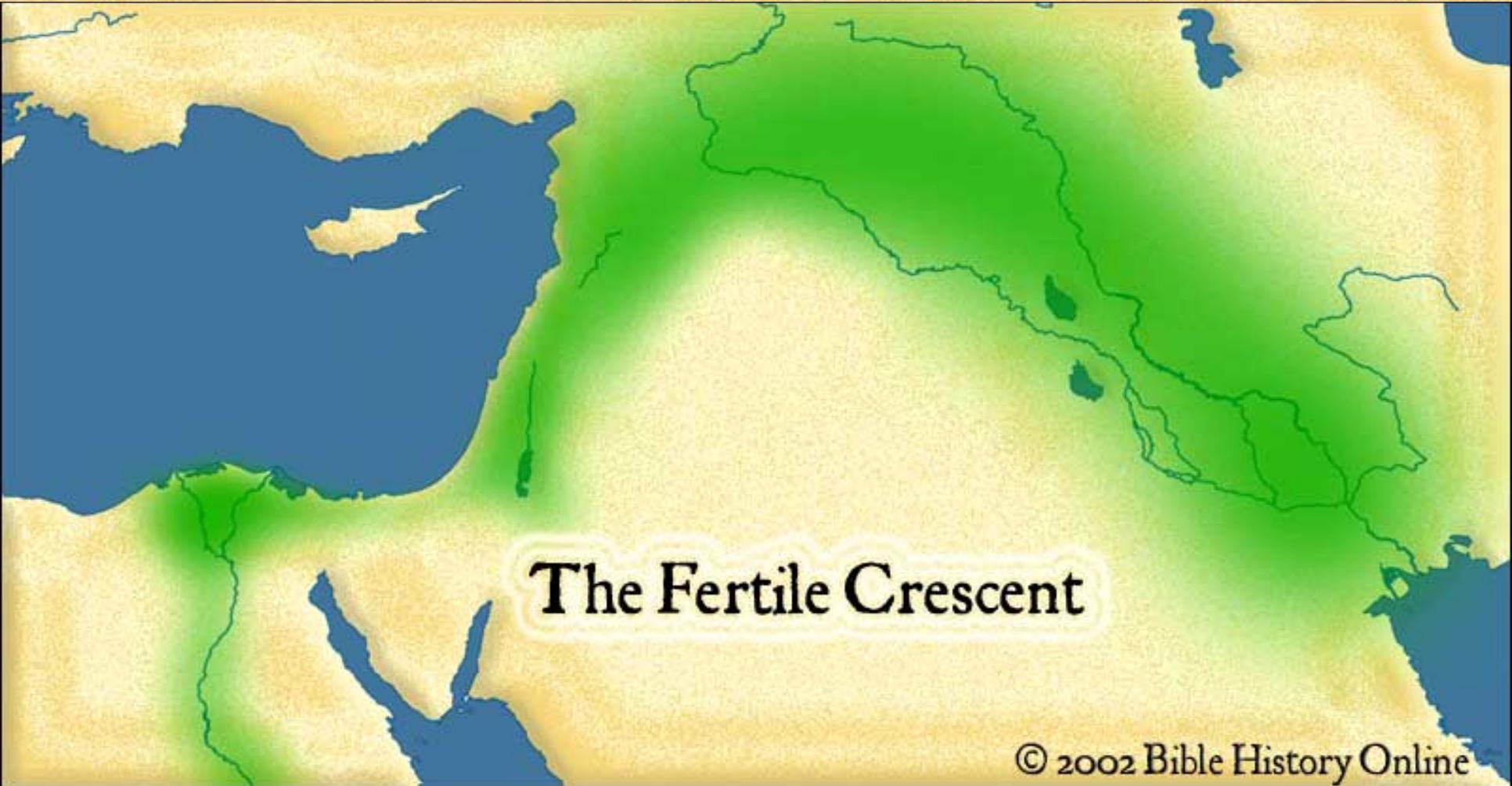


# JUDAISM



# Biblical Patriarchs



**The Fertile Crescent**

# **Biblical Patriarchs**

**Gilgamesh Epic used for the basis of Genesis 1-11.  
It was the first great epic poem that dealt with  
Gilgamesh's search for immortality and meaning of  
life**

**The Patriarchal narrative begins at Genesis 12.**



**Code of Hammurabi 1792-1750 BCE**  
containing 282 rules based upon status

# **Biblical Patriarchs**

- **Covenant People**
- **Ethics/morality**
- **Monotheism**
- **JEDP authors of Genesis**

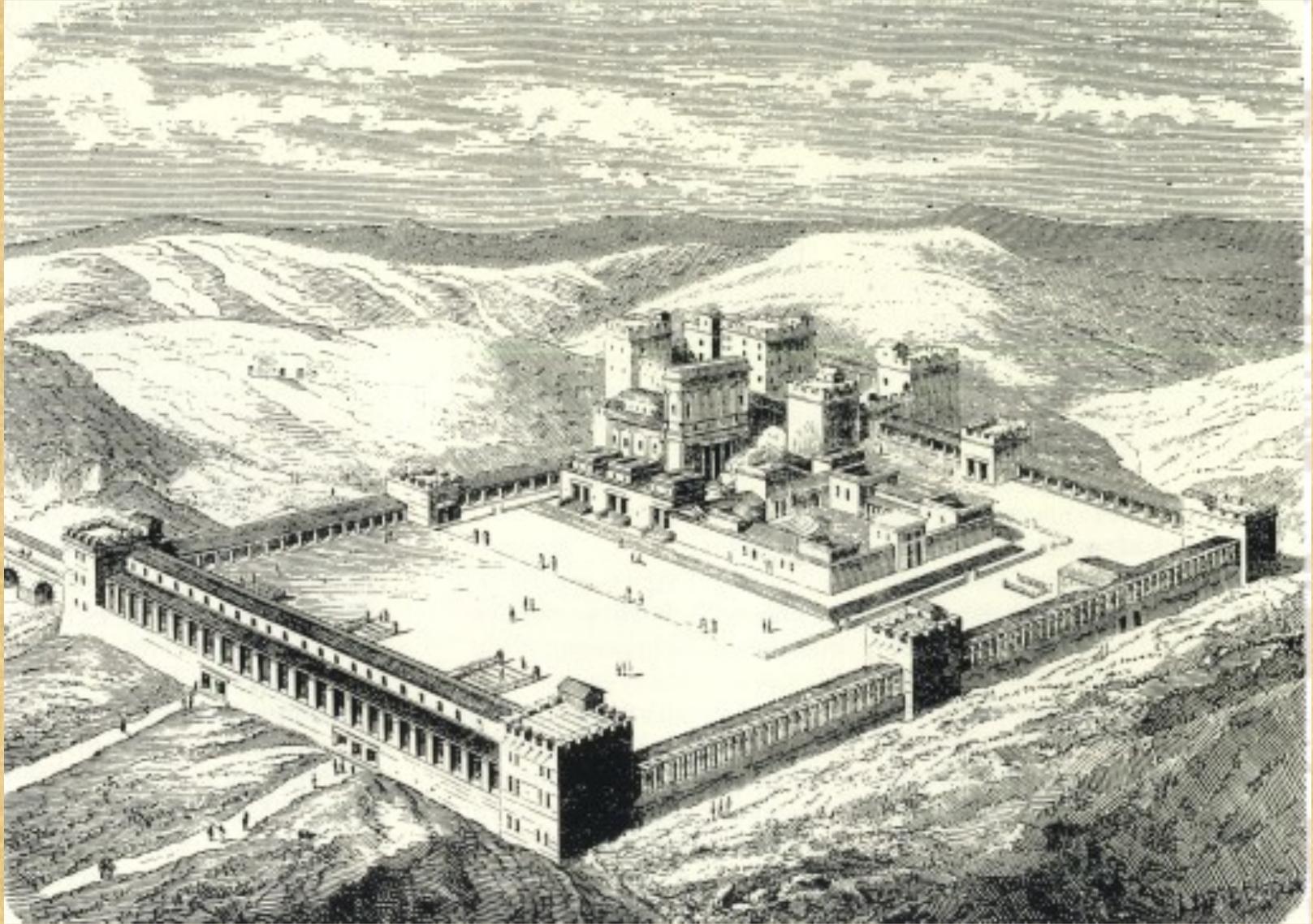
# **Exodus to Sinai and the Ten Commandments**

**After the Exodus from Egypt, a period of time is spent wandering in the desert until the giving of the Law**

**The Ten Commandments were guidelines for harmonious society—not as a means to enter heaven**

**Fence Laws soon added**

# Hebrew Monarchy



**Solomon's Temple ca. 1000 BCE**

# **Prophetic Movement, Exile, and Return**

**Prophets were social critics not predictors of the future**

**After Solomon Israel divided north and south**

## The Divided Kingdom



# **The Babylonian Captivity**

- **The fall of Judah 586 BCE**
- **Nebuchadnezzar exported Hebrews to Babylon**  
**“By the waters of Babylon....”**

**Exiled artisans and leaders...not all the people of Israel went into exile**

# Diaspora

- **With the destruction of Israel, the Jewish people started to get spread all over the world**
- **The spun off the synagogues since the Temple wasn't around**
- **Rabbis began teaching responsibilities**
- **Four groups within Judaism:**
  1. **Sadducees—aristocratic leaders**
  2. **Pharisees—teachers with a messianic idea**
  3. **Essences—ascetics and writers of the Dead Sea Scrolls**
  4. **Zealots—revolutionaries**



**Masada,  
the fortress where the  
Zealots held off the Romans  
...then committed mass  
suicide**



**Qumran, site of the Dead Sea Scrolls**



LEBANON

GOLAN HEIGHTS

Mediterranean Sea

Haifa

Sea of Galilee

SYRIA

WEST BANK

Tel Aviv • Ramallah

Jerusalem

Bethlehem

Jordan River

Dead Sea

GAZA STRIP

ISRAEL

JORDAN

EGYPT

SINAI PENINSULA

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# **Judaism from the Crusades to the Modern World**

- **Anti-Semitism goes back to the crucifixion**
- **Crusades accelerated attacks against Jews**
- **Luther added to this anti-Semitism**
- **Ghettos ironically probably preserved Jews as a people**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Lateran Council did also**

# Zionism

- **Started with the Dreyfus case**
- **Herzl decides that a state of Israel was necessary and called his movement—Zionism**
- **Then the British decided to get into the fray with Balfour Declaration**
- **Then the Holocaust adds guilt to Western imperialism**
- **State of Israel and the Palestinian problem**