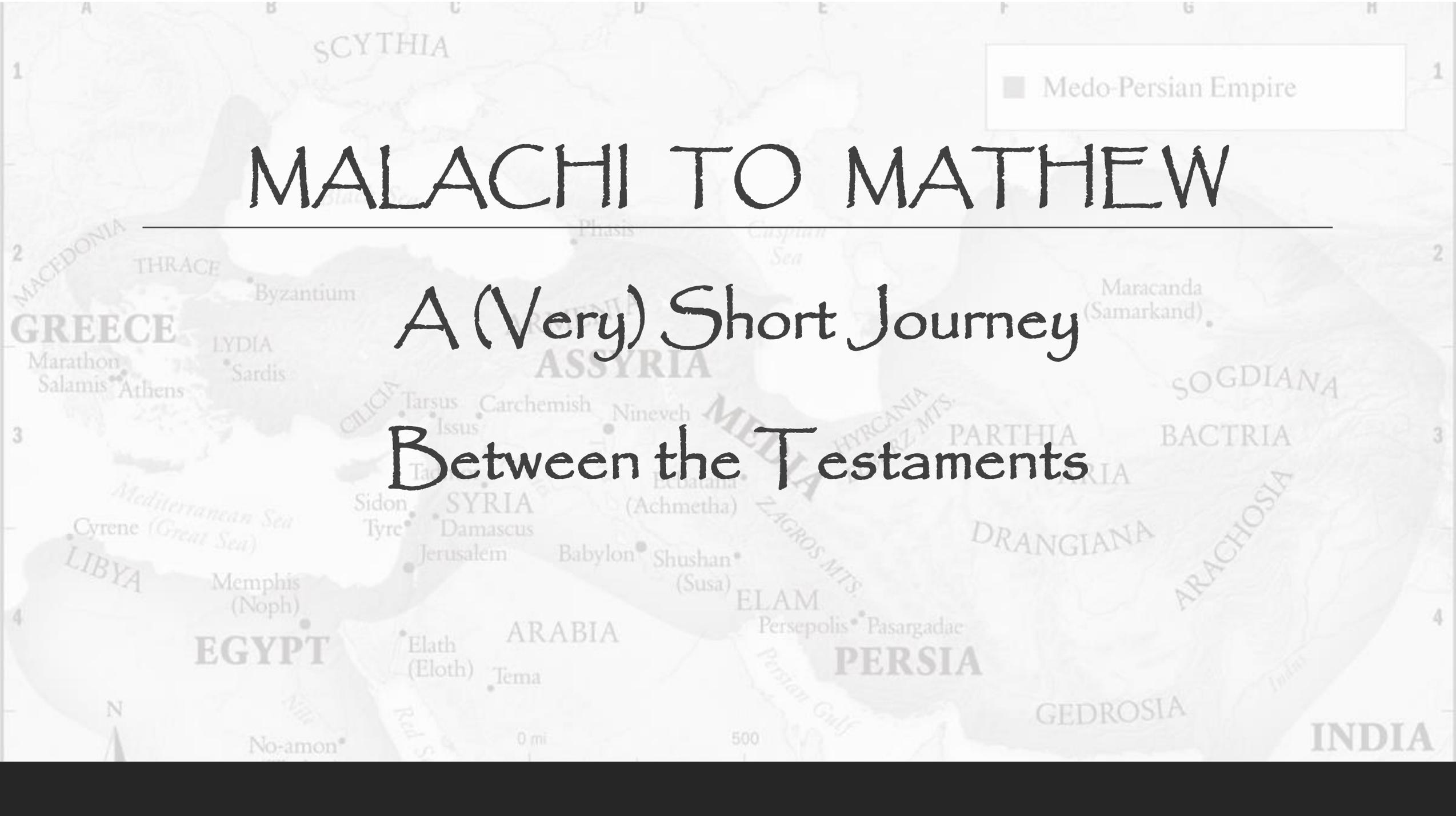


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MALACHI TO MATTHEW

A (Very) Short Journey

Between the Testaments

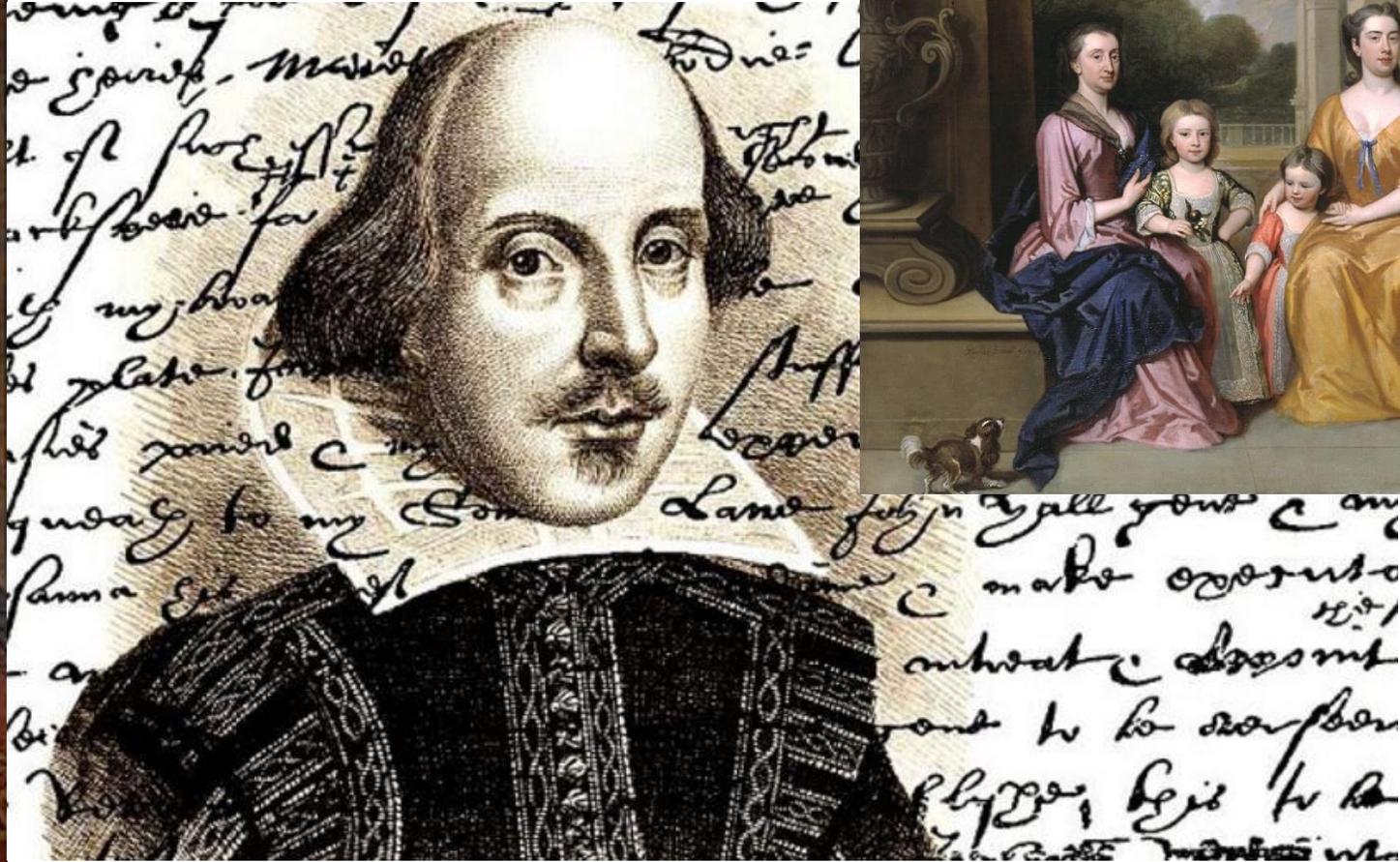


“in the early days of English Bible-printing,
the Apocrypha was included as a matter of course”

~F. F. Bruce, *The Books and the Parcments*, 173

- ❖ Zurich (1525)
- ❖ Coverdale (1535)
- ❖ Matthew's (1537)
- ❖ Taverner's (1539)
- ❖ The Great (1539, 1541)
- ❖ Becke's (1550)
- ❖ Geneva (1560)
- ❖ Bishop's (1568)
- ❖ King James (1611)

1600s-2000s



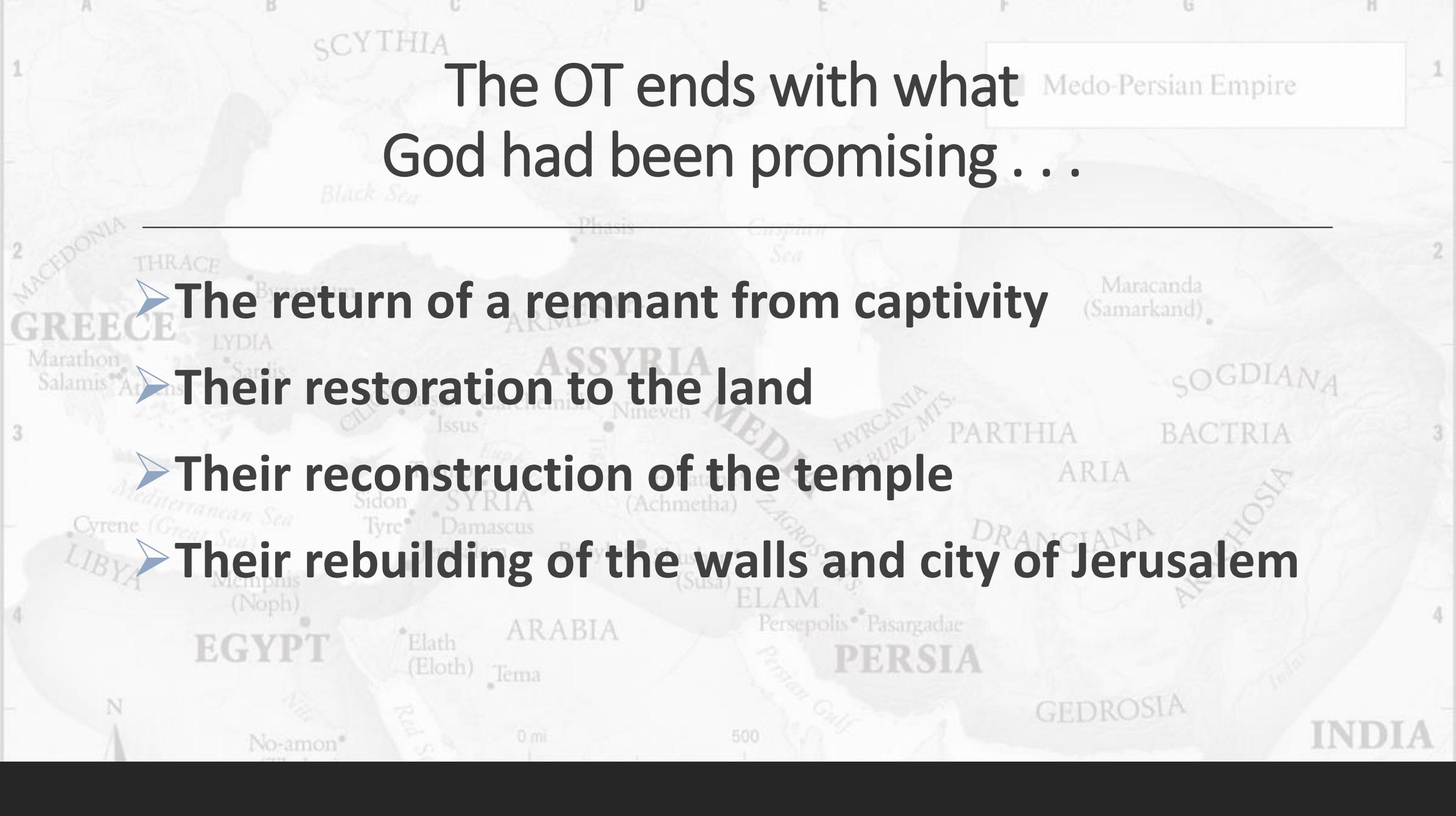
Gospel History is Still Intertestamental History

Intertestamental People

Zecharias & Elisabeth; John; Simeon & Anna; Herod;
Mary & Joseph

Intertestamental Institutions

Pharisees & Sadducees; Zealots & Herodians;
Sanhedrin; Septuagint; Synagogues



The OT ends with what God had been promising . . .

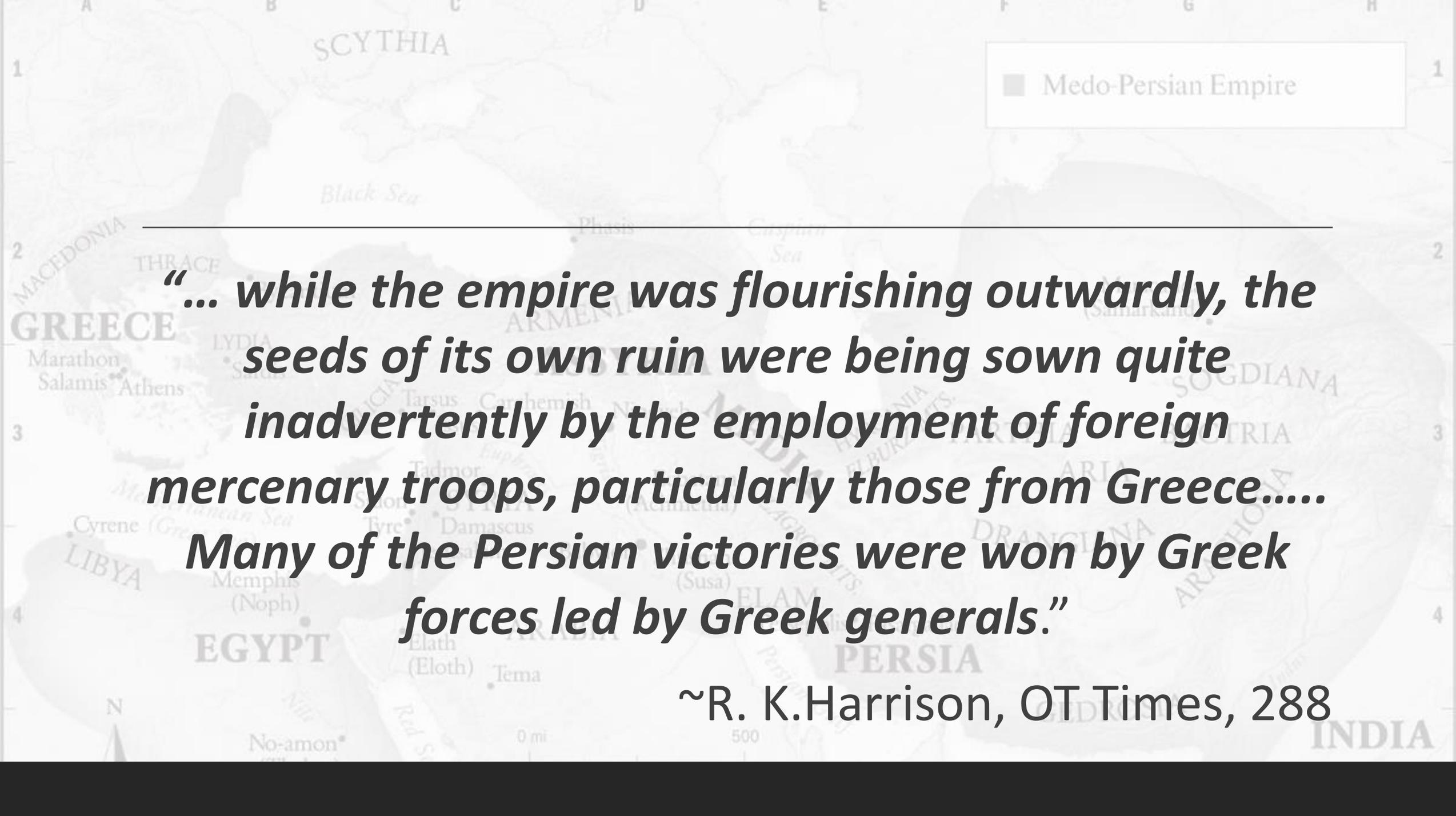
- **The return of a remnant from captivity**
- **Their restoration to the land**
- **Their reconstruction of the temple**
- **Their rebuilding of the walls and city of Jerusalem**

POLITICAL OVERVIEW

Medo-Persian Empire

REVIEW OF PERSIAN KINGS

Cyrus	539-530	Xerxes II	424
Cambyses	530-522	Darius II	423-404
Gaumata	522	Artaxerxes II	404-358
Darius	522-486	Artaxerxes III	358-338
Xerxes	486-465	Arses	338-336
Artaxerxes I	464-424	Darius III	336-330

A map of the ancient world showing the Medo-Persian Empire in a dark grey color. The empire extends from the Black Sea in the north to the Persian Gulf in the south, and from the Mediterranean coast in the west to the Indian subcontinent in the east. Major regions like Greece, Egypt, and Persia are labeled. A legend in the top right corner shows a dark grey square next to the text 'Medo-Persian Empire'.

Medo-Persian Empire

“... while the empire was flourishing outwardly, the seeds of its own ruin were being sown quite inadvertently by the employment of foreign mercenary troops, particularly those from Greece..... Many of the Persian victories were won by Greek forces led by Greek generals.”

~R. K.Harrison, OT Times, 288

A historical map of the Medo-Persian Empire and surrounding regions. The map shows the Black Sea to the north, the Mediterranean Sea to the west, and the Red Sea to the south. Key regions labeled include SCYTHIA, MACEDONIA, THRACE, GREECE, LYDIA, ARMENIA, ASSYRIA, MEDIA, SYRIA, DAMASCUS, ELAM, PERSIA, PARTHIA, BACTRIA, SOGDIANA, ARACHOSIA, and INDIA. Major cities like Maracanda (Samarkand), Nineveh, Ecbatana (Achmetha), Persepolis, and Pasargadae are marked. A legend in the top right corner identifies the shaded area as the Medo-Persian Empire. A scale bar at the bottom indicates 0 to 500 miles.

Meanwhile, back at the OK Corral in Greece

- 336, Philip of Macedon assaulted and slain
- Succeeded by 20-year-old son, Alexander
- Consolidated Greece
- Moved eastward for conquest
- Influence of Hellenism

PROPHETIC OVERVIEW

Medo-Persian Empire

EMPIRE	Daniel 2	Daniel 7
BABYLON 626-539 BC	Gold Head	Lion
PERSIA 539-330 BC	Silver Chest and Arms	Bear
GREECE 330-63 BC	Bronze Belly and Thighs	Winged Goat
ROME 63 BC-AD 476	Iron Legs	Beast

PROPHETIC OVERVIEW

EMPIRE	Daniel 2	Daniel 7	Daniel 8
BABYLON	Gold	Lion	
PERSIA	Silver	Bear	Ram
GREECE	Bronze	Goat	Leopard
Alexander			Notable horn
Cassander			Four horns
Lysimachus			-
Ptolemy			-
Seleucus			-
Antiochus IV			Small horn
ROME	Iron	Beast	

PROPHETIC OVERVIEW

EMPIRE	Daniel 2	Daniel 7	Daniel 8	Daniel 11
BABYLON	Gold	Lion		
PERSIA	Silver	Bear	Ram	
GREECE	Bronze	Goat	Leopard	
Alexander			Notable horn	Mighty king
Cassander			Four horns	Four winds
Lysimachus				
Ptolemy				King of South
Seleucus				King of North
Antiochus IV			Small horn	Vile Person
ROME	Iron	Beast		

Intertestamental Sea

**OLD
TESTAMENT**

**NEW
TESTAMENT**

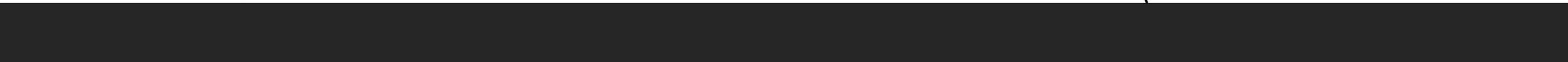
Intertestamental Sea

**OLD
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**Daniel's
Prophetic Peninsula**

**Gospel
Peninsula**

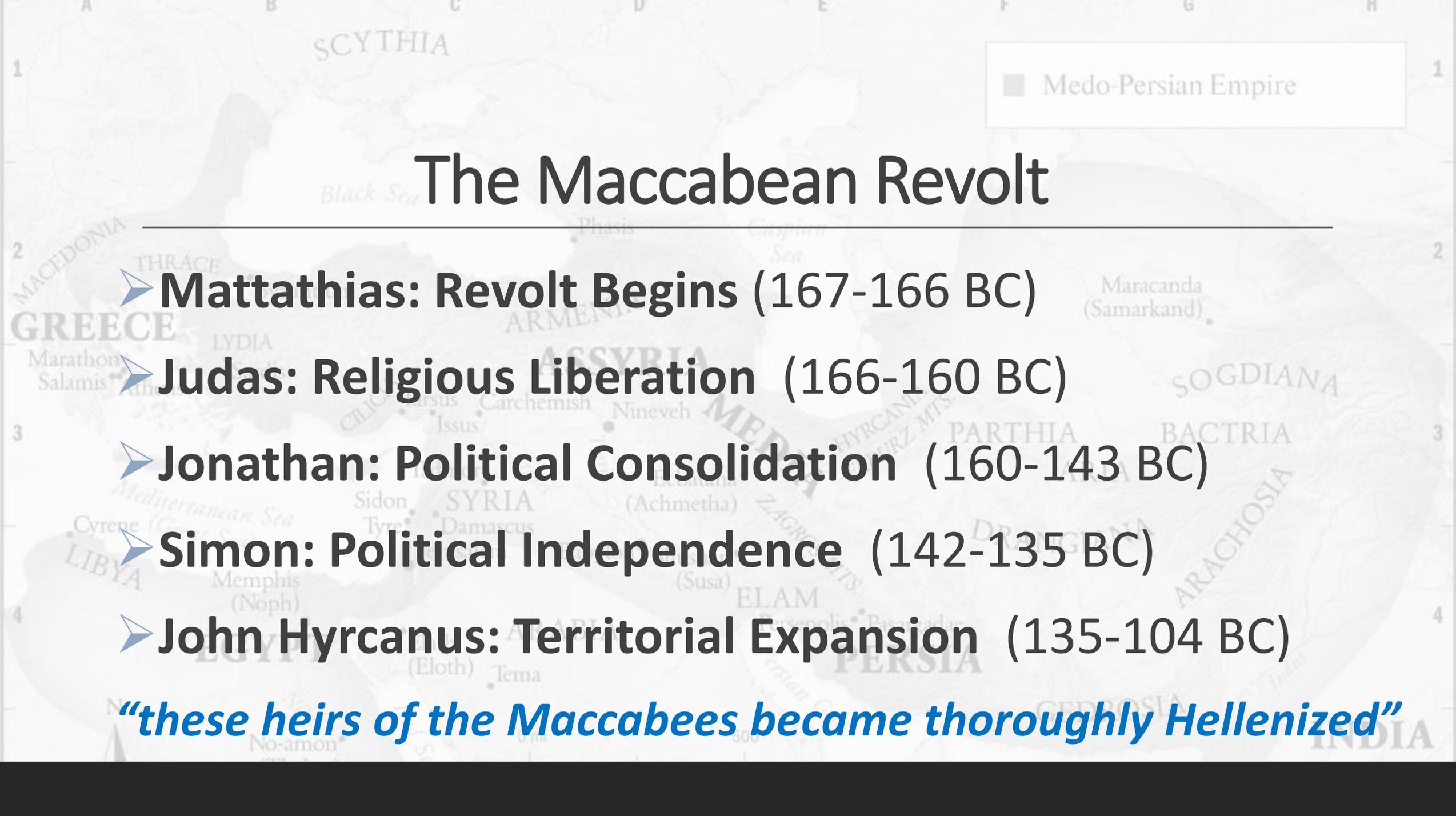


Meanwhile, back at the **K** ĩ Corral in Judea...

RELIGIOUS OVERVIEW

High Priestly Line

Eliashib	430s? Neh. 13:28	Manasseh	
Joiada		Onias II	
John*		Simon II	
Jaddua**	330s?	Onias III	Murdered, 170
Onias	310s?	Jason***	175-172
Simon		Menelaus****	172-165
Eleazar		Judas Maccabeus	165-162

A historical map of the Medo-Persian Empire, showing its vast territory across the Middle East and parts of Asia. The map includes labels for various regions such as SCYTHIA, MACEDONIA, THRACE, GREECE, LYDIA, ARMENIA, ASSYRIA, SYRIA, LIBYA, EGYPT, PERSIA, PARTHIA, BACTRIA, SOGDIANA, and ARACHOSIA. Major cities like Maracanda (Samarkand), Nineveh, Damascus, and Memphis (Noph) are marked. A legend in the top right corner identifies the shaded area as the Medo-Persian Empire. The map also shows the Black Sea, Caspian Sea, and Mediterranean Sea.

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The Maccabean Revolt

- **Mattathias: Revolt Begins (167-166 BC)**
- **Judas: Religious Liberation (166-160 BC)**
- **Jonathan: Political Consolidation (160-143 BC)**
- **Simon: Political Independence (142-135 BC)**
- **John Hyrcanus: Territorial Expansion (135-104 BC)**

“these heirs of the Maccabees became thoroughly Hellenized”

A historical map of the ancient world, centered on the Mediterranean and Persian regions. The Medo-Persian Empire is highlighted in a light grey color, covering parts of the Middle East and Central Asia. Other regions labeled include SCYTHIA, MACEDONIA, THRACE, GREECE, LYDIA, ARABIA, SYRIA, PERSIA, and INDIA. Major cities like Athens, Jerusalem, Damascus, and Susa are marked. A legend in the top right corner shows a grey square next to the text 'Medo-Persian Empire'.

The Maccabean Revolt

- **Aristobulus I: Degeneration (104-103 BC)**
- **Alexander Jannaeus: A Tragedy of Ironies (103-76 BC)**
- **Salome Alexandra: A Calm Before the Storm (76-67 BC)**
- **Aristobulus II: Jewish Independence Ends (67-63 BC)**

“In the chaotic world of the pre-Roman Near East, the establishment of the kingdom of Judea had been a remarkable achievement, but its internal strength had been sapped by the religious conflicts that arose out of the Hasmonean attempt to combine temple and throne. Therefore, the independent kingdom of Judea ended much as it had begun, with factional struggles for supremacy. But as sordid and depressing as this story is, it is holy history in the truest sense; God continued to work through it all to prepare His people for the coming of Messiah.”

~ David O’Brien, “Between the Testaments,” in Leon Wood’s *A Survey of Israel’s History* [Revised], 368



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“Behold, he is coming, says the Lord of Hosts”

Malachi 3:1

“Behold, I am coming swiftly”

Revelation 22:7, 12, 20