

EZRA

RETURN AND REBUILD

TUESDAY
8:30PM EASTERN

SLIDES

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CHRONOLOGY

539 BC

OCTOBER BABYLON FALLS, CYRUS ENTERS BABYLON.

537 BC

MARCH EXILES RETURN UNDER SHESHBAZZAR.

EZRA 1

OCTOBER BUILD ALTAR; ZERUBBABEL LEADER.

EZRA 3

536-530 BC

WORK ON TEMPLE RESUMES.

EZRA 3

530 BC

OPPOSITION.

EZRA 4

CHRONOLOGY

520 BC

EZRA 5

HAGGAI GOOSES ZERUBBABEL TO RESUME. (***HAGGAI 1:1***)

515 BC

EZRA 6

TEMPLE COMPLETED.

458 BC

EZRA 7

EZRA DEPARTS IN APRIL, ARRIVES JERUSALEM IN AUGUST.

EZRA 10

DECEMBER: PEOPLE ASSEMBLE. INVESTIGATION.

445 BC

NEHEMIAH

NEHEMIAH RETURNS, REBUILDS WALLS.

PERSIAN KINGS

CYRUS II (THE GREAT)	559-530	FOUNDER. DECREE-RETURN. ISA 45. DAN. EZR 1-3.
CAMBYSES II	529-522	CONQUERED EGYPT. EZRA 4-6.
PSEUDO-SMERDIS	522	IMPOSTER (FAKE SON OF CYRUS). AKA GAUMATA.
DARIUS I (THE GREAT)	522-486	PEAK OF EMPIRE. TEMPLE COMPLETED. EZRA 5-6.
XERXES I	485-464	AKA AHASUERUS. MARRIED ESTHER.
ARTAXERXES I	464-425	NEH-EZRA RETURN! NEHEMIAH. EZRA 7:10. DAN 9.
XERXES II	425-424	
DARIUS II	423-404	
ARTAXERXES II	404-359	
ARTAXERXES III	359-338	
ARTAXERXES IV	338-336	
DARIUS III	336-330	KILLED BY ARTAXERXES V.
ARTAXERXES V	330-329	DEFEATED/KILLED BY ALEXANDER THE GREAT.

OUTLINE OF EZRA

•EZRA 1-6

- FIRST RETURN FROM EXILE
- 537 BC
- EDICT OF KING CYRUS THE GREAT
- ZERUBBABEL THE LEADER
- HAGGAI THE PROPHET
- REBUILDING THE TEMPLE

•EZRA 7-10

- SECOND RETURN FROM EXILE
- 458 BC
- EDICT OF KING ARTAXERXES
- EZRA LEADER
- REFORMING THE PEOPLE

EZRA 7-10

7:1-10

EZRA GOES TO JERUSALEM

7:11-28

FLASHBACK...

LETTER FROM ARTAXERXES

8:1-14

GENEALOGY OF RETURNEES

8:15-36

THE JOURNEY

9:1-15

HORRIFIED BY THE SCANDAL

10:1-17

THE SCANDAL CONFRONTED

10:18-44

THE GUILTY IDENTIFIED

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RUSSIA

GEORGIA

GREECE

ITALY

SICILY

MALTA

CRETE

CYPRUS

TURKIYE

ARMENIA

AZERBAIJAN

IRAN

IRAQ

SYRIA

LEBANON

ISRAEL

JORDAN

EGYPT

LIBYA

SAUDI ARABIA

KUWAIT

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

QATAR

Medina

Syene

Luxor

Memphis

Alexandria

Jerusalem

Damascus

Tadmor

Hamath

Ugarit

Antioch

Edessa

Ephesus

Laodicea

Corinth

Athens

Thessalonica

Philippi

Ecbatana

Susa

Babylon

Kish

Nippur

Isin

Lagash

Uruk

Larsa

Ur

Nineveh

Nuzi

Pasargadae

Persepolis

STORY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT



TIGRIS RIVER

EUPHRATES RIVER

ABRAM BORN 2165BC.
GOES FROM UR TO "LAND I WILL SHOW YOU."



TIGRIS RIVER
EUPHRATES RIVER

FAMILY OF JACOB TO EGYPT.
400 YEARS LATER MOSES LEADS THEM OUT (1446BC).





JOSHUA LEADS ISRAEL INTO PROMISED LAND.
ISRAEL LATER BECOMES A KINGDOM (1037BC).
ITS KINGS ARE SAUL, DAVID, AND SOLOMON.

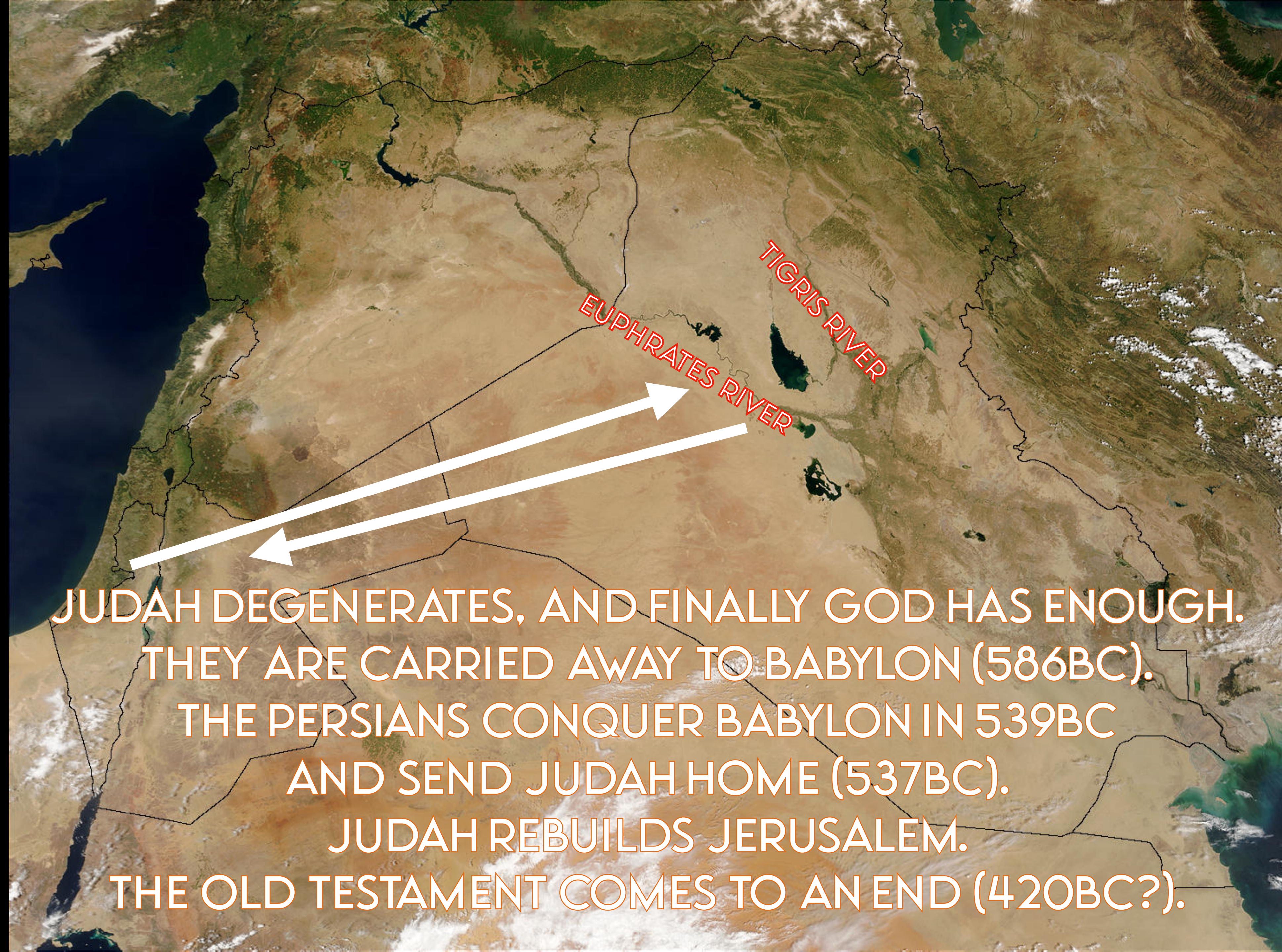


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BECAUSE OF STUPIDITY, THE KINGDOM SPLITS (931BC).
THE NORTHERN 10 TRIBES BECOME "ISRAEL."
THE SOUTHERN 2 TRIBES BECOME "JUDAH."



ISRAEL IS VERY WICKED.
IN 722BC THE ASSYRIANS CARRY THEM AWAY.
THOSE 10 TRIBES NEVER COME BACK.

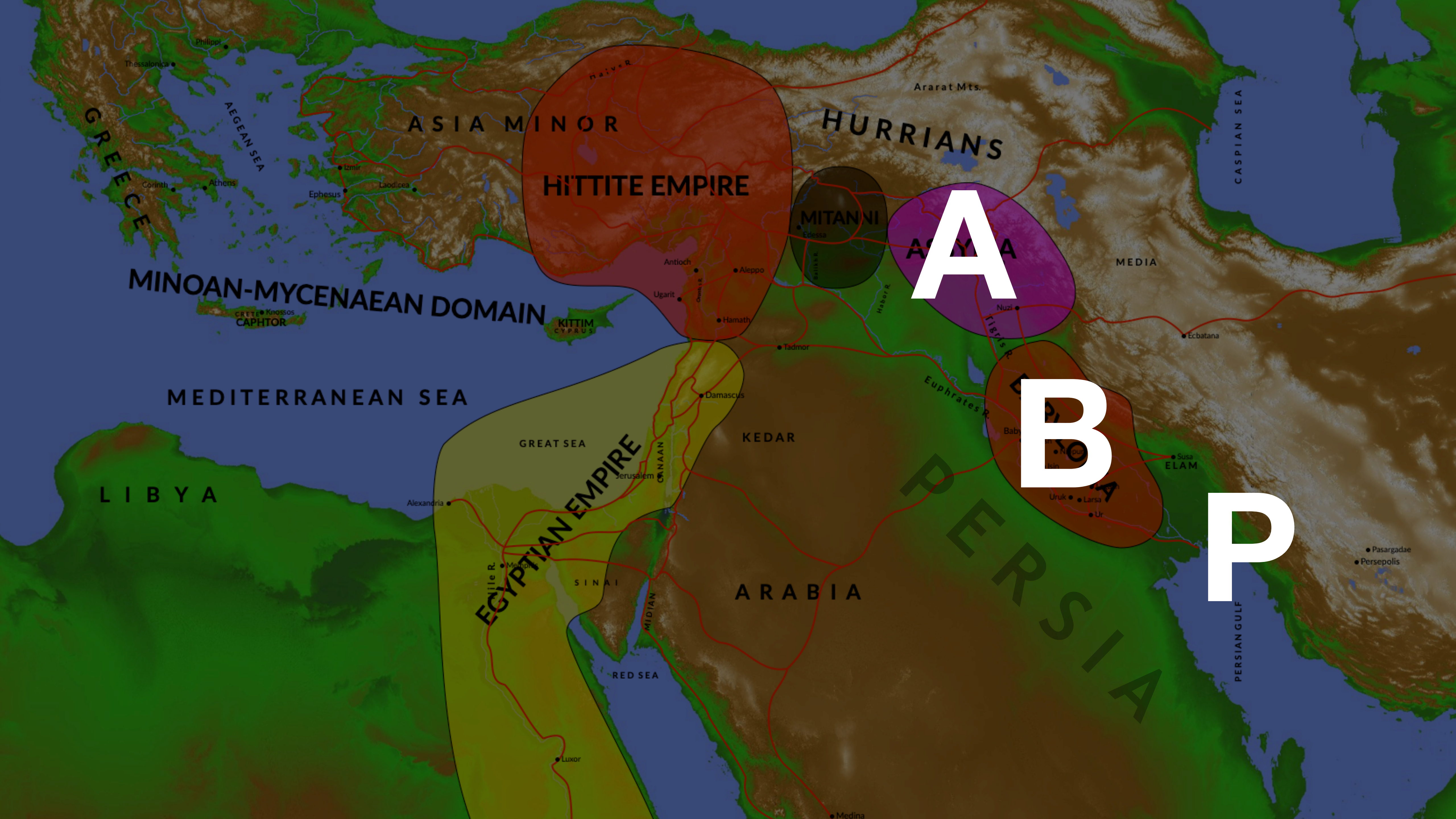


JUDAH DEGENERATES, AND FINALLY GOD HAS ENOUGH.
THEY ARE CARRIED AWAY TO BABYLON (586BC).
THE PERSIANS CONQUER BABYLON IN 539BC
AND SEND JUDAH HOME (537BC).
JUDAH REBUILDS JERUSALEM.
THE OLD TESTAMENT COMES TO AN END (420BC?).

ANCIENT EMPIRES



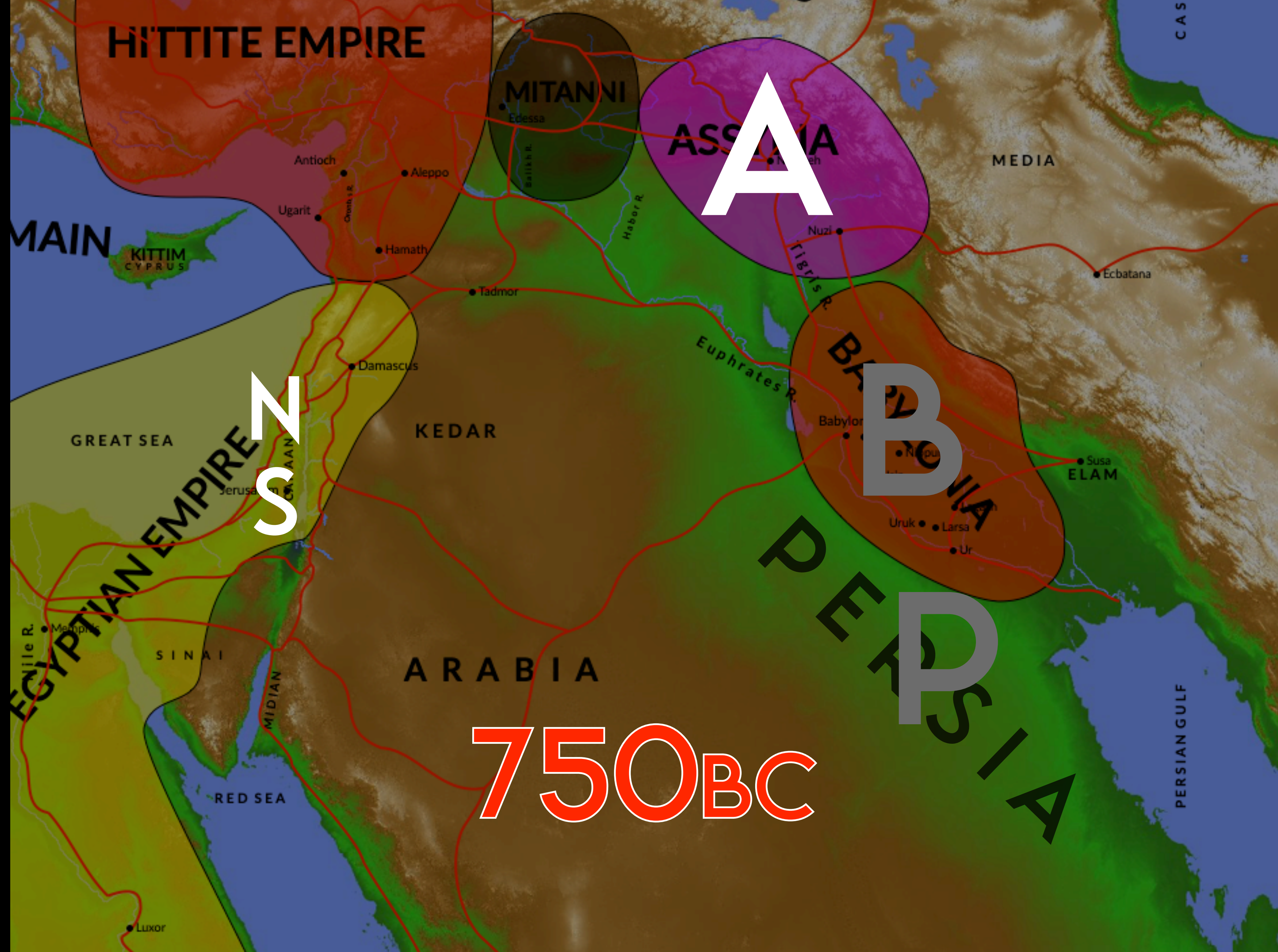
LATER OLD TESTAMENT



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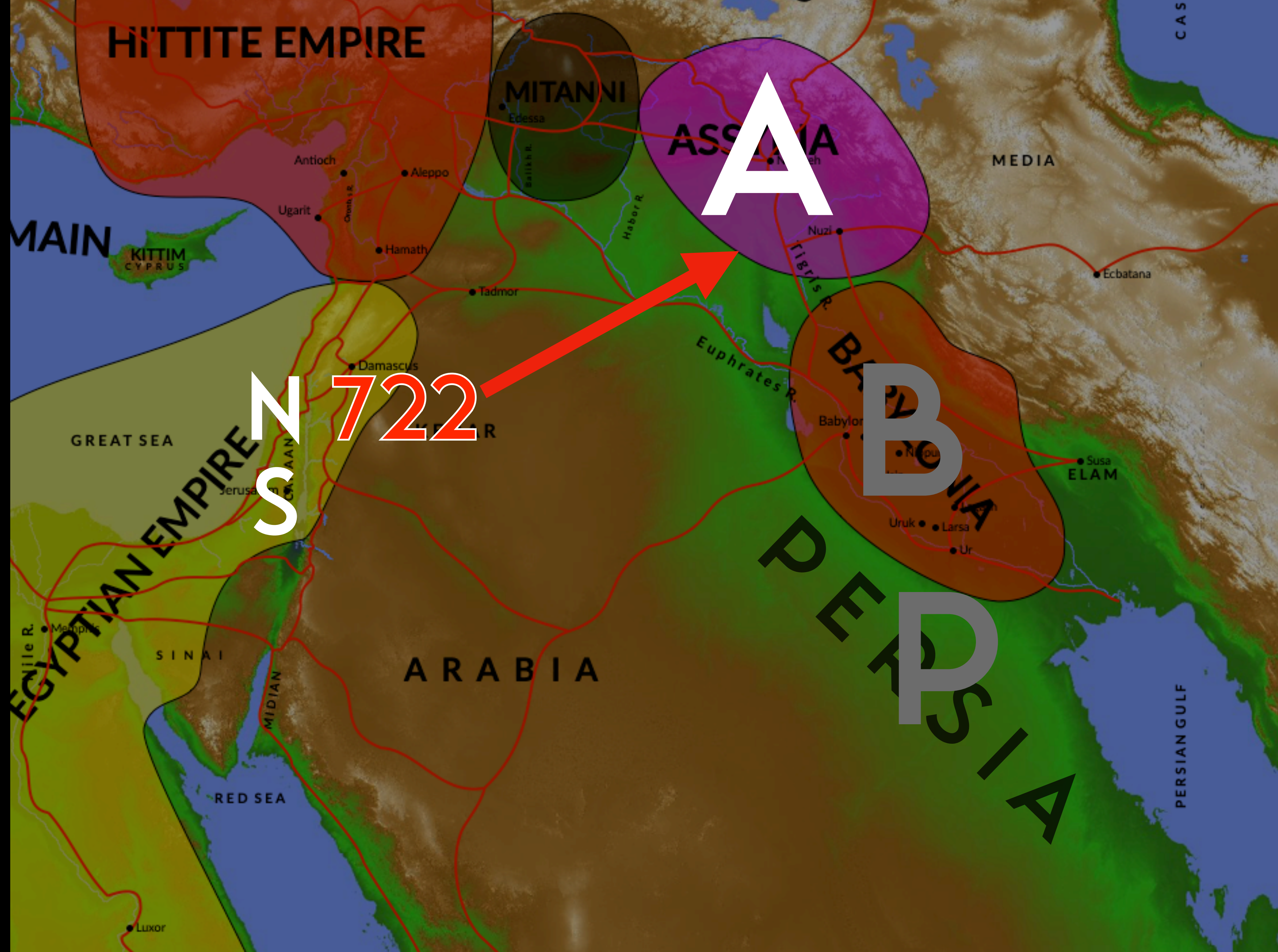
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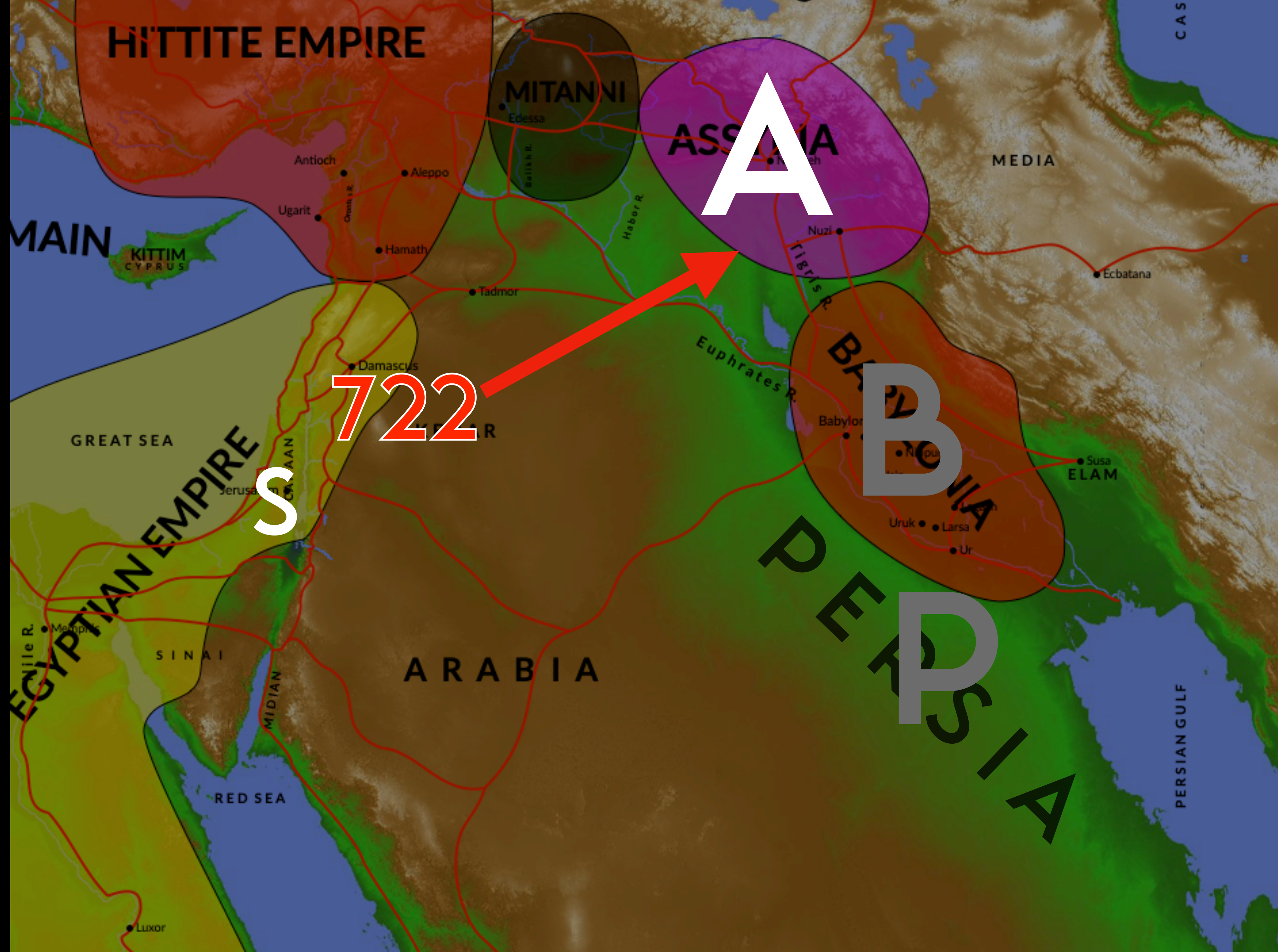
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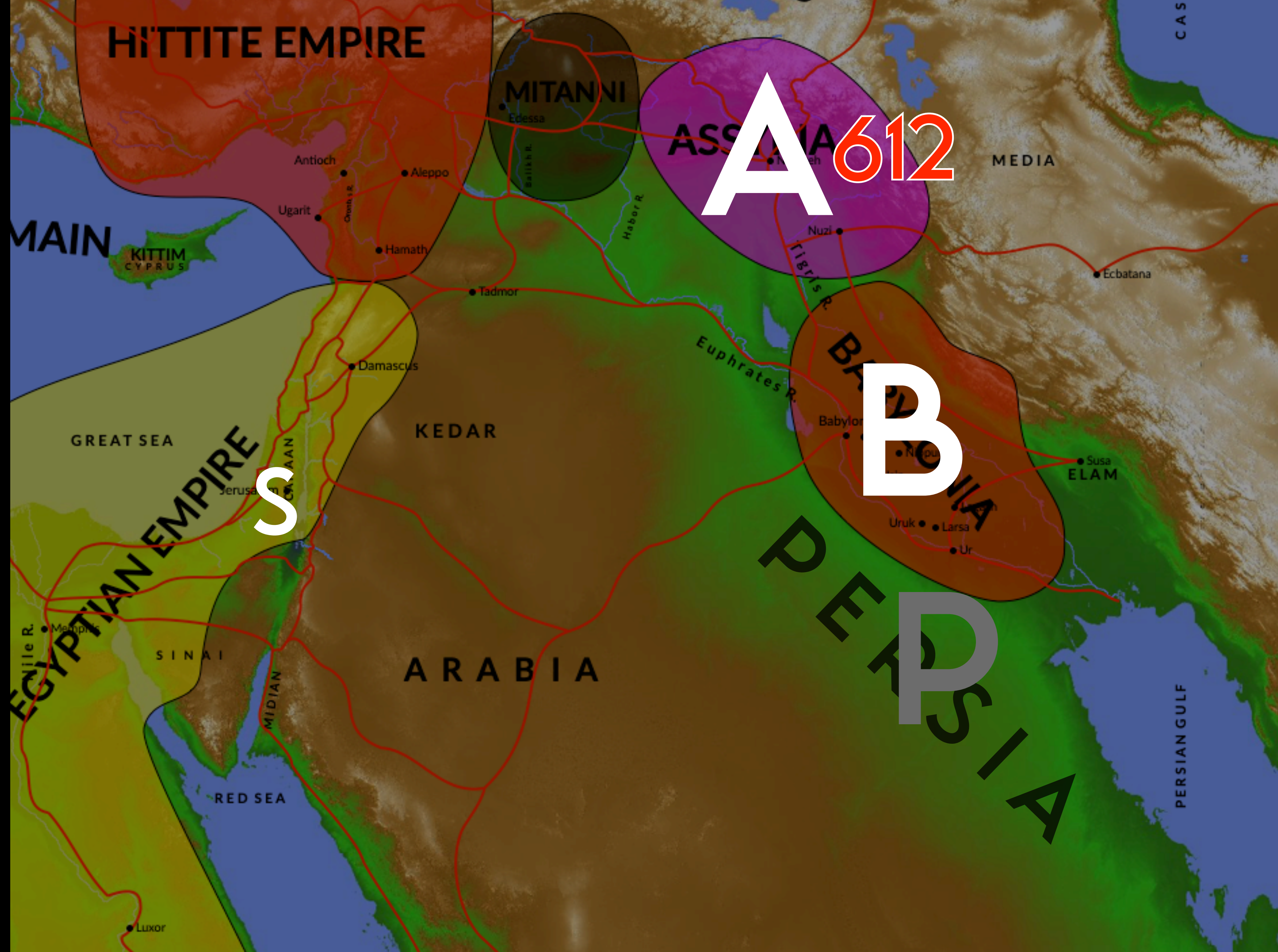
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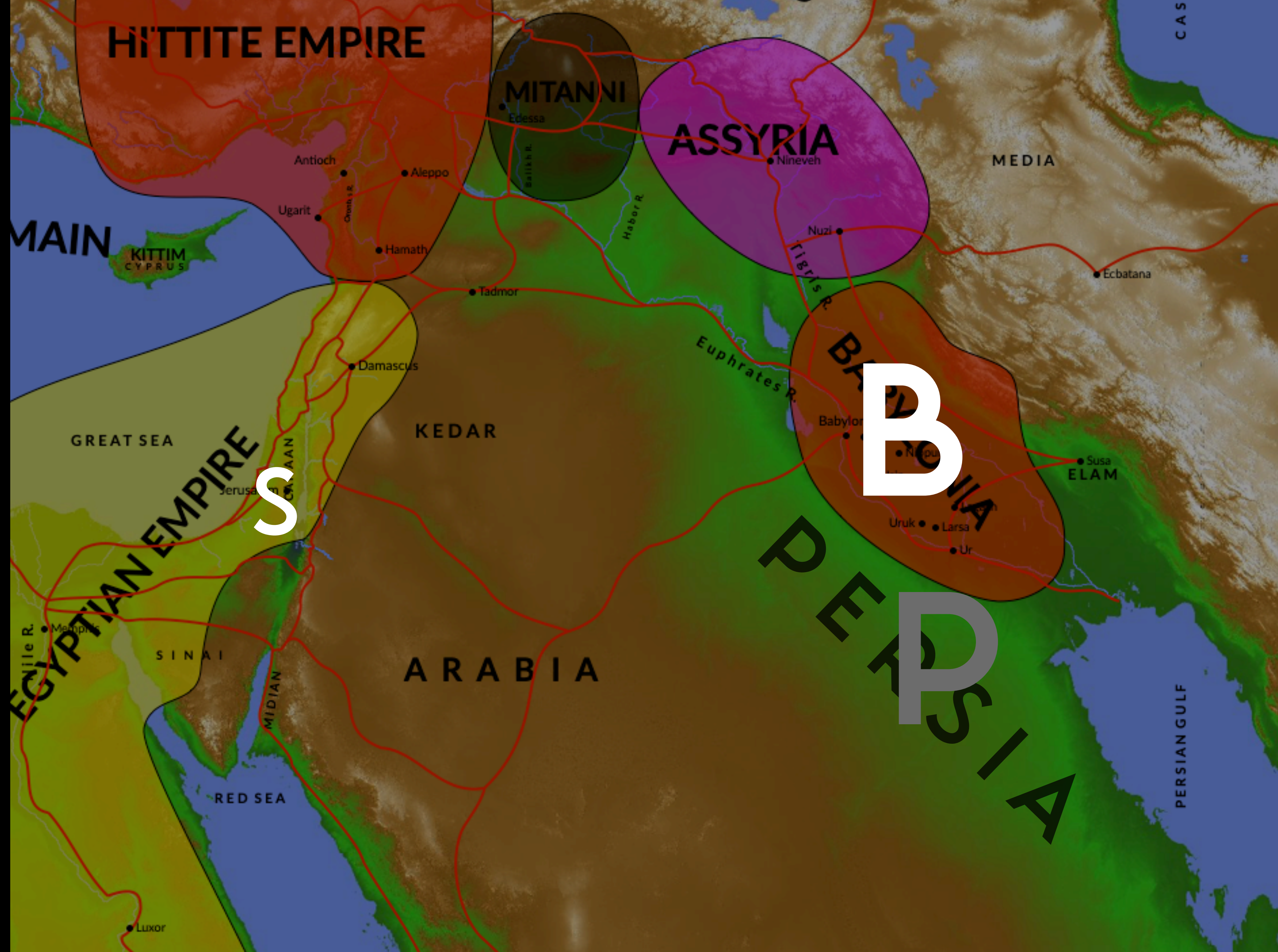


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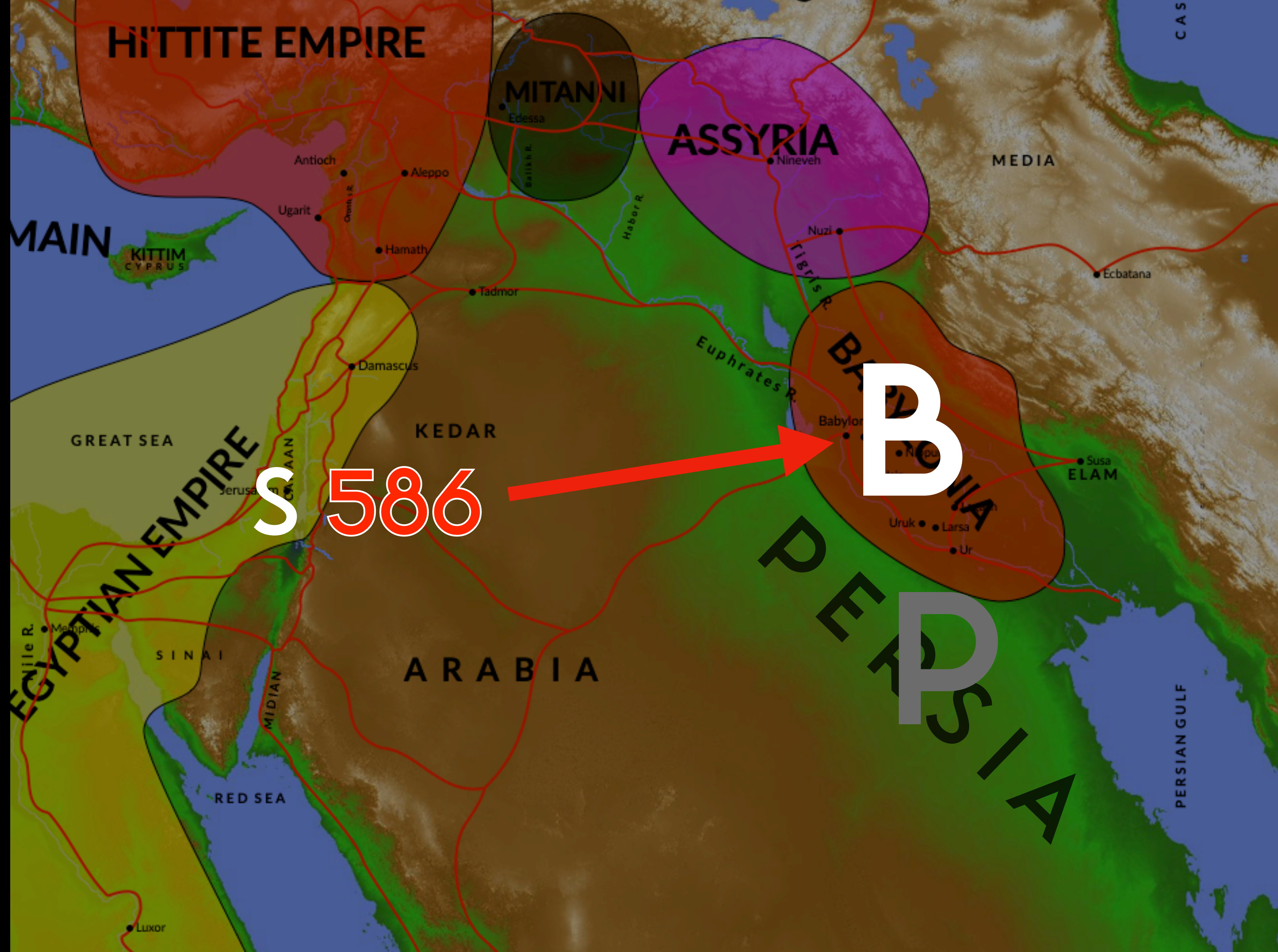
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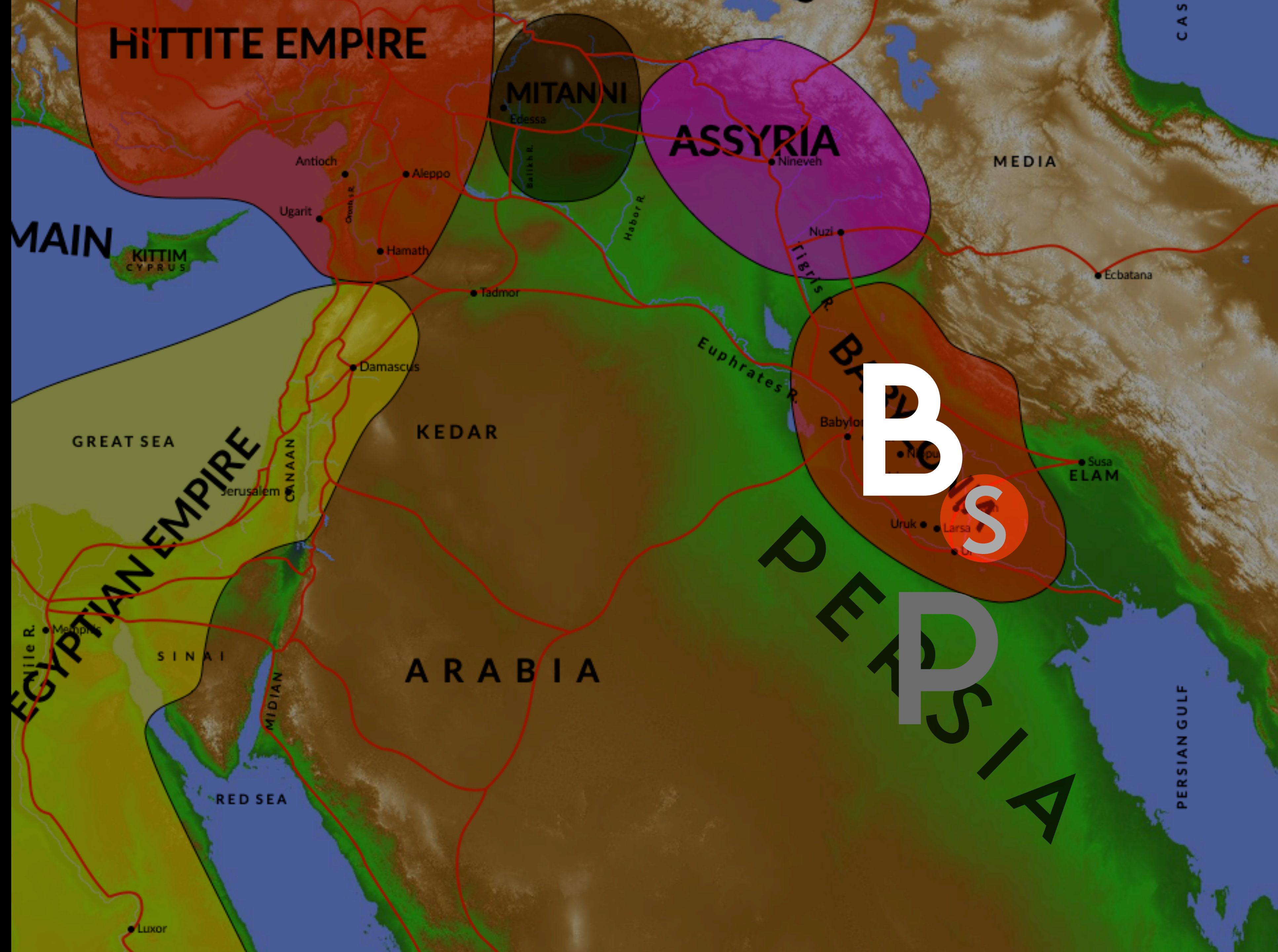
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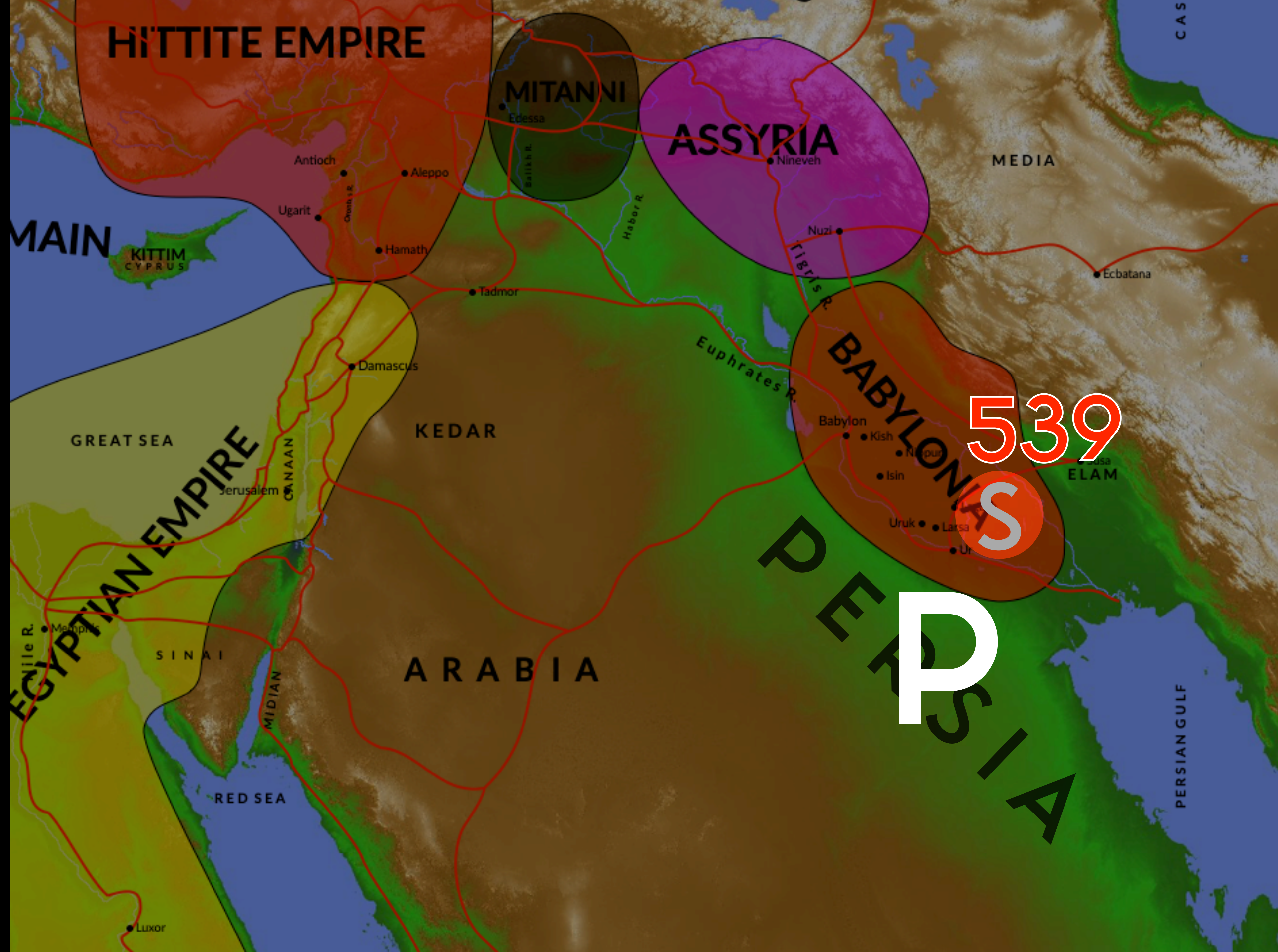
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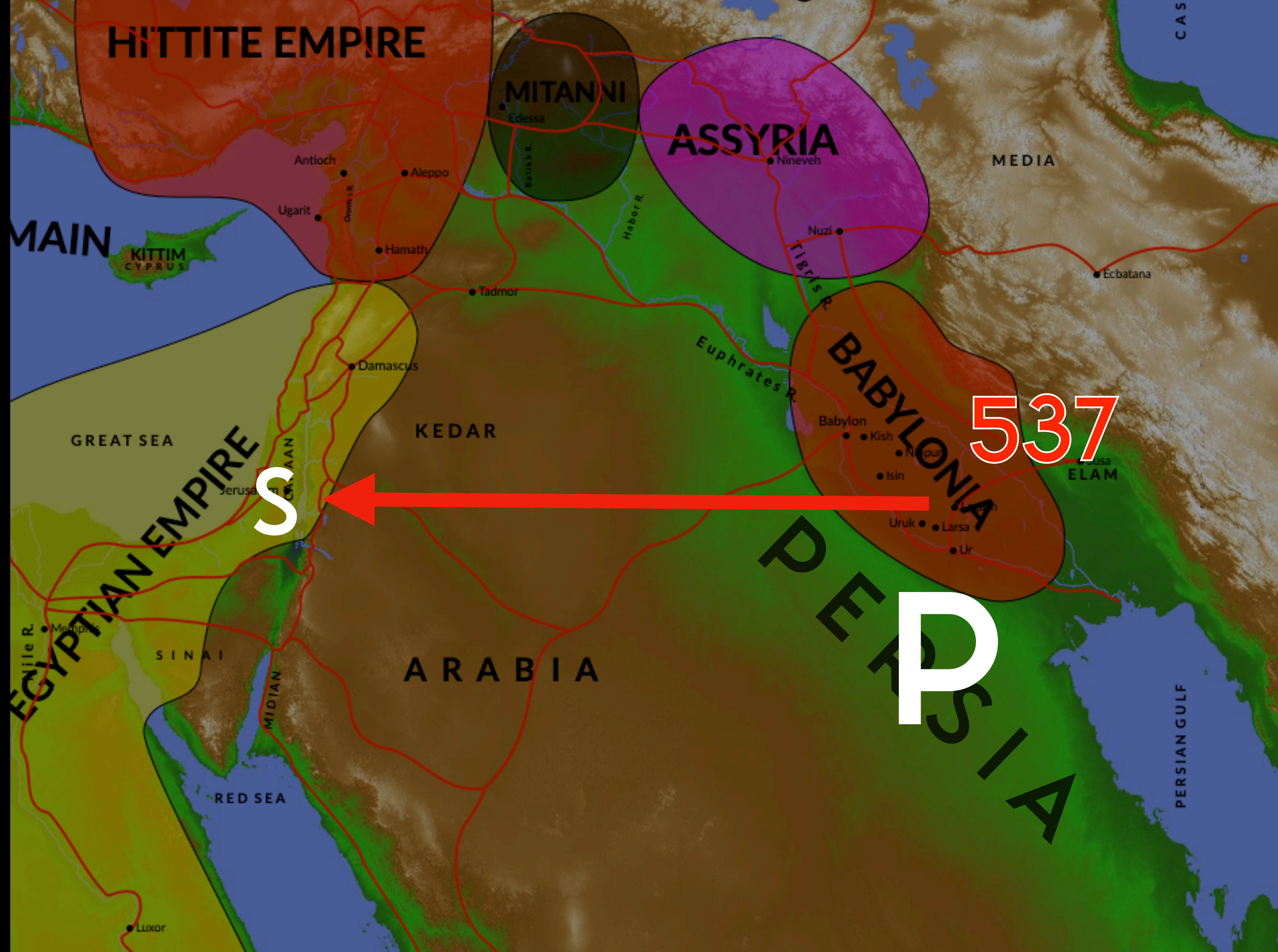
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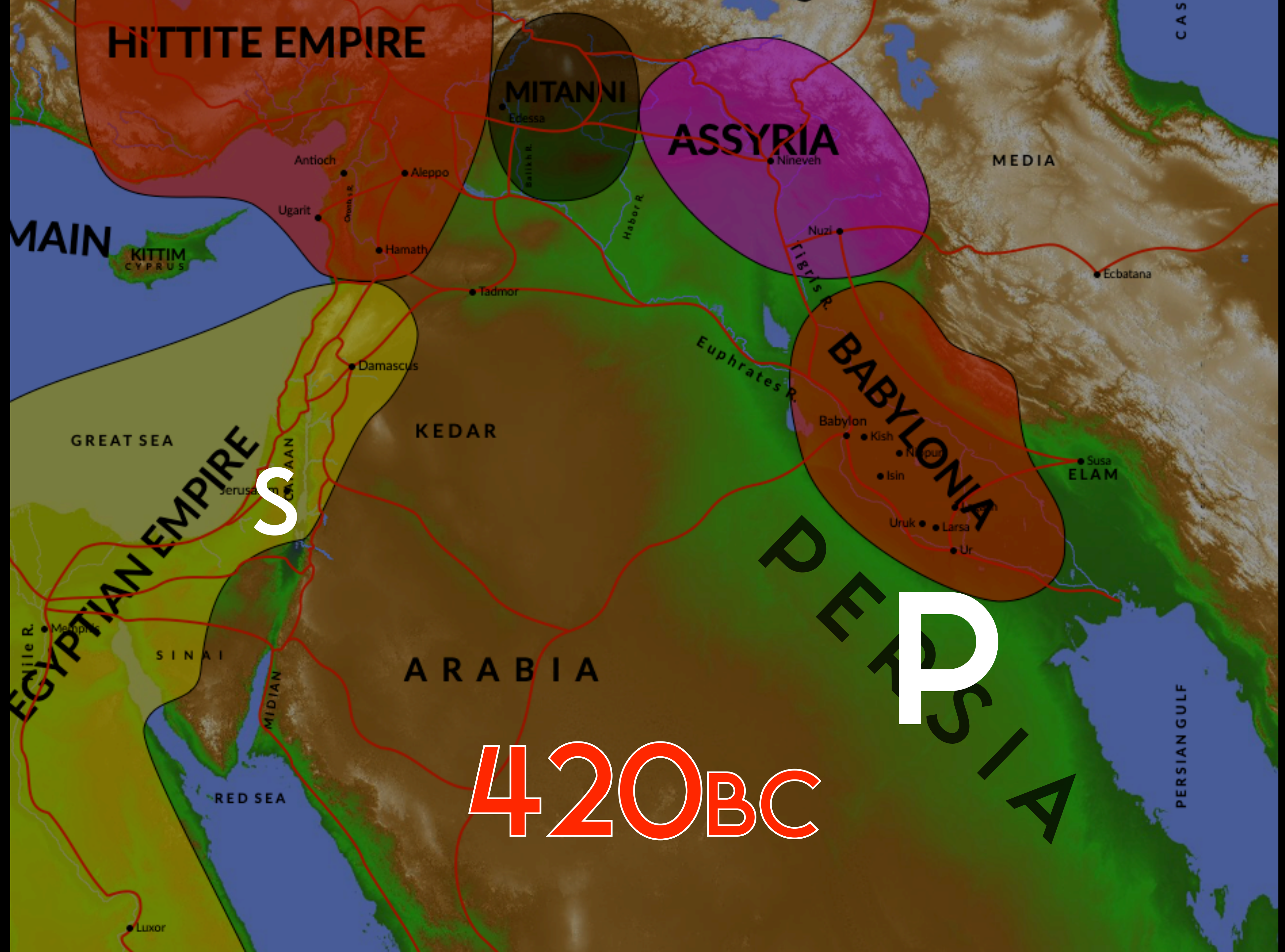
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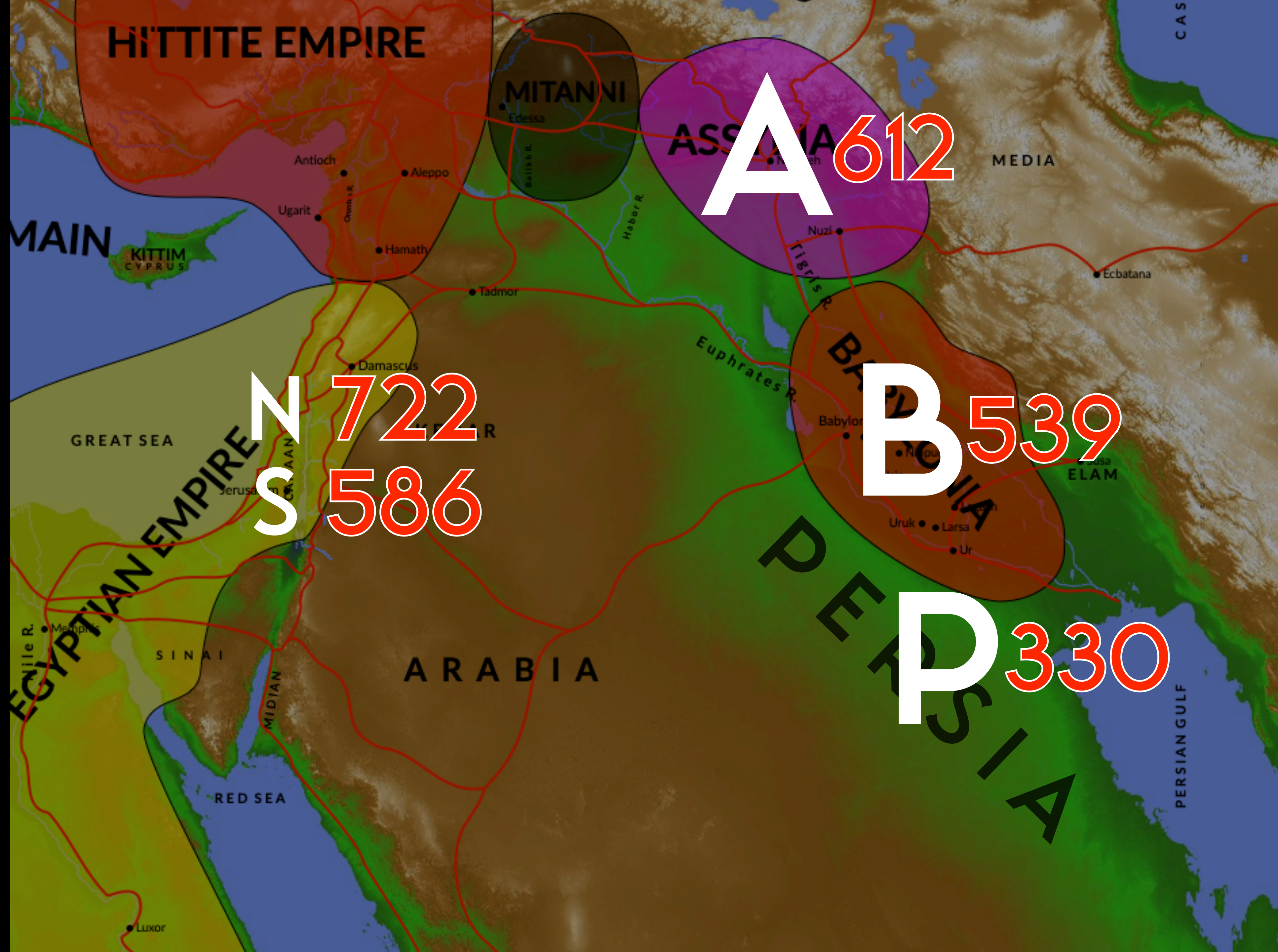
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