

Introduction to the Bible

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- Books and Their Divisions
- Major Themes
- History
- Geography

Biblical Books and Their Divisions

- 66 Books total
- Old Testament: 39 books
- New Testament: 27 books (3 x 9)

The English Old Testament

5

12

History	Poetry	Prophecy
Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Songs	Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel
Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel 1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Esther		Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi

Old Testament: English vs. Hebrew

- English OT (39 bks.)
 - Law (5)
 - History (12)
 - Poetry (5)
 - Major Prophets (5)
 - Minor Prophets (12)
- Hebrew Bible “Tanakh” (36)
 - 1) “Torah” (Law) (5)
 - 2) “Nabiim” (Prophecy)
 - Former Prophets (4)
 - Joshua-Kings
 - Latter Prophets (15)
 - English “prophets” minus Lam., Dan.
 - 3) “Kethubim” (Writings) (12)
“megilloth” ?

History	Paul's Let.	General Let.	Prophecy
Matthew	Romans	Hebrews	Revelation
Mark	1 Corinthians	James	
Luke	2 Corinthians	1 Peter	
John	Galatians	2 Peter	
Acts	Ephesians	1 John	
	Philippians	2 John	
	Colossians	3 John	
	1 Thessalonians	Jude	
	2 Thessalonians		
	1 Timothy		
	2 Timothy		
	Titus		
	Philemon		

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Major Biblical Themes

- The Central Theme
 - God's Promise ...
 - A promised Person (Seed/Messiah)
 - From Eve, Abraham, Judah, David
 - Blessing to all nations through the promised Person
 - ... fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world

Major Biblical Themes

- Key Themes in Meek (p. 1)

God

People of God

Covenant

Presence of God

Kingdom

Conflict

Redemption

Mediator

Sin and Grace

Faith

Election

Holiness

Judgment

Sacrifice

Restoration

Renewal

Revelation

Relationship

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God's Covenants

Covenant	Promise	Stipulation	Sign	Reference
Adamic	Life	Don't eat	Tree of life	Gen 3
Noahic	No more	none	rainbow	Gen 9
Abrahamic	blessing	faith	Circum.	Gen 12
Mosaic	land	Keep Law	Passover, Sabbath	Exod 19f
Davidic	dynasty	heart	none	2 Sam 7
New	life	believe	baptism	Jer 31

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Bible History Overview

Period	Start Date	People	History Books
Creation and Fall Flood		Adam and Eve Noah	Genesis Genesis
Patriarchs	2100	Abraham, Isaac, Jacob	Genesis
Exodus	1446	Moses	Exodus to Deuteronomy
Conquest	1406	Joshua	Joshua
Judges	Ca. 1375		Judges-1 Sam

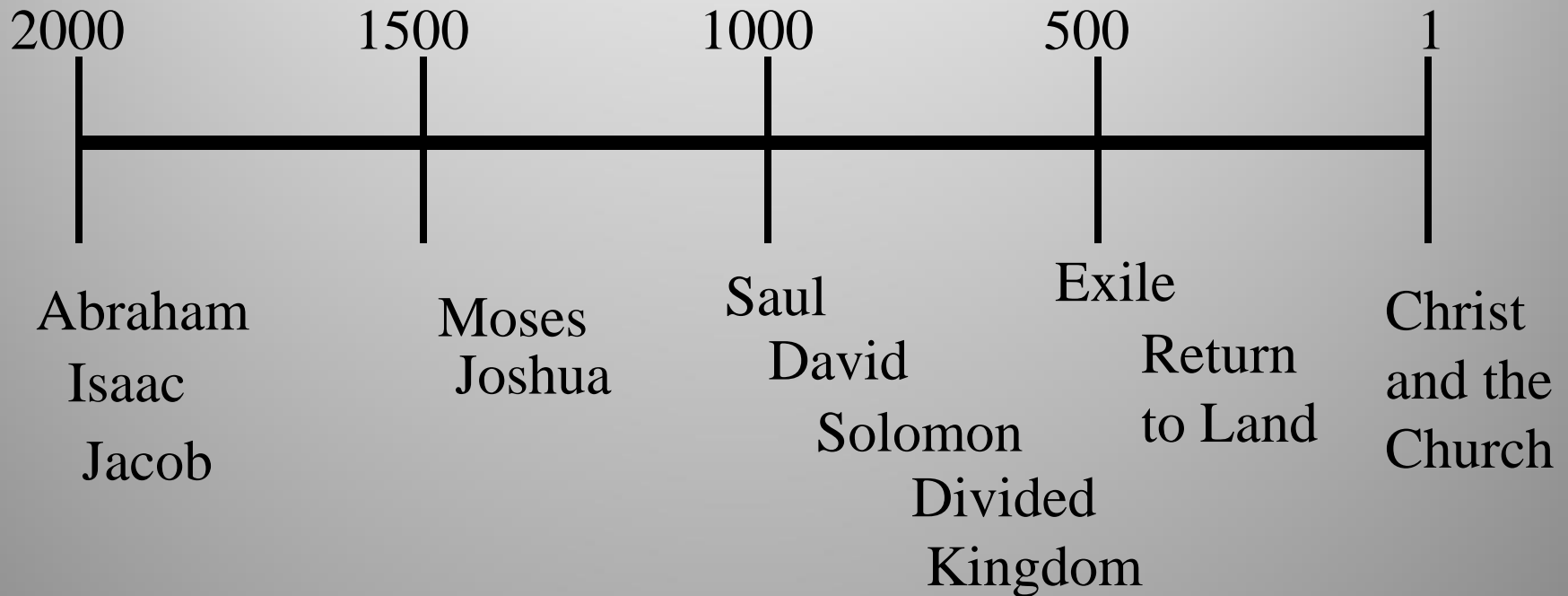
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Period	Start Date	People	History Books	Other Books
United Kingdom	1050	Saul, David, Solomon	1 Sam to 1 Kings, 1 & 2 Chron.	Poetical Books
Divided Kingdom	A 930 B 722	Is & Judah	1 & 2 Kgs, 2 Chron.	Prophets, Psalms
Exile	586 (Judah)	Ezekiel, Daniel	2 Kings	Ezekiel, Daniel
Post-Exilic	538	Ezra, Nehemiah	Ezra, Neh, Esther	Haggai, Zech, Mal.
Inter-Testamental	400			Apocrypha (part)
Life of Christ	4	Jesus & Apostles	Gospels	
Early church	33	Apostles	Acts	Letters

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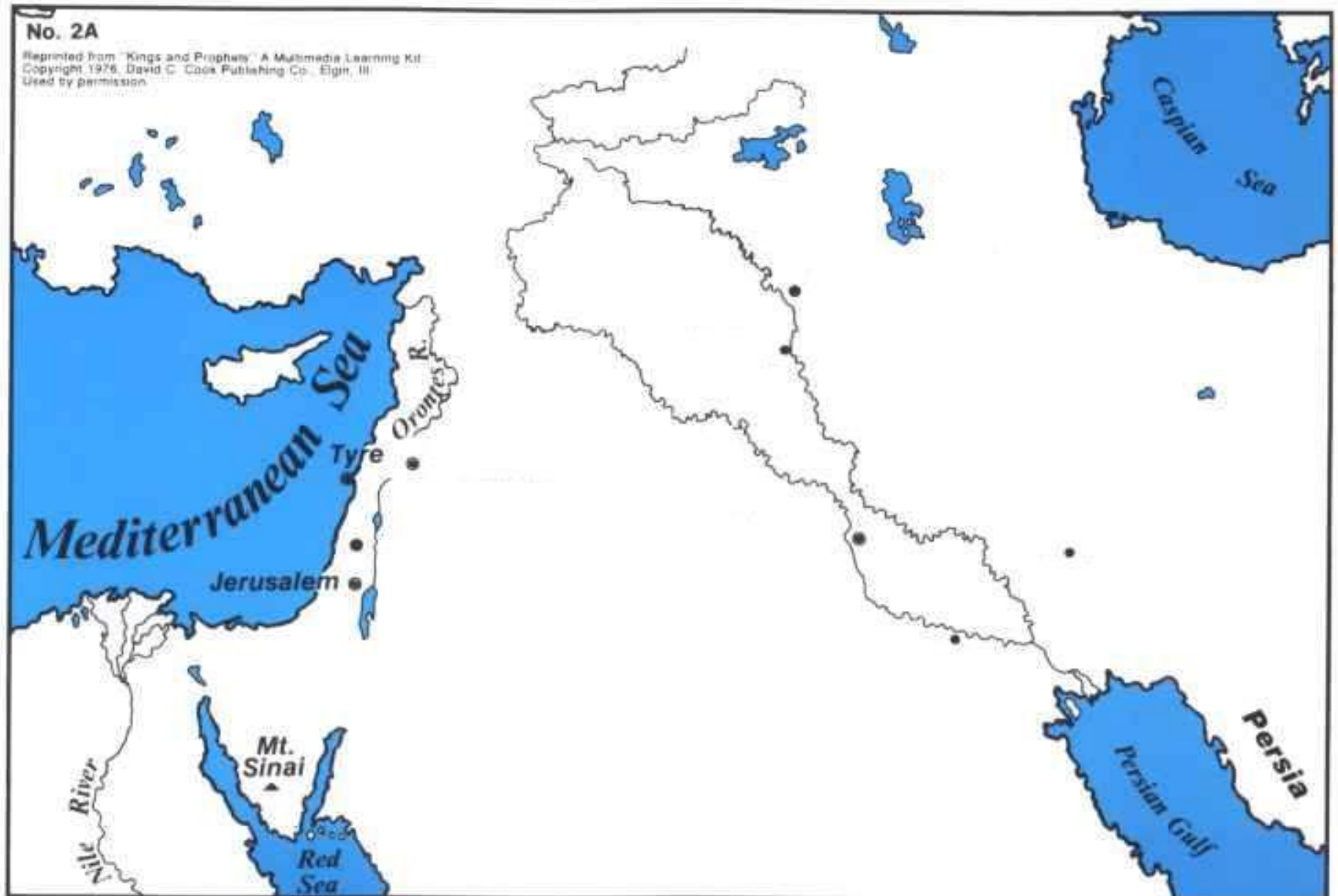


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Covenants in the Bible

- Adamic (works)
- Noahic
- Abraham (Gets reinserted throughout the Bible) Circumcision
- Mosaic
- Davidic – Eternal throne (dynasty)
- New Covenant – Jeremiah 31:31 foretells of the NT

Biblical Geography





Middle East
Present Day

•Ankara

TURKEY

Black Sea

Caspian Sea

Nicosia

CYPRUS

Beirut

LEBANON

Damascus

ISRAEL

Jerusalem

Amman

JORDAN

Tigris River

Baghdad

IRAQ

Euphrates River

•Tehran

IRAN

Cairo

EGYPT

Nile River

Red Sea

SAUDI ARABIA

•Riyadh

KUWAIT

•Kuwait City

Persian Gulf

BAHRAIN

Manama

QATAR

•Doha

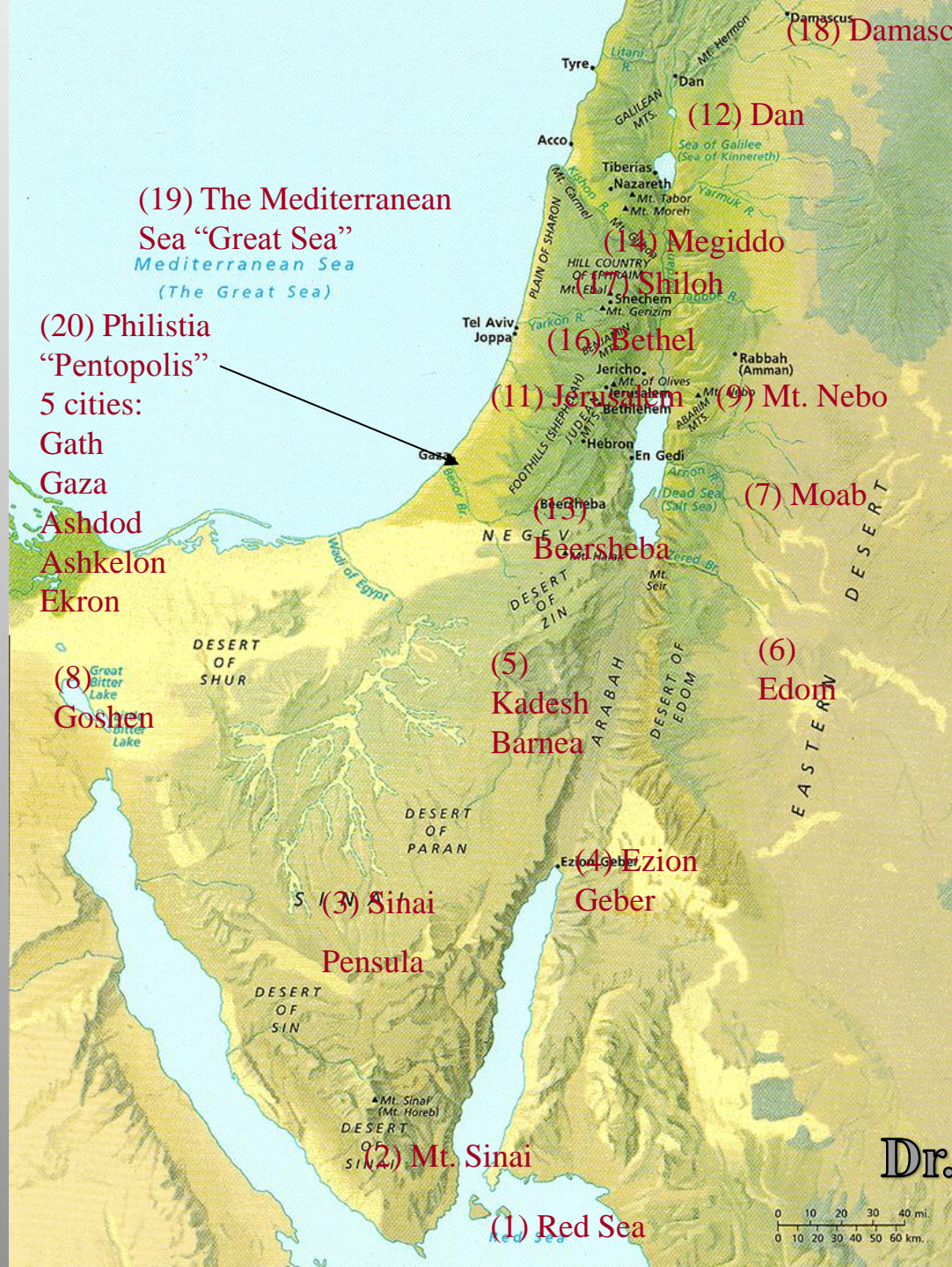
•Abu Dhabi

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Gulf of Oman

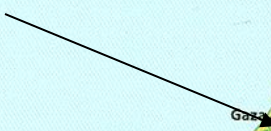
•Muscat

OMAN

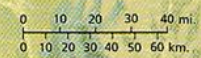


(19) The Mediterranean
Sea "Great Sea"
Mediterranean Sea
(The Great Sea)

(20) Philistia
"Pentapolis"
5 cities:
Gath
Gaza
Ashdod
Ashkelon
Ekron



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Mediterranean Sea
(The Great Sea)

Tyre

Litani R.

Dan

GALILEAN MTS.

Acco

Sea of Galilee
(Sea of Kinnereth)

Tiberias

Nazareth

Mt. Tabor
Mt. Moreh

Yarmuk R.

PLAIN OF SHARON
Mt. Carmel

HILL COUNTRY
OF EPHRAIM

Mt. Ebal

Shechem

Mt. Gerizim

Jabbok R.

Tel Aviv
Joppa

Yarkon R.

BENJAMIN
MTS.

Jericho

Mt. of Olives

Jerusalem

Bethlehem

Rabbah
(Amman)

Mt. Nebo

ABARIM
MTS.

Gaza

FOOTHILLS (SHEPHELAH)
JUDEAN
MTS.

Hebron

En Gedi

Arnon R.
Dead Sea
(Salt Sea)

Beersheba

NEGEV

Mt. Halak

Mt. Seir

Zered Br.

Wadi of Egypt

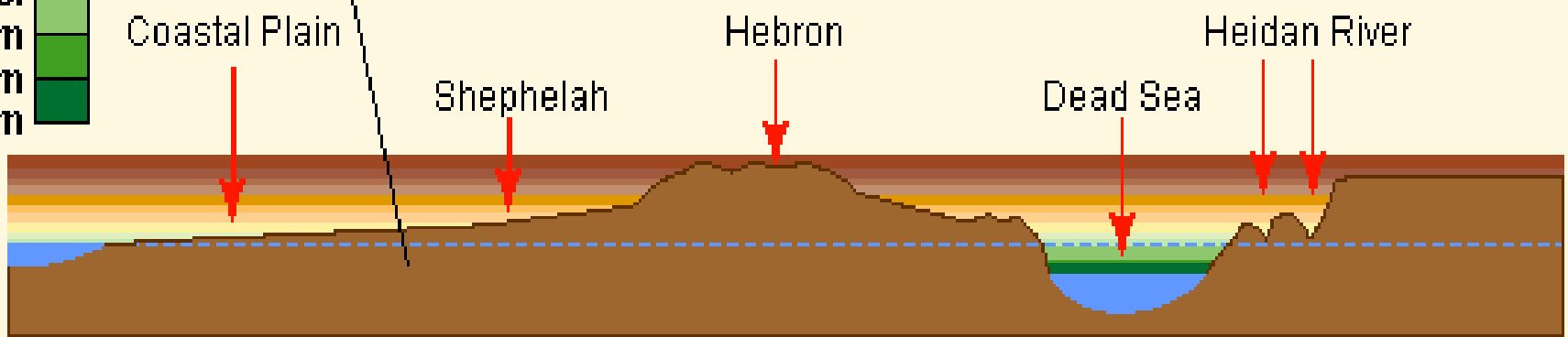
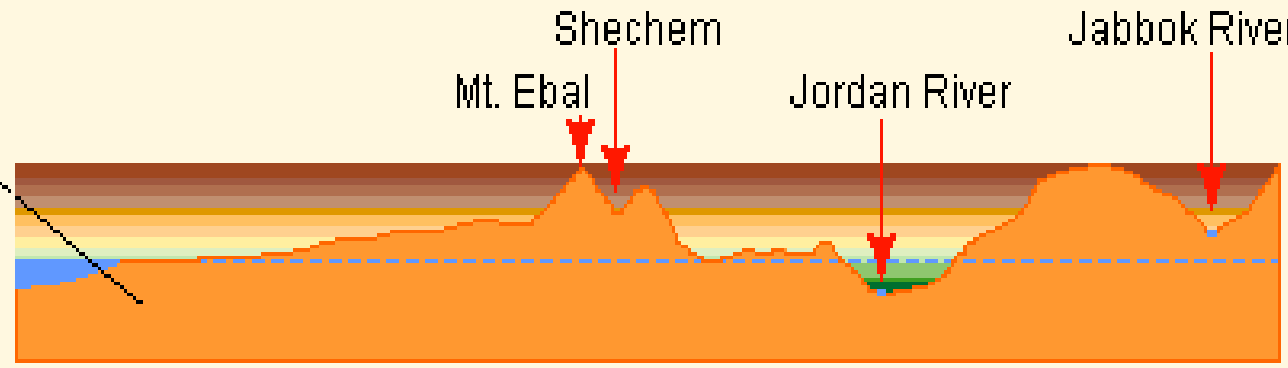
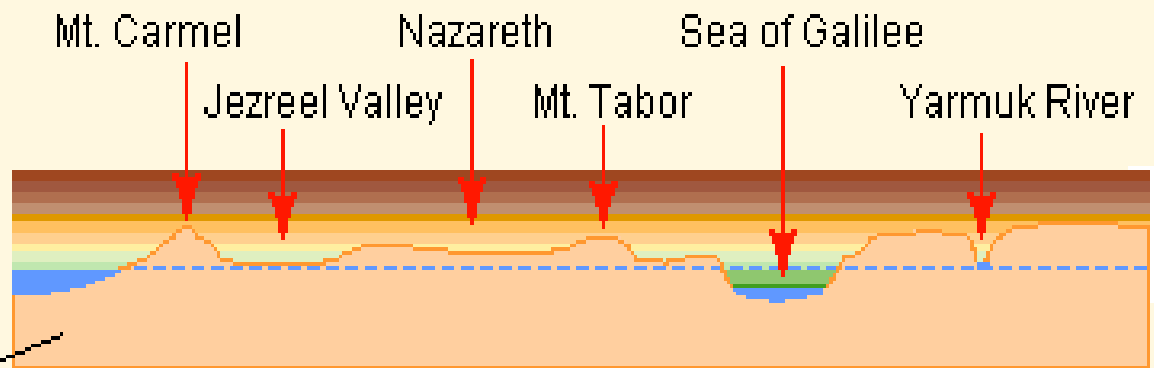
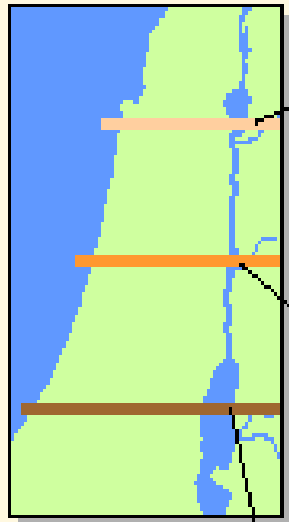
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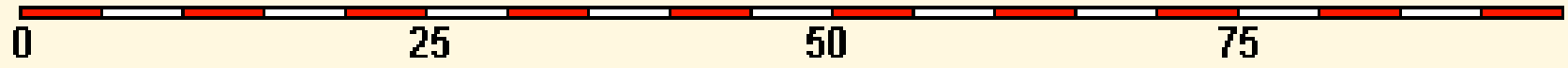
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Cross Section

East-West



Scale of Miles





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(The Great Sea)

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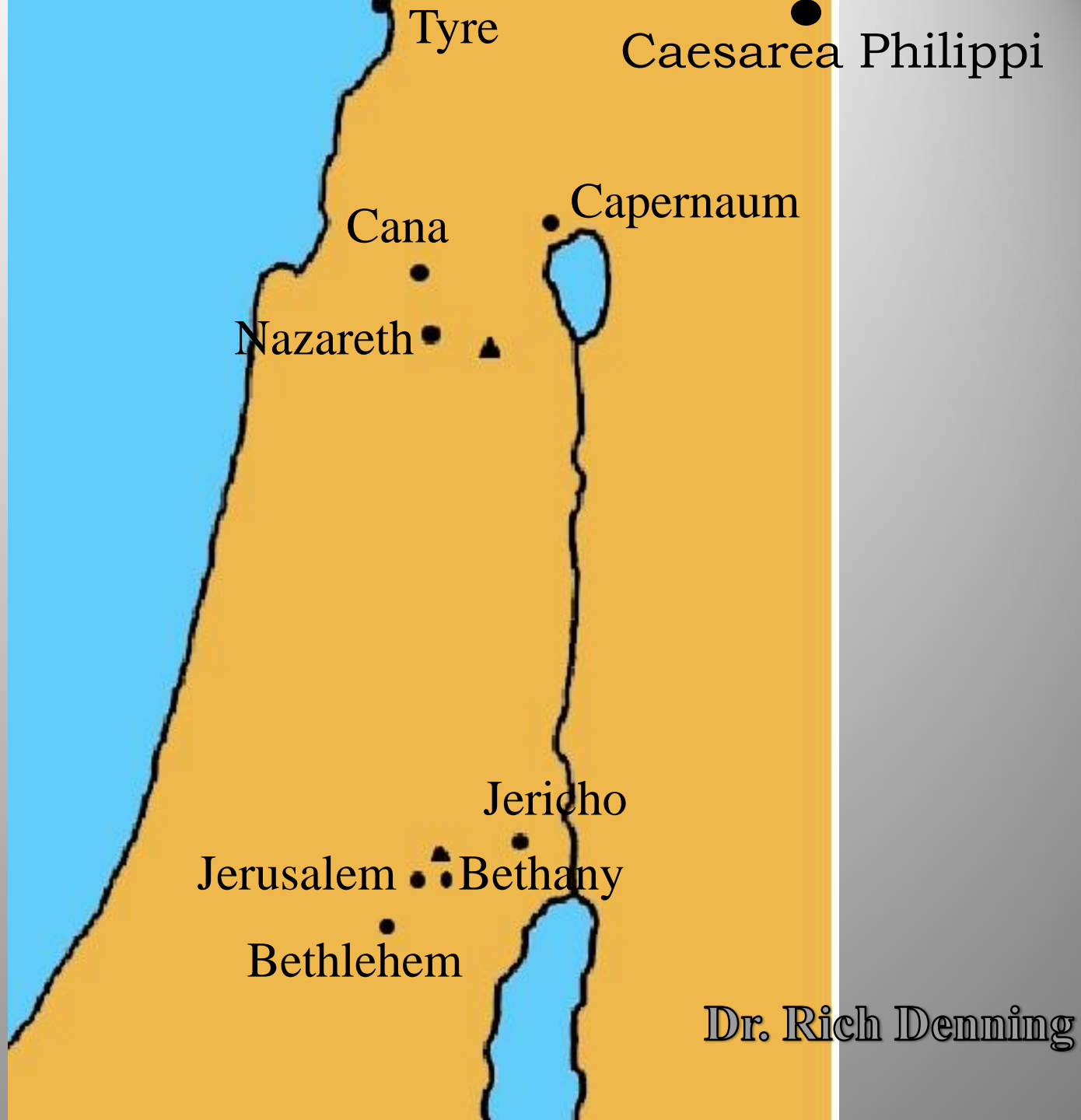
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Cities



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Regions



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