

CHAPTER 1

An Introduction to the Gospel of John

The Life
of Christ

The Place of John in the New Testament

- One of the Four Gospels
- What is the Gospel?
- “Good News”
- 1 Corinthians 15:1–4

The Place of John (cont.)

- **Good News Concerning . . .**
 - Death
 - Burial
 - Bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ

The Place of John (cont.)

- One of the four Gospels
- One of the longest books of the New Testament
- The best-loved books of the New Testament

The Contents of John

- **Different from the other Gospels**
- **Portrait of Christ**
- **Prominent words**
- **Audience**
- **Emphasis and outstanding sections**
- **Basic characteristics**

Answers the Questions Posed by the Synoptics

- *Syn-optic*
- **Syn:** “together/alike”
- **Optic:** “to see”
- **Synoptic—**“to see alike”; “to see the same thing”

Answers (cont.)

- **Who is this great King?**
 - Christ as revealed by Matthew
- **Who is this great Servant?**
 - Christ as revealed by Mark
- **Who is this great Man?**
 - Christ as revealed by Luke

The Unique Characteristics of John

- John emphasizes evangelism
- John records only seven miracles
- John focuses on Judea rather than on Galilee

The Unique Characteristics of John (cont.)

- John emphasizes Jesus' own words concerning Himself
- John is not trying to prove Christ's deity so much as he is letting Jesus Christ prove His own deity

The Application of the Gospel of John

- **Jesus Christ ought to be real to each of us**
- **Jesus Christ is more than a fact in history. He still lives!**

The Application of the Gospel of John (cont.)

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Portrait of	King	Servant / Man	Man	<u>God</u>
Prominent Words	Fulfilled	Straightway / Immediately	Son of Man	<u>Believe</u>
Audience	Jews	Romans	Greeks	<u>All Men</u>

The Application of the Gospel of John (cont.)

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Emphasis	<u>Words</u>	<u>Works</u>	<u>Humanity</u>	Deity
Outstanding Sections	Sermons	Miracles	Details of Birth and Crucifixion	<u>Claims to Deity</u>
Basic Characteristics	<u>Historical</u>	<u>Historical</u>	<u>Historical</u>	Spiritual



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CHAPTER 2

The Purpose of John's Gospel

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John's Two-Fold Purpose

1. To cause us to believe that Jesus is the Christ (20:31)
2. To show us how to obtain life through His name (20:31)

Four Passovers

- **Passover One**

- A.D. 29: Jesus is Lord of the temple
(2:13–14)

- **Passover Two**

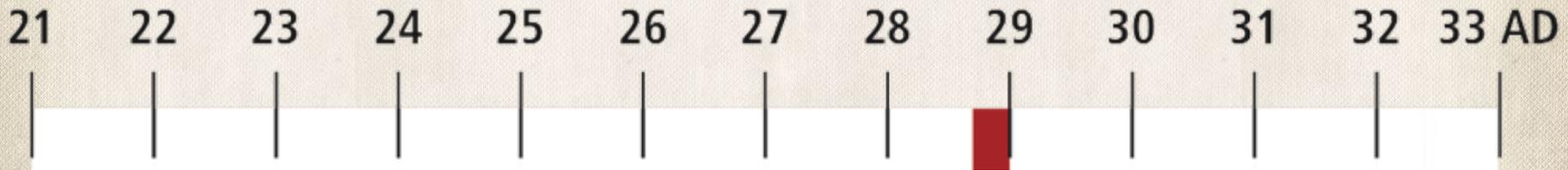
- A.D. 30: Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath (5:1)

Four Passovers (cont.)

- **Passover Three**
 - A.D. 31: Jesus did not attend (6:4)
- **Passover Four**
 - A.D. 32: Jesus is Lord of life (18–19)

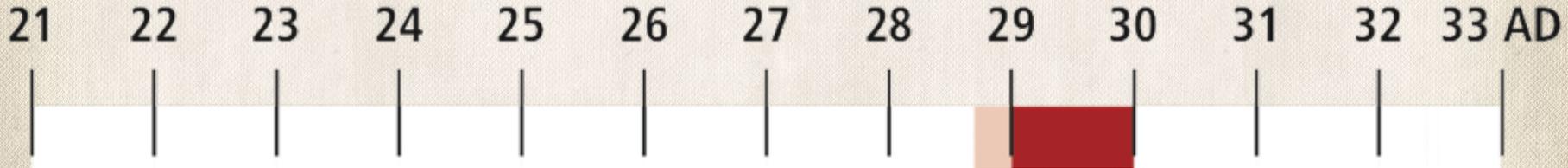
The Timeline of John's Gospel

- **The dates of Christ's ministry**
 - The first three months (fall of A.D. 28)



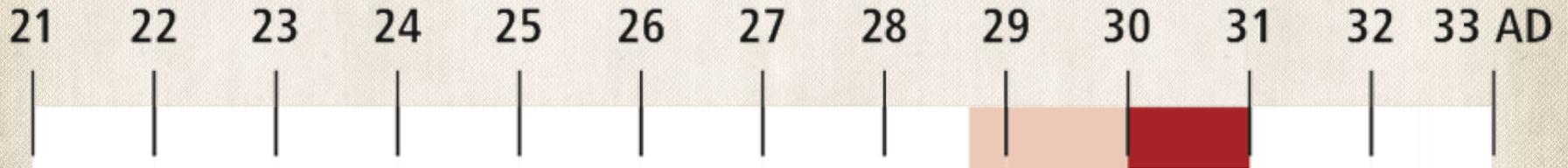
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- **The dates of Christ's ministry**
 - The first year (beginning with our January, A.D. 29)



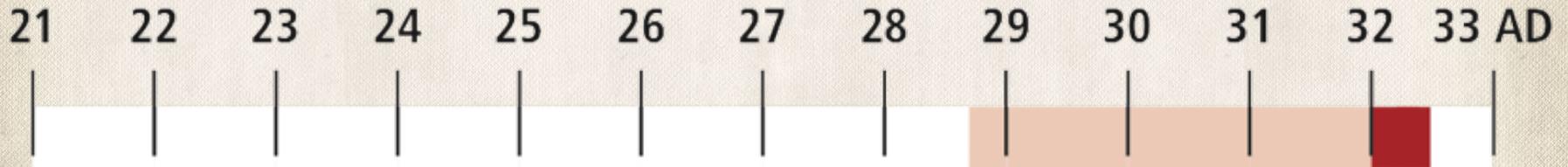
The Timeline of John's Gospel (cont.)

- **The dates of Christ's ministry**
 - The second year (A.D.30)



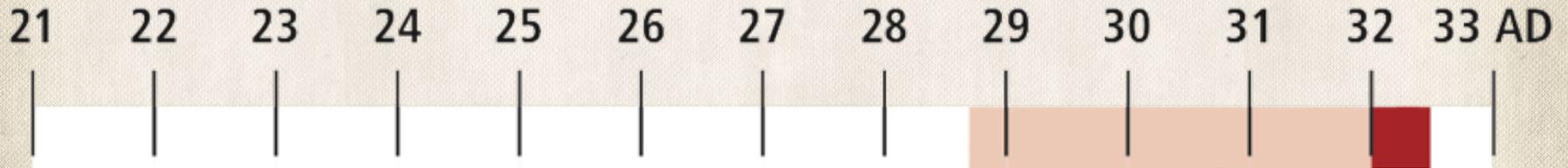
The Timeline of John's Gospel (cont.)

- **The dates of Christ's ministry**
 - The third year (A.D. 31)

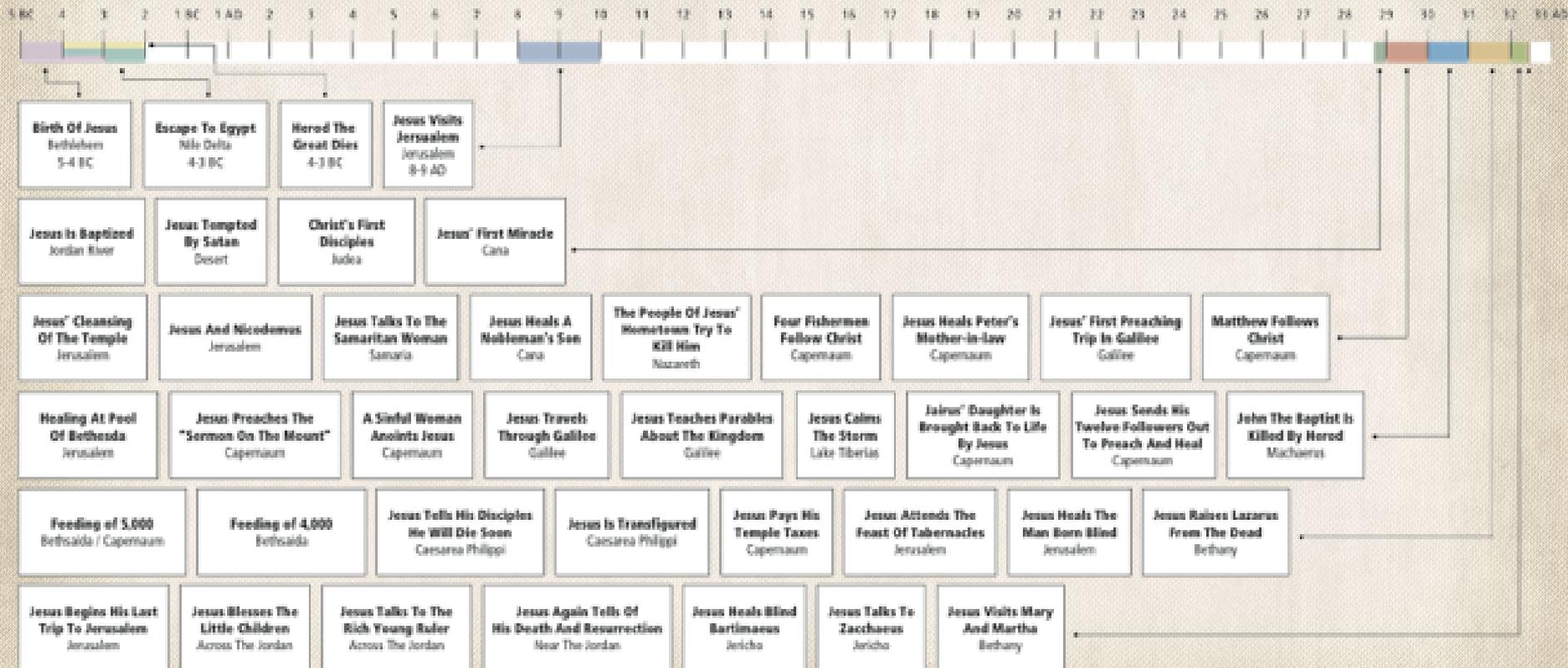


The Timeline of John's Gospel (cont.)

- **The dates of Christ's ministry**
 - The last months (January to March/April, A.D. 32)



Timeline of the Events in John (pg. 276)



The Timeline (cont.)

- **The dates of the events that John records**
 - Gaps of time between chapters and verses
- **The bulk of John's Gospel**
 - Deals mostly with the month Nisan
 - Deals mostly with the year A.D. 32

The Timeline (cont.)

- Chapters 13–20 deal with the last day of Christ's life

Lessons for Our Lives

- Christ is the central person in history
- The cross and resurrection is the central truth in history
- Salvation by faith alone in Him alone is the central message in history
- Proclamation of the gospel is the central responsibility of believers



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CHAPTER 3

The Geographic and Political Situation at the Time of Christ's Ministry

The Life
of Christ

The Size of Israel



The Location of Israel





Asia Minor

Assyria

Babylon

Egypt

Physical Features

Varied Climate



Varied Geography



Varied Crops



Political Division of the Land

- **Three Major Areas**
 - Judea
 - Galilee
 - Samaria



Political Division (cont.)

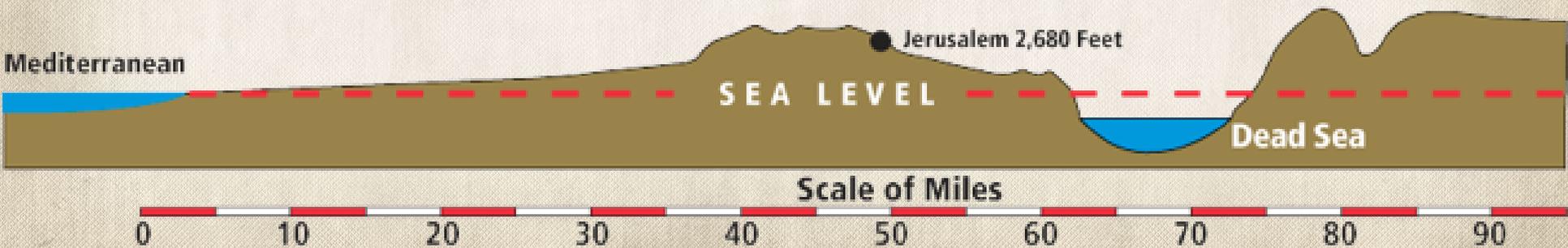
- **Roman Provinces**
 - Judea and Samaria
 - Galilee and Perea
 - Iturea and Trachonitis
 - Decapolis



Geographical Divisions

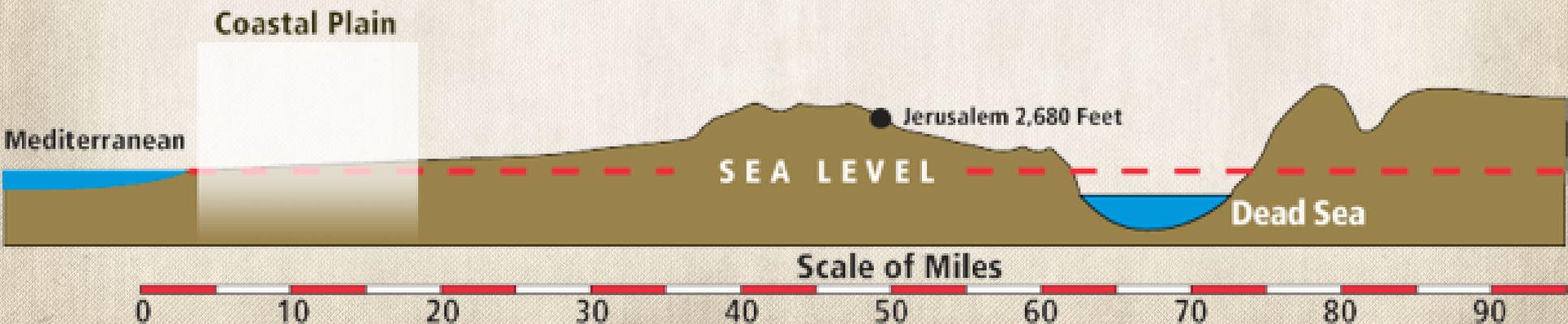
- **The Coastal Plain—Rich Soil**
- **The Shephelah—Rolling Hills**
- **The Cis-Jordan Hills—Israel's Cities**
- **The Jordan Valley—Continental Rift**
- **The Trans-Jordan Hills—1,320' to 3,940'**

Geographical Divisions



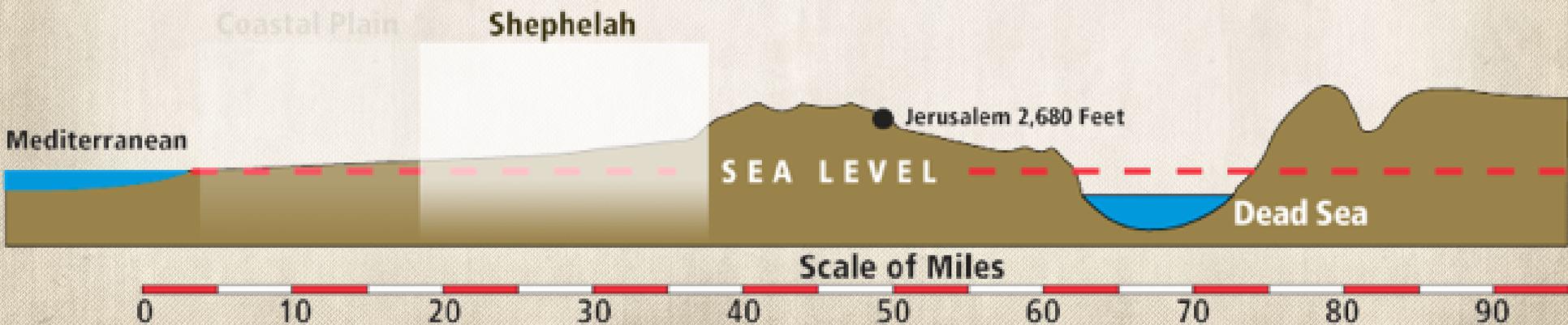
Geographical Divisions

- **Coastal**
 - Rich soil



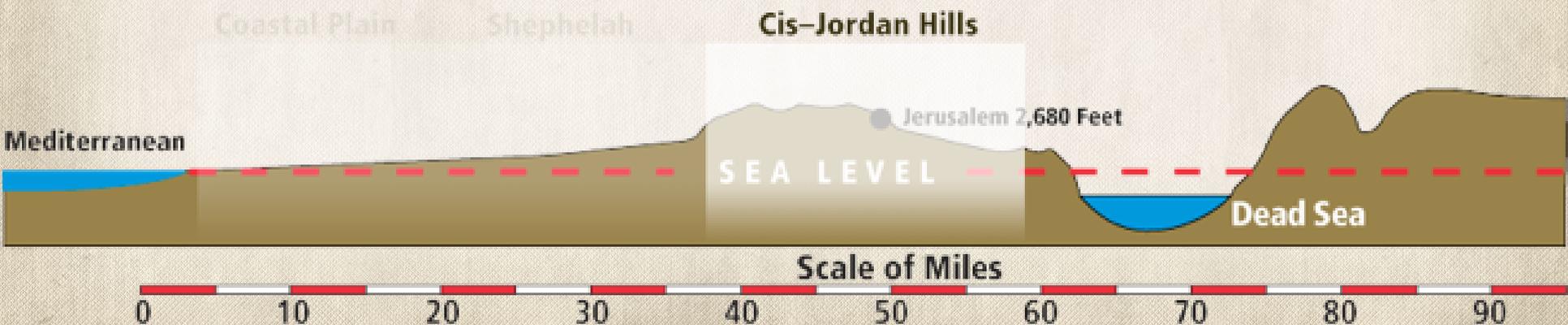
Geographical Divisions

- **The Shephala**
 - Rolling hills



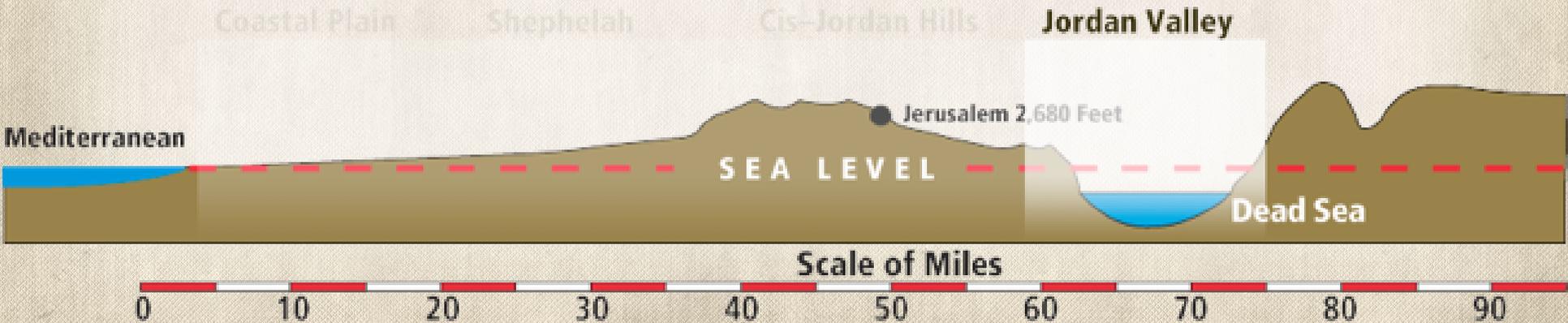
Geographical Divisions

- **The Cis-Jordan Hills**
 - Israel's cities



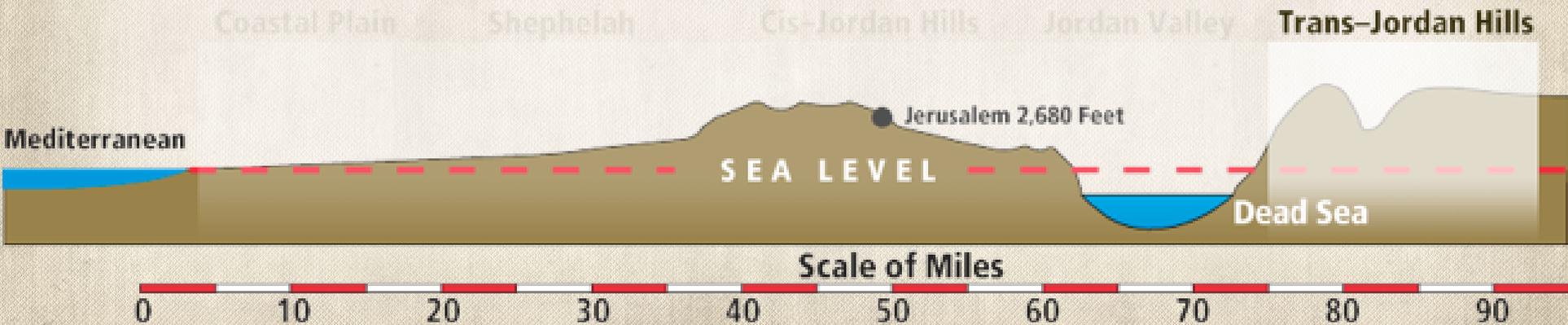
Geographical Divisions

- **The Jordan Valley**
 - Continental rift



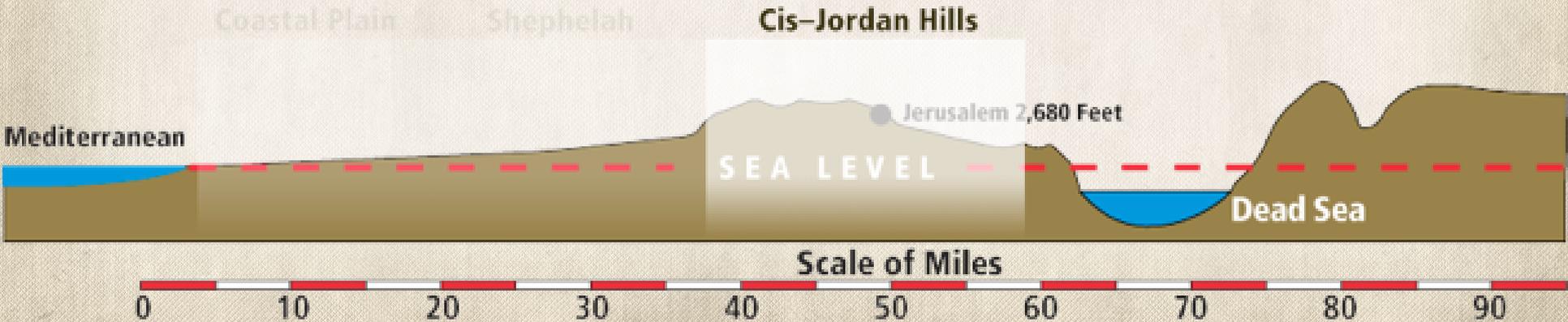
Geographical Divisions

- **The Trans-Jordan Hills**
 - 1,320 ft. to 3,940 ft.

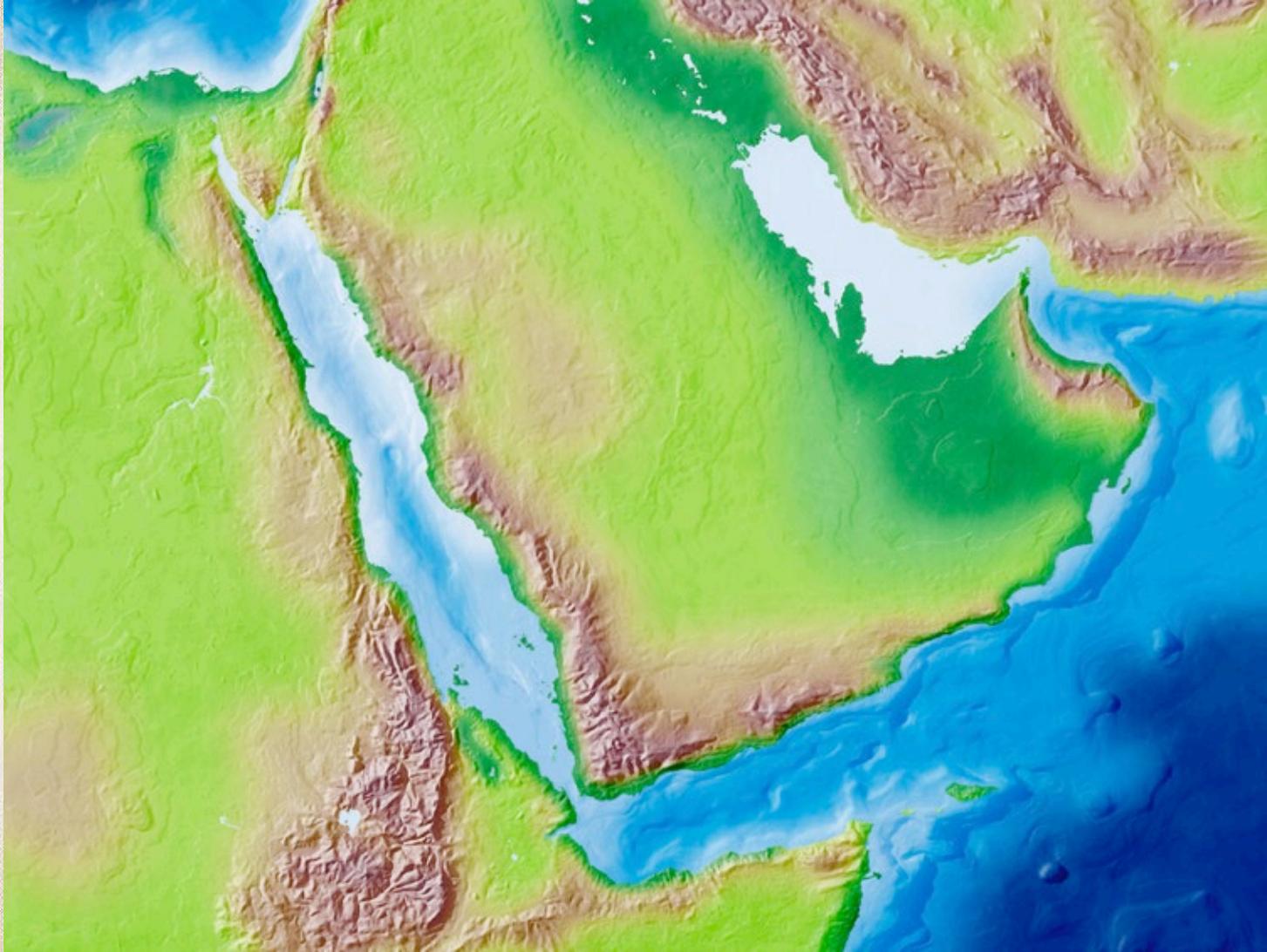


Cities

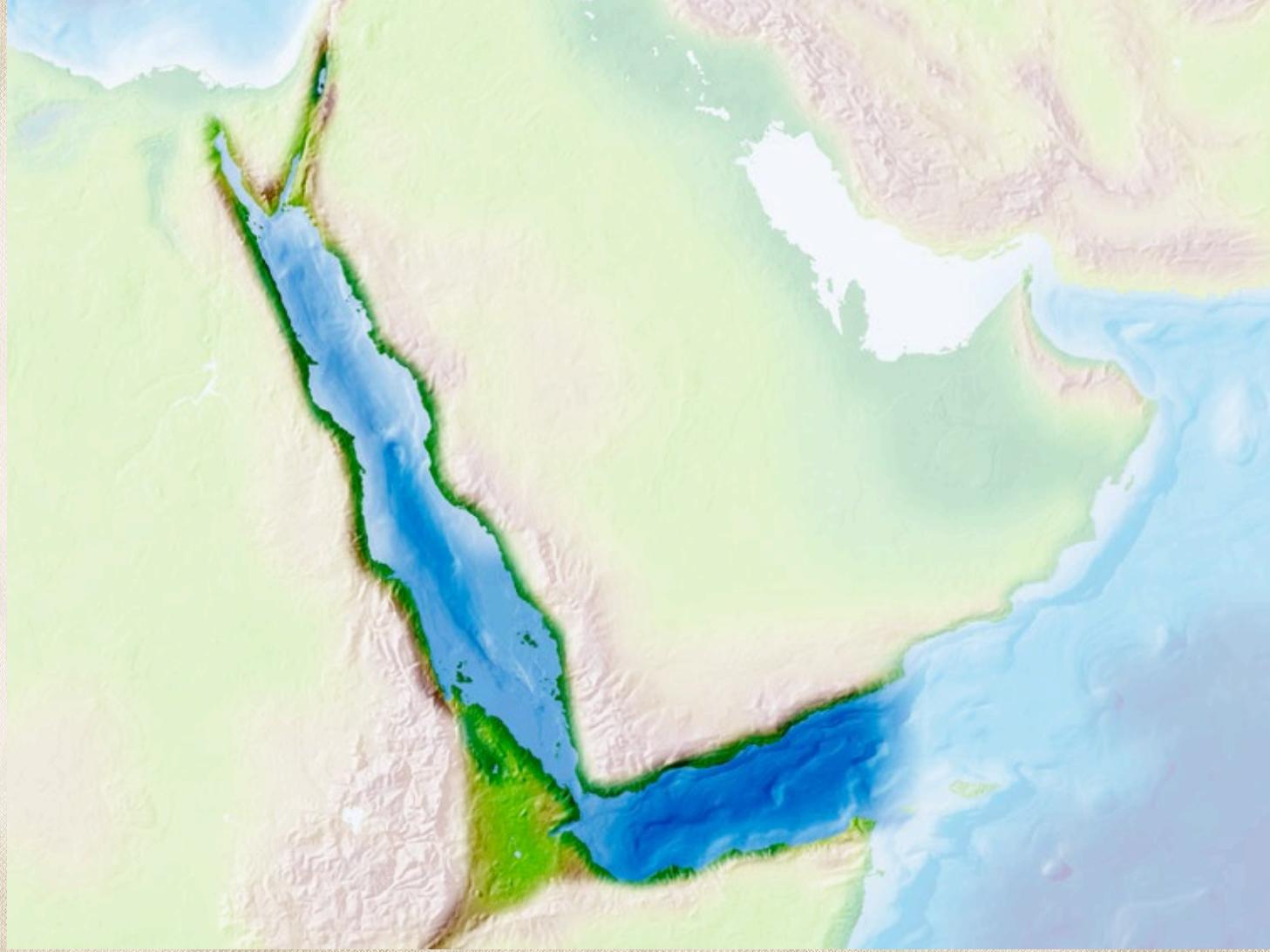
- Jesus Visited 21 cities
- Most were located in the Cis-Jordan Hills



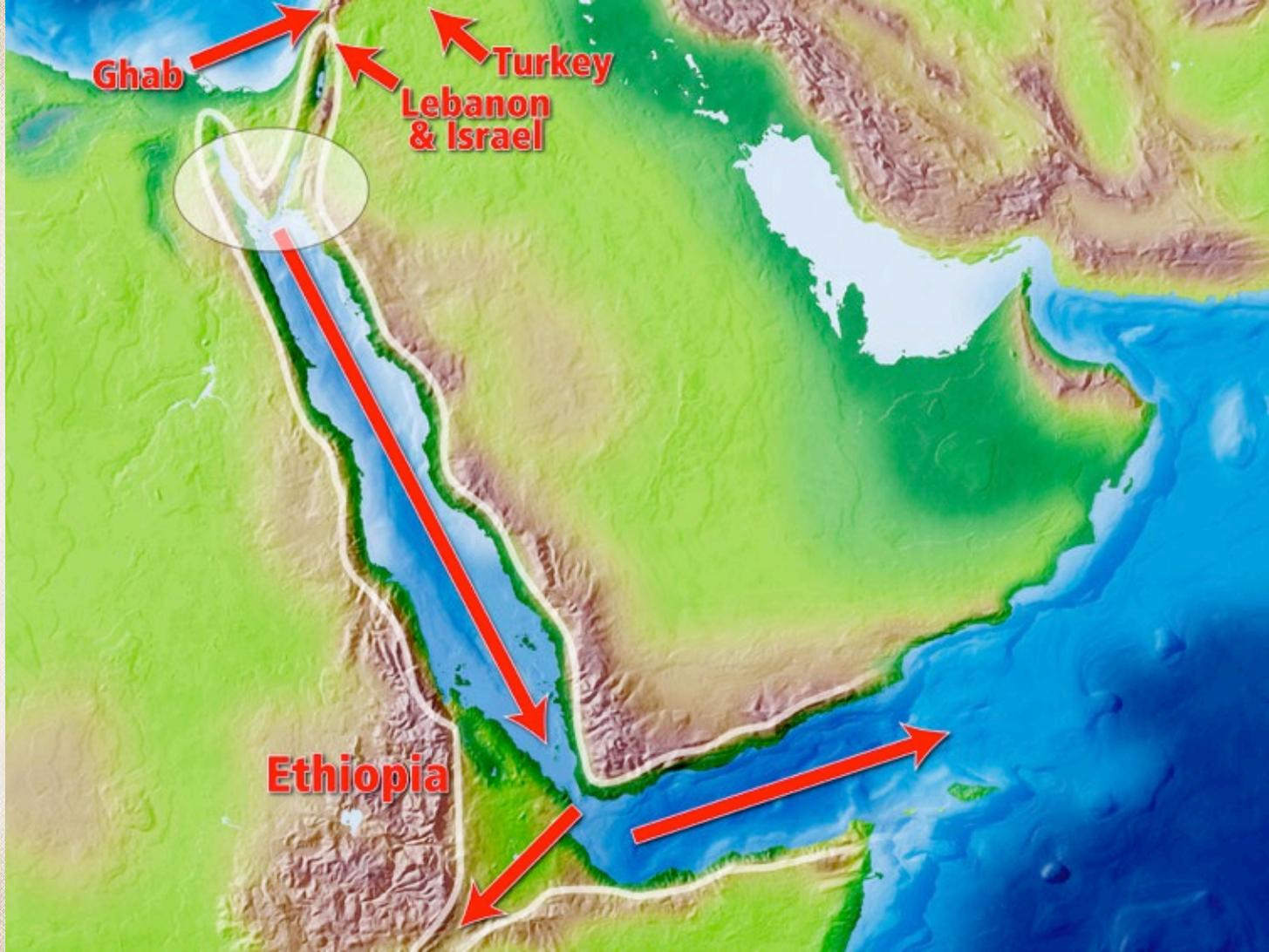
**The
Amazing
Jordan
Valley**



**Afro-
Arabian
Rift**



**The
Amazing
Jordan
Valley
(cont.)**



The Dead Sea



Lessons from the Dead Sea

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