

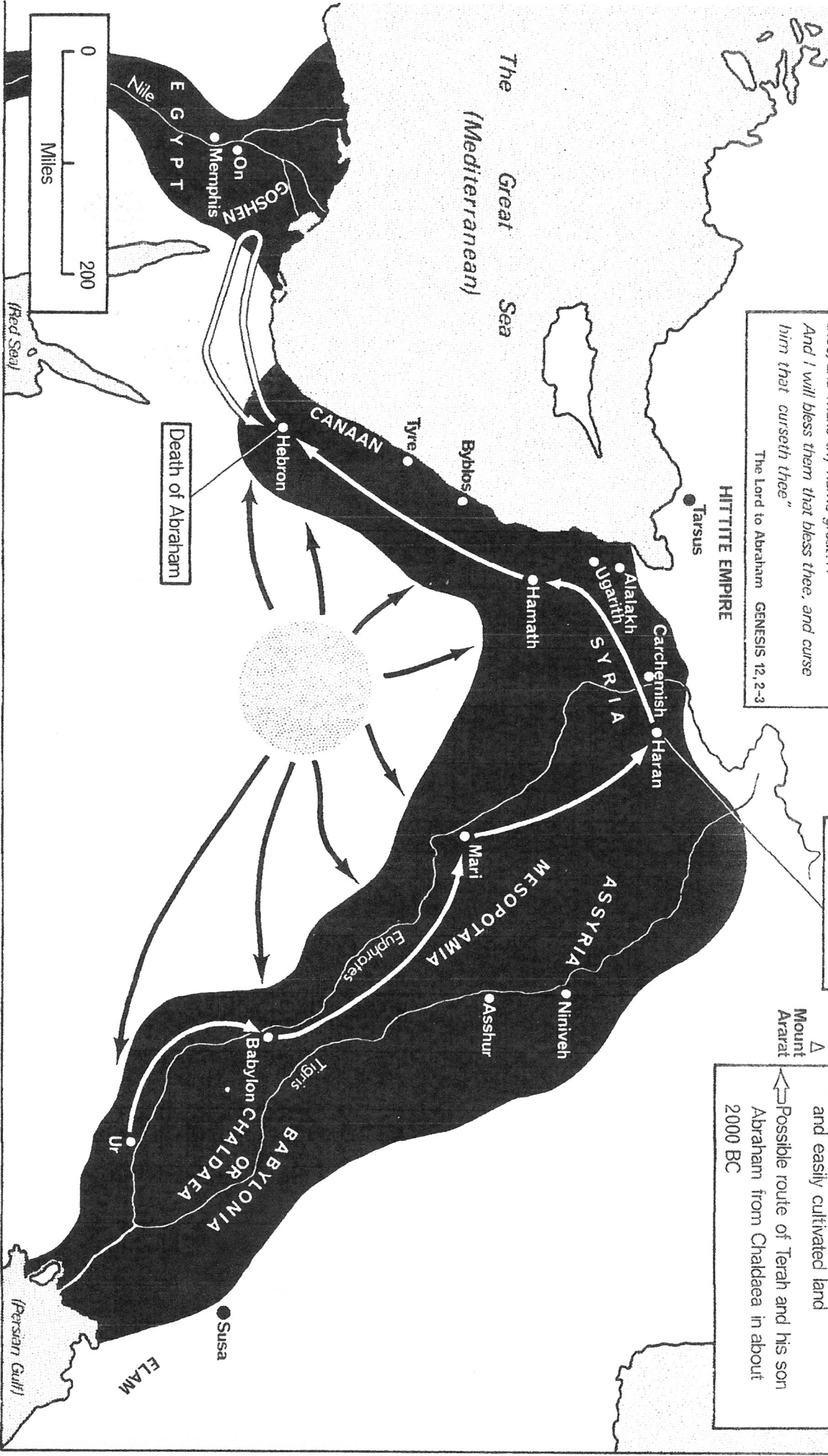
EARLY JEWISH MIGRATIONS ABOUT 2000 BC

"I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great... And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee"

The Lord to Abraham GENESIS 12, 2-3

Death of Abraham's father

- Possible origin of semitic shepherds seeking cultivated regions in order to form permanent settlements
- The "Fertile Crescent". Well-watered and easily cultivated land
- ↔ Possible route of Terah and his son Abraham from Chaldaea in about 2000 BC

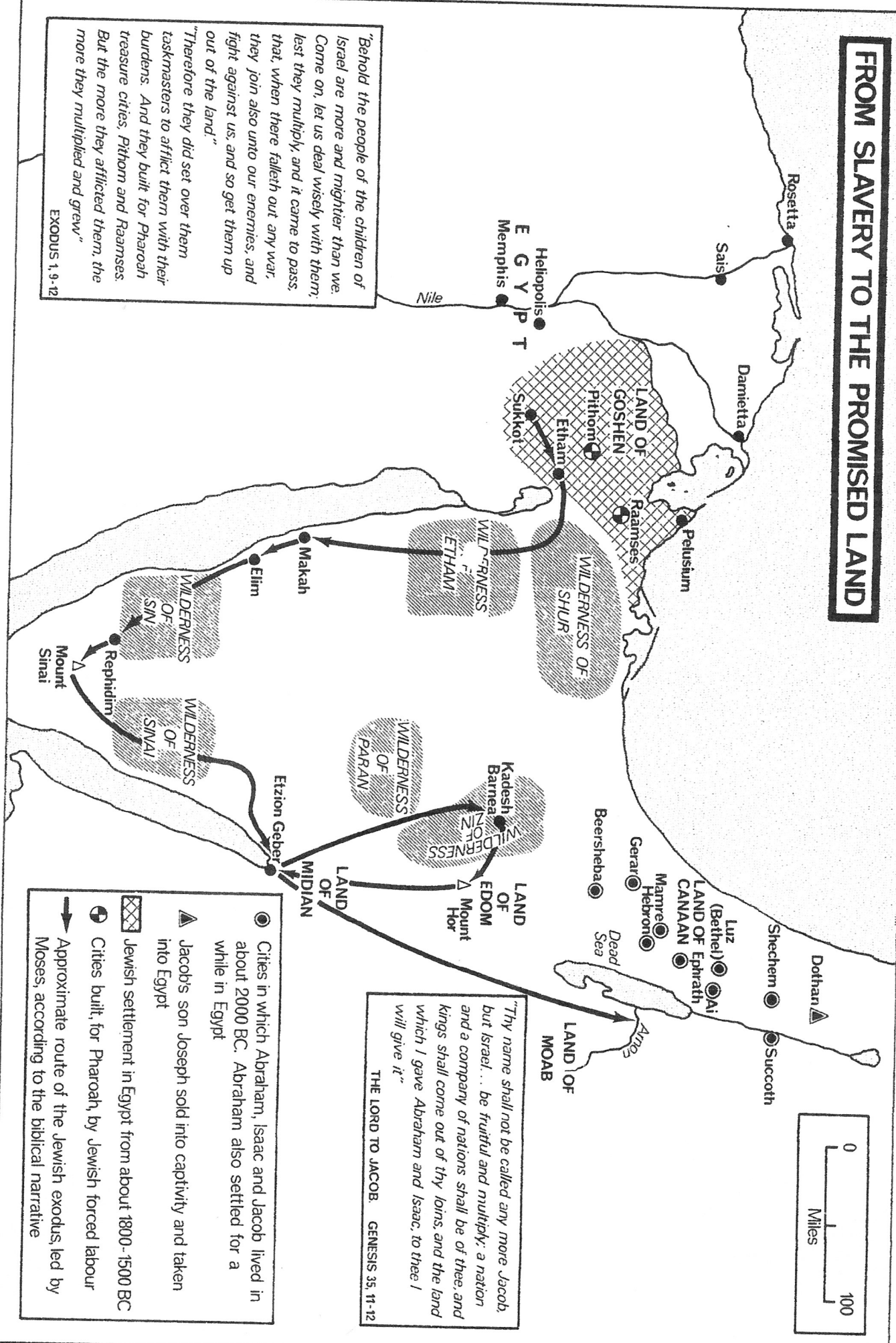


0 200 Miles

(Red Sea)

(Persian Gulf)

FROM SLAVERY TO THE PROMISED LAND



"Behold the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we. Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it came to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land."

"Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raameses. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew"

EXODUS 1, 9-12

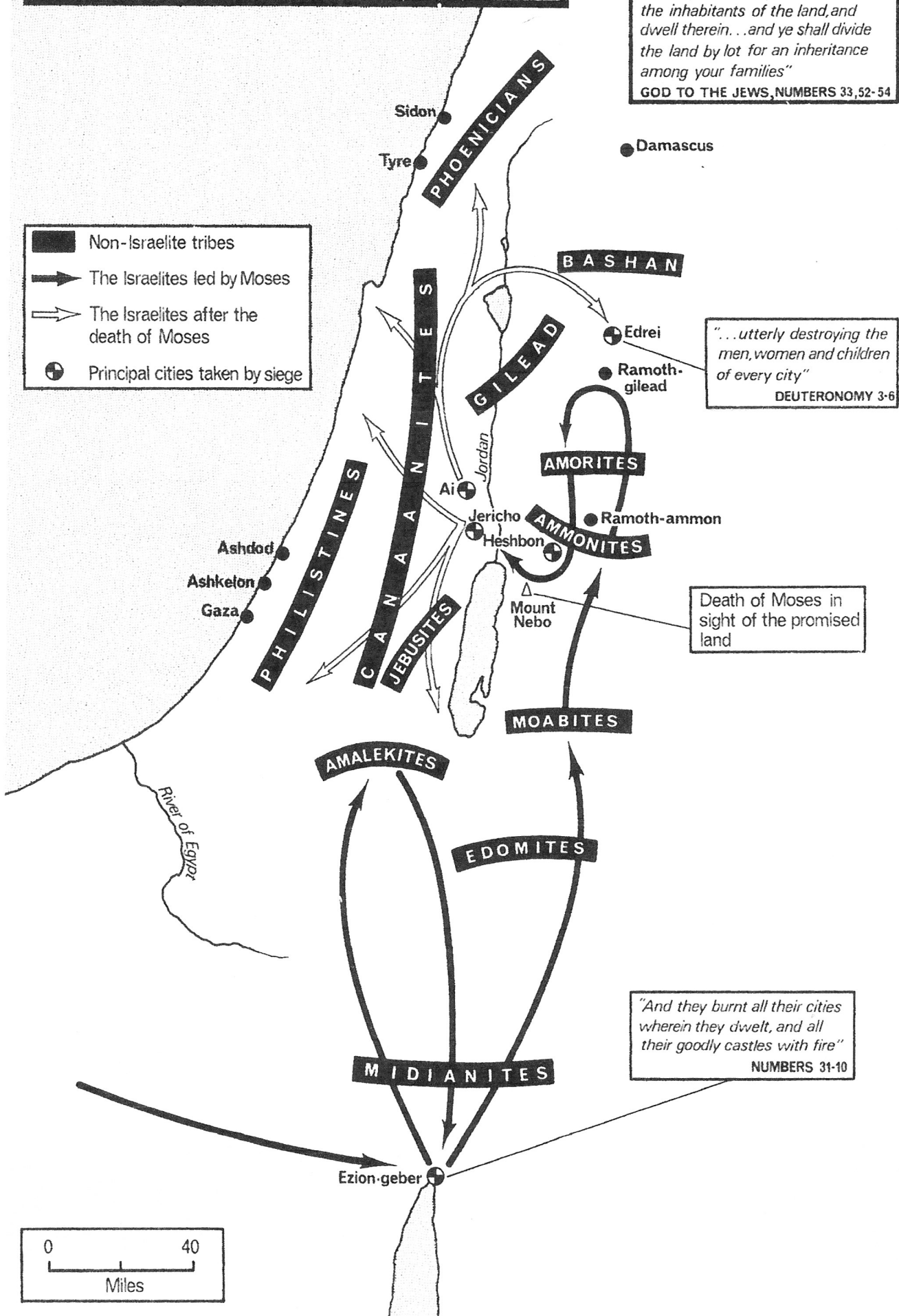
"Thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel... be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins, and the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it"

THE LORD TO JACOB. GENESIS 35, 11-12

ENTERING THE PROMISED LAND

"Ye shall drive out all the inhabitants before you... and ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein... and ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families"
GOD TO THE JEWS, NUMBERS 33, 52-54

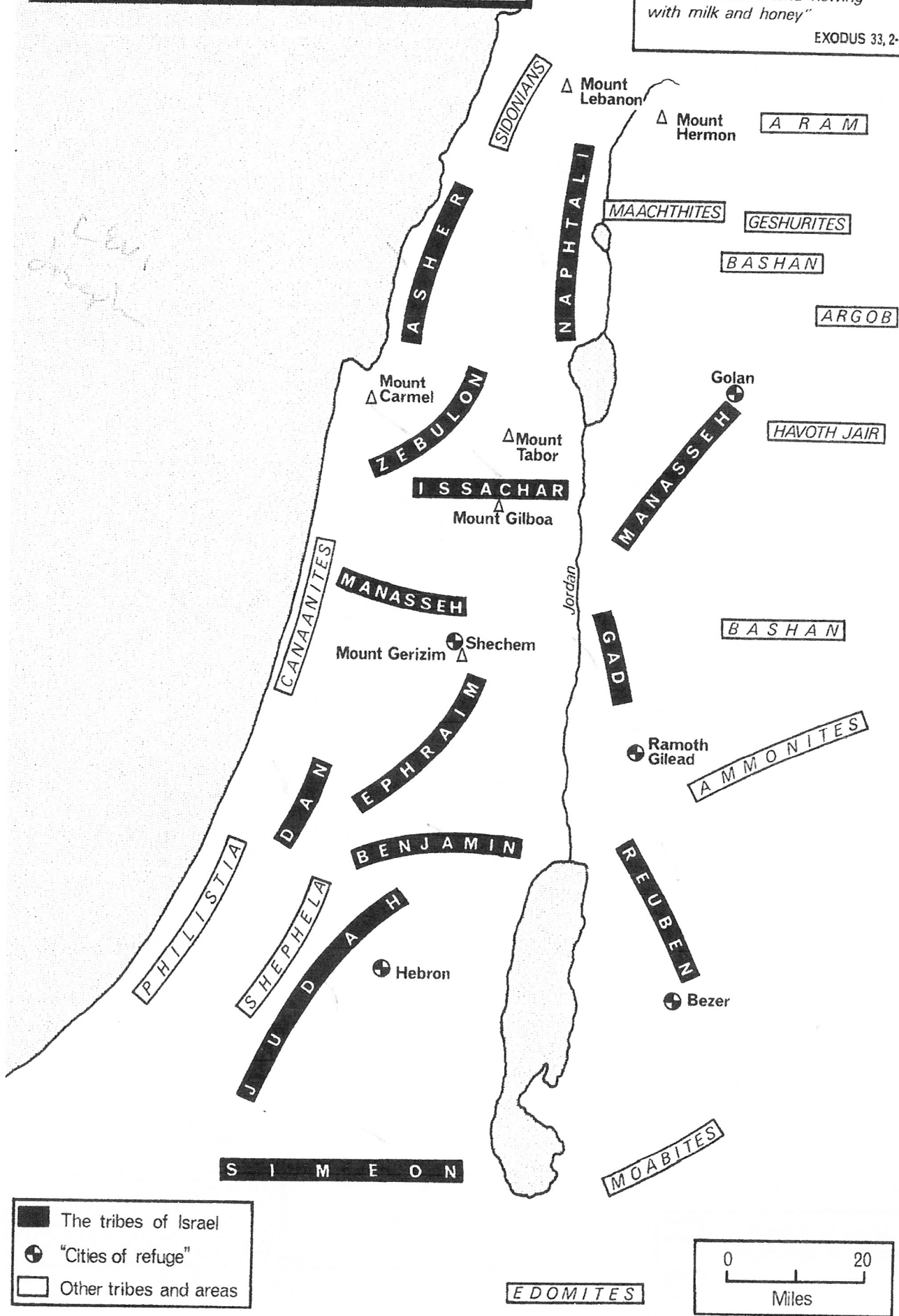
- Non-Israelite tribes
- The Israelites led by Moses
- The Israelites after the death of Moses
- Principal cities taken by siege






THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL

"And I will send an Angel before them... unto a land flowing with milk and honey"

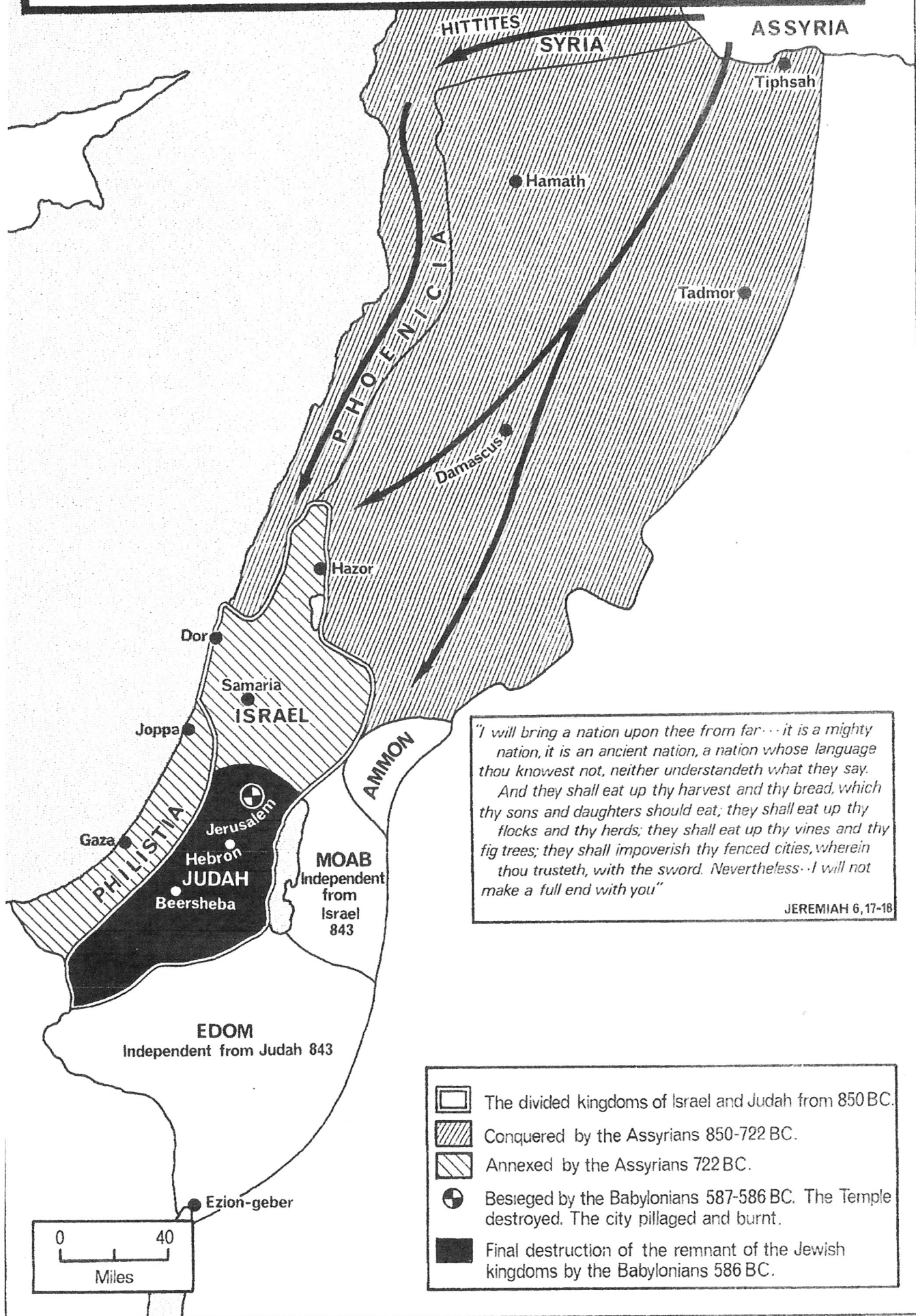
EXODUS 33, 2-3



 The tribes of Israel
 "Cities of refuge"
 Other tribes and areas

EDOMITES

THE DESTRUCTION OF JEWISH INDEPENDENCE 722-586 BC



THE FIRST DISPERSIONS

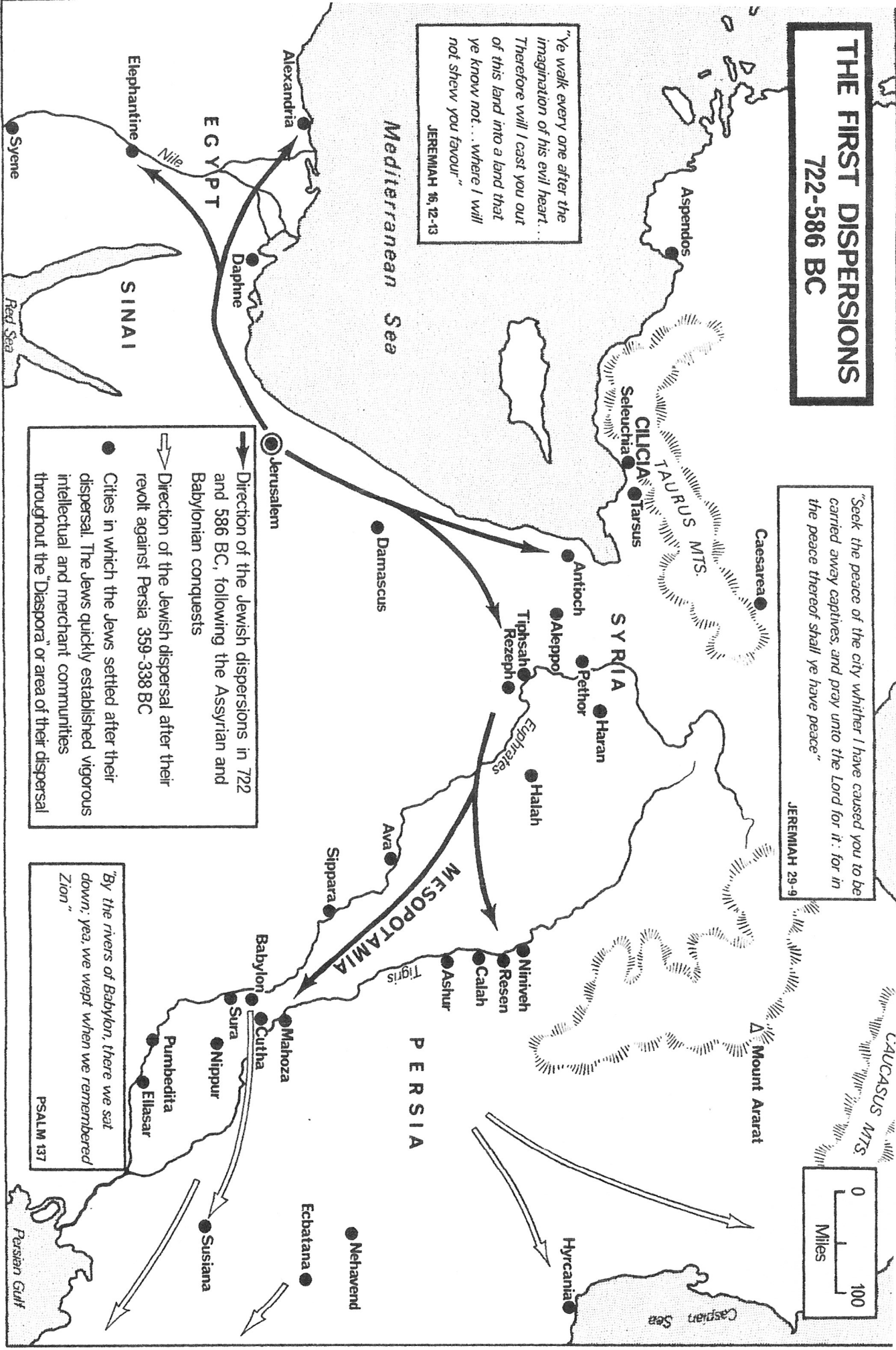
722-586 BC

"Ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart... Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not... where I will not shew you favour"

JEREMIAH 16, 12-13

"Seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the Lord for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace"

JEREMIAH 29-9



- Direction of the Jewish dispersions in 722 and 586 BC, following the Assyrian and Babylonian conquests
- ⇨ Direction of the Jewish dispersal after their revolt against Persia 359-338 BC
- Cities in which the Jews settled after their dispersal. The Jews quickly established vigorous intellectual and merchant communities throughout the "Diaspora" or area of their dispersal

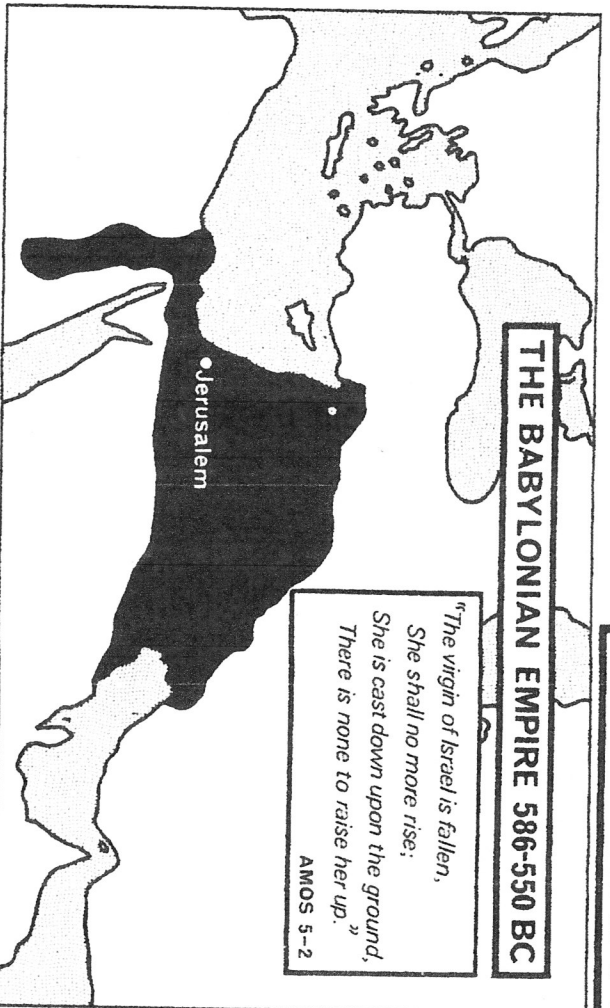
"By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down; yea, we wept when we remembered Zion"

PSALM 137

THE IMPERIAL POWERS 586-165 BC

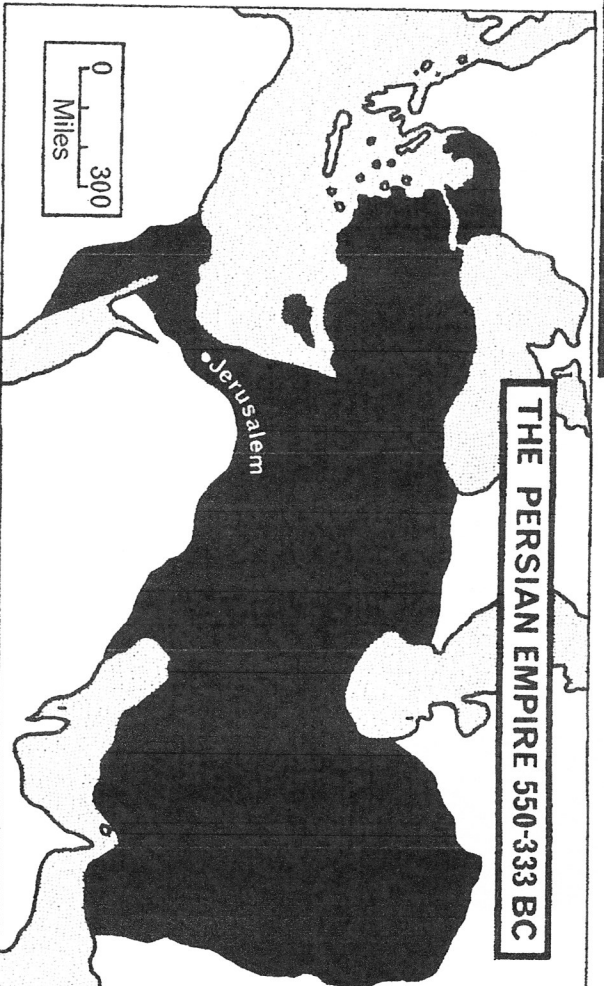
THE BABYLONIAN EMPIRE 586-550 BC

*"The virgin of Israel is fallen,
She shall no more rise;
She is cast down upon the ground,
There is none to raise her up."
AMOS 5-2*

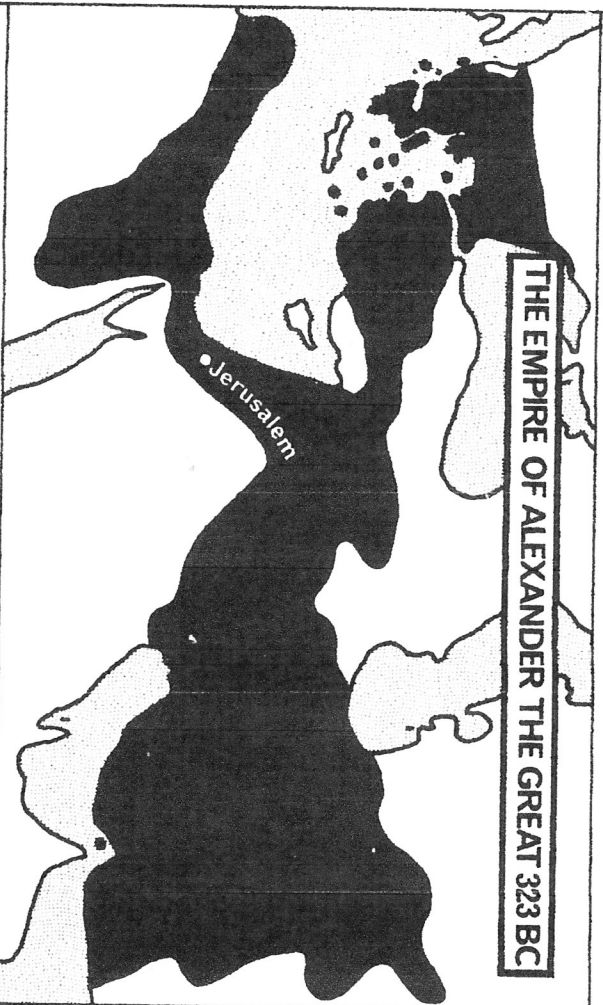


THE PERSIAN EMPIRE 550-333 BC

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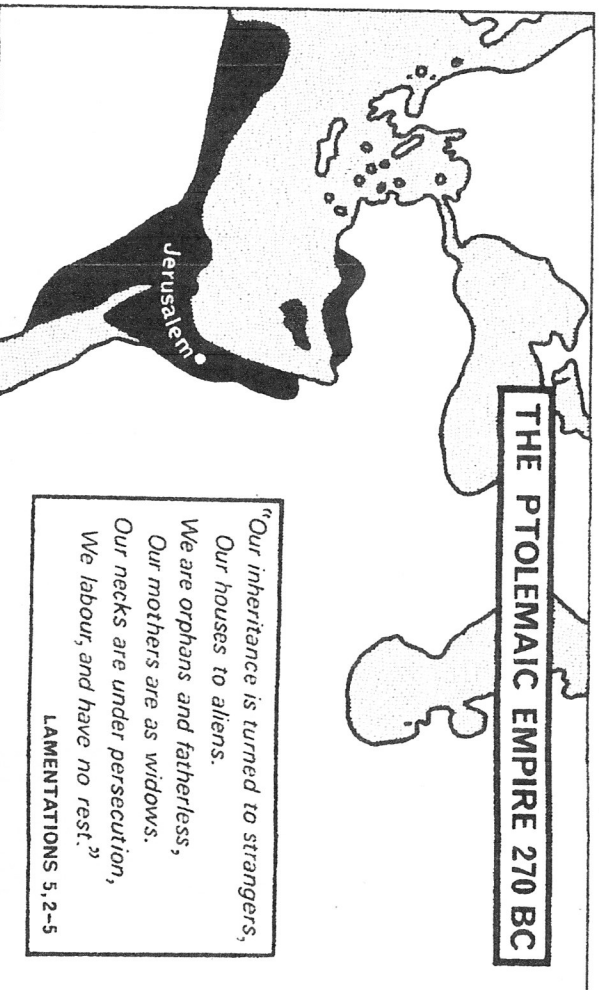


THE EMPIRE OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT 323 BC



THE PTOLEMAIC EMPIRE 270 BC

*"Our inheritance is turned to strangers,
Our houses to aliens.
We are orphans and fatherless,
Our mothers are as widows.
Our necks are under persecution,
We labour, and have no rest."
LAMENTATIONS 5,2-5*



Empires controlling Jerusalem after the Assyrian conquest. The Jews gradually settled throughout the territory of the imperial powers.

THE JEWS OF NORTH AFRICA BEFORE THE ARAB CONQUEST 500 BC - 750 AD

200 BC Jews active in converting local tribes to Judaism

For more than a thousand years before the Arab conquest, Jews lived in flourishing communities throughout the North African coastal area. Sometimes welcomed, sometimes merely tolerated, sometimes savagely persecuted, they created vigorous trading communities, and contributed substantially to the commercial, economic and cultural life of the towns in which they lived

In the first century AD, the Jewish population of the Roman Empire west of Palestine has been put at over six million, of whom a million lived in Egypt, mostly in Alexandria

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Areas of Jewish dispersal and settlement between 500 BC and 300 AD, at the time of the Greek, Carthaginian, and Roman Empires

Towns with flourishing Jewish communities in Roman times, and in the 300 years before the Arab conquest

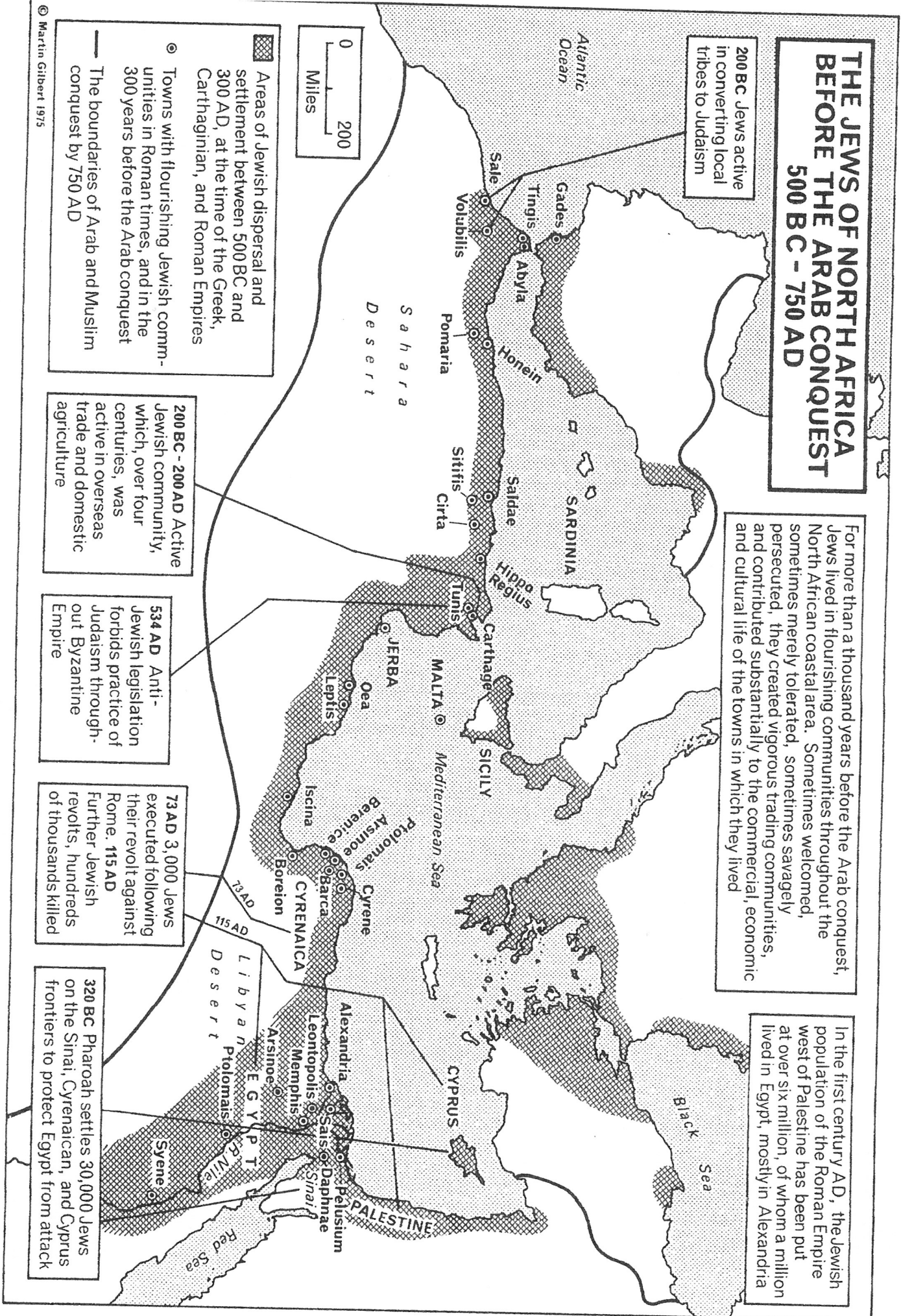
The boundaries of Arab and Muslim conquest by 750 AD

200 BC - 200 AD Active Jewish community, which, over four centuries, was active in overseas trade and domestic agriculture

534 AD Anti-Jewish legislation forbids practice of Judaism throughout Byzantine Empire

73 AD 3,000 Jews executed following their revolt against Rome. 115 AD Further Jewish revolts, hundreds of thousands killed

320 BC Pharaoh settles 30,000 Jews on the Sinai, Cyrenaican, and Cyprus frontiers to protect Egypt from attack



THE HASMONEAN JEWISH KINGDOM 165-63 BC

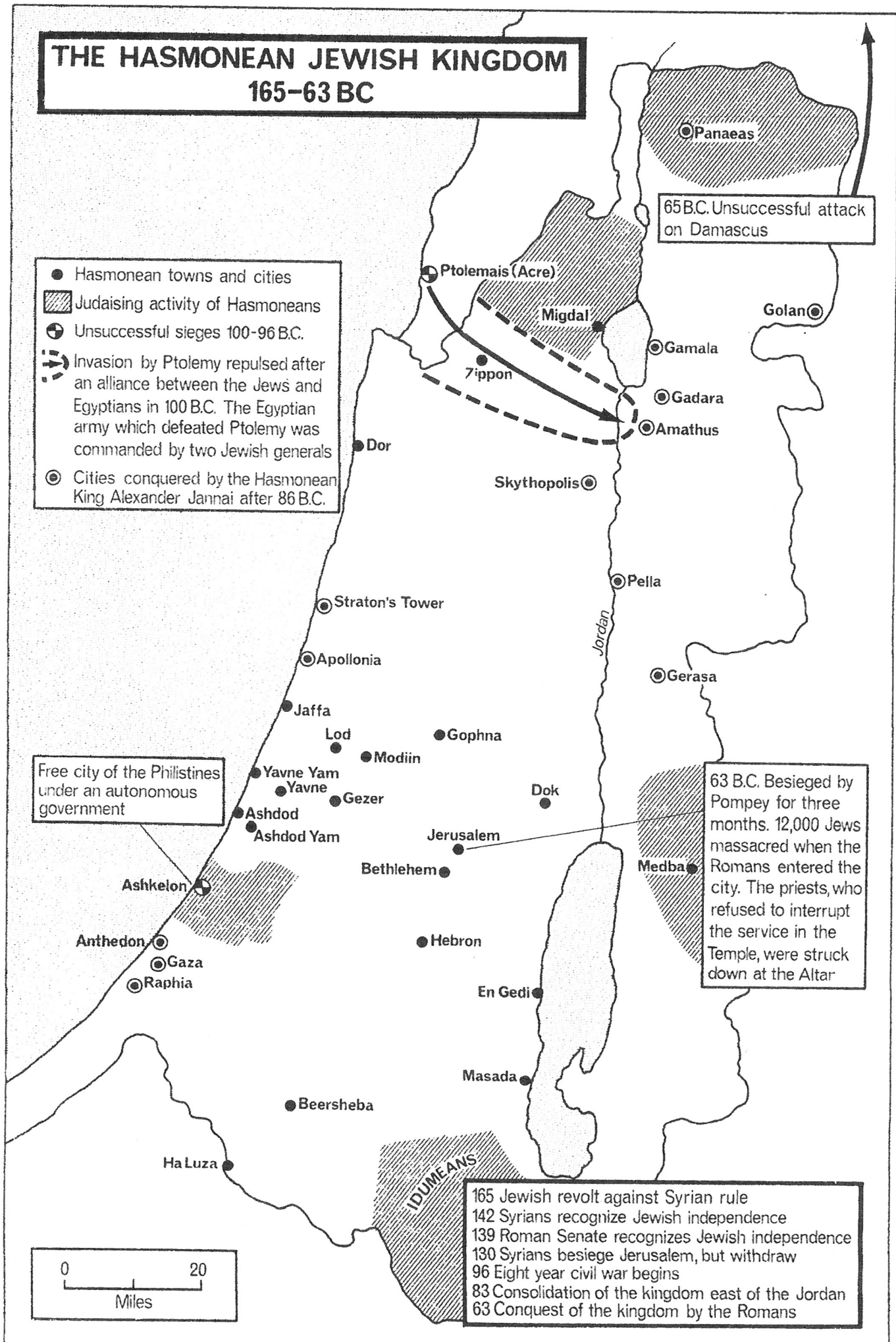
- Hasmonean towns and cities
- ▨ Judaising activity of Hasmoneans
- ⊕ Unsuccessful sieges 100-96 B.C.
- ⚡ Invasion by Ptolemy repulsed after an alliance between the Jews and Egyptians in 100 B.C. The Egyptian army which defeated Ptolemy was commanded by two Jewish generals
- ⊙ Cities conquered by the Hasmonean King Alexander Jannai after 86 B.C.

Free city of the Philistines under an autonomous government

63 B.C. Besieged by Pompey for three months. 12,000 Jews massacred when the Romans entered the city. The priests, who refused to interrupt the service in the Temple, were struck down at the Altar

165 Jewish revolt against Syrian rule
142 Syrians recognize Jewish independence
139 Roman Senate recognizes Jewish independence
130 Syrians besiege Jerusalem, but withdraw
96 Eight year civil war begins
83 Consolidation of the kingdom east of the Jordan
63 Conquest of the kingdom by the Romans

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THE JEWS OF INDIA 175 BC – 1795 AD

0 200
Miles

PERSIA

Indus

Ganges

Jews probably reached India in about 175 B.C. They travelled across Persia, or through the Persian Gulf, both as traders and refugees. Their earliest large settlement was in Bombay

"Bene Israel" Jews, 1,000 families in 1170 AD. 10,000 in 1950. Their first settlement probably dates back to 175 BC. They are divided into "black" and "white" Jews who do not intermarry

800 AD. Trading post of Radanite Jewish merchants travelling from Europe to China. Probable settlement of Persian Jews

Bombay

INDIA

Goa

1543. First Portuguese Jew burned by the Inquisition. 1543-1623. Over 100 Jews burned

Many Jews, fleeing from the Inquisition in Portuguese India, found security under British rule from 1644. By 1700 they had established a flourishing diamond industry

Madras

1170. Benjamin of Tudela reports some 3,000 Jews

"Cochin Jews" here by 600 AD. After Muslim massacre of 1523 the remnant fled to Cochin

Cranganore

Cochin

Quilon

CEYLON

1662. Cochin Jews massacred by the Portuguese. From 1663-1795 they were protected by the Dutch, from 1795 by the British. In 1950 there were 1,200 Cochin Jews divided into "black" "brown" and "white" castes, with segregated synagogues

1170. Benjamin of Tudela reported "the inhabitants are all black, and the Jews also"