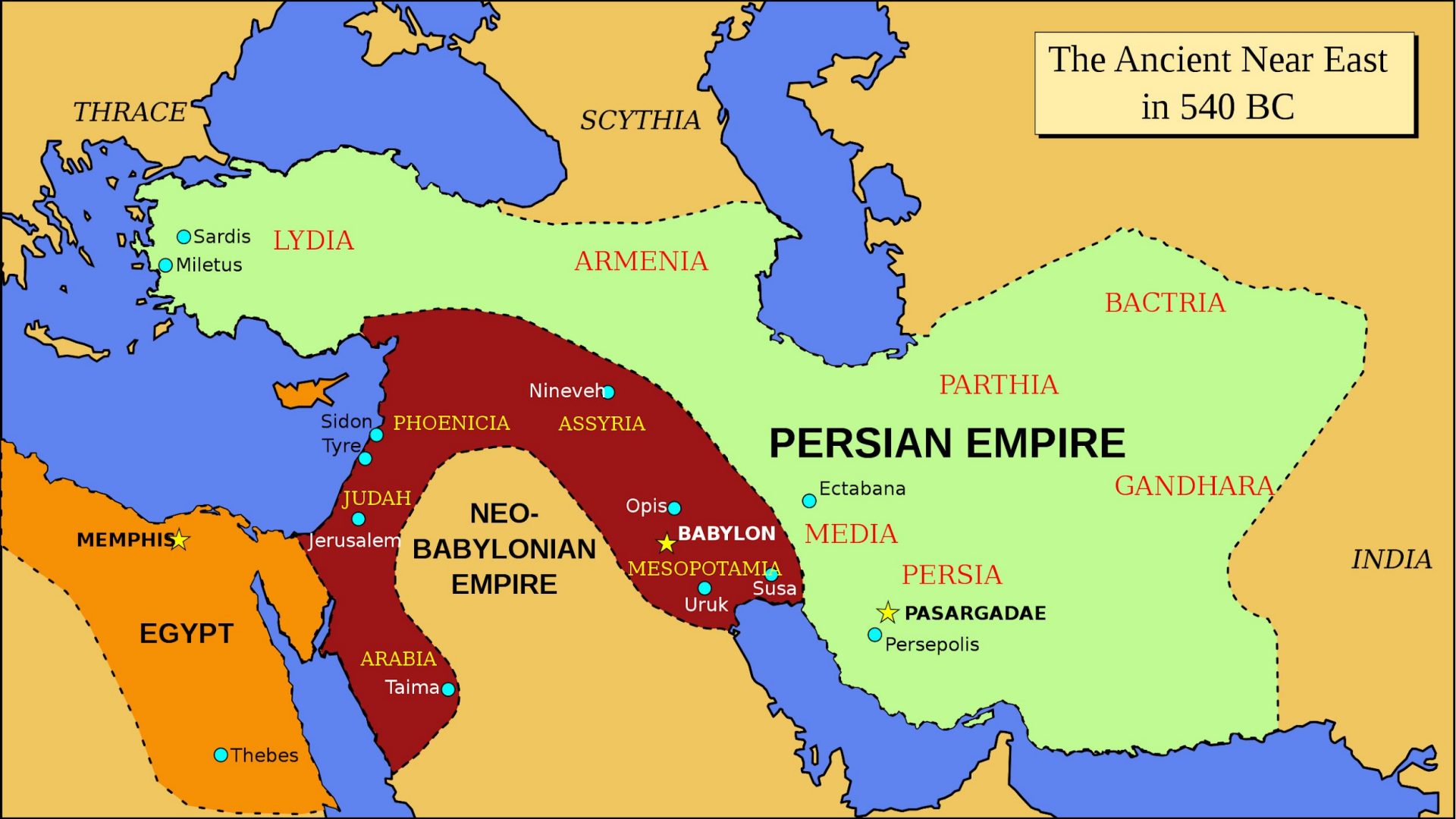


The Ancient Near East
in 540 BC



EZRA - NEHEMIAH

- 586 BC - Judah is "exiled" to Babylon
- 539 BC - Cyrus the Persian overthrows Babylon
- 538 BC - Cyrus decrees that captive people may return to their homelands
- 537 BC - Jeshua, Zerubbabel and 50,000 return
- 535 BC - The foundation of the Temple is laid
- 535 BC - The Temple-project STOPS
- 520 BC - Haggai and Zechariah call the people to finish the Temple
- 458 BC - Ezra travels to Jerusalem from Babylon

EZRA - NEHEMIAH

*Ezra and Nehemiah were friends who served God together in Jerusalem in the 440's BC
(Nearly 100 years after the early return of the exiles)*

EZRA - built up and encouraged the PEOPLE

NEHEMIAH - built up and restored the WALLS of Jerusalem

EZRA - NEHEMIAH

As part of Ezra's ministry to the people, he wrote down their history and their laws.

Compare 2 Chron. 26:22-23 with Ezra 1:1-3

Ezra is a continuation of where Chronicles left off, which makes sense...

...because Ezra is the author of 1+2 Chronicles, written in 450-425BC

EZRA - NEHEMIAH

As part of Ezra's ministry to the people Ezra, who led a group of exiles back to Palestine in 458, was concerned about building a true spiritual foundation for the people. To further that purpose he evidently compiled the "Chronicles" in order to emphasize the importance of religious purity, the proper place of the law, the Temple, and the priesthood.

Thus he omits detailed activities of the kings and prophets, stressing instead the rich heritage of the people and the blessing of their covenant relationship to God.

EZRA - NEHEMIAH

“Unquestionably he used sources in compiling the book, including:

- *prophetic records by Samuel (1 Chron. 29:29), Isaiah (2 Chron. 32:32), and others (2 Chron. 9:29; 12:15; 20:34; 33:19);*
- *but particularly a source called “the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel” (2 Chron. 16:11; 25:26). This is not the canonical 1+2 Kings, but likely some earlier court record.” (Charles Ryrie)*

POST-EXILIC PROPHETS

Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

UNLEADED FUEL ONLY ▶



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CHECK



SERVICE
ENGINE
SOON

Dave



Squishy
doofers



Drunk
Robot



Cyclone
In Car



Ghosts



The doors
Are open
you goob



OWL?



Stop
Travelling
With
Beach Balls



TURBINE
ACTIVATED



Face Wind
KneeWind



Your
Arms
Are
Melting



Lanky
Dalek



Let it go



The Genie
Is Ready



This



Comets



Confusing
Comets



Really
Fast
Comets



TRIANGLES



Lots
of
things



Everywhere



YES



The key
is sinking
in a river



FLEX
YOUR
ABS



SPANISH

HAGGAI - THE HEART OF WORSHIP



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"LORD of Hosts" - "Sabaoth" ≠ "Sabbath"



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B. You're not working properly (1:7-11)



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SO this week whenever you start the car- think about PRIORITIES. What is the "Big Picture" you're missing?



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“Most middle-class Americans tend to worship their work, to work at their play, and to play at their worship. As a result, their meanings and values are distorted. Their relationships disintegrate faster than they can keep them in repair, and their lifestyles resemble a cast of characters in search of a plot.” Gordon Dahl



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