

Old Testament Survey Lesson Five

Introduction

Week 1: Introduced the Old Testament

Week 2: Discovered how to study the Old Testament

Week 3: Studied Genesis 1-11 (Beginnings)

Week 4: Studied Genesis 12-50 (Patriarchs)

Today: Pause in the textual study

- Interesting look at the Lands of the Bible
- Where the story of the Old Testament emerges
- Mesopotamia
- Egypt
- Canaan
- Assyria
- Babylon

I. Mesopotamia (Modern Iraq/Eastern Syria)

A. Euphrates and Tigris rivers come from mountains of eastern Turkey

1. Converge within 18 miles of one another at Baghdad
2. Diverge in Southern Iraq

B. Per archeology—beginning of civilization

C. Shinar and tower of Babel (post flood)

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Genesis 11:1-2 NKJV

Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." 8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. 9 Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth. Genesis 11:7-9 NKJV

D. Genesis 10—Table of Nations/Language (read a little)

E. Family of Tereh

This is the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot. 28 And Haran died before his father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldeans. 29 Then Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah. 30 But Sarai was barren; she had no child. 31 And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and dwelt there. 32 So the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran. Genesis 11:27-32 NKJV

1. Ur of Chaldeans (Job 1:17—Chaldeans)
2. Move toward Canaan
3. Stayed in Haran
4. Abraham's Journey

Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 4 So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. 6 Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. Genesis 12:1-7 NKJV

- a. Shechem
- b. Southern part of Canaan (Bethel/Ai)

And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. Genesis 12:8 NKJV

F. Abraham's

1. Egypt

Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land. Genesis 12:10 NKJV

2. Lot and his land

So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren. 9 Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left." 10 And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. 11 Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. 12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom. Genesis 13:8-13 NKJV

3. A wife for Isaac

Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh, 3 and I will make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; 4 but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac." Genesis 24:1-4 NKJV

Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, for all his master's goods were in his hand. And he arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor. Genesis 24:10 NKJV

G. Isaac

1. Trip to land of Philistines during famine

There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar. Genesis 26:1 NKJV

2. Valley of Gerar

Now the Philistines had stopped up all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and they had filled them with earth. 16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we." 17 Then Isaac departed from there and pitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. Genesis 26:15-17 NKJV

3. Beersheba

Then he went up from there to Beersheba. 24 And the Lord appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake." 25 So he built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord, and he pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well. Genesis 26:23-25 NKJV

H. Jacob

1. Deception of Esau
2. Flight to Padan-Aram (Haran)

Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. 2 Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and take yourself a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother. 3 "May God Almighty bless you, And make you fruitful and multiply you, That you may be an assembly of peoples; 4 And give you the blessing of Abraham, To you and your descendants with you, That you may inherit the land in which you are a stranger, which God gave to Abraham." 5 So Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Padan Aram, to Laban the son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau. 6 Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Padan Aram to take himself a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan," Genesis 28:1-6 NKJV

3. Penial

And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. 23 He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. 24 Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. 25 Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. 26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" 27 So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." 28 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." 29 Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. 30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." 31 Just as he crossed over Penuel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip. 32 Therefore to this day the children of Israel do not eat the muscle that shrank, which is on the hip socket, because He touched the socket of Jacob's hip in the muscle that shrank. Genesis 32:22-32 NKJV

II. Shift to Egypt

- A. Selling of Joseph (Genesis 37:12-36)
- B. Famine
- C. Family to Goshen (Genesis 47:1-6)

Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. 14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. 16 But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." Genesis 15:13-16 NKJV

III. From Egypt to Canaan

- A. Red Sea crossing
- B. Mt. Sinai
- C. Wilderness
- D. Cross Jordan
- E. Gilgal (Joshua 5:8-12)
- F. Jericho (Joshua 6)
- G. Ai (Joshua 7)
- H. Conquest of land

IV. Canaan

- A. 12 Tribes
- B. Division of Land
- C. Divided Kingdom
 - 1. Saul, David, Solomon
 - 2. Jeroboam (North) Rehoboam (South)
- D. Times of Kings

V. **Assyria** (722 BC)

VI. **Babylon** (604, 597, 586)

A. Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

1. Daniel 2:1-15
2. Dream an interpretation 2:31-45

B. Four Kingdoms

1. Babylon
2. Medo Persia (Daniel 5:25-31)
3. 334 BC Alexander the Great (p. 119)
4. Roman Empire (63 BC—Pompey Jerusalem)
5. Herodian rule (p. 130)

VII. **Fullness of Time**

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law Galatians 4:4 NKJV

- A. Single monotheistic people in one little strip of land
- B. Exodus to Babylon and Assyria with the Torah and their worship
- C. Greeks gospel of one language
- D. Septuagint (132 BC)
- E. Roman road system for trade travel

1. Jesus
2. Paul

Conclusion: 400 years—Malachi to Matthew

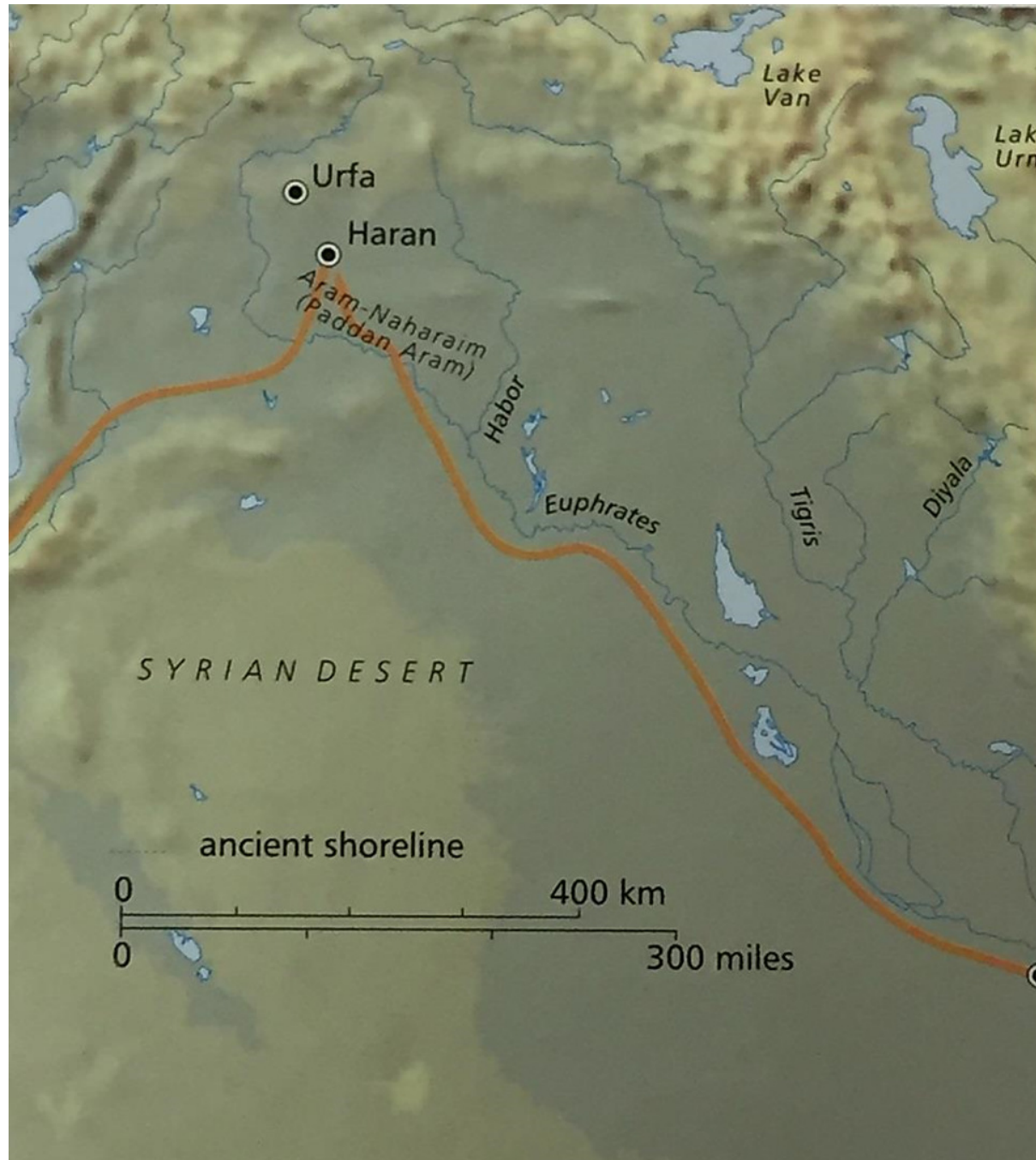
There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. Isaiah 11:1-2 NKJV

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. Isaiah 53:1-2 NKJV

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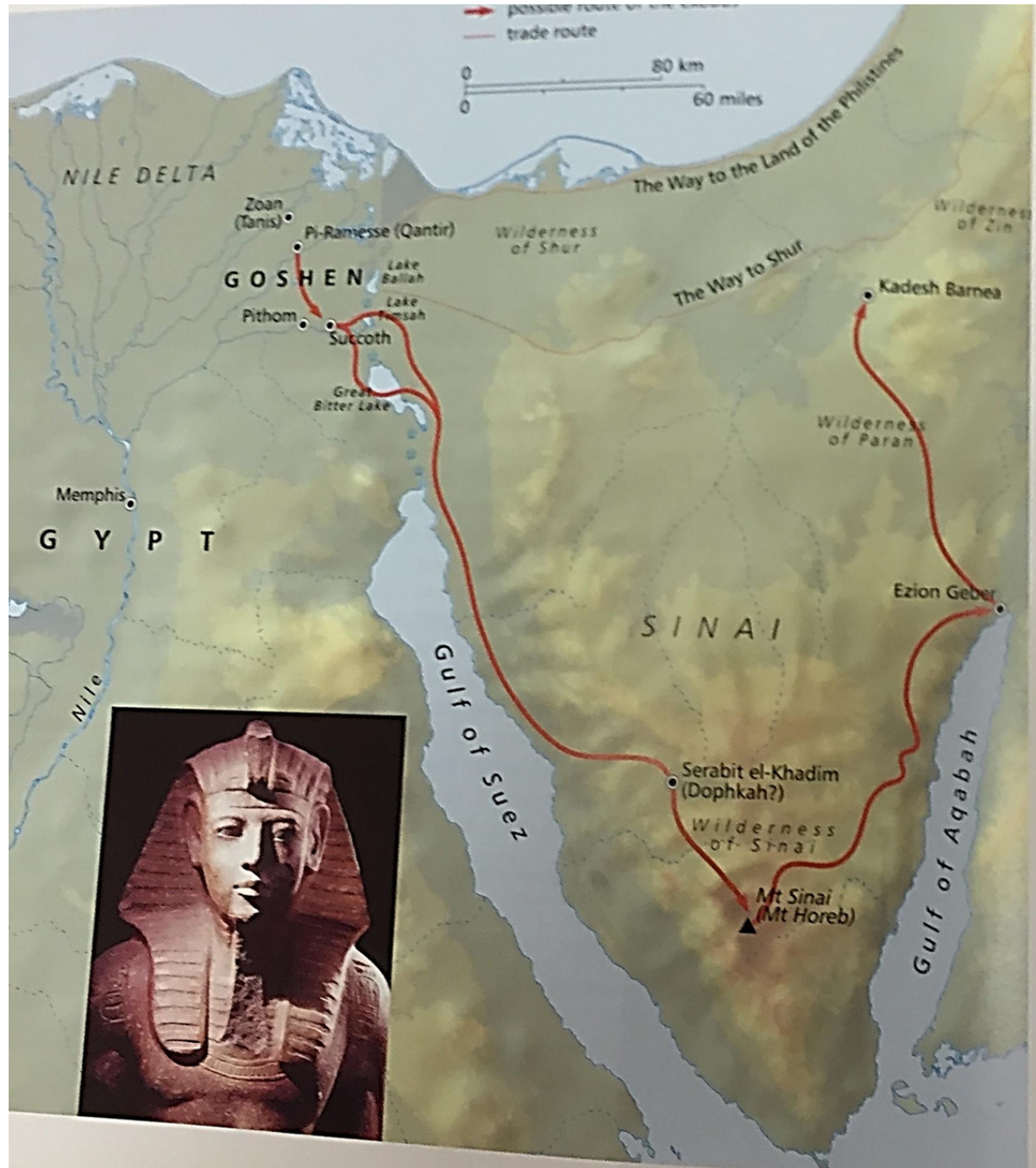
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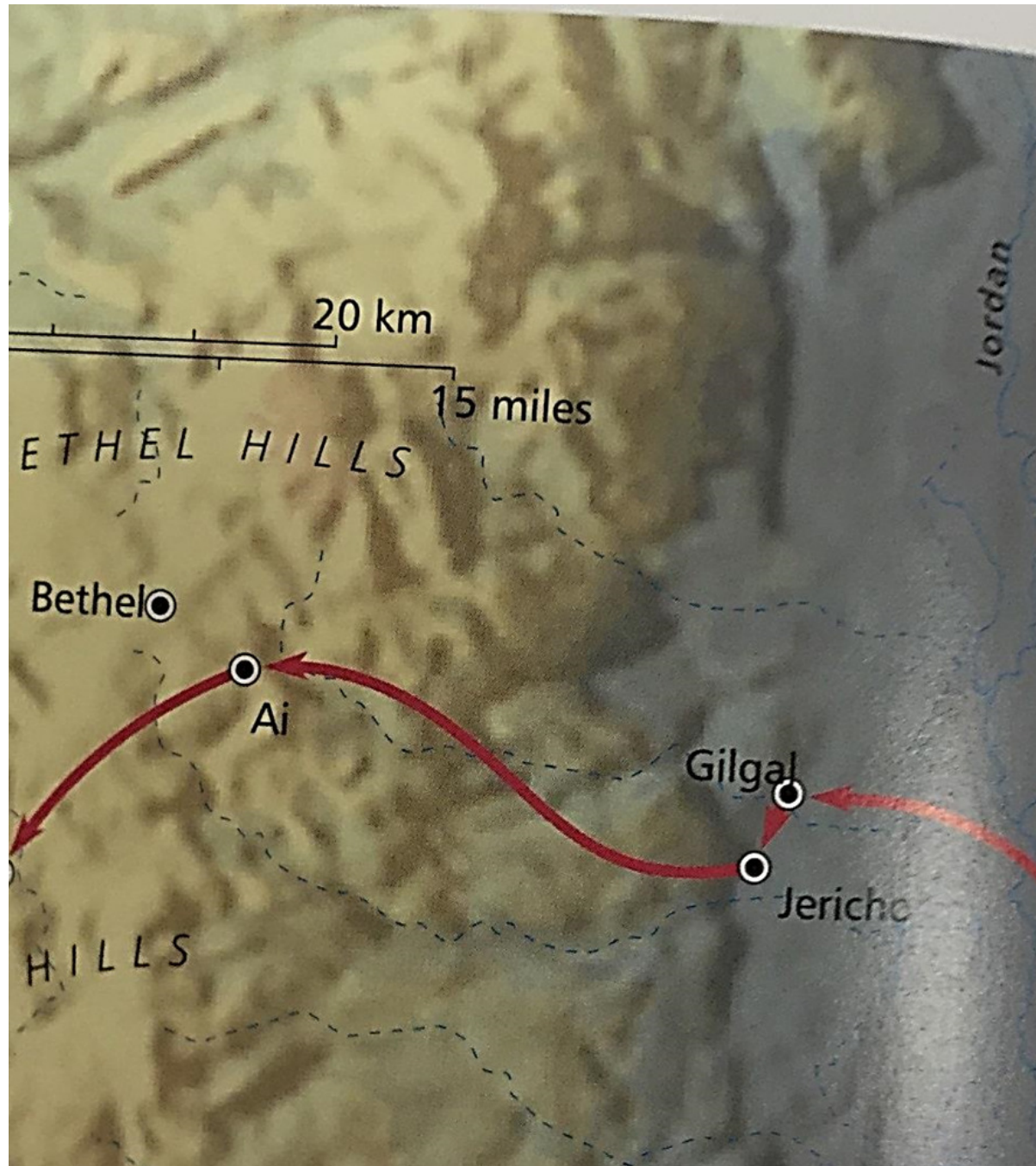
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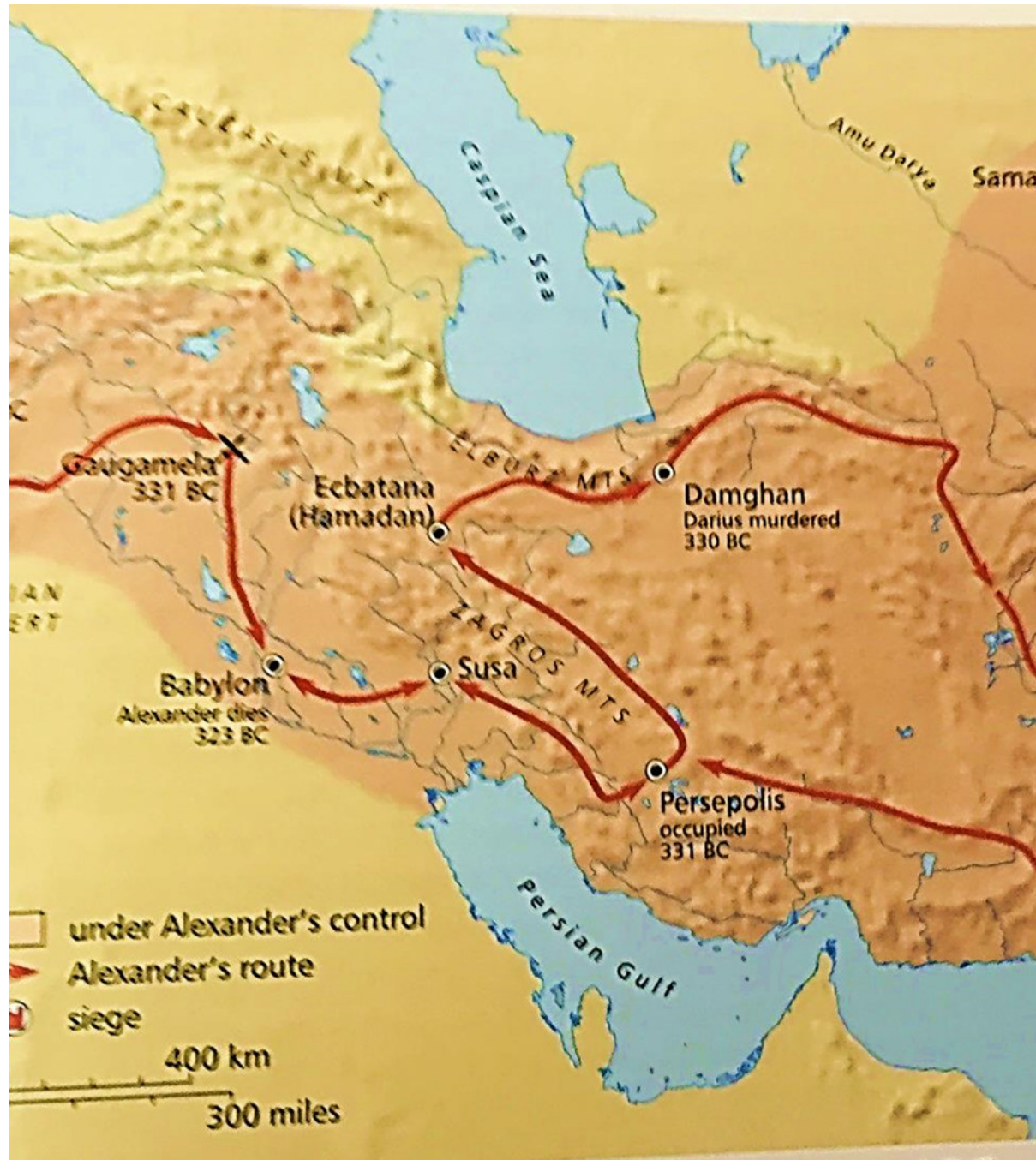
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