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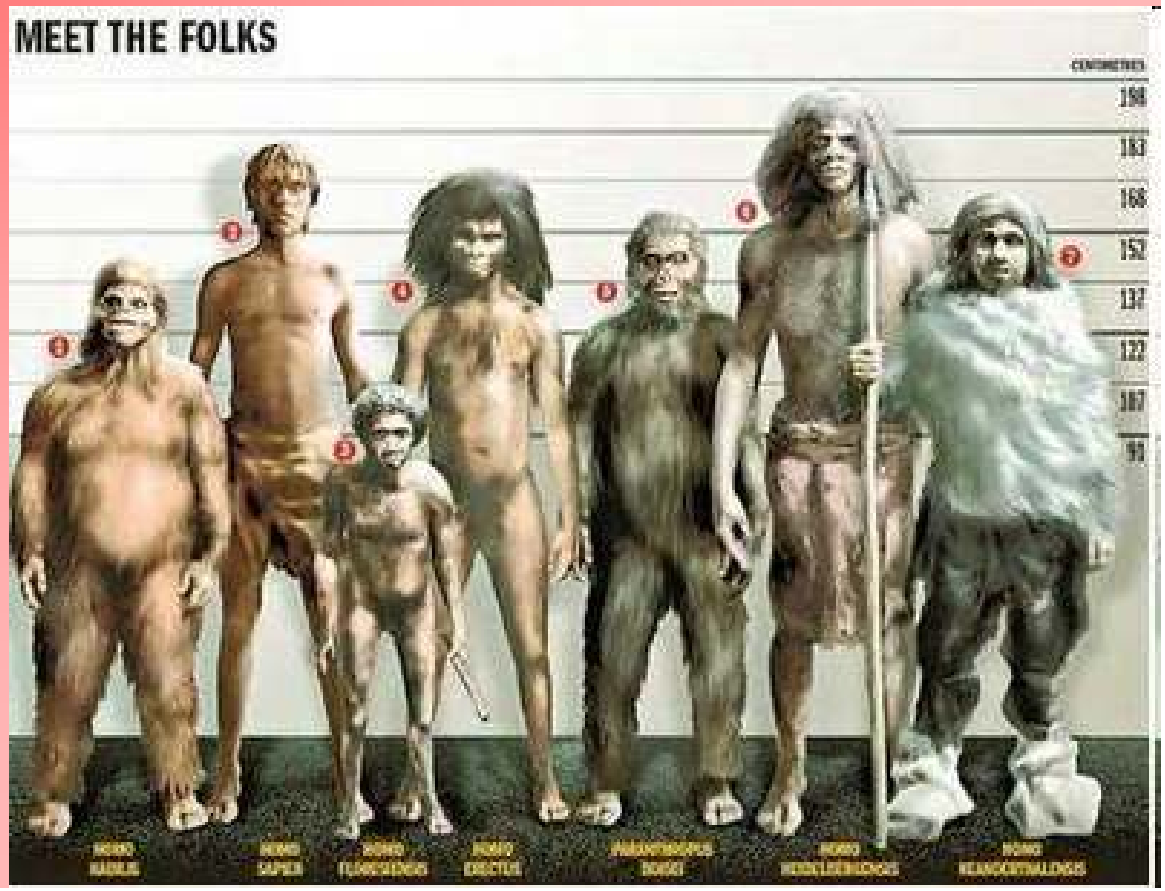

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"Battle of the Sexes"

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"It takes a village"

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The First Civilizations in Mesopotamia

"Land between the Rivers"

"Civilization"

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Cities

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Sumer

(Gilgamesh)

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Babylon

(The Code of Hammurabi)

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Egypt

HI 301. ANCIENT HISTORY. An intensive study of ancient civilization with emphasis on the civilizations of the Egyptians, Hebrews, Greeks, and Romans. (WI) *Credit, three hours.*

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Canaanites

Amorites
Ammonites
Edomites
Hebrews
Moabites
Phoenicians

Phoenician Alphabet

(see graphic on page 21 of text)

Phoenician Exploration

(coastal, urban civilization)
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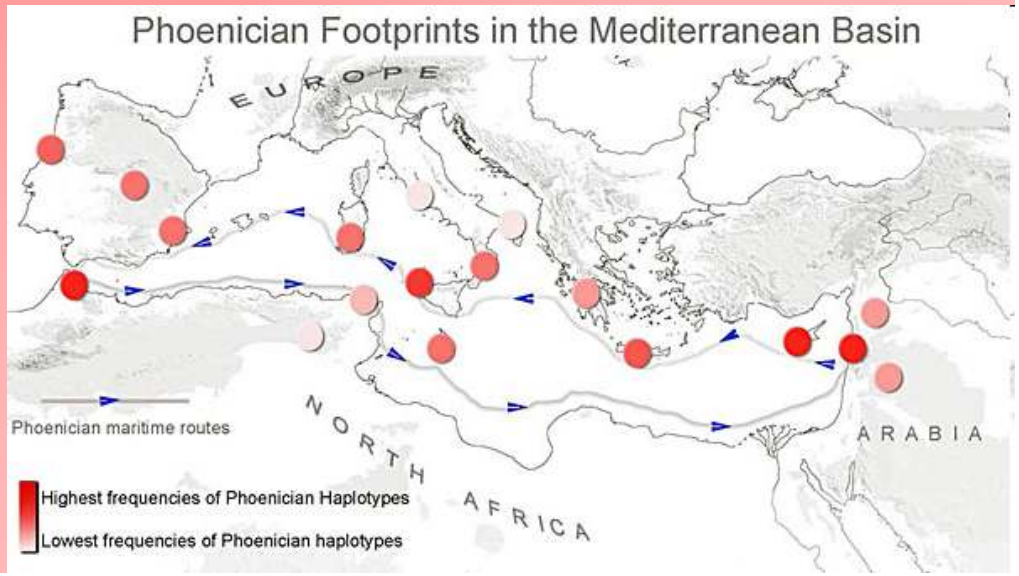

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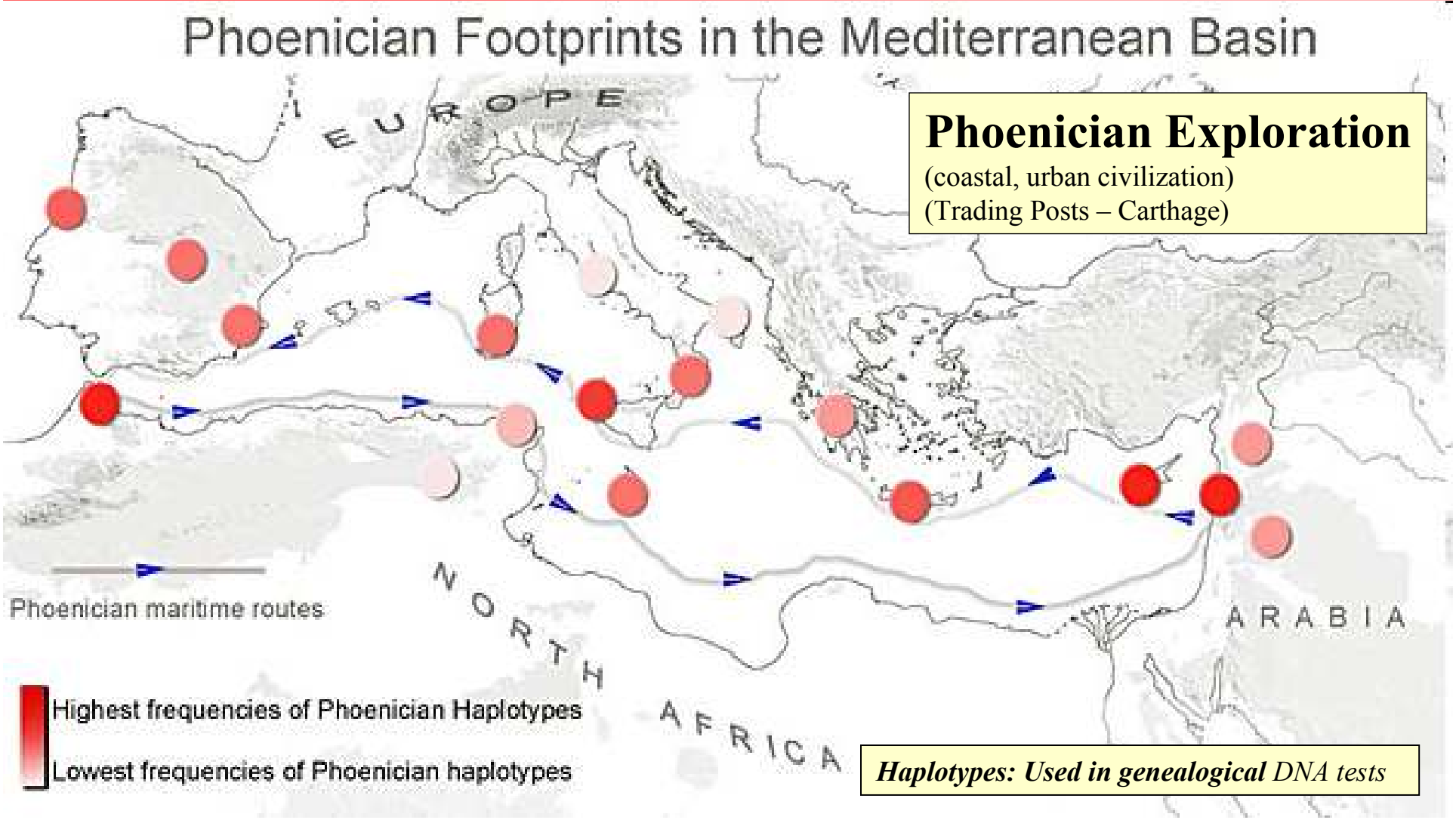

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***Haplotypes: Used in genealogical** DNA tests*

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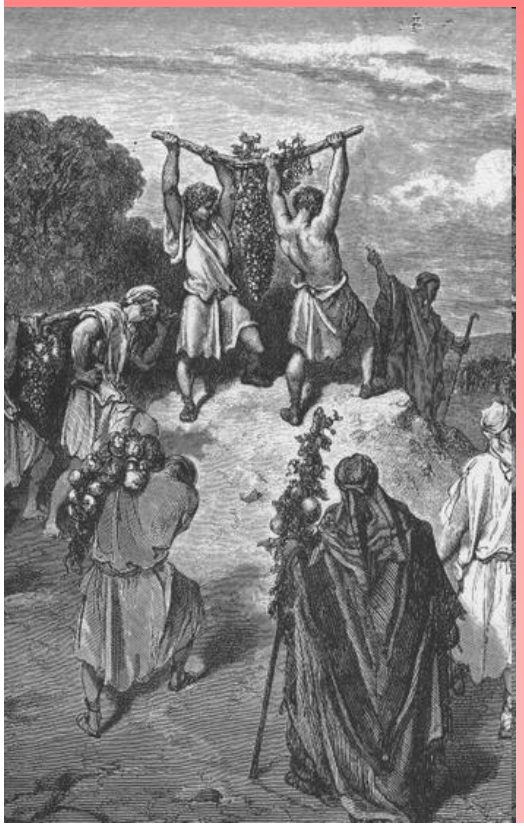
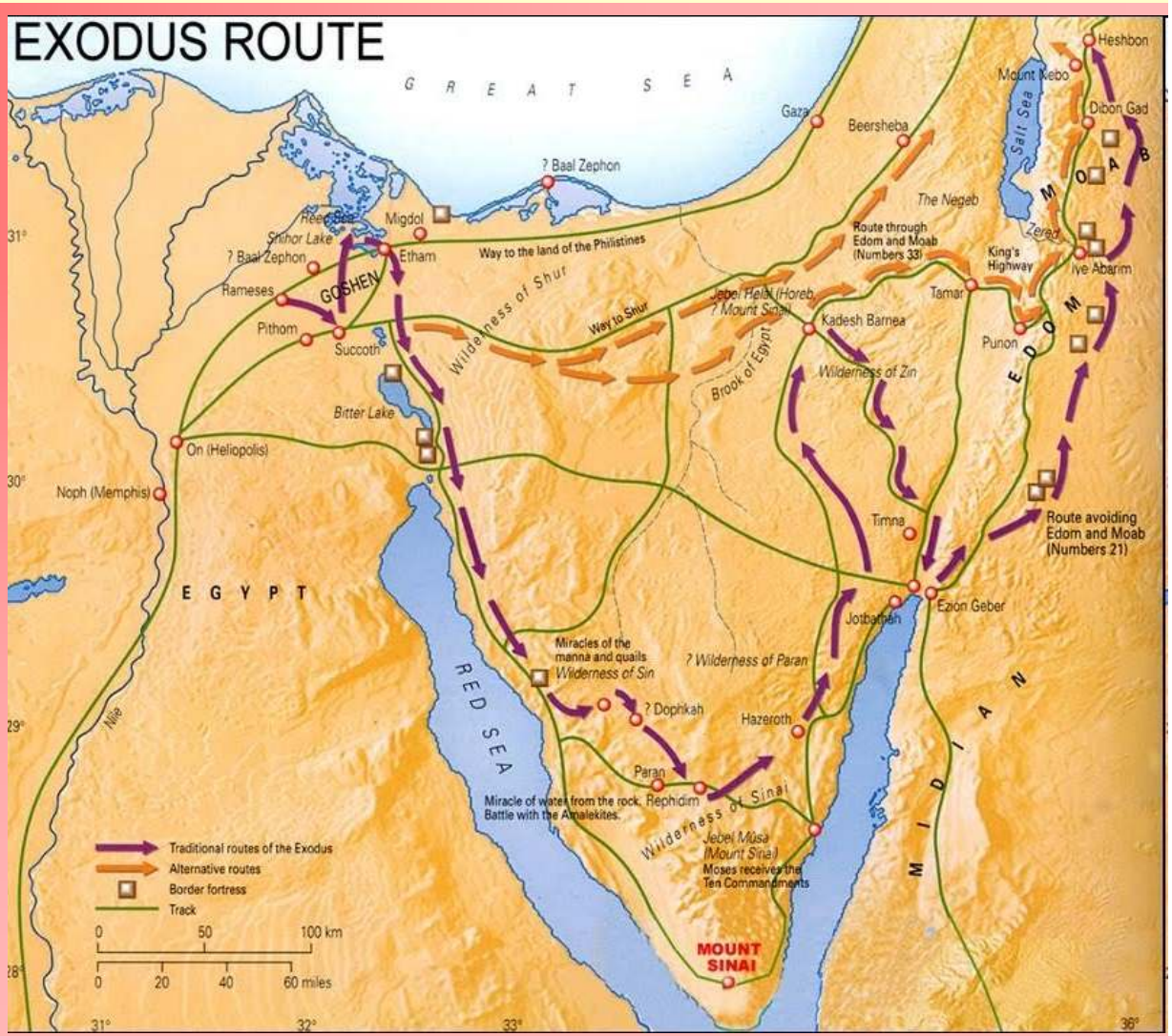
Kadesh

Hebrew Exodus

(1240-1230 BC)





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Battle of Kadesh

1274 BC

Egyptians vs Hittites

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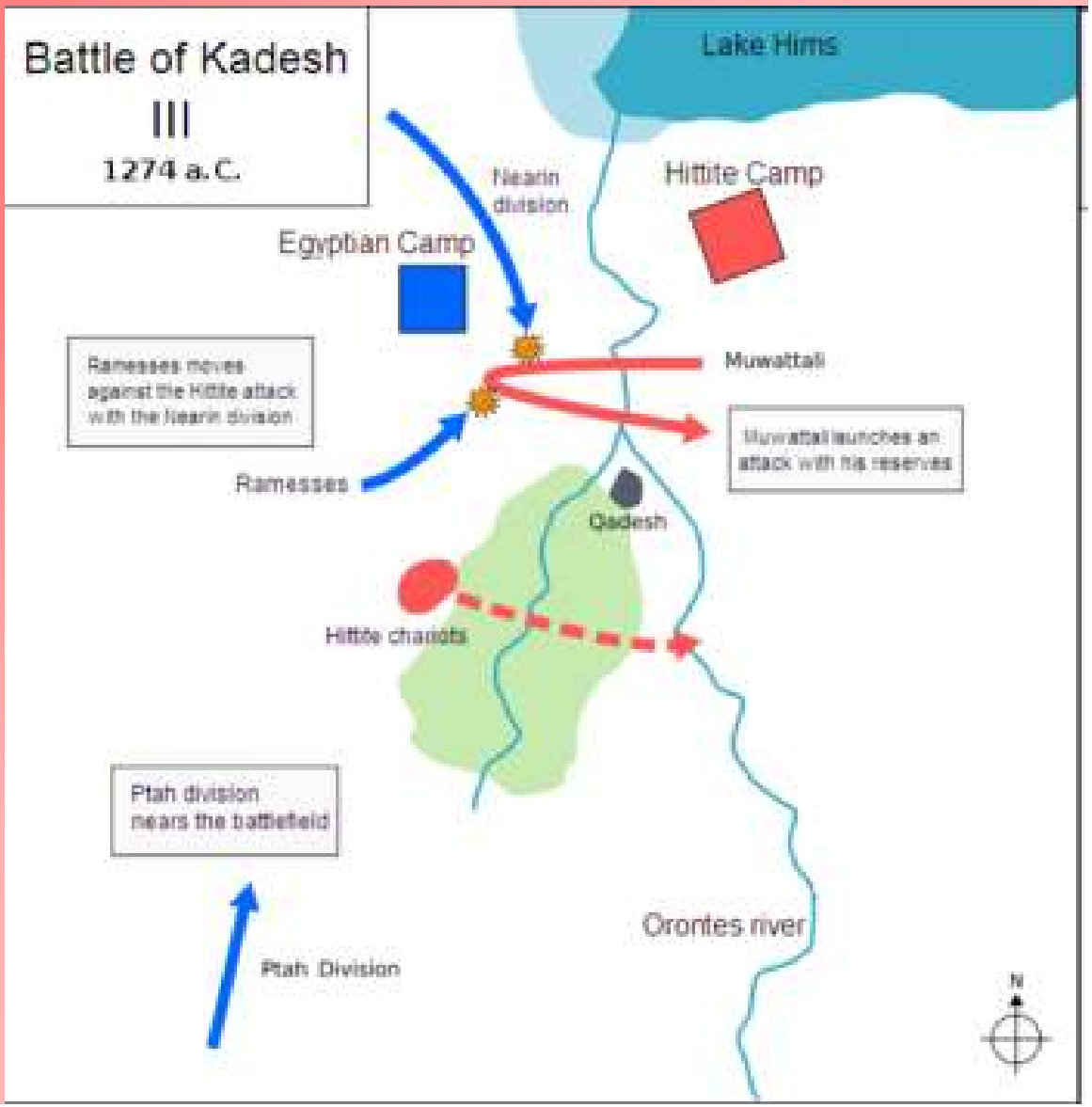

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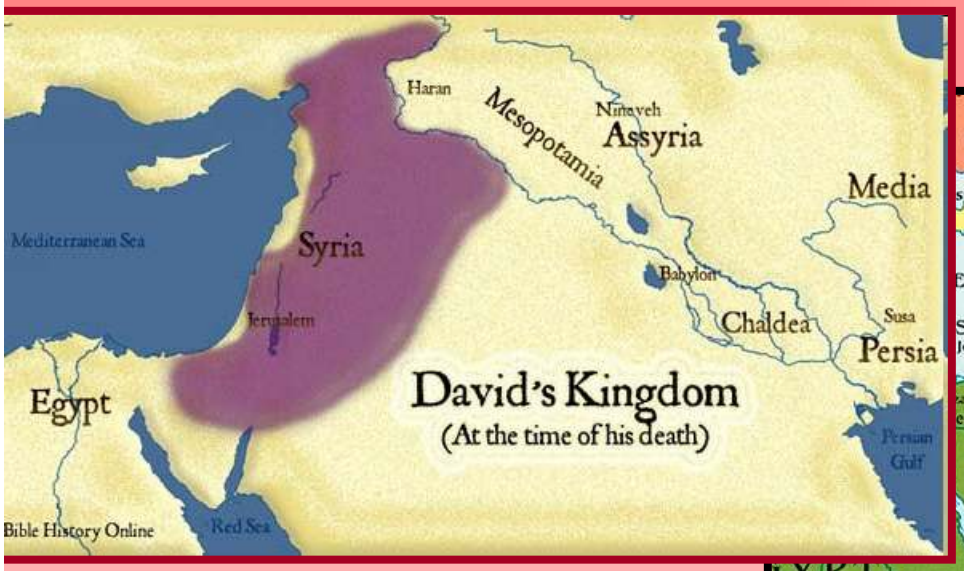
The Near East States

Assyrian, Median, Persia

Chaldea - Neo-Babylonian, **Lydian** – Neo-Hittite



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Zoroastrianism

Ancient Religion from Iran

Zarathustra's teachings contained in 17 hymns (The Gathas) and Avesta.

Influenced Jewish concepts including:
Devil, hell, an afterlife, the resurrection, end of the world

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Chapters 2 & 3 - The Greeks