

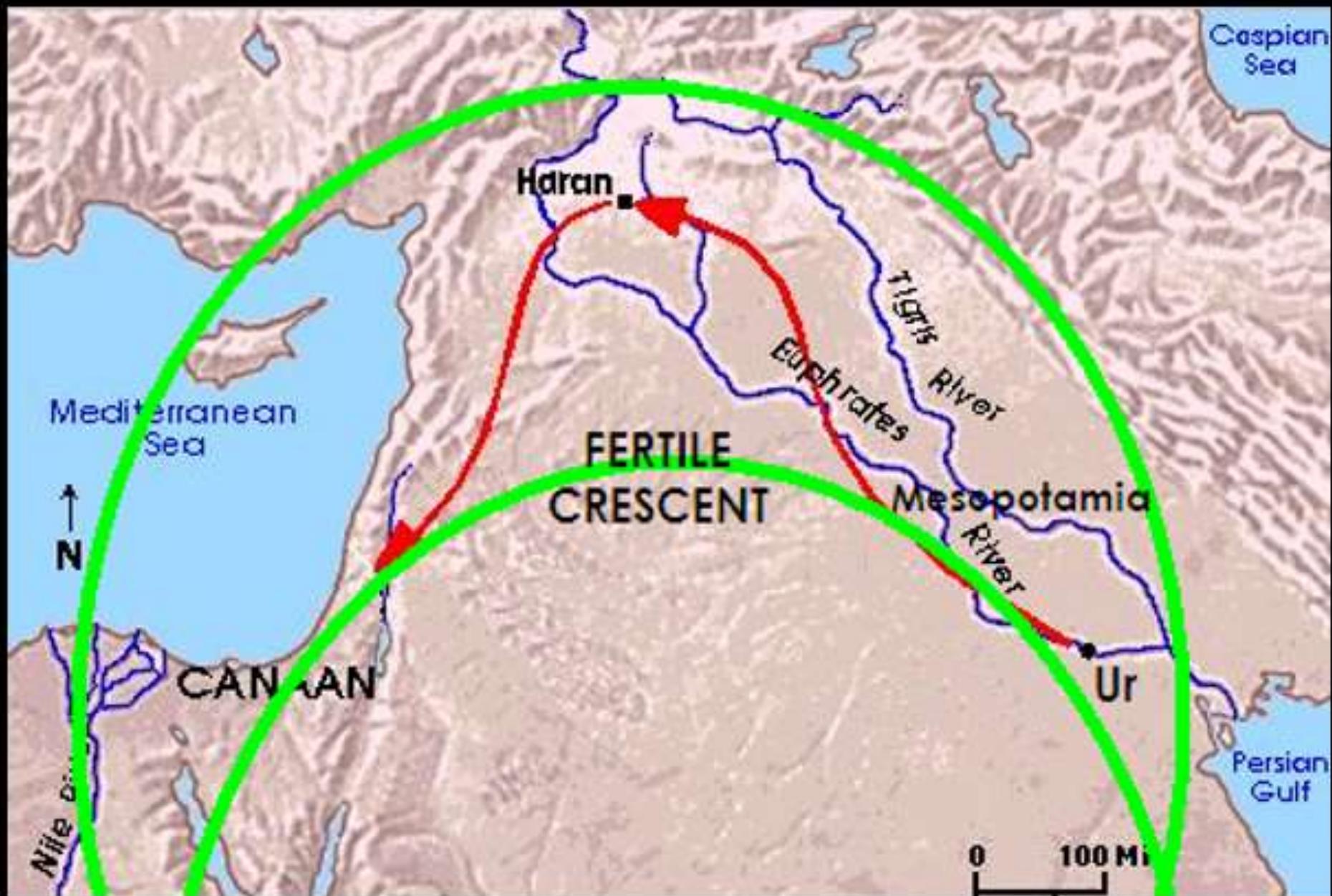
THE LESSONS FOR US OF BIBLICAL GEOGRAPHY

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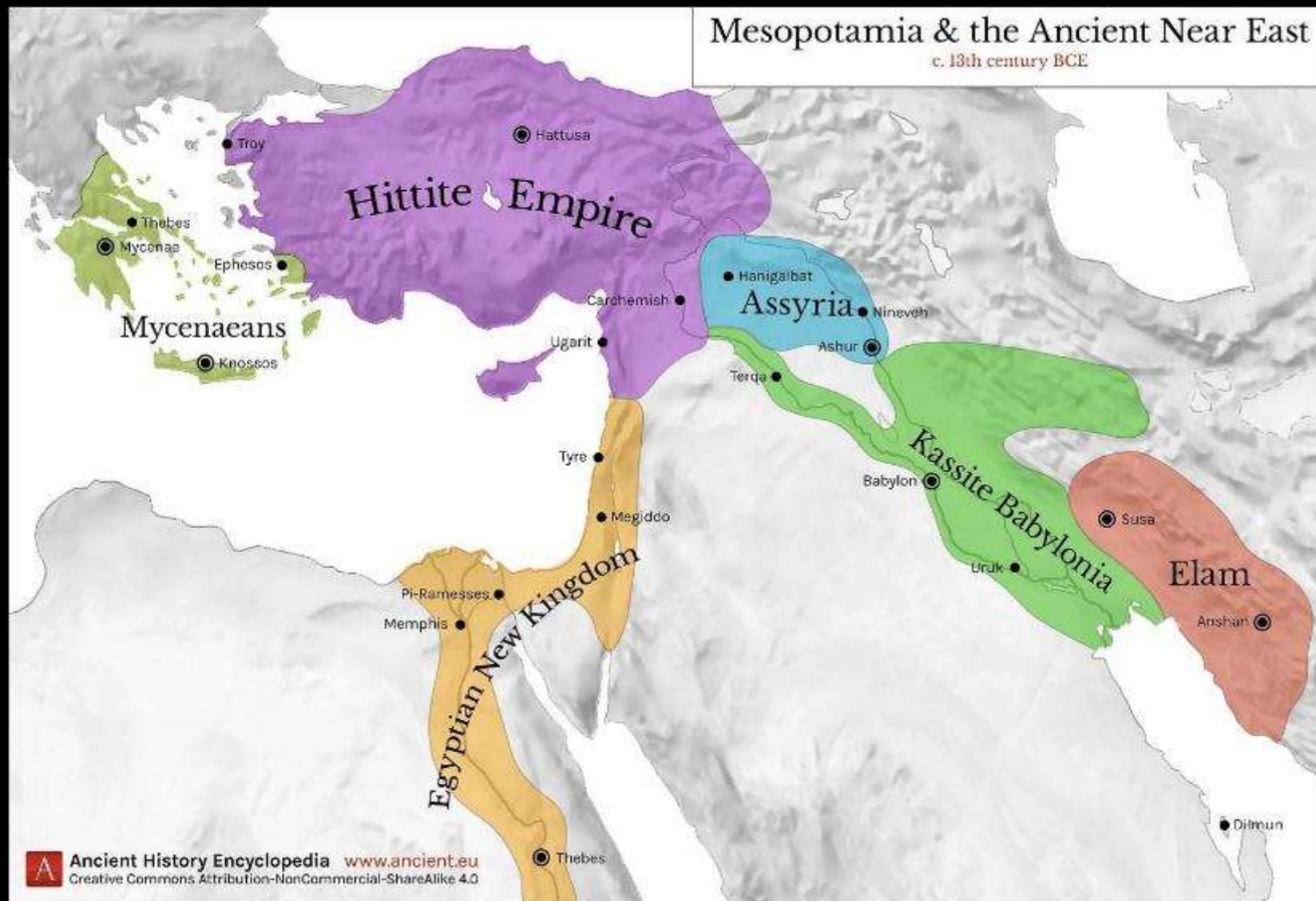


THE FERTILE CRESCENT ABRAHAM'S WORLD

1. APPRECIATE THE SACRIFICES OF THE TRAVELS OF ABRAHAM - Heb. 11:8-11; Gen. 11:28-32; 12:1-10



2. APPRECIATE HOW HARD IT WAS NOT TO FEAR OR COMPROMISE WITH THE NATIONS THAT SURROUNDED ISRAEL WHICH WERE FAR MORE POWERFUL AND SOPHISTICATED – DEUT. 7:1-10



THE NATIONS OF THAT REGION ALSO TO DEAL WITH





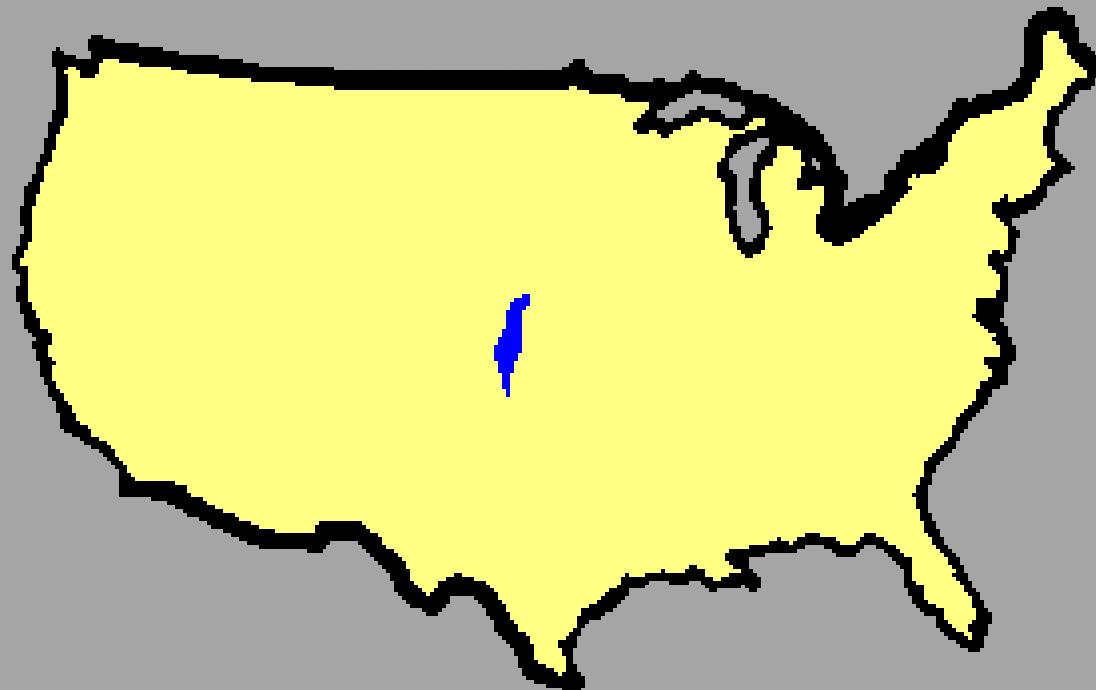
3. APPRECIATE THE DIVERSITY OF ISRAEL - 150 MILES LONG BY 80 MILES WIDE, BUT MOST OF THE BIBLE HAPPENS HERE. IT WAS NOT AN EASY LAND TO TILL LIKE EGYPT (DT. 11:10-17) FOR GOD HAD MADE IT READY FOR TRIALS OF OBEDIENCE. MT. HERMON

ISRAEL'S TERRITORY IN COMPARISON WITH THE U.S. - ABOUT A TWENTIETH OF THE SIZE OF CALIFORNIA



ISRAEL and...

The United States



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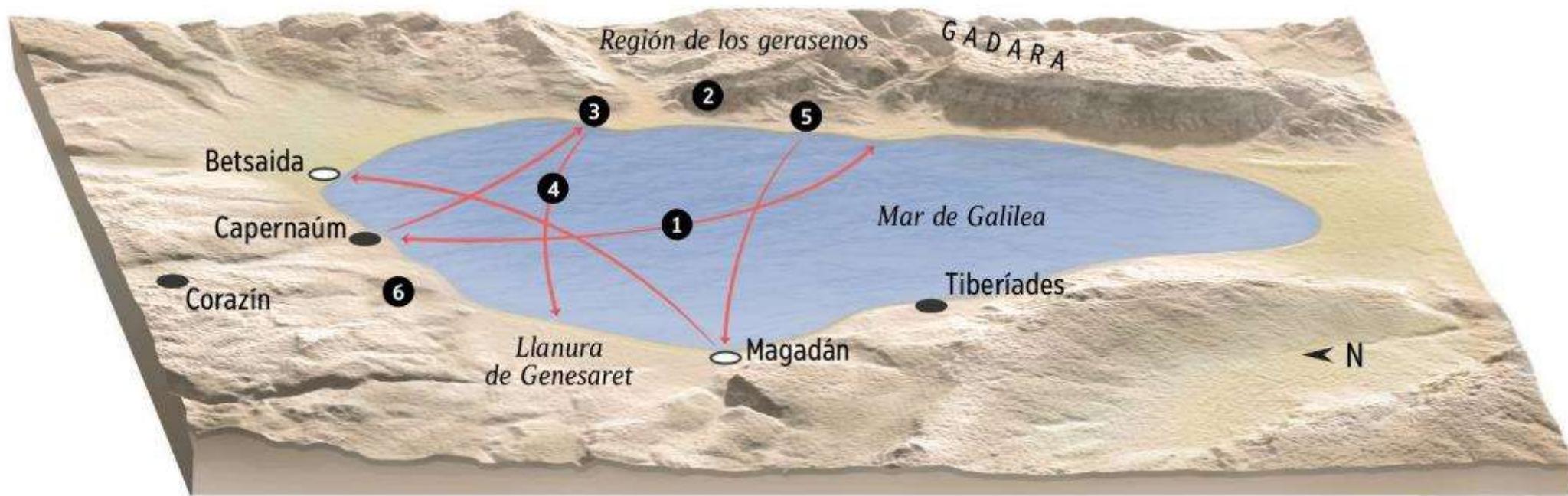
4. APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GEOGRAPHY OF ISRAEL IN THE ACCOUNTS DEALING WITH JESUS



HIS PREACHING MOSTLY REVOLVED AROUND THE LAKE OF GALILEE

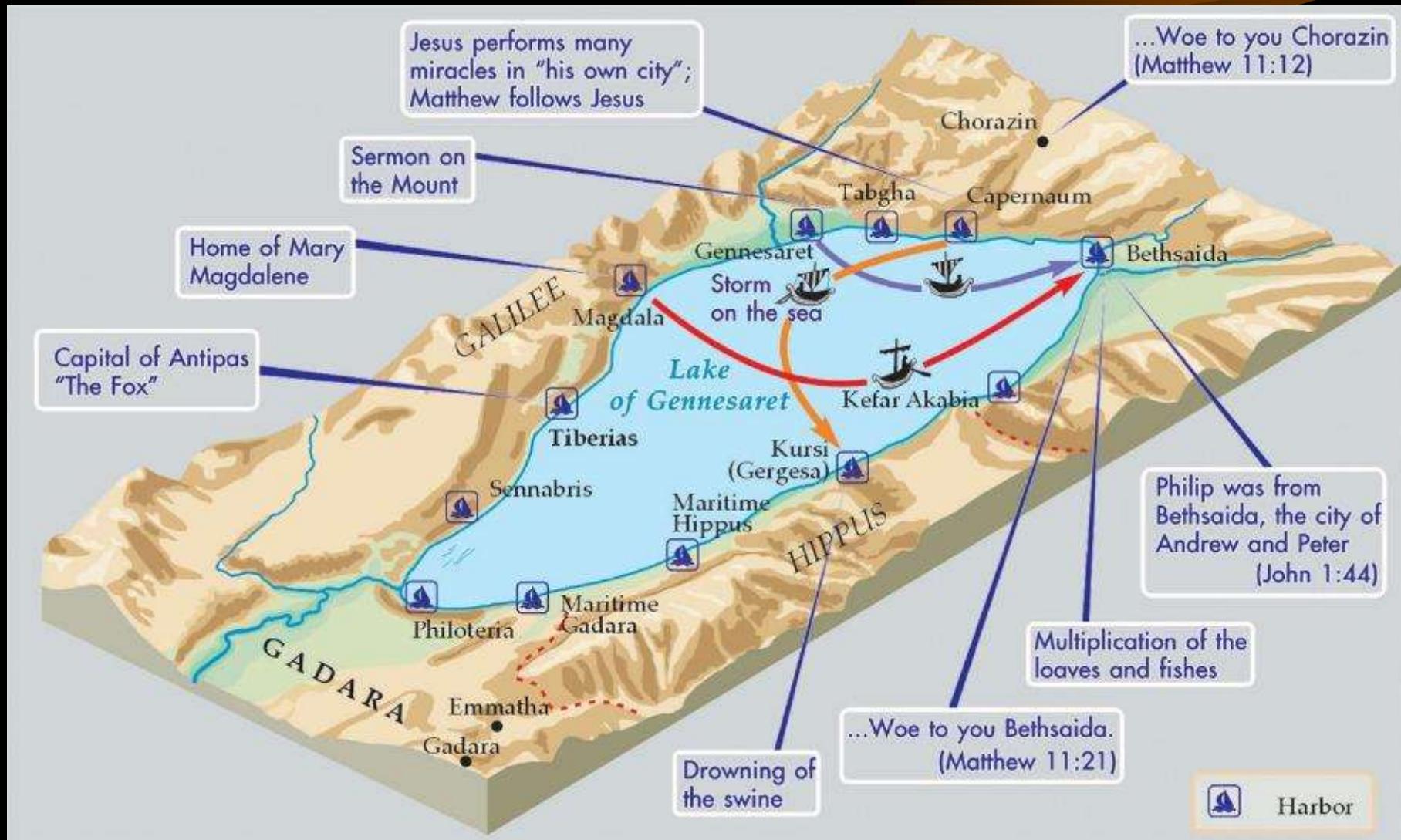


5. APPRECIATE ALL THE TRIPS JESUS DID ON THE LAKE AND ITS TOWNS

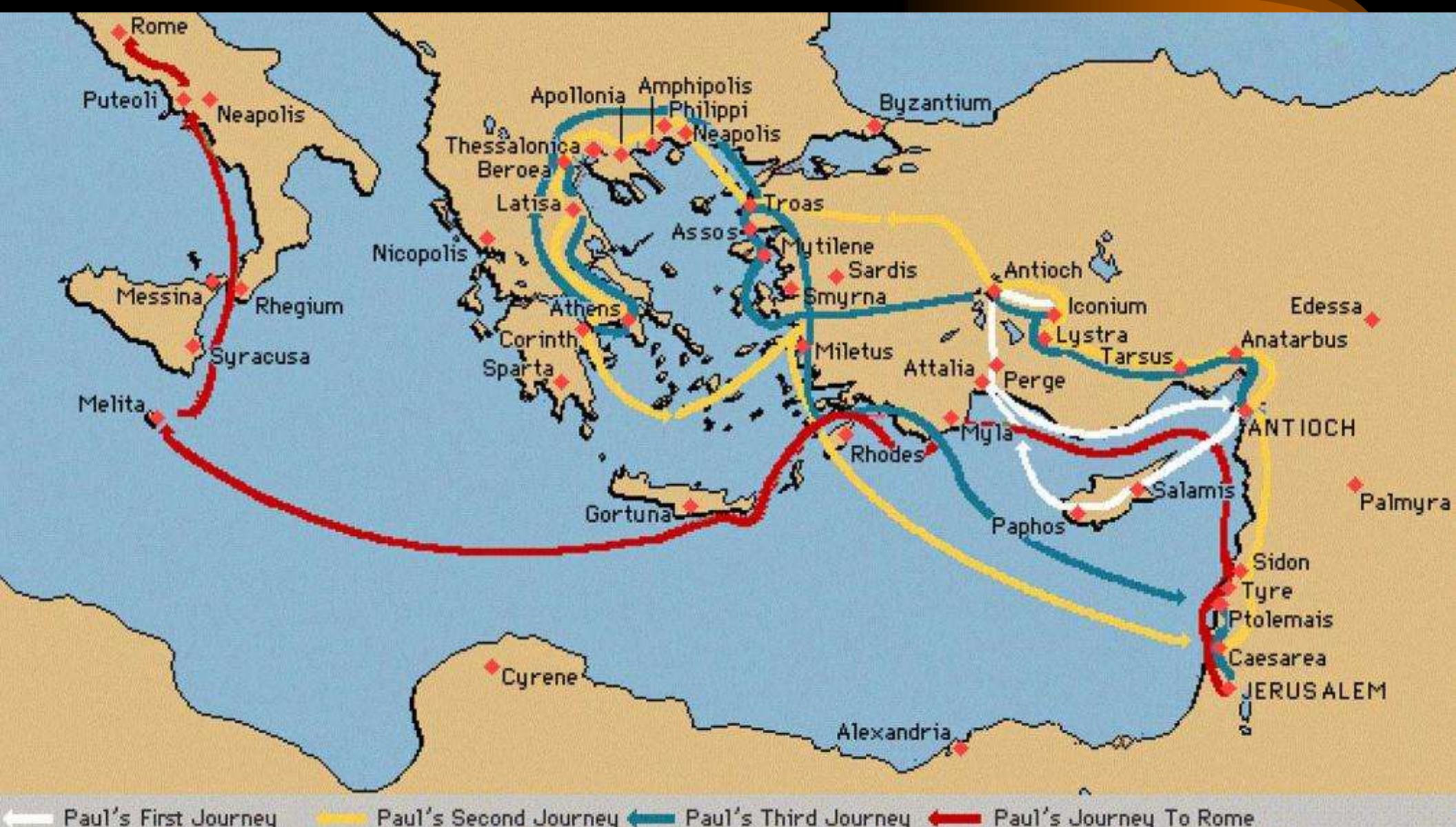


The Lake of Galilee was 13 miles long by 8 miles wide, about two-thirds the size of Lake Tahoe.

BIBLICAL INCIDENTS AROUND THE LAKE

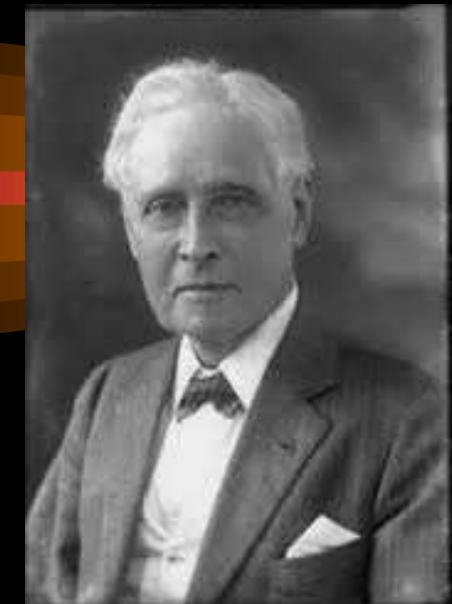


6. APPRECIATE THE ACCURACY OF THE FOUR TRIPS OF PAUL THAT ENCOMPASS MOST OF



BIBLICAL GEOGRAPHY HELPED IN THE CONVERSION OF SIR WILLIAM RAMSAY (1850-1939)

Luke is such an accurate historian that **William Ramsay, (1851-1939)** an atheist professor from Oxford, set out to prove Luke's account contained many errors and myths. He spent 20 years in his quest in the Middle East, yet, after all those years of checking Luke's account, he admitted defeat and surprised the world by becoming a Christian. He wrote a classic book on Paul called *St. Paul the Traveler and the Roman Citizen*.



As Ramsay wrote, “Luke is a historian of the first rank, not merely are his statements of fact trustworthy, he is possessed of the true historic sense...In short, this author should be placed along with the very greatest of historians” (*The Bearing of Recent Discovery on the Trustworthiness of the New Testament*, 1919, p. 80). So, Biblical Geography is important to our faith and knowledge!