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Exile and Return

Babylonian Empire



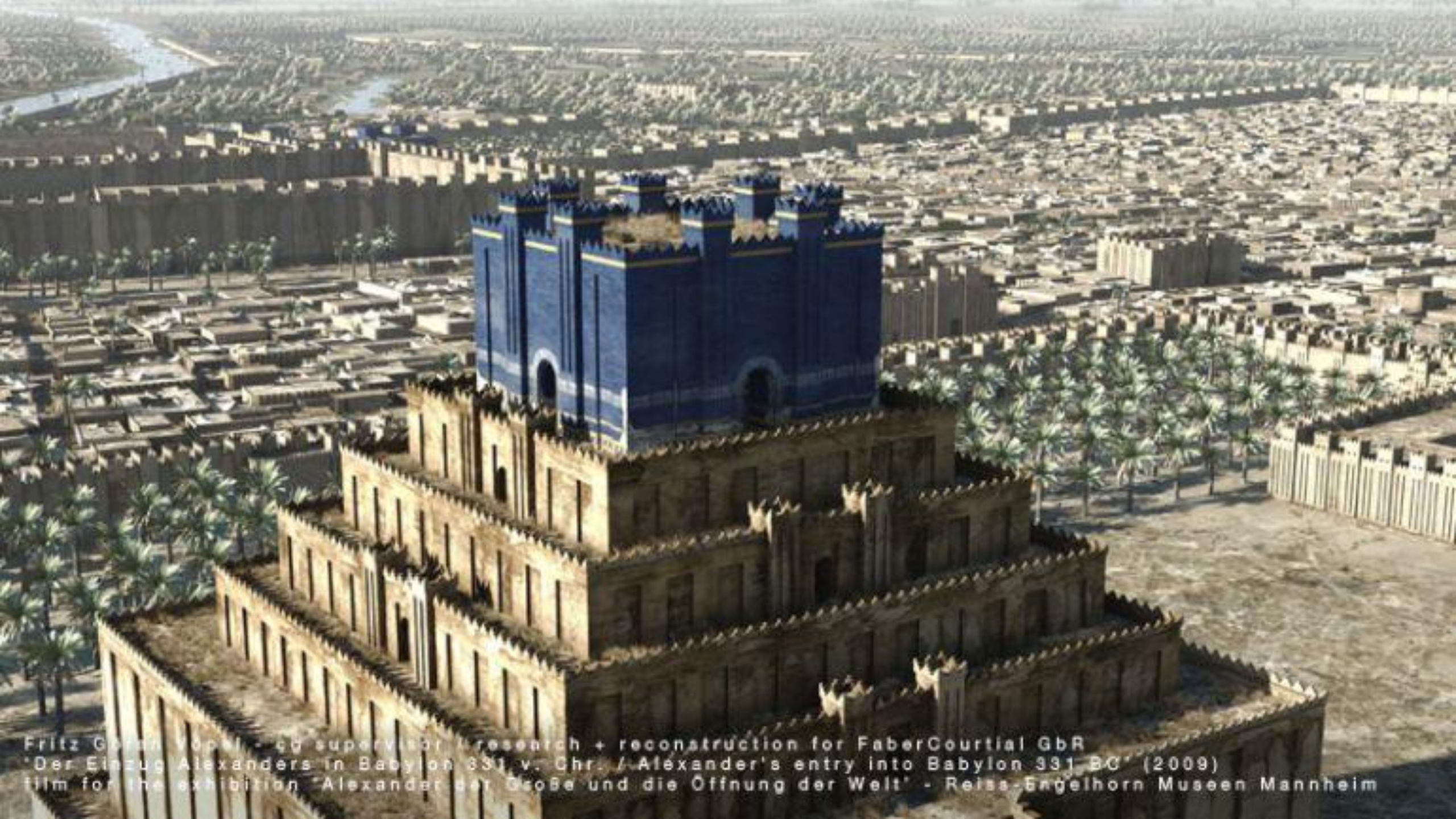












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WORLD POWERS OF THE SIXTH CENTURY

- City
- Modern city
- ★ Kingdom capital
- ▲ Mountain peak

THRACE Byzantium (Istanbul)

Plateau of Anatolia
LYDIA

★ Sardis

Taurus Mts.
KUE

CIMMERIANS

SCYTHIANS

URARTU

IZALLA

MEDIA

BABYLONIA

ELAM

CHALDEA

KINGDOM OF ANSHAN PERSIA
(Vassal of the Medes)

EGYPT

LIBYA

Syro-Arabian Desert

Sahara Desert

Sinai

Mt. Sinai

No-amon (Thebes)

Tema

Dumah

Ezion-geber

Rabbah (Amman)

Jerusalem

Ashdod

Gaza

Pelusium

Migdol

On (Heliopolis)

Sals

Noph (Memphis)

Tahpanhes (Daphne)

Tyre

Sidon

Byblos

Arvad

Hamath

Cyprus

Damascus

Riblah

Tadmor

Rezep

Aleppo

Tarsus

Carchemish

Haran

T. Barsip

Gozan

T. Brak

Nineveh

Calah

Ekallatum

Arbela

Arrapha

Ecbatana

Babylon

Sippar

Der

Nippur

Susa

Ur

Mount Herat

Lake Van

Lake Urmia

Elburz Mts.

Zagros Mountains

Caspian Sea

Black Sea

Aegean Sea

Crete

Rhodes

30 E

40 E

50 E

60 E

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70 N

80 N

90 N

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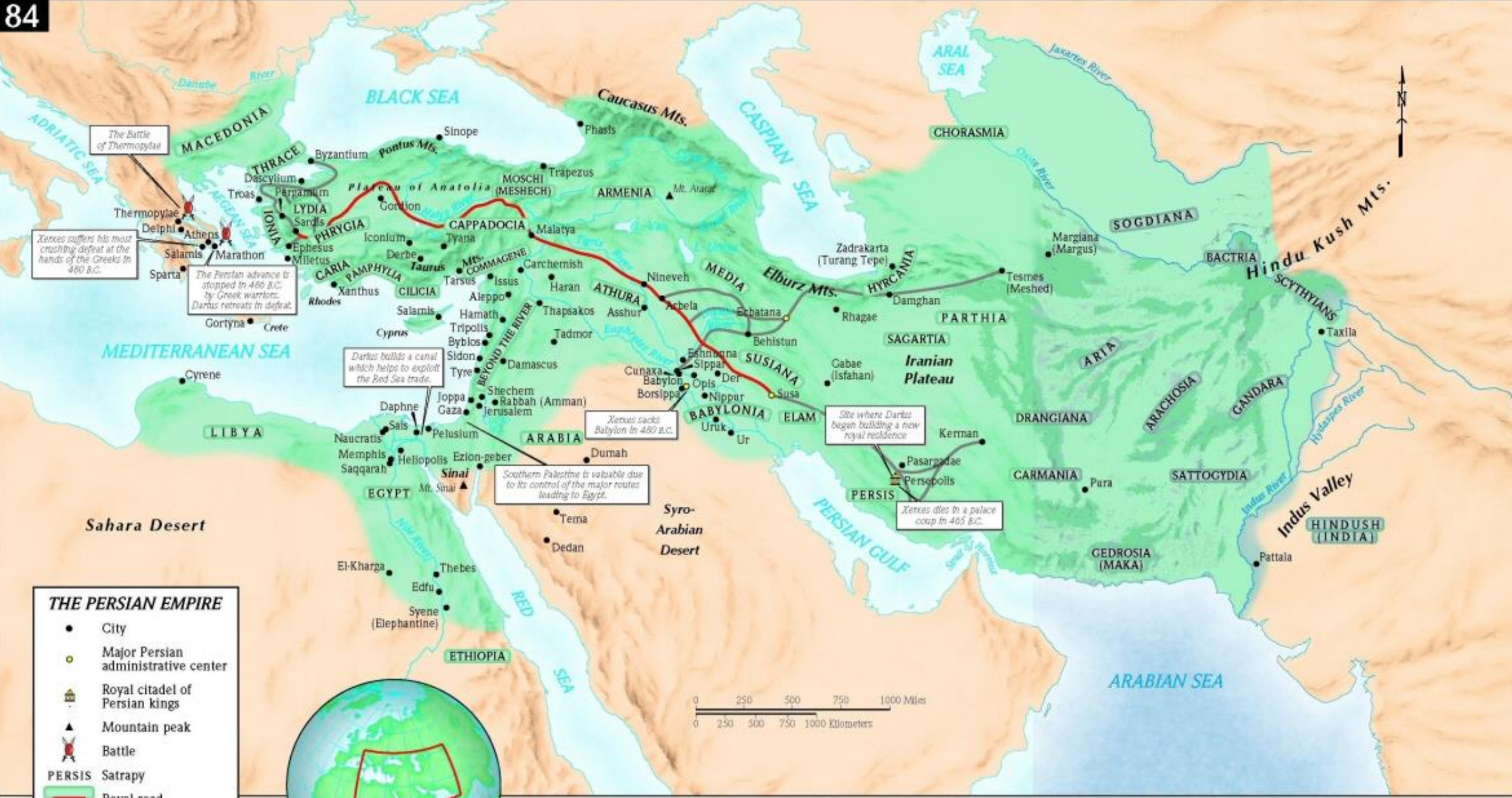
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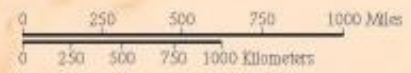
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THE PERSIAN EMPIRE

- City
- Major Persian administrative center
- 🏰 Royal citadel of Persian kings
- ▲ Mountain peak
- ⚔ Battle
- PERSIS Satrapy
- Royal road
- Other road
- Persian Empire



- City (uncertain location)
- ← Sheshbazzar's and Zerubbabel's route
- ← Ezra's and Nehemiah's route
- Cyrus's Persian Empire



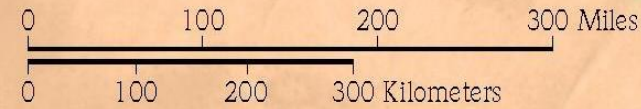
First Sheshbazzar, then Zerubbabel led groups of Jewish exiles back to Judah between about 537 and 522 B.C.

Ezra leads a group of Jews back to Jerusalem. He was appointed minister of religious affairs by Artaxerxes 458 B.C.

Area conquered by Cambyses in 525 B.C.; Egypt frequently rebelled against Persian rule from ca. 500 B.C. onward.

Under the leadership of Sheshbazzar and Zerubbabel the Jews began rebuilding the temple at Jerusalem 515 B.C.

Nehemiah hears of dire conditions in Judah and returns to Jerusalem under royal appointment 444 B.C.

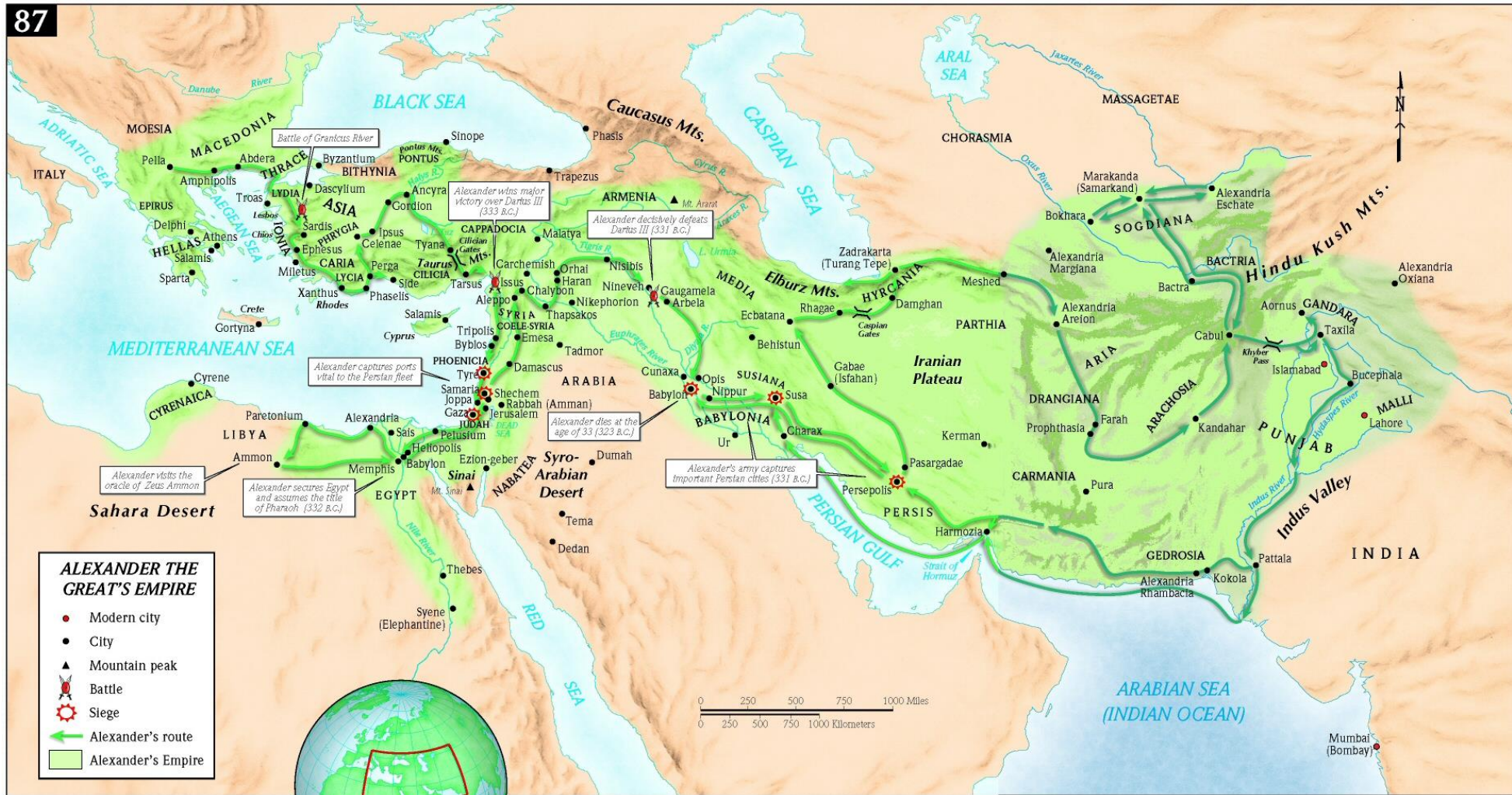


**THE PROVINCE OF JUDAH
AND NEHEMIAH'S ENEMIES
IN THE FIFTH CENTURY**

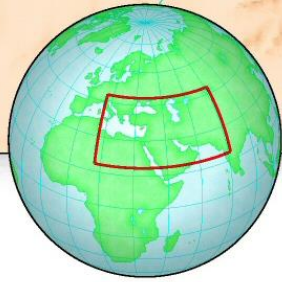
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- City
- City (uncertain location)
- ★ Possible district capitals
- Major trade route





- ALEXANDER THE GREAT'S EMPIRE**
- Modern city
 - City
 - ▲ Mountain peak
 - ⚔ Battle
 - ⚙ Siege
 - ← Alexander's route
 - Alexander's Empire



0 250 500 750 1000 Miles
 0 250 500 750 1000 Kilometers

Sahara Desert

Alexander's army captures important Persian cities (331 B.C.)

Alexander captures ports vital to the Persian fleet

Alexander dies at the age of 33 (323 B.C.)

Alexander decisively defeats Darius III (331 B.C.)

Alexander wins major victory over Darius III (333 B.C.)

Battle of Granicus River

Alexander visits the oracle of Zeus Ammon

Alexander secures Egypt and assumes the title of Pharaoh (332 B.C.)

MOESIA

ITALY

HELLAS

CYRENAICA

LIBYA

EGYPT

THEBES

SYENE (Elephantine)

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AMMON

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