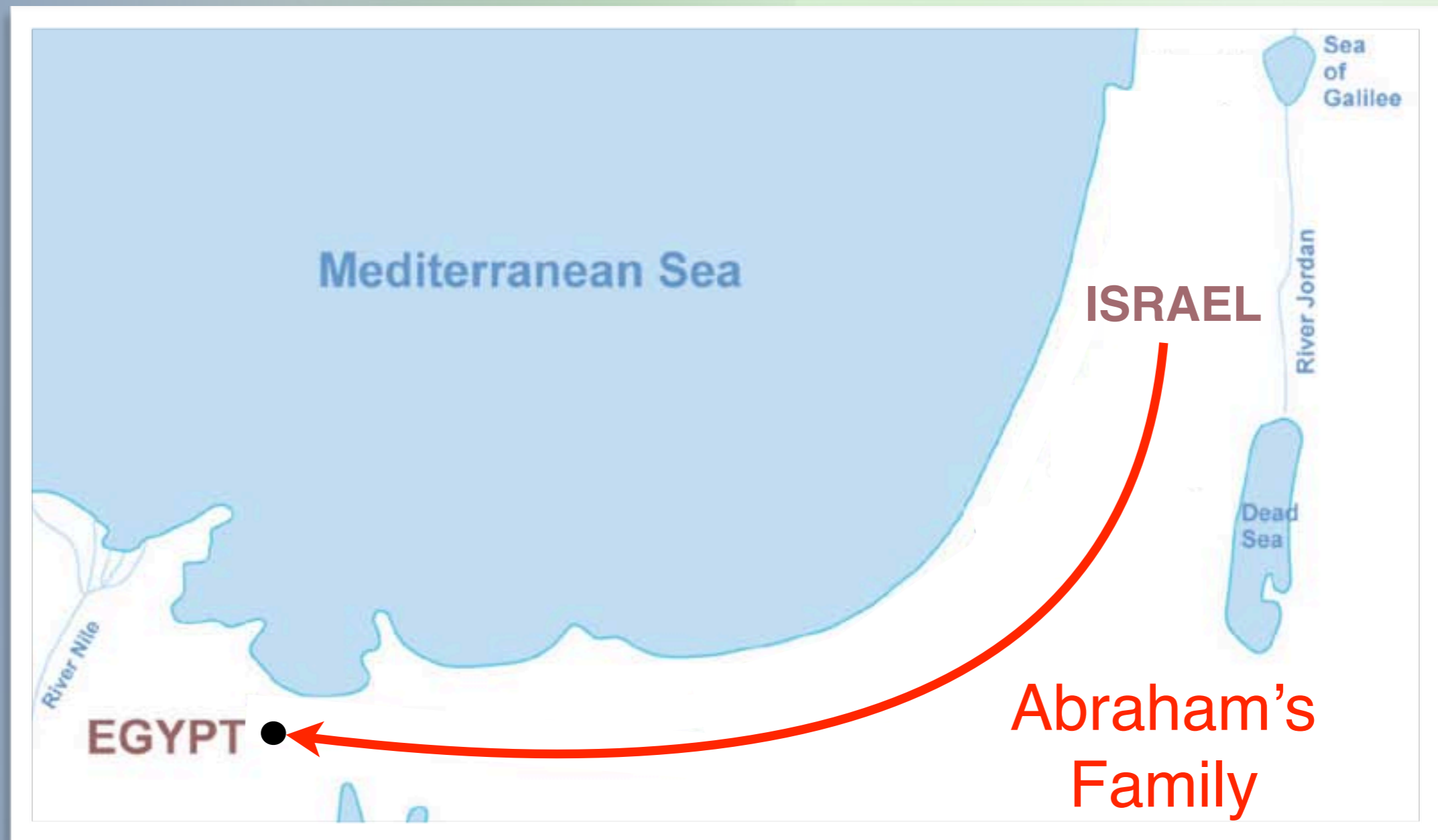
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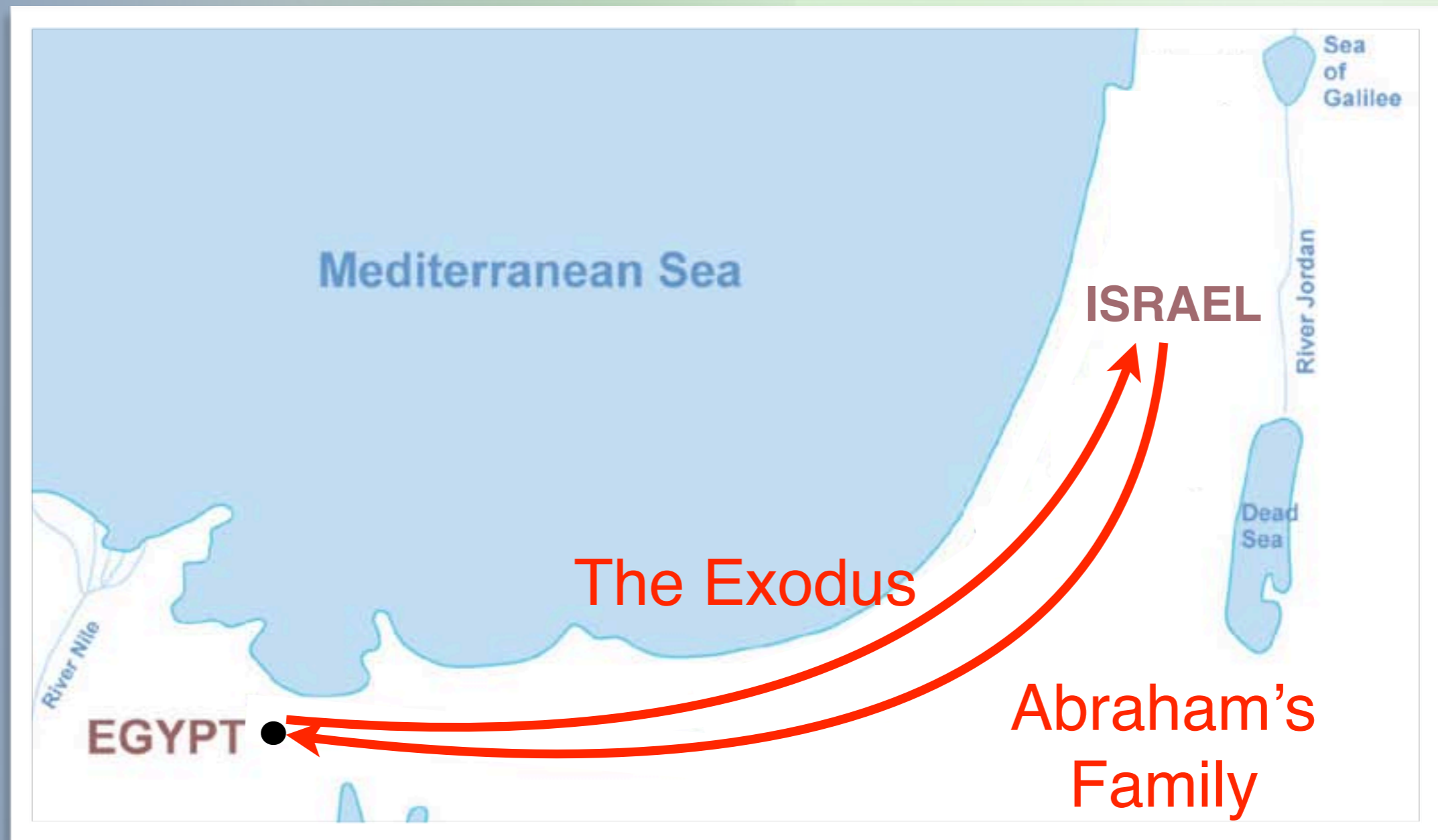
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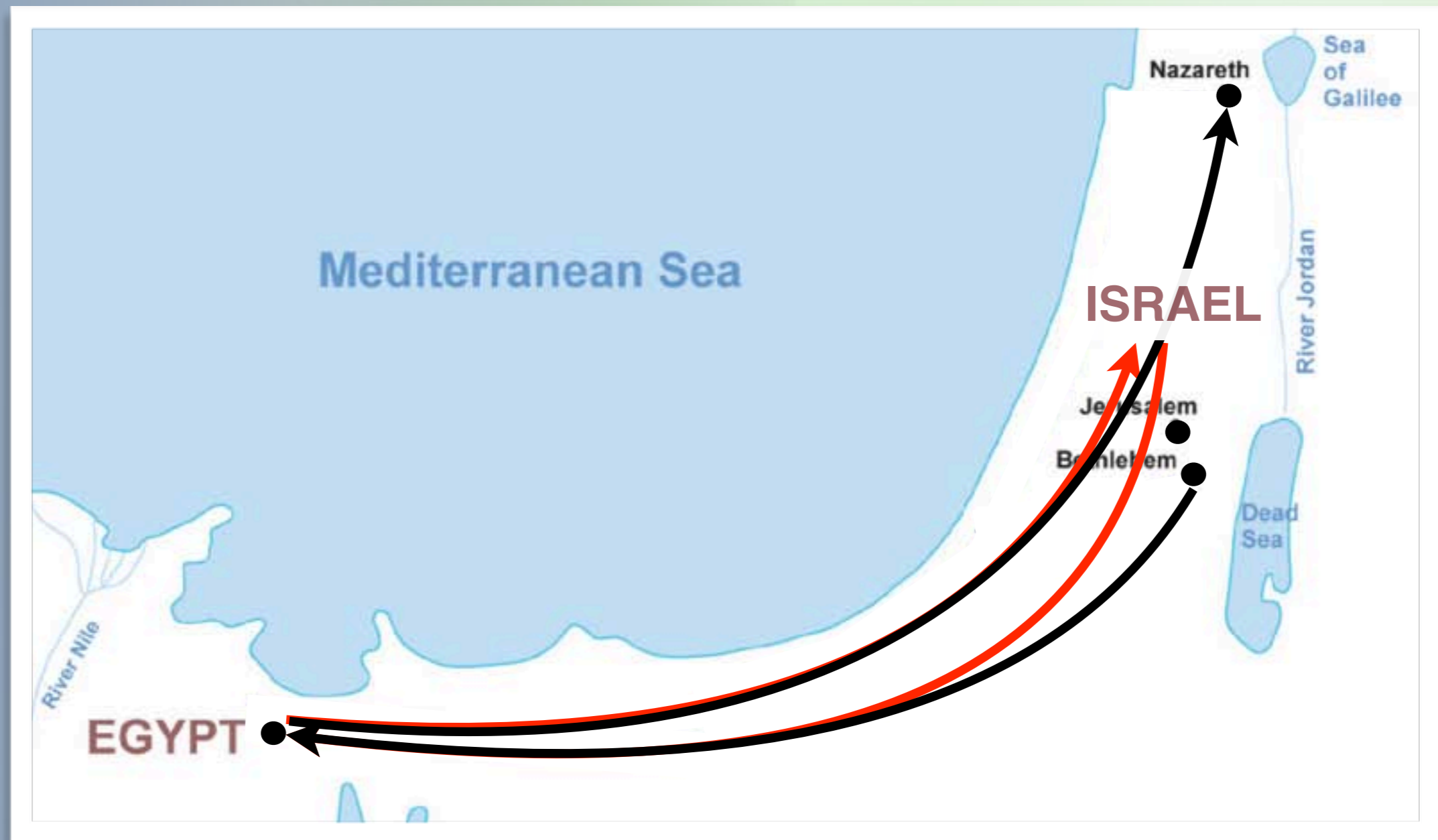
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This Son walks Israel's path, but will succeed where Israel failed!



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Which story will you live in?

