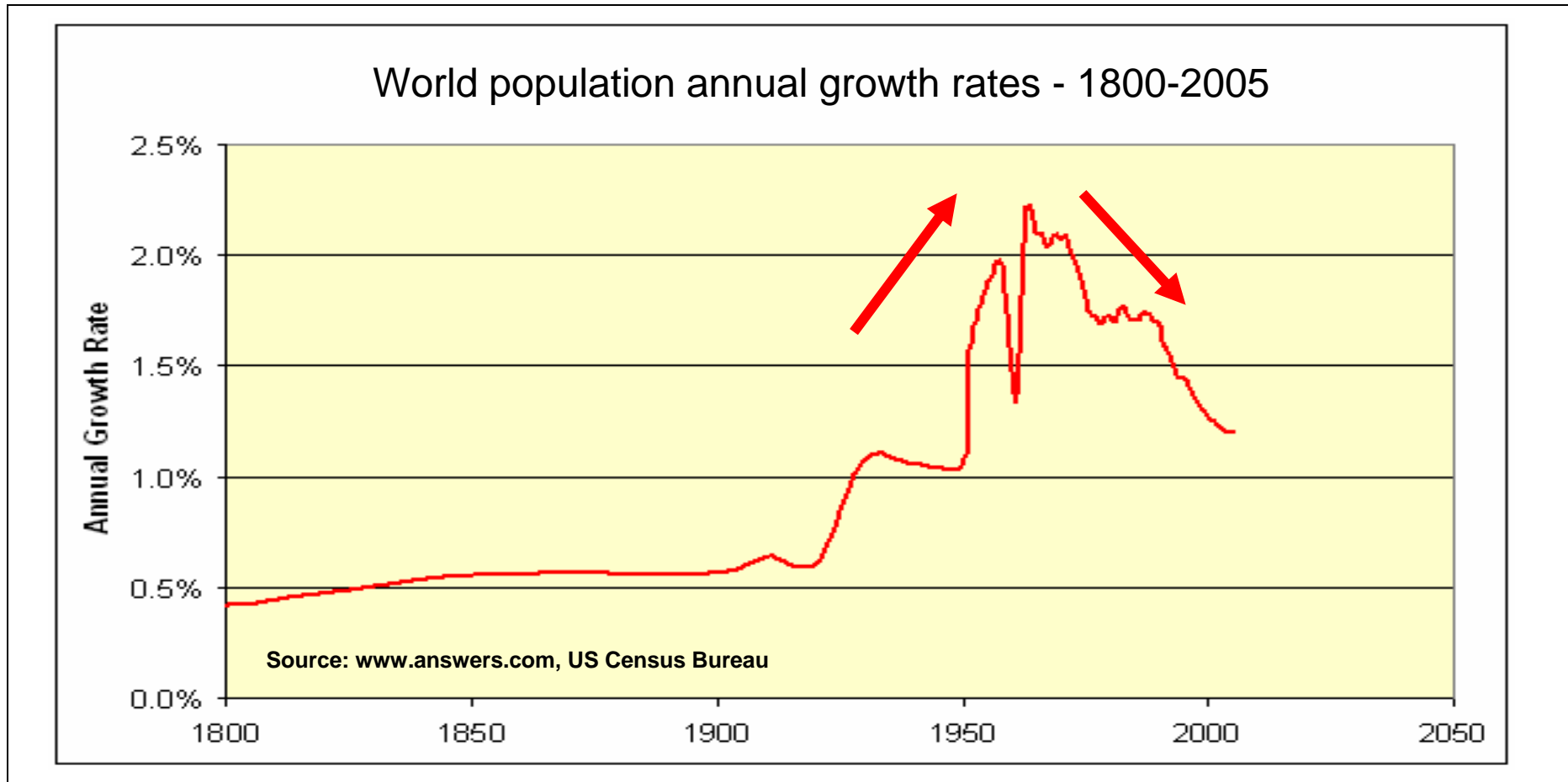


1. Population Trends: Two consecutive, unprecedented developments in one century

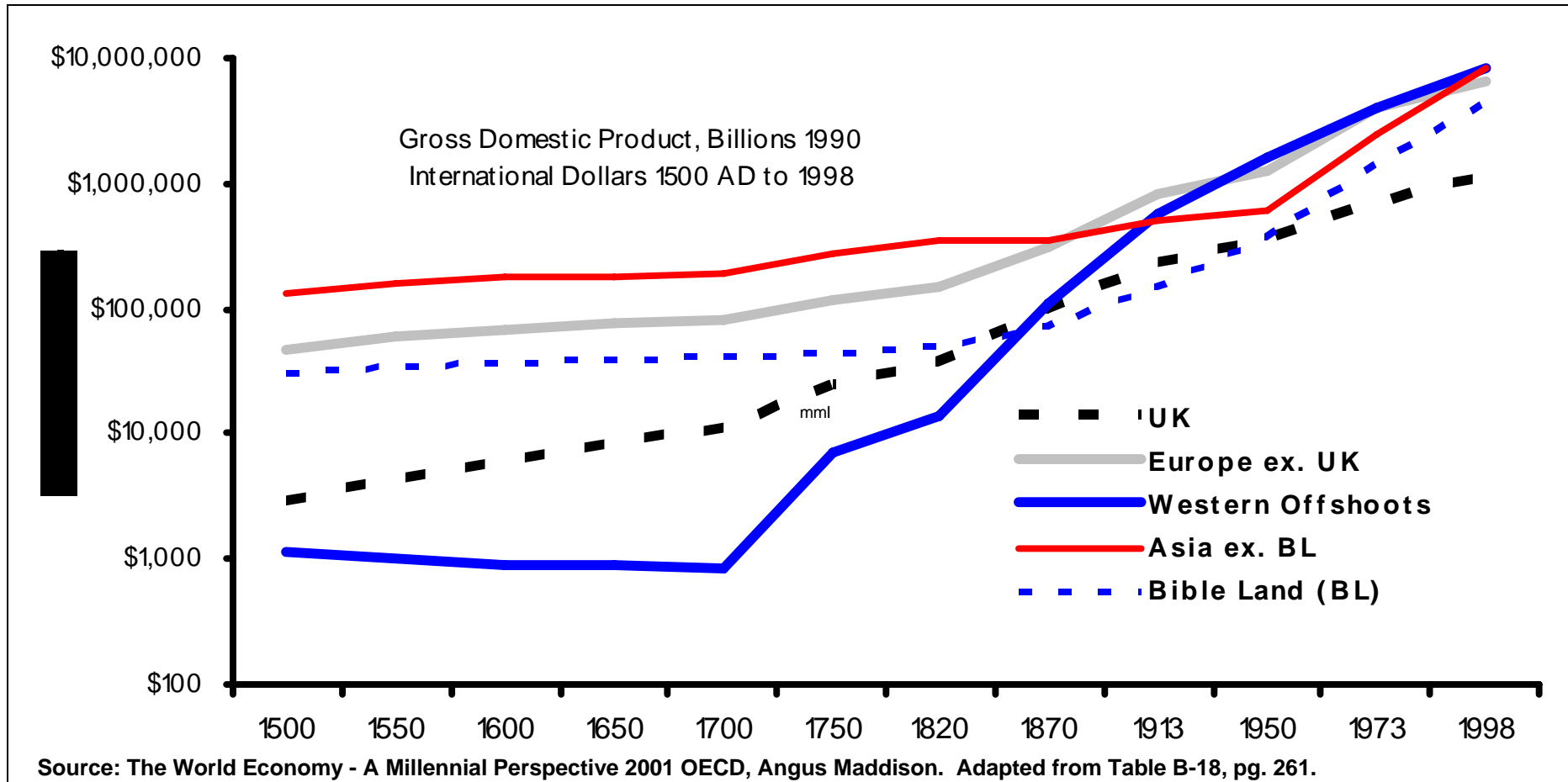


One of the most major developments impacting the world today are population growth shifts. After millennia of slow population growth, suddenly expansion spurted upwards early in the 1900s ... as never before in world history. But then, also for the first time in history, a voluntary population growth slowdown began in the 1960s. This deceleration continues today and is deeply intertwined with other world conditions prophesied for the endtimes — selfishness, materialism, self indulgence ... etc.. Therefore, this is a deduced endtime trend, not an inductive one that is directly supported by Bible scripture.



2. Asia Rising

Economic Size by Major Regions & Powers

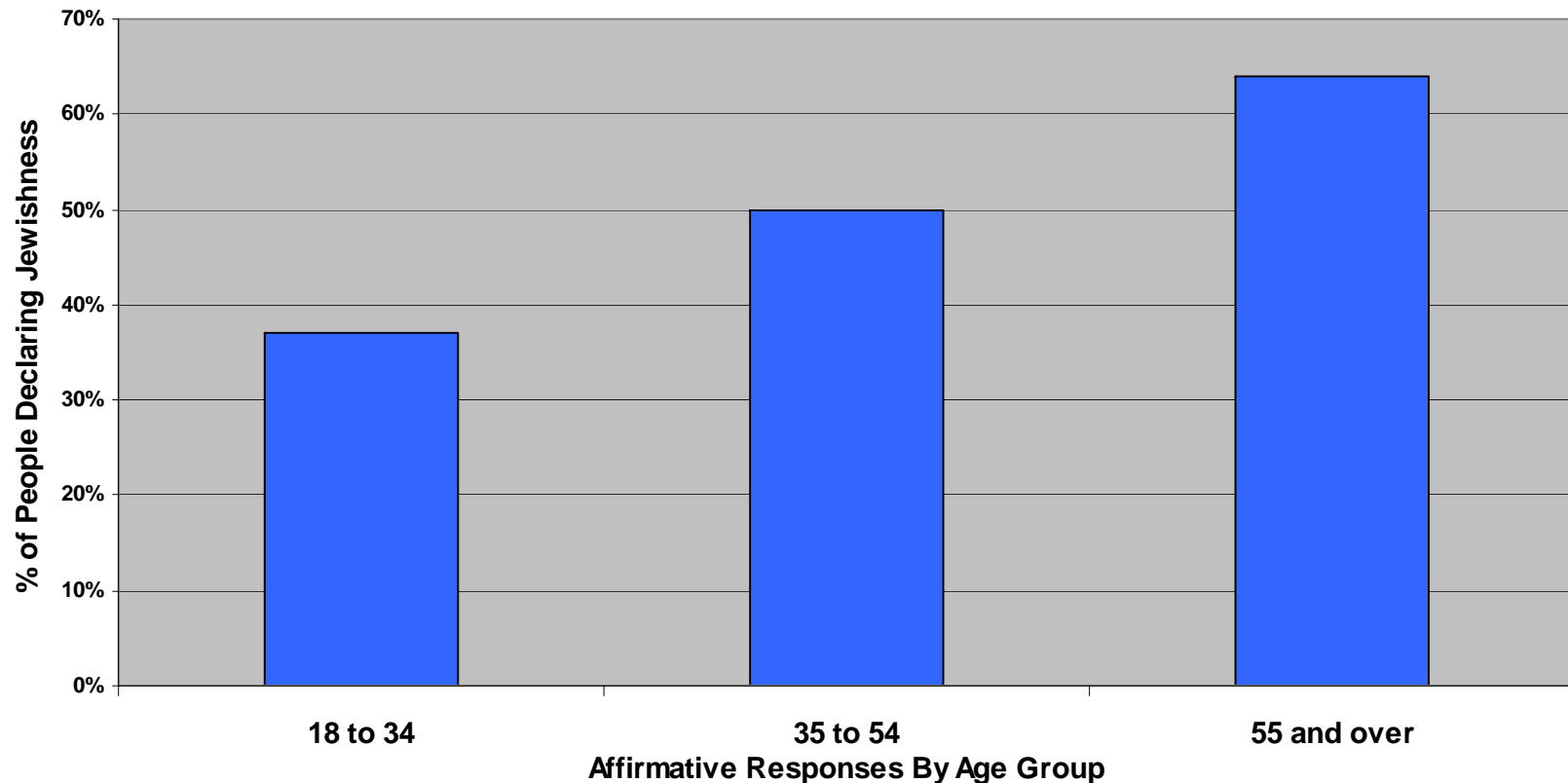


The economic power centre of the world has changed several times over the millennia. China was world's largest economy 18 of past 20 centuries. Then, only recently in world history did the Western Offshoots — the New World, the US, Canada, Australia ... etc. — begin to come into the world trade arena. Over a period of less than 200 years, these countries became dominant. But lately, Asia is again rising and will in perhaps less than two decades again become the dominant economic node in the world. Scripture is silent on this specific development, although mentioning the Kings of the East. No specific nations are identified. By deduction one could conclude that Asia might become powerful both militarily and economically. (Revelation 16:12)



3. US Jews: Out-marriage Trend

% by age group with 2 parents of Jewish origin



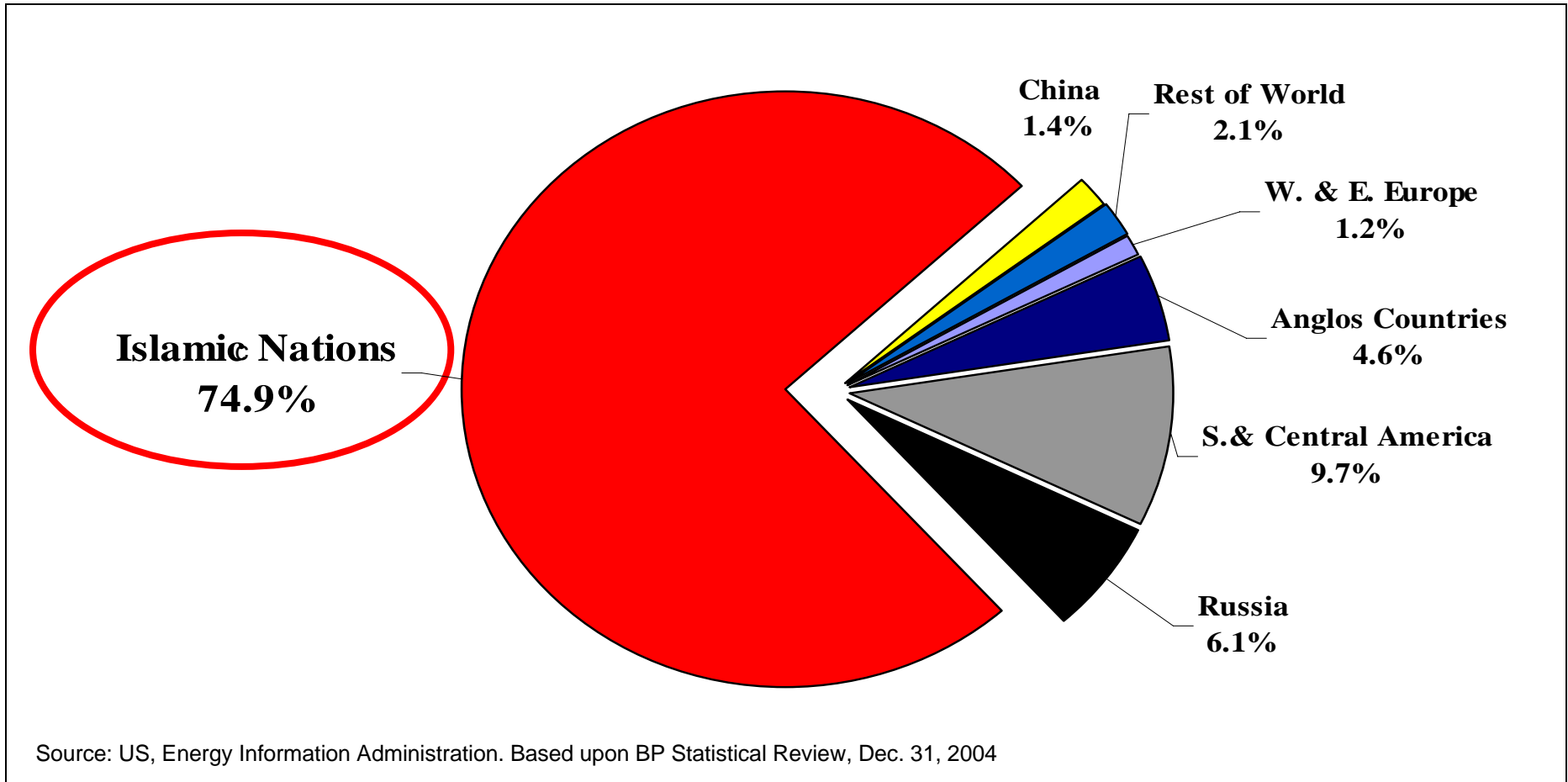
Source: The North American Jewish Databank, National Jewish Population Survey, 2000-2001

In the US, more and more Jews are marrying outside of their group. This trend has already been well recognized for more than a quarter century. Christians who are Dispensationalists recognize that God has a separate plan for the (non-Christian) Jews. In that sense, Israel and the fate of the “wandering Jew” in the world are of prophetic interest. Just how would the rising trend of out-marriage by American Jews (and other Diaspora countries) interplay with God’s prophetic plan? Two-thirds of the Diaspora Jews live in America. All Jews (House of Jacob) will be in Israel in the Millennium. *“Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm.”* (Isaiah 60:4)

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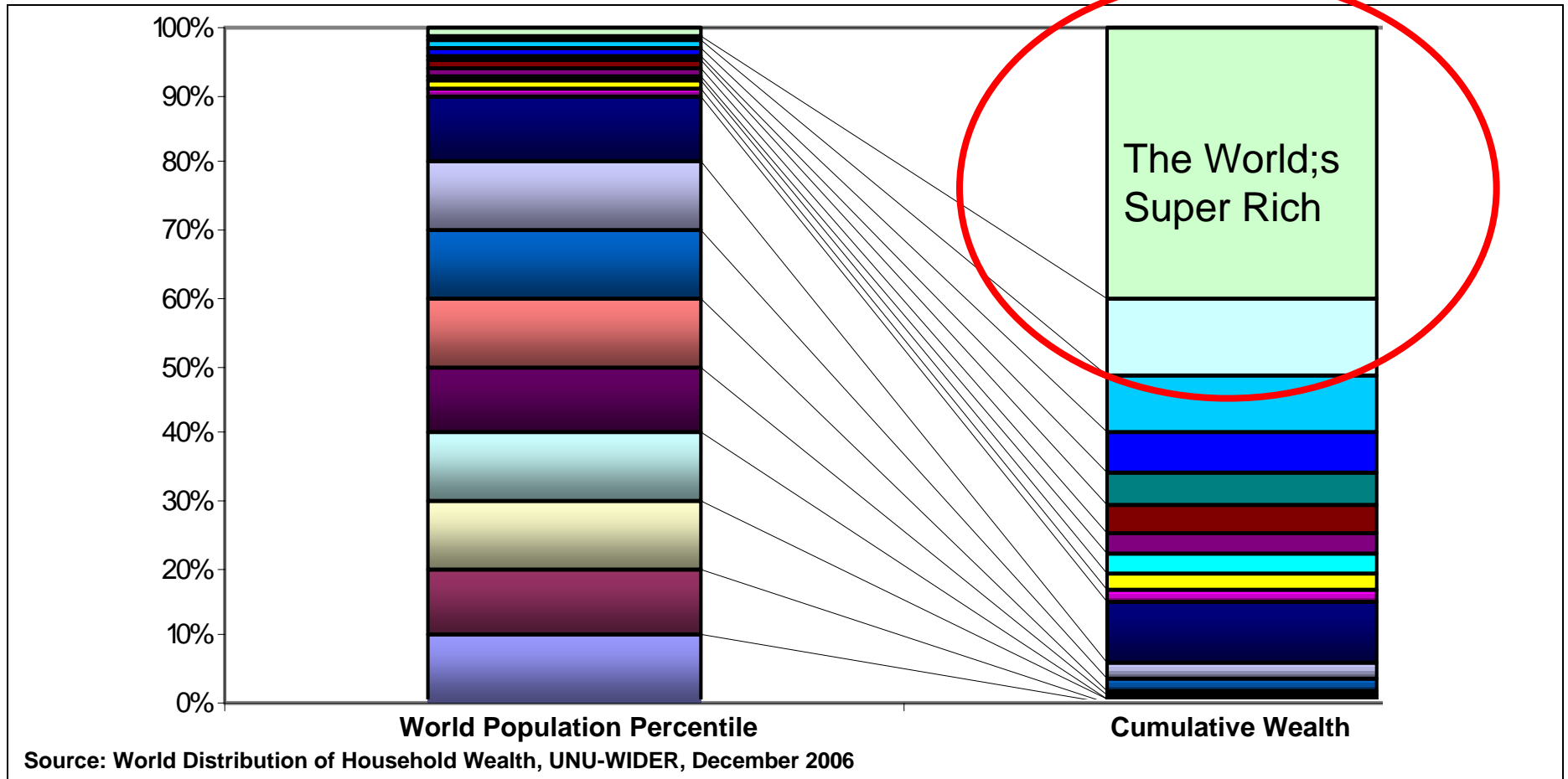
4. % of World Oil Reserves 2005: Islamic Nations: 74.9%, Israel: 0.000001%



How is it that Islamic nations today control approximately three-quarters of world oil reserves — the very commodity that the high-income nations of the world (*most of which happen to be countries with historical associations to Christianity*) use very intensely. Based on the World Oil survey of 2004 the Islamic share (members of the 57 nations of the Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC) is 75.3%. According to the estimates of the Oil & Gas Journal Survey, Jan. 1, 2005 it is 66.3%. Gas estimates based on these surveys find closer agreement, placing between 54.7% to 55.5% of world reserves in the OIC. No Bible reference substantiates that oil has an endtime role. At the same, the situation evident today could not have happened by chance.



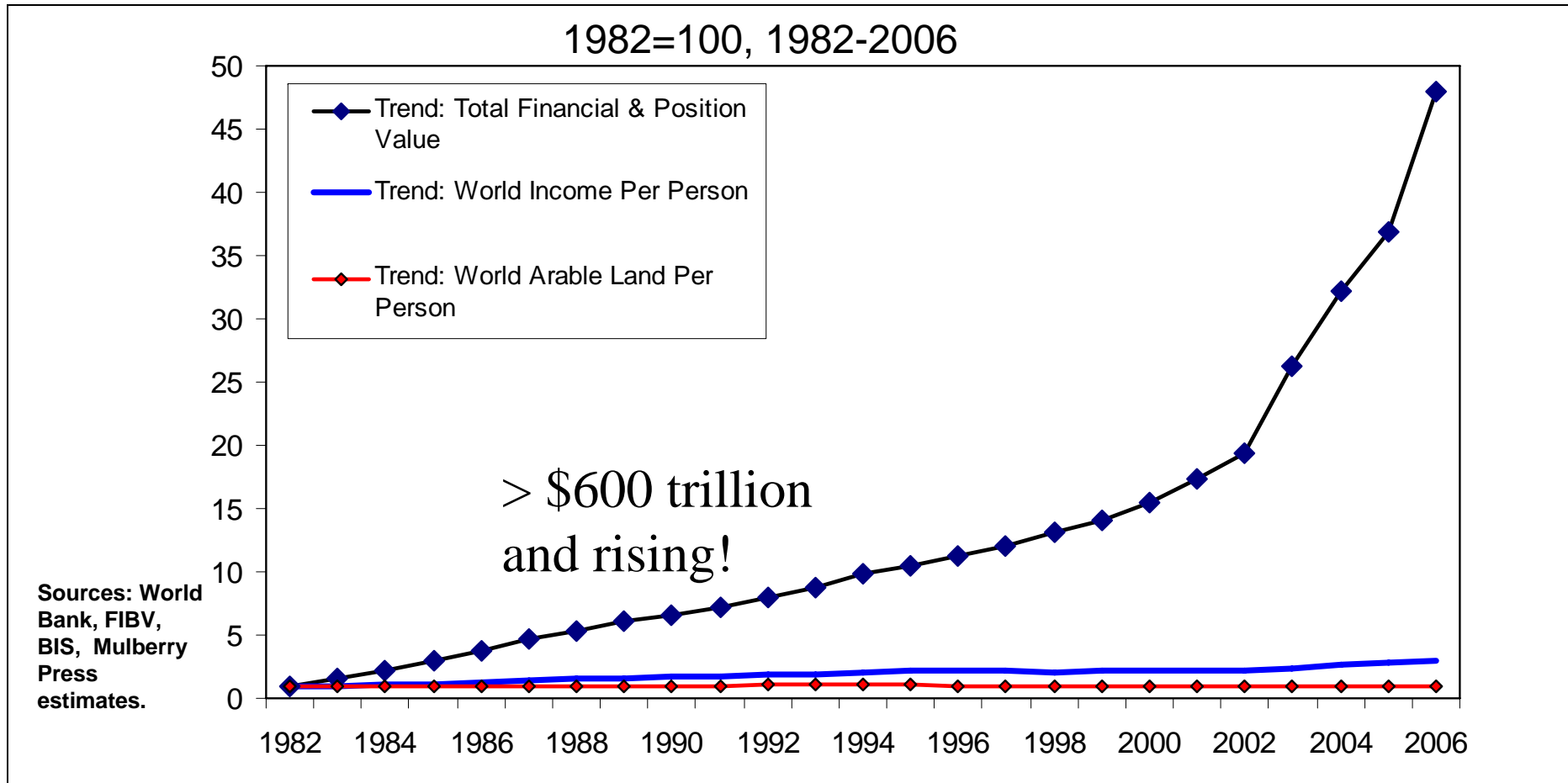
5. Widening World Wealth Skew: Top 2% now owns > 40% of world wealth (2006).



According to *The Worldwide Distribution of Household Wealth*, issued in December 2006, the top 2% and 1% of the world's population is estimated to own 51% and 40% of world household wealth, respectively. This is a more extreme distribution than had been estimated by surveying global incomes in previous studies. Very likely, the world today has a much more imbalanced wealth skew — the rich being richer, and the non-rich relatively poorer — than ever before in history. How extreme might this condition yet become in the future? James 5.3 says . You have hoarded wealth in the last days."



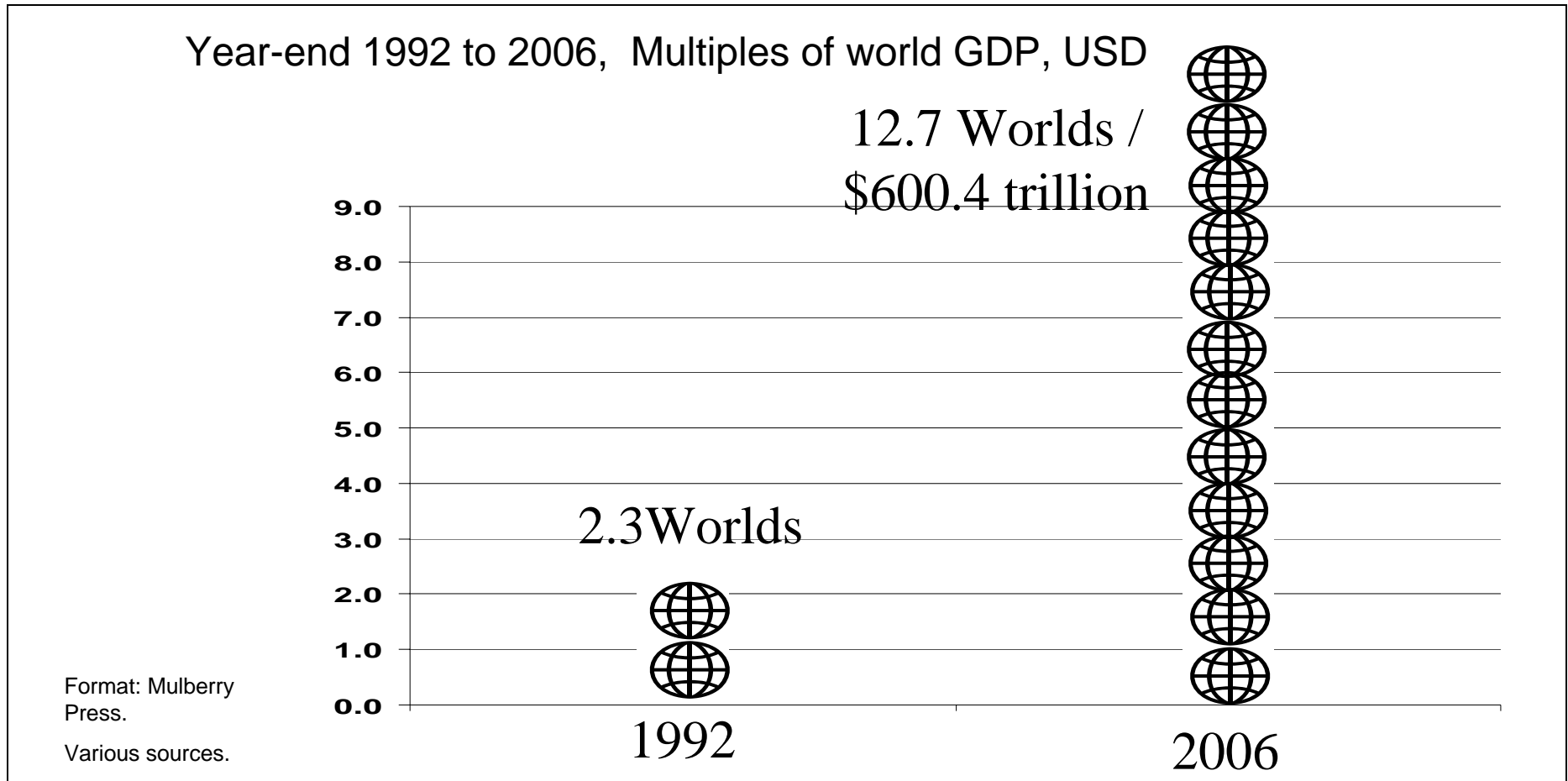
6a. World Financial Position Value Per Capita Compared vs. world average income & arable land



The total world “position value” of all financial instruments — including stocks, bonds and the notional value of all derivative financial instruments — has boomed, up more that 48 times in 24 years! The explosiveness of this financial boom is difficult to appreciate. To say the least, it is an unprecedented trend in the history of mankind ... a testimony of world running after man-made, paper wealth. Most of this value does not represent real wealth, which instead is mostly related to human labor in one form or another. In comparison, income per capita in the world has risen only 3 times (unadjusted for inflation) during this period and arable land (in acres per person) has declined 10%. Numerous scriptures indicate a heavy focus upon materialism in the last days.



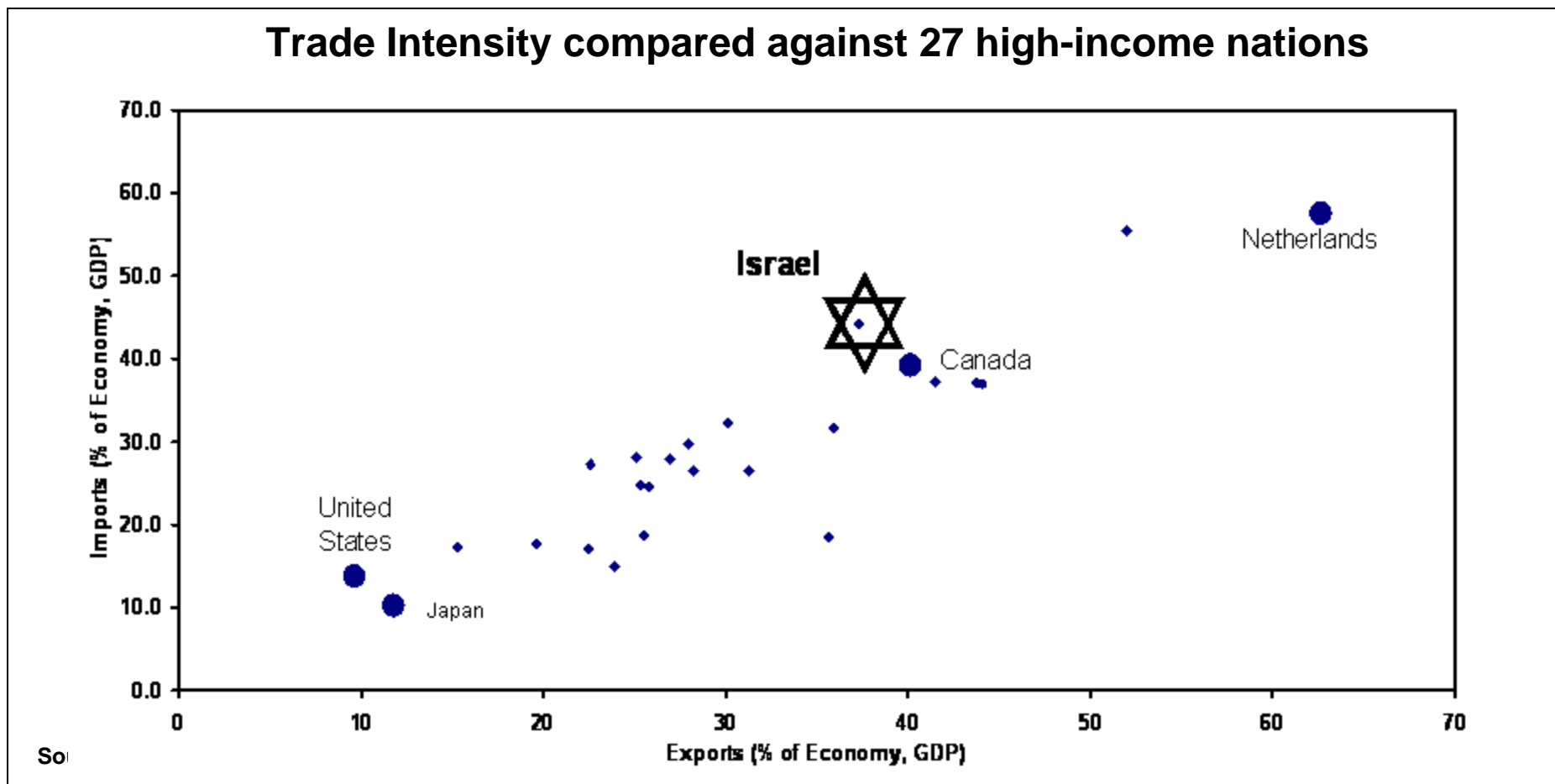
6b. Global Boom in Financial Positions: Shown in equivalent “world” of annual economic output.



The enormity of the financial phenomena of the last few decades is simply staggering ... even to professional analysts. Commenting on another chart in this series, we stated that the total world “position value” of all financial instruments (stocks, bonds & notional value of all financial derivatives) has increased by 48 times in 24 years. This chart shows this boom over a shorter period of 14 years (between 1992 and 2006), however, in equivalents of world economic output (Global GDP) On that basis, while the totality of the value of financial assets was equivalent to 2.3 world’s of GDP in 1992, in 2006 it amounted to over \$600 trillion or 12.7 worlds. *“They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator.”* (Romans 1:25)



7. Israel's Dependency Upon Trade With the Nations

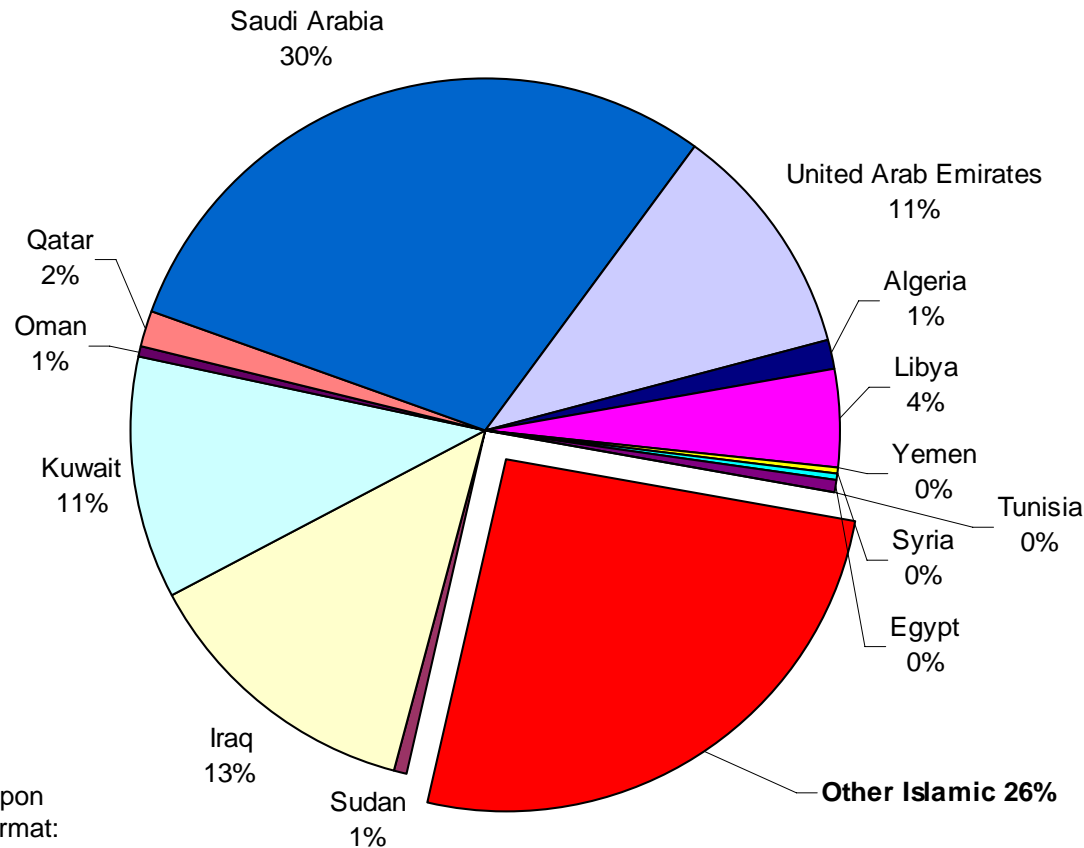


More than most nations, Israel stands to be vulnerable to economic and financial sanctions for several reasons. For one, it is a country that depends upon international trade for its livelihood. In fact, of all the higher-income nations in the world, it is a nation most exposed to imports and exports of goods and services. It has one of the highest trade intensities (*to use an economist's term*) meaning a high level of exports and imports relative to the size of its economy. This exposure to trade with the nations of the world has risen steadily over the years, more than tripling since 1960.



8. Arab Countries: World Oil Reserves as % of Total of all Islamic countries (OIC), 2004

Arab nations compiled are the 22 members of the Arab League of Nations.

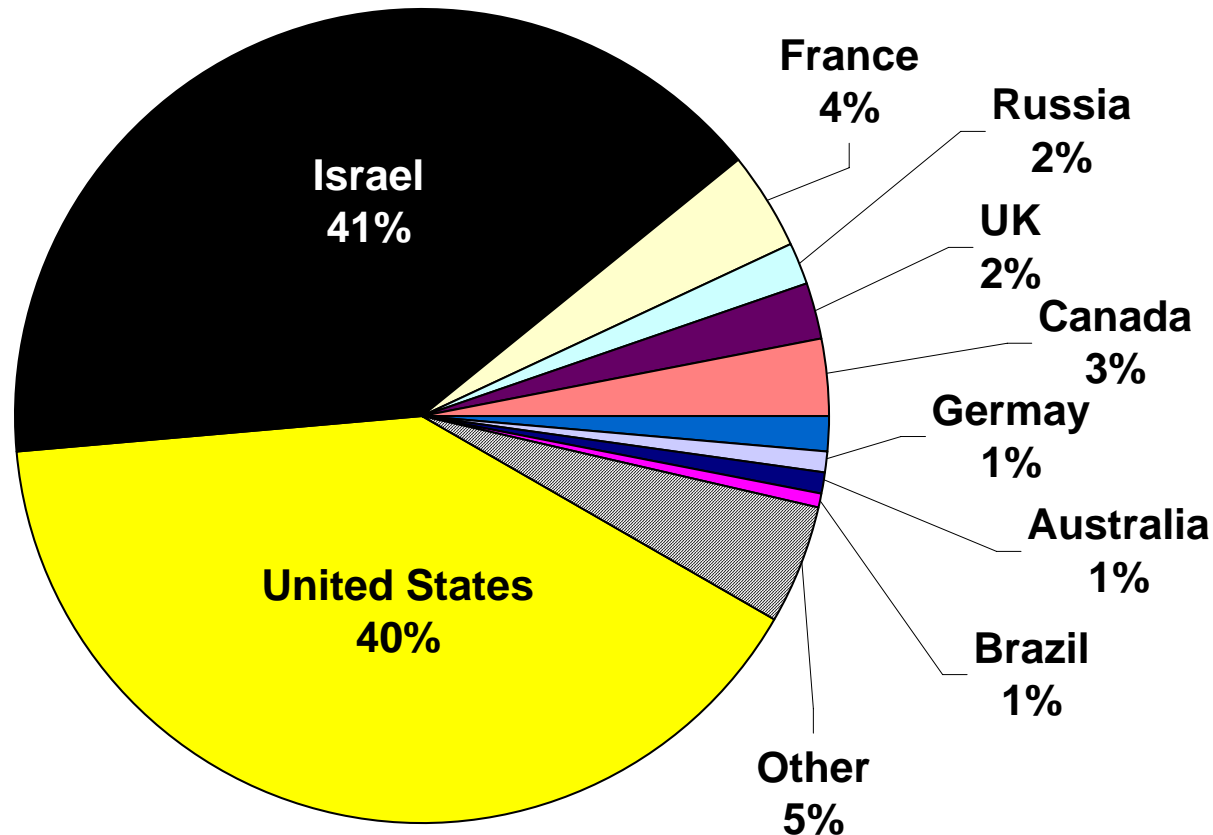


Arab World Oil Reserves, 2005. Based upon BP Statistical Review, Dec. 31, 2004 Format: Mulberry Press.

Of the Islamic group of countries (*i.e. the 57-member Organization of the Islamic Conference*), Arab countries account for over 75% of world oil reserves. All 22 members of the Arab League begrudge Israel's presence in the Middle East. America is the world's largest importer and per-capita user of energy and still stands in the breach for Israel. How much longer? The Bible does not mention the role of oil in last day geopolitical events. However, Psalm 83 does mention a war that involves only present-day Arabian countries. Just what would be the probability that the world's present day oil situation could have happened by chance. Practically, it's zero. (Visit our website for this report: *Final Combustion: Oil, Islam and the Christian West*.)



9. World Jewish Population & Diaspora: Population Distribution (2006)

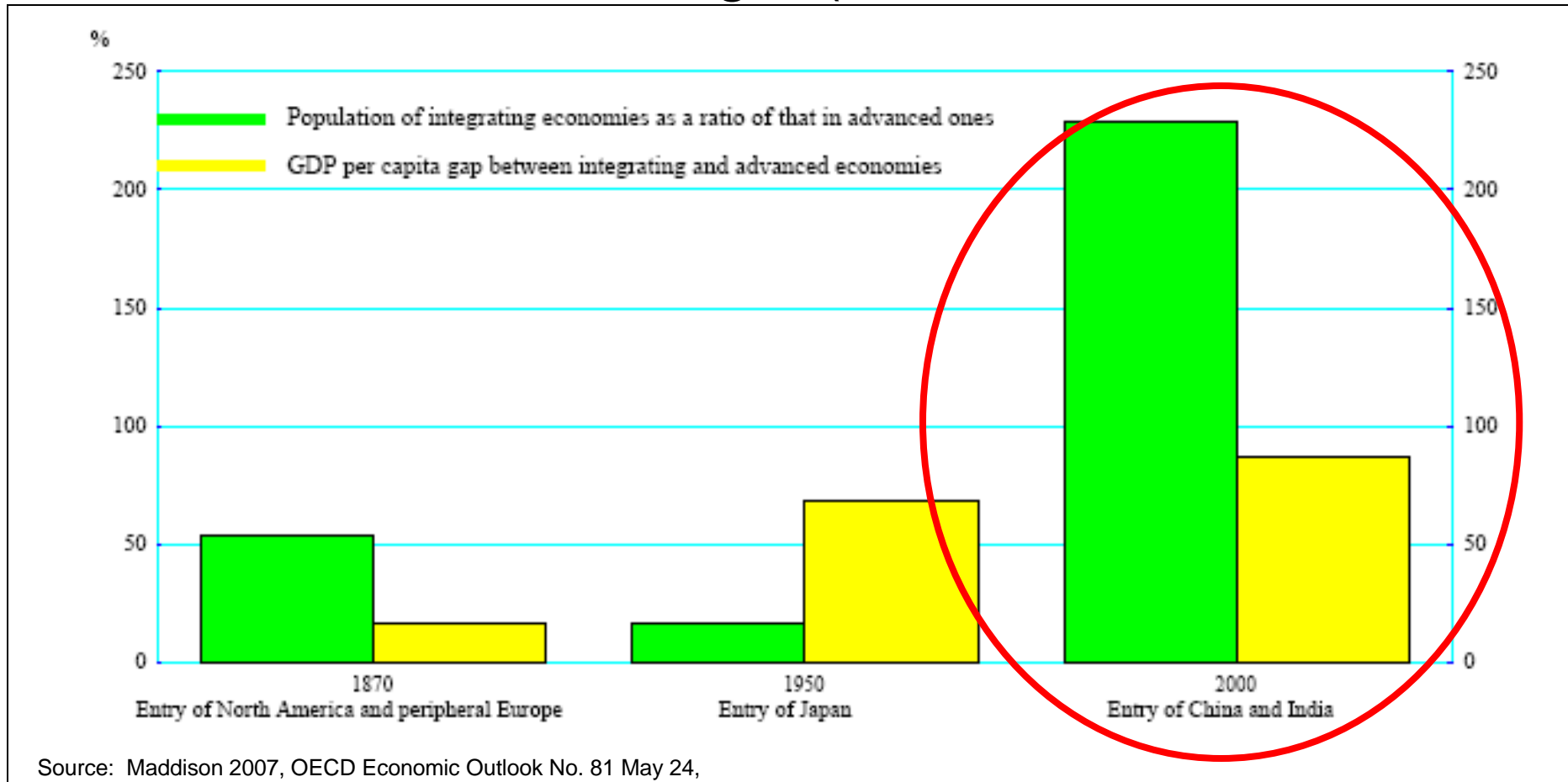


Source: American Jewish
Year Book, 2006, (NY:
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As of the end of 2006, for the first time since the country Israel was reborn, the largest number of Jews now live in that country. Up to that time in the Post WWII period, the greatest number of world Jewry lived in the US. Significantly, this shift is more a cause of out-marriage and slower population growth within the Diaspora Jews. Jews living in Israel have higher population growth and only low level of out-marriage. The world's Jewish population continues to shrink relative to the rest of the world. While there were 7.5 Jews per 1,000 people in the world in 1938. Today there are only 3.5. What events may eventually cause American Jews to move to Israel? At one time, the greatest number of Jews lived in the Former Soviet Union (FSU).



10. Globalization “Big Bang” — Bigger, better than the Gilded Age (1880 to 1914)



Over the past 5 decades, numerous countries, from Japan to South Korea, have entered a rapid developmental phase, eventually joining the ranks of the high-income nations of the world. In recent decades, this trend toward free-market materialism and economic globalization has ramped up to warp speed. The two most populous countries in the world — China and India, accounting for more than a third of the world’s population — have entered the global trading arena. The impact is monumental. The global trading colossus of Babylon the Great (Revelation 18) is taking form rapidly.

