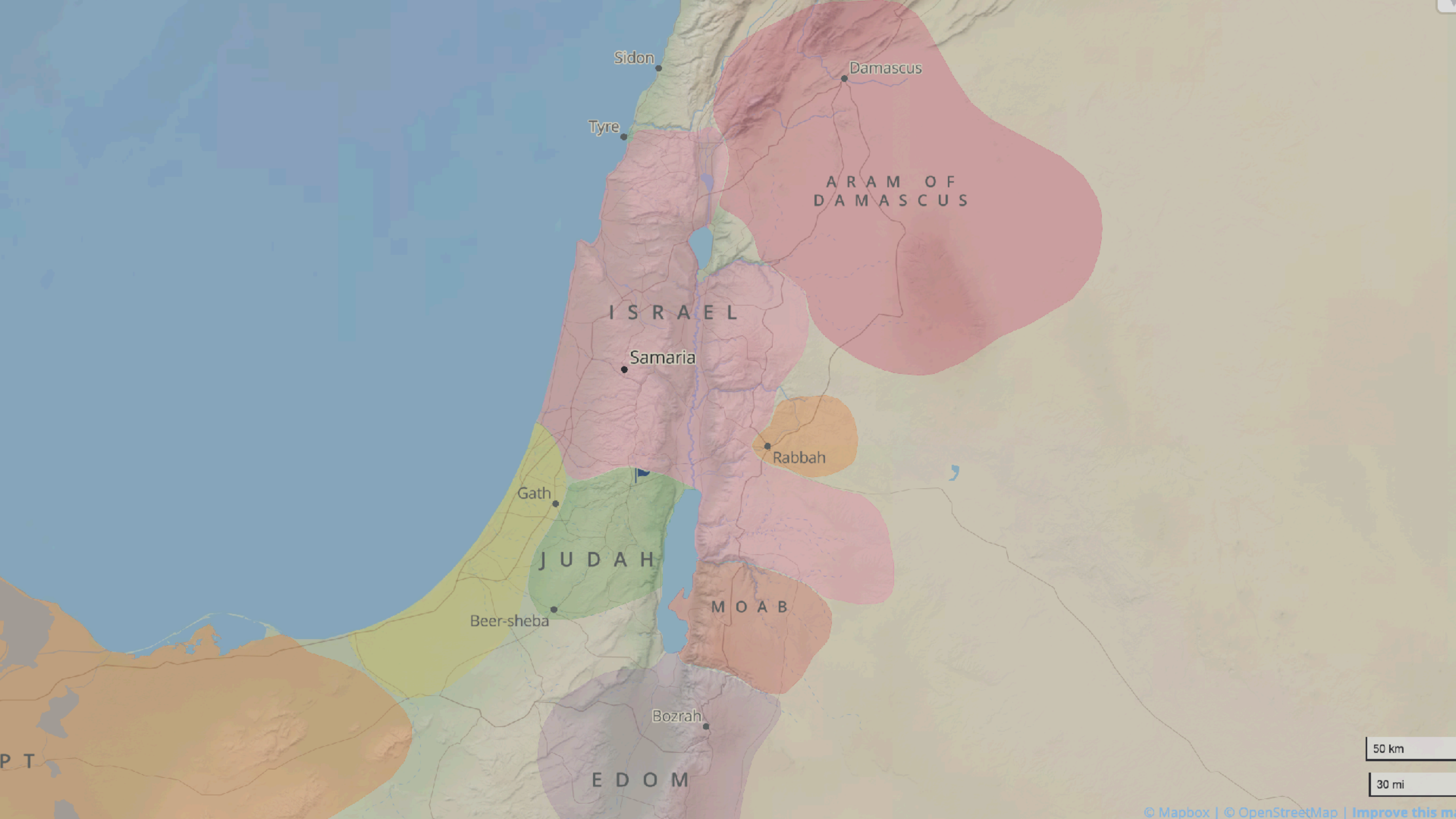


Advent:
A Word and A Baby

Isaiah 7:1-17

**God is reliable, even when
His ways seem foolish.**

- A Word**
- A Baby**
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A Word

- God promises Ahaz protection before Ahaz does anything to pursue God
- This is an act of pure, undeserved grace and mercy

A Baby

- Sign - A nonverbal proof that God's word is true
- The baby God promises to send is a sign that the nations attacking Judah will be destroyed and Judah will be destroyed for its lack of faith
- Ahaz refuses to trust God and instead bargains with Assyria for their help
- A promised baby feels weak and powerless

Isaiah 7:1-17

A Word and A Baby

- Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of this sign
- God has spoken to us in our trials
- God's sign to us that He will keep His promise is a baby
- The baby sent to us actually wins the battle through His work