

On the Paradox of Iran – Israel relationship

Decoding a historic friendship ...

... despite the recent ...

... mistakes and myopia by Israel & Iran-Persia ...

... but the ...

... geopolitical necessity and cultural solidarity ...

... will force them ...

to cooperate ...

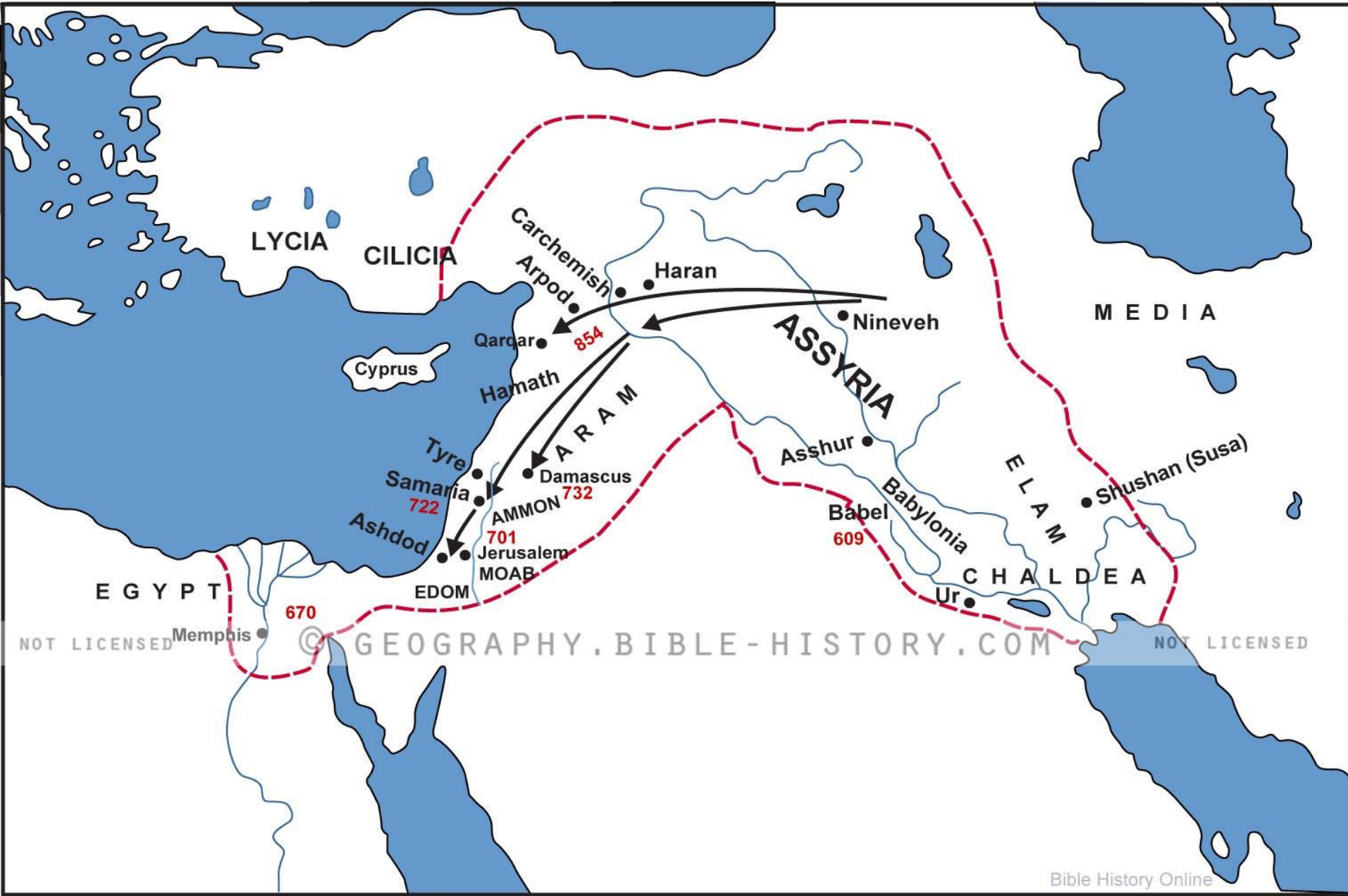
Indeed ... a very long Historic and Strategic Friendship ...

Persians supported Israelites during ... their worst periods

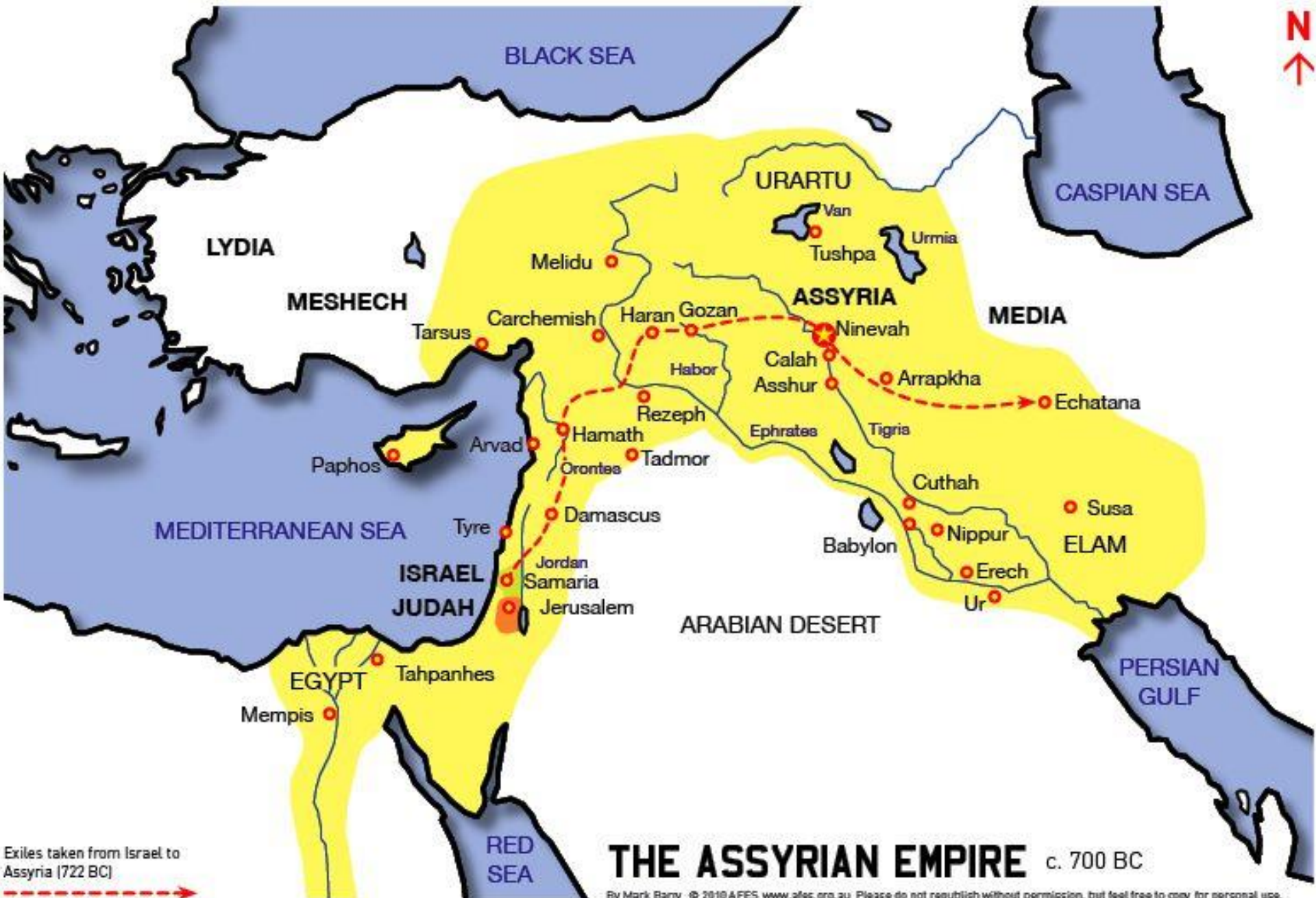
- **1250 BCE** - **Moses takes Jews out of Egypt**
- **1010 BCE** - **David King**
- **970 BCE** - **Temple is built**
- **962 BCE** - **Solomon King**
- **734-732 & 724-721** - **Assyrian captivity**
- **721 BCE** - **Destruction of Solomon's Temple**
- **597-539 BCE** - **Babylonian deportation & slavery**
- **540 BCE** - **Persians conquered Babylon**
- **539-538 BCE** - **Persians (Cyrus the Great) free Jews**
- **515 BCE** - **Temple is rebuilt**
- **485-332 BCE** - **Persian era**
- **332-63 BCE** - **Hellenic era - - Persians supported Jews**
- **63-313 BCE** - **Roman era - - Persians supported Jews**
- **70 CE** - **Romans (Titus) destroys Herod's Temple – Diaspora**
- **313-638 CE** - **Byzantine Christian era - - Persians supported Jews**
- **638-1918 CE** - **Muslims conquered Jerusalem and Israel**

... from the time of the Assyrian invasion ...

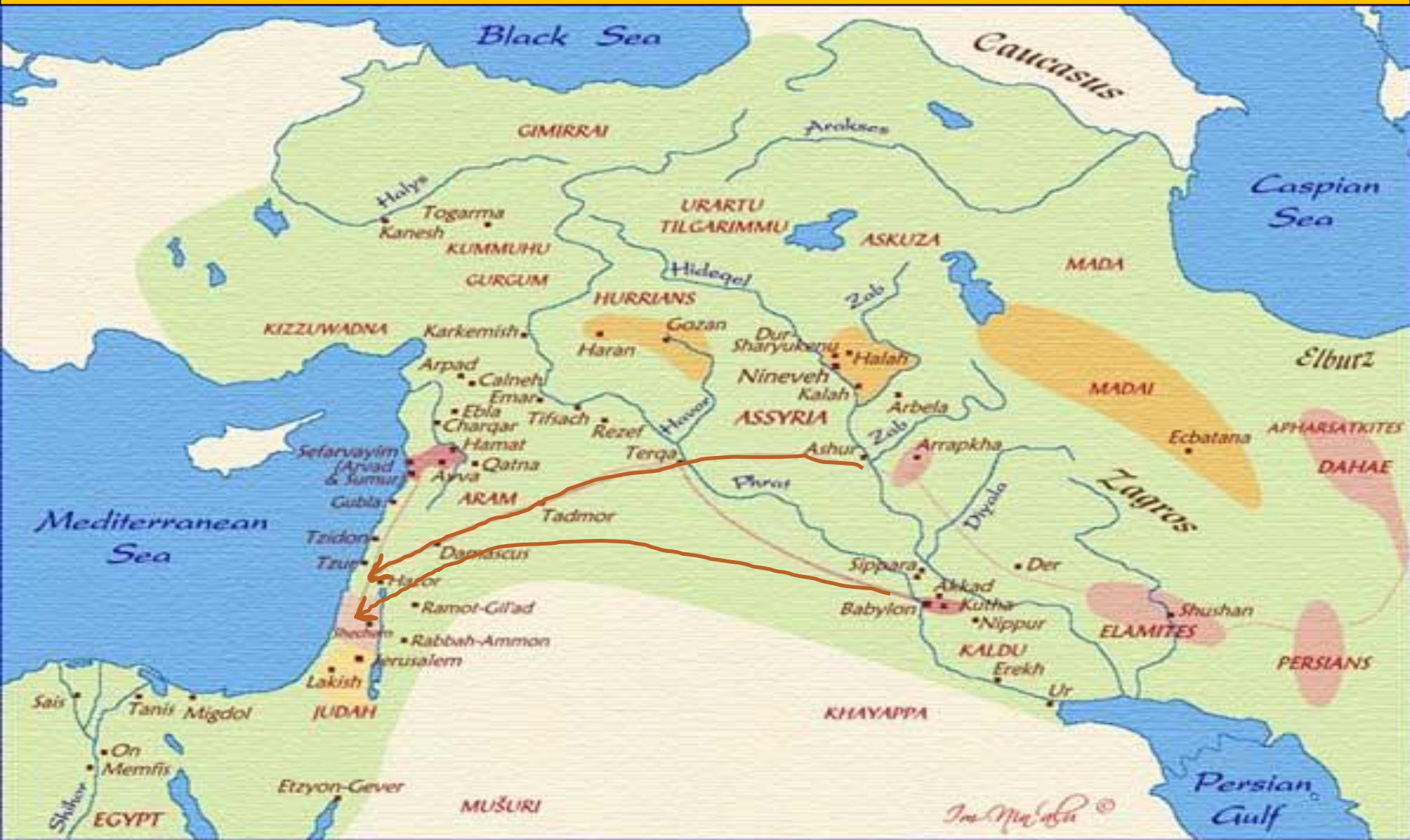
MAP OF ASSYRIAN CONQUESTS



Assyrian captivity (734-732) & (724-721)



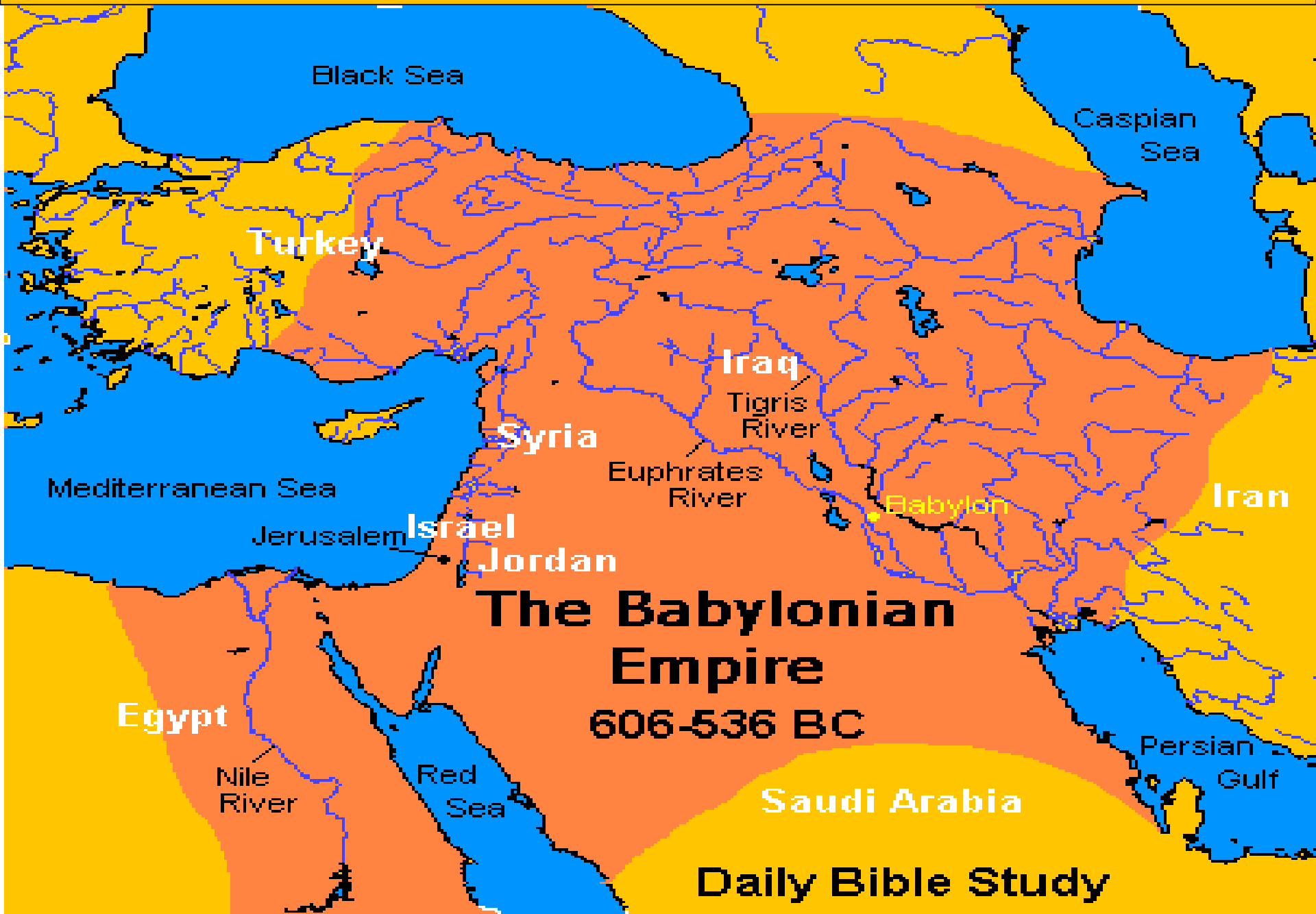
Assyrians move other populations to fill out Israel (721)



The ASSYRIAN EMPIRE under Assarhaddon and Assurbanipal
Internal Deportations of Peoples

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|  Assyrian Empire |  Former Kingdom of Israel |  Peoples Resettled in Samaria by Sargon II |
|  Kingdom of Judah (Vassal of Assyria) |  Lands of Israelite Resettlement |  Peoples Resettled in Samaria by Assarhaddon & Assurbanipal |

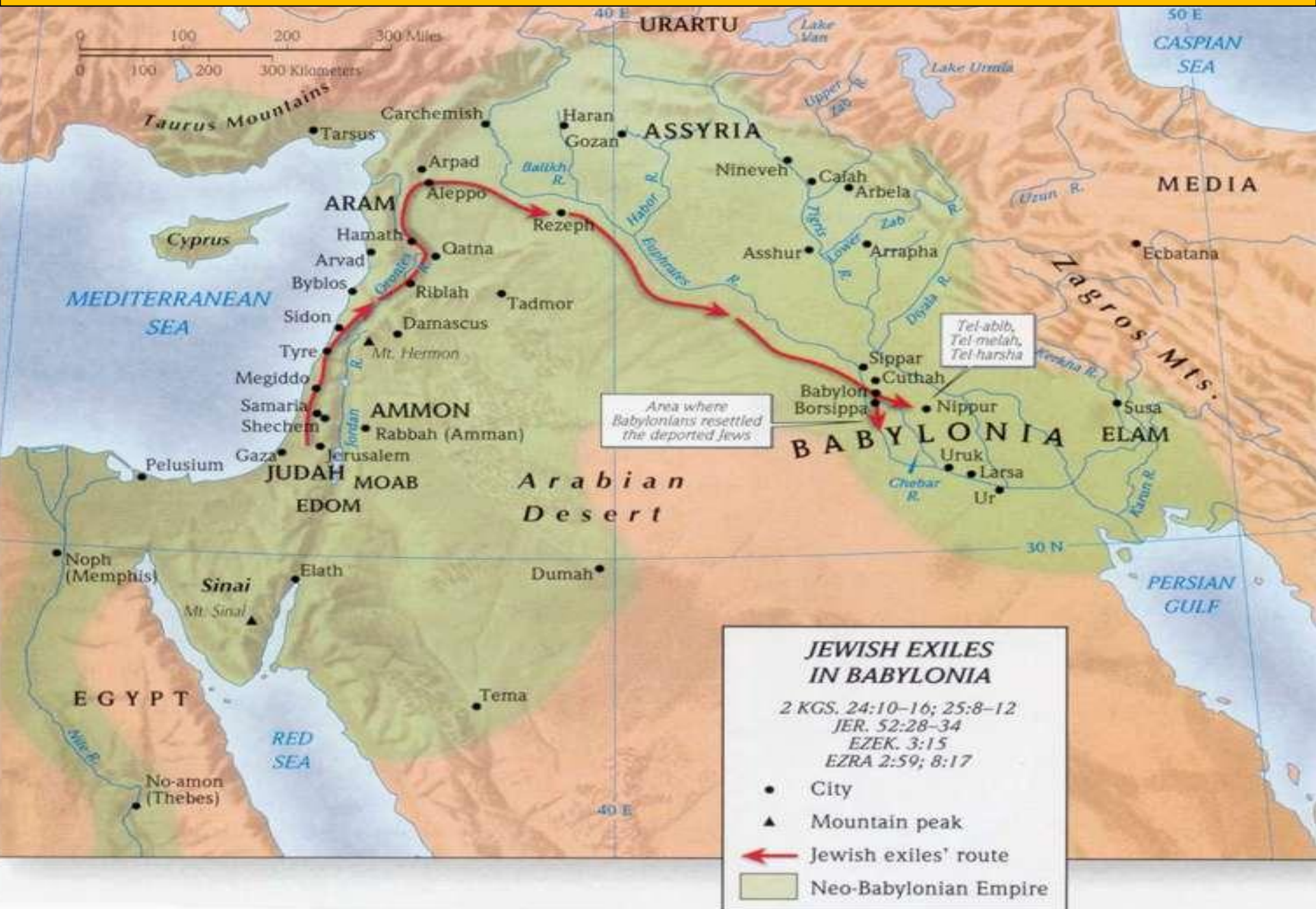
... and the Babylonian expansion (597)



... the Babylonian deportation (597-586) and slavery...



... and the Babylonian captivity (597-539)



Area where Babylonians resettled the deported Jews.

JEWISH EXILES IN BABYLONIA

2 KGS. 24:10-16; 25:8-12
 JER. 52:28-34
 EZEK. 3:15
 EZRA 2:59; 8:17

- City
- ▲ Mountain peak
- ← Jewish exiles' route
- Neo-Babylonian Empire

Babylonian Captivity

- Jewish exile from Judah in Babylon that lasted about 50 years.



The Babylonian Captivity

For the Jewish people, the Babylonian Captivity brought much sorrow and some hard feelings.

Psalm 137: "By the rivers of Babylon— there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our harps. For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem's fall, how they said, "Tear it down! Tear it down! Down to its foundations!" O daughter Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall they be who pay you back what you have done to us! Happy shall they be who take your babies and dash them against the rock!"

During the Babylonian Exile, the Jewish people had to rethink their belief system. This rethinking led to the emergence of synagogues and rabbis.

Persia Rising



Persia conquers Babylon and Free Jews (539)

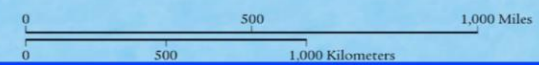
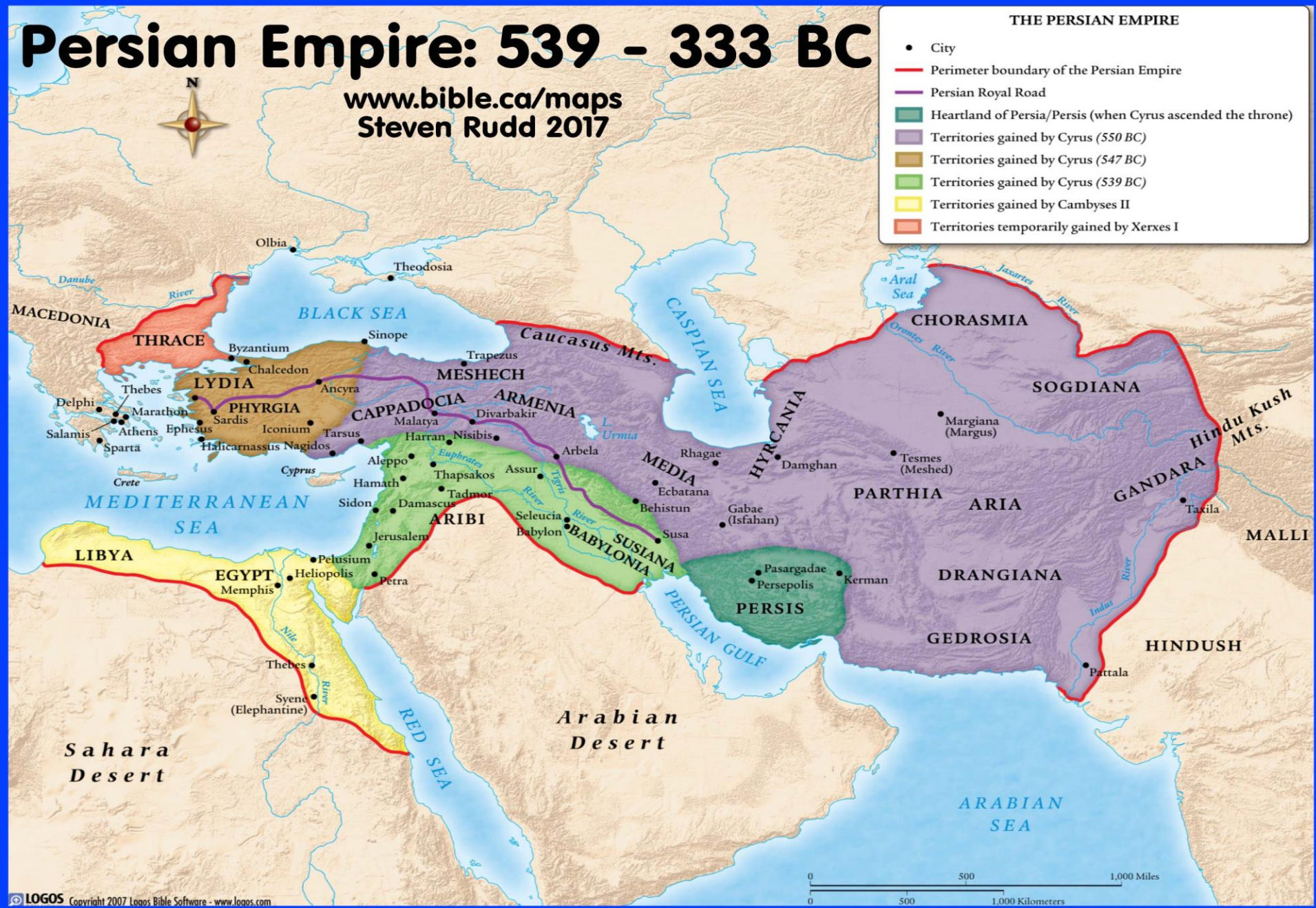
Persian Empire: 539 - 333 BC

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THE PERSIAN EMPIRE

- City
- Perimeter boundary of the Persian Empire
- Persian Royal Road
- Heartland of Persia/Persis (when Cyrus ascended the throne)
- Territories gained by Cyrus (550 BC)
- Territories gained by Cyrus (547 BC)
- Territories gained by Cyrus (539 BC)
- Territories gained by Cambyses II
- Territories temporarily gained by Xerxes I



Jews return home

Persian Empire & Judah

- Persian Empire; capital: Susa
- Judah (the southern Kingdom); capital: Jerusalem

Nehemiah's
Trip:

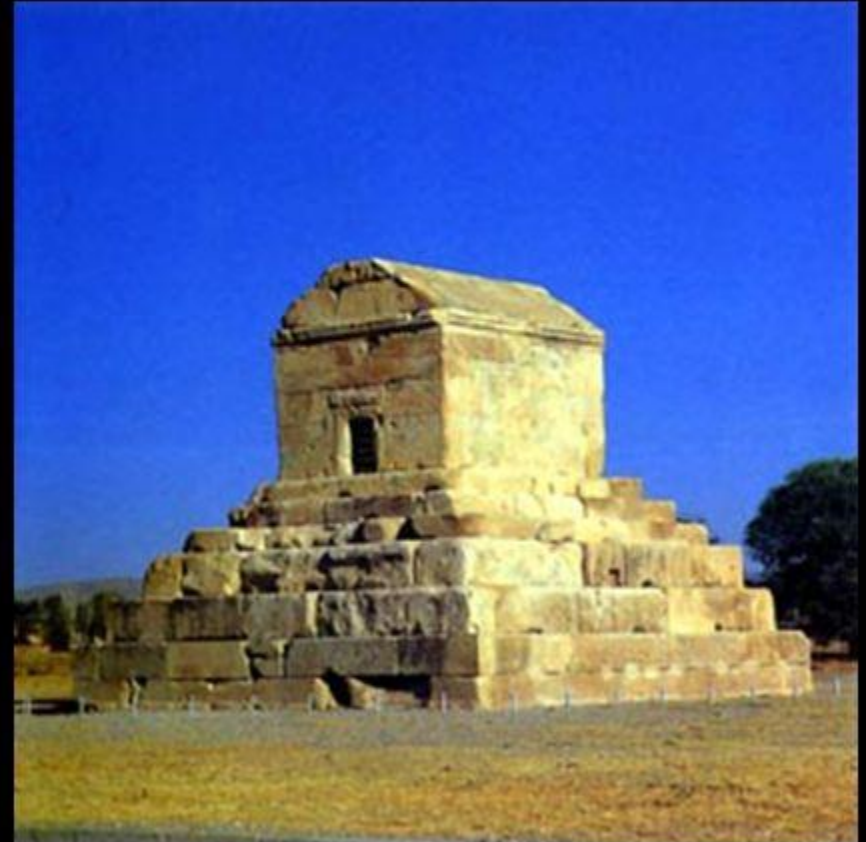
900 MILES

4 MONTHS



2nd Temple - King Cyrus

- "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD (Ezra 1:14)



During the Greek era - Hanukkah (165 BCE)

- **Both the Hellenic dynasties, first the Ptolemies - based in Egypt and the Seleucids - based in Syria, allowed Judea to be self ruled as a tributary state**
- **But Antiochus IV (175-164 BCE) wanted the Jewish people to worship the Greek Gods**
- **To that end he initiated pressure and persecutions that resulted in local revolutions**
- **Jews resisted and won due to their dedication ... (Hanukkah)**

... and the **Romans rise...**



Second Temple Destroyed

Roman Control:

- Jews revolted in 66AD
- **Second Temple** destroyed by Titus (Romans) in 70 AD
- Romans forced the Jewish people to leave- **Jewish diaspora**
- The Wailing Wall remains



Jewish Diaspora and again Persian support...



0 100 200 300 400 Miles
0 100 200 300 400 Kilometers



PENTECOST AND THE JEWISH DIASPORA

ACTS 2

- City with Jewish population
- ▲ Mountain peak
- ELAM Province mentioned in Acts 2
- LYCIA Other provinces
- Roman Empire

Romans vs Persians - two superpowers (for centuries)



...even during subsequent persecutions Persians were supportive...

DISPERSAL OF THE ISRAELITE AND KHAZAR JEWS

- Blue line: Diaspora
- Orange line: Roman Dispersal
- Red line: Christian Persecution
- Brown line: Russian-Khazar Persecution
- Purple line: Medieval Persecution
- Green line: Russian-Ashkenazim Persecution



Israel & Iran should concede the geopolitical necessity to be friends and allies...



... so the Blues and the Greens together ... to squeeze adversaries ...

RELIGIOUS COMPOSITION OF THE MIDDLE EAST

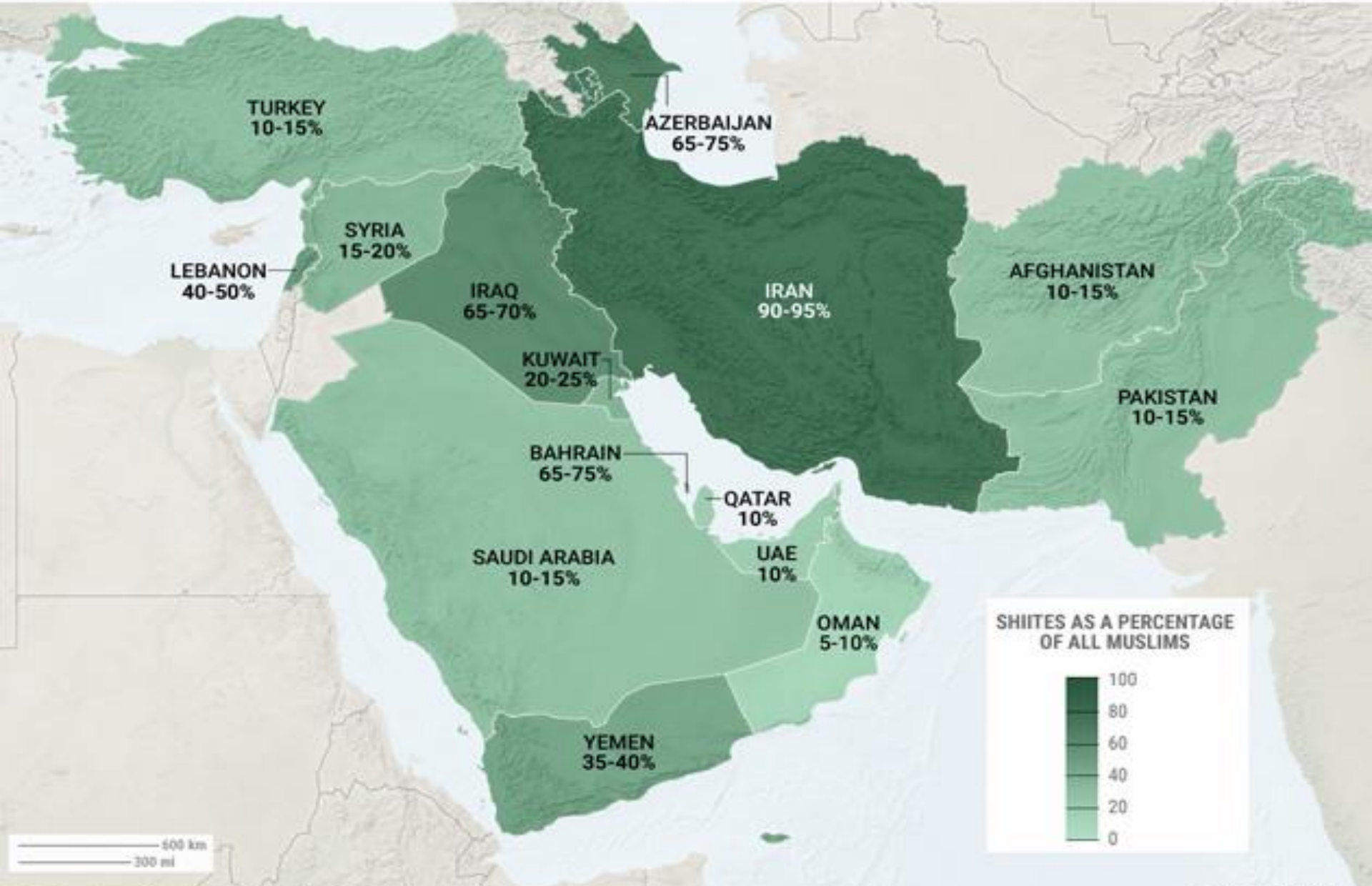


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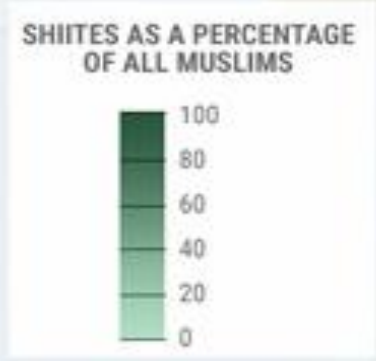
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...as the Blues and the Shiites-Zoroastrians ... share a long history...

SHIITE POPULATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST



600 km
300 mi



... and a cultural solidarity ...

**... a friendly ancient
culture alliance
should be
established...**

... as a first step ...

**... as proposed
in my book
“1071” ...**

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