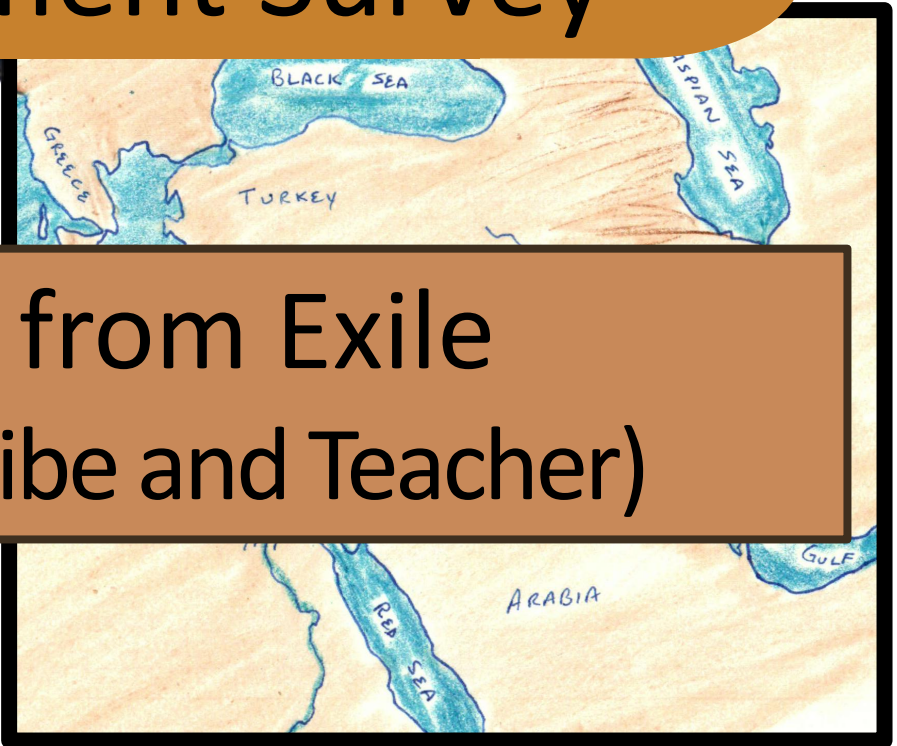




Old Testament Survey



Returning from Exile (Ezra: Priest, Scribe and Teacher)

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Your world is about to bubble over



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To: Dad

From: Will

Re: Song you must hear

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“My Deliverer”
by Rich Mullins

To: Dad

From: Will

Re: Song you must hear



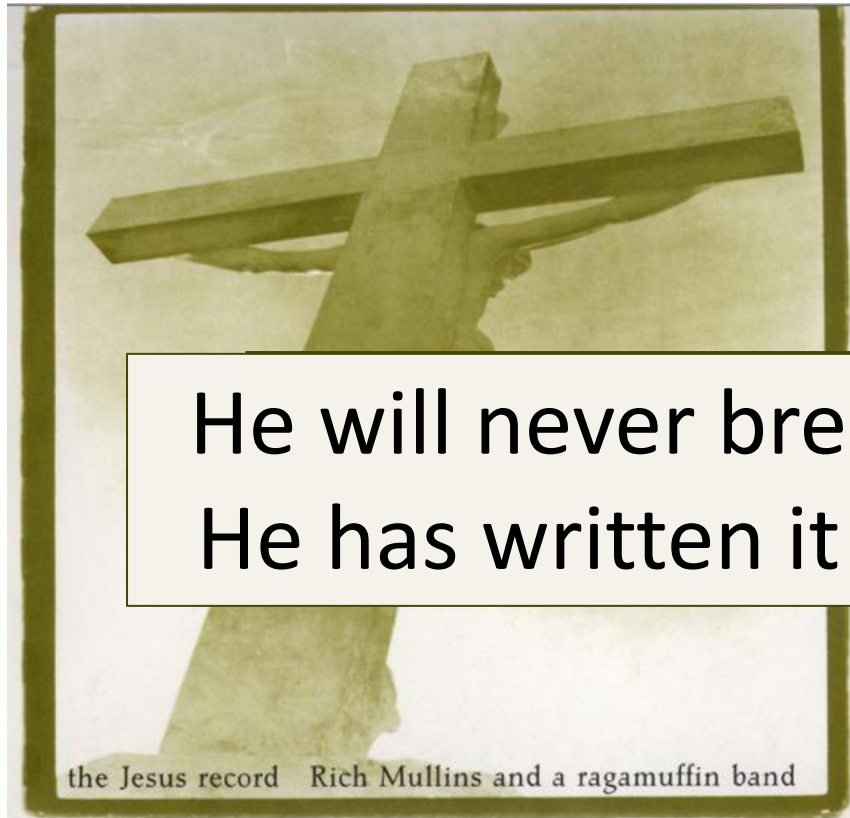
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My Deliverer is coming;
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To: Dad

From: Will

Re: Song you must hear



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He has written it upon the skies

To: Dad

From: Will

Re: Song you must hear



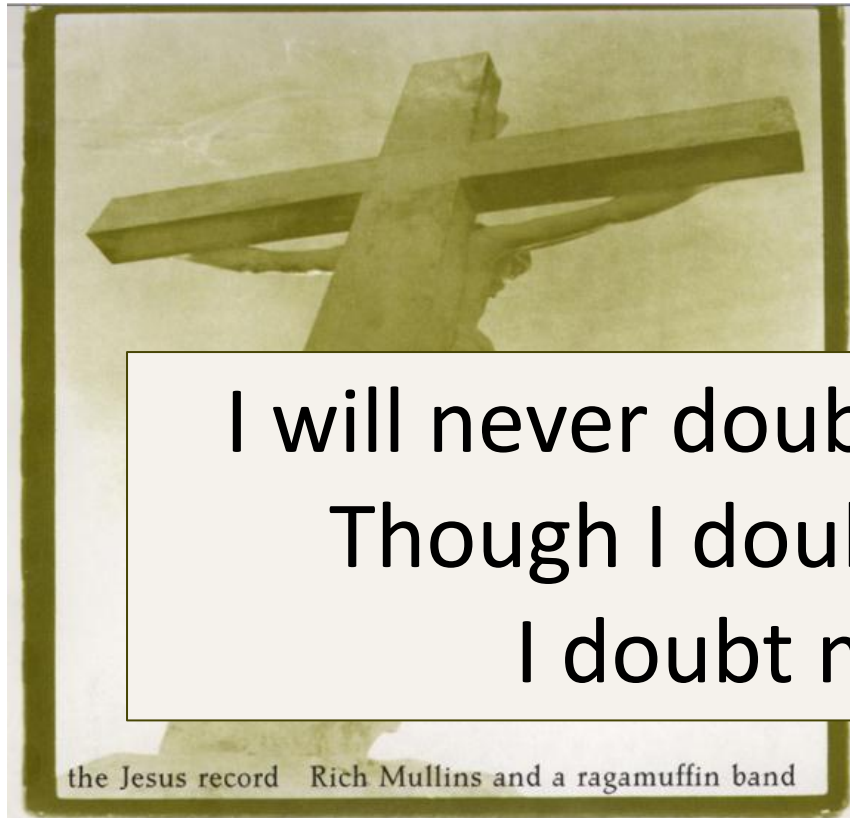
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Though I doubt my heart
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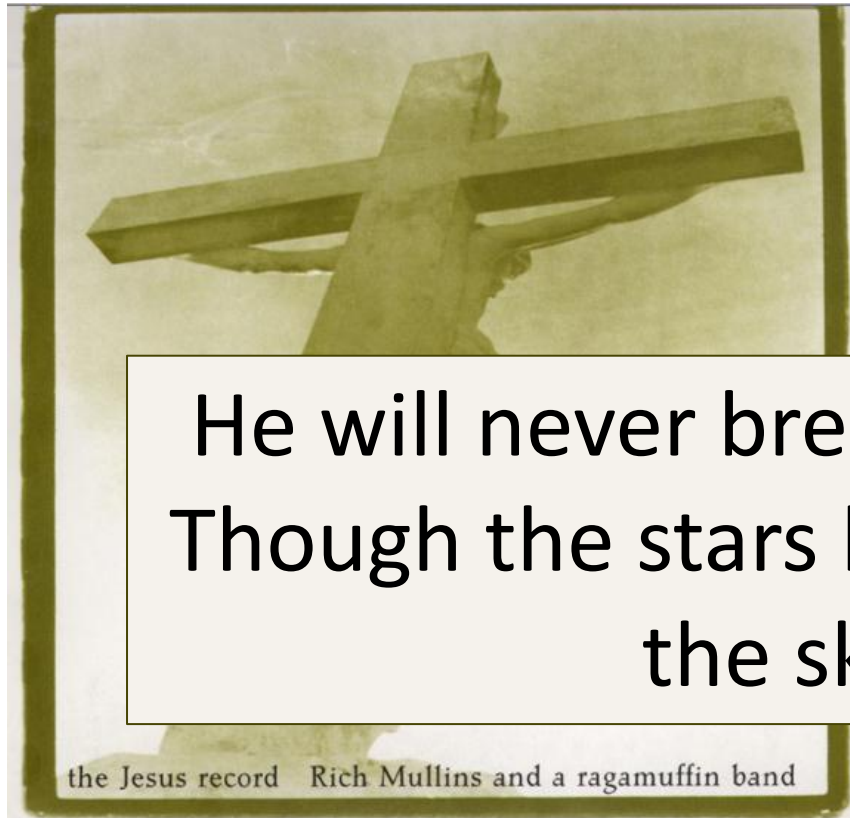
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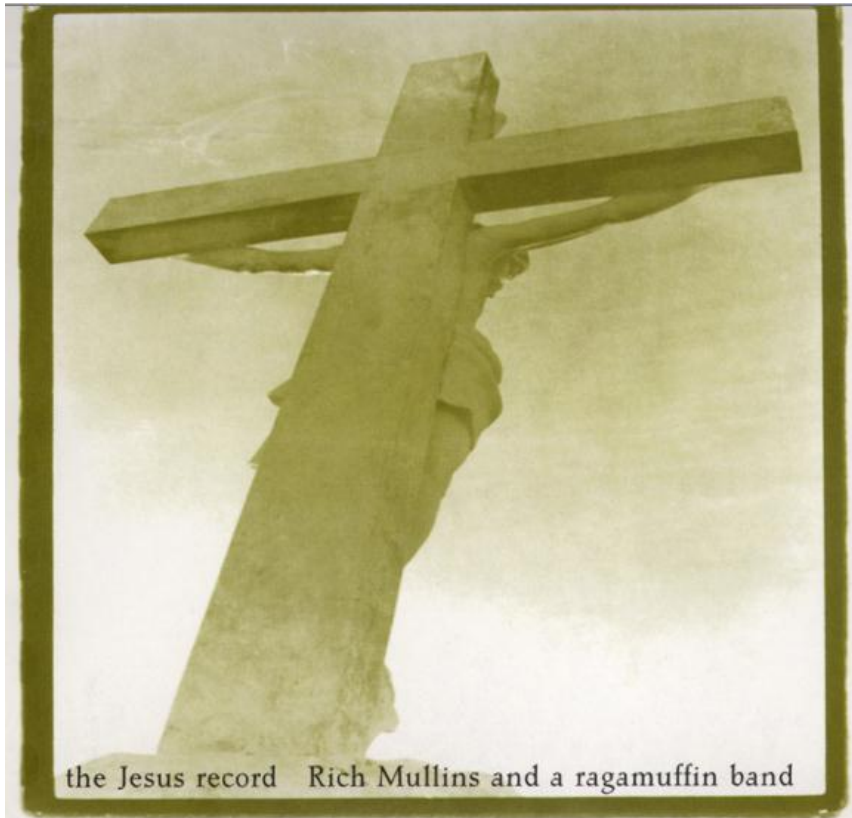
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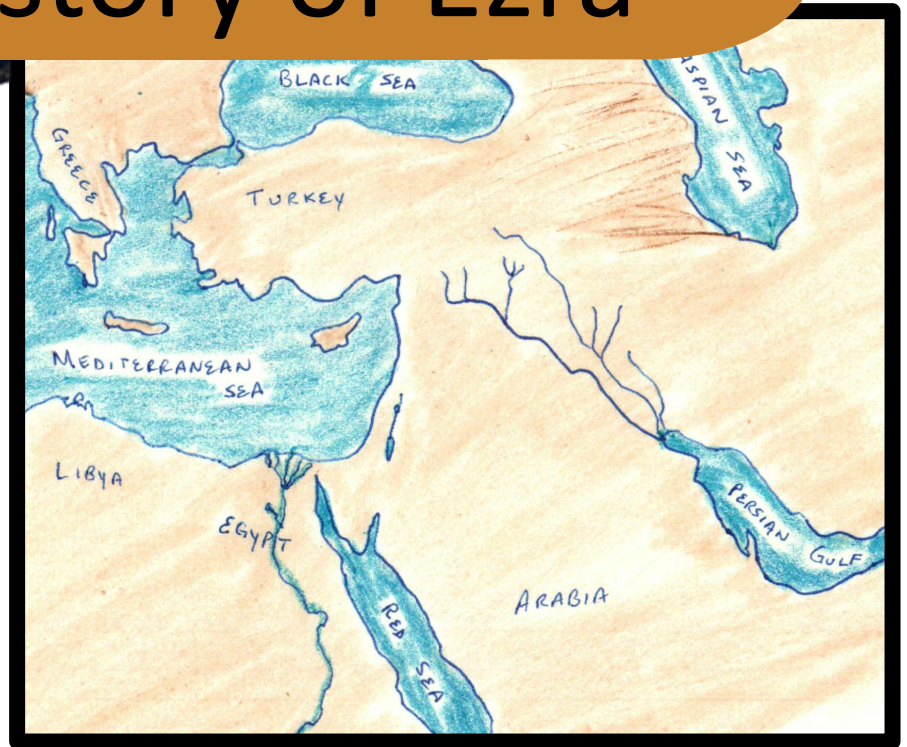


Real reality:

The jolt of God
gives **courage** and
serenity



Finish the story of Ezra



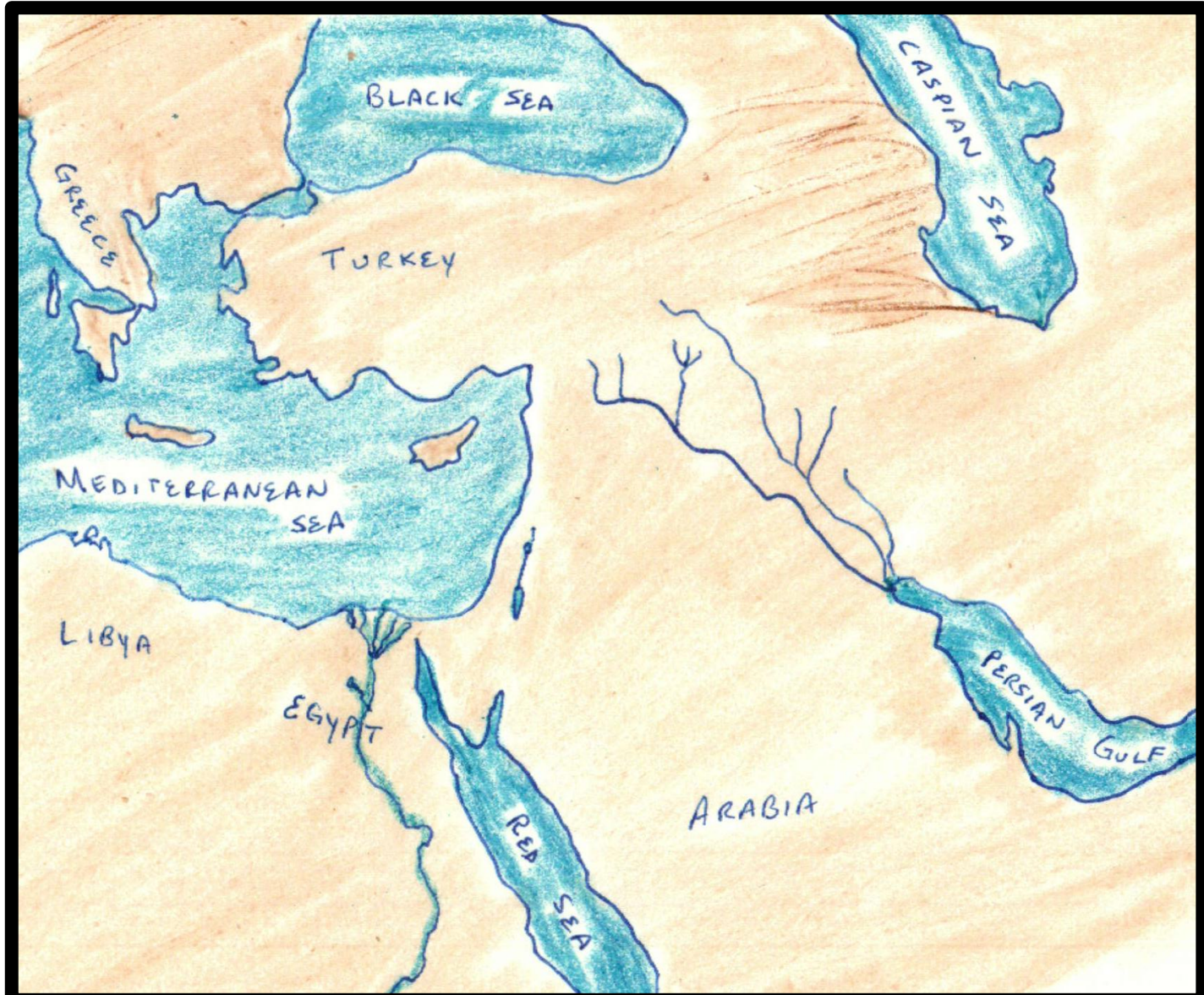


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Priest, scribe, and teacher



BACKGROUND



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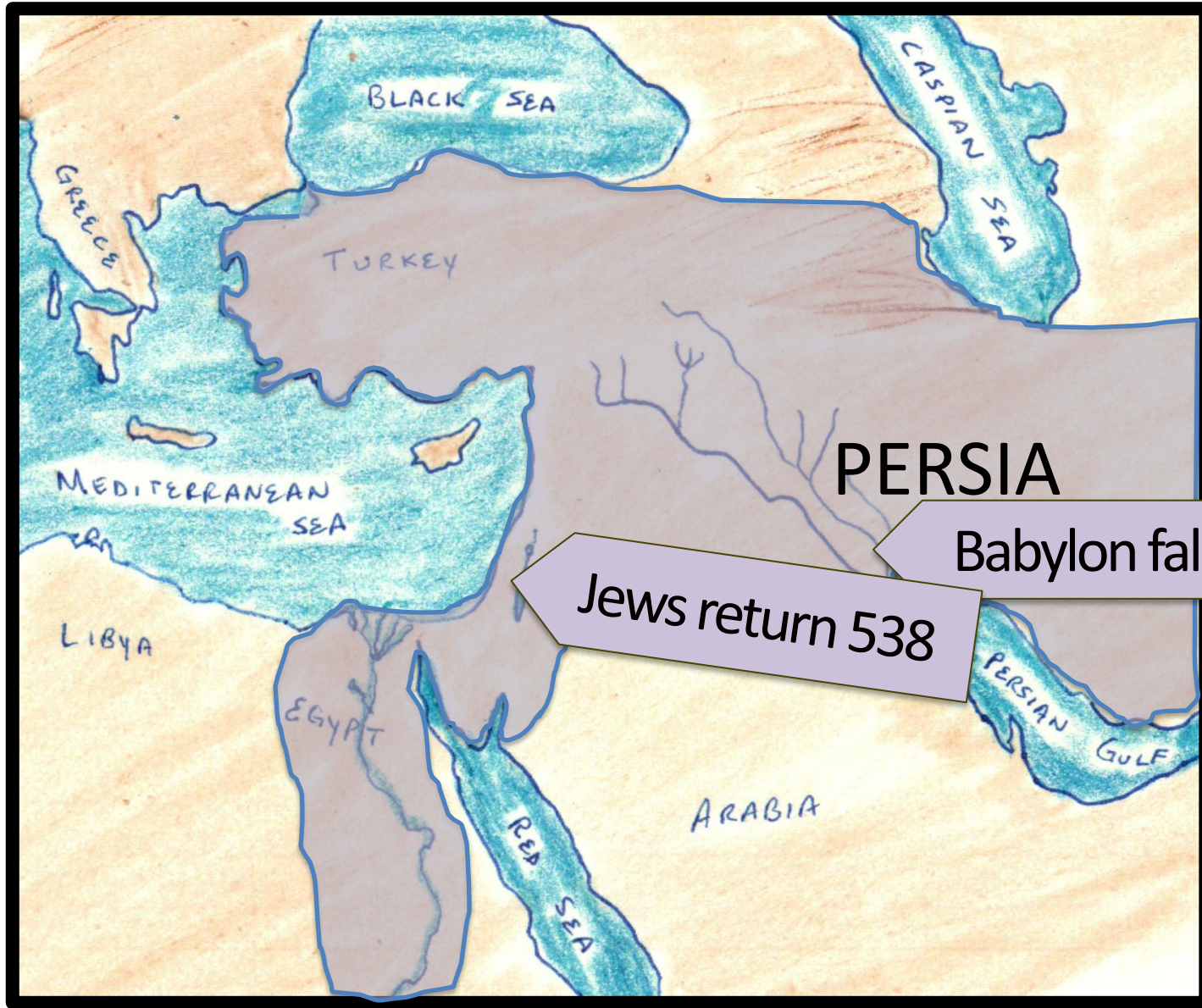
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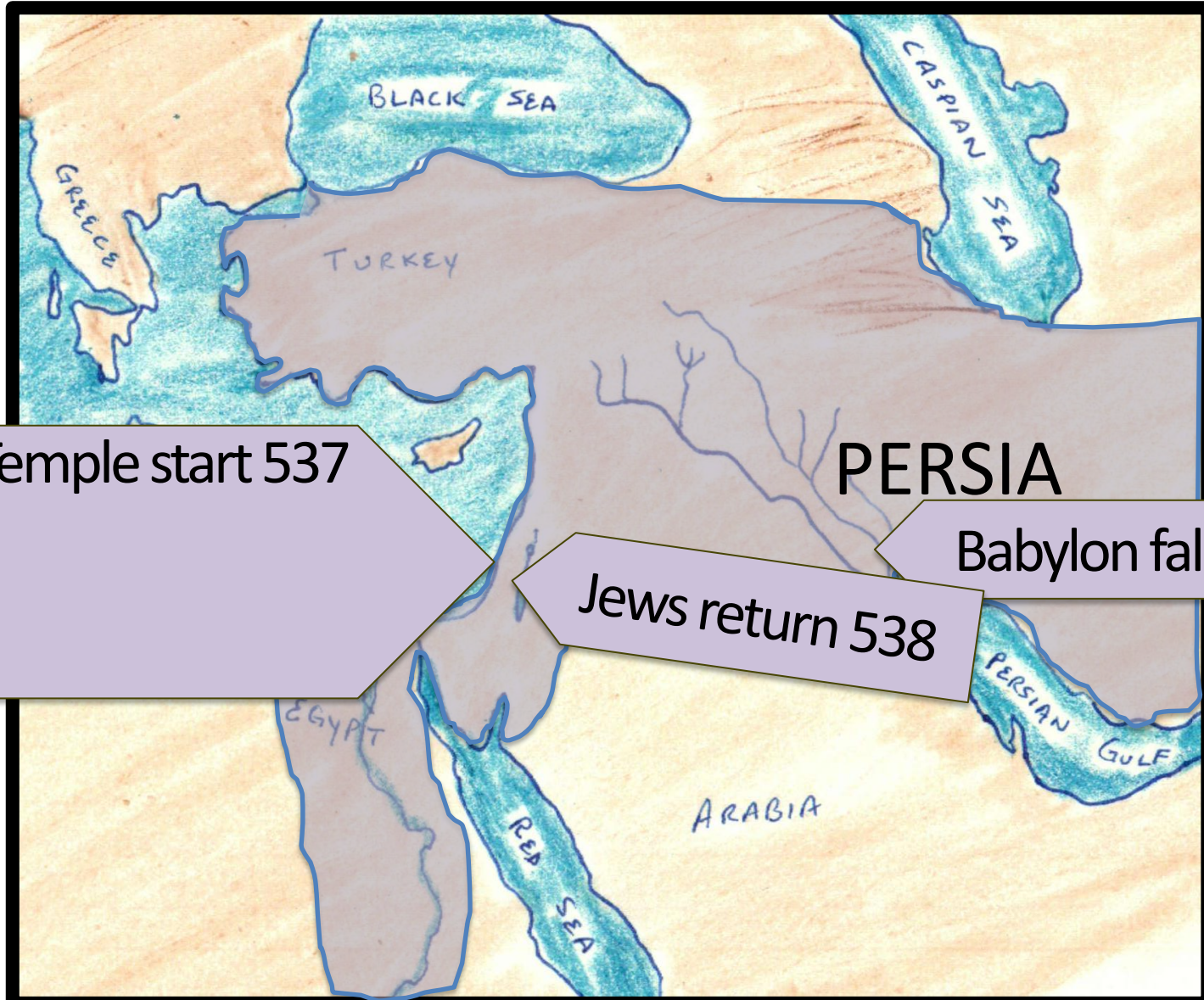
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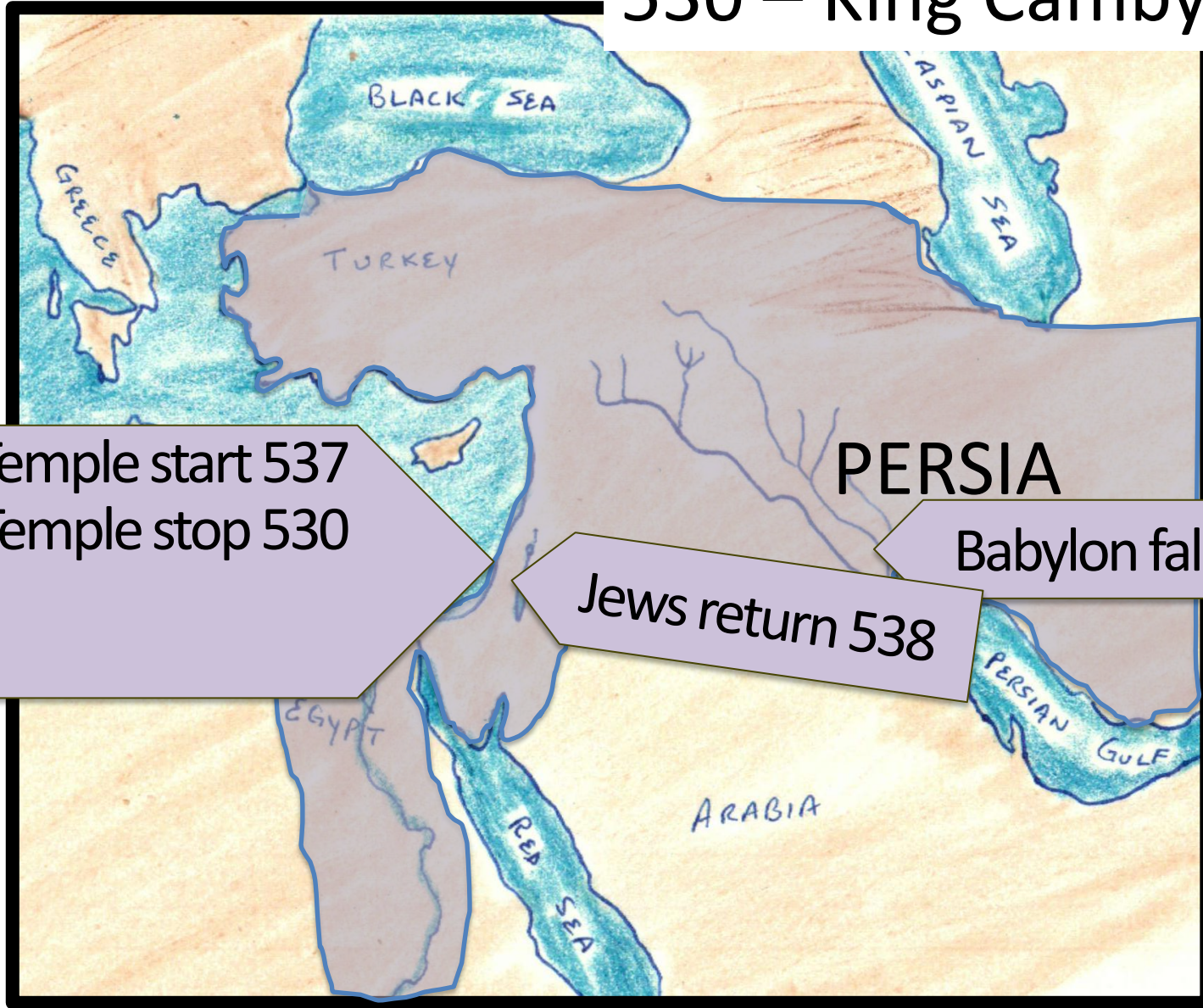


Temple start 537

Jews return 538

Babylon falls 539

Persian Empire: 539 – King Cyrus 530 – King Cambyses

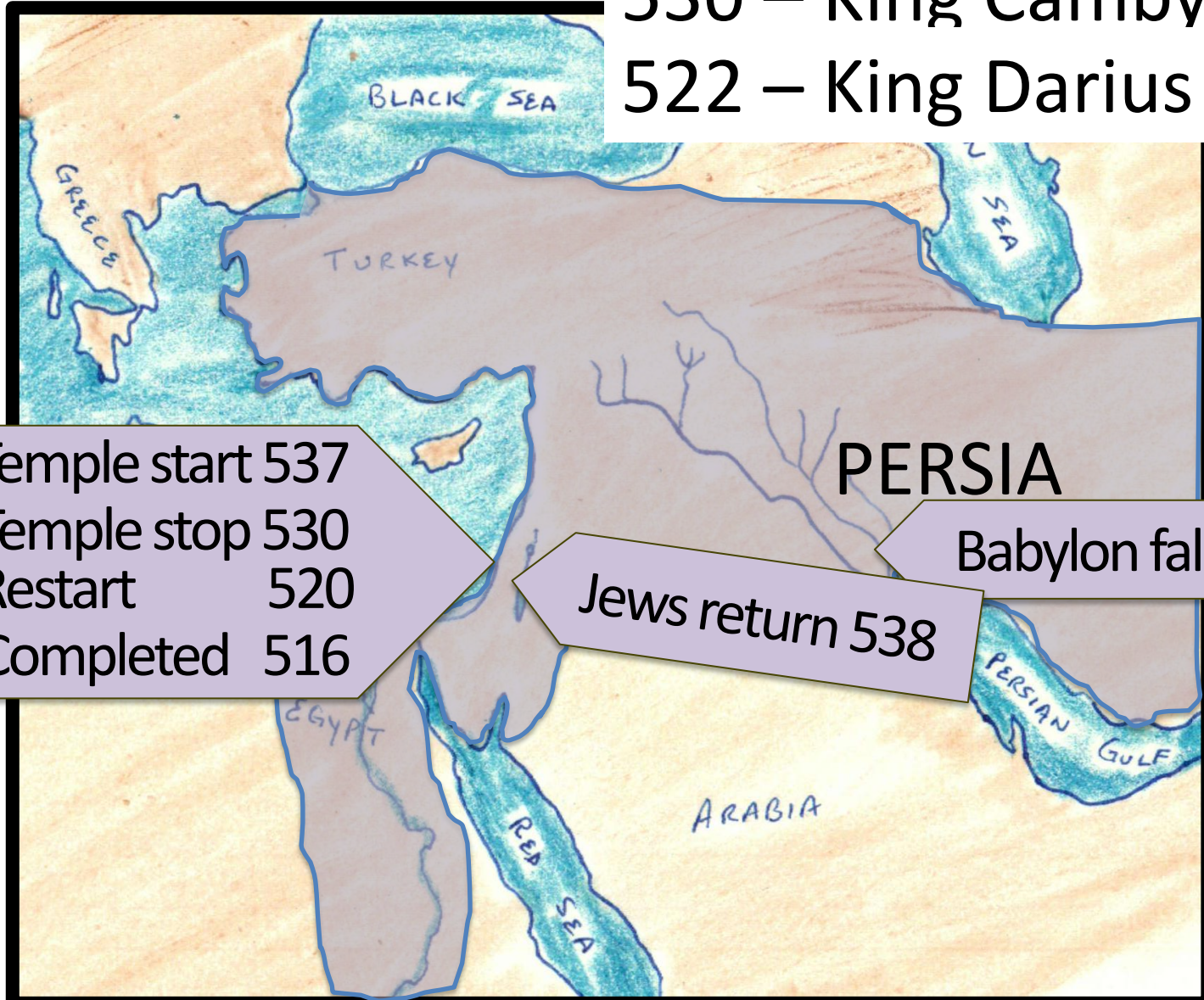


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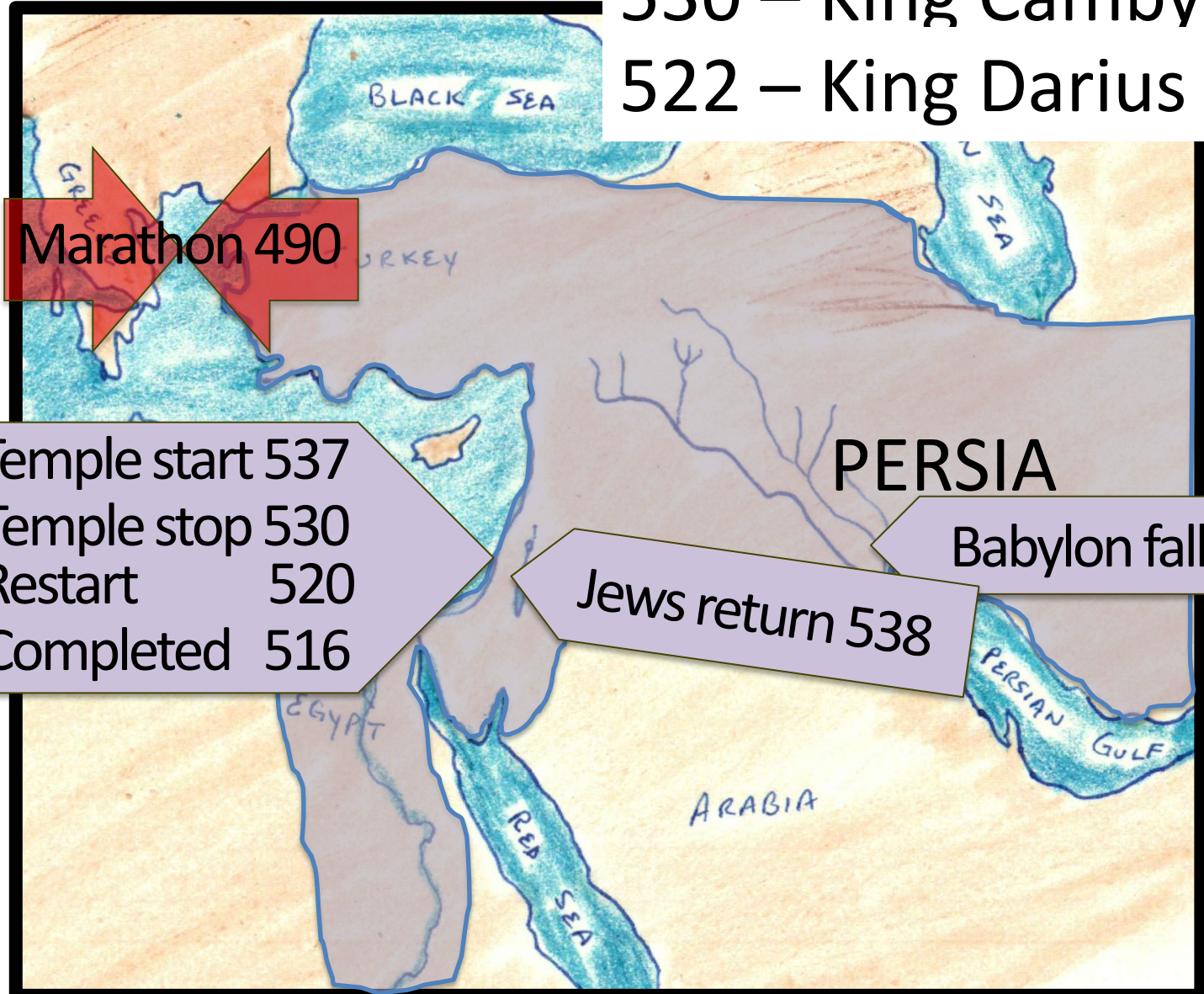


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Restart 520
Completed 516

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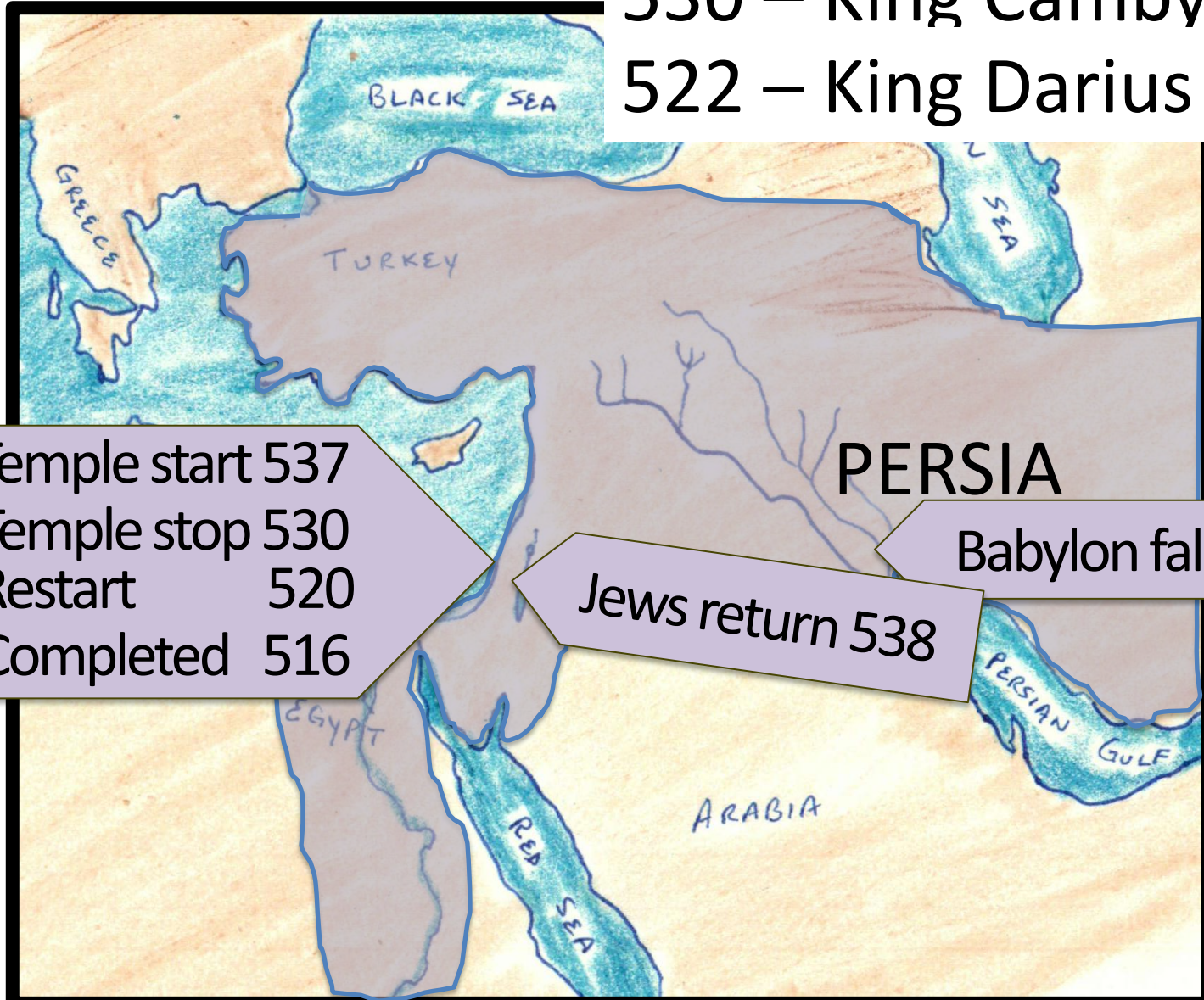
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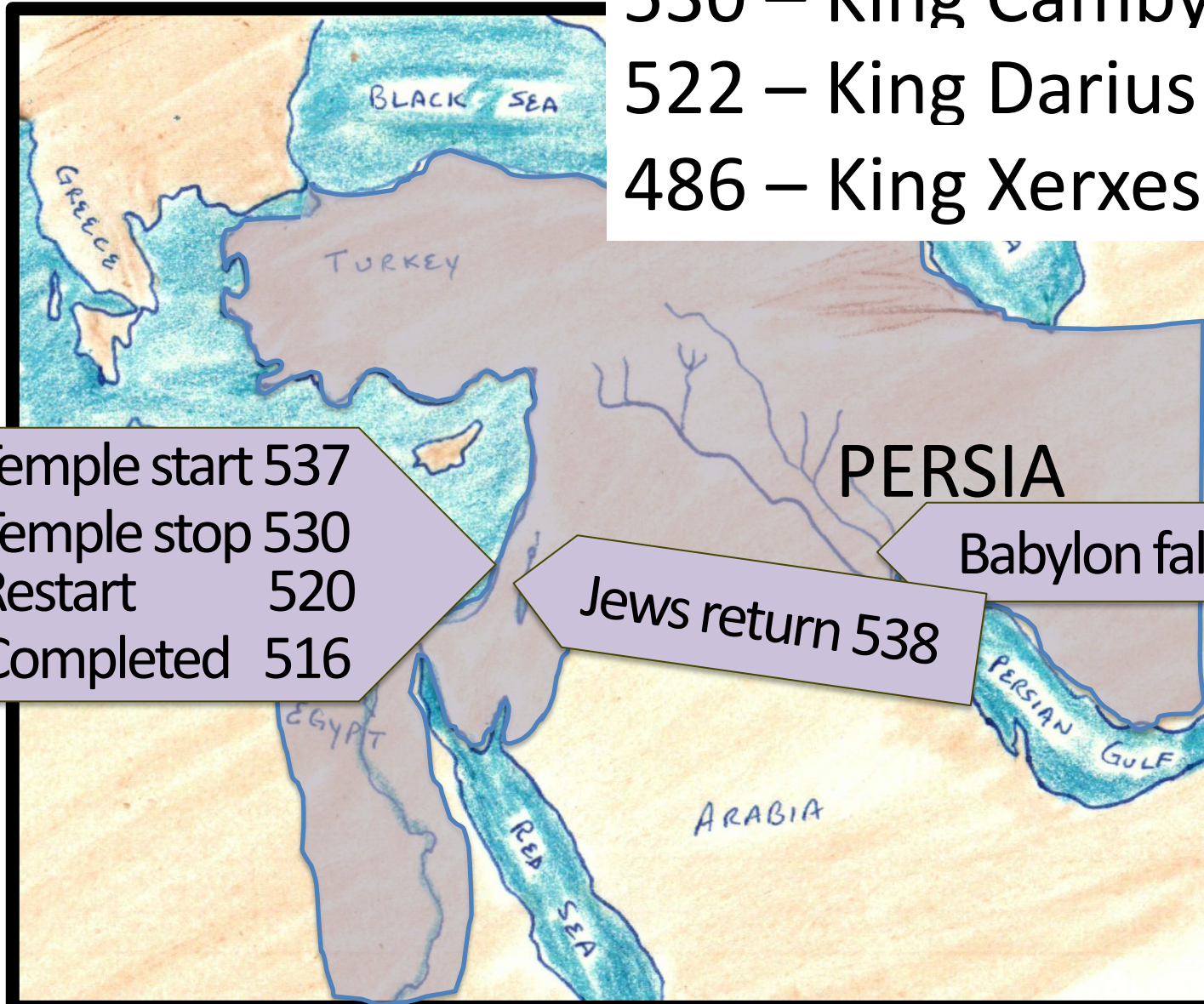


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Jews return 538

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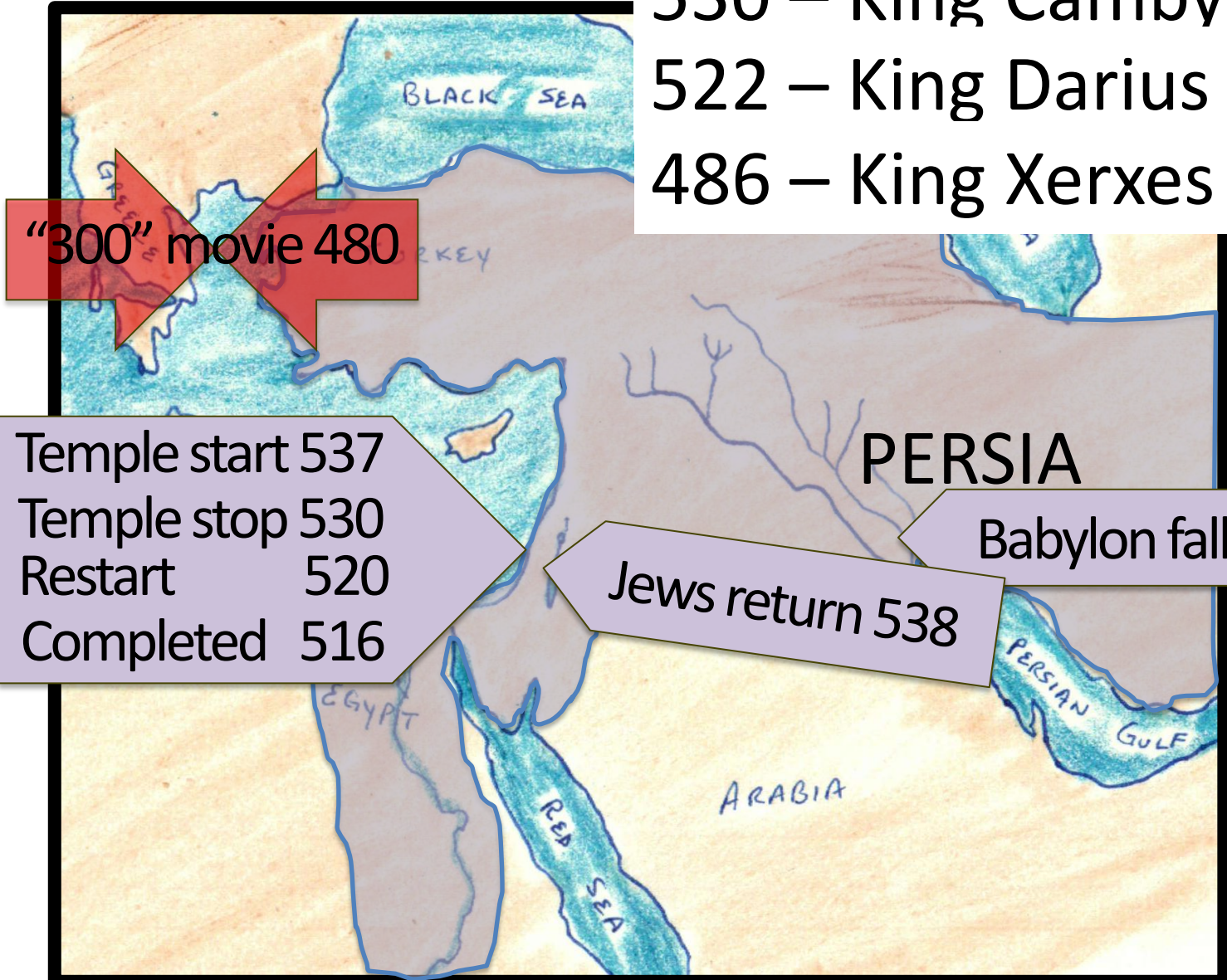


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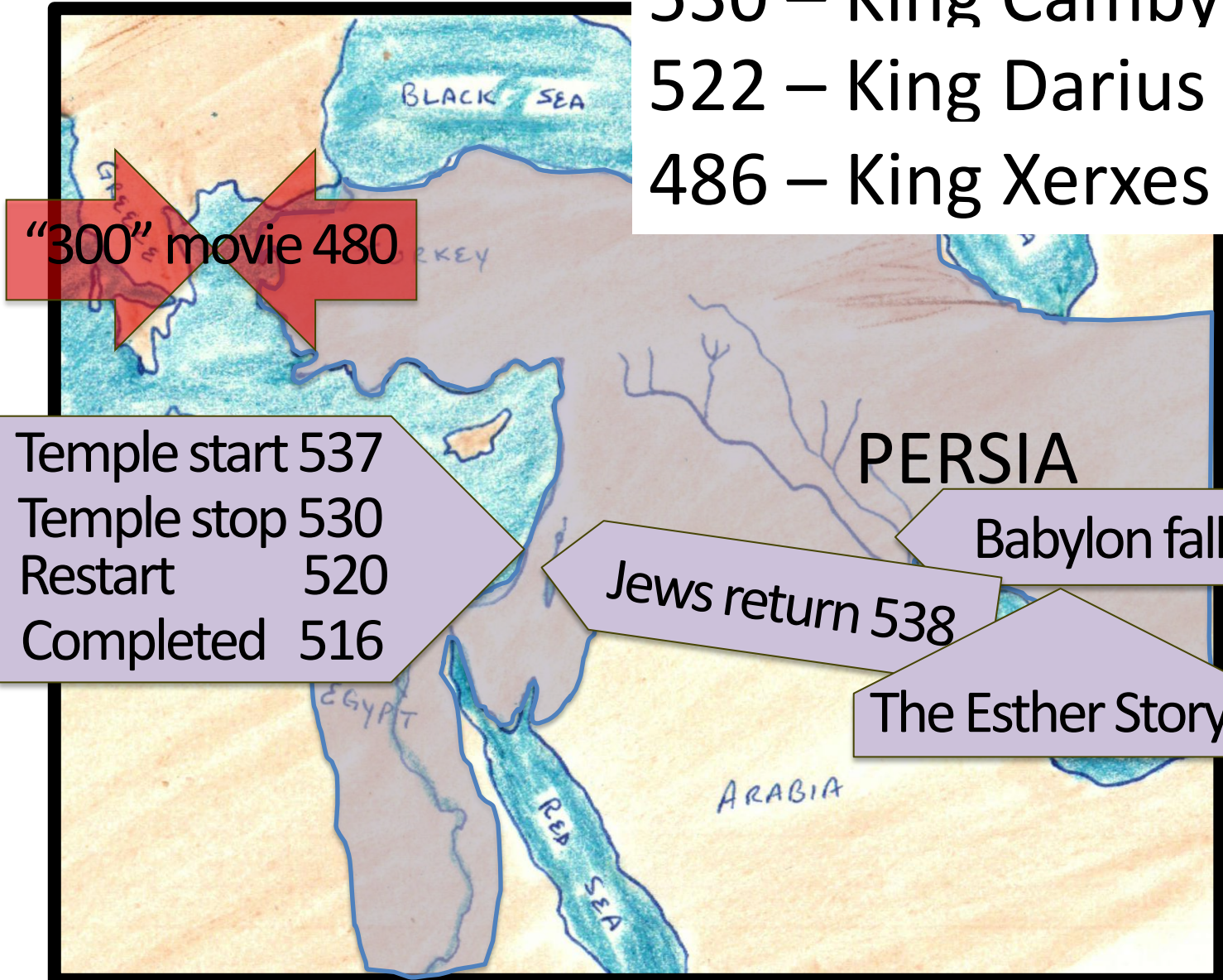
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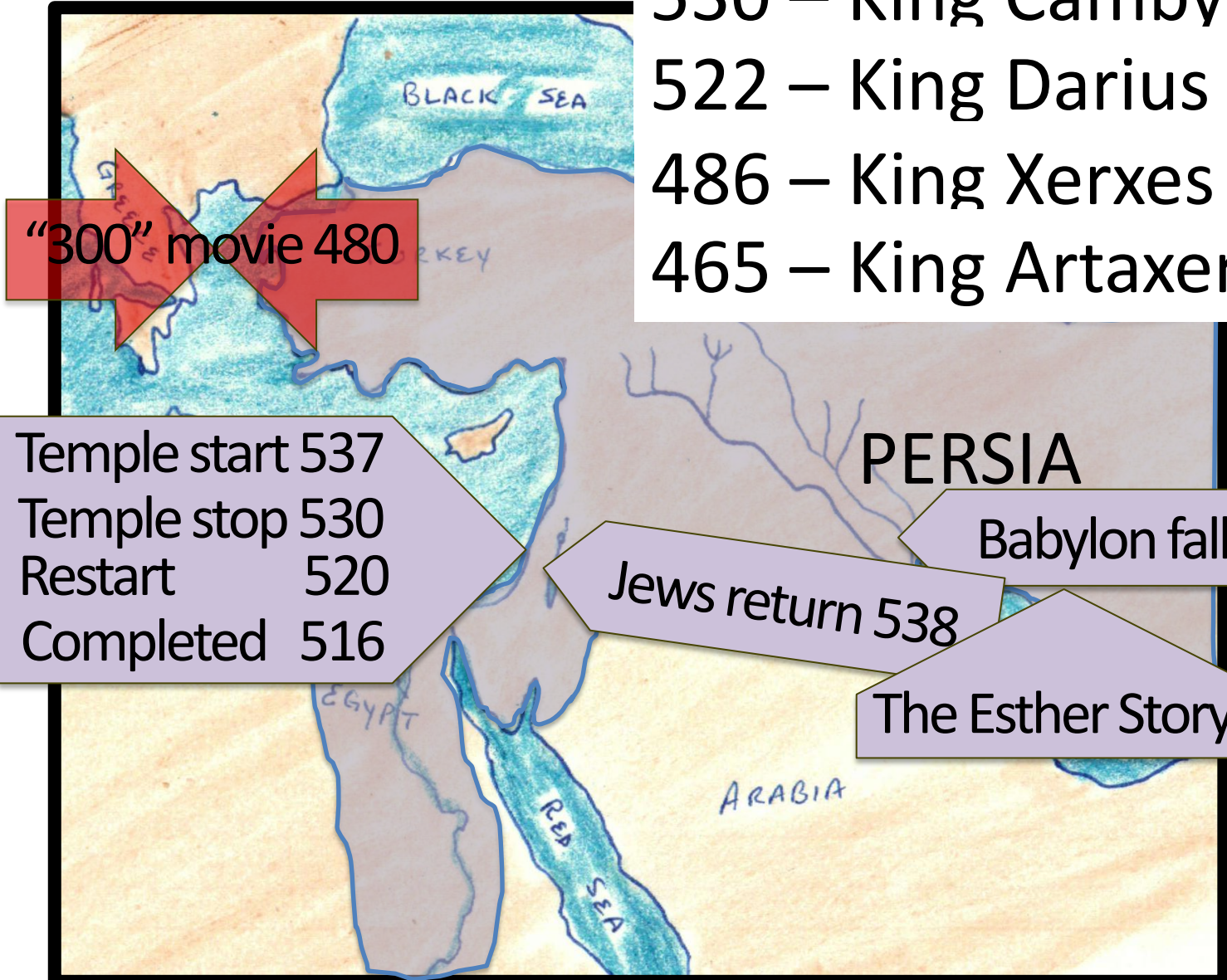
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PERSIA

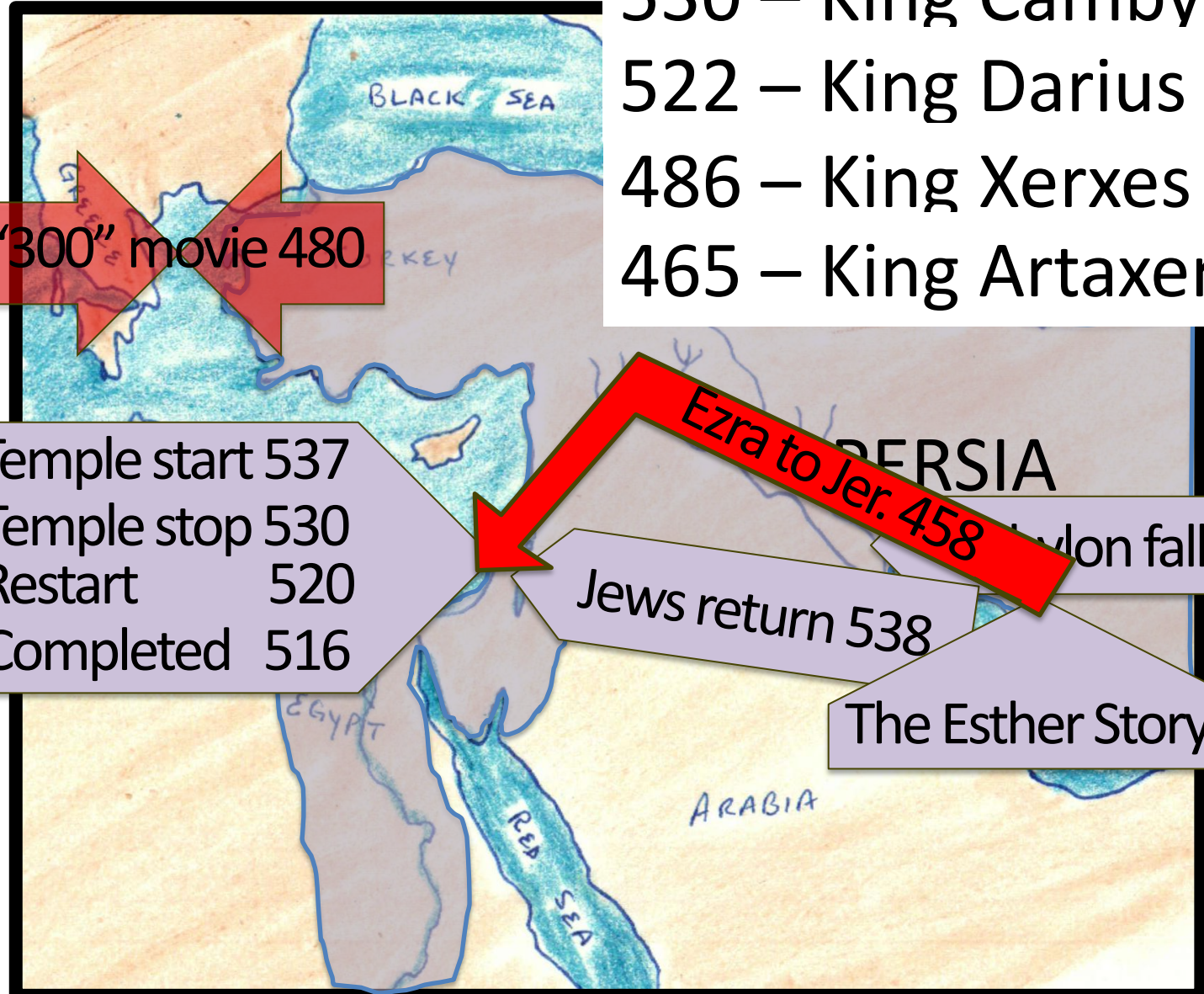
Babylon falls 539

Jews return 538

The Esther Story

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“300” movie 480

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Restart 520
Completed 516

Ezra to Jer. 458

Jews return 538

Babylon falls 539

The Esther Story



Second Temple Jerusalem



Second Temple Jerusalem

Lots of worship



Second Temple Jerusalem

Lots of worship

Little
obedience

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: “This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD” (Jer. 7:3-4)



Lots of worship

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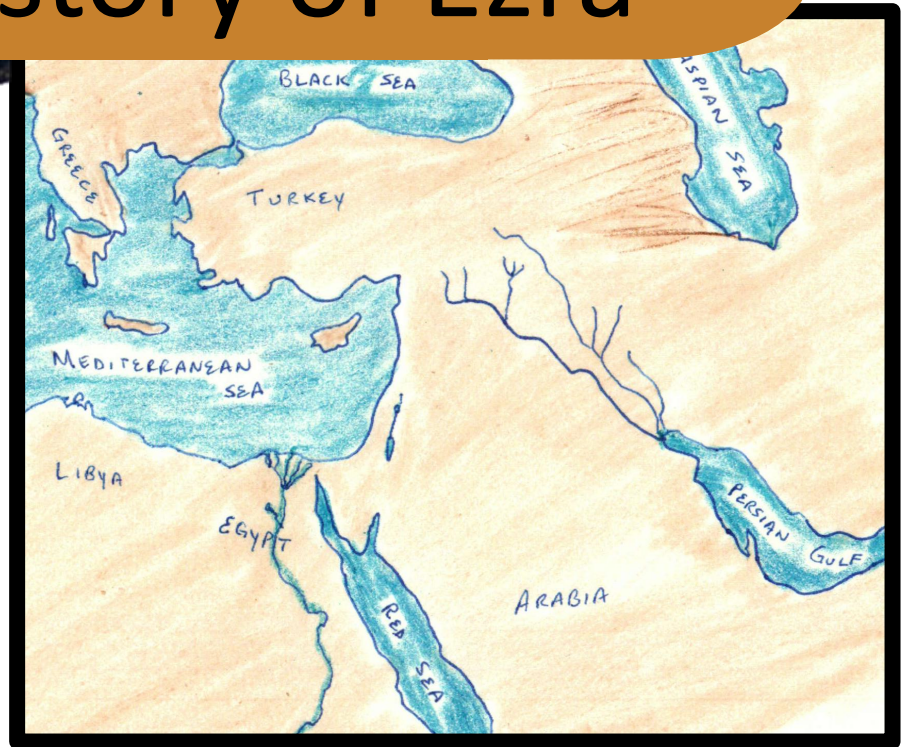
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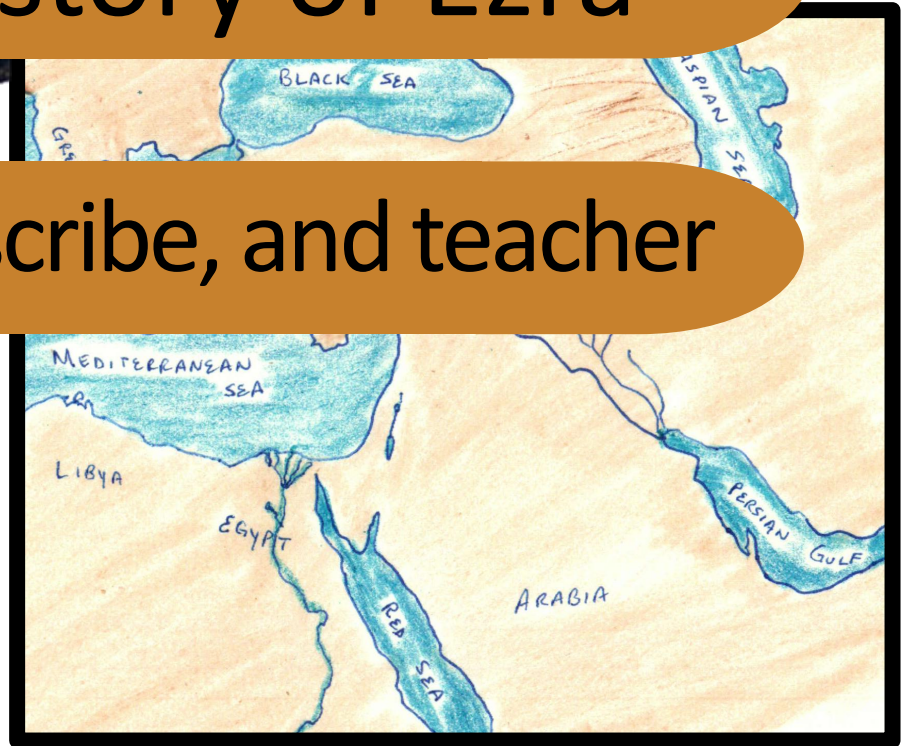
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The man: Priest, scribe, and teacher

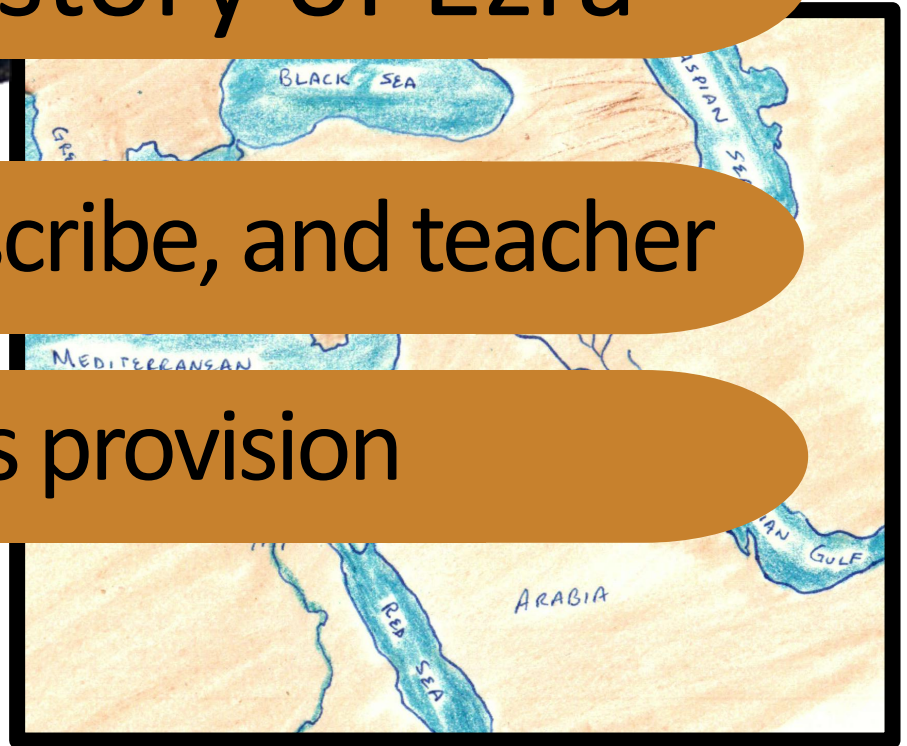




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The king's provision



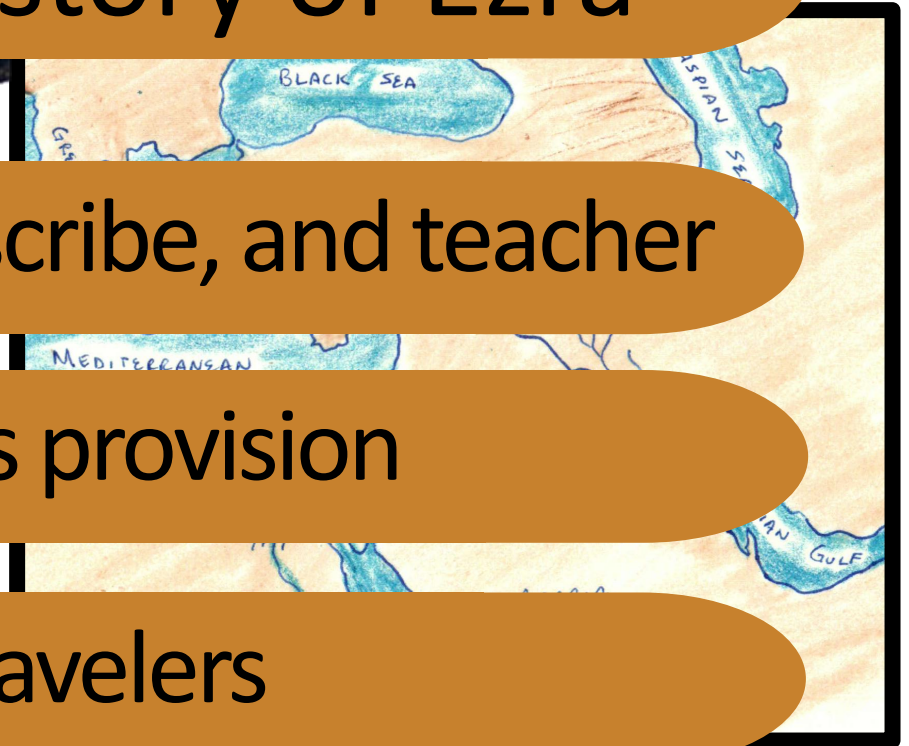


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Do not minimize
God

Ezr. 7:6

“The hand of the LORD his God was on him”



Know the hand of
the Deliverer

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Ezr. 8:21

“Then I proclaimed a fast there...that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from him a safe journey”



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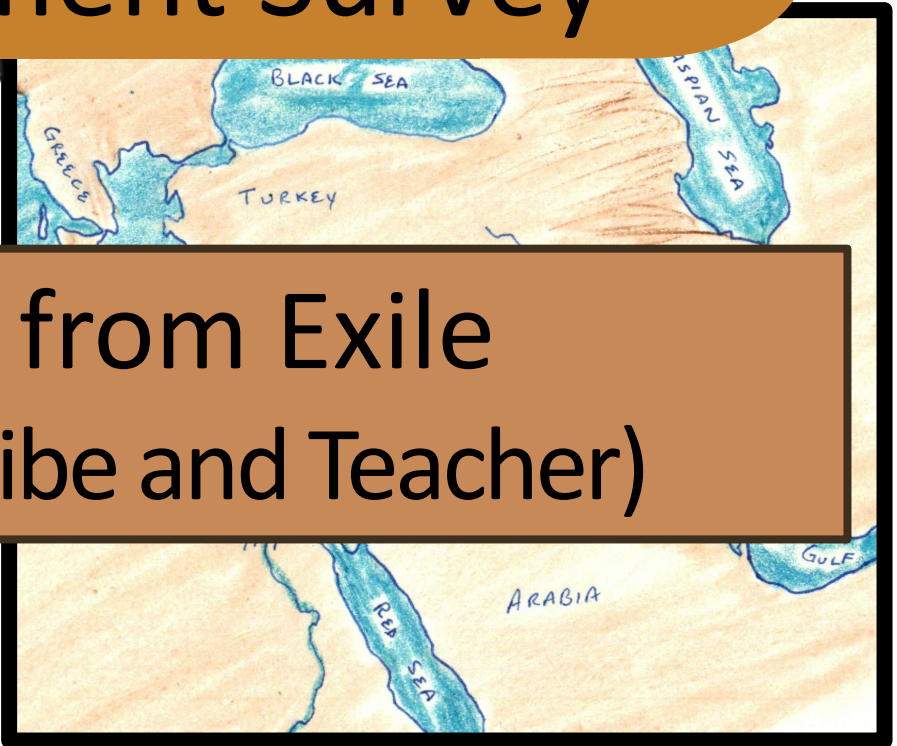
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