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Returning from Exile (Secular Eyes and Eyes of Faith?)



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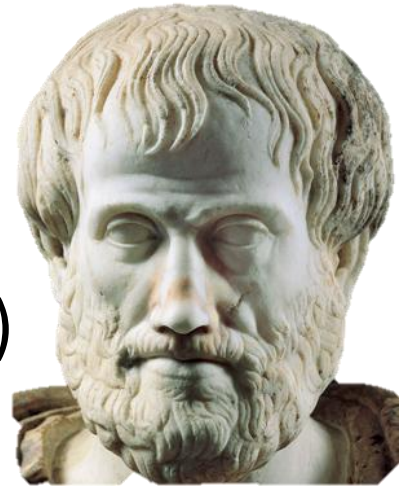
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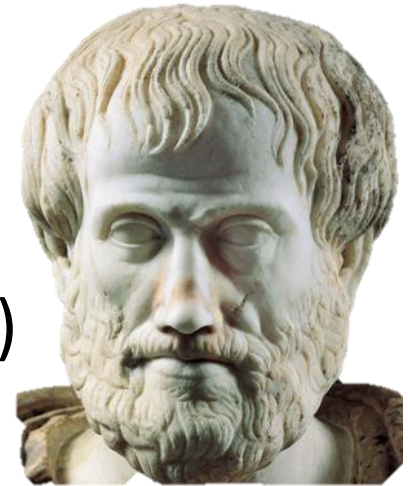
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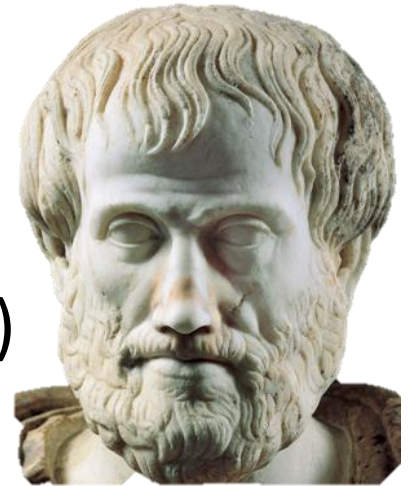
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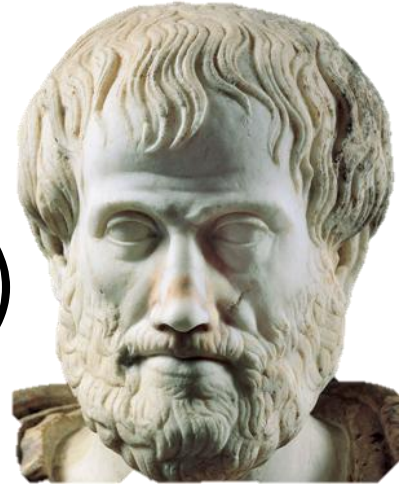
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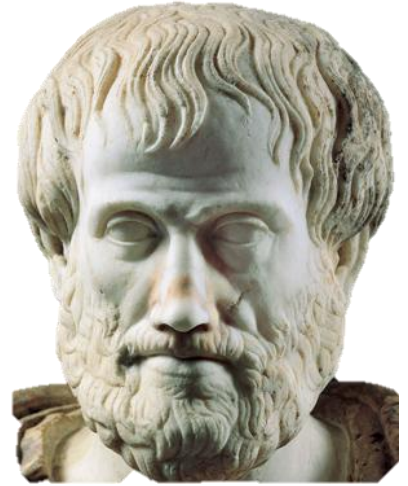


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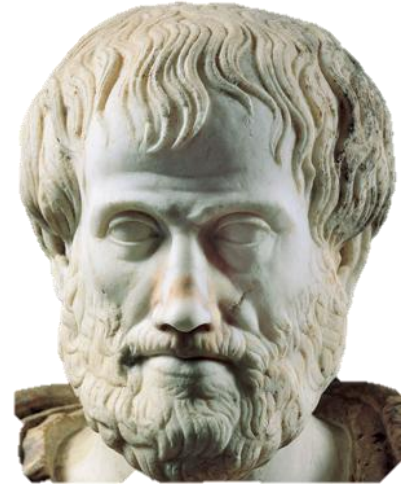


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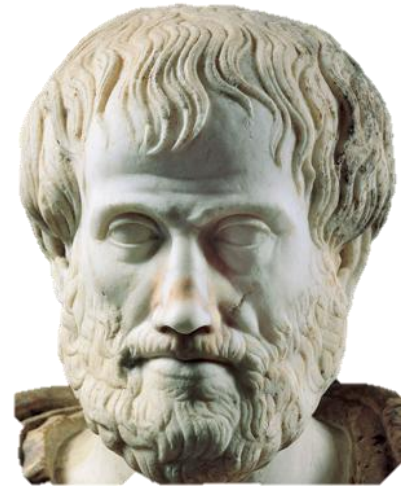
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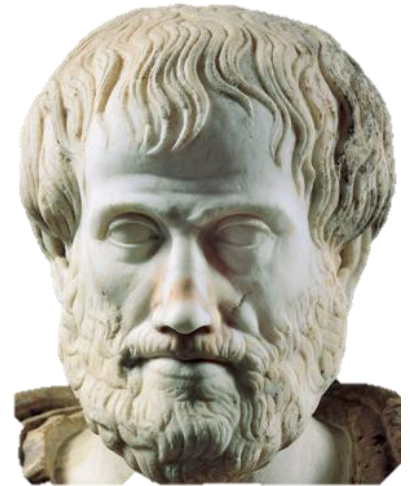
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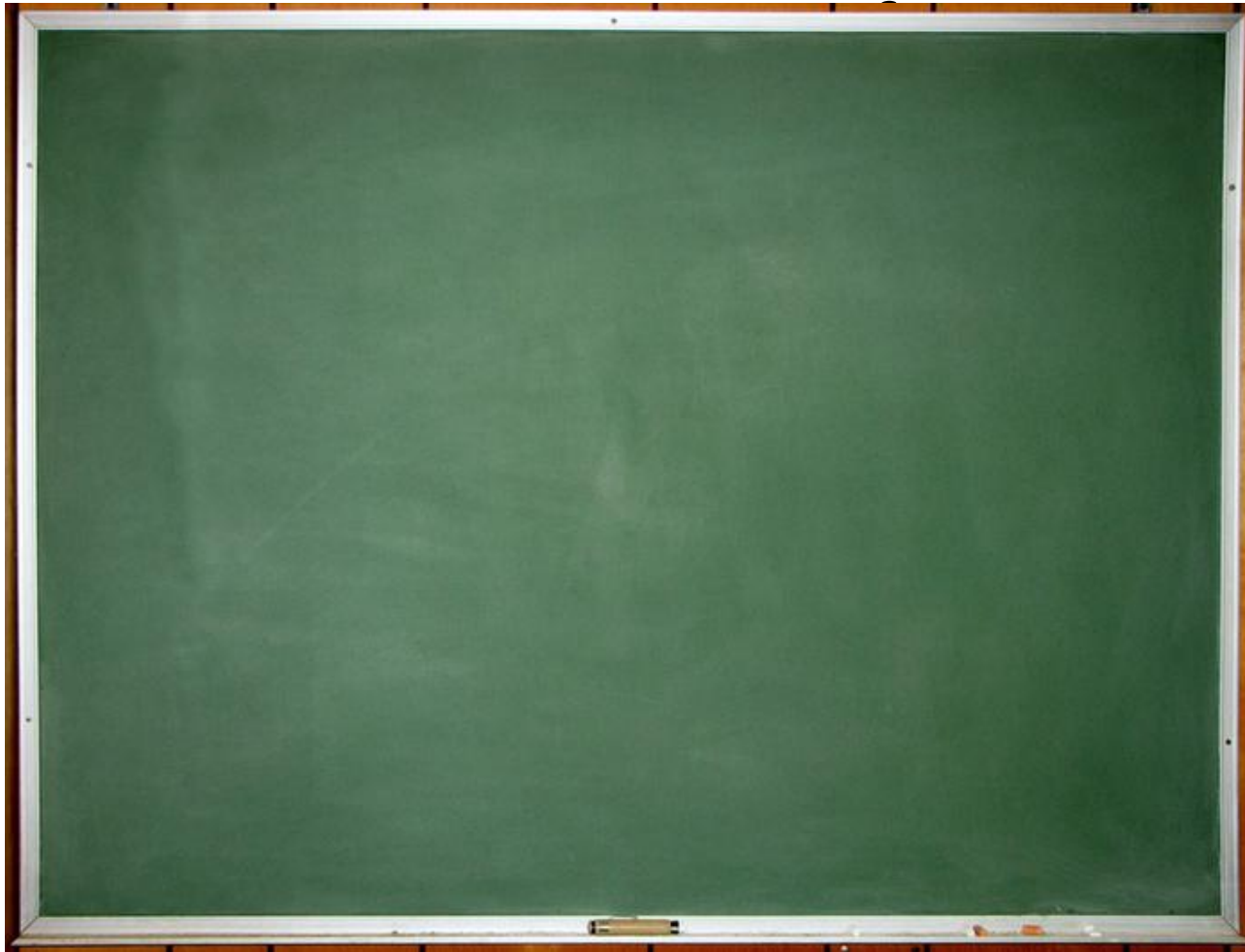
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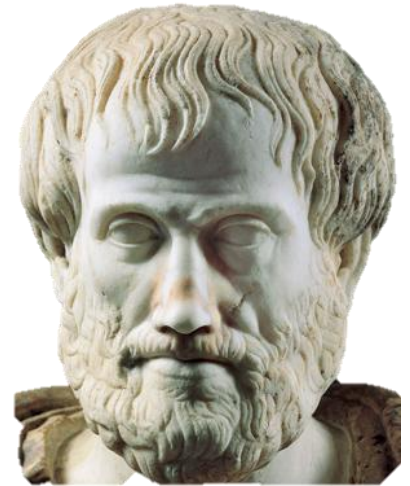
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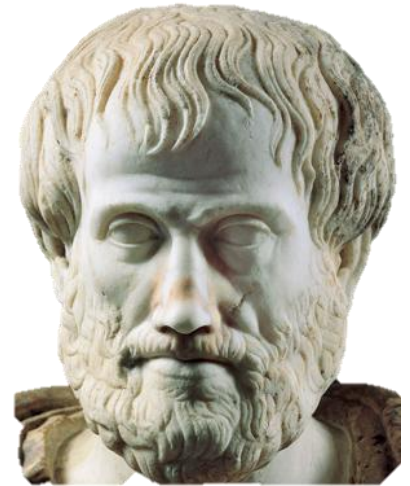
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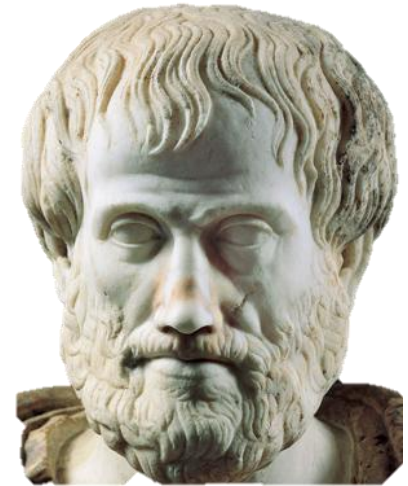


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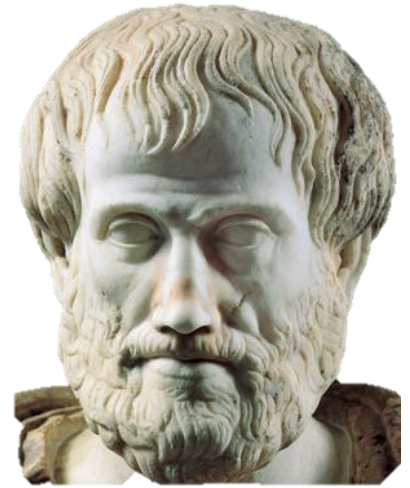


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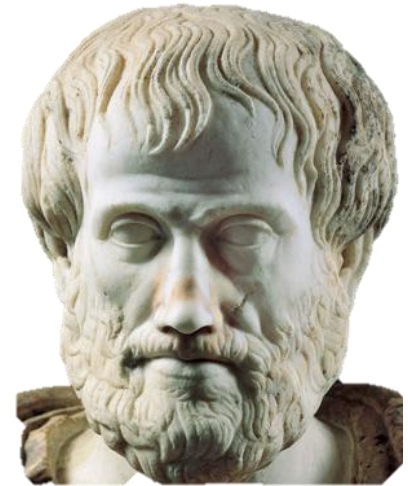


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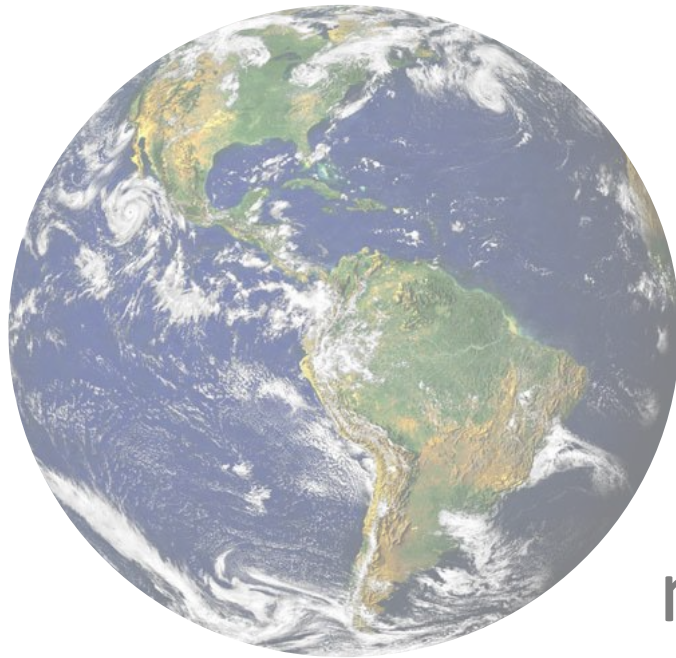


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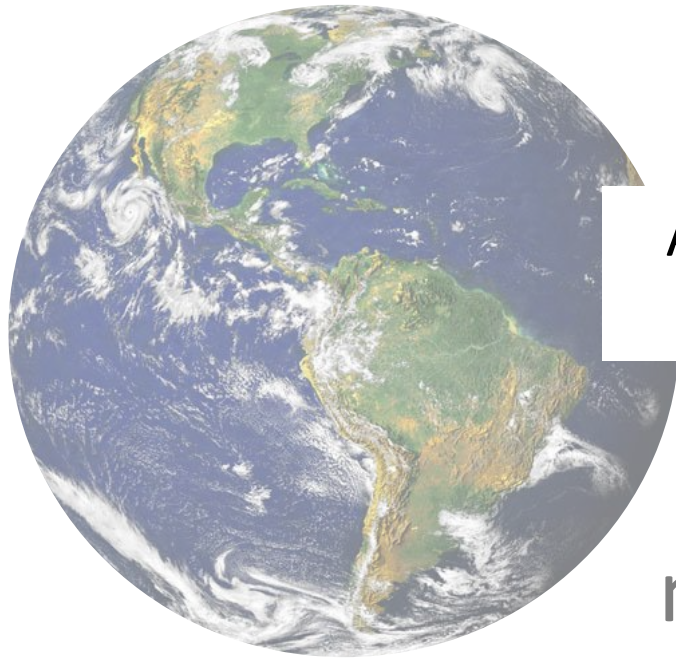


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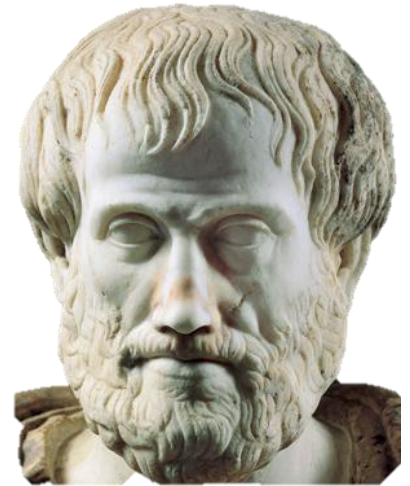


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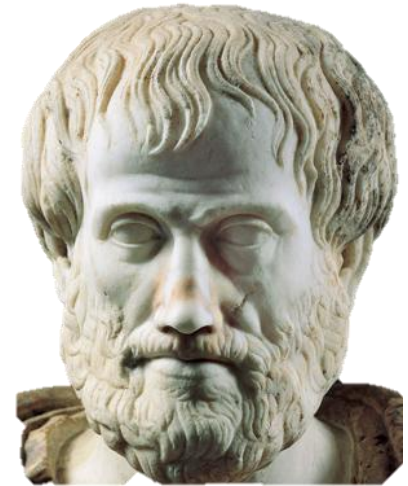
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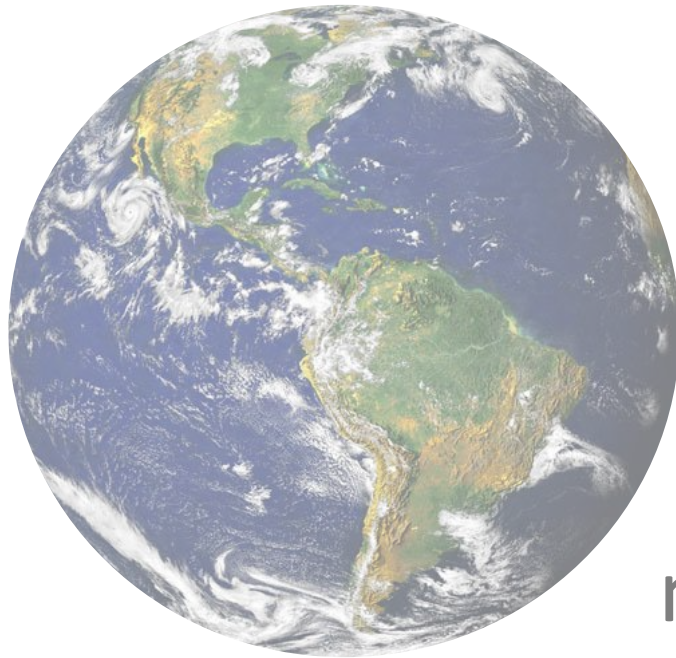
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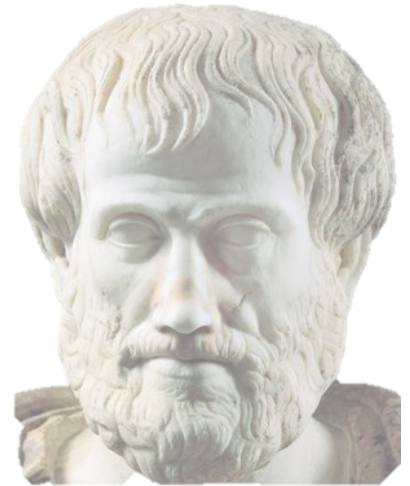


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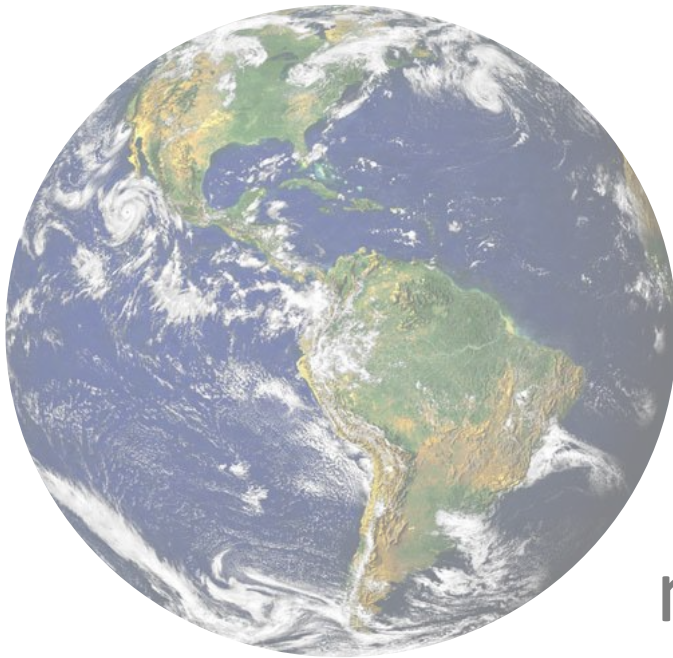


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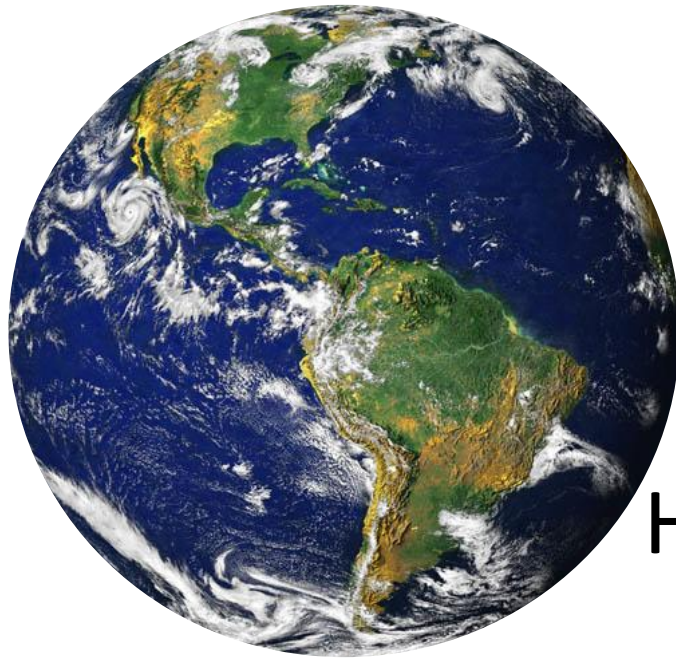
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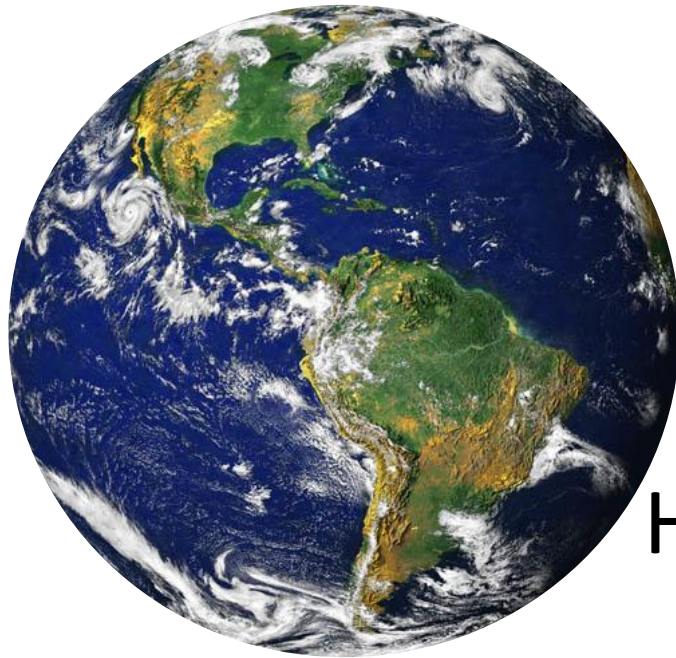


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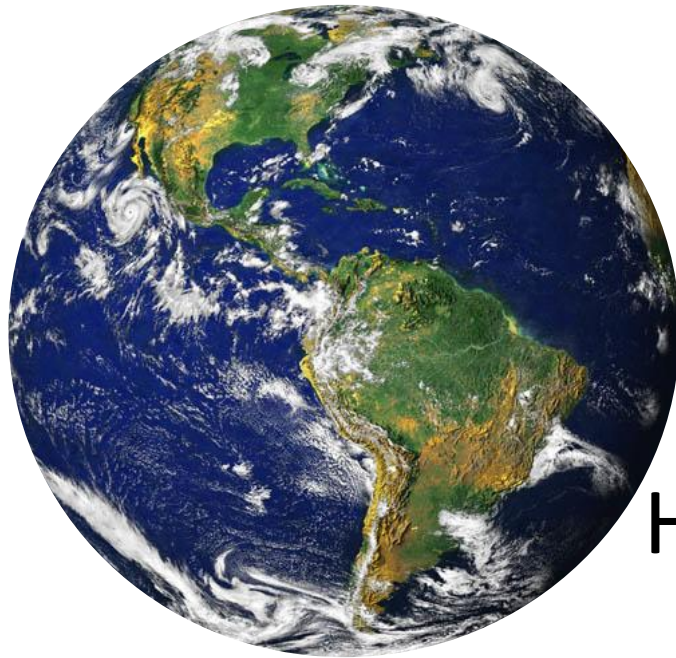


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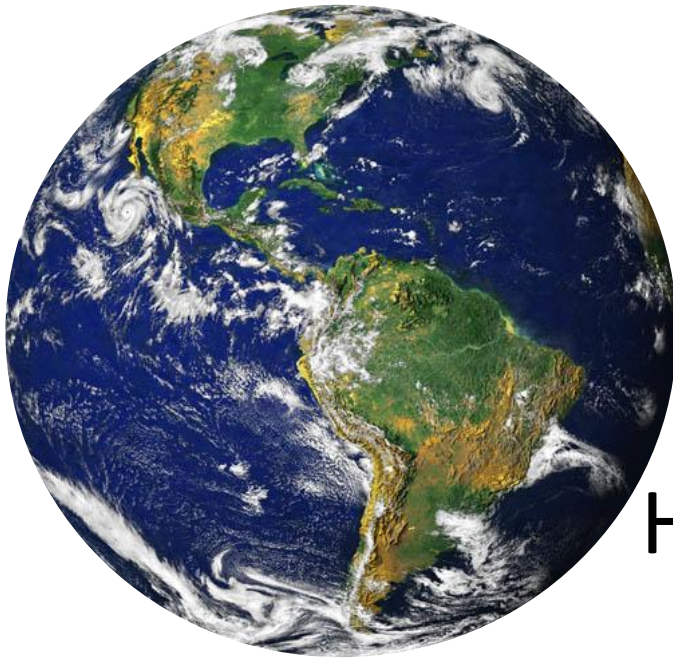


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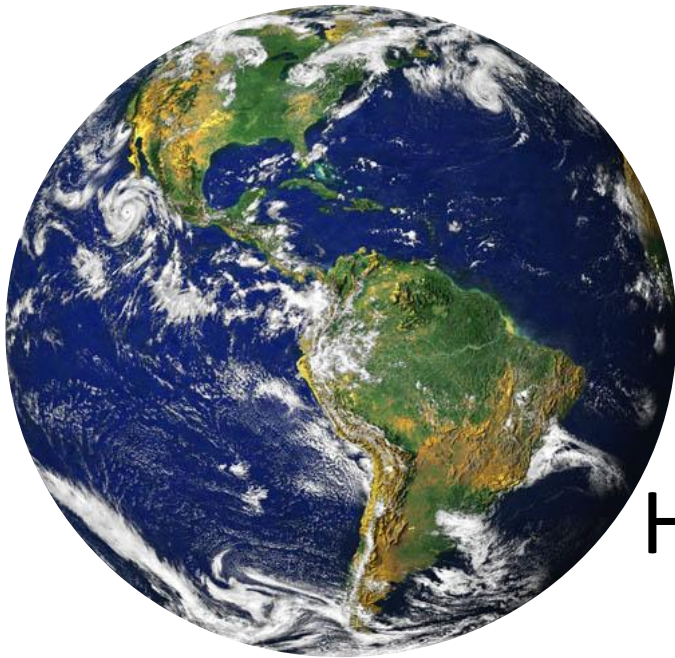


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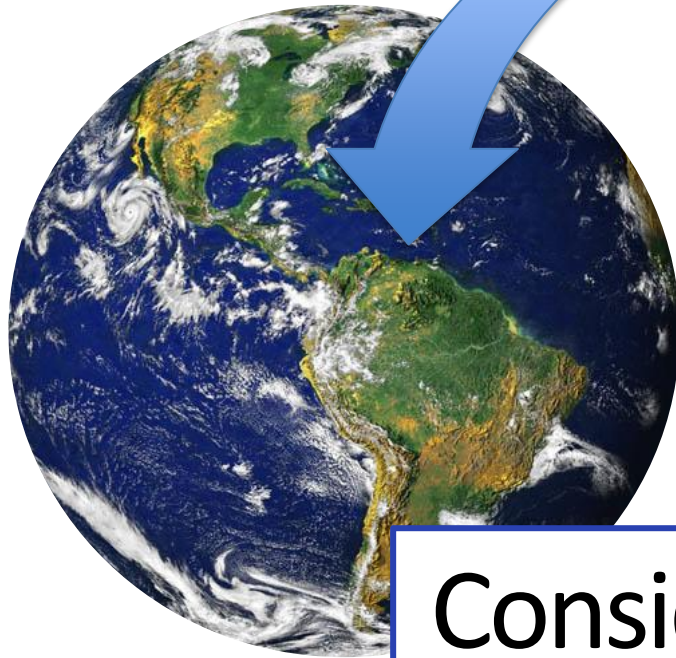
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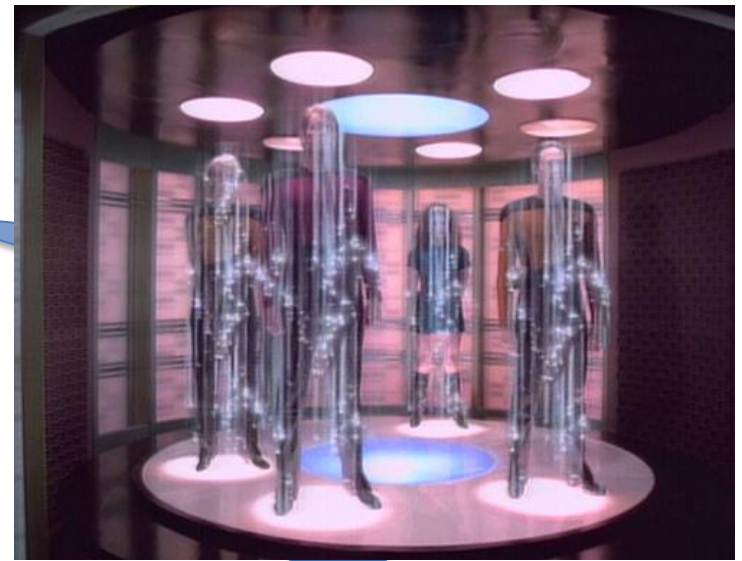
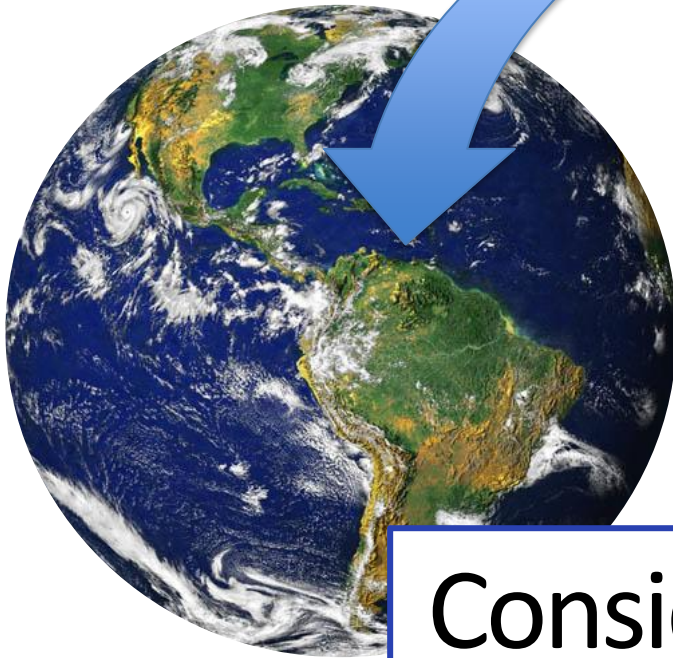
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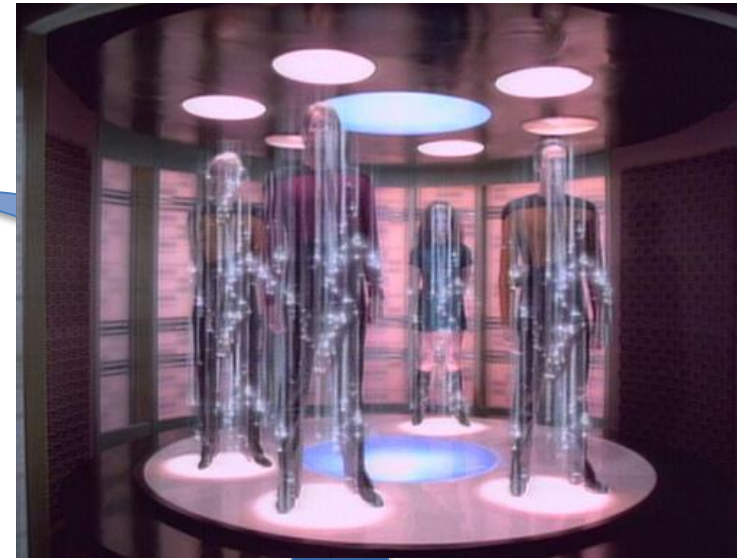


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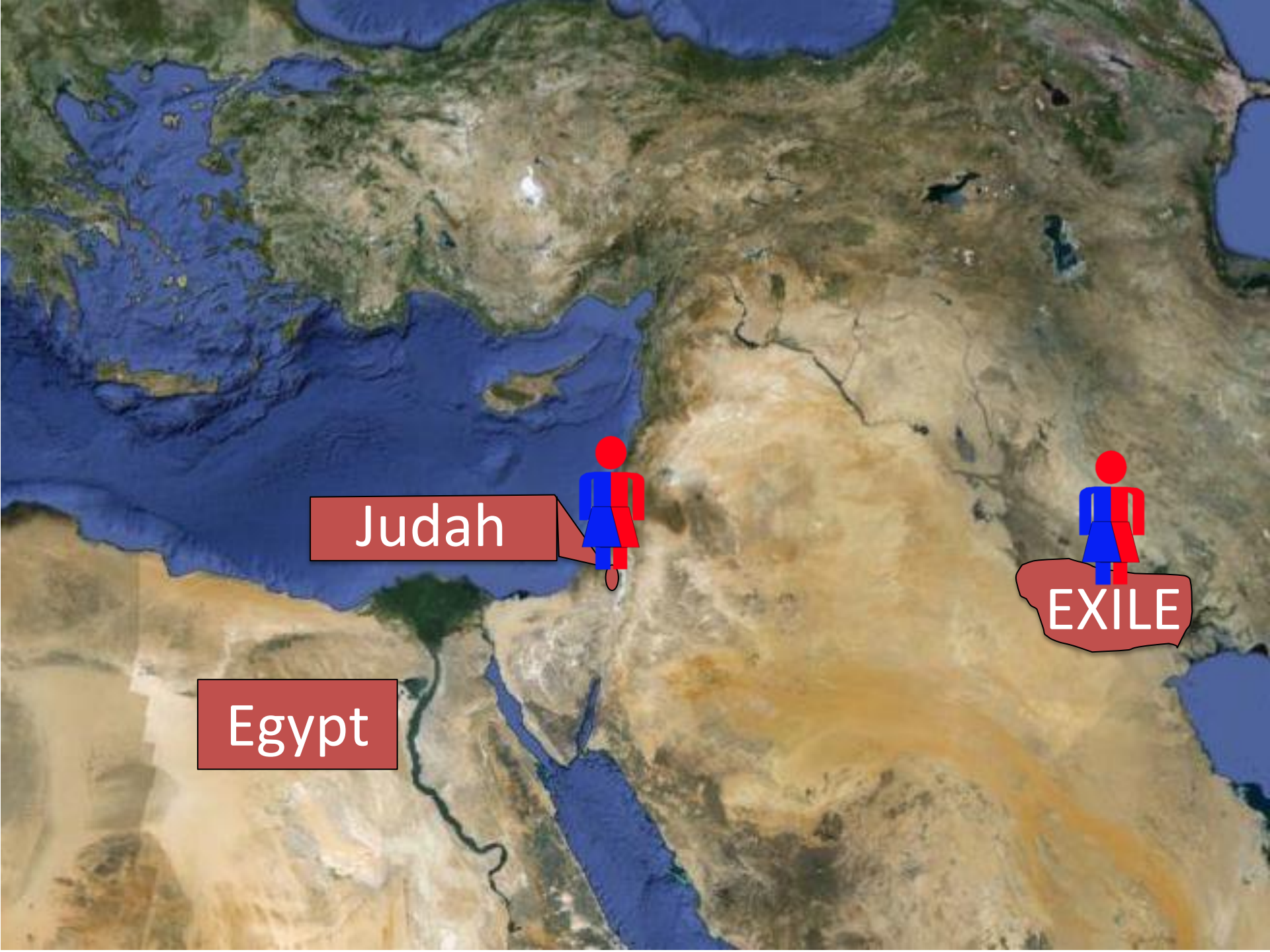


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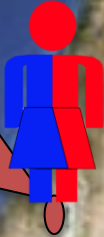
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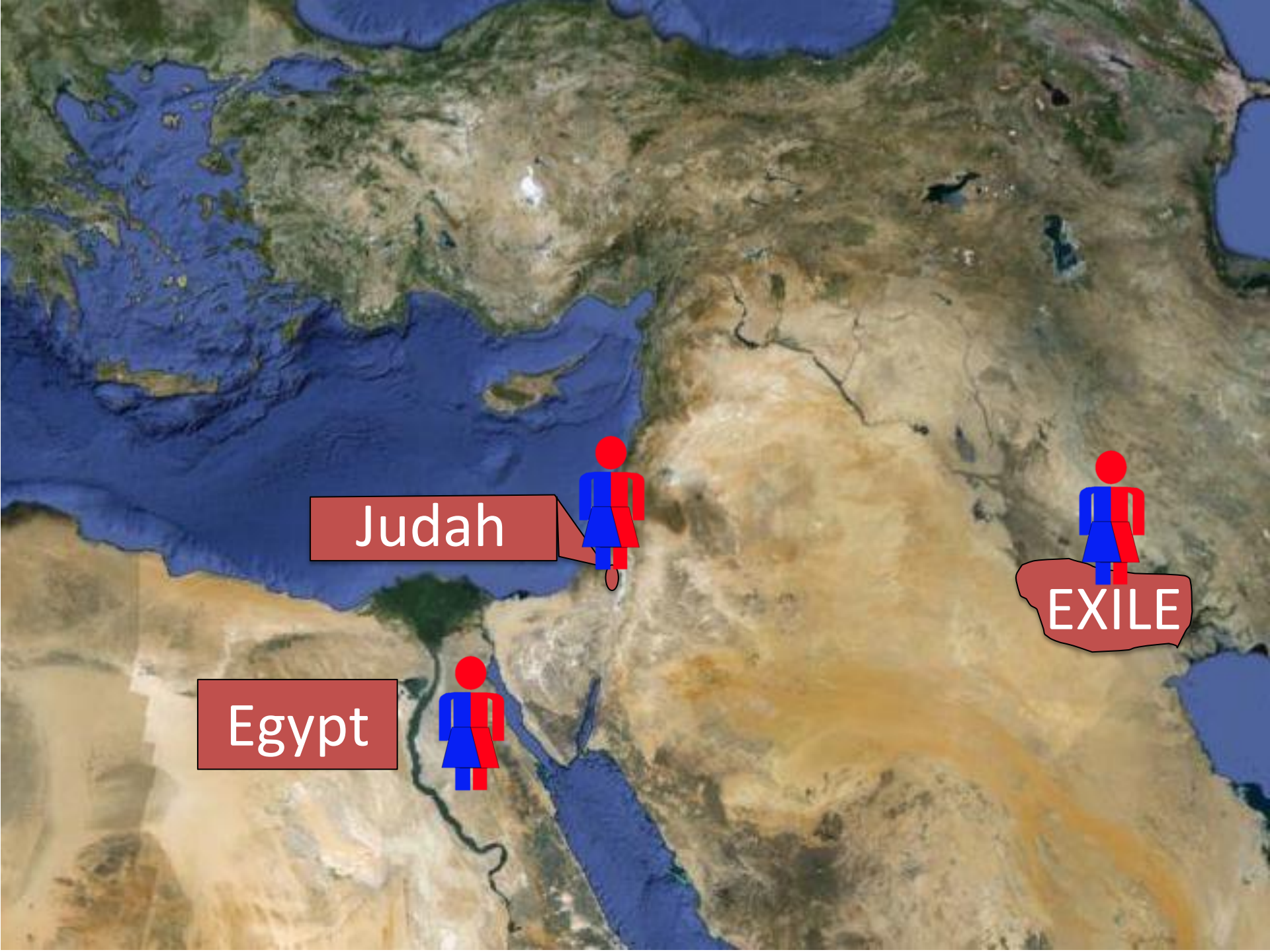
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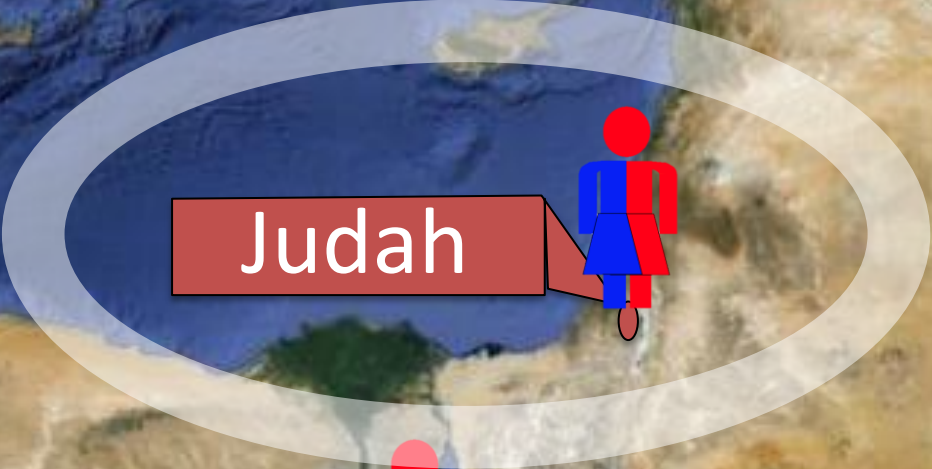


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And the rest of the people...the captain of the guard carried into exile. But the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and plowmen (2 Ki. 25:11).

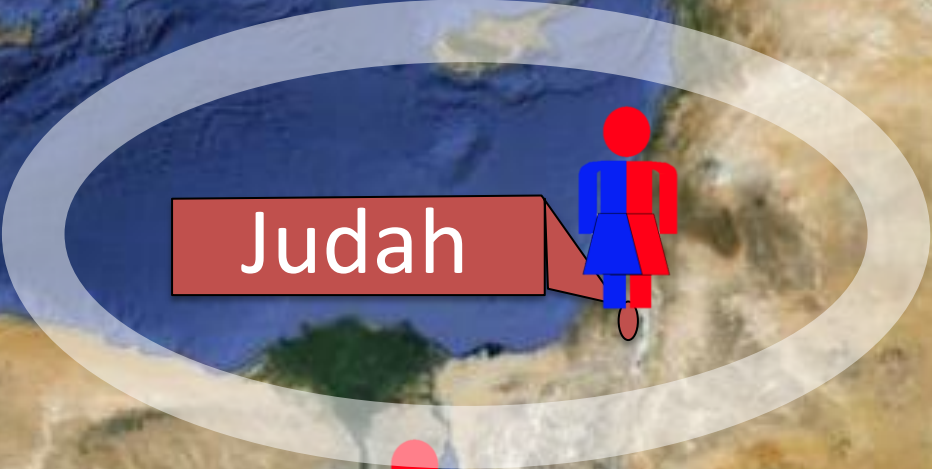


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...fear was on them because of the peoples of the lands (Ezra 3:3).

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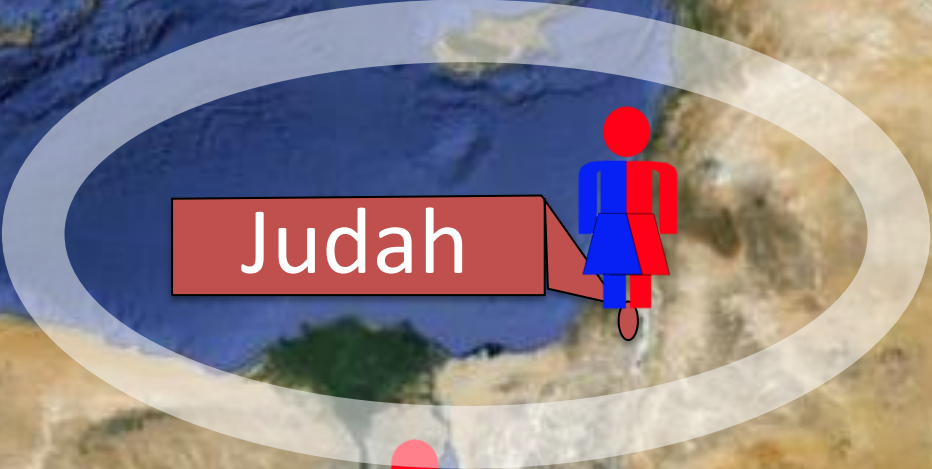


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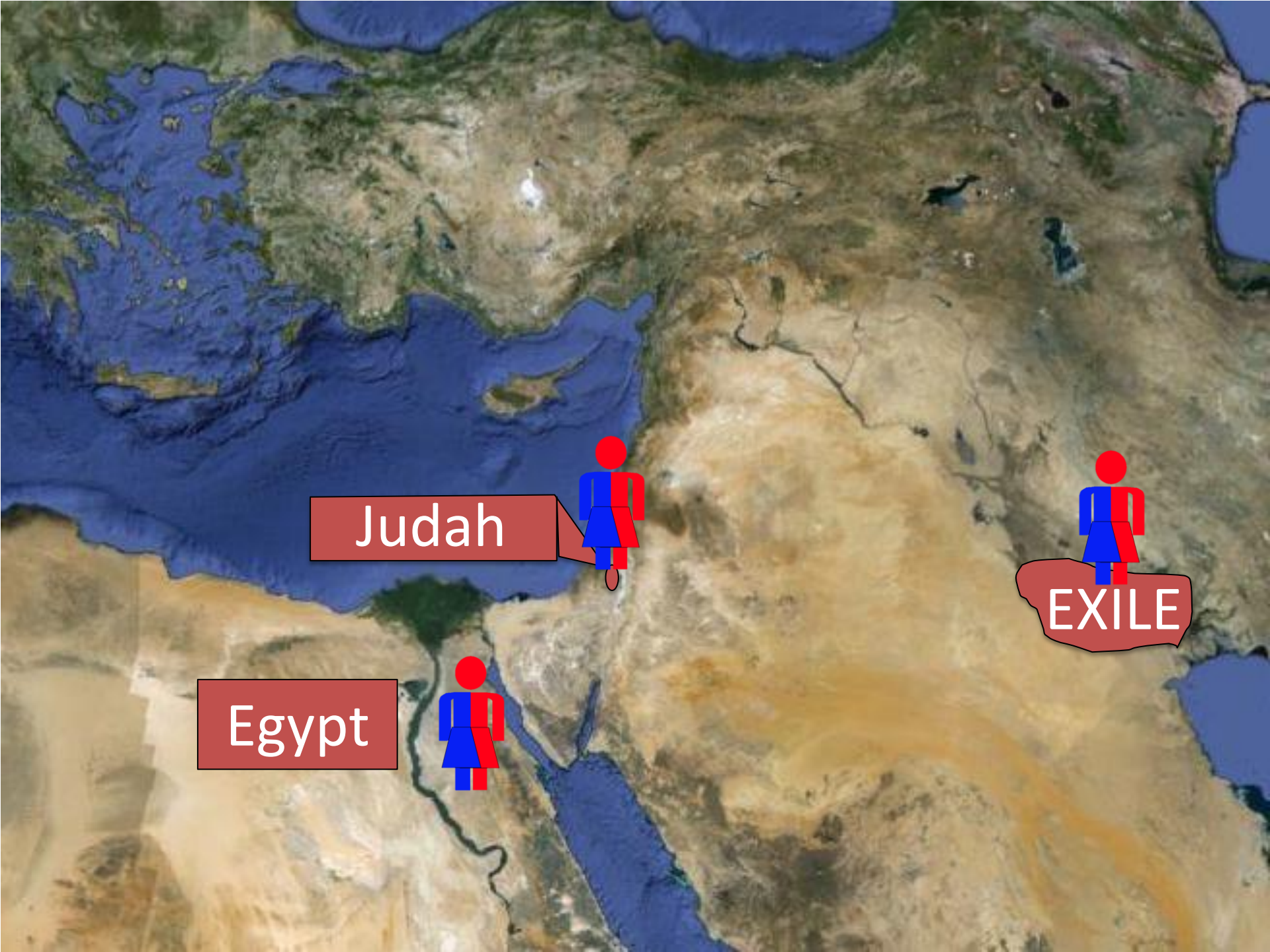
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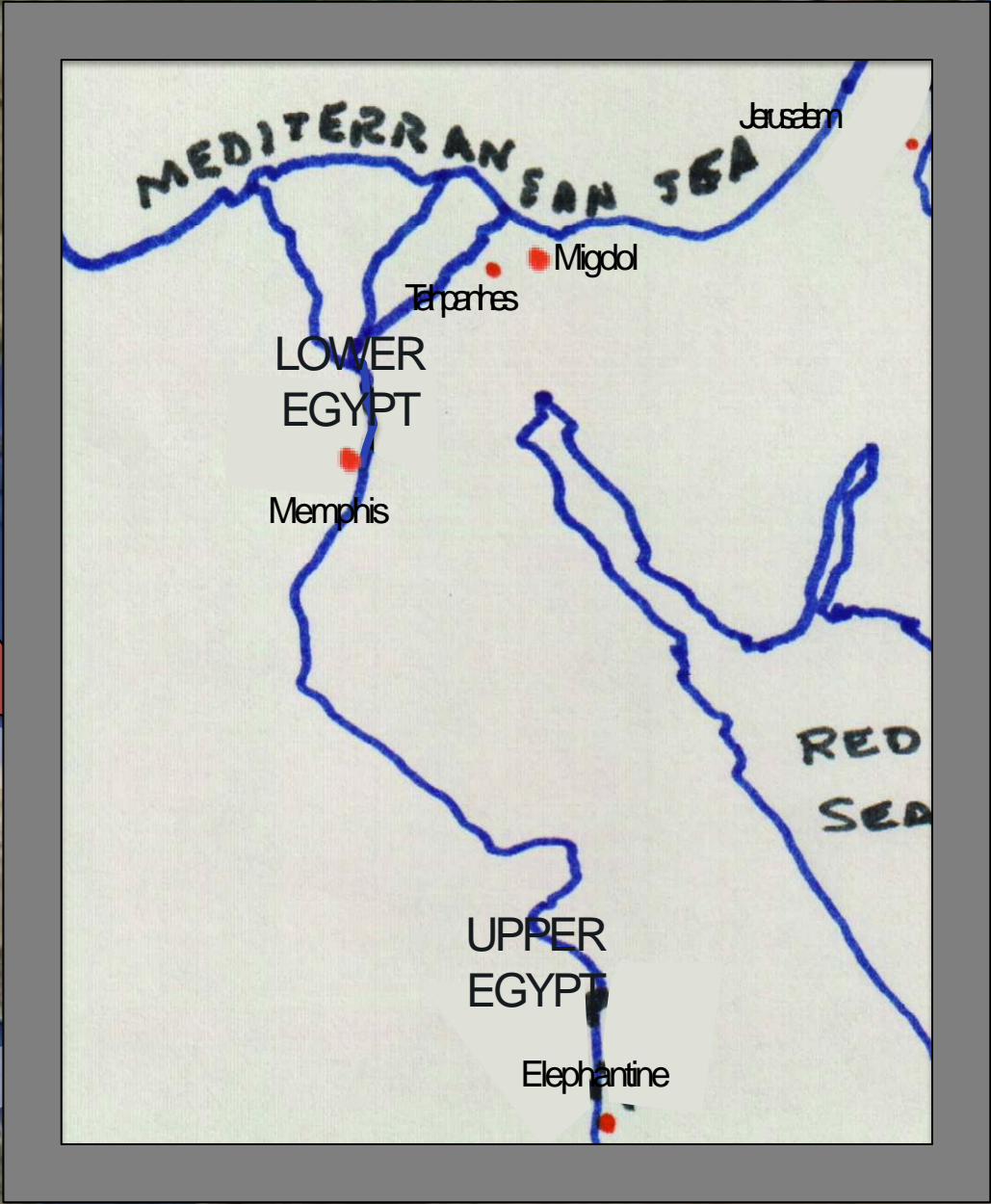
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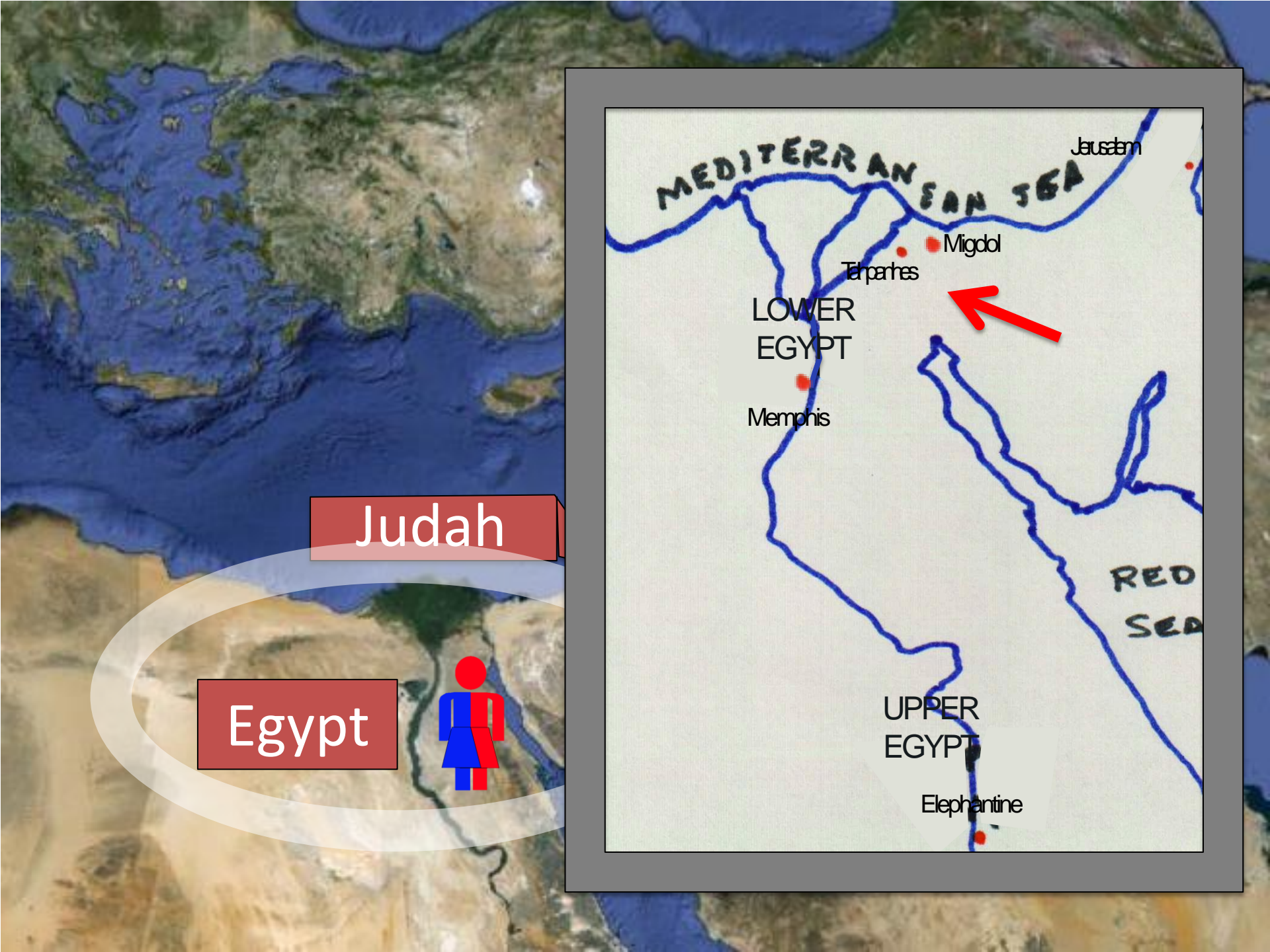
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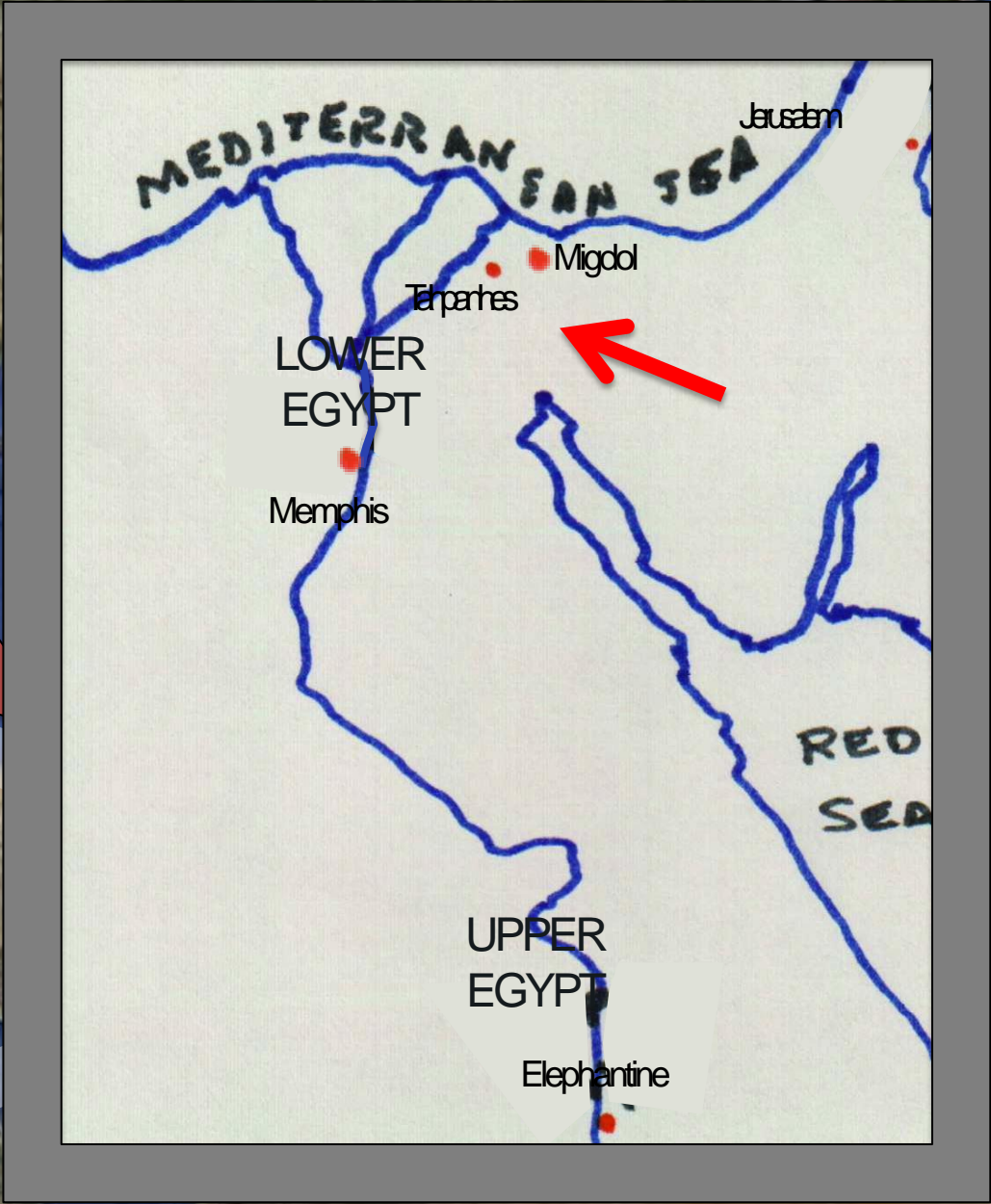
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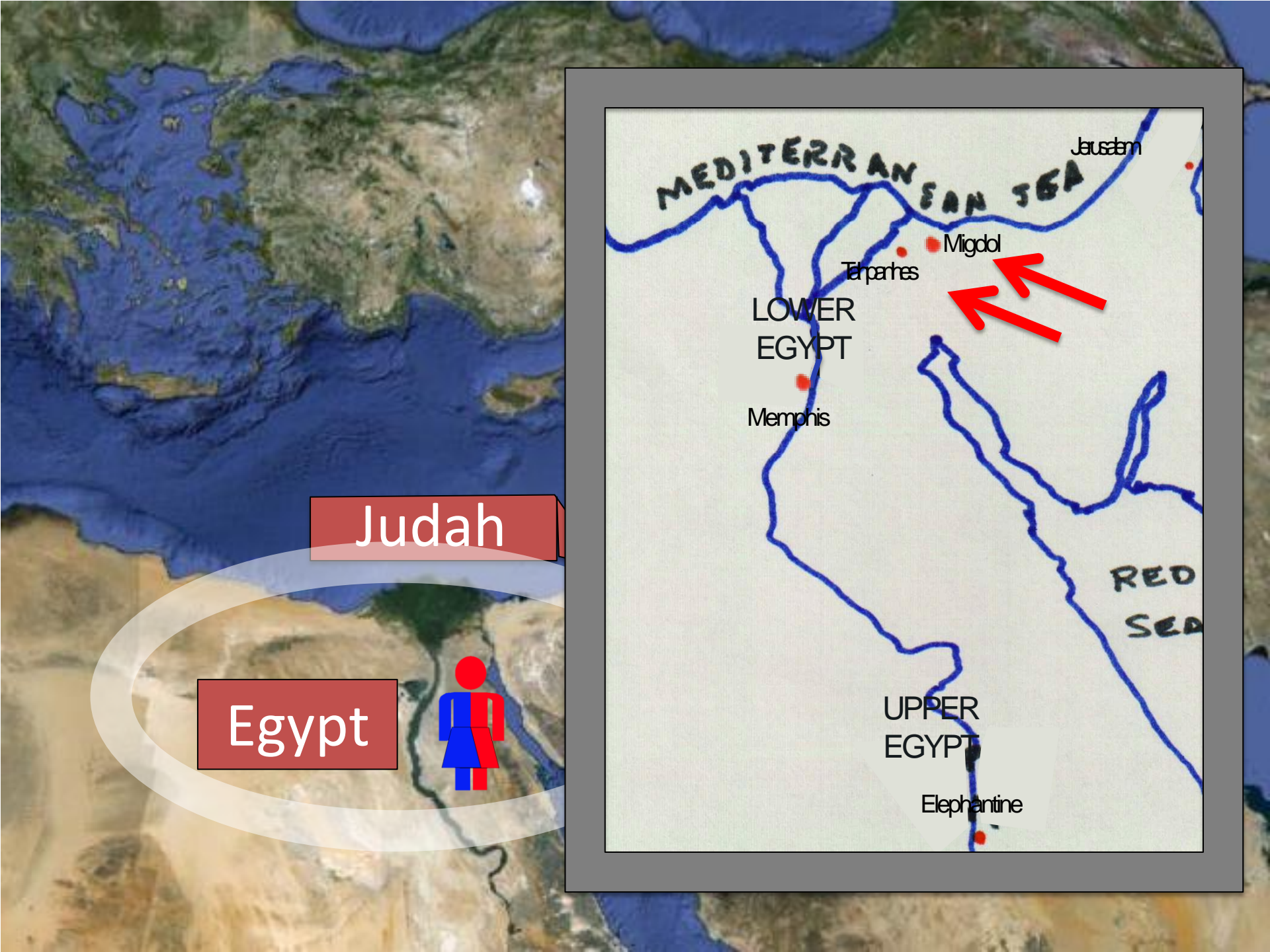
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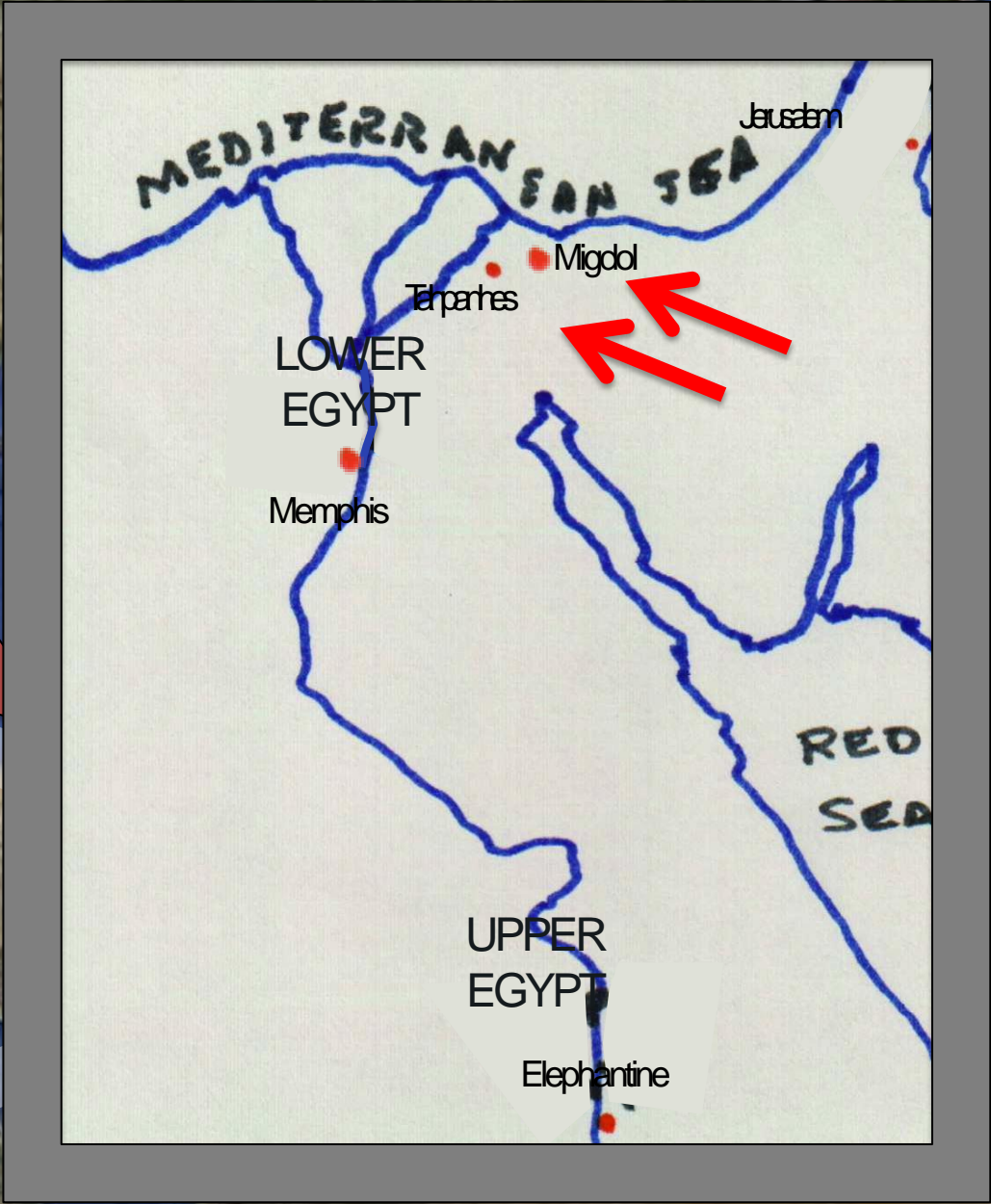
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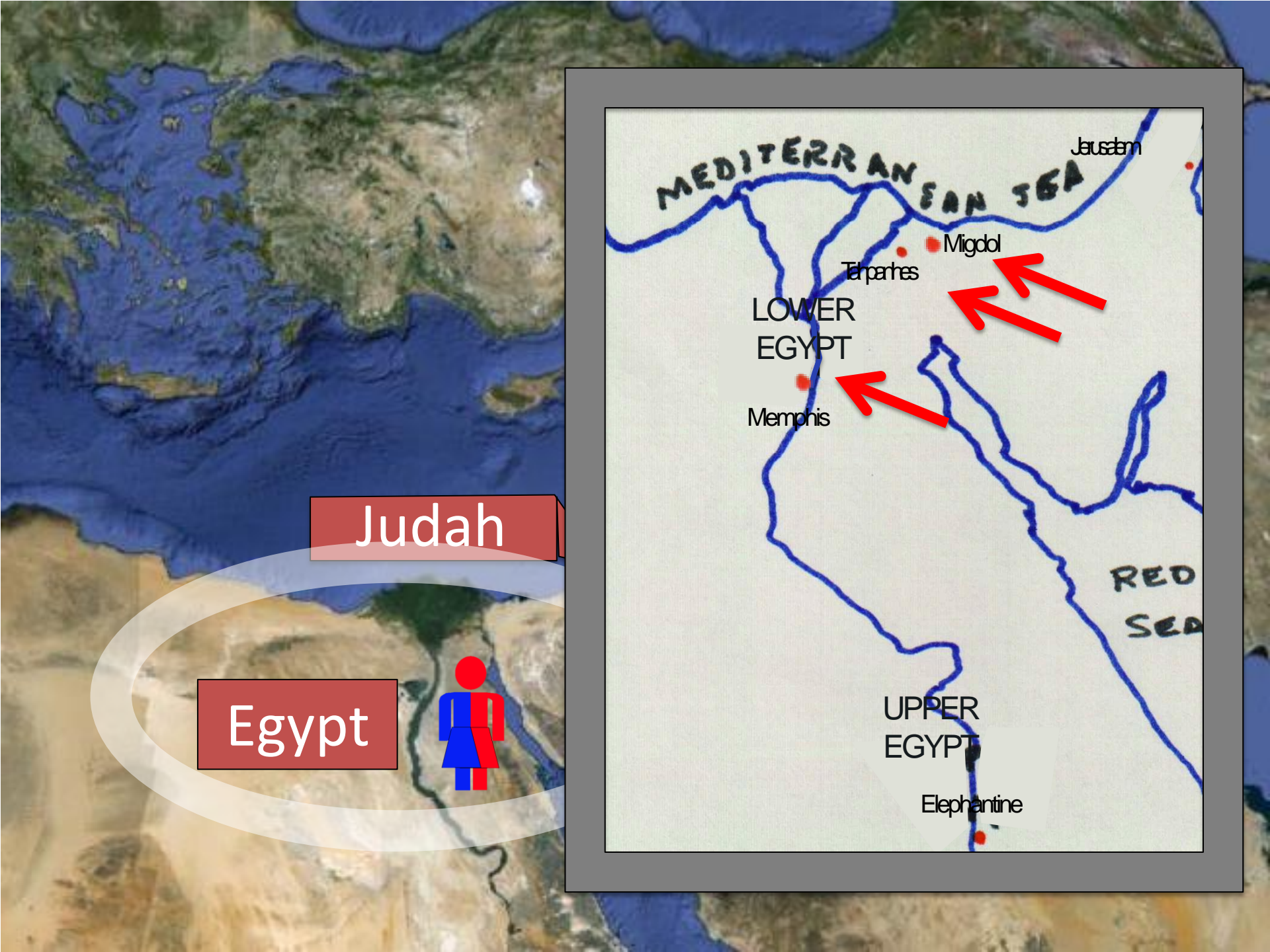
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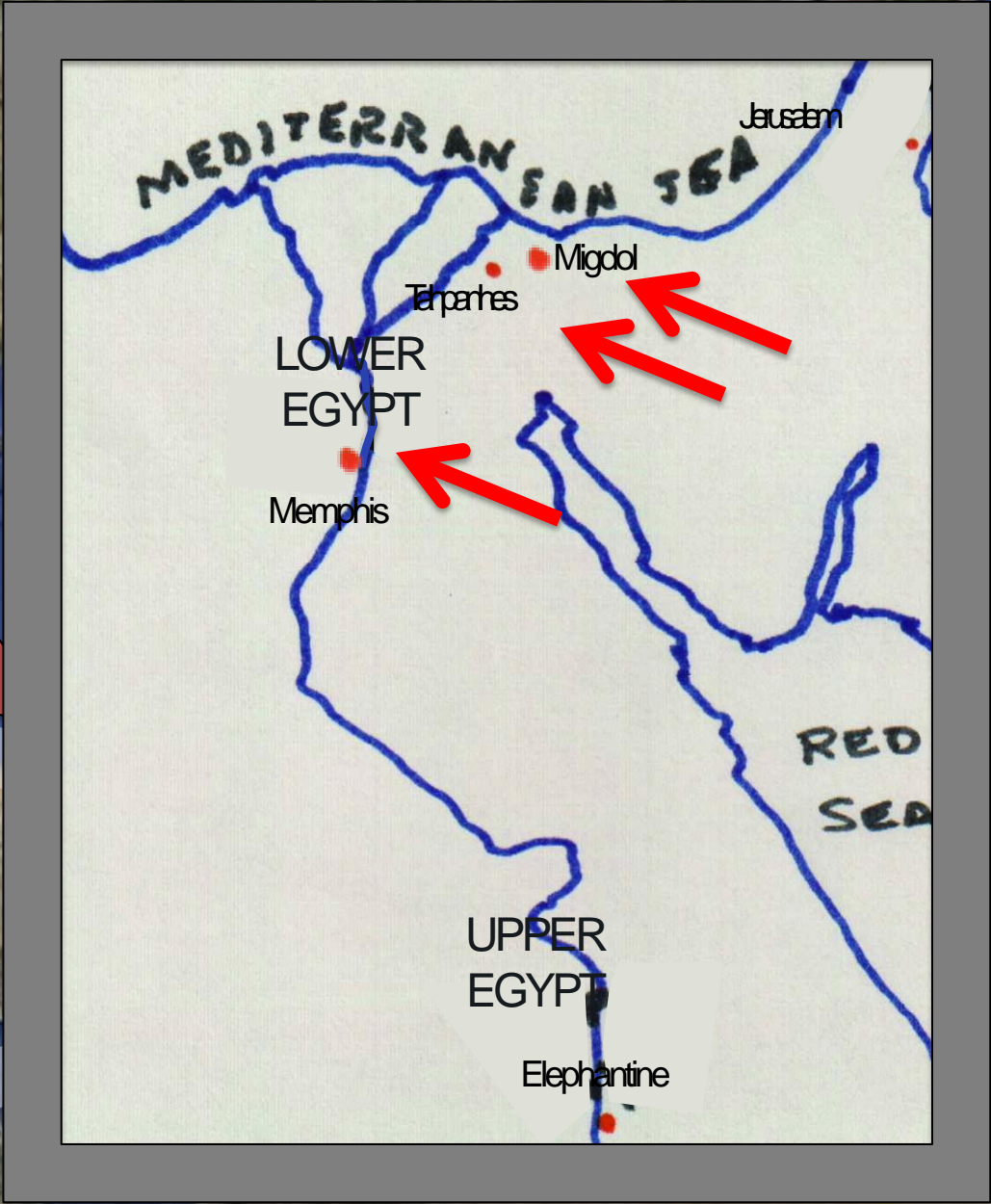
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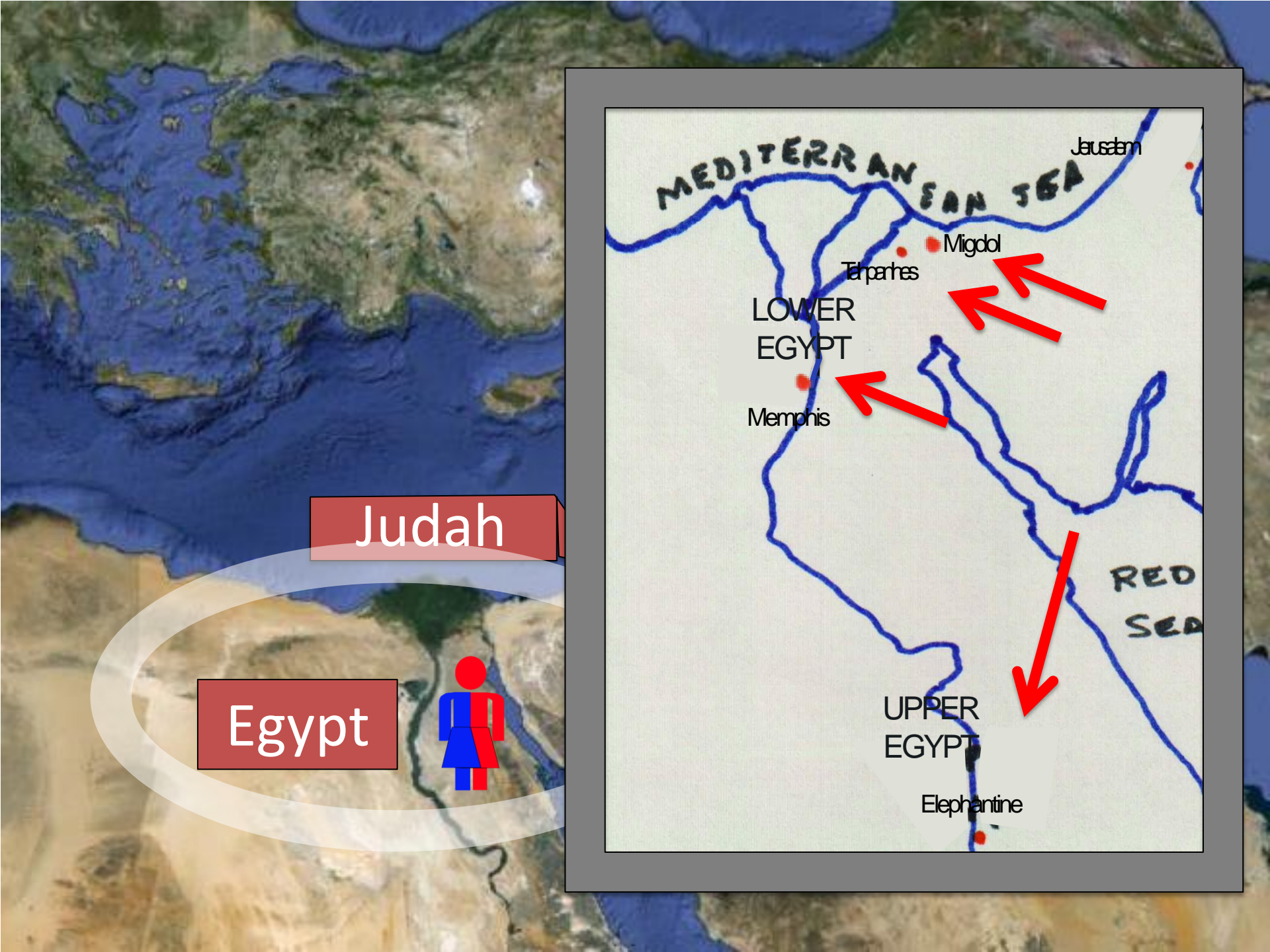
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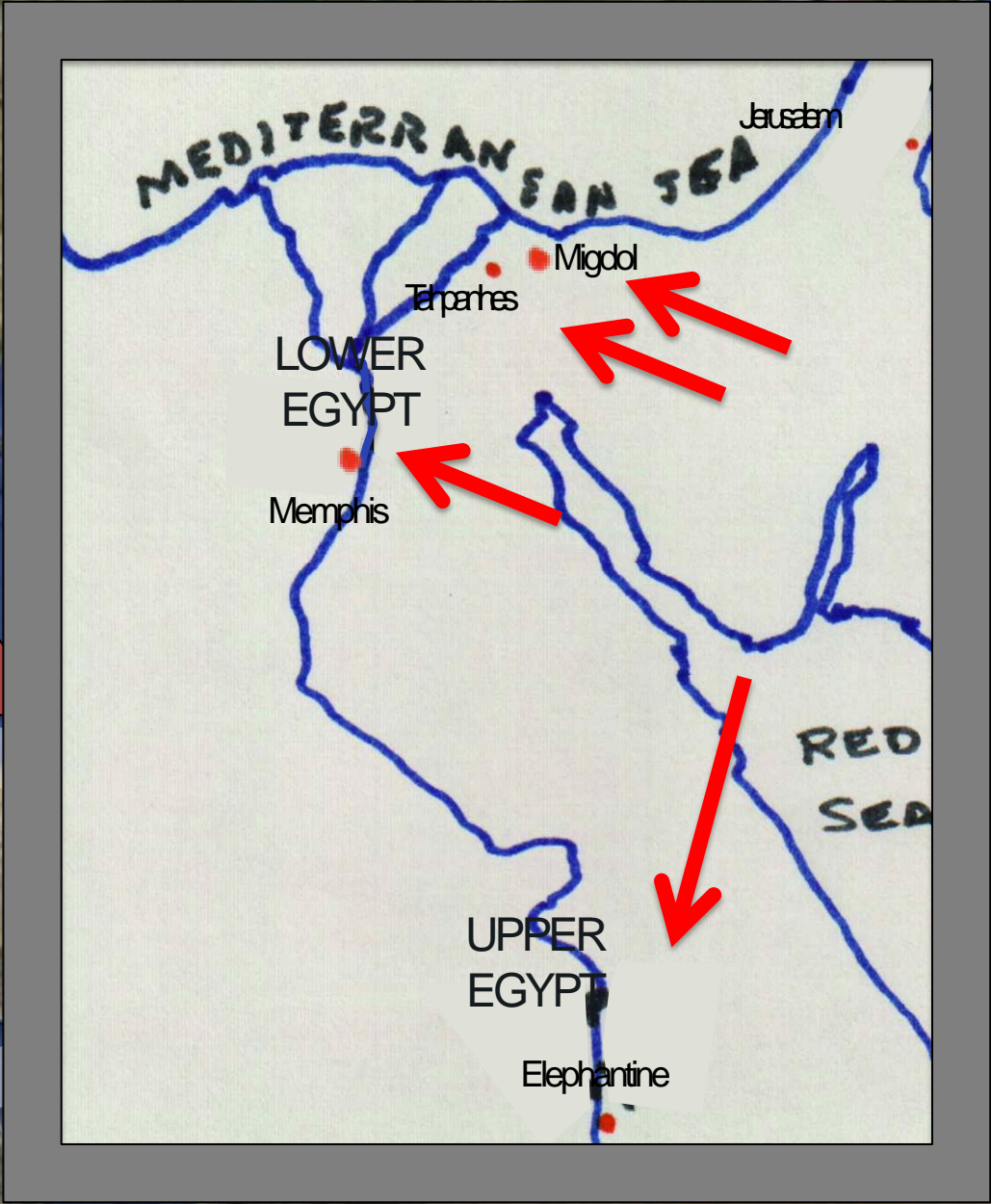
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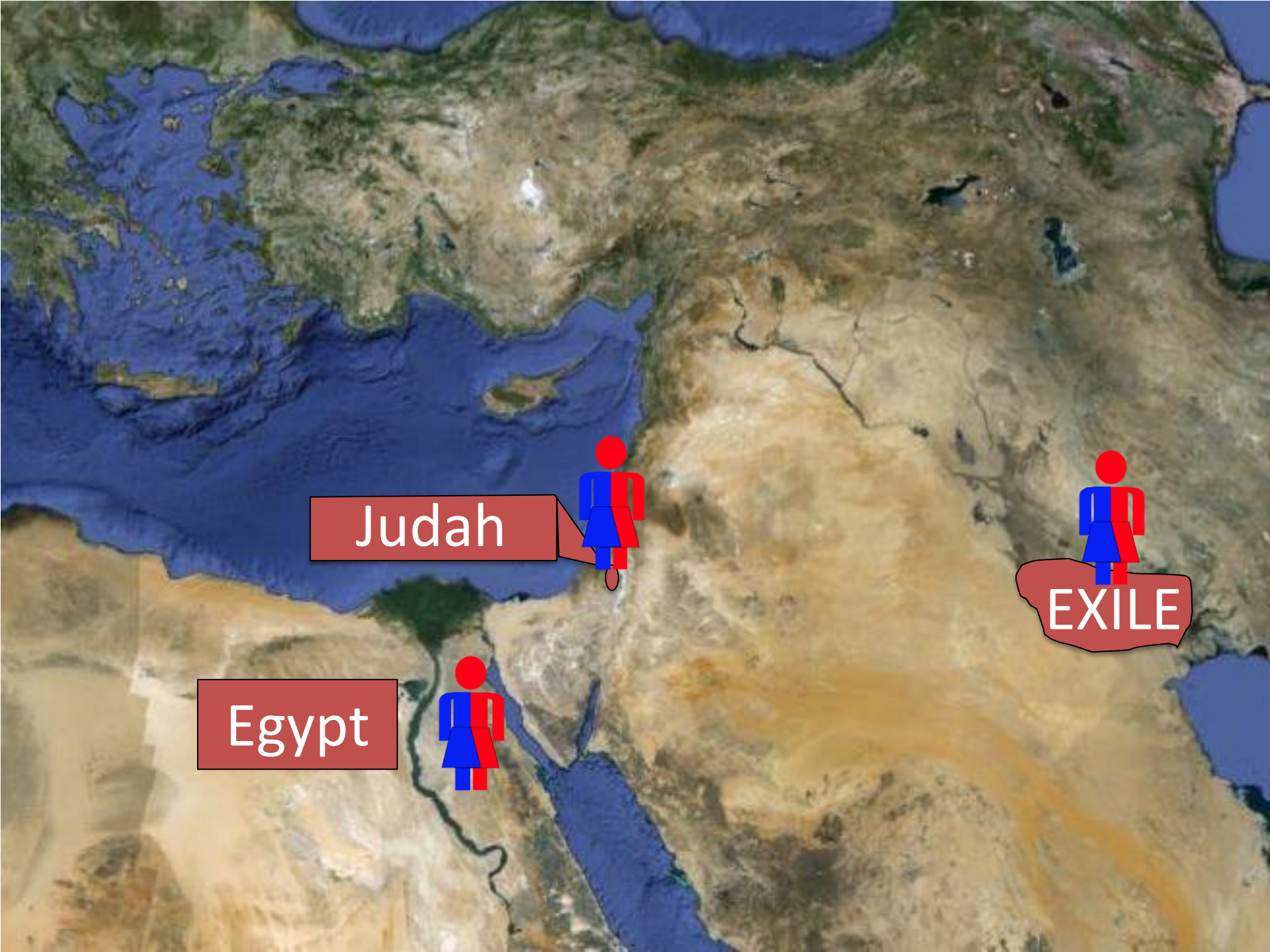
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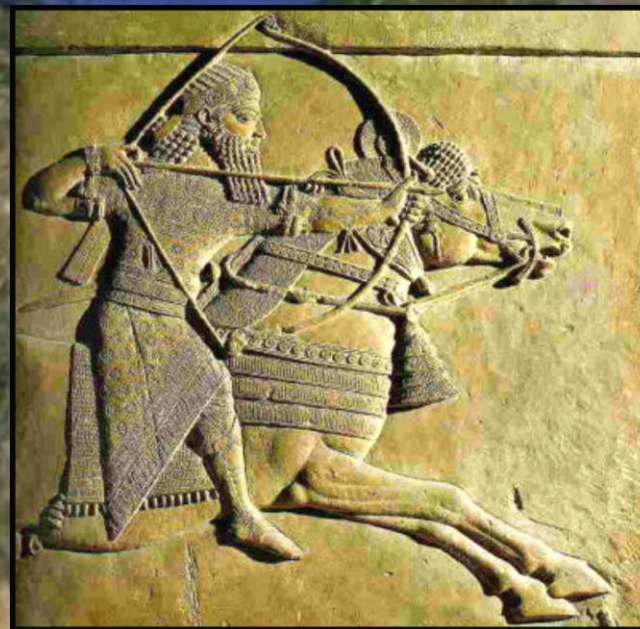
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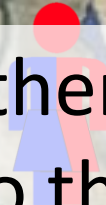


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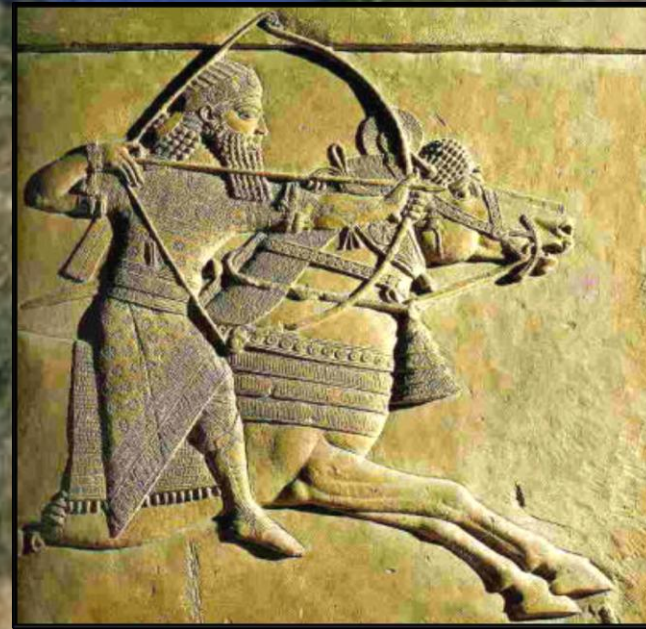
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Judean

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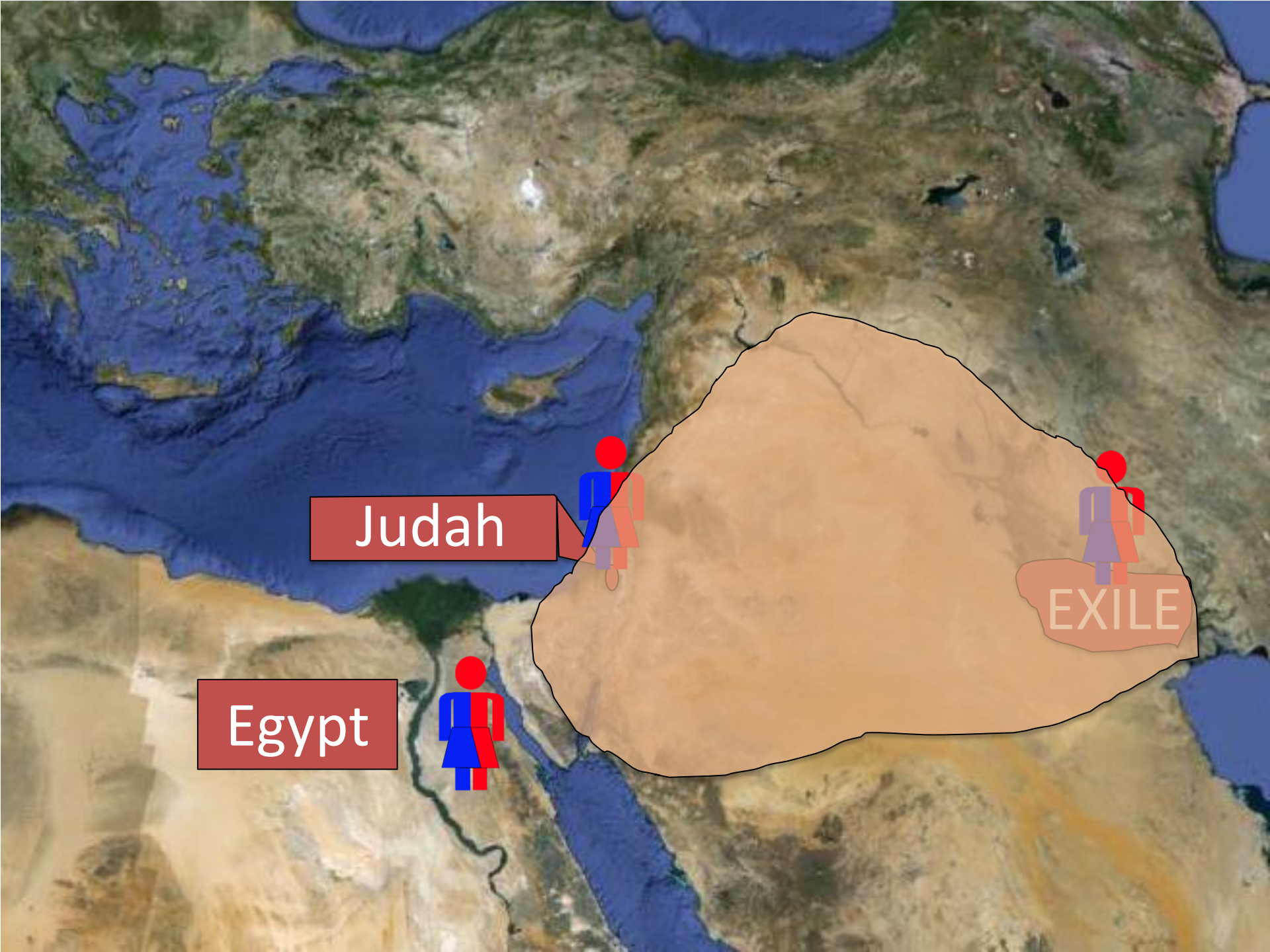
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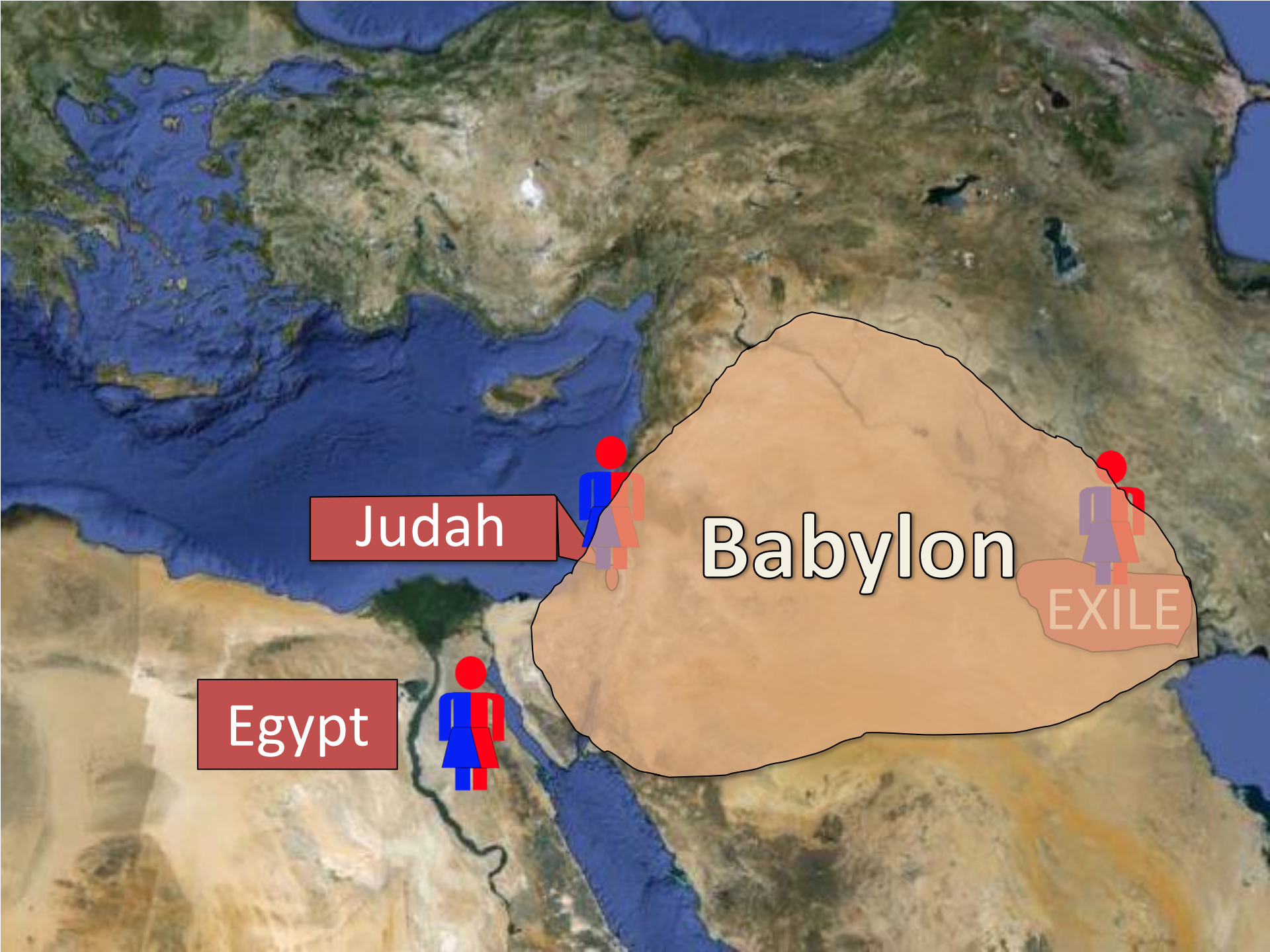
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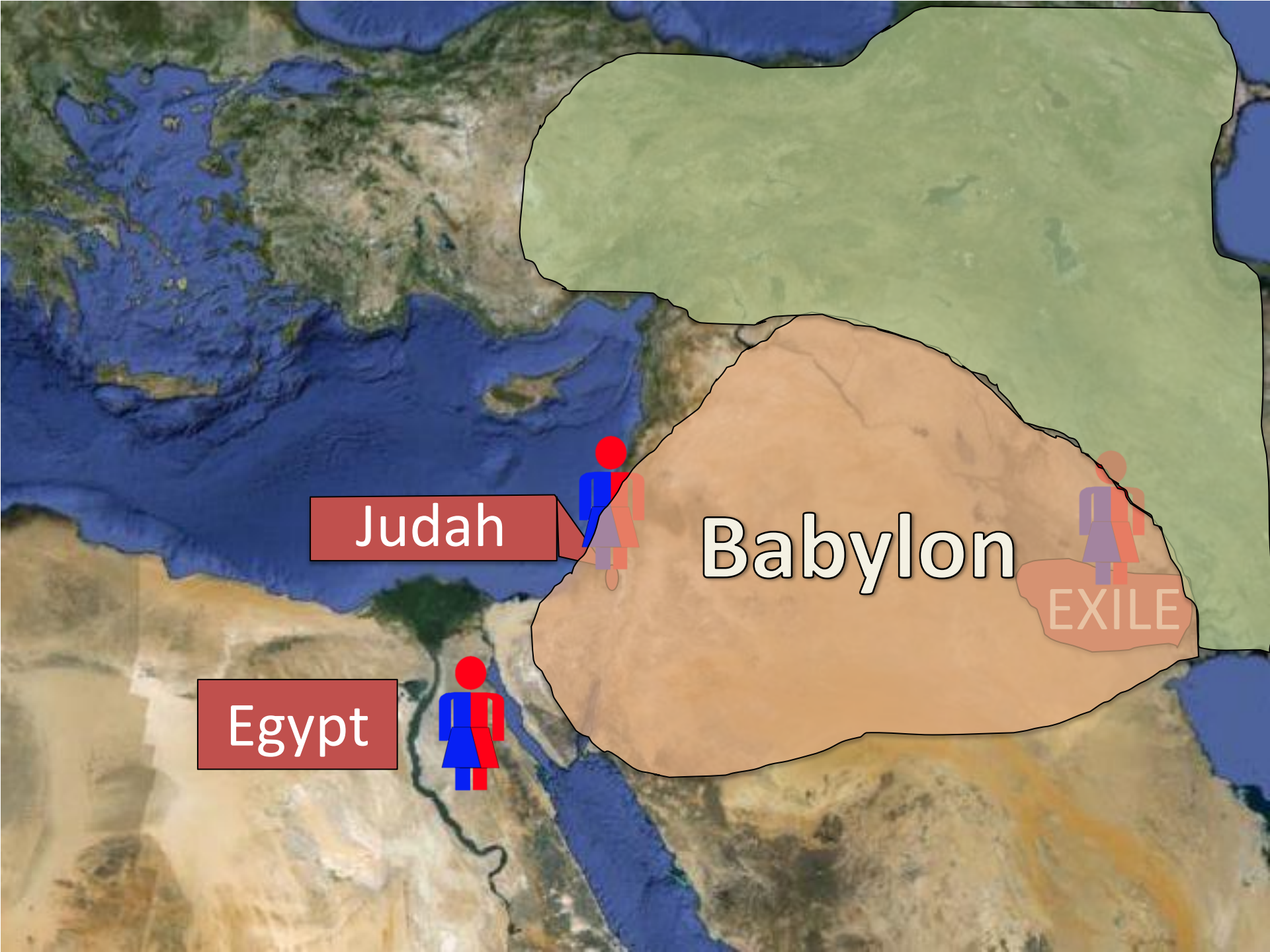
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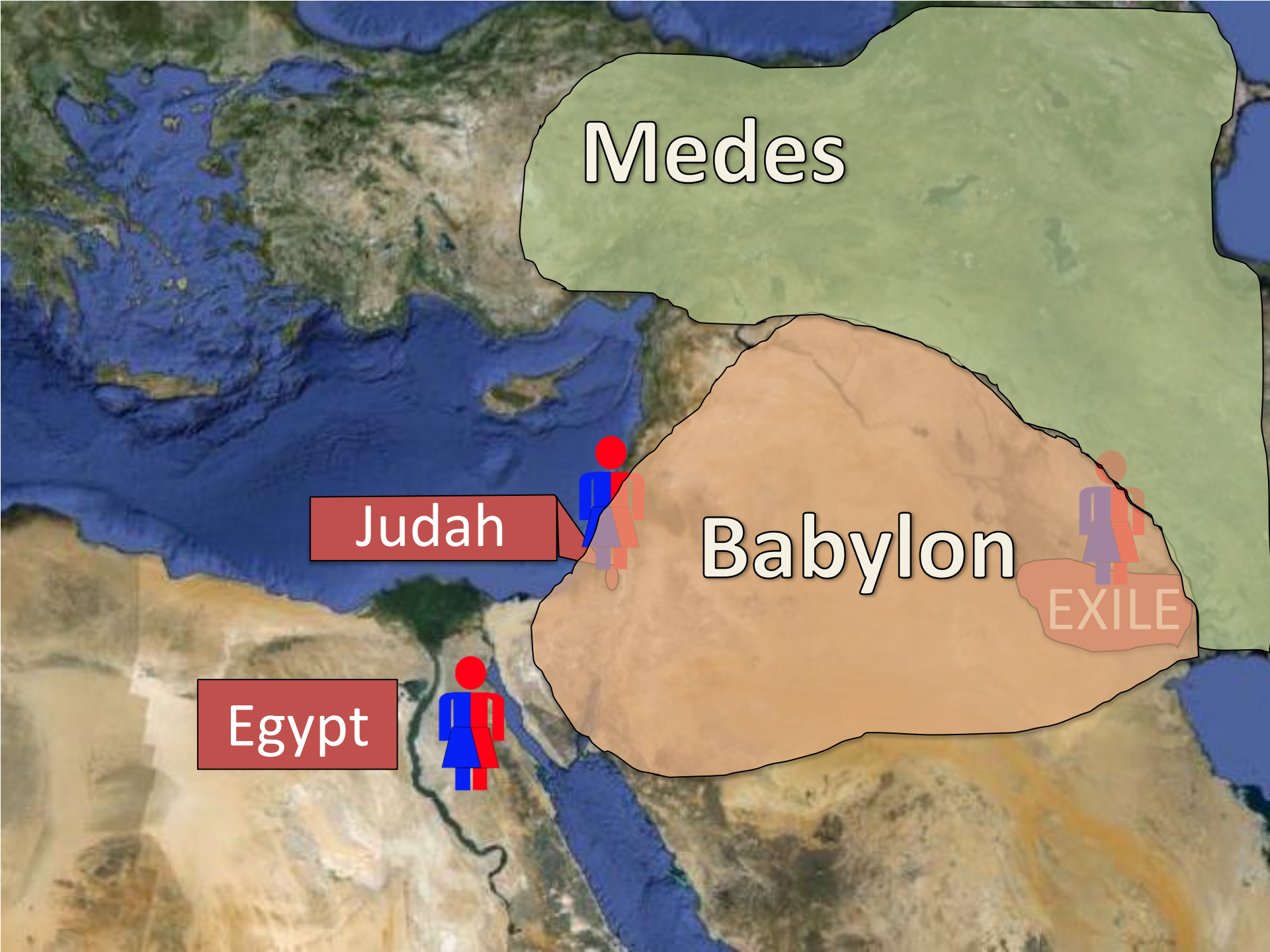
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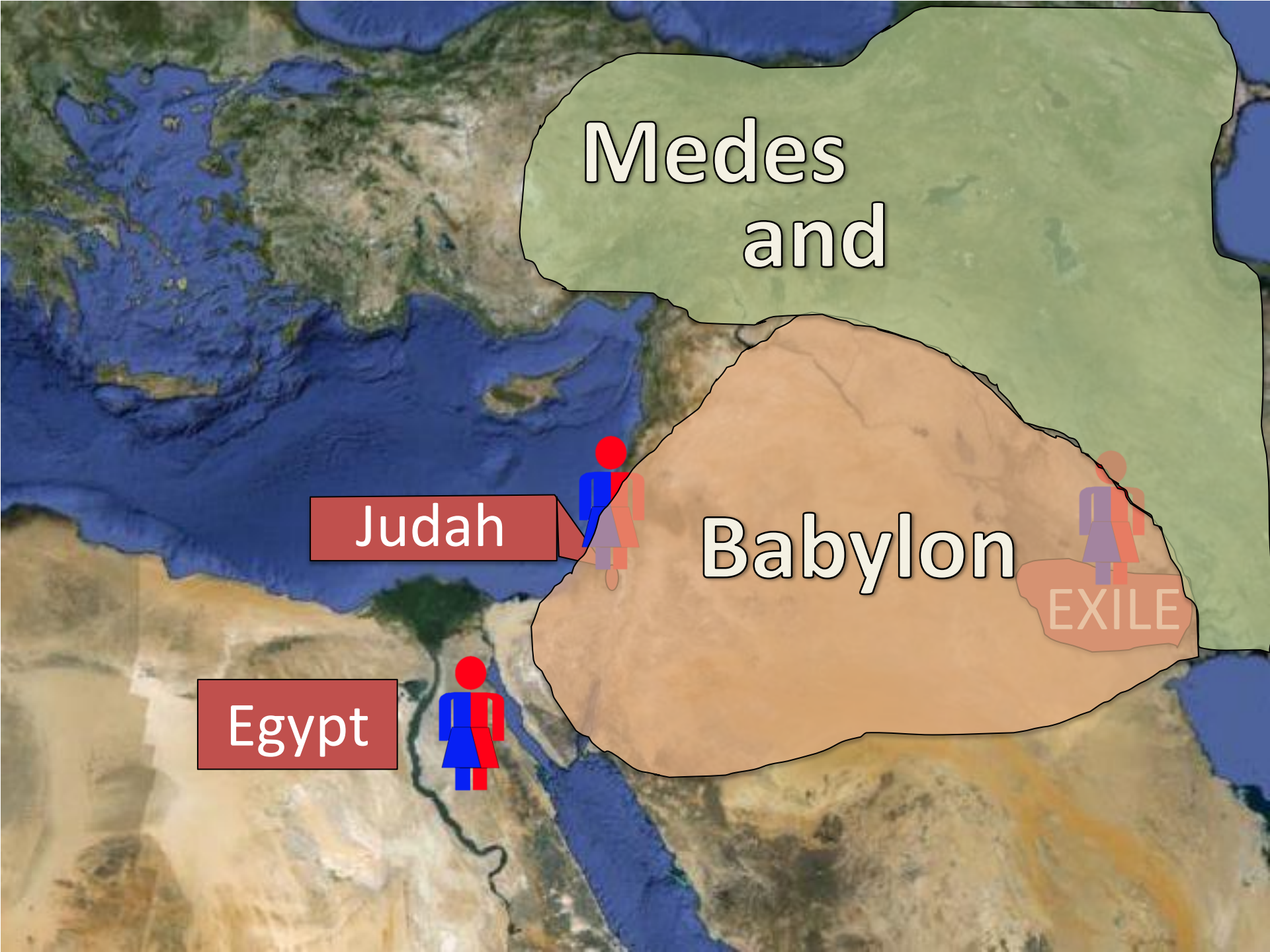
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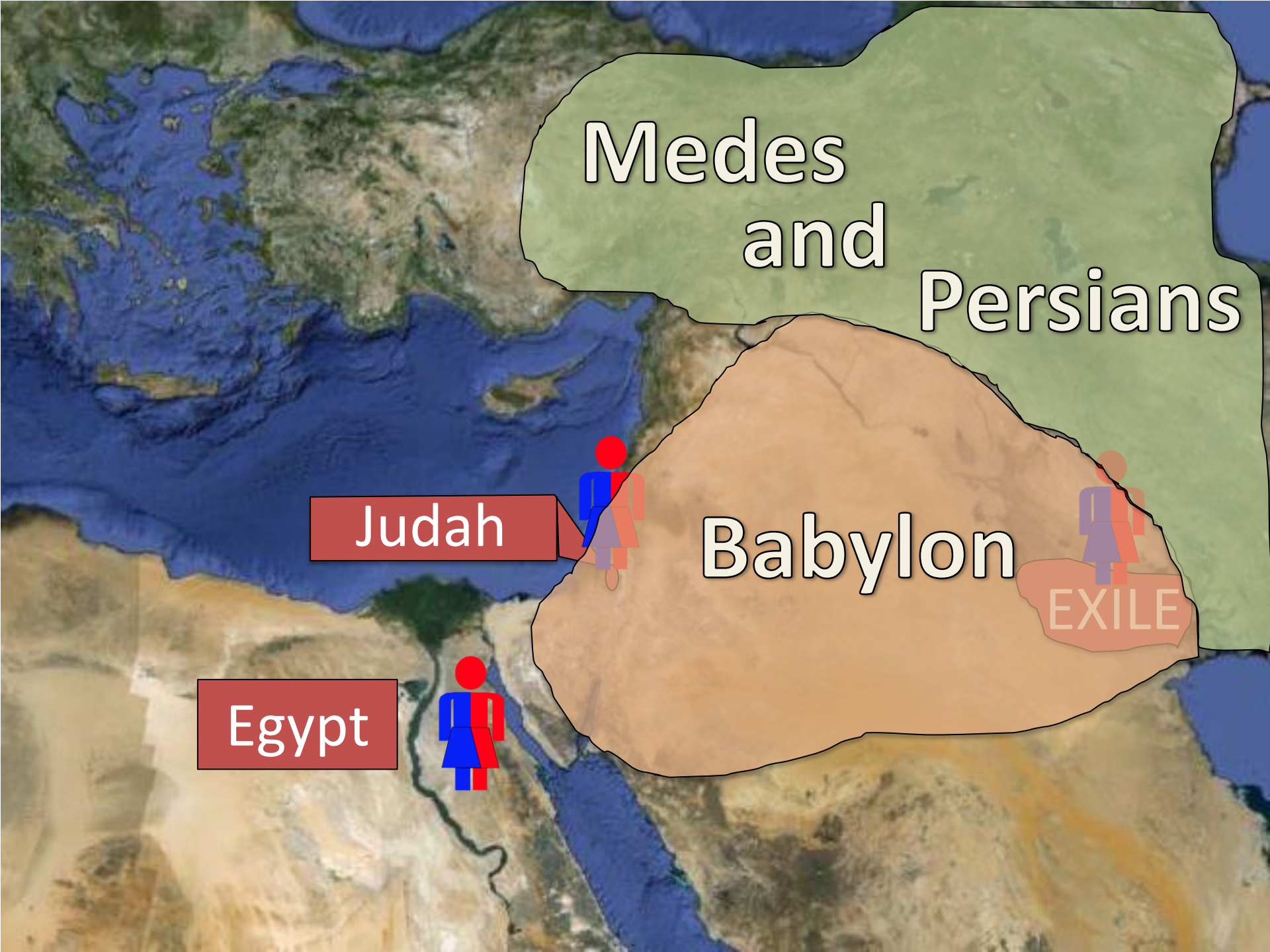
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The voice of Isaiah 40ff

Egypt



Medes
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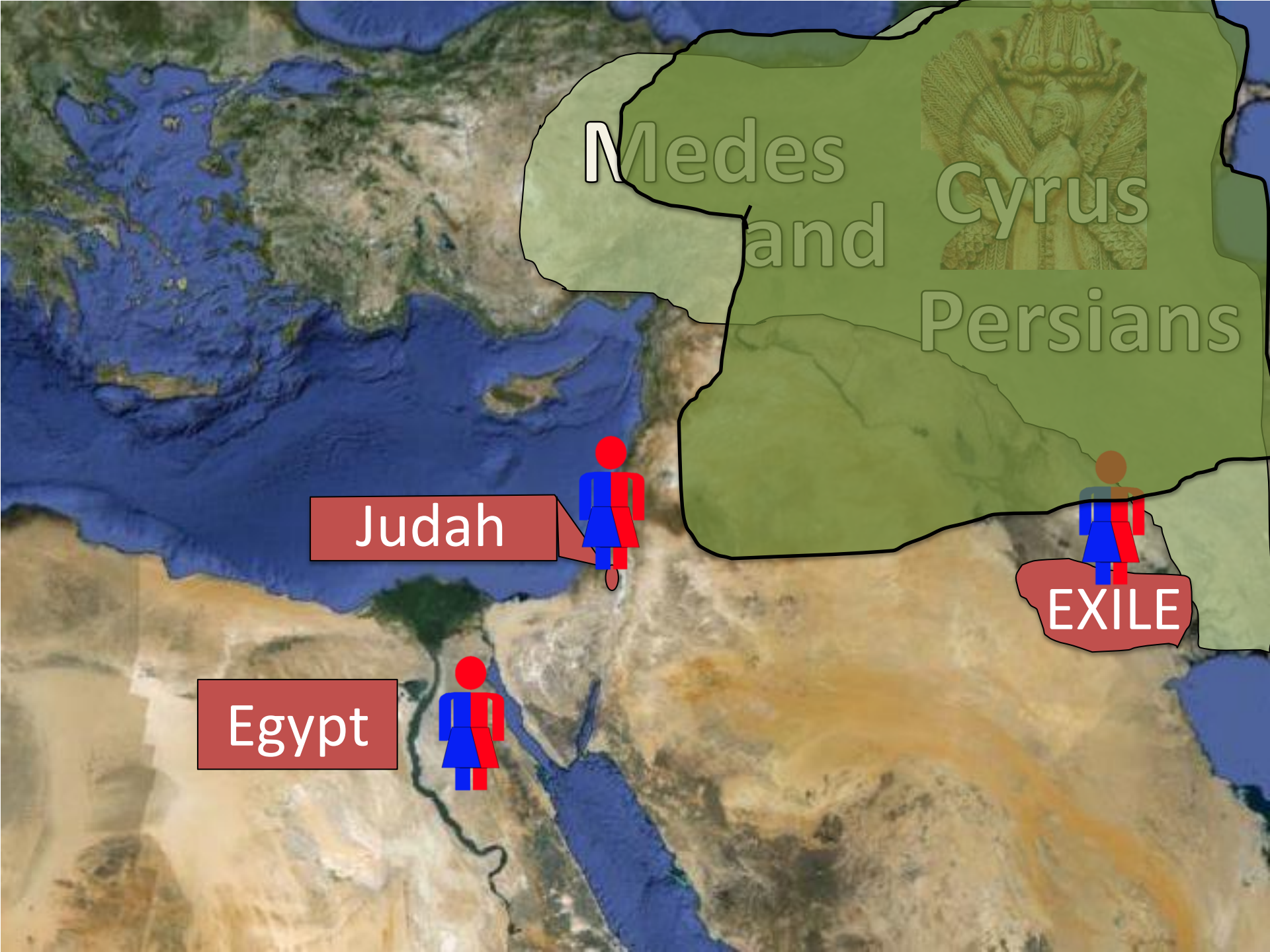


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Ezra 1:1-4

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This “Cyrus Cylinder” is on display in the British Museum. It dates from the sixth century BC and was discovered in Babylon in 1879. The text praises Cyrus and denounces Nabonidus. It also attests to Cyrus’s repatriation of displaced people, his restoration of temples throughout Mesopotamia.



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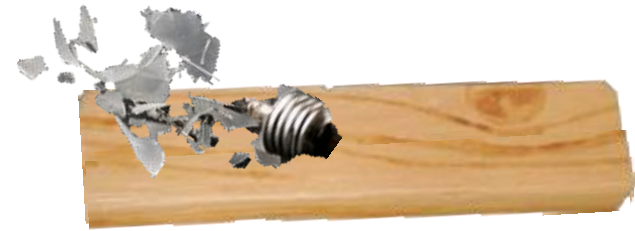
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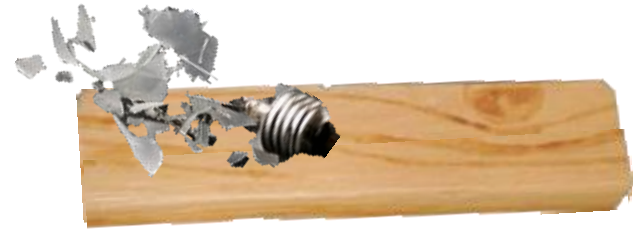




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What is this?
NATURE



God works “**naturally**”

**SUPER
NATURE**

GOD

He works “**super-
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Isa. 40:1

*“Comfort, comfort my people, says your
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God will work his
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and our lives!

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No idols! One God in
theology *and* practice!

Isa. 53:12

“He bore the sins of many”



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The miracle of the
incarnation and
crucifixion: In this faith
I stand