

Political Backgrounds: Part 2

Ptolemies to 63 BC (Pompey)



What Empires and What Order? 52



Babylonian



Greek



Assyrian



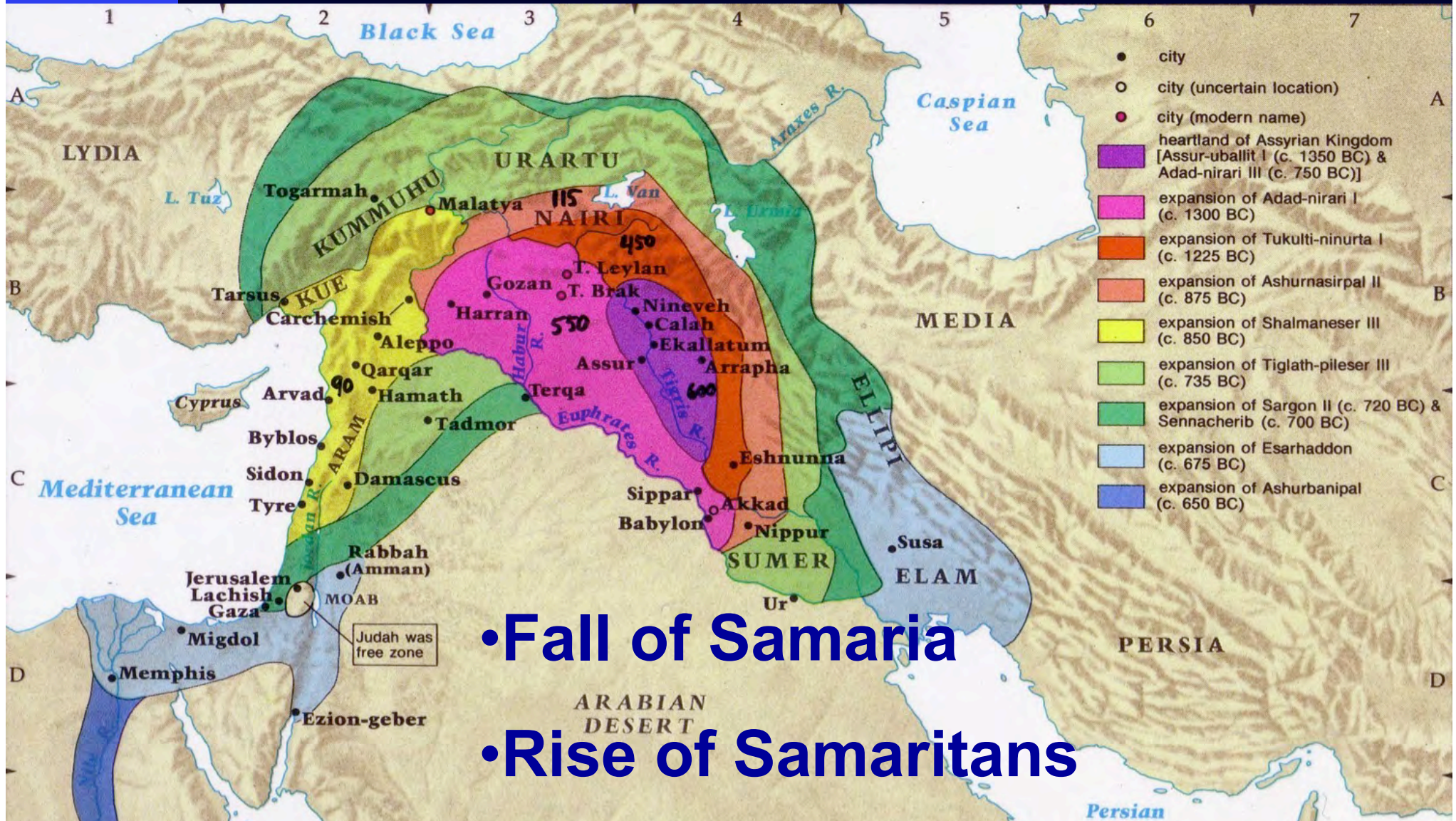
Medo-Persian



Roman

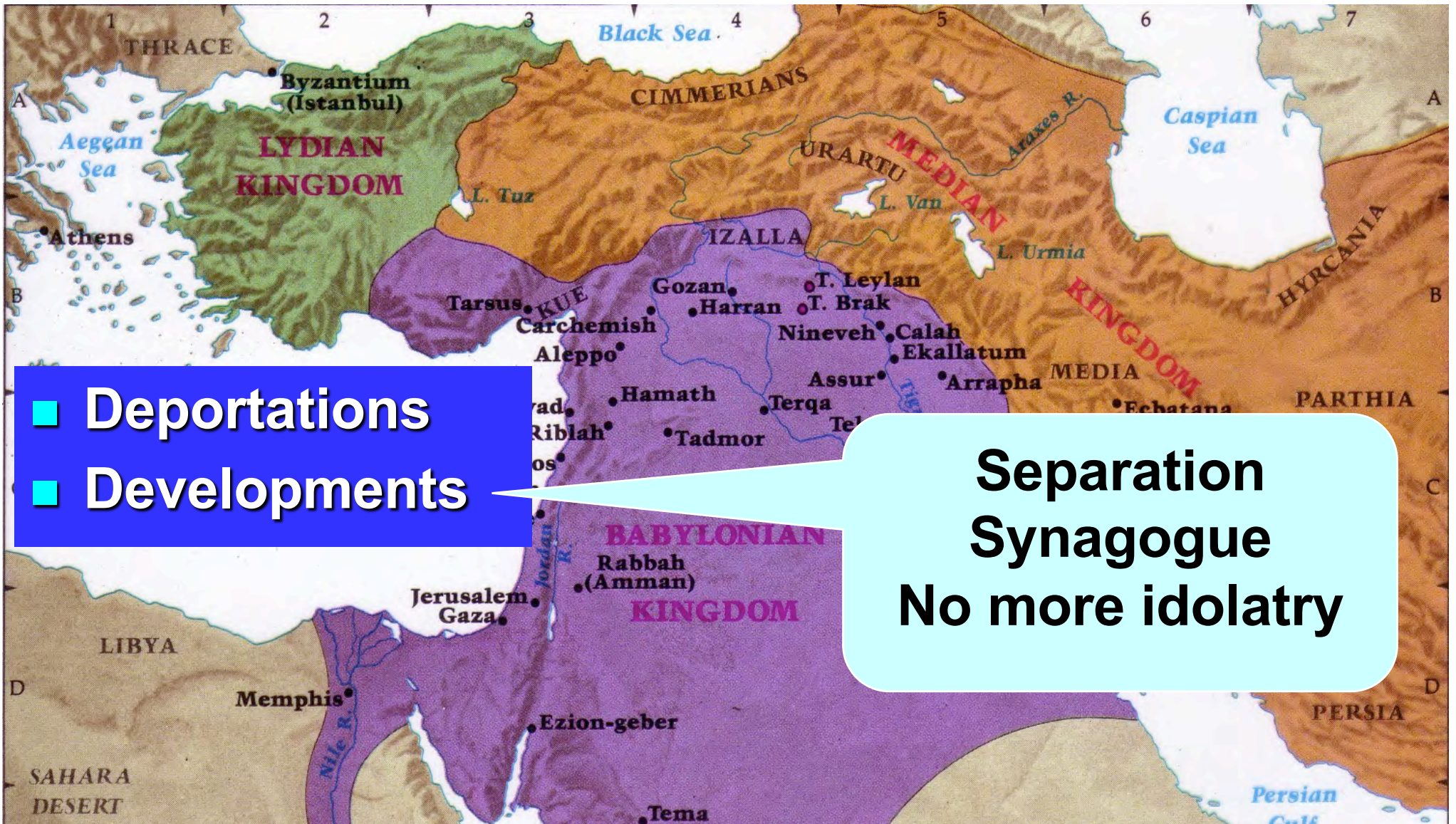
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Assyrian Developments



- Fall of Samaria
- Rise of Samaritans

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



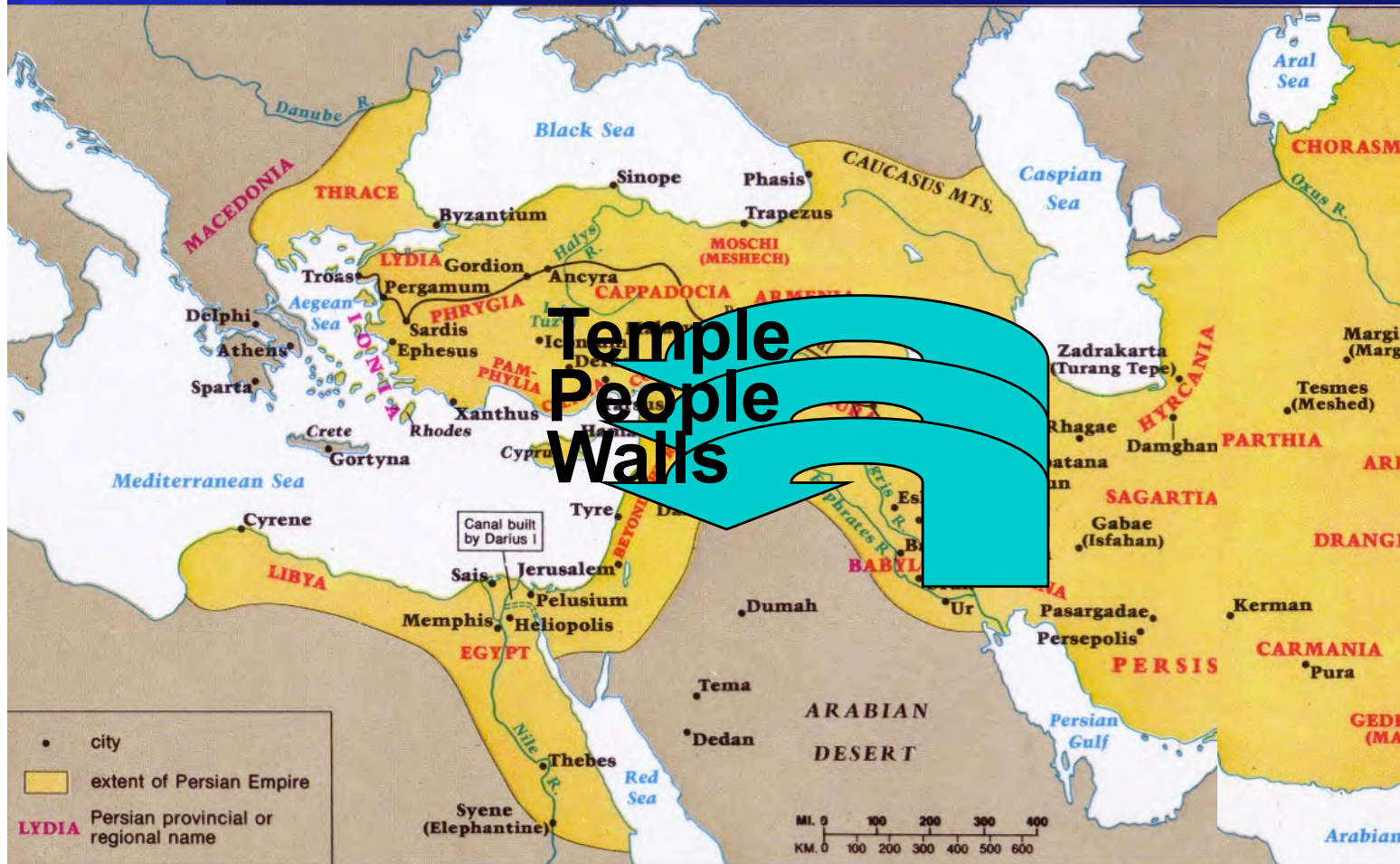
- Deportations
- Developments

Separation
Synagogue
No more idolatry

Babylonian Rule over Palestine

The Persian Era

- Returns
- Developments



Maps of Intertestamental Empires



Intertestament Timeline

Persian
539-331

Greek
331-143

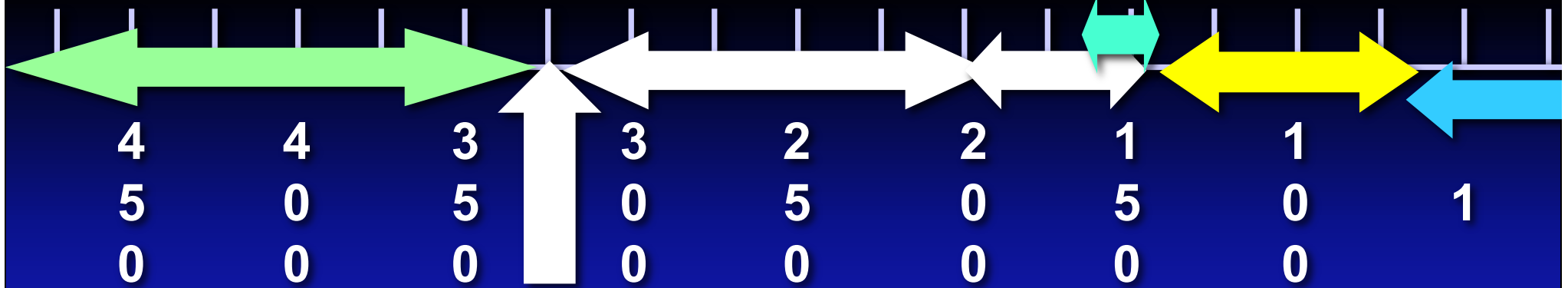
Hasmonean
143-63

Roman
63-330

Ptolemaic
323-198

Seleucid
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Maccabean
167-143



Alexander
331-323

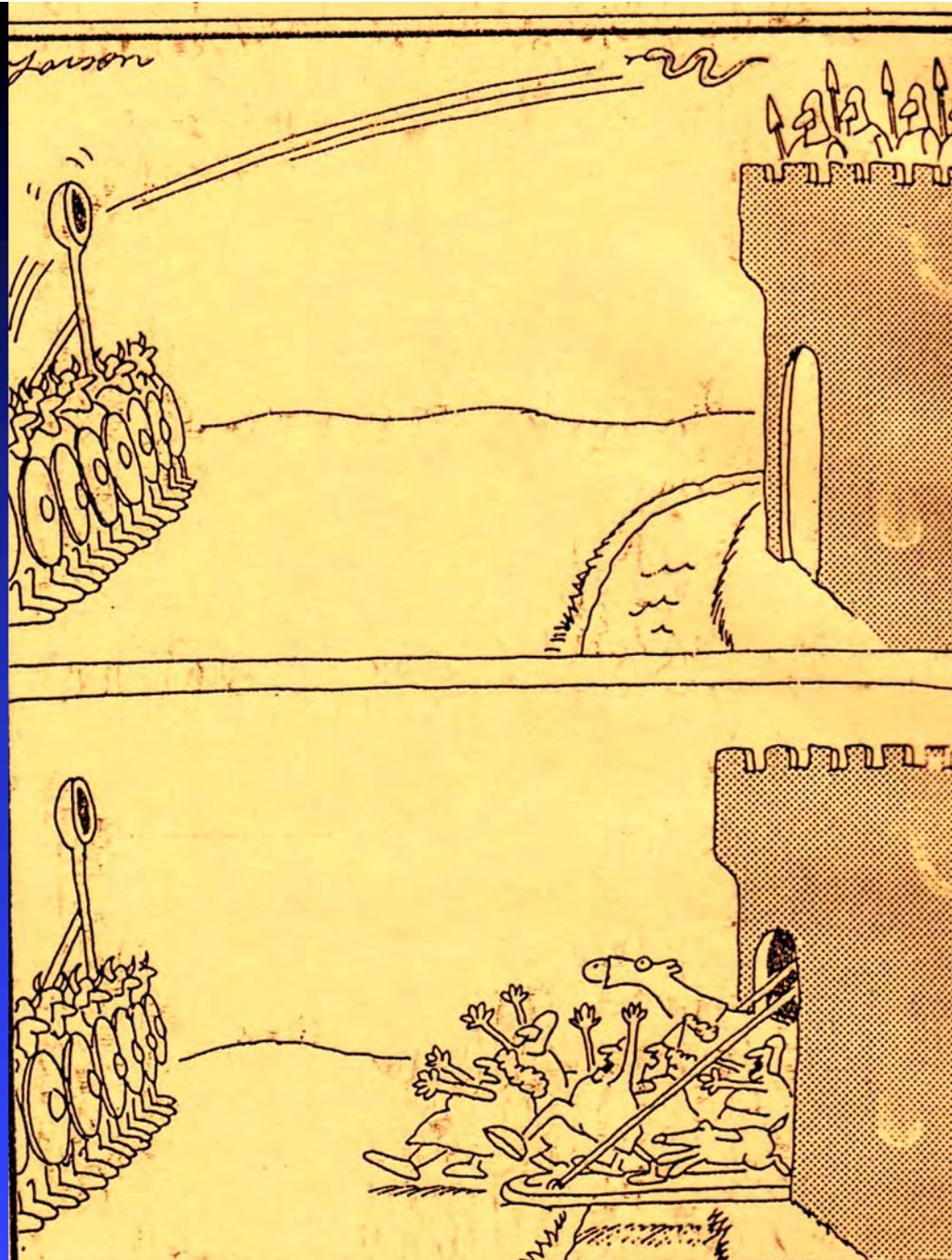
Greek Rule over Israel

- Alexander
- Struggle for Supremacy
- Hellenistic Empire Developments





The Vikings, of course, knew the importance of stretching before an attack. Greeks too!



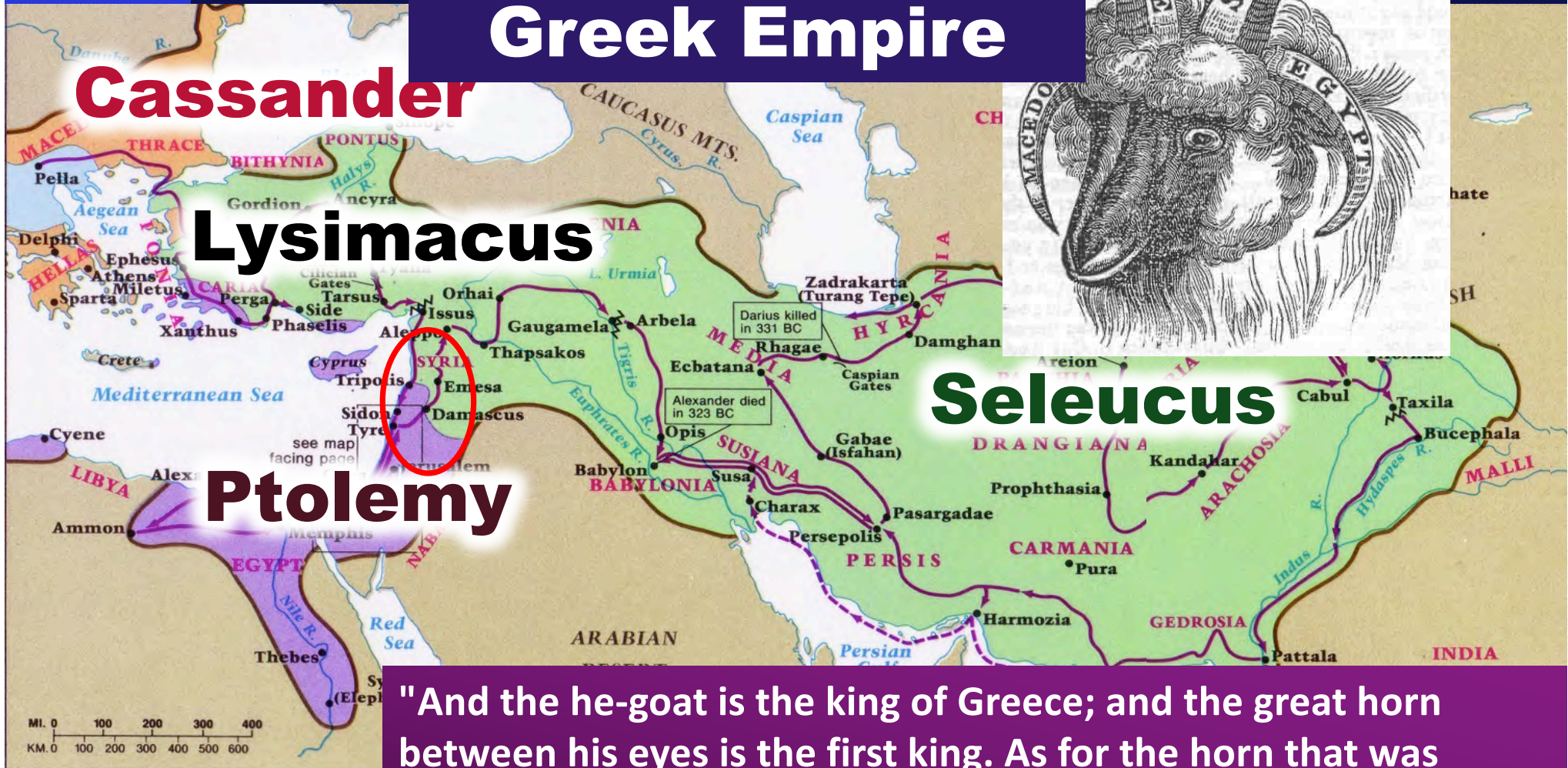
History and the snake



“Open the gate! It's a big wiener dog!”

After Alexander...

Greek Empire



Cassander

Lysimachus

Ptolemy

Seleucus

"And the he-goat is the king of Greece; and the great horn between his eyes is the first king. As for the horn that was broken, in place of which four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise from his nation but not with his power" (Daniel 8:21-22 RSV)



Greek Cities in Israel

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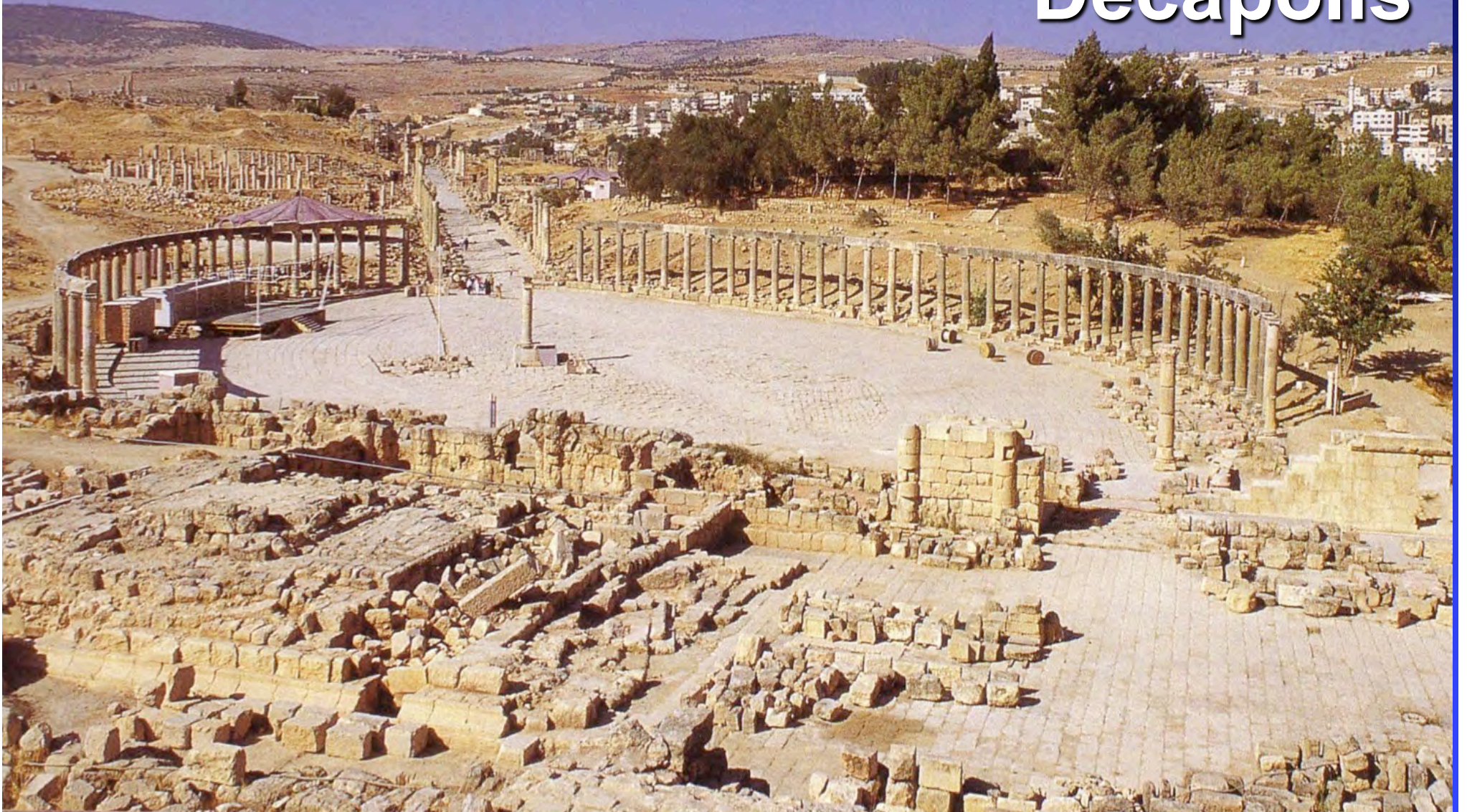
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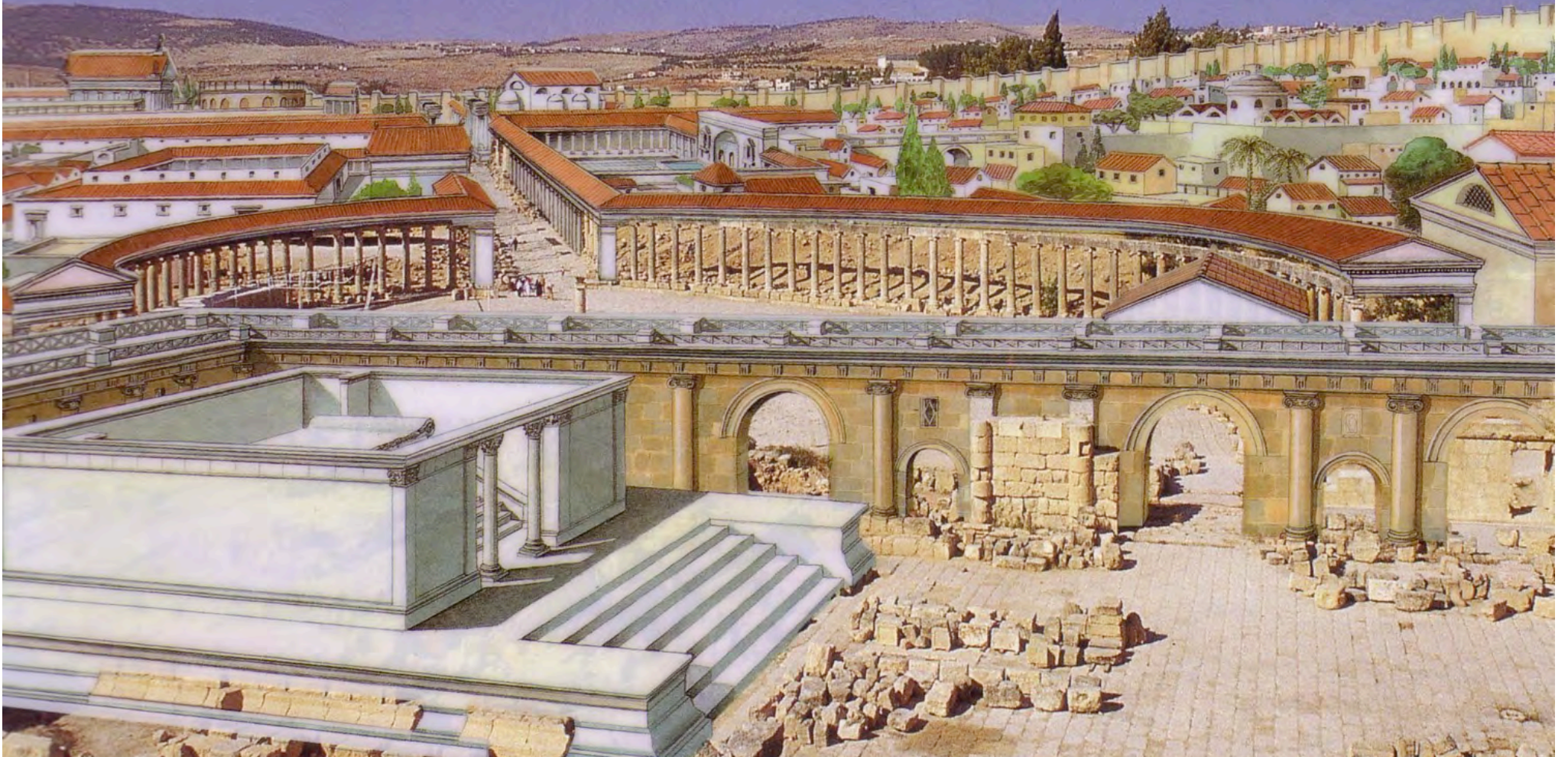
Cultural Variety Today



Jerash of the Decapolis



Jerash in Its Glory Days



**Greeks
Experimented
with
Democracy**

Ptolemies & Seleucids Over Israel

Peace

World

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Seleucid Empire

Seleucus

Ptolemy

Darius killed in 331 BC

Alexander died in 323 BC

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Greek Era Significance

Ptolemaic (301-198)

- Religious Freedom
- Rise of Sanhedrin
- Peaceful Hellenization
- Greek Language
- Septuagint (LXX)

Seleucid (198-143)

- High Priesthood
- Rise of Hasidim

Antiochus IV

Daniel 11:29-30 "At the time appointed he shall return and come into the south, but it shall not be this time as it was before. For ships of Kittim shall come against him, and he shall be afraid and withdraw, and shall turn back and be enraged and take action against the holy covenant. He shall turn back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant."



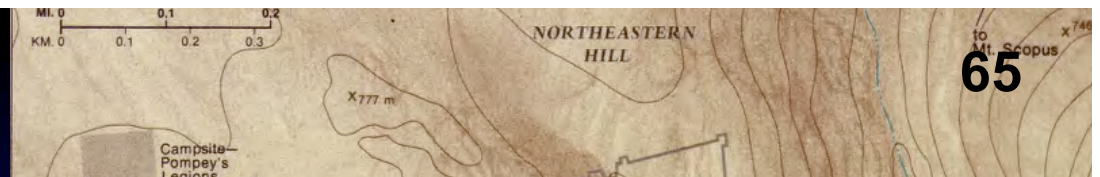
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Jerusalem Hellenization

■ Dec 167- Dec 164



Menorah



Hanukkah

■ The Feast of Lights
(Dedication)

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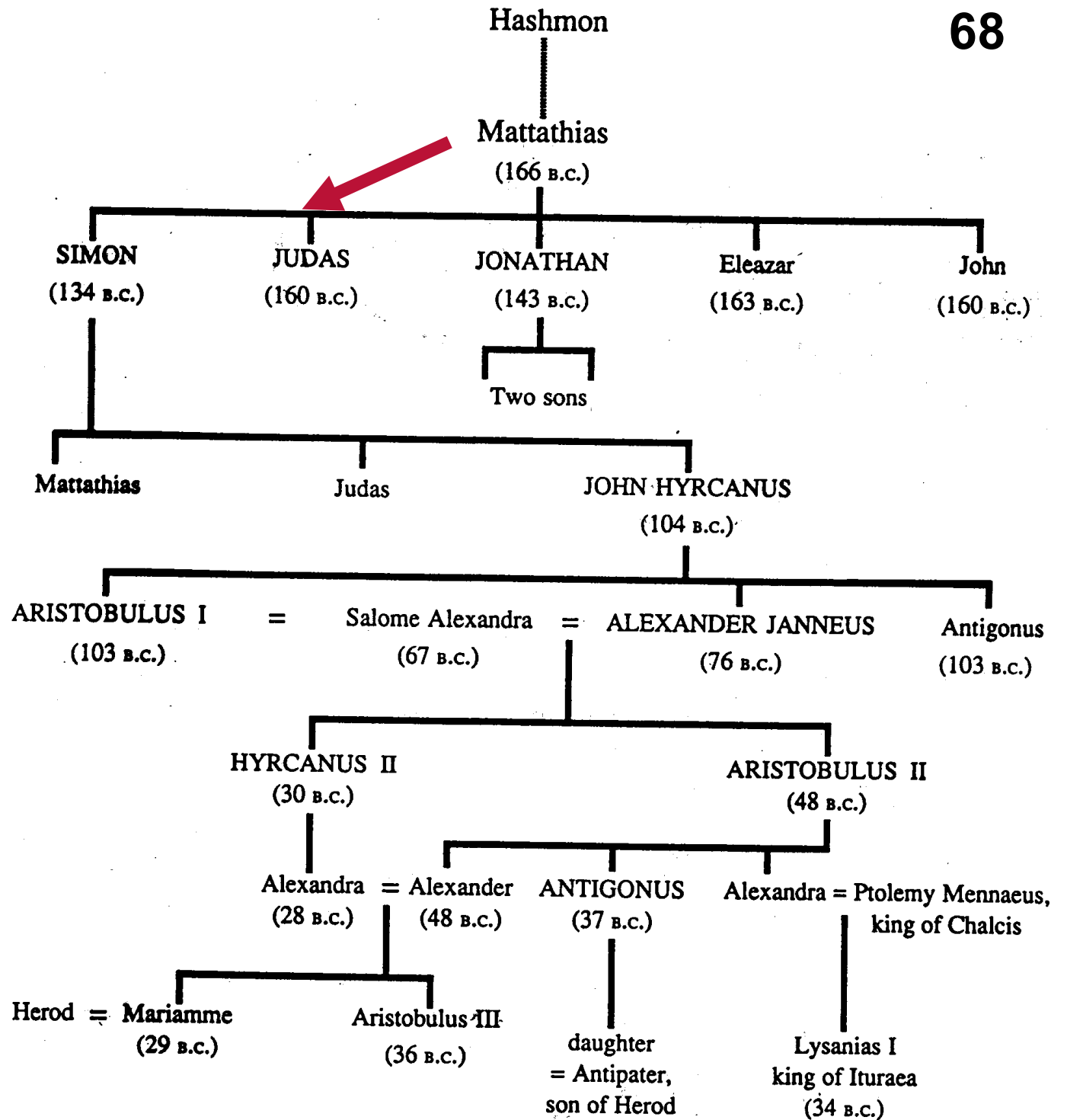
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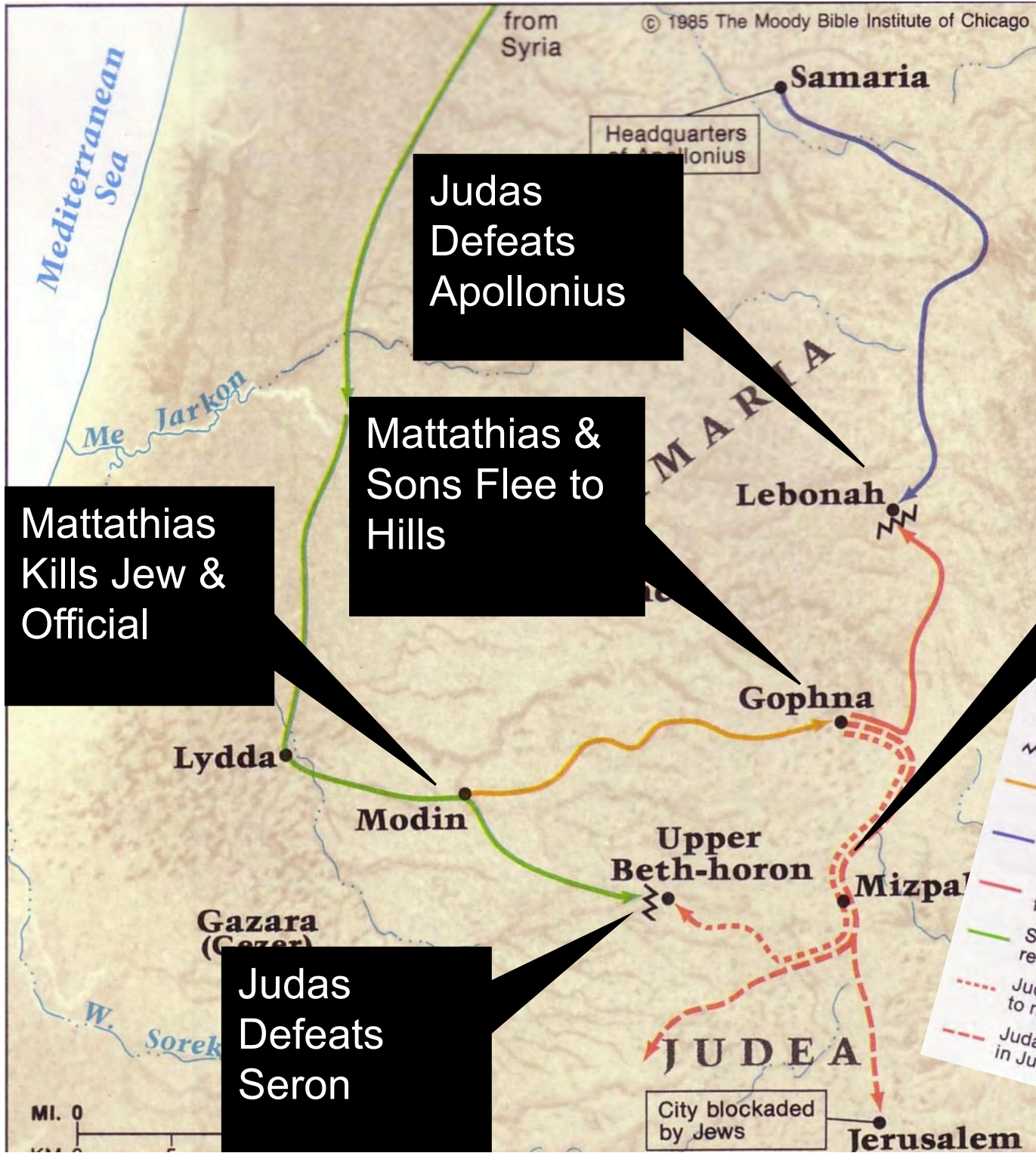
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- Rise of Hasidim
- Temple desecration
- Maccabean Revolt

The Maccabees (Hasmoneans)

*Jewish Rule
Over
Palestine
(143-63 BC)*



Early Maccabean Revolt (167-165 BC)



Judas Defeats Apollonius

Mattathias & Sons Flee to Hills

Mattathias Kills Jew & Official

Judas Raids Syrians

Judas Defeats Seron

- city
- city (uncertain location)
- ⚡ clash of forces
- Mattathias kills Antiochus' emissary and takes refuge in the hills around Gophna (1Macc 2:1f)
- Apollonius unsuccessfully attempts to quell revolt (1Macc 3:10)
- Judas Maccabeus leads insurgents against Apollonius' forces and slays Apollonius himself (1Macc 3:11f)
- Seron leads Seleucid army from Syria to suppress revolt (1Macc 3:13f)
- Judas' troops surprise Seron as his troops endeavor to navigate the pass at Upper Beth-horon (1Macc 3:16f)
- Judas' troops make nocturnal raids against Syrians in Judea (2Macc 8:1f)

The Battle of Beth Horon



A Key Battle of
the Maccabean
Revolt (166 BC)

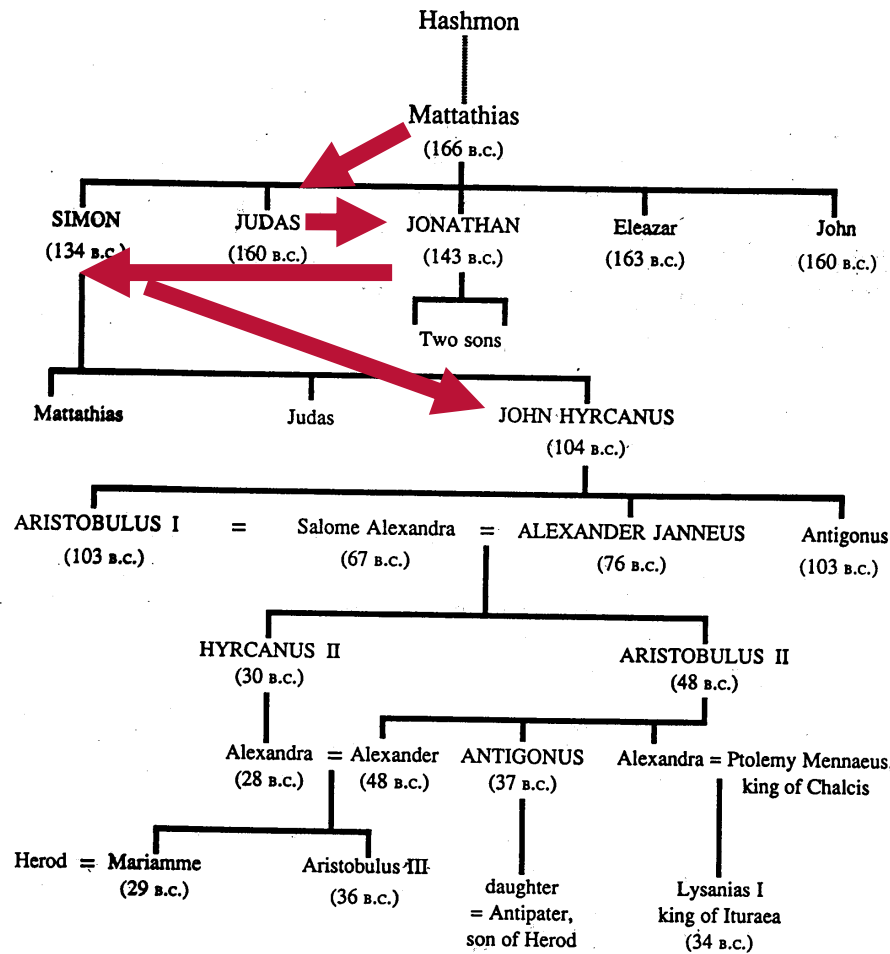
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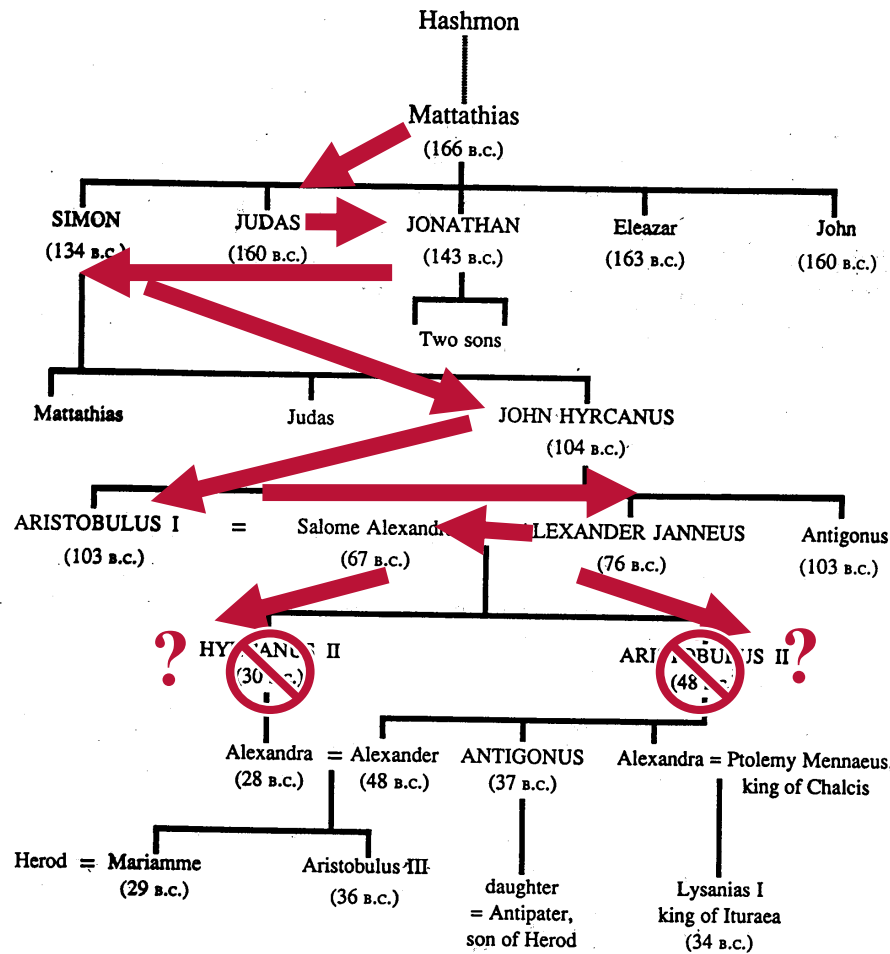


Hasmonean Expansion

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Hasmonean Significance

- Expansion of Borders
 - Alliance with Rome
 - Enforced Judaism
- } John Hyrcanus

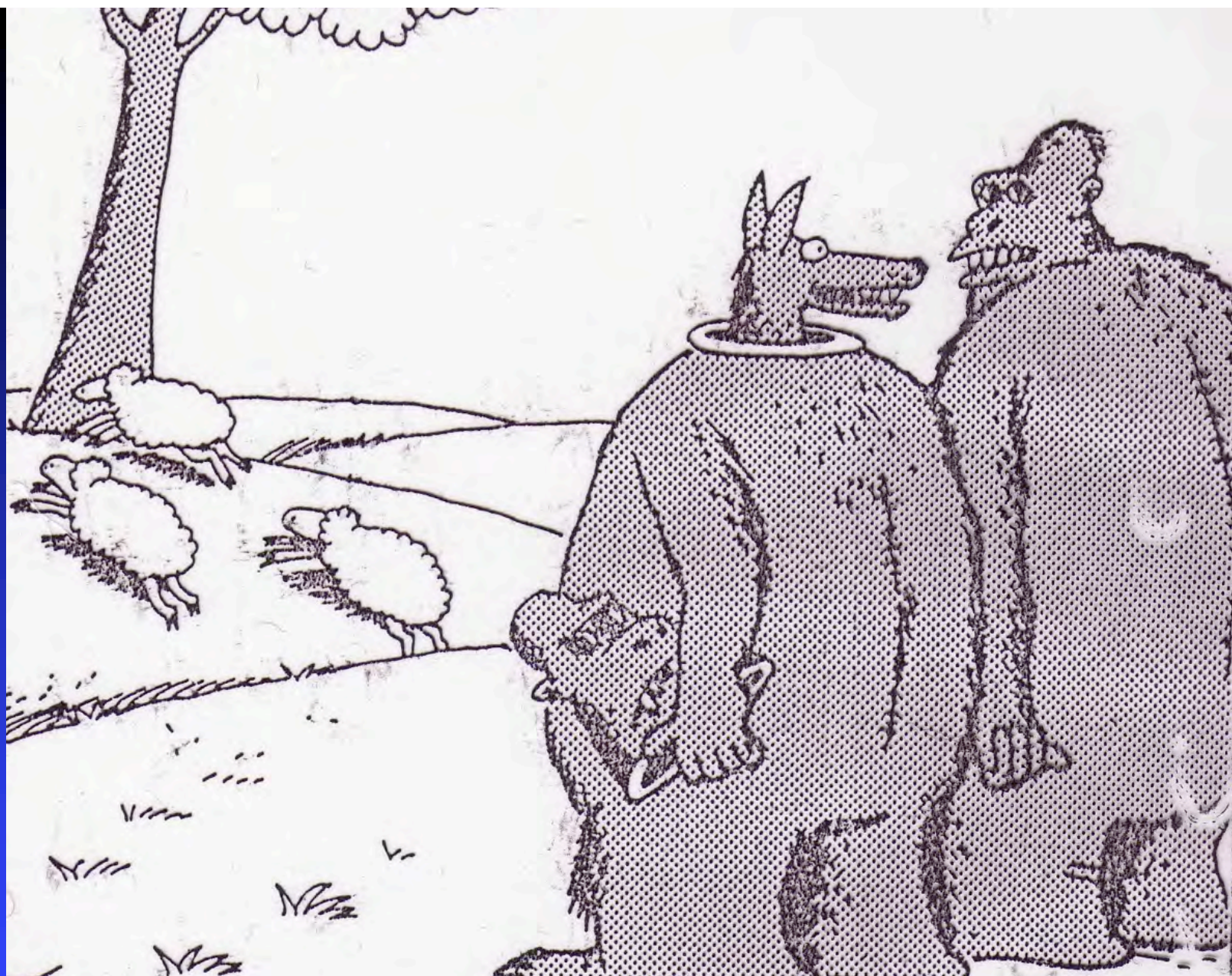


- city
- city (uncertain location)
- fortress
- Judea at the beginning of the Maccabean revolt
- conquests of Jonathan
- conquests of Simon
- conquests of Hyrcanus I
- conquests of Aristobulus I
- conquests of Alexander Janneus

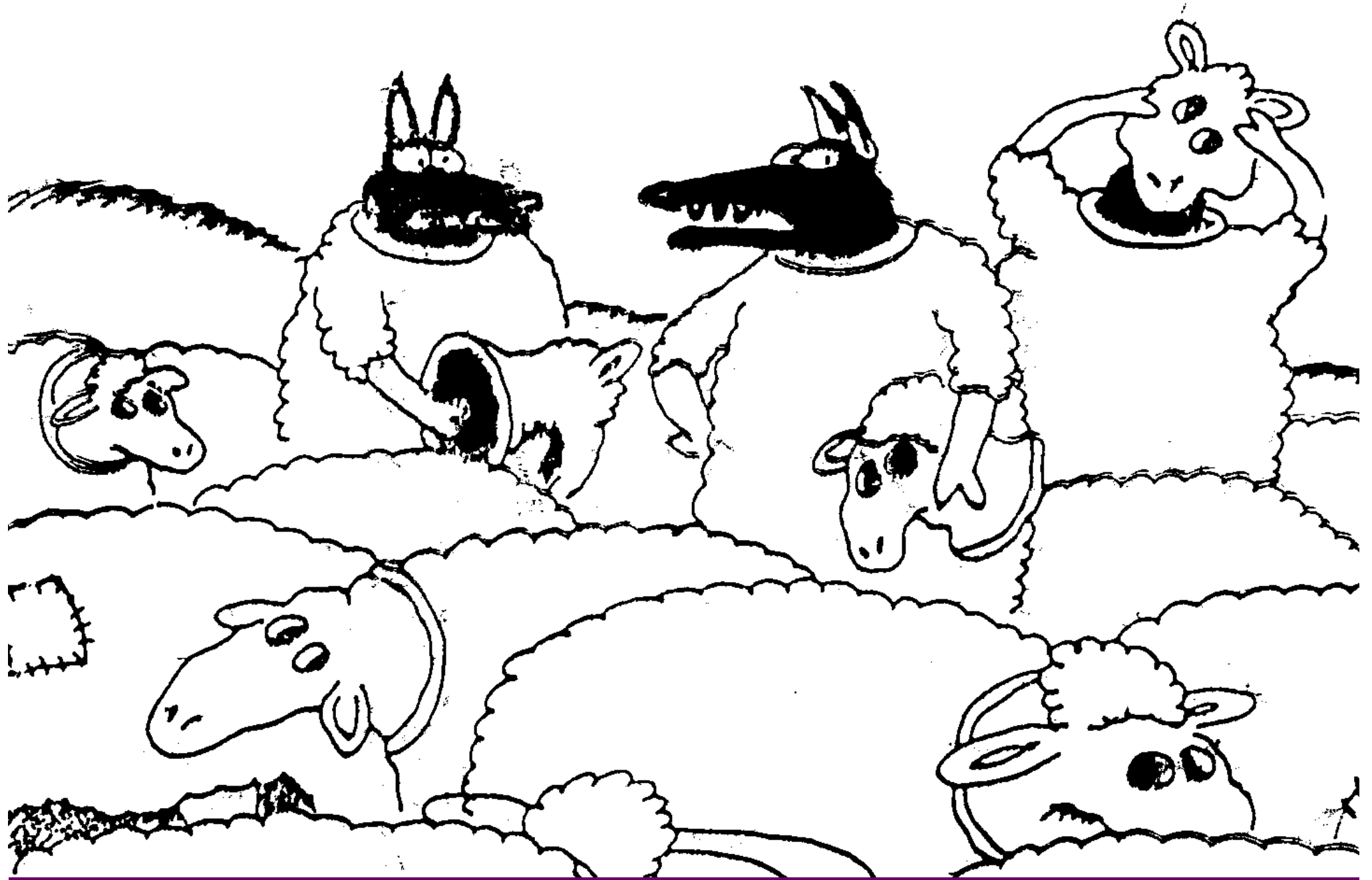


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“Hey! I think you've hit on something there! Sheep's clothing! . . . Let's get out of these gorilla suits!”



“Wait a minute! Isn't anyone here a real sheep?”

Hasmonean Significance

- Religious Independence (Pharisees)
 - Hanukkah (Feast of Lights)
 - Political Independence (Judas, Sadducees)
 - Priest & King in One Person (Jonathan)
 - Rise of Essenes (Simon)
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Roman Territories (50 BC-AD 100)

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Do you know these terms now?

- Hellenization
- Decapolis
- Purim
- Samaritans
- Septuagint

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