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We are making the transition from The Austrian Successor to **The England-Netherlands Pit**.

We are now turning, *but only briefly*, to the prophetic role of the Dutch Republic, or the Netherlands, in history and in prophecy. We are basically providing just an introduction to the important topic of the role of the Netherlands. We will return to it later after other understandings are established.

The name of the Netherlands

The word *nether* means *lower*, and *situated*, or *believed to be situated, beneath the earth’s surface*.

The word *nethermost* means *lowest*.

The word *netherworld* means *the world of the dead, or the underworld*.

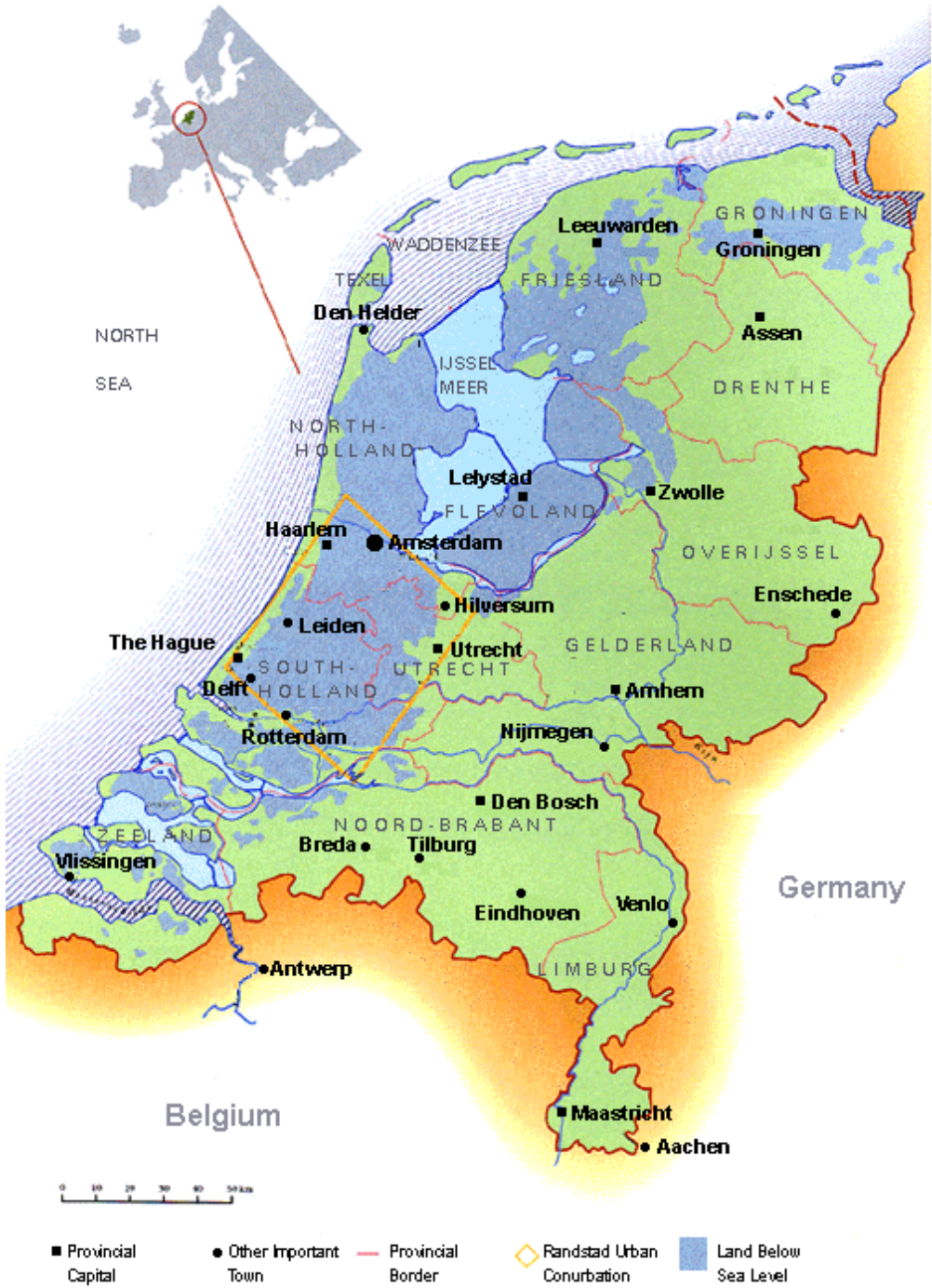
The name *Netherlands* means *low lands*, or *low countries*. The name was originally given to that part of Europe by the Austrians, who saw it as low-lying in contrast with the mountainous terrain of their own country. In fact, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg are often referred to as the “Low Countries.”

The land of the Netherlands is indeed situated geographically low. More than two-fifths of the country’s land was once covered by the sea, or by lakes or swamps. The Dutch “created” this land by pumping out the water. In these drained areas, called *polders*, are the richest farmlands and largest cities of the Netherlands. Amsterdam, the capital and largest city, is on a polder.

Key Understanding: *The Netherlands represents the Netherworld. The Lord ordained that what would become known as the Netherlands would be named as such – the Netherlands – to reveal that its very birth as a country and unique role in the spiritual history of mankind – which many would think was of God – actually represented doctrines from the Underworld.*



The map below shows the land in the Netherlands that is below sea level, colored blue



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