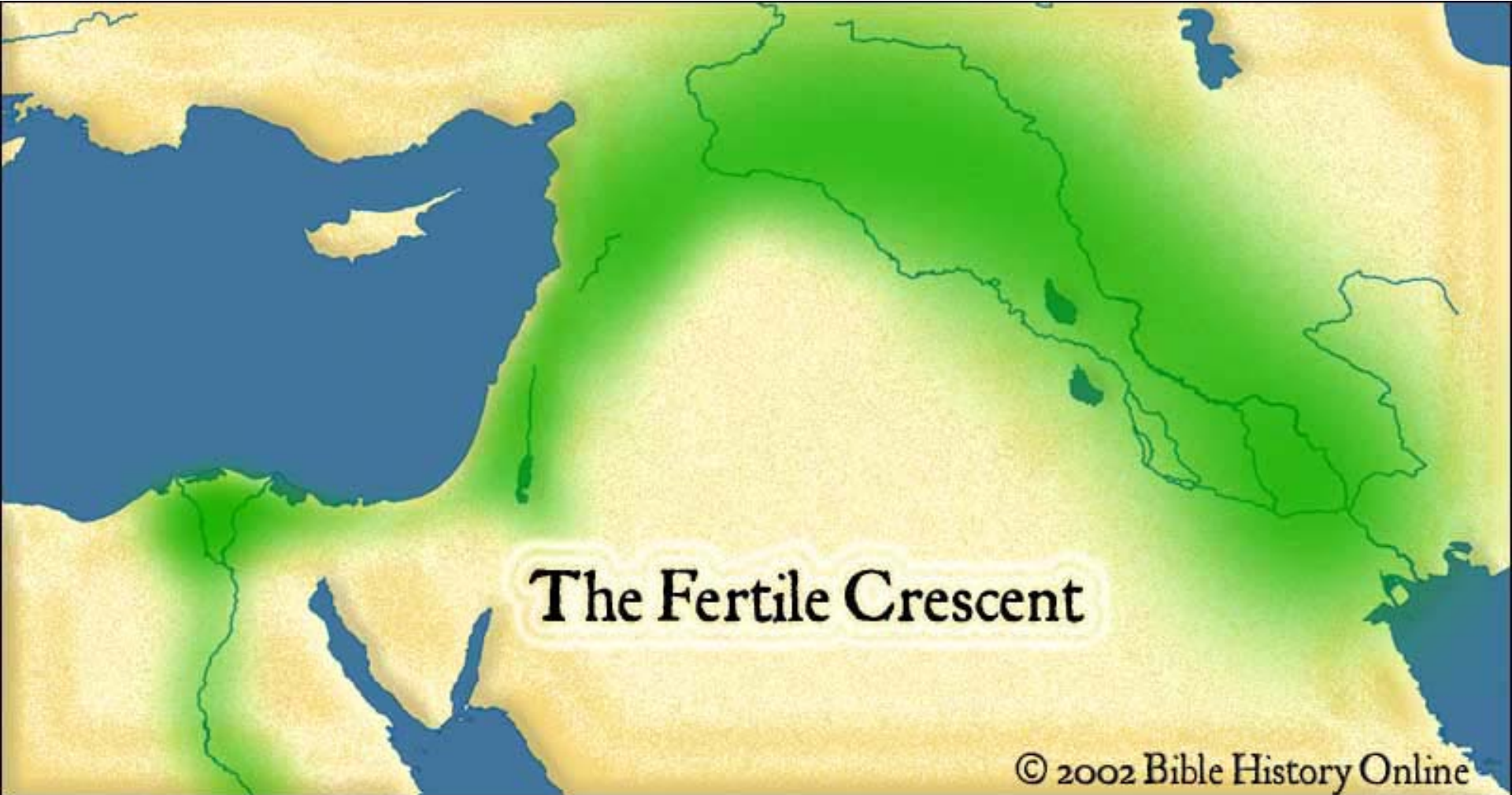
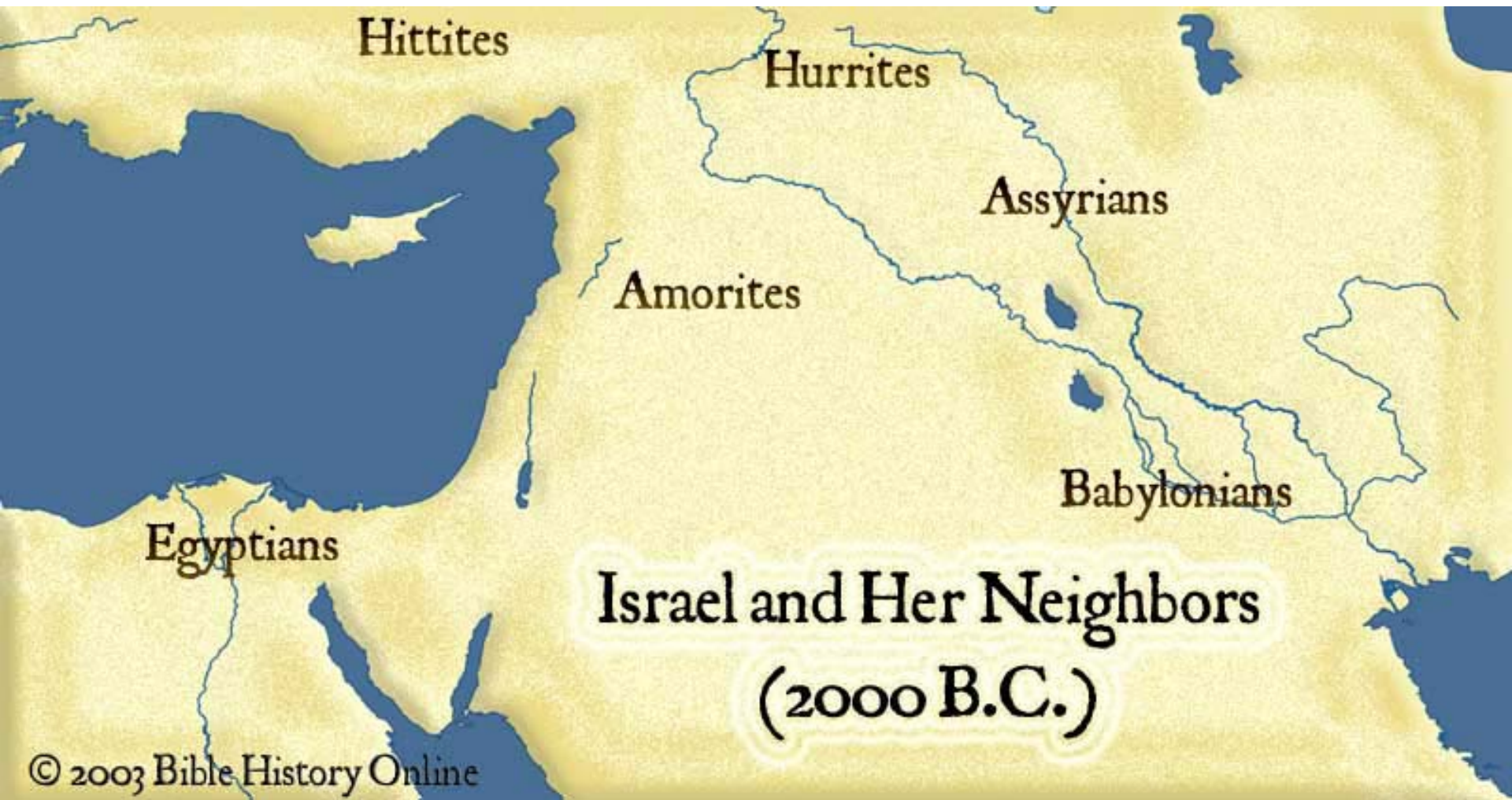


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<u>c. 3000</u>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Mesopotamia: Sumerian civilization; cuneiform writing * Egypt: Nile valley civilization; hieroglyphic writing
<u>c. 2200</u>	<u>c.</u> 1950 Abram and Sarai (Genesis 17:8)	covenant community, extended family, nomadic herders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Bronze Age * Egypt: Old Kingdom * No. America: early Inuit society
<u>c. 1800</u>	Joseph in Egypt Israelites enslaved in Egypt	agricultural society patriarchal structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Egypt: Age of Pharaohs * Mesopotamia: <i>Epic of Gilgamesh</i> written (<u>c.</u> 1750) * Crete: Minoan civilization
<u>c. 1250</u>	Moses, the Exodus wilderness	nomadic tribal migration	* China: Shang dynasty (<u>c.</u> 1480-1050)
<u>c. 1210</u>	Joshua	invasion of Canaan	* Rise of India's civilizations
<u>c. 1120</u>	Judges (Judges 1)	agricultural economy tribal villages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Greece: <u>c.</u> 1190 Trojan War •China: Zhou dynasty
<u>c. 1020</u> <u>c. 1000</u> <u>c. 965-922</u>	Saul David Solomon	monarchy --multiple villages to kingdom	* Central America: founding of Mayan dynasties
<u>c. 931-722</u>	writing of much biblical text Early prophets (Amos)	Solomon's kingdom divided: North, Israel; South, Judah 722 Assyrians conquer Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * North Africa: founding of Carthage by Phoenicians * Greece: first Olympic Games; Homeric epics * Italy: founding of Rome
<u>c. 732-540</u>	621 Hilkiyah finds Deuteronomy text Editing of OT material Prophecies of Zephaniah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk	587 Babylonians conquer Judah, destroy Temple, deport people to Babylon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Persia: Zoroaster * Greece: Aesop's <i>Fables</i>; laws of Solon

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<u>c.</u> 536-480	Building of Second Temple Prophecy of Zechariah, Haggai	538 Cyrus allows Israelites to return to Jerusalem; Judah a Persian province	* India: Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha (<u>c.</u> 563-483) * China: Confucius (<u>c.</u> 551-479) * Greece: Archaic period
<u>c.</u> 480-397	480 Esther becomes Queen of Persia 458 Ezra sent to Judah 444 Nehemiah 397 Prophecy of Malachi	Ezra's reforms; building of Second Temple	* Greece: Persian Wars; Classical Age; Pericles in Athens; Parthenon built; Socrates, Plato, Euripides, etc.; Peloponnesian War
353-200	285-246 Septuagint translated in Alexandria	333 Alexander the Great conquers Persian Empire; Hellenization begins	* Rise of Roman Republic
<u>c.</u> 200-100	First books OT Apocrypha written	Seleucid heirs of Alexander rule Judea	* China: Han dynasty * Rome conquers Carthage, Greece, and Asia Minor
168-165	Maccabean revolt overthrows Seleucids	Jewish self-rule under Hasmoneans <u>c.</u> 143 Essene community begins	
100-1 B.C.	<u>c.</u> 4 B.C. birth of Jesus 4 B.C. death of Herod the Great	63 B.C. Romans invade, violate Temple; Judea becomes a Roman province 30 B.C.-180 A.D. <i>Pax Romana</i> (Roman peace) unites Mediterranean world	* 73-70 B.C. Sicily and Italy: Romans defeat slave revolt led by Spartacus, crucify 6,000 * 30 B.C. death of Cleopatra; Rome annexes Egypt; Rome shifts from Republic to Empire under Augustus



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