



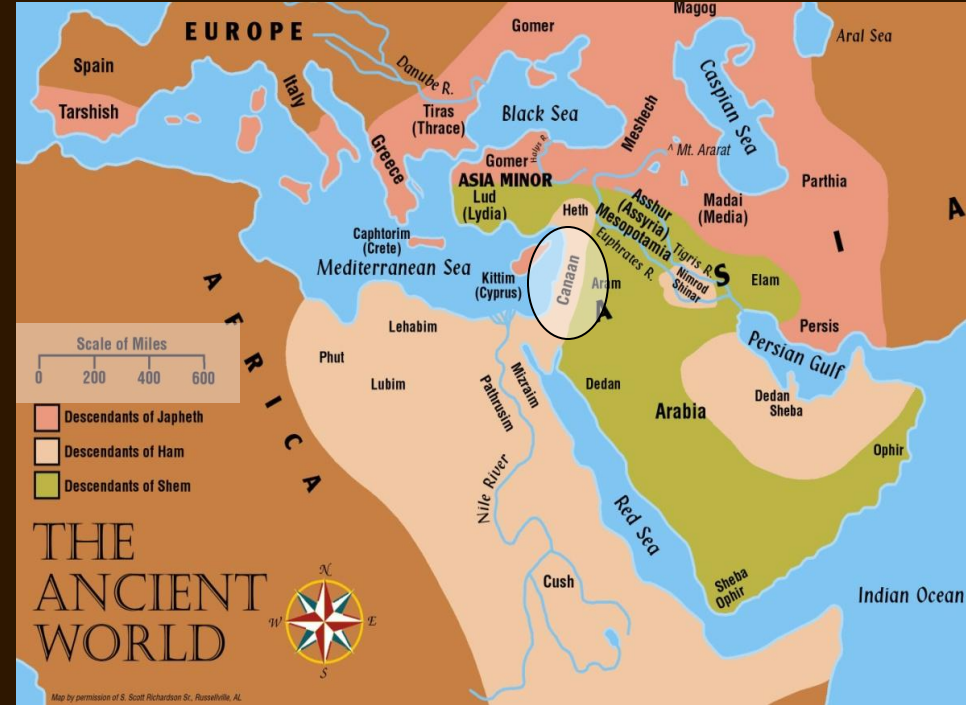
OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

Sunday Adult Class
9:45 AM

Old Testament Lands



Scale of Miles Comparison



When reviewing and studying maps be sure to look at the scale of miles to get a proper understanding of how large or small an area really is

Mesopotamia



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The Area

- Mesopotamia
 - The word means “between the rivers”
 - Term will be used to refer to the entire area reaching from the Persian Gulf to the Ararat Mountains

Mesopotamia

The Area



- Mesopotamia
 - Geographic term
 - Never a nation of people
 - Great Assyrian and Babylonian Empires originated here

Mesopotamia Facts of the Area



- Villages

- Grew into cities over the years

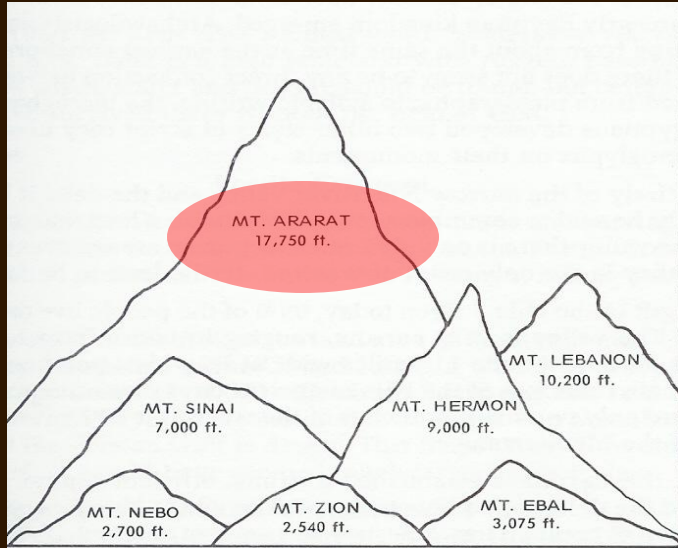
- Able to conquer and control their neighbors

Mountains

- **Zagros Mountains**
 - Parallel to Tigris River
 - Average 9,000 ft high
 - Passes between mtns
 - Trading with one another
 - Descendants of Noah's son Japheth (Medes) developed a civilization east of Zagros Mtns

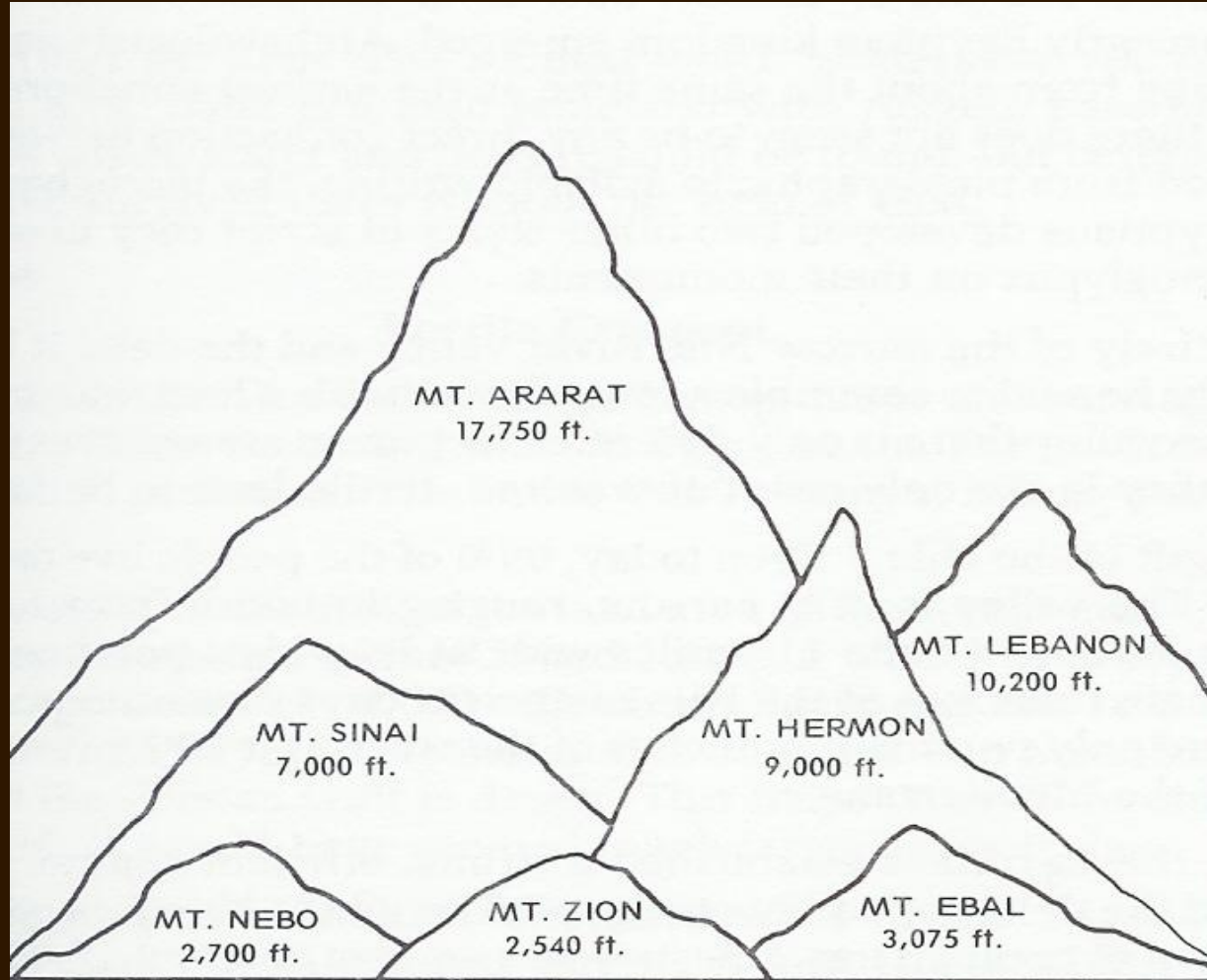


Mountains



- **Ararat Mountains**
 - High rugged range
 - Formed mostly of lava
 - 20,000 feet above sea level
 - Noah's Ark rested here
 - Descendants of Japheth settled north of the mountains

Mountains



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Desert

- **Arabian Desert**
 - Southwest of the Euphrates River
 - Covers nearly 1,000,000 sq miles
 - Extension of the Sahara Desert
 - Nomadic tribesmen and traders made up the Arabians
 - Made their living by way of the trade routes





Terrain Regions of North Africa and the Arabian Peninsula

Three fertile areas

And

Two desert areas







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- Around 2,000 B.C. the Amorites came and established city-states from Egypt to Babylon
 - Huge lava beds lie immediately east and northeast of the land of Canaan. Beds are larger than Canaan itself



Egypt

- Egyptian Kingdom
 - Emerged during the time the Sumerians were in Mesopotamia



- Hieroglyphics found dating about the same time as cuneiform writing
- A picture writing with no connection between the two

Egypt

• Ancient Egypt

- Consisted of the Nile River valley and the delta
- 99% of people live on 4% of the land
 - irrigated by the Nile River



Egypt

– Nile River

- River Valley (1-24 miles wide)
- 115 miles wide at its widest point (delta) and 125 miles long
- How long is the Nile River?



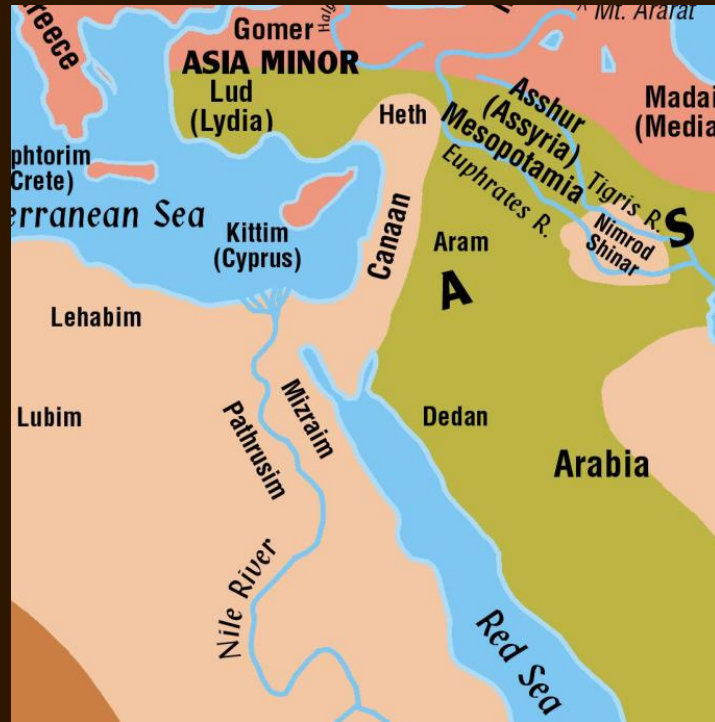
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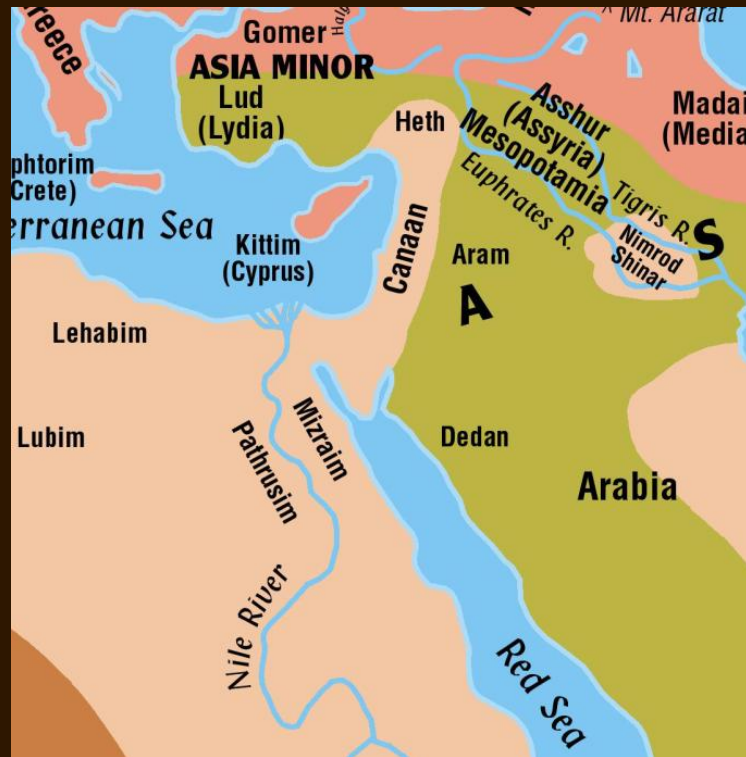
- River Valley (1-24 miles wide)
- 115 miles wide at its widest point (delta) and 125 miles long
- Longest river in the world (4,100 miles) and it flows northward

Egypt • Egyptians



- Built monumental structures
- Pyramids still stand as testimony to the high intelligence of early man
- Built before God called Abram from Ur of the Chaldeans
- First to set up 365 day calendar
- Unmatched medical skill
 - Performed delicate operations

Egypt • Egypt Tidbits



- Great Sea to the north and desert all around proved inaccessible
- Government was united
 - Not warring as were the Mesopotamia city-states
 - No walled cities or standing armies

Wilderness of Sinai

- Red Sea
 - Opens into the Indian Ocean – 1,500 miles south of Egypt
 - Two Arms
 - Gulf of Suez
 - Gulf of Aqaba



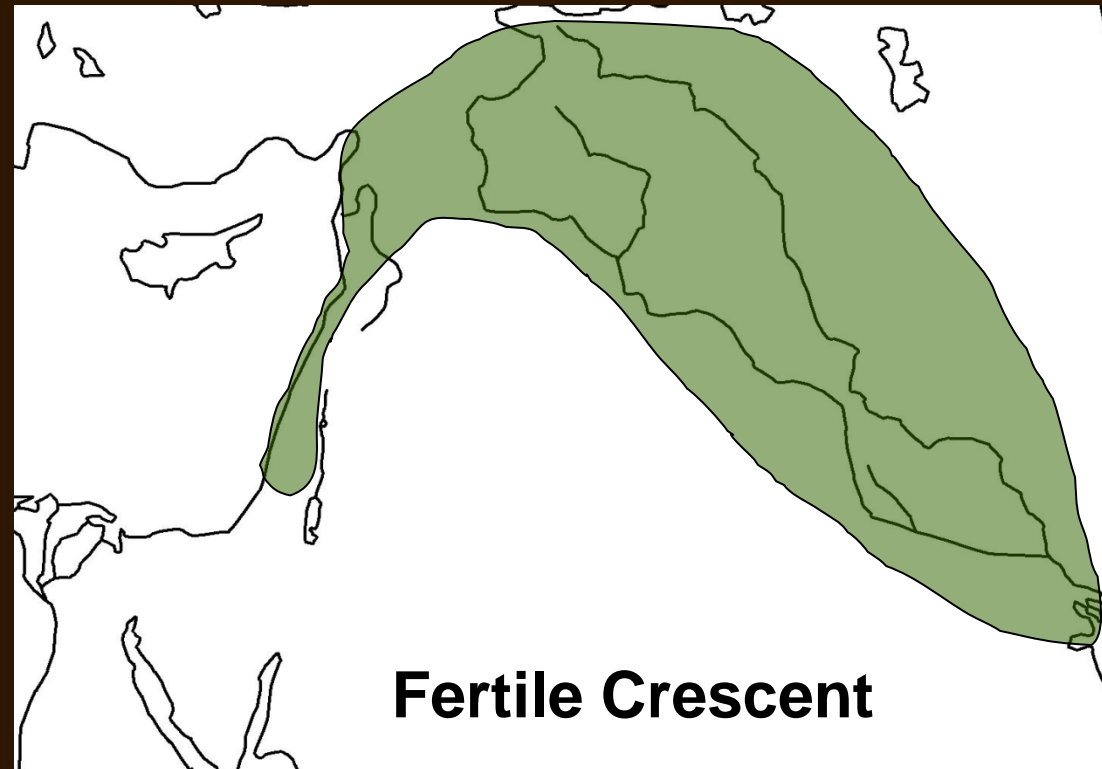
Wilderness of Sinai

- Red Sea
 - Today, the Suez Canal joins the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea
 - Gulf of Suez is 200 miles long
 - Gulf of Aqaba is 100 miles long
 - Triangular shaped peninsula called the Wilderness of Sinai





- Entire Old Testament history takes place in this half-circle of land
 - Plus the land of Egypt
- Equals about 1/3 of the land area of the continental United States



- 1,000 miles from Egypt to the Northern tip of the Persian Gulf
- 1,000 miles from Egypt to the mountains of Ararat

