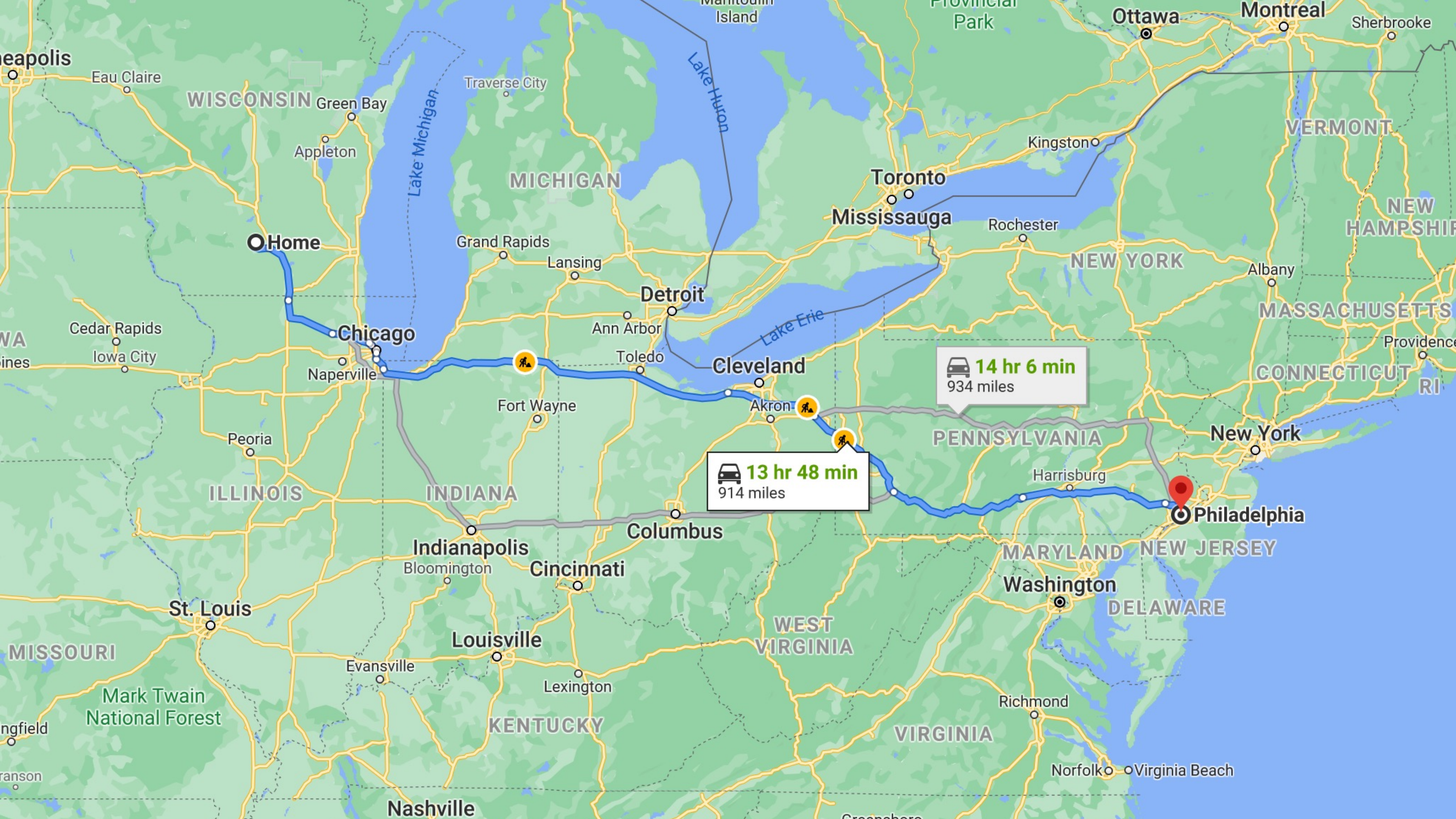
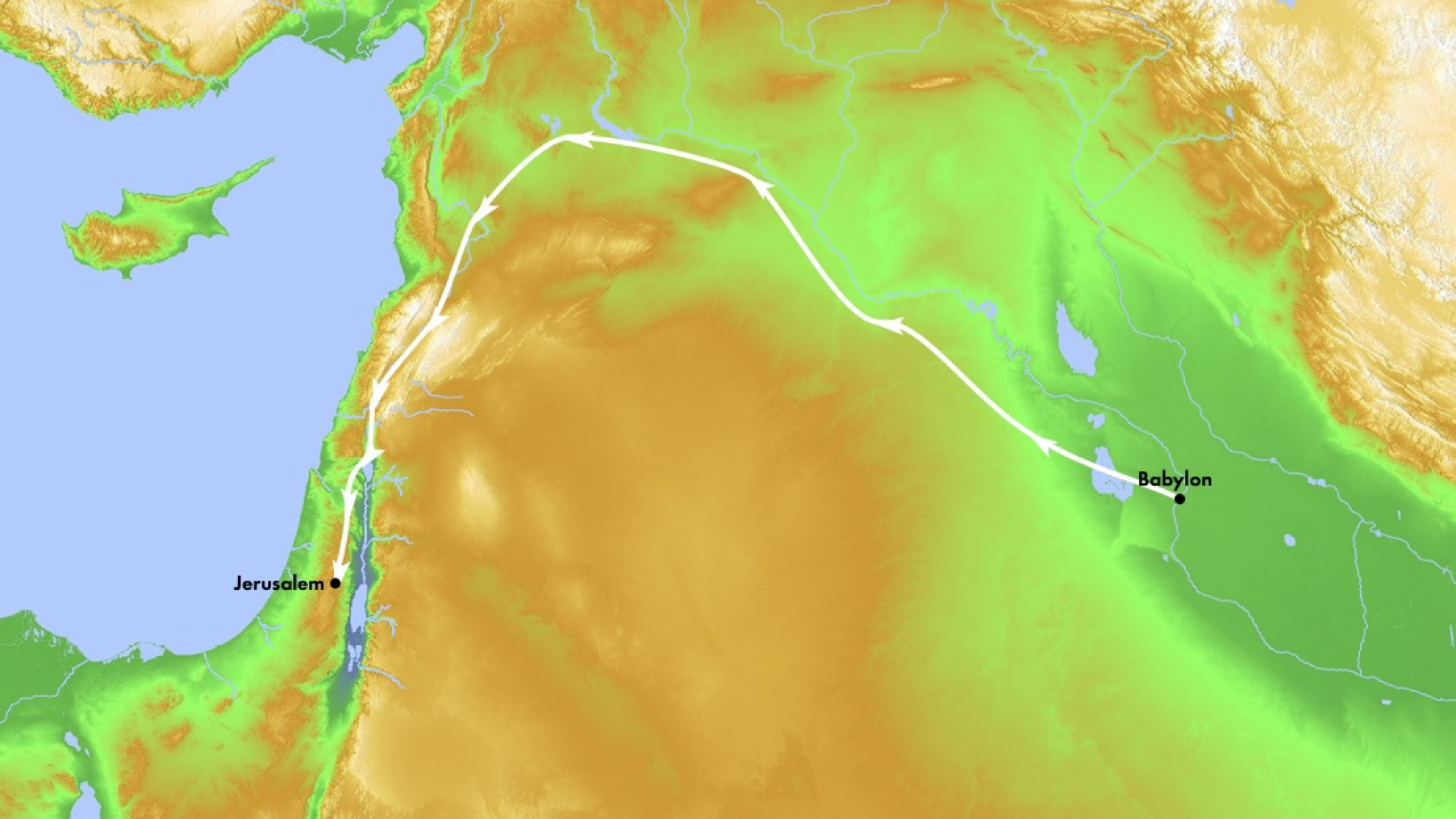


A watercolor-style landscape painting. The background features layered, misty mountains in shades of blue, green, and brown. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the colors of the sky and mountains. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

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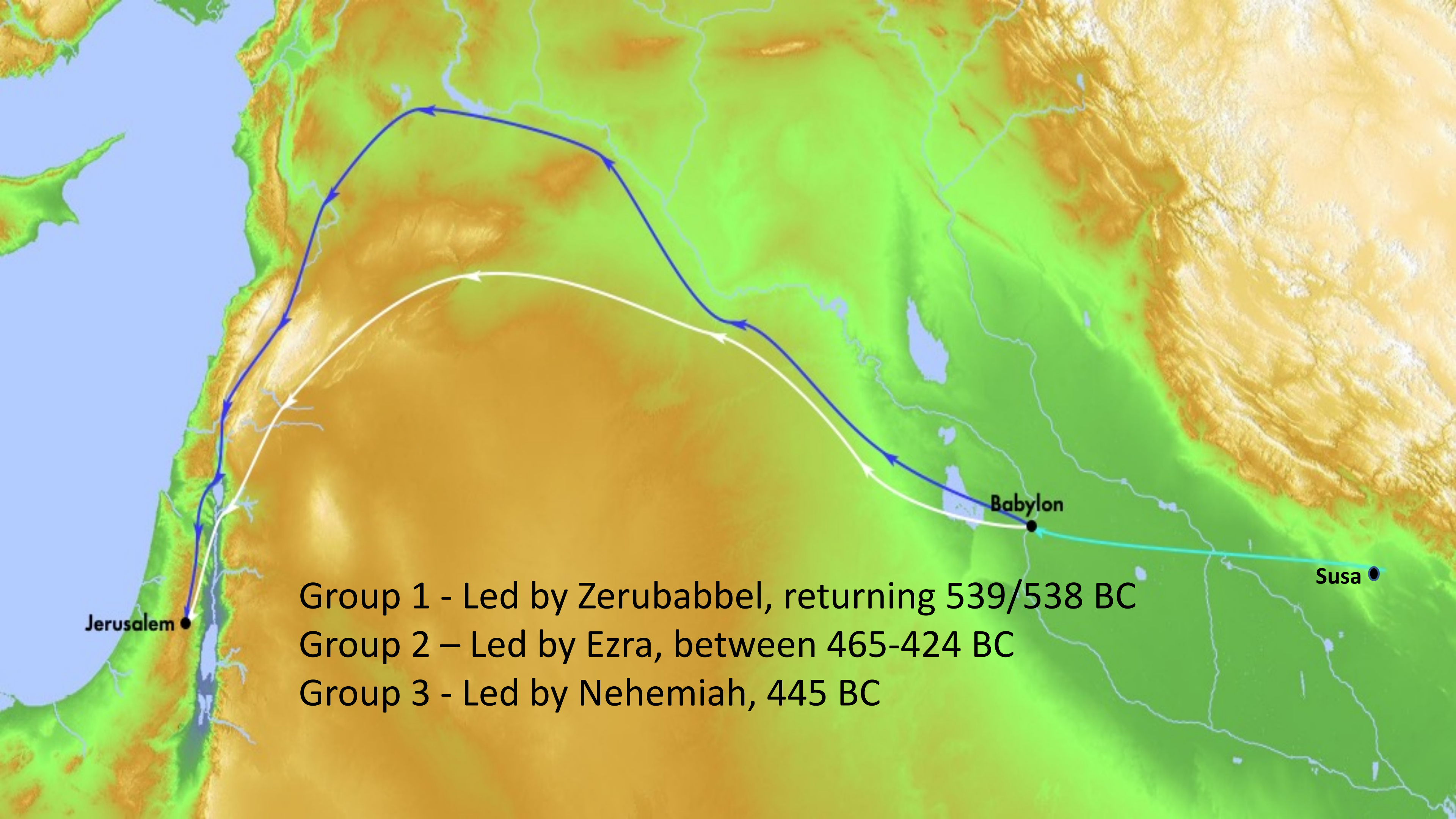
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- Group 1 - Led by Zerubbabel, returning 539/538 BC
- Group 2 – Led by Ezra, between 465-424 BC
- Group 3 - Led by Nehemiah, 445 BC

Outline of Ezra-Nehemiah

Ezra 1–6 Restoration of the temple

Ezra 7–10 Restoration of the community

Neh 1–6 Restoration of Jerusalem and its walls

Neh 7–13 Restoration of covenant

commitment

A watercolor-style landscape painting. The scene features rolling hills and mountains in shades of blue, teal, and brown. In the foreground, a body of water reflects the colors of the sky and the surrounding land. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

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May 9 – Reopening the Bible

May 16 – Rebuilding Differently

May 23 – Returning to God

May 30 – Reigniting Our Worship

¹ In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and also to put it in writing:

Ezra 1:1 (NIV 2011)

The Story of the Bible

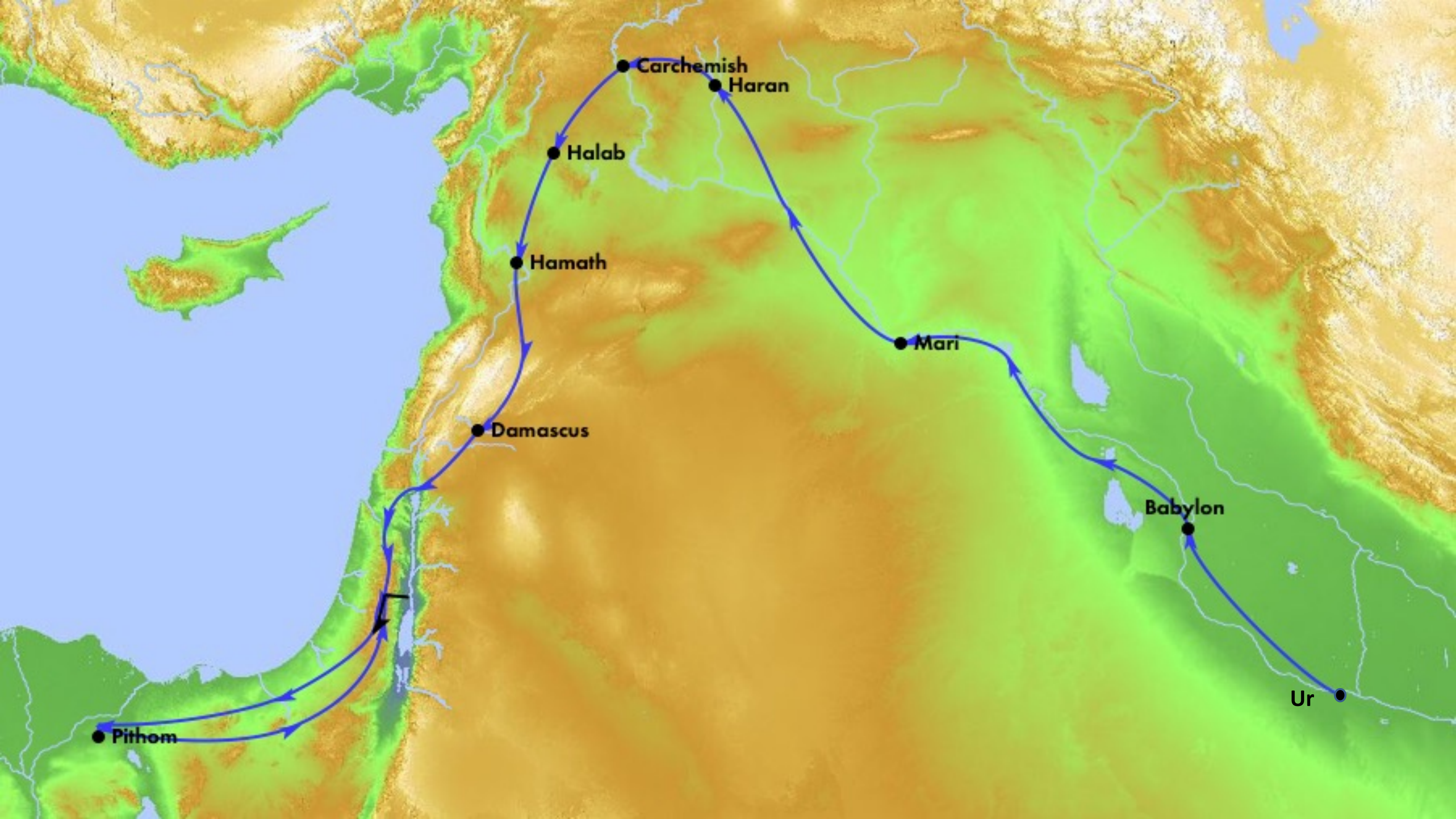
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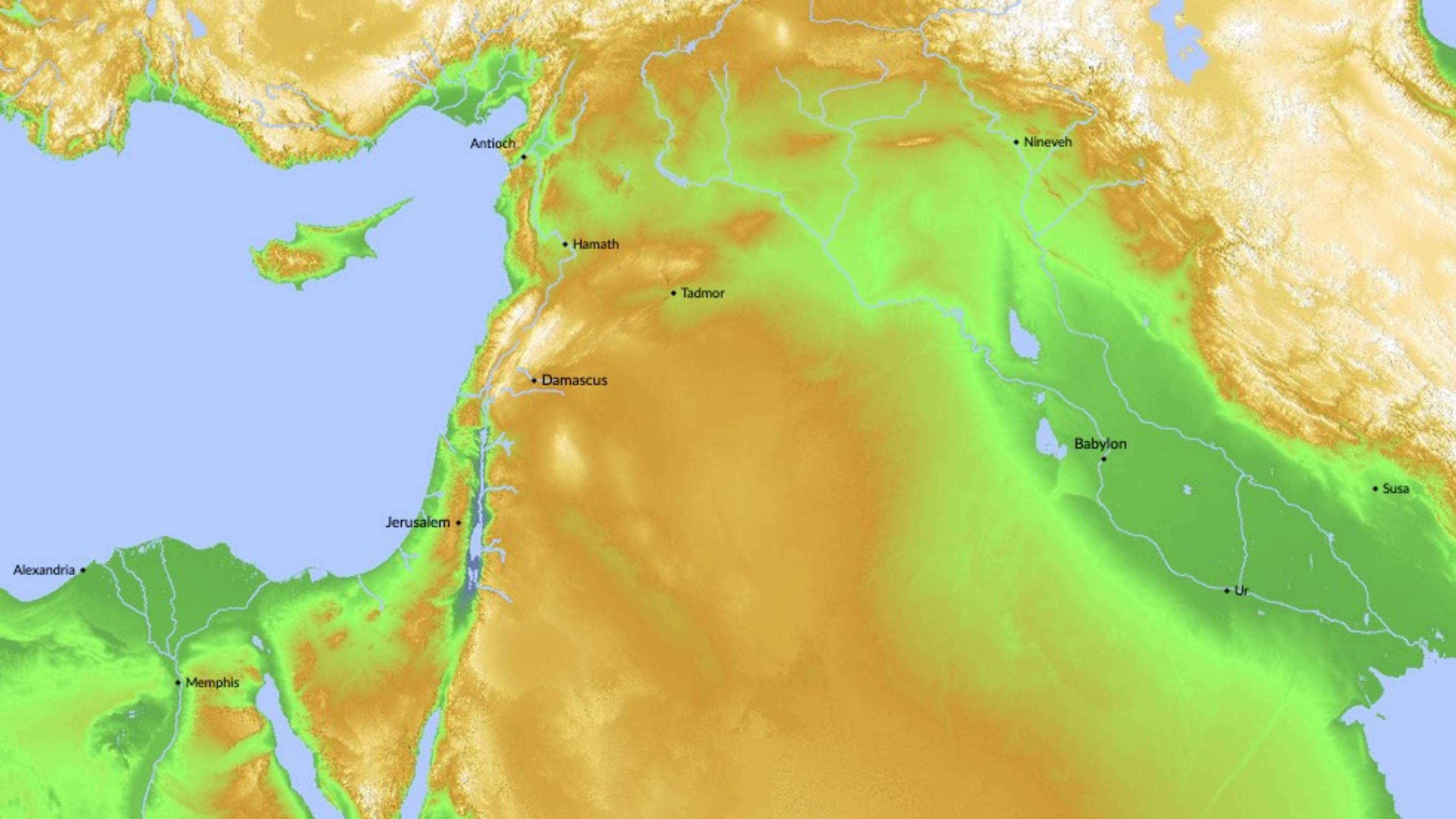
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- Israel's Rebellion and Exile (ca. 586 BC)

⁴ This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease.

Jeremiah 29:4-6 (NIV 2011)

⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” ... ¹⁰
This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹
For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:7, 10-11 (NIV 2011)

¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.” Jeremiah 29:12-14 (NIV 2011)

THE PERSIAN EMPIRE (CA. 538-332 B.C.E.)



¹ In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and also to put it in writing: ² “This is what Cyrus king of Persia says: “ ‘The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and He has appointed me to build a temple for Him at Jerusalem in Judah. Ezra 1:1-2 (NIV 2011)

³ Any of His people among you may go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the temple of the LORD, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem, and may their God be with them. ⁴ And in any locality where survivors may now be living, the people are to provide them with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with freewill offerings for the temple of God in Jerusalem.’ ”

Ezra 1:3-4 (NIV 2011)



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