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# BIBLICAL SURVEY

## Joseph - Moses: Archaeology

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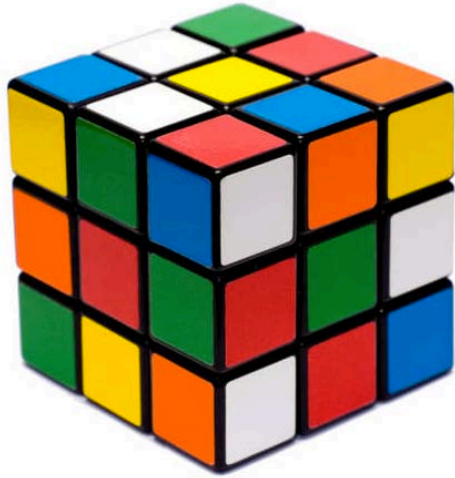


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# Israel in Egypt – Joseph to Moses





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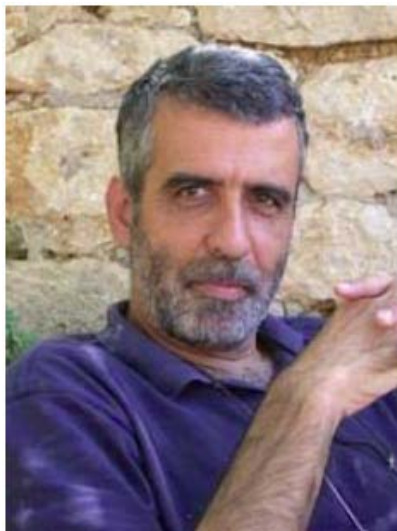


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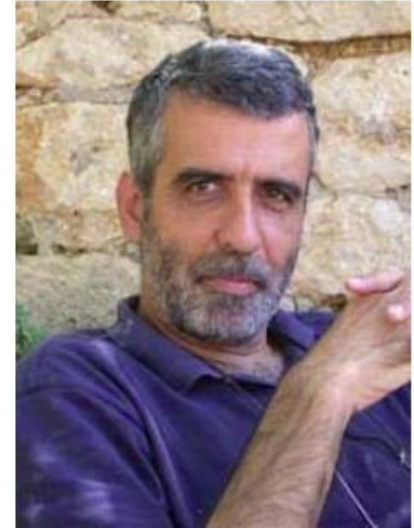
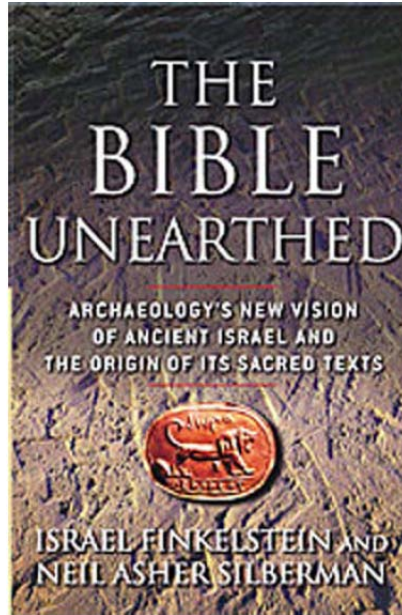
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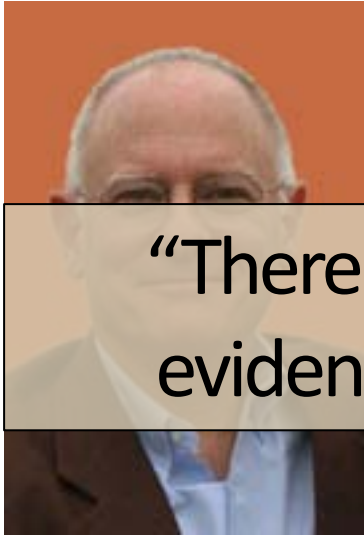




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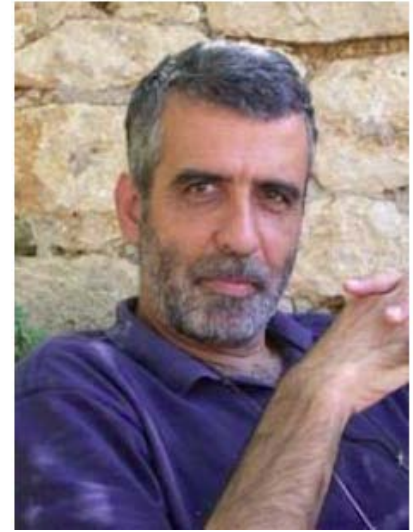
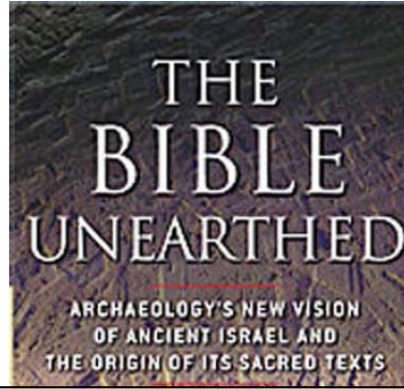


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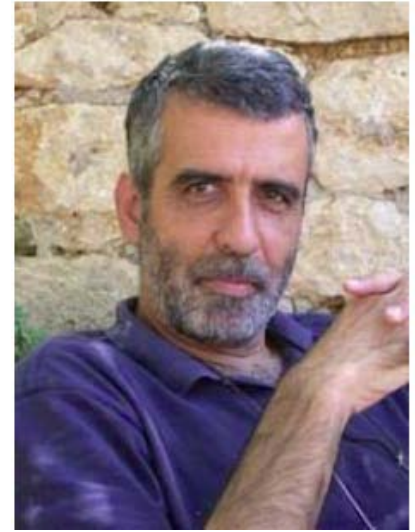
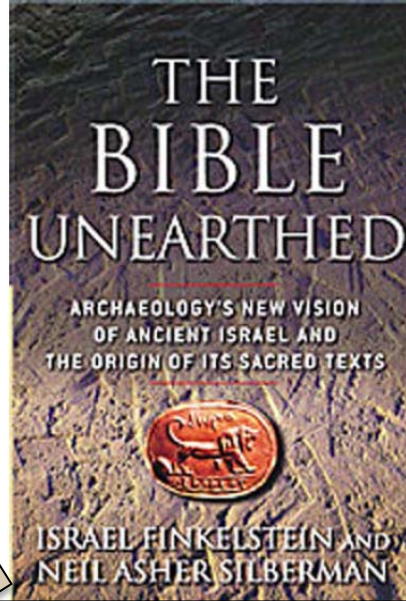
“There is no recognizable archaeological evidence of Israelite presence in Egypt.”



Neil Simon and Israel Finkelstein  
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These are “the guys”



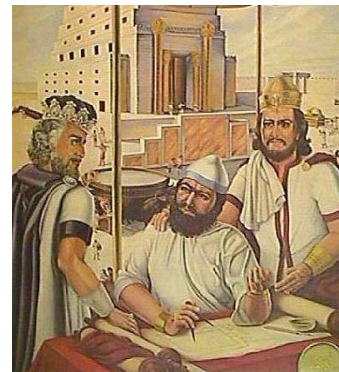


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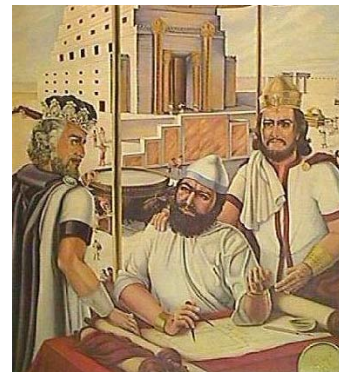
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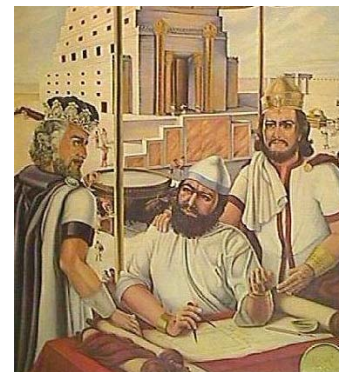




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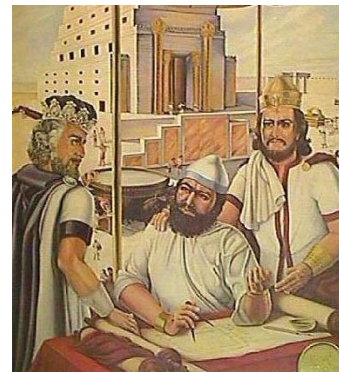


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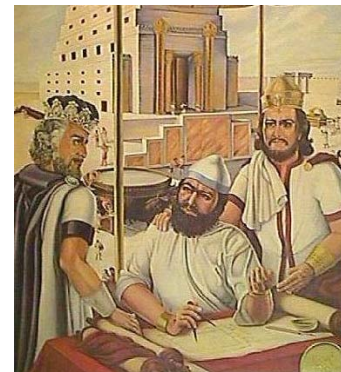


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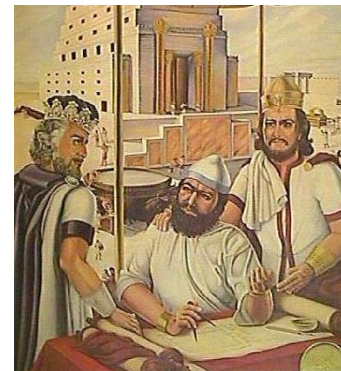
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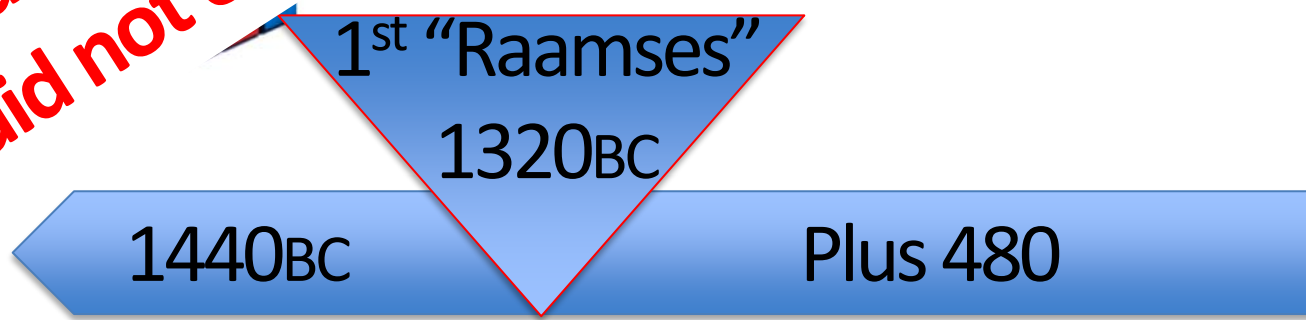
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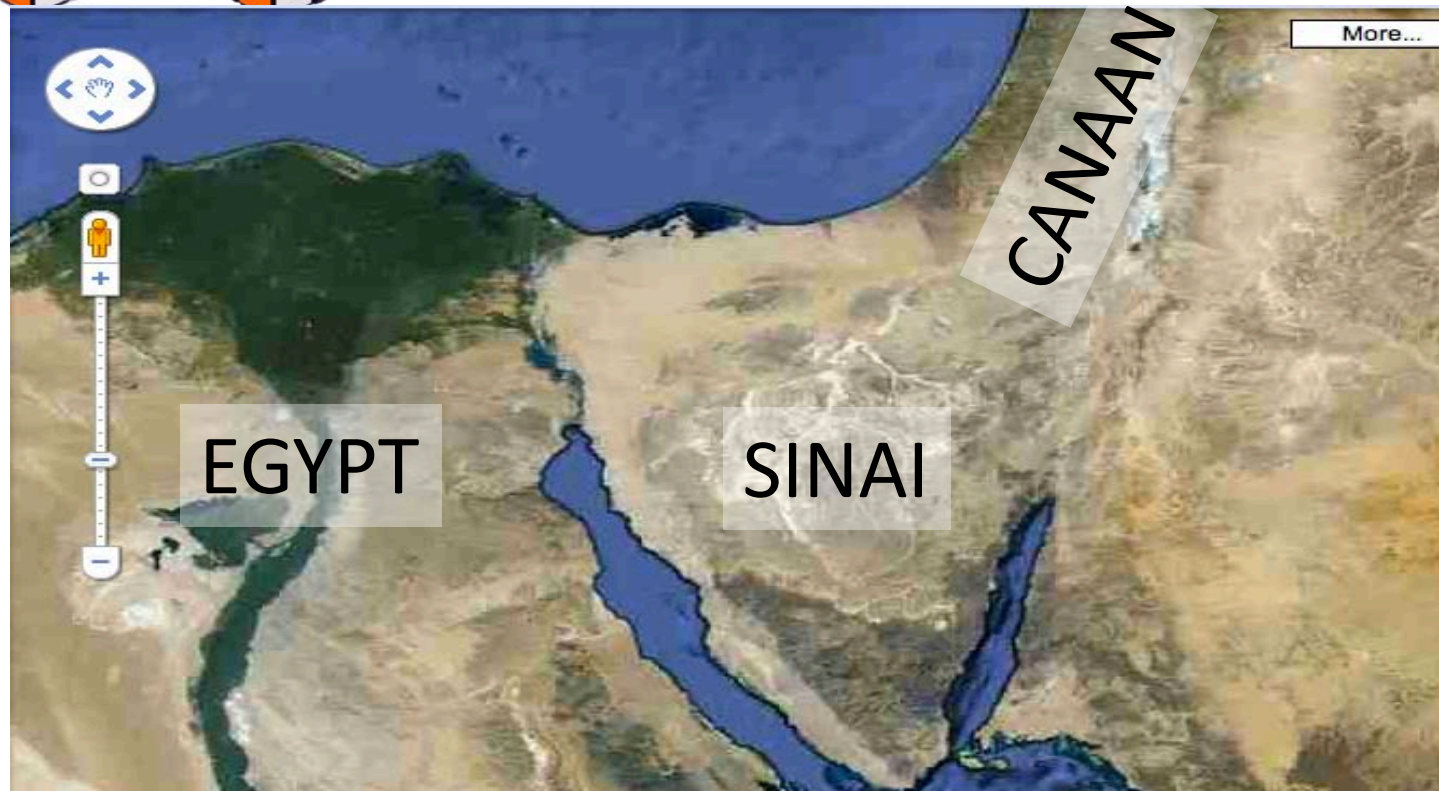
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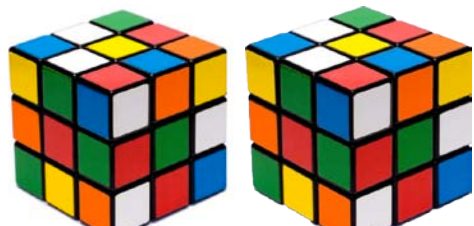




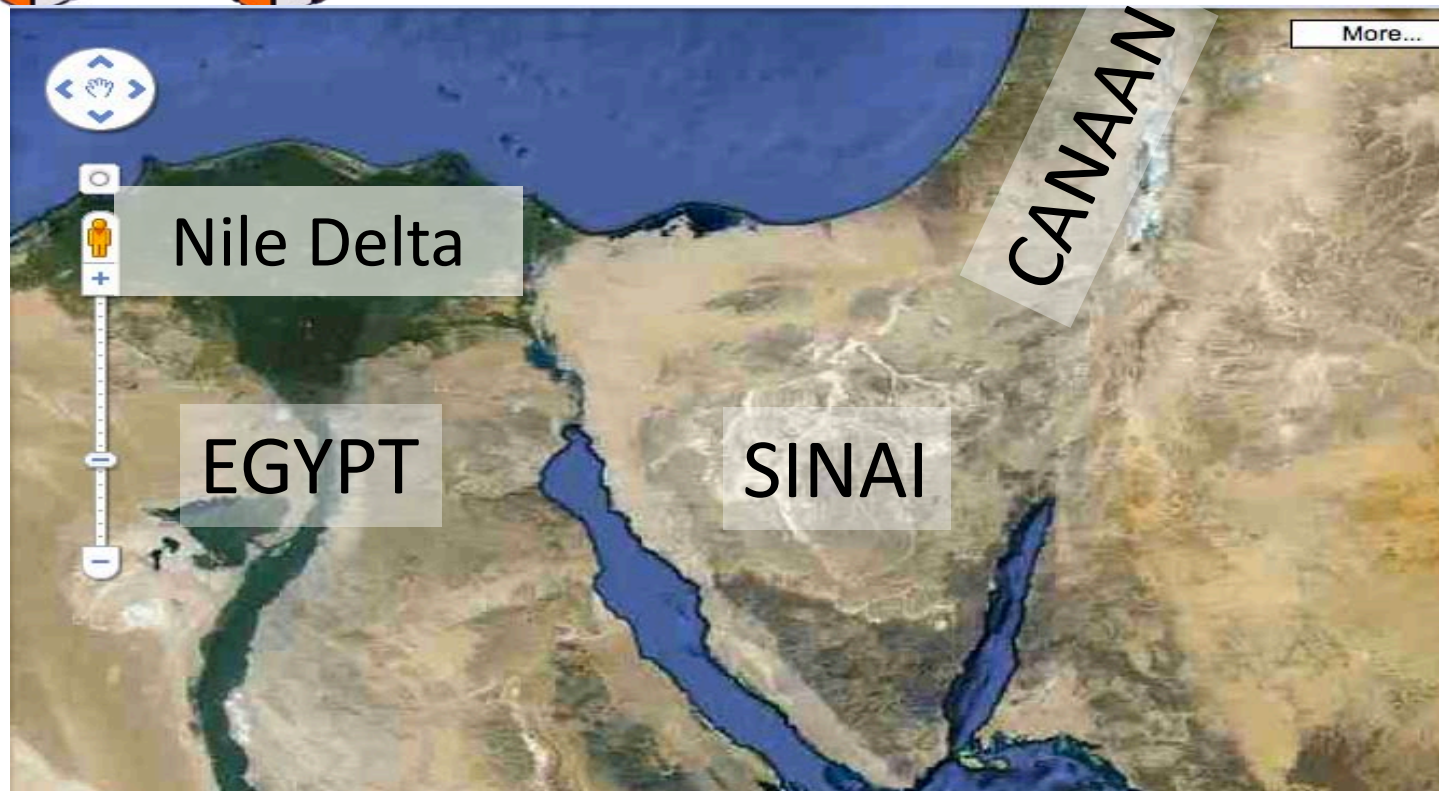


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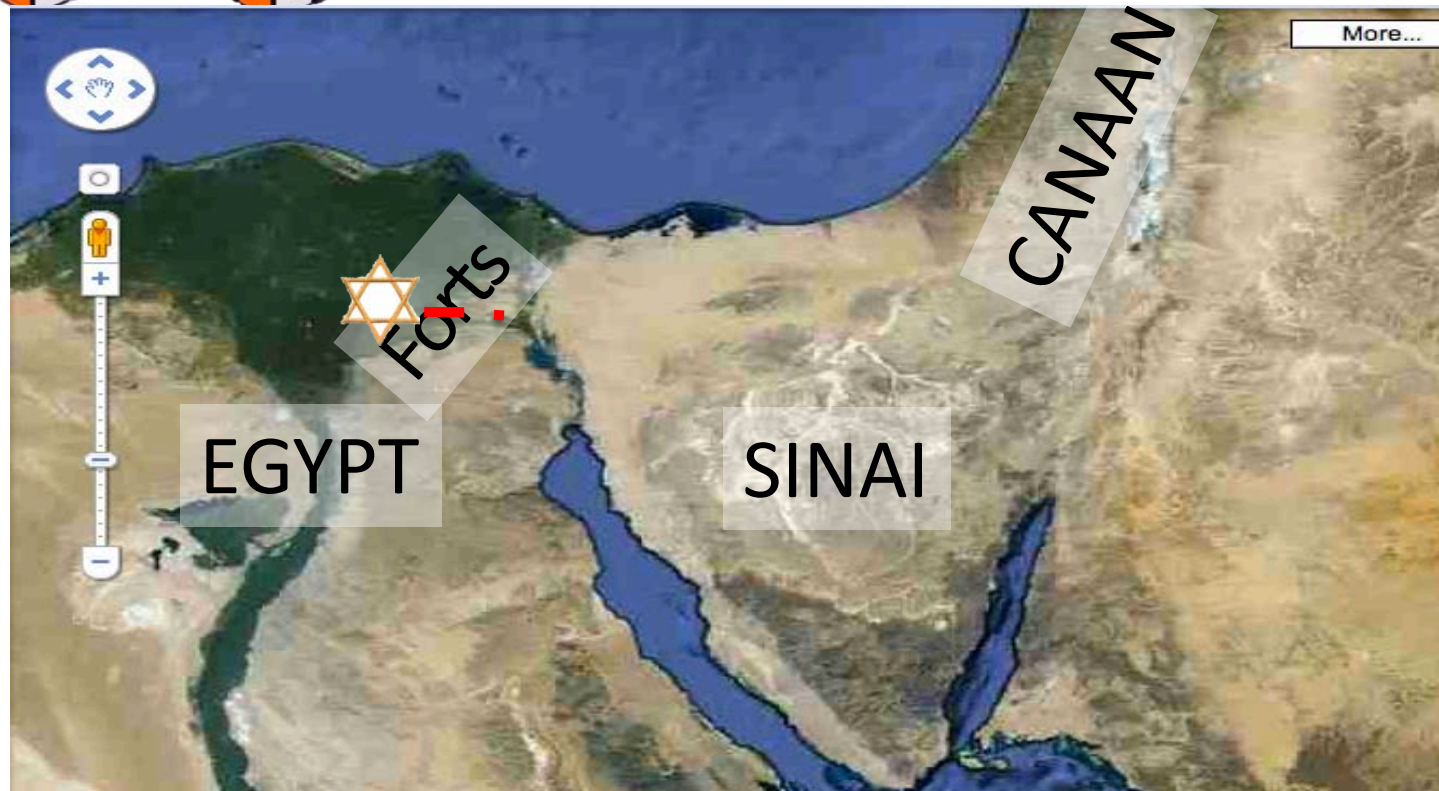


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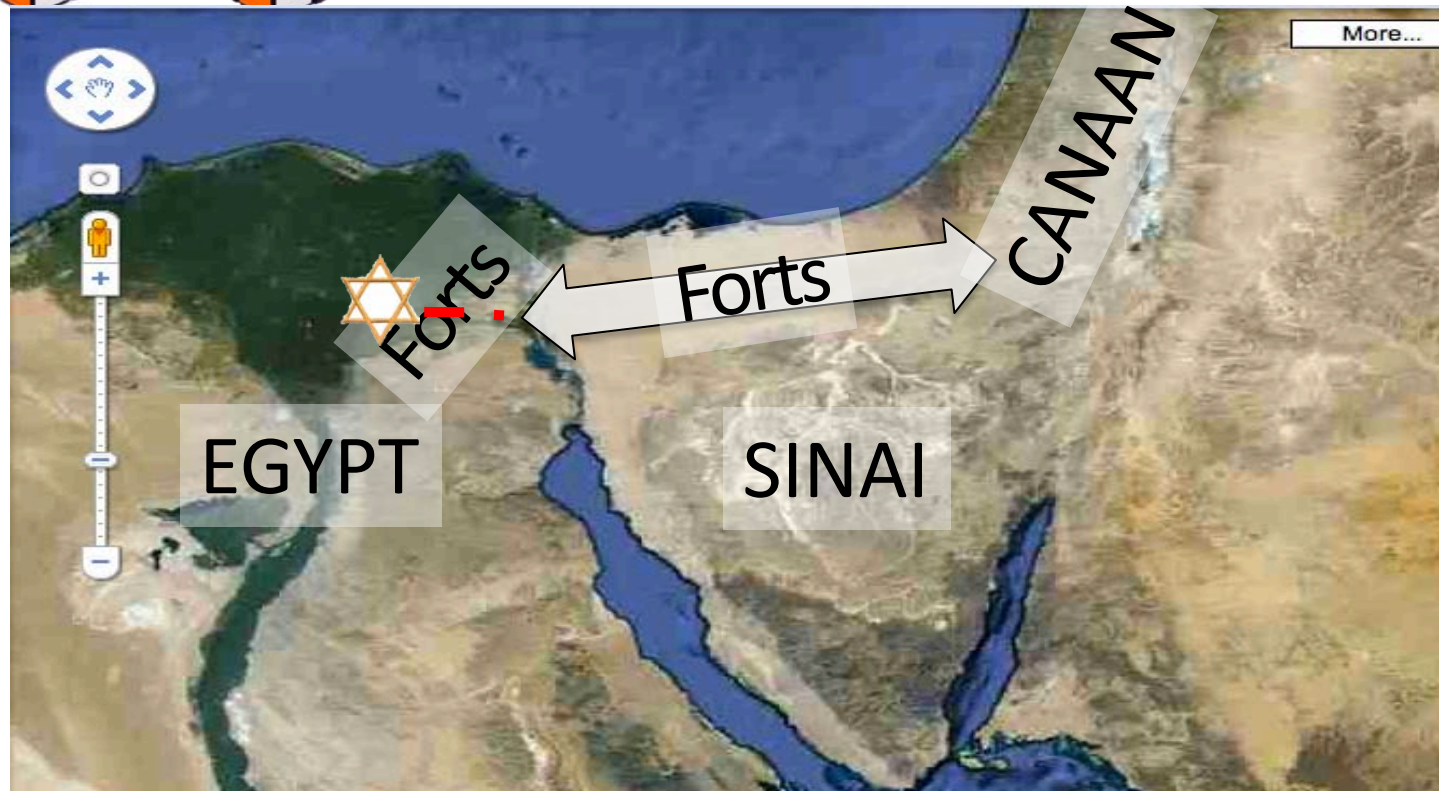


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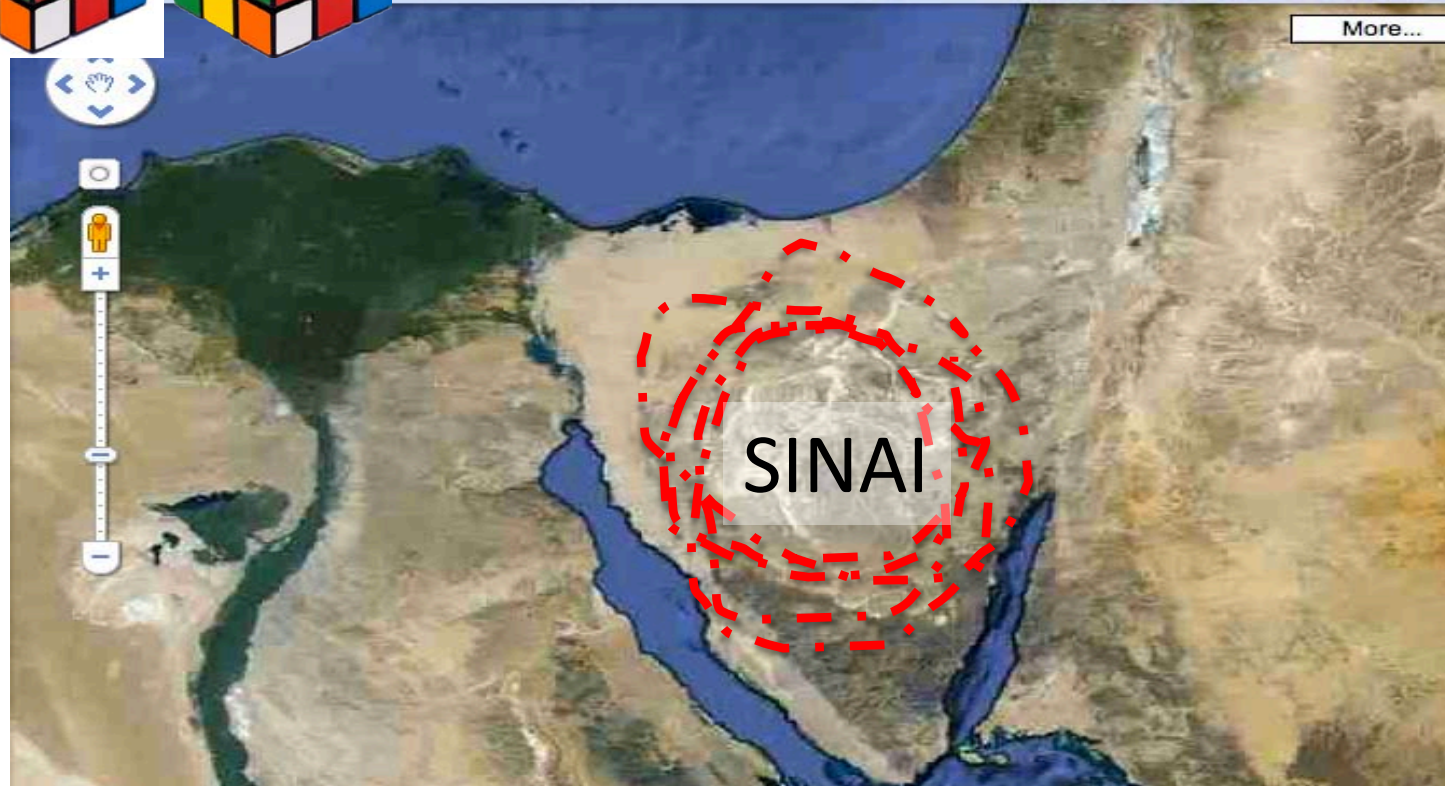


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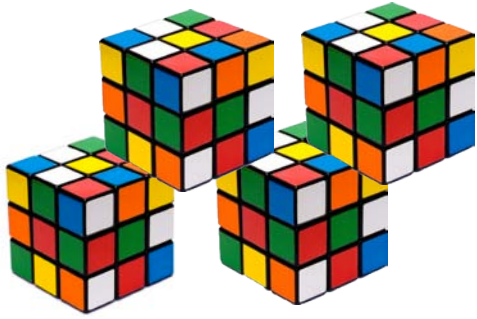




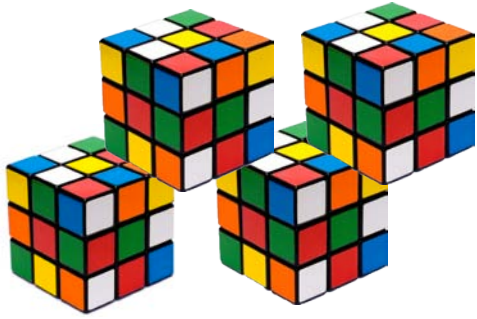
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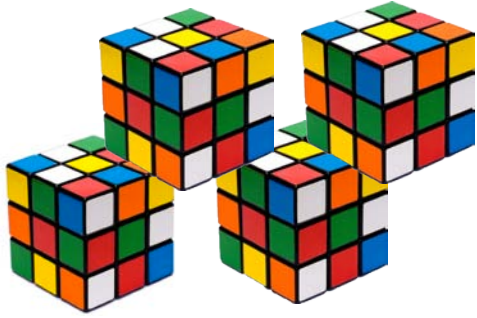


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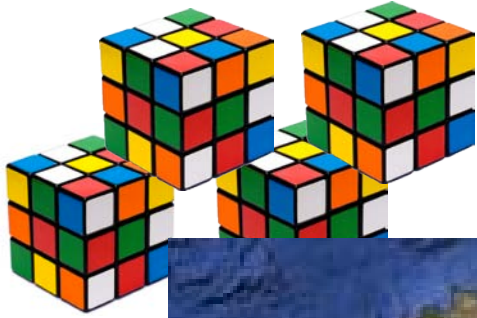
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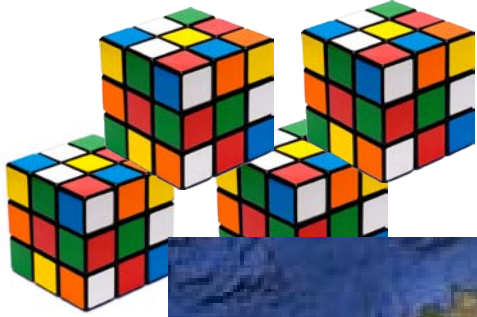


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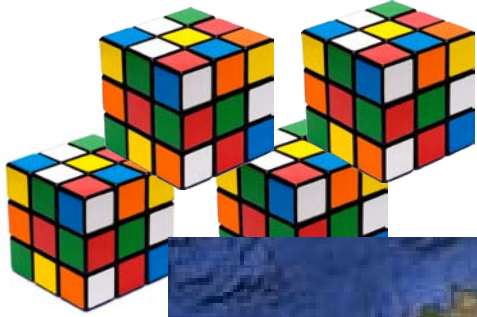




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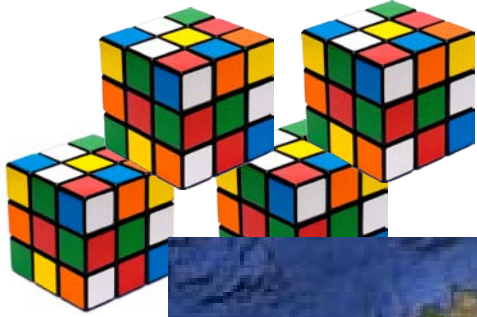


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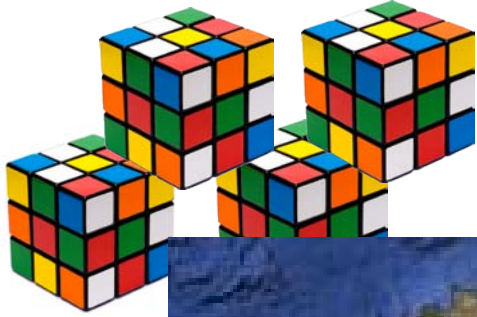
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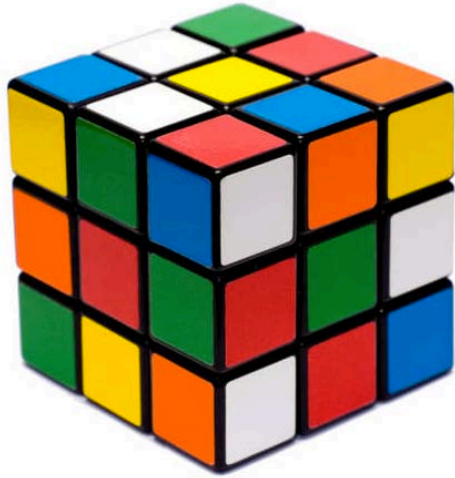
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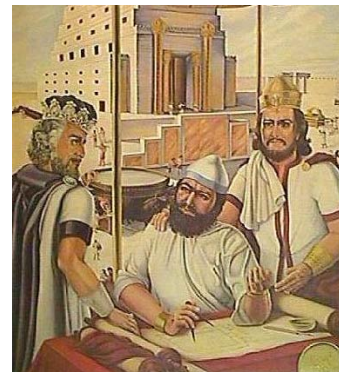
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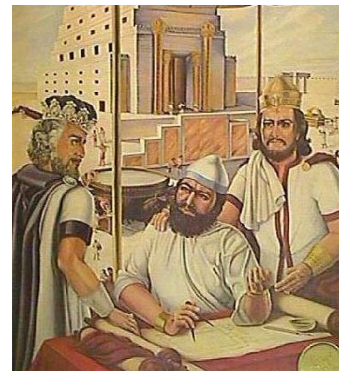
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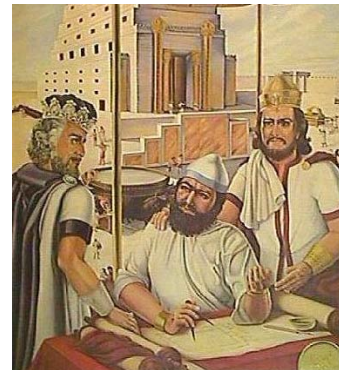
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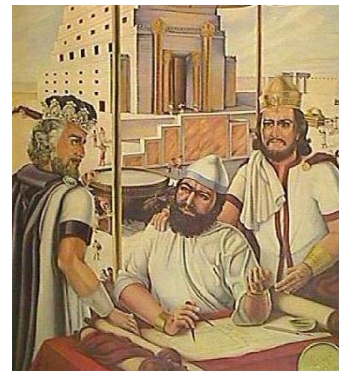
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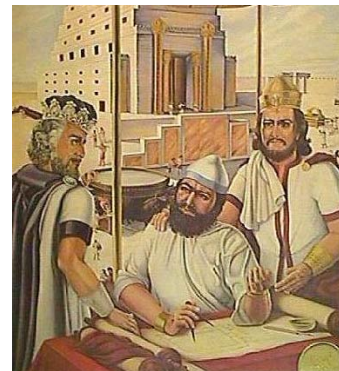
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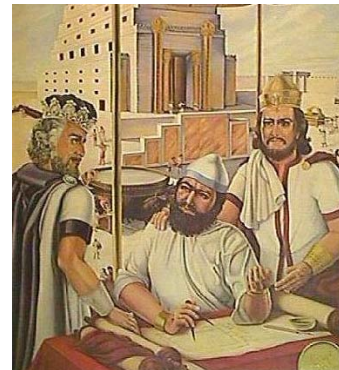
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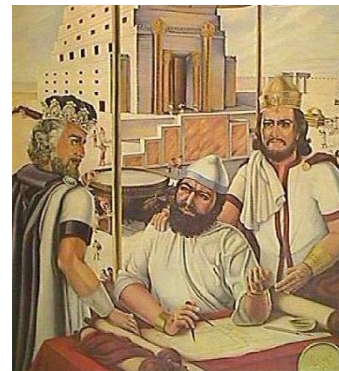
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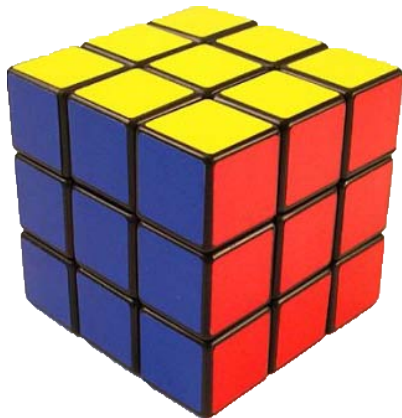
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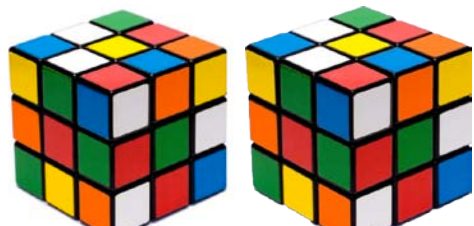




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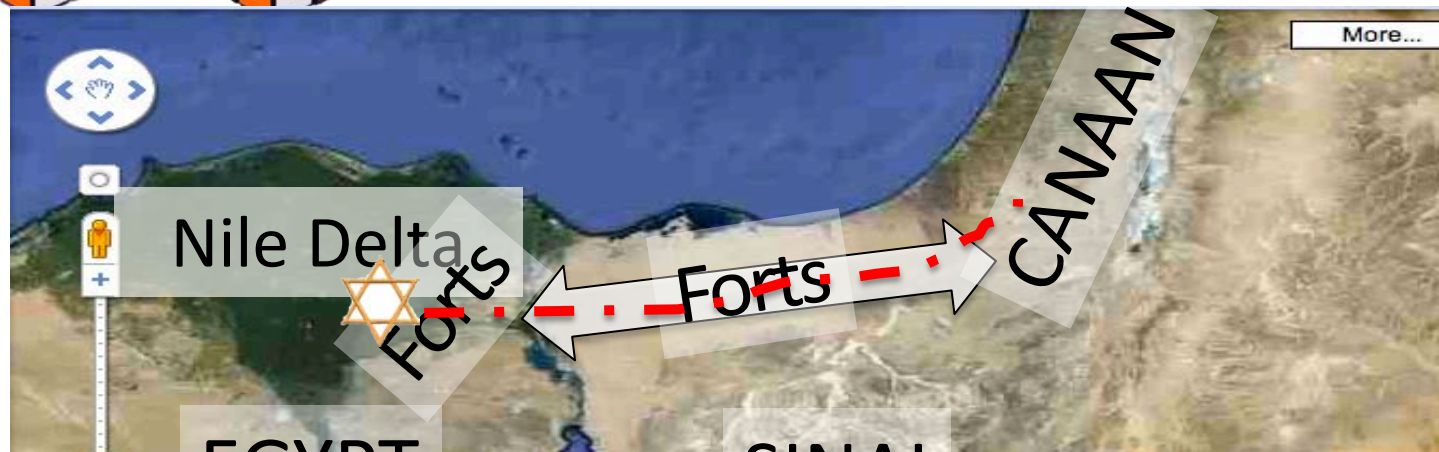


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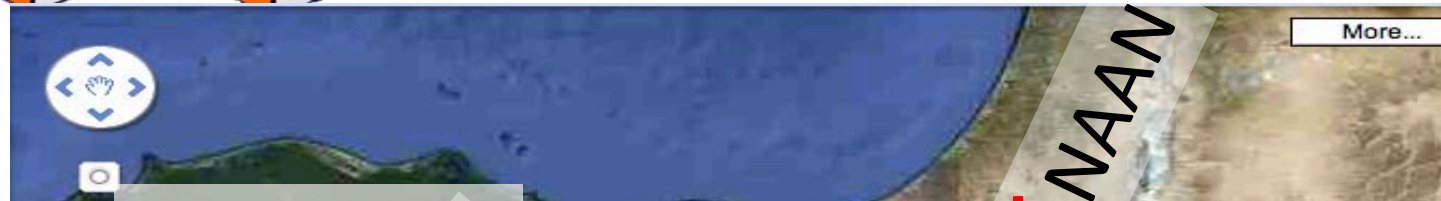
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“They are wandering in the land, the wilderness  
has shut them in” (Ex. 14:3)



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“God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, ‘Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt.’ But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness” (Ex. 13:17-18)

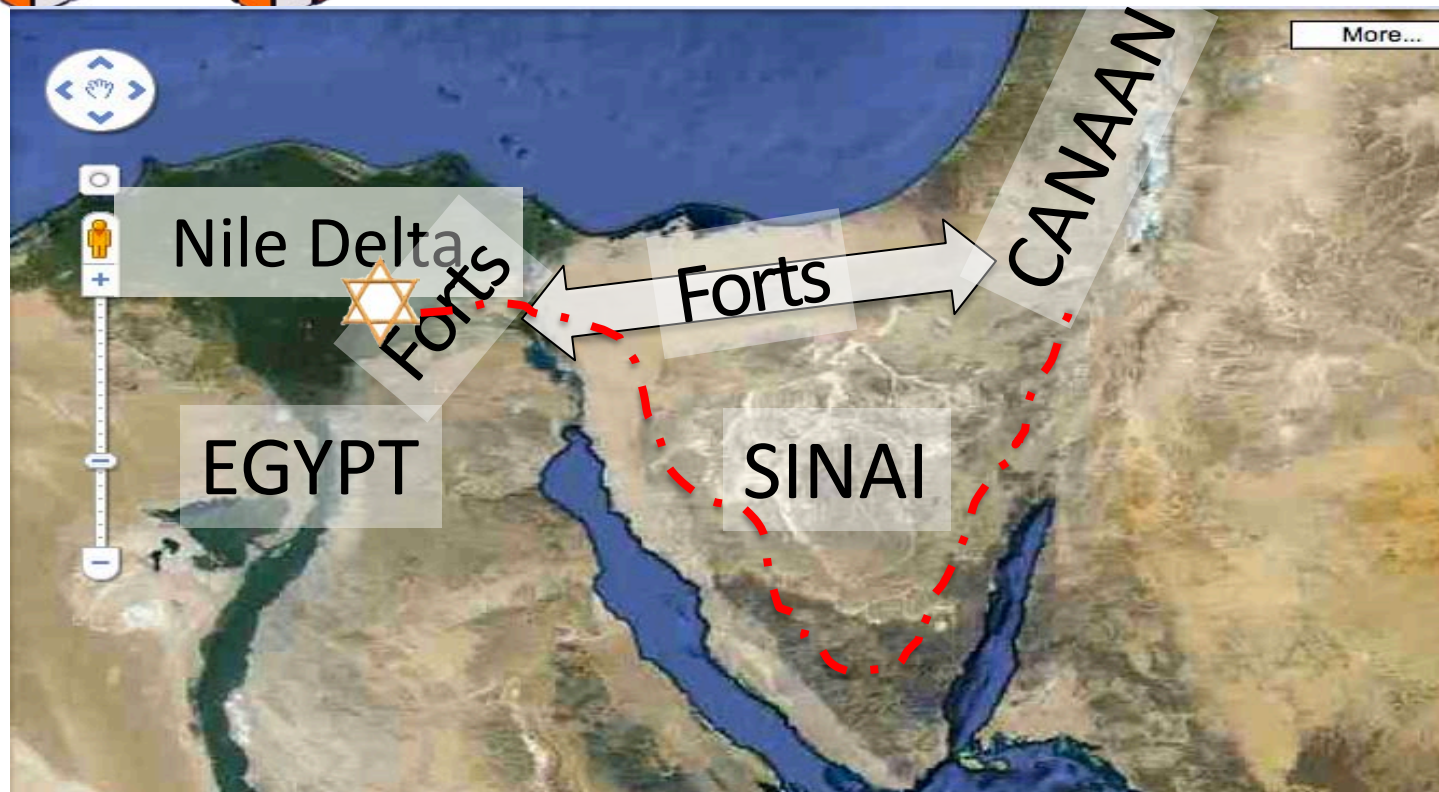


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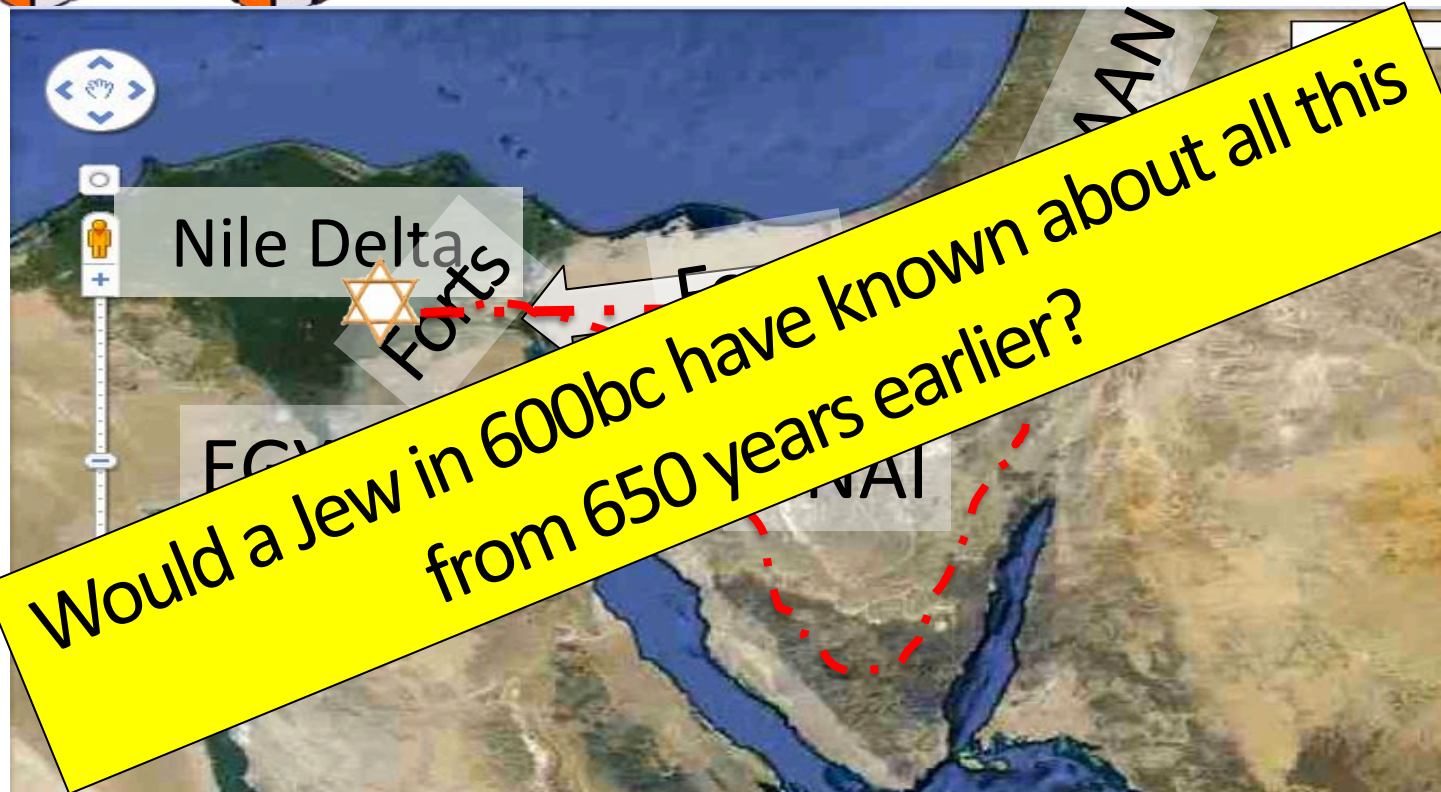


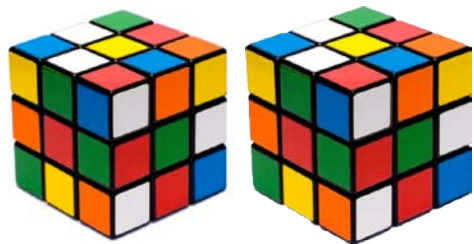
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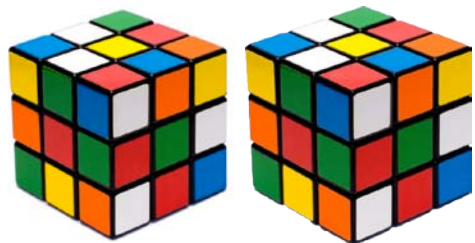
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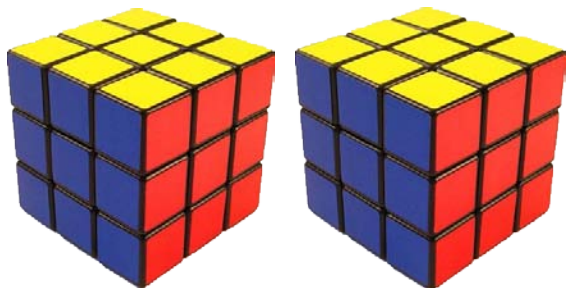


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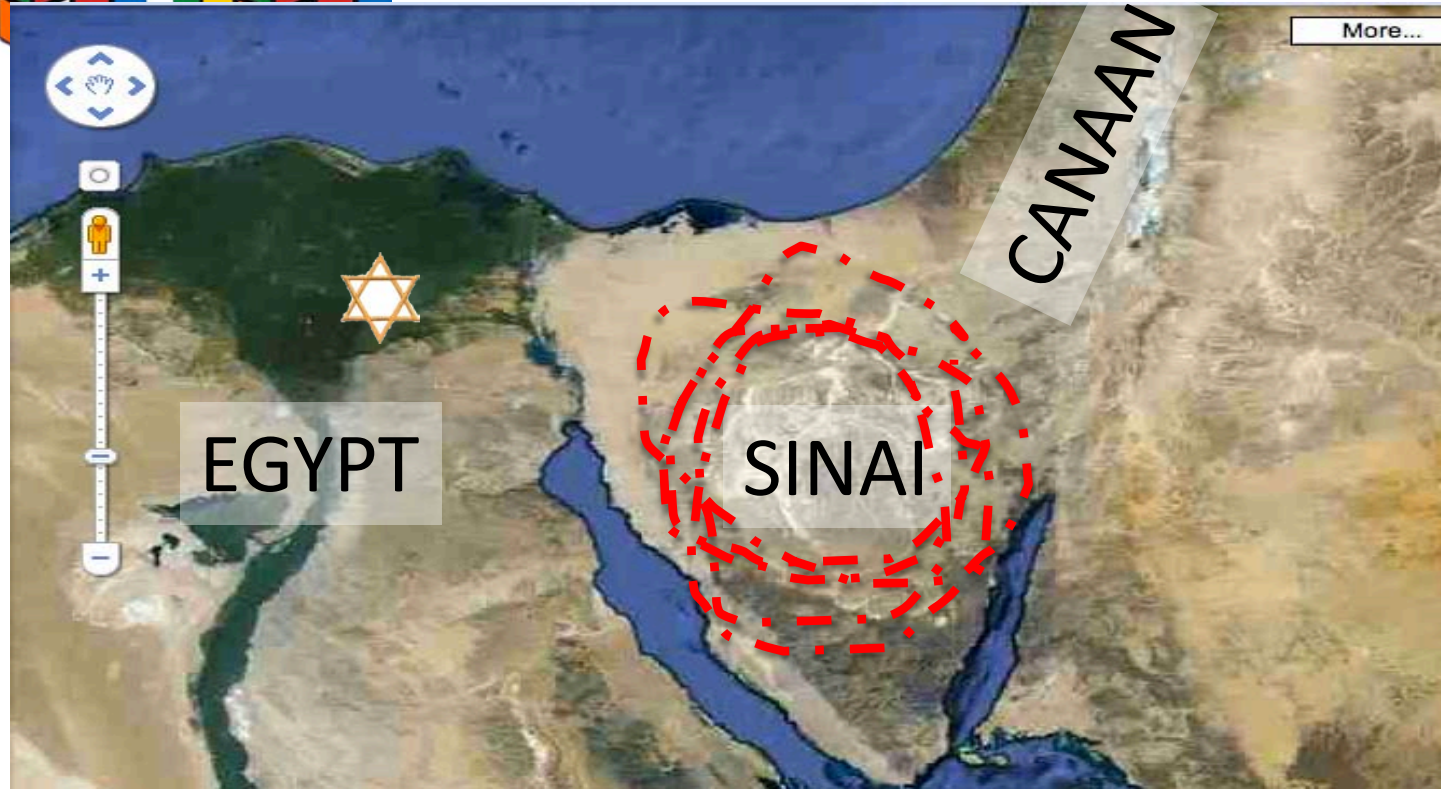


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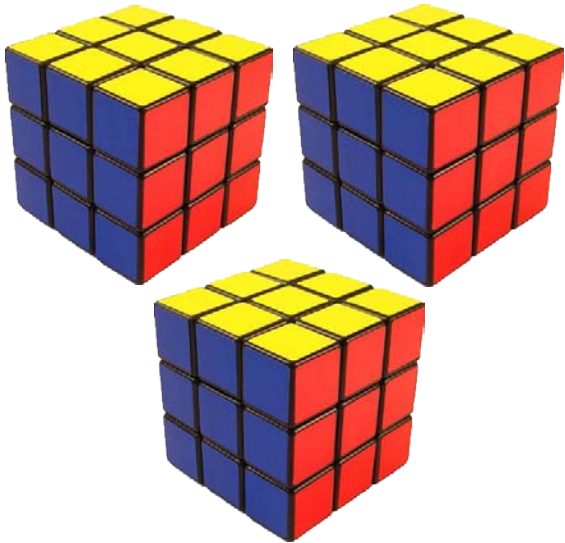
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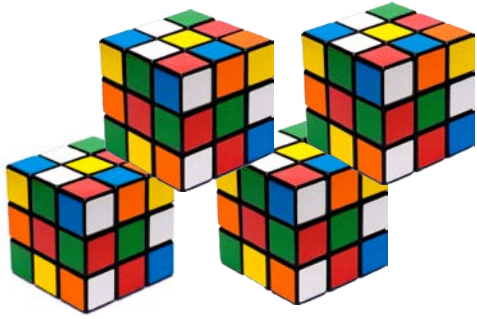


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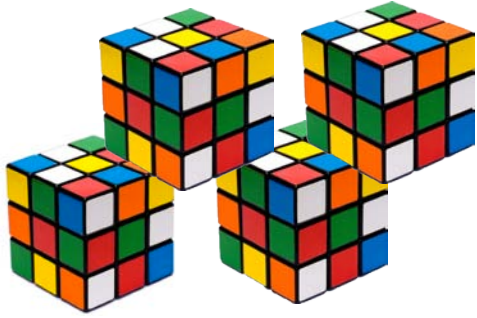


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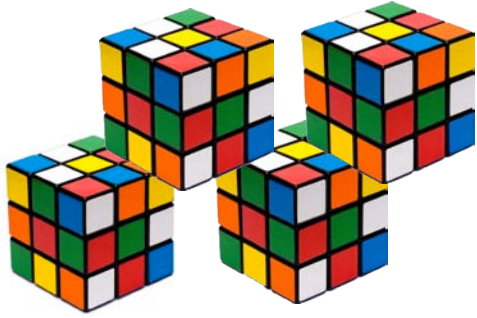


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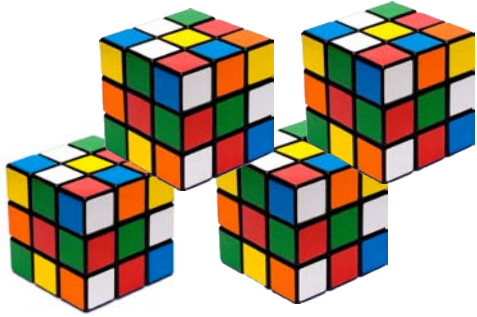
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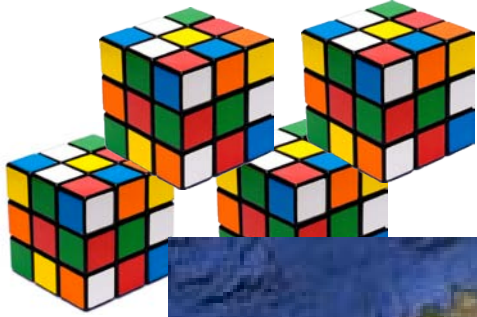
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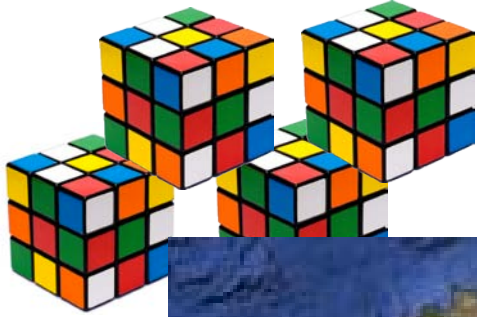
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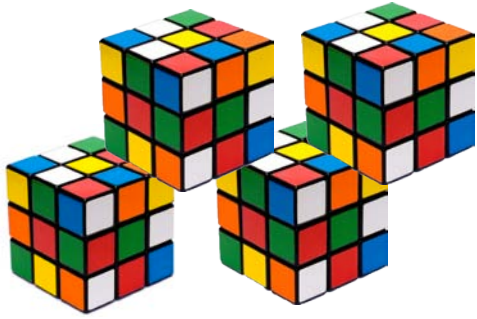
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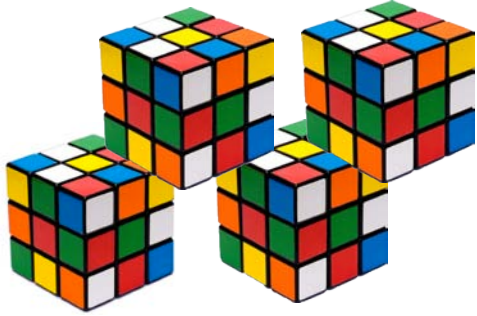
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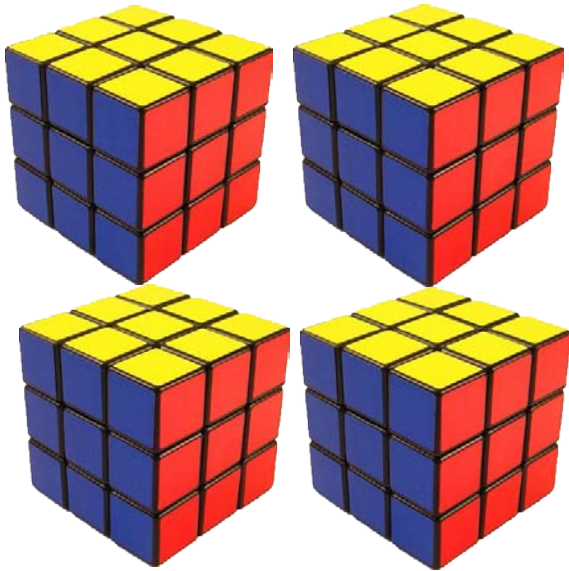


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Coming in two weeks....

The archaeology consistent with  
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## Points for home

**“They ruthlessly made the people of Israel  
work as slaves”**

**(Ex. 1:13)**

**Do not doubt this story.  
It is fundamental**



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**“They forgot his works and the wonders  
that he had shown them”**

**(Ps. 78:11)**

**Do not let God’s work in your life be  
forgotten**



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**“Deliverance....”**

**Thanksgiving, gratitude, and change**

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