

**Things you may not know**

***.... about the Bible***

**That were always**

***.... in the Bible***

**.... Part I**

# Studying the Bible

Why bother with this?

My Story - 17 years ago I couldn't care less

Invitation to go to a bible study

Then I started a 16 year journey to teach it

**By Stressing a different perspective**

***NOT an Academic one***

***Imagine that you were there ...***

***Walking in their sandals***



## *By Walking in their Sandals*

**You'll question the things you believe**

**Discover WHY you believe:**

- **Because someone told you**
- **Because it was always that way**

**VS**

**Things that you hold in your heart ...**

**... and would defend without question**

**YET**

**They can't get into your heart**

**... without first questioning them**

***... THIS is the source of GROWTH along your Faith Journey***

# The Bible - History Line

2500 1400



Abraham

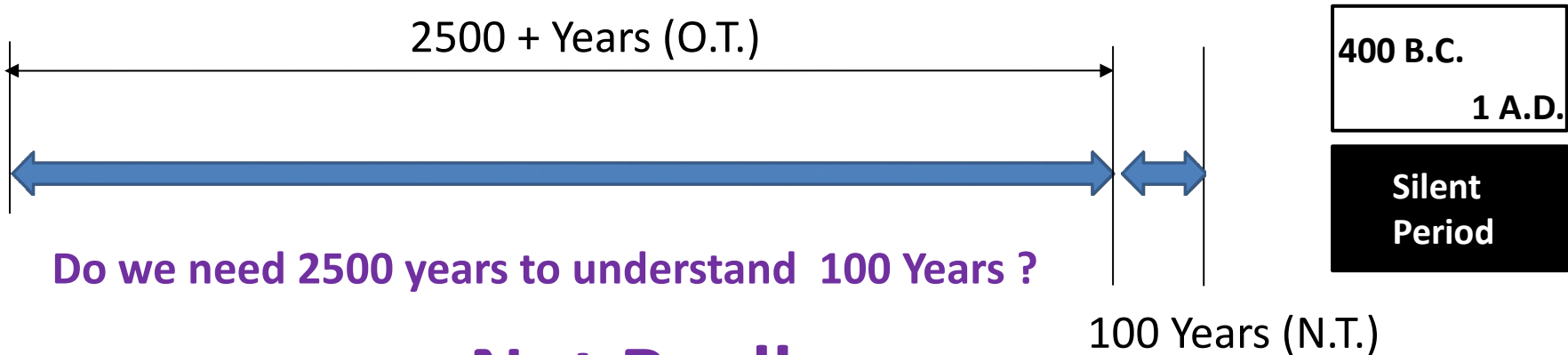


Moses

1100 550



Divided Kingdom



**Not Really**

*But we DO need it to understand Jesus' 3 Years*



# First 5 Books of the Old Testament

## Torah ... the Law ... the Pentateuch

*written by Moses*

### Genesis

Creation - **2500 ?**

Cain & Abel

Noah

Tower of Babel

Abram - **2166**

Isaac

Jacob

Joseph Dies

- **1805**

*written by Moses*

### Exodus

Moses born - **1526**

Pharaoh

Passover

Freedom - **1446**

Ten Commandments

Ark of the Covenant

*written by Moses*

### Leviticus

Food Rules

Offerings

*written by Moses*

### Numbers

Priests

Levites

*written by Moses*

### Deuteronomy

Laws

Festivals

Moses dies - **1406**

# Old Testament

*What do you remember about Exodus ?*

*- but do you remember ..... ?*

- 1) The Almost Death of Moses**
- 2) Moses doing Anger Management  
.... with God**
- 3) Aaron's explanation of the Calf**

# 1) The Almost Death of Moses

## Background:

- Moses met God at Burning Bush
- Moses had Received his instructions about Pharaoh
- Ex 4: 13
- *Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses ...Ex 4:14*
- Moses finally agreed and prepared to go to Egypt
- Ex 4: 24



*“Now it came about at the lodging place on the way that the LORD met him ...*

*....and was about to Kill Him.”*

# ***Wait .....***

## ***... and was about to KILL HIM ?***

***How would you feel if you were in Moses' sandals ?***

***What about Zipporah's sandals ?***

**Ex 4: 25-26**



**25** Then Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son's foreskin and threw it at Moses' feet, and she said, "You are indeed a bridegroom of blood to me."

**26** So the Lord let him alone.



## 2) Moses doing Anger Management

### At Mt. Sinai:

- Moses has gone up the mountain for a long visit
- The people in camp make a Golden calf
- God not too happy .... Ex 32: 10

***10 “Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them.”***

*Moses’ Sandals?*

- **Moses calms God down**

**Ex 32: 11-13**

- **Do you really want to do that?**
- **You know what the Egyptians will say**
- **Remember your deal with Abraham?**



***14 “Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster He had threatened.”***

### 3) Aaron's explanation of the Calf

<sup>21</sup> He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?"

<sup>22</sup> "Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil.

<sup>23</sup> They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.'

<sup>24</sup> So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.'

Then they gave me the gold,  
and I threw it into the fire,  
and out came this calf!"



*Aaron's Sandals?  
.... Really ?*

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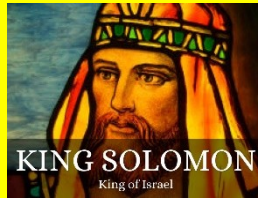
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Divided Kingdom

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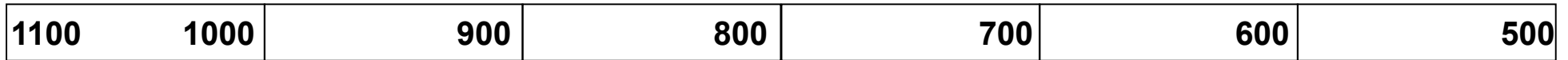
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◆ 1,2 Samuel written

Kings written ◆



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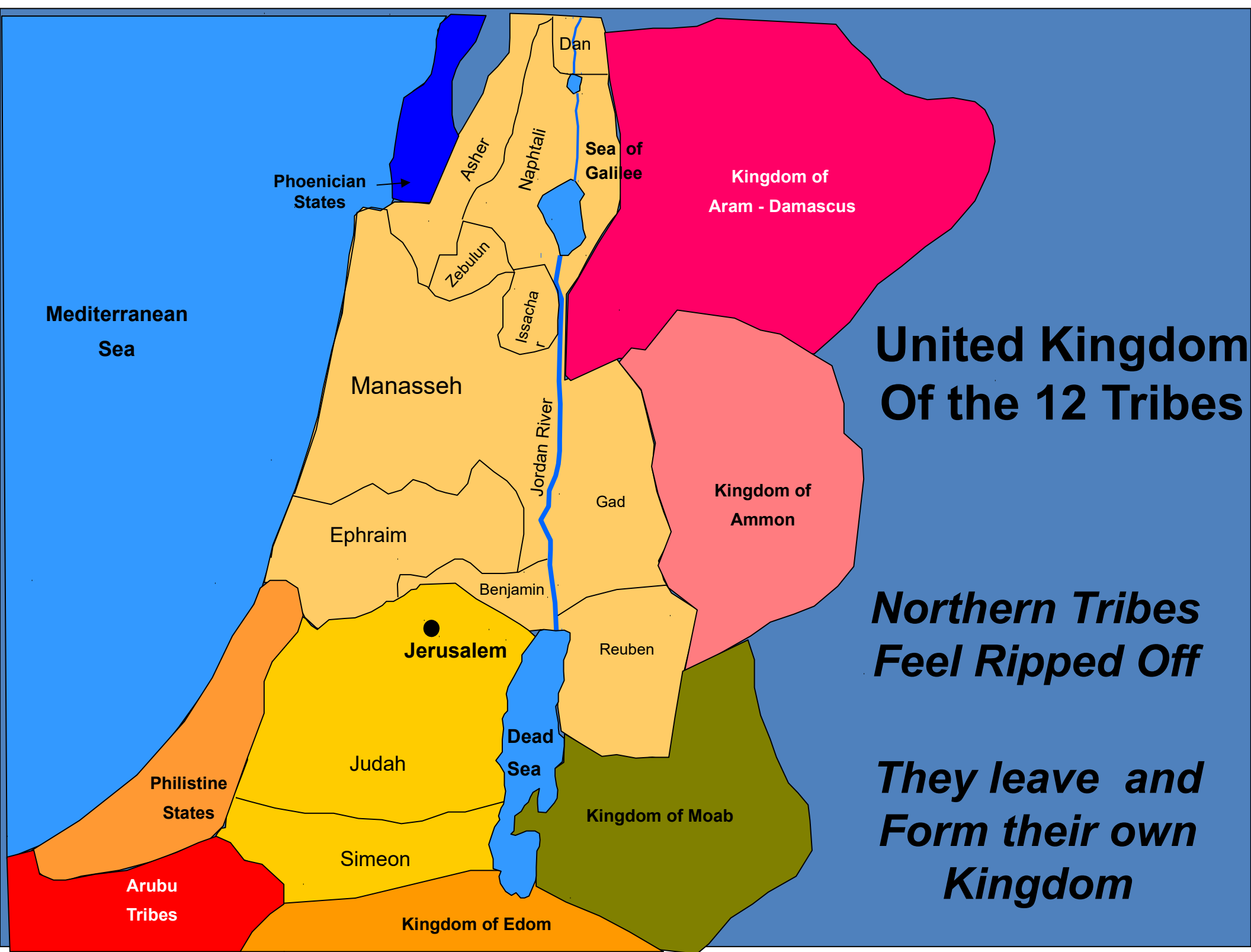
■ David  
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■ Solomon  
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Monarchy

***Solomon's Temple was  
extravagant***

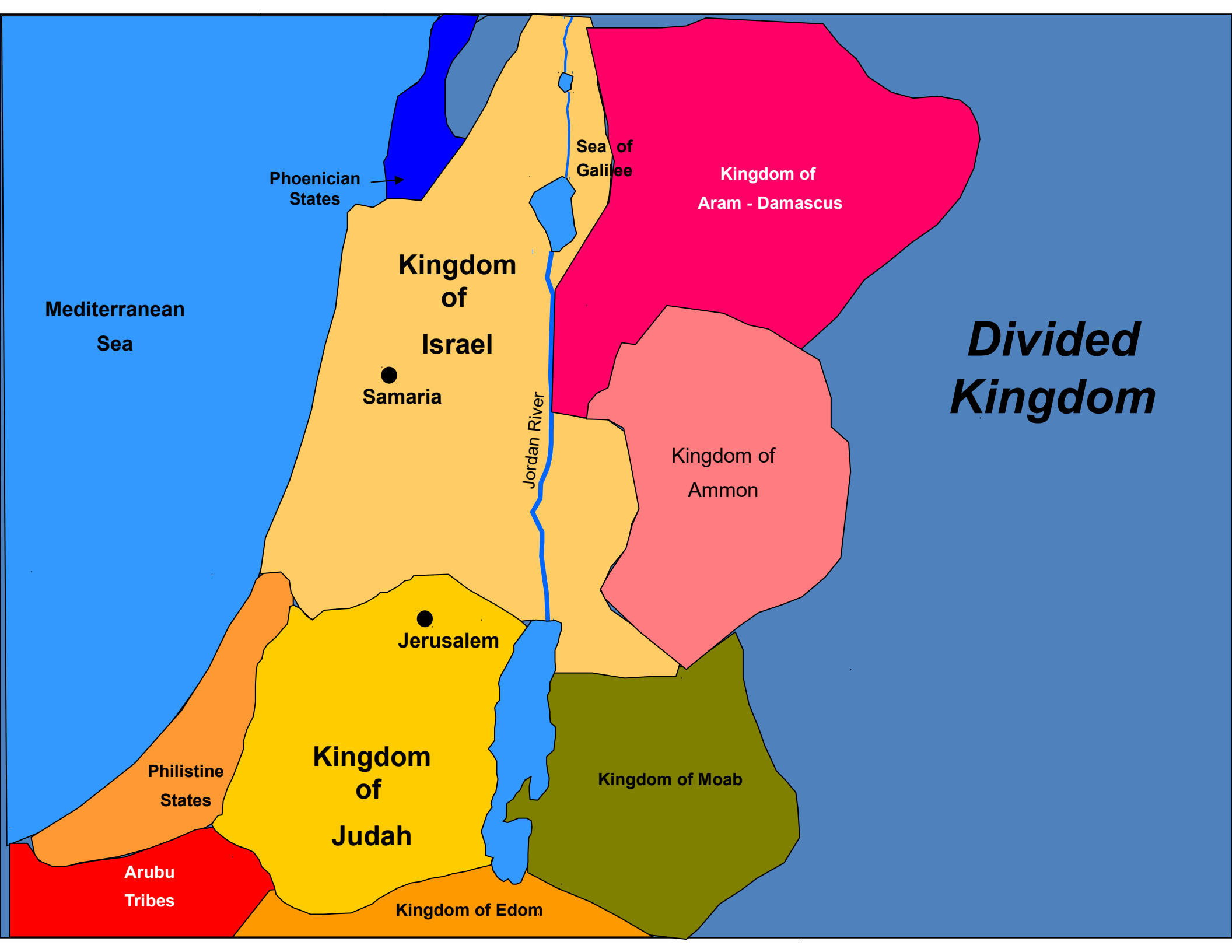
***And was paid for by taxes from  
EVERYONE in the Kingdom.***



# United Kingdom Of the 12 Tribes

*Northern Tribes  
Feel Ripped Off*

*They leave and  
Form their own  
Kingdom*



# *Divided Kingdom*

Mediterranean  
Sea

Phoenician  
States

Sea of  
Galilee

Kingdom of  
Aram - Damascus

Kingdom  
of  
Israel

Samaria

Jordan River

Kingdom of  
Ammon

Jerusalem

Kingdom  
of  
Judah

Kingdom of Moab

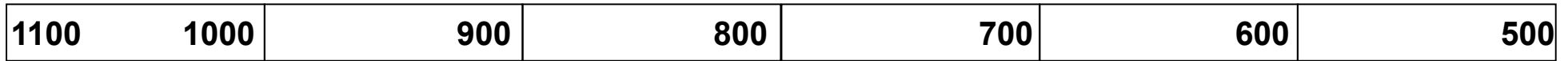
Philistine  
States

Arubu  
Tribes

Kingdom of Edom

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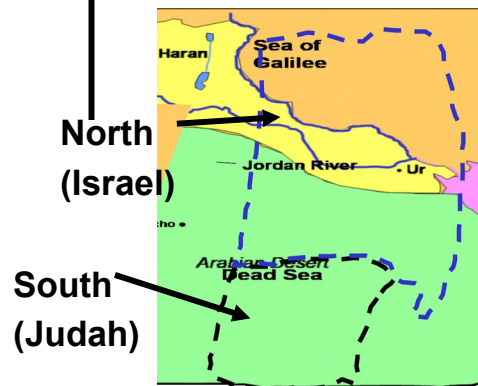
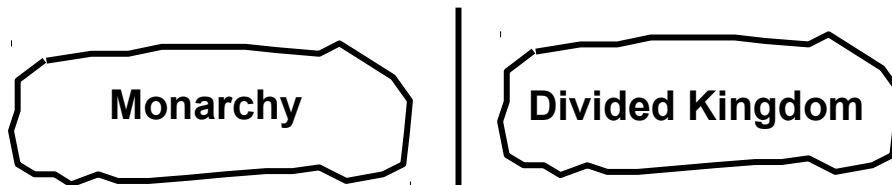
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722 BCE



Israel falls to Assyrians

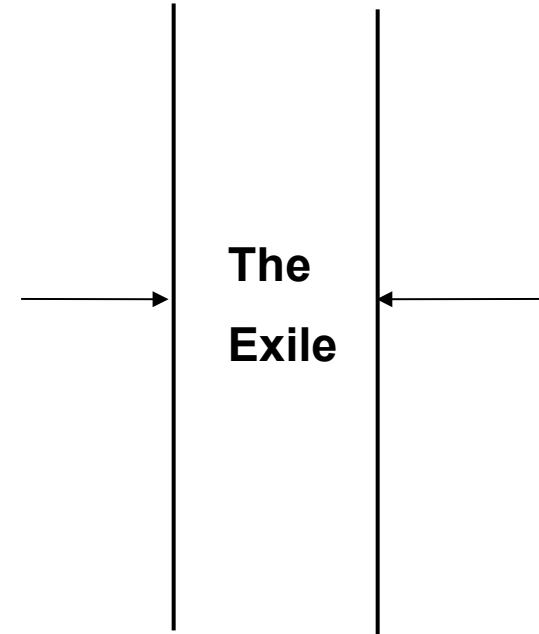
*Inter-Marriages*

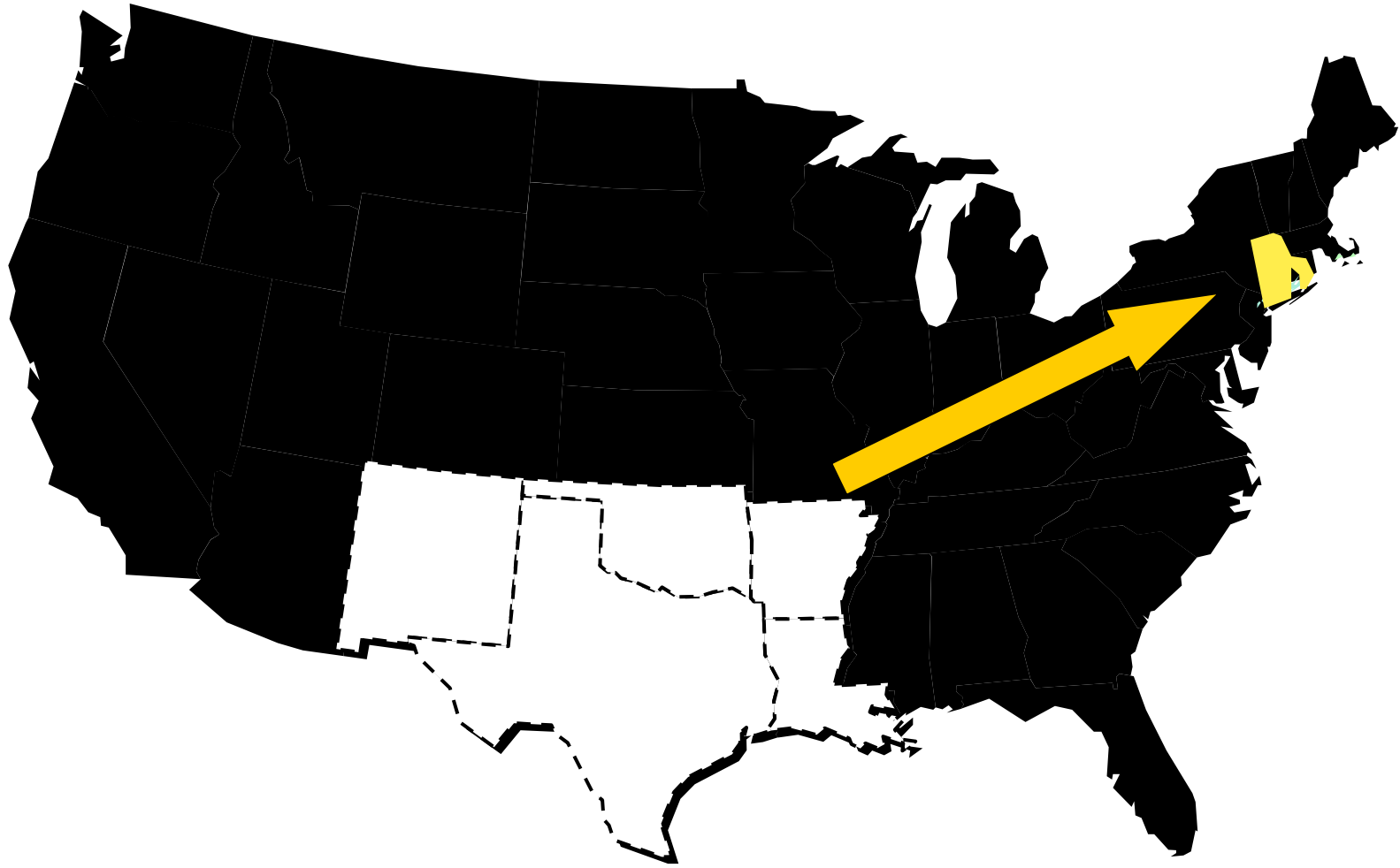
586 BCE



Judah falls to Babylonians

*ReLocations*







700

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600

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500

722 BCE



Israel falls  
to  
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to  
Babylonians

*Major Soul Searching* →



*Jews meet in homes*  
*Jews look back at sins*  
*I, II Kings written*  
*Major Lament*

539 BCE



Babylon Falls  
to  
Persians

**Cyrus the Great**

# ***Who was this guy ... Cyrus ?***



- **Founder of the Persian Empire**
- **Conquerer**
- **Aggressor**

***He believed in 1 God . Who made Heaven and Earth ... the Creator of ALL***

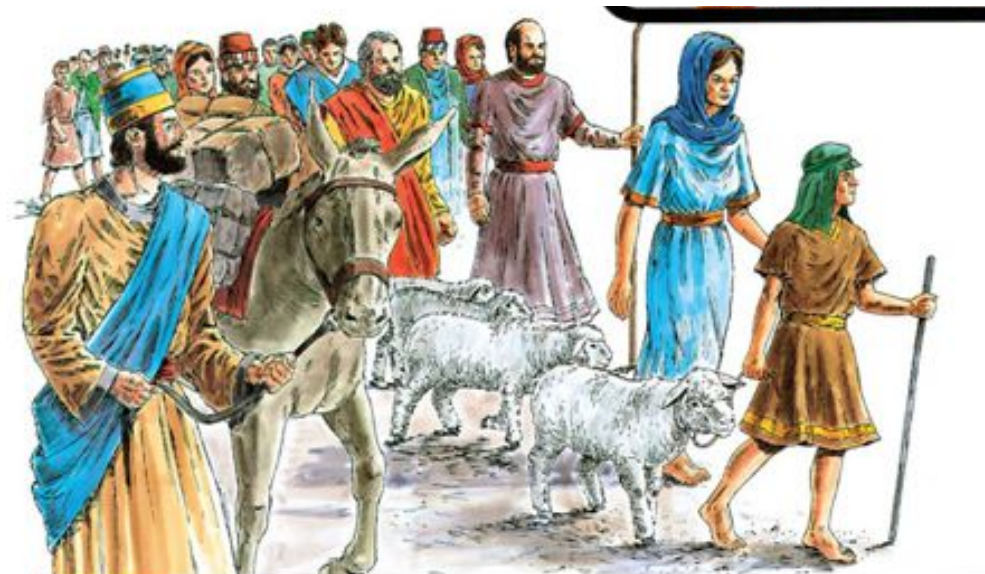
## Cyrus' decree

Ezr 1: 2-4

**2 “This is what Cyrus king of Persia says:**

**““The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah.**

**3 Any of his people among you may go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the temple of the Lord, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem, and may their God be with them.**



**4 And in any locality where survivors may now be living, the people are to provide them with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with freewill offerings for the temple of God in Jerusalem.”**

Is 45: 1, 13

1 “This is what the Lord says to his anointed,  
to **Cyrus**, whose right hand I take hold of  
to subdue nations before him  
and to strip kings of their armor,  
to open doors before him  
so that gates will not be shut:

13 I will raise up **Cyrus** in my righteousness:  
I will make all his ways straight.  
He will rebuild my city  
and set my exiles free,  
but not for a price or reward,  
says the Lord Almighty.”

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722 BCE



Israel falls  
to  
Assyrians

586 BCE



Judah falls  
to  
Babylonians

539 BCE



Babylon falls  
to  
Persians

688 BCE



Isaiah writes ...

150 Years earlier

538 BCE



Cyrus' Decree



*Isaiah's Sandals?*

*Cyrus' Sandals?*

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# Intertestament Period

445

333

167

63

0

<b>Persian</b>	<b>Greek</b>	<b>Maccabean</b>	<b>Roman</b>	
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**Cyrus says "let them go"**

**Darius later confirms**

**Most Jews still in Exile**

**Synagogues set up**

▽ Philip of Macedonia

▽ Alexander the Great beats Persia

## Alex & the Rabbi

▽ Alexander the Great dies

| Ptolemy gets Egypt

| Seleucus gets Syria

171 ▽ Antiochus Epiphanes

**40,000 slain in Jerusalem**  
**Temple defiled**

**Pharisees emerge**  
**Saducees emerge**

167 ▽ Judas Maccabaeus leads revolt

**Chanukkah**  
**Daniel's 2300 days**  
**Day of Dedication**

**Septuagint Created**  
**Priesthood now bought**

63 ▽ Pompey takes Jerusalem



**Herod the Great**

# Feast of Dedication

- Back in 2<sup>nd</sup> Century B.C.
- Antiochus Epiphanes (Greek King) captured Jerusalem
- Temple defiled, 40,000 Jews slain
- Pig sacrificed in Temple





# Feast of Dedication

- Judas Maccabaeus leads revolt... and succeeds for a period
- Daniel proclaims that it will take 2300 days until Temple is purified
- 2300 Days later it was celebrated as a “Day of Cleansing” or
- Feast of Dedication

***Celebration day fell on December 25***

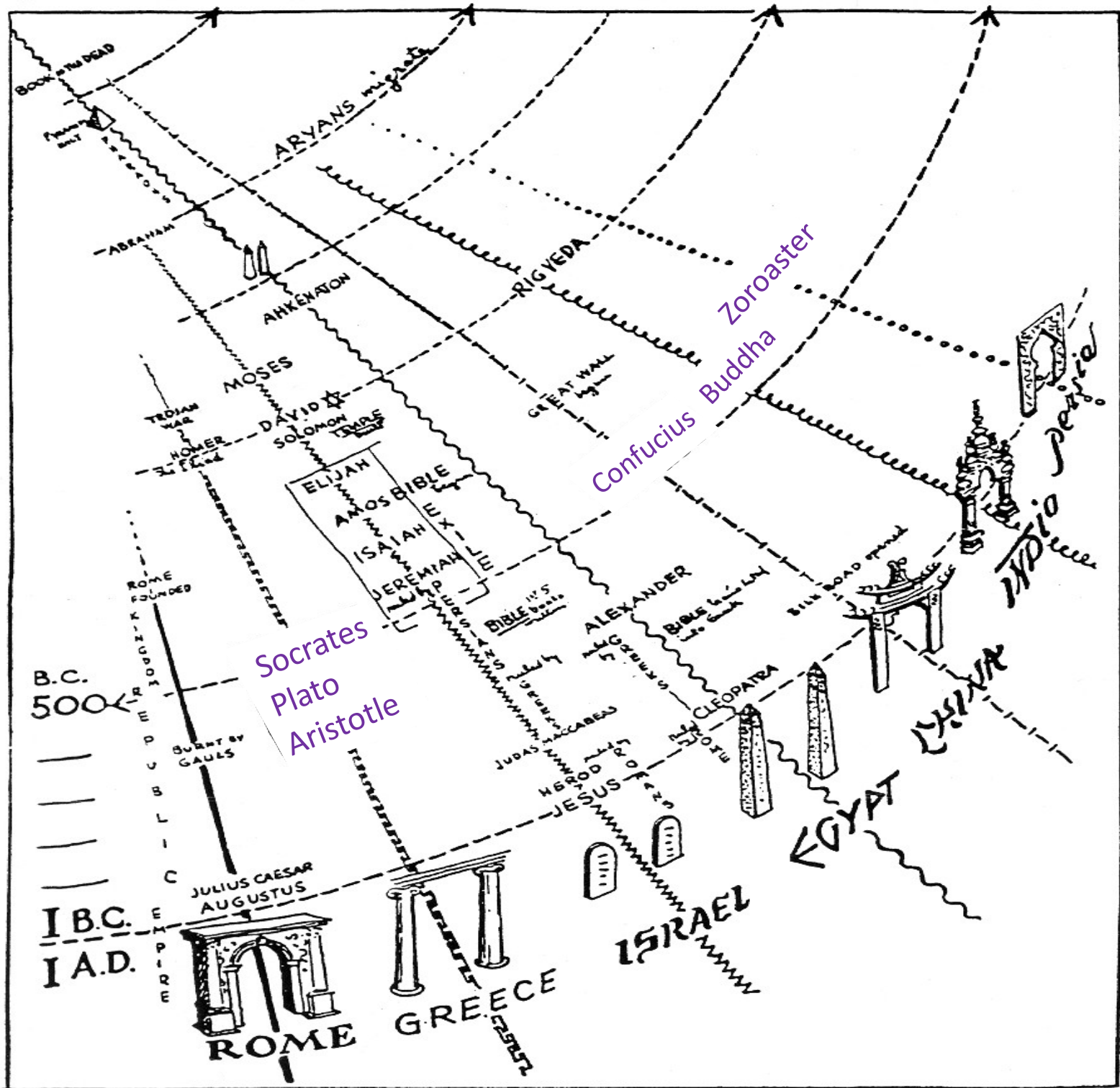


# **New Testament**

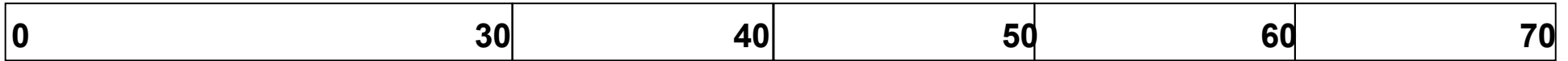
**Why did it Happen**

***... WHEN it Happened ?***

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**A.D.**



 **Jesus' Public Life**

 **Spreading the Word**

 **Writings Appear**

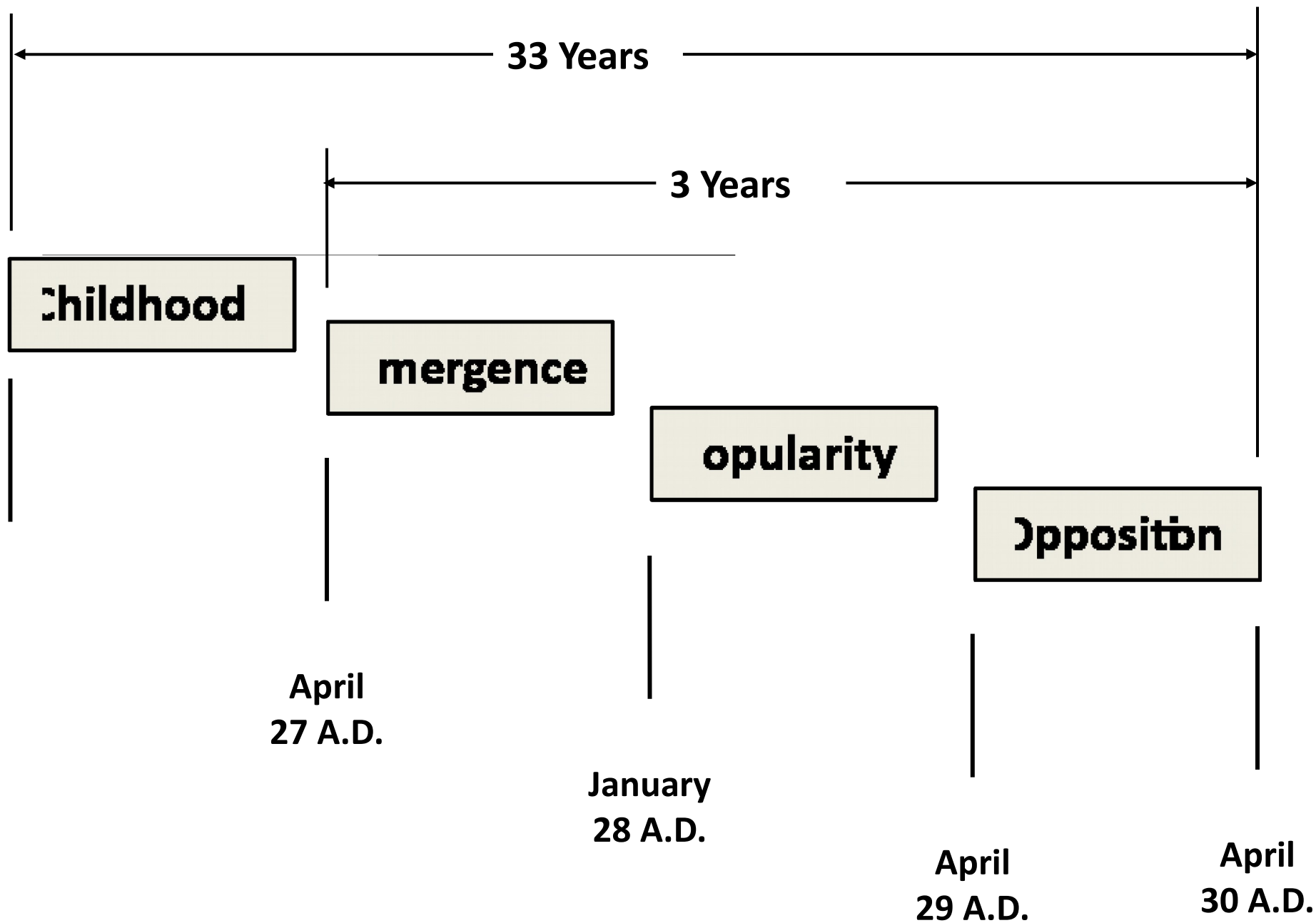
 **R o m a n   O c c u p a t i o n**

**Destruction of Jerusalem**



**This is how the Chronology typically appears**

# Jesus' Timeline on Earth



## Childhood

Child Fugitives

About Bethlehem

Lose a 12 yr old ?

## Emergence

Why Baptize ?

Peter's catch

Miracle at Cana

Mad Jesus

Samaritans

Hometown Woes

When for Sabbath ?

Married Apostles ?

## Popularity

R/C Miracles

3 up from Dead

Dead bury Dead

Apostles neighbors

Poor John

Jarius

Jesus' Siblings

Feeding 4000

## Opposition

Faith is

Sheol

Guards

The Adulteress

Jerusalem visits

Many Marys

Lazarus

Sunday - Friday

Judas, WHY ?

All prayers granted?

Rome & Christianity

Mark gets Naked ?

Pilate/ good or bad?

Post Resurrection

Sabbath violations

# Childhood

- **Child Fugitives**
- **The Maji**

# *The Angel Gabriel gets very Busy*



**Mary**  
*by The Holy Spirit*

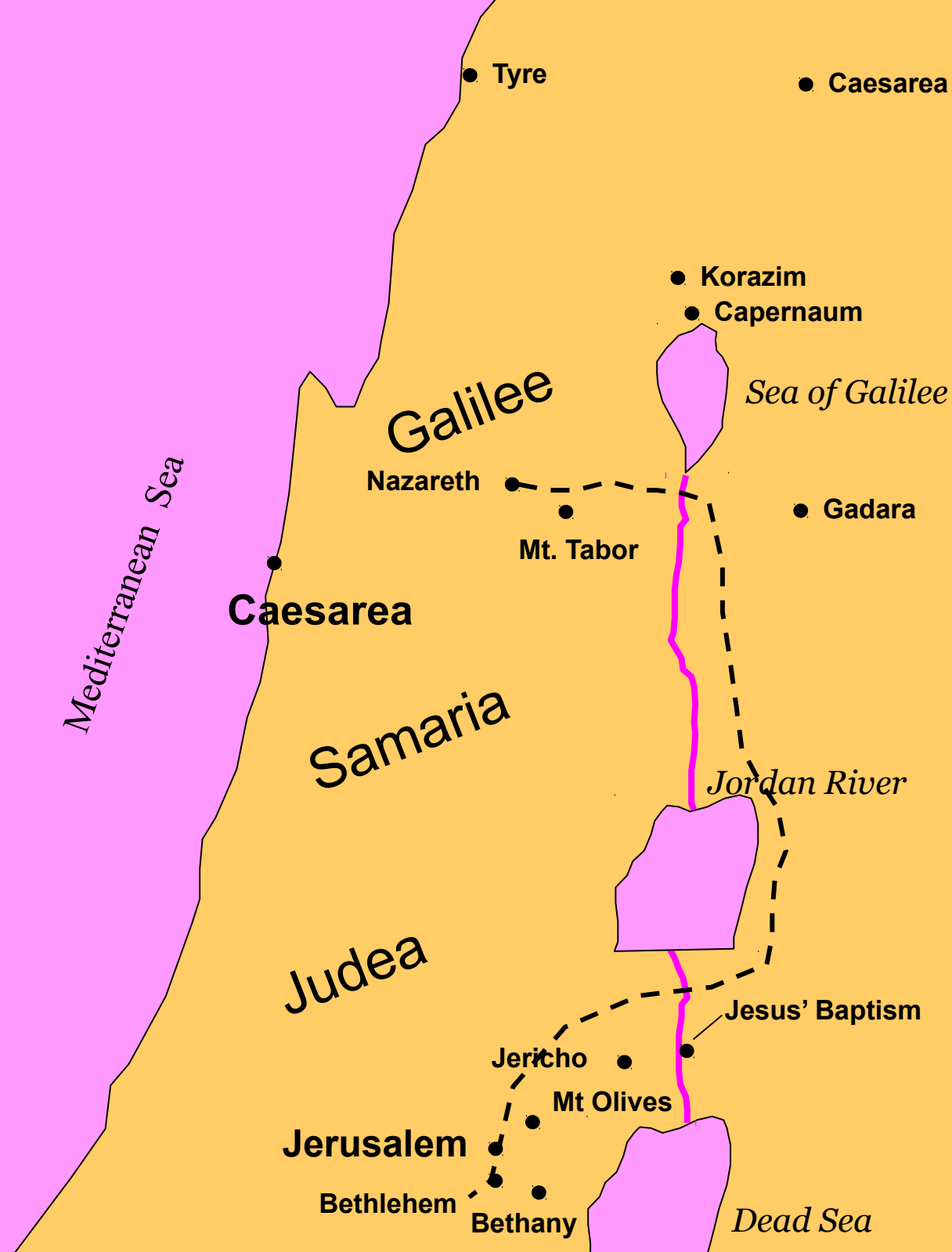
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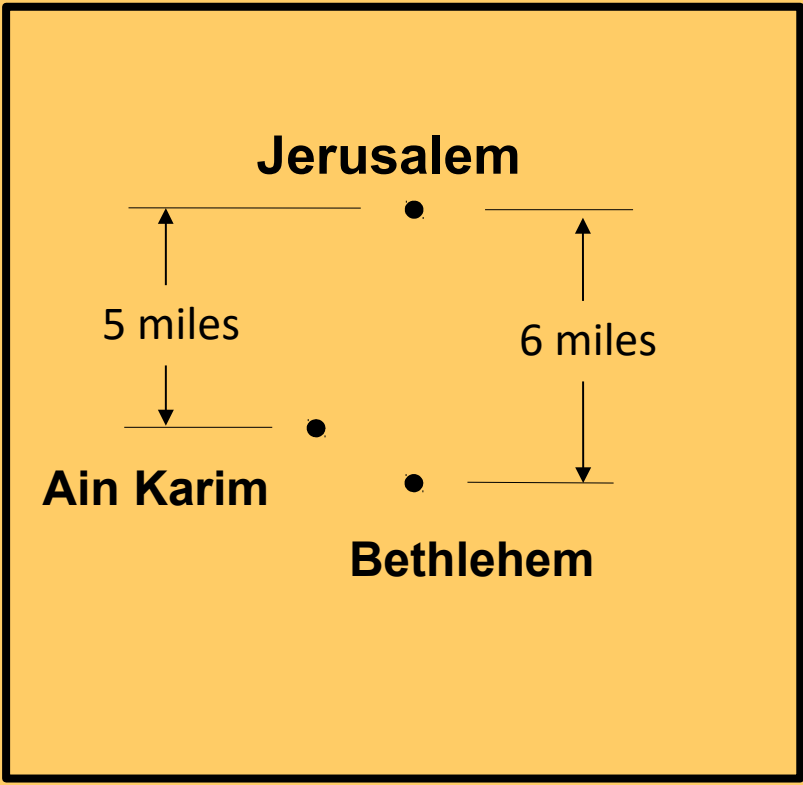
**Elizabeth**  
*by Zechariah*

- **Mary goes to visit Elizabeth** (who is 6 months Pregnant)
- **They are “relatives”**
- **Their children will be relatives**





***“Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.” Luke 1: 36***



# Visit of the Maji

**The Maji arrive at Jerusalem**     Matthew     2: 1-8

They ask Herod where the child was ... exactly

Herod calls chief priests etc. , they quote Micah 5:2 (Bethlehem)

Herod tells them it's Bethlehem ... and to report back to him



**The Maji go to Bethlehem**     Matthew     2: 11

Maji find Jesus in a “House” and worshipped Jesus

The visit was “some months” after the birth

Did the Maji go back to Herod ?

*Maji's Sandals?*

# Escape to Egypt

**Angel tells Joseph to bolt to Egypt... WHY ?**

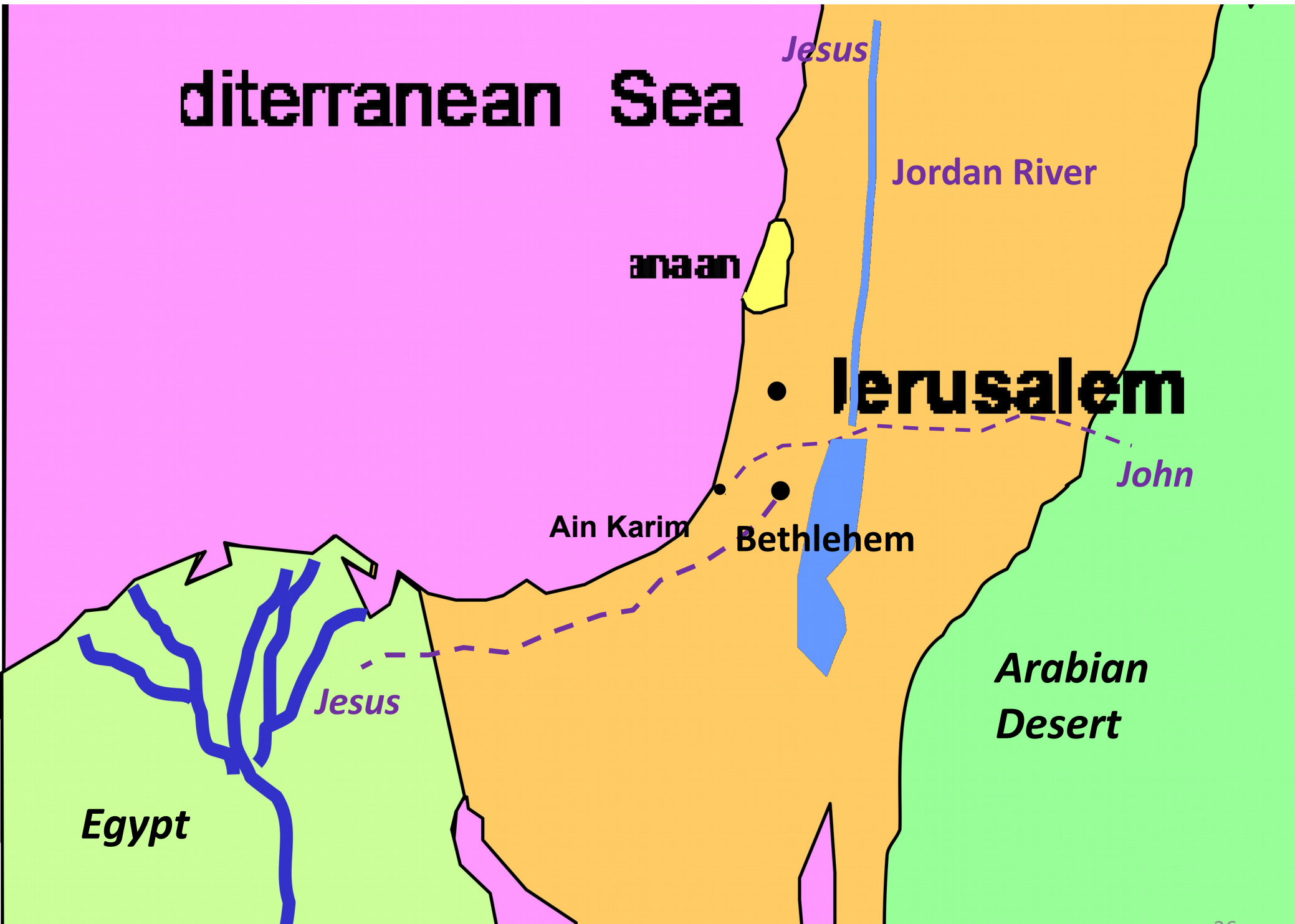
**...because Herod IS GOING to kill the child**

**Herod was mad that the Maji didn't fill him in.**

**He gave orders to kill all boys in Bethlehem and VICINITY**

**- 2 years and younger**

**Who else was at risk here ?**



**Mediterranean Sea**

*Jesus*

Jordan River

ana an

• **Jerusalem**

*John*

Ain Karim

• **Bethlehem**

*Jesus*

**Arabian  
Desert**

**Egypt**

# Childhood

**How can you Lose a 12 year old ?**

# Boy Jesus in the Temple

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**This time it was special... Jesus was 12... becomes a man**



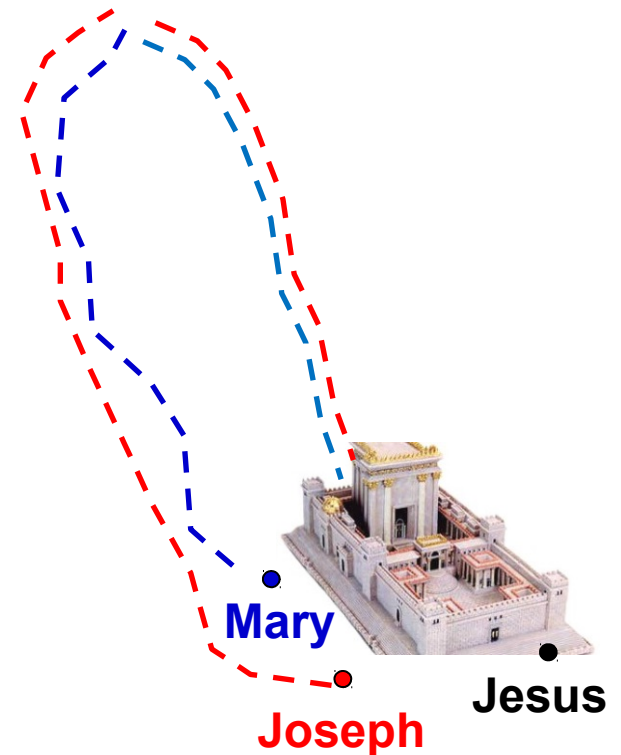
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## How could they lose their son ?

- 1) Mary leaves early with the Women's Caravan
- 2) Joseph leaves later that day
- 3) They meet at night. Where's Jesus ?
- 4) They both head back to Jerusalem the next day
- 4) They search all day , find him on the third day





Luke 2: 48-51      **Boy Jesus in Temple**

**They find Jesus in the Temple courts**

**Mary talks about Jesus' earthly father (Joseph)**

**Jesus talks about his heavenly father (God)...**



*Mary's Sandals?*

*Joseph's Sandals?*

***First time we are told that Jesus understood his role !***

**"And Jesus grew in wisdom..." even though he was God,**



