

# THE MINOANS, PHILISTINES & GOD'S PEOPLE (PART 1)

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**THIS YEAR, WE HAD THE CHANCE TO KEEP THE FEAST IN CRETE (ANCIENT CAPHTOR), AND LATER, VISITED SANTORINI (ANCIENT THERA), JUST NORTH OF CRETE.**

**THIS SERMON HOPES TO SHOW THE AMAZING ACCURACY OF THE BIBLE IN REGARD TO THE CRETANS, OR THE ANCIENT CAPHTORITES & THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PHILISTINES. THE PHILISTINES ALMOST CONQUERED THE ISRAELITES, IF NOT FOR GOD'S INTERVENTION, WHICH INCLUDED RAISING UP KING DAVID.**

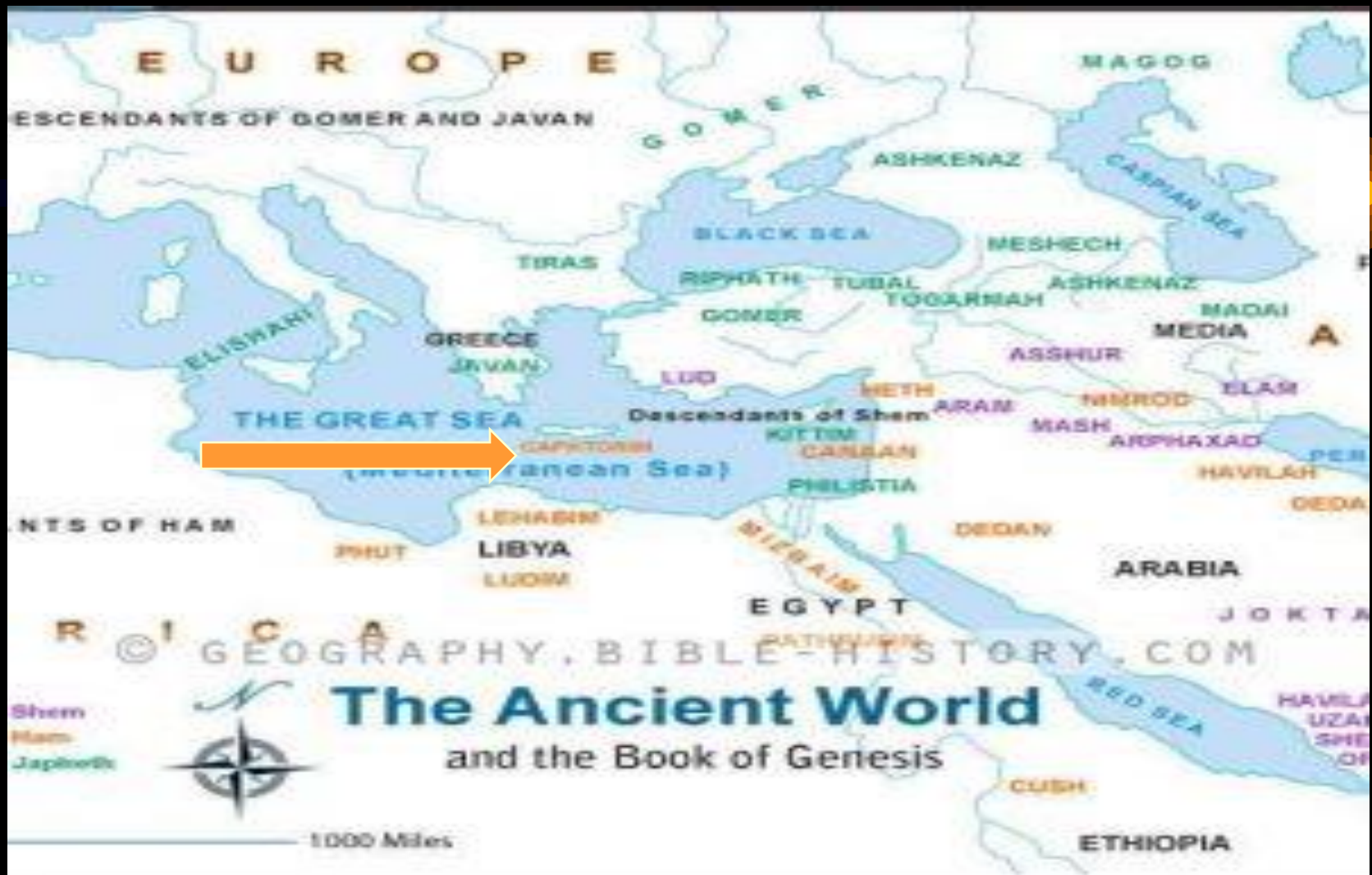
**THE BIBLE WARNS OF PAGAN WAYS (DT. 12:29-32). THE SOPHISTICATED MINOAN & PHILISTINE CULTURE & RELIGION WERE A GREAT TEMPTATION FOR ISRAEL. JUST AS WE LEARNED ABOUT THE PARTHENON, ITS FALSE GODS & ITS GREEK CHRISTMAS WITH BIRTH OF DIONYSUS ON DEC. 25, THERE IS A MINOAN/GREEK/PHILISTINE CONNECTION ABOUT THEIR FALSE DEMONIC TEACHINGS & ITS LOOSE, PERVERTED MORALS (1 COR. 10:19-21).**



Minoan Snake Goddess from the Palace at Knossos, Crete

**MINOAN SNAKE GODDESS FROM THE PALACE IN KNOSSOS, CRETE, (THE ORIGINAL SHOWS HER WITH BREASTS EXPOSED), A UNIQUE TRAIT OF MINOAN CULTURE. WOULD GOD PUT UP WITH IT & LET IT SPREAD WIDELY, EVEN TO ISRAEL?**





**THE ORIGINS OF THE MINOANS GO BACK TO TABLE OF NATIONS IN GEN. 10:13-14: “Mizraim was the ancestor of the Ludites...and the Caphtorites, from whom the Philistines came” (NLT).**

**IN THE EXB VERSION IT SAYS, “Mizraim was the father of the Ludites...and the people of Crete [Caphtorites]. (The Philistines came from the Casluhites [or Caphtorites]).**



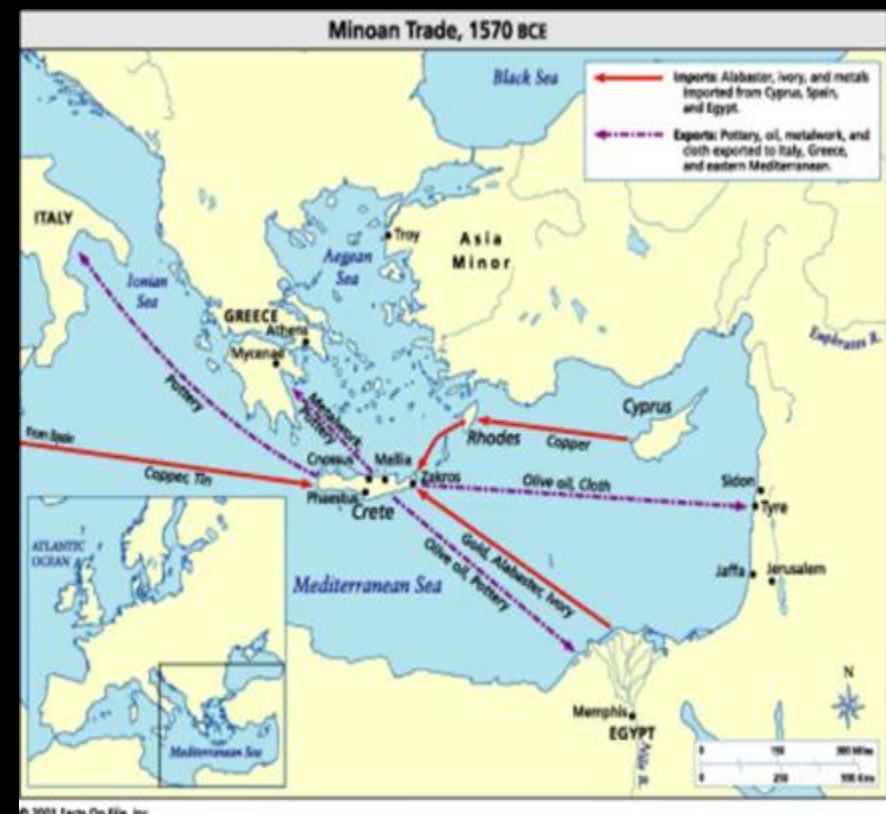
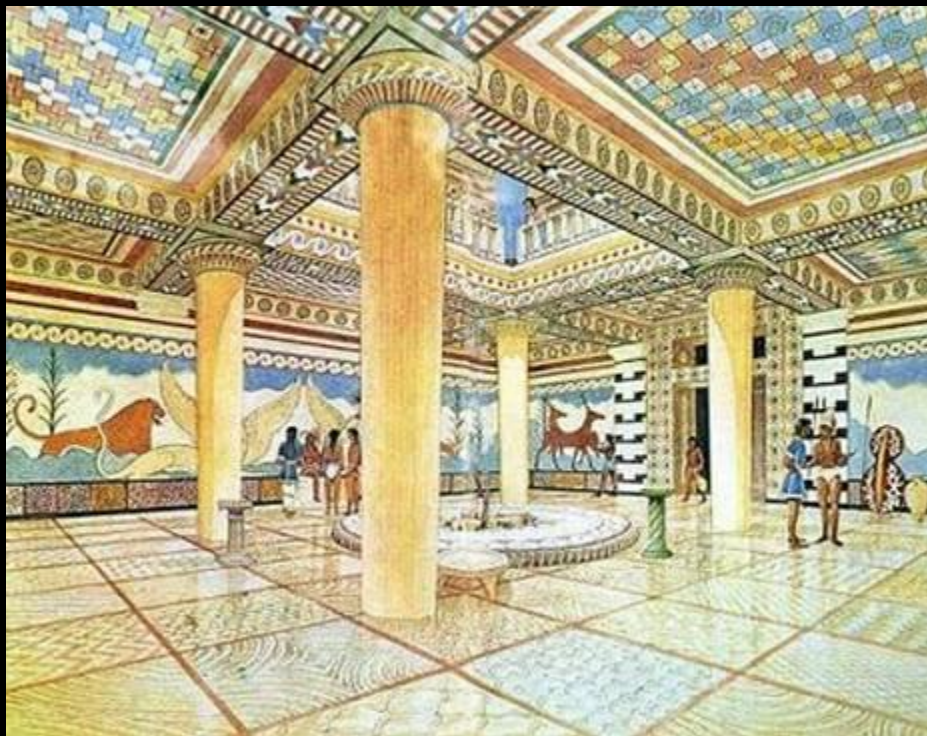
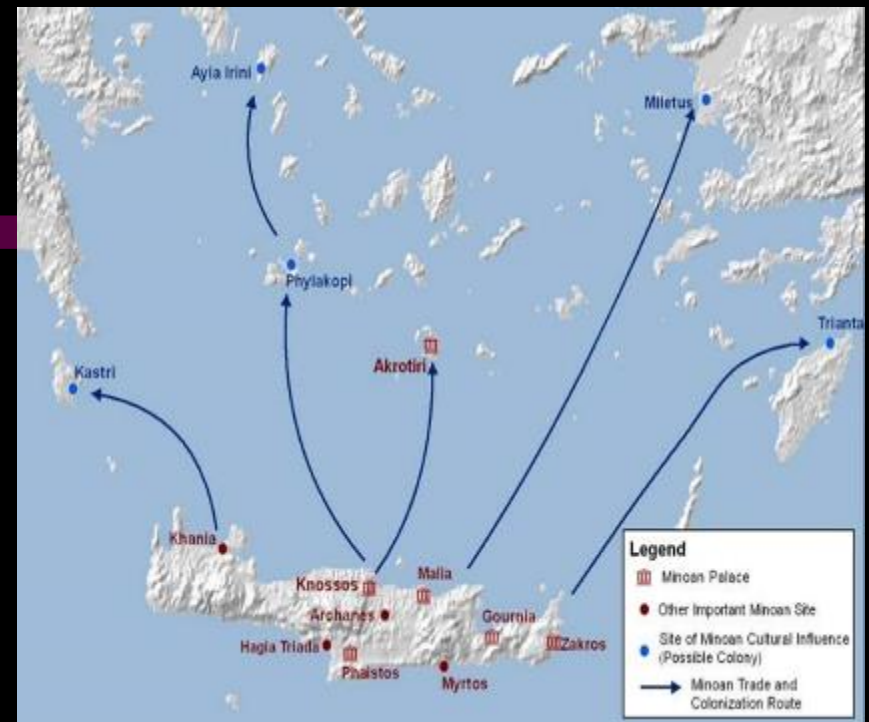
## ANCIENT MINOAN FRESCOES FROM KOMMOS, CRETE

LET'S BRIEFLY LOOK AT THE MINOAN CULTURE (THE TERM MINOAN COMES FROM THEIR KING, MINOS) WITH ITS CAPITAL IN CRETE. IT BECAME THE COMMERCIAL & TECHNOLOGICAL SUPERPOWER IN ITS DAY (1900 BC – 1200 BC). THEIR SHIPS DOMINATED THE AEGEAN ISLANDS.

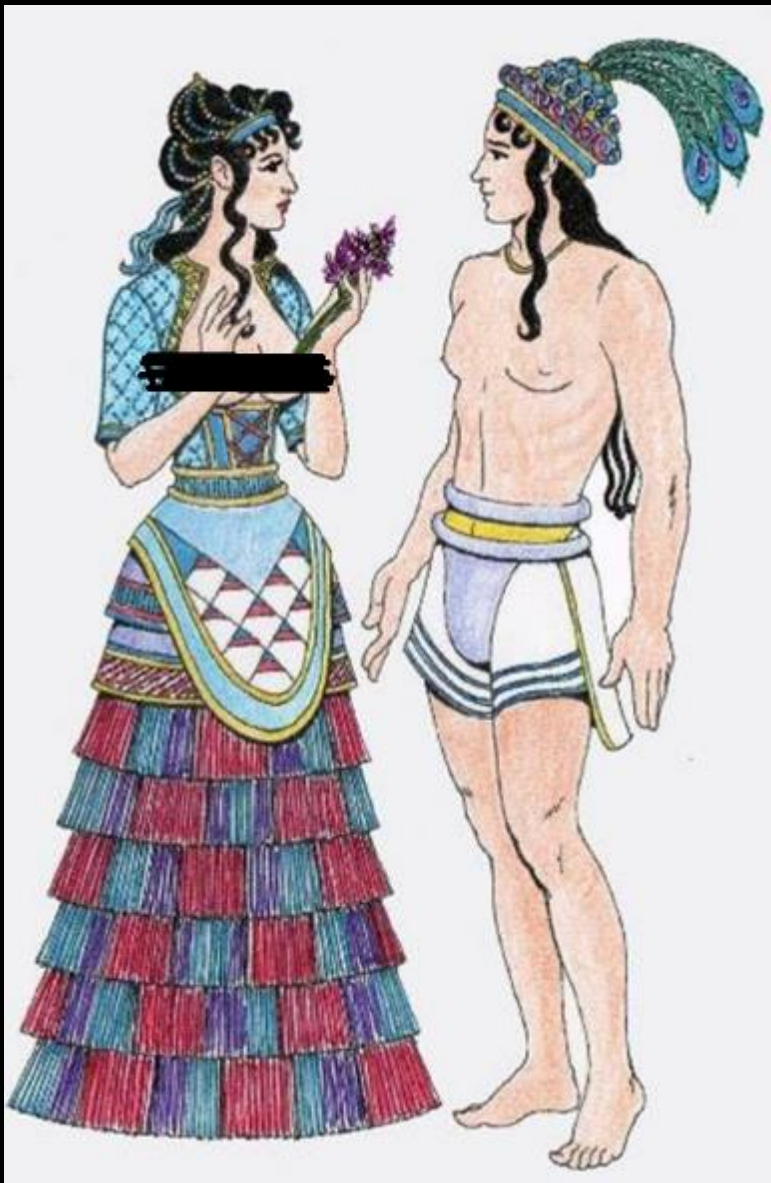
FROM ITS EXTENSIVE TRADE, THEY BECAME FABULOUSLY WEALTHY, LIKE ANCIENT TYRE (EZ. 28:5), BUT ALSO BECAME IMMORAL TO THE POINT THAT THE MEN & WOMEN HAD NO SHAME. SOME HISTORIANS CALL THEM SYBARITES.



**THE MINOANS FROM THE 1900 BC BECAME THE DOMINANT POWER, SPREADING THEIR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY & CULTURE TO THE NEARBY ISLANDS. THEIR FAMOUS WALL PAINTINGS OR FRESCOES, WERE FOUND NOT ONLY IN THE SURROUNDING ISLANDS AND GREECE, BUT LATER EVEN IN ANCIENT ISRAEL.**







**THEIR PROSPERITY LED TO IMMORAL DECLINE & THEIR ART REFLECTED IT. IT WAS THE ONLY SOCIETY WHERE THE WOMAN DARED TO EXPOSE THEIR BREASTS OUT IN PUBLIC & MEN WORE MOSTLY LOINCLOTHS. THIS PERVERTED LIFESTYLE COINCIDED WITH A TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION, SIMILAR TO WHAT HAPPENED TO SODOM & GOMORRAH. AFTER THIS, NO SOCIETY DARED COPY THEIR IMMORAL STYLE OF CLOTHING.**





**REPRESENTATION OF THE VOLCANO OF THERA (THE LARGEST ERUPTION IN RECORDED HISTORY ACCORDING TO MANY HISTORIANS), AND WHAT BECAME THE ISLAND OF SANTORINI, AS PART OF THE CRATER & WHAT VOLCANO LEFT BEHIND.**

**THE ERUPTION OF NEARBY THERA, 70 MILES NORTH OF CRETE CAUSED EARTHQUAKES & A HUGE TSUNAMI THAT WIPED OUT A GOOD PART OF THE MINOAN CULTURE. NO ONE, INCLUDING THE PHILISTINES, EVER COPIED THEIR SINFUL DRESS STYLES.**



**THE ASH SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE AEGEAN SEA AND IS FOUND IN CRETE WHERE THE GREAT PALACE IN KNOSSOS WAS DESTROYED. THE PICTURE ON THE RIGHT SHOWS A QUARRY OF PUMICE IN SANTORINI. IN ADDITION, A HUGE TSUNAMI (UP TO 100 FEET HIGH) AND EARTHQUAKES FOLLOWED THE ERUPTION.**





It says in Jer 47:4, “...because the time has come to destroy all the Philistines. The time has come to destroy Tyre and Sidon's remaining helpers. The Lord will destroy the Philistines, the survivors from the Island of Crete” (ERV).

Amos 9:7 says, “The Lord says, ‘Israel, you are no different to me than the people of Cush [Ethiopia]. I brought Israel out of the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Crete [Caphtor], and the Arameans [Syrians] from Kir” (EXB).



Unknown script  
Stamped ceramic

**Philistine Helmet**  
Relief by Rameses III  
from Medinet Habu  
dating to 1177 BC



# Philistine Phaistos Disk from Crete

**1700 BC**

Philistines during the time of Abraham

**Genesis 21:32-34; 26:1**

**Mavro Spilio Gold Ring**  
Spiral text  
Discovered in Knossos Crete  
dates to 1500 BC



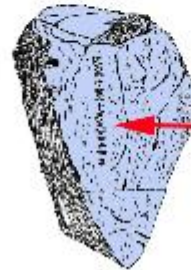
**Seal HM 992**  
Phaistos Crete (Excavated  
by Doro Levi in 1955)  
See #21 on Phaistos Disk



**Arkalochoi Cave Axe**  
(Excavated in 1934 on Crete  
by Spyridon Marinatos )  
See #2, 19, 35 on Phaistos Disk



**Blue Limestone Altar Stone**  
Surface find by farmer  
in 1937 at Malia Crete



**Lead Magliano Disk**  
Double sided, spiral-inscribed  
metal disk  
Discovered in Italy in 1882 AD  
Dates to 600-500 BC.



**45 Characters on Phaistos Disk**

1	12	19	26	33
2	11	20	29	36
3	10	21	30	39
4	9	22	31	42
5	8	23	32	45
6	7	24	35	48
7	6	25	38	51
8	5	26	41	54
9	4	27	44	57
10	3	28	47	60
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Ligi Perini,  
Minoan palace, Crete, 1300 AD



Heraklion Archaeological Museum, Crete

**WE VISITED THE HISTORY MUSEUM IN CRETE AND SAW THE PHAISTOS DISK, WHICH SHOWS THE MINOANS AND THE PHILISTINES WORE THE SAME TYPE OF HEADADDRESS FOR WAR.**



# Philistines Invade Israel in 1177 BC

**Philistine Pentapolis**

**Shamgar: Judges 3:31**

**Iron Age Begins**

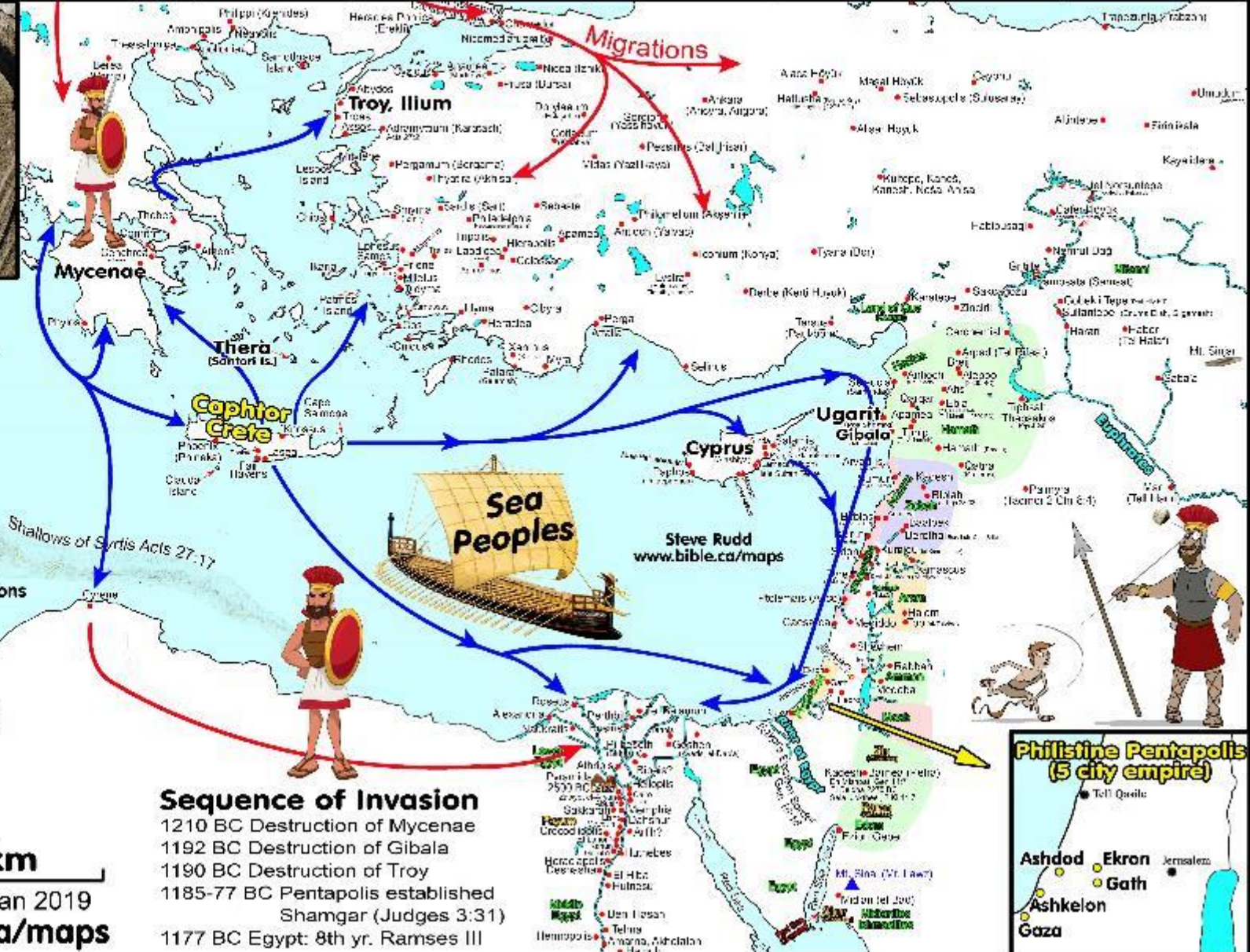
"No land could stand before their arms: from Hatti, Qode, Carchemish, Arzawa, Alashiya on, being cut off at one time" (Medinet Habu, Ramses III, 1177 BC)  
The hero's of Homer's Iliad and the Odyssey are the bad boys of the bible (Philistines). Hadrian renamed Judea "Palestine" which literally means "Philistine"



Philistine with "feathered helmet" on relief from Medinet Habu, Thebes by Ramses III



**11 Philistine origin nations**  
Danaoi, Lukka, Shekelesh  
Paleset (Philistines),  
Cherethites, Caphtonites  
Sherden, Teresh, Tjekker  
Eqwesh, Weshesh  
Note: Gittite is someone from Gath.



**THE FIRST WAVE OF PHILISTINES ARRIVE IN ISRAEL. NOTICE  
DAVID DEFEATED THE PHILISTINE GOLIATH**





**SO, THE PHILISTINES WERE PART OF THE “SEA PEOPLES,” AS THE MEDINET HABU TEMPLE OF RAMESES III SHOWS THEM BEING REPELLED BY THE EGYPTIANS. THESE PHILISTINES NOW CAME TO ISRAEL IN THE 12<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY IN MAJOR WAVES. IN PART 2, WE WILL SHOW THE HISTORY OF THE PHILISTINES IN THE PROMISED LAND & HOW THEY BECAME THE MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY OF ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF THE JUDGES ALL THE WAY TO THE TIME OF KING DAVID, AND THE VERY IMPORTANT LESSONS WE CAN LEARN IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE.**