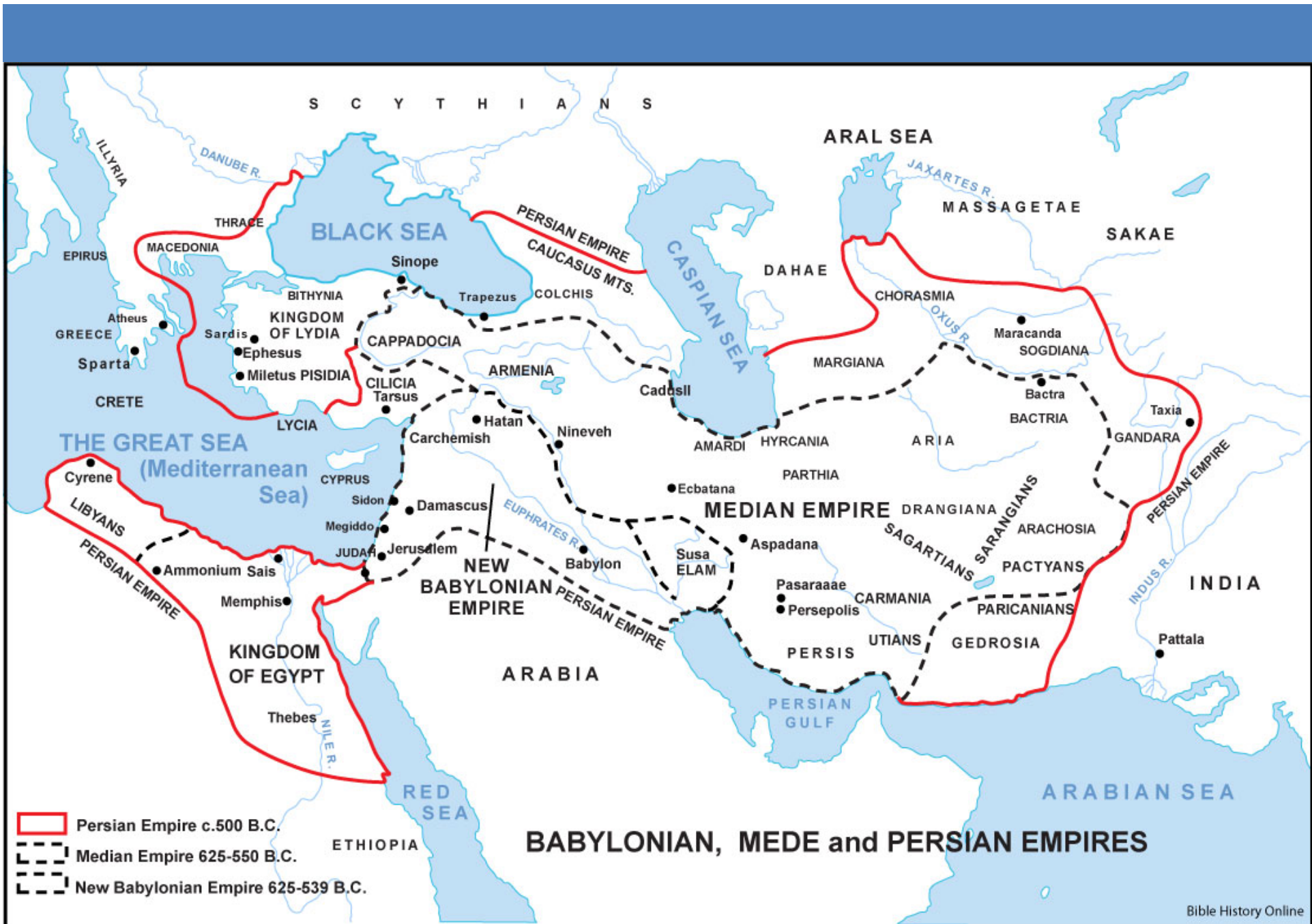


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<u>120 yrs</u>	<u>240 years</u>	<u>150 years</u>	<u>70 years</u>	<u>130 years</u>
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**ASSYRIA CONQUERS ISRAEL**

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**BABYLON CONQUERS JUDAH**

**PERSIA CONQUERS BABYLON**

**FIRST RETURN UNDER CYRUS  
ZERUBBABEL BUILDS TEMPLE**

**SECOND RETURN UNDER  
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EZRA**

**THIRD RETURN UNDER  
ARTAXERXES  
NEHEMIAH BUILDS WALLS**

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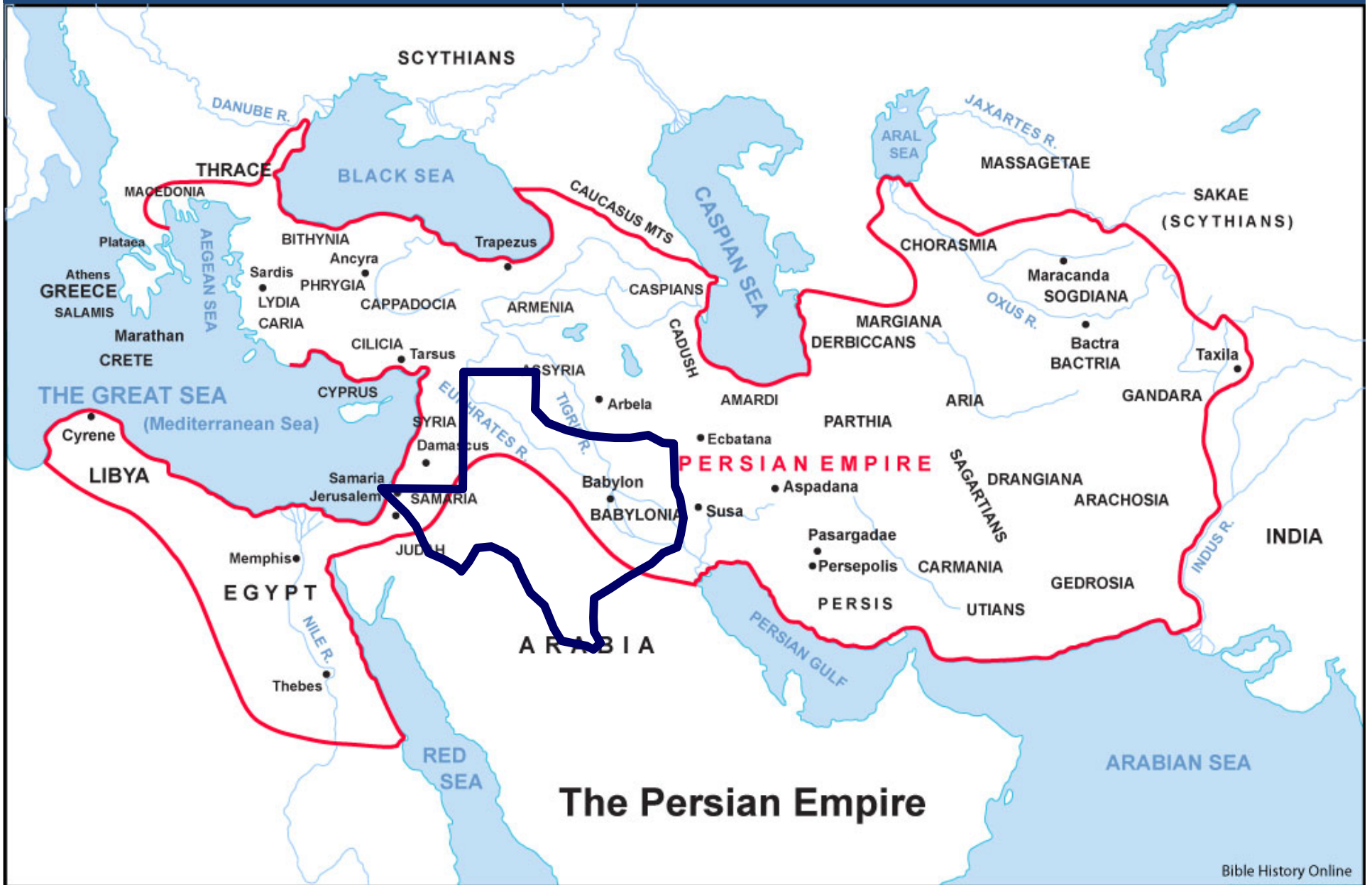
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BELSHAZZAR

**MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE**

CYRUS THE GREAT  
CAMBYSES II  
DARIUS I  
XERXES  
ARTAXERXES I  
DARIUS II



# POLITICAL CHANGES DURING INTERTESTAMENT PERIOD

## At the End of the OT

- Part of Persian Empire
- Surrounded by enemies
- Scarcely populated
- Cities in ruin
- Land was desolate
- Poverty abounded
- Insignificant economy
- Had no system of jurisprudence
- Had no king

## During NT Times

- Part of Roman Empire
- Were under Rome's protection
- Densely populated
- Well built cities
- Land was cultivated
- Prosperity prevailed
- Significant economy
- Had Roman courts and Sanhedrin
- Had a king

# RELIGIOUS CHANGES DURING INTERTESTAMENT PERIOD

## At the End of the OT

- Believed in resurrection
- No synagogue
- Temple was inferior to Solomon's Temple
- Did not intermarry with other nations
- Looked for a Messianic kingdom
- There were no modernist

## During NT Times

- Sadducees did not believe in resurrection
- Synagogues in every town
- Temple was superior to Solomon's Temple
- Intermarriage was a problem
- Only some looked for a Messianic kingdom
- Modernism abounded

# Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

- Head of gold
- Breast and of silver
- Belly and thighs of brass
- Legs of iron with feet of iron and clay
- Babylonian Empire
- Medo-Persian Empire
- Grecian Empire
- Roman Empire







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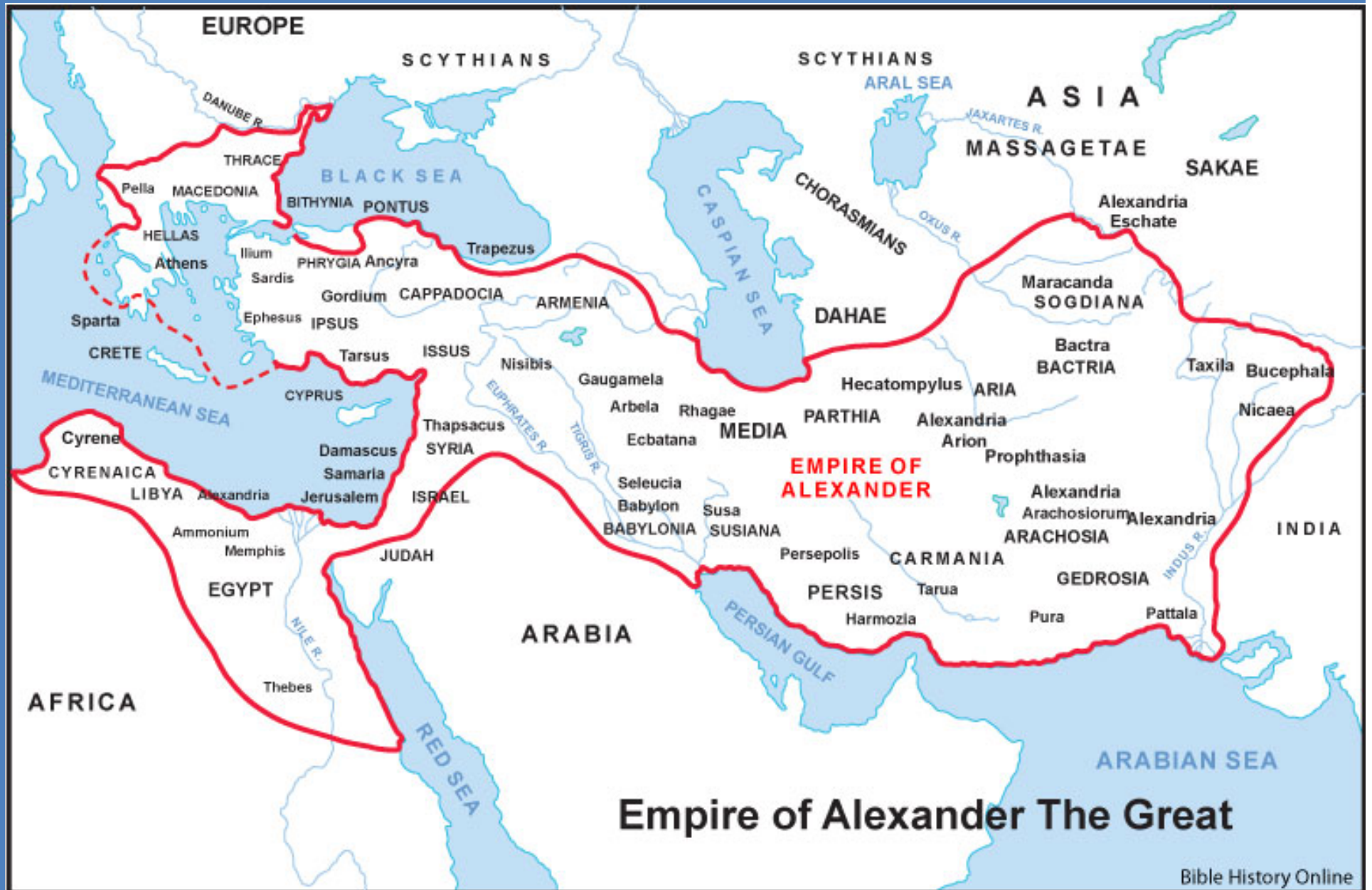
# The Empire of Alexander the Great - West



# Alexander's Campaigns of Conquest

336-323 B.C.





# Daniels Vision

## Daniel Chapter 11

- 3 Kings in Persia
- 4<sup>th</sup> King of Persia
- Mighty King
- Four winds
- Cambyses, Pseudo-Smerdis, Darius I
- Xerxes (Ahasuerus)
- Alexander
- Ptolemy, Seleucus, Lysimachus, Cassander







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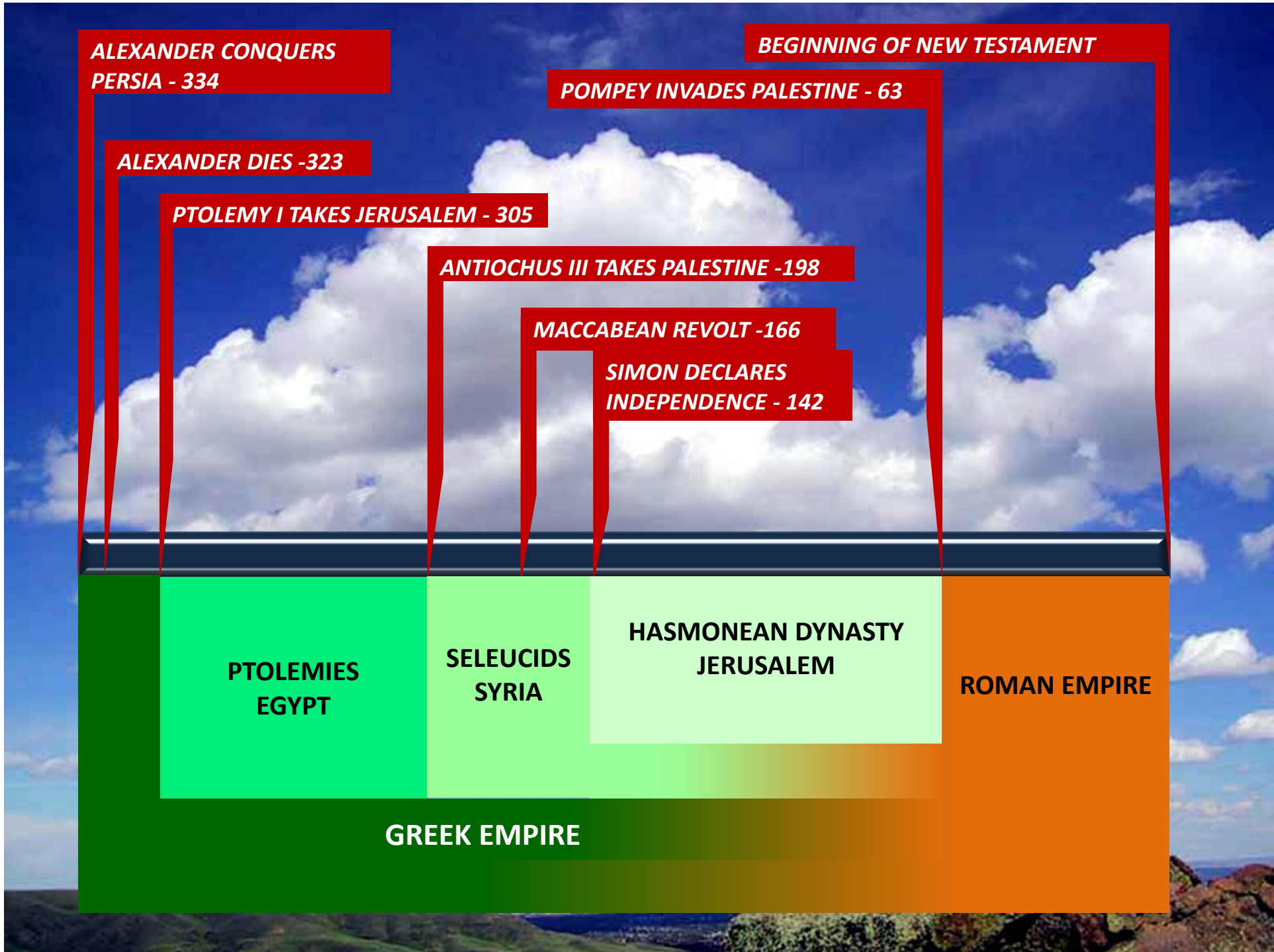
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## **PTOLEMIES**

**PTOLEMY I – SOTER CAPTURED JERUSALEM ON A SABBATH AND TRANSPORTED 100,000 JEWS TO ALEXANDRIA**

**PTOLEMY II – PHILADELPHUS BUILT THE ALEXANDRIAN LIBRARY. HAD THE SCRIPTURES TRANSLATED INTO GREEK**

**PTOLEMY III – EUERGETES EXPANDED THE EMPIRE TO ITS WIDEST LIMITS**

**PTOLEMY IV – PHILOPATER**

**PTOLEMY V – EPIPHANES LOST PALESTINE TO ANTIOCHUS**

**UNDER THE PTOLEMIES THE JEWS WERE ASSIMILATED INTO GREEK CULTURE BUT WERE MOSTLY LEFT TO THEIR OWN PURSUITS EXCEPT FOR PAYING TAXES TO EGYPT.**

**THE PTOLEMIES ALLOWED THE HIGH PRIEST TO GOVERN THE PEOPLE BUT THE OFFICE TRANSITIONED FROM A RELIGIOUS TO A POLITICAL OFFICE.**

**PRIEST FAMILIES OF ONIAS (PRO-EGYPTIAN) AND TOBIAS (PRO-SYRIAN) BECAME BITTER RIVALS.**

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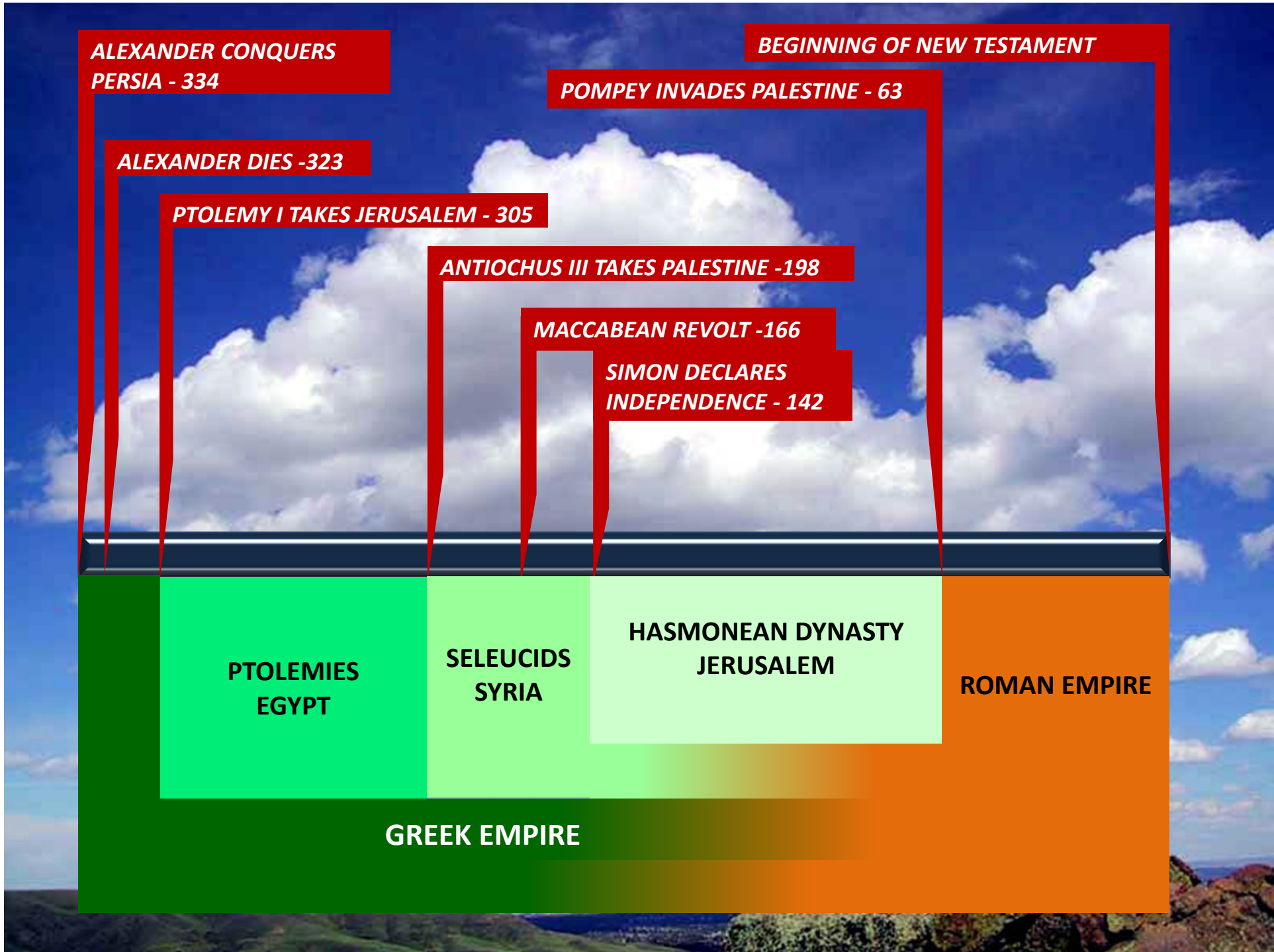
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**JUDAS INVADED JERUSALEM AND  
CLEANSES THE TEMPLE - 165**

**SYRIANS SIEGE JERUSALEM,  
NEGOTIATE PEACE TREATY**

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ANTIOCHUS - 167**

**JUDAS KILLED – 161 JONATHAN  
ASSUMES LEADERSHIP**

**TEMPLE DESECRATED -168**

**JONATHAN BECOMES HIGH PRIEST  
AND GOVERNOR OF JUDEA, SIMON  
BECOMES GOVERNOR OF PHILISTINE**

**MELENAUS APPOINTED  
HIGH PRIEST -170**

## SELEUCIDS

**ANTIOCHUS III TOOK PALESTINE FROM THE PTOLEMIES**

**SELEUCUS IV**

**ANTIOCHUS IV –EPIPHANES REMOVED ONIAS III AND APPOINTED JASON, A HELLENIZER, HIGH PRIEST. THEN APPOINTED MENELAUS, A BENJAMITE, HIGH PRIEST. DETERMINED TO COMPLETELY WIPE OUT ORTHODOX JEWISH FAITH, HE FORBID CIRCUMCISION, SABBATH OBSERVANCE, AND ORDERED COPIES OF THESE SCRIPTURES DESTROYED. HAD A STATUE OF JUPITER PLACED IN THE TEMPLE AND SACRIFICED SWINE ON THE ALTER.**

**UNDER THE SELEUCIDS THE JEWS WERE FORCED TO ABANDON ORTHODOX JUDAISM AND ADOPT GREEK CULTURE, NAMES, AND RELIGION. THIS HARSH TREATMENT RESULTED IN A SHARP DIVISION BETWEEN THE HELLENISTIC AND ORTHODOX JEWS AND LEAD TO THE MACCABEAN REVOLT. JUDAS RALLIED THE PEOPLE AND ACHIEVED MILITARY VICTORIES WHILE JONATHAN USED DIPLOMACY TO SECURE POWER.**

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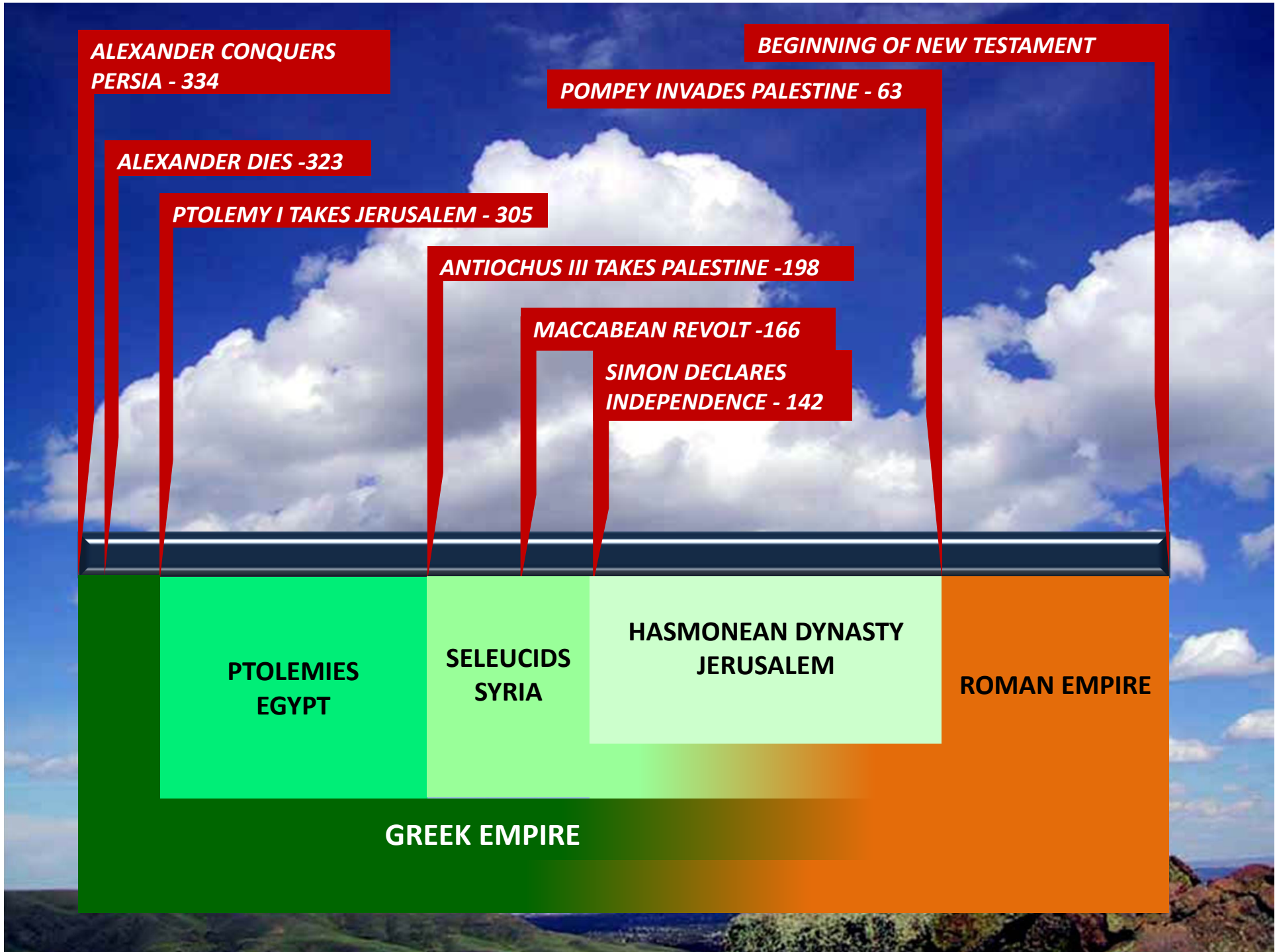
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**SIMON MURDERED JOHN  
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**ARISTOBULUS II DEFEATS  
HYCRANUS II - 66**

**ALEXANDRA DIES HYCRANUS II  
RULES - 67**

**ARISTOBULUS DIES ALEXANDER  
JANNAEUS RULES - 102**

**ALEXANDER JANNAEUS DIES  
ALEXANDRA RULES- 76**

**JOHN HYCRANUS DIES  
ARISTOBULUS RULES - 104**

## HASMONEAN DYNASTY

SIMON RECOGNIZED DEMETRIUS AS KING OF SYRIA AND SECURED IMMUNITY FROM TAXATION. MURDERED BY HIS SON-IN-LAW. JOHN HYCRANUS SEIZED IDUMEA TO THE SOUTH, SAMARIA TO THE NORTH AND DESTROYED THE SAMARITAN TEMPLE. COMPELLED NEW SUBJECTS TO BE CIRCUMCISED AND ACCEPT JEWISH FAITH. PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES HAVE THEIR ORIGINS DURING THIS PERIOD.

ARISTOBULUS PREFERRED HIS GREEK NAME, KILLED 3 BROTHERS, PUSHED THE BORDERS OF JUDEA NORTH AND DECLARED HIMSELF KING.

ALEXANDER JANNAEUS CONTINUED TERRITORIAL EXPANSION. HIS KINGDOM WAS COMPARABLE TO THAT OF SOLOMON. CIVIL WAR ERUPTED BETWEEN THE PHARISEES AND SADUCEES. IDUMEA BEGANS TO EXERCISE INFLUENCE IN JUDEA.

ALEXANDRA APPOINTED QUEEN BY JANNAEUS, APPOINTED SON HYCRANUS II AS HIGH PRIEST. PHARISEES SUPPORTED HYCRANUS II WHILE SADDUCEES BACKED YOUNGER SON ARISTOBULUS. UPON HER DEATH, CIVIL WAR BETWEEN THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES BROKE OUT AGAIN AND ARISTOBULUS II PREVAILED.

ARISTOBULUS II BECAME HIGH PRIEST AND KING. HYCRANUS II FLED AND WAS SUPPORTED IN EXCILE BY ANTIPATER, GOVERNOR OF IDUMEA. WITH CIVIL WAR THREATENING AGAIN, POMPEY SIEGED JERUSALEM.



Israel Under The Maccabees

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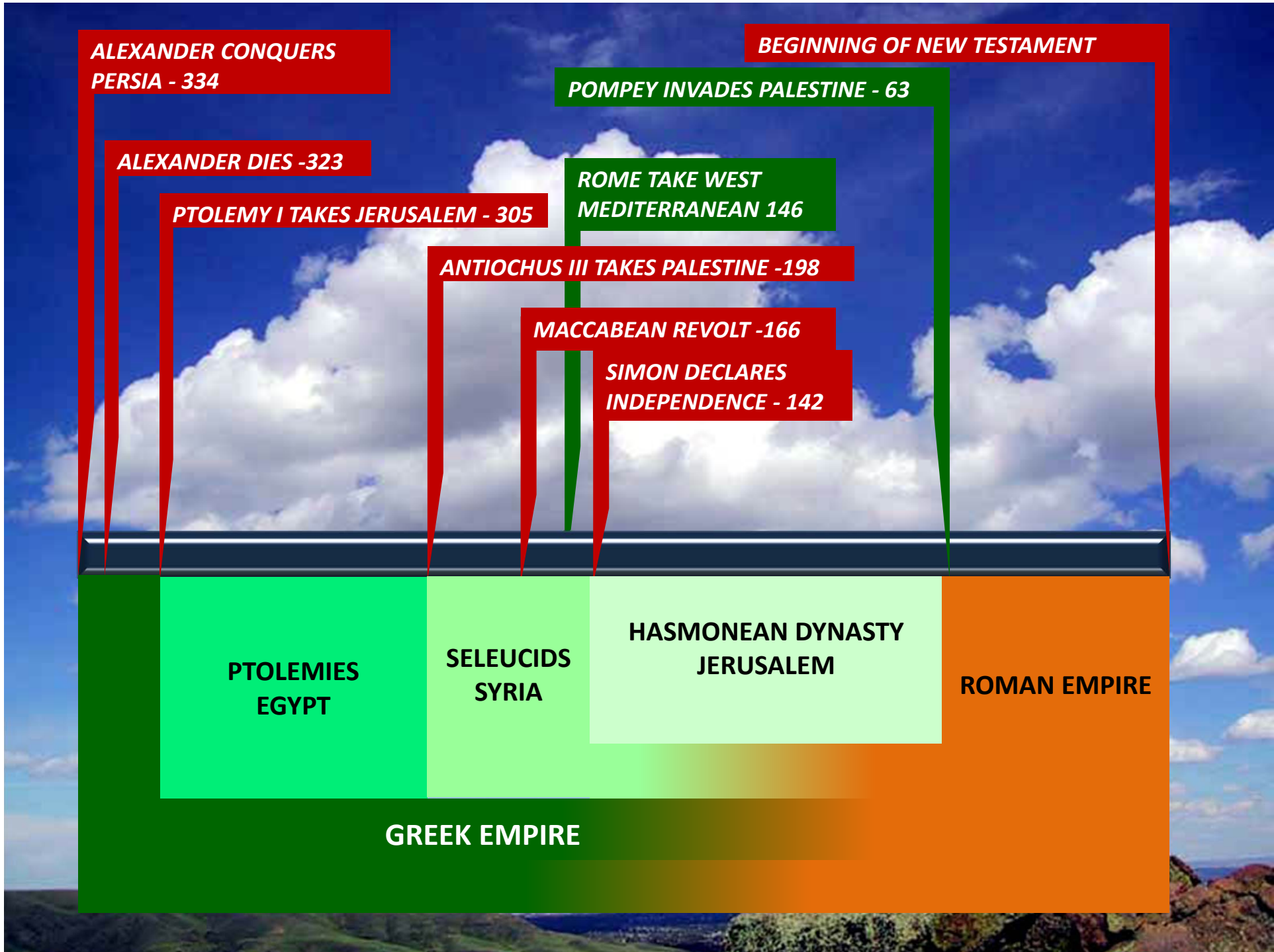
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# The Roman Empire



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**OCTAVIAN BECOMES AUGUSTUS CAESAR EMPEROR OF ROME - 27**

**POMPEY DIES JULIUS CAESAR REIGNS AND MAKES ANTIPATER GOVERNER OF JUDEA - 47**

**JULIUS CAESAR AND ANTIPAS ASASSINATED CASSIUS AND BRUTUS REIGN- 43**

**ANTONY AND OCTAVIAN DEFEAT CASSIUS AND BRUTUS - 42**

**HEROD THE GREAT BECOME KING OF THE JEWS - 37**

## **ROMAN EMPIRE**

**POMPEY INTERVENED IN CIVIL WAR BETWEEN ARISTOBULUS AND HYCRANUS AND APPOINTED HYCRANUS HIGH PRIEST. ARISTOBULUS WAS TAKEN PRISONER TO ROME.**

**ANTIPATER SUPPORTED HYCRANUS AND THEN POMPEY. UPON POMPEY'S DEATH ANTIPATER SWITCH HIS ALLEGIANCE TO JULIUS CAESAR.**

**CASSIUS AND BRUTUS ASASSINATED JULIUS CAESAR BUT WERE DEFEATED BY ANTONY AND OCTAVIAN IN 42.**

**ANTONY ASSUMED CONTROL OF THE EASTERN PROVINCES AND MADE HEROD AND PHASAE TETRACHS OF JUDEA UNDER THE HYCRANUS.**

**ANTIGONUS, SON OF ARISTOBULUS, REGAINED THE JUDEAN THRONE WITH THE HELP OF THE PARTHIANS. PHASAE AND HYCRANUS WERE TAKEN PRISONERS. HEROD ESCAPED TO ROME AND PLEDGED SUPPORT TO ANTONY WHO NAMED HIM KING OF THE JEWS.**

**HEROD RETURNED TO JUDEA WITH THE ROMAN ARMY AND DEFEATED ANTIGONUS. UPON THE DEATH OF ANTONY HE PLEDGED HIS SUPPORT TO OCTAVIAN AND HELPED HIM INVADE EGYPT. IN RETURN HE RECEIVED JERICHO, GADARA, SAMARIA, GAZA, JOPPA AND CAESAREA.**

# HEROD THE GREAT

- Was an Idumean
- Son of Antipater
- Reigned as King of the Jews from 37 to 4 B.C.
- He was scheming, jealous and cruel
- Gained throne through political maneuvering
- Murdered infants at the birth of Jesus
- Emperor Augustus said “I’d rather be Herod’s hog than his son”
- Undertook massive building program throughout kingdom
- Rebuilt the temple in Jerusalem beginning in 20 B.C.



# Map of Israel in the New Testament

Bible History Online

# PHARISEES

Pharisee means “separated ones”

First mentioned during time of John Hyrcanus (134-104 B.C.)

They accepted the entire old testament cannon

Stickler for observing the Law regarding purity, the Sabbath, prayer, fasting and tithing

Believed in angels, resurrection of the body and immortality of the soul

Developed a system of traditions aimed at making the Law workable in the changing Hellenistic culture

Eventually gave more weight to the traditions (oral law) than to the Law itself

Were the largest Jewish sect and were the most popular with the common people

Were in control of the synagogues

Quest for purity evolved into pride and self righteousness

Jesus threatened their position of power by negating their oral traditions

# SADDUCEES

Sadducee means “righteous ones”

They only accepted the books of Law (first 5 books of OT)

Mostly concerned with temple rituals

Compromised with new cultures to maintain power

Did not believe in angels, resurrection of the body and immortality of the soul

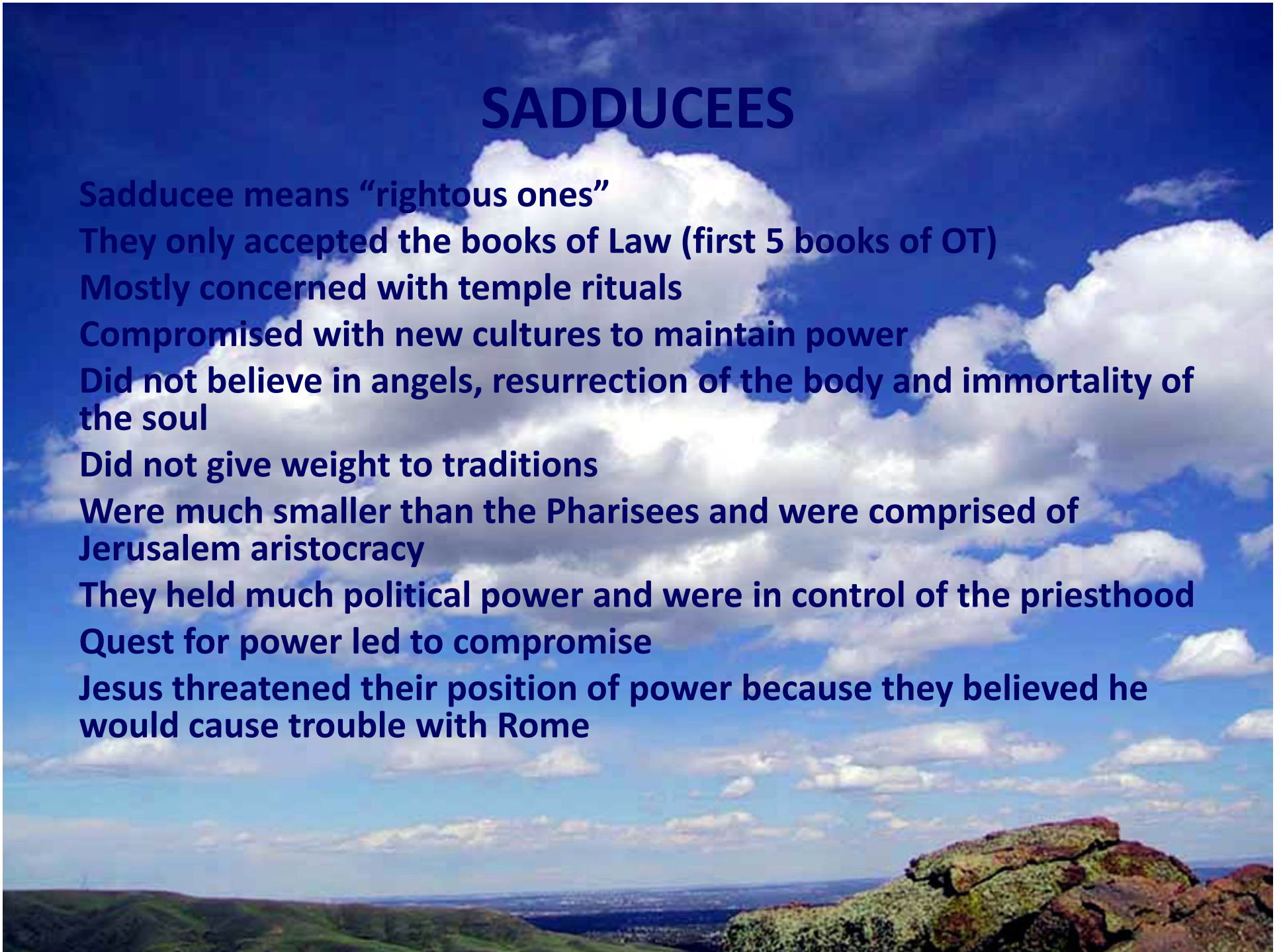
Did not give weight to traditions

Were much smaller than the Pharisees and were comprised of Jerusalem aristocracy

They held much political power and were in control of the priesthood

Quest for power led to compromise

Jesus threatened their position of power because they believed he would cause trouble with Rome



**END OF OLD TESTAMENT**

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**APPROXIMATELY 400 YEARS**



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