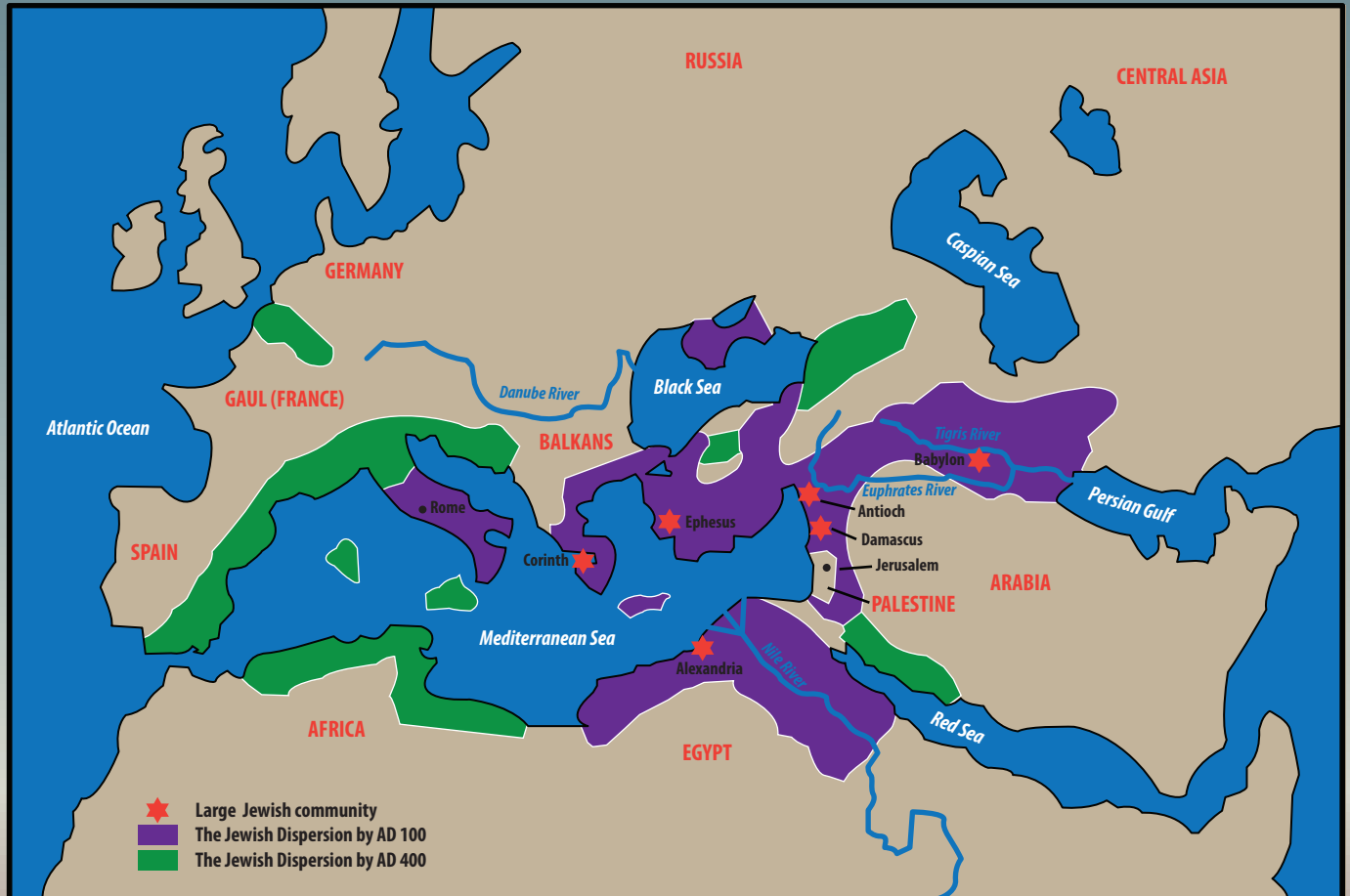


# The Dispersion of the Jews by AD 400



Beginning with the Assyrian deportations of Israelites in 721 BC and the Babylonian exile in 587 BC, Jews were gradually dispersed across the Mediterranean world and the Near East.

In AD 70 Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed. By AD 135 Jews were not even allowed to enter Jerusalem.

By about AD 400 Jews had settled throughout the Roman Empire.