

# THE ISRAELITES

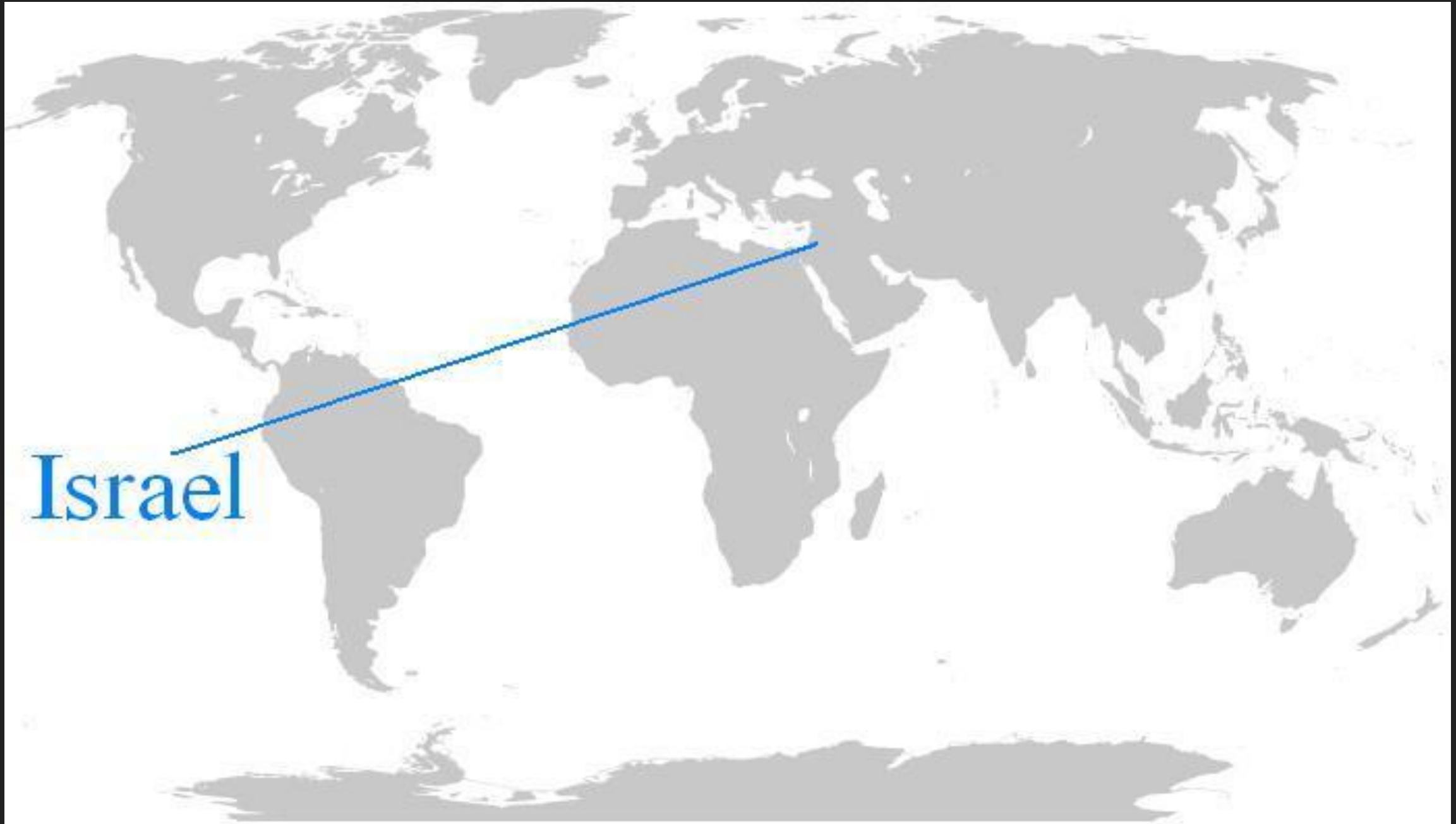
**The Beginnings**

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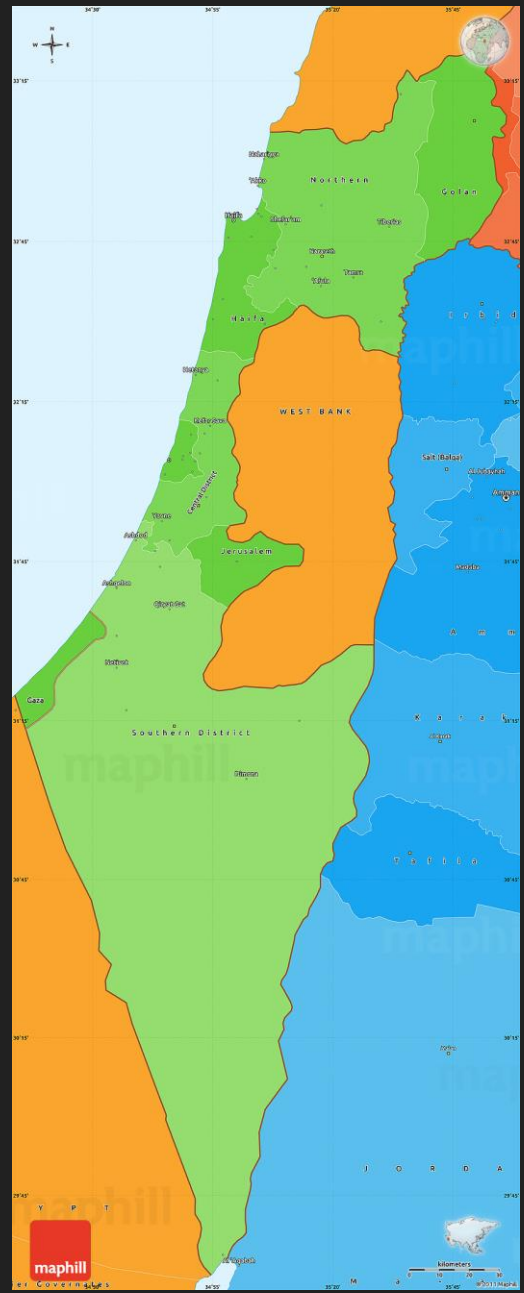
Israel













# Judaism

- Ancient and modern religion
- Believed God sent prophets as messengers
  - Prophets believed that every individual could connect personally to God
- Monotheistic: belief in one God
  - Made Judaism unique among ancient religions

# The Hebrew Bible

- Also known as Tanakh [TAH-nuk]
- Judaism played a part in Christianity and Islam
  - Influenced the values, ethics, and principles of many societies
- Christians call the Hebrew Bible the Old Testament



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על מא ויהי כן בית כנא אל הארץ  
 אשר יתן יהוה לכם באשר דבר  
 ושמרתם את העברת הוצאת  
 ויהי ארית עליו לארץ עאדייתן  
 יי לבן במא רמליל ותניסרון  
 ותפיל חנא הרין ותוה כייאמרו  
 אליכם בעכס מה העברת  
 הוצאת לכם ויהי ארני ממרון  
 לבון בעכון מא פילחנא הרין  
 לבון ואמרתם זכח פכח חווא  
 ליהוה אשר פסח על פתי בני  
 ישראל במצרים בני בני ארץ  
 מצרים ואת בני בני העל ויקד  
 העם וישתחו ויתגמרון דיבחו  
 חוס חווא קון מירחם על פני  
 בני ישראל במצרים כד מחאית  
 מצרא ויתפתנא שייזכורע  
 עבא וסגד ויולכו ויעשו בני  
 ישראל באשר צוה יהוה את  
 משה ואהרן עשו ואגלו  
 ועבדו בני עבא רפסון  
 וייתמש וואה פון עבדו 1  
 ויקיכחצו חלילה



ויהוה הפה כלבסור בארץ  
 מצרים ממכור פרעה הישב  
 עלכסא ער בכור חשבי אשר  
 בכית חפור וכלבסור בחמה  
 ותוה בפלצית ליליא וויי קטל  
 כלסוכרא באר ער מצר ממכרא  
 רפר ער עתוד למיתב עלפון סי  
 מלכותיה ער פוכרא דשיבא  
 רבבית אסירי וכל בוכרא  
 דבעיר איוקס פרעה לילה  
 הוא וכל עבדיו וכל מצרים  
 ותחי צעקה גד לה במצרים  
 כי אין בית אשר אושם בית  
 וקס פרעה כל ליליא הוא וכל  
 עבדו וכל מצרא ויהות צוהת  
 רפתא במצ אר לית ביתא  
 תפזר לא חוה ביה מיתא ויקרא  
 למשה ולא חוה לילה ויאמר  
 קומו צאו מתוך עמי נס אתם  
 נסבני ושראל ולכו עבדו את  
 יהוה כד פרס ויקרא למשה  
 ולאהרן כליליא ואמ קומו  
 פיקו מצו עמי אף אתו אף



כל-אפסי-ארץ  
לילה

מחסי ונגע לא יקרבו  
לשמך בלב  
קפיד



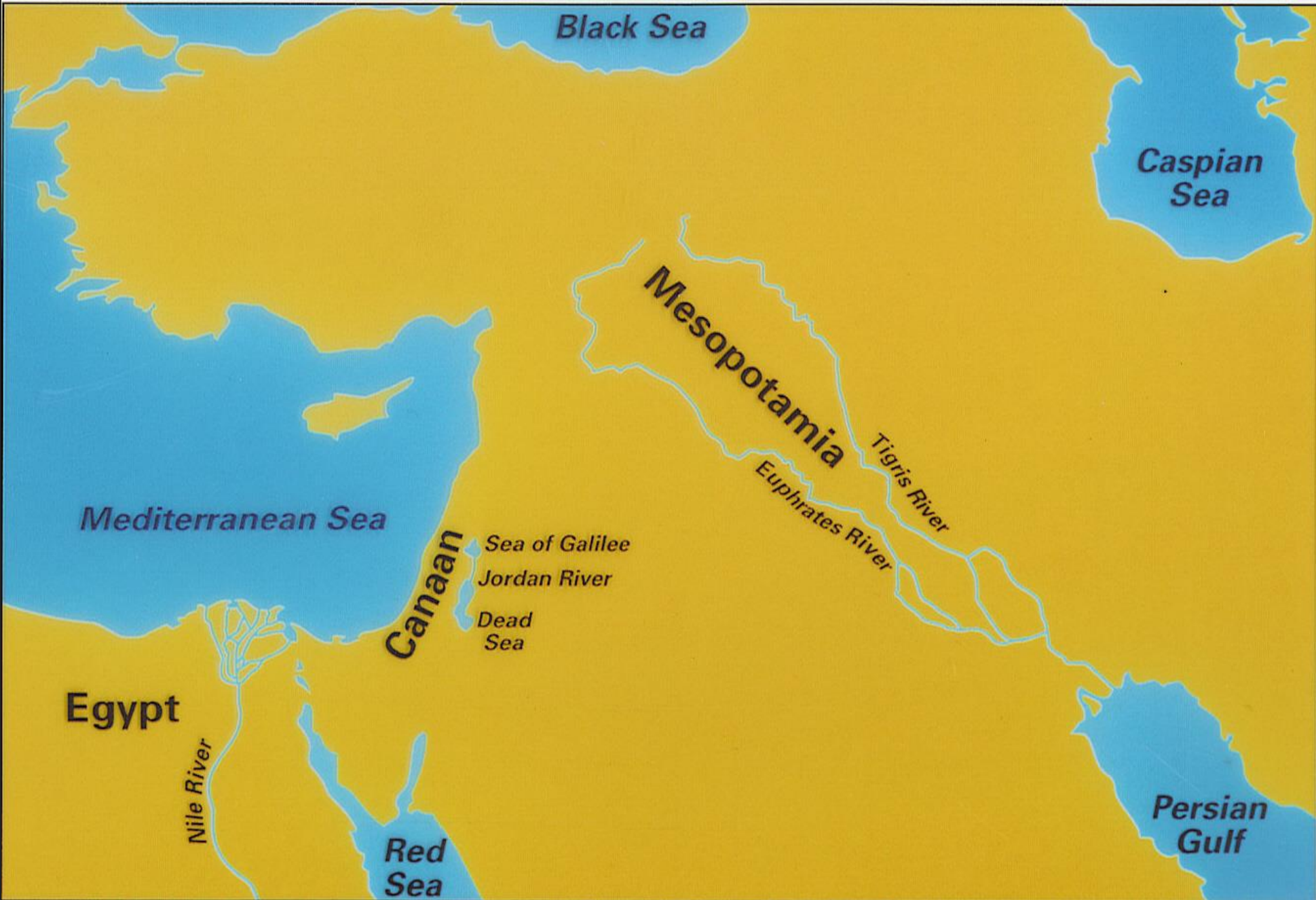


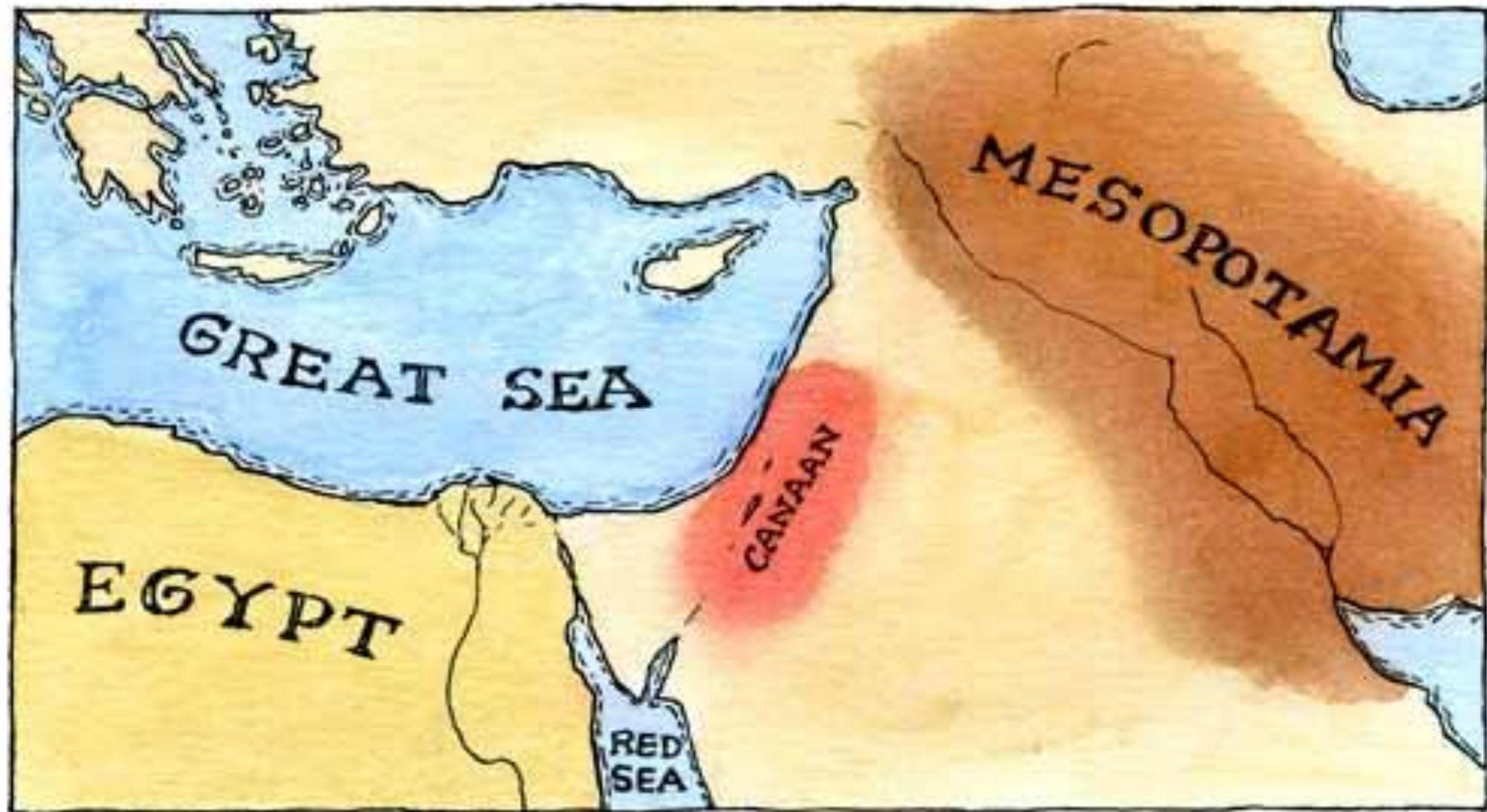
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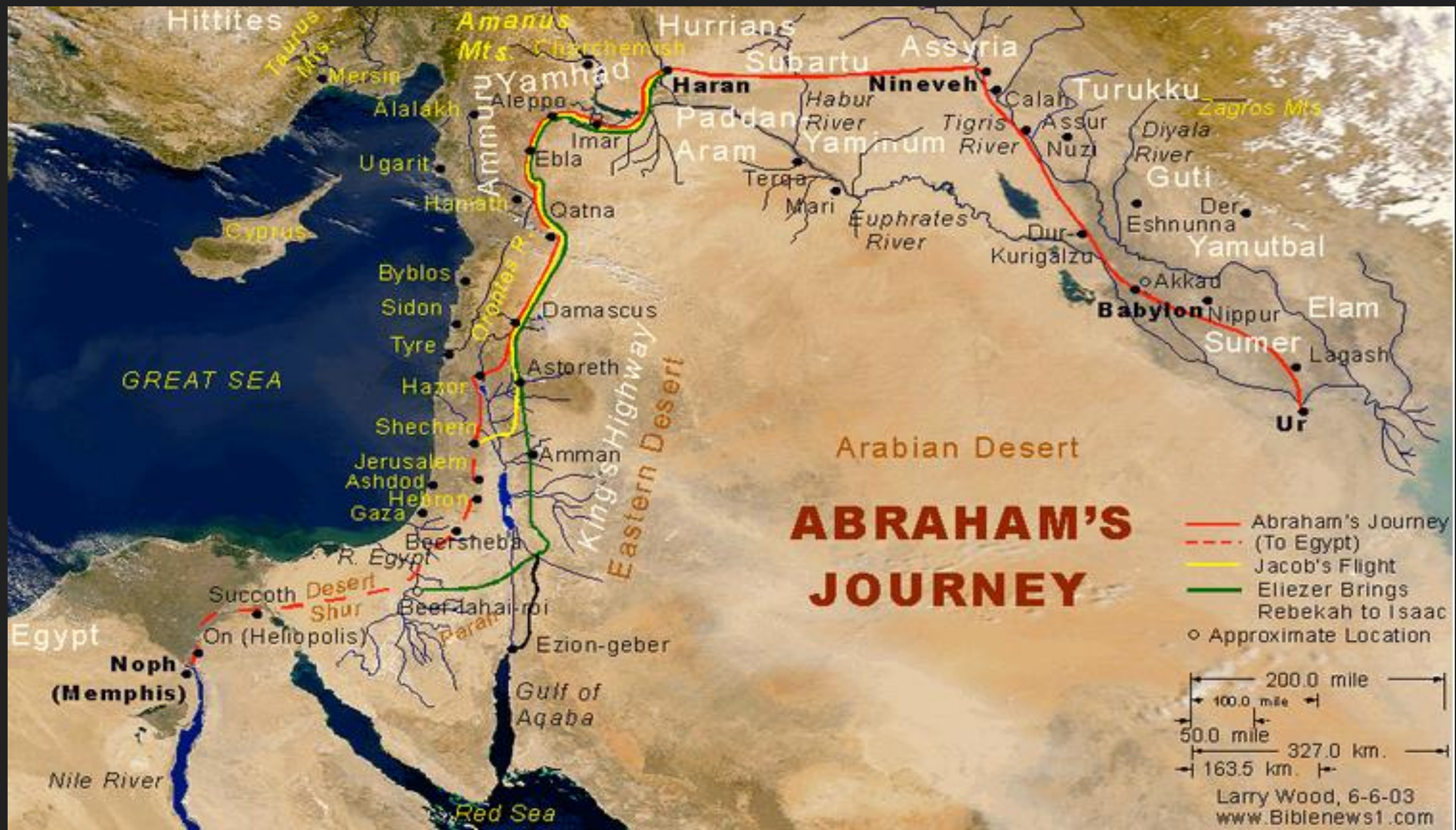
- ~ 1200 BC Egypt's empire ended
  - New people created kingdoms in the region including Israelites
- Early Israelites depended on herding and trading

# Abraham

- God called Abraham out of Mesopotamia
- God promised to give Abraham and his descendants Canaan [ forever]
  - Land is often called the Promised Land because of God's promise



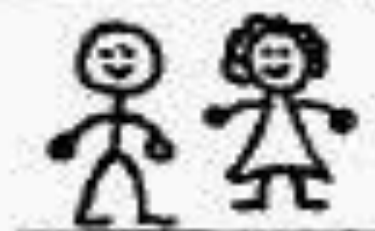




# ISAAC AND JACOB

- Isaac is Abraham's son
- Jacob is Abraham's grandson
  - Jacob's 12 sons became the **leaders of the 12 Tribes of Israel**





ABRAHAM AND SARAH



ISAAC AND REBEKAH



ESAU



JACOB (ISRAEL)

RACHEL, LEAH



12 SONS OF ISRAEL = 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL

# MOSES AND THE EXODUS

# Travel to Egypt

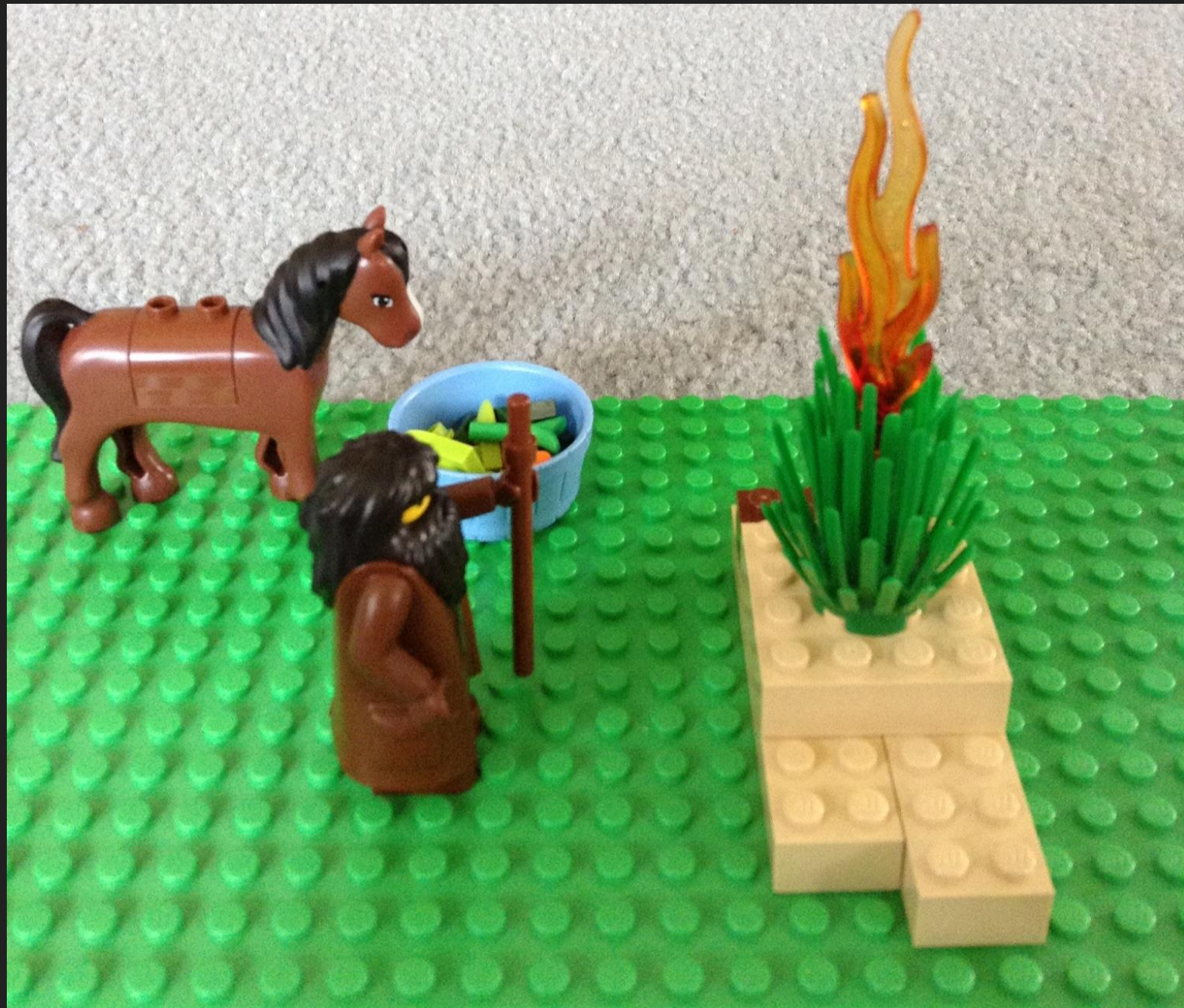
- Israelites went to Egypt because of famine
- Pharaoh welcomed them
  - Later made them slaves
- Moses was called to deliver Israelites





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# The Burning Bush

- Moses went to the pharaoh to demand the release of the Israelites
  - Pharaoh refused
- God sent 10 plagues

# the 10 Plagues



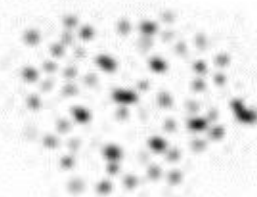
1. Waters to Blood



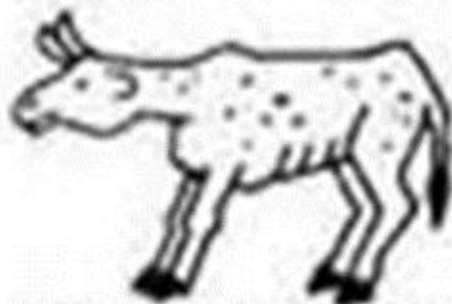
2. Frogs



3. Gnats or Lice



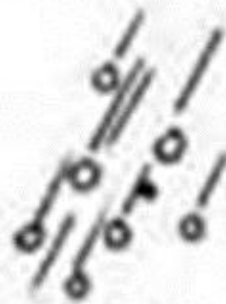
4. Swarms of Flies



5. Animals Sick,  
Die



6. Boils



7. Hail



8. Locusts

9. Darkness



10. Firstborn  
Boys Die



**Because the pharaoh  
did not let the Israelites  
leave Egypt.**

According to the Hebrew Bible, why did God send  
10 plagues to Egypt?



# Egypt lets Israelites go

- Pharaoh lets Israelites leave
  - Quickly changes his mind
- Israelites cornered between Egyptian army and the Red Sea









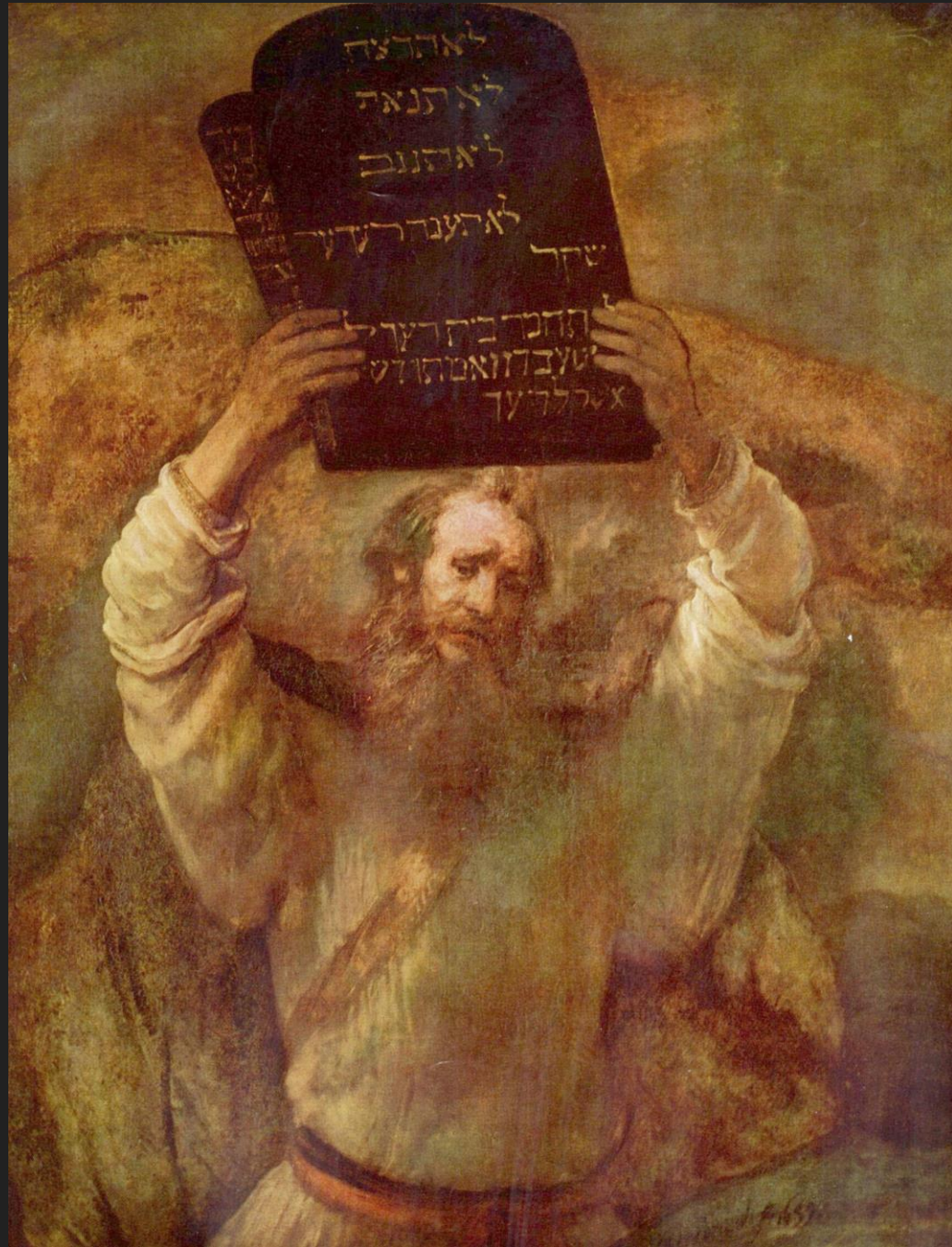


# The Exodus

- Israelites cornered between Egyptian army and the Red Sea
- God parted the Sea and the Israelites walked across on dry land
- Pharaoh's army was drowned
- Departure of the Israelites out of Egypt is known as the Exodus

# The Covenant

- Israelites received a covenant, or agreement, with God
  - God promised to return Israelites to Canaan
  - Israelites promised to follow God's teachings
  - Received Torah
    - Given to Moses on Mt. Sinai







- I THOU SHALT HAVE  
NO OTHER GODS  
BEFORE ME
- II THOU SHALT NOT  
MAKE UNTO THEE  
ANY GRAVEN IMAGE
- III THOU SHALT NOT  
TAKE THE NAME  
OF THE LORD THY  
GOD IN VAIN
- IV REMEMBER THE  
SABBATH DAY,  
TO KEEP IT HOLY
- V HONOUR THY FATHER  
AND THY MOTHER

- VI THOU SHALT  
NOT KILL
- VII THOU SHALT NOT  
COMMIT ADULTERY
- VIII THOU SHALT  
NOT STEAL
- IX THOU SHALT NOT  
BEAR FALSE  
WITNESS AGAINST  
THY NEIGHBOUR
- X THOU SHALT  
NOT COVET

# Ten Commandments

- Important part of the Torah
- Later helped shape the moral principles of many nations.
- Loyalty to God is central idea
- Promoted social justice
- Contributed to belief that laws should apply to all





What is the central idea of the 10 commandments?



How did the Israelites' beliefs differ from most other ancient peoples?



# The Land of Canaan

- Moses died before reaching Canaan
- Joshua became the leader and led the Israelites into Canaan
  - Found other people living there
- Canaanites and Philistines were living in the Promised Land

Who were the Canaanites?

# Phoenicians

- Lived along the Mediterranean
- Skilled sailors and talented traders
- Excellent shipbuilders
  - Controlled Mediterranean shipping and trading
- Invented purple dye for clothes


















# Map of the Phoenician world














- Phoenicia
- Areas where the Phoenicians settled
- Trade route
- Exploration route



# Created an alphabet

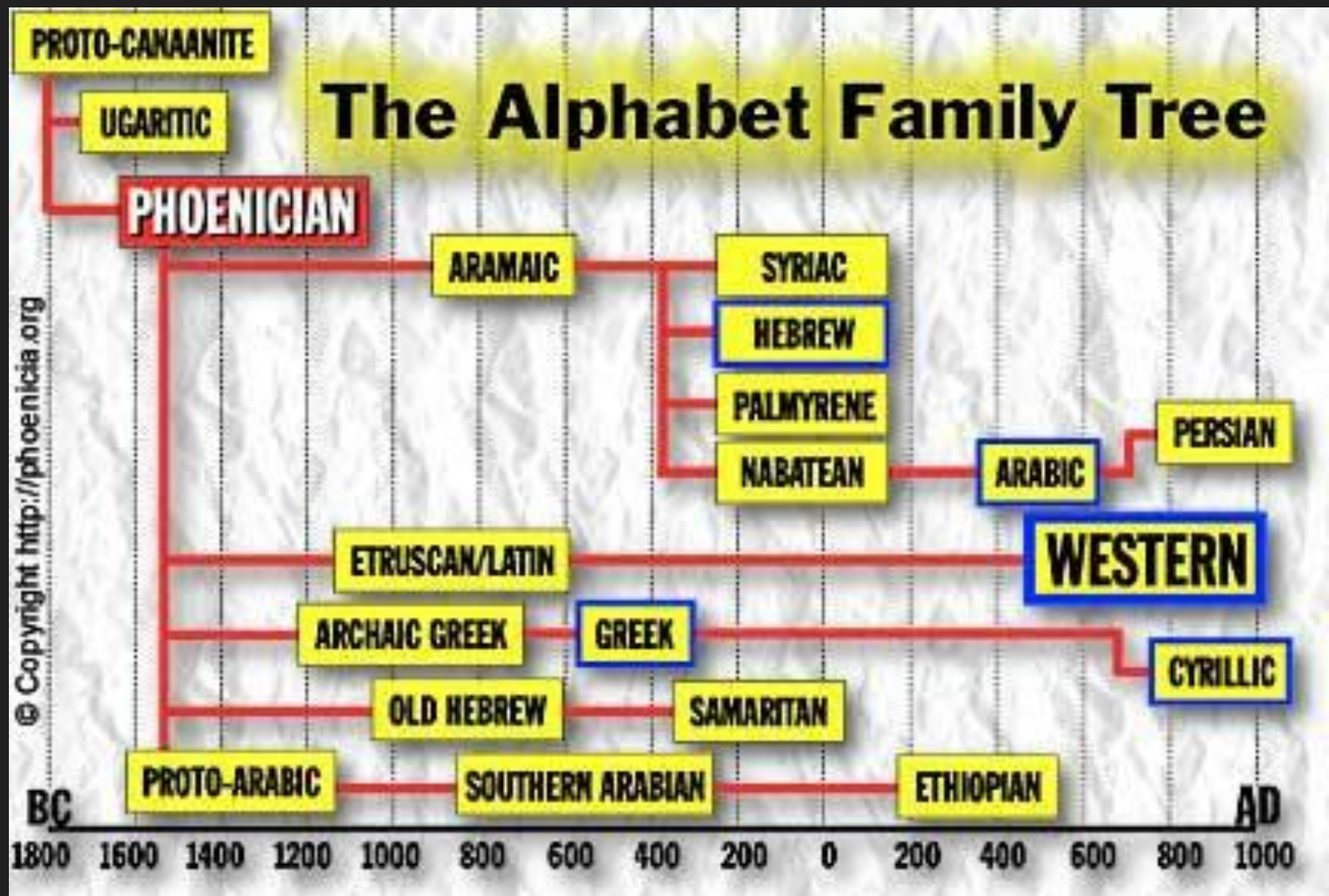


A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
												

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
												



# The Alphabet Family Tree



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MEDITERRANEAN  
SEA

I S R A E L

PHILISTINES

Ashdod

Ashkelon

Gaza

Gath

Ekron

JUDAH



# Philistines

- Known as the “Sea People”
- Set up 5 walled towns along the coast
- Skilled in making iron weapons

# Map of Philistine Cities and Conquests



# Military Conquest

- Joshua led the Israelites into battles
  - Needed to conquer the land

# Battle of Jericho



Mediterranean Sea

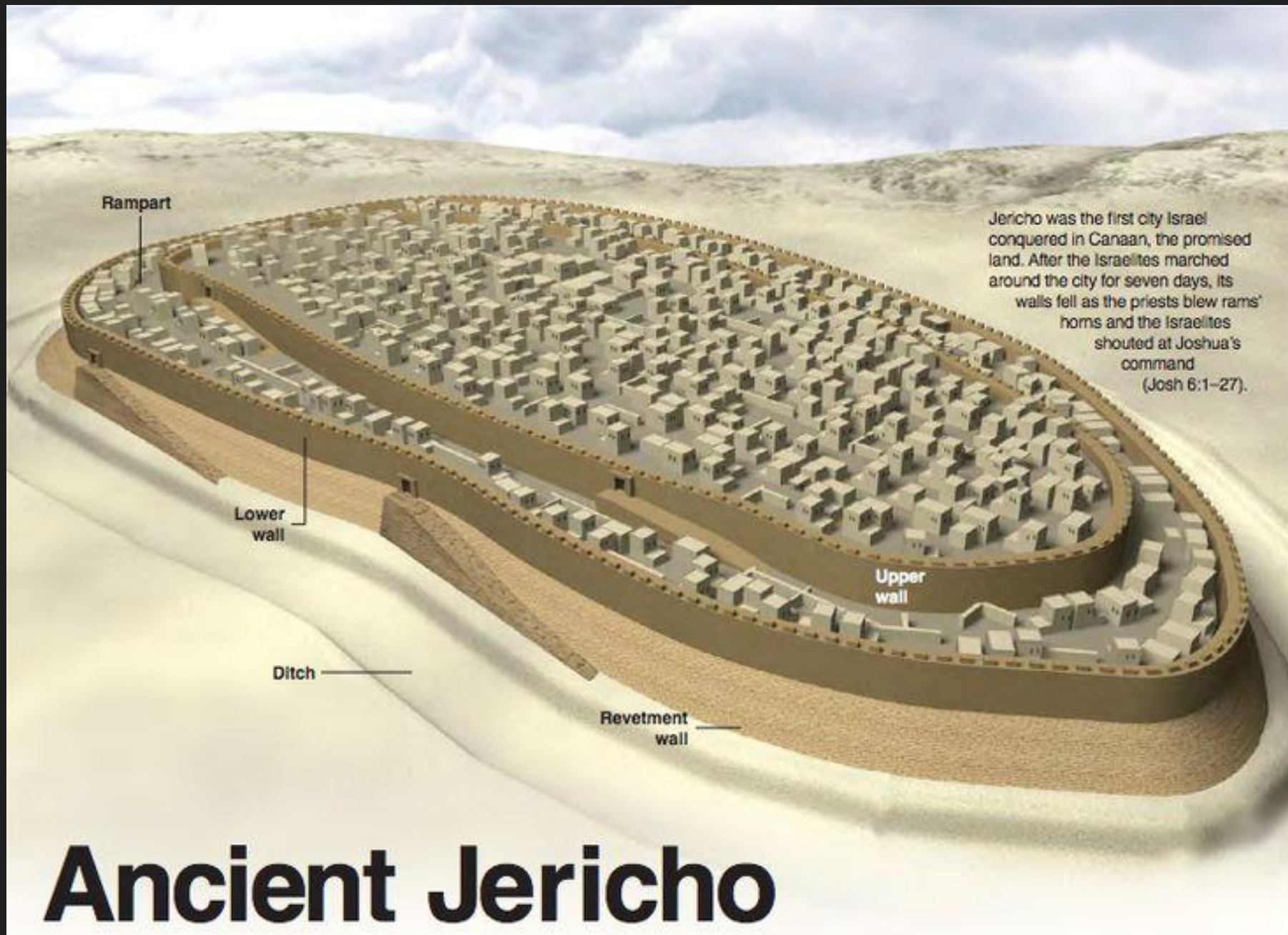
**Jericho**

JORDAN  
(PRESENT  
DAY)

*Dead  
Sea*

ISRAEL  
(PRESENT  
DAY)

EGYPT



Jericho was the first city Israel conquered in Canaan, the promised land. After the Israelites marched around the city for seven days, its walls fell as the priests blew rams' horns and the Israelites shouted at Joshua's command (Josh 6:1-27).

# Ancient Jericho

# Military Conquest

- Any land seized was divided among the 12 tribes of Israel

# 12 Tribes of Israel

Approximate borders assigned during the Conquest



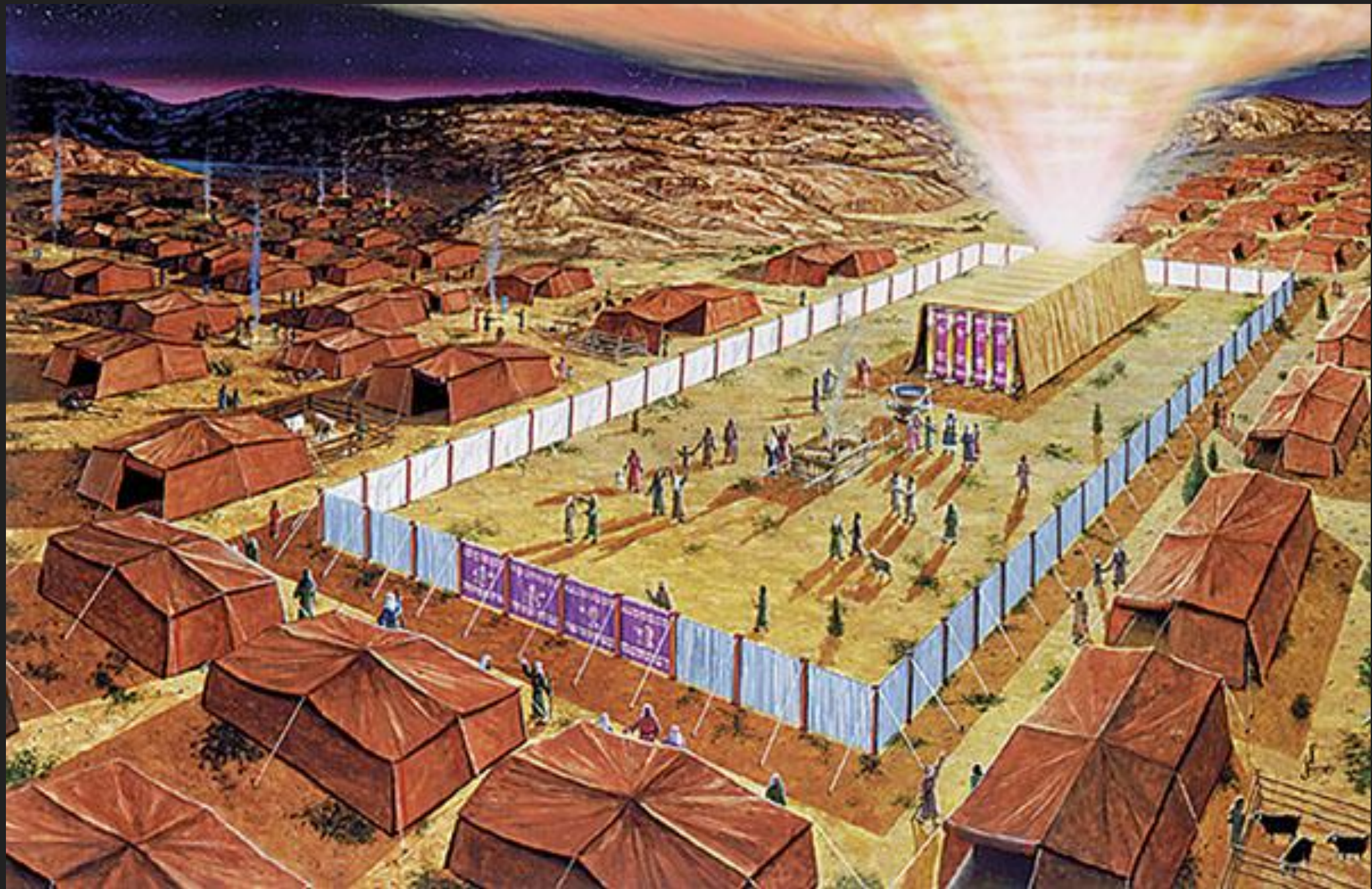


# Life in Canaan

- Most Israelites farmed and herded animals
- Rocky, dry land; little rainfall
  - Had to irrigate crops

# The Tabernacle

- Israelite tribes worshipped God in a large tent
- Believed it housed God's presence
- Moved structure from place to place



## THE TABERNACLE TENT

The entire tent was 45 feet (13.7 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high. It was a wooden skeletal structure, overlaid with gold, with no solid roof or front wall (Ex. 26:15–29). Five wooden bars (overlaid with gold) passed through rings attached to each frame (Ex. 26:26–30).

The Most Holy Place was a 15-foot (4.6-m) cube, containing only the ark of the covenant (Ex. 25:10–22; 37:1–9). It was here that Yahweh would descend to meet with his people in a cloud theophany (divine appearance). The high priest could enter only once a year, on the Day of Atonement (see note on Heb. 9:7).

The framed structure was covered by four layers of cloth and skin (Ex. 26:1–14).

The table for the bread of the Presence (Ex. 25:23–30)

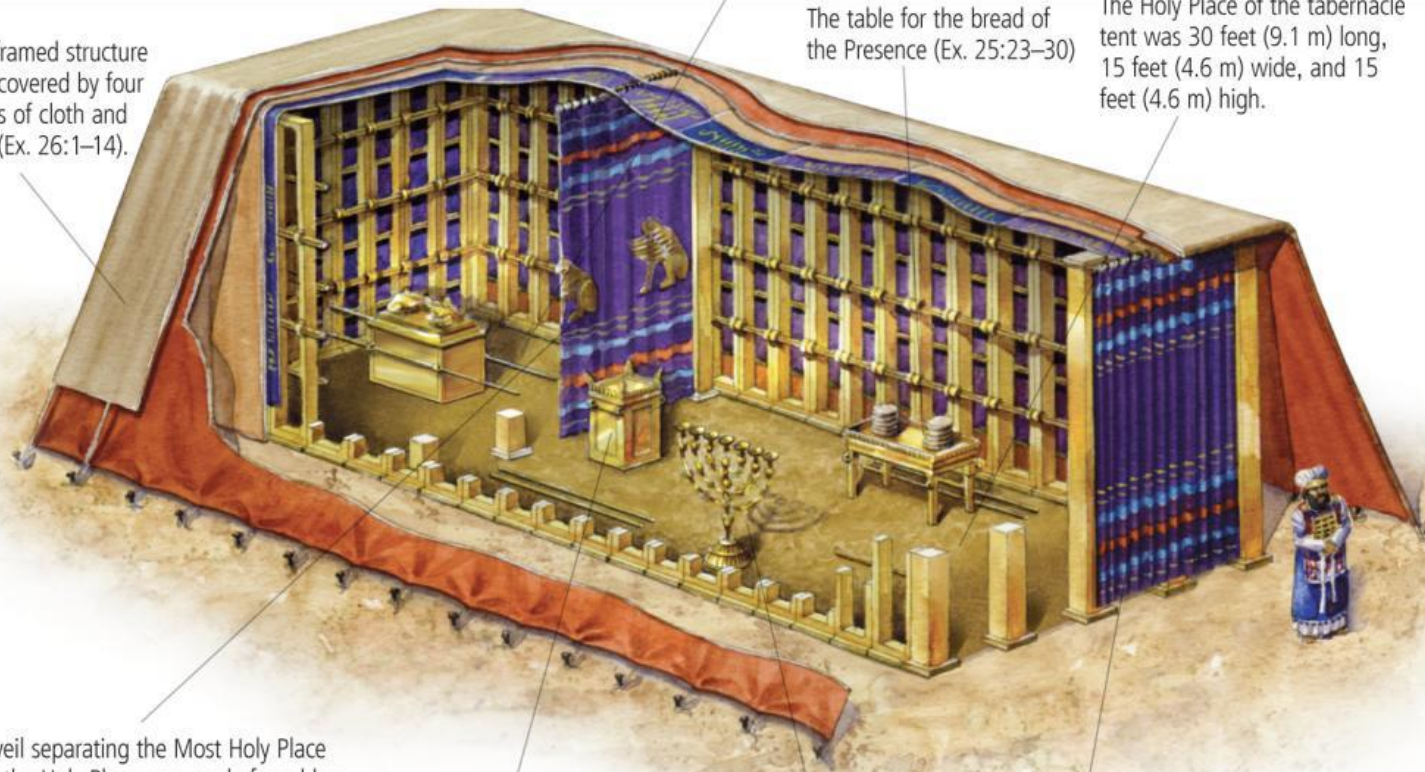
The Holy Place of the tabernacle tent was 30 feet (9.1 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high.

The veil separating the Most Holy Place from the Holy Place was made from blue, purple, and scarlet dyed yarns woven with fine twined linen and embroidered with cherubim (Ex. 26:31–33). It hung on four golden pillars.

The altar of incense (Ex. 30:1–5; 37:25–29)

The golden lampstand (Ex. 25:31–40; 37:17–24)

The veil that formed the entrance to the tabernacle was similar to the veil separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place, except that cherubim were not embroidered on it. It was suspended on five golden pillars (Ex. 26:36–37).



# Ark of the Covenant

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- Gold- colored wooden chest
- Believed to contain the 10 commandments
- Was a sign of god's presence
  - Having it in battle would ensure victory





**Explain the purpose and importance of the Tabernacle.**

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