

SESSION ONE

Bible Geography

A detailed illustration of a historical library or study. Two men with long white beards and black turbans are seated at a large wooden desk, reading an open book. The desk is covered with a large, aged map and several rolled-up scrolls. In the center of the desk stands a brass hourglass. The background features tall wooden bookshelves filled with books, a large window with a decorative lattice pattern, and a stone pillar. The lighting is warm and focused on the desk area.

Time & Space in the Bible

A three-week study
to enhance your understanding of God's Word.

Have you ever read the entire Bible?

1. What parts were the hardest?
2. Were the genealogies useful?
3. Did you understand the history of Israel?
4. Did you use a Chronological reading plan?

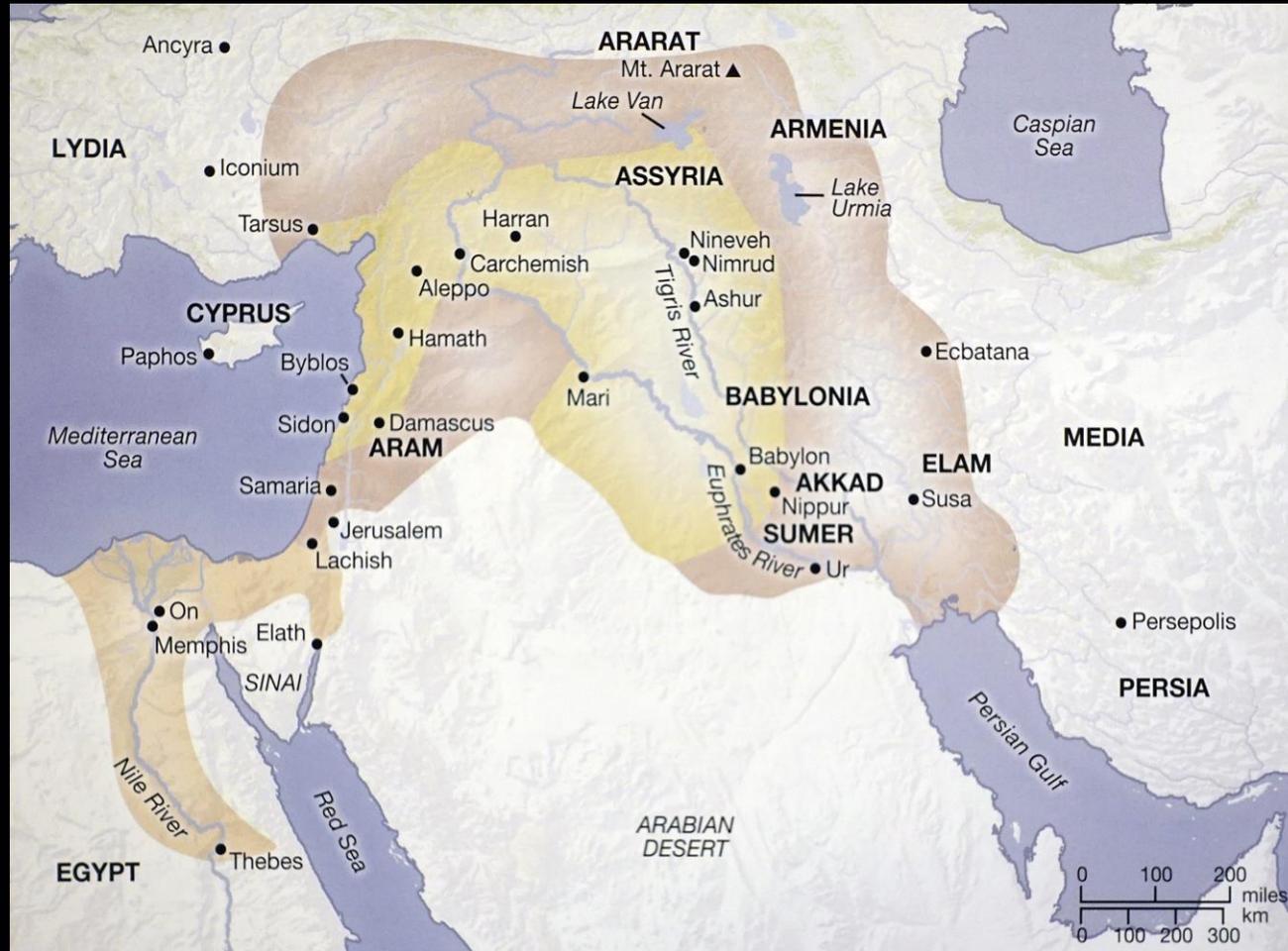


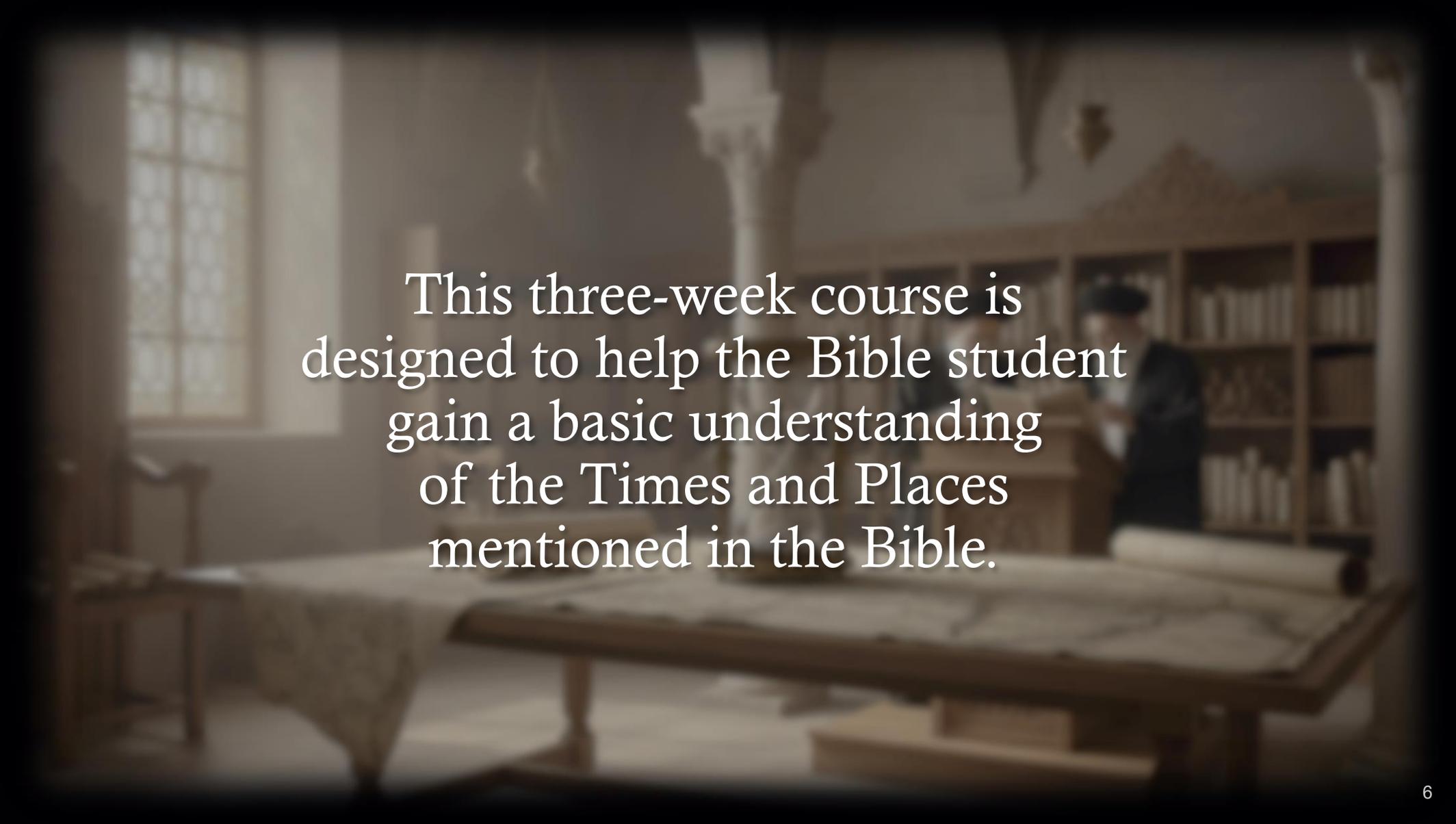
Bible Prophecy Books, Order and Sequence

Book	Bible Order
1	Isaiah
2	Jeremiah
3	Lamentations
4	Ezekiel
5	Daniel
6	Hosea
7	Joel
8	Amos
9	Obadiah
10	Jonah

Book	Written Order	Year Written
1	Obadiah	850BC
2	Joel	835BC
3	Amos	760BC
4	Hosea	750BC
5	Isaiah	700BC
6	Jeremiah	626BC
7	Ezekiel	593BC
8	Lamentations	586BC
9	Daniel	530BC
10	Jonah	500BC

Changing Empires, Kingdoms, and Borders

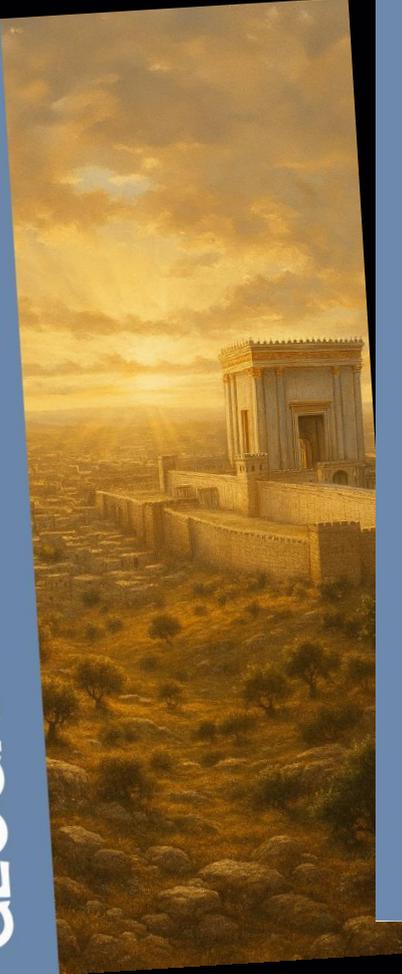


The background is a blurred, sepia-toned image of a historical library or study. It features tall wooden bookshelves filled with books, a large window with a grid pattern on the left, and a wooden table in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is that of an old, quiet place of learning.

This three-week course is designed to help the Bible student gain a basic understanding of the Times and Places mentioned in the Bible.

Course Handouts

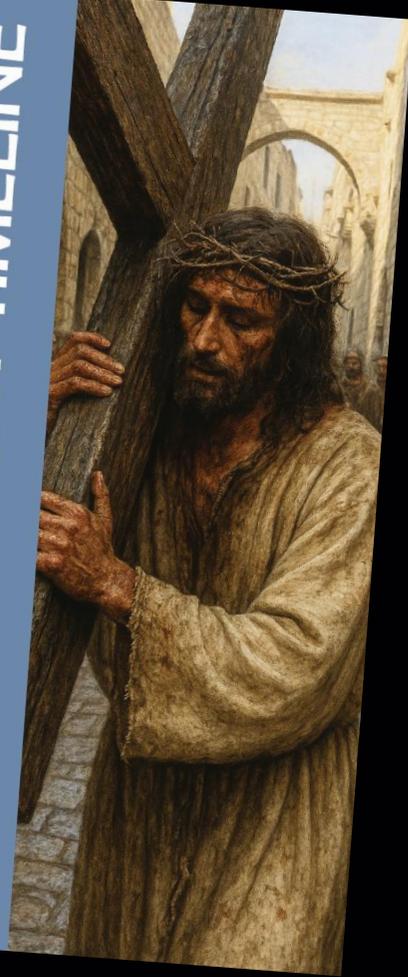
GEOGRAPHY OF THE BIBLE



OLD TESTAMENT TIMELINE

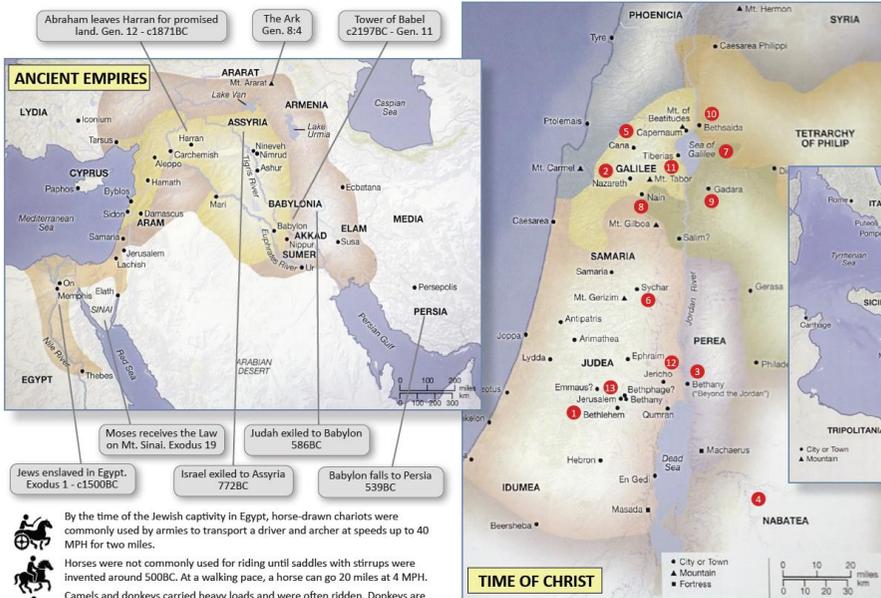


NEW TESTAMENT TIMELINE



Course Handouts: Geography

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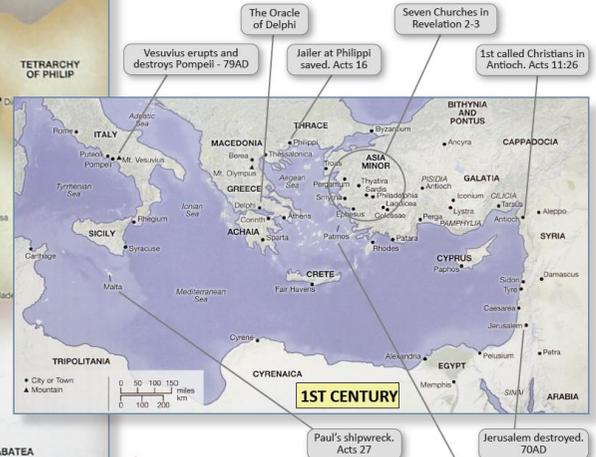
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Timeframe:
1900BC – 100AD

Categories:
Ancient Empires
Time of Christ
1st Century

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Course Handouts: New Testament Timeline

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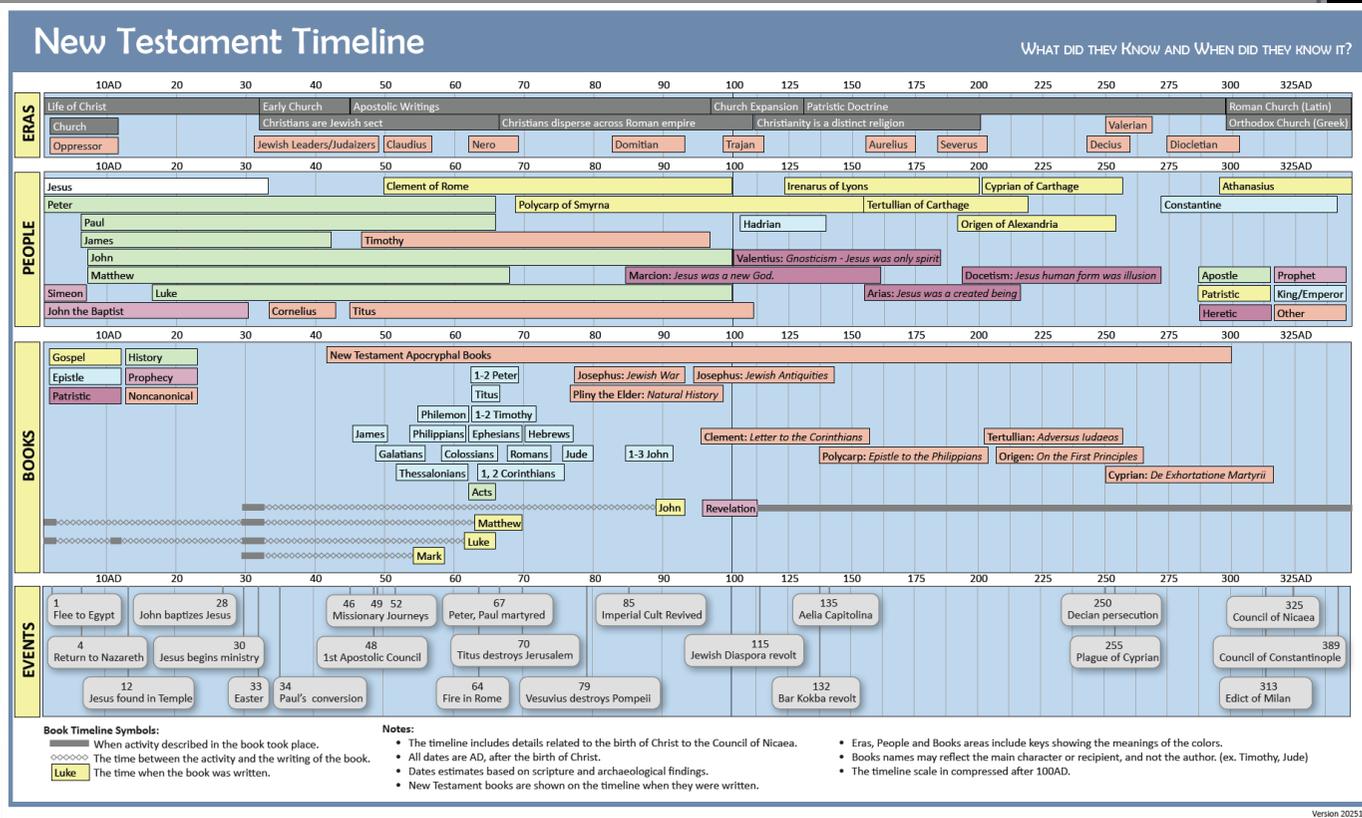
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Old Testament Timeline

WHAT DID THEY KNOW AND WHEN DID THEY KNOW IT?

Timeframe:
1 – 325AD

Categories:
Eras
People
Books
Events



Key Questions

“What did the President know,
and when did he know it?”

Senator Howard Baker (R-TN)
Ranking Minority Member
Senate Watergate Committee
1974



Key Questions

What did the people in the Bible know, and when did they know it?

Where did the people in the Bible go, and how did they get there?



The Mosaic Law

And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying to them, “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, These are the living things that you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth...

Whatever parts the hoof and is cloven-footed and chews the cud... you may eat. And the pig, because it parts the hoof and is cloven-footed but does not chew the cud, is unclean to you...

For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”

The Key Questions

What did the Hebrews know?

They initially didn't know God was holy. So some of His laws were given to set them apart from all other people.

When did they know it?

Every time they prepared a meal, they remembered their God wanted them to be set apart and holy because *He* was holy.





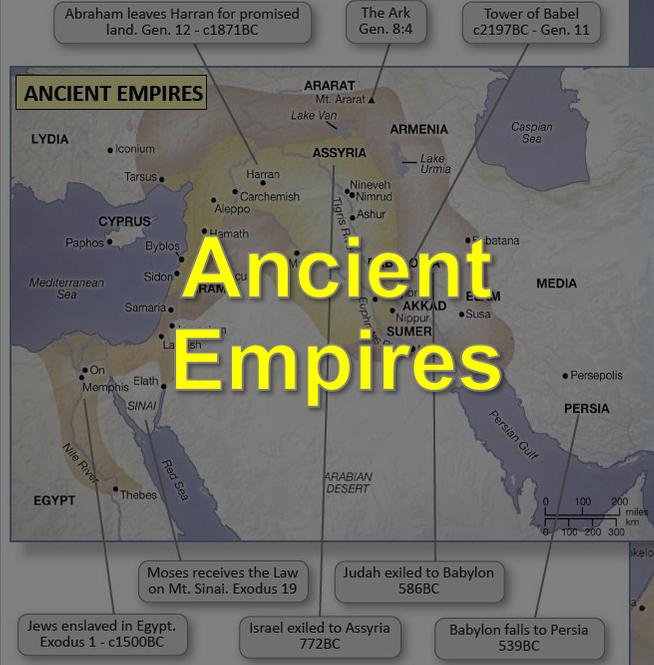
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1. Ancient Empires
2. Captivities
3. Modes of Travel
4. Steps of Jesus
5. Missionary Travels
6. Spread of Christianity

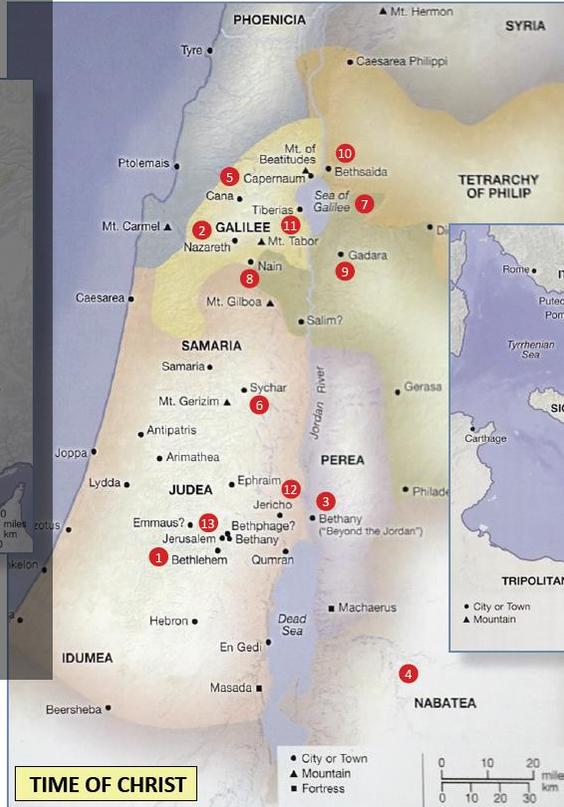


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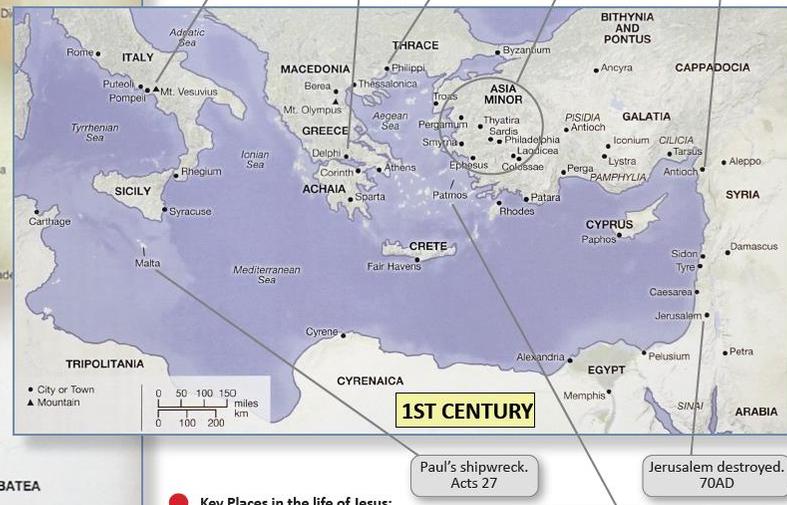
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Ancient Empires



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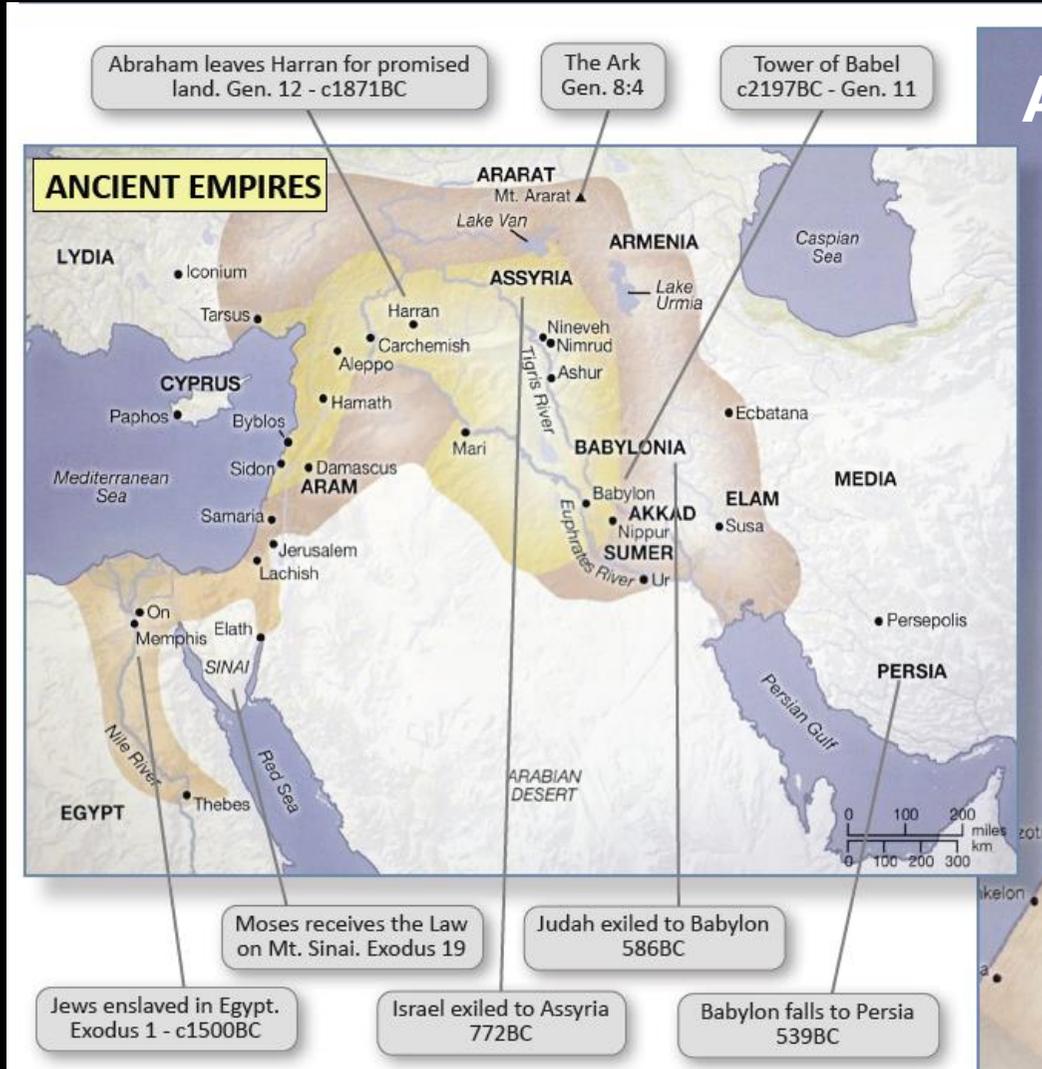
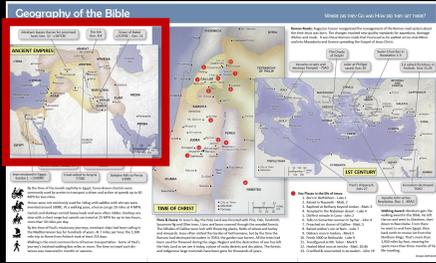
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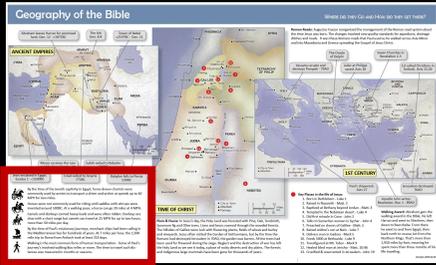
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Ancient Empires

1. Assyrian
2. Babylonian
3. Mede
4. Persian
5. Egyptian
6. Greek
7. Roman





Modes of Transport

1. Chariot
2. Horse
3. Camel/Donkey
4. Boat
5. Walking



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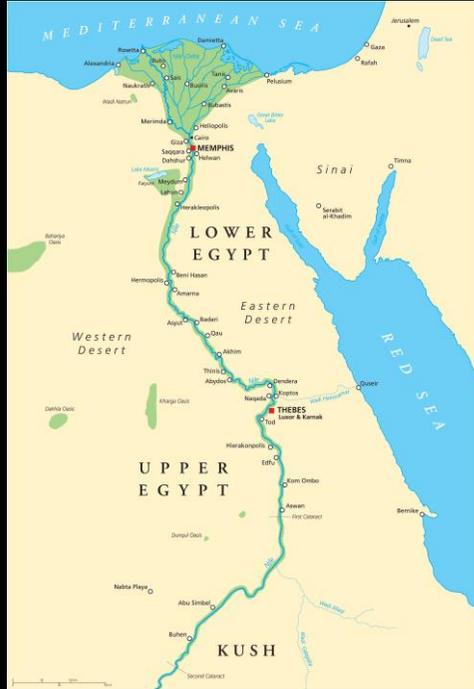
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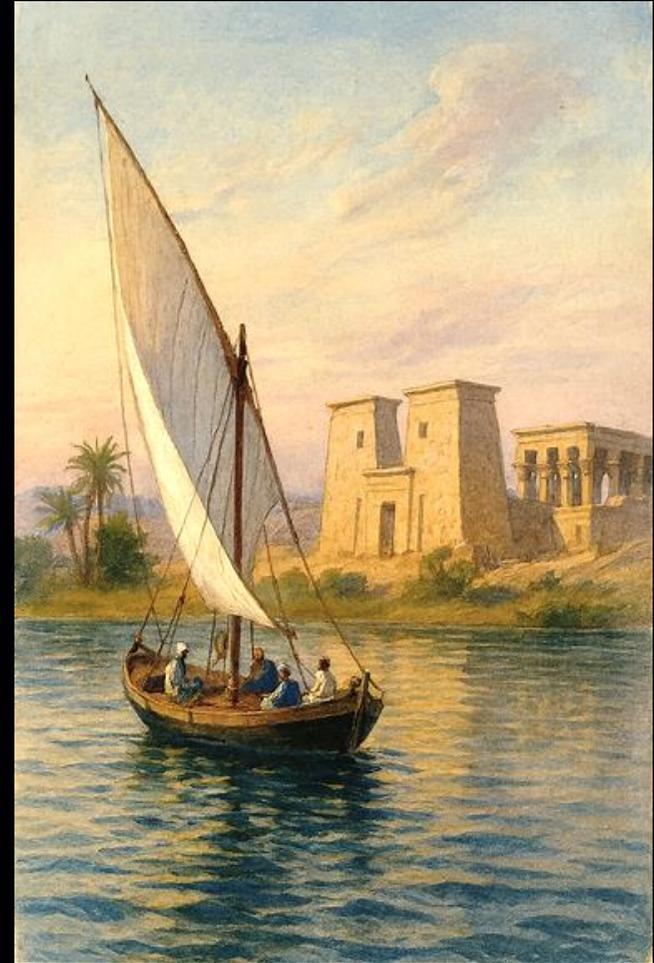
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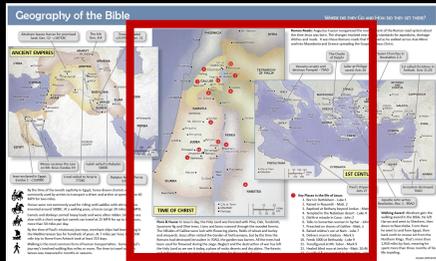


Coast
downstream
(North)



Felucca Boat



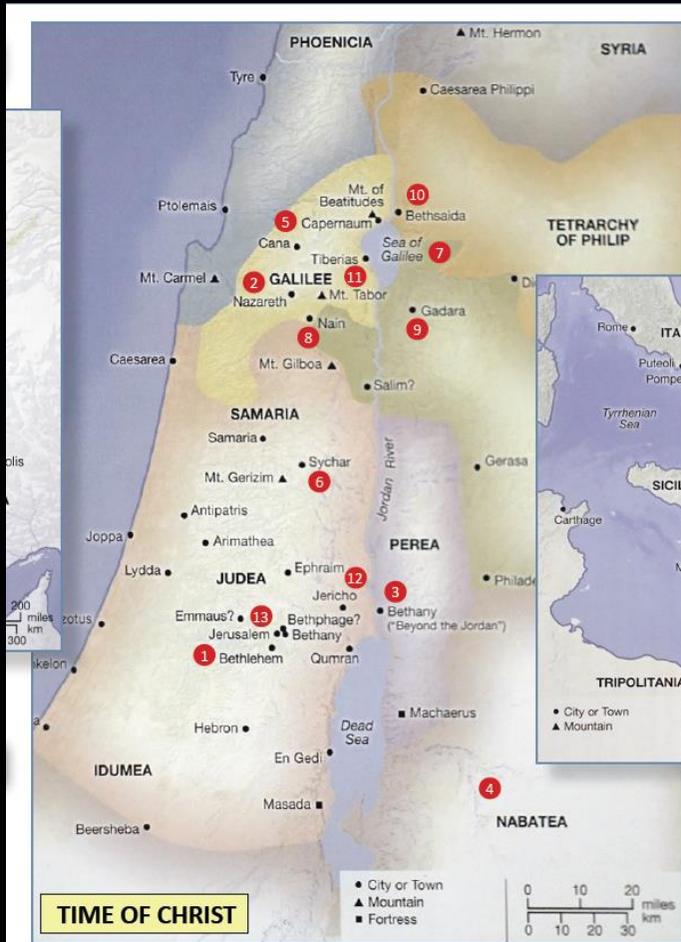


Time of Christ

1. 0 to 33AD

2. 13 Key Places

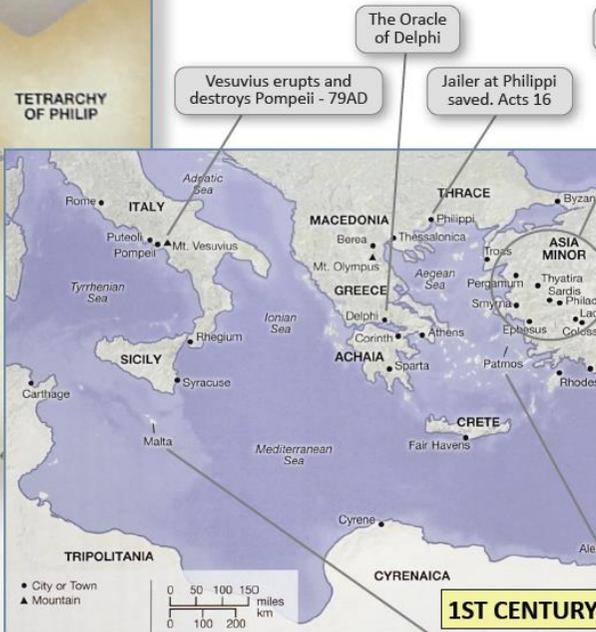
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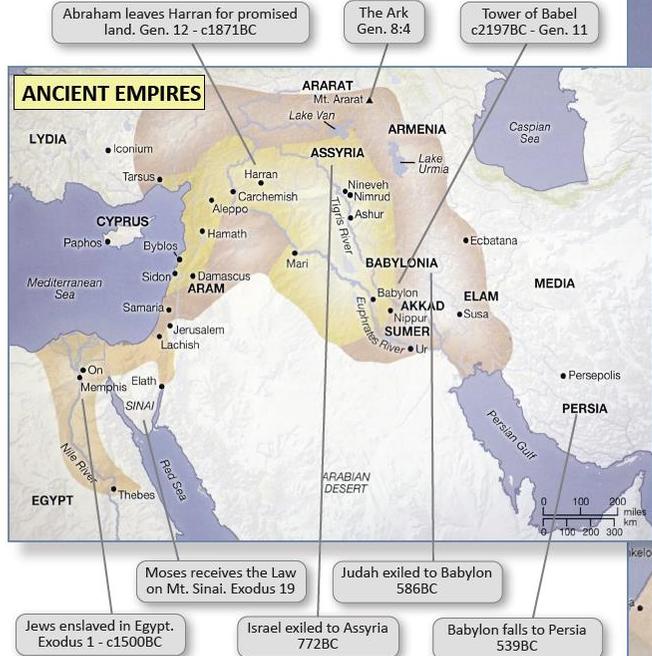
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Paul's shipwreck. Acts 27



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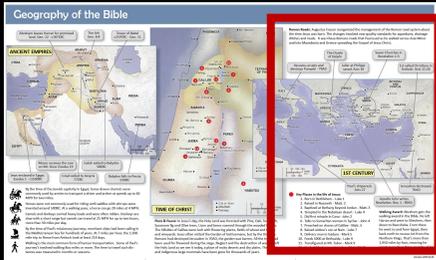
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Apostle John writes Revelation. Rev. 1 - 89AD

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1st Century

1. 0 to 100AD
2. Key events
3. Roman Roads
4. Walking Award

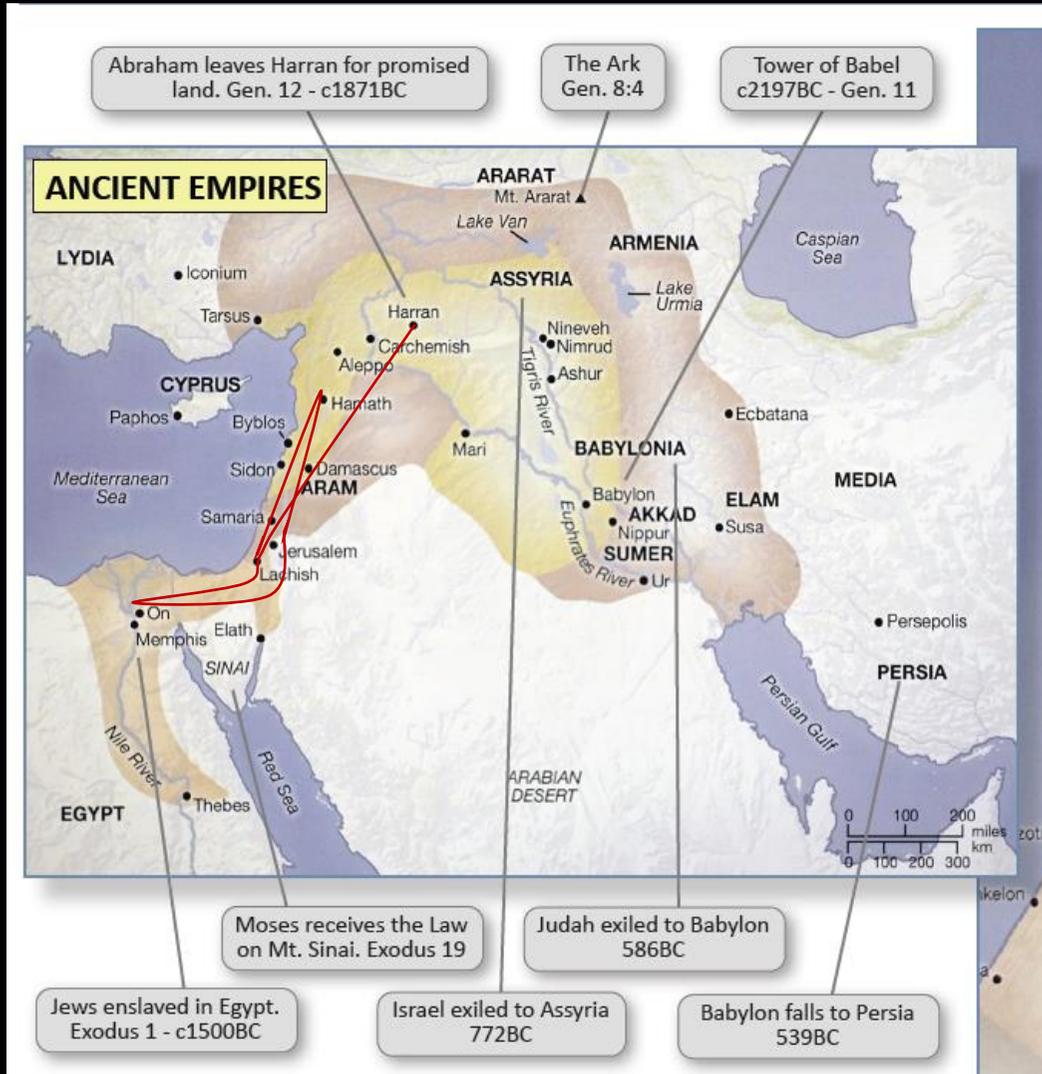
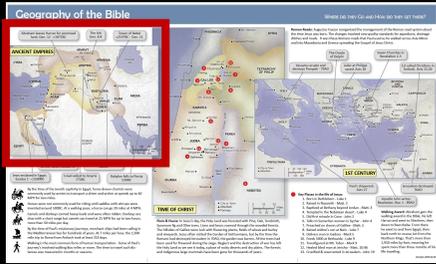
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- # Abraham
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 2. Shechem
 3. Egypt
 4. Shechem
 5. Hamath
 6. Shechem
 7. Hebron

Next week...

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