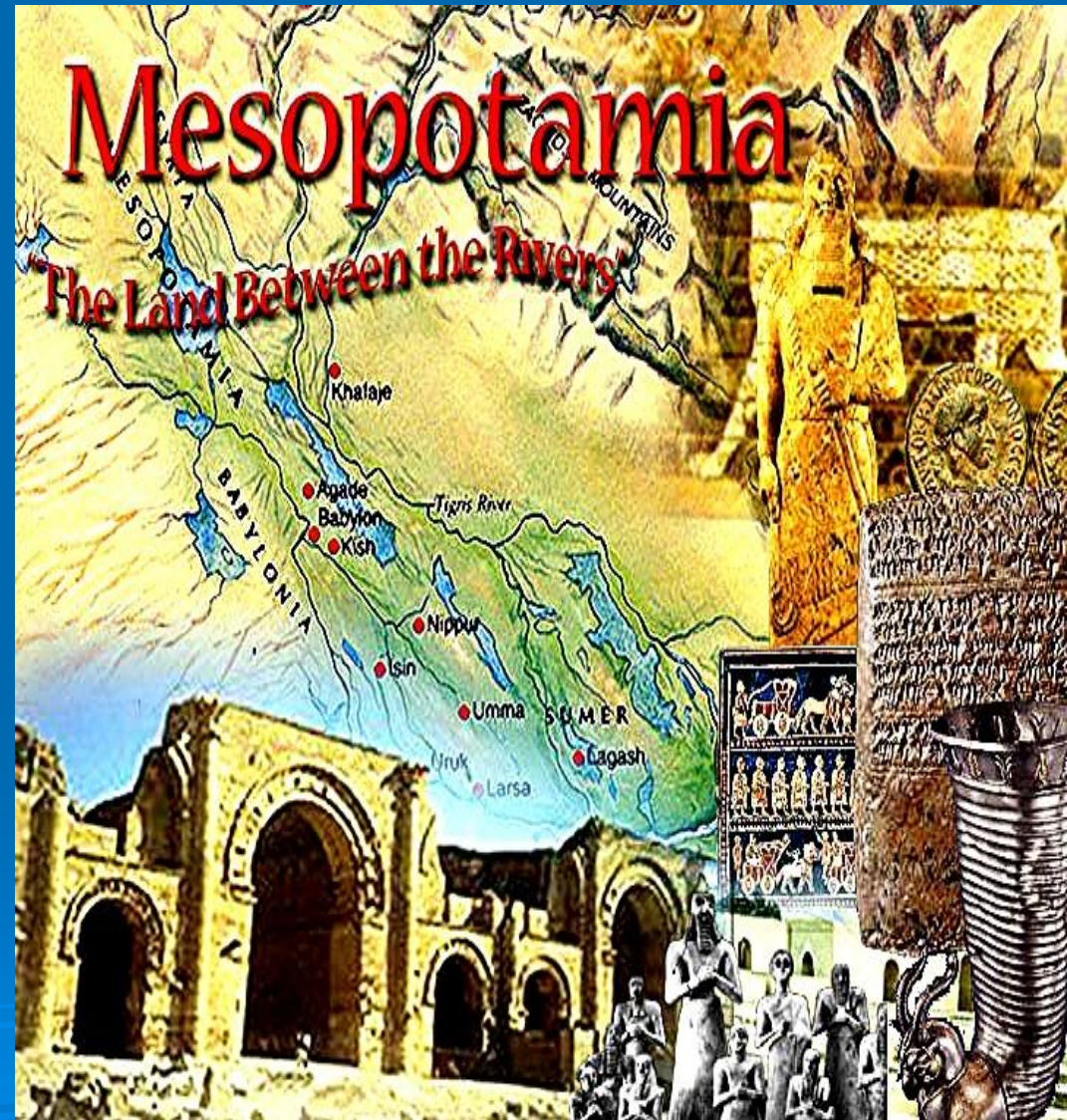


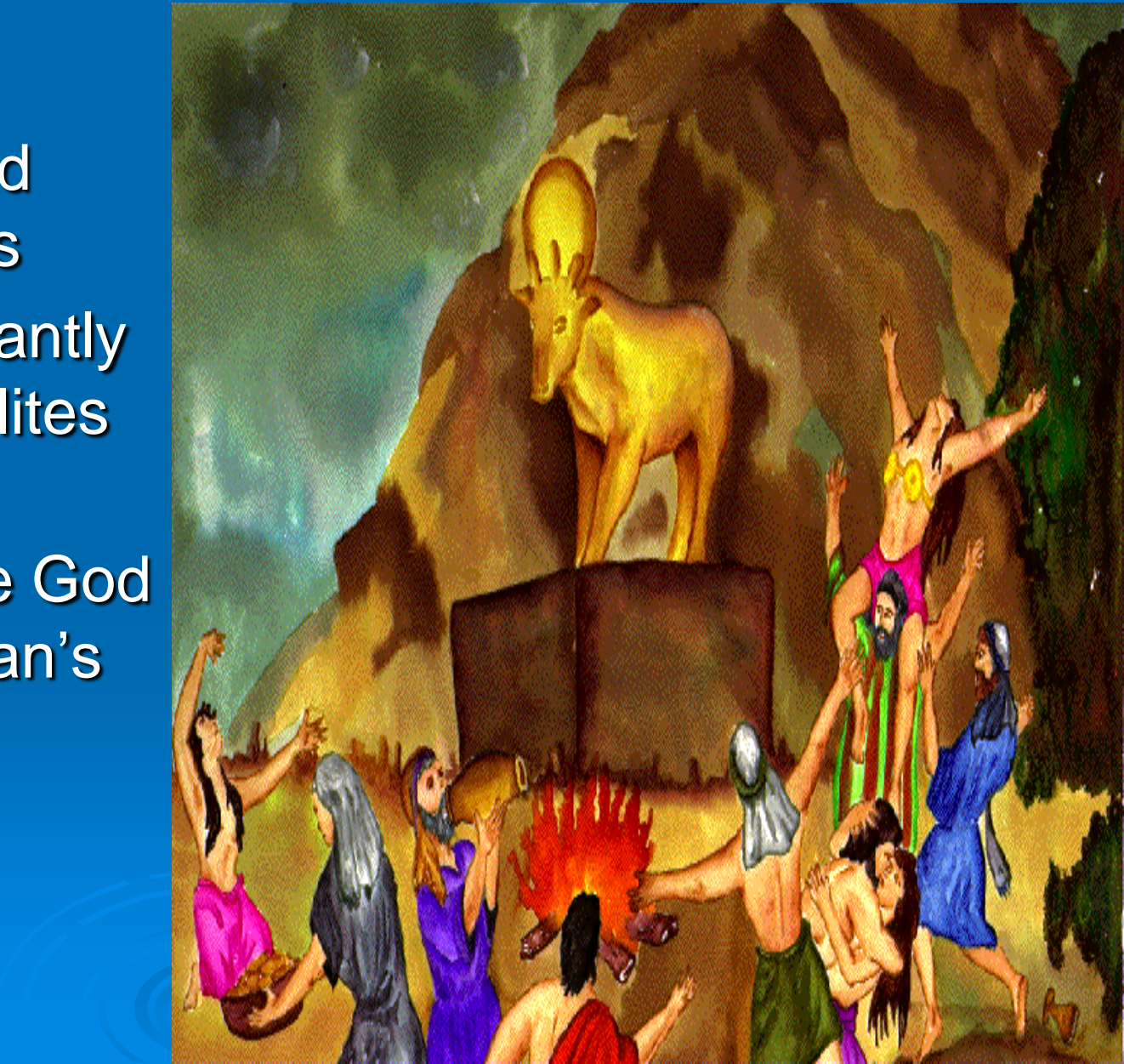
THE ANCIENT NAMES OF GOD

- Israelite cultural roots come from Mesopotamia
- Nimrod produced the Mystery Babylon religions
- From the hierarchy of many gods came “the highest god”the “EL”
- Idolatry followed the Hebrews through all Biblical times



HEBREW CULT PRACTICES

- Hebrews instinctively held onto many gods
- Prophets constantly chastised Israelites for idolatry
- Concept of One God runs against man's sinful nature



YEHOVEH

יהוה

HWHY

heh vav heh yud

TRADITION TRANSFORMS THE USE OF GOD'S NAME

- 500 BC the use of “*El-ohim*” begins
- “*im*” can indicate either the plural form, or “the plural of GREATNESS”
- *El-Roi*, *El-Shaddai*, *El-Elyon*, etc.
- 300 BC the name of God (Yehoveh) is no longer spoken
- A new word is SUBSTITUTED for Yehoveh...*adonai*
- The name “YHWH” is used over 6000 times in the Bible.....but Christianity has also dropped it and substituted “lord” or “god”

ESAV SELLS HIS BIRTHRIGHT TO YA'ACOV

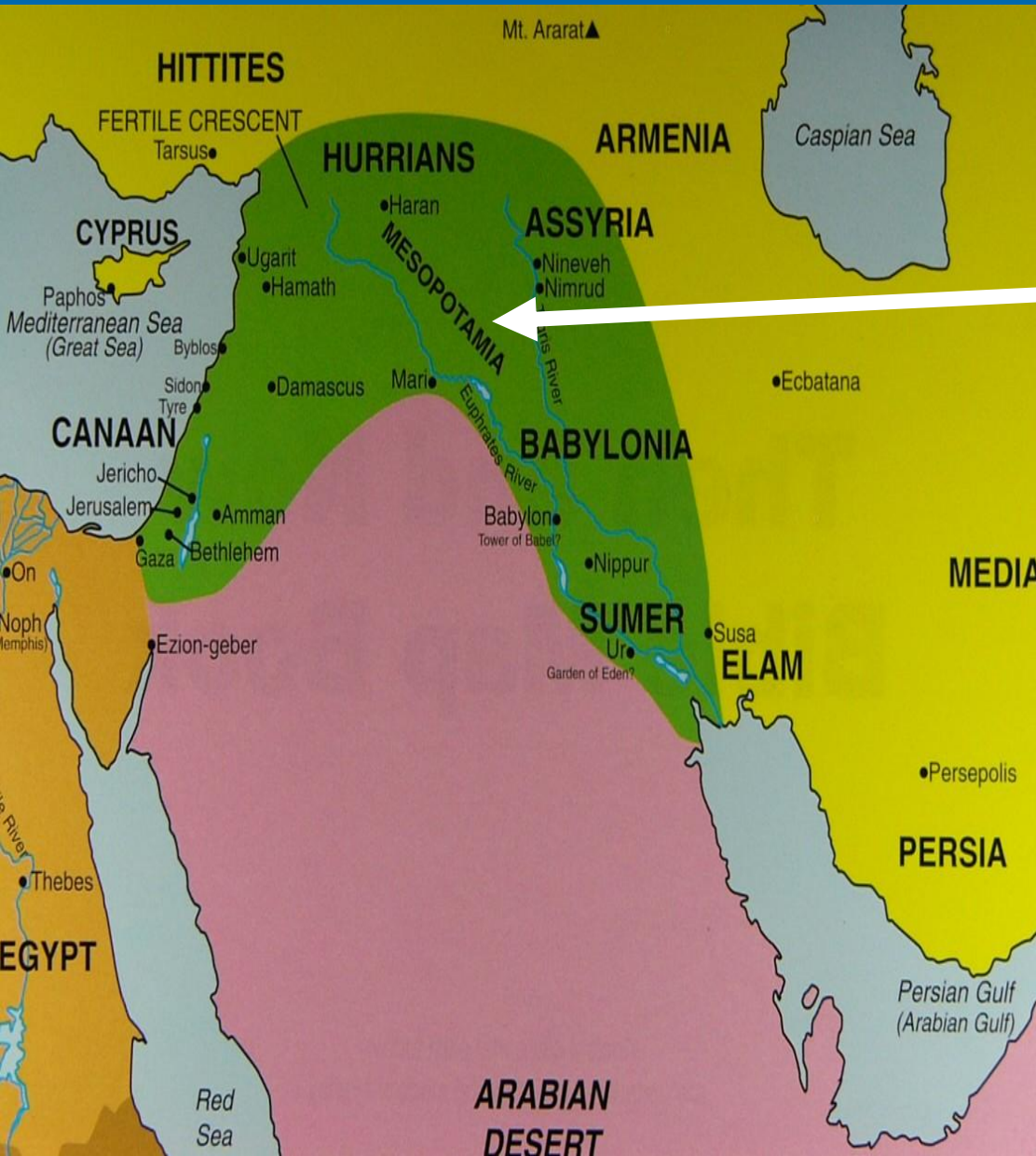


YITZ'CHAK IS DECEIVED

- Isaac (Yitz'chak) is 135 years old
- Birthright given to Ya'acov (the younger)
- Ya'acov means "heel catcher"an idiom for "deceiver"
- All wealth and authority will be transferred to Jacob



YA'ACOV (JACOB)



- Jacob flees to his ancient family homeland (Mesopotamia)
- Marries Rachel
- Jacob pays 7 years of servitude
- Leah is switched for Rachel
- *Ya'acov* pays another 7 years of servitude

JACOB FLEES FROM LABAN

- *Ya'acov* 84 years old when he marries Rachel
- Spent 20 years in servitude to Laban
- Rachel stole her father's gods
- Possessor of gods indicates rightful owner of family wealth



JACOB CONFRONTS ESAU



JACOB IS NOW CALLED ISRAEL



Y'HOSEPH (JOSEPH)

- 17 years old, sold into slavery
- 10 jealous older brothers tell father Jacob that Joseph was killed by wild animals



JOSEPH IN EGYPT



JOSEPH IS THE VIZIER OF EGYPT



- Jacob (Israel) sends his sons to buy grain from Egypt
- Joseph reveals himself to his brothers
- Israel brings entire family to Egypt
- Total of 70 individuals (not counting Joseph) from Israel

JACOB'S CROSSHANDED BLESSING

- GENESIS 48
- Joseph's younger son Ephraim given firstborn rights
- Jacob gave firstborn rights to a grandson instead of to the rightful heir, Reuben



Kingdoms of Israel and Judah

0 10 20 30 40 miles
0 10 20 30 40 kilometers



NORTHERN KINGDOM CALLED EPHRAIM

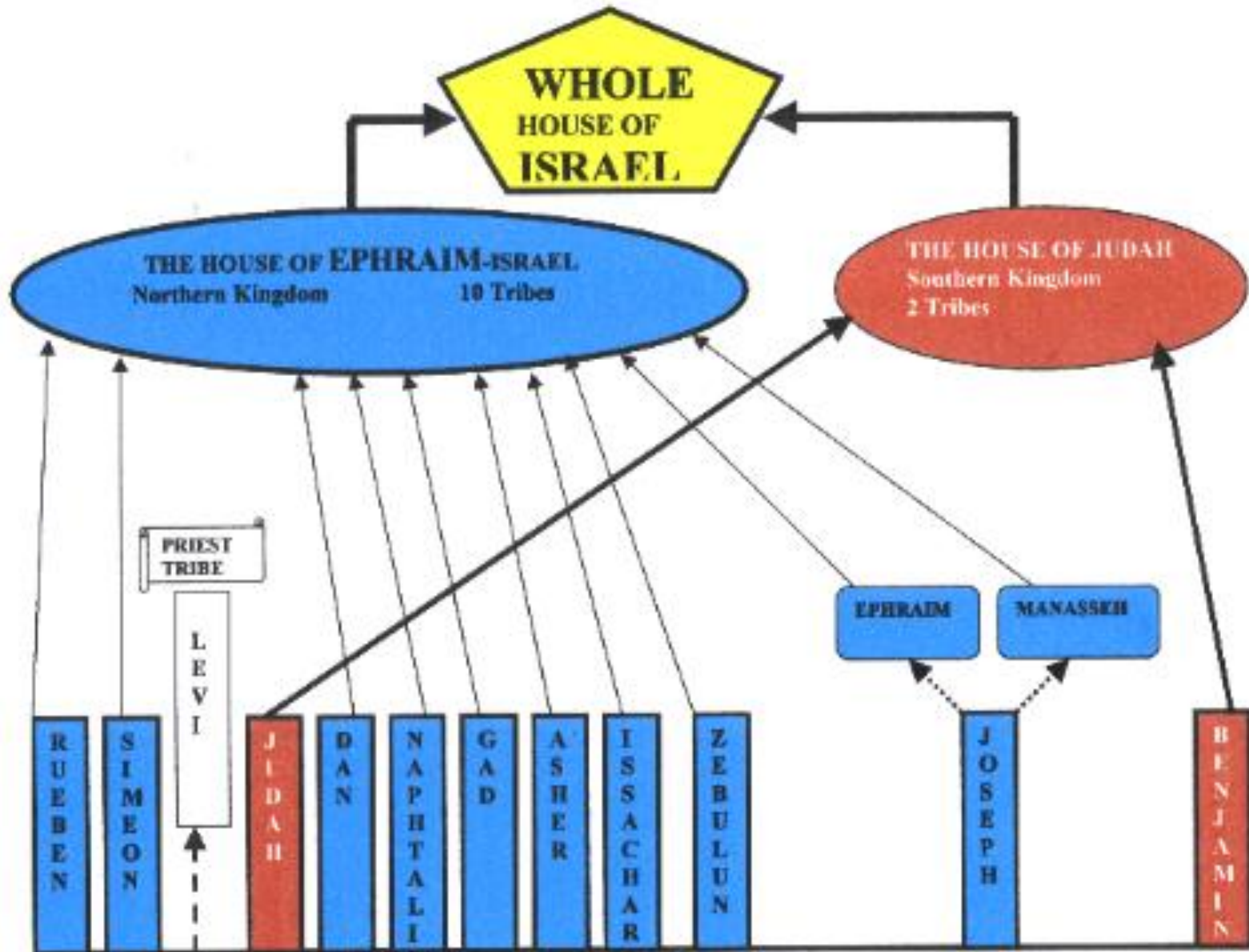
- King Solomon dies in 925 BC
- Civil War in 920 BC splits Israel into 2 Kingdoms
- Ephraim was dominant over 10 tribes
- Judah was dominant over 2 tribes

722 BC: EPHRAIM SCATTERED IN ASSYRIAN EMPIRE



THE TWO HOUSES OF ISRAEL

HOW THE 12 TRIBES MAKE UP THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL



EPHRAIM

JUDAH

EZEKIEL 37

