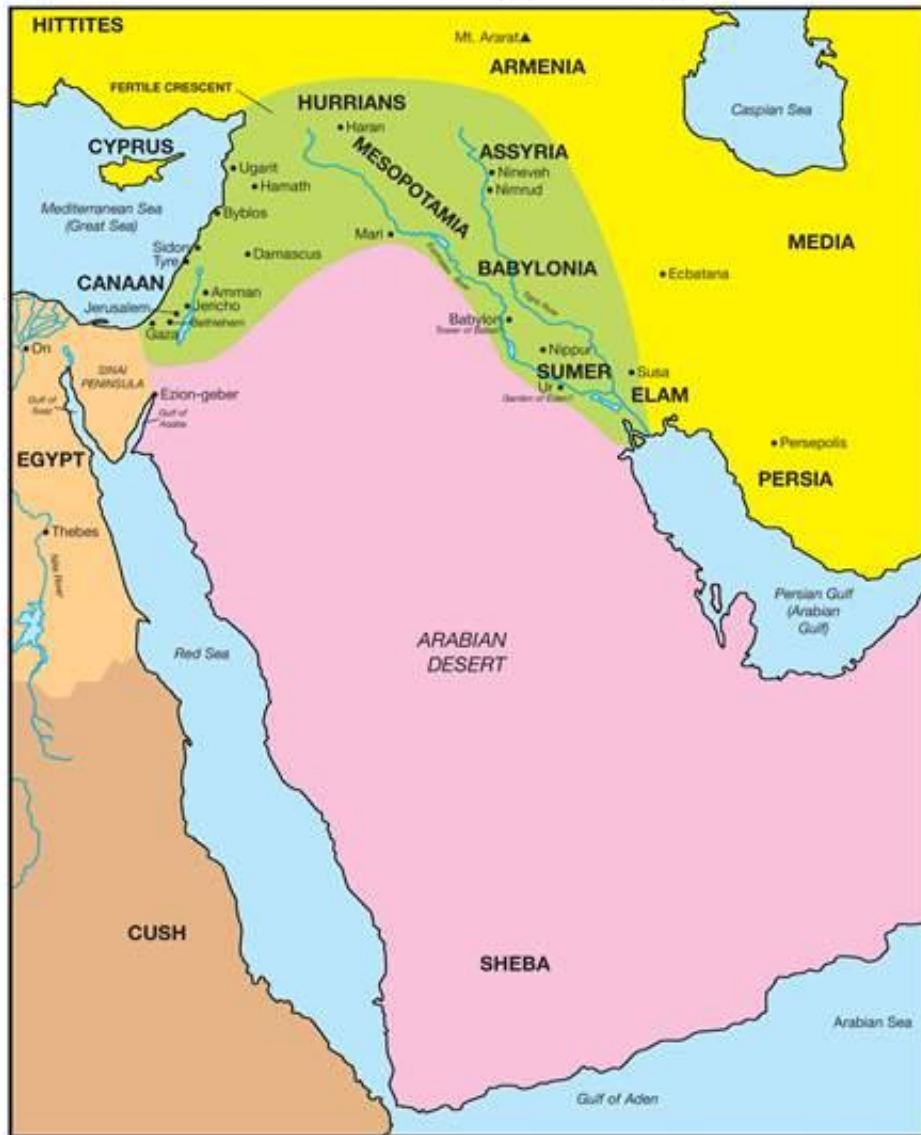


# The Middle East

## Then (B.C.)

## Now



# Ezra 5-6

- The Prophet's Challenge
- The Neighbor's Question
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# The Prophet's Challenge

## Ezra 5:1-2

- Zechariah 1:1-6
- Haggai 1:1-15

# Revelation 2:2-3

<sup>2</sup>I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. <sup>3</sup>You have persevered and have endured hardships for My name, and have not grown weary.

# Revelation 2:4-5

<sup>4</sup> Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. <sup>5</sup> Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent, and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

Godly community  
obeys the Lord

# The Neighbor's Question

Ezra 5:3-17

- Who authorized this?
- What are your names?

Godly community  
needs godly leadership



# The King's Reply

Ezra 6:1-12

Godly community  
sees the Lord move

# The People's Response

## Ezra 6:13-22

- Completion of the Temple
- Dedication of the Temple
- Celebration of the Passover

Godly community  
serves, celebrates,  
and worships together

We want to be a community  
of people who:

- Obey the Lord
- Are led by godly leaders
- See the Lord move
- Serve, celebrate, and  
worship together