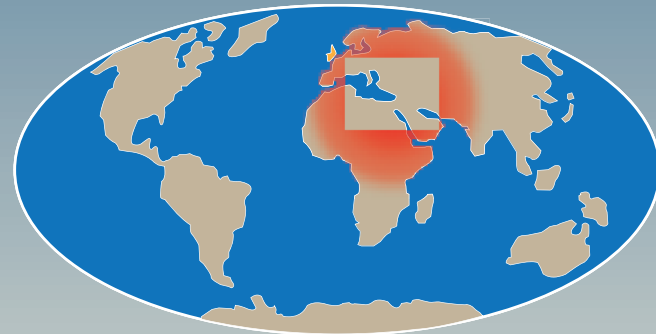


Israel and the Empires of the Ancient World



Rome ruled Israel beginning in 63 BC and destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem in AD 70. In AD 135, the Romans forbade all Jews to enter Jerusalem.

Alexander the Great conquered the Persian Empire in 330 BC. The Greek rulers of Egypt and Syria, successors of Alexander, controlled Israel for nearly three hundred years.



From 2000 to 1200 BC, Egypt frequently dominated the land known as Canaan.

Assyria destroyed the capital of the kingdom called Israel in 722 BC.

Babylon destroyed Jerusalem in 587 BC and took many of its citizens into exile.

Persia replaced Babylon as ruler of the Near East in 538 BC.