

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

GOD'S HANDS AGENCY – 2/25/26

"The Iran hostage crisis began on November 4, 1979, when 66 Americans, including diplomats and other civilian personnel, were taken hostage at the Embassy of the United States in Tehran, with 52 of them being held for 444 days until January 20, 1981."

– Wikipedia



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Iran in History



2 Kings 19:32-33,35-36a NLT [The prophet Isaiah's message to King Hezekiah]

"So the Lord says this about the king of Assyria: 'He will not come into this city or shoot an **arrow** at this city. He will not bring his shields up against this city or build up a hill of **dirt** to attack its walls. He will go back the way he came, and he will not come into this city'....that night the **angel** of the Lord went out and killed 185,000 people in the Assyrian camp. When the others got up in the morning, they saw all the dead bodies. So King Sennacherib of Assyria left and went back to **Nineveh**...."

2 Kings 24:13-14 NLT [This was when Daniel was taken to Babylon, for 66 years]

"As the Lord had said beforehand, Nebuchadnezzar carried away all the **treasures** from the Lord's Temple and the royal palace. He stripped away all the gold objects that King **Solomon** of Israel had placed in the Temple. King Nebuchadnezzar took all of **Jerusalem** captive, including all the commanders and the best of the **soldiers**, craftsmen, and artisans—10,000 in all. Only the poorest people were left in the land."

Daniel 5:23b-26,30 NLT

"[Daniel] 'But you [Belshazzar] have not honored the God who gives you the breath of life and controls your destiny! So God has sent this **Hand** to write this message. This is the message that was written: 'Mene, mene, tekel, and Parsin'. This is what these words mean: Mene means 'numbered'—God has numbered the days of your reign and has brought it to an end....That very **night** Belshazzar, the Babylonian king, was killed."

Ezra 1:1,7-8 NLT

"In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, the Lord fulfilled the prophecy he had given through **Jeremiah**. He stirred the heart of Cyrus to put this proclamation in writing and to send it throughout his kingdom....King Cyrus himself brought out the articles that King Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the Lord's **Temple** in Jerusalem and had placed in the temple of his own gods. Cyrus directed Mithredath, the treasurer of Persia, to count these items and present them to Sheshbazzar, the leader of the exiles **returning** to Judah."

Ezra 6:3-5 NLT

"In the first year of King Cyrus's reign, a decree was sent out concerning the Temple of God at Jerusalem: 'Let the Temple be rebuilt on the site where Jews used to offer their sacrifices, using the original **foundations**. Its height will be ninety feet, and its width will be ninety feet. Every three layers of specially prepared stones will be topped by a layer of timber. ALL **expenses** will be paid by the royal treasury. Furthermore, the **gold** and **silver** cups, which were taken to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar from the Temple of God in Jerusalem, must be returned to Jerusalem and put back where they belong. Let them be taken back to the Temple of God.'"

Micah 3:11-12a NLT

"You rulers make decisions based on **bribes**; you priests teach God's laws only for a price; you prophets won't prophesy unless you are paid. Yet all of you claim to depend on the Lord. 'No harm can come to us,' you say, 'for the Lord is here among us.' Because of you, Mount Zion will be **plowed** like an open field; Jerusalem will be reduced to **ruins**!"

Isaiah 66:8 NLT [Establishment of the State of Israel proclaimed on May, 14, 1948]

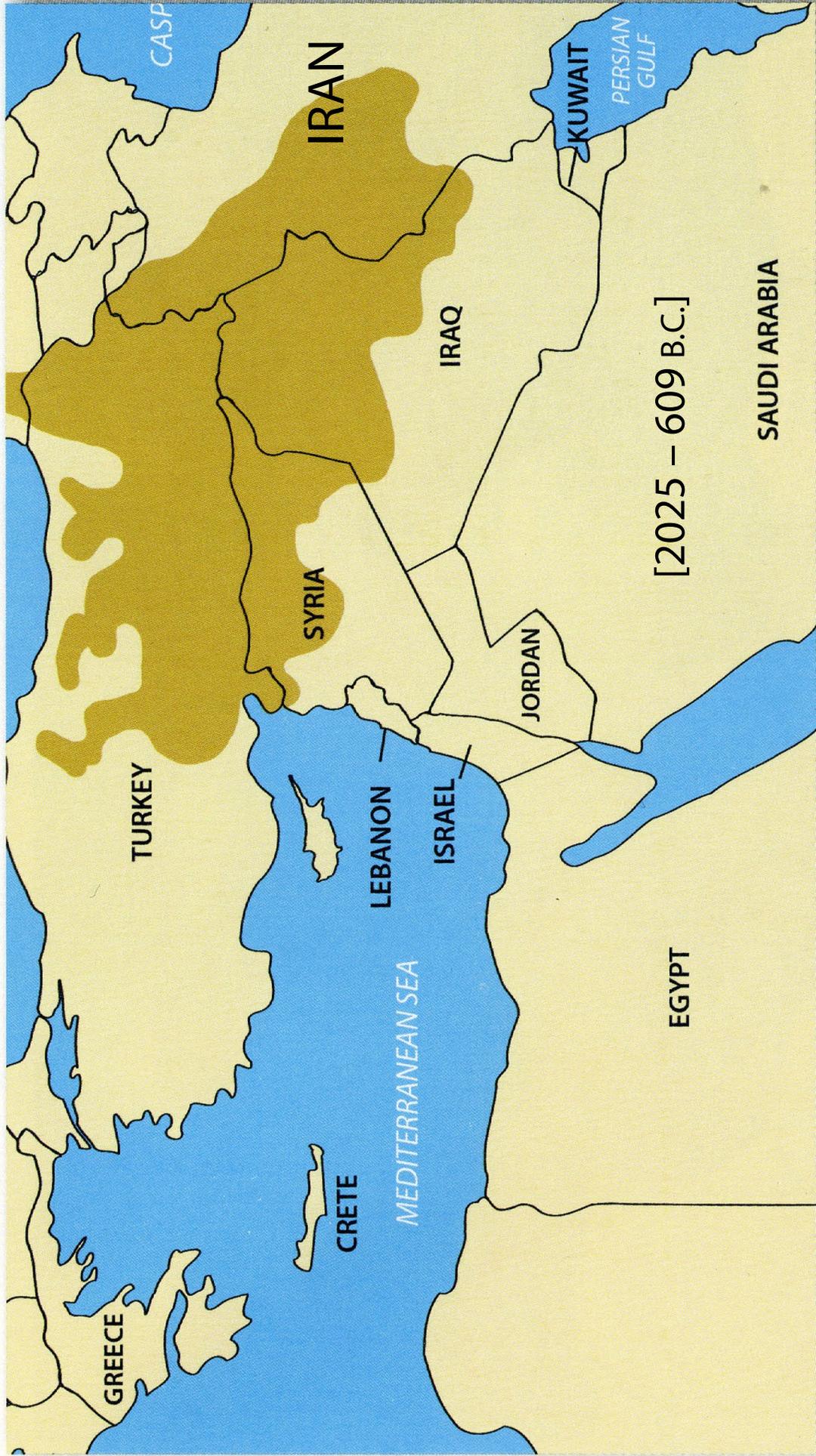
"Who has ever seen anything as **strange** as this? Who ever heard of such a thing? Has a nation ever been born in a single day? Has a country ever come forth in a mere **moment**? But by the time Jerusalem's birth pains begin, her children will be born."

The Kingdom of Solomon (1 Kings 1-11)

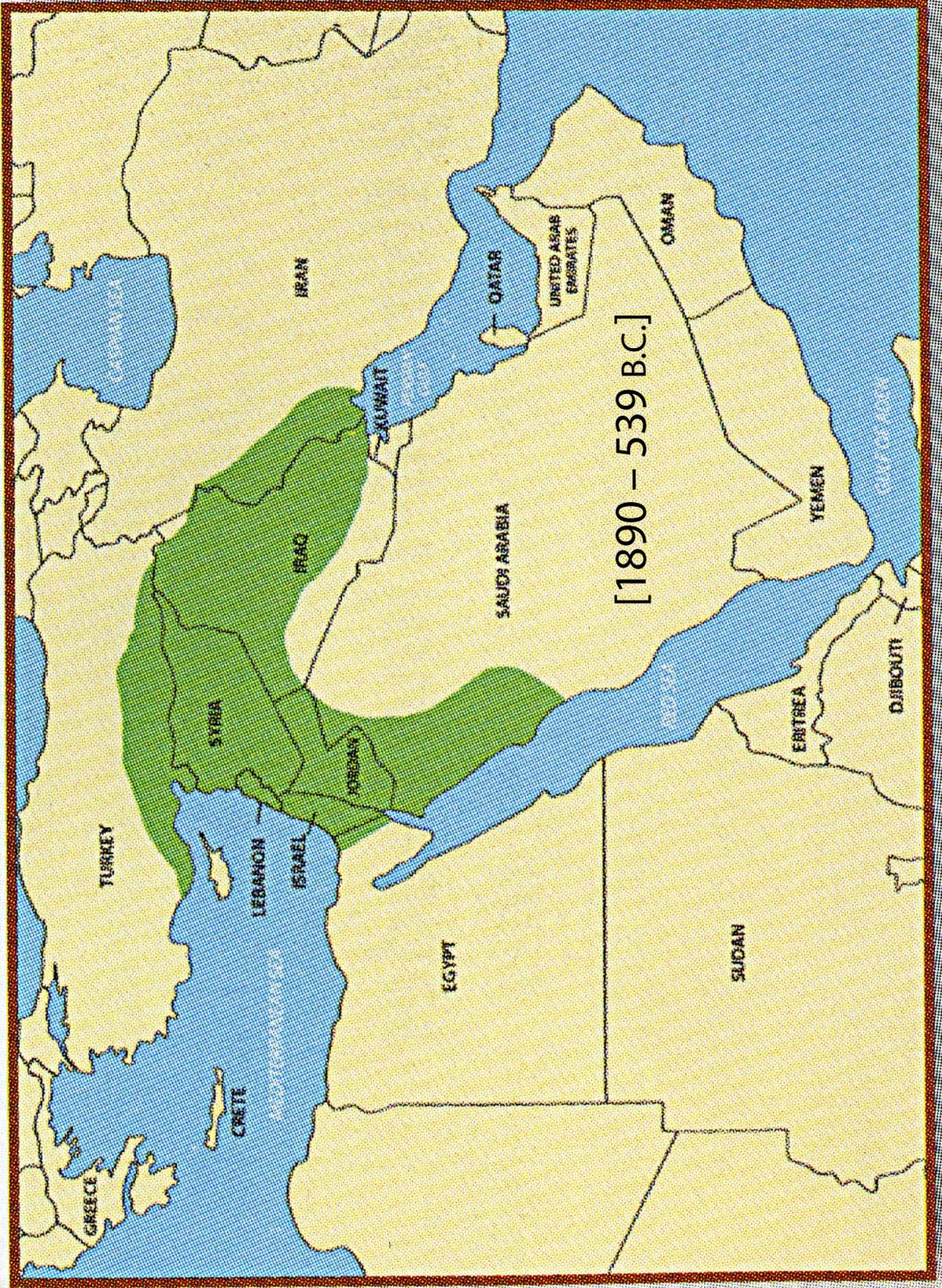
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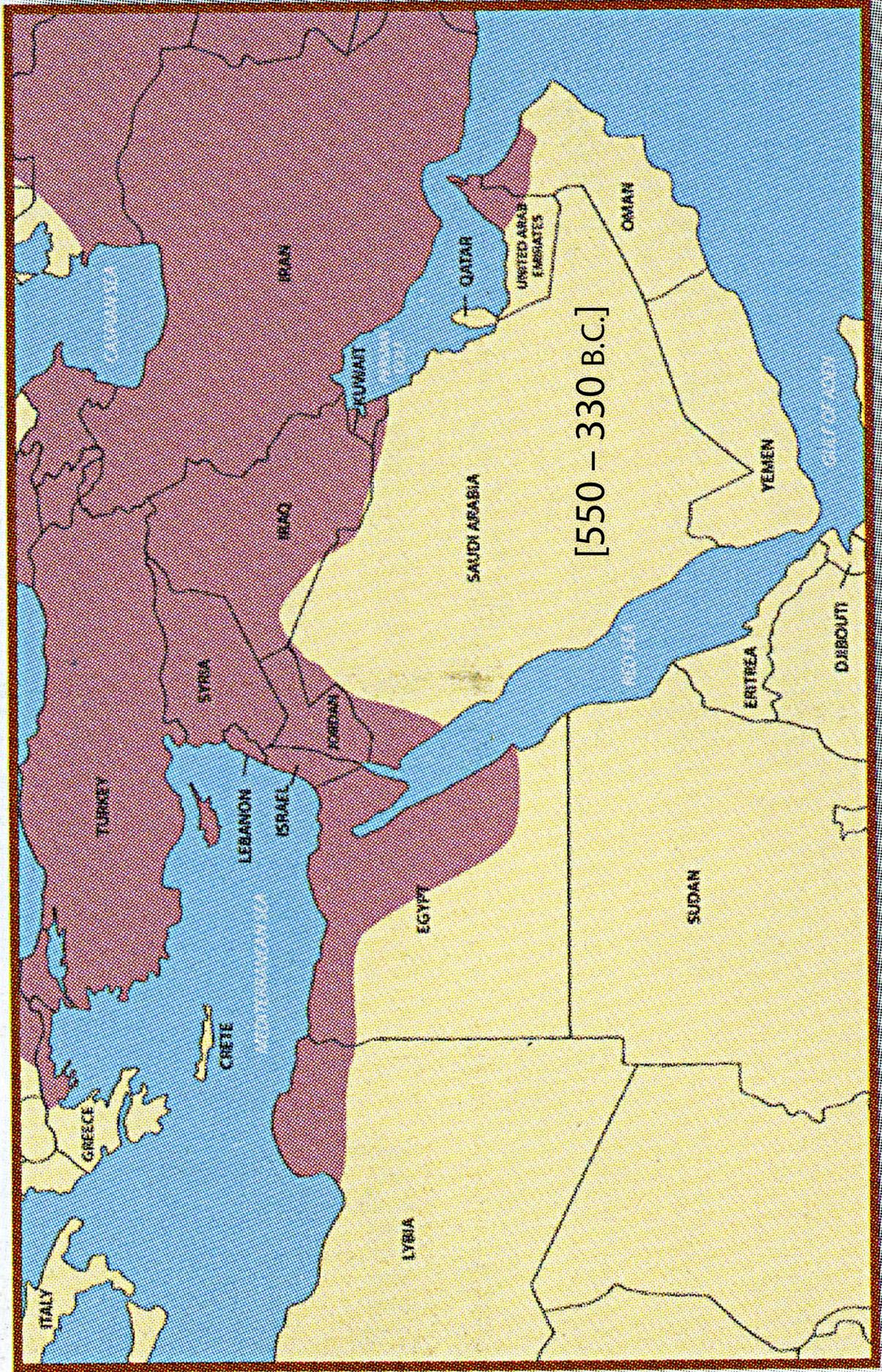
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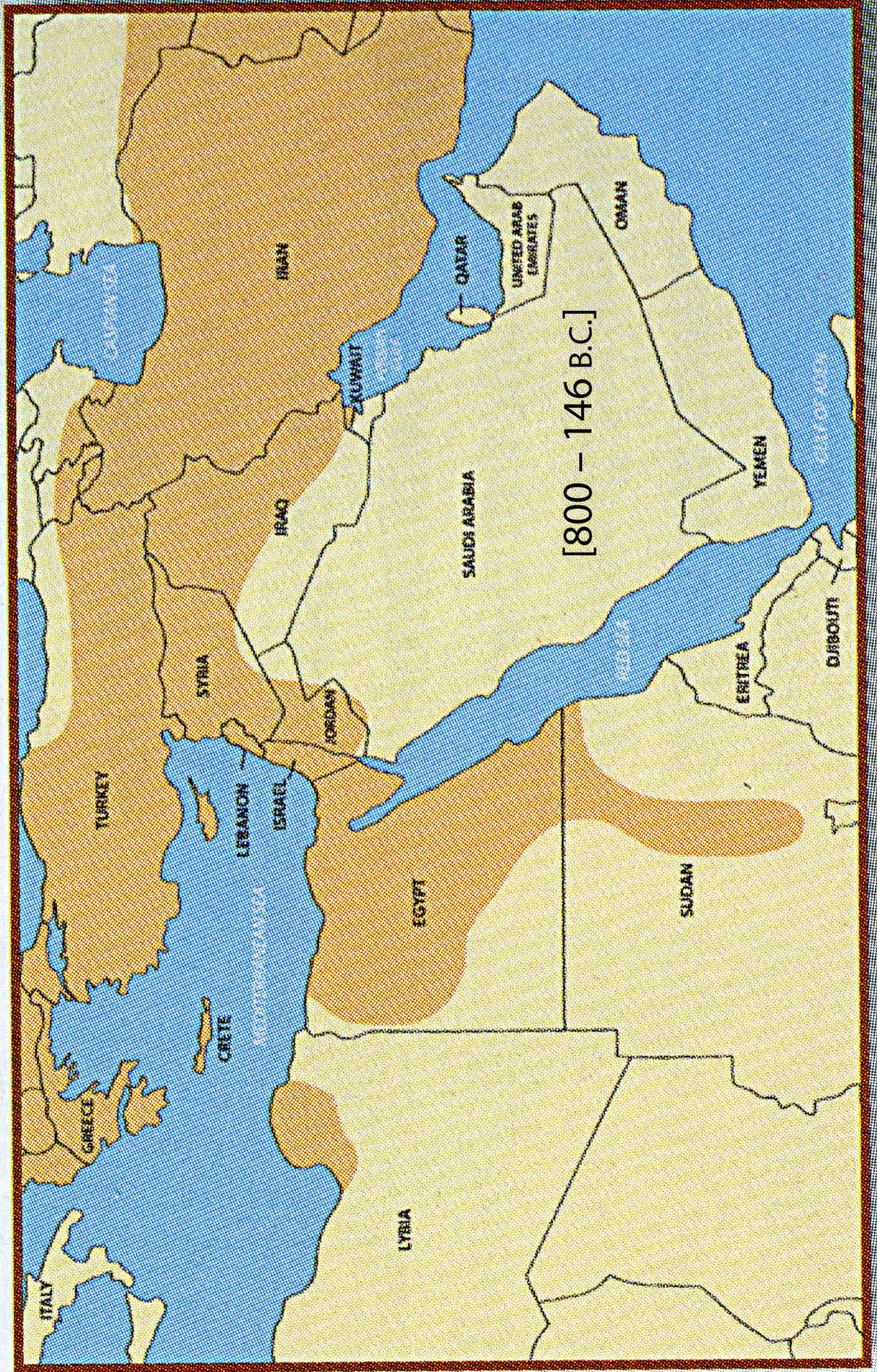
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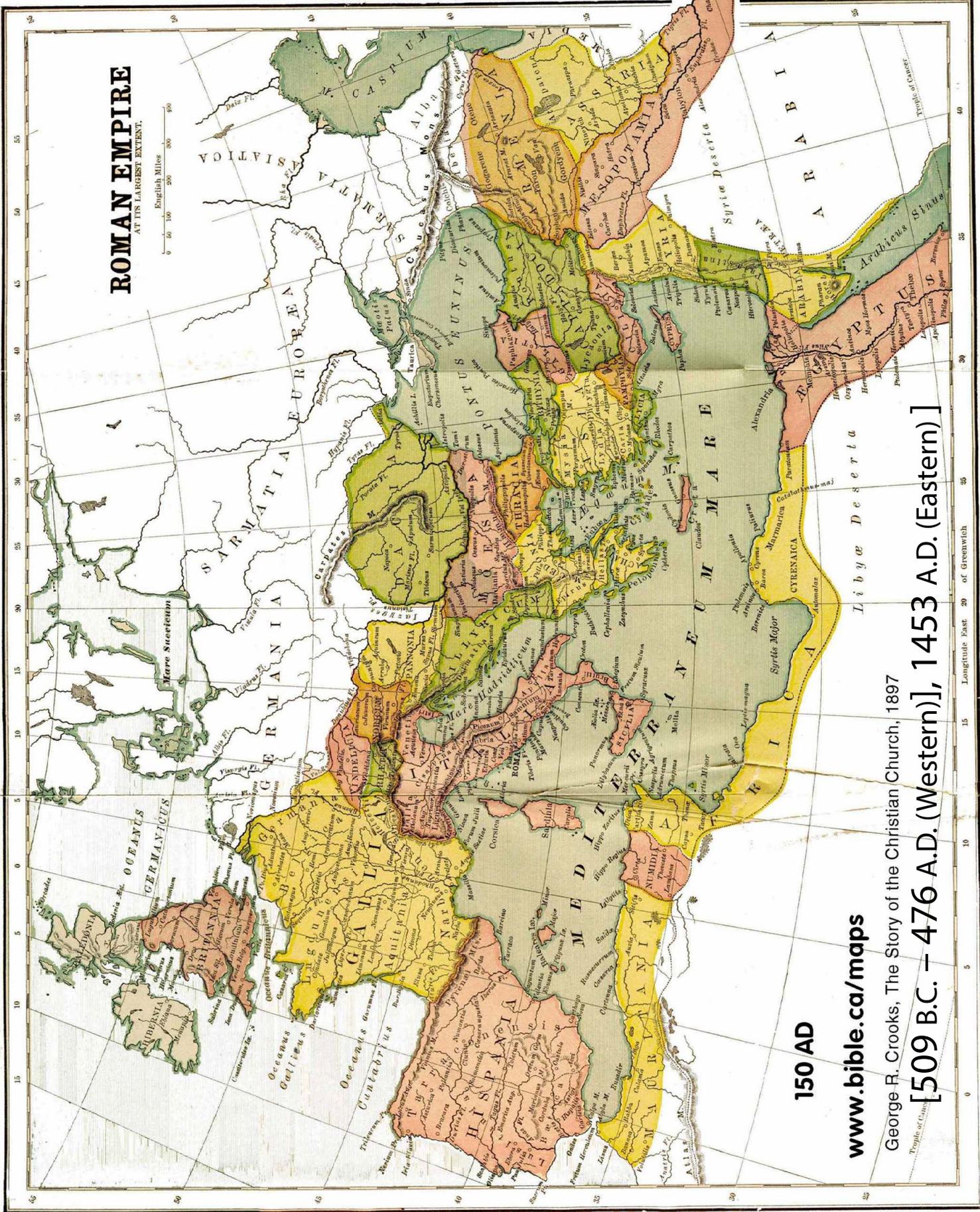


MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE



GREEKIAN EMPIRE





ROMAN EMPIRE
AT ITS LARGEST EXTENT.

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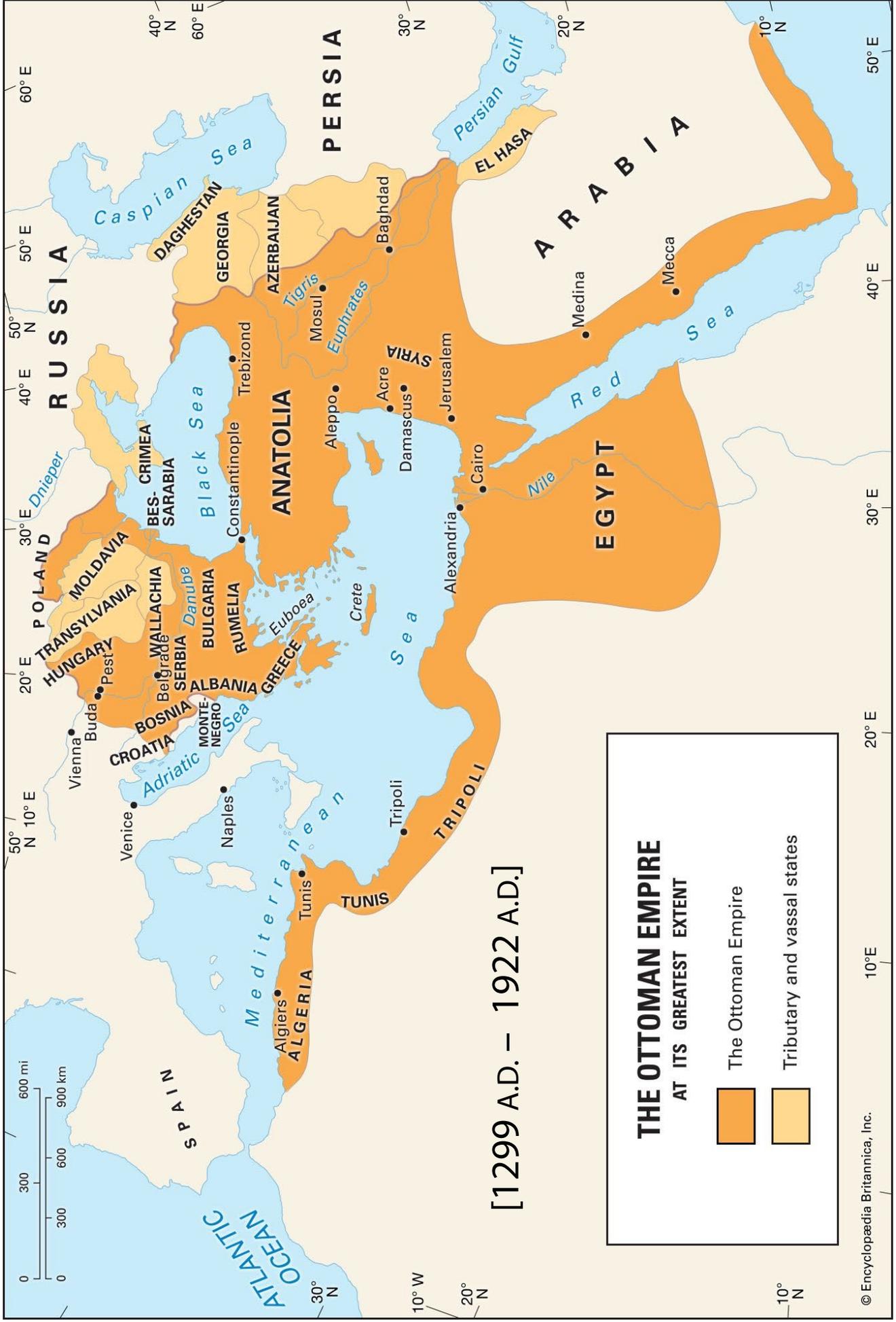
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George R. Crooms, The Story of the Christian Church, 1897

[509 B.C. – 476 A.D. (Western)], 1453 A.D. (Eastern)]

Temple of Canaan

Longitude East 20 of Greenwich



1947 Map #1

[May 14, 1948 – the end of the British Mandate for Palestine, and creation of the State of Israel]



1949 Map #2



1967 Map #3



2001 Current Map

In 2005 the IDF began evicting Israeli settlers, the culmination of the Clintonian Land-for-Peace Parameters.

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* Israeli-occupied with current status subject to the Israel-Palestinian Interim Agreement – permanent status to be determined through further negotiations.

* **GAZA STRIP**
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ISRAEL

*** GOLAN HEIGHTS**

*** WEST BANK area**

JORDAN

EGYPT

SINAI PENINSULA

MIDIAN

RED SEA



U.S. NAVAL ASSETS IN MIDDLE EAST



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