WALK THIS WAY! Year of the Bible 2013

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1. Walkin' Abe (Gen 11:31-32, Gen 12:1-9 Gen 15:5 Gen 17:1-8 Gen 18:1-15)

Abe heard the call
and he could not stall.
God said look at the stars, and go.
Abe traveled the crescent,
he and Sarah got a present.
God said, "Nothing is too wonderful!"

Isaac was born
though from Ishmael Abe was torn.
Abe and Sarah had become fruitful,
now ancestors of great nations.
God is filling creation
making all things new and whole.
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2. Jake and Es

(Gen 25:29-34 Gen 33:17)

Jake and Esau had a fight.
After that ol' Jake took flight --
the struggle had been from birth.
Jacob journeyed back to Haran,
(had been the home of Abram).
Rachel, Leah grew the tribes of the earth.

Jacob and his big ol' clan
came back to find some southern land.
He still thought about his old brother, "Es."
Jacob wrestled with a man,
crossed the Jabbok with a plan.
Please forgive! offered gifts on bended knee.
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3. Ex – odus: The Way Out

(Exodus 1-19)

A king arose who didn't care –
enslaved the Hebrews; wasn't fair.
Moses stood up and said, No Way.
But Moses had to learn,
to the bush he would turn,
My God, what *is* it you have to say?

I will bring you out of Egypt.
Pharaoh's power you will see it
face to face, but I will prevail.
Stand still and let me lead
while the Nile it will bleed.
Human powers in the end will fail.

Hebrews, you will be set free.
A new people you will be.
As Moses learned, to 'I am' you will turn.
I have gathered you to me.
For the whole earth you will be
healing 'n hope. Serve me, and you will learn.
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4. Goin' up to the Rock

(Psalms of Ascent: Psalm 120 to 134)

Three times a year there is a flurry;
time to celebrate God's story
walking up to Jerusalem!
We are glad when they say
let us go up again this day
with offerings and to pray.

We stand by night in our hoping.
We are waiting for the morning.
We are calm, have quieted our souls.
Those who go out in weeping
shall come home with seeds for planting!
Bless the Lord! Go with shouts of joy!
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5. Comin' Back Home

(return of Exiles: 2 Chr 36:22-23
Ezra 1:1-7 Psalm 137 and Isaiah 40, 44, 45)
Can you imagine that?
By the rivers they sat.
Babylon wasn't where their hearts lay.
God's people were a'waitin'
then the prophets started statin,'
"You have paid all you have to pay."

King Cyrus gave release
and he sent them out in peace.
Jerusalem could once again be home.
Hills and valleys were made plain,
streams in deserts from the rain.
They were restored, no more to roam!
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6. Jesus' Journey to J'lem

Luke 4 to 19

Jesus moved among his own
back in Capernaum,
then turned his face to Jerusalem.
He was meant to welcome others
as his sisters and his brothers
while the leaders would condemn.

Jesus had opened up the scroll,
spoken freedom to the soul
and sight to the eyes of the blind.
Luke tells the story
'bout the power and the glory:
God's release for all humankind!
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Other ideas:

Joseph re-uniting with his brothers.
Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem
flight to Egypt
coming back to Nazareth
Jesus' movement around the Sea of G
Jesus movement different in the gospels
Good Samaritan

Rhythmic Pattern

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Good things about map-walking

- Learn through motion
- Learn through details
- Learn for an extended time

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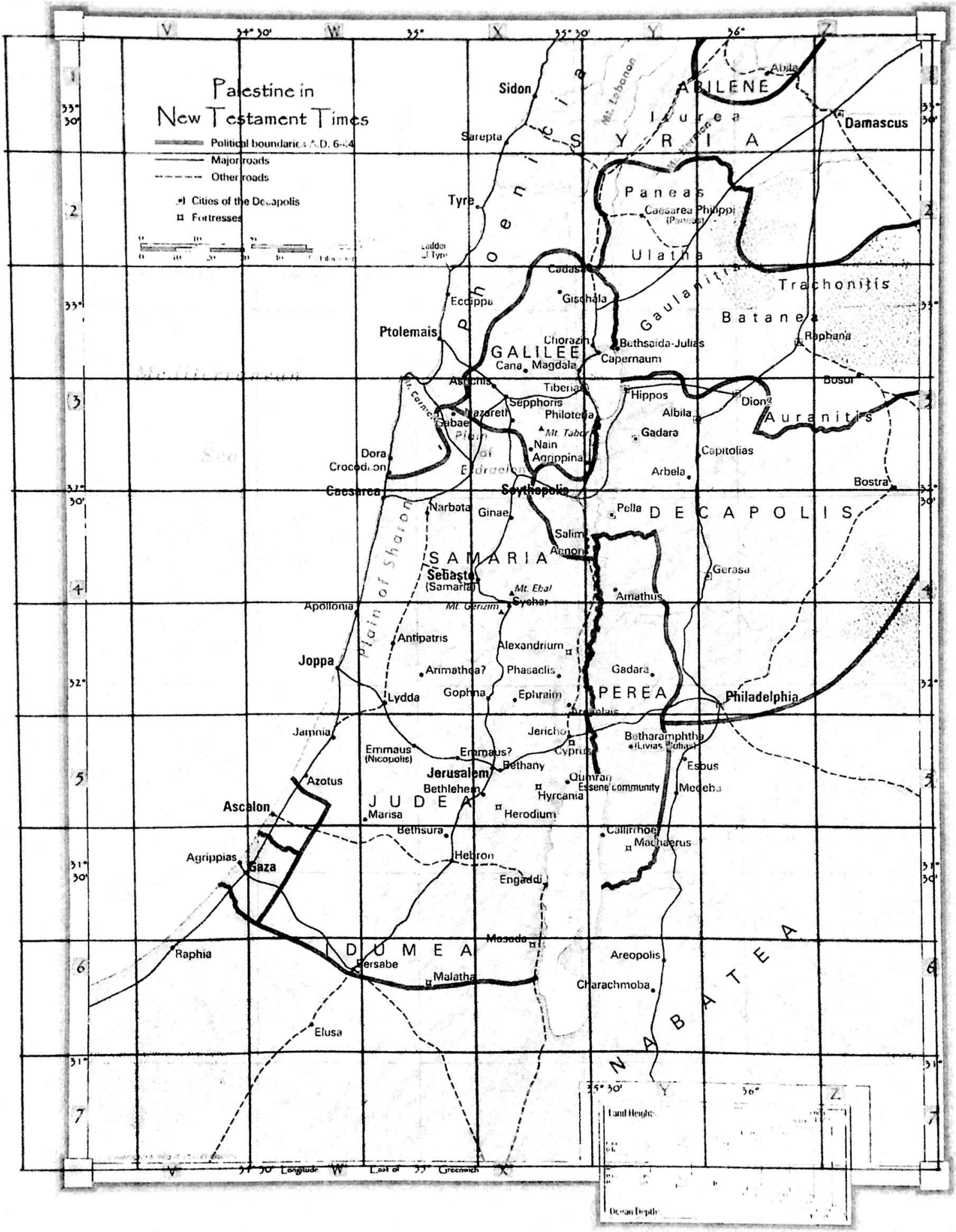

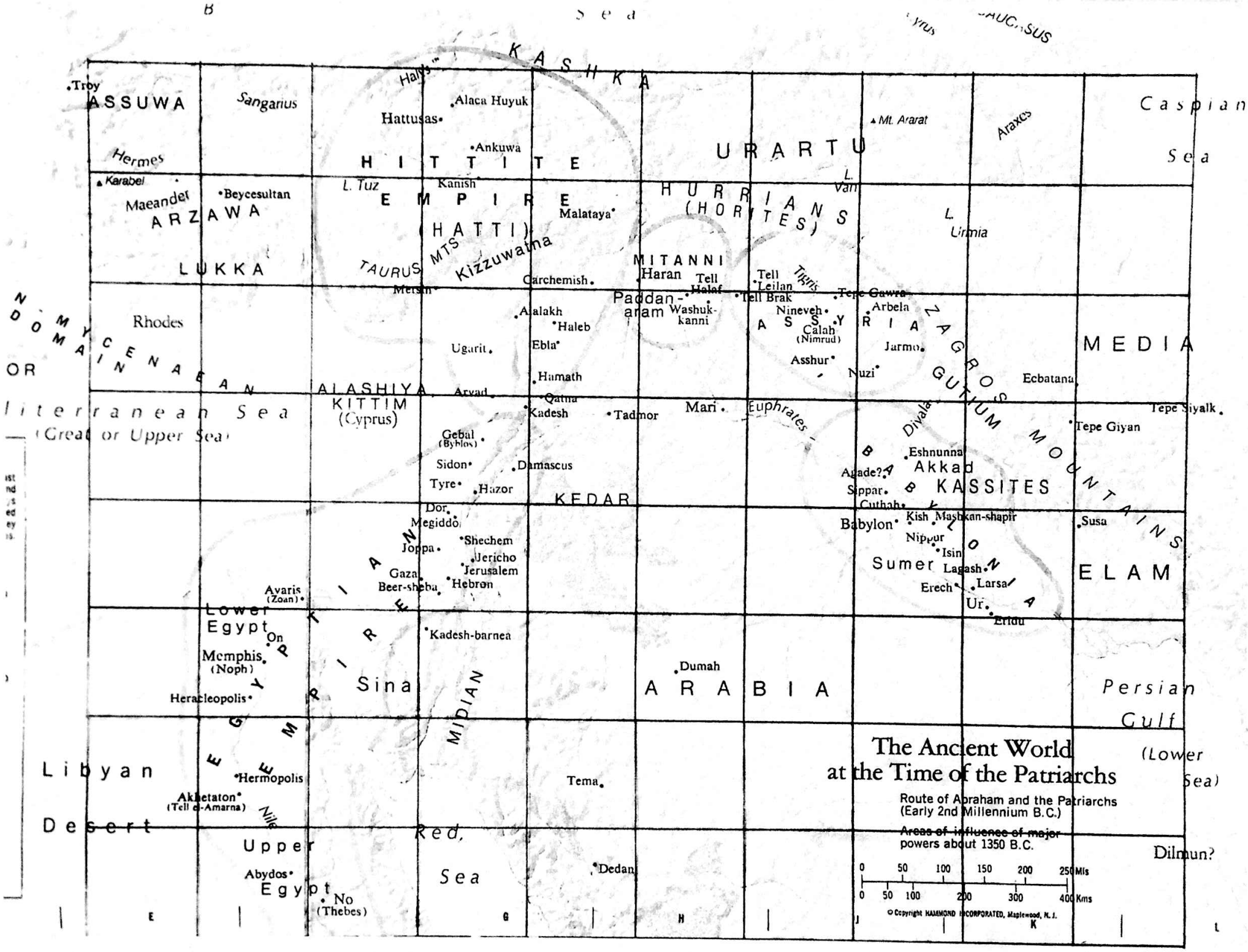
The Ancient World
at the Time of the Patriarchs
Route of Abraham and the Patriarchs
(Early 2nd Millennium B.C.)
Areas of influence of major
powers about 1350 B.C.
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Caspian Sea
Persian Gulf
(Lower Sea)
Mediterranean Sea
(Great or Upper Sea)
Libyan Desert
Red Sea
Upper Egypt
Lower Egypt
Nile
Troy
ASSUWA
Sangarius
Hattusas
Alaca Huyuk
Ankuwa
Halys
KASHKA
HITTITE EMPIRE
(HATTI)
URARTU
Mt. Ararat
Araxes
Hermes
Karabel
Maeandet
ARZAWA
Beycesultan
L. Tuz
Kanish
Malataya
HURRIANS
(HORITES)
L. Van
L. Urmia
LUKKA
TAURUS MTS
Kizzuwatna
Carchemish
MITANNI
Haran
Tell Halaf
Tell Leilan
Tell Brak
Tigris
Tepe Gawra
Metsin
Rhodes
Alalakh
Haleb
Ebla
Ugarit
Paddan-aram
Washukkanni
Nineveh
ASSYRIA
Arbela
Calah (Nimrud)
Jarmo
Asshur
Nuzi
ZAGROS MOUNTAINS
MEDIA
Ecbatana
MYCENAEAN DOMAIN OR
ALASHIYA
KITTIM (Cyprus)
Arvad
Qatna
Kadesh
Tadmor
Mari
Euphrates
Diyala
GUTIUM
Tepe Siyalk
Tepe Giyan
Gebal (Byblos)
Sidon
Damascus
Tyre
Hazor
Eshnunna
Akkad
Agade?
Sippar
Cuthah
BABYLONIA
KASSITES
KEDAR
Dor
Megiddo
Shechem
Joppa
Jericho
Jerusalem
Gaza
Beer-sheba
Hebron
Babylon
Kish
Mashkan-shapir
Nippur
Isin
Sumer
Lagash
Larsa
Erech
Ur
Eridu
Susa
ELAM
AMORITE EMPIRE
Avaris (Zoan)
Kadesh-barnea
On
Memphis (Noph)
Heracleopolis
Sinai
MIDIAN
Dumah
ARABIA
Hermopolis
Akhetaton (Tell el-Amarna)
Tema
Abydos
No (Thebes)
Dedan
Dilmun?