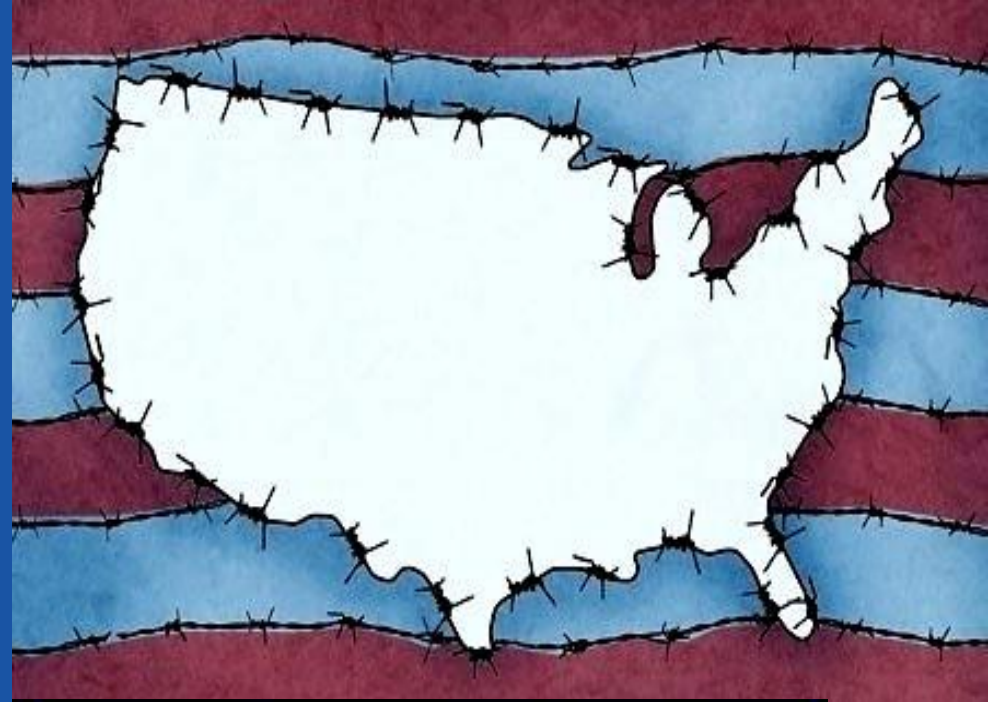


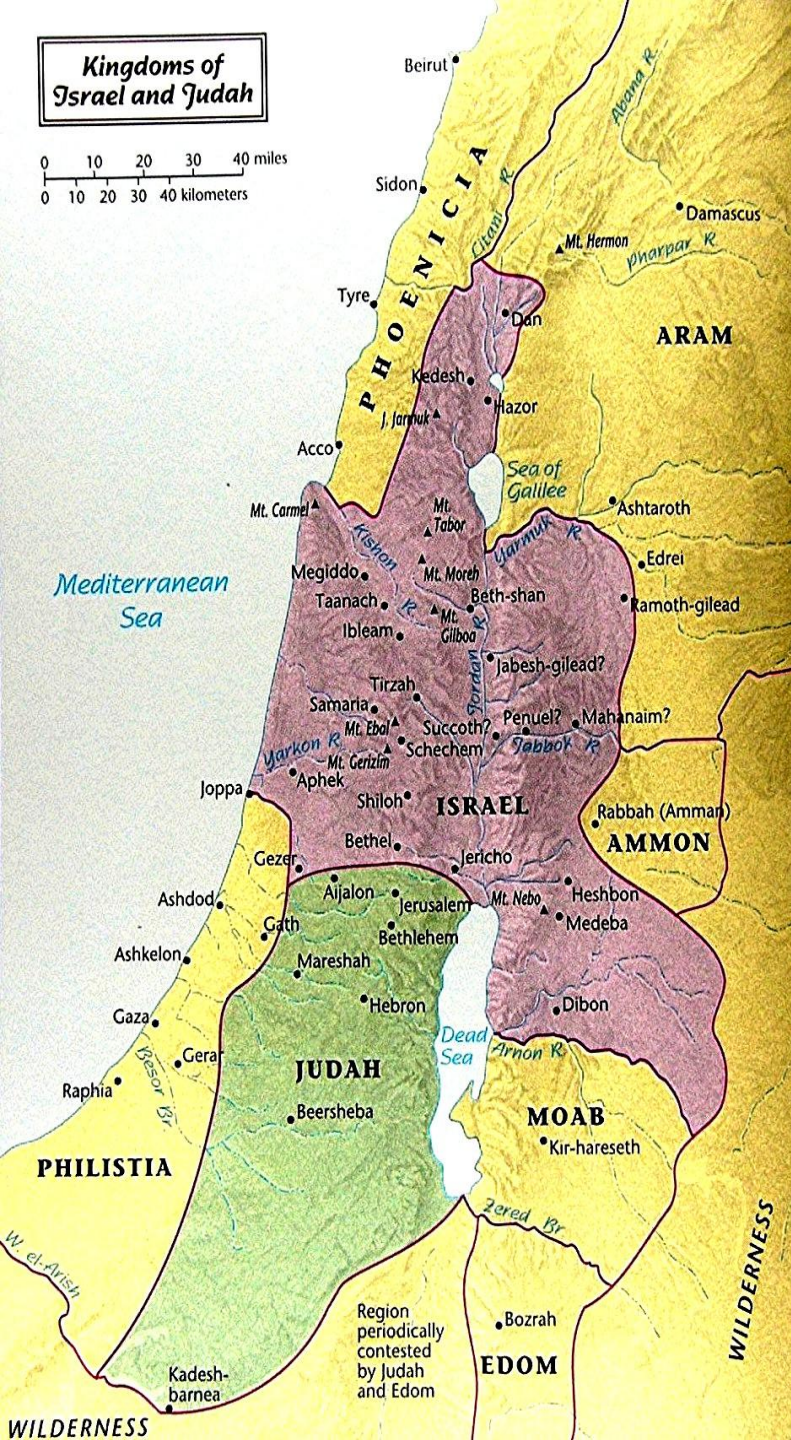
INTRO TO 2ND SAMUEL

- Bible focuses on Israel, but much going on in nations around Israel
- Until WWII Americans didn't see that there was a world outside of our borders
- Today the issue is how much to integrate World society with American society
- Do we want a One-World Government?



Kingdoms of Israel and Judah

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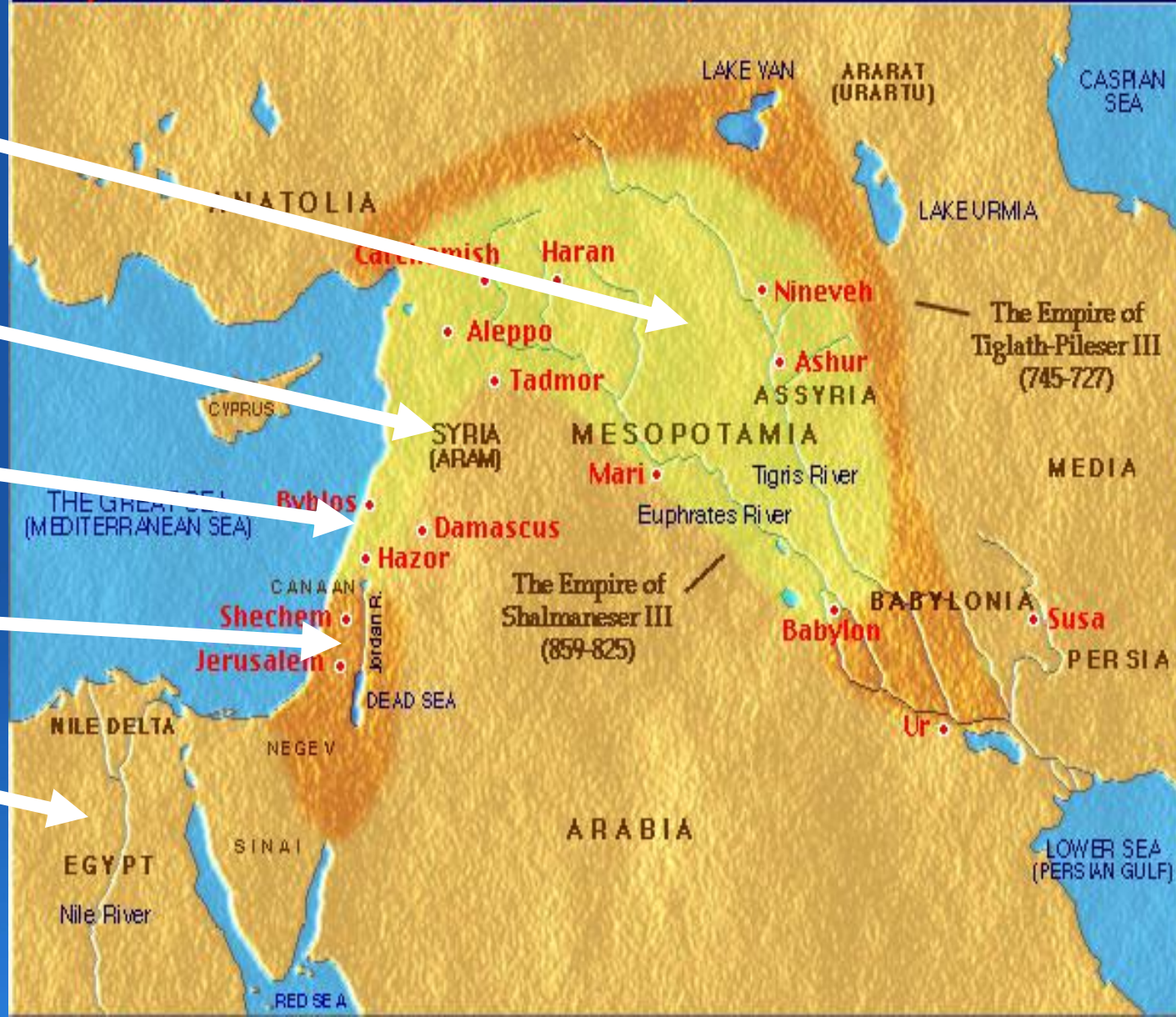


OUTSIDE INFLUENCES LED TO ISRAEL'S CIVIL WAR

- The Lord was operating behind the scenes of human governments to bring about His plan
- After Solomon's death Israel split into two separately governed kingdoms
- Assyria, Babylon, and Egypt had emerged to put pressure on the region and on Israel

5 REGIONS OF INFLUENCE

Assyrian Empire (9th-8th Centuries B.C.E.)



➤ MESO-POTAMIA

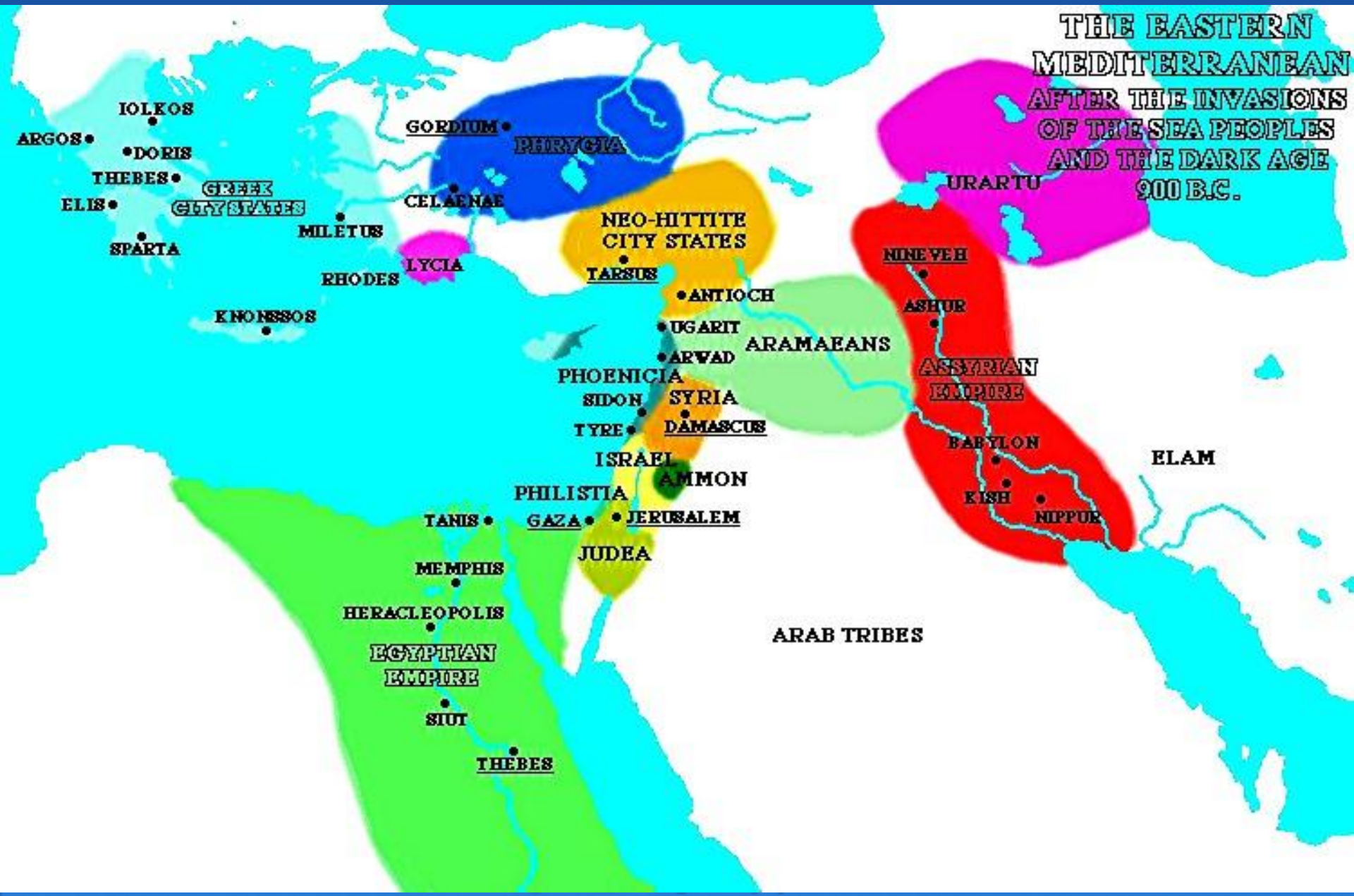
➤ N. SYRIA

➤ PHOENICIA

➤ CANAAN

➤ EGYPT

ASSYRIAN – ARAMEAN WARS



NORTH SYRIA

- Arameans dominated N. Syria
- This was native land to the Arameans, like for American Indians at the time of the Pilgrims
- Food production has always been the key to population growth
- “A land flowing with milk and honey”



EGYPT



EGYPT

- Pharaoh had Jacob's clan live in the Delta region of Egypt
- Climate had just improved and allowed for much food production
- Egypt collapsed after the Exodus
- 1/4th of Egypt's population left in 1 day!
- Imagine if America lost 75 million people and all the working class overnight!



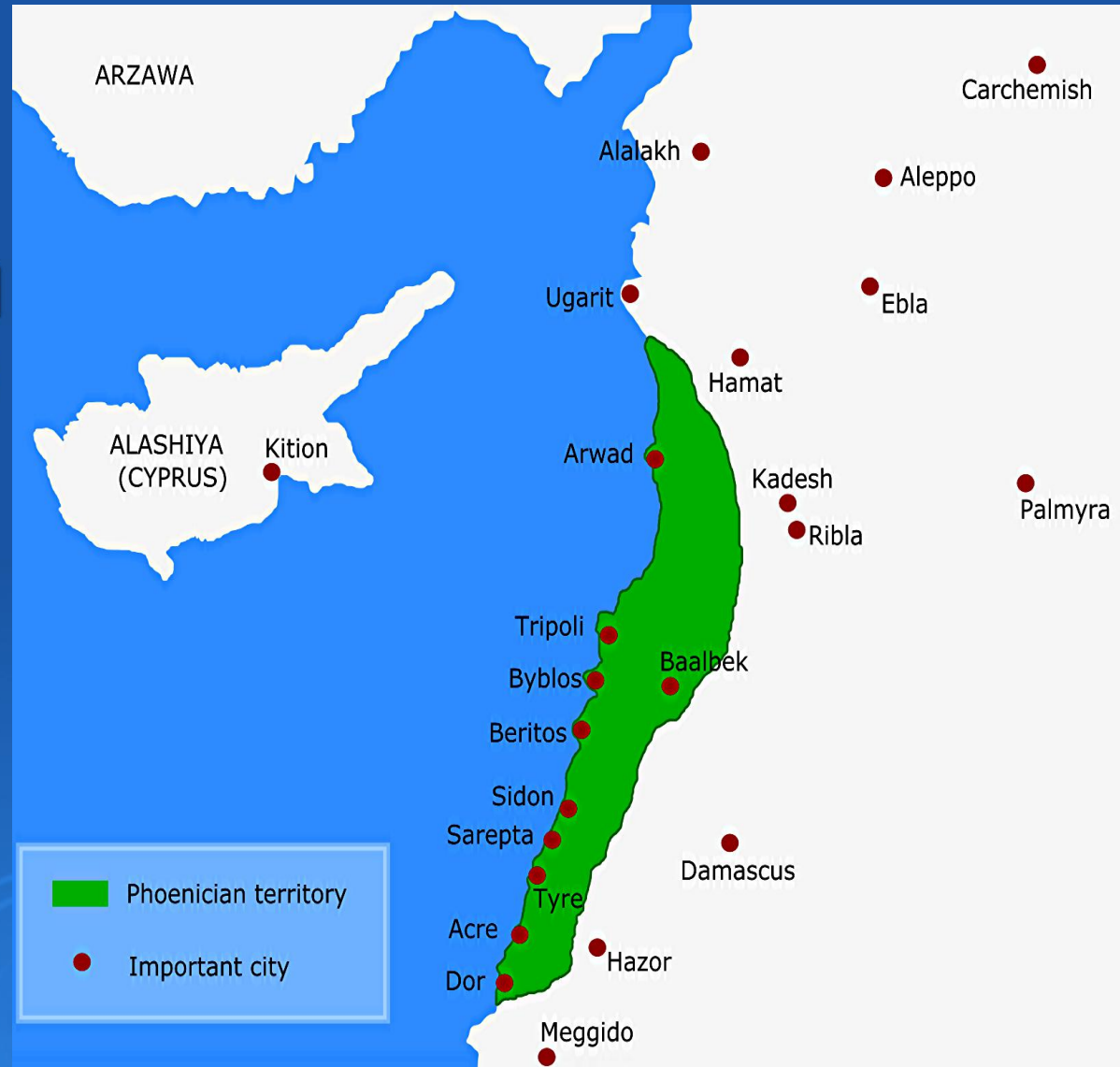
EGYPT MAKES A COMEBACK

- 350 years after the Exodus, in David's day, Egypt was on the move
- Egypt fought the Libyans and captured many prisoners
- A Libyan descendant named Shoshenk (Shishak) rose to power in Egypt
- He is found in 1st Kings and 2nd Chronicles
- Established an alliance with Phoenicia



EGYPT AND PHOENICIA WORK TOGETHER TO EXPAND INFLUENCE

- Sidon and Byblos allies of Phoenicia
- Together Egypt and Phoenicia had become economic superpowers
- Philistines were David's only foe
- A golden moment in history allowed Israel to be left alone to establish itself



2ND SAMUEL: DAVID'S RISE TO POWER



- 3 distinct stages
- 1) In Saul's inner court
- 2) A fugitive as Saul's enemy
- 3) King of Judah, then King over all of Israel



DAVID HEARS OF SHA'UL'S DEATH



- Vs. 1 “*After the death of Saul....*”
- David and his men returned to the ruins of Ziklag after rescuing their families from the Amalekites
- A messenger comes to David with the news that King Saul and Jonathan were dead
- He says that Israel has been defeated, and the *ammim* have fled

DAVID AND HIS MEN ARE GRIEF-STRICKEN OVER THE NEWS

- Young man explains that he was there on Mt. Gilboa
- Chariots and cavalry had overrun the Israelites camp
- The badly wounded King Saul asked the young man to kill him, and he complied
- The bulk of Israelite territory was now under the control of gentiles



THE MESSENGER IS AN AMALEKITE GER



- **Ger** = foreigner, not a citizen of Israel. Lives with Israel but retains former tribal identity. Not under Israel's covenants
- Eph. 2:10 – 19 “*..remember your former state you Gentiles by birth.... You were estranged from Israel....foreigners to the covenants...but through the shedding of Messiah's blood...you are NO LONGER FOREIGNERS...*
- A gentile is grafted into Israel's covenants when we are saved!