

TARSHISH

WHERE IS IT?



Tarshish

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Phoenicia

Suggested locations of Tarshish

Tarshish (Phoenician: 𐤕𐤓𐤕𐤑𐤕 *TRŠŠ*, Hebrew: תַּרְשִׁישׁ *Taršīš*, Greek: Θαρσεῖς, *Tharseis*) occurs in the Hebrew Bible with several uncertain meanings, most frequently as a place (probably a large city or region) far across the sea from Phoenicia (modern Lebanon) and the Land of Israel. Tarshish was said to have exported vast quantities of important metals to Phoenicia and Israel. The same place-name occurs in the Akkadian inscriptions of Esarhaddon (the Assyrian king, d. 669 BC) and also on the Phoenician inscription of the Nora Stone in Sardinia; its precise location was never commonly known, and was eventually lost in antiquity. Legends grew up around it over time so that its identity has been the subject of scholarly research and commentary for more than two thousand years.

Its importance stems in part from the fact that Hebrew biblical passages tend to understand Tarshish as a source of King Solomon's great wealth in metals – especially silver, but also gold, tin, and iron (Ezekiel 27). The metals were reportedly obtained in partnership with King Hiram of Phoenician Tyre (Isaiah 23), and fleets of ships from Tarshish. However, Solomon's Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians, making archaeological evidence difficult to uncover.

Tarshish is also the name of a modern village in the Mount Lebanon District of Lebanon.



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CONTROVERSY IN THE BIBLE?

- King Solomon had his ships in Ezion Geber at the **Red Sea** like King Jehoshaphat.
- The Kings of Greece led the People of Tarshish live in **Galicia**.
- Jona the Prophet fled from God to Tarshish from Joppe at the **Mediterranean Sea**.
- Herodotus tell us Tarshish is beyond the Pillars of Hercules that is behind Gibraltar in the **Atlantic Ocean**.



ETHNOLOGICAL ORIGIN

[Jash] Jasher 7:2

These are the sons of Japheth; Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras, seven sons.

[KJV] Genesis 10:2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

3 And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. 4 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.



TARSHISH IN JOSEPHS TIME

- [Jash] Jasher 50:
- 1 At that time the children of Tarshish came against the sons of Ishmael, and made war with them, and the children of Tarshish spoiled the Ishmaelites for a long time.
- 2 And the children of Ishmael were small in number in those days, and they could not prevail over the children of Tarshish, and they were sorely oppressed.
- 3 And the old men of the Ishmaelites sent a record to the king of Egypt, saying, Send I pray thee unto thy servants officers and hosts to help us to fight against the children of Tarshish, for we have been consuming away for a long time.

TARSHISH IN JOSEPHS TIME

- [Jash] Jasher 50:
- 4 And Pharaoh sent Joseph with the mighty men and host which were with him, and also his mighty men from the king's house.
- 5 And they went to the land of Havilah to the children of Ishmael, to assist them against the children of Tarshish, and the children of Ishmael fought with the children of Tarshish, and Joseph smote the Tarshishites and he subdued all their land, and the children of Ishmael dwell therein unto this day.
- 6 And when the land of Tarshish was subdued, all the Tarshishites ran away, and came on the border of their brethren the children of Javan, and Joseph with all his mighty men and host returned to Egypt, not one man of them missing.





**SHEBA DEDAN
MERCHANTS
OF TARSHISH**

**MAP IN THE
TIME
BETWEEN
ABRAHAM
AND JOSEPH**

SUMMARY

- The evidence would indicate that Tarshish in Josephs times was in Arabia the former Land Havilah because of the war with the Ishmaelites mentioned in the book of Jasher.
- After the war they fled to Greece formerly called the Land of the children of Javan where they build a city called Tarsus. There they were hired by the local king.
- Many more moved to the northern Isles

NEW TARSHISH AFTER WAR WITH JOSEPH

The Land of Javan
Father of Tarshish

Galacia

Nowadays Turkey

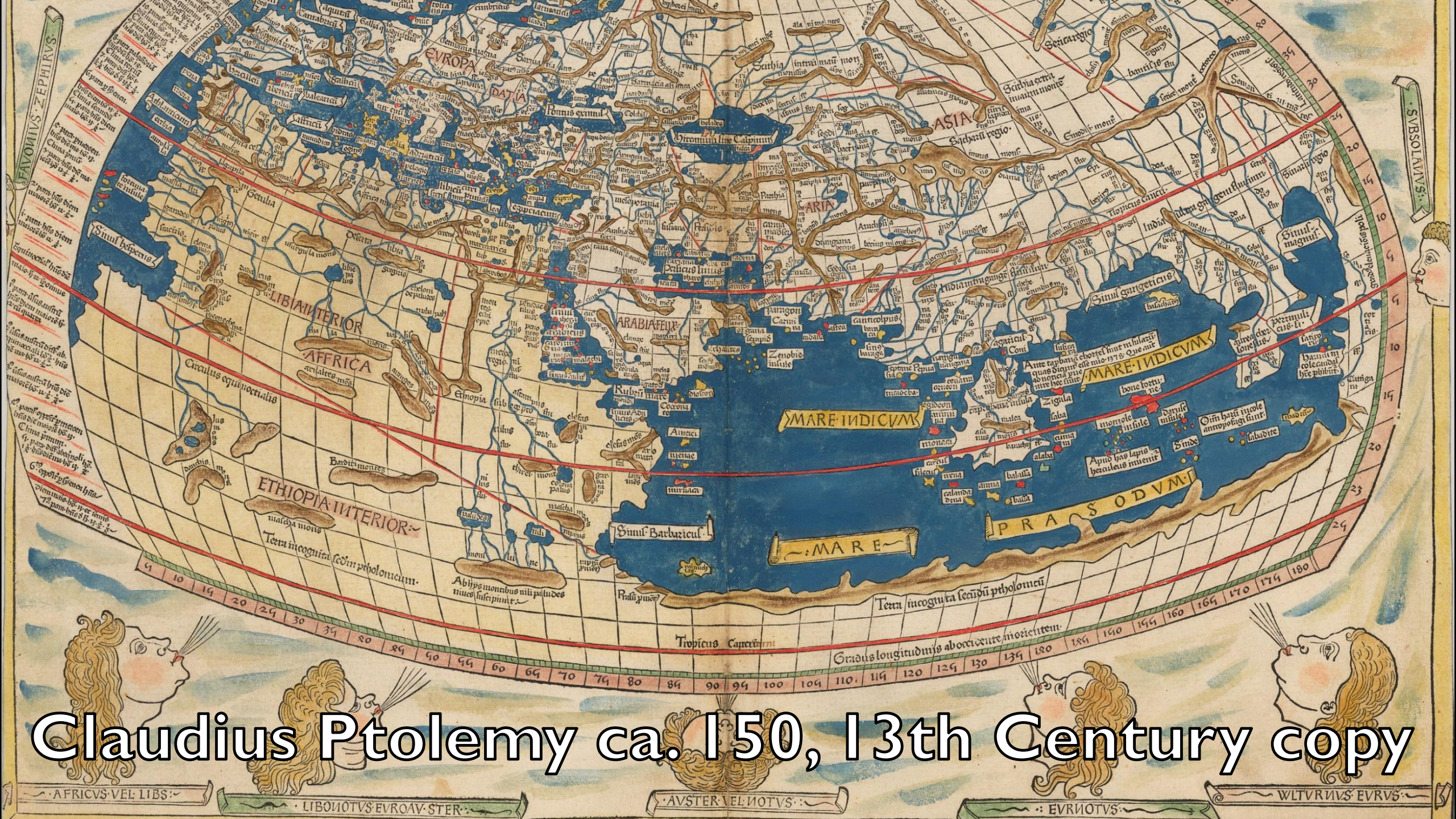
Later called
Greece

Tarshish



[KJV+] 2Ch 9:21

For the king's (Solomon) ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram (King of Tyre) : every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.



Claudius Ptolemy ca. 150, 13th Century copy

[KJV+] 2Ch 20:36

And he (Jehoshaphat) joined himself with him (Ahazjah) to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Eziongeber.

In that time a remnant of Tarshish still lived subdued in Havilah (Arabia)





Timna
(Egyptian and
Solomon's mines)

Land of Israel
950 BC

Land of Edom
1440 BC - 600 BC

Elat (Eloth)
(Tell el-Kheleifeh)

▲ Mt. Seir Deut 2:1
(Abu Jaddah 1592m)

Land of Egypt
1440 BC -
600 BC

Ezion Geber

Island of
Jezirat Faraun

Red Sea: 1 ki 9:26

Goshen/Rameses.

Succoth

Egypt

Exodus Route

Ezion Geber

Saudi Arabia

Nuweibaa

Wilderness of
the Red Sea

Mt. Sinai

Google earth

Imex/LandSat

80 mi





Tarshish

Javan

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Tarsus

Phoenicia

Israel

Egypt

Midian

Ishmael

Dedan

Tarshish

Nubia

Sabea

Ethiopia

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- When Jona (about 820-750 B.C.) went not to Niniveh but tried to escape to Tarshish, he went to take a ship from Joppe at the Mediterranean Sea.
 - Tarshish was a far away place and seem to have been well known.



← **Tarshish**

Joppe →

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Nubia

Ethiopia

Tarsus

Phoenicia

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Midian

Ishmael

Dedan

Tarshish

Sabea

Noah's Ark

Lake Van

Euphrates

Tigris

EZEKIELS LAMENTATION FOR TYRUS

Siege of Tyre (586–573 BC)

By Nebuchadnezzars II of Babylon

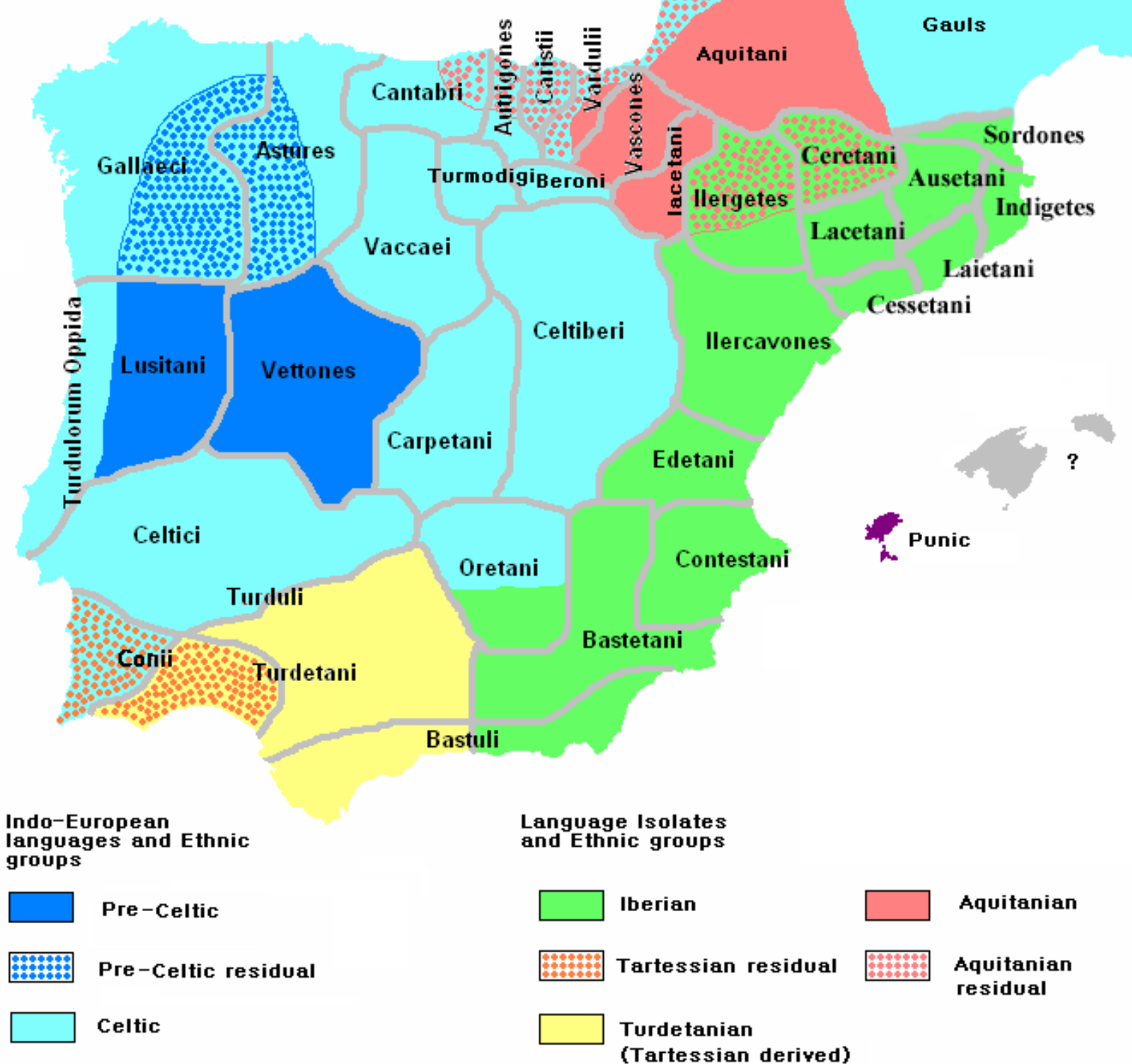
[KJV+] Eze 27:12

Tarshish thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs.



CELT-IBERIANS

Lived until 220 A.D in the land that nowadays is Spain and Portugal. After that the Roman made war against them so by and by they located to the British Isles



LETS BRING IT TOGETHER

- The evidence would indicate that Tarshish in times after the war with the Romans was Great Britain for the following reasons:
- There is no doubt Cornwall was the source of tin from the earliest times and that **no other location could supply the quantities used**. The Bible states that the merchants of Tarshish supplied tin to the markets of Tyrus when Ezekiel wrote in 587BC.
- It is possible that copper was mined in Spain but mainly in Egypt but tin from Britain was mixed with it to make bronze. All of the minerals marketed by the merchants of Tarshish could have come from Britain but **only some of the minerals** could have come from Spain.

LETS BRING IT TOGETHER

- Tartessus may well have been the Arabic form of the name Tarshish and the Spanish appear to identify Tartessians as the early Britons.
- There is no **historical** evidence that Tartessus was in Greek mythology simply placed it beyond the pillars of Hercules that is in Gibraltar which belongs to Britain until this day. It separates the Atlantic Ocean from the Mediterranean Sea. The great historian Herodotus had been told that the tin which was used in the Persian era, was from the “**Cassiterides**” or “**tin islands**” though he had no knowledge of where these islands were located or even if there was a North Sea on the northern side of Europe. Britain acquired the title of the “**tin islands**” because of the vast tin resources in Cornwall but Spain is a mainland country.



LETS BRING IT TOGETHER

- Tarshish in the latter days must have “**young lions**” of nations that are her offspring. Both Britain and Spain have had many colonies and have been great maritime powers but the British navy defeated the Spanish Armadas and Spain is no longer a great maritime power whereas the US began with British colonies and has seven navies that rule the world's sea lanes.
- Britain and America have strong ties with Arabia (Sheba and Dedan) which is linked to the last days whereas Spain has such no such links.
- The location Tharsis in Spain is probably so named by the **British mining companies** that owned the mines in the 19th **The name is not Spanish.**

THE **FUTURE** WAR

GOG FROM MAGOG

- [KJV+] Eze 38:13
- Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the **young lions** thereof,...



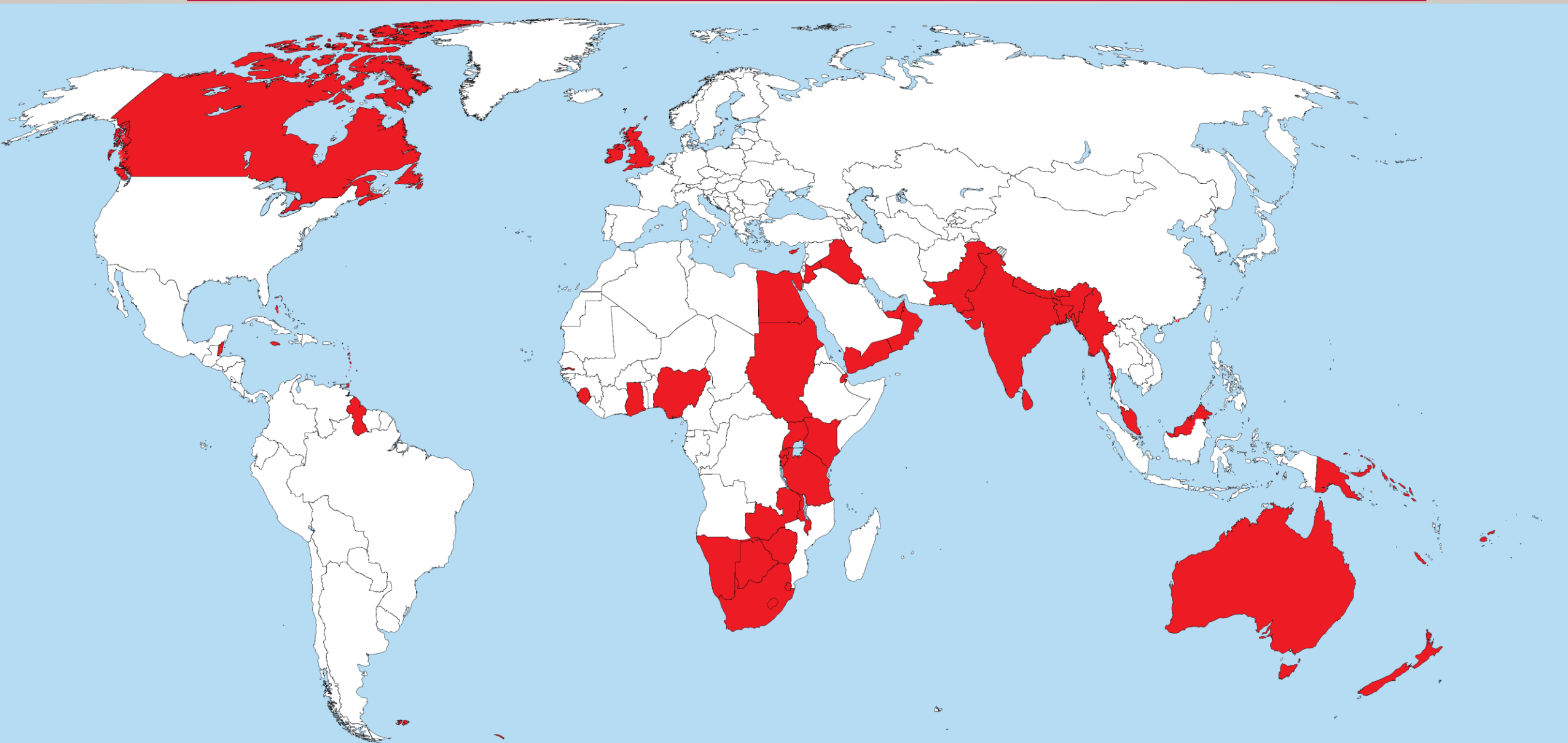
YOUNG LIONS



یہ سپاہی ہندوستان کی حفاظت کر رہا ہے۔ وہ اپنے گھر اور گھروالوں کی حفاظت کر رہا ہے۔
اپنے گھروالوں کی مدد کرنے کا سب سے اچھا طریقہ یہ ہے کہ فوج میں بھرتی ہو جاؤ۔



BRITISH EMPIRE



CONCLUSION

We therefore conclude that Tarshish with all its history with Arabia, Greece and Spain and the “Tin Isles” (England) of ancient times was and is the Britains, and that the *“merchants of Tarshish and the young lions thereof”* are the offshoots of Britain that will have a major role during the Tribulation period. They will be the first to bring the redeemed nation of Israel back to the land **when Christ returns (Isaiah 60:9).**

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The end