

So130 Week 02

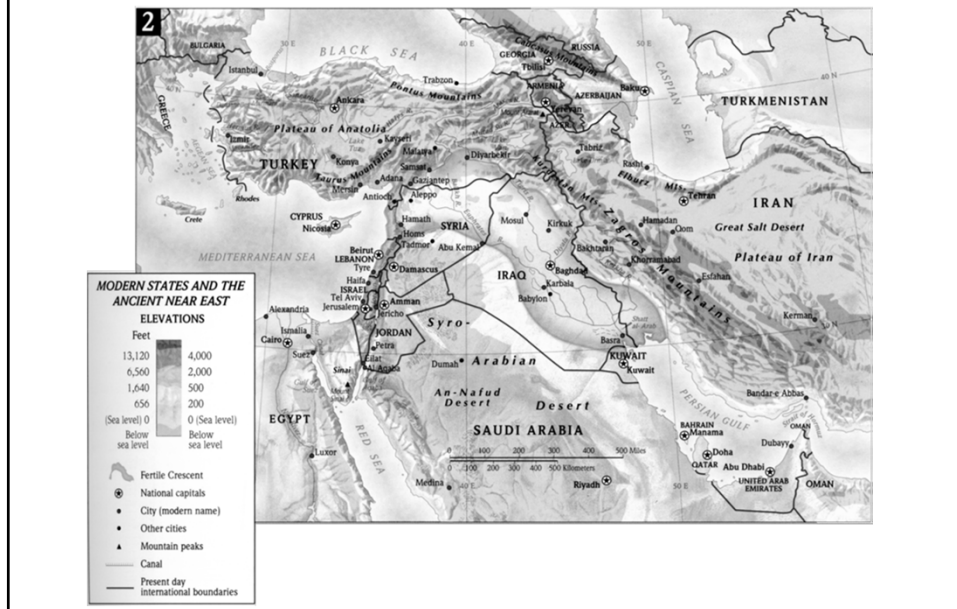
STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS #13-63

#13

What is the "Fertile Crescent" a reference to?

A Band of Land where conditions favored the establishment of early agricultural settlements.

The Fertile Crescent



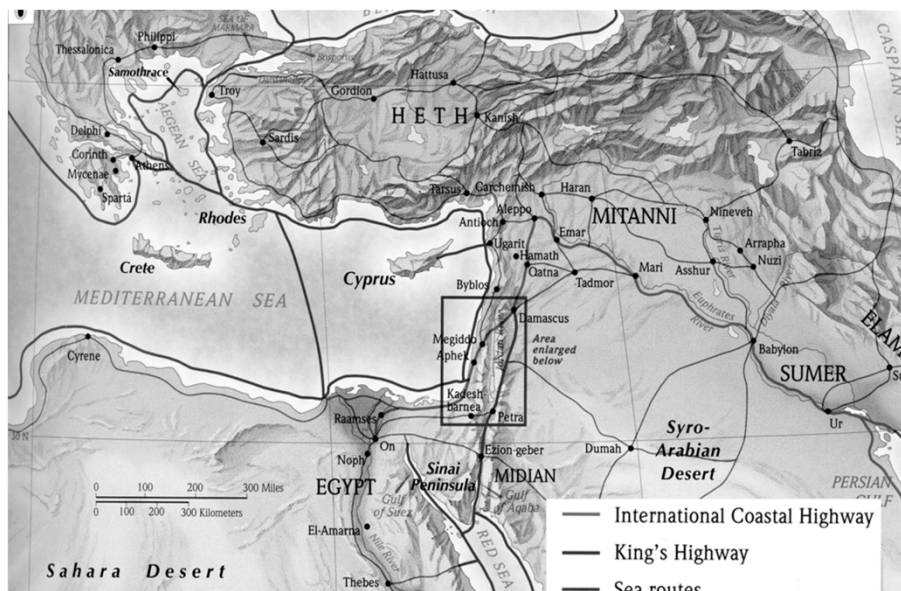
#14

Why did ancient Palestine possess a strategic importance far greater than its size of relatively few resources might suggest?

Palestine sat astride the vital economic and military arteries of the Near East.

The map shows the Near East region, including Syria, Jordan, and the Persian Gulf. Key cities like Damascus, Hama, Aleppo, and Amman are marked. The map also shows the Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, and Persian Gulf. Major routes like the Silk Road and the Spice Trade are indicated. The map is titled "INTERNATIONAL ROUTES" and includes a legend for cities, international coastal highways, king's highways, and sea routes.

Regional “HIGHWAYS”



#16, 17

In what direction does the Nile flow?

Where is “Upper Egypt” located?

Northward,

***South of Cairo / Nile Valley /
Southern part of Egypt***

#18

Why is the Nile River referred to as the “Gift of the Nile”?

The Nile provided transportation and communication as the principle highway of the land. The annual inundation of the Nile provided the river’s chief benefit to the land. Each year, with uncanny regularity, the Nile flooded, replenishing the land with water and a thin layer of new soil

#19

What is the “Levant”?

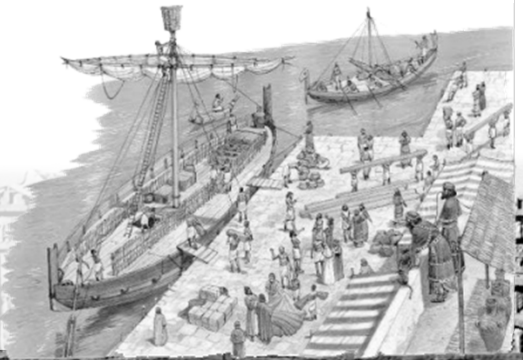
Describes the habitable land along the eastern Mediterranean coast sandwiched between the Mediterranean Sea and the Syro-Arabian Desert to the East.



#21

What people were considered the greatest merchant seafarers of the ancient world?

Phoenicians.




The illustration depicts a bustling ancient harbor scene. In the foreground, a large, multi-masted sailing ship with a complex rig of sails is docked at a wooden pier. Numerous figures in traditional ancient attire are visible on the ship's deck and on the pier. In the background, another smaller sailing ship is visible on the water. The harbor is surrounded by a city with visible buildings and walls. The overall style is that of a historical reconstruction or a detailed illustration from a historical text.

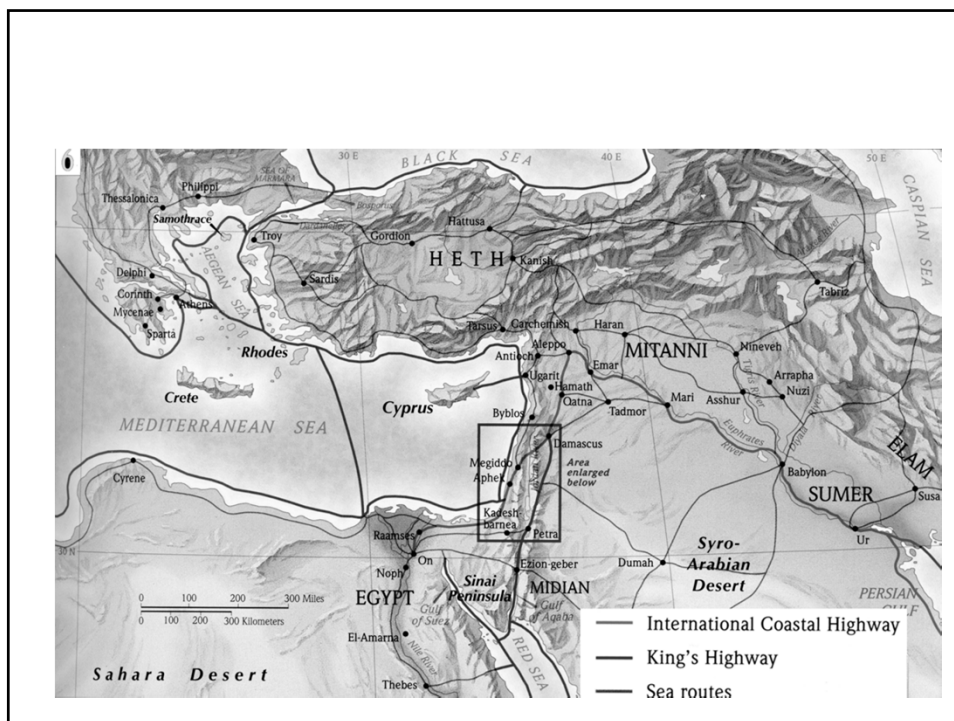
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Which two international highways connected Egypt with Mesopotamia?

The International Coastal Highway
The Kings Highway



The illustration shows a wide, flat landscape, likely a river valley or a coastal plain. In the foreground, there are several small, simple structures or huts. In the background, a range of mountains or hills is visible under a clear sky. The style is that of a historical reconstruction or a detailed illustration from a historical text.



#23

What are the four major natural regions of Palestine?

The Costal Plain
The Western Mountains
The Jordan Rift
The Eastern Plateau

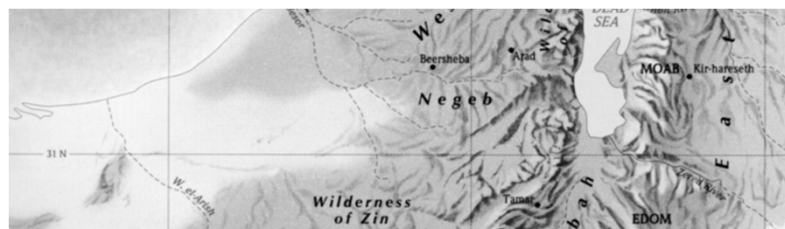
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Natural Regions of Palestine



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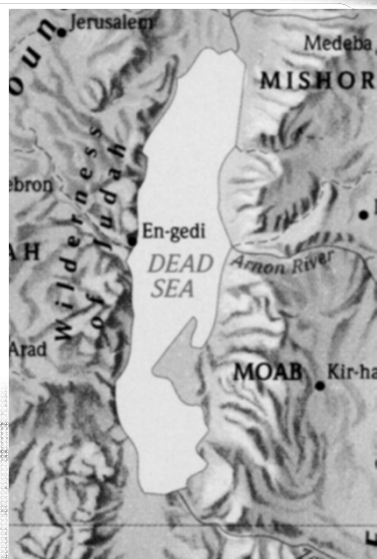
In scripture, which region is the term *Negeb* reference to?



The region around Beer-Sheba and Arad

#29

Which sea is referred to in Scripture as the "Salt Sea" or the "Sea of the Arabah"?



The Dead Sea

#31

What are the four factors essential to habitation



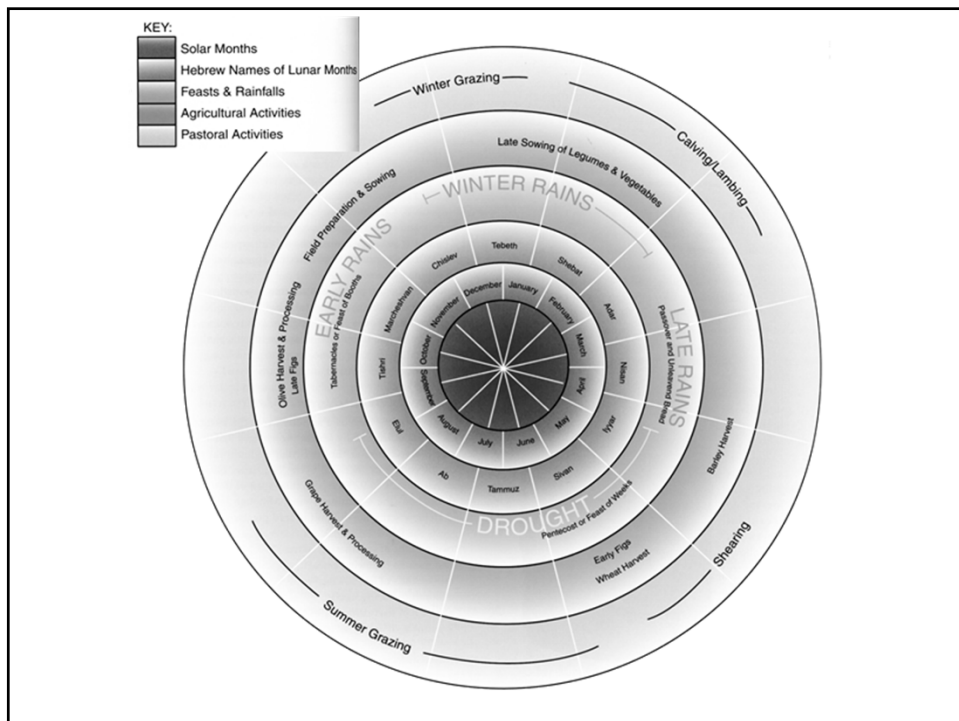
Water
Food
Defense
Transportation

Water
Building Materials
Defensability

#33

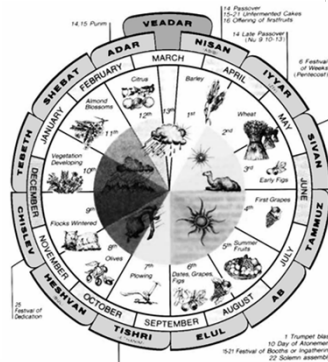
What months do the “Later Rains” usually occur?

March to mid April



#36

The Passover commemorated not only the Exodus but also marked the beginning of which harvest?



Barley, and then wheat.

#38

What is the two fold task of archaeologists on a tell?



To dissect a portion of the tell, scientifically recovering all the ancient remains and carefully recording the findings

To give coherent interpretation of the data

The Work of the Archaeologists:

(Beth Shen)



#44

What factors lead to the “Urban Revolution” between 3300 to 2200 BCE?

***Improved agricultural practices,
Diversity of labor
Communication
And transportation.***

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#47

Describe Egypt's concept of kingship.

The Egyptians viewed each king, or pharaoh as a god who ruled the land according to the divine principles of justice, truth, and the natural order. The lands fertility and prosperity, as well as national security, depended on the King.



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#48

What was the makeup of Canaan politically?

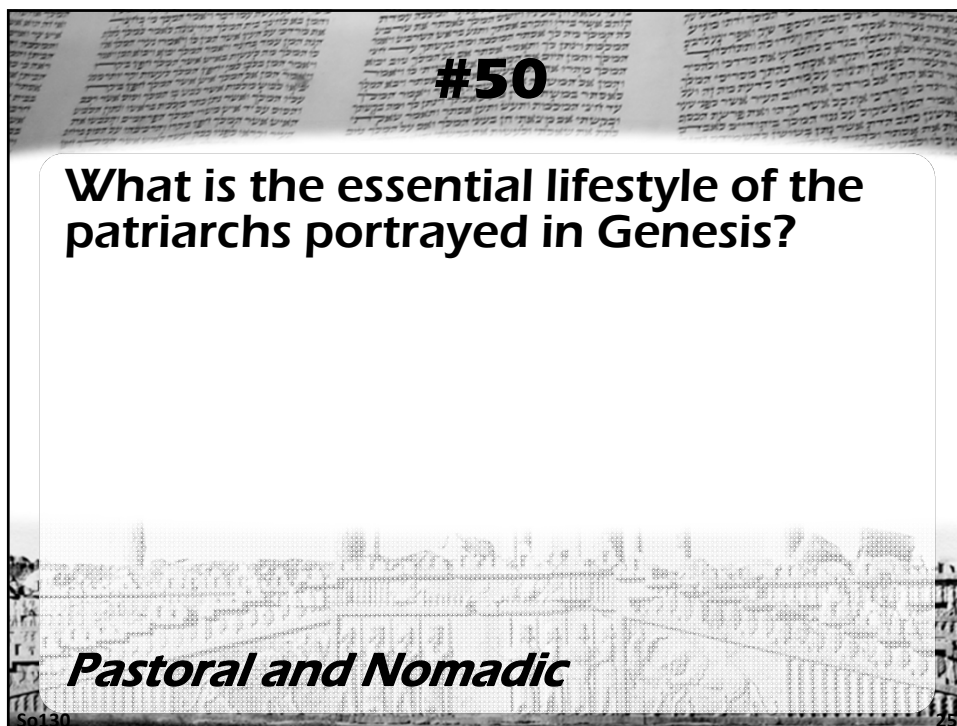
Canaan was a land of city-states.

PALESTINE IN THE MIDDLE
BRONZE AGE (ca. 2000–1550)

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- ▲ City (mentioned in Exegetic texts)



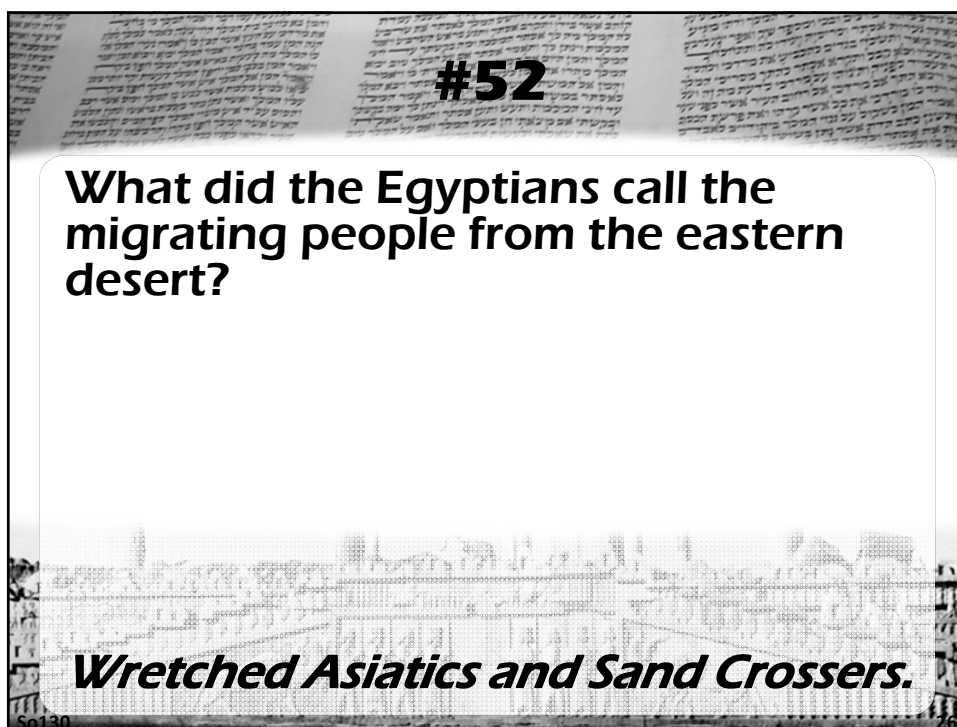
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#50

What is the essential lifestyle of the patriarchs portrayed in Genesis?

Pastoral and Nomadic



#52

What did the Egyptians call the migrating people from the eastern desert?

Wretched Asiatics and Sand Crossers.

#53

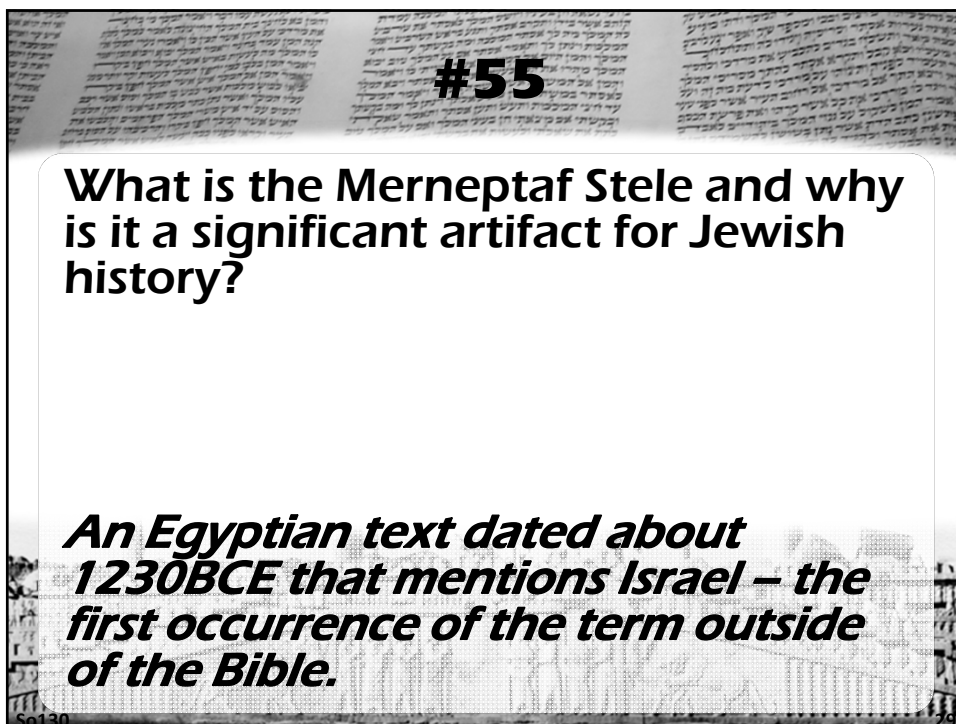
What were some of the duties as vizir that Joseph may have been responsible for in Egypt?

To hear petitions, to exercise justice impartially, to mobilize troops for travel with the Pharaoh, to oversee assessment and collection of taxes, to appoint and supervise officials, and to inspect and maintain royal property.

#54

What is the term “Hyksos” a reference to?

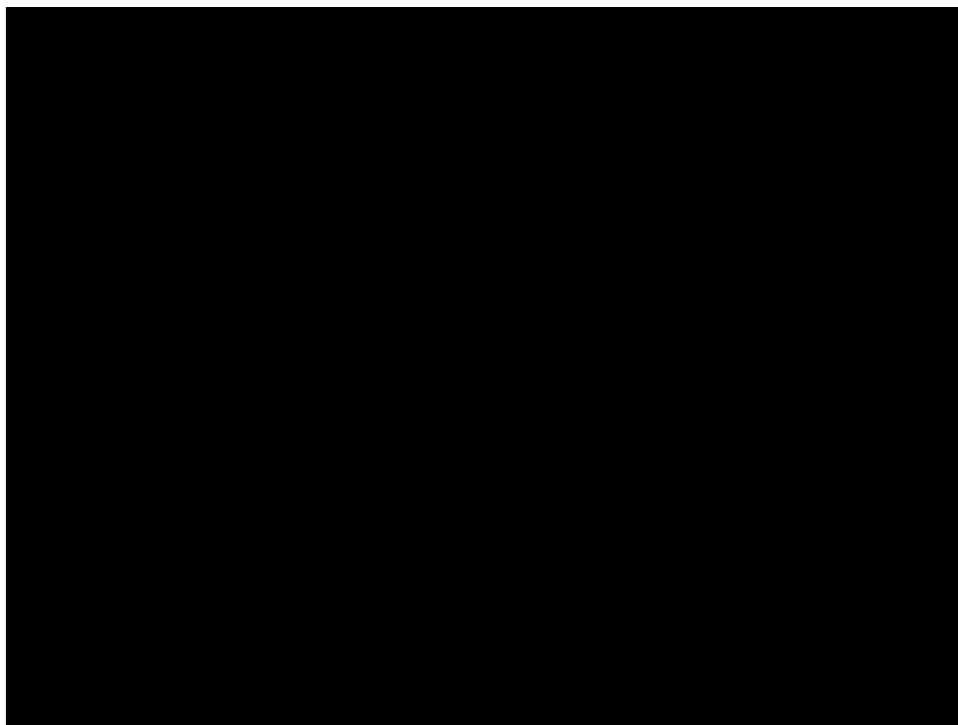
A corrupted form of the Egyptian term meaning “Foreign rulers.”



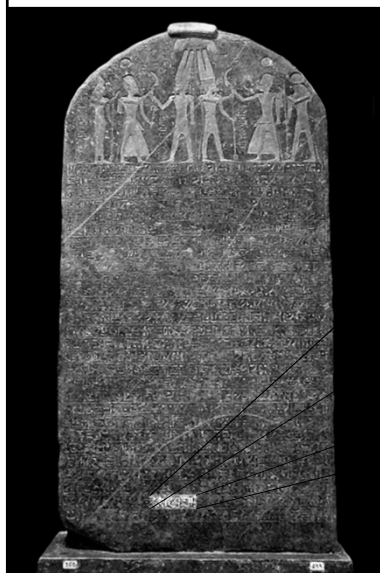
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What is the Merneptah Stele and why is it a significant artifact for Jewish history?

An Egyptian text dated about 1230BCE that mentions Israel – the first occurrence of the term outside of the Bible.

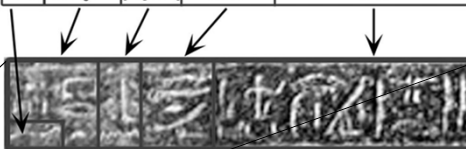


The Merneptah Stele



The "Israel" Merneptah Stele (1205 BC)

"Israel is laid waste. His seed is no more"

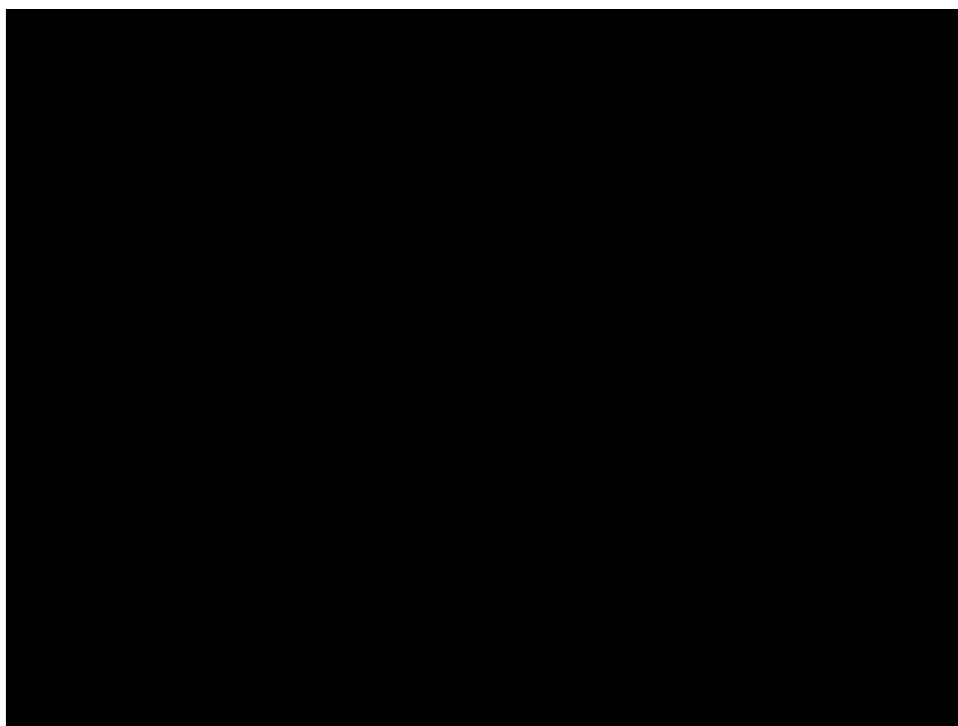


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#58

What does the Amarna letters reveal about the overall picture of Canaan about 1350 BCE.

Canaan was a land of fragmented loyalties and ambitions petty tyrants.



#62

Where was the gathering place for the tribes of Israel during their extended stay of 38 years in the desert?

Kadesh-barnea

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Kadesh-Barnea

