



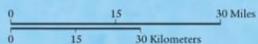
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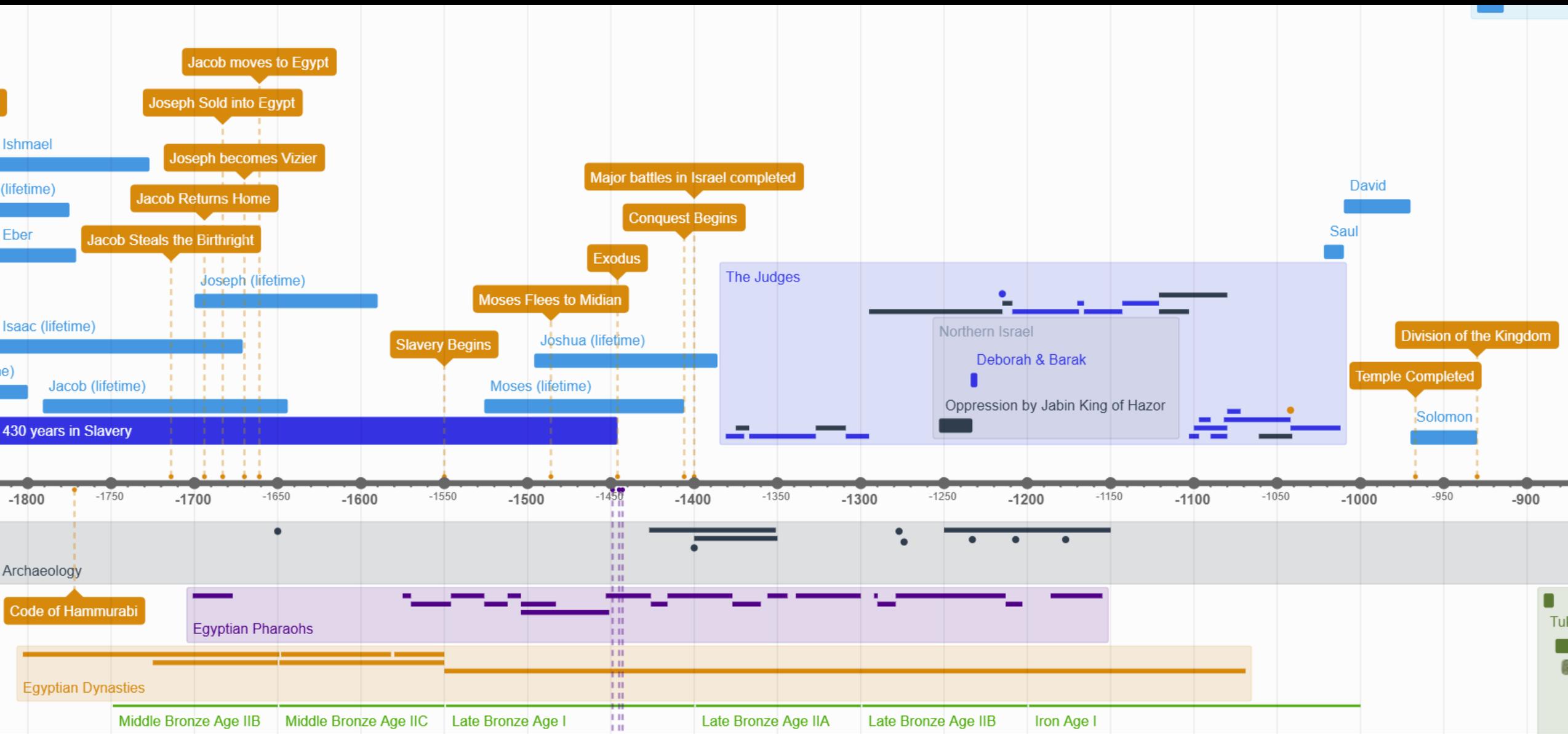
# Solomon's World: History and Context

Joshua Tallent, February 11, 2026

EXTENT OF THE CONQUEST

- City: Town whose king is said to have been defeated by Israel's forces
- Town inside Israelite control
- Town beyond Israelite control
- Town not captured (*Josh. 13:1-7; 16:10; 17:7-18; Judg. 1*)
- City of refuge
- Town burned by Israelites in conquest
- ★ Major battle sites of Israel's conquest
- Area of Israel's control







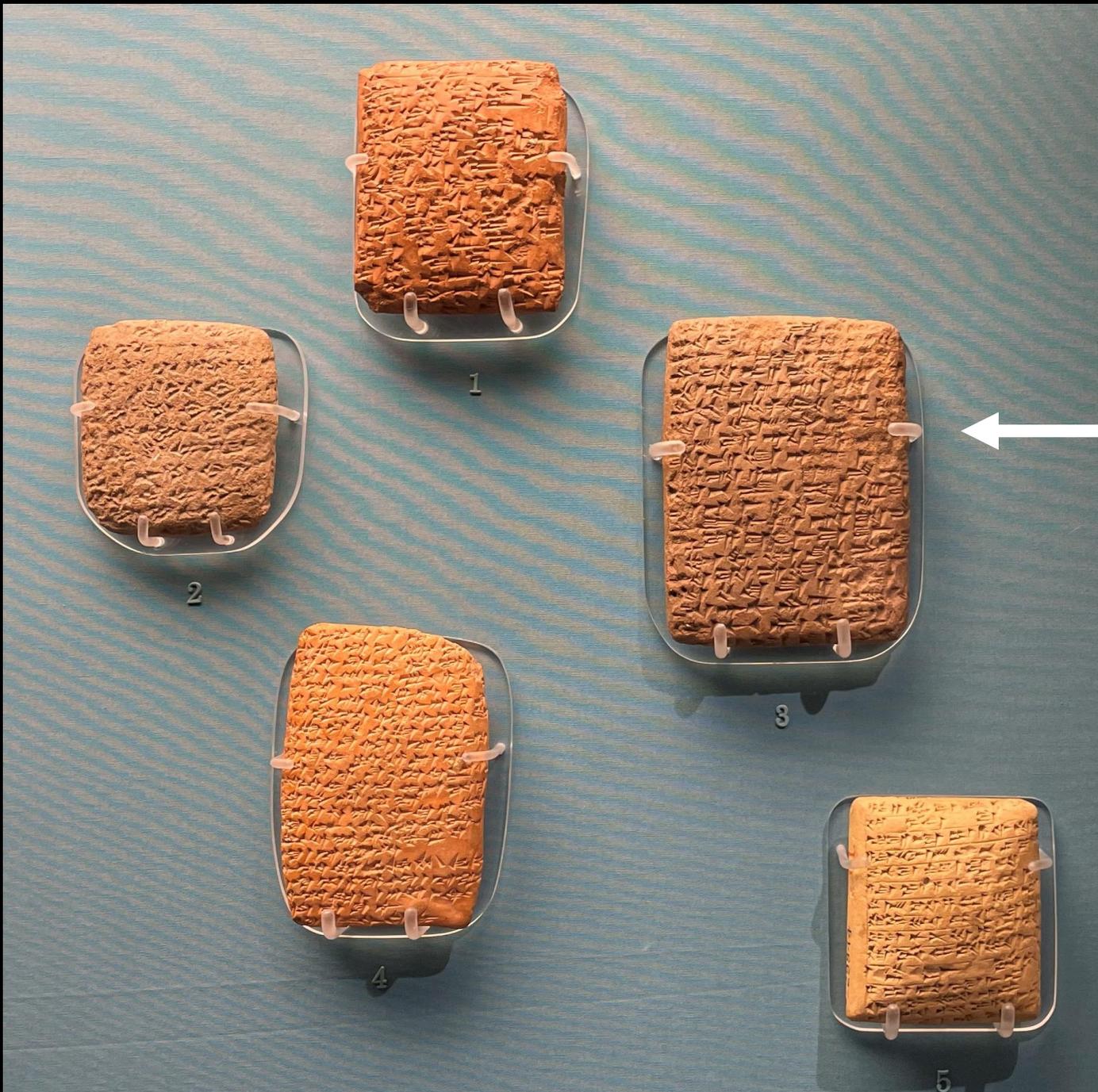
## Soleb Inscription

“the land of the Shasu  
(nomads) of HaShem”

# The Amarna Letters

From Yapahu, the ruler of Gezer:

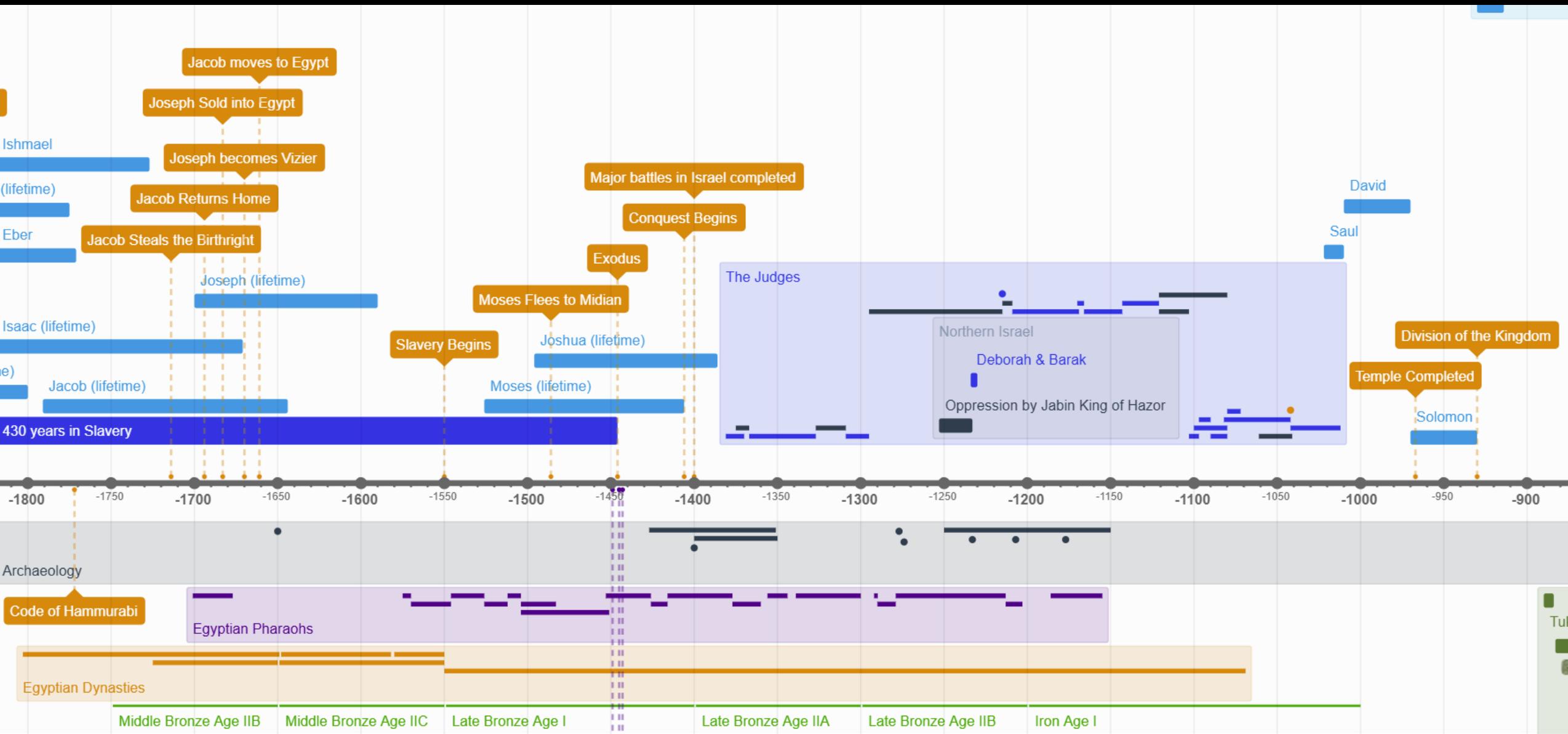
“To the king, my lord... since the Habiru are stronger than we, may the king, my lord, give me his help, and may the king, my lord, get me away from the Habiru lest the Habiru destroy us.”





## Berlin Inscription

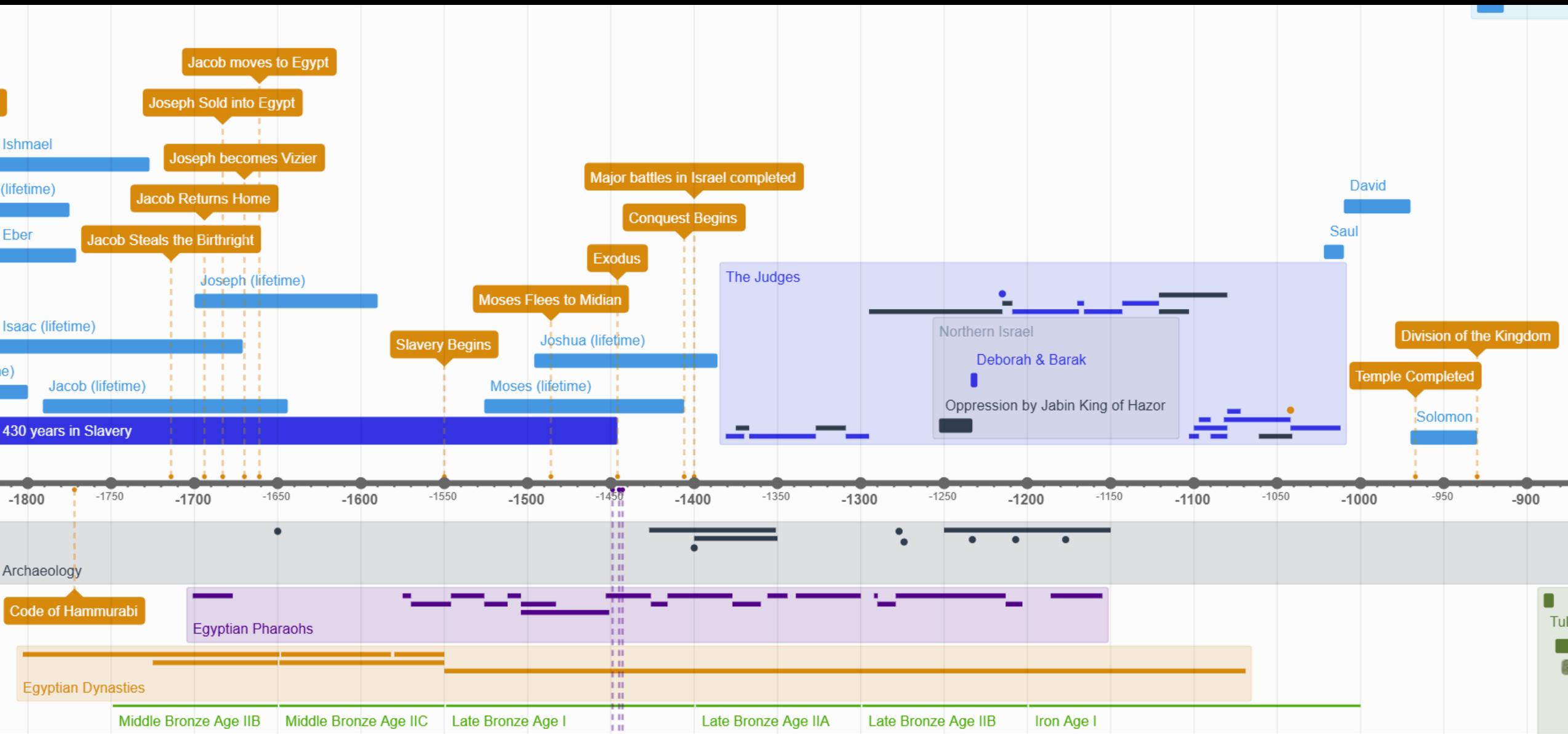


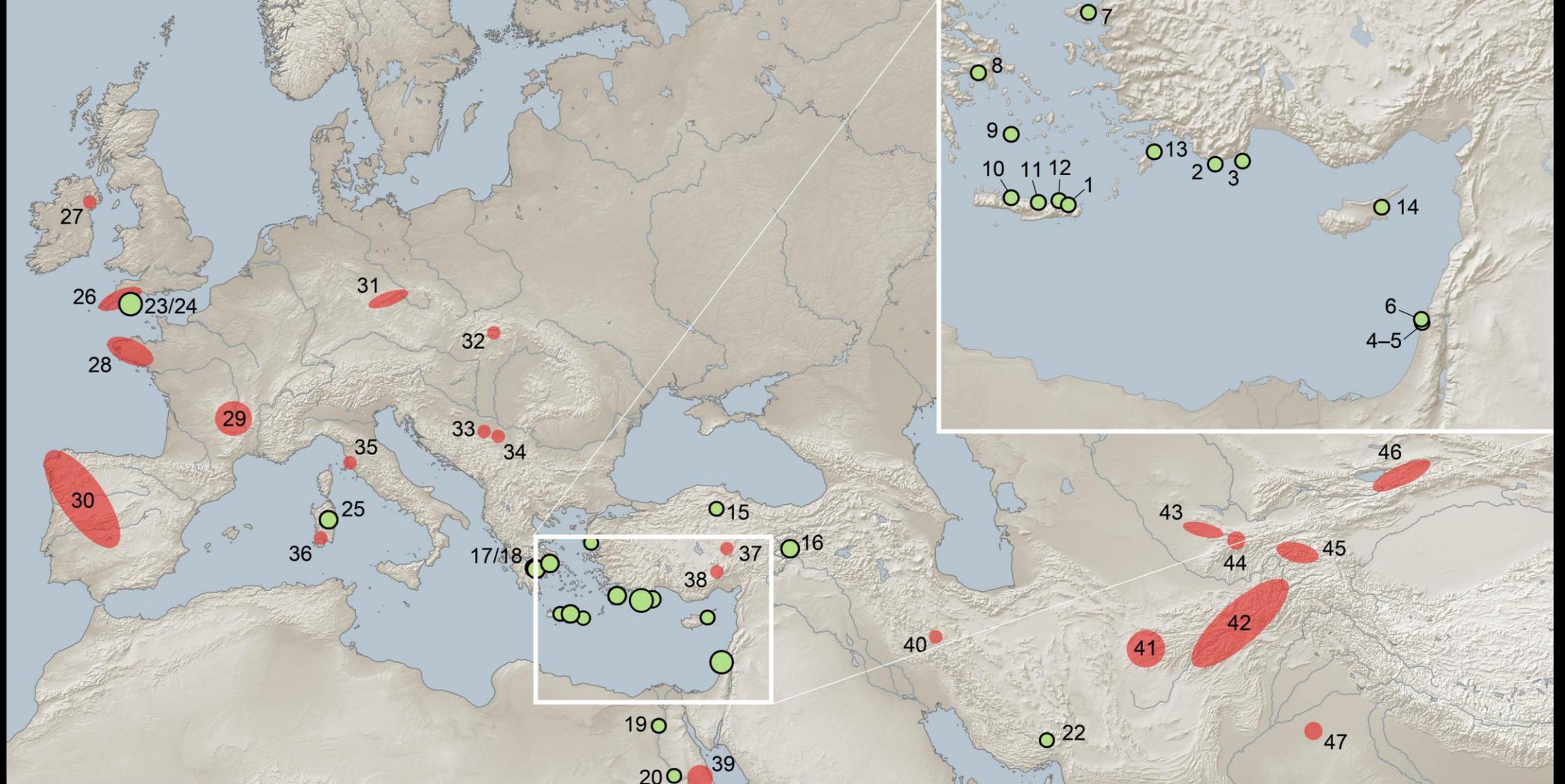


My father, behold, the enemy's ships came (here); my cities were burned, and they did evil things in my country. Does not my father know that all my troops and chariots are in the Land of Hatti, and all my ships are in the Land of Lukka? ... Thus, the country is abandoned to itself. May my father know it: the seven ships of the enemy that came here inflicted much damage upon us.

Ammurapi, RS 18.147







- 1–4 tin objects
- 5–10 tin objects
- >10 tin objects
- Major tin deposit
- Minor tin deposit

1: Mochlos (Crete), Greece, 2: Uluburun, Turkey, 3: Gelidonya, Turkey, 4: Hishuley Carmel, Israel, 5: Kfar Samir south, Israel, 6: Haifa, Israel, 7: Thermi (Lesbos), Greece, 8: Athens, Greece, 9: Phylakopi (Milos), Greece, 10: Rethymno (Crete), Greece, 11: Knossos (Crete), Greece, 12: Kalydon (Crete), Greece, 13: Ialysos (Rhodos), Greece, 14: Salamis (Cyprus), Turkey, 15: Alaca Höyük, Turkey, 16: Tülin-tepe, Turkey, 17: Mycenae, Greece, 18: Dendra, Greece, 19: Abydos, Egypt, 20: Gurob, Egypt, 21: Tell Abraq, United Arab Emirates, 22: Tepe Yahya, Iran, 23: Salcombe, United Kingdom, 24: Erme Estuary, United Kingdom, 25: S'Arcu e is Forros, Sardinia, Italy, 26: Cornwall/Devon, United Kingdom, 27: Mourne Mountains, Down County, North Ireland (United Kingdom), 28: Brittany, France, 29: Massif Central, France, 30: North Portugal/Spain, 31: Erzgebirge province with the Bohemian-Saxon Erzgebirge, Vogtland, Fichtelgebirge, Kaiserwald (Slavkovský les), 32: Slovak Ore Mountains, Slovak Republic, 33: Mt. Cer, Serbia, 34: Mt. Bukulja, Serbia, 35: Monte Valerio, Italy, 36: Sardinia, Italy, 37: Kestel, Turkey, 38: Hisarcik, Turkey, 39: Eastern Desert, Egypt, 40: Deh Hosein, Iran, 41: Western Afghanistan (Herat and Farah provinces), 42: Central/north-eastern Afghanistan (Hindu Kush), 43: Karnab/Lapas/Cangali (Zeravshan valley), Uzbekistan, 44: Mušiston/Takfon (Hissar Mountains), Tadjhikistan, 45: Pamir, Tadjhikistan, 46: Kyrgyzstan, 47: Tosham, Bhiwani district, India, 48: Bastar district/Koraput district, India, 49 (not on the map): Kazakhstan.

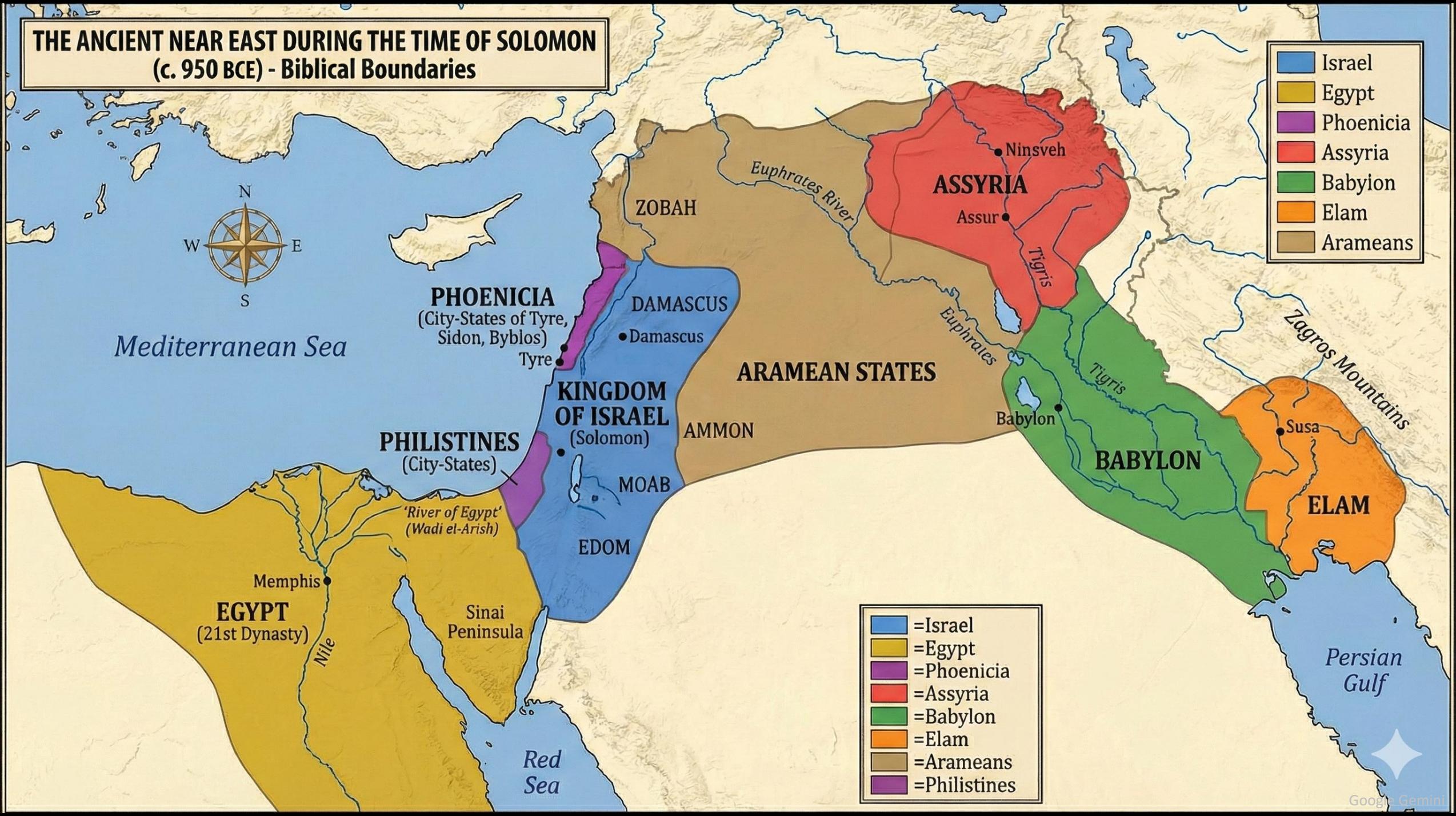
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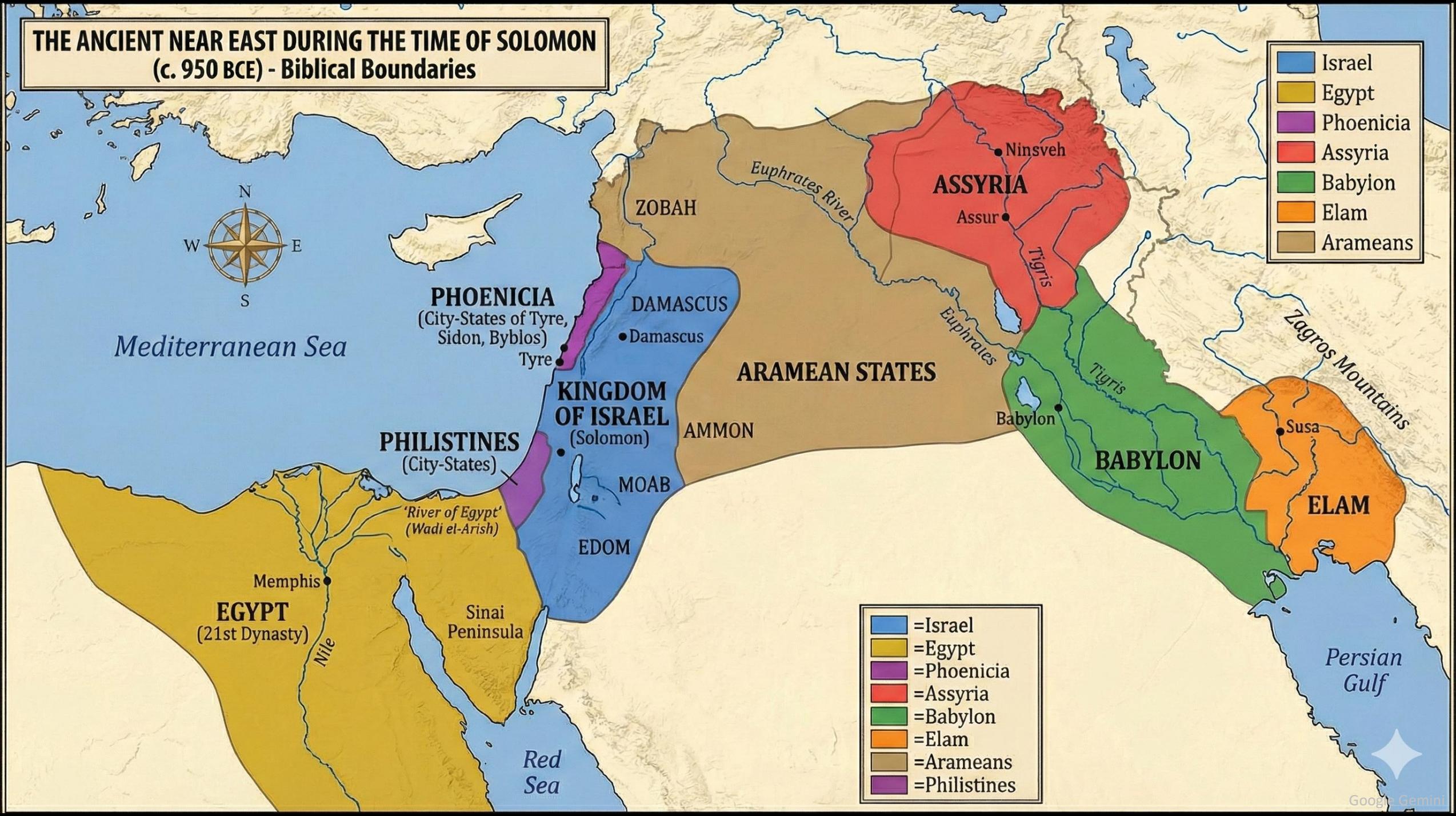


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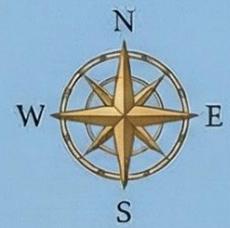


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Ancient Irish histories record the migration to Ireland of a Mediterranean group called Tuatha de Danann (tribe of Danann), a tribe that had been constantly embattled with the Philistines.

CRETE: DNA analysis shows a major migration from Crete to the Levant around 13th-12th century B.C.E.

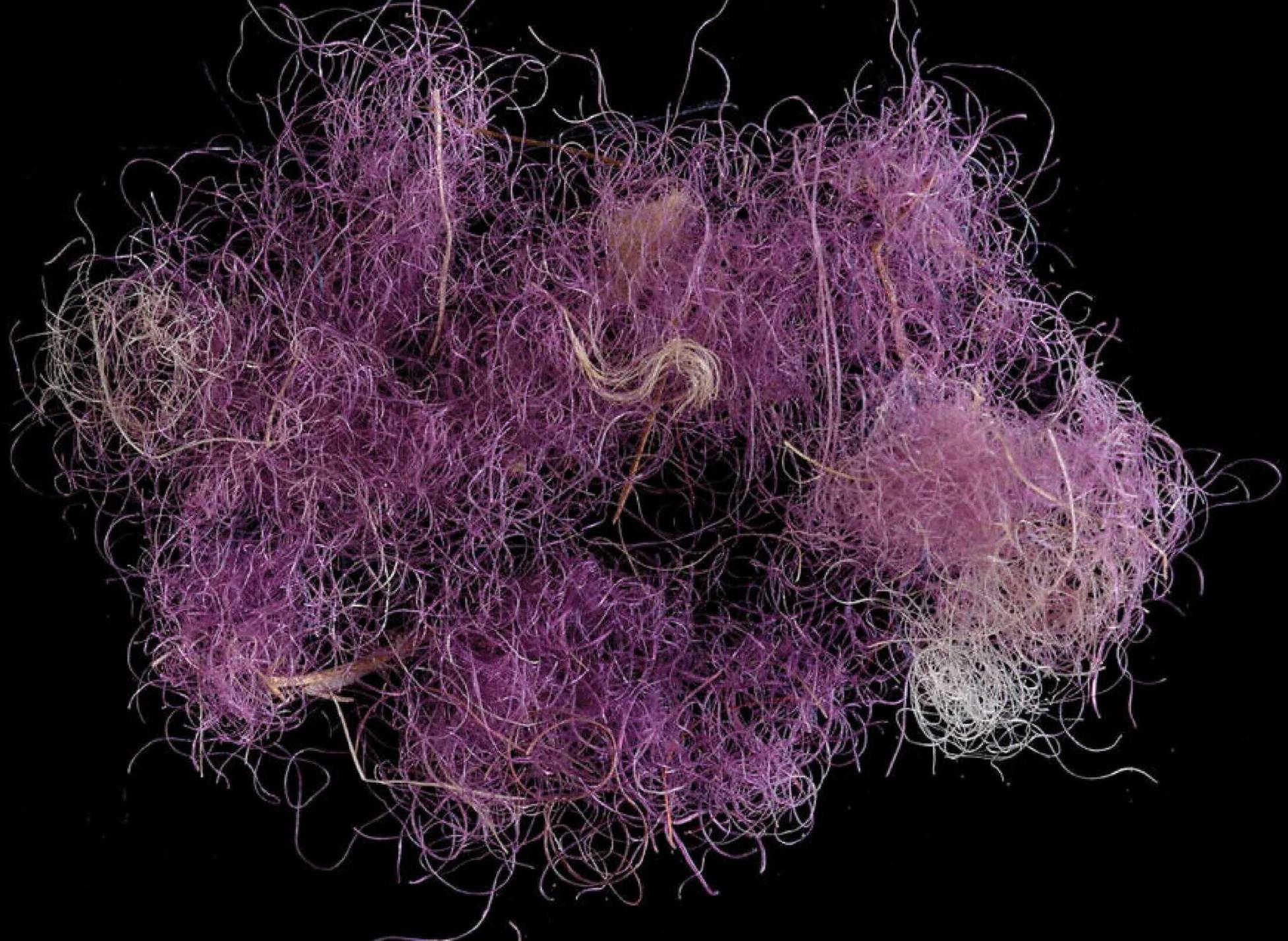
Phoenician explorer Hanno traveled to West Africa in the 5th century B.C.E.

The most likely location for Ophir is somewhere in the vicinity of India, a land with ivory, gold, peacocks and apes (1 Kings 10).

# THE TRADE ROUTES OF ANCIENT PHOENICIA

- PHOENICIAN CITY/ TRADING POST
- ISRAELITE CITY
- ISRAELITE TERRITORY
- PHOENICIAN TERRITORY



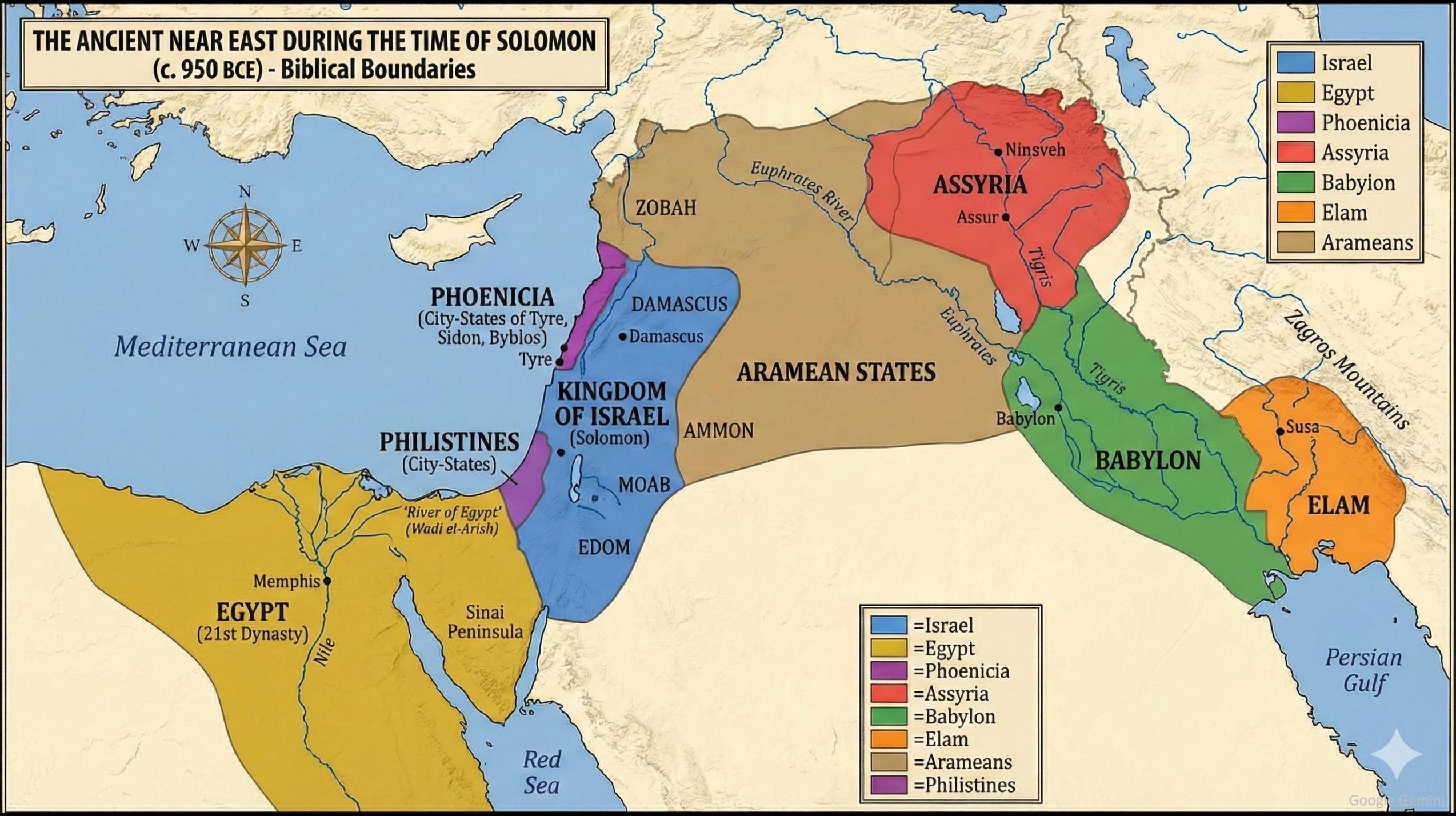




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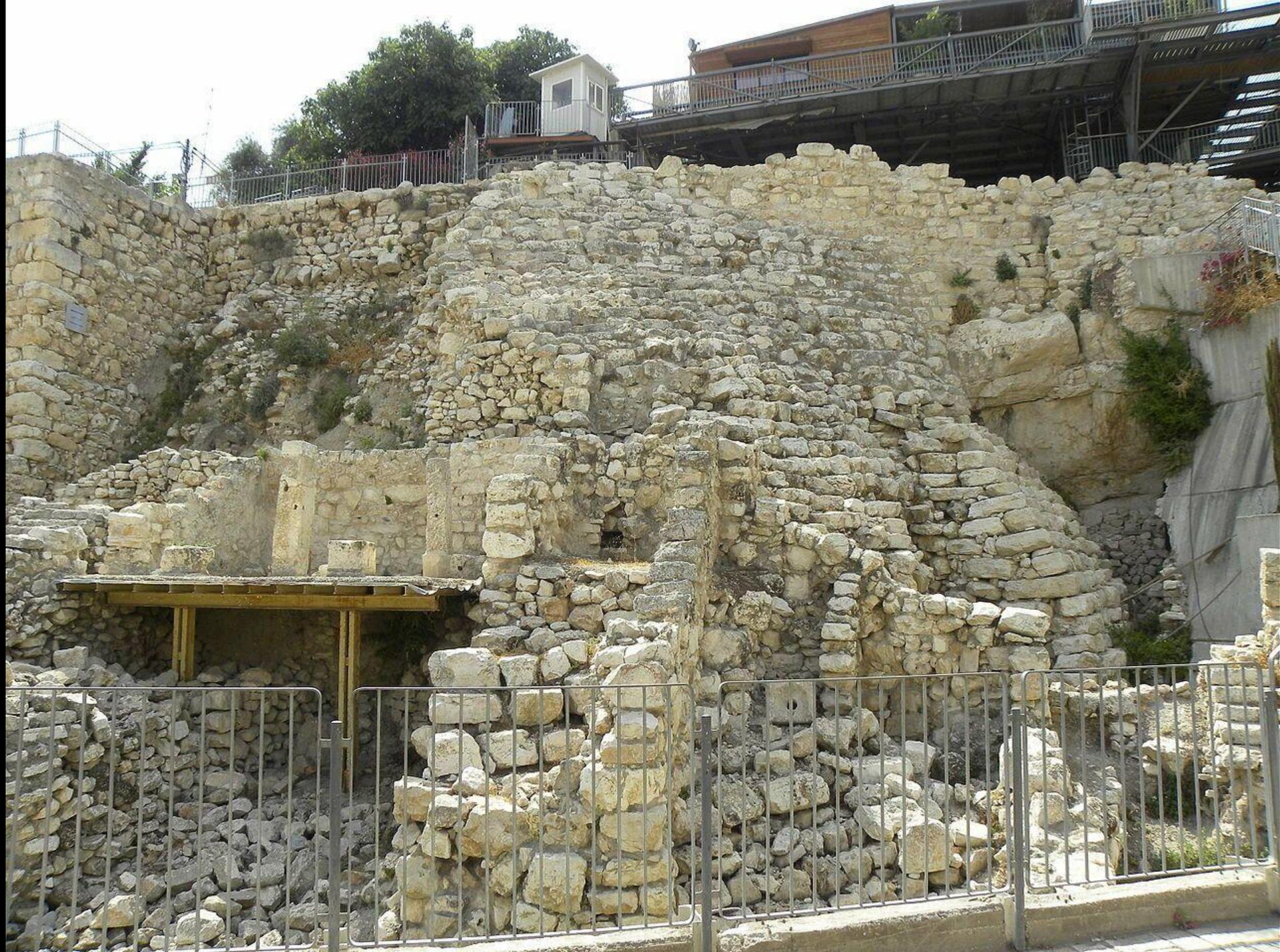
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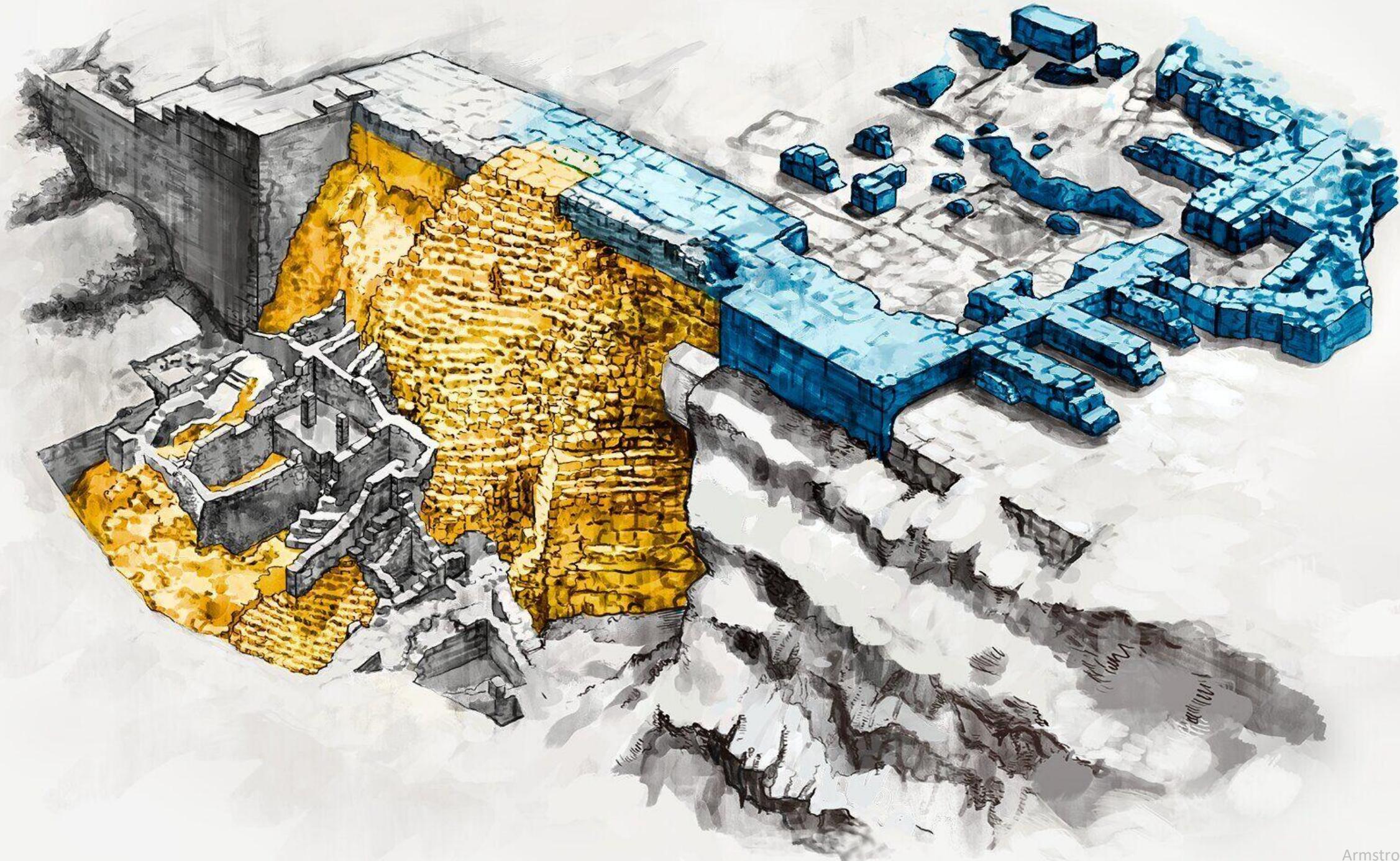
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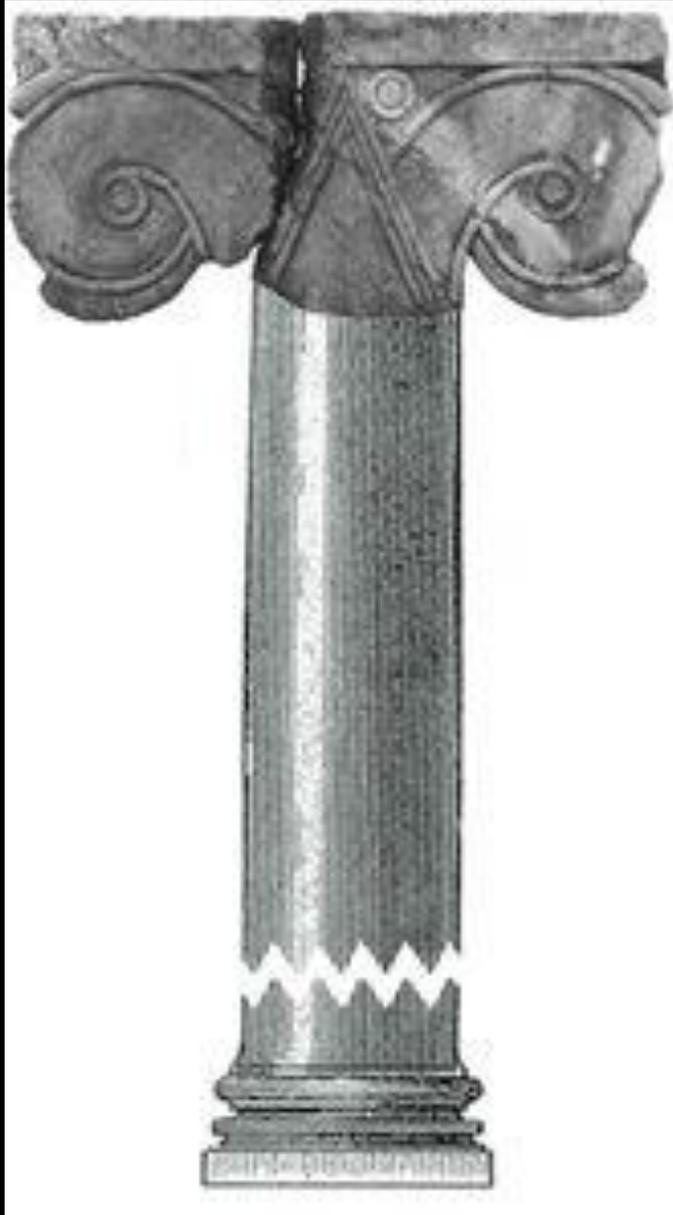


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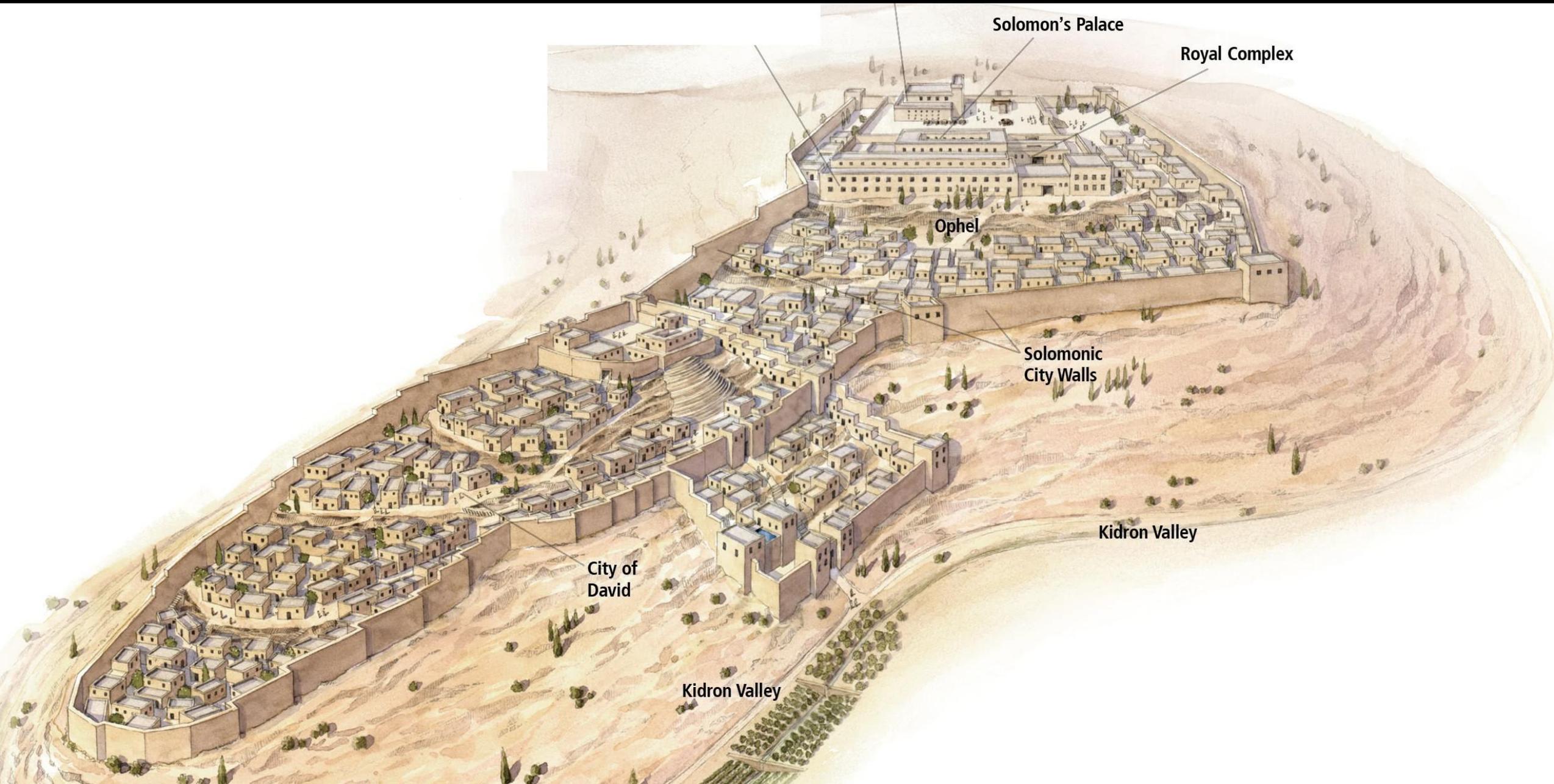
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Solomon's Palace

Royal Complex

Ophel

Solomonic  
City Walls

Kidron Valley

City of  
David

Kidron Valley



## Tel Dan Stela

And I killed two [power]ful  
kin[gs], who harnessed  
two thou[sand cha]riots  
and two thousand  
horsemen. [I killed  
Jeho]ram son of [Ahab]  
king of Israel, and I killed  
[Ahaz]yahu son of [Joram  
kin]g of the house of  
David.



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