



Table of Nations & OT Peoples

*Or Where Did We Come
from, Anyway?*



The Lines of Japheth, Ham, & Shem

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Gomer



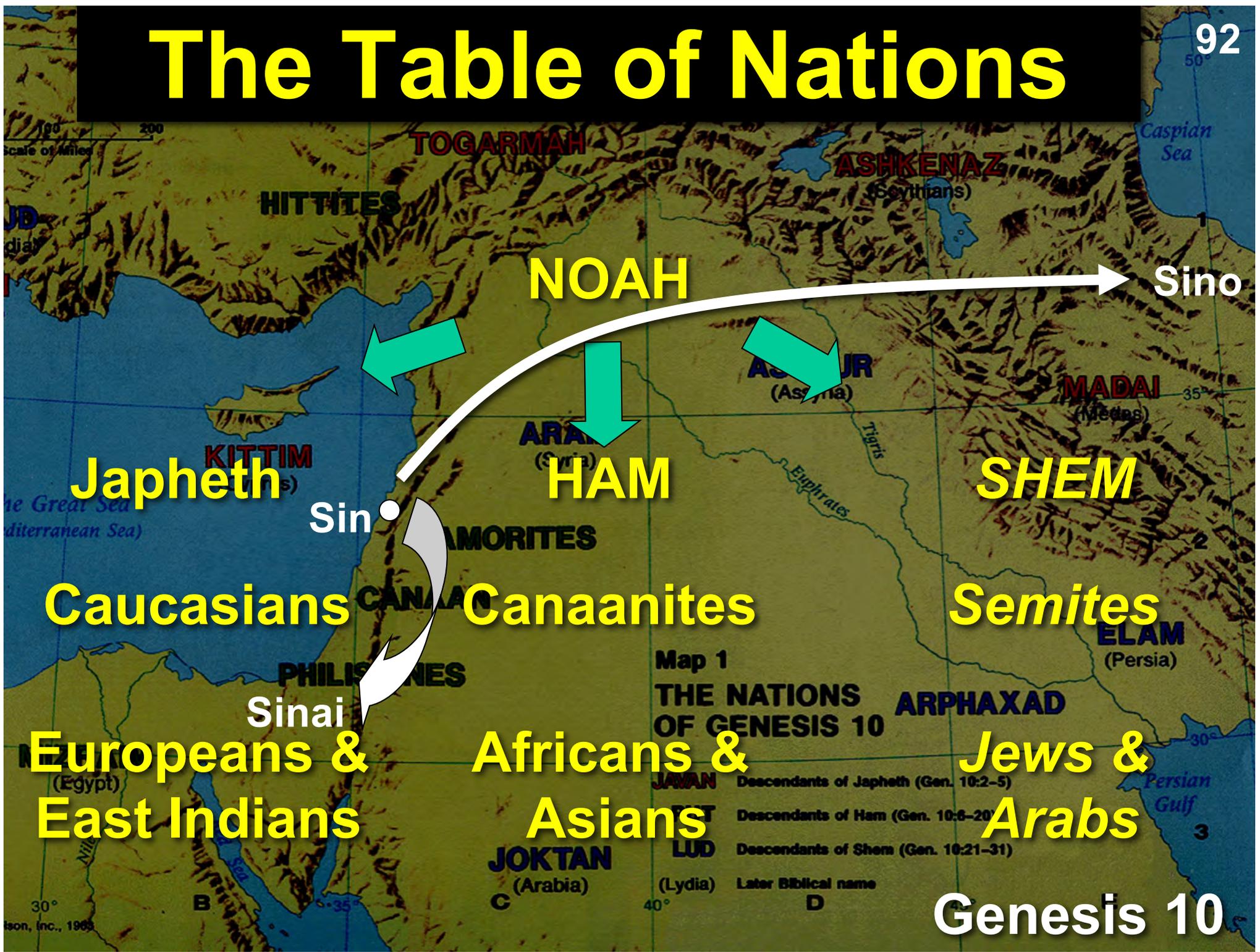
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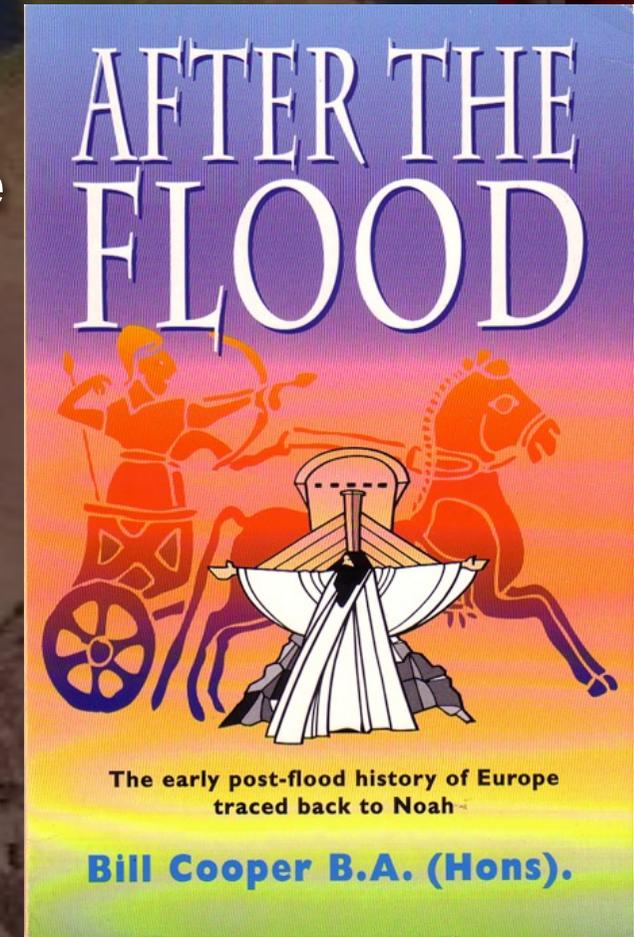
Genesis 10

The Table of Nations



Is the Table of Nations Accurate (Gen. 10-11)?

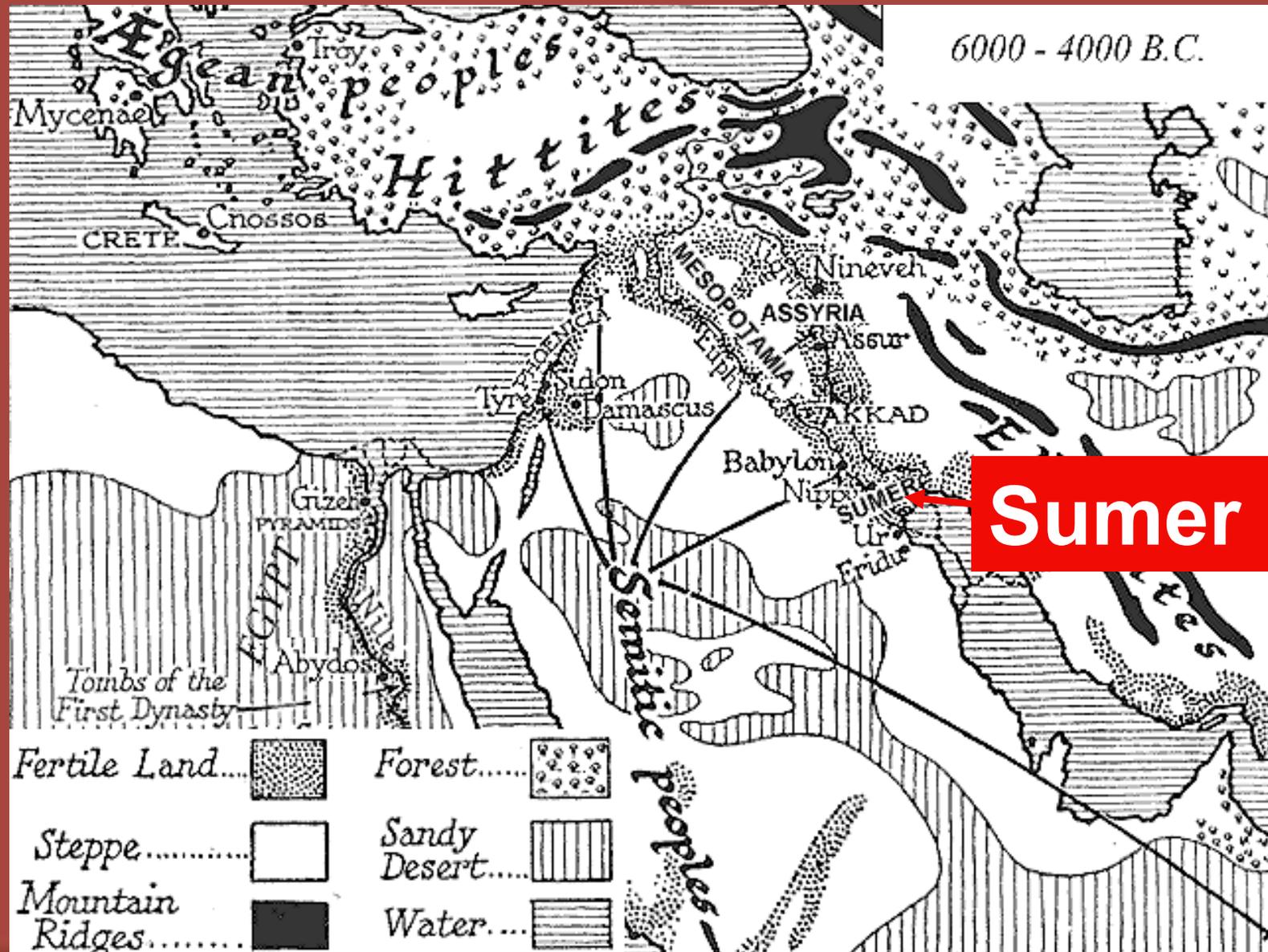
“Having constructed the Table of Nations into a simple genealogy, I wanted to see how many of its names were attested in the records of other nations in the Middle East... [I saw that] the Table of Nations had listed all the families and tribes of mankind in their correct groupings, whether those groupings were ethnological, linguistic or geographical. All the names, without exception, were accurate, and in more than twenty-five years of searching and analyzing, I uncovered not one mistake or false statement of fact in the Table of Nations.”



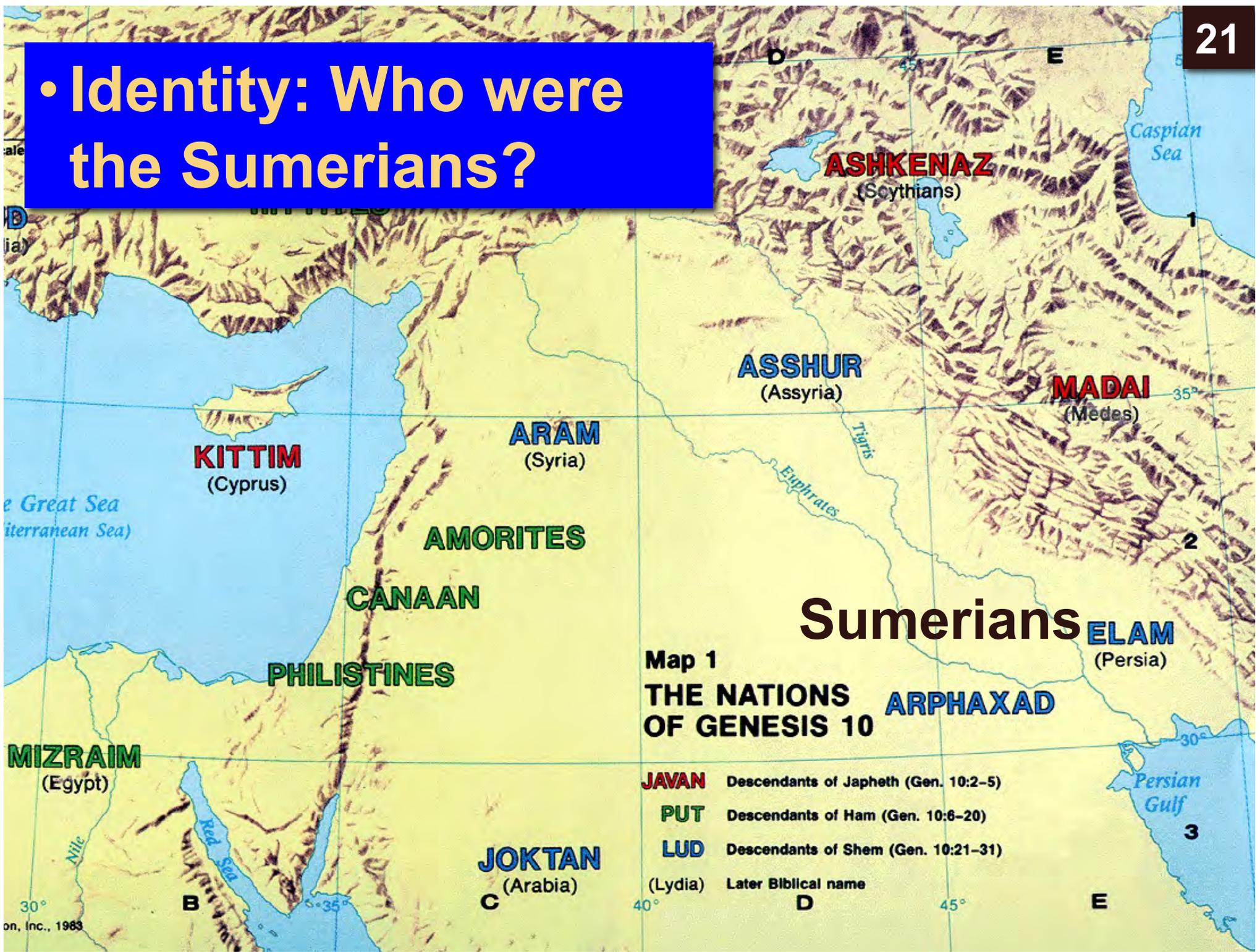
Bill Cooper, *After the Flood* (Chichester: New Wine, 1995), 38-39

Handbook pg. 15-16

Who Were the Sumerians?



• Identity: Who were the Sumerians?



Man has always needed water

The Four Old-World River Valley Cultures



•Geography of Sumer

• Known as Babylonia, included South Iraq
–(from Baghdad to Persian Gulf)

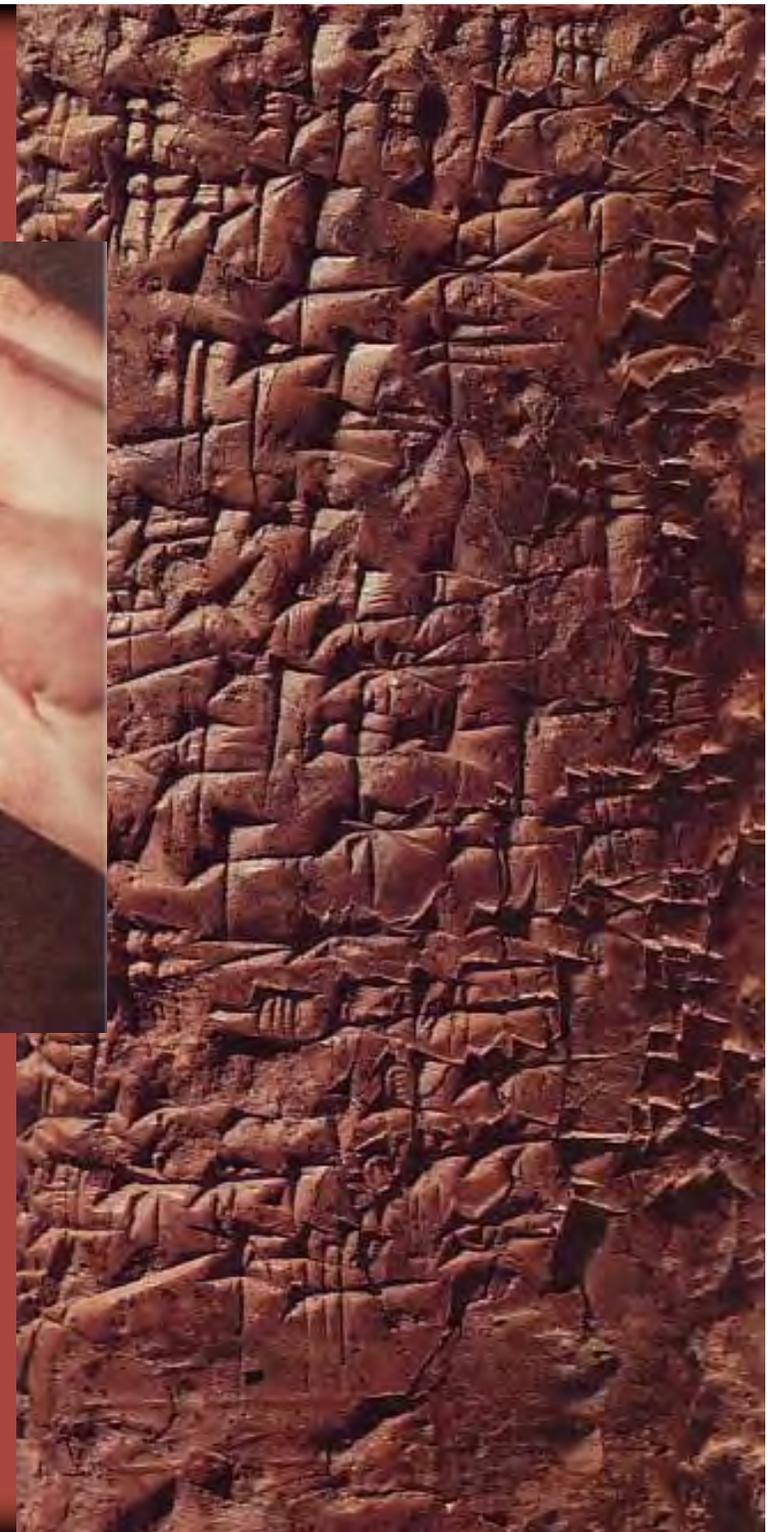
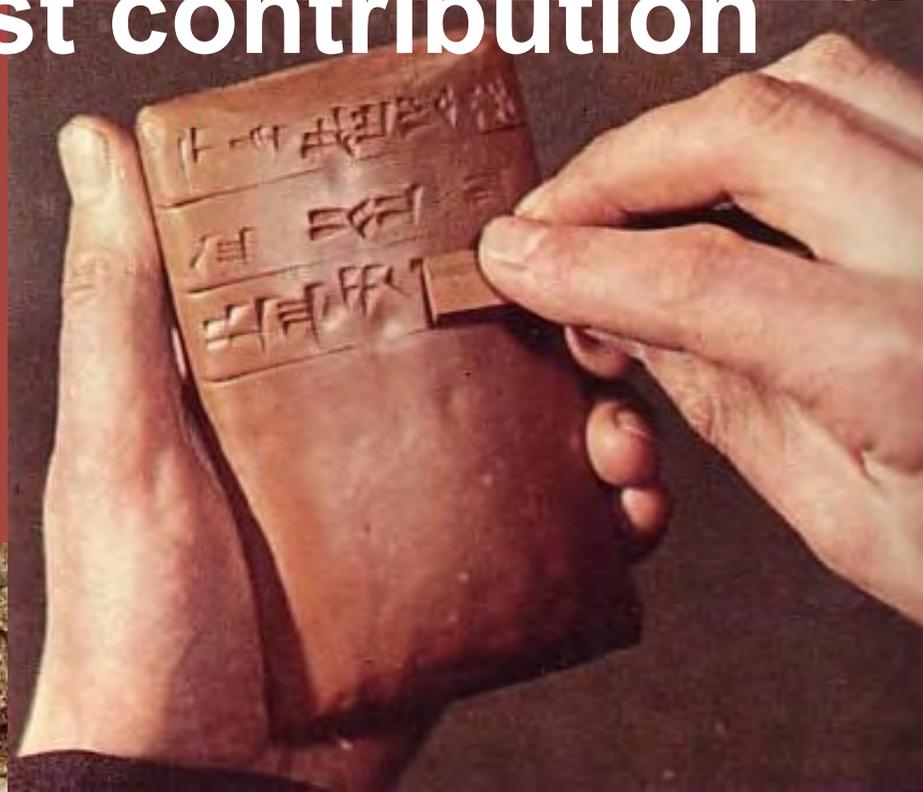
• Linked with Akkad

• Possibly biblical “Shinar”

• Arable land



Writing was Sumer's greatest contribution



The First City State



Earliest Form of Government

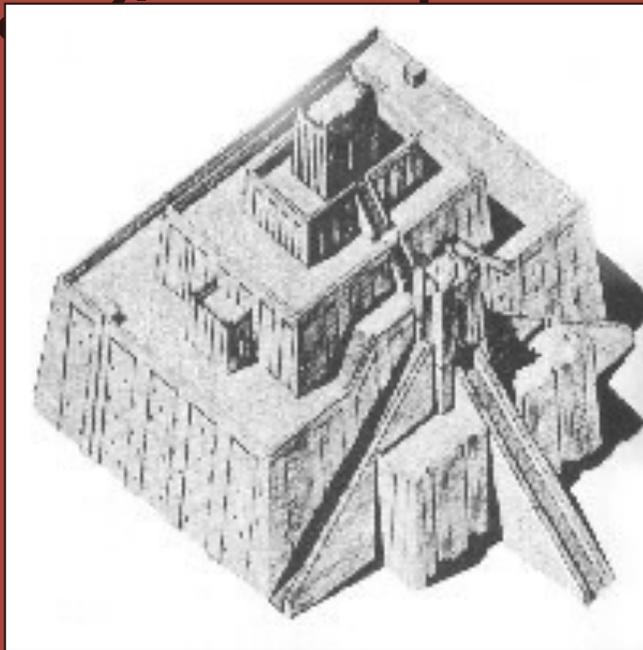


Invention of the Wheel





Architecture

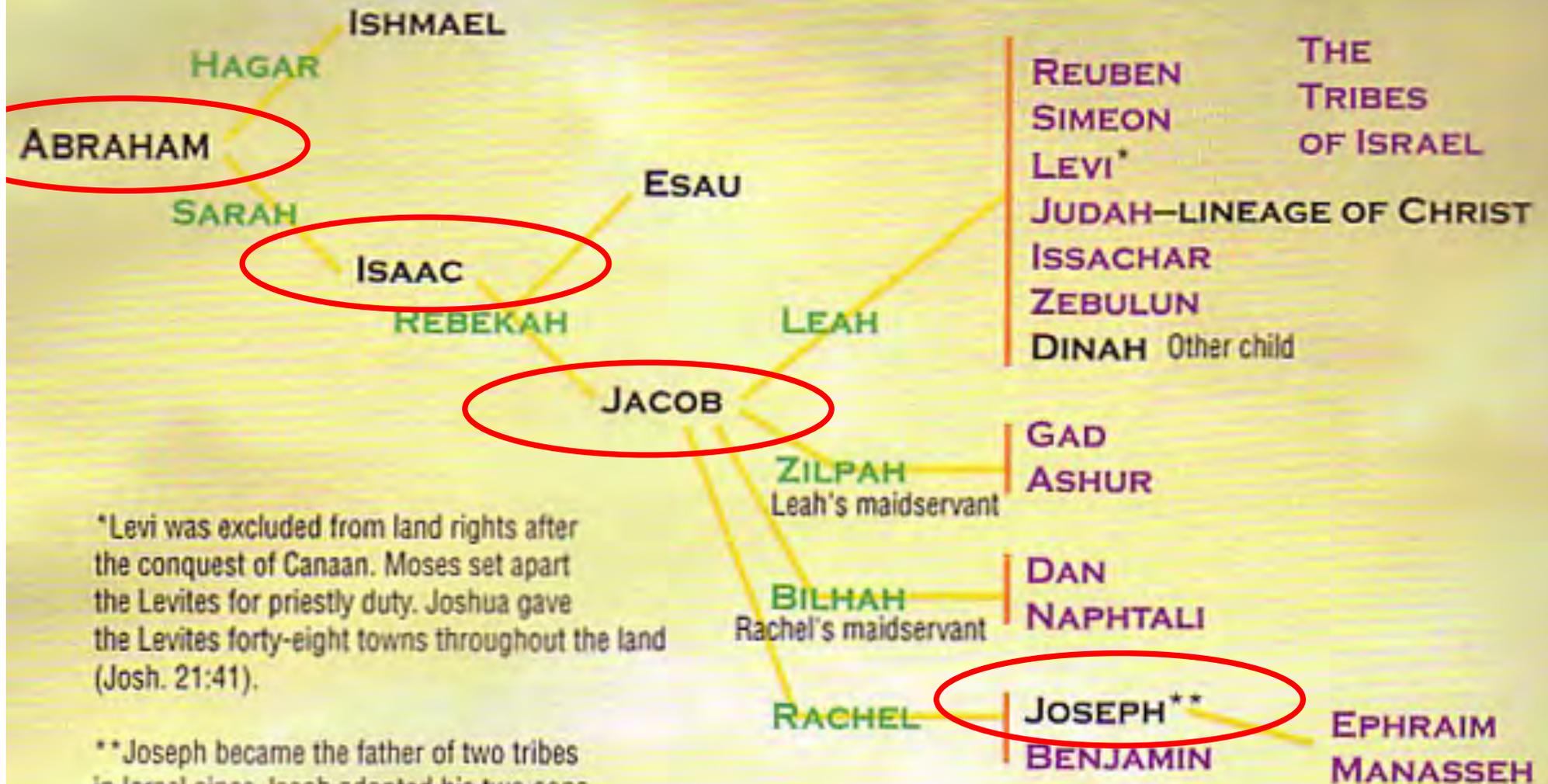


Lessons from Sumer

- God brought Abraham out of his home in Sumer to give him a new start
- Abraham' training for rural life in Canaan was in the most advanced civilization of his day (Sumer)
- God often moves us physically to bring us into new avenues of His will
- God trains us to do His will but this does not mean He ever “overeducates” us

Patriarchal Family Tree

THE PEOPLE OF GENESIS

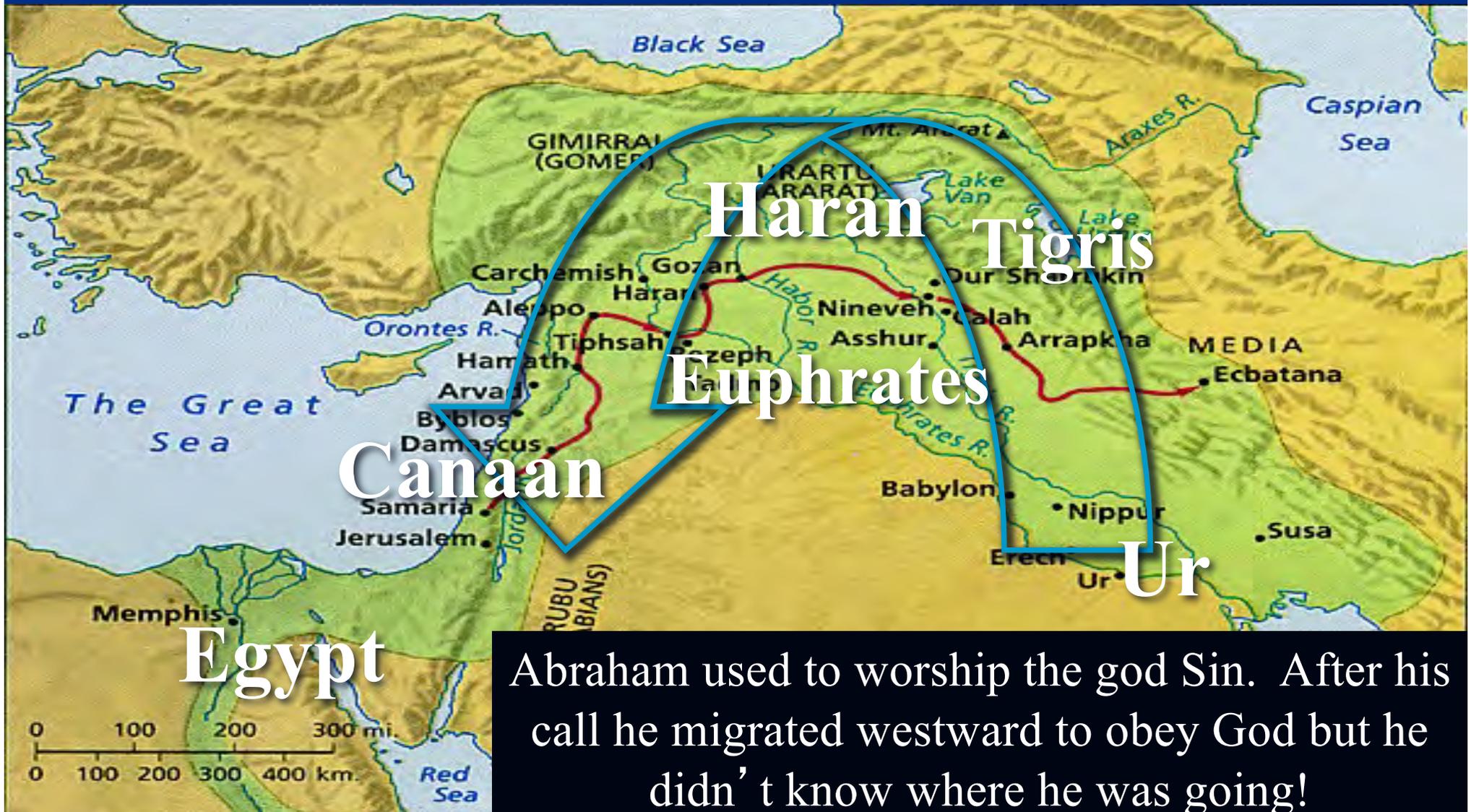


*Levi was excluded from land rights after the conquest of Canaan. Moses set apart the Levites for priestly duty. Joshua gave the Levites forty-eight towns throughout the land (Josh. 21:41).

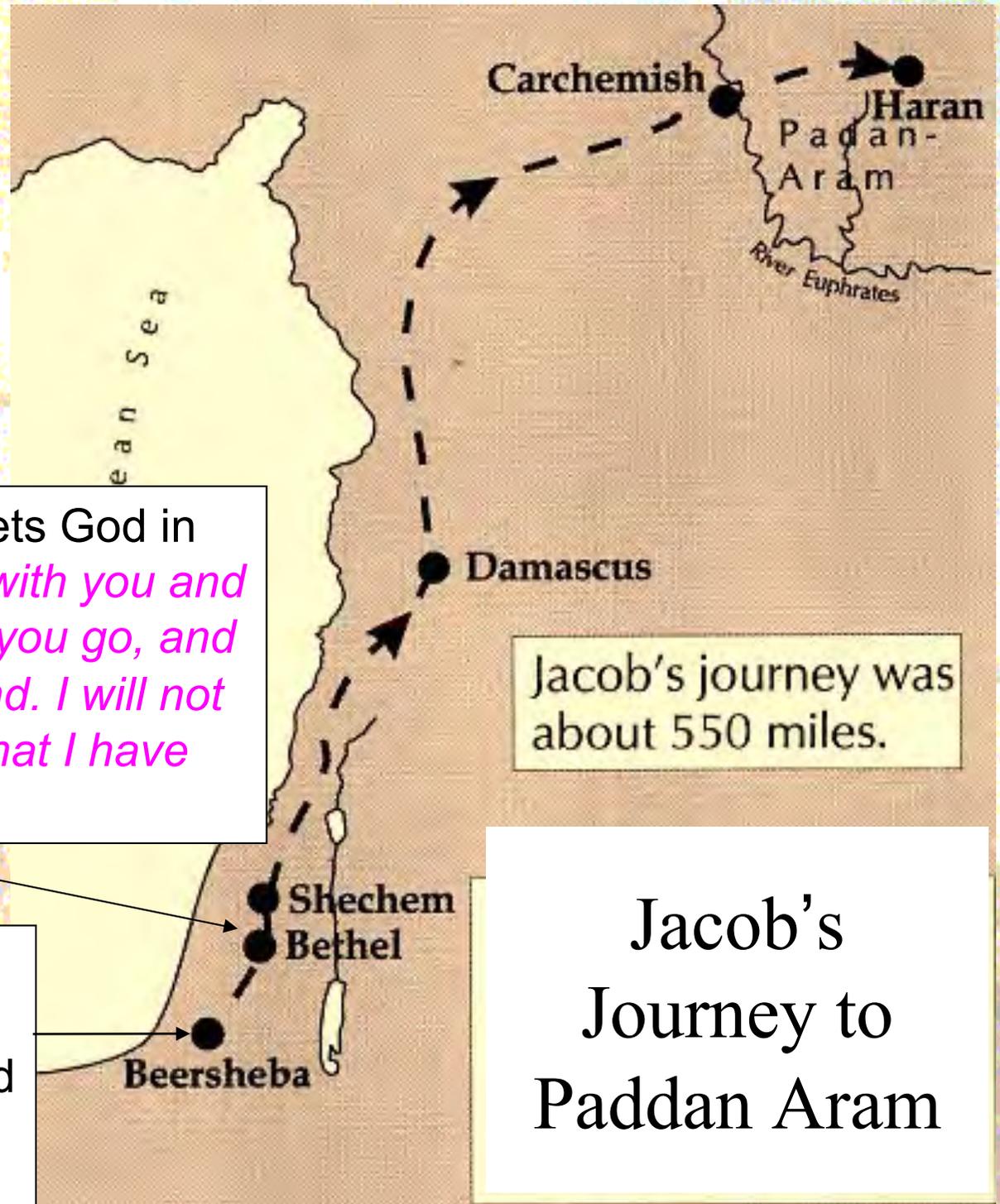
**Joseph became the father of two tribes in Israel since Jacob adopted his two sons Ephraim and Manasseh.

The Land of Abraham

Genesis 12-24



Abraham used to worship the god Sin. After his call he migrated westward to obey God but he didn't know where he was going!



2. During his flight, Jacob meets God in Bethel. God promises, *"I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you"* [Gen. 28:15].

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Jacob's journey was about 550 miles.

Jacob's
Journey to
Paddan Aram

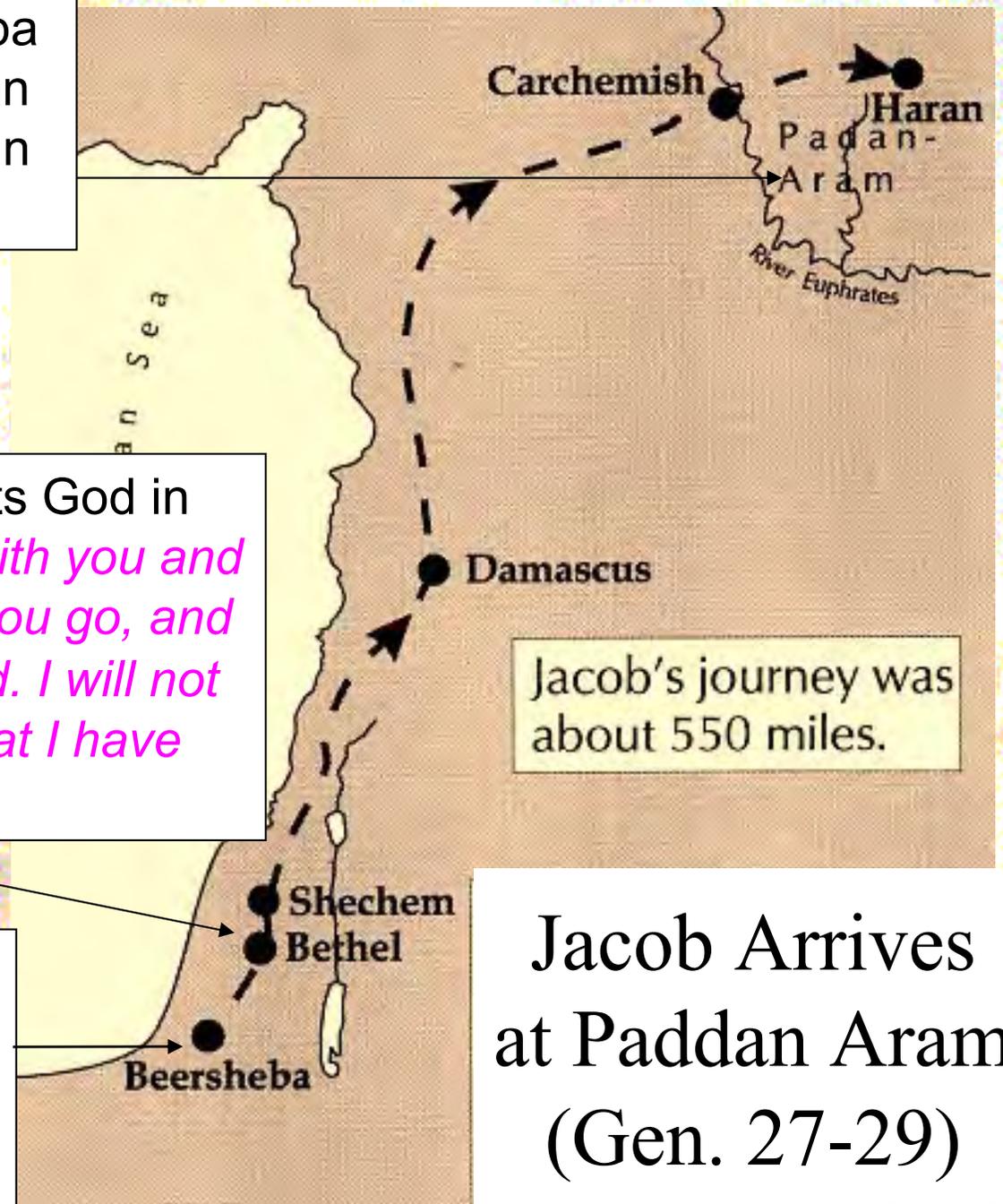


**Jacob's Ladder
(Gen. 28:10-22)**

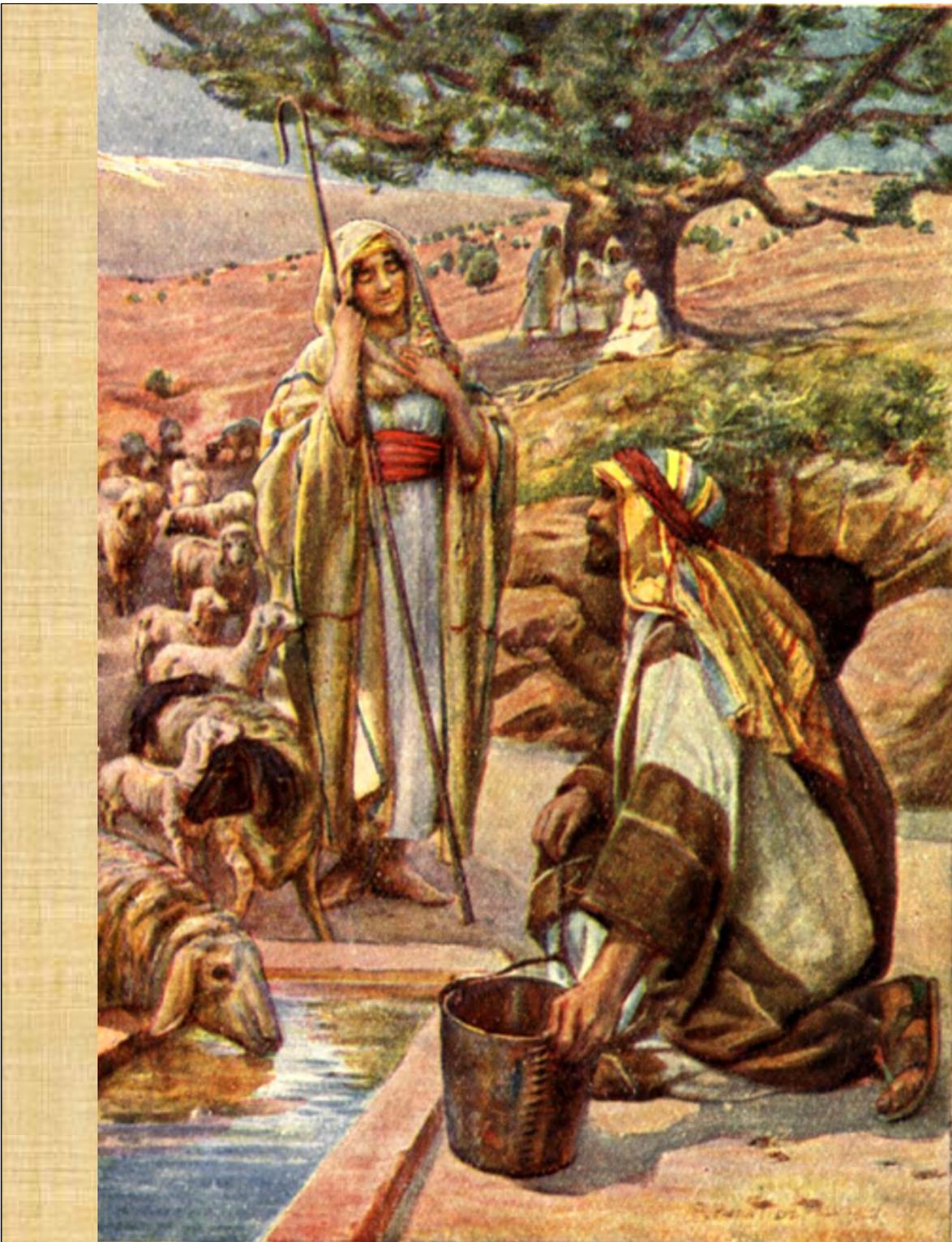
3. Jacob arrives from Beersheba in Canaan at the home of Laban (Rebekah's brother) at Haran in Paddan Aram [Gen. 29].

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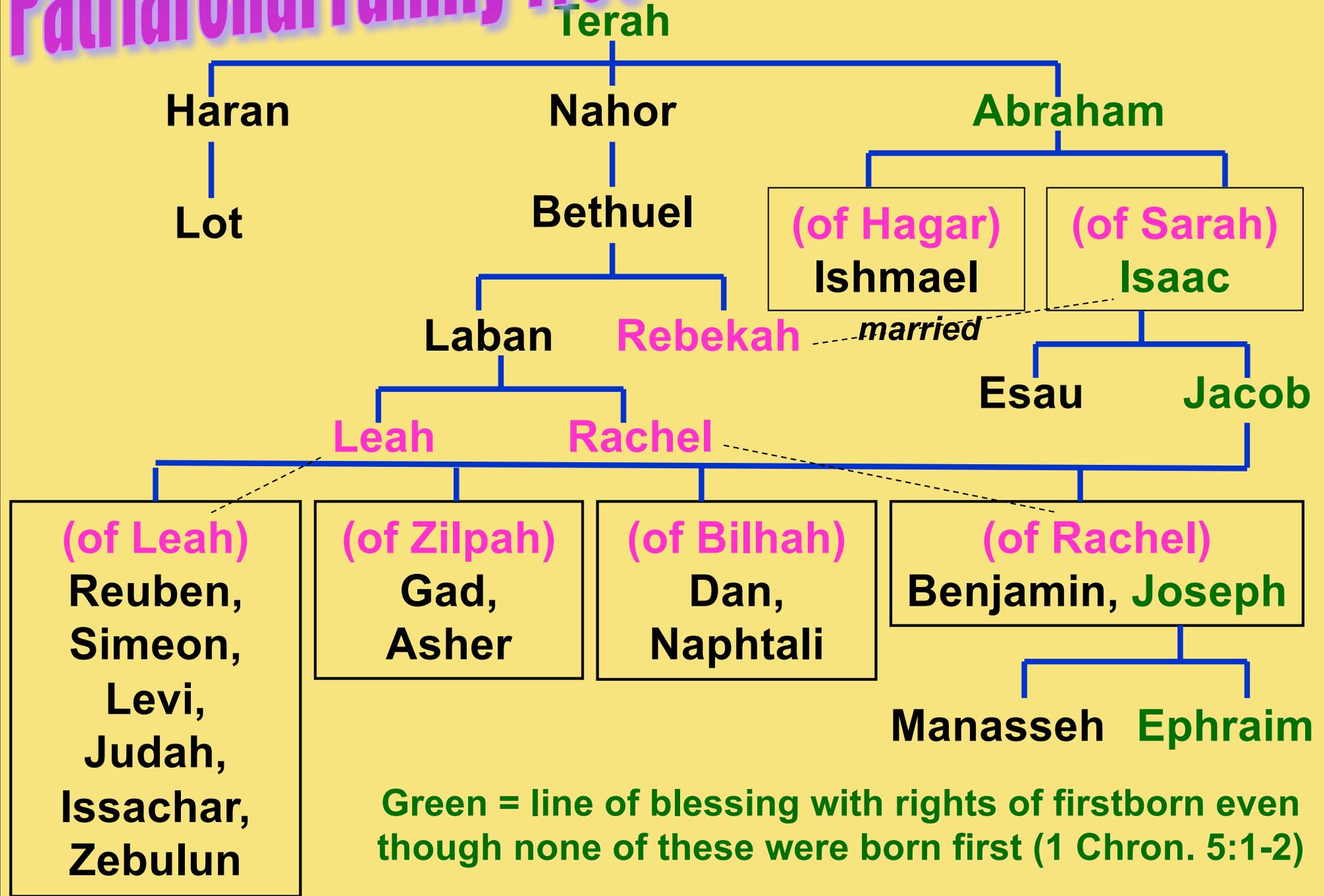
Jacob Arrives
at Paddan Aram
(Gen. 27-29)



Jacob Meets Rachel

Genesis 29:1-30

Patriarchal Family Tree



4. Jacob works 20 years for Laban, marries his 2 daughters, Rachel and Leah, and prospers (**Gen. 29:30**).

5. Then the Lord says to Jacob, *"Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives and I will be with you"* (**Gen. 31:3**).

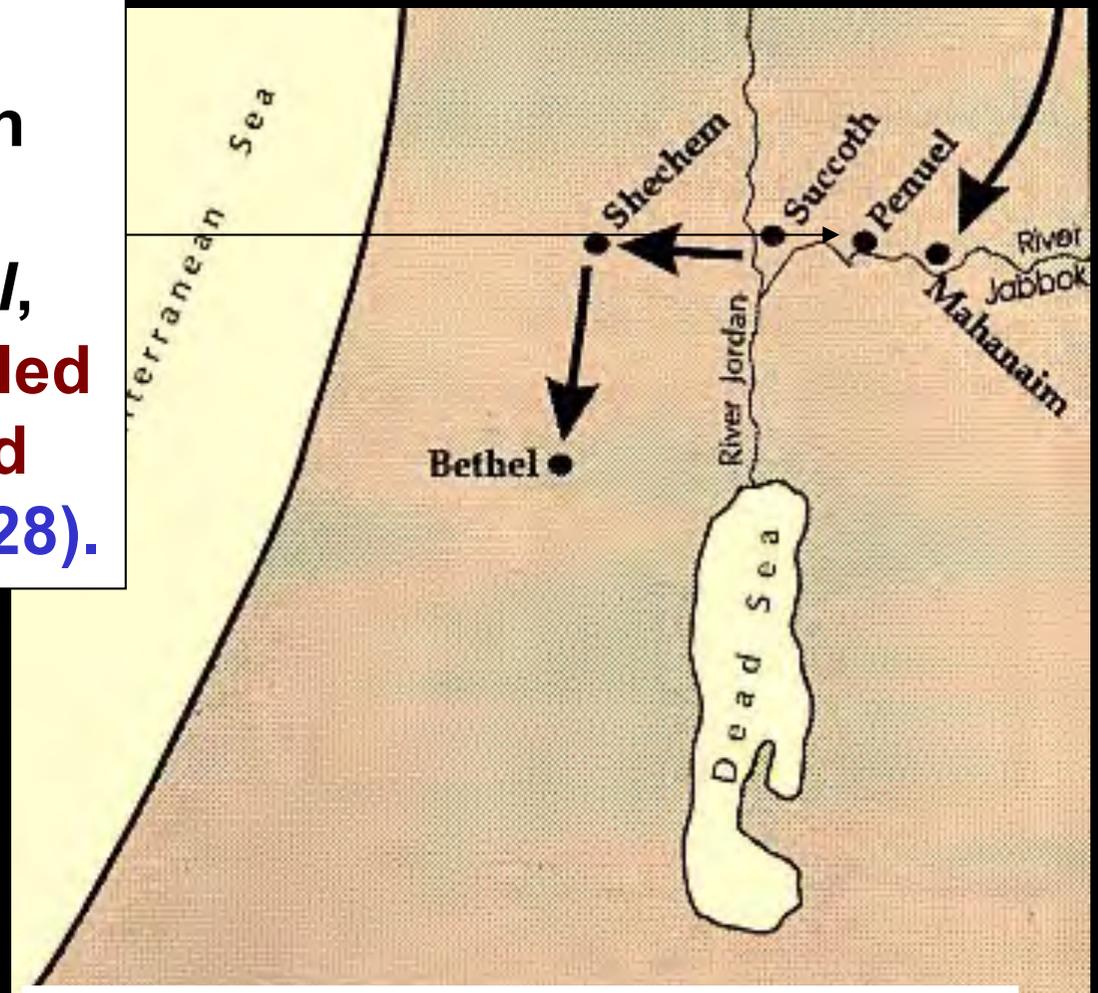
6. Jacob flees from Laban with his family and his rightful possessions. Laban confronts Jacob at Mizpah and they agree to separate (**Gen. 31:48-49**).

7. Jacob meets angels of God. He affirms God is with him by naming the place Mahanaim, or "camp of God" (**Gen. 32:1**).

Jacob's Work & Return (Gen 29–32)



8. Jacob prepares to meet Esau. God meets Jacob at Peniel. Jacob wrestles with God all night long. God changes his name to *Israel*, "because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome" (Gen. 32:28).



**God Meets Jacob
(Gen. 32)**

Jacob Wrestles with God

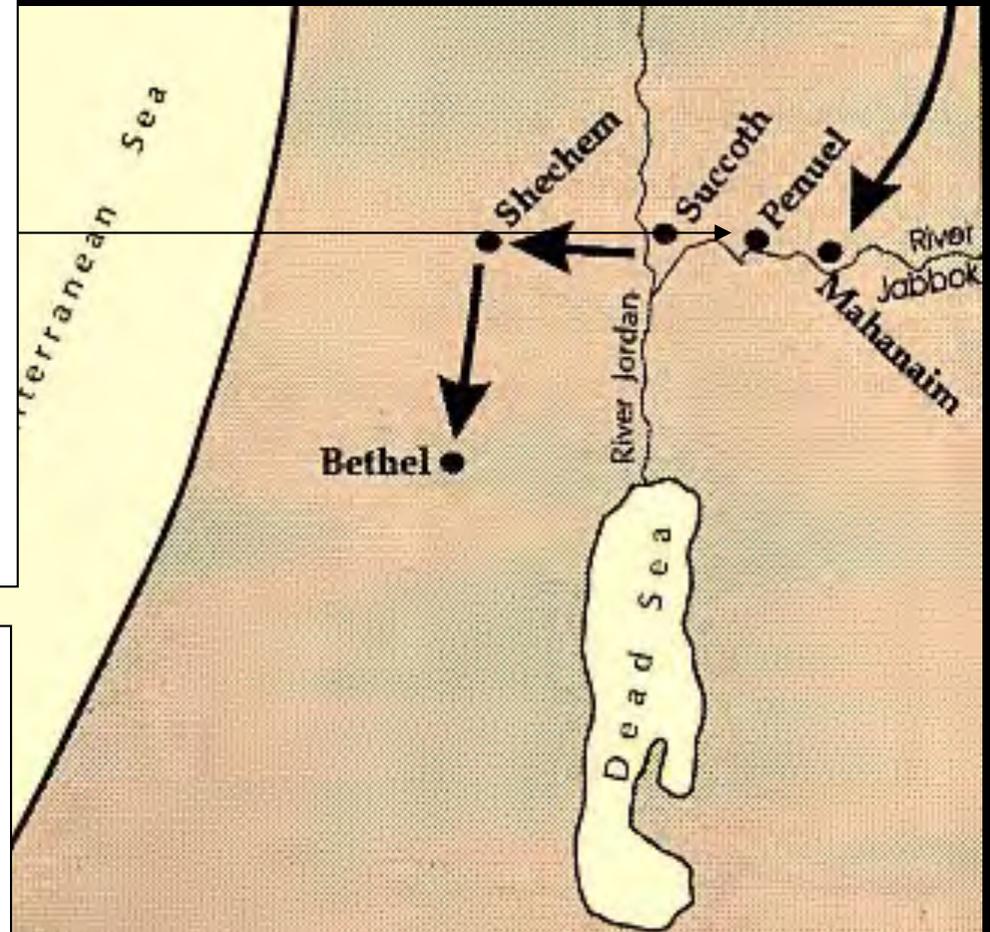


Genesis 32:22-32

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9. Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "*It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared*" (Gen. 32:30).

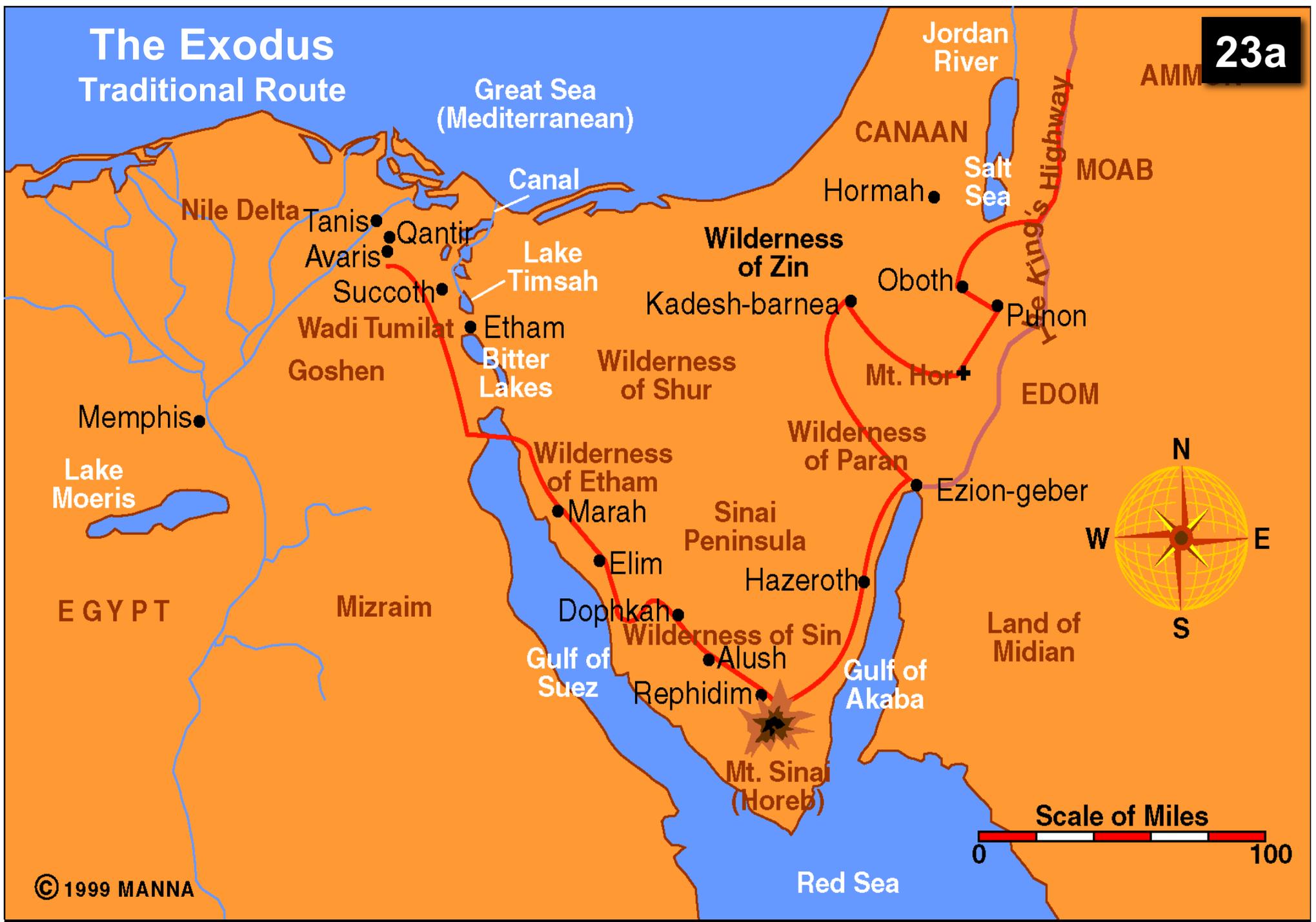
10. Now, onto Genesis 33... Jacob finally meets Esau.



**Jacob Names
Peniel**

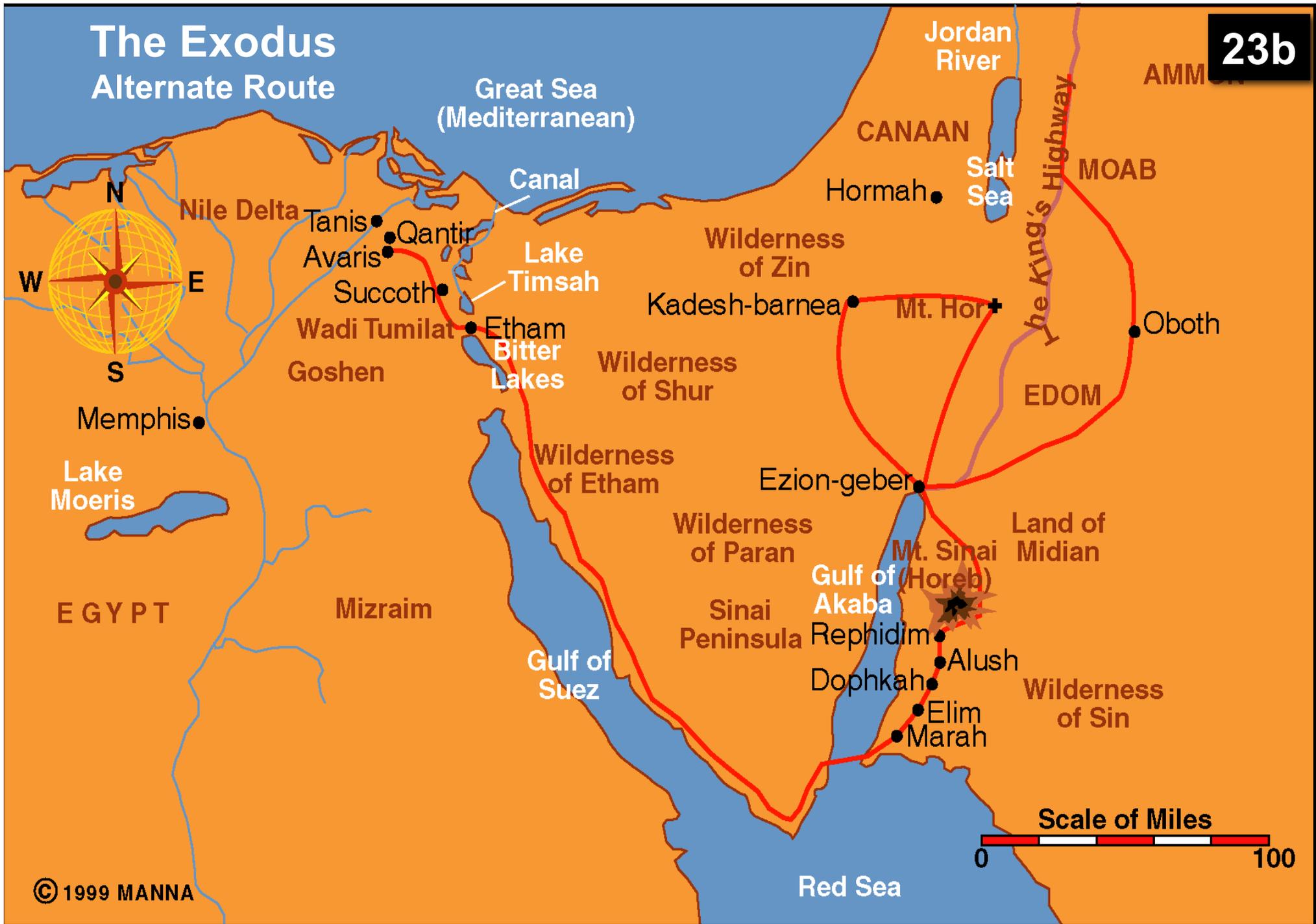
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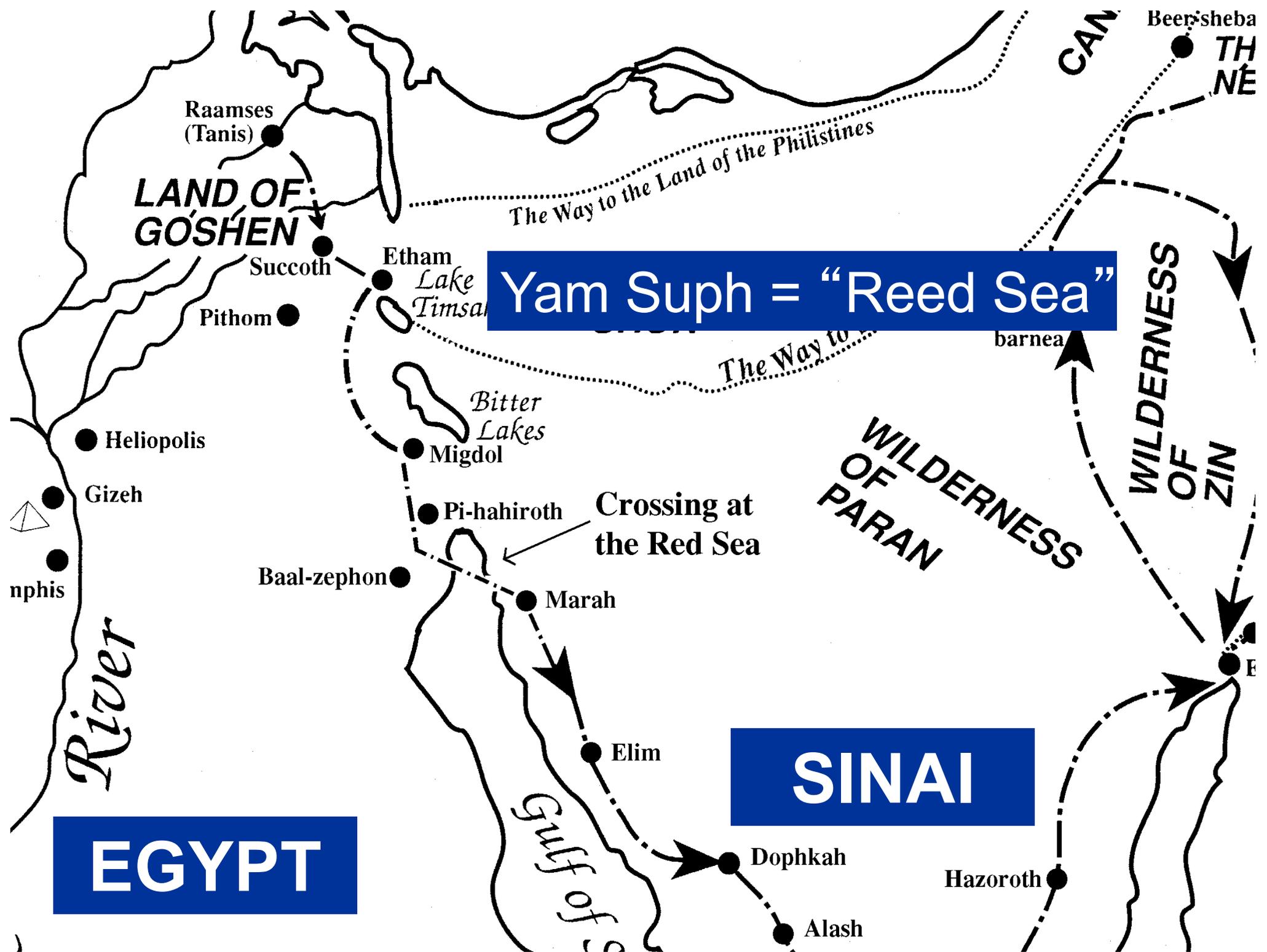
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The Exodus Alternate Route

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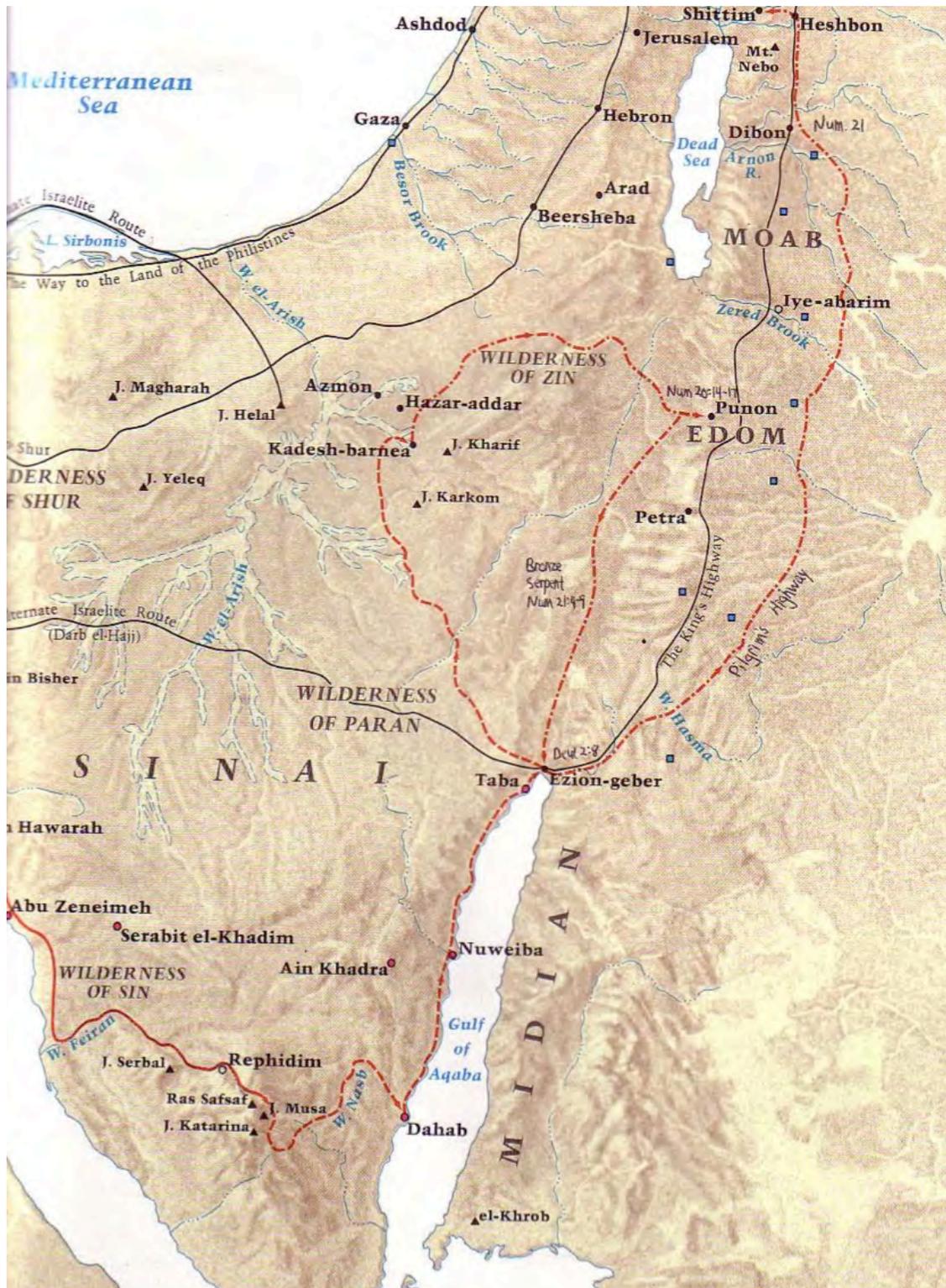


Yam Suph = "Reed Sea"

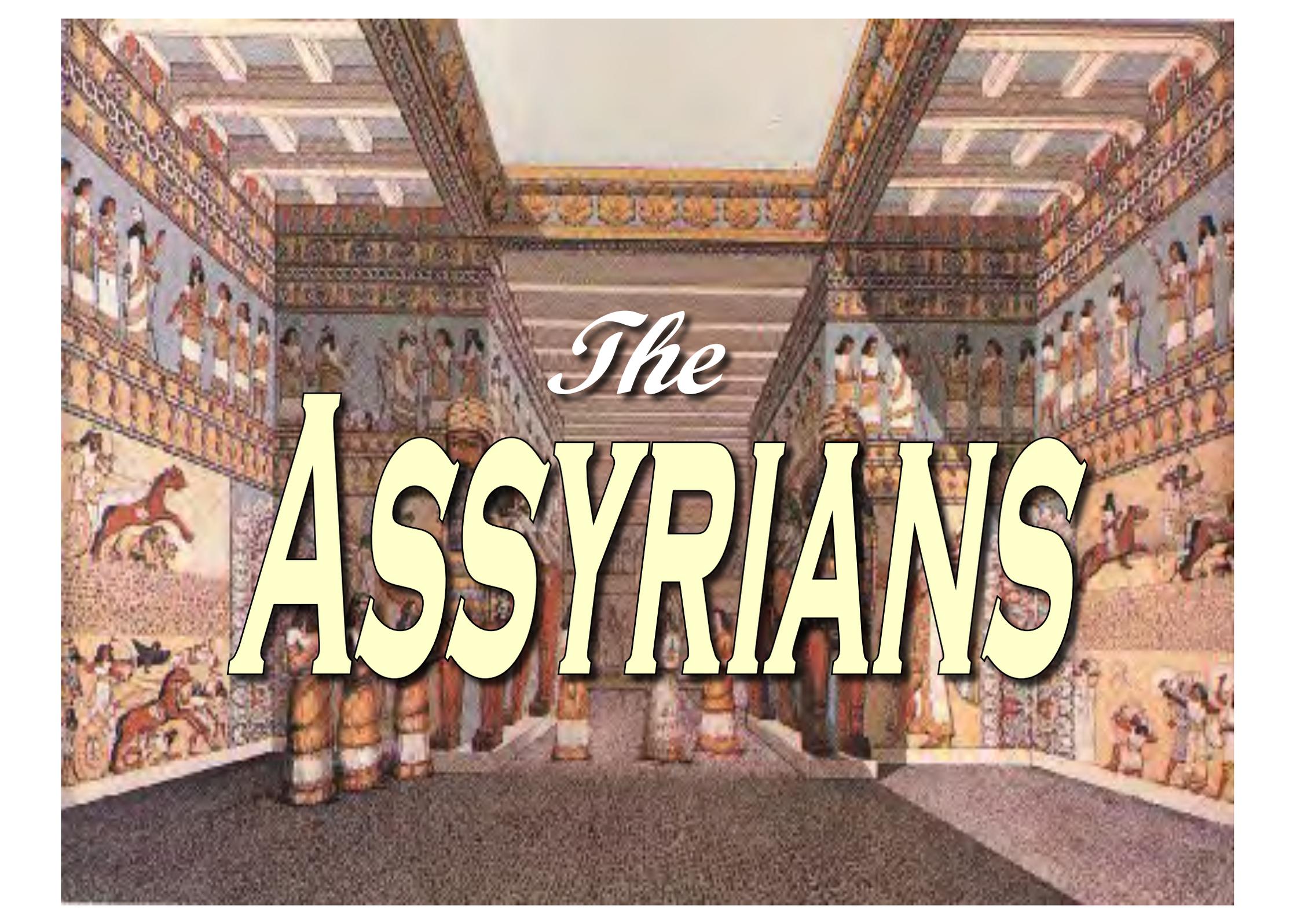
EGYPT

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Wilderness Wanderings



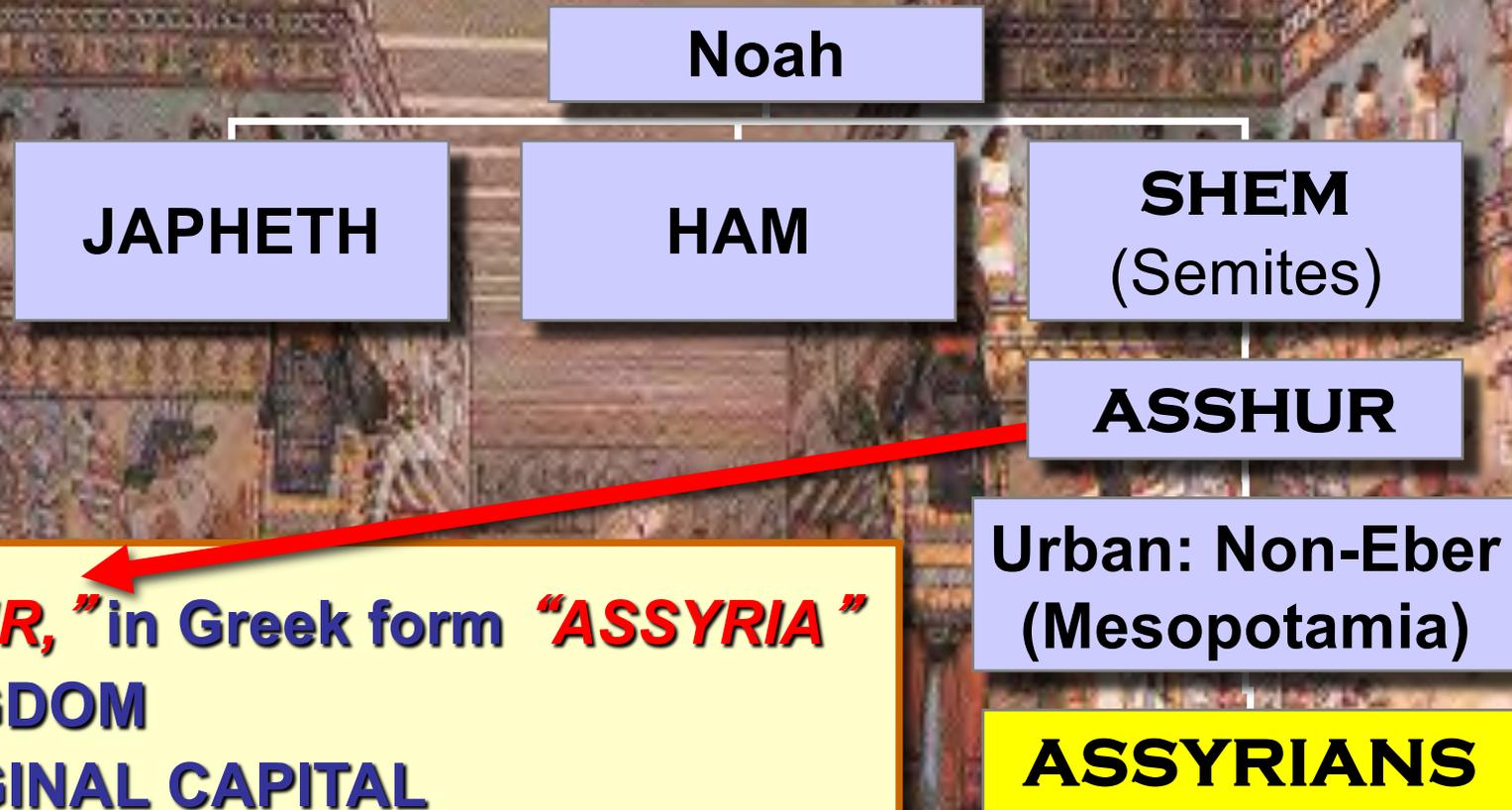
Barry Beitzel, *Moody Atlas of Bible Lands*, 87



The

ASSYRIANS

The Ancestors of **ASSYRIANS**



- **“ASSHUR,”** in Greek form **“ASSYRIA”**
 - KINGDOM
 - ORIGINAL CAPITAL
 - NATIONAL GOD

Who They Were...

- ***SEMITIC*** people
- ***Indigenous*** people in Mesopotamia
- Mediterranean ***Caucasoid***
- “Assyrian” refers to a **NATION**, not a race



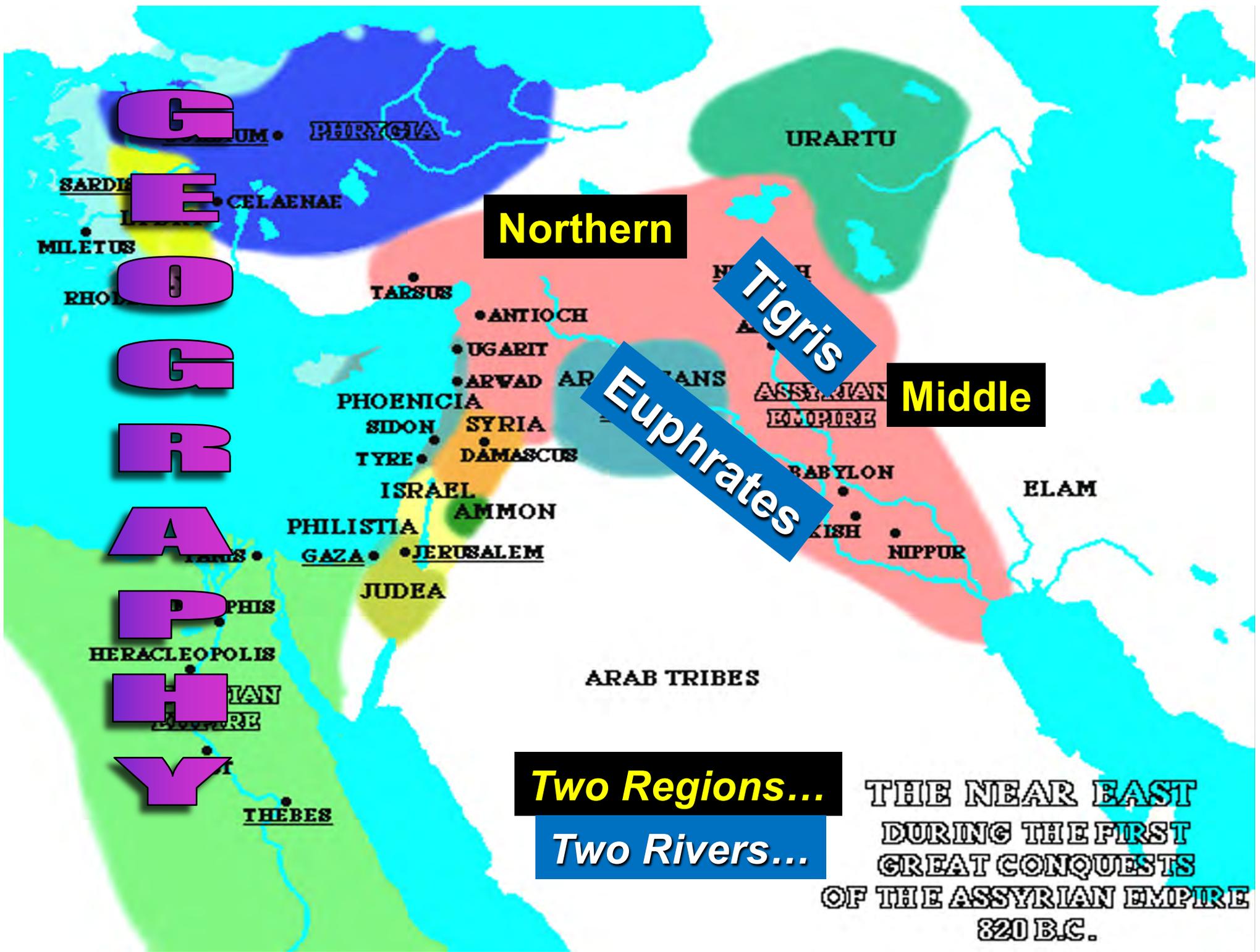


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ASSYRIAN EMPIRE

**THE NEAR EAST
DURING THE FIRST
GREAT CONQUESTS
OF THE ASSYRIAN EMPIRE
820 B.C.**

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Northern

Tigris

Euphrates

Middle

Two Regions...

Two Rivers...

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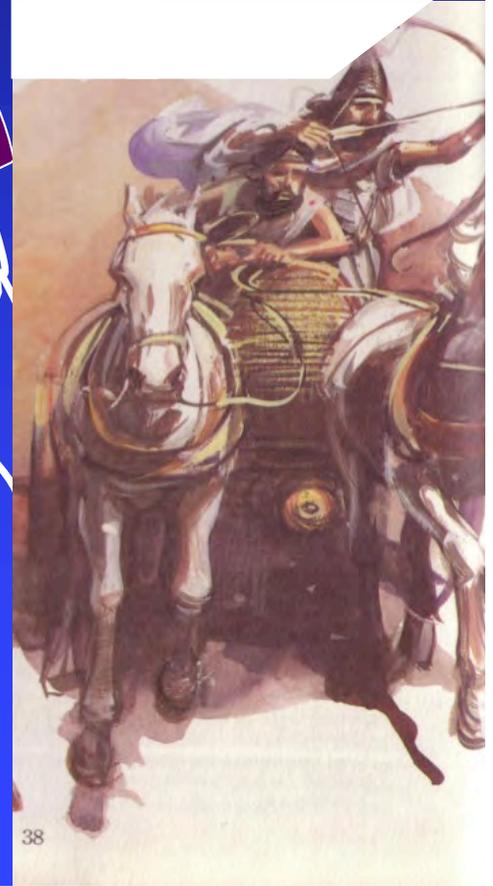
MOUNTAINS

North

East

ASSYRIA UNDER KING ESARHADDON (approx. 670 BC)

The Assyrian Empire

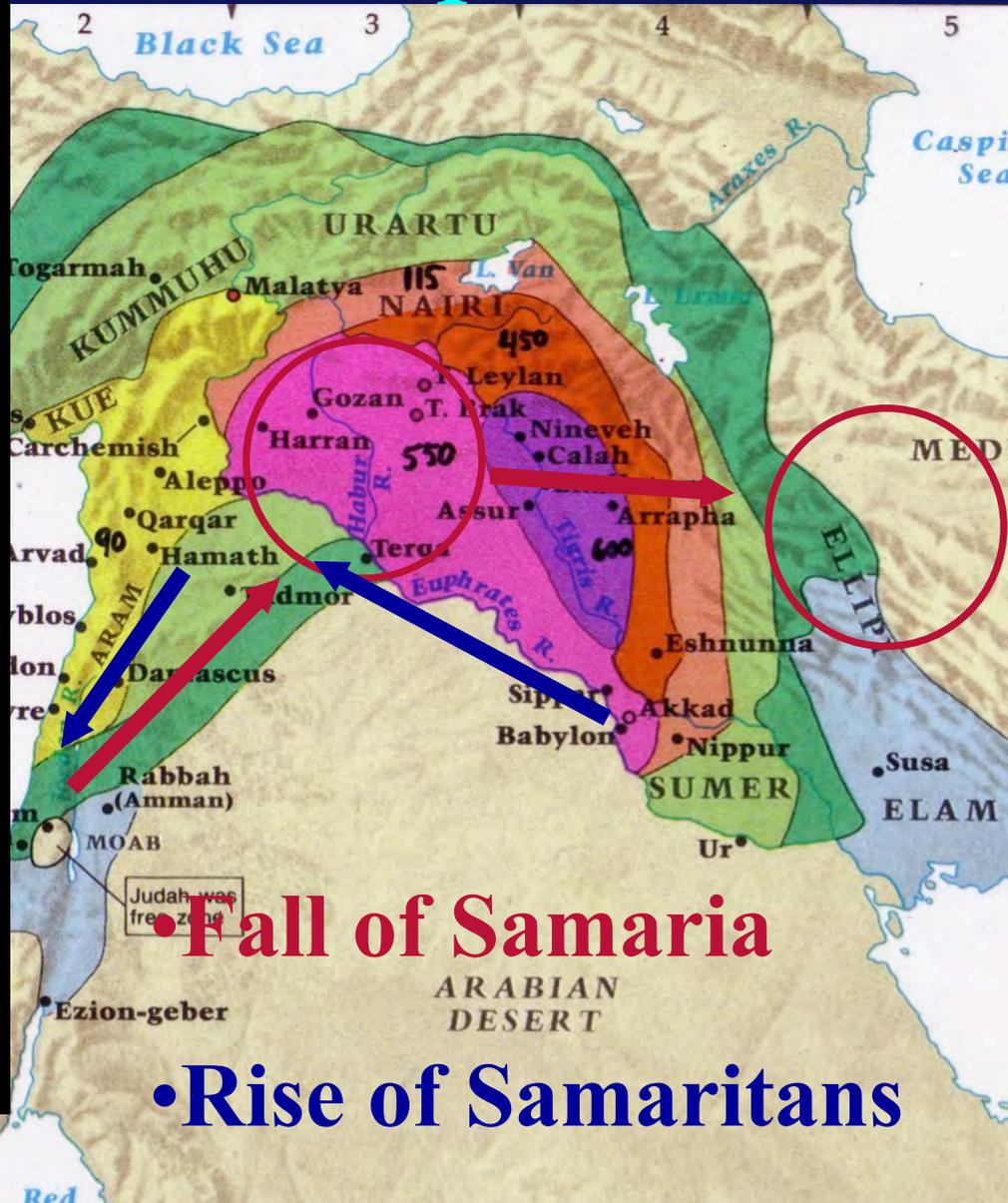


Assyrian Siege of Lachish



And the king of Assyria transported groups of people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim and resettled them in the towns of Samaria, replacing the people of Israel. So the Assyrians took over Samaria and the other towns of Israel (2 Kings 17:24).

Assyrian Developments



Finally, in the ninth year of King Hoshea's reign, Samaria fell, and the people of Israel were exiled to Assyria. They were settled in colonies in Halah, along the banks of the Habor River in Gozan, and among the cities of the Medes (2 Kings 17:6).

The Babylonians

(Neo-Babylonian Empire)

625-539 BC

Babylonia



History of Babylon



Genesis 10:8-10; 11:9; Rev. 17:1-6

How did Babylon start?

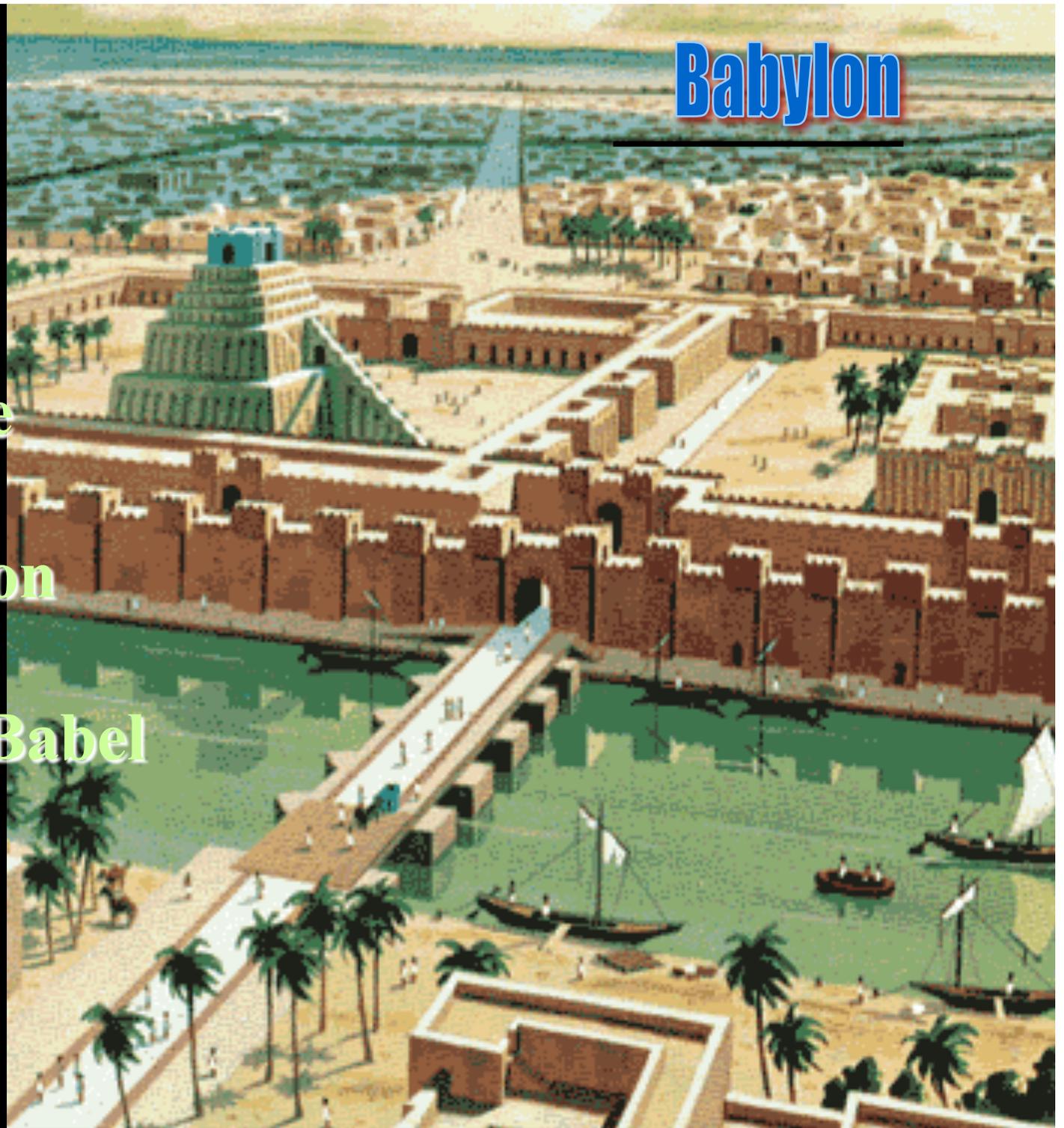
What motivated this beginning?

What resulted from its founding?

What did Babylon signify?

Babylon

- The Name
- The Location
- The Tower of Babel



1986 Babylon International Festival Medallion



**SADDAM HUSSEIN and
the ancient world
conqueror
Nebuchadnezzar. Not
only do they look alike,
but their mission was
the same—to control
the world. And the
symbol of this world
dominion is an ancient
city...**

BABYLON: Prelude to Armageddon?

Babylonia

Babylonian Geography

Where was Babylonia?

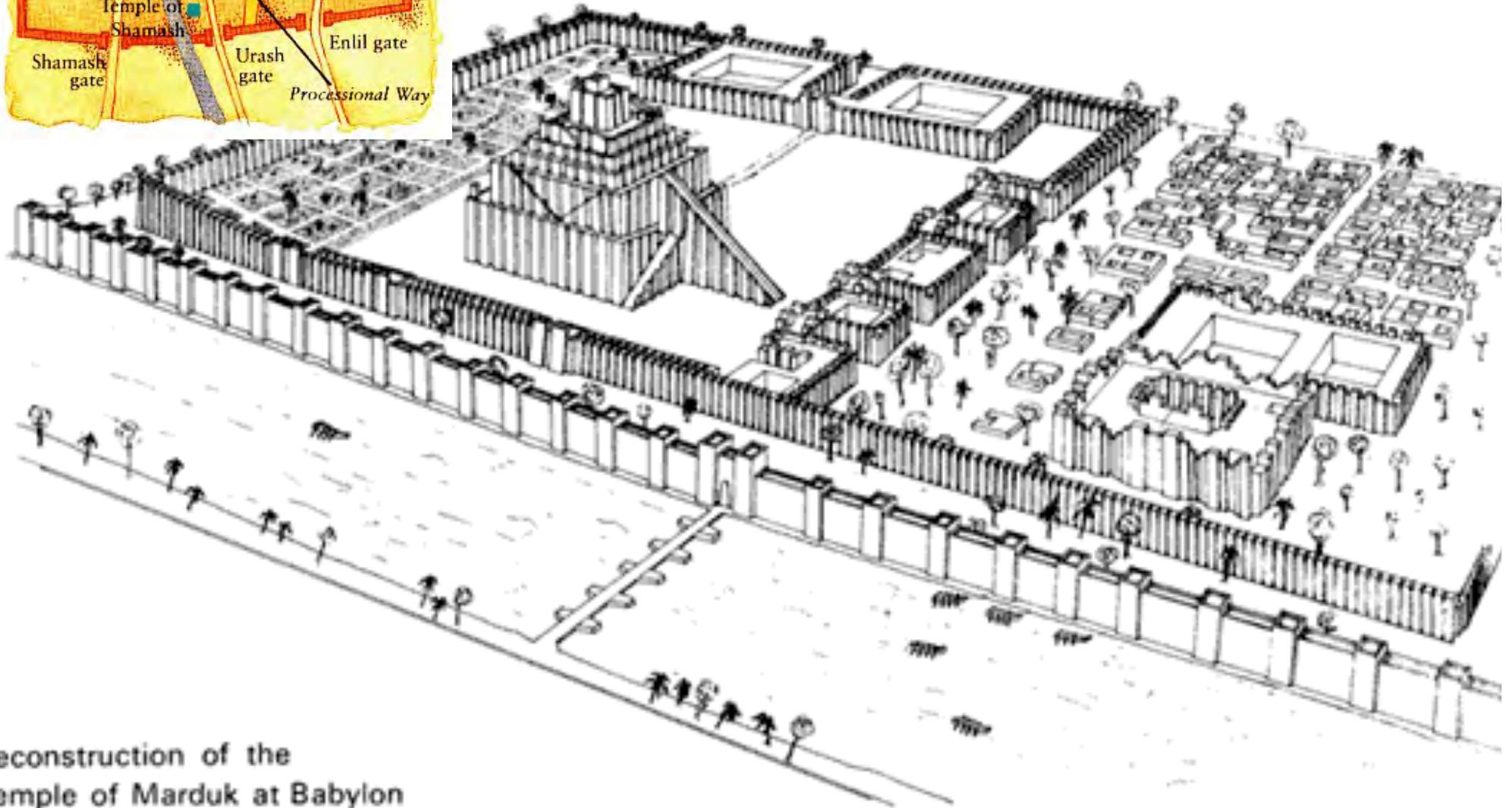
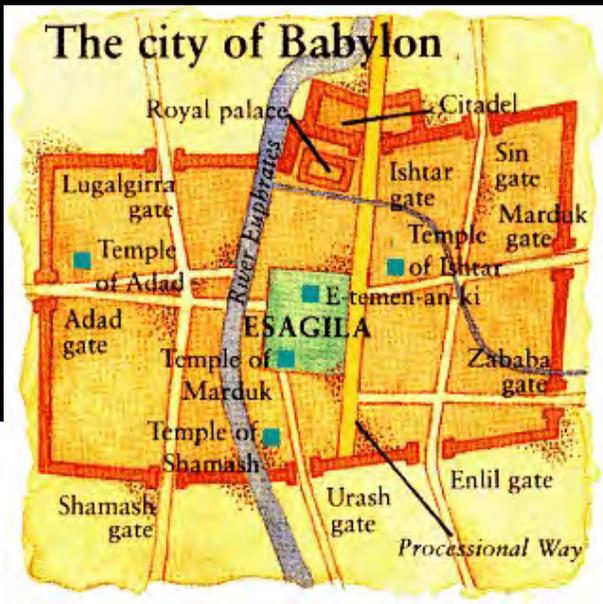
Tigris & Euphrates

Climate

Ideal for Trade



Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon



RELIGION

Babylonians had many gods – Sumerian, Akkadian, imports from mountainous regions (N & E of Meso.)
– which reflected their needs and fears

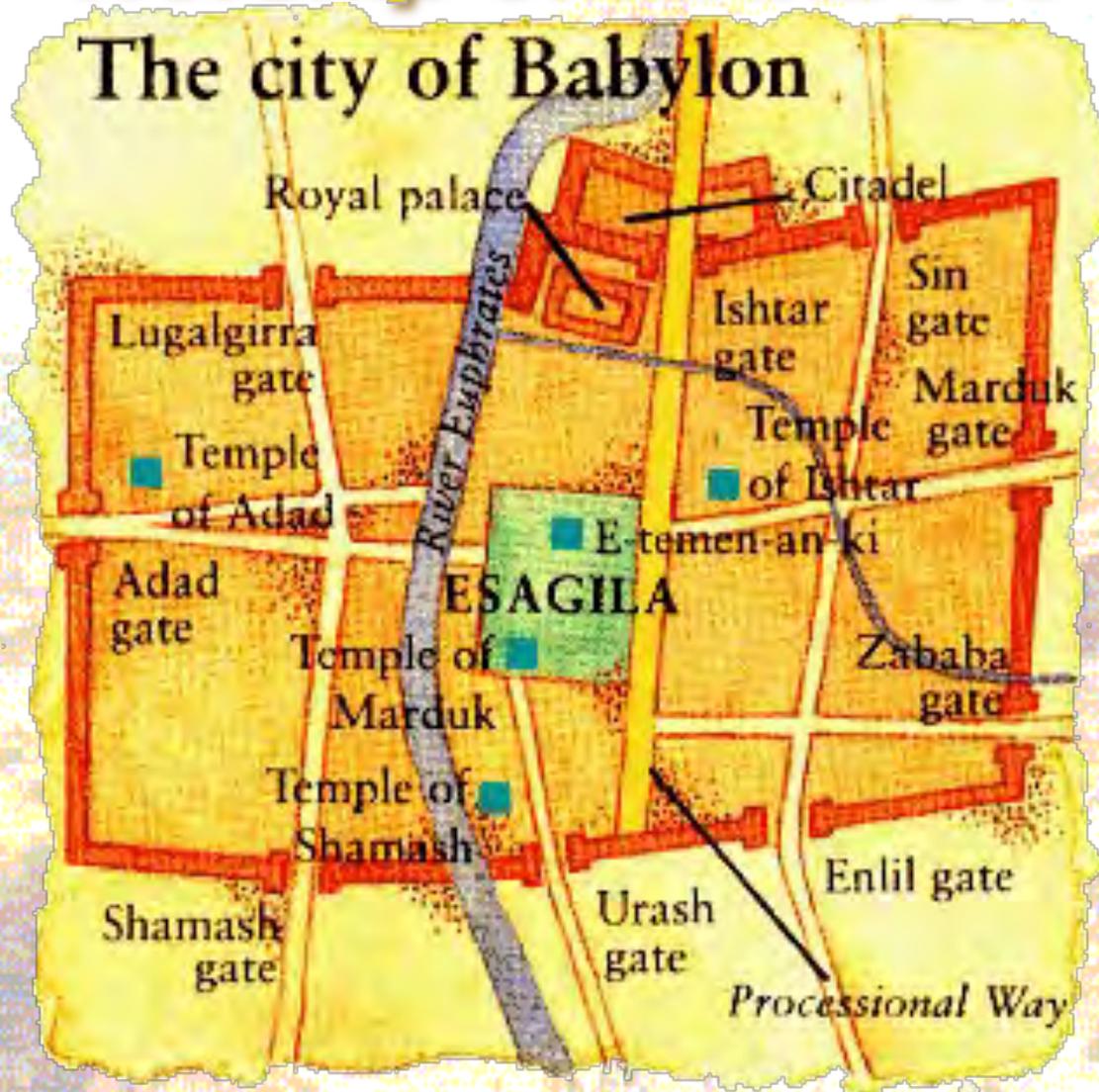
Marduk (Bel / Baal)

1. Son of Ea (wisdom)
2. Chief of Babylon's gods (rising sun)
3. Temples & a huge ziggurat (the temple of Esgalia)
4. Wife called Sarpanitu / Son - Nabu
5. Sacred number 10 / Planet Jupiter
6. Statue of pure gold – Babylon
7. Made men and fashioned the world



RELIGION

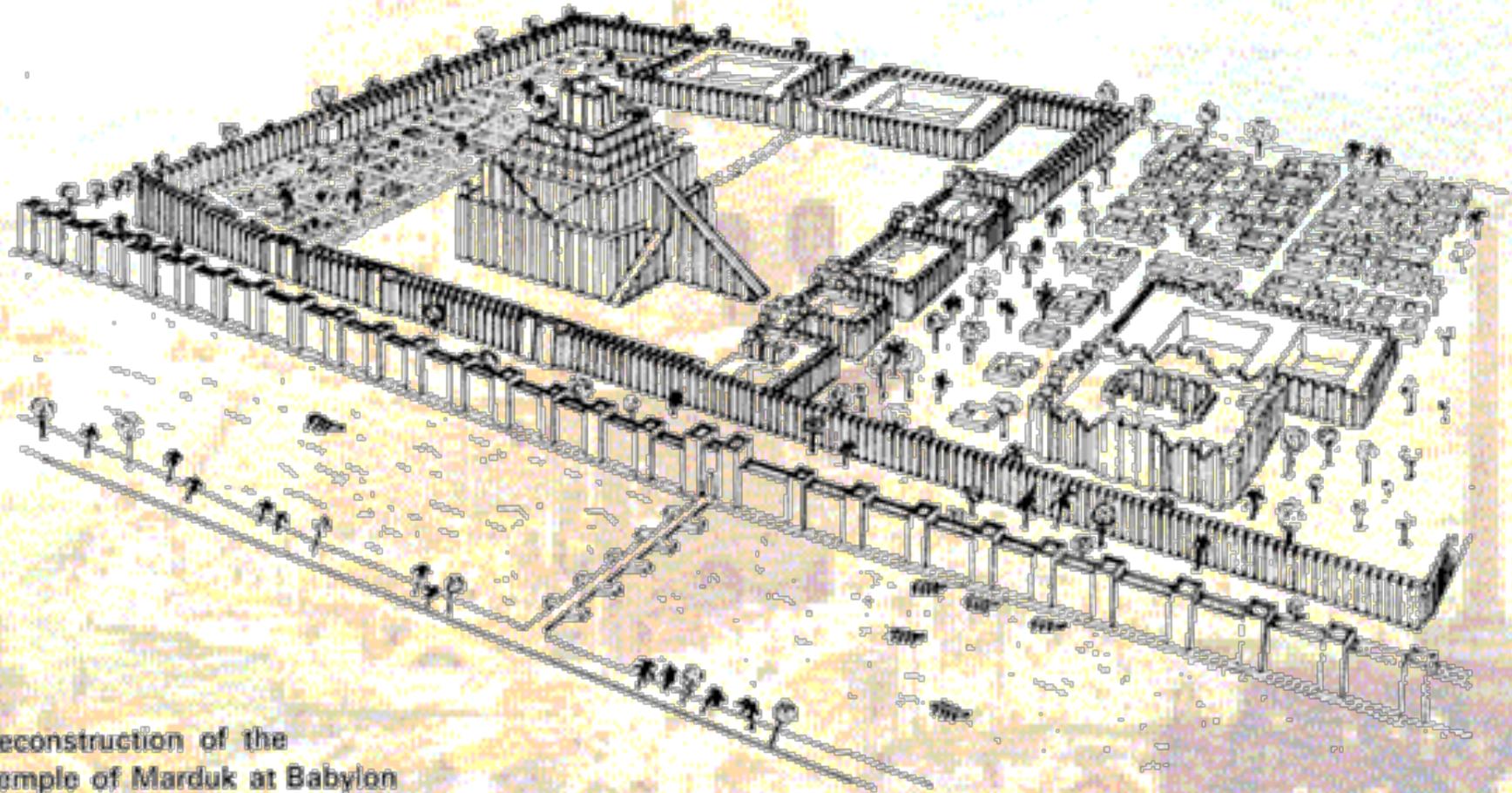
Worship of MARDUK



Babylon - time of Nebuchadnezzar II
Esagila - a huge sanctuary complex / temple of Marduk,
and E-Temen-an-ki, the great ziggurat of Babylon, probably the prototype of the Tower of Babel

RELIGION

Worship of MARDUK



Reconstruction of the
Temple of Marduk at Babylon

RELIGION

OTHER BABYLONIAN GODS

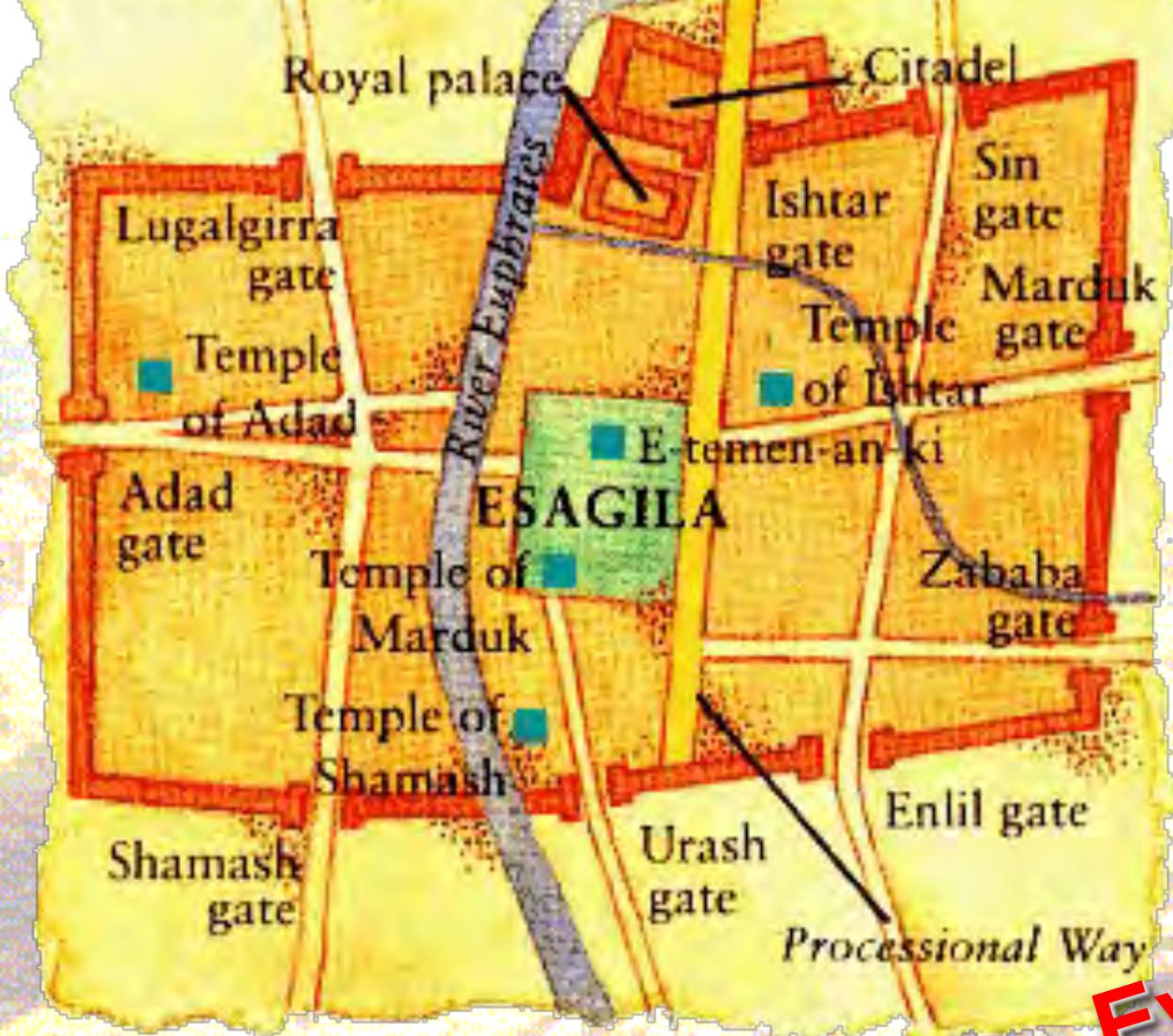
Pantheons – overlapped of many cities

Every street bore the name of one of the gods

- ISHTAR** (goddess) – moon god
ENLIL (Sumerian King of the Gods) – in charge of justice
SIN (Sumerian King god) – god of heavens
EA (Sumerian god) – god of war and love
SHAMASH (Sumerian god) – god of the weather
ANU (Sumerian god) – In charge of the weather
ADAD (weather god) – In charge of wisdom & magic

RELIGION

The city of Babylon



Where
are the
gods?

Everywhere!

RELIGION

Temples and Rituals

A RELIGIOUS METROPOLIS

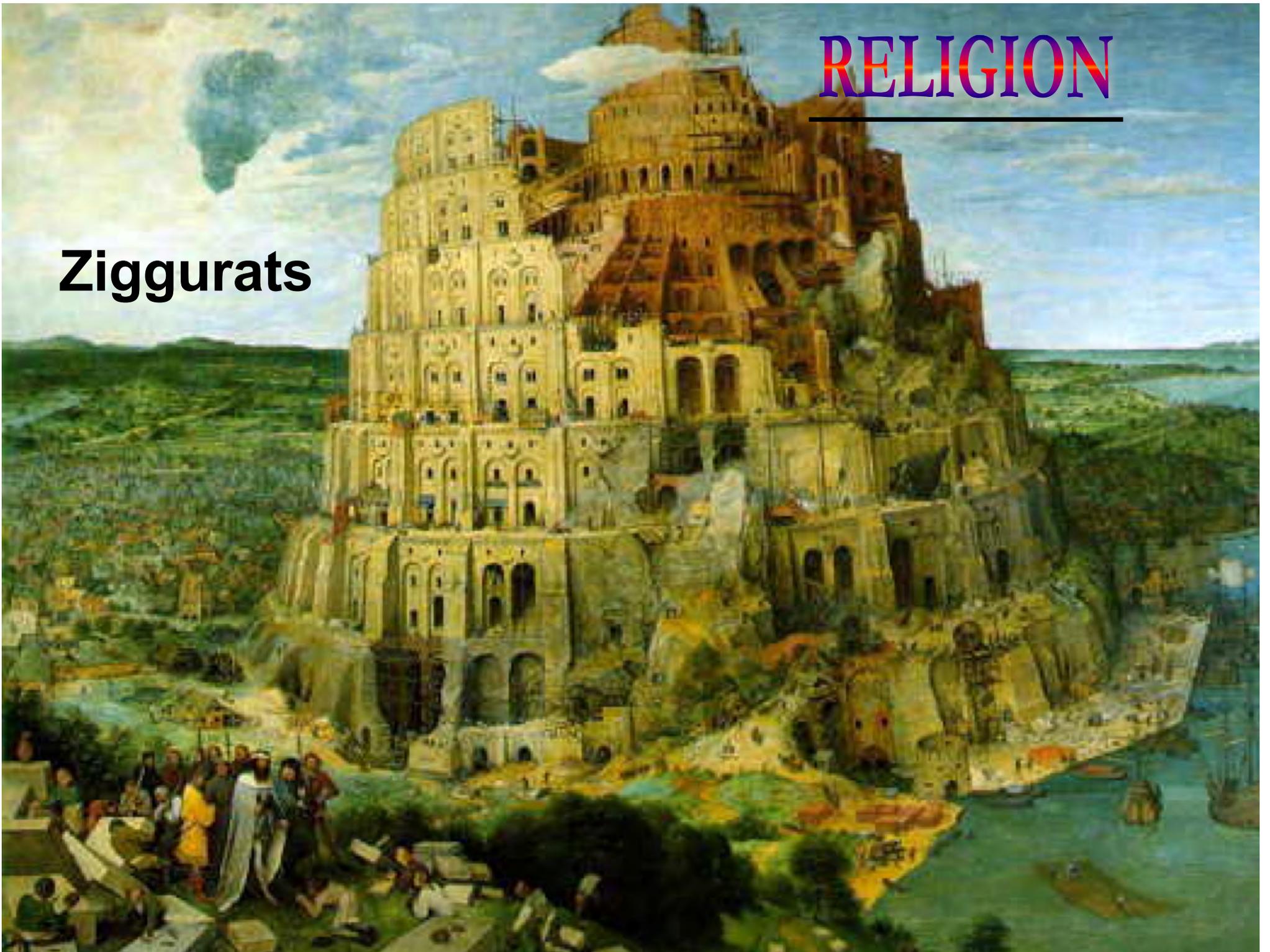
- 53 temples of the city
- 55 chapels of the city
- 300 chambers of the city
- 600 altars of the city

Babylon, the mother of prostitutes and
of the abominations of the earth
(Revelation 17:5)

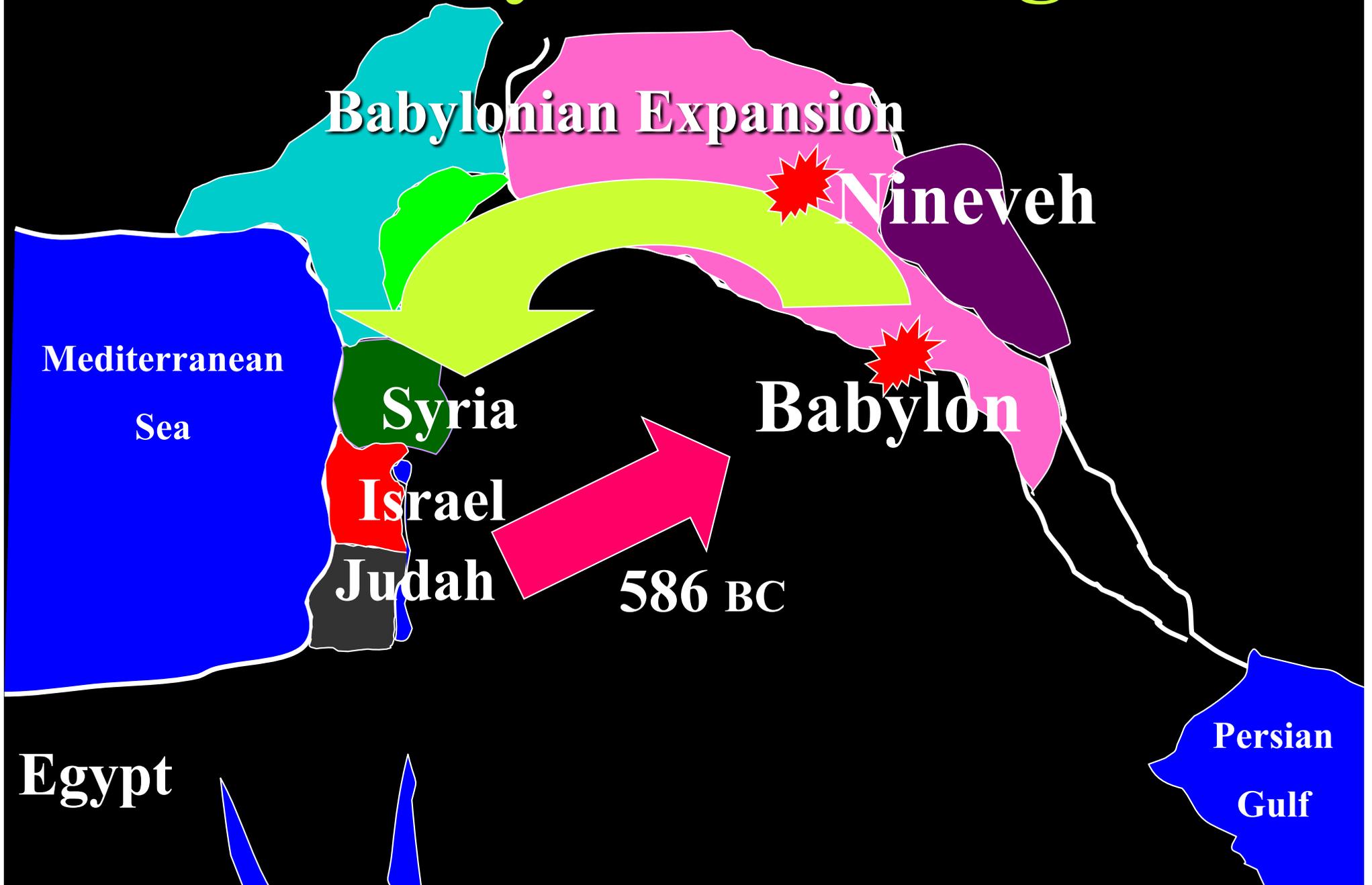
the goddess Ishtar
as Nergal and Adad
her altars for different gods

RELIGION

Ziggurats

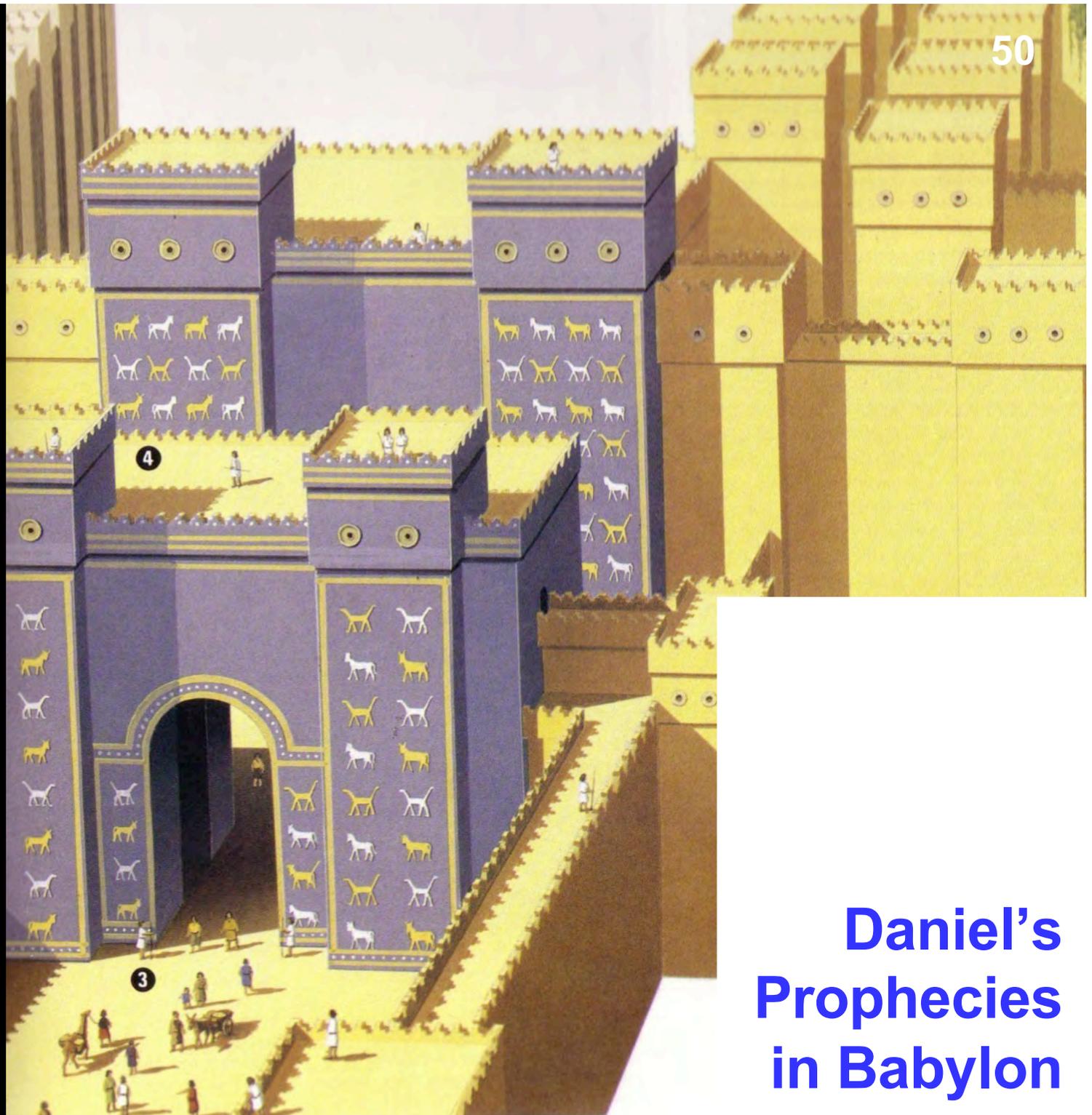


The Babylonian Kingdom

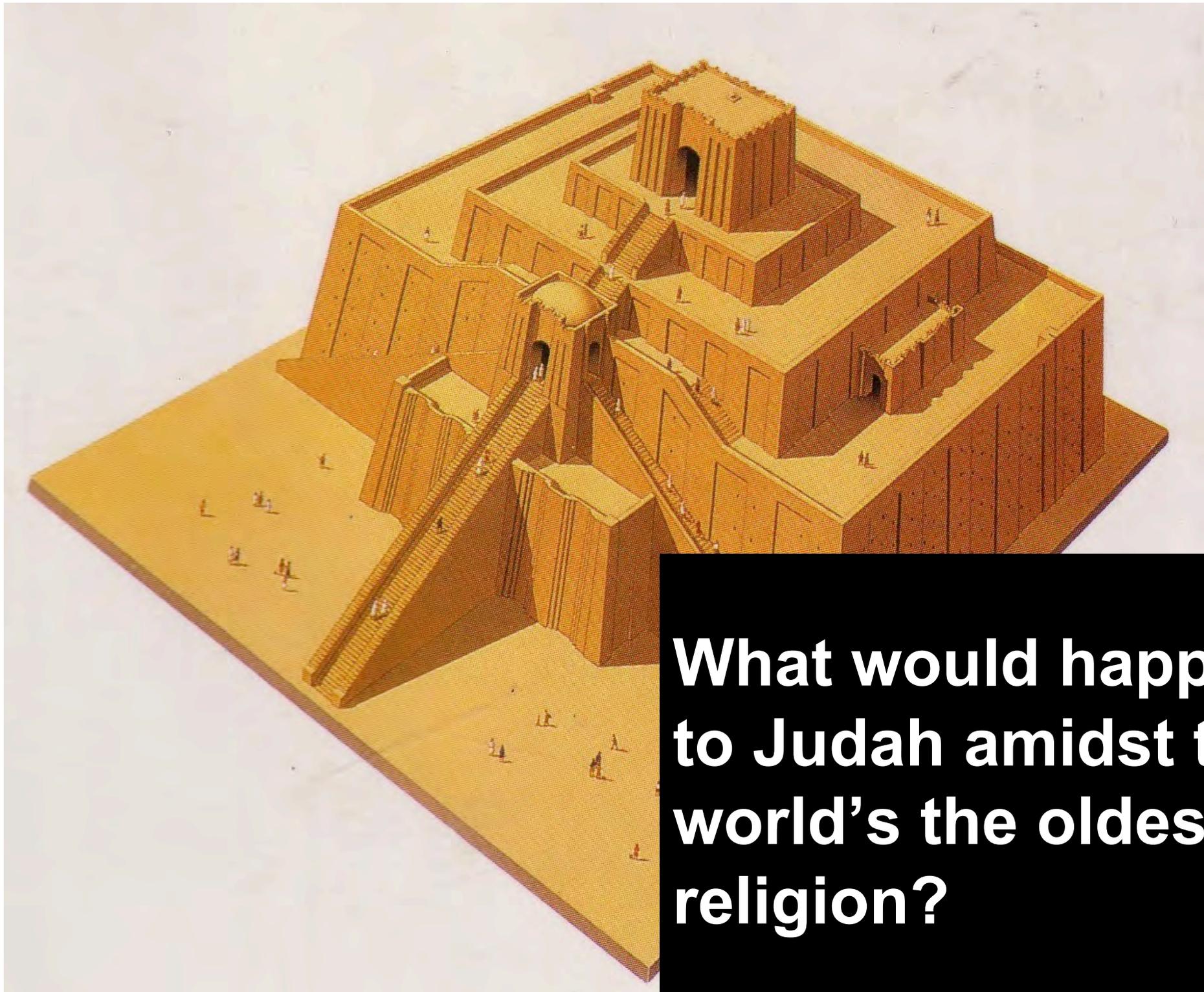


- **Context:**
Written during the Exile (605-536 BC)

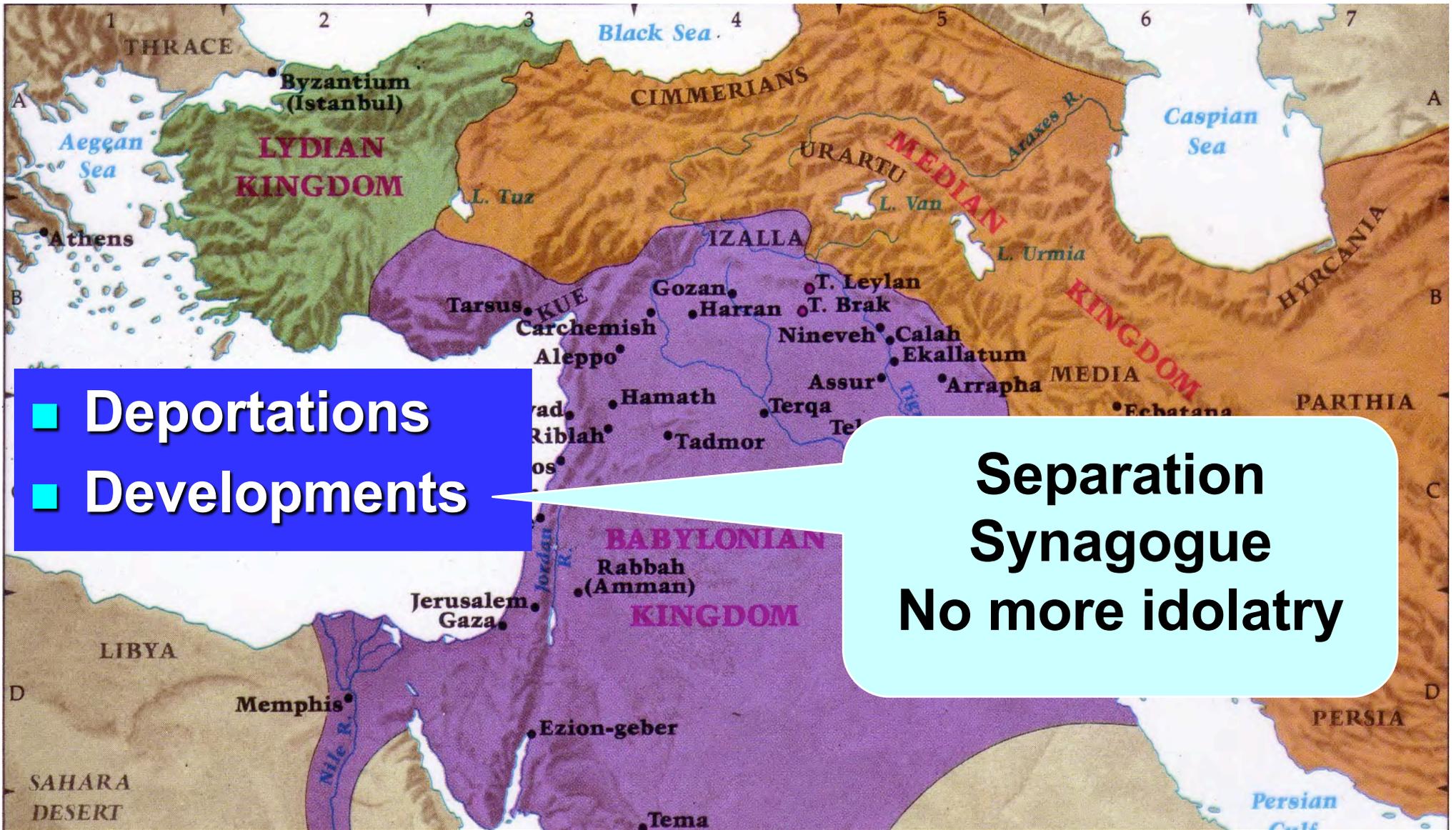
- **Content:**
Foretells 4 kingdoms (605 BC-AD 476)



Daniel's Prophecies in Babylon



What would happen to Judah amidst the world's the oldest religion?



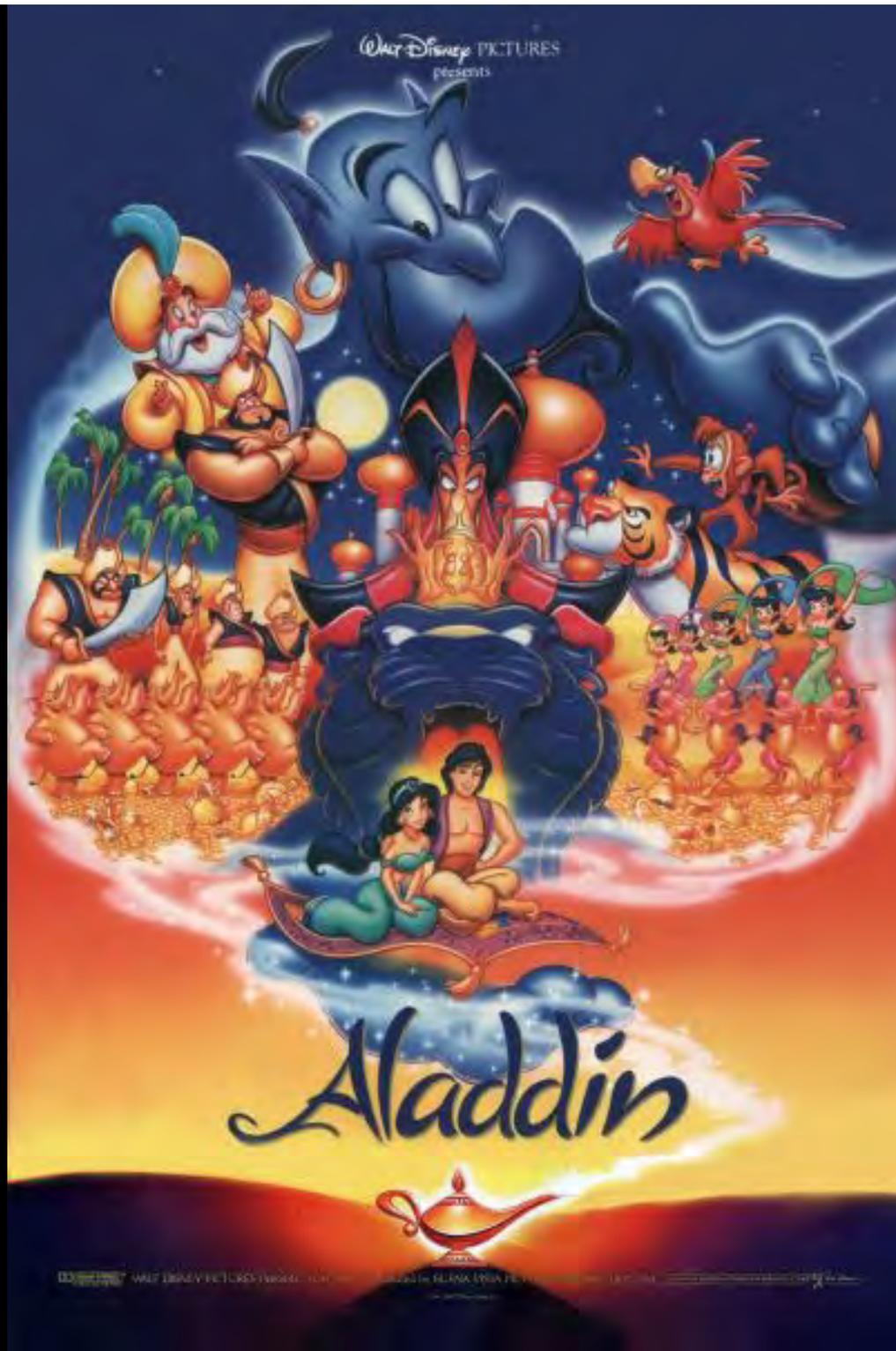
■ Deportations
■ Developments

Separation
Synagogue
No more idolatry

Babylonian Rule over Palestine

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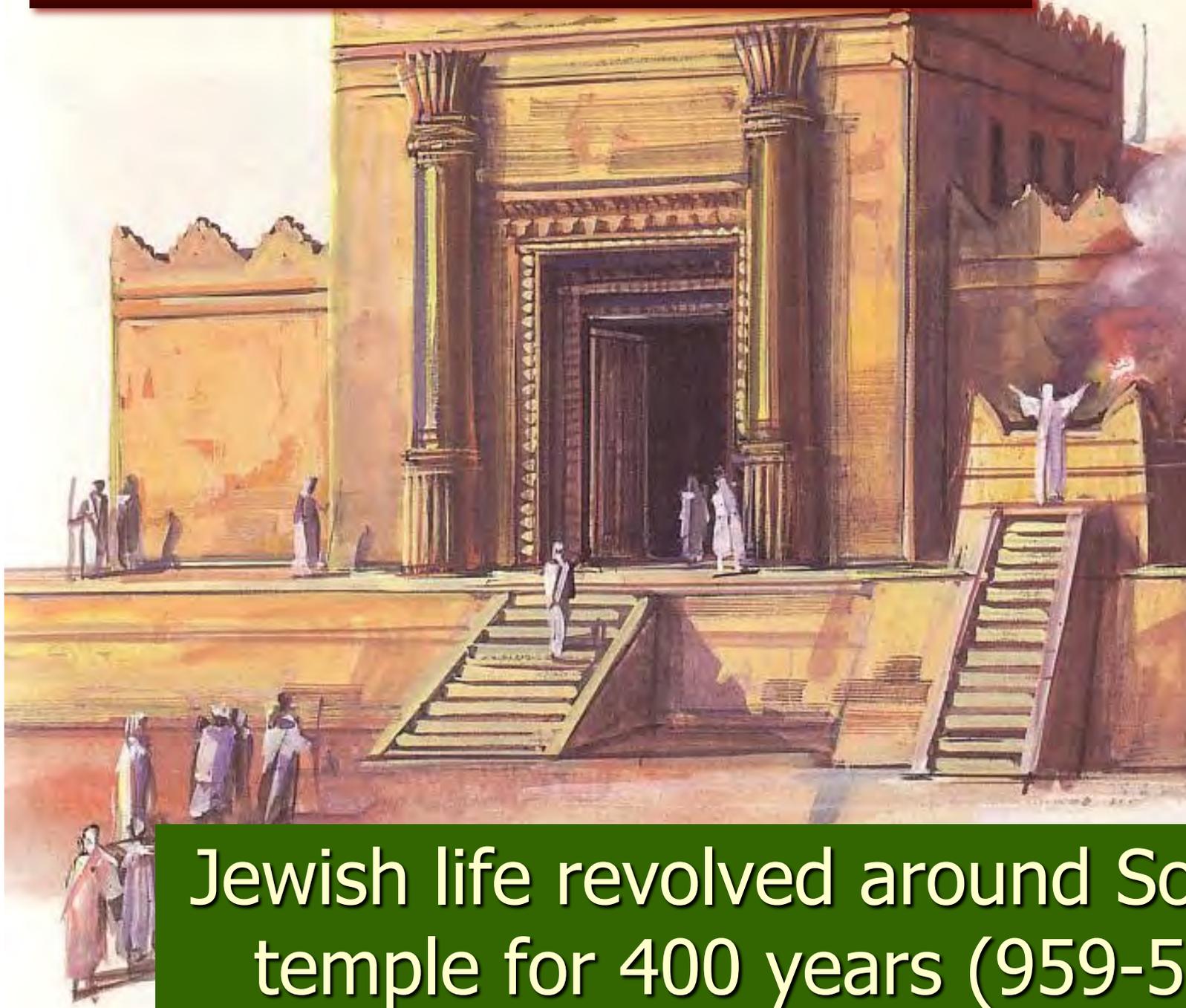


The Persian Empire in the fifth century BC, extending 'from India to Ethiopia' (Est. 1:1).

The boundaries of the empire that Cyrus II initiated and Darius I consolidated stretched from Greece to India

***How Persians
Affected Israel***

How Persians Affected Israel



Jewish life revolved around Solomon's temple for 400 years (959-586 BC)

How Persians Affected Israel

Temple
Destroyed!

Jews Maintained
Holiness at the Basin



How Persians Affected Israel

In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and to put it in writing: "This is what Cyrus king of Persia says: 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and He has appointed me to build a Temple for Him at Jerusalem in Judah. Anyone of his people among you - may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the Temple of the Lord, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem' " (Ezra 1:1-3).

Of all of the human empires that affected the people of Israel, the Persians did something rather unique—they permitted the *return* of the people of the southern kingdom of Judah, *by God's command* (see above verses), 70 years after their exile by the Babylonians under King Nebuchadnezzar.



Edomites

Identity

Geography

Deity and Literature

Significance History and Israel

Lessons Learnt



Genesis 27:1-40

Edom

- **Three possible origins of the name:**
 - Red sandstone cliffs of the country
 - Esau's red hair at birth
 - Red pottage which Esau took in exchange for his inheritance
- **Land occupied by Esau's descendants, formerly the land of Seir**
- **Referred to Mount Seir and Idumea in the Bible**

Edomites



- **Descendants of Esau (Gen 36:1-17)**
- **Mentioned in Ugaritic tablets of Ras Shamra in the Legend of King Keret**
- **Egyptian records from the late 13th century BC mention Bedouin tribesmen of Edom who were permitted to enter Egypt for food during a famine**

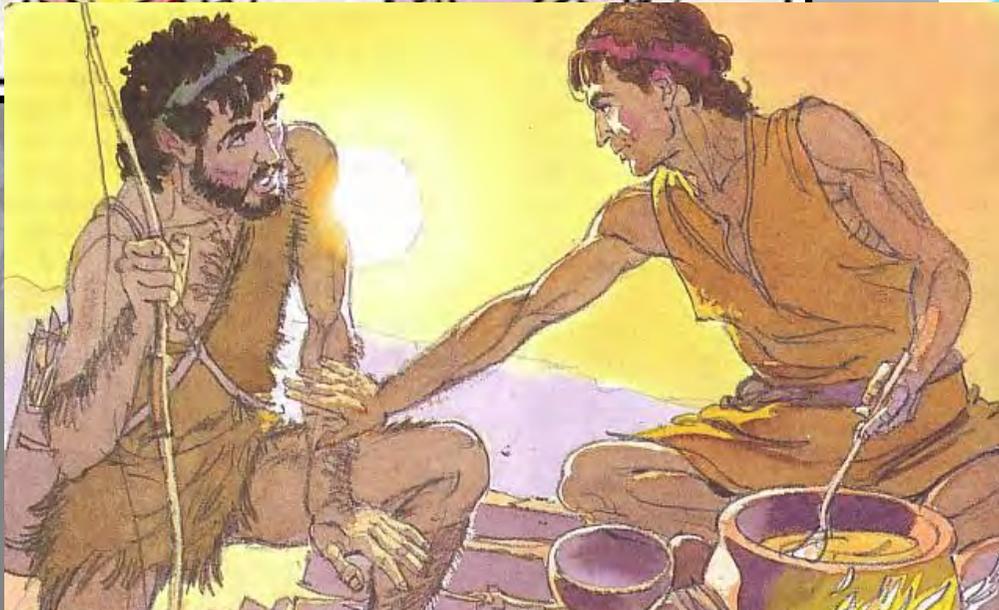
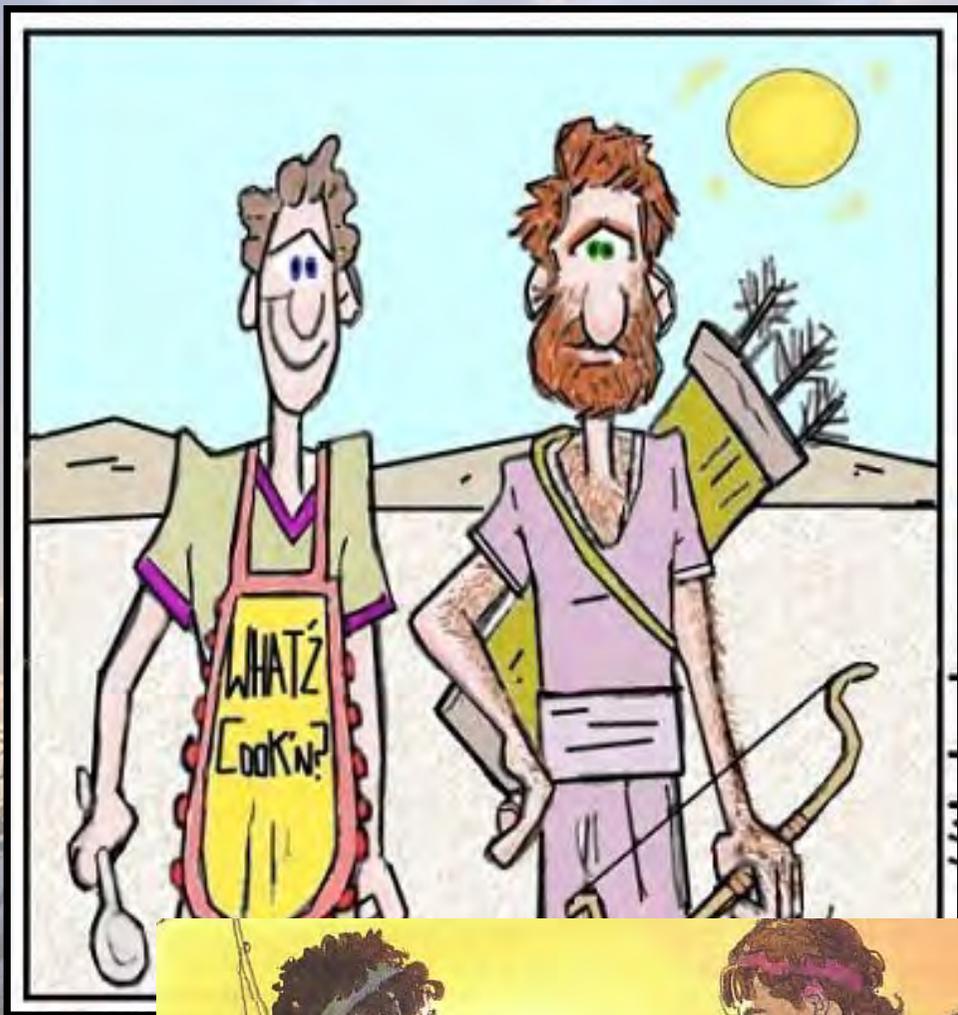


When did they live?

- Modern archaeology shows that the land was occupied before Esau's time
- Esau's descendants migrated to that land and became the dominant group incorporating the original Horites (Gen. 14:6)
- After 1850 BC there was a break in the culture of Edom until just before about 1300 BC and the land was occupied by nomads

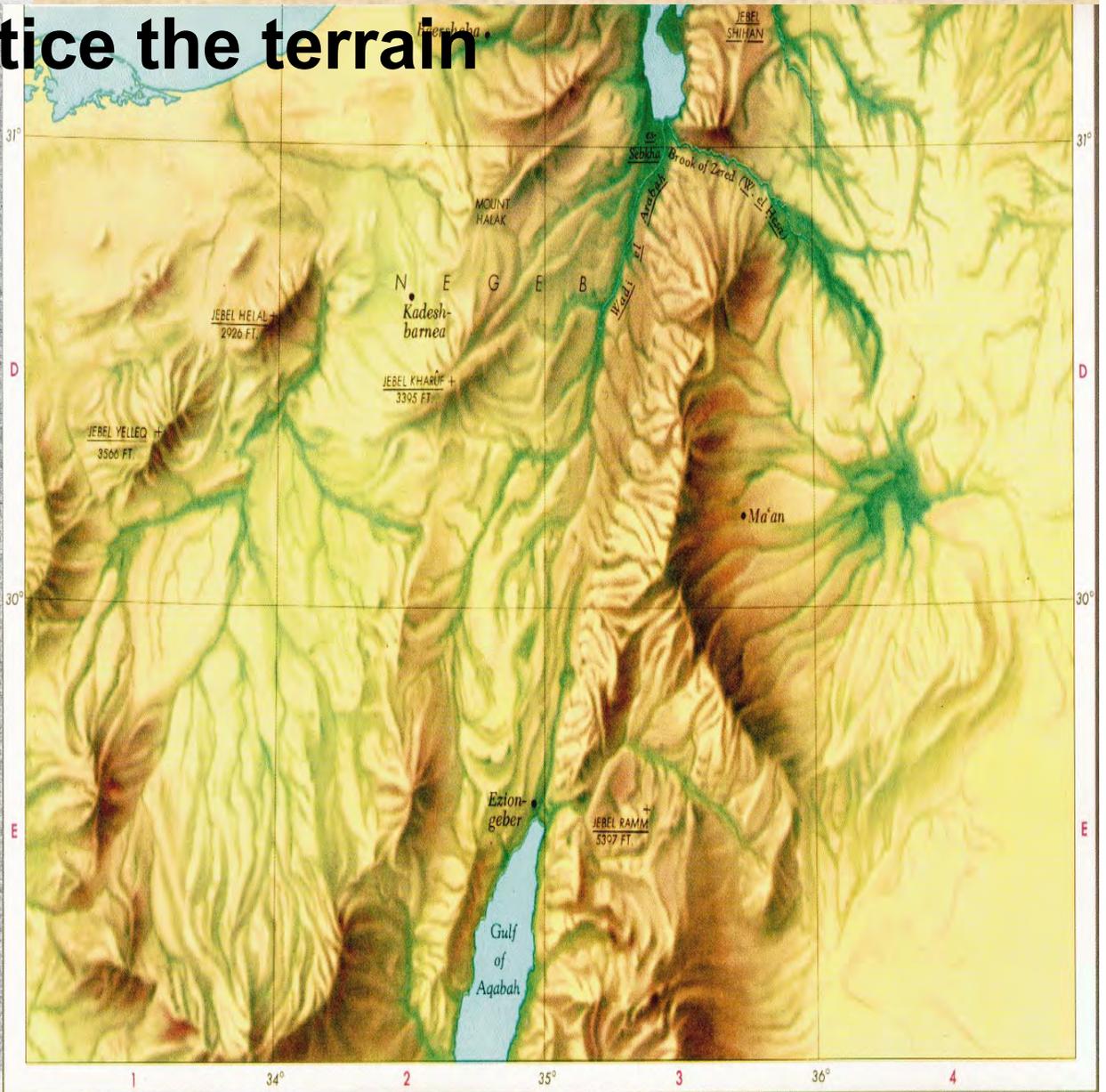
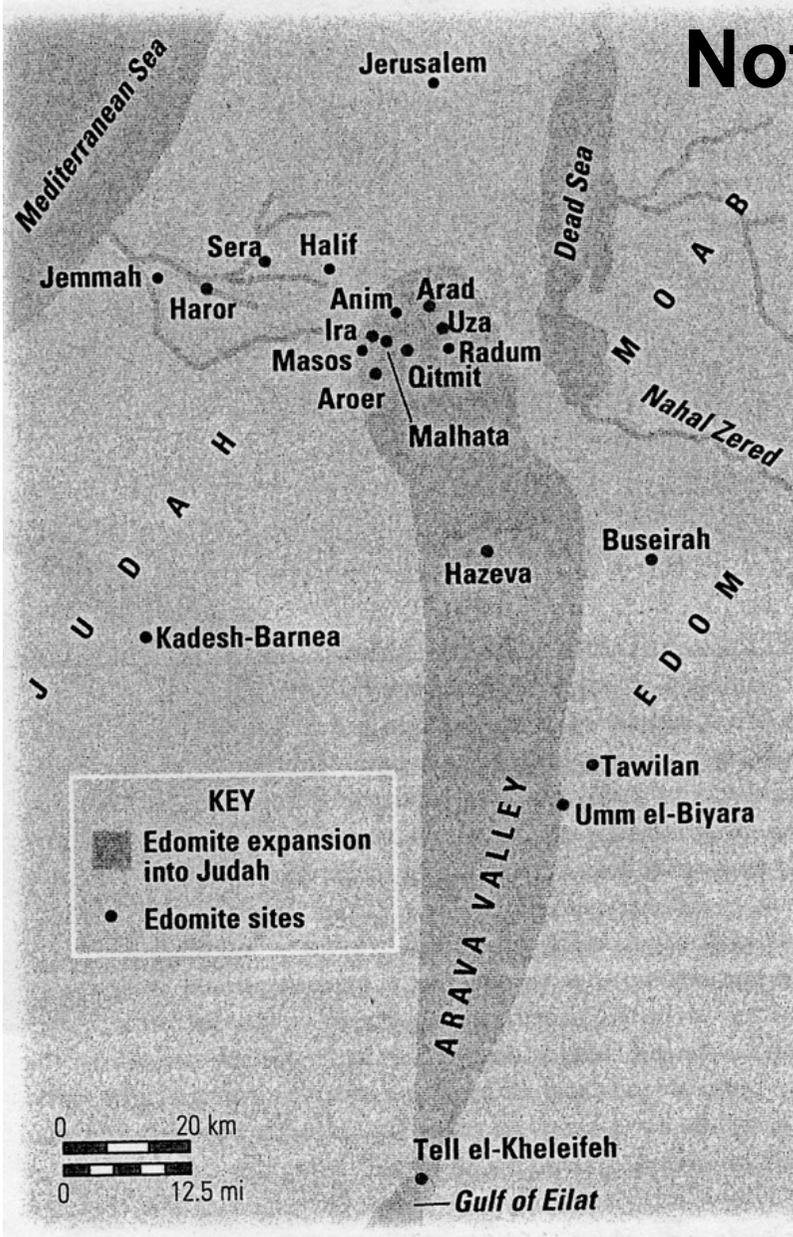


He's So Hairy, Jacob's Brother



Geography

Notice the terrain









**A Review of Our Study
of Ancient Peoples so
Far...**

What Empires and What Order? 52



Babylonian



Greek



Assyrian



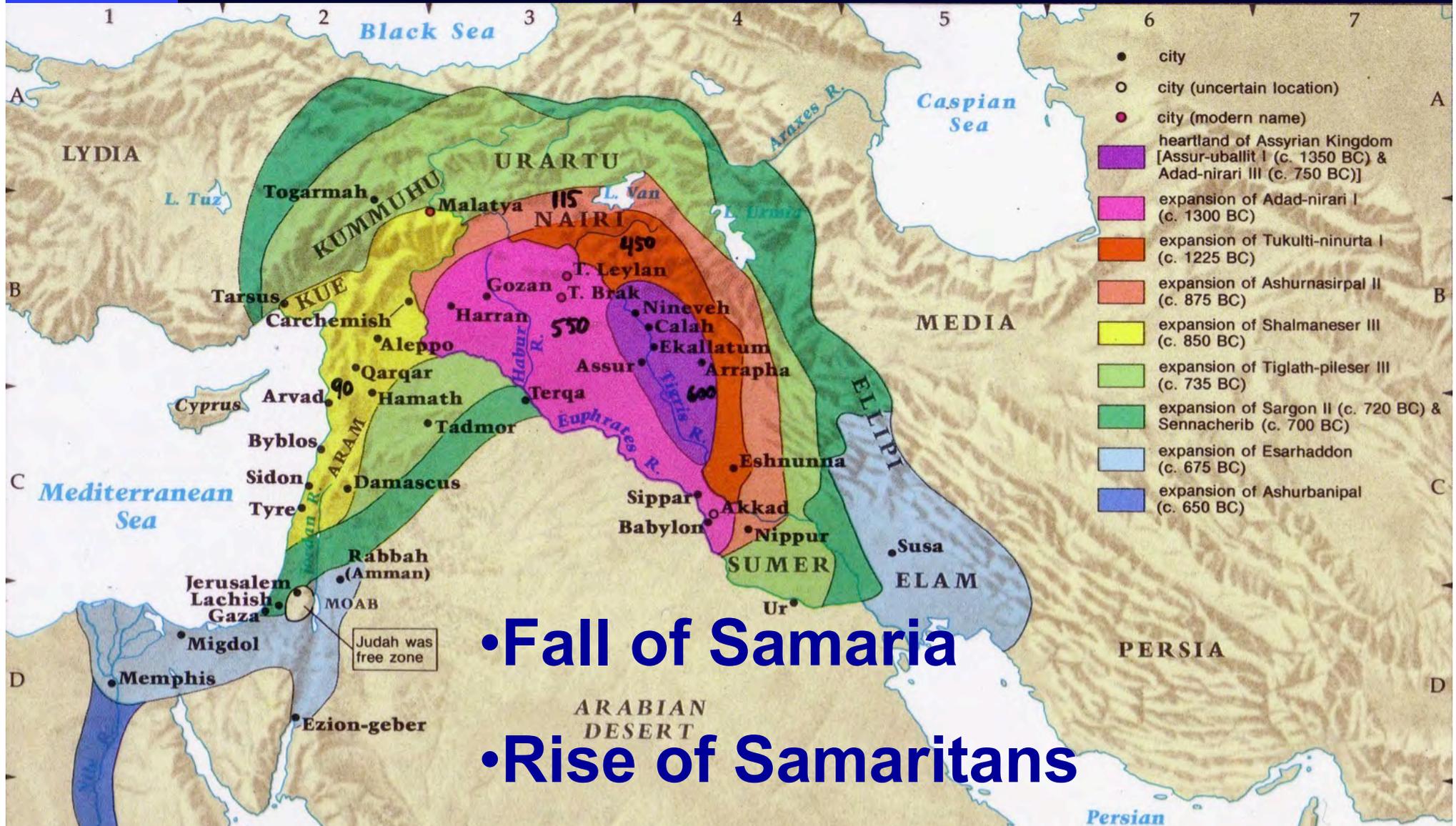
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Roman

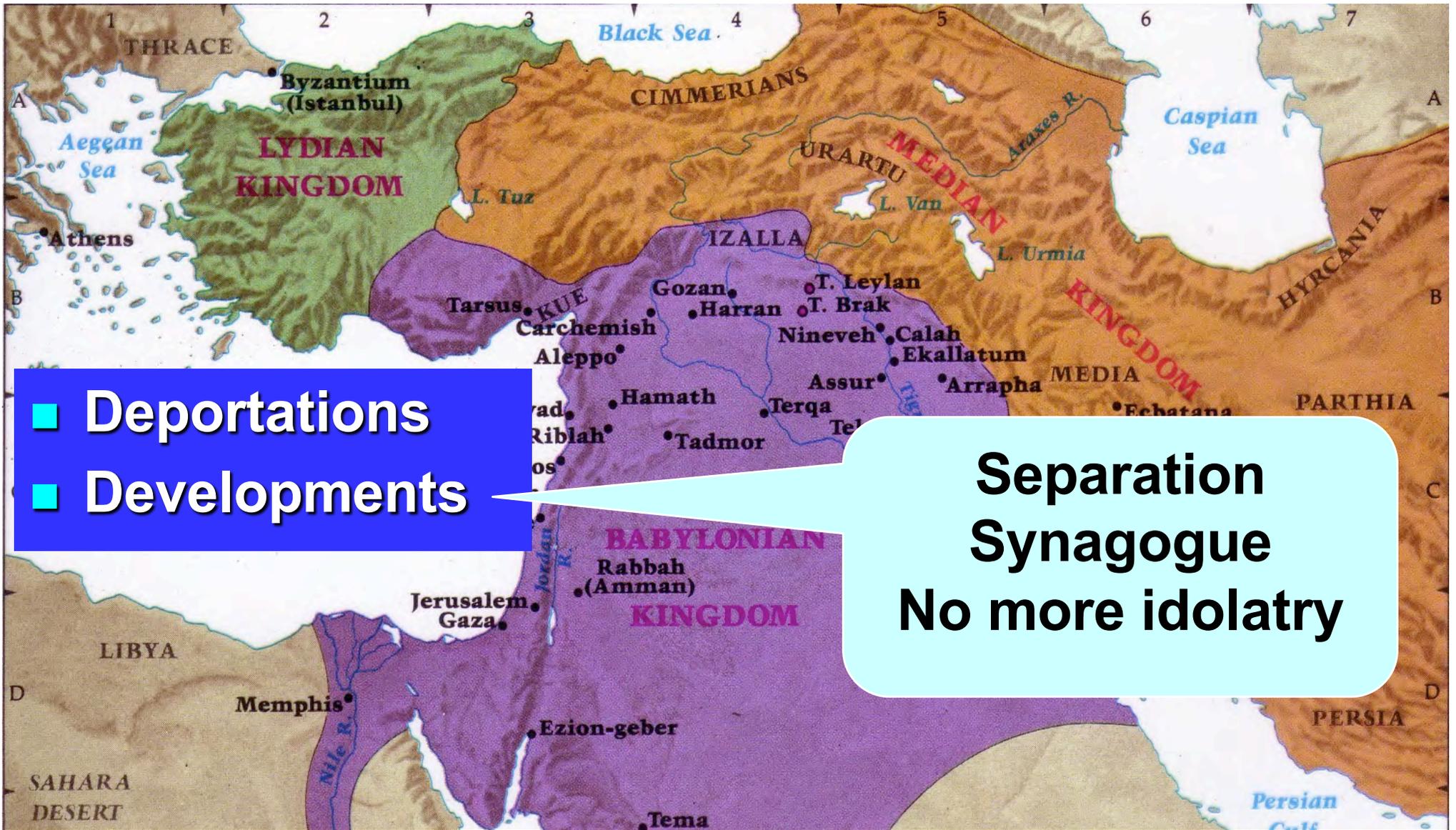
Beitzel, 1st ed., 139-167

Assyrian Developments



- Fall of Samaria
- Rise of Samaritans

Handwritten numbers show the number of years before Jonah in 760 BC



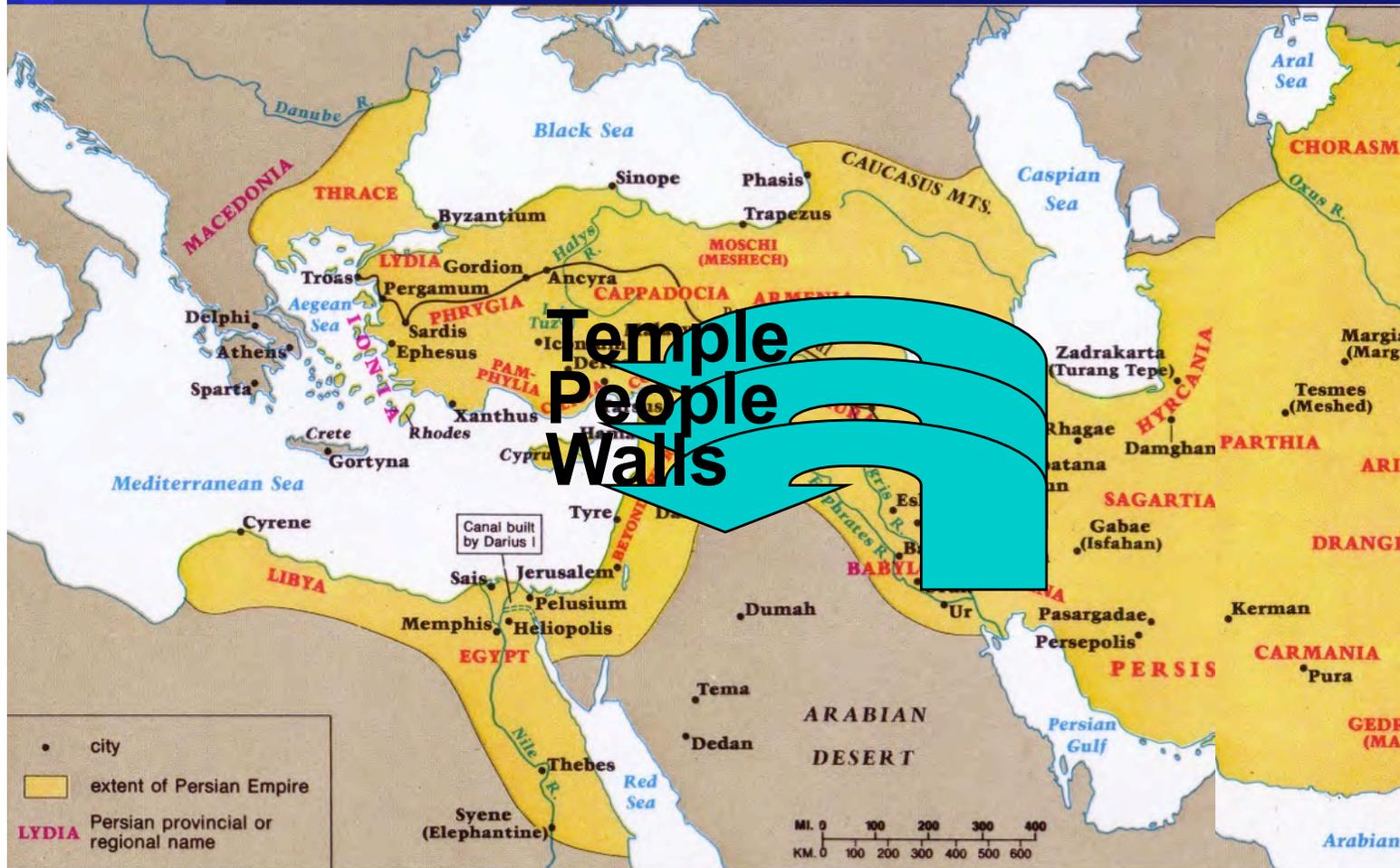
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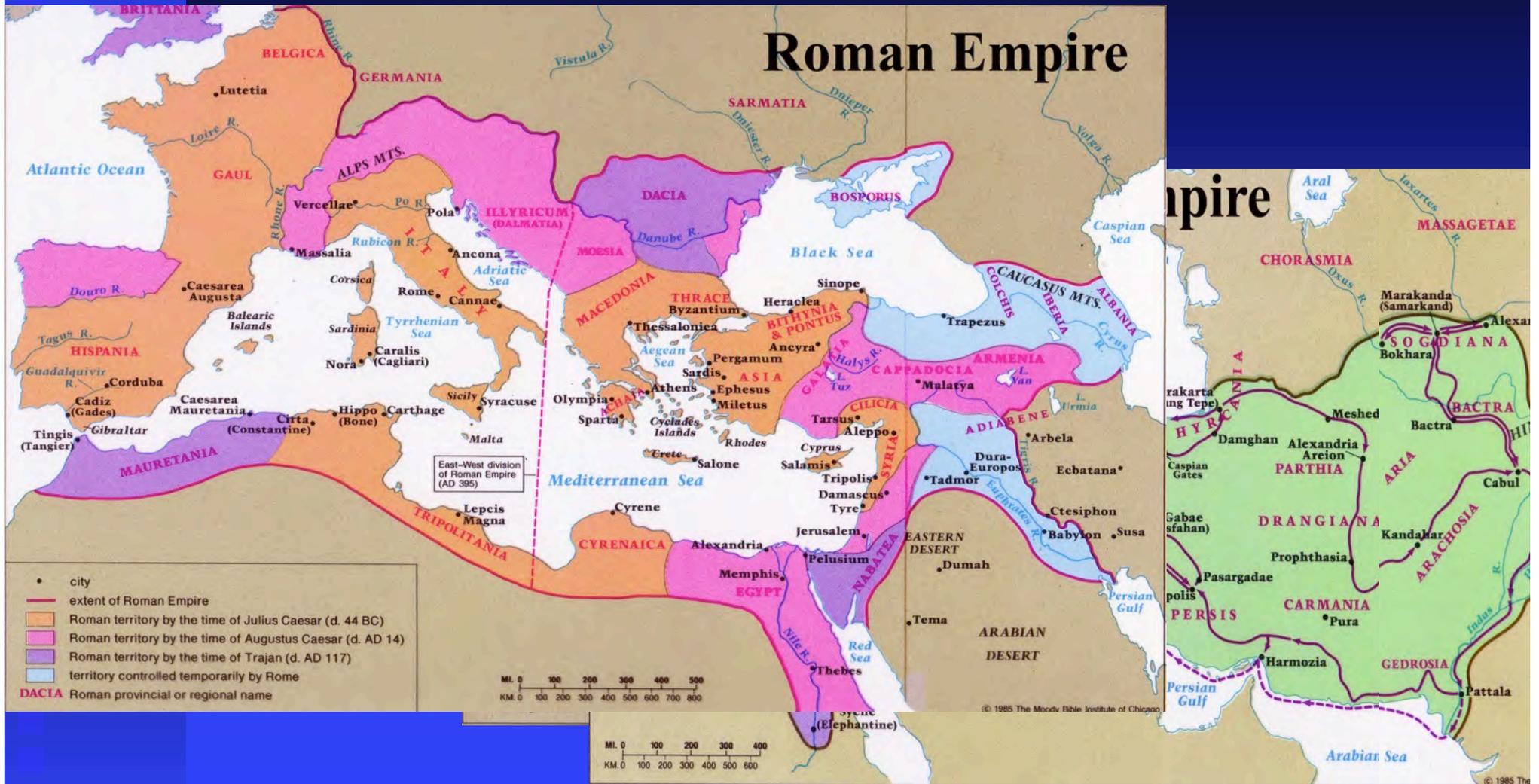
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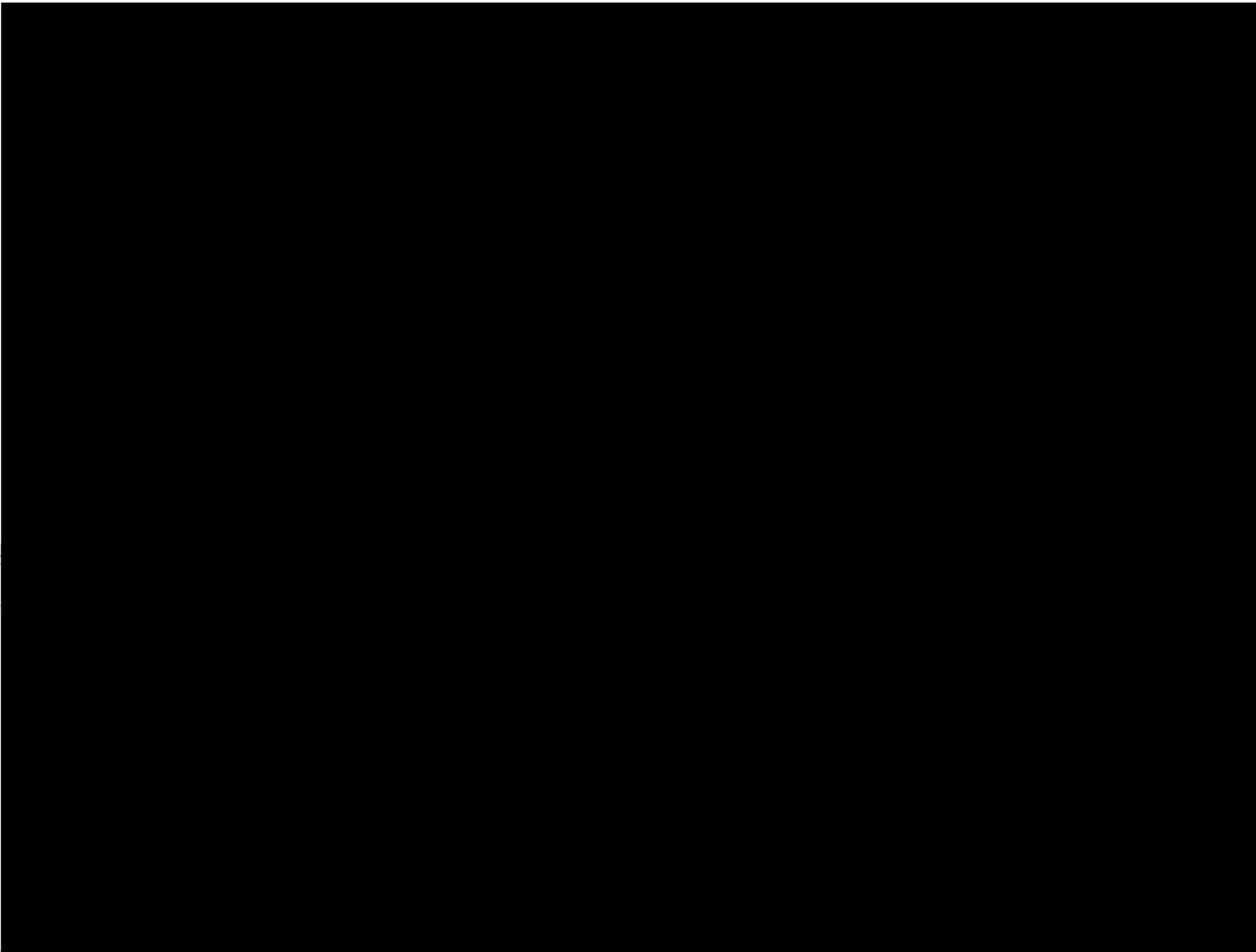
The Persian Era

- Returns
- Developments



Maps of Intertestamental Empires





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