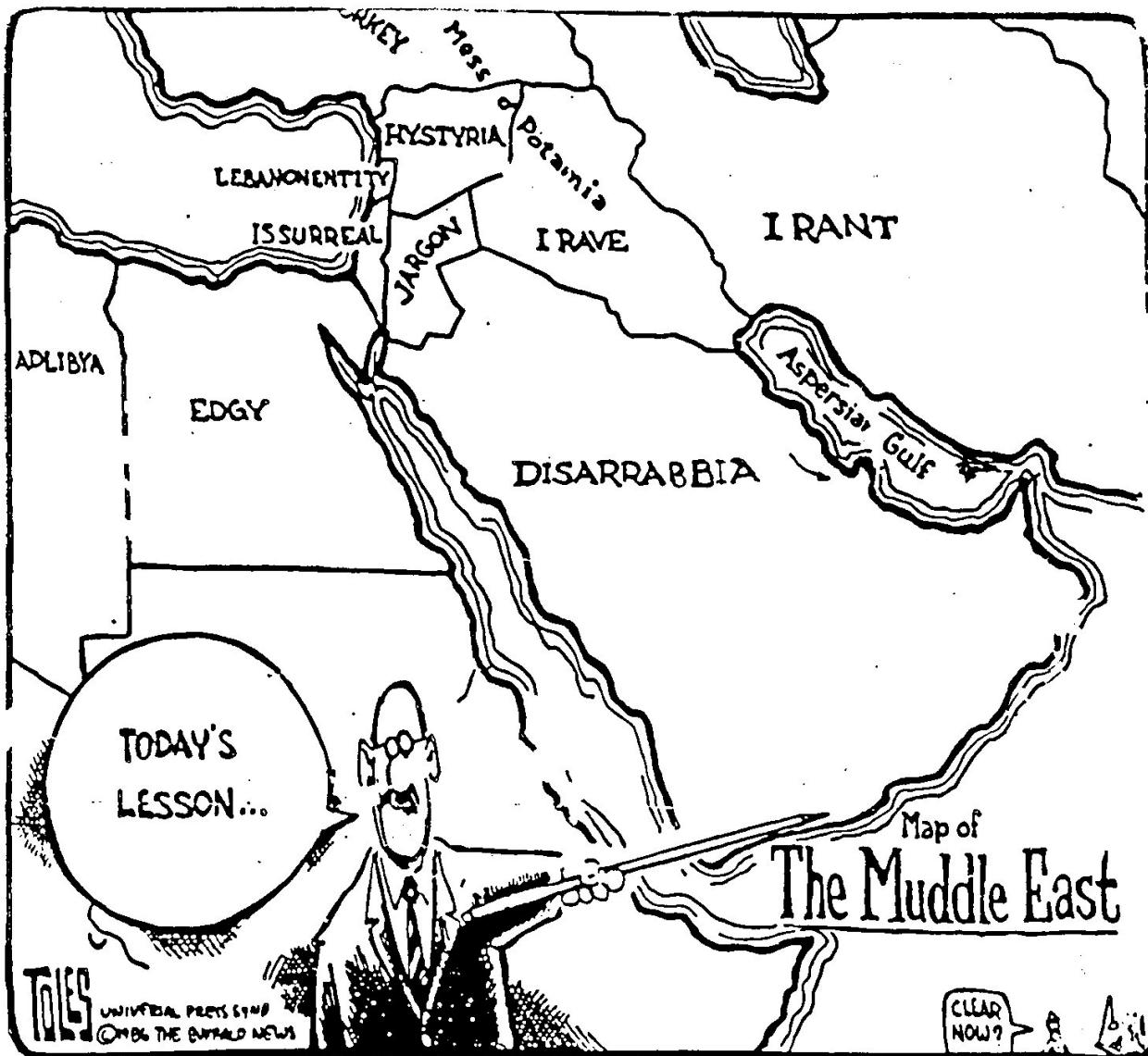


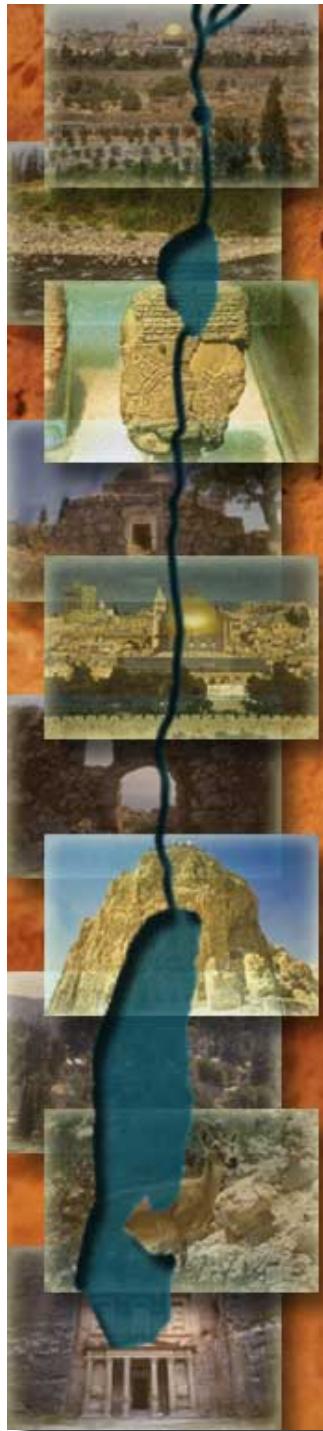
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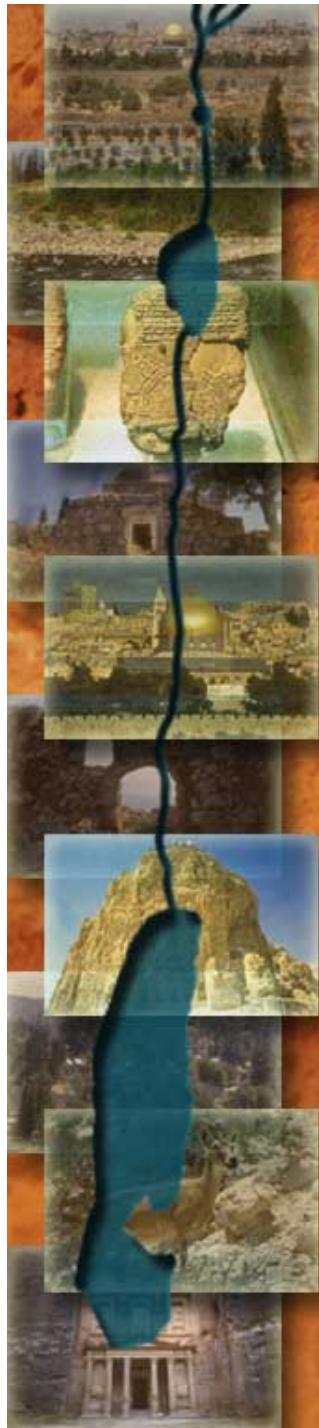
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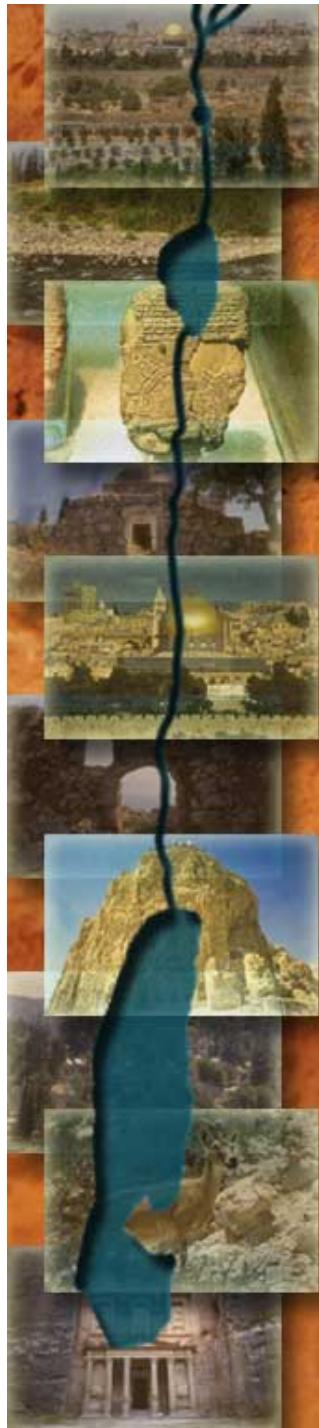
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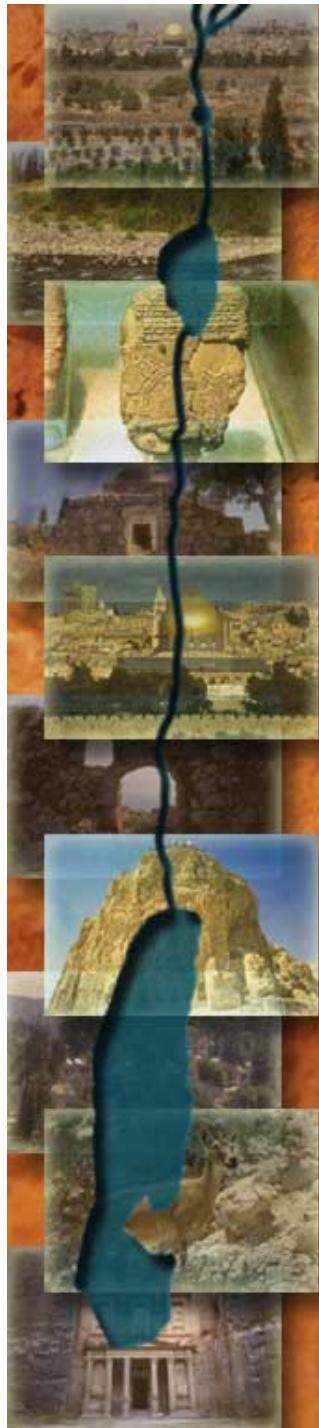
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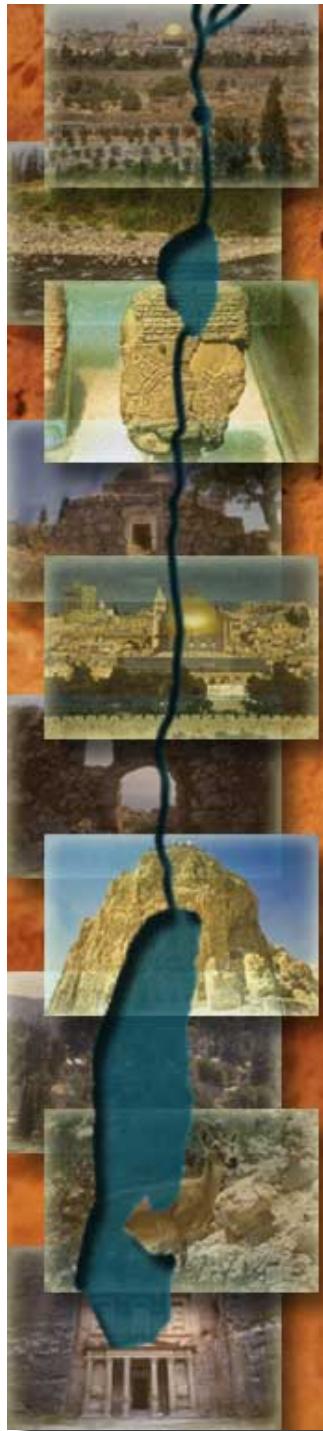
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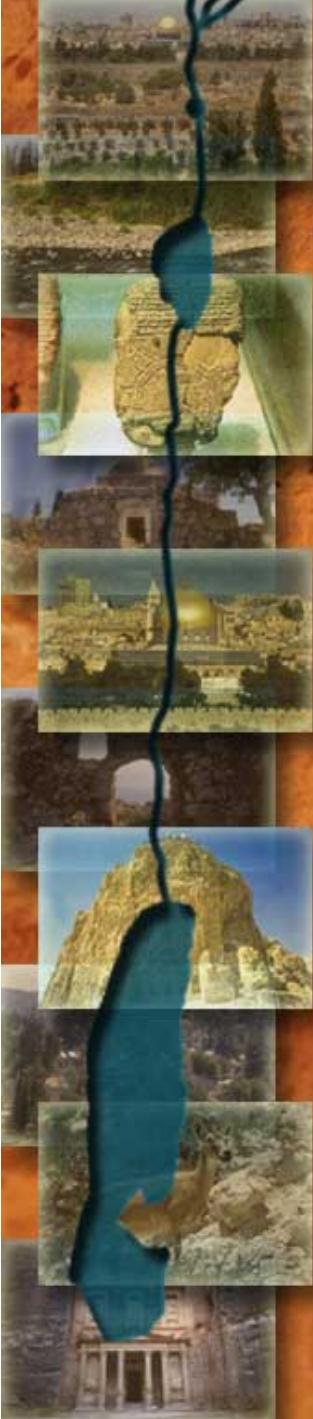


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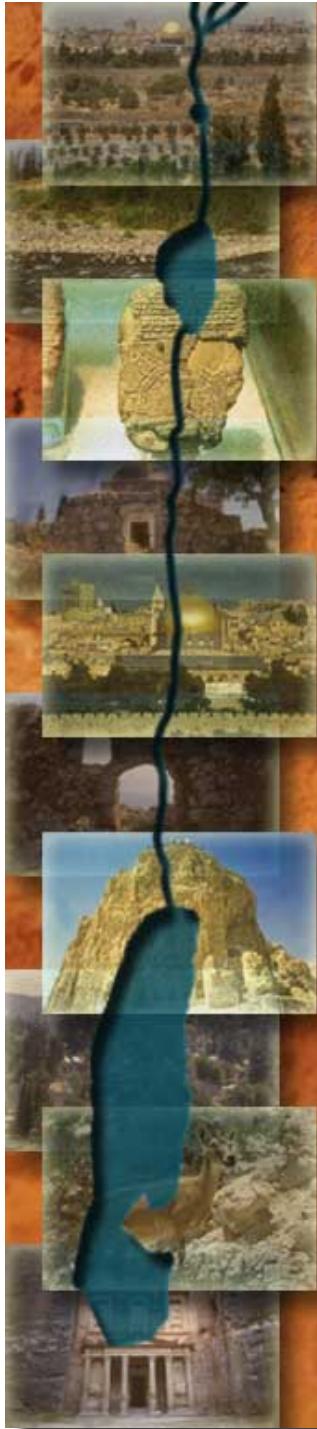
# The Promise of Land in Genesis

## 12:5-7

5 Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan.

6 Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite *was* then in the land.

7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.



# Boundaries of the Promised Land

- ❖ Gen 12:5-7
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- ❖ Num 34:1-12
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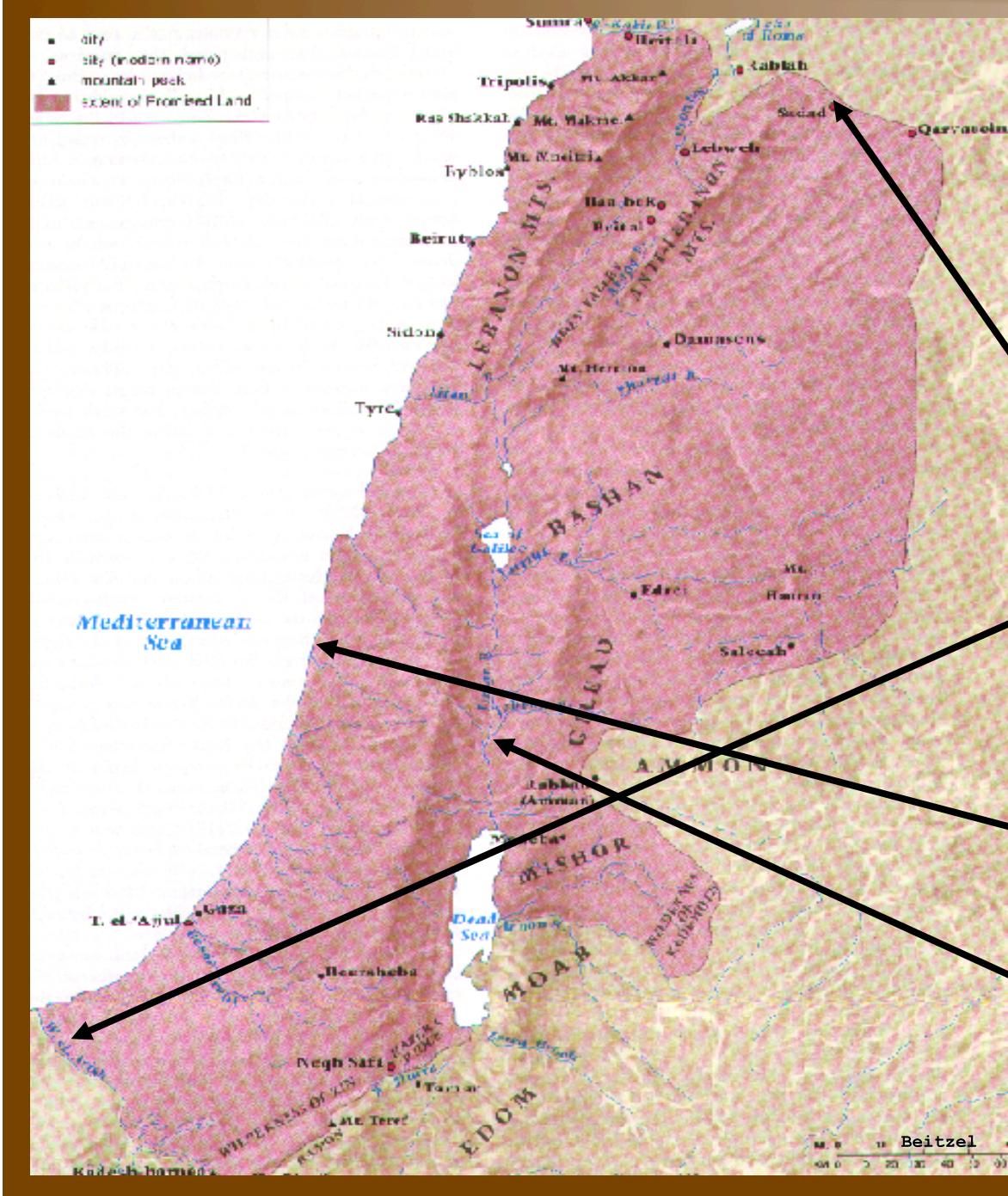
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# General Borders of Promise Land

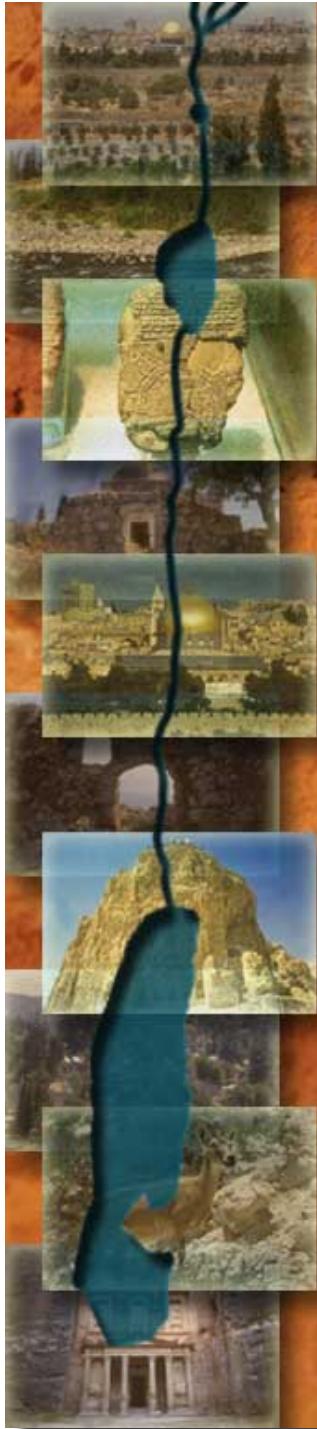
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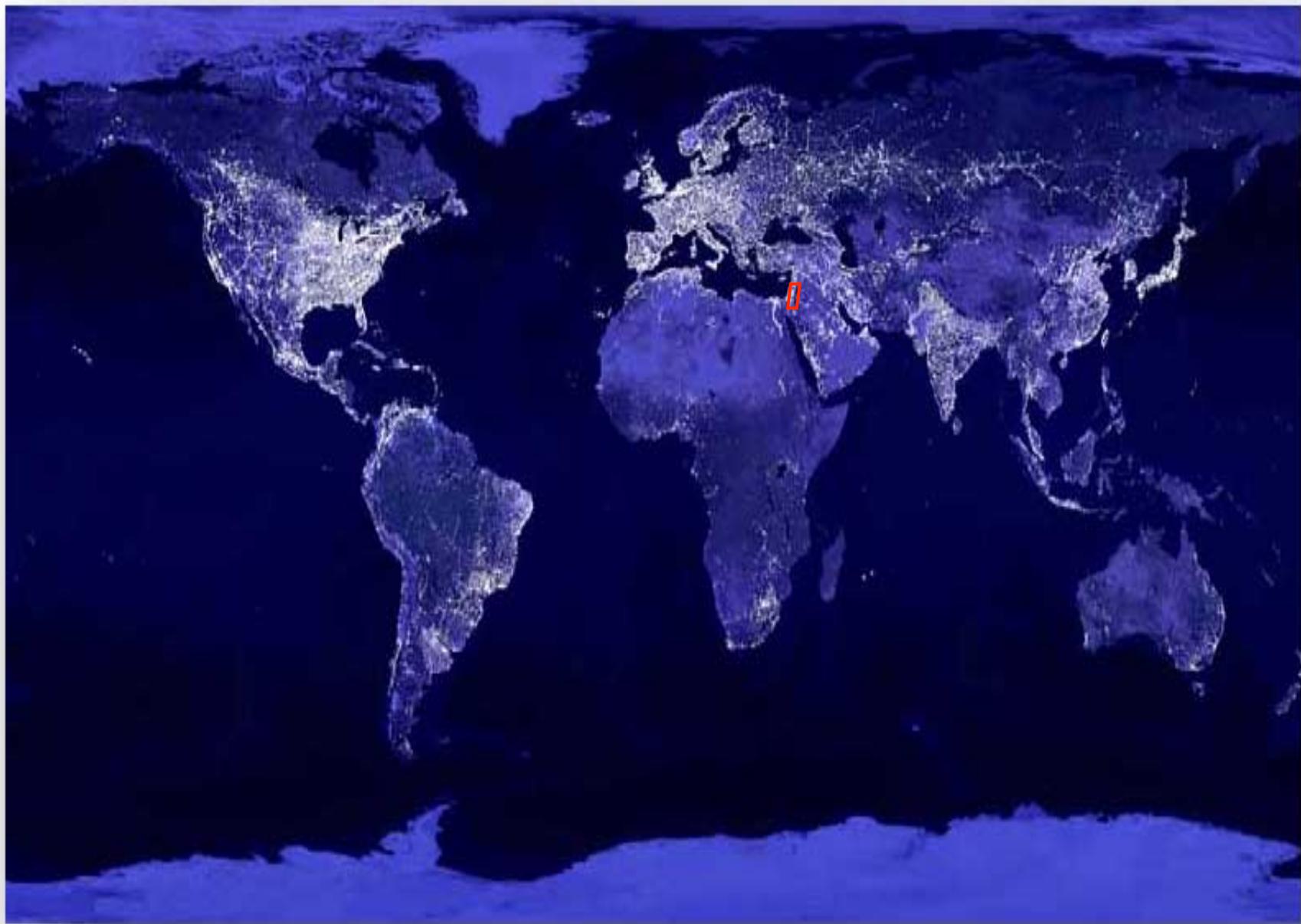




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## “The Land of Milk and Honey!”

- ❖ Physical Location in the World
- ❖ Physical Location in the Middle East
- ❖ History of Modern Israel
- ❖ What is to come?





This land has been referred to throughout history by various names:

Canaan

Land of milk and honey

Israel

Israel & Judah

Judea & Samaria

The Holy Land

Palestine

## **ISRAEL and...**

### **The United States**



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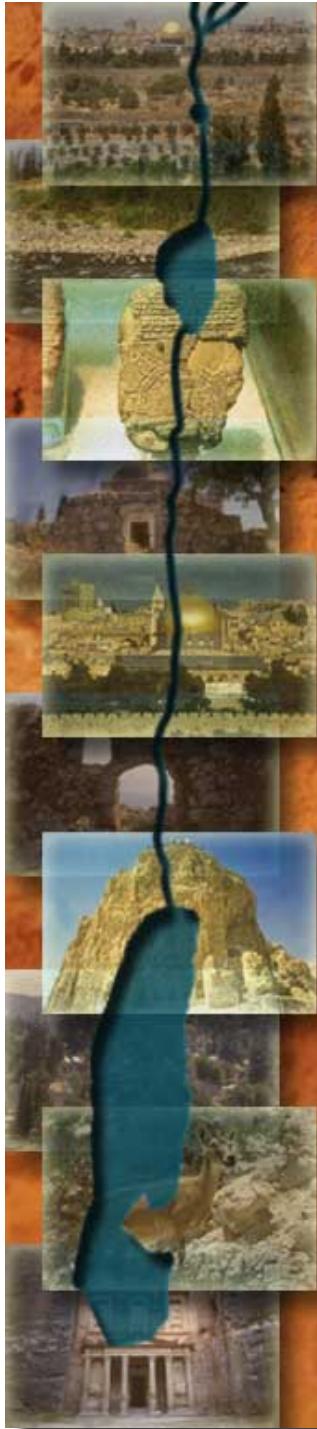
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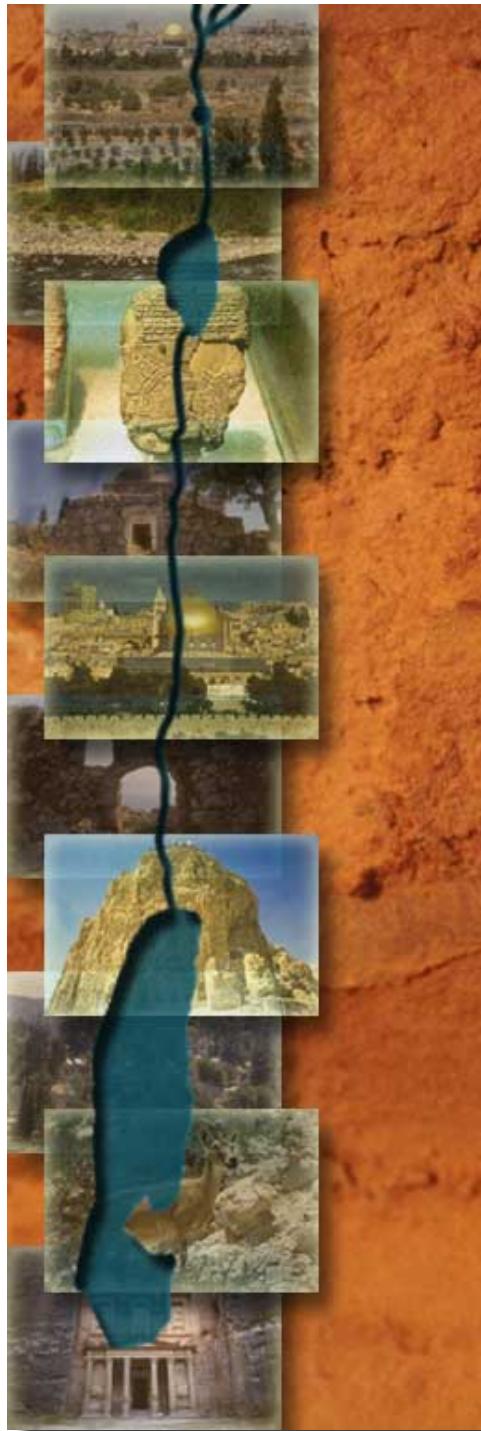
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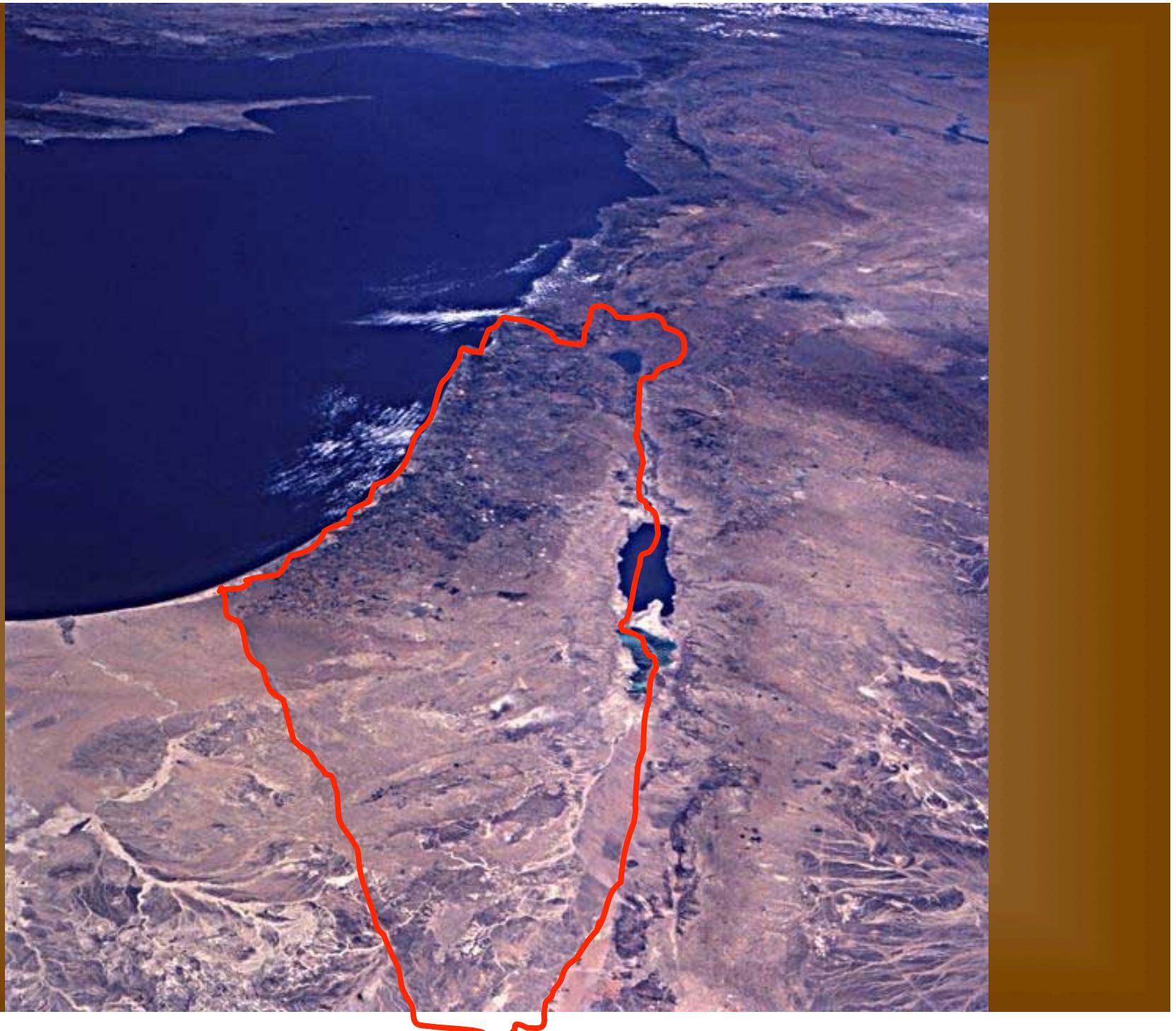
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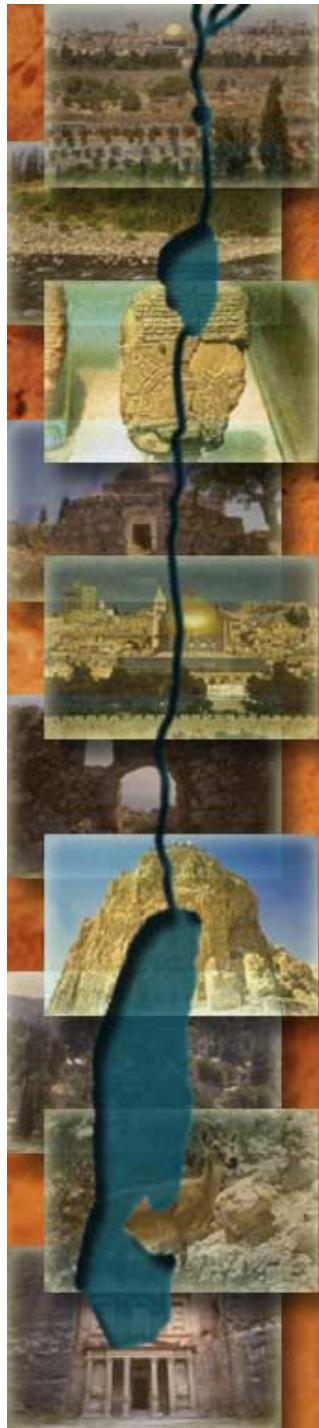




## Arab Nations of the Middle East and Africa



**Surrounded by countries with Muslim majorities**



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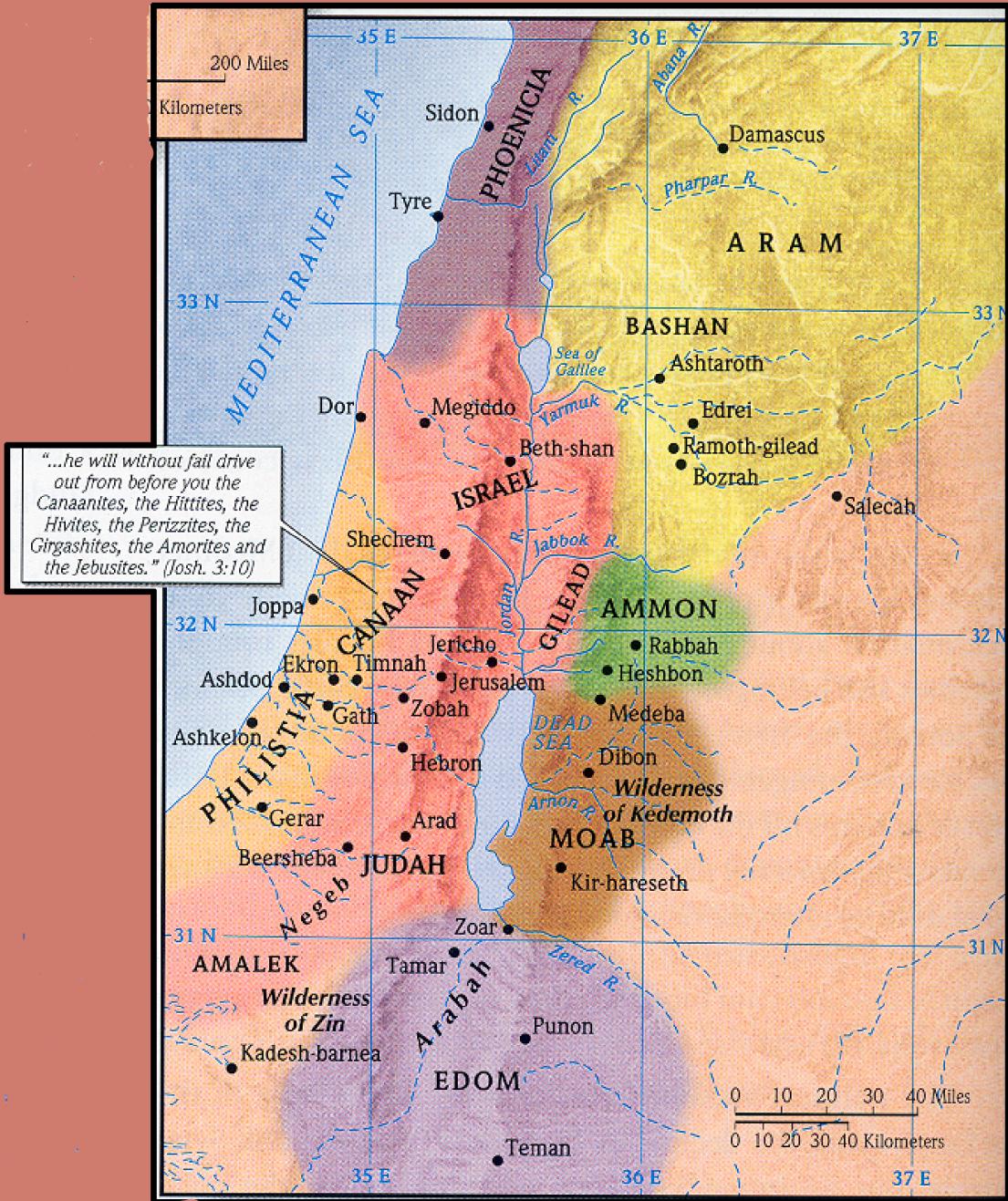
## EXTENT OF THE CONQUEST

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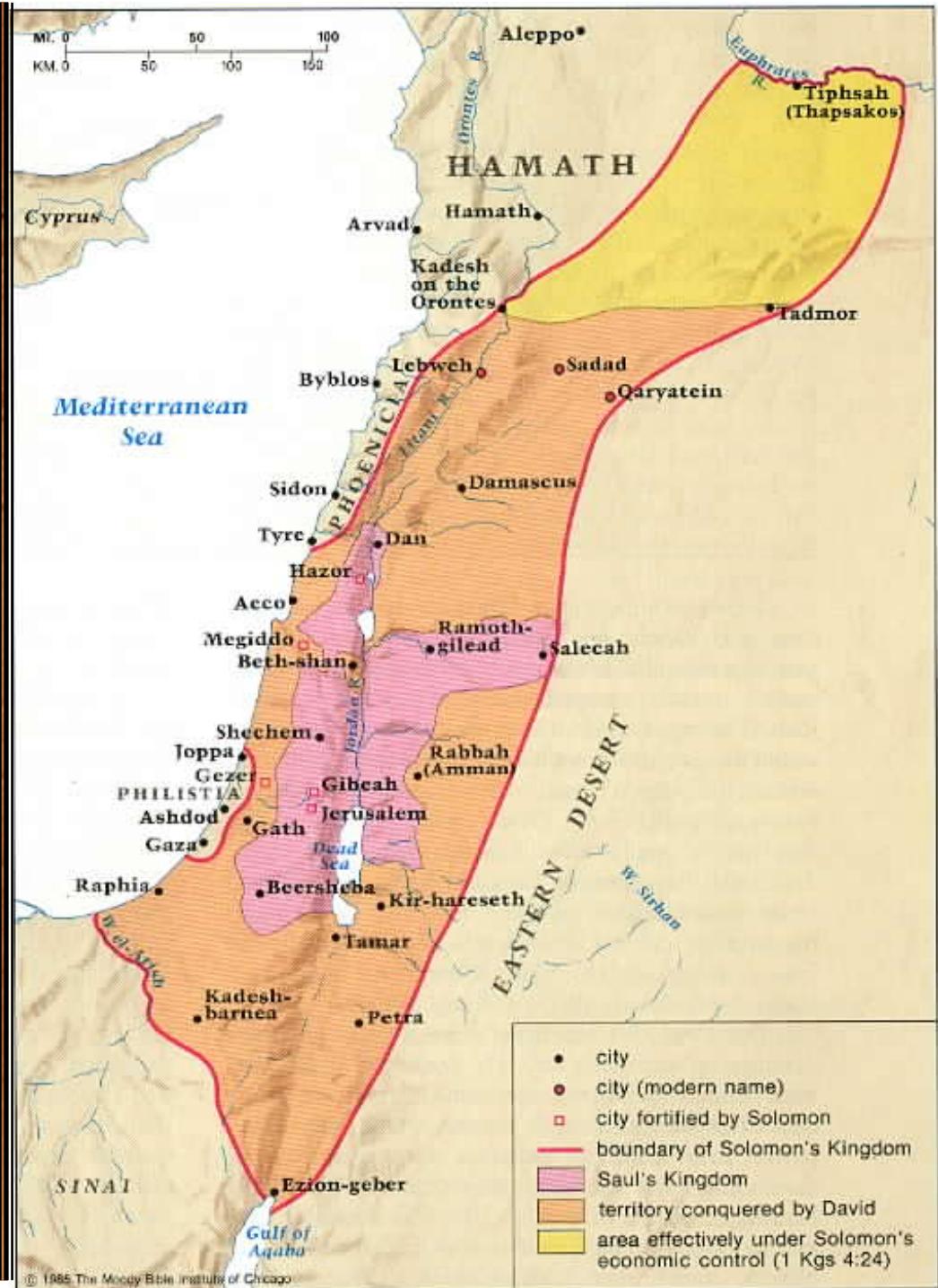
- city
- city (uncertain location)
- + City of Refuge
- ▲ mountain peak
  
- Dor** city not captured according to Joshua 17 or Judges 1
- Gaza** city outside area of Israelite control
- Dan** city within area of Israelite control
- area permanently controlled by ancient Israel
- modern boundary of the West Bank of Jordan

**Mediterranean Sea**



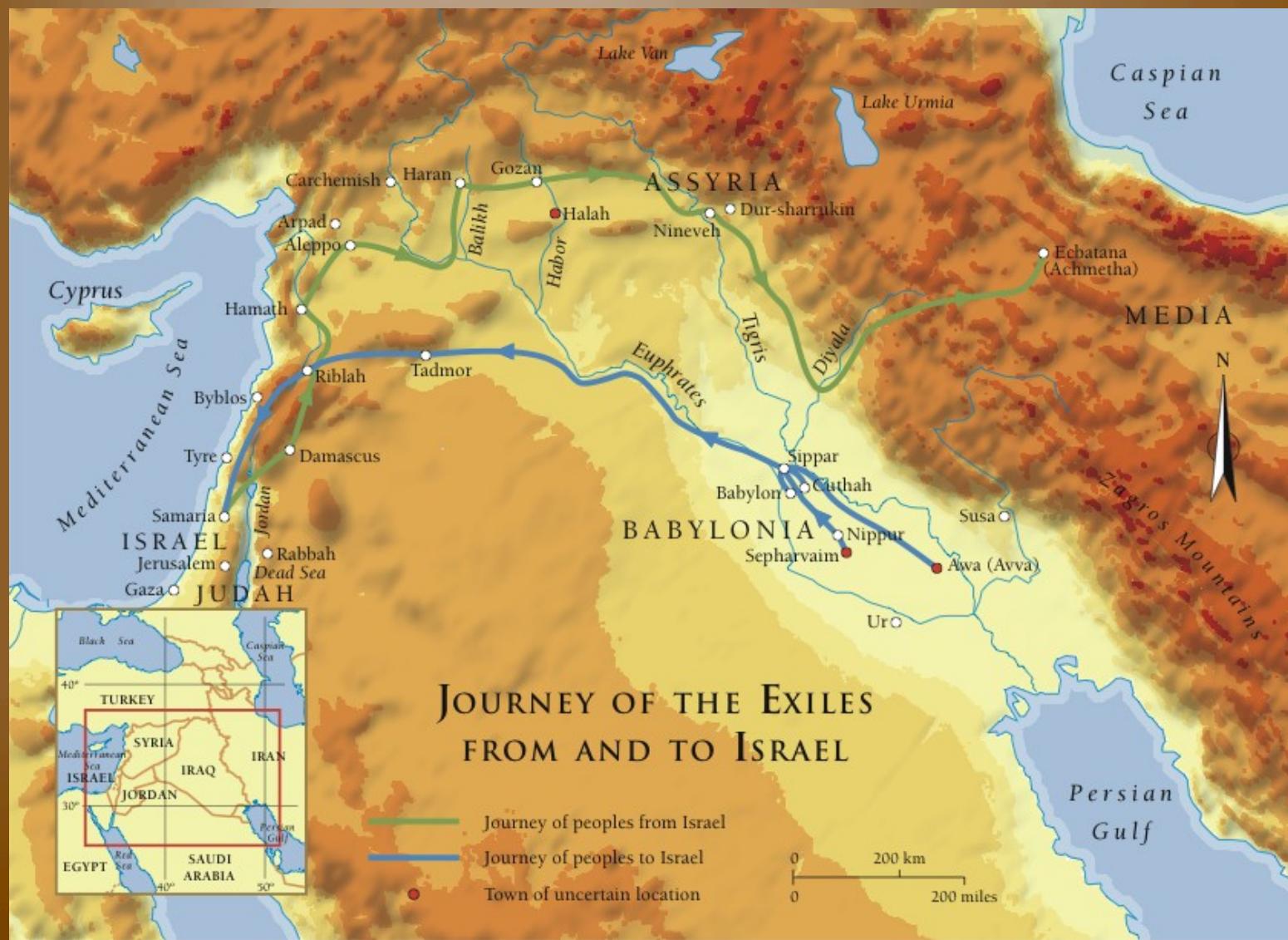


# Kingdoms of Saul, David, and Solomon

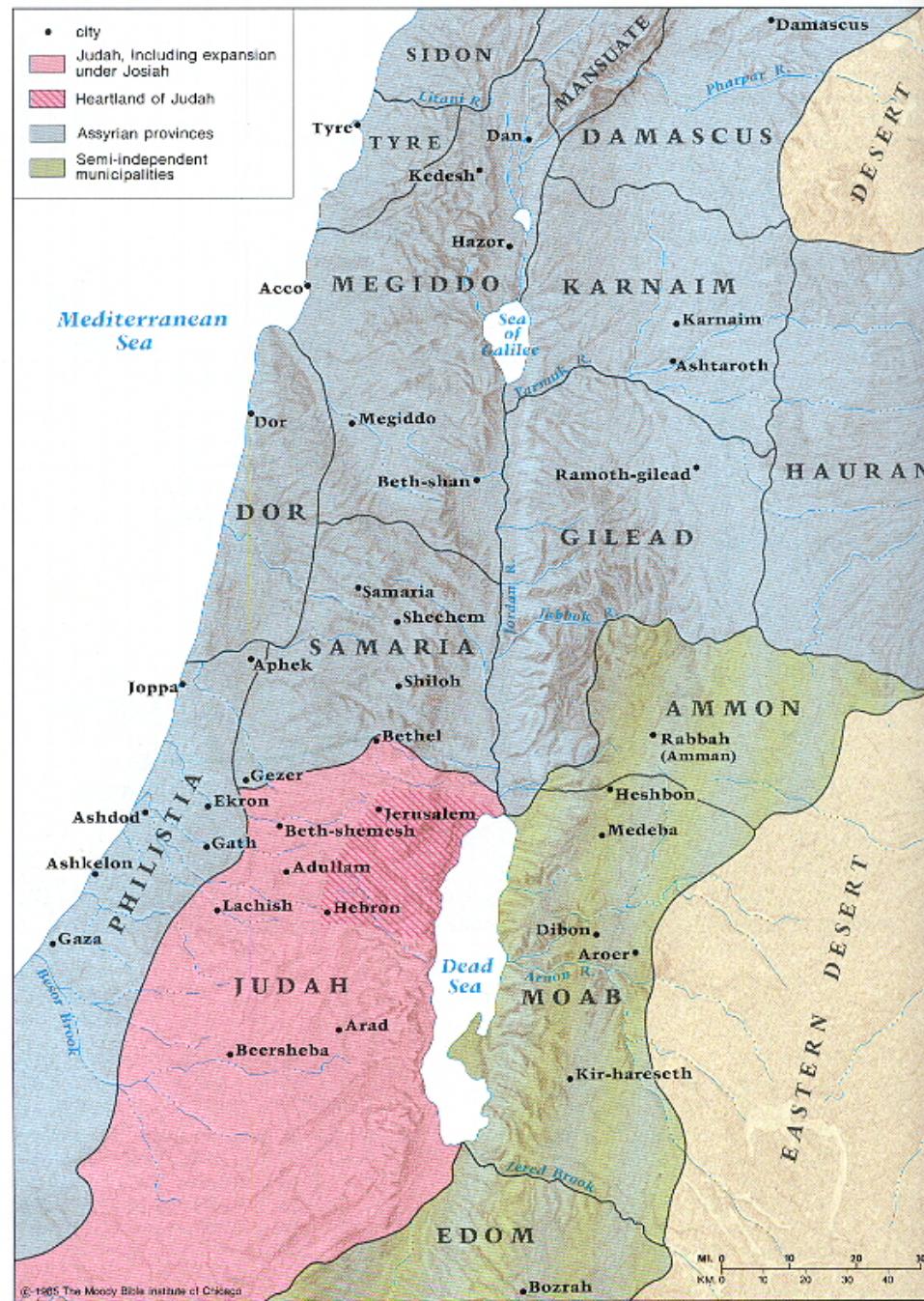


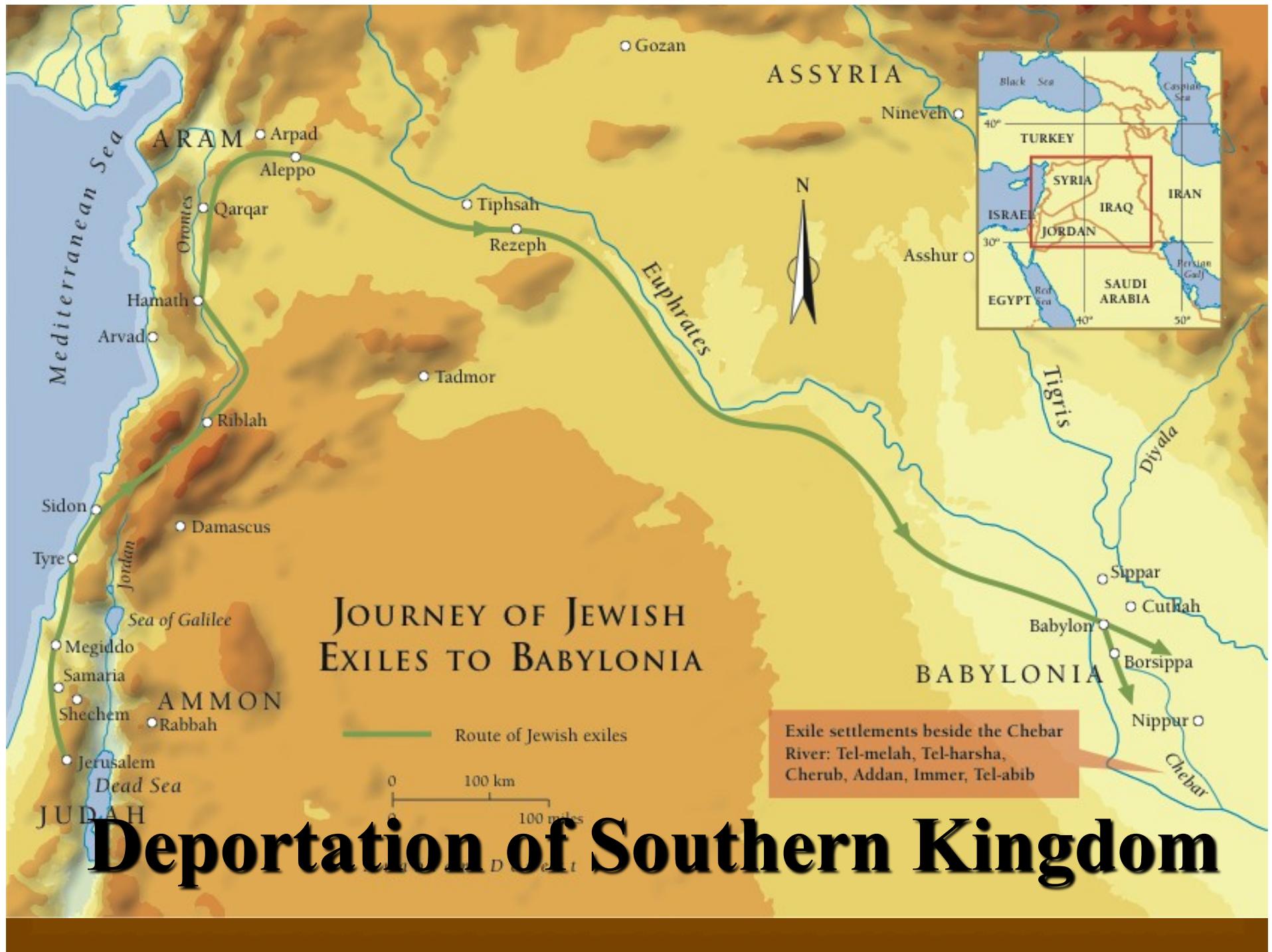
# Deportation of Northern Kingdom

2 Kings 17:7-23 (theological explanation)



MAP 59 PALESTINE AFTER NORTHERN KINGDOM



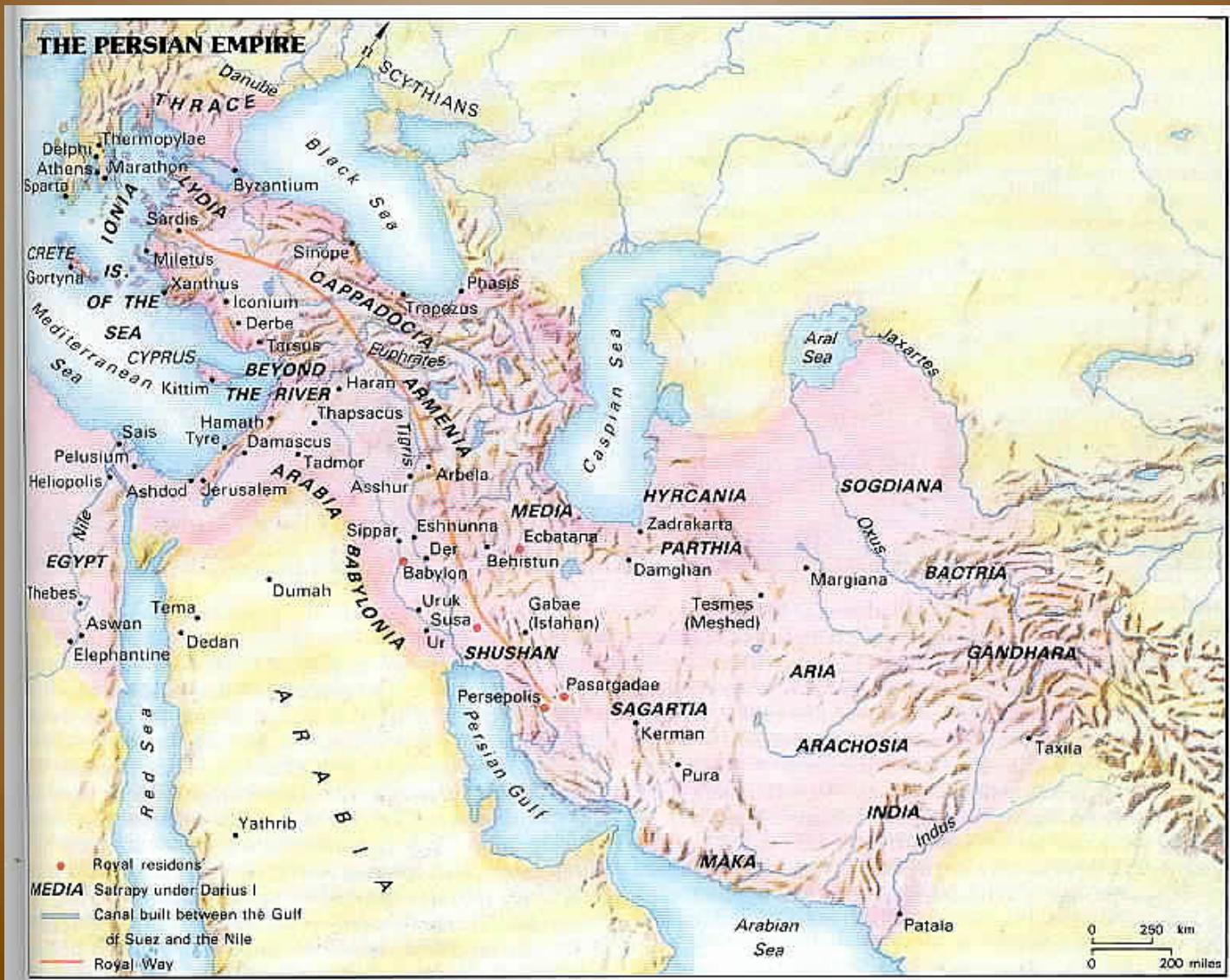




## EZEKIEL'S VISION OF THE LAND BOUNDARIES



# Persia in Power



# JEWISH EXILES RETURN TO JUDAH

KEDAR

Route of exiles under Sheshbazzar and Zerubbabel, c. 538 and 521 B.C.E.

