

**The Oracle Concerning
Tyre**

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Isaiah 52:13-15

13 Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.

14 Just as many were astonished at you, My people, so His appearance was marred more than any man and His form more than the sons of men

15 Thus He will sprinkle many nations, Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him; for what had not been told them they will see, and what they had not heard they will understand.

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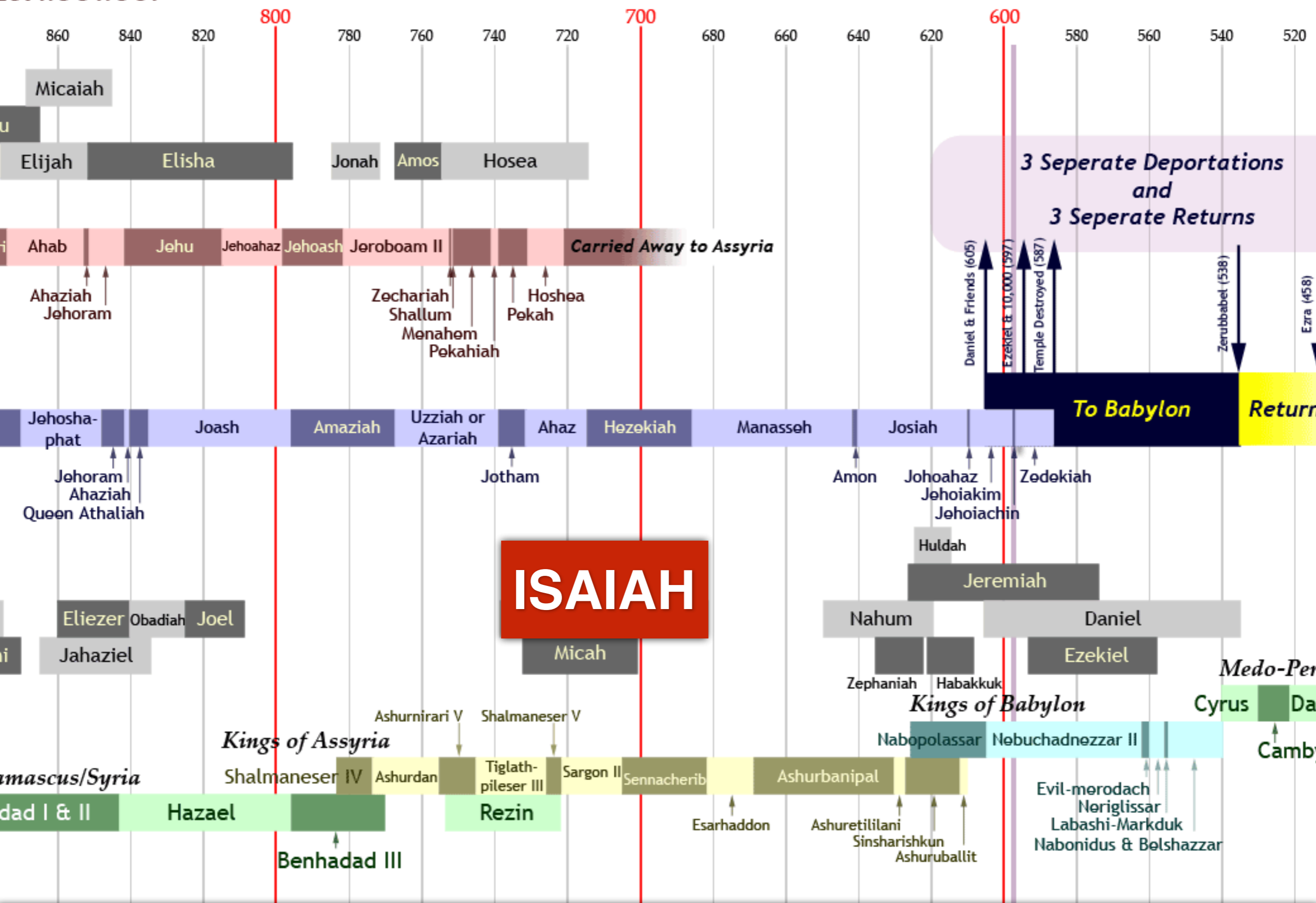
1 Who has believed our message? and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2 For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.

3 He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face, He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

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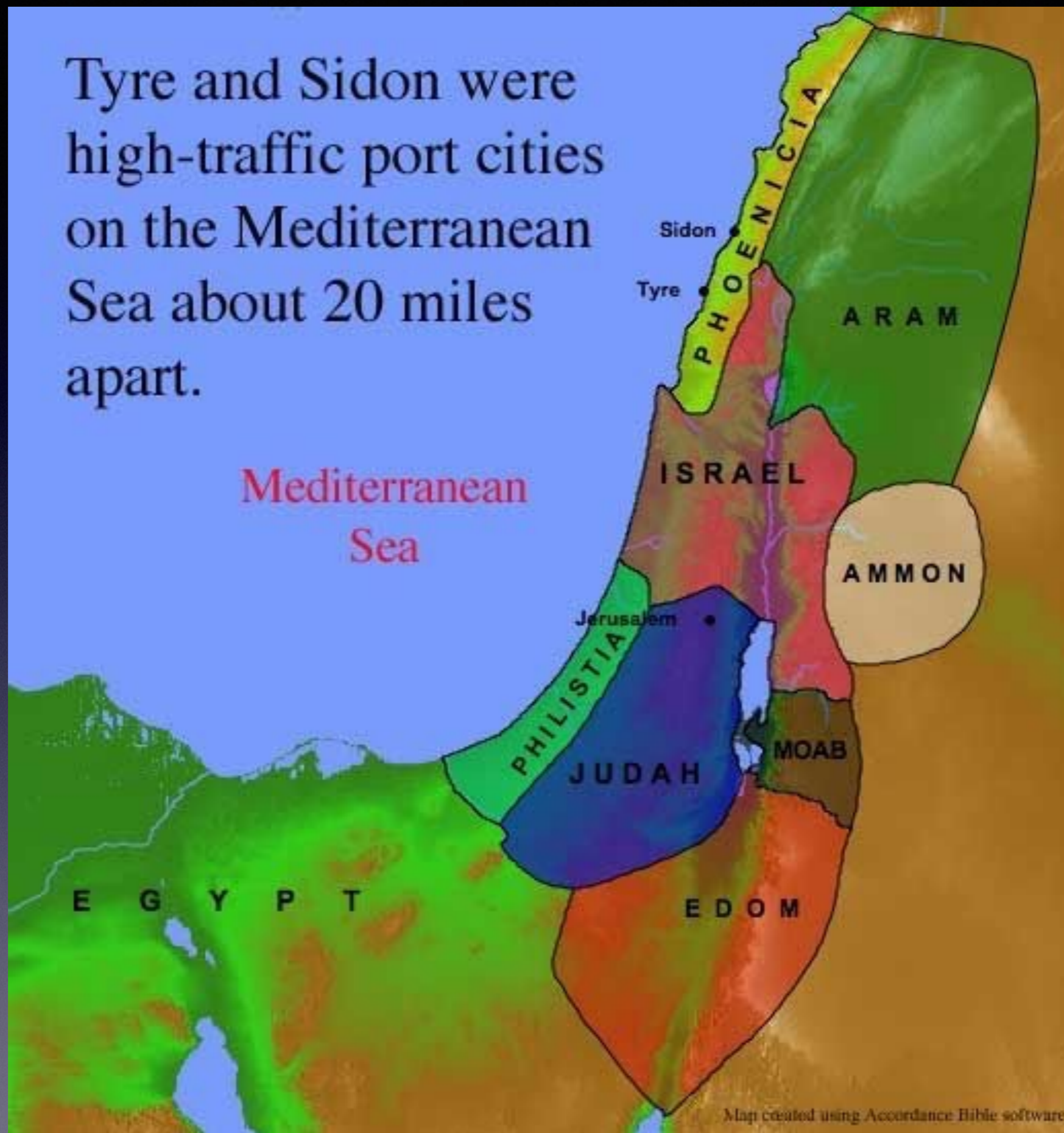
Theme Statement

The Lord God humbles proud and self-exalted sinful people and providentially cares for His own people according to His own plans, power and unique ways.

Division of the Promised Land to the children of Israel



Tyre and Sidon were high-traffic port cities on the Mediterranean Sea about 20 miles apart.





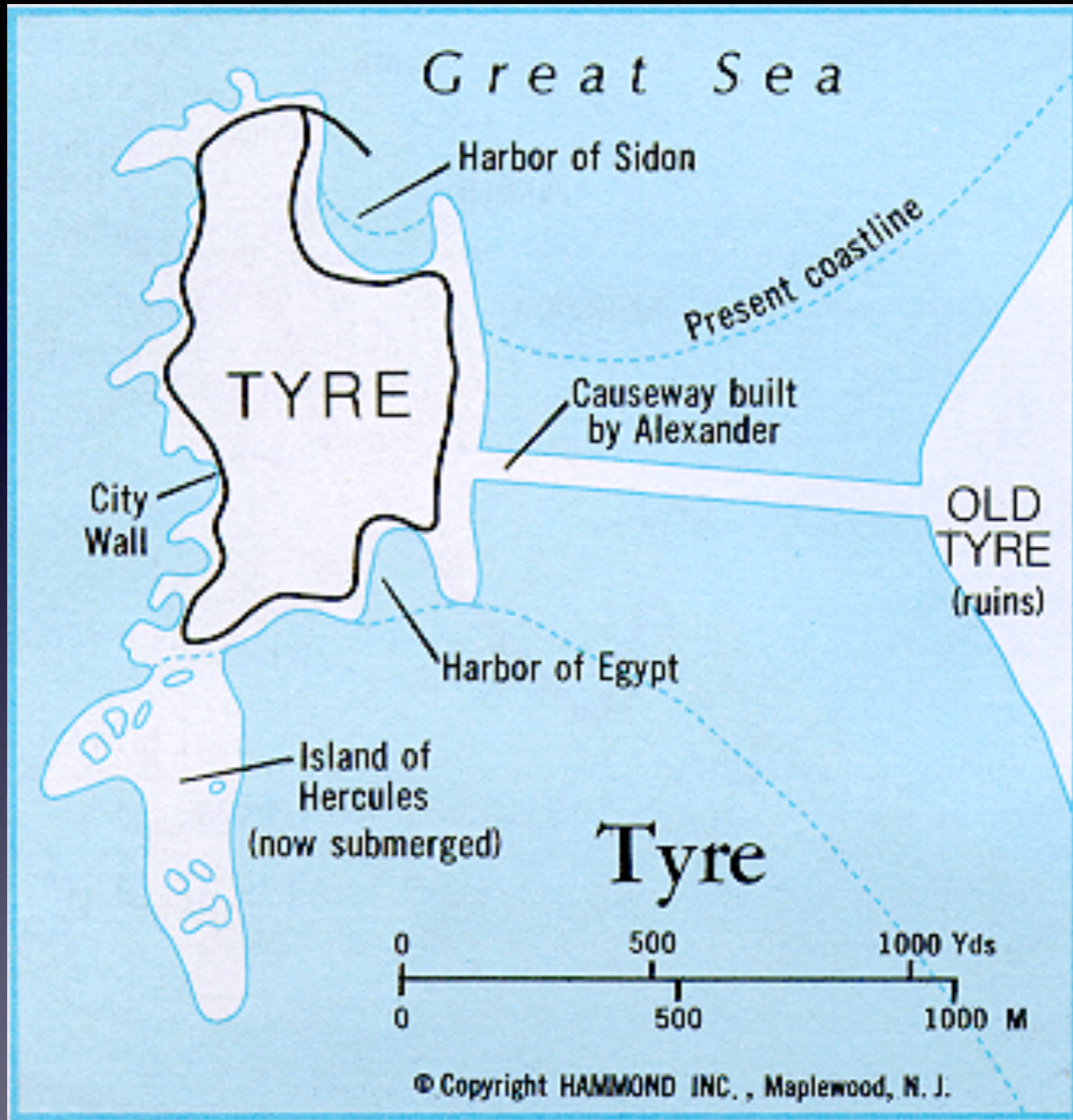




**Gebal
βιβλος**







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Modern Day Tyre

The Island

The once connected bridge
during the siege of
Alexander the Great





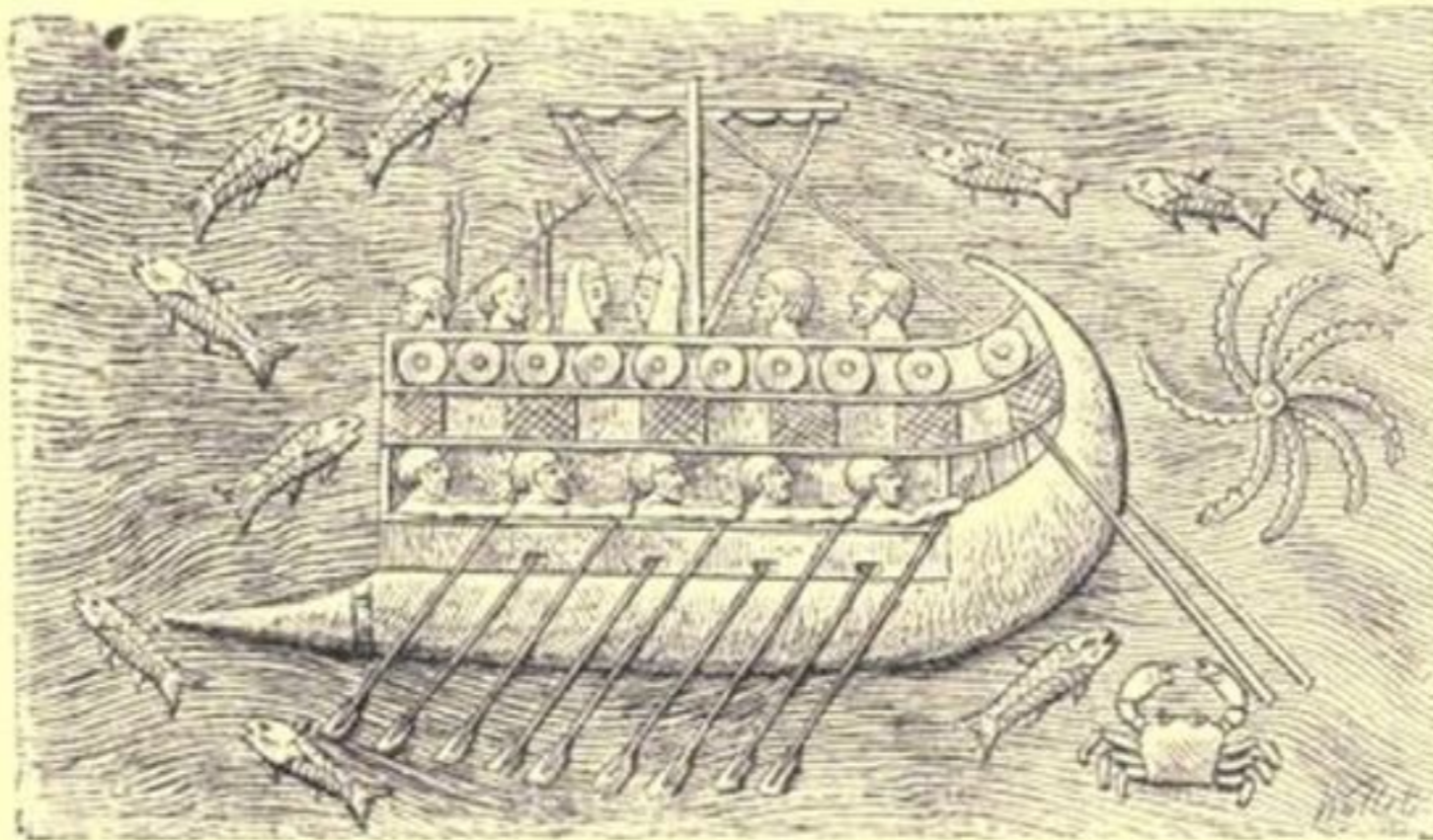


FIG. 9.—Phœnician war galley. From Layard.

From wall relief from palace of Sennacherib (705-681 B.C) showing flight of the king Luli of Tyre



Cyprian fleet

North (Sidonian) harbour

Tyre

Alexander's dam

700-800 m

South harbour

Old Tyre

Phoenician fleet

Siege of Tyre

July, 332 B.C.





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4. Flee! Tyre is no longer the joyful city, no longer the lasting city, no longer the dominant world merchant

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Matthew 11:20-22

Then He began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not repent. “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in **Tyre and Sidon** which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. Nevertheless I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.”

Matthew 15:21-22, 28

Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of **Tyre and Sidon**. And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed."Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish."
And her daughter was healed at once.

Acts 21:3–5

When we came in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left, we kept sailing to Syria and landed at **Tyre**; for there the ship was to unload its cargo. After looking up the disciples, we stayed there seven days; and they kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem. When our days there were ended, we left and started on our journey, while they all, with wives and children, escorted us until we were out of the city. After kneeling down on the beach and praying, we said farewell to one another.

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