# **Royal Arch Geography**



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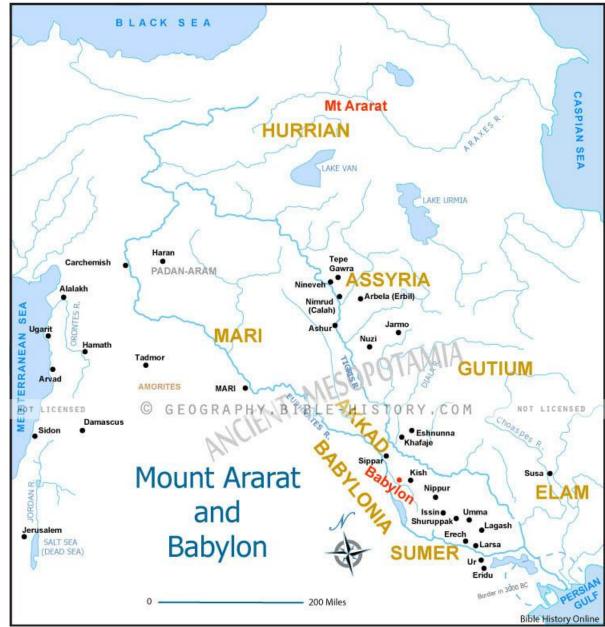
- •Blue Lodge and Royal Arch ritual makes many geographical references
- Have you ever wondered where they are and what they look like?
- •We will start with Noah and travel chronologically with the patriarchs and Israelites as mentioned in the various degrees

#### Quick Map of the Middle East



# Noah and the Patriarchs

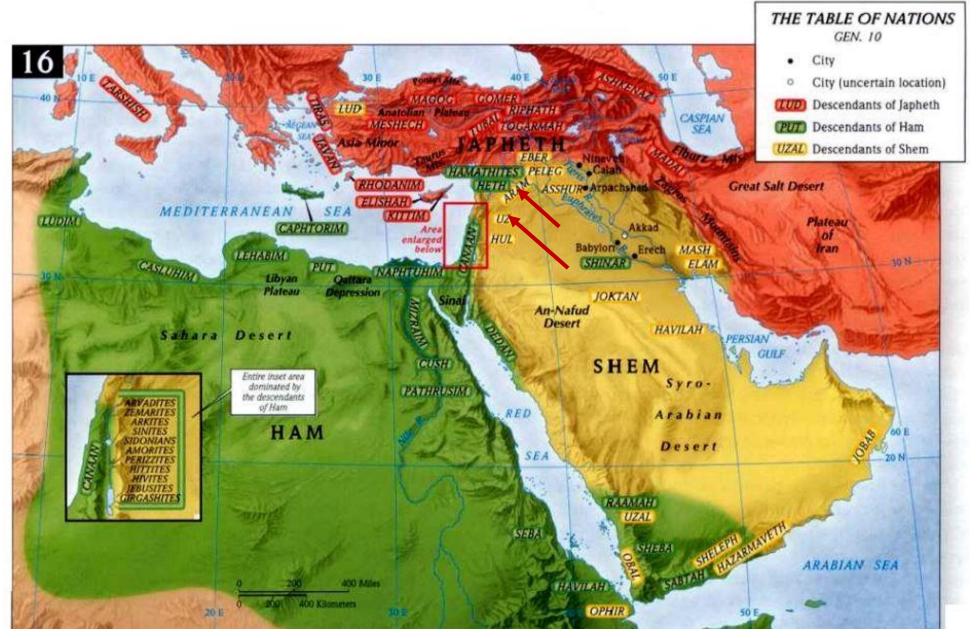
#### Noah: The First Ark



### "Mountains of Ararat"



#### Shem, Ham, and Japheth; Uz and Aram



#### Abram's journey to the Land of Canaan

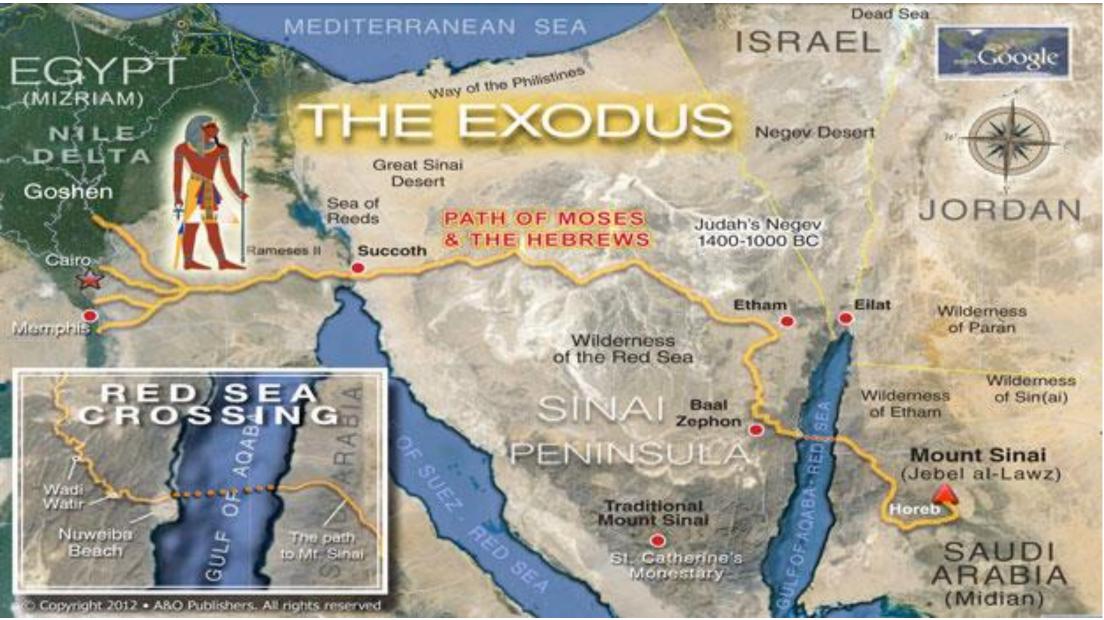


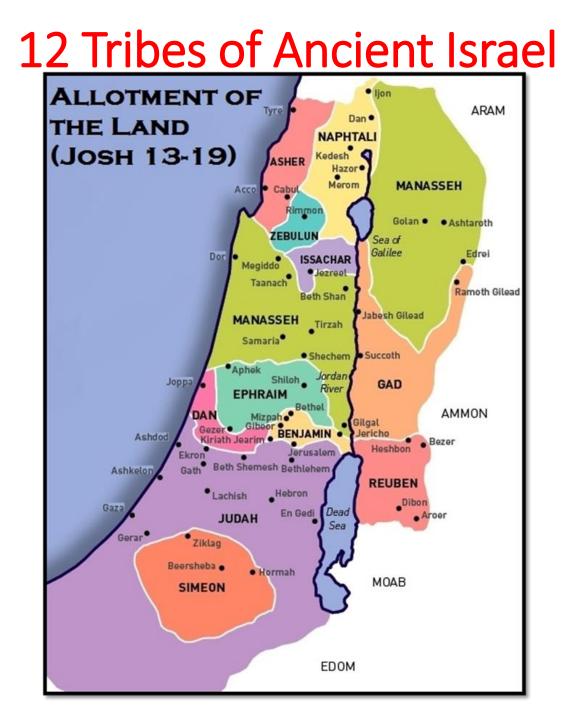
### Abraham and Melchizedek at Salem (Jerusalem)



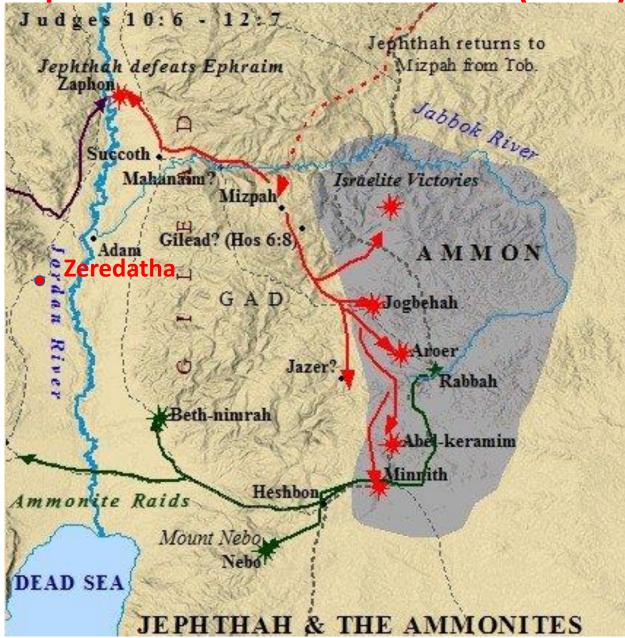
# Moses and the Israelites

#### Moses, Midian, and Mount Horeb

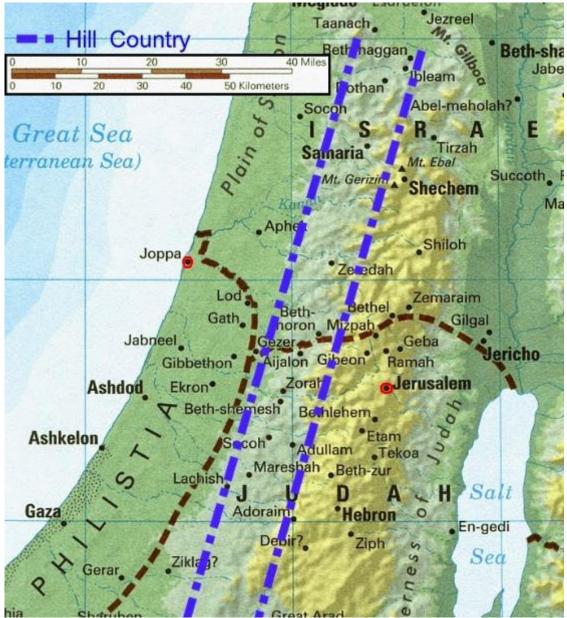




# Ephraimites and Gilead (Gad)



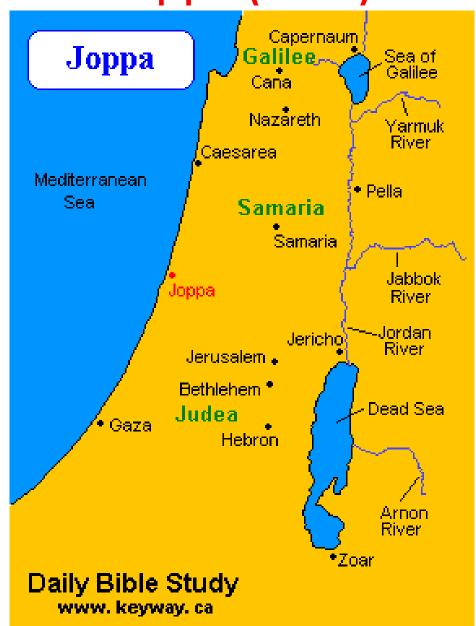
## Hill Country of Israel



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### Joppa (Jaffa)



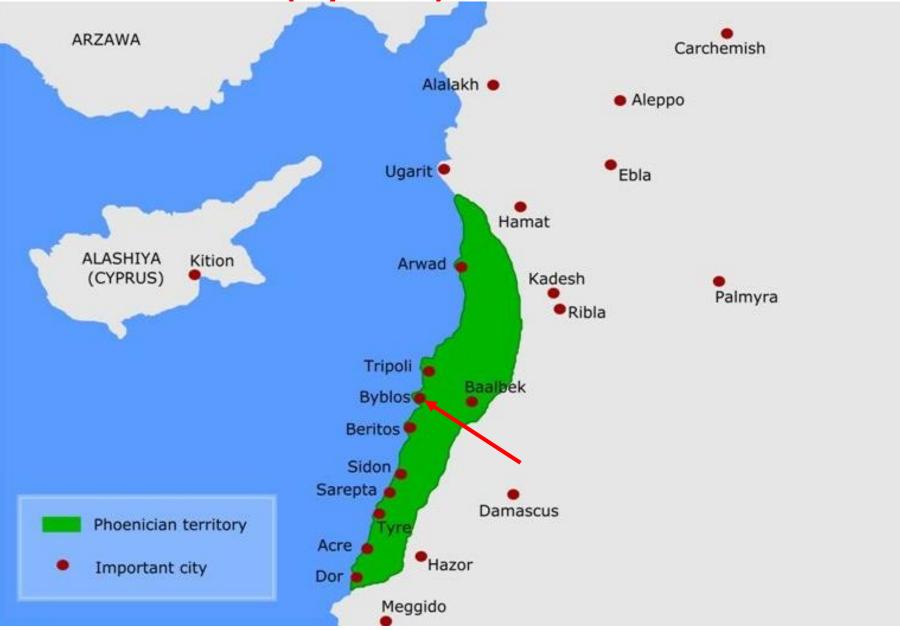
# Joppa 1845



# Joppa Now

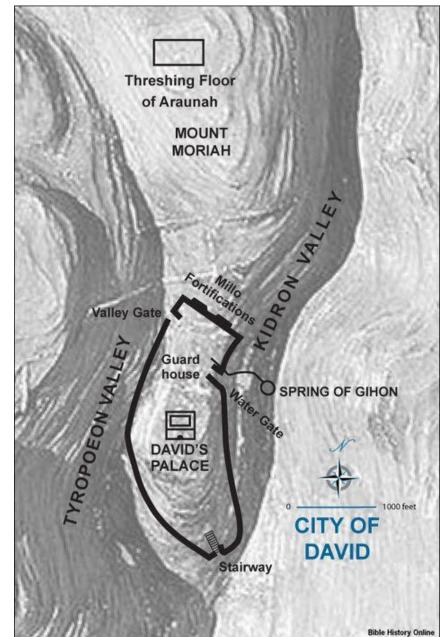


## Gebal (Byblos) and Phoenicia

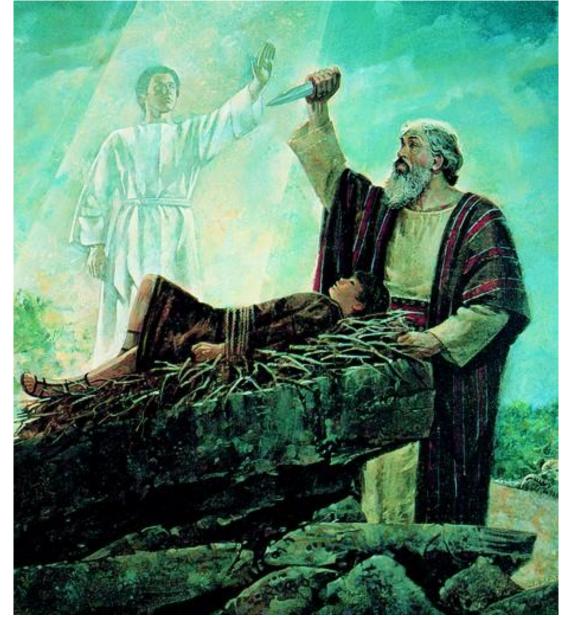


# The Temple of Solomon

#### **Mount Moriah**



#### Abraham and Isaac



## David and the Destroying Angel



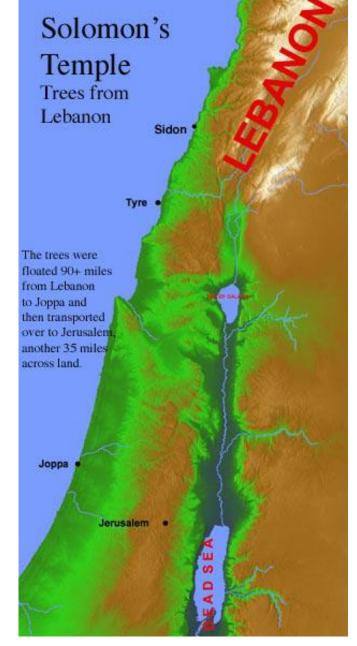
### **Old City of Jerusalem**



### **Quarries of Solomon in Jerusalem**



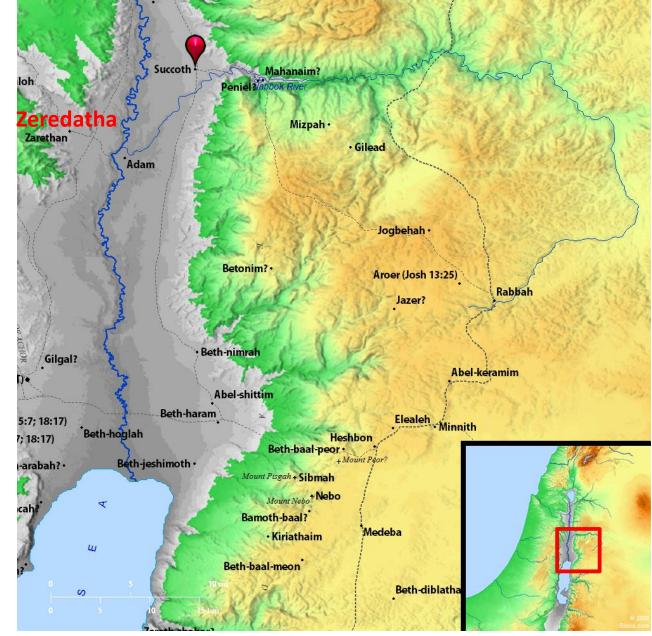
#### Timbers felled and prepared in the forests of Lebanon



#### Conveyed on floats by sea to Joppa



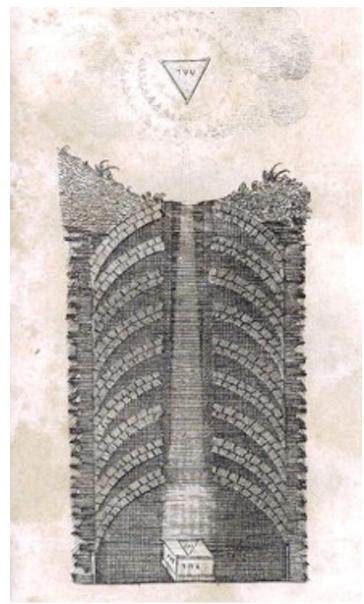
#### Clay grounds of Jordan between Succoth and Zeredatha



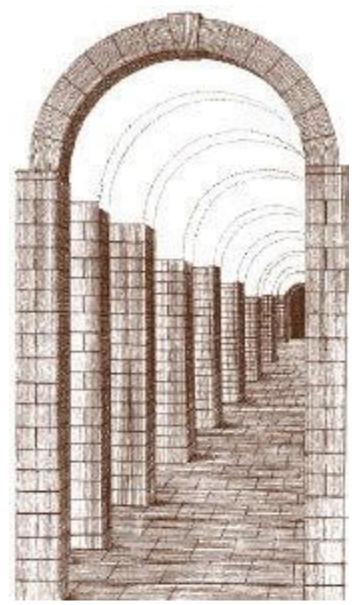
# King Solomon's Temple



### **Enoch's Vertical Arches**



## Solomon's Secret Vault



#### Division of the Kingdom after Solomon

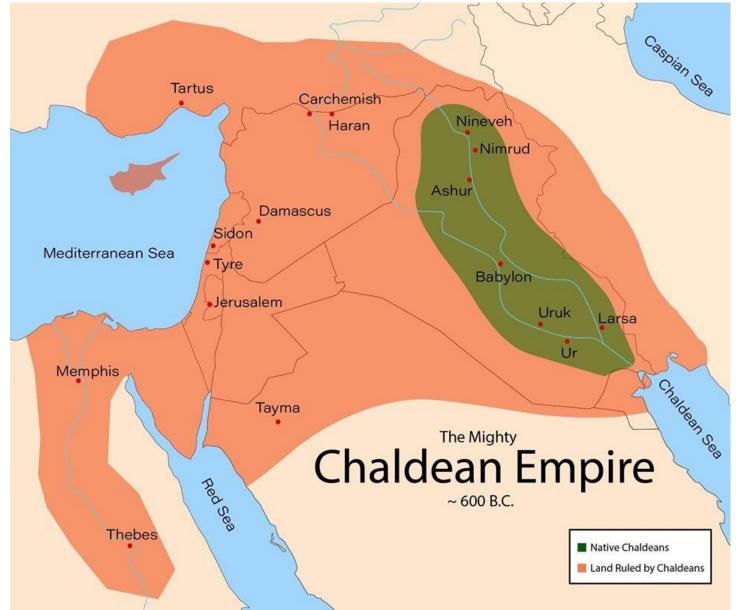


# Destruction of the Temple

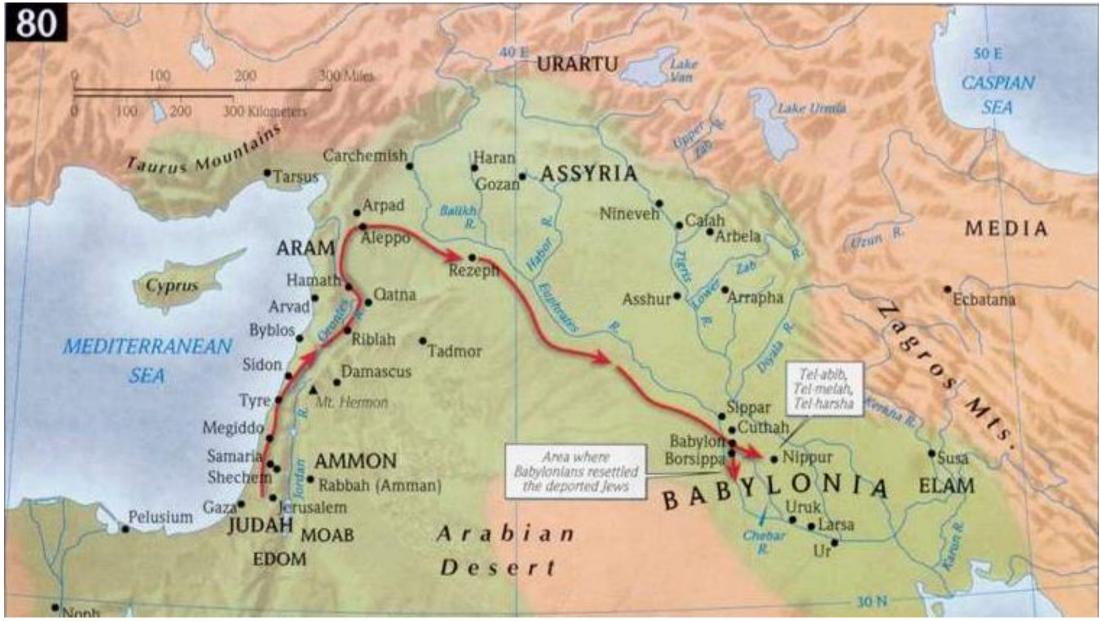


# The Exile to and Return from Babylon

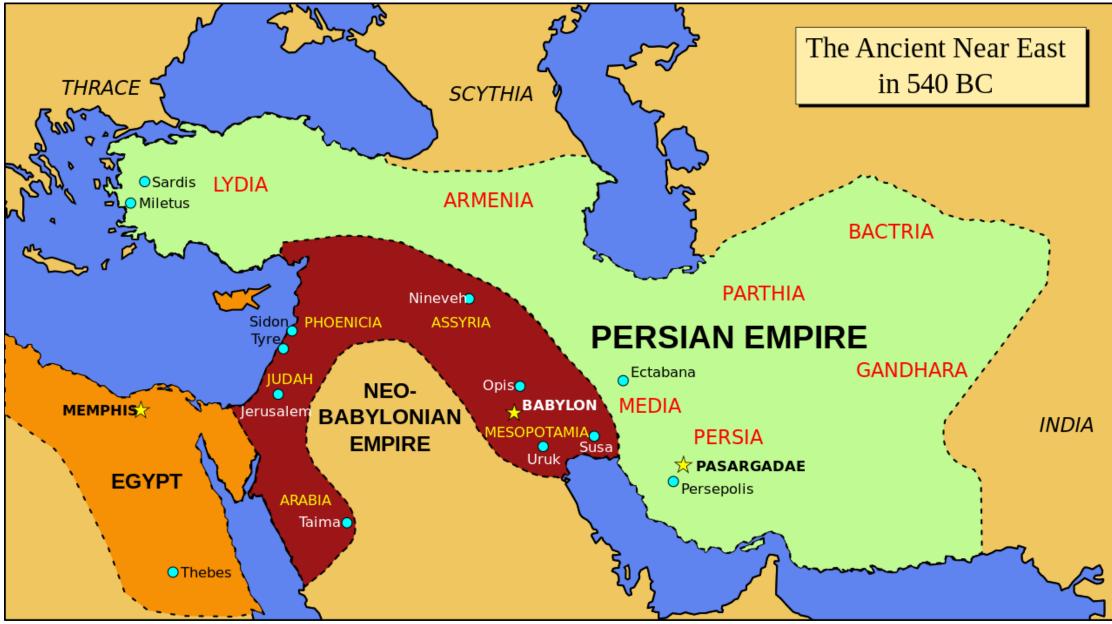
#### The Chaldean Empire



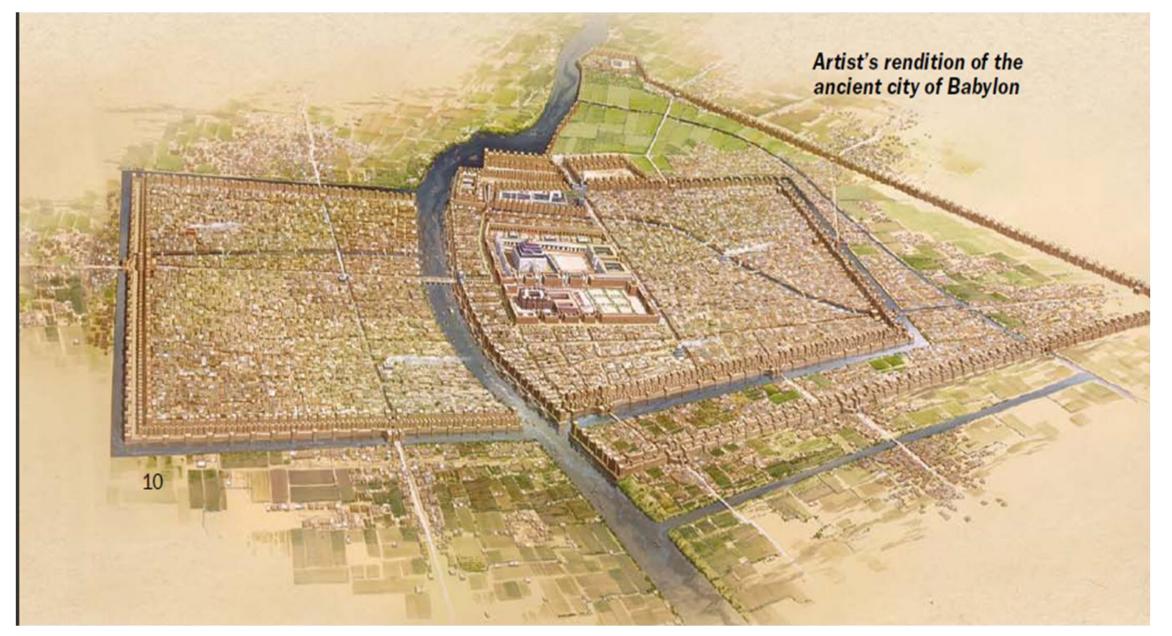
#### **Exile to Babylon**

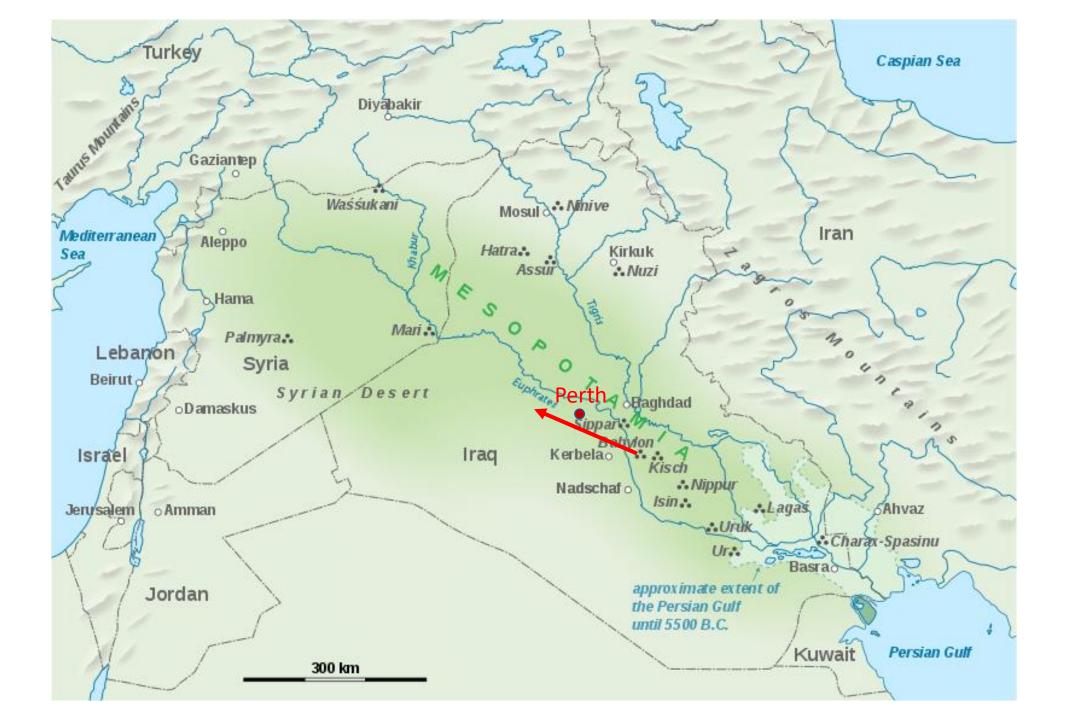


### The Persian Empire



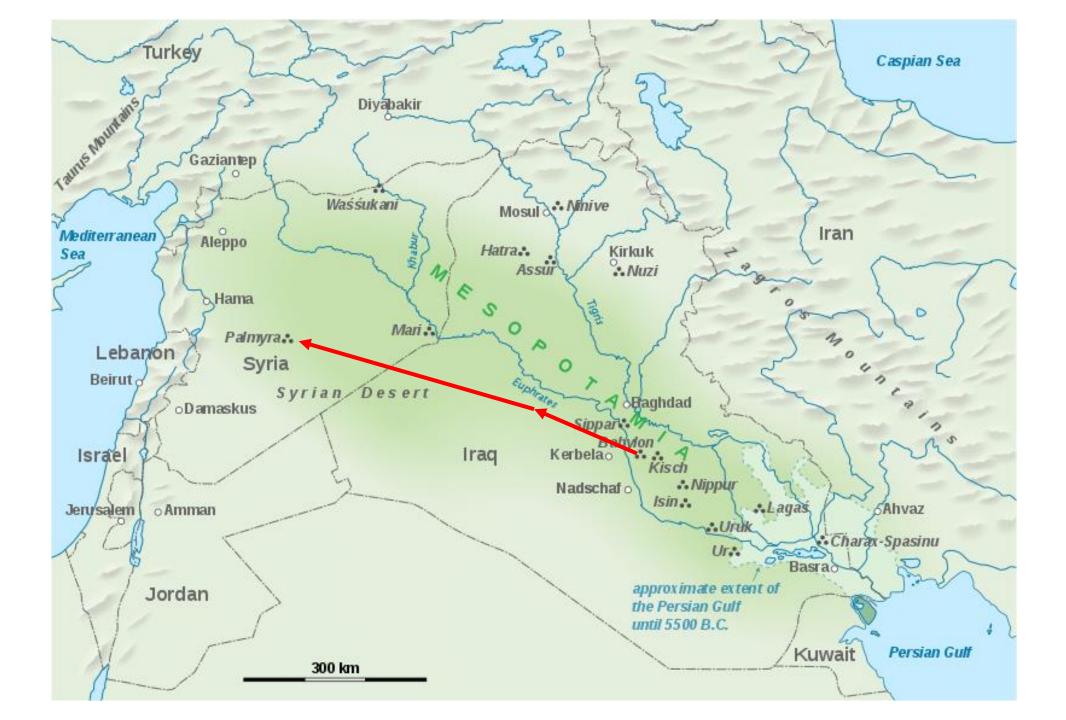
#### **Ancient Babylon**





### Accad (Akkad)



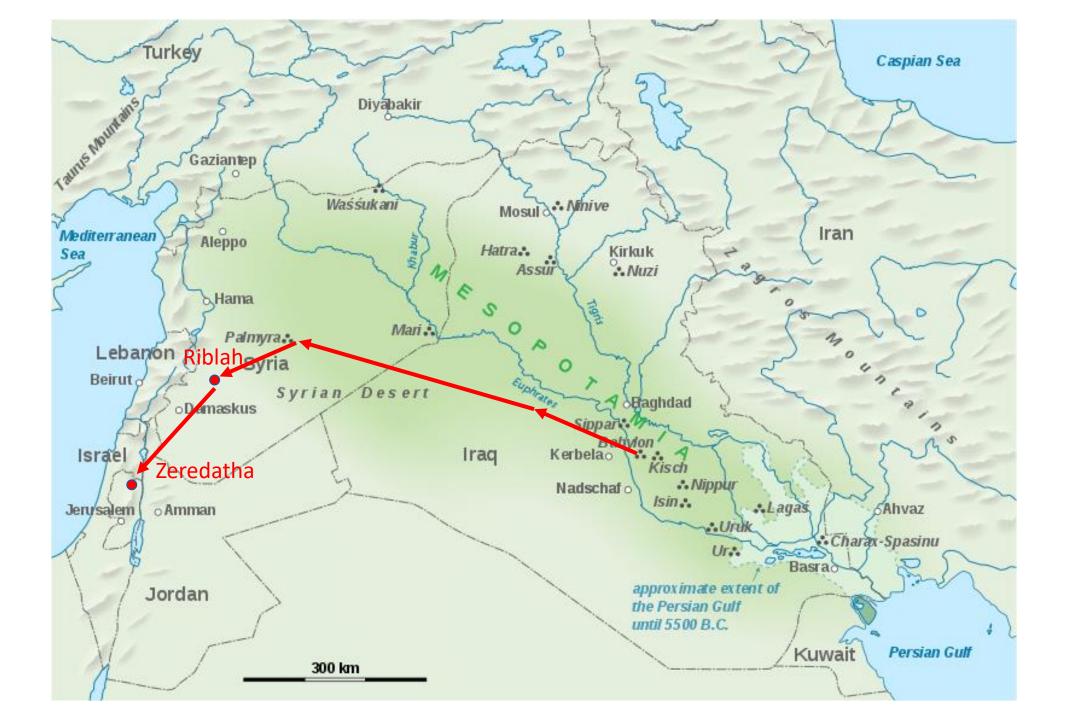


# Syrian Desert



## Ancient Tadmor (Tadmah), now Palmyra

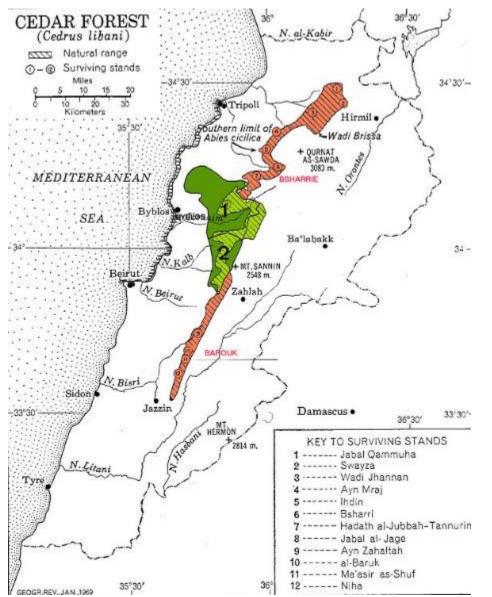


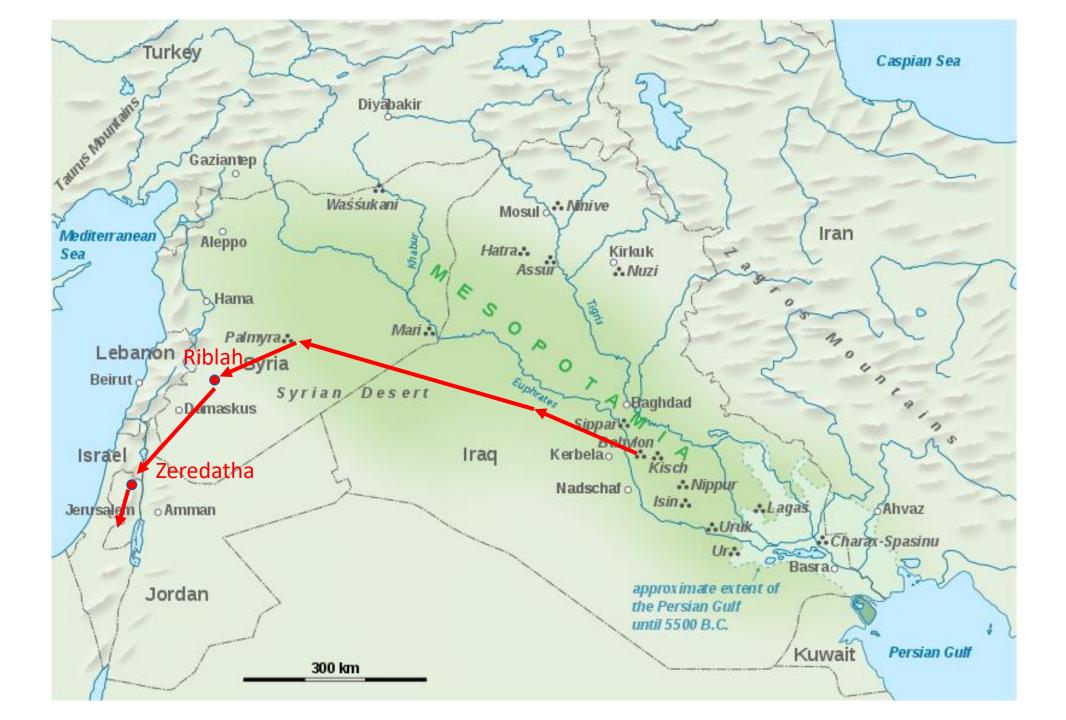




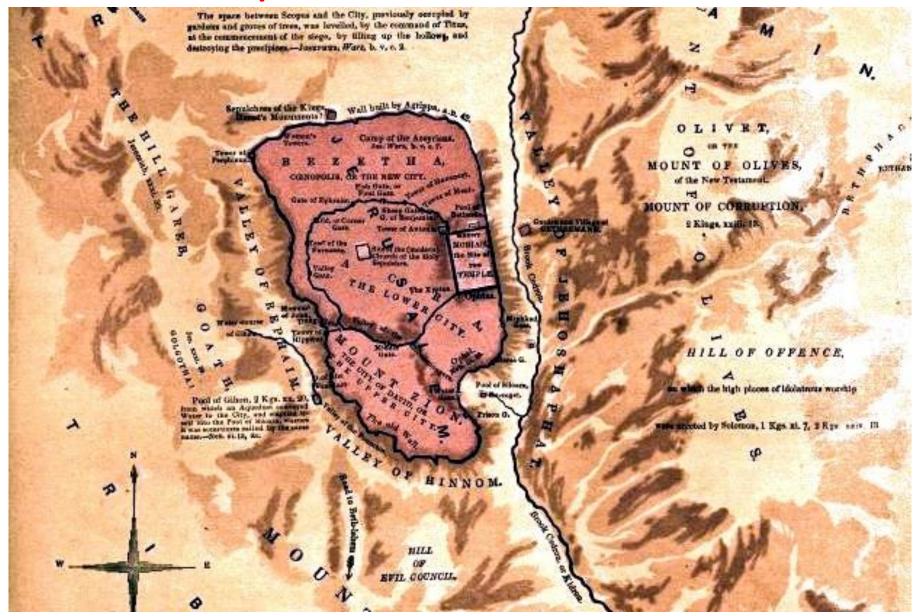


### **Cedar Forests of Lebanon**





### Map of Ancient Jerusalem



## View of Jerusalem from north in 1855



## Modern view of Jerusalem from south

