

**The Use of the
Old Testament
in the Book of Hebrews**

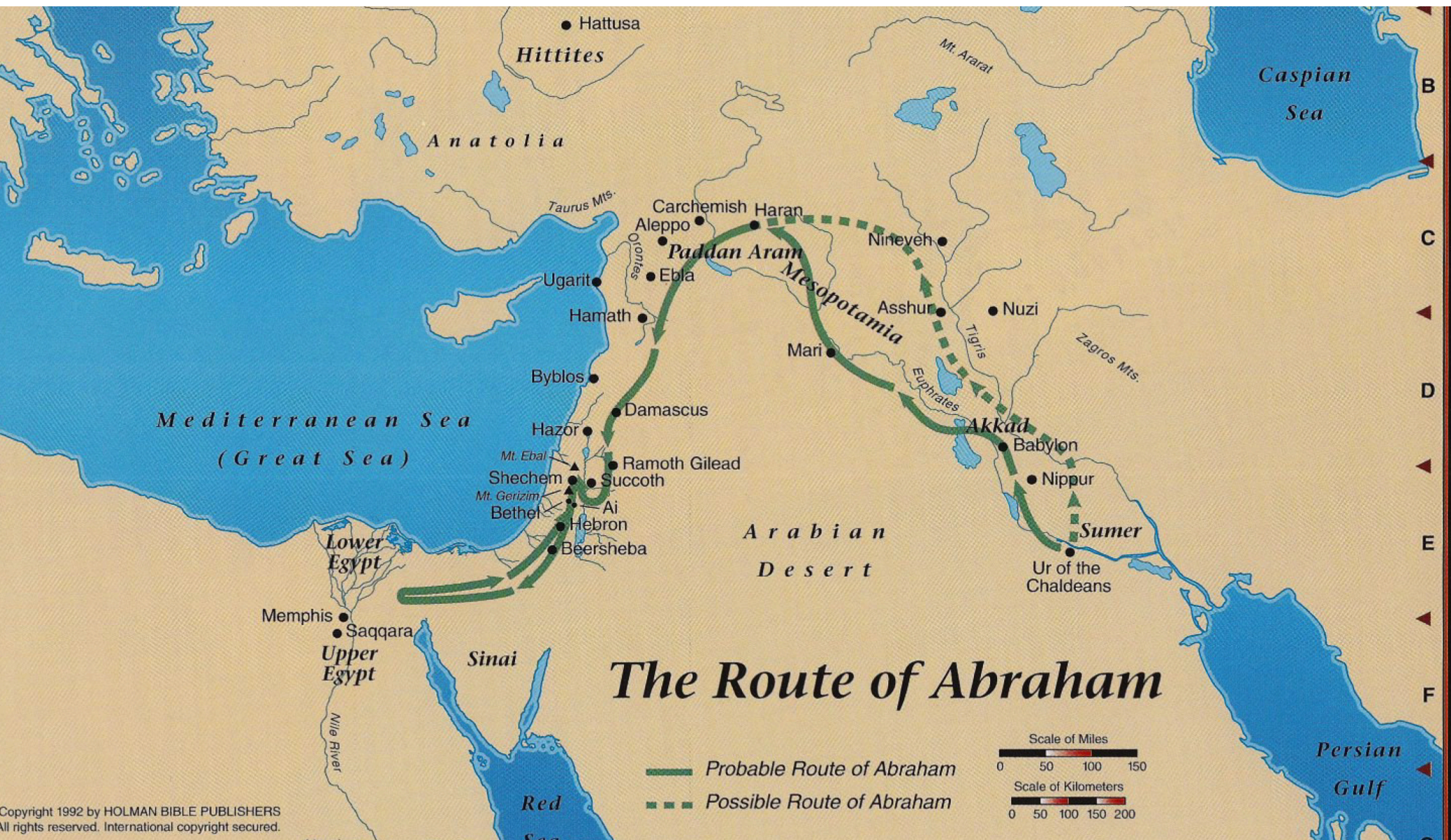
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Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

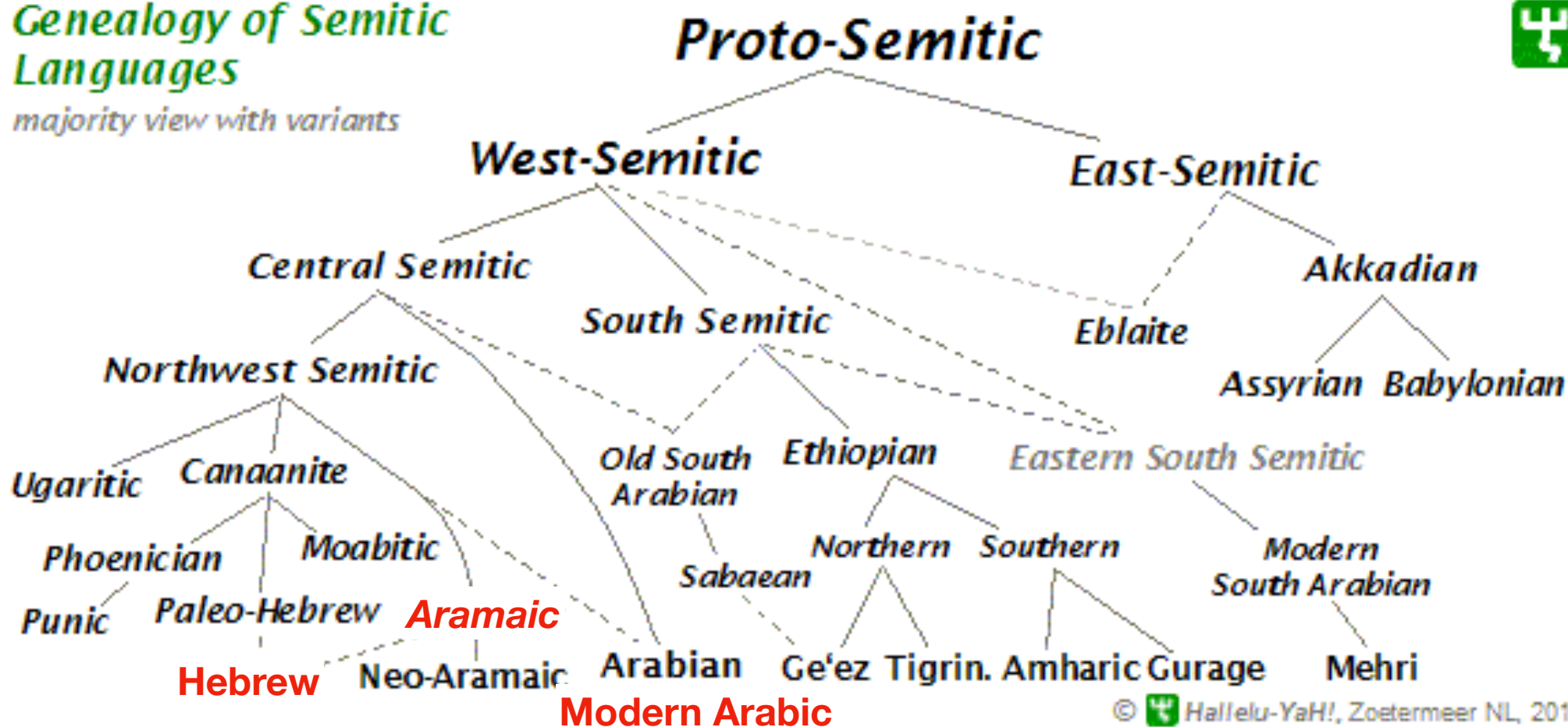
Linguistic Situation

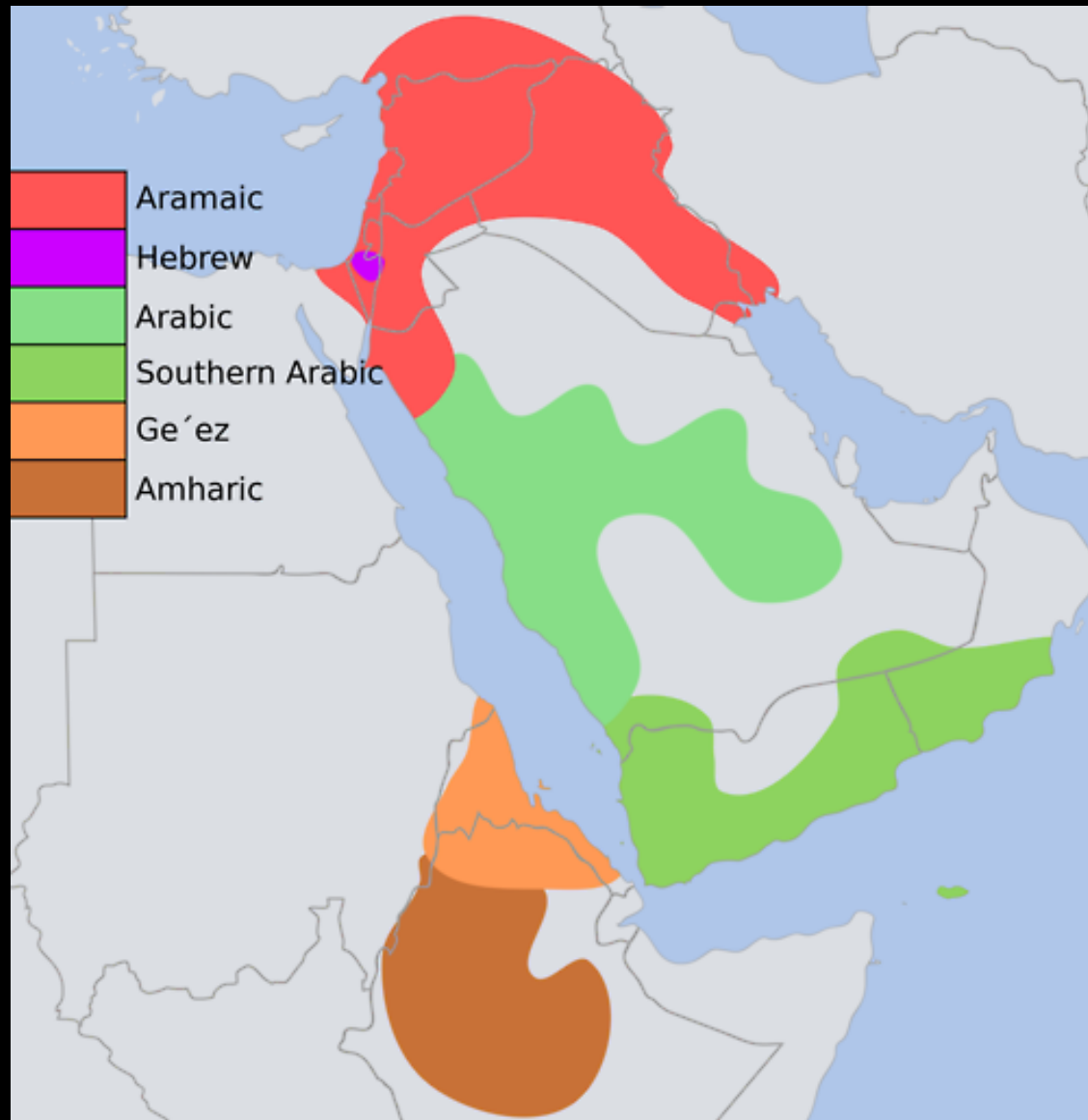
- "Hebrew" Jews
 - Aramaic
 - Hebrew
- "Hellenistic" Jews
 - Greek



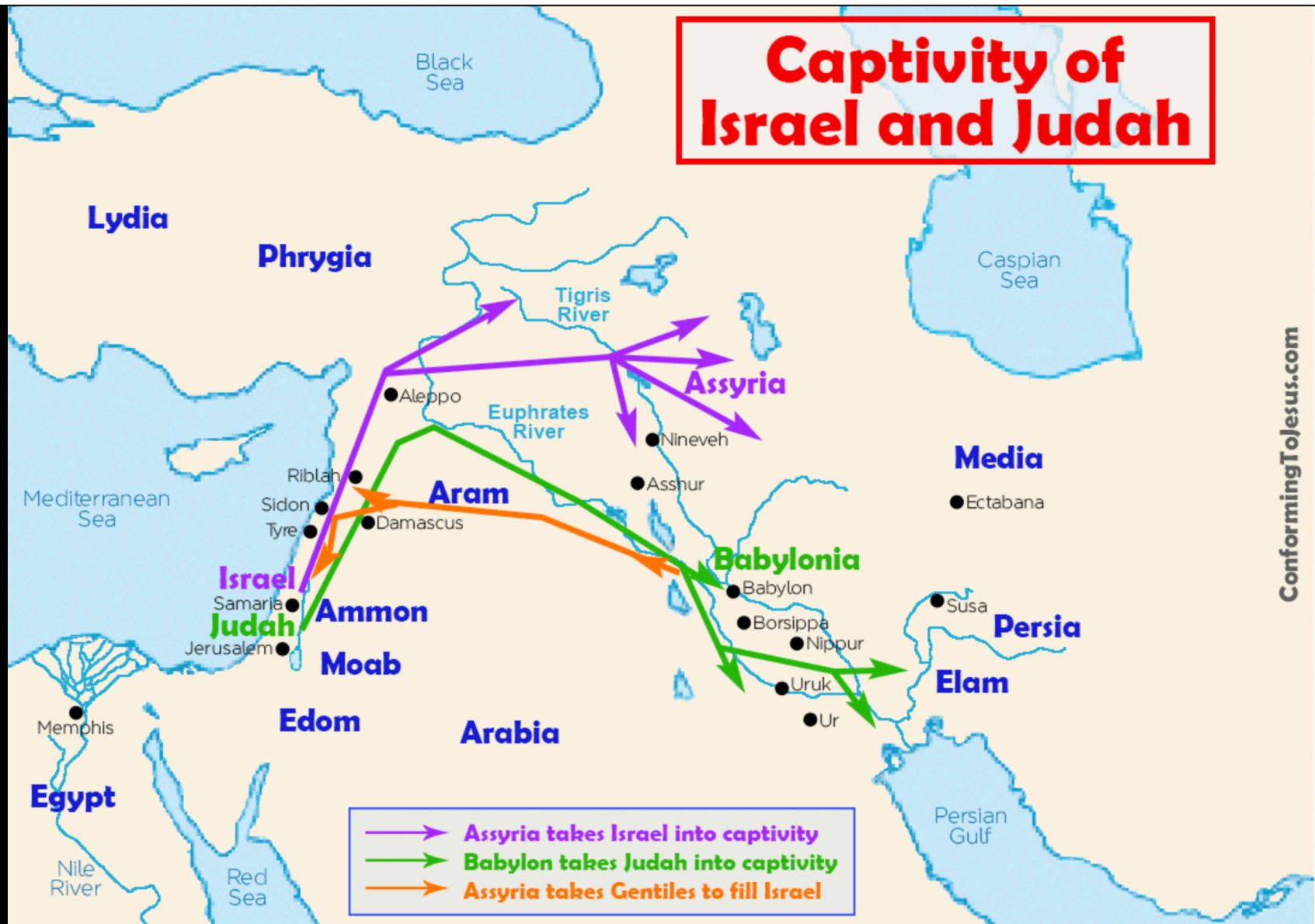
Genealogy of Semitic Languages

majority view with variants





Captivity of Israel and Judah





The Masoretic Hebrew Bible



- Oldest extant manuscript dates to 1000 AD
- Masoretic text finalized 7-19th c.
- But the text tradition predates Christ (as evidenced by Dead Sea Scrolls)

Aramaic Portions of Hebrew Bible

- Daniel 2:4b–7:28 (200 verses)
- Ezra 4:8–6:18, 7:12–26 (67 verses)
- Jeremiah 10:11

The Targums (Aramaic Bible)

- Targum: translation or interpretation
 - Targum Onkelos (aka Babylonian)
 - Targum Jonathan
 - Targum Yerushalmi
- New Testament writers sometimes quoted from Targumim

Aramaic Targum Quotes in NT

- Deuteronomy 32:35
 - Heb: Vengeance is mine, and recompense
 - LXX: In the day of vengeance I will repay
 - Targum (Aramaic paraphrase): Vengeance is mine, I will repay
- Targum version quoted in
 - Rom 12.19
 - Heb 10:30

The Septuagint (LXX)

- Greek translation of the Old Testament
- Contains Deuterocanonical Books
- The LXX is important because it...
 - Was the OT version quoted by NT Authors
 - Was the OT version of the early church
 - Is the OT version still used by the Orthodox Church
- Sometimes differs from the masoretic Hebrew text

The Divisions of the Hebrew Scriptures

- The Law (Torah)
 - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- The Prophets (Nevi'im)
 - Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings; Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the Twelve Minor Prophets.
- The Writings (Ketuvim)
 - Psalms, Proverbs, Job; Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther; Daniel, Ezra–Nehemiah, Chronicles

Luke 24:44

“These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.”

Luke 24:45

**And He opened their
understanding, that they
might comprehend the
Scriptures.**

God Spoke with Multiple Meanings

- Literal meaning
 - Use the historical, cultural, and literary context to determine what the author meant and how the listener would have interpreted it.
- Secondary meaning
 - Future fulfillment
 - Fulfilled in the life of the Messiah
 - Allegorical
 - People, animals, objects, events interpreted as representing something else.
- Typological
 - People, events, etc. interpreted as as types pre-figuring events or aspects of Christ or his revelation described in the New Testament.

Messianic Psalms of Jesus Christ

Psalm 2	The Son of God	Matthew 3:17
Psalm 8:2	Praised by children	Matthew 21:15-16
Psalm 8:6	Ruler of all	Hebrews 2:8
Psalm 16:10	Rises from death	Matthew 28:7
Psalm 22:1	Forsaken by God	Matthew 27:46
Psalm 22:7-8	Derided by enemies	Luke 23:35
Psalm 22:16	Hands & feet pierced	John 20:27
Psalm 22:18	Lots cast for clothes	Matthew 27:35-36
Psalm 34:20	Bones unbroken	John 19:32-33, 36
Psalm 35:11	Accused by false witnesses	Mark 14:57
Psalm 35:19	Hated without cause	John 15:25
Psalm 40:7-8	Delights in God's Word	Hebrews 10:7
Psalm 41:9	Betrayed by friend	Luke 22:47
Psalm 45:6	The Eternal King	Hebrews 1:8
Psalm 68:18	Ascends to heaven	Acts 1:9-11
Psalm 69:21	Given vinegar & gall	Matthew 27:34
Psalm 109:4	Prays for enemies	Luke 23:34
Psalm 109:8	His betrayer replaced	Acts 1:20
Psalm 110:1	Rules over His enemies	Matthew 22:44
Psalm 110:4	A priest forever	Hebrews 5:6
Psalm 118:22	The Chief Cornerstone	Matthew 21:42
Psalm 118:26	Comes in name of the Lord	Matthew 21:9

Questions?
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