





Old Testament Survey



Nehemiah (A People Set Apart)



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I've always liked gardening



Let's look at
gardening math!





10 seeds
makes 10 ears



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10 ears make
8,000 seeds



10 seeds
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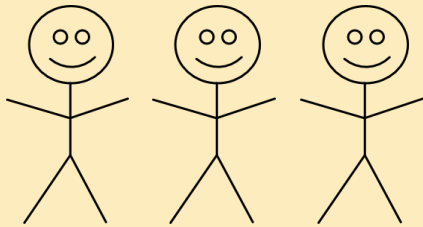
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8,000 make
many gardens



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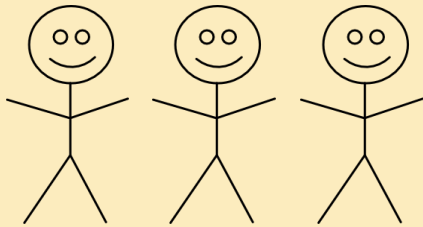
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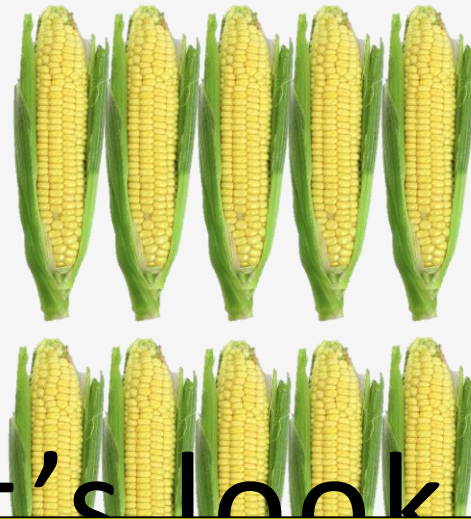
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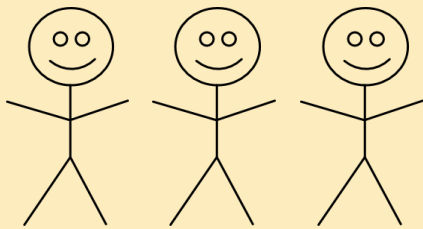


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Let's look at

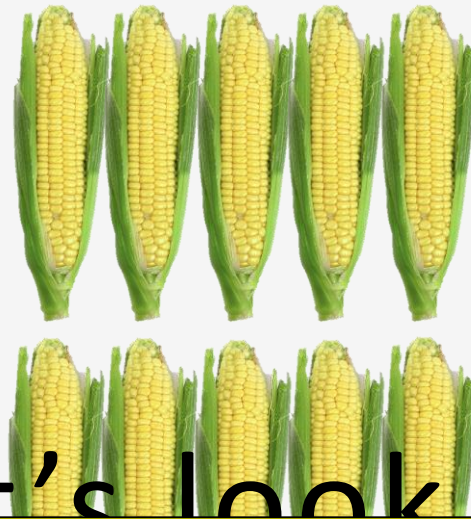
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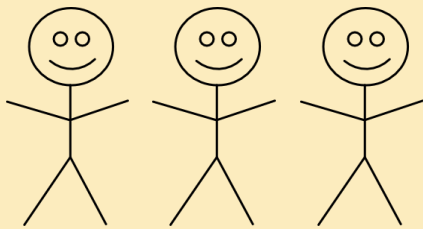


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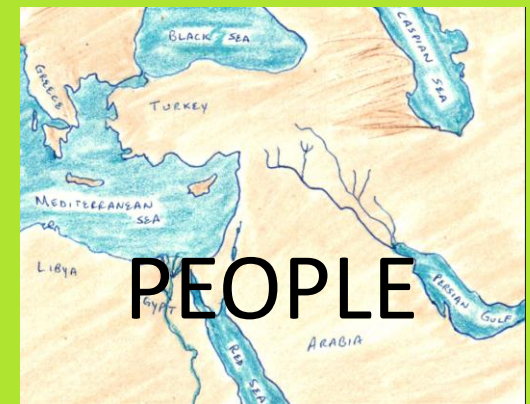
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NATION



PEOPLE



BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

TURKEY

GREECE

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

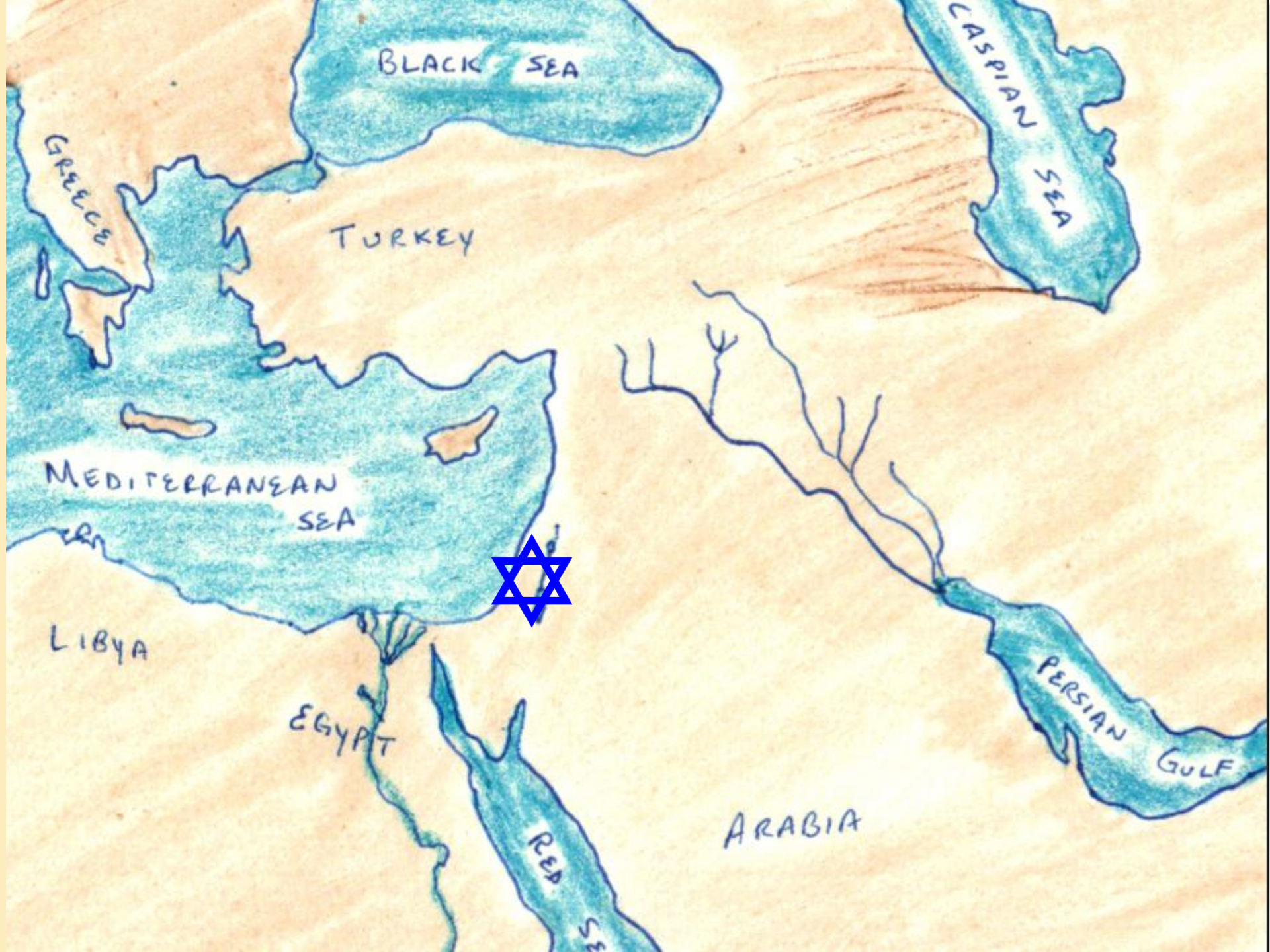
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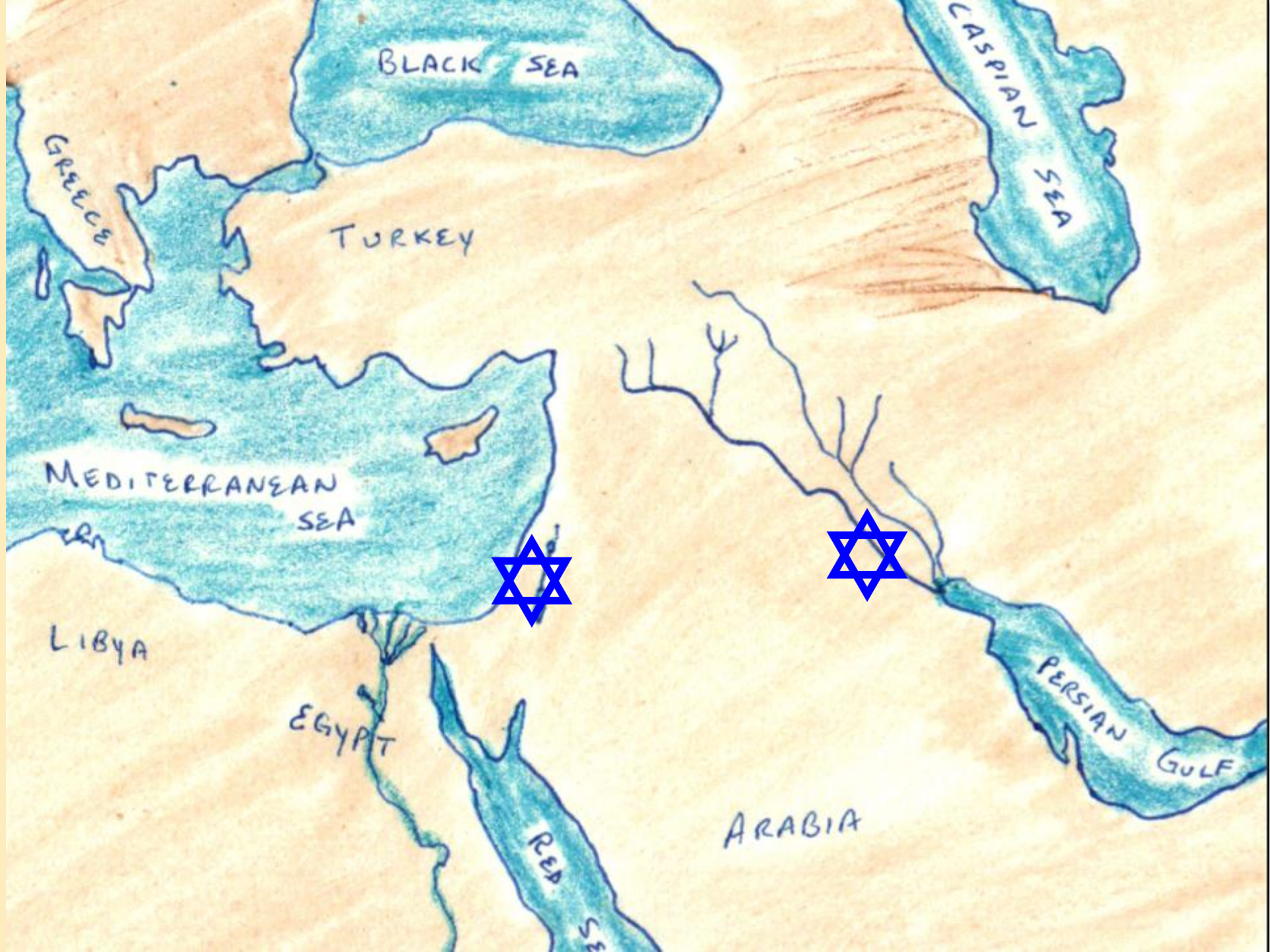
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RED SEA

ARABIA

PERSIAN GULF





BLACK SEA

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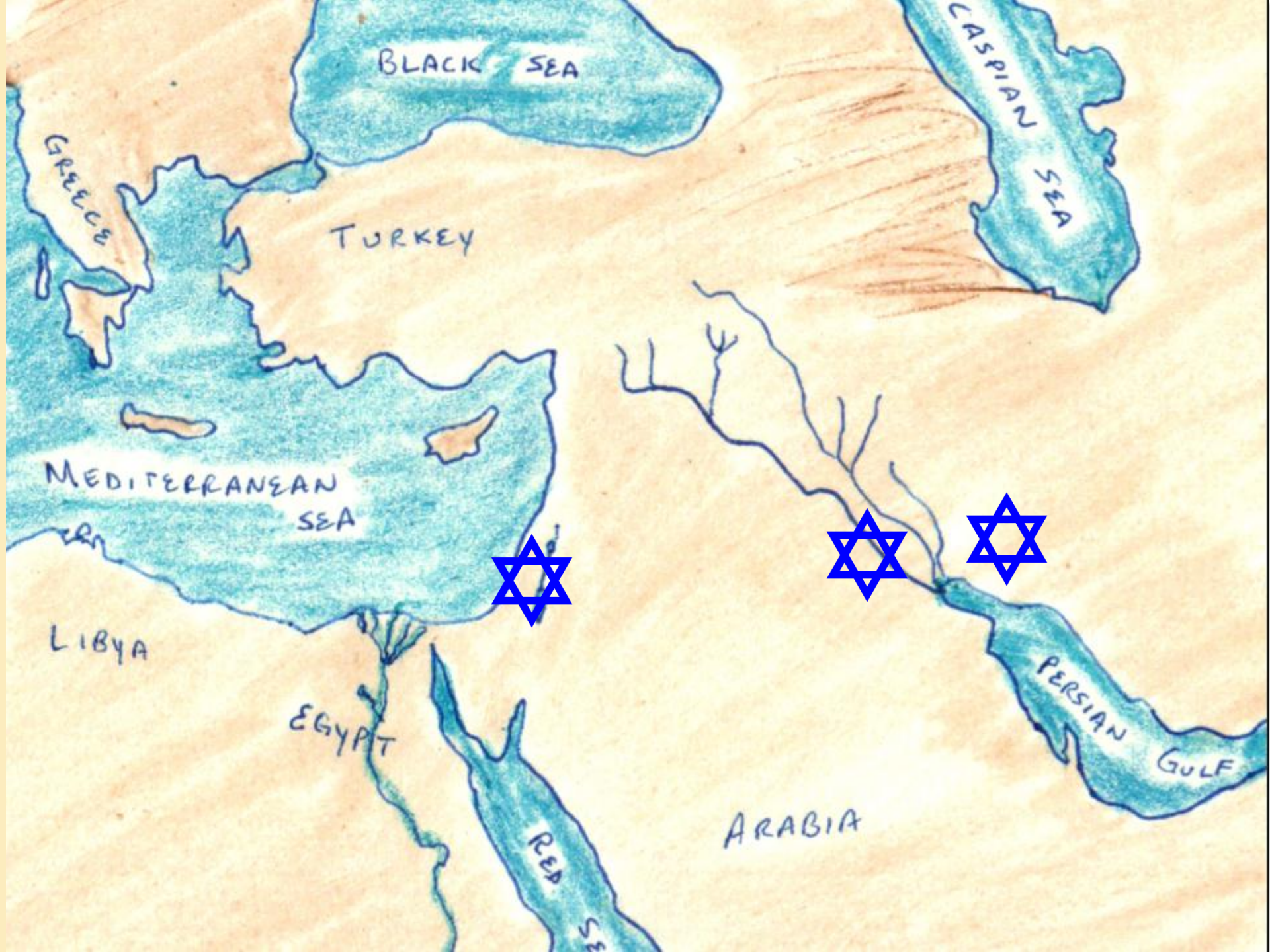
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The "Diaspora"



The "Diaspora"

What makes a Jew a Jew?





The "Diaspora"

What makes a Jew a Jew?

Why is a Jew special?

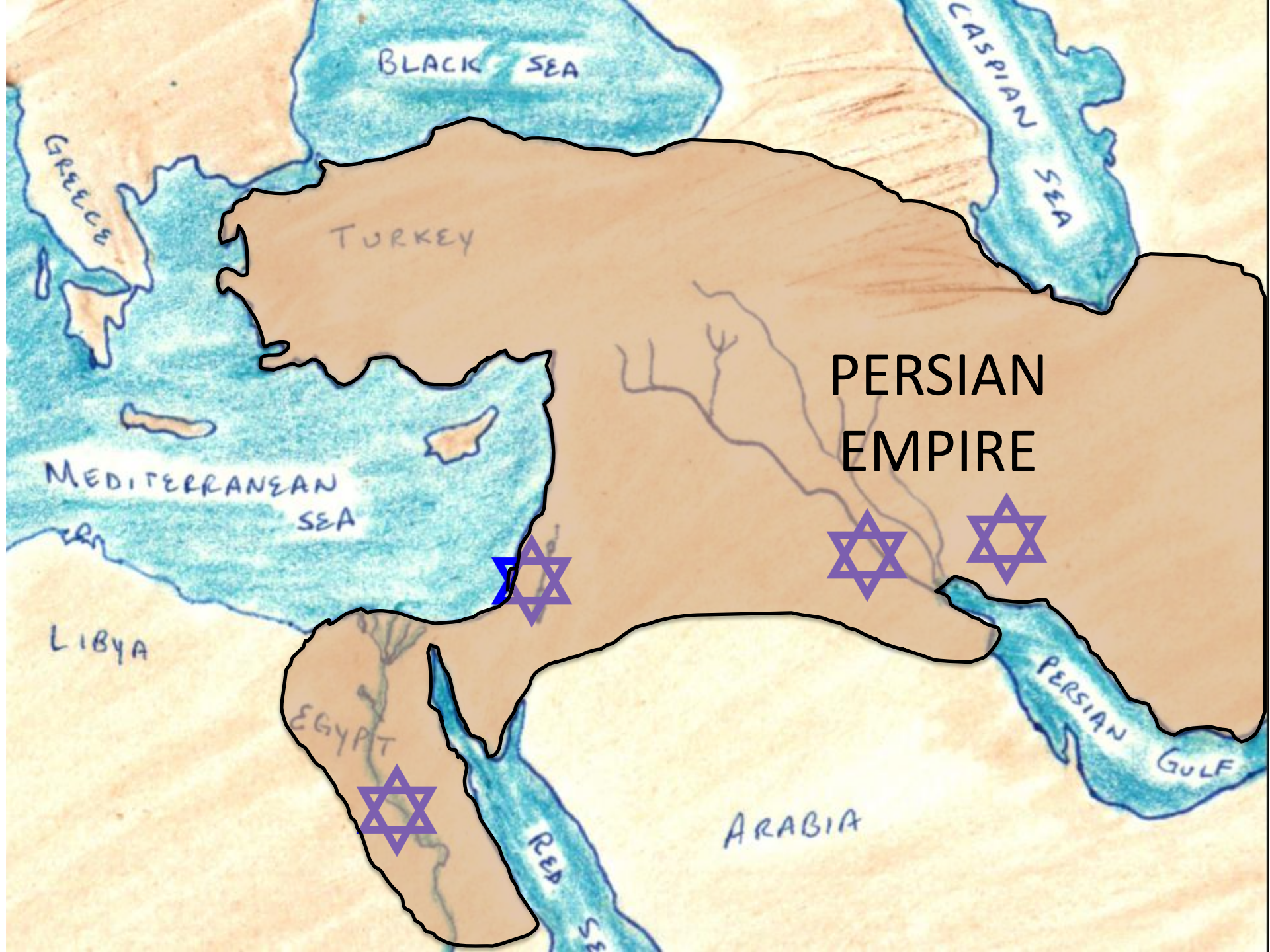
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The "Diaspora"

What makes a Jew a Jew?

Why is a Jew special?

How should a Jew live?



BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

GREECE

TURKEY

PERSIAN
EMPIRE

MEDITERRANEAN
SEA

LIBYA

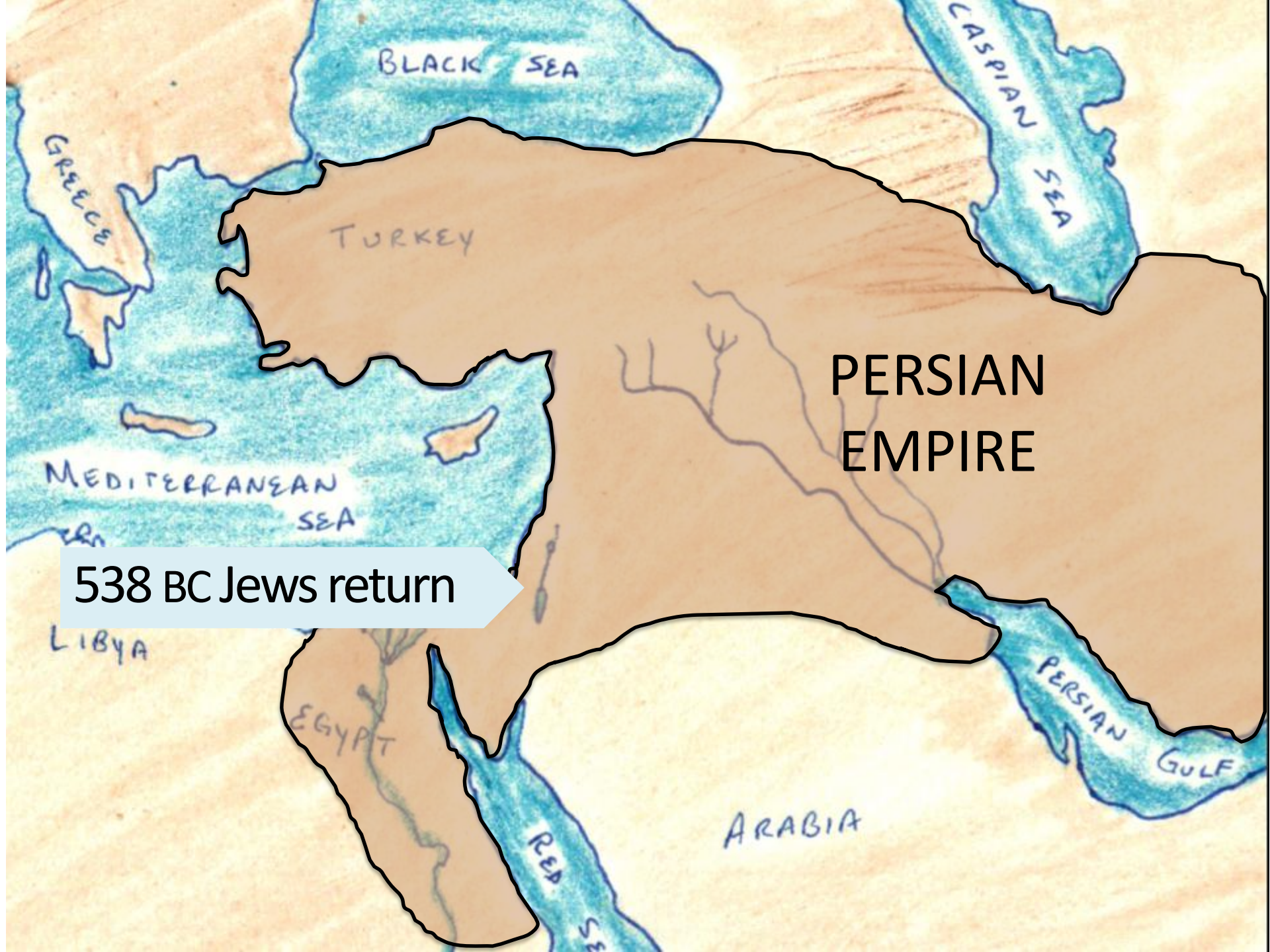
EGYPT

ARABIA

RED
SEA

PERSIAN
GULF





BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

GREECE

TURKEY

PERSIAN
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MEDITERRANEAN
SEA

538 BC Jews return

LIBYA

EGYPT

RED
SEA

ARABIA

PERSIAN
GULF



BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

GREECE

TURKEY

PERSIAN
EMPIRE

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SEA

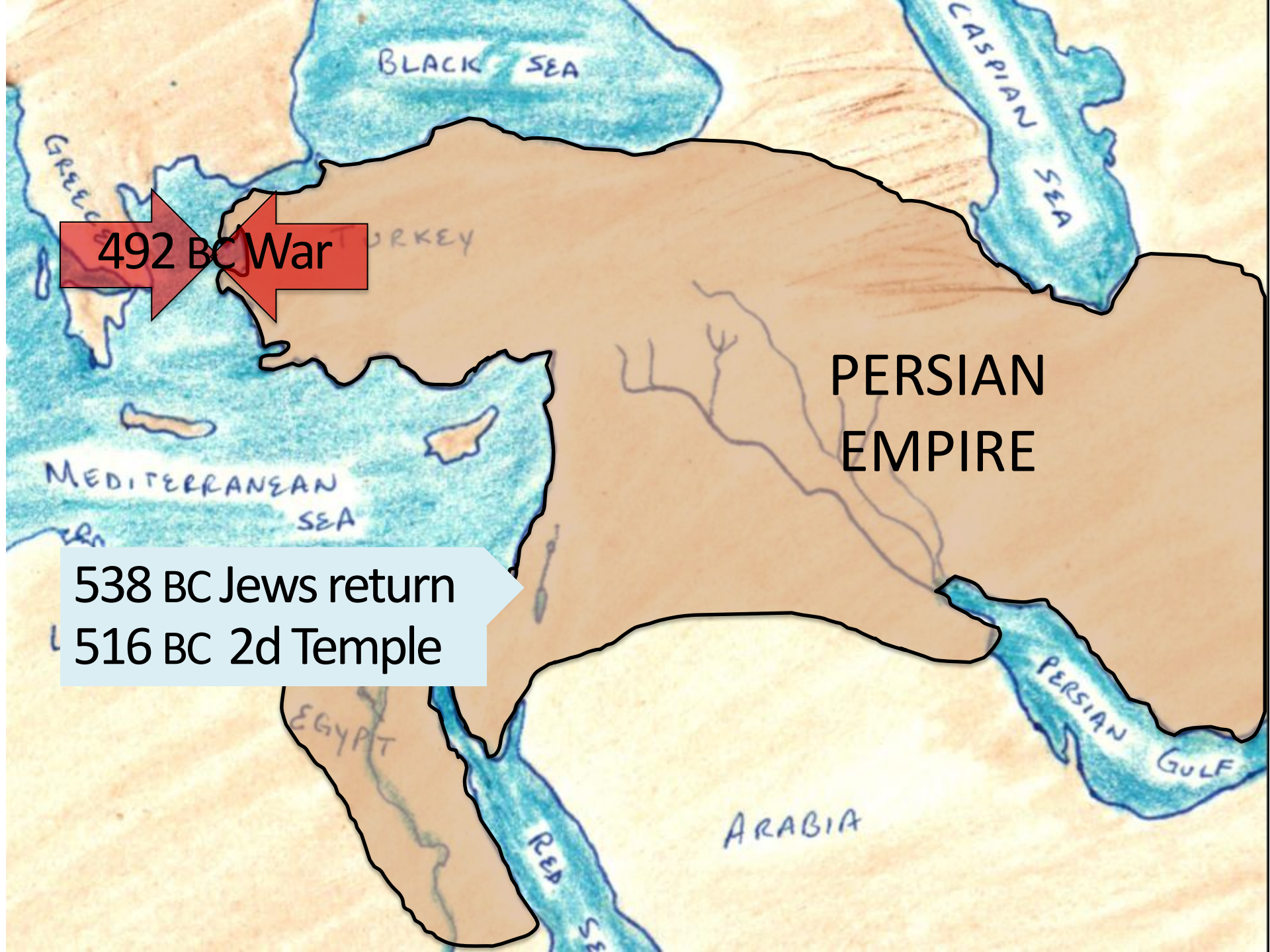
538 BC Jews return
516 BC 2d Temple

EGYPT

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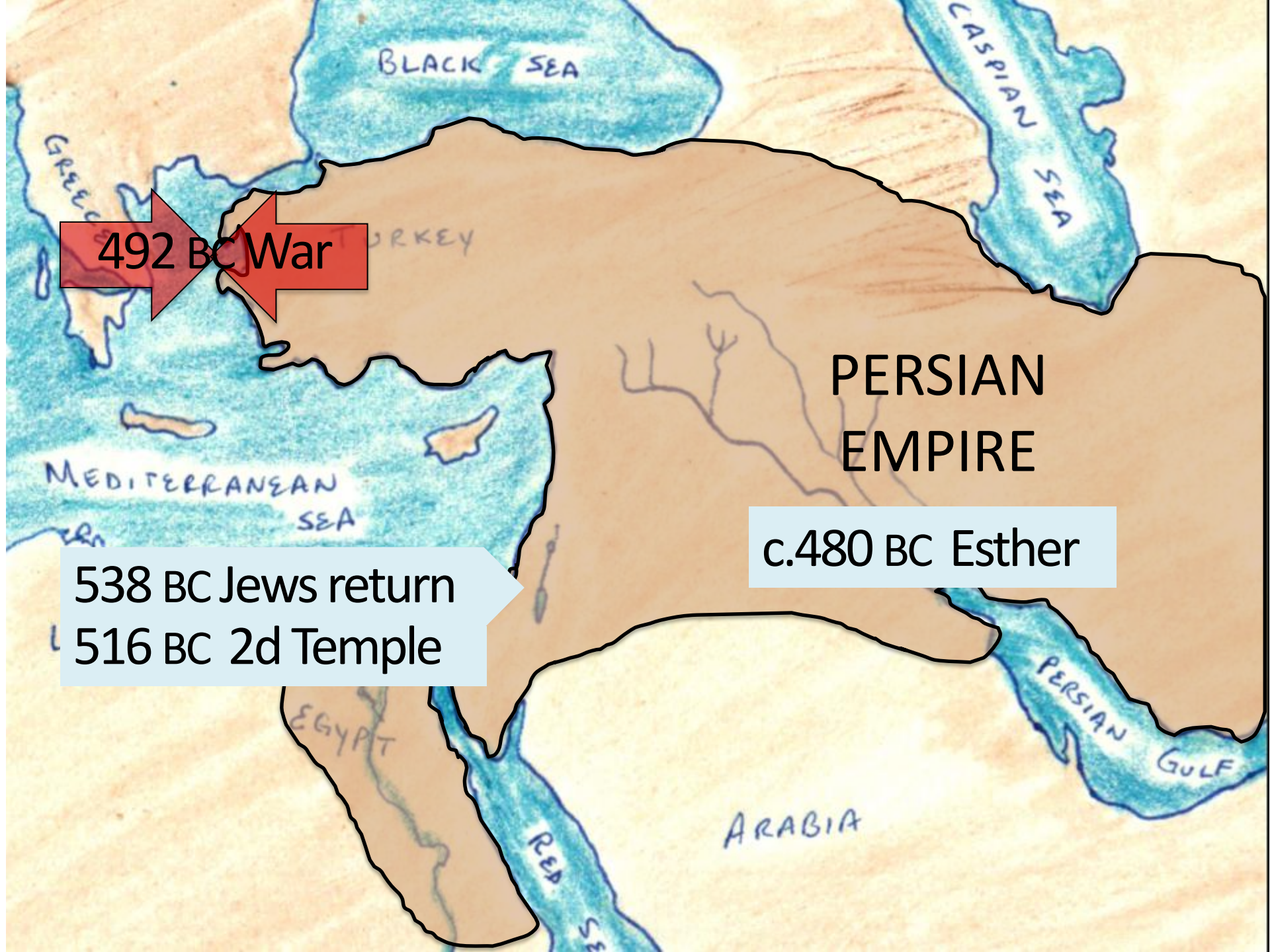
ARABIA

PERSIAN
GULF



492 BC War

538 BC Jews return
516 BC 2d Temple



BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

GREECE

TURKEY

492 BC War

PERSIAN EMPIRE

c.480 BC Esther

538 BC Jews return
516 BC 2d Temple

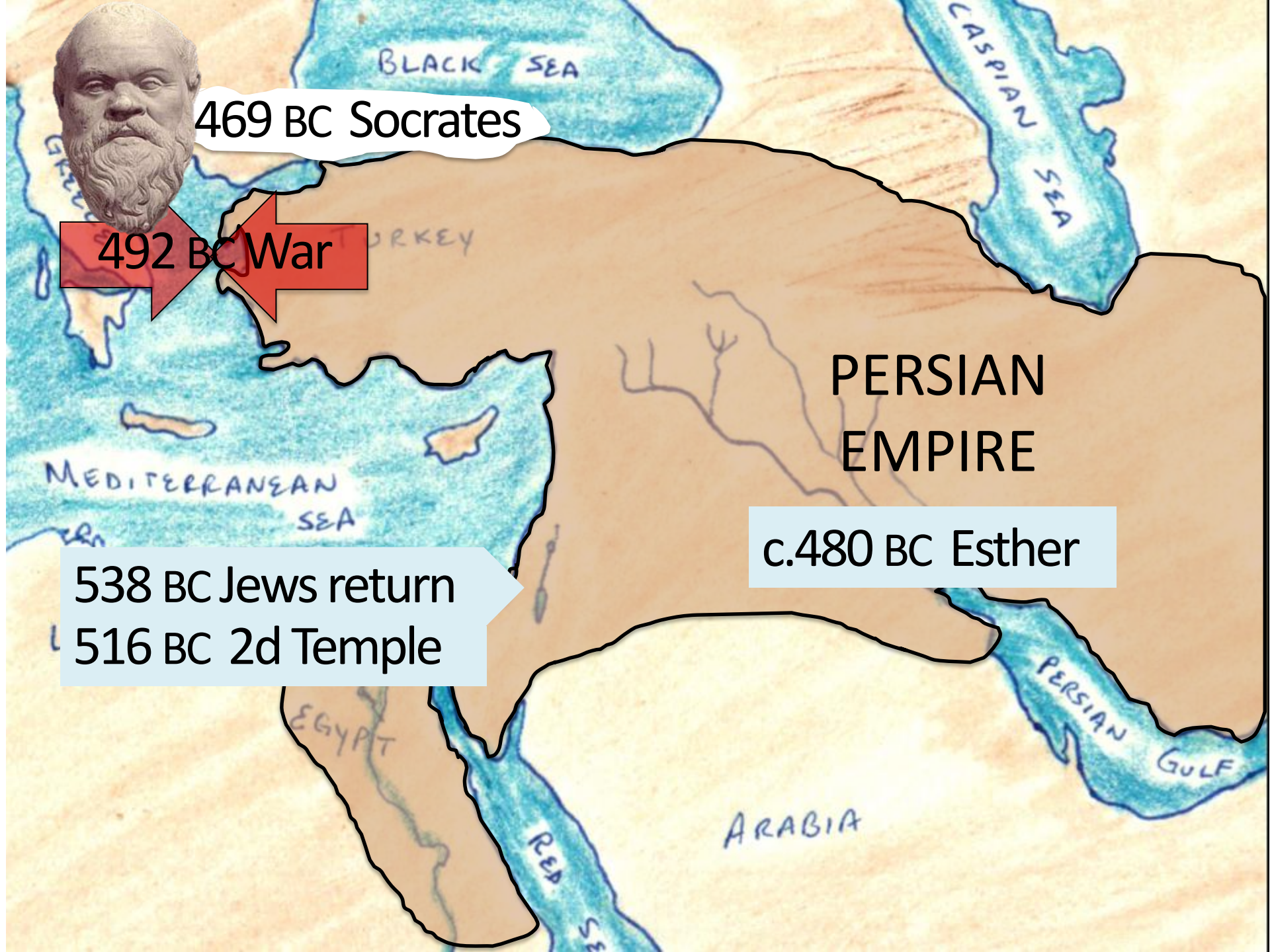
EGYPT

ARABIA

RED SEA

PERSIAN GULF

MEDITERRANEAN SEA



469 BC Socrates

492 BC War

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EMPIRE

BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

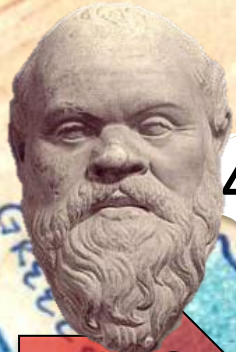
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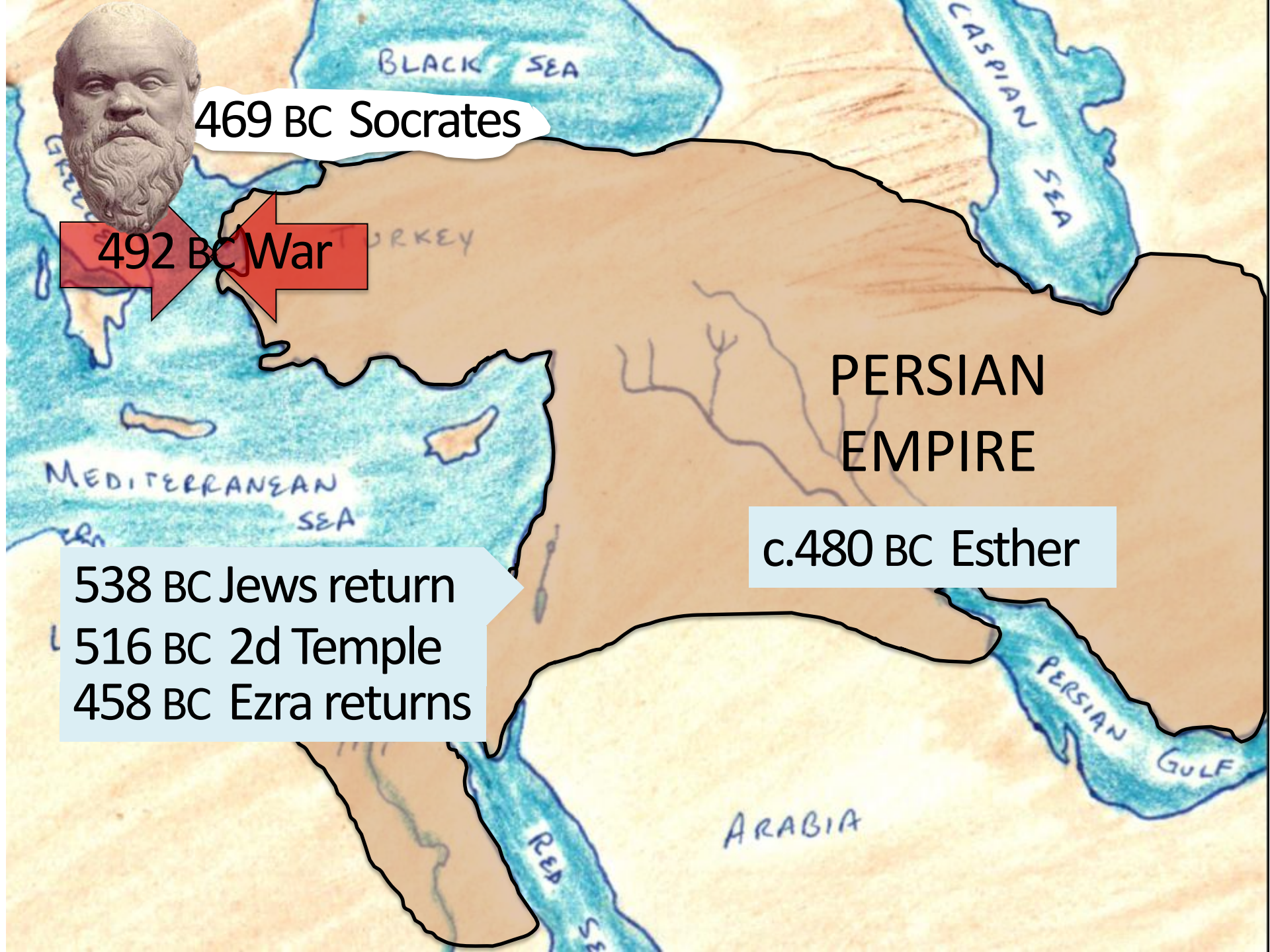
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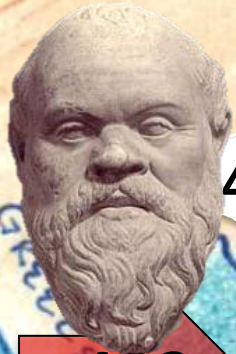
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c.480 BC Esther





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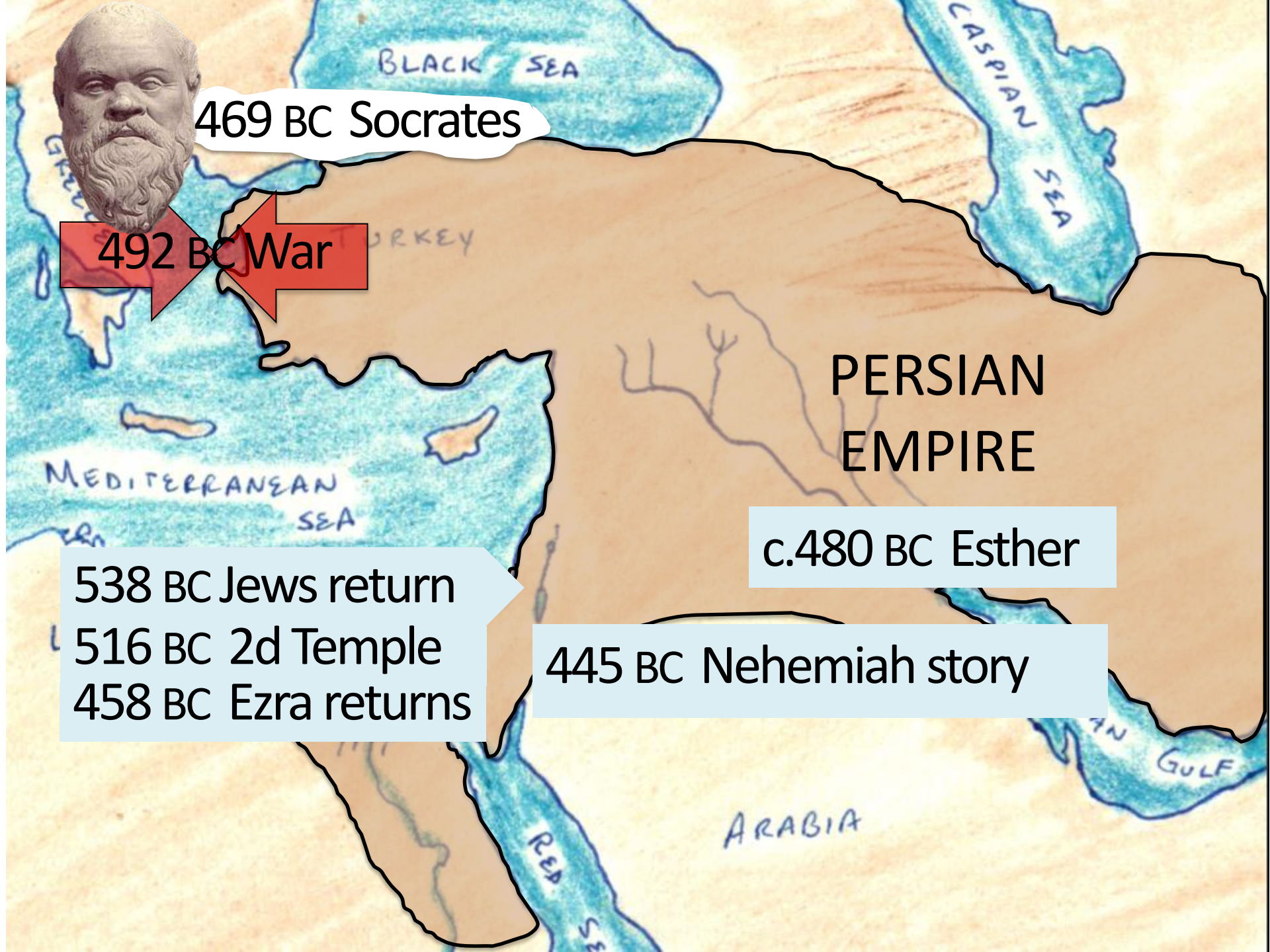
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445 BC Nehemiah story





BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

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PERSIAN
EMPIRE



GREECE

TURKEY

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

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ARABIA

PERSIAN GULF

445 BC Nehemiah story

PERSIAN
EMPIRE



Bad news

445 BC Nehemiah story

PERSIAN
EMPIRE



Bad news

Prayer

445 BC Nehemiah story

PERSIAN
EMPIRE



Bad news

Prayer

Action

445 BC Nehemiah story

PERSIAN
EMPIRE



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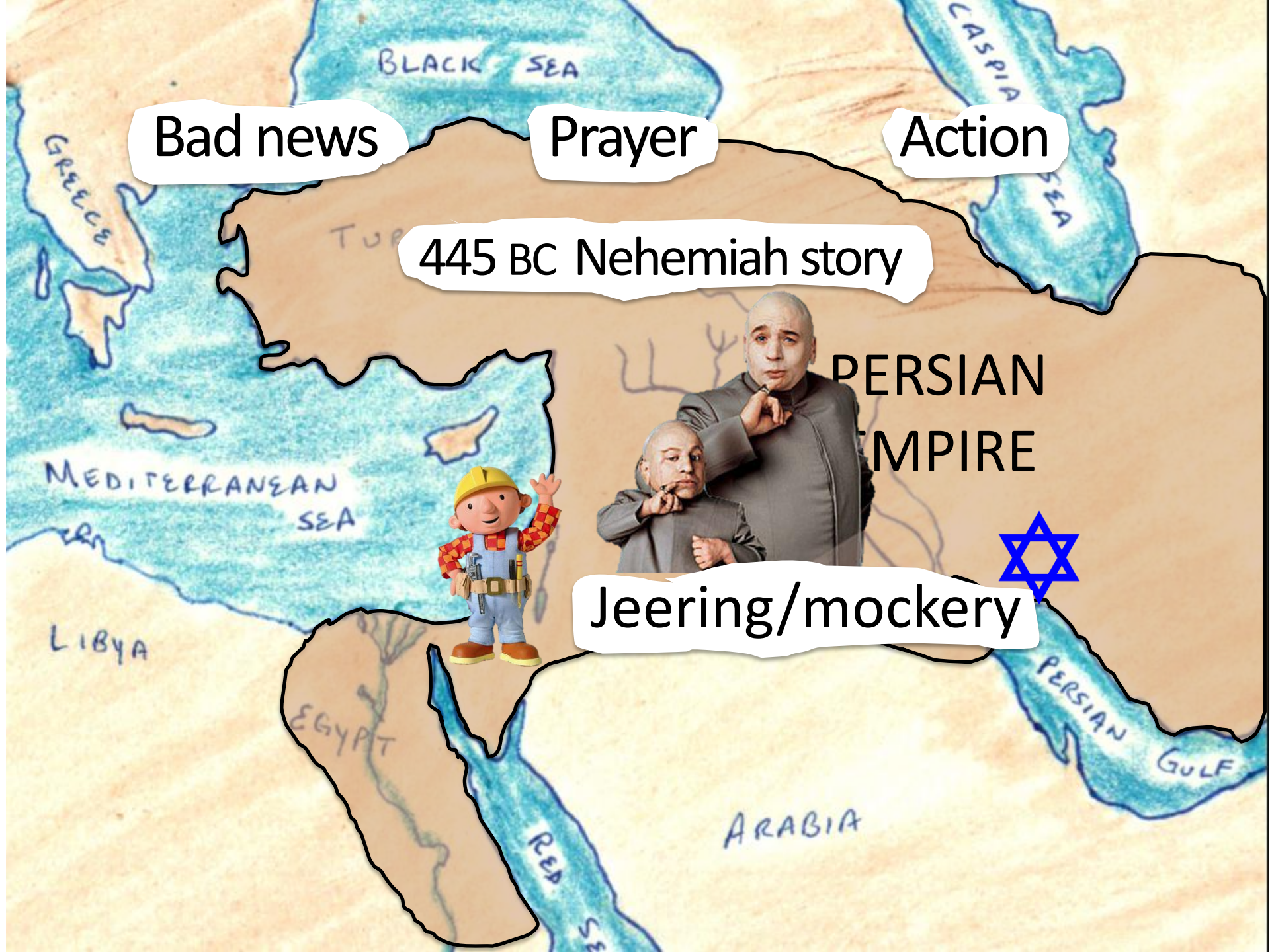
Prayer

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PERSIAN EMPIRE

Jeering/mockery



Bad news

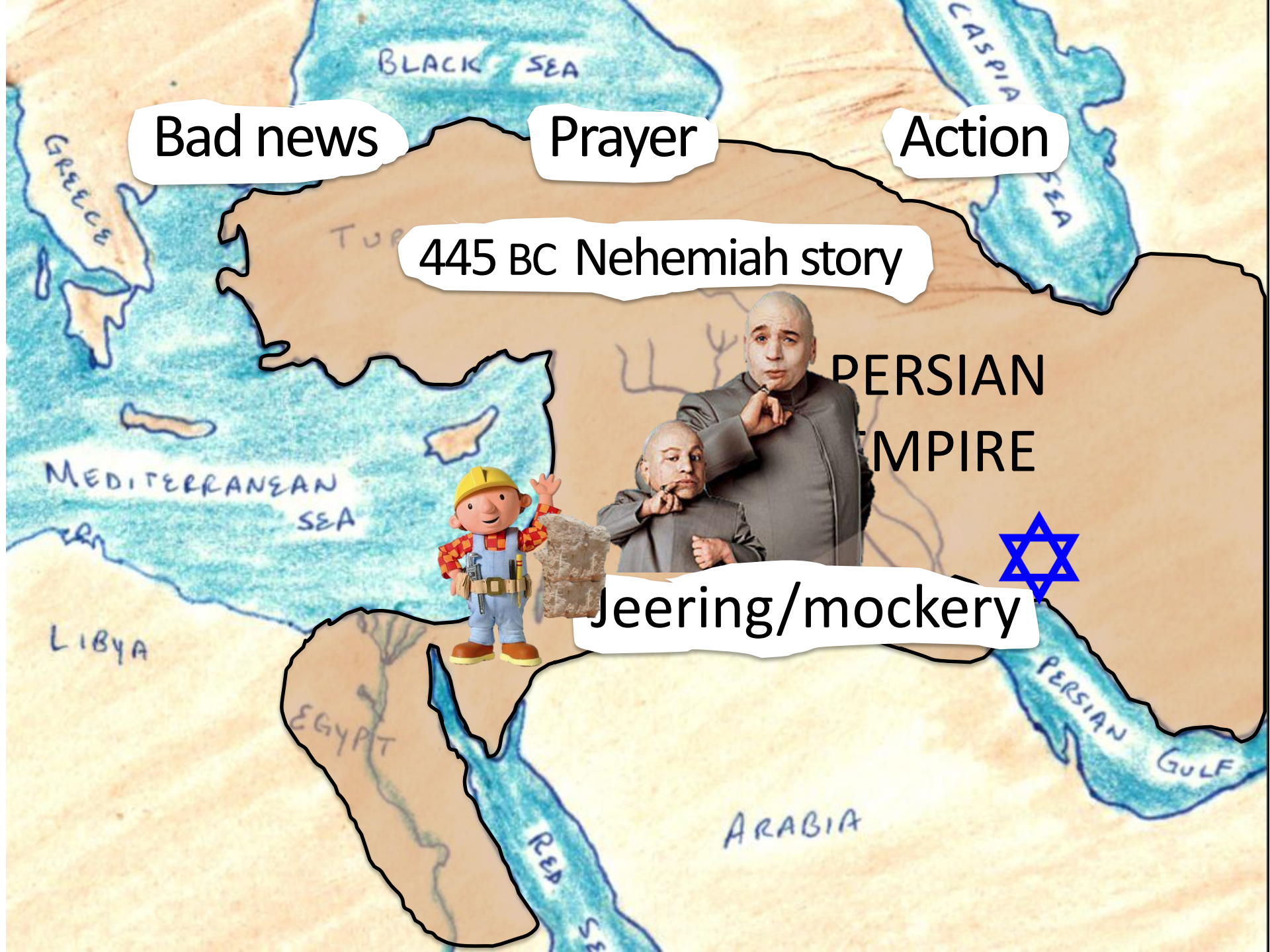
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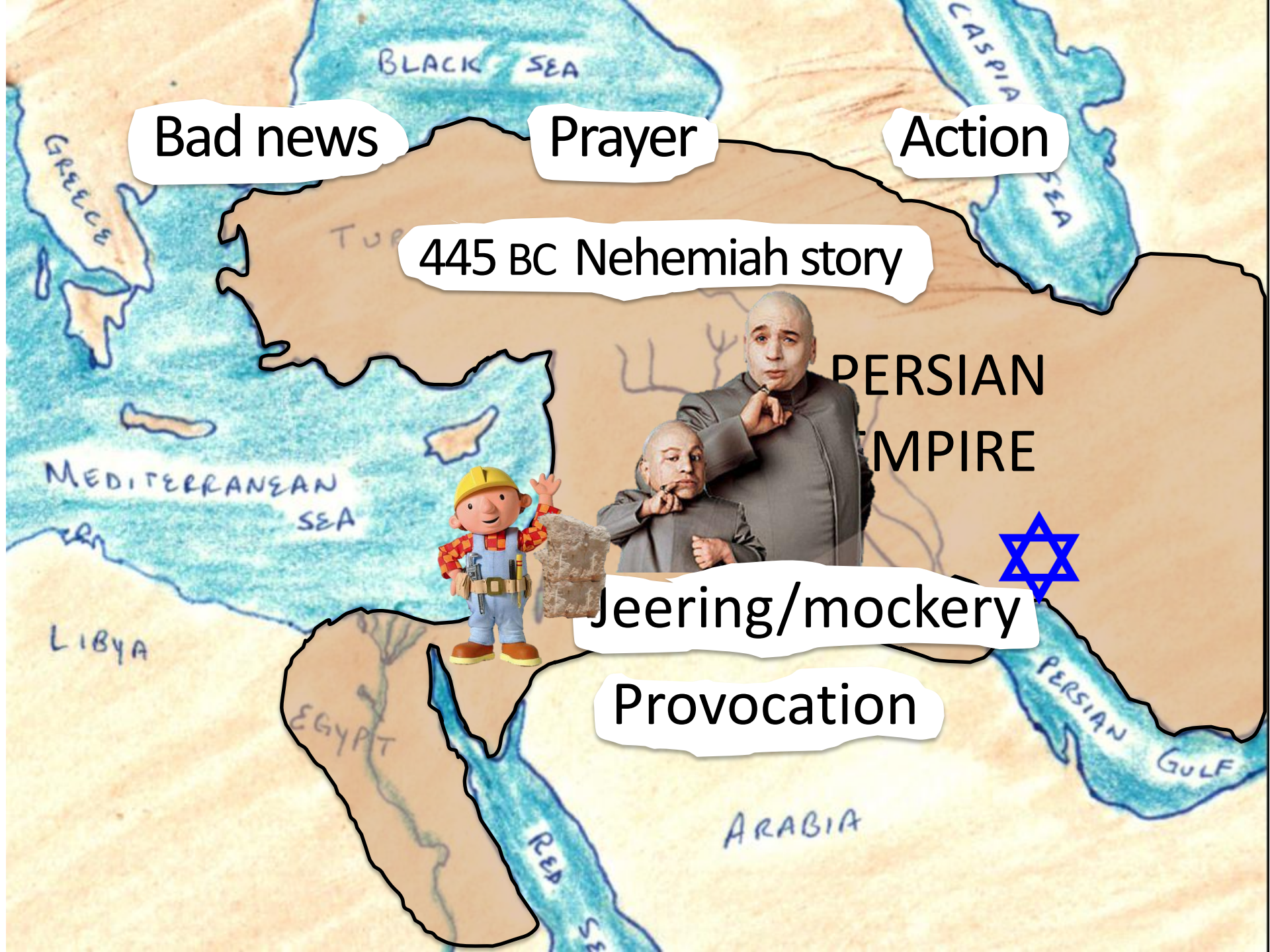
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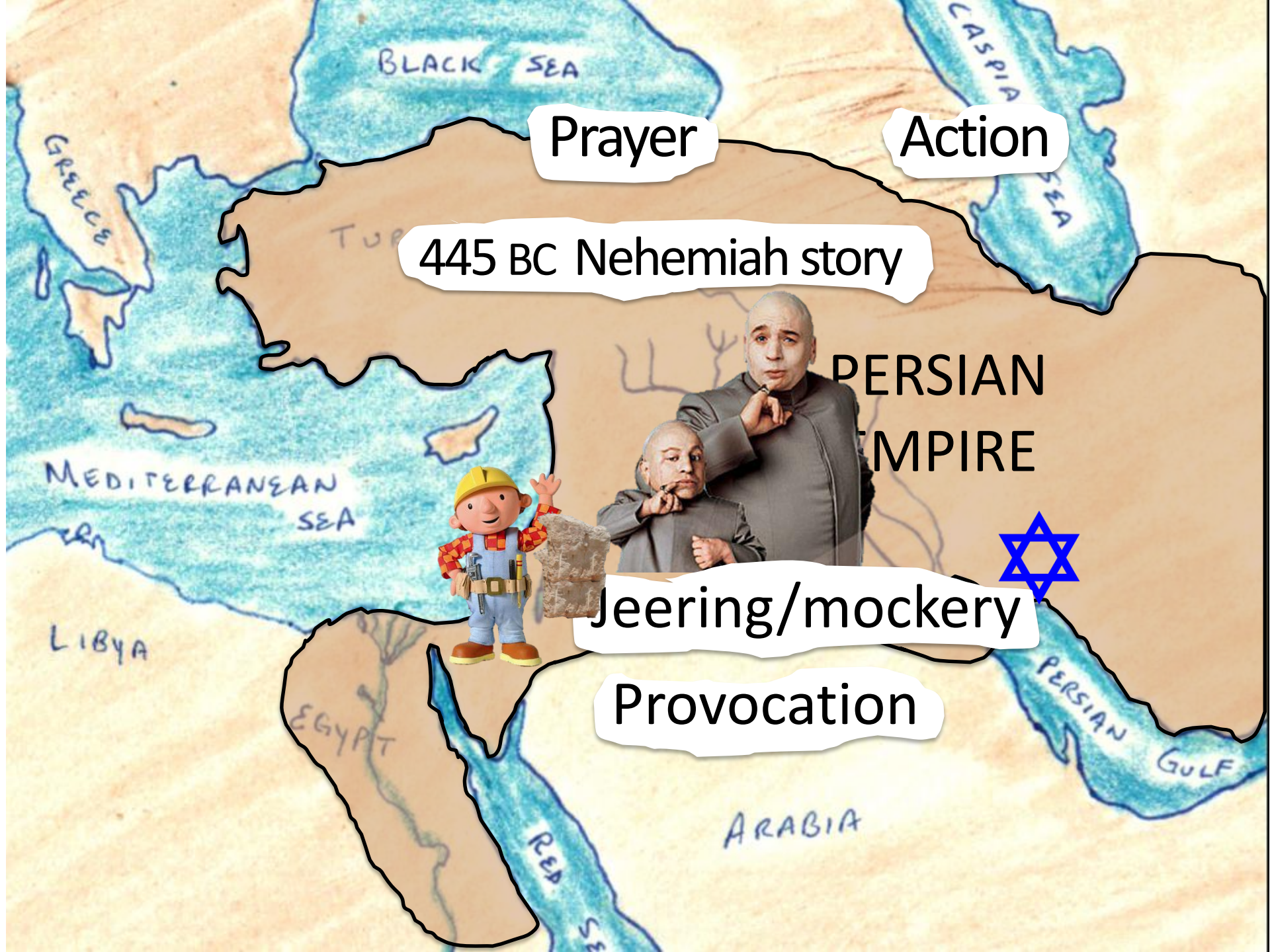
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PERSIAN
EMPIRE

Jeering/mockery

Provocation





BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

Prayer

Action

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TURKEY

PERSIAN EMPIRE

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Jeering/mockery



Provocation

LIBYA

EGYPT

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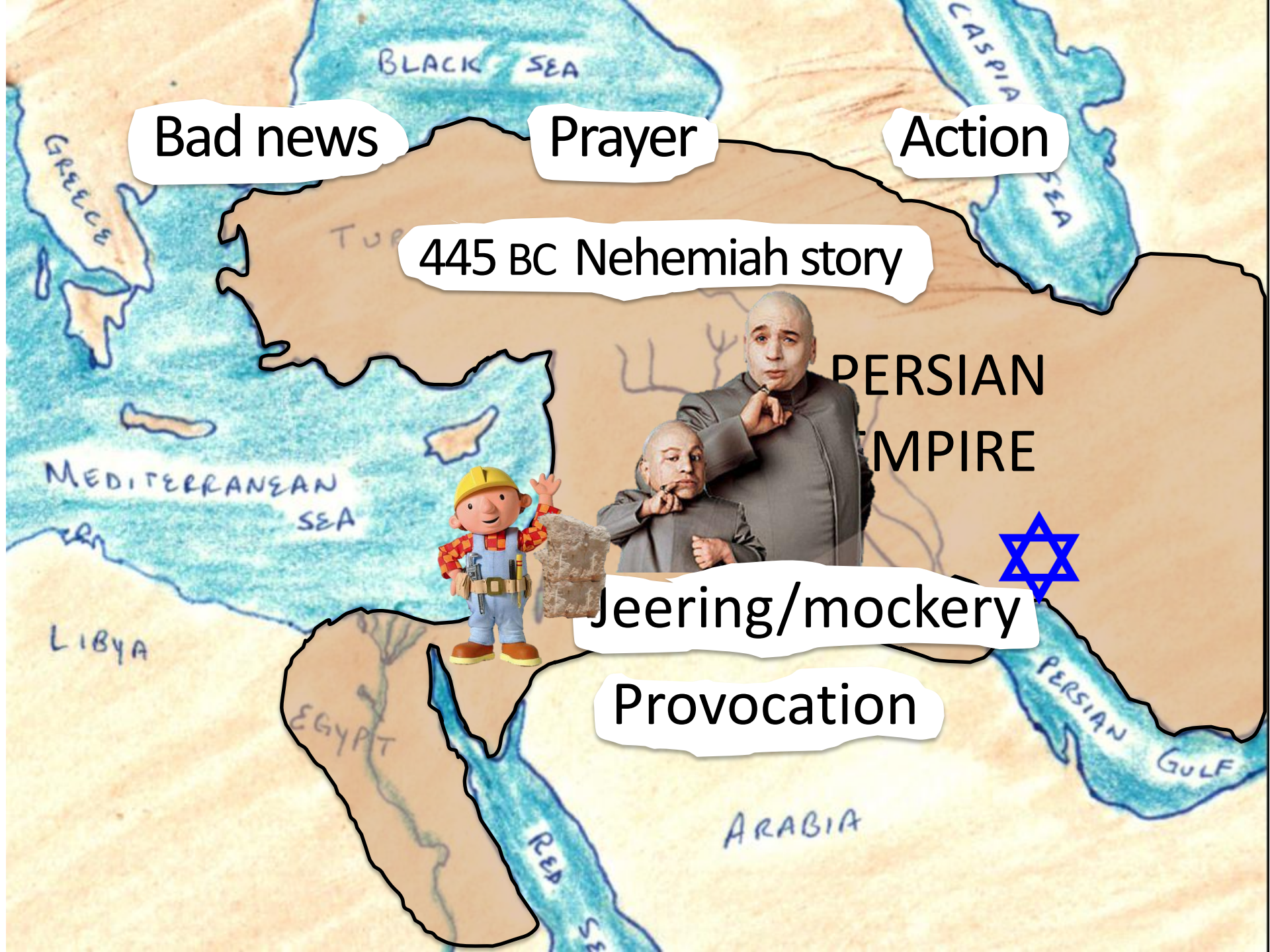
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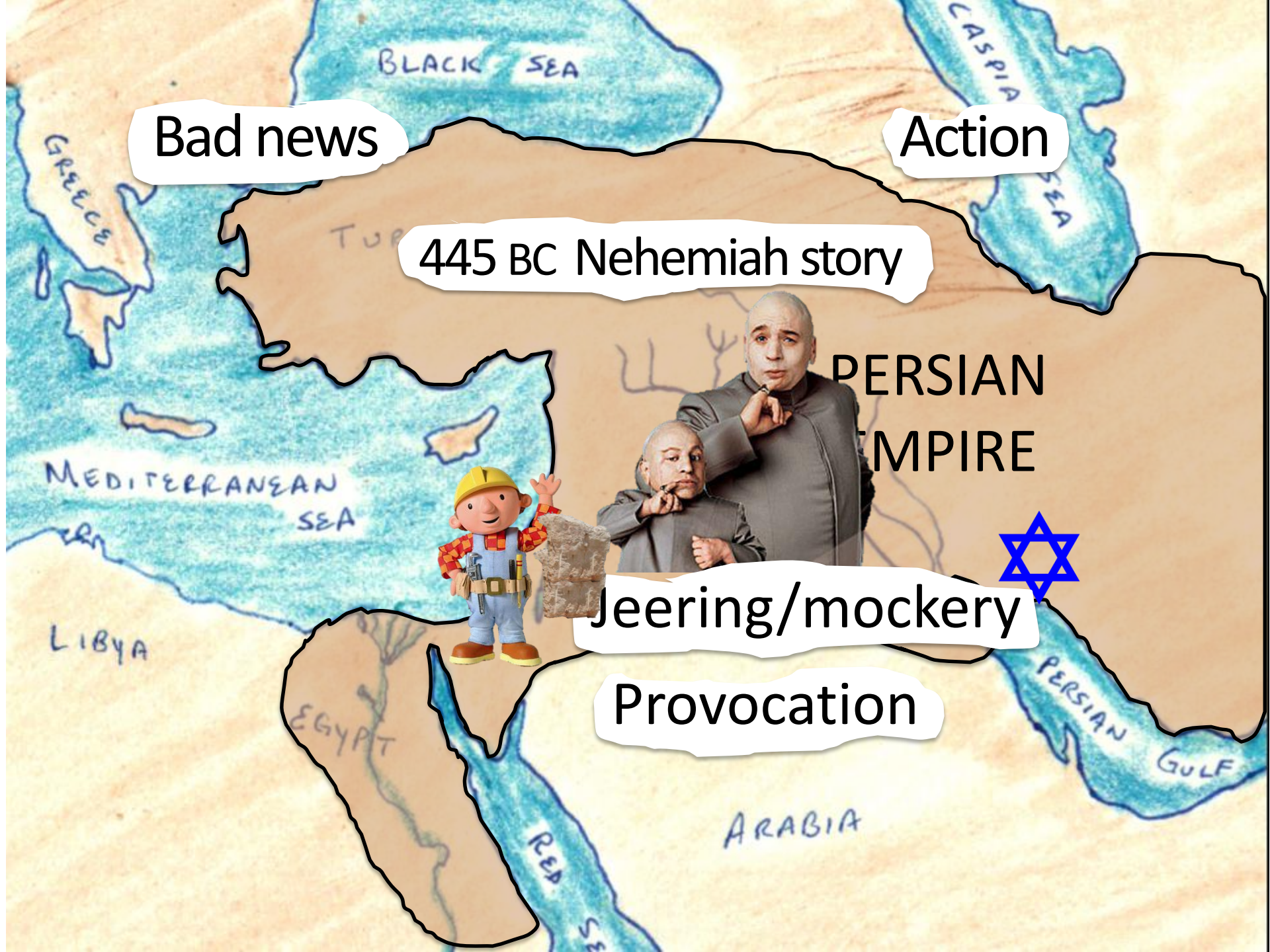
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Jeering/mockery

Provocation



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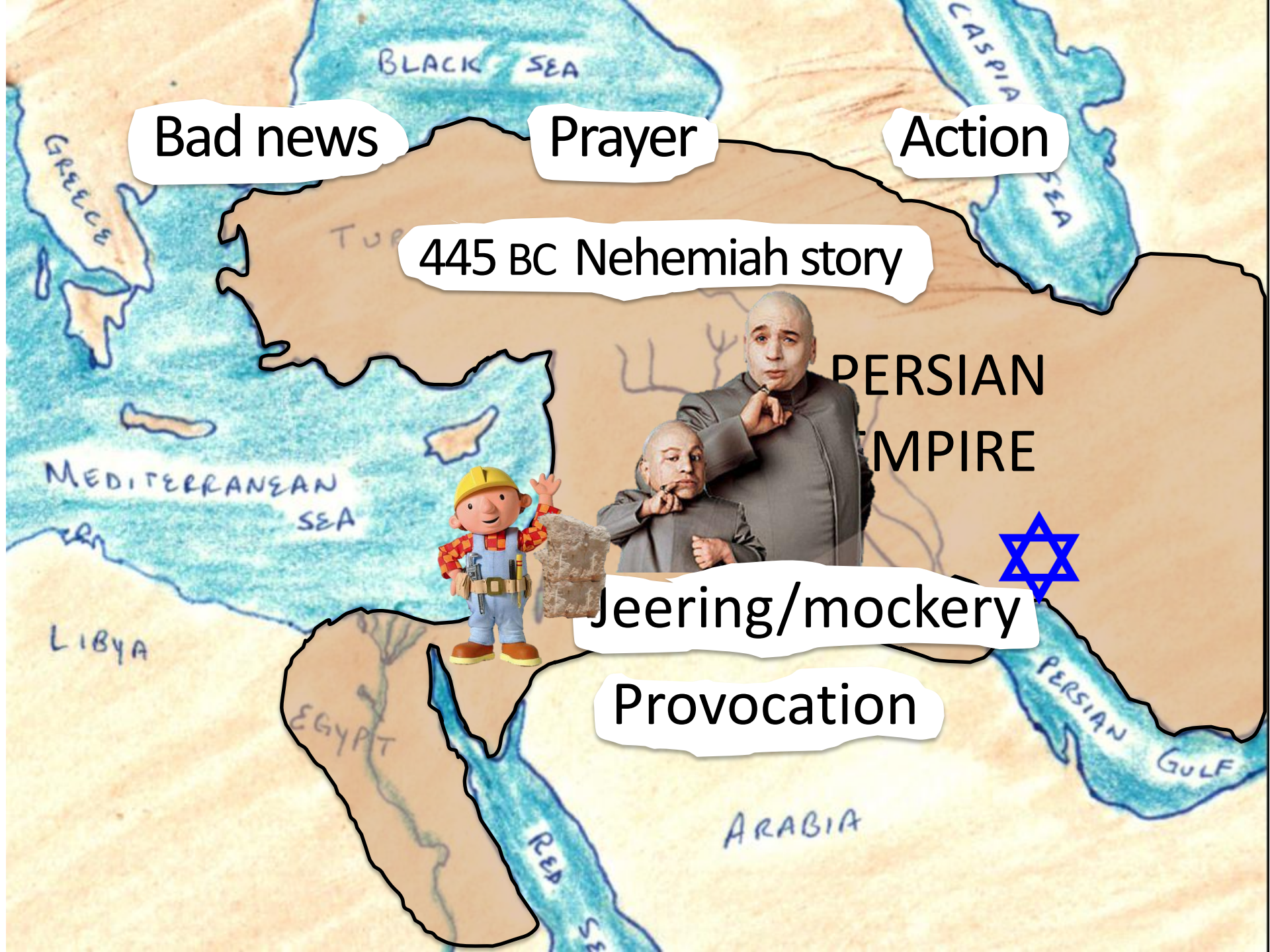
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EMPIRE

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Provocation



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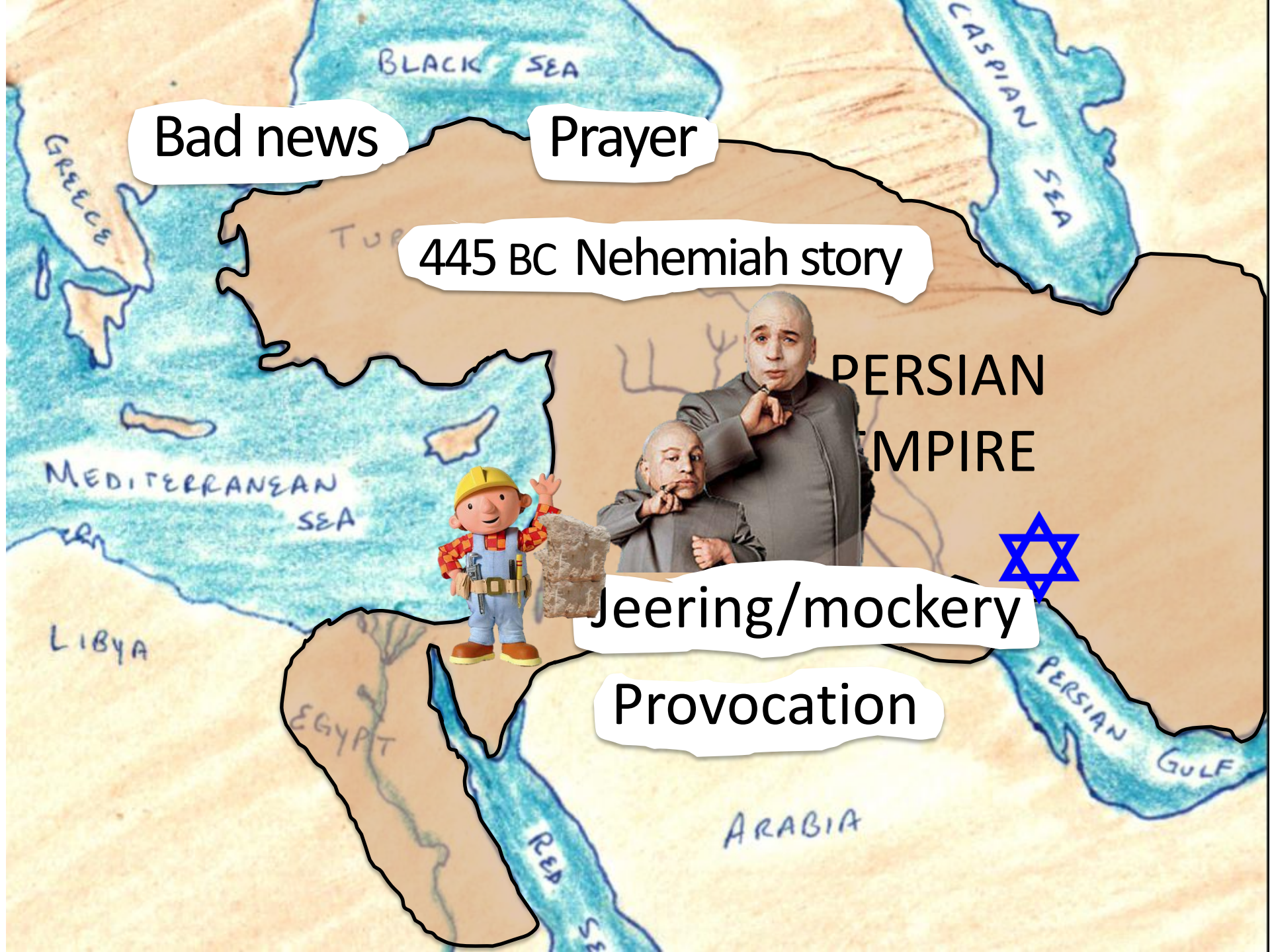
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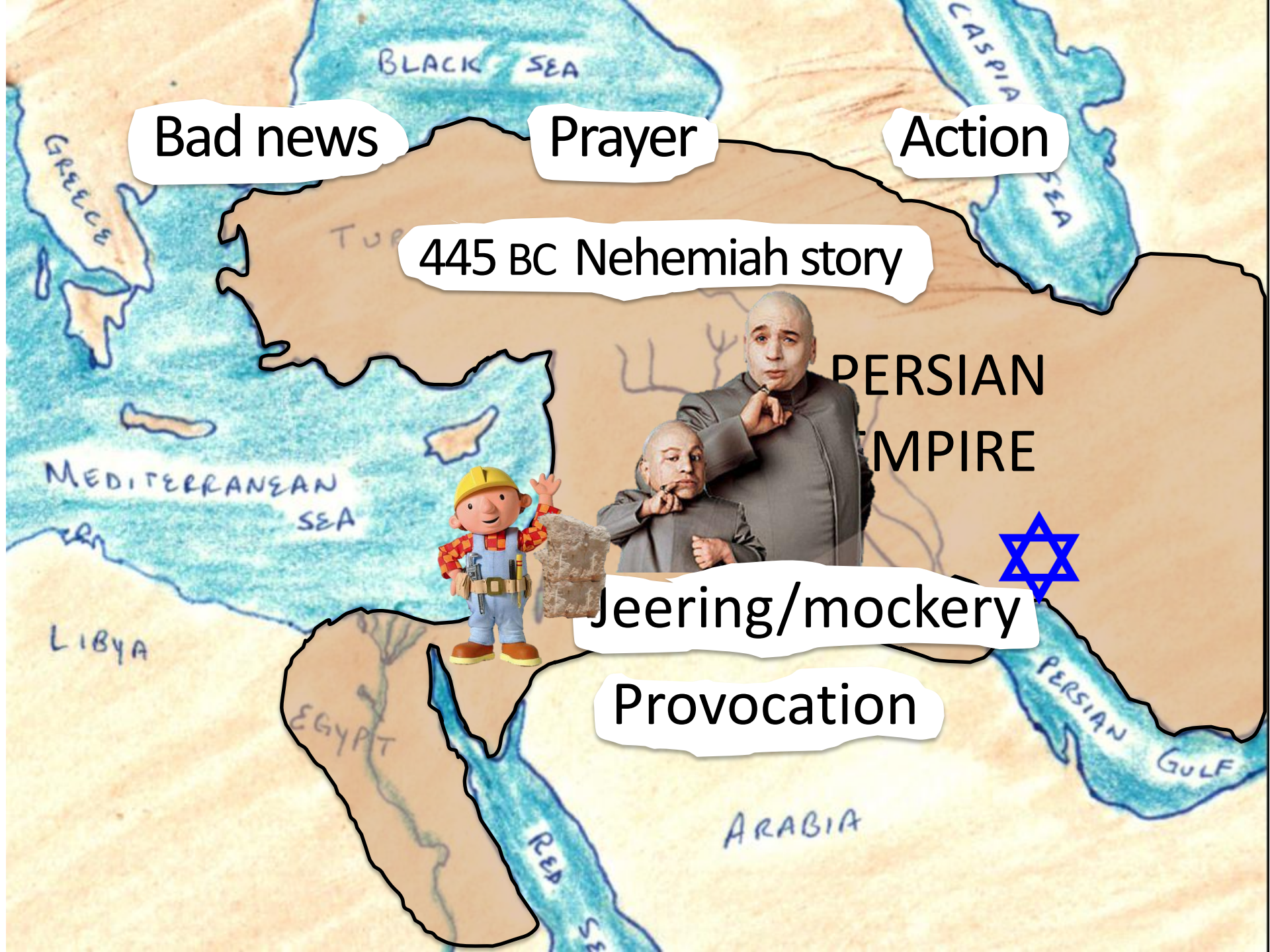
Action

445 BC Nehemiah story

PERSIAN
EMPIRE

Jeering/mockery

Provocation



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EMPIRE

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Provocation



Bad news

Prayer

Action

445 BC Nehemiah story

PERSIAN
EMPIRE

Jeering/mockery

Provocation

Fighting



BLACK SEA

CASPIA SEA

Prayer

Action

445 BC Nehemiah story

GREECE

TUR

PERSIAN EMPIRE

MEDITERRANEAN SEA



Jeering/mockery



Provocation

Fighting

LIBYA

EGYPT

RED SEA

PERSIAN GULF

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Fighting



Bad news

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Prayer

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Fighting



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Jeering/mockery

Provocation

Fighting



Bad news

Prayer

Action

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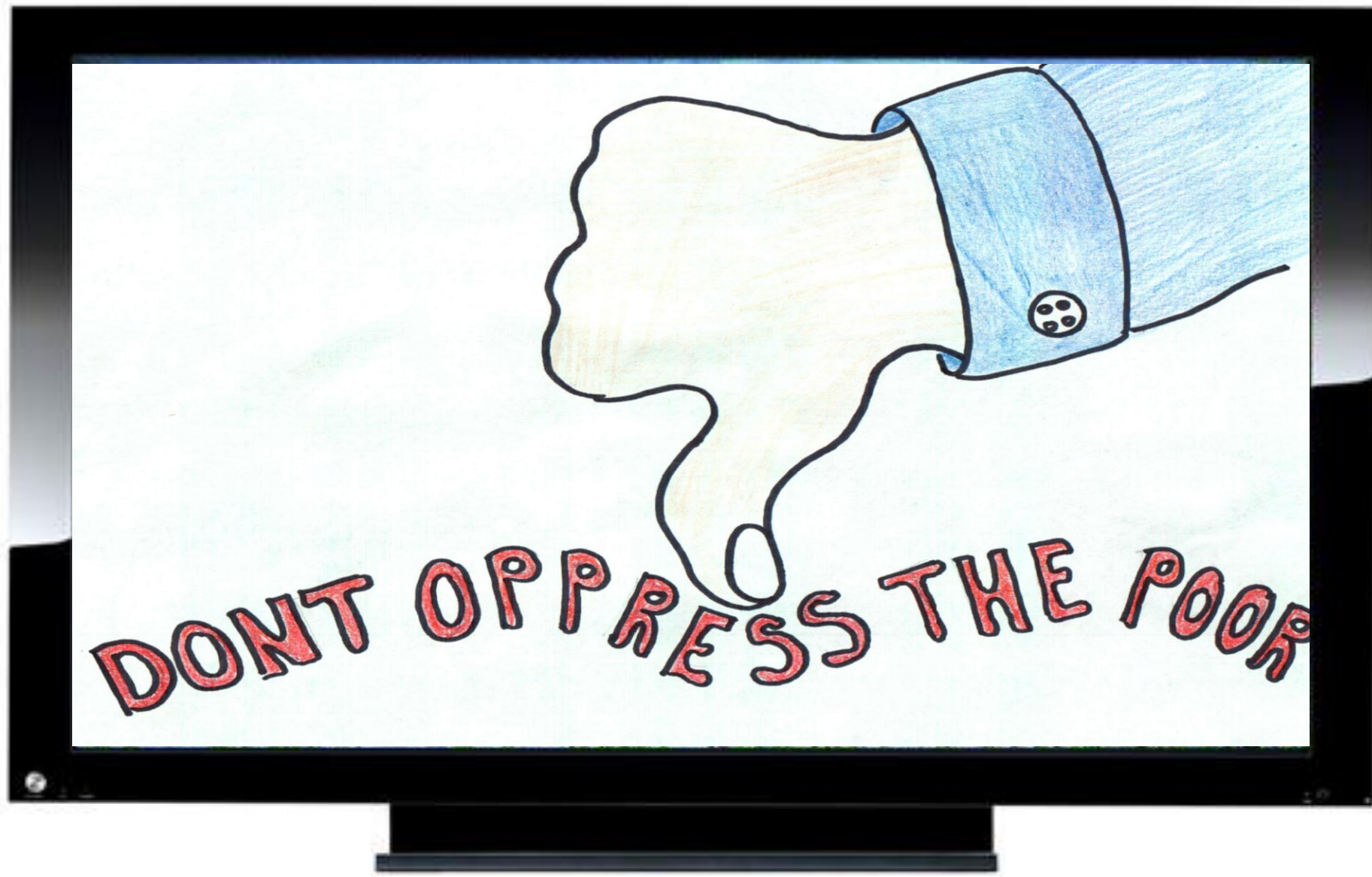
PERSIAN EMPIRE

Jeering/mockery

Provocation

Fighting





DONT OPPRESS THE POOR

Bad news

Prayer

Action

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PERSIAN
EMPIRE

Jeering/mockery

Provocation

Fighting



Bad news

Prayer

Action

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PERSIAN
EMPIRE

Jeering/mockery

Provocation

Fighting



Bad news

Prayer

Action

445 BC Nehemiah story

PERSIAN
EMPIRE

Jeering/mockery

Provocation

Fighting

Deception (x2)



BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

GREECE

TURKEY

445 BC Nehemiah story

PERSIAN EMPIRE

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

LIBYA

EGYPT

RED SEA

ARABIA

PERSIAN GULF



BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

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TURKEY

445 BC Nehemiah story

Set apart *physically*

PERSIAN EMPIRE

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

LIBYA

EGYPT

RED SEA

ARABIA

PERSIAN GULF



BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

GREECE

TURKEY

445 BC Nehemiah story

Set apart *physically*

PERSIAN EMPIRE

MEDITERRANEAN

Set apart *spiritually*

LIBYA



EGYPT

ARABIA

RED SEA

PERSIAN GULF

THEMES

GOD

God of Heaven

GOD

God of Heaven

great & Awssome

GOD

God of Heaven

great & Awssome

Worthy of worship

GOD

God of Heaven

great & Awesome

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Worthy of worship

Creator
Preserver

God of Heaven

great & Awesome

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Everlasting to everlasting

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Worthy of worship

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God of Heaven

Chooser

Keeps covenant

God of steadfast love

great & Awesome

GOD

Great God

Worthy of worship

Everlasting to everlasting

Creator

Preserver

THE PEOPLE

EZRA / NEHEMIAH

Neh. 2:18

*“And I told them of the hand of my God
that had been upon me for good”*



Neh. 2:18

*“And I told them of the hand of my God
that had been upon me for good”*



May God be
my God

Neh. 4:6

“So we built the wall...for the people had a mind to work”



Neh. 4:6

“So we built the wall...for the people had a mind to work”



Problem...Pray...Do

Neh. 2:4-5

“The king said, ‘What are you requesting?’ So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said to the king...”



Neh. 2:4-5

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A Good and **READY**
relationship!