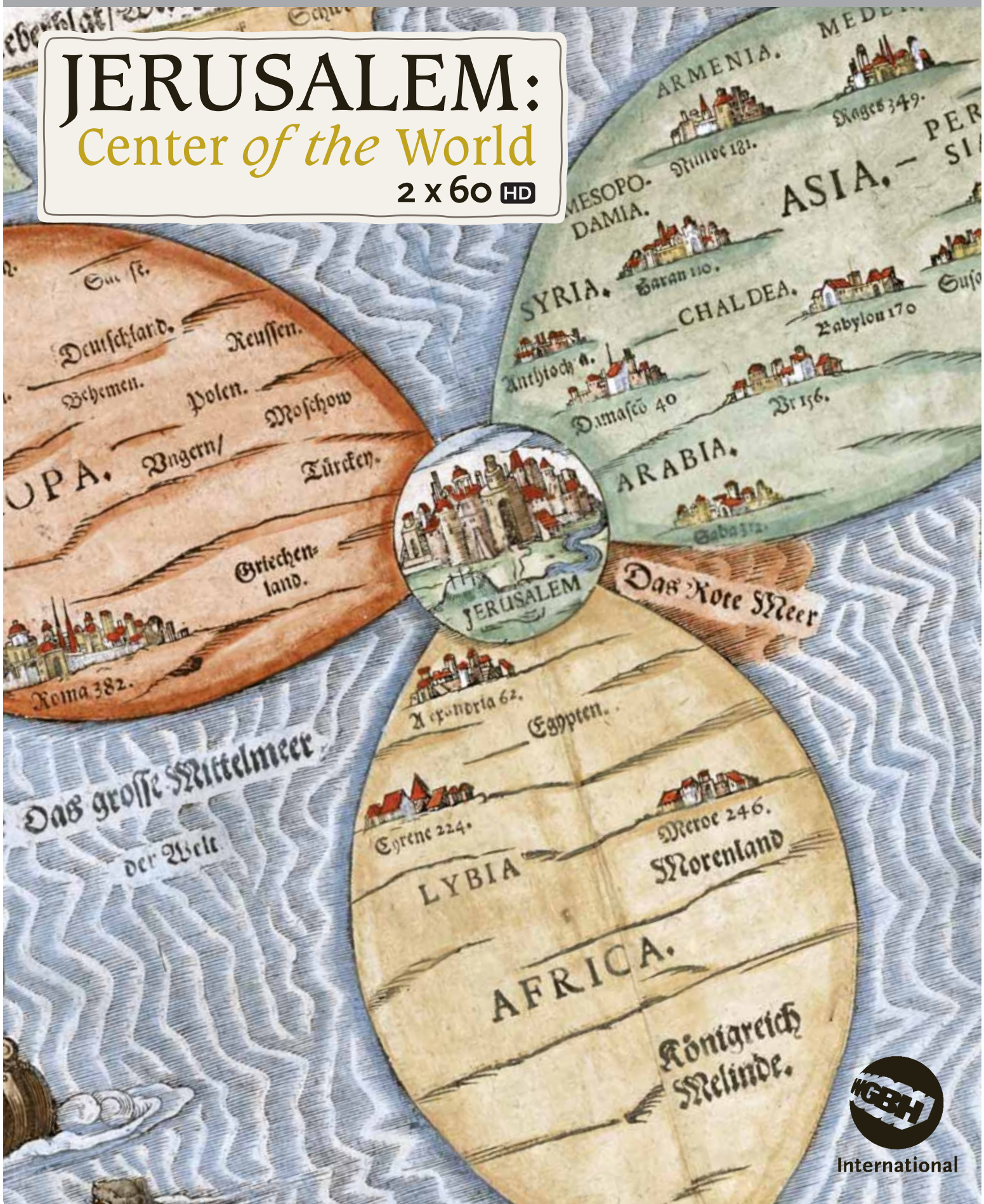


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For Jews, Christians and Muslims today, few places evoke the emotion, drama and passion of Jerusalem, a city with an unparalleled role in history, religion and impact on the world. From Emmy Award winning producer Andrew Goldberg and Oregon Public Broadcasting, this epic, two-hour event will explore everything from the founding of the city, to the birth and convergence of the world's three major monotheistic religions, to its powerful role in the lives of tens of millions of people today.

Countless pictures and footage of Jerusalem have been shown in the media, but this film takes viewers far beyond the visual exteriors. *Jerusalem: Center of the World* follows history chronologically, with an emphasis on key moments in the city's history and powerful, relevant stories—and the focus is multicultural and inclusive of all three religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The stories are modern, capturing the rich mosaic of the communities that coexist in the city.

Viewers, for example, will visit the ancient Armenian Monastery that dominates the Armenian Quarter and travel in the Arab *shuk* to see the many vendors selling the same spices, religious items and foods that have been sold for millennia.

*Jerusalem: Center of the World* is a non-political look at this holy city, emphasizing the celebration of Israel and Jerusalem while sharing with viewers the real Israel that is more than hate, anger and violence, and showing the interfaith dimensions that have been overlooked. The story of Jerusalem is, by its very nature, one that involves controversy, though while some controversy is inevitable, the film emphasizes the commonality and connections among the people as the history of the city is told.

Viewers see the city and its pivotal moments of history and the present from new, intimate perspectives. With personal storytelling from locals and others deeply connected with the city, the experience of watching is emotional and individual. The character of the city comes to life, and viewers feel they are witnessing the city's birth—all but taking part in the ancient battles, and sharing the passion of those who live and visit there today.

No other city has caused more elation and more pain, more ecstasy and more sacrifice. No other city is said by so many to be where God lives. *Jerusalem: Center of the World* personally connects viewers with the place that has inspired so many, for so many reasons, and for so many centuries.

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