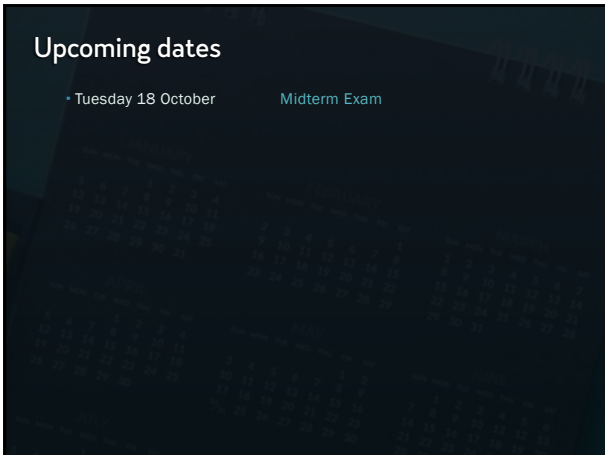




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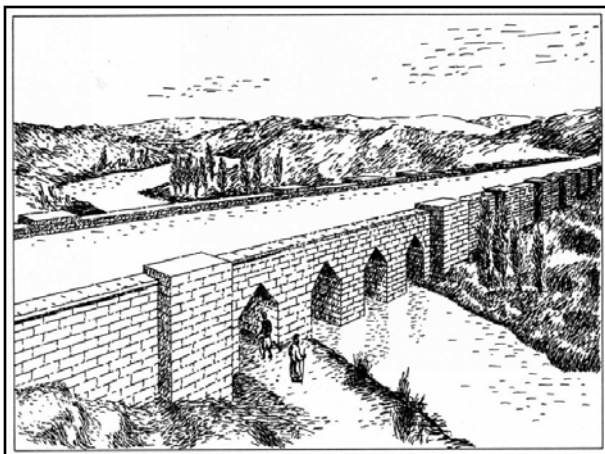
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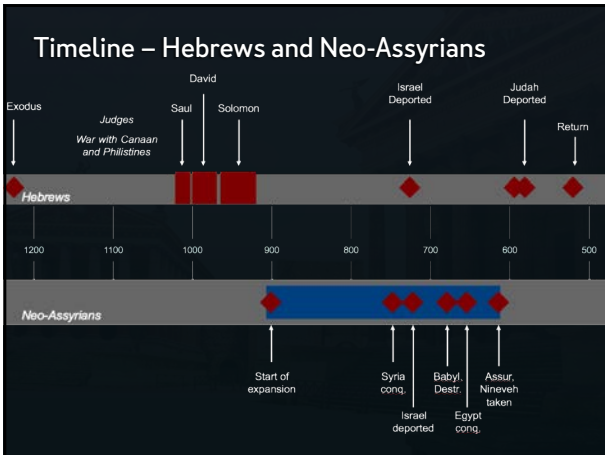
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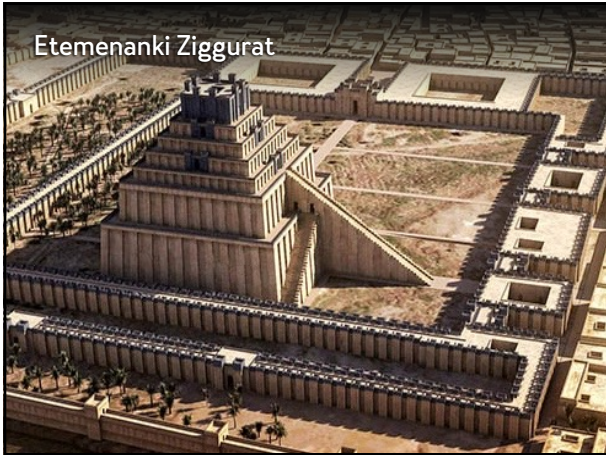
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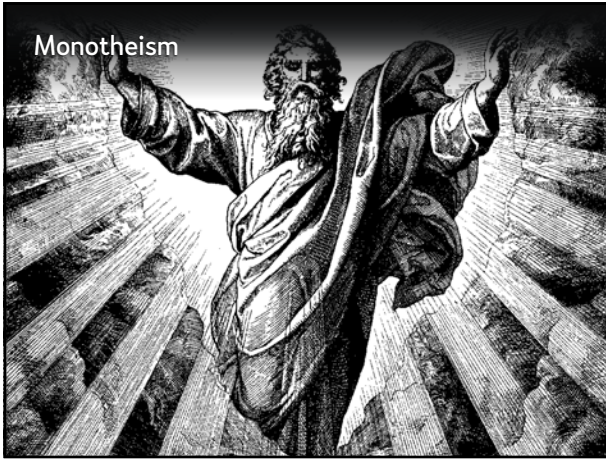
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Ancient Religions

Polytheism

- Mesopotamia — Sumer, Akkad, Babylon, Assyria
- Egypt
- Anatolia — Hittites
- Aegean — Minoans, Mycenaeans, Greeks

Dualism

- Persia (Zoroastrianism, Mithraism)

Monotheism

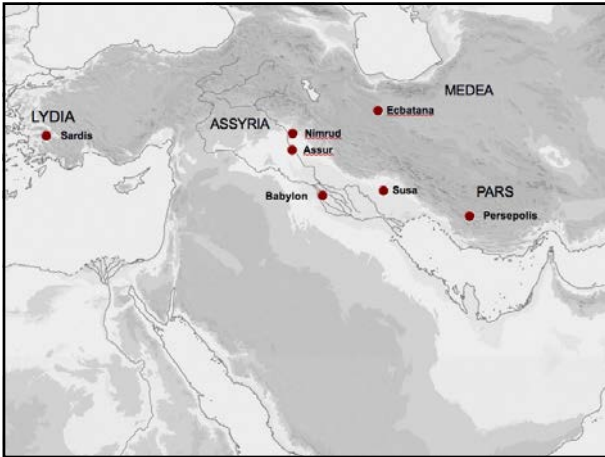
- Israel and Judah (Judaism)
- Christianity

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The Persians

The Persians learn from the infighting and repression of other empires to craft a more enduring and stable dominion

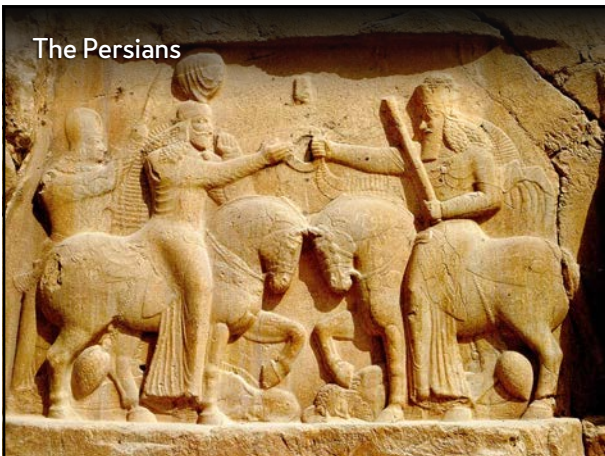
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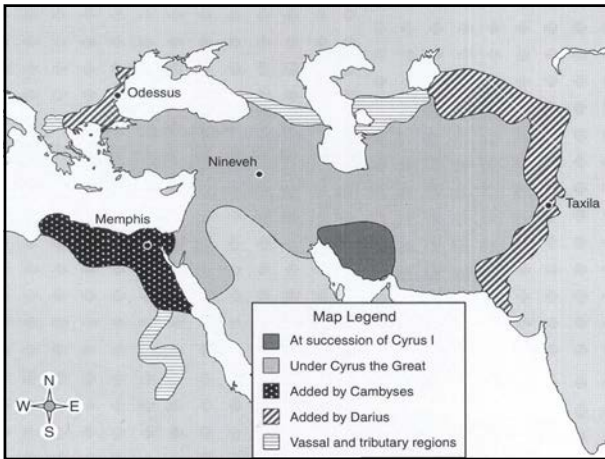
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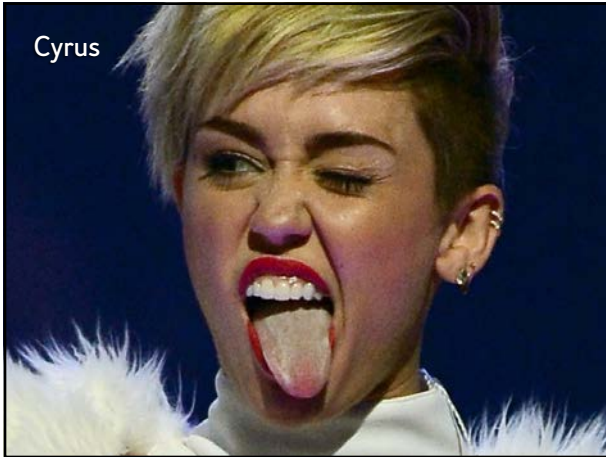
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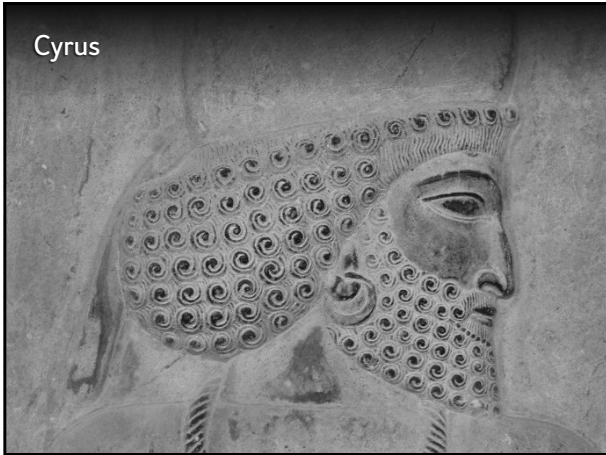
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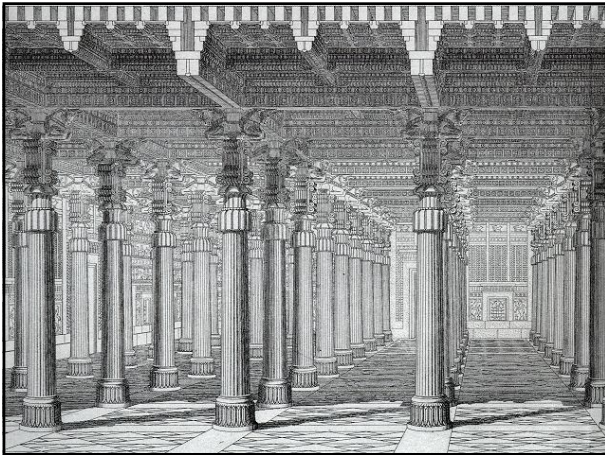
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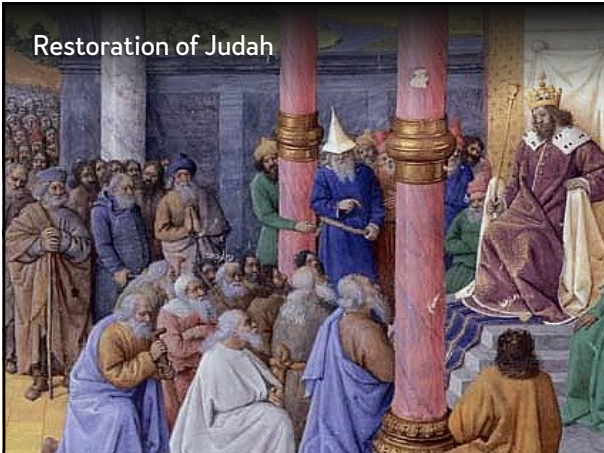
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Key Reasons the Persian Empire Works

- Minimized oppression / threat to identity
- Benefits of empire
- Satrapies
- The Great King
 - Larger than life
 - Not a god

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Restoration of Judah

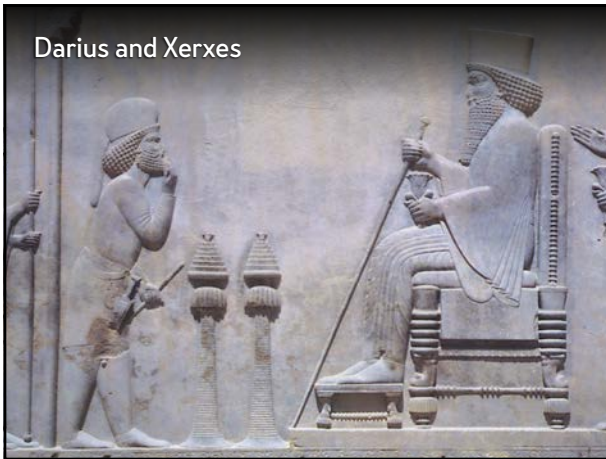


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Cambyses



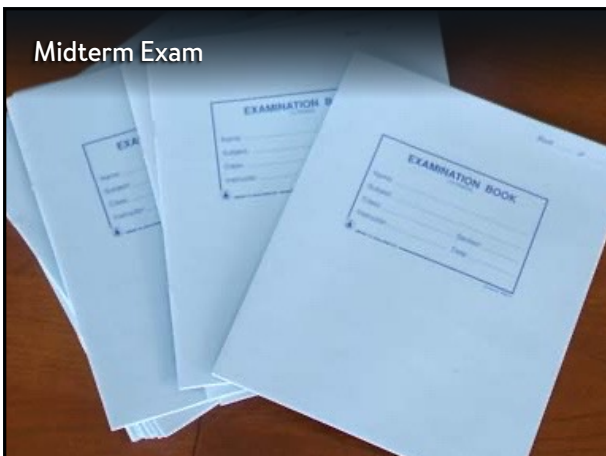
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