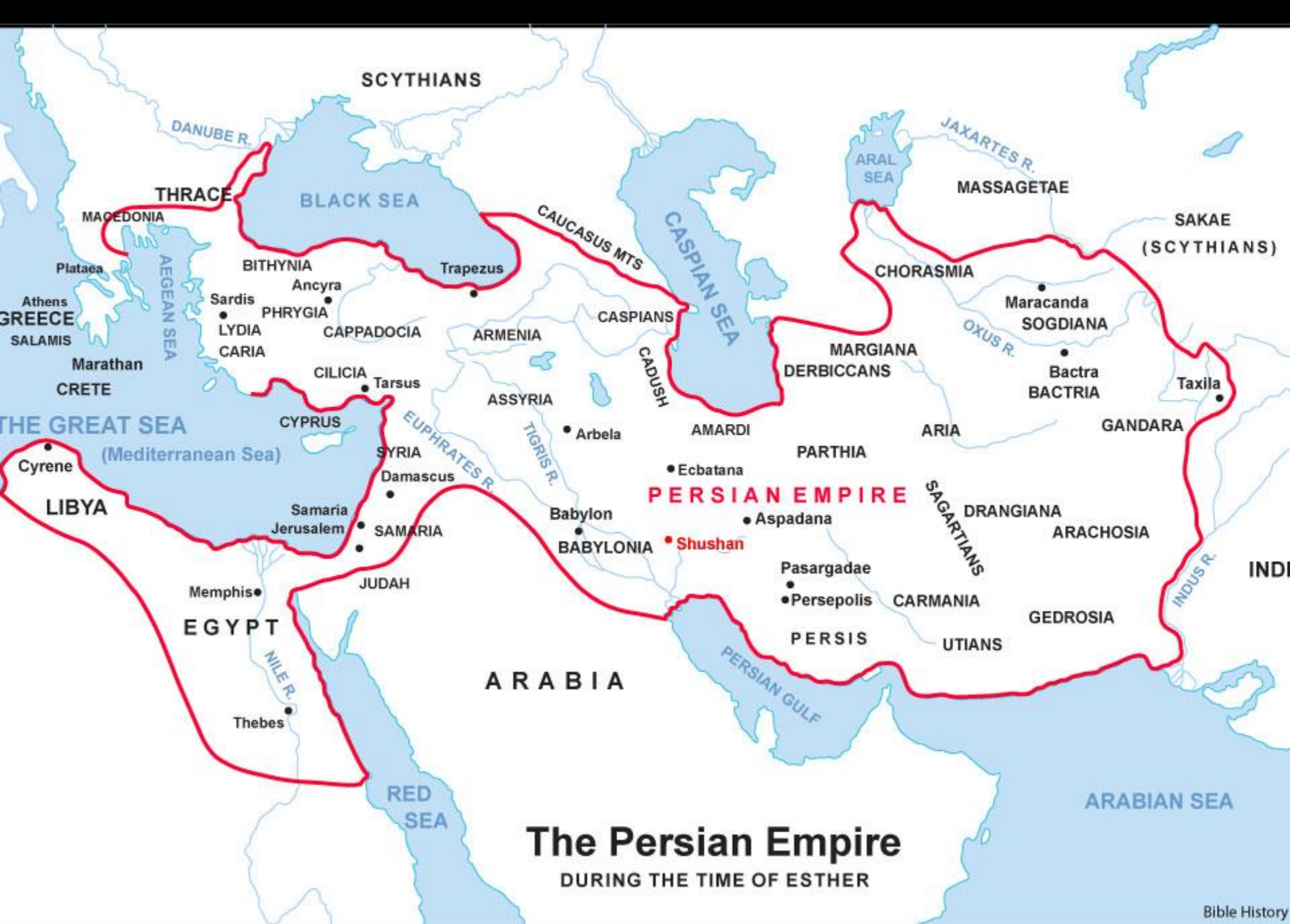


ESTHER

Life in exile





SCYTHIANS

DANUBE R.

THRACE

BLACK SEA

MACEDONIA

CAUCASUS MTS

Trapezus

ARAL SEA

JAXARTES R.

MASSAGETAE

SAKAE

(SCYTHIANS)

Plataea

BITHYNIA

Ancyra

PHRYGIA

Sardis

CAPPADOCIA

ARMENIA

CASPIANS

CASPIAN SEA

CHORASMIA

Maracanda

SOGDIANA

OXUS R.

Bactra

BACTRIA

Taxila

ATHENS

SALAMIS

Marathan

CRETE

CILICIA

Tarsus

ASSYRIA

Arbela

CADUSH

MARGIANA
DERBICCANS

ARIA

GANDARA

THE GREAT SEA
(Mediterranean Sea)

CYPRUS

SYRIA

Damascus

Samaria

Jerusalem

SAMARIA

JUDAH

ARABIA

PERSIAN EMPIRE

Shushan

Ecbatana

Aspadana

PARTHIA

ARIA

SAGARTIANS

DRANGIANA

ARACHOSIA

INDIA

Memphis

EGYPT

NILE R.

Thebes

LIBYA

Cyrene

The Persian Empire

DURING THE TIME OF ESTHER

ARABIAN SEA

Jeremiah 29:4-7

4 This is what the Lord of Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the exiles I deported from Jerusalem to Babylon:

5 “Build houses and live in them. Plant gardens and eat their produce. 6 Find wives for yourselves, and have sons and daughters. Find wives for your sons and give your daughters to men in marriage so that they may bear sons and daughters. Multiply there; do not decrease. 7 Pursue the well-being of the city I have deported you to. Pray to the Lord on its behalf, **for when it thrives, you will thrive.**”

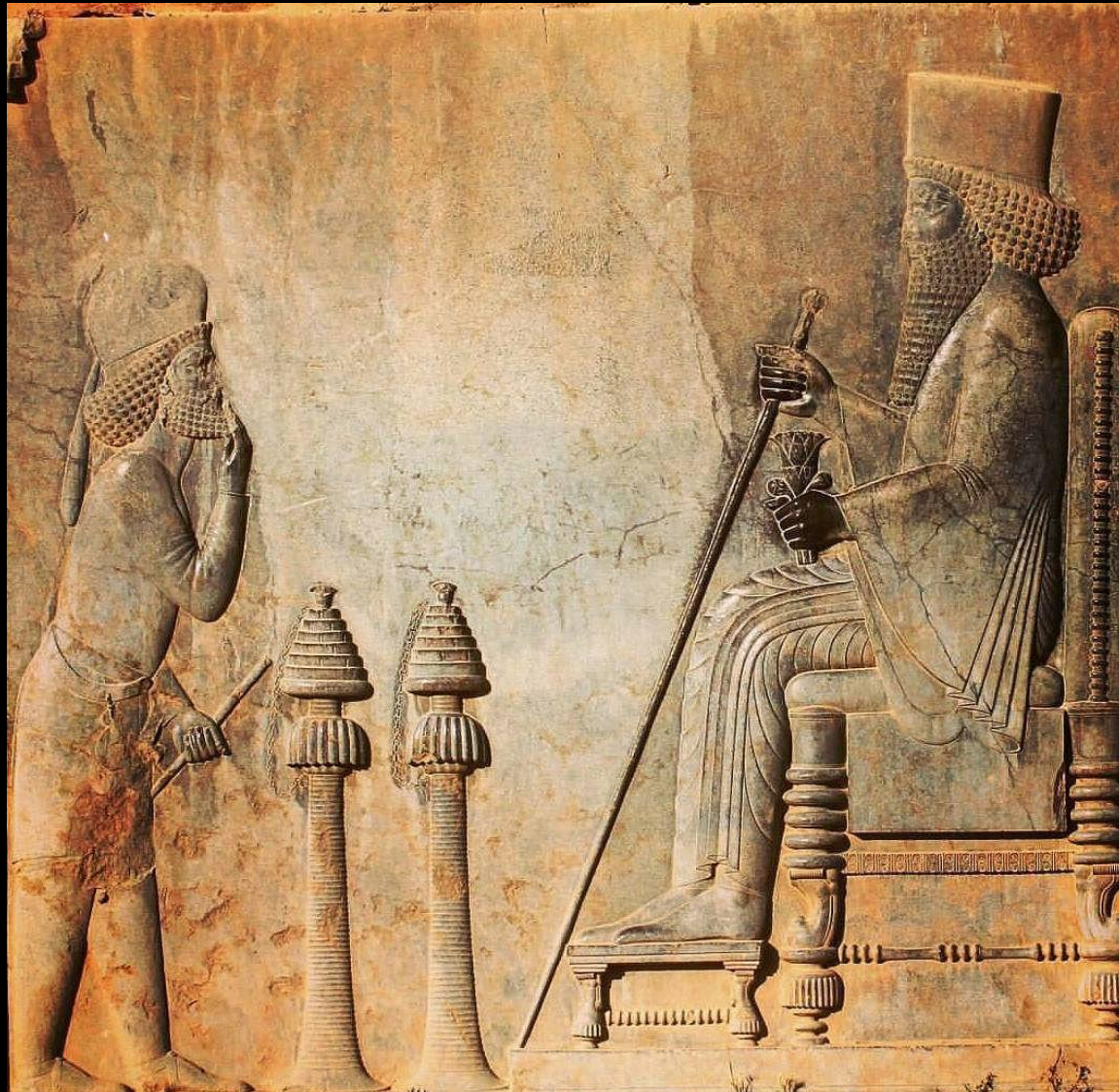
Mordecai



Esther



Haman



Mordecai



1 Peter 1:1 and 2:11-12

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ:

To those chosen, **living as exiles** dispersed abroad in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia

...

11 Dear friends, I urge you **as strangers and exiles** to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul. 12 Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that when they slander you as evildoers, they will observe your good works and will glorify God on the day he visits.

“Perhaps you have come to your position for such a time as this.”

Esther 4:14