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Concept Two  
Providential Placement

Introduction: God's glorious creation is exactly what He intended for His glory. He placed Israel exactly where it needed to be for His use for His glory.

A. Details of Israel

1. About 140 miles long north to south
2. 40-80 miles wide
3. No known oil reserves
4. Little tillable soil
5. No natural defenses
6. No natural ports

B. Great trade routes

1. Kings highway-east of Jordan
2. Via Maris "way of the sea"

C. Nations pass through Israel

1. Bottle neck in Israel
  - a. Three passes
    1. Jezreel - Megiddo-Mt Carmel - Mt Gilboa east
    2. Dothan - south to south west
    3. Megiddo - southwest
  - b. Great taxation
2. Robbers

D. No evangelistic decree

1. The world comes to them
2. Their life and their laws demonstrate who He is

Conclusion: Israel is being used by God as He intended. Their importance to Him and to the world is significant. He placed them exactly where He needed them for His glory.