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ESTHER

The Hiddenness of
God

In a Fool's Fury

Book of Esther

People

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Plot

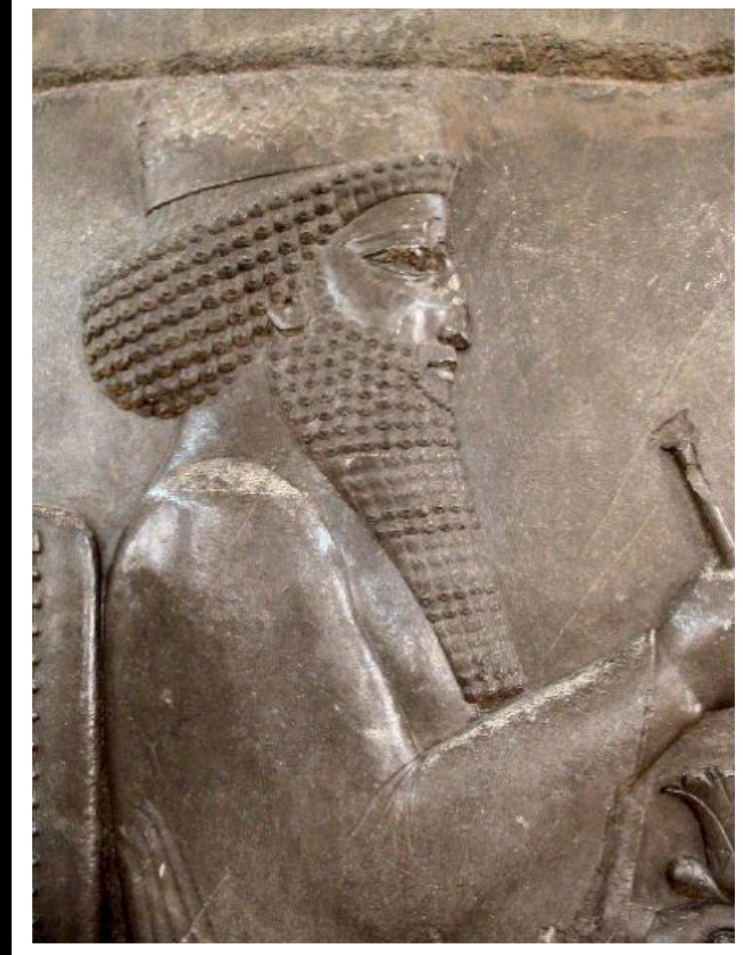
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Purim

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Grave Danger

Great Deliverance



DARIUS
522 BC

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MARATHON 490 BC





DARIUS
486BC

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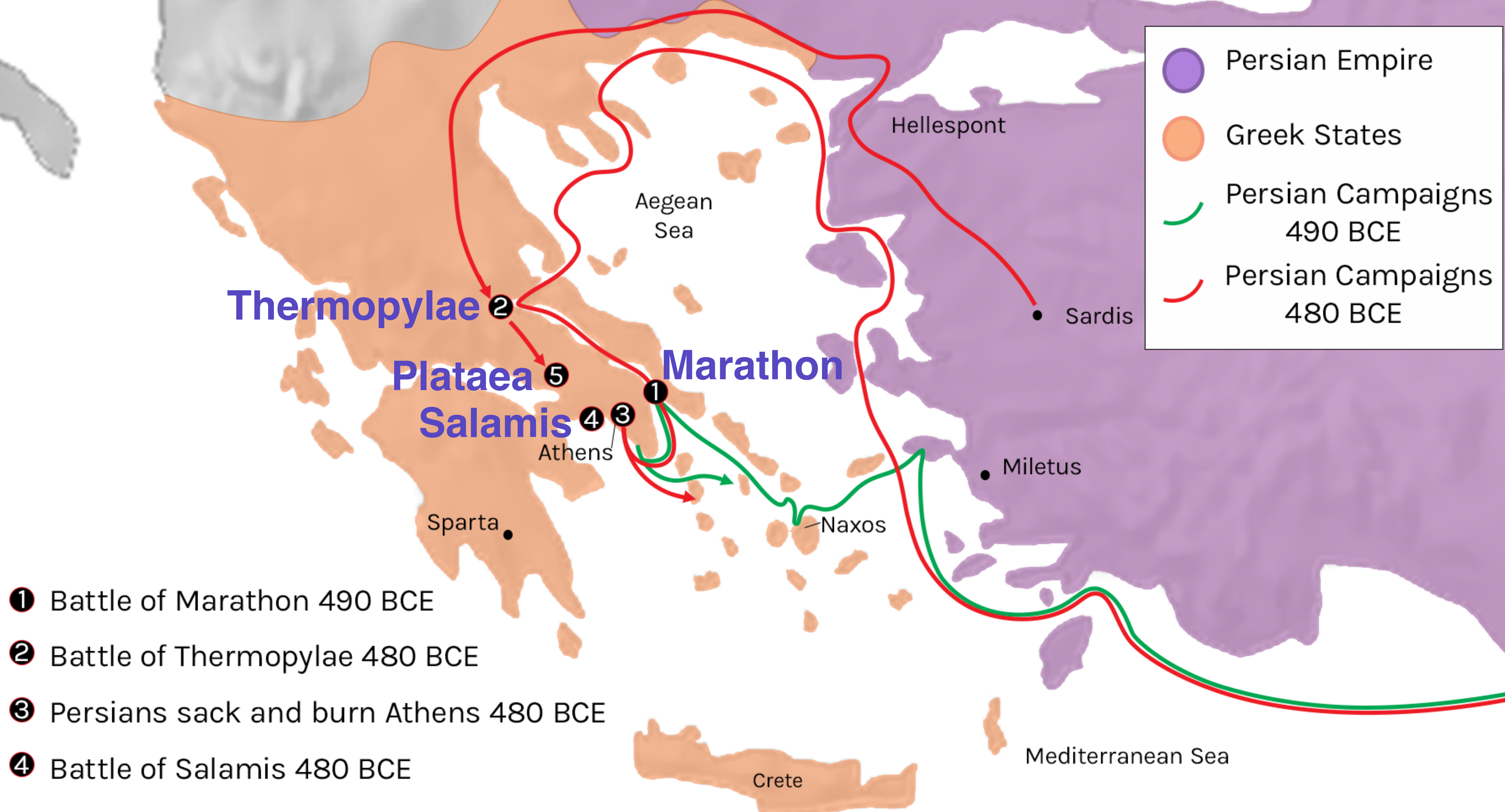
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AHASUERUS



483 BC

HERODOTUS





- Persian Empire
- Greek States
- Persian Campaigns 490 BCE
- Persian Campaigns 480 BCE

Thermopylae ②

Plataea ⑤

Salamis ④ ③

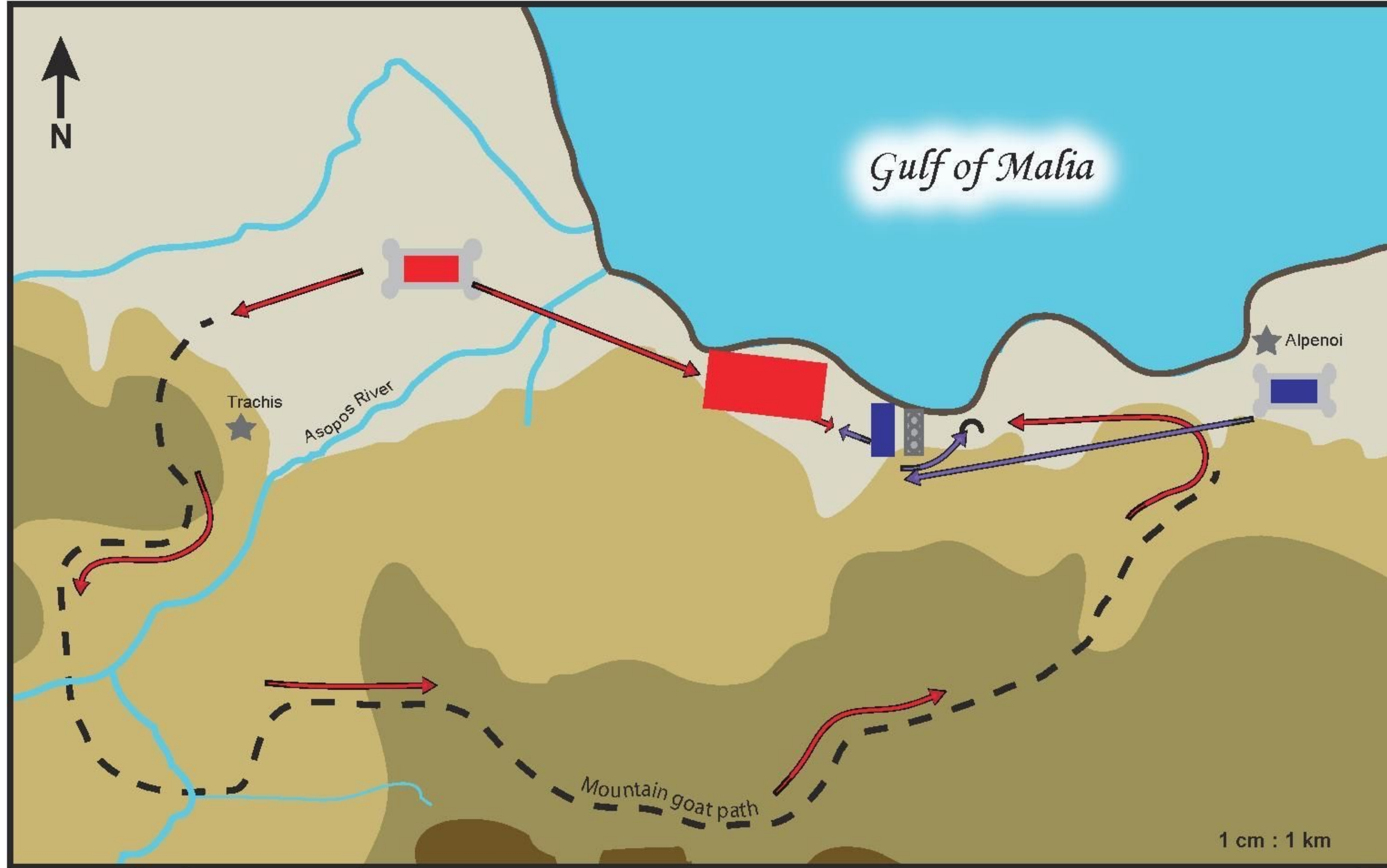
Marathon ①

- ① Battle of Marathon 490 BCE
- ② Battle of Thermopylae 480 BCE
- ③ Persians sack and burn Athens 480 BCE
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Thermopylae 480 B.C. (Hot Gates)



The Battle of Thermopylae, 480 B.C.



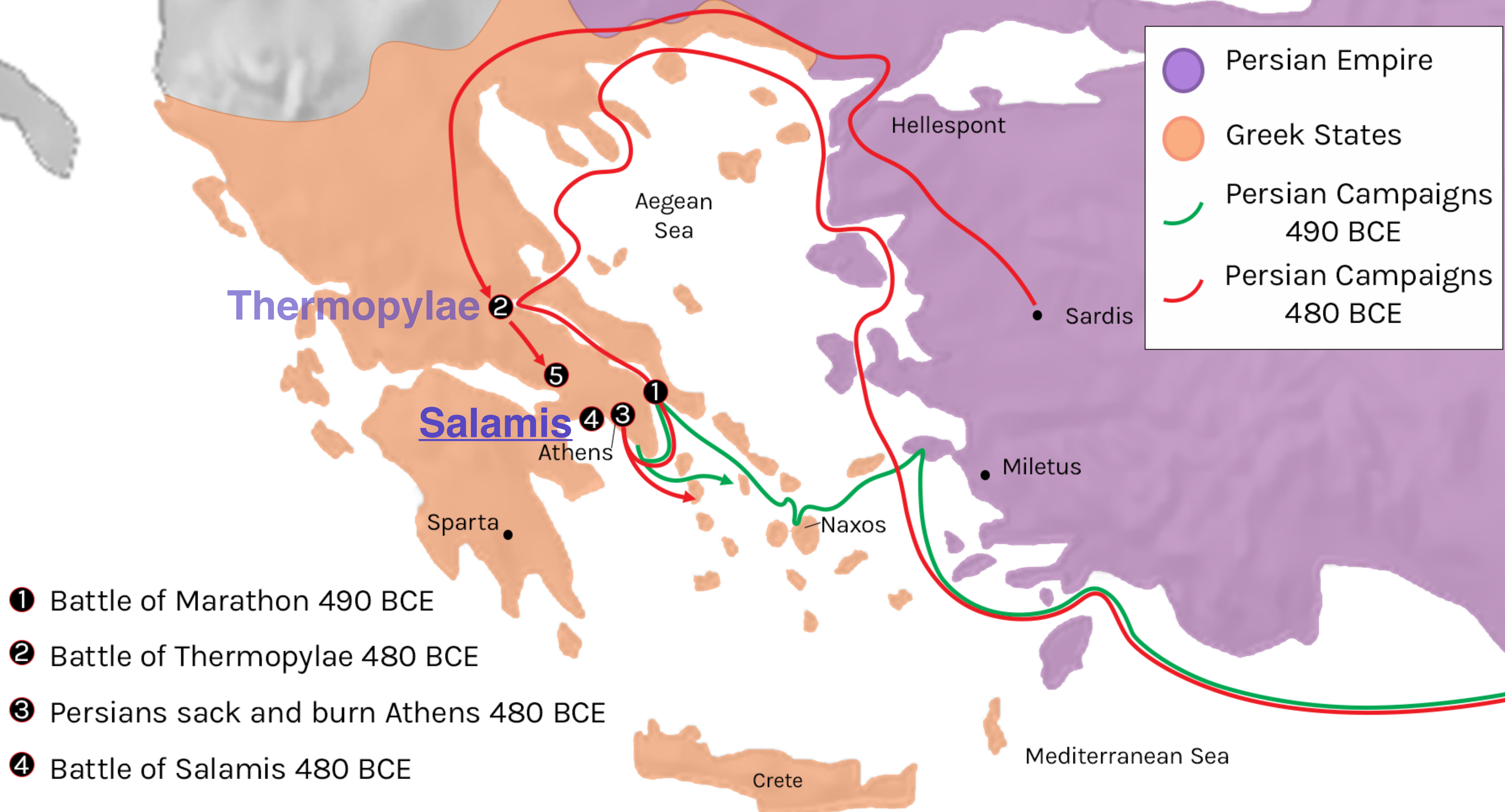
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| Allied Greek camp | Allied Greek forces | Allied Greek movements | Increasing elevation
Lowest (Ground level/passable)
Impassable
Highest |
| Persian camp | Persian Forces | Persian movements | |
| Phocian wall | Town | Hill of the last stand | |

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Source: www.livius.org/a/1/maps/thermopylae_map.gif

300 SPARTANS LEONIDES





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Greek Camp

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PERSIANS

SALAMIS



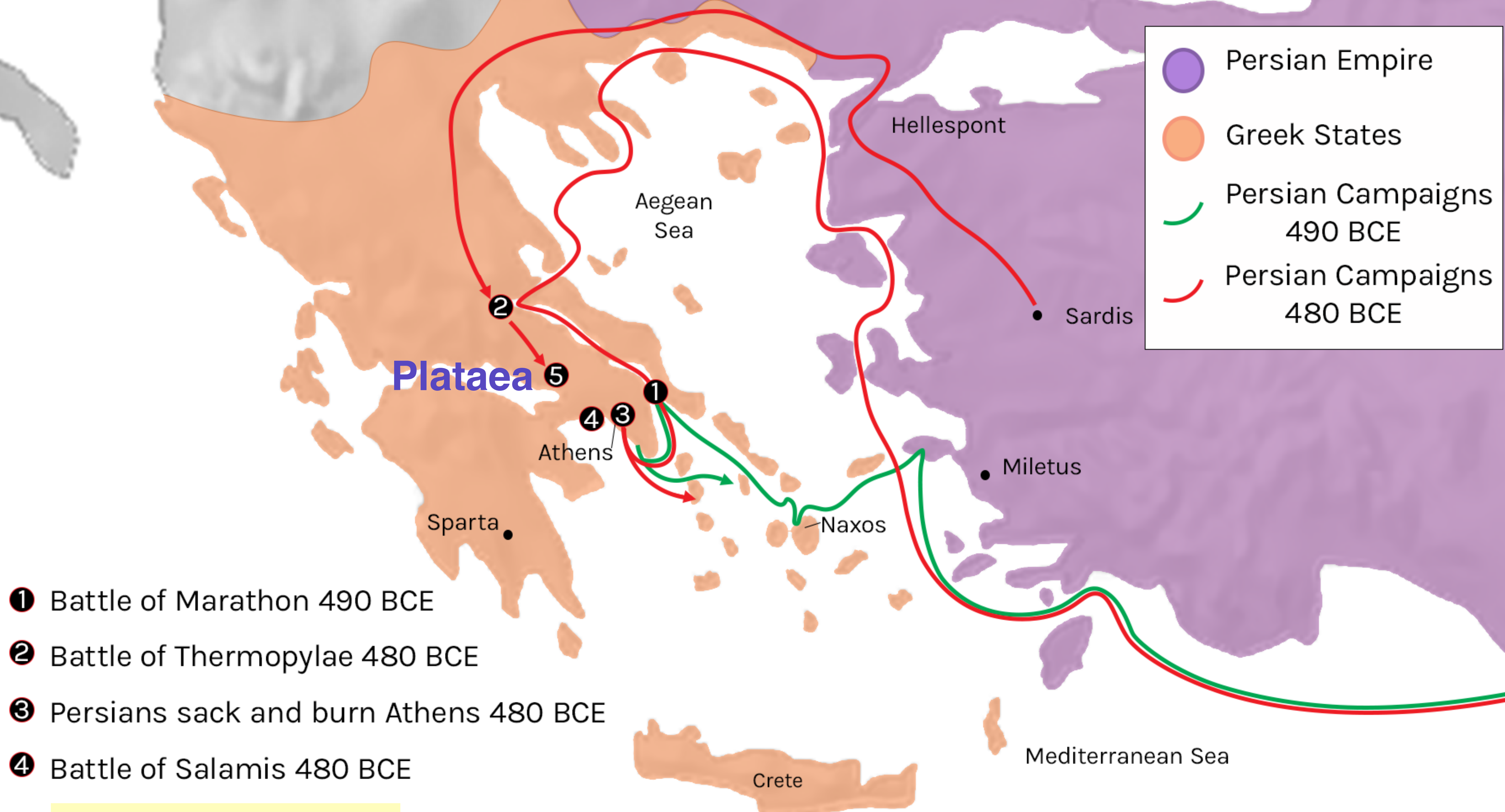


A cutout of a man with a beard, wearing a blue and gold outfit and a blue plumed helmet, holding a shield with an owl and the word 'AGRE'.

THEMISTOCLES

The Greek fleet





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Chapter 2

AHASUERUS



479 BC

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In the Courts of Kings

Chapter 1



In Our Pain

Chapter 2



In the Pressure of Persecution

Chapter 3



In Crisis and Courage

Chapter 4



In a Feast by Faith

Chapter 5





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Esther 5:1-14

1 On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, in front of the king's quarters, while the king was sitting on his royal throne inside the throne room opposite the entrance to the palace. 2 And when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, she won favor in his sight, and he held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter. 3 And the king said to her, What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you, even to the half of my kingdom. 4 And Esther said, If it please the king, let the king and Haman come today to a feast that I have prepared for the king. 5 Then the king said, Bring Haman quickly, so that we may do as Esther has asked. So the king and Haman came to the feast that Esther had prepared.

Esther 5:1-14

6 And as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king said to Esther, What is your wish? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled. 7 Then Esther answered, My wish and my request is: 8 If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my wish and fulfill my request, let the king and Haman come to the feast that I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said. 9 And Haman went out that day joyful and glad of heart. But when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he neither rose nor trembled before him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai.

Esther 5:1-14

10 Nevertheless, Haman restrained himself and went home, and he sent and brought his friends and his wife Zeresh. 11 And Haman recounted to them the splendor of his riches, the number of his sons, all the promotions with which the king had honored him, and how he had advanced him above the officials and the servants of the king. 12 Then Haman said, Even Queen Esther let no one but me come with the king to the feast she prepared. And tomorrow also I am invited by her together with the king. 13 Yet all this is worth nothing to me, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate. 14 Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, Let a gallows fifty cubits high be made, and in the morning tell the king to have Mordecai hanged upon it. Then go joyfully with the king to the feast. This idea pleased Haman, and he had the gallows made.



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How does that happen?

Esther's refusal to be content is Motivated by her **Selflessness**.

Haman's refusal to be content is Motivated by his **Selfishness**.

Esther 5:1-14

I. Esther's Courageous Faith

- A. She refused to be content and she identified with her people.
- B. She chose the greater good and faced her fears.

A Fool's Fury

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Esther 5:9

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Esther 5:9

“And when Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or pay homage to him, Haman was filled with **fury.**”

Esther 3:5

A Fool's Fury

Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts folly. (Proverbs 14:29)

A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger quiets contention. (Proverbs 15:18)

Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city. (Proverbs 16:32)

A Fool's Fury

Fool: Hebrew word means: *Wise in his own eyes, set in his ways*

-Synonym - self-righteous, stubborn, opinionated, hard to persuade, despises correction

Prov. 1:7 "...fools despise wisdom and instruction."

-Fools, are not in touch with reality, they are in touch with their own pride, their own indignity. They're sure they know.

A Fool's Fury

The Anger of a Fool

I. The Result of Anger

II. The Roots of Anger

III. The Wise Response

The Anger of a Fool

I. The Result of Anger

Destruction and Foolishness: Proverbs 14:17, "A quick-tempered person does foolish things, and the one who devises evil schemes is hated."

Conflict and Strife: Proverbs 15:18, "A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel."

Sinful Behavior: Ephesians 4:26, "In your anger do not sin:..."

To be angry is to destroy.

The Anger of a Fool



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MEDITATIONS ON ANGER, PATIENCE, AND PEACE

A SMALL BOOK ABOUT

A BIG
PROBLEM

READ BY GEORGE W. SARRIS

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“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.”

(Matthew 7:1–2)

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“What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions [your desires] are at war within you?” James 4:1

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Goals vs Desires

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Goals vs Desires

A goal is an objective that is under my control.

A desire is an objective that I may legitimately and fervently want, but cannot reach through my efforts alone.

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