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Chapter 4: The Hellenistic World



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Sept. 4 **On-Line Quiz (Ch. 4)**

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Sept. 12 **EXAM ONE – Ch 1-5**

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The Rise of Macedonia

Philip II



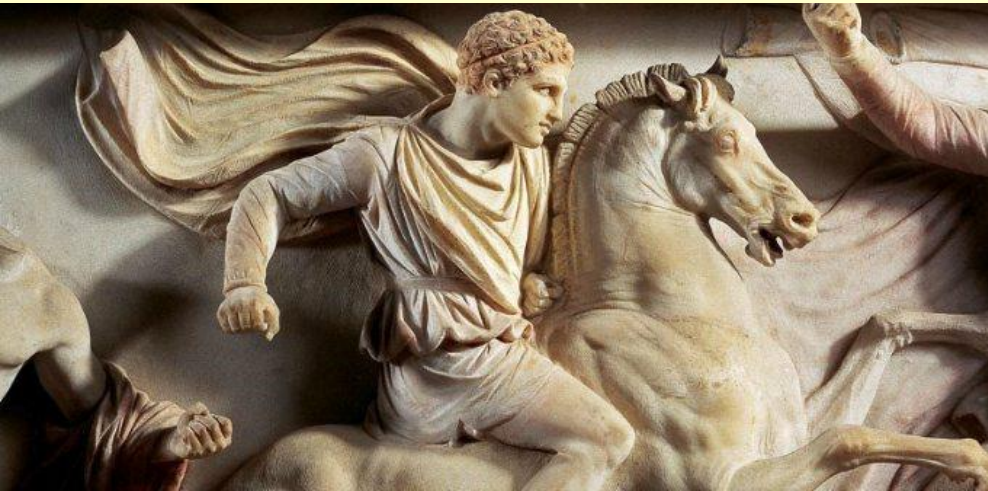
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Alexander Comes to Power



- Alexander's Youth
 - As a child, Alexander studied under Aristotle
 - Under his father's leadership, trained for battle
- Phillip II assassinated in 336 BC
- His son Alexander seized power at the age of 20
- With Greek city-states unified under his rule, he set out to conquer Persia
- Main Goal: Conquer the known world

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Alexander's Rise to Power

Alexander – son of Philip's 4th wife Olympias, (from Epirus)
King Phillip marries 7th wife Cleopatra Eurydice (from Macedon)
Philip assassinated – Alexander proclaimed king (20 years old)

Elimination of potential rivals:

Cousin and 2 Macedonian princes

Olympias had Cleopatra Eurydice and daughter and son killed

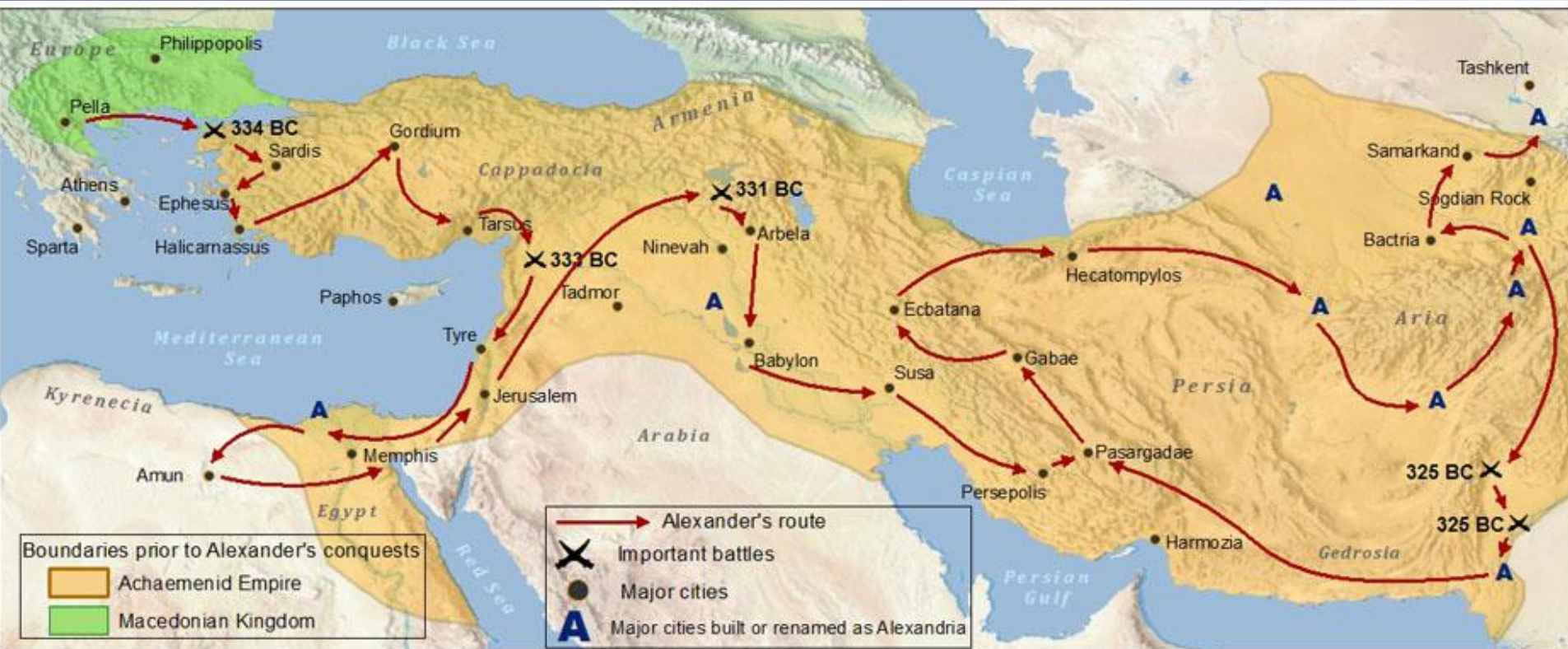
Alexander order Cleopatra's uncle killed

Spared half-brother (mentally disabled, possibly resulting from poisoning by Olympias)

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Alexander III of Macedon

Conquered
Balkans, Asia Minor, Syria, Egypt, Assyria, Persia
Invaded India



Key Battles

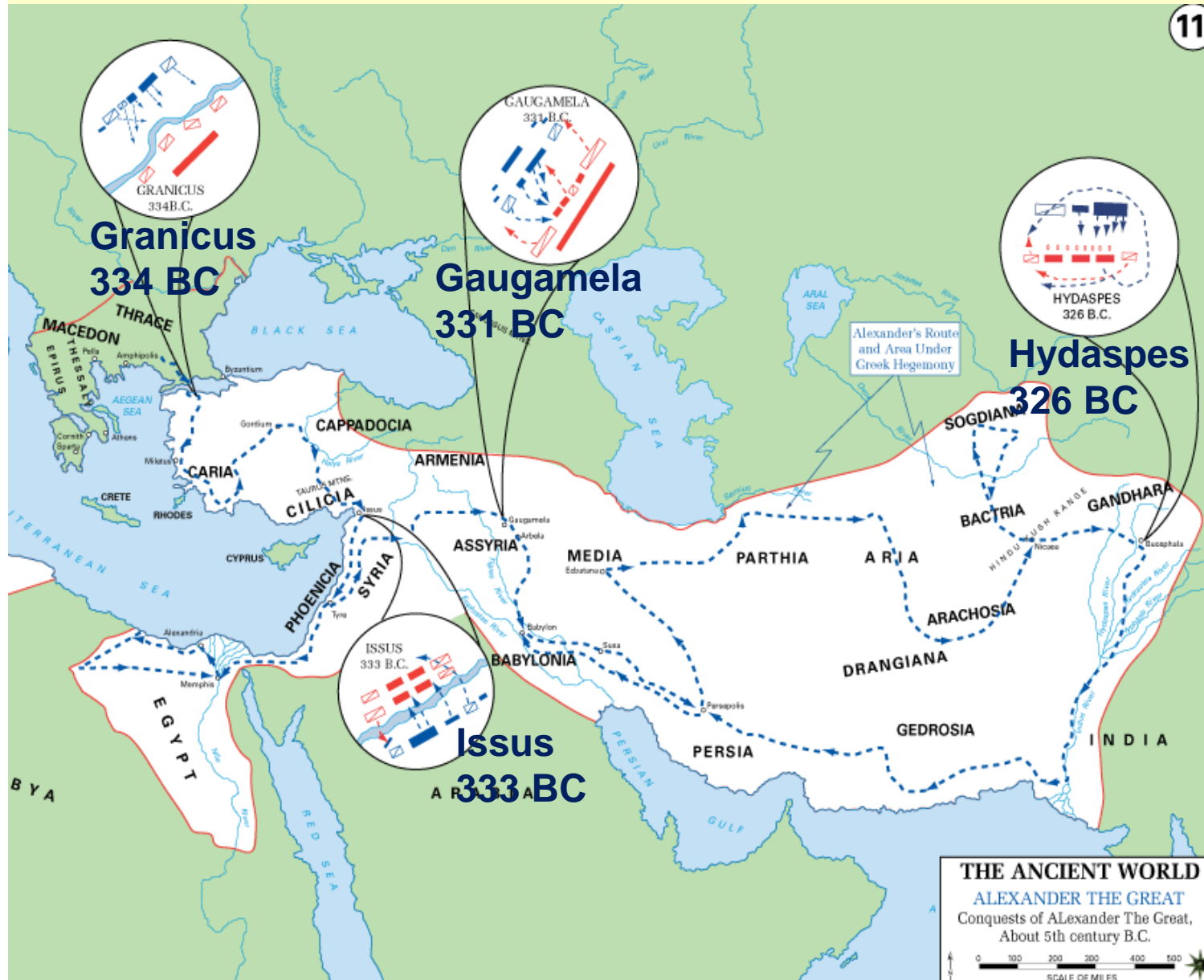
Granicus
Conquers Asia Minor

Issus
Darius flees, without wife, daughters, mother

Gaugamela
Darius again flees, but taken prisoner and killed by kinsman

Hydaspes
eastmost extent. Discipline and weapons defeat numbers and elephants

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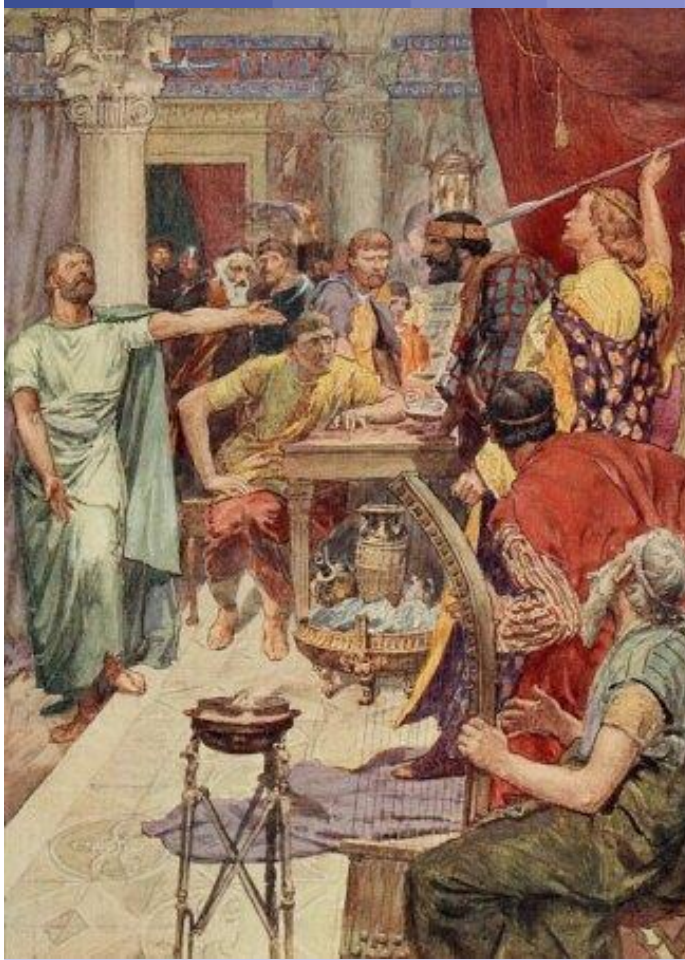
**Goes
Native**

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**Dressing as
a Persian
330 BC**

**Killing of
Friend
328 BC**

**Mass
Wedding
324 BC**



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Death and remains of Alexander (323 BC)



**Palace of
Nebuchadnezzar II
Babylon**

**Body place in gold
sarcophagus filled with
honey, inside a gold casket.**

**Ptolemy stole and took it
to Memphis.**

**Later to Alexandria where
visited by Pompey, Julius
Caesar and Augustus.**

**Whereabouts after 200 AD
unknown (>140 search
attempts)**

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The Hellenistic Age (323-30 BC)

Ptolemaic Kingdom

From Ptolemy I to Cleopatra VII

Seleucid Kingdom

Defeated by Rome in 63 BC



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Revolt of the Maccabees

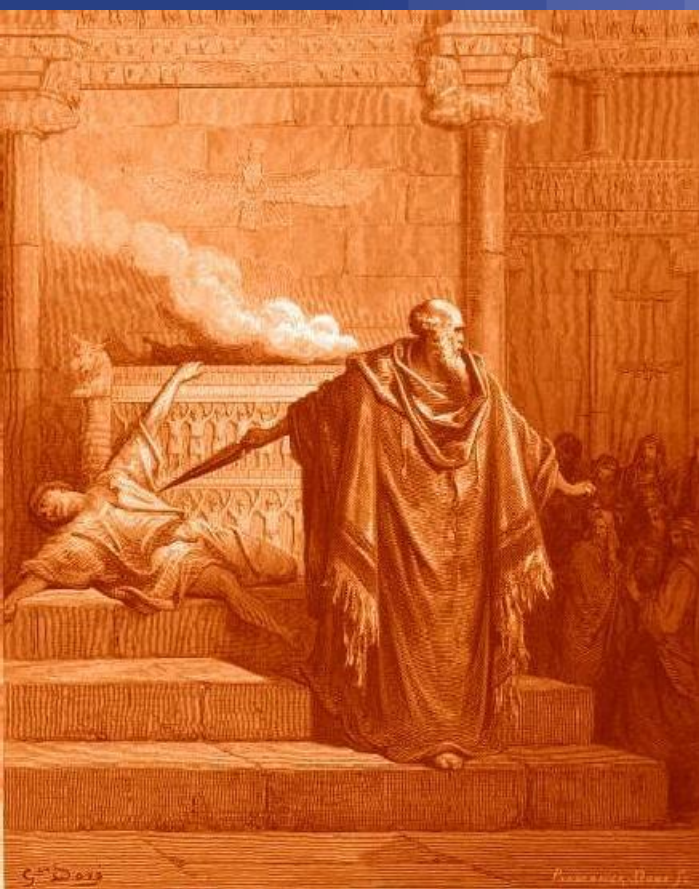
An old priest Mattathias refuses to sacrifice to a Greek god.

When a Hellenistic Jew tries to comply, Mattathias kills him and Greek official.

His 5 sons take up arms against Seleucid troops.

When father dies, son Judah becomes leader.

Because of his great fighting ability, Judah was nicknamed Maccabeus, "The Hammer."



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The Hellenistic Age (323-30 BC)

Koine (common) Greek:
The language of the New Testament
(Biblical/New Testament Greek)



And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

- Acts 6:1 (KJV)

