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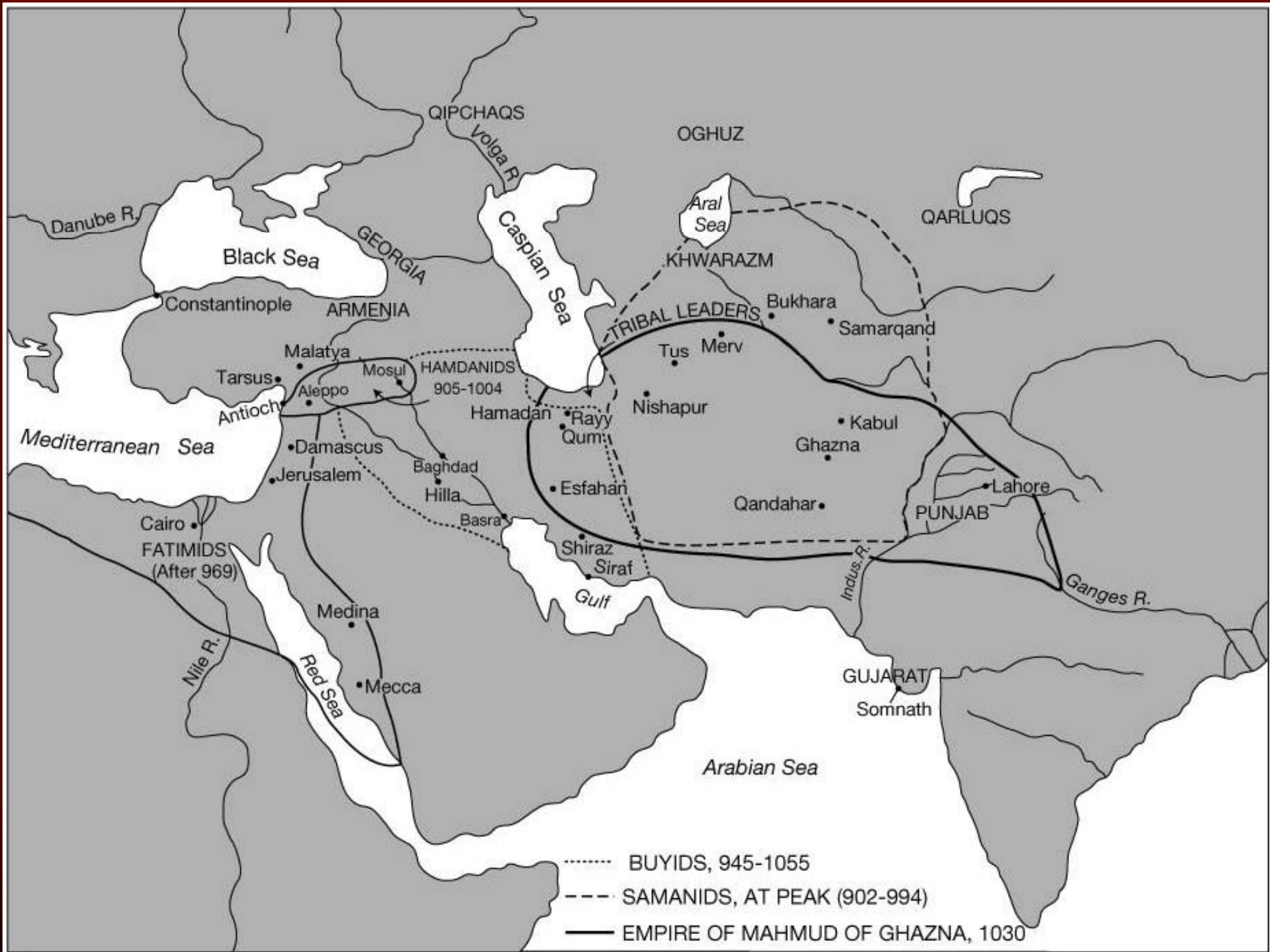
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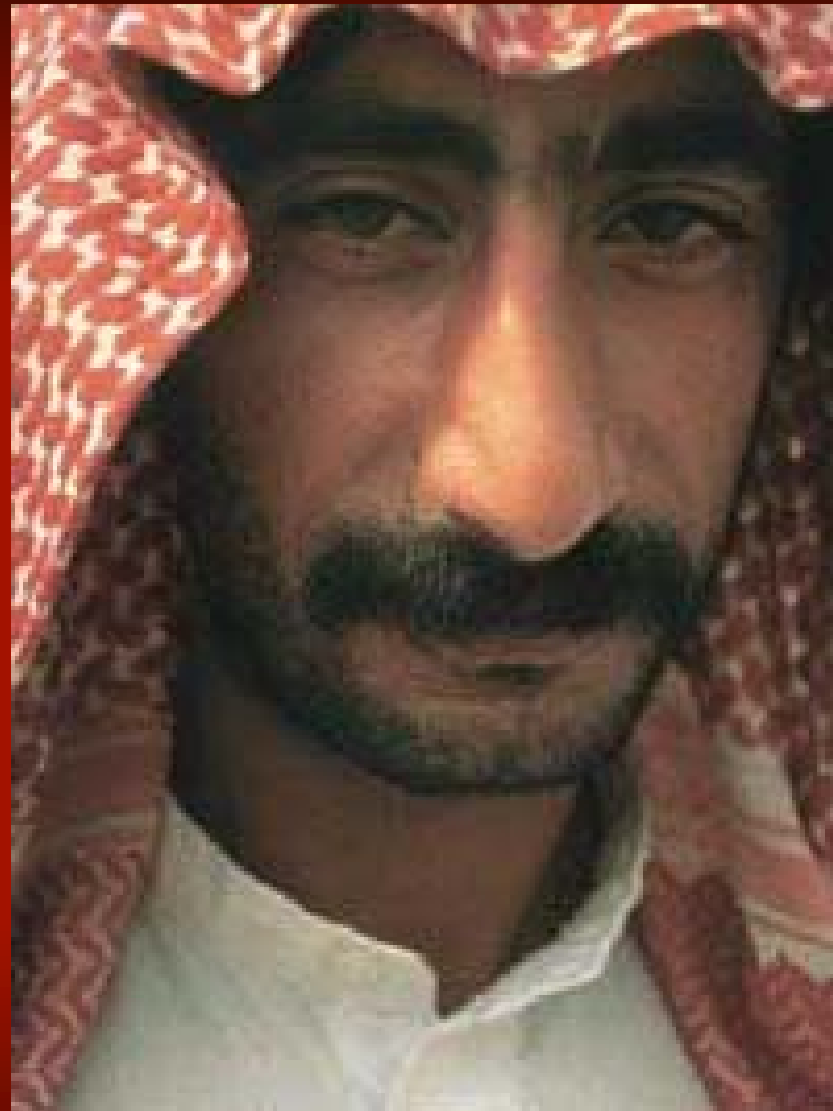
Abbasid Caliphate in the 10th and 11th centuries

- The life span of the Caliphate :745-1258
- Buyid control 945-1055
 - A Twelver Shi'i dynasty, a Sunni caliph, a diverse population, and enemies all around
 - Turkic invasions and Seljuk control in 1055
- The caliph as a figurehead

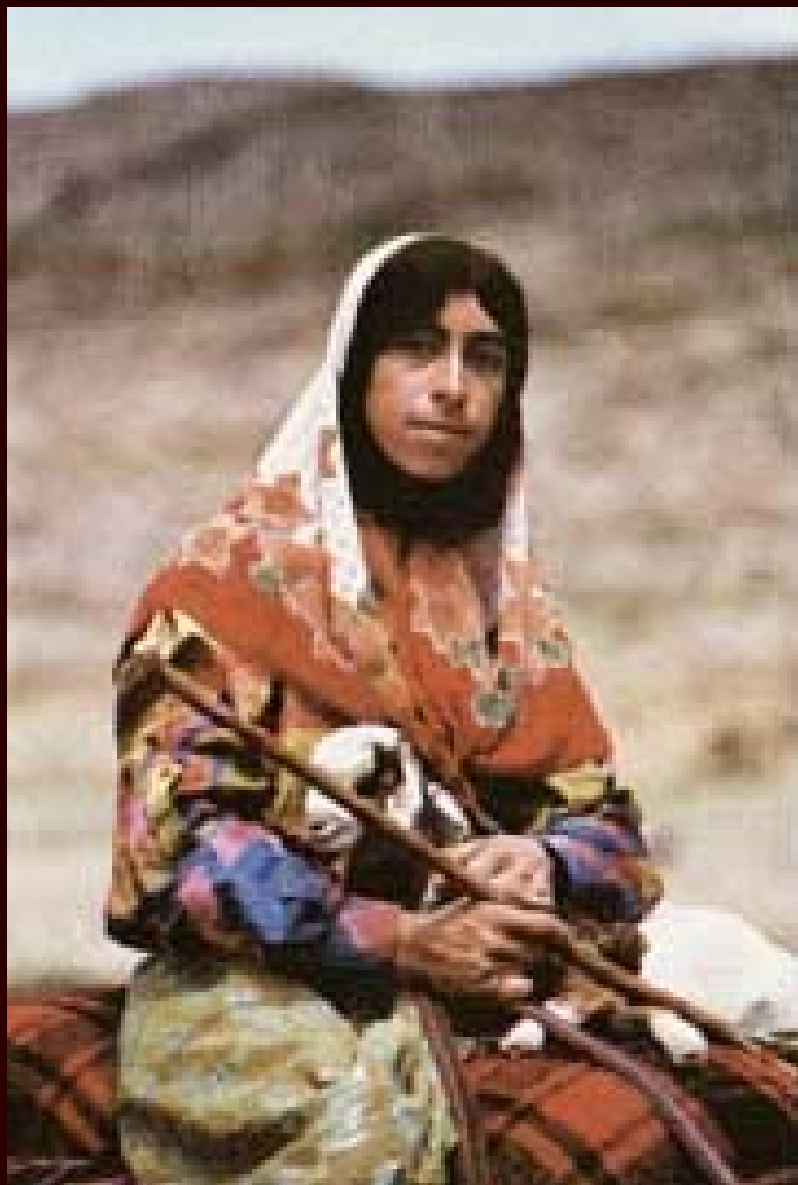


Gold coin with the names of Rukn al-Dawla and Mu'izz al-Dawla Buwayh, and the Abbasid caliph, al-Muti' (950 - 951 CE)









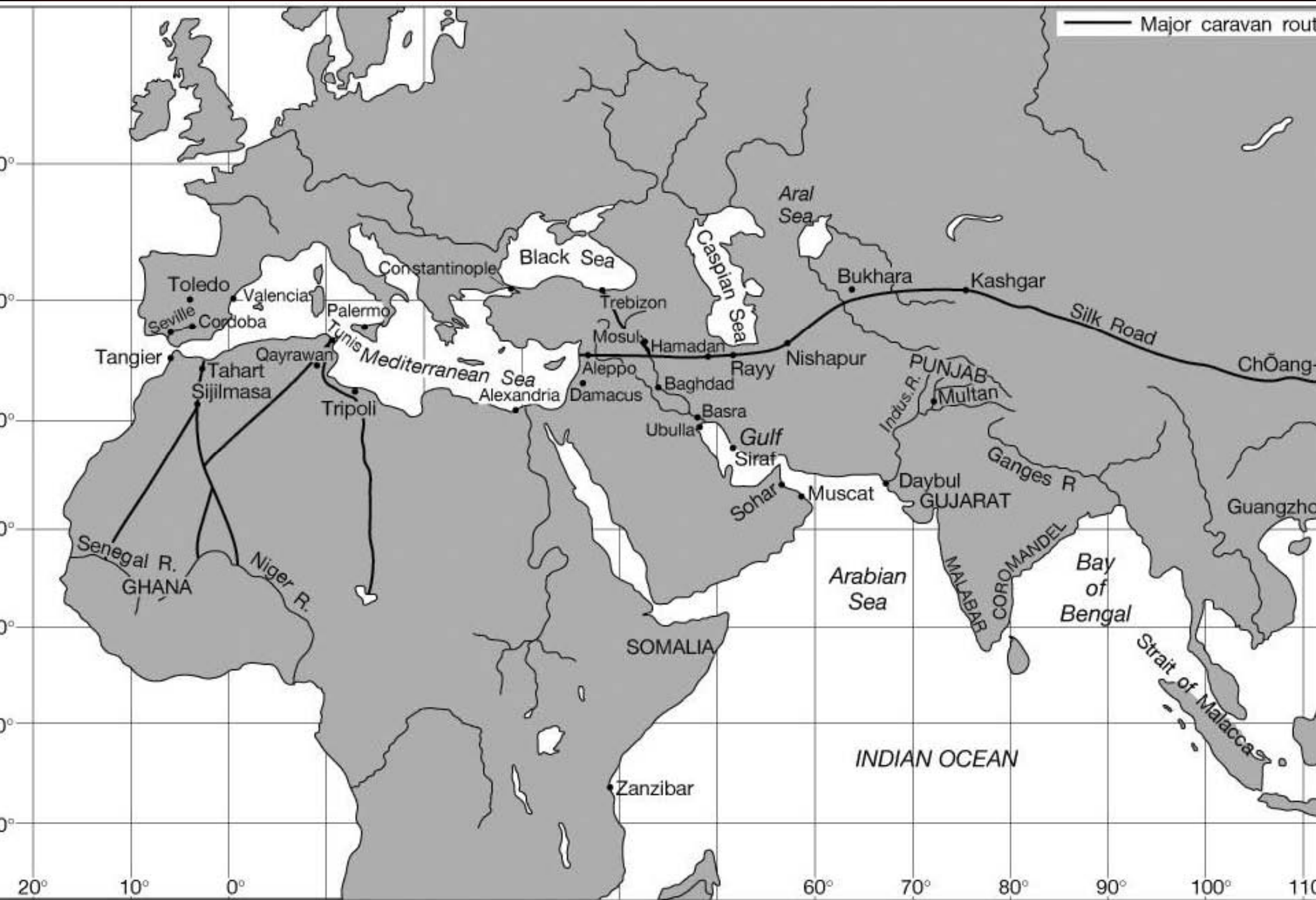


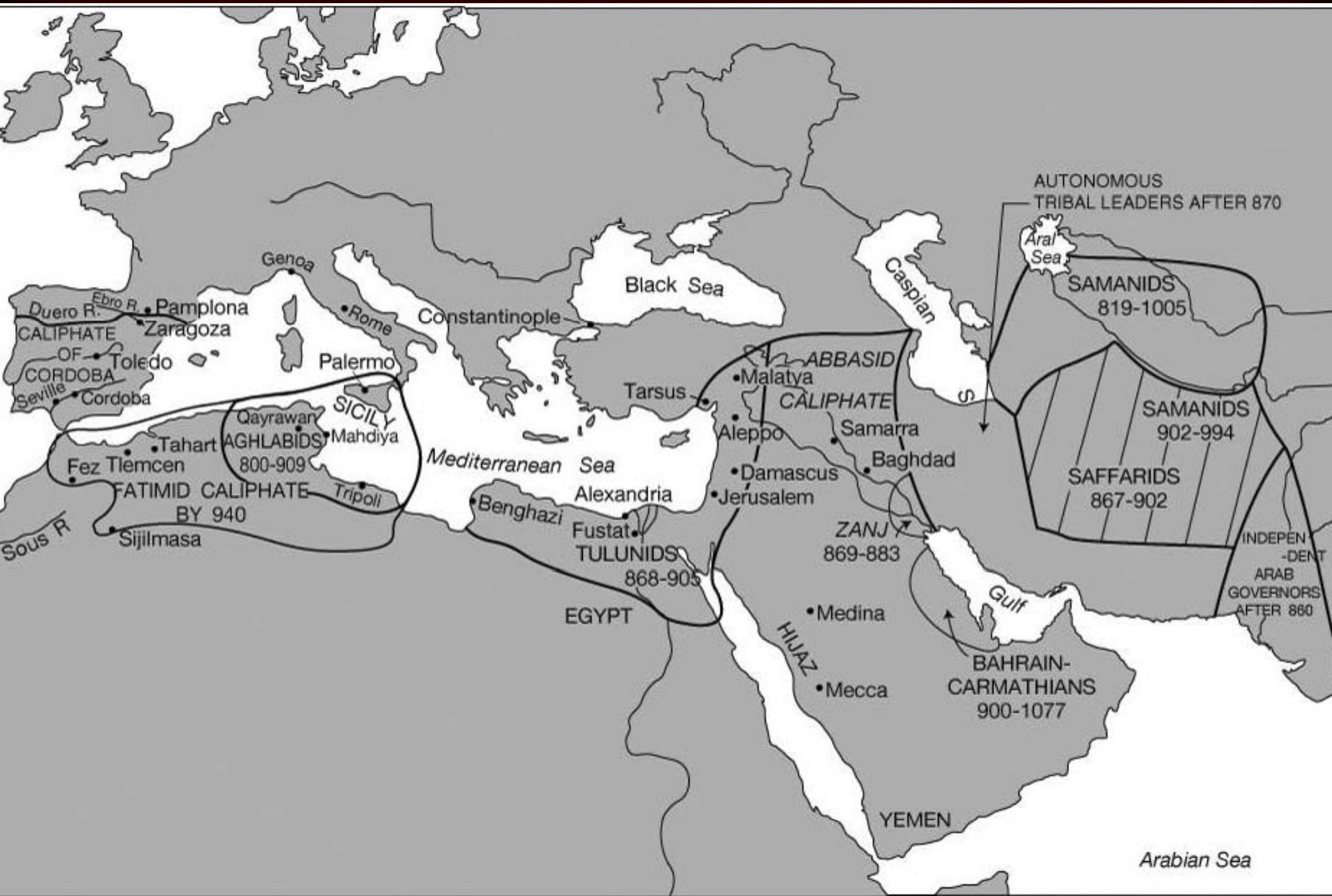


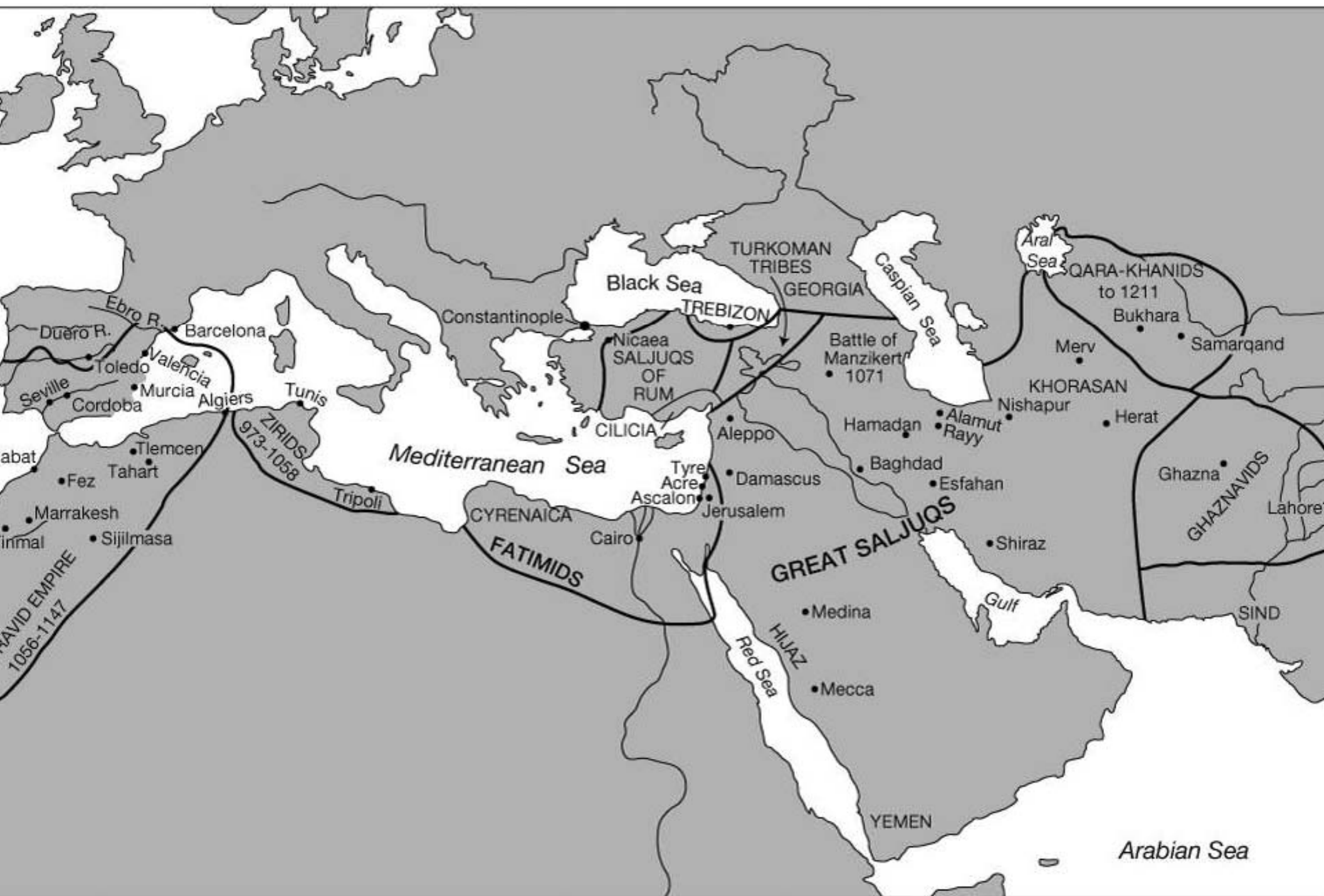
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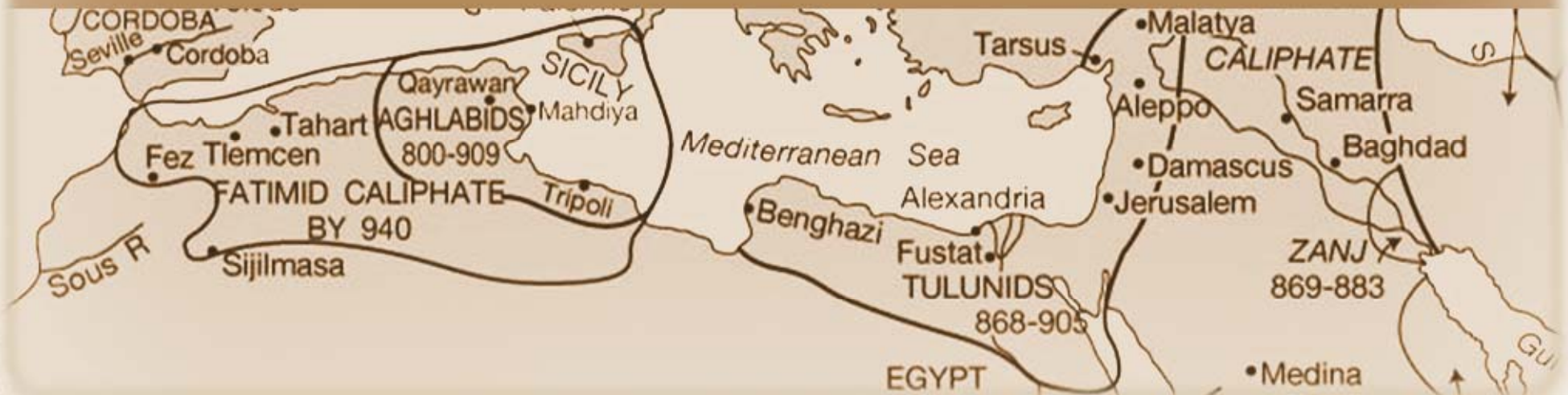






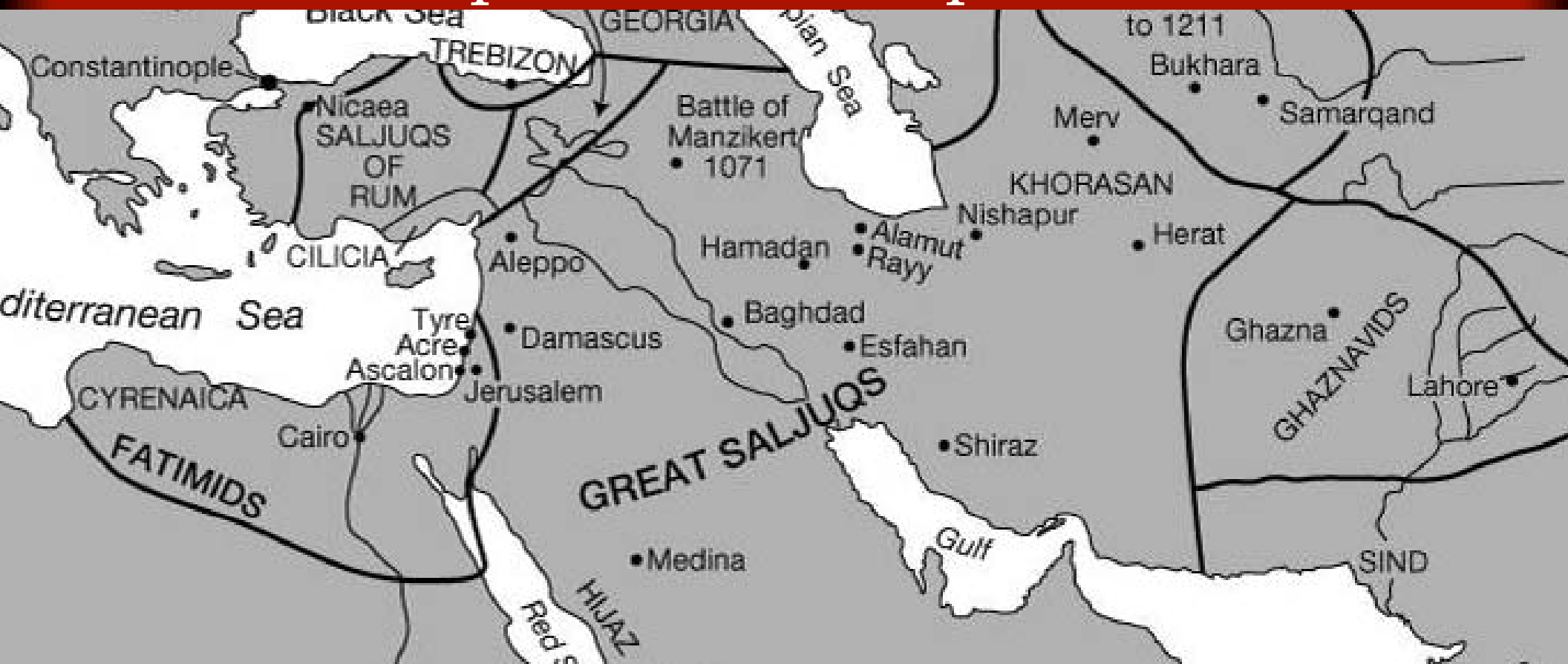
The Fatimid Caliphate

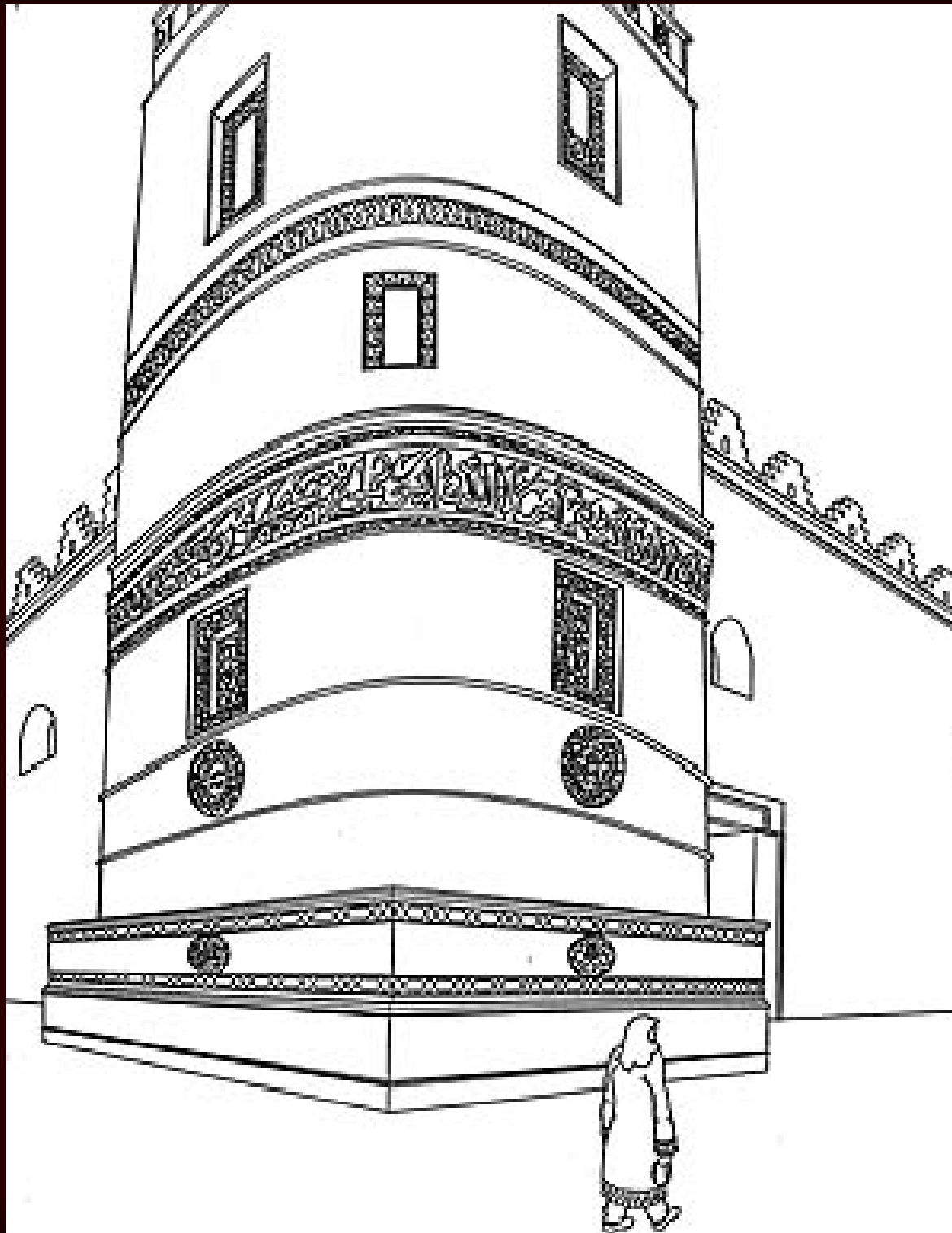
- The long journey of Abd Allah
 - An Isma'ili in Syria
 - 899 CE “I am the Imam”
 - 902 CE left Syria
 - **A brief stay in Egypt**
 - 905 among the Kharijites in Sijilmasa
 - Constant fight with independent groups for authority (until d. 934 CE)



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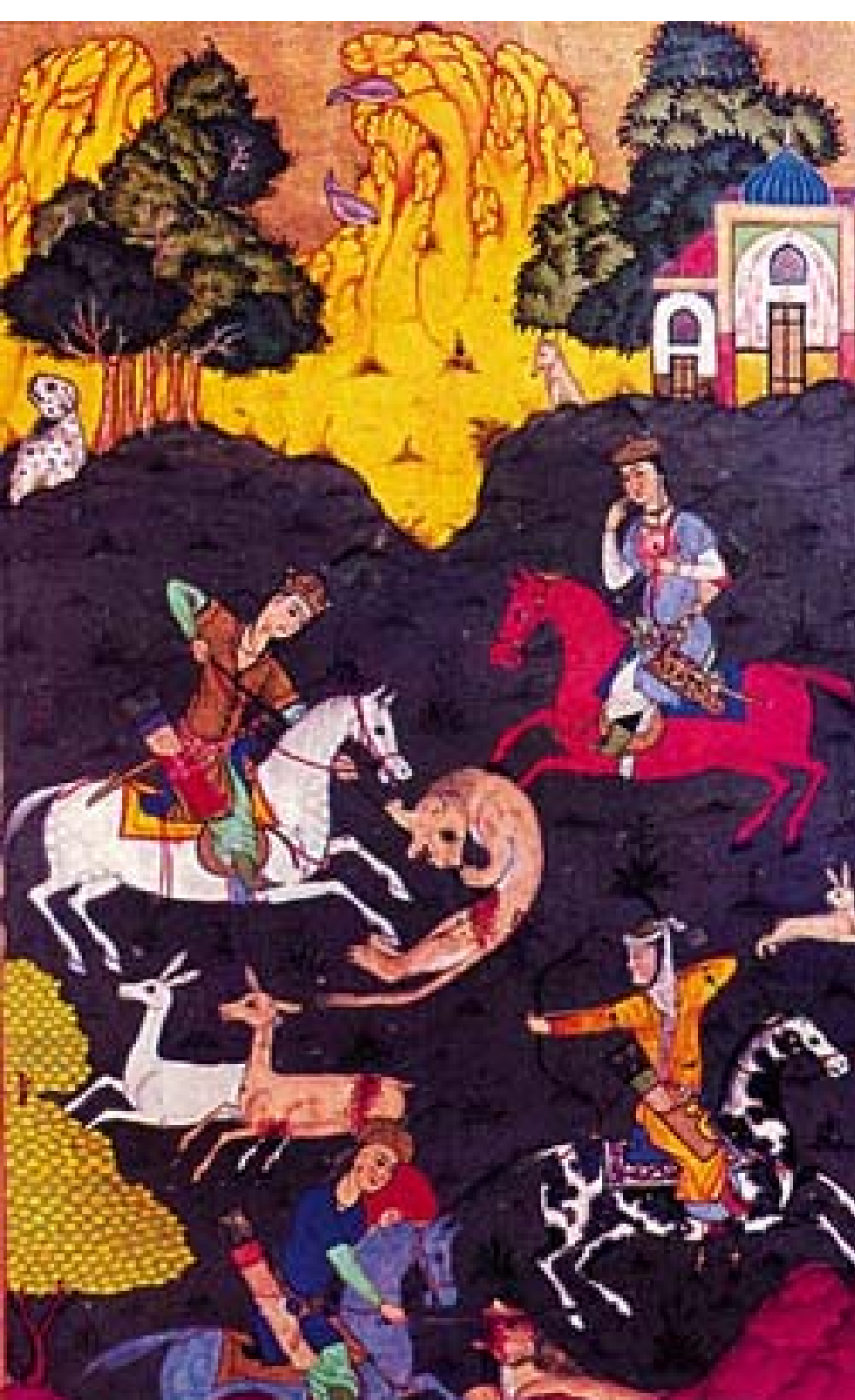
- 943-961 CE Another Berber Revolt
- 953 CE Isma'ili again
- 969 CE Egypt, **al-Qahira** al-Mu'izziya
- Subdued presence and public text

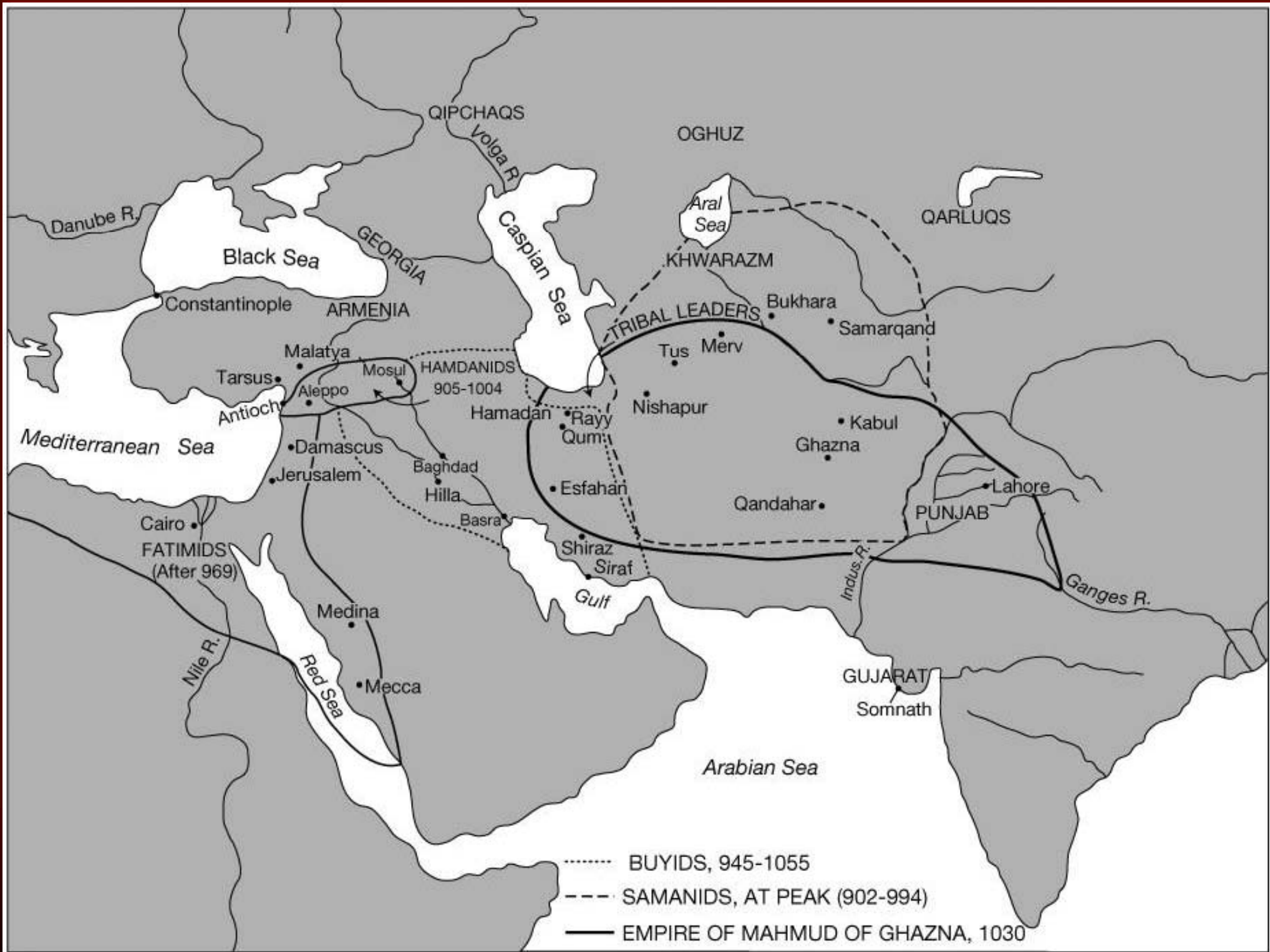


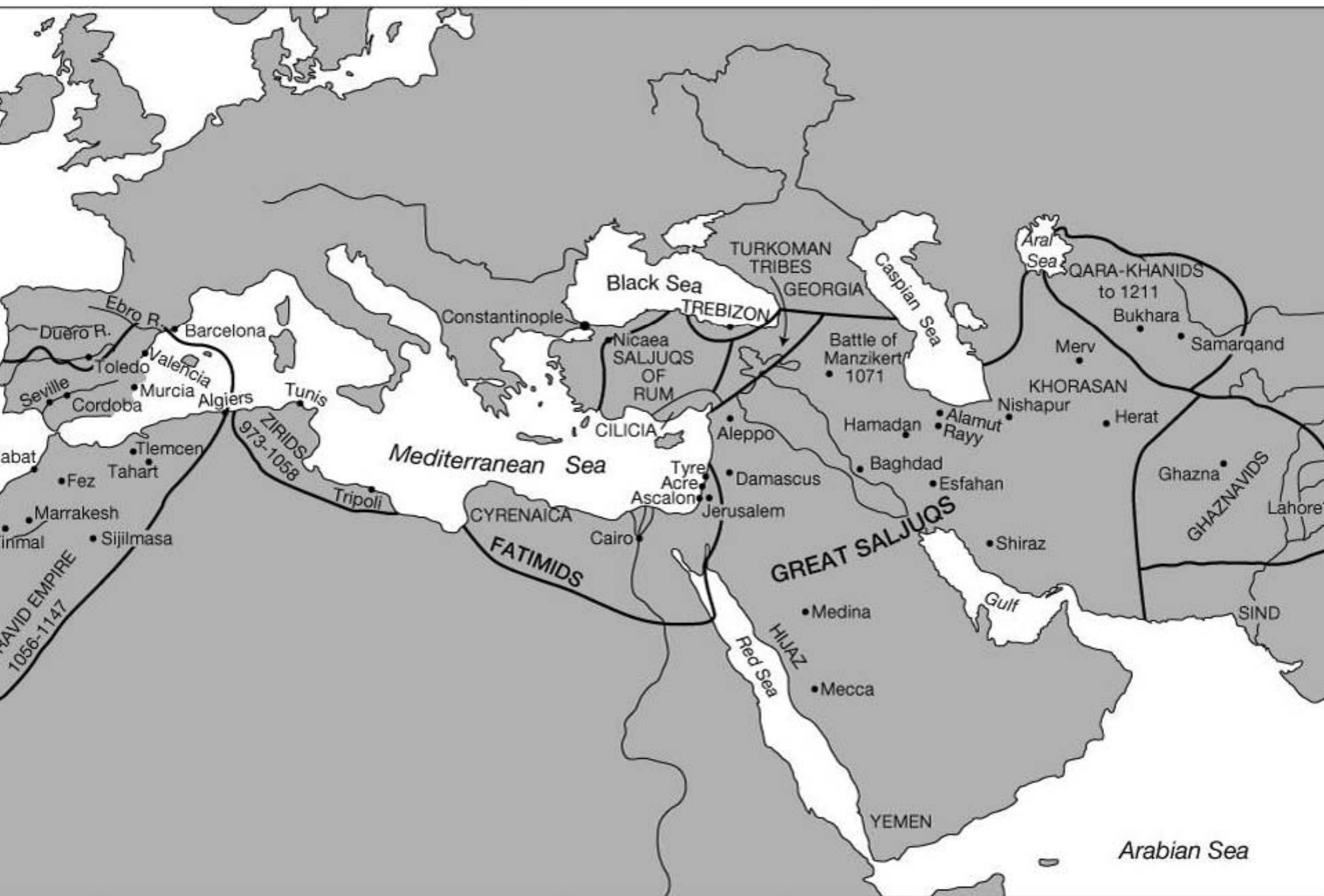


Northern minaret,
mosque of al-Hākim
r. 996-1021 CE







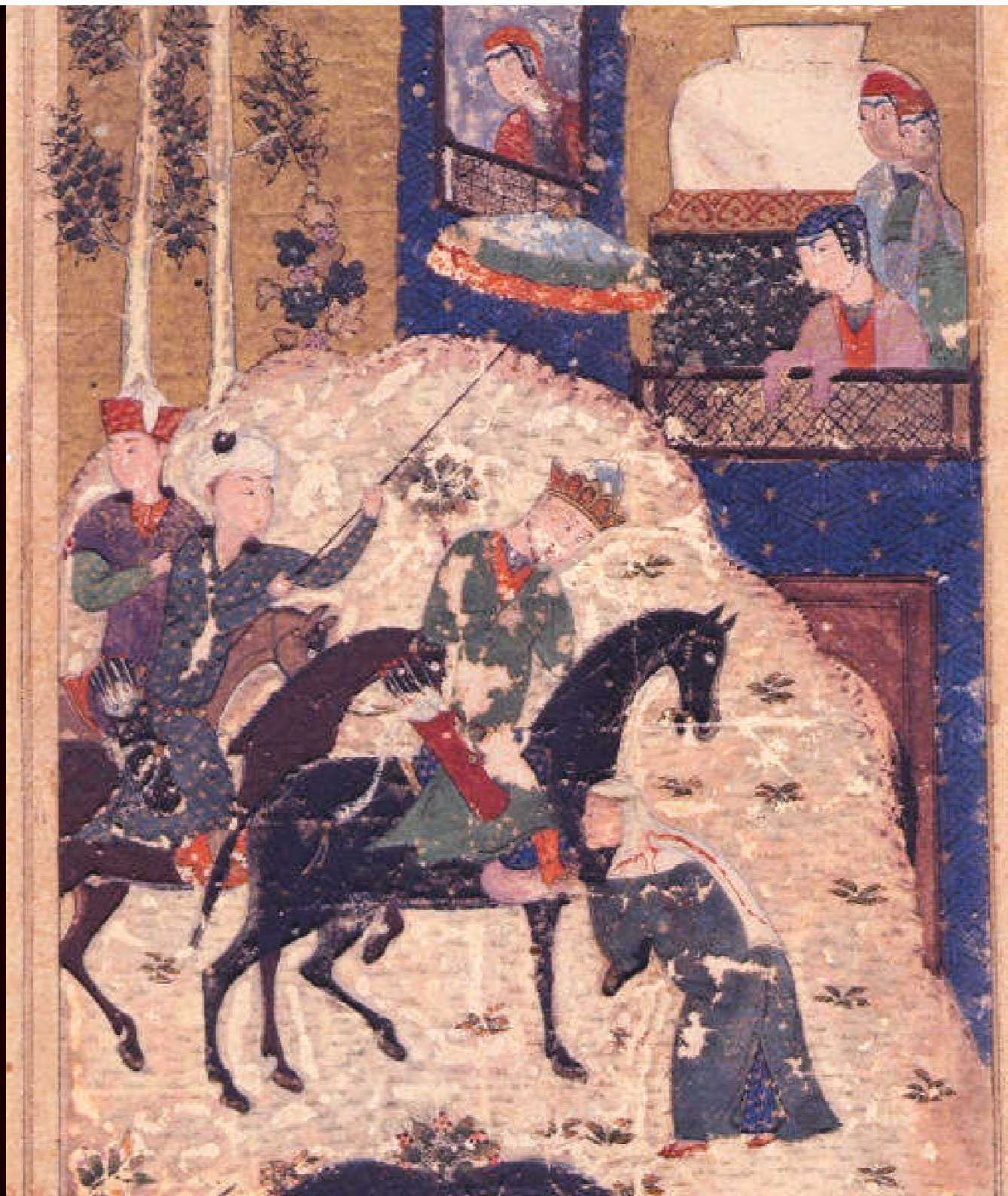




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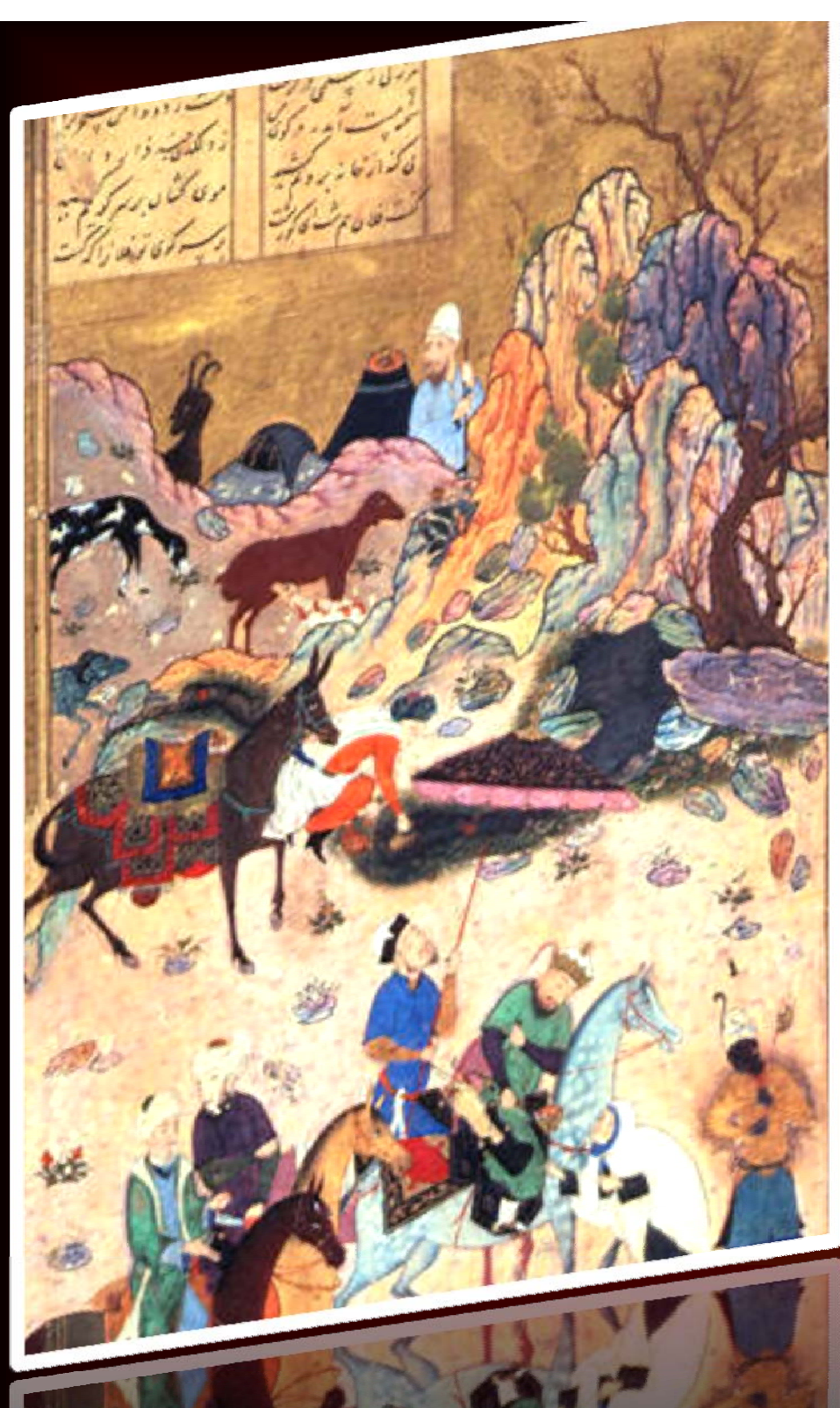
The Seljuk Sultan Sanjar
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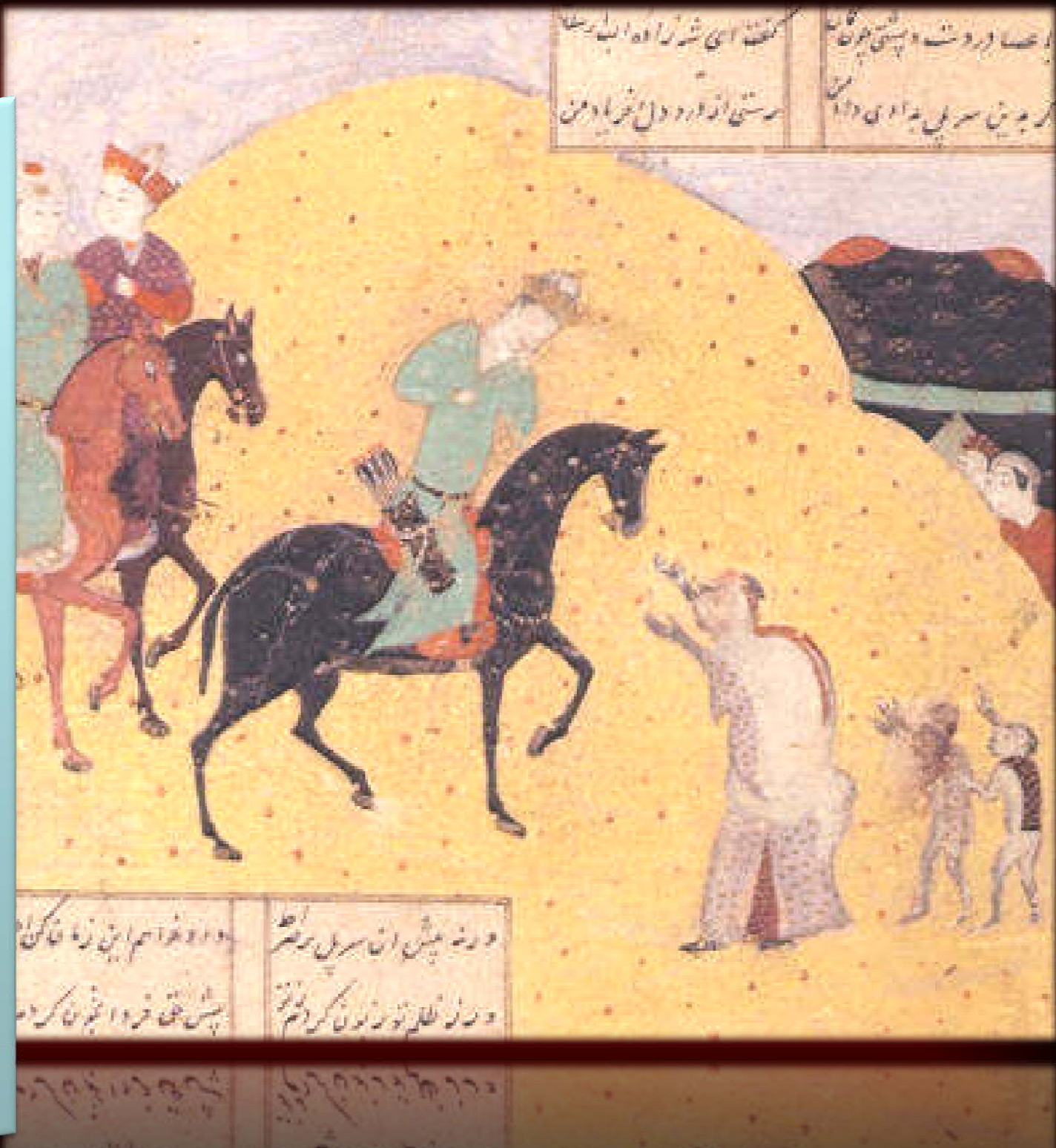


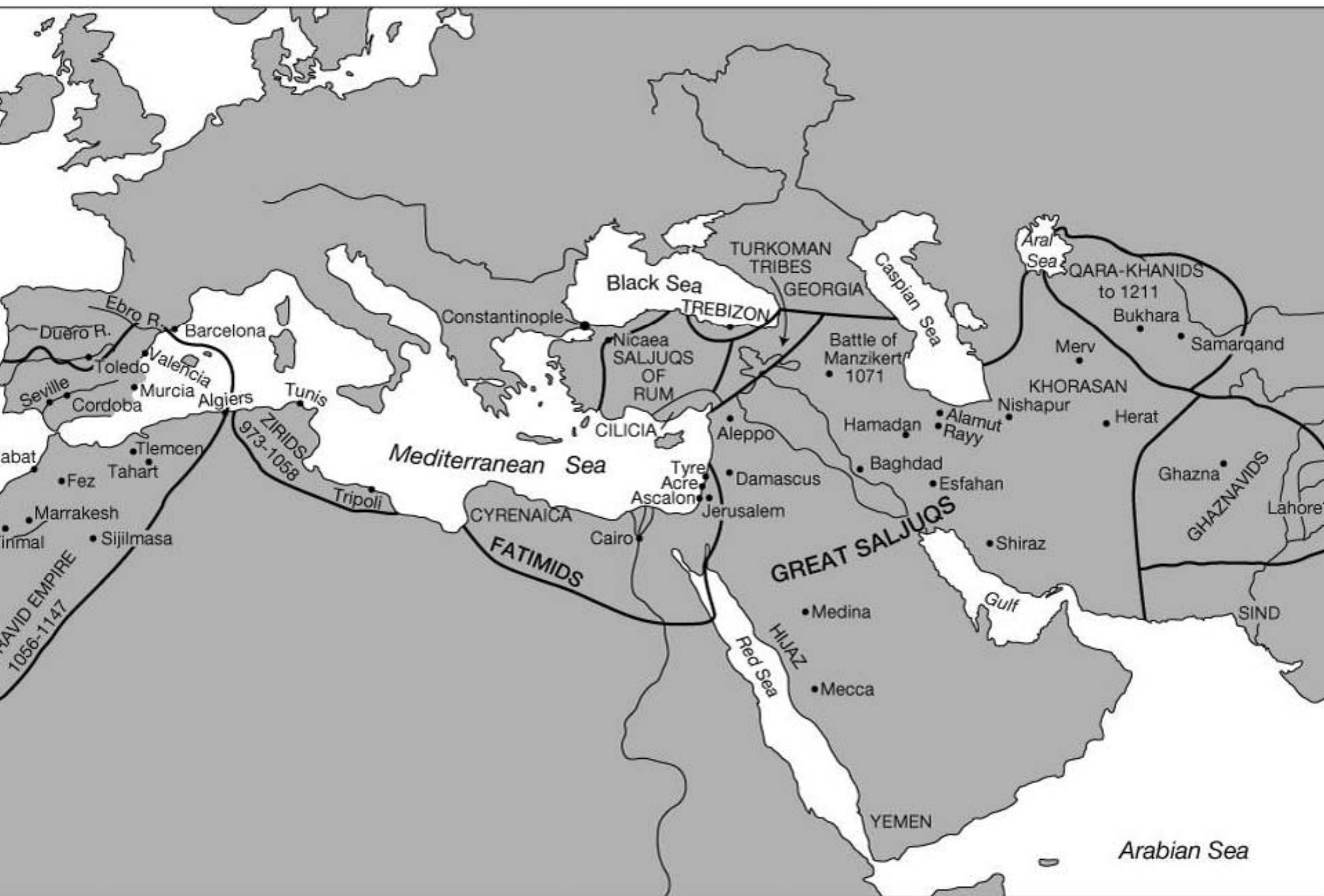
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An old woman with
two orphans
complaining to the
Seljuk Sultan Malik
Shah about the
soldiers who stole
their ox.
Southern Iran, 1472

An illustration to
the poem
Musibatnama, from
a fifteenth century
manuscript of six
poems by 'Attar.





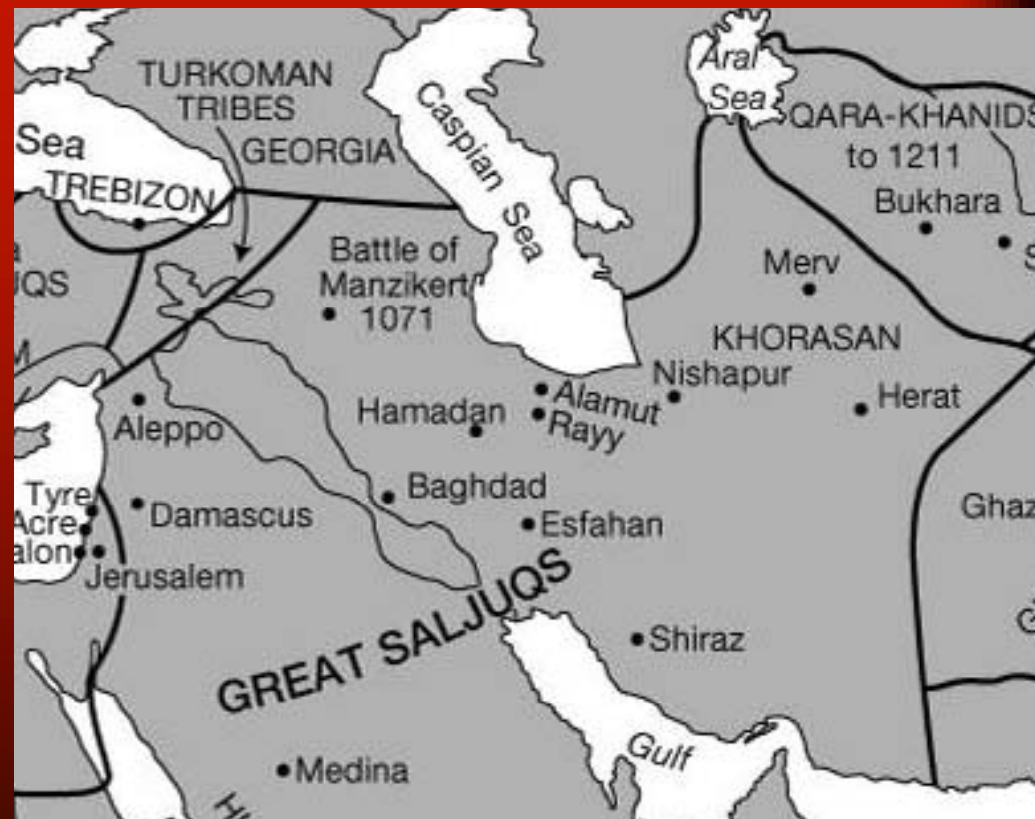
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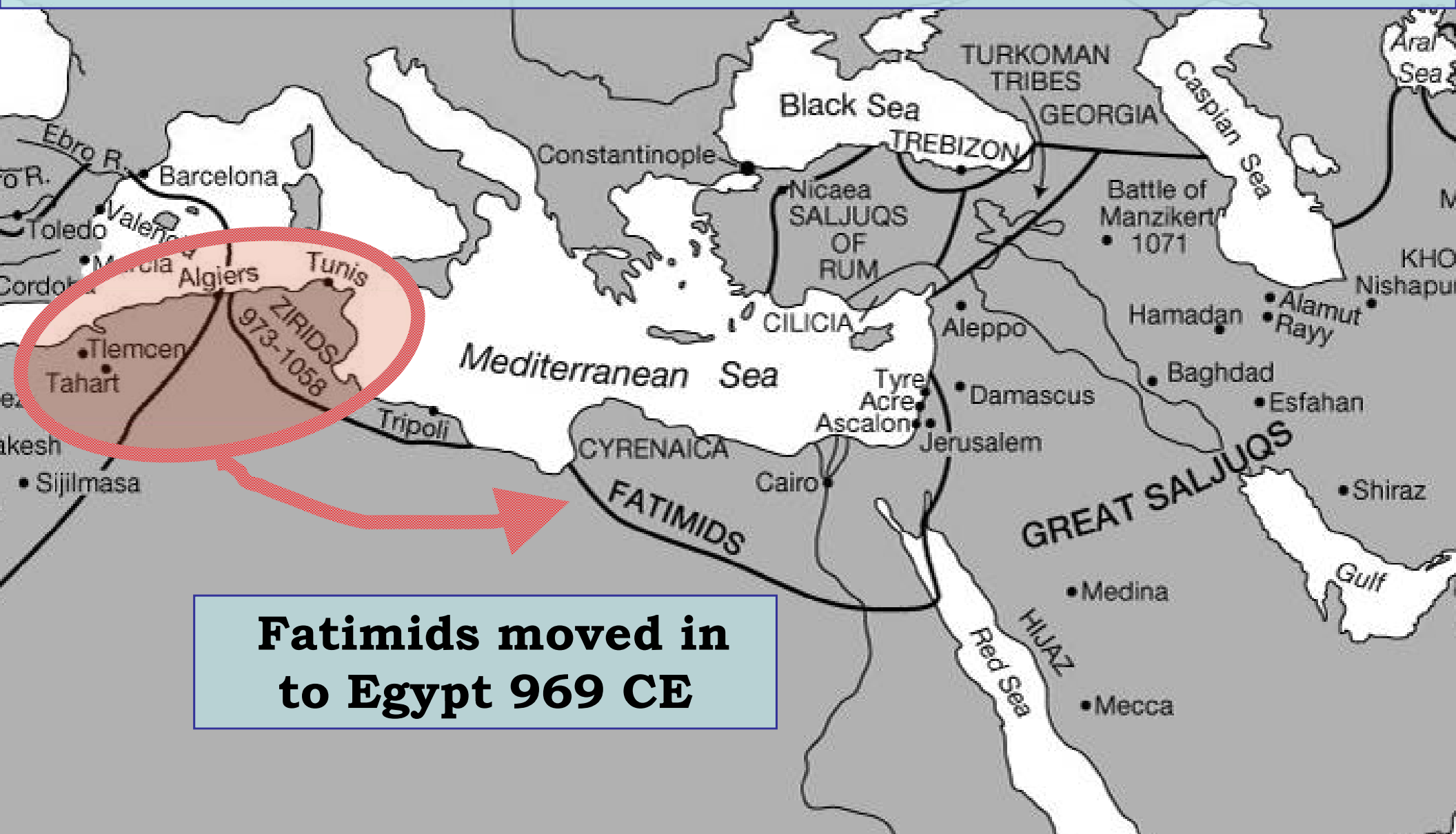
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Seljuqs

- The Persian influence – Abu Ali al-Hasan al-Tusi **Nizam al-Mulk**
- Chaghri and Tughril
- 1055 CE Baghdad
- 1063 CE Alp Arslan
- Nizam al-Mulk, still
- Rise of Esfahan
- Fighting the **Rum**:
 - Battle of Manzikert
- Death of Malik Shah 1092 CE



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- Seljuks moved in to the Iranian Plateau 1025 CE
- Took control of Baghdad and the Caliphate 1055 CE
- Moved further in to Anatolia after 1071 CE

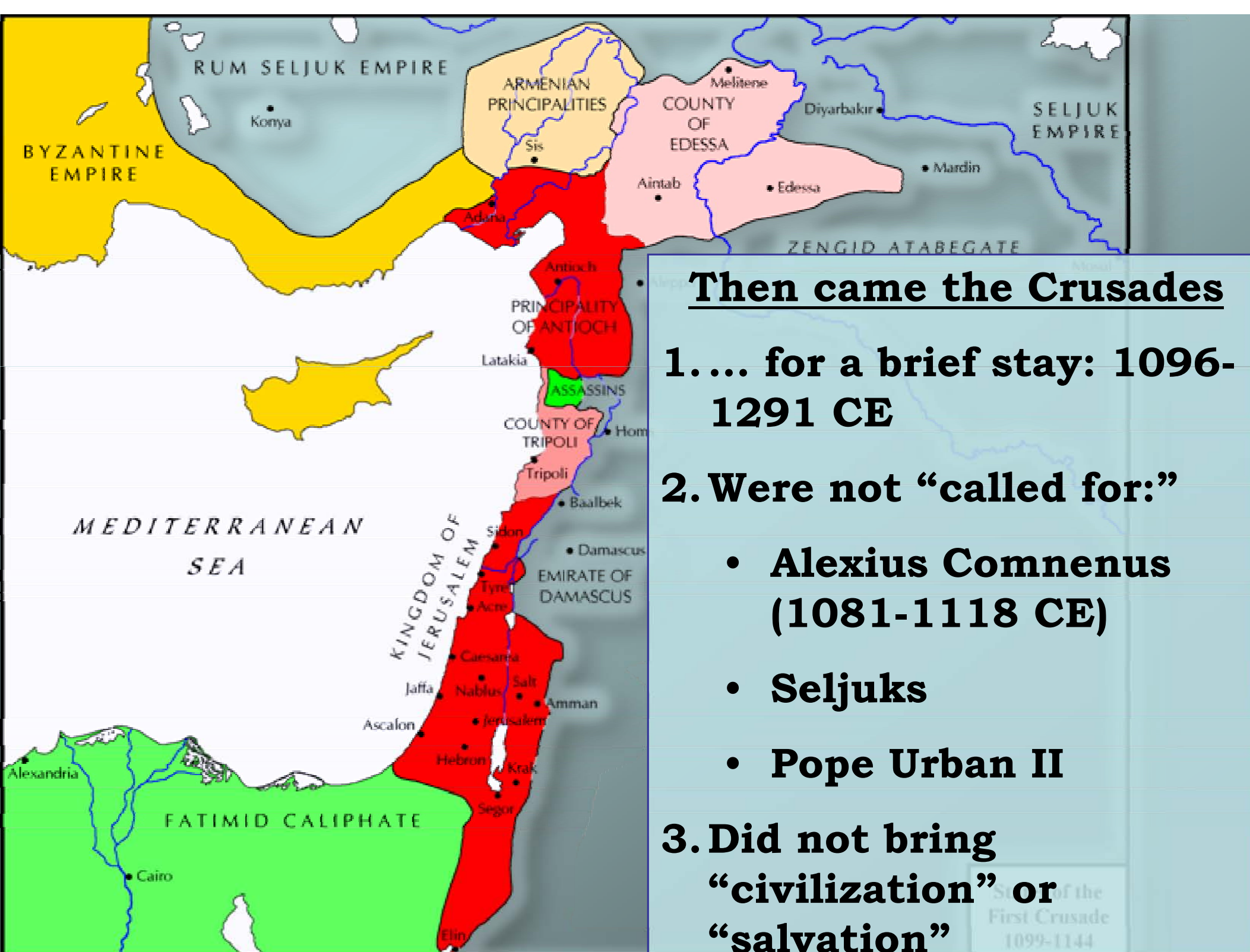
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Seljuks

- **Sunni Muslims with significant Sufi influence**
- **Persecuted Shi'i communities**
- **Defeated by the Crusades**
- **Invested in religious establishments**
 - **Schools**
 - **Mosques**
 - **Sufi brotherhoods**

Fatimids

- **A variation of Ismaili Shi'i movement**
- **One of the first successful political Shi'i movements**
- **Defeated by the Crusades**
- **Invested in religious establishments**
 - **A separate caliphate**
 - **Schools and Mosques**
 - **Cairo 969 CE**



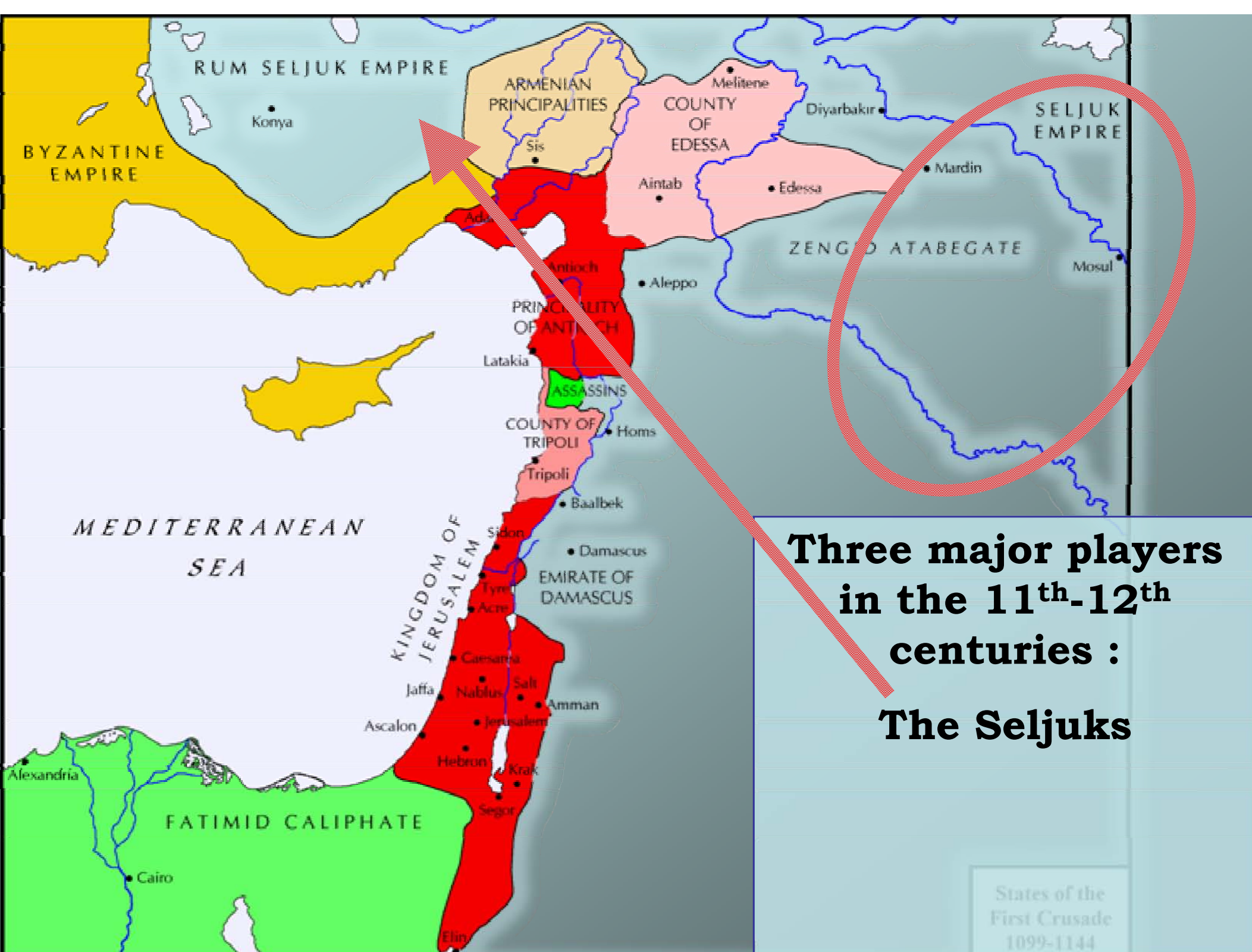
Then came the Crusades

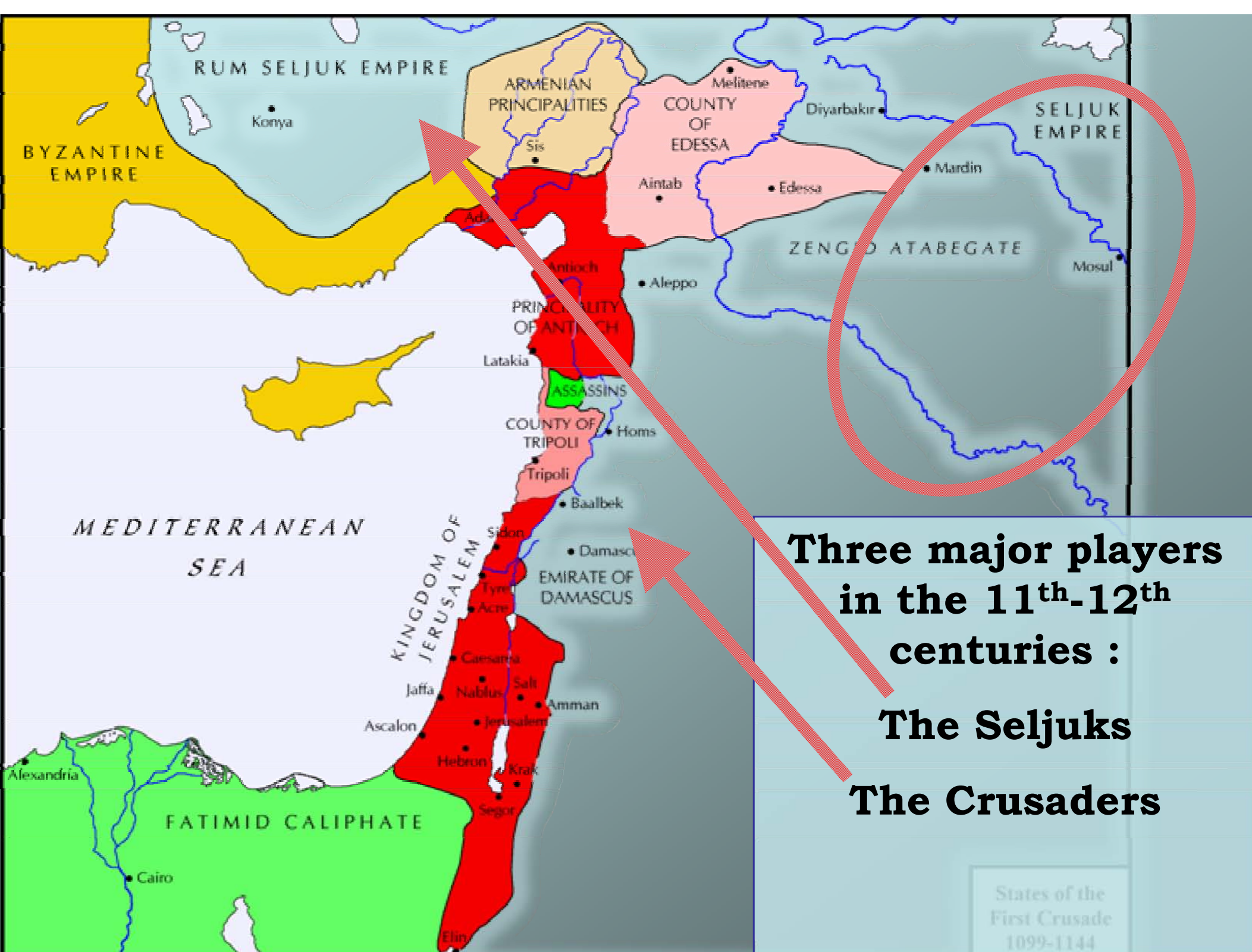
1.... for a brief stay: 1096-1291 CE

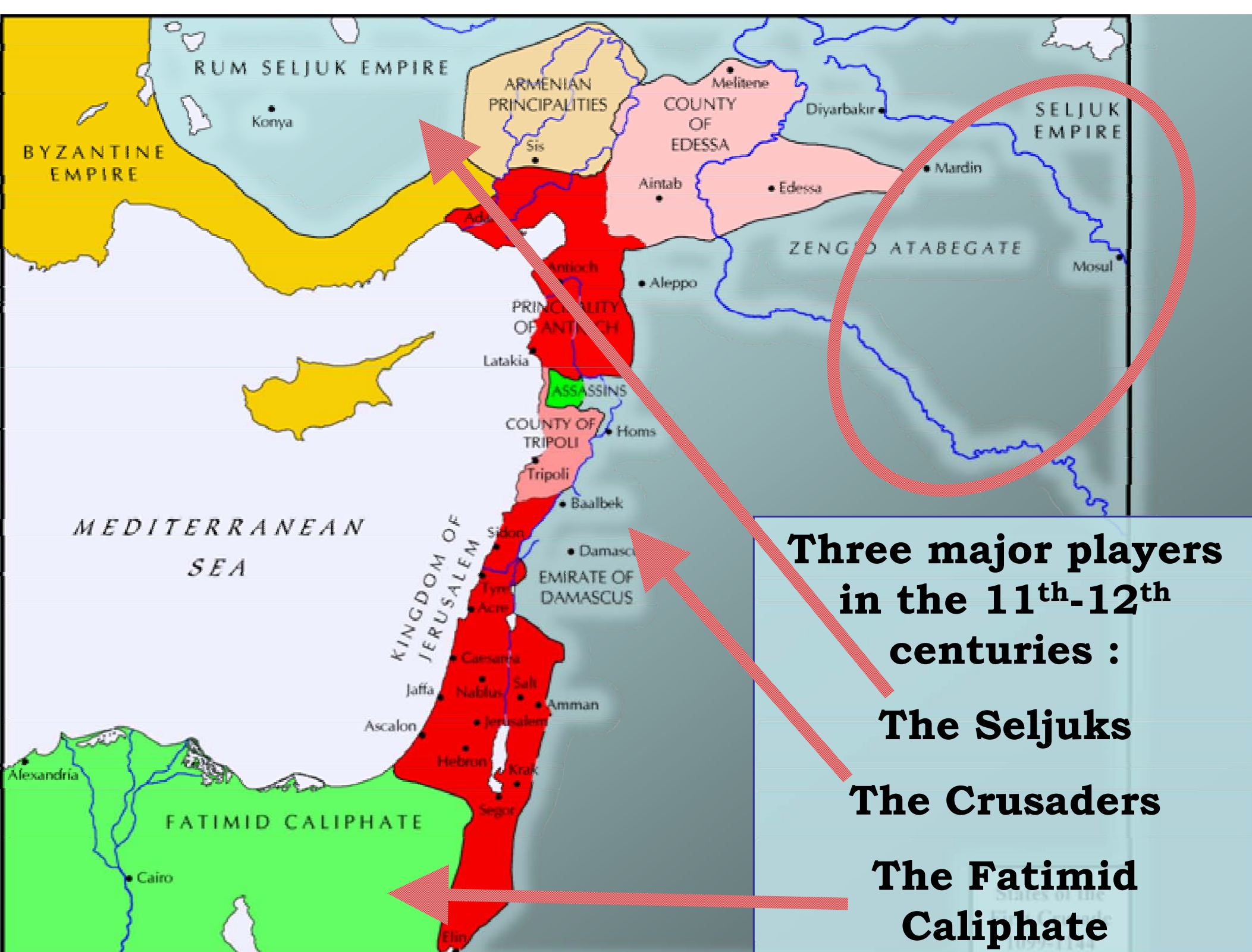
2. Were not “called for:”

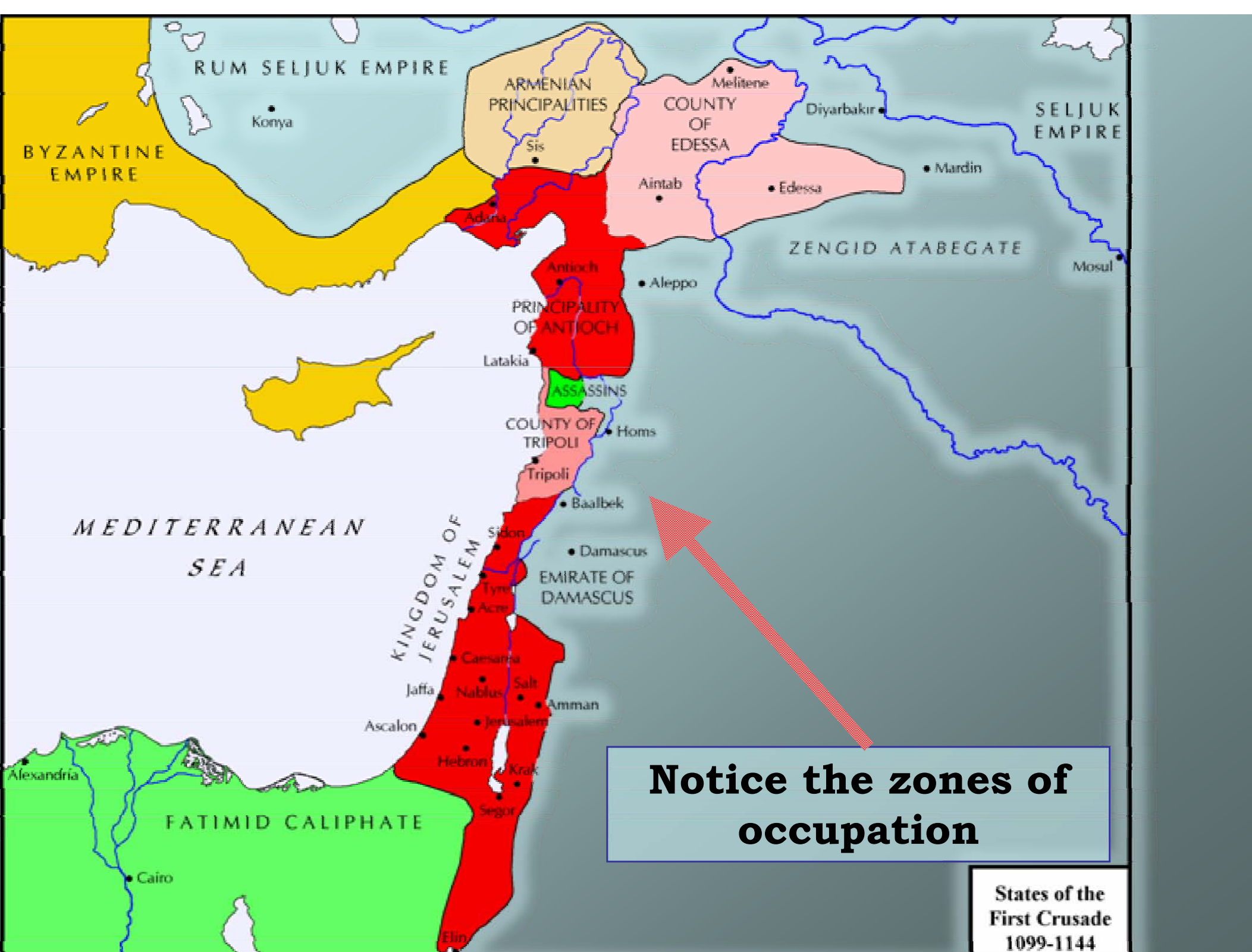
- Alexius Comnenus (1081-1118 CE)
- Seljuks
- Pope Urban II

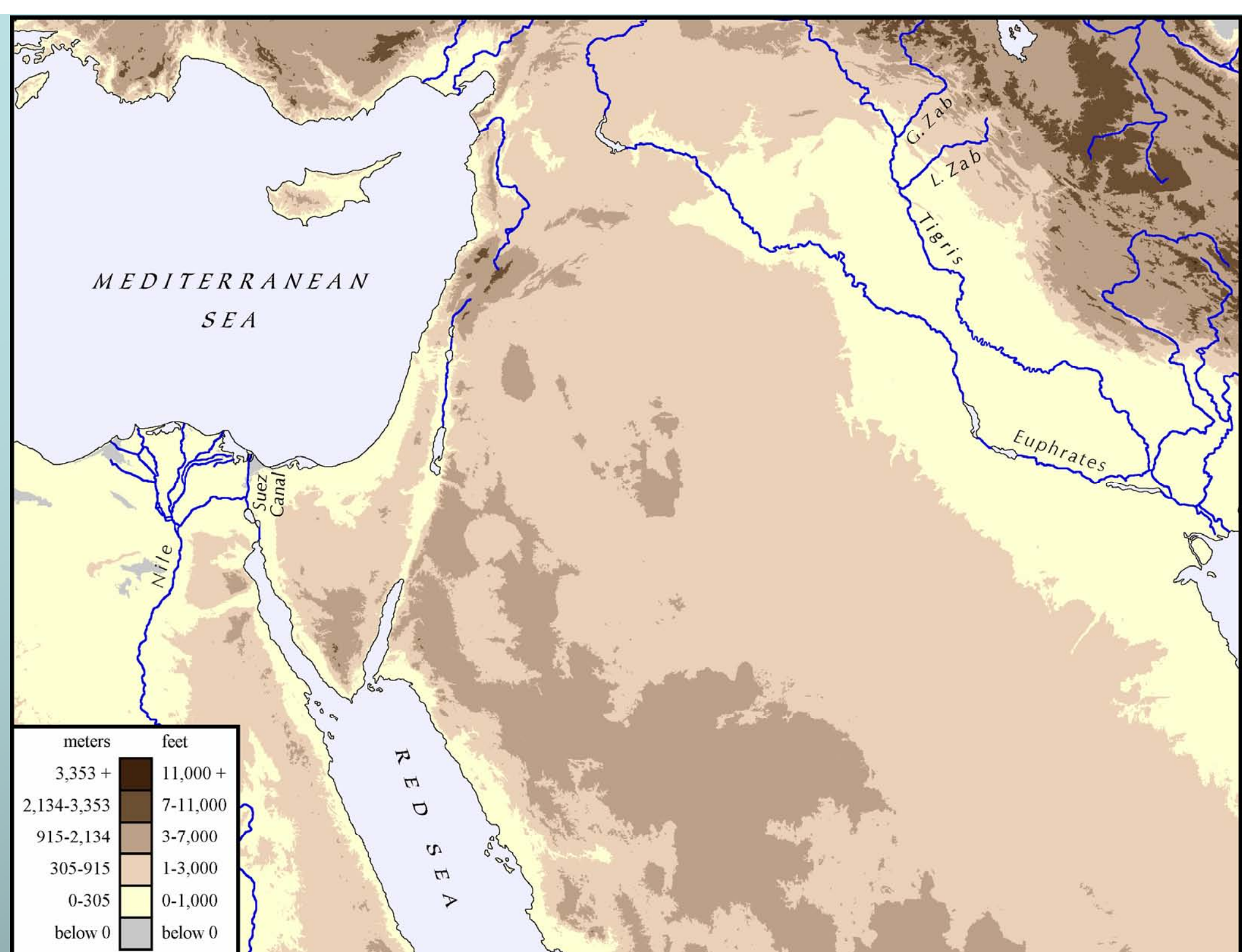
3. Did not bring
“civilization” or
“salvation”

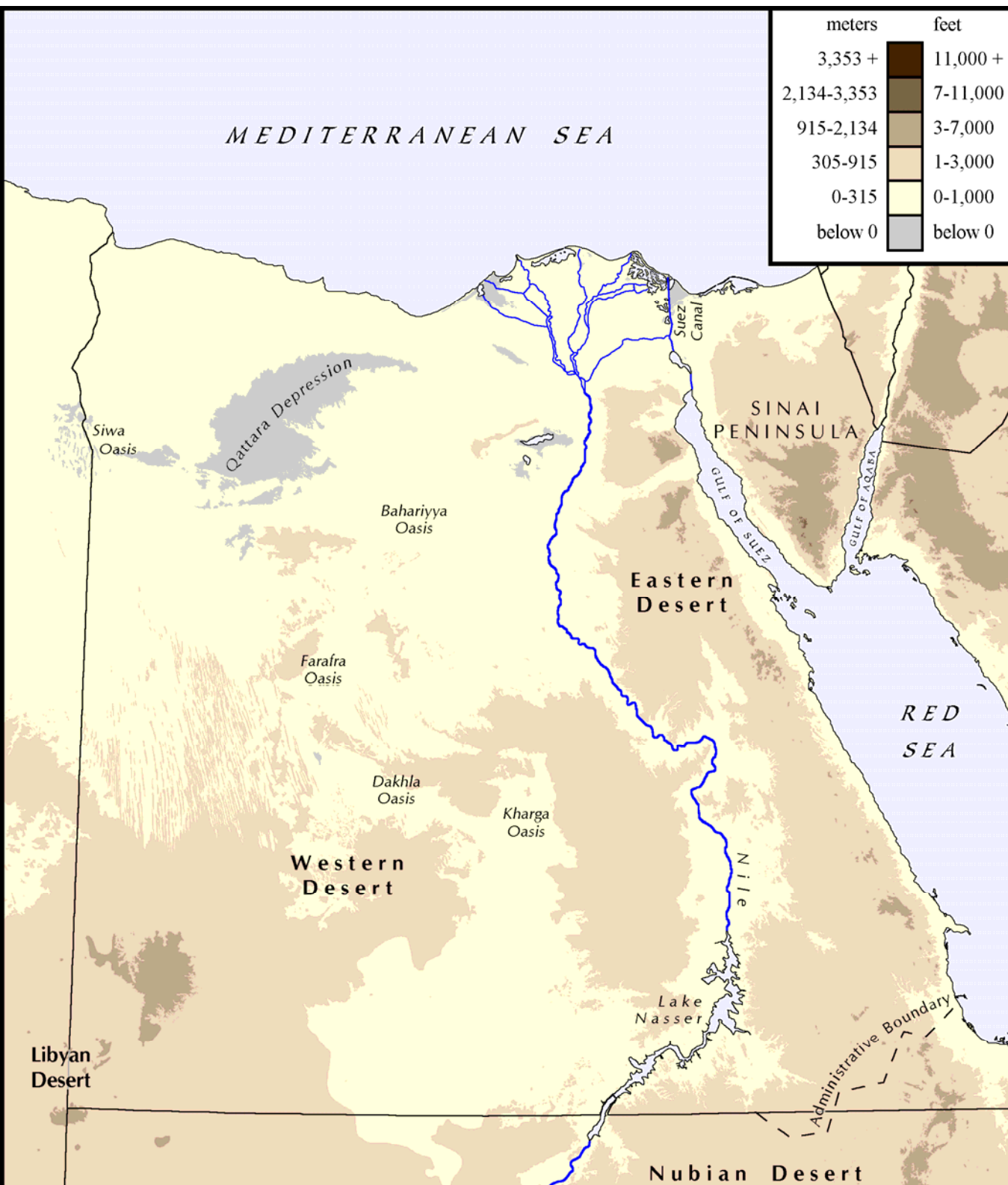






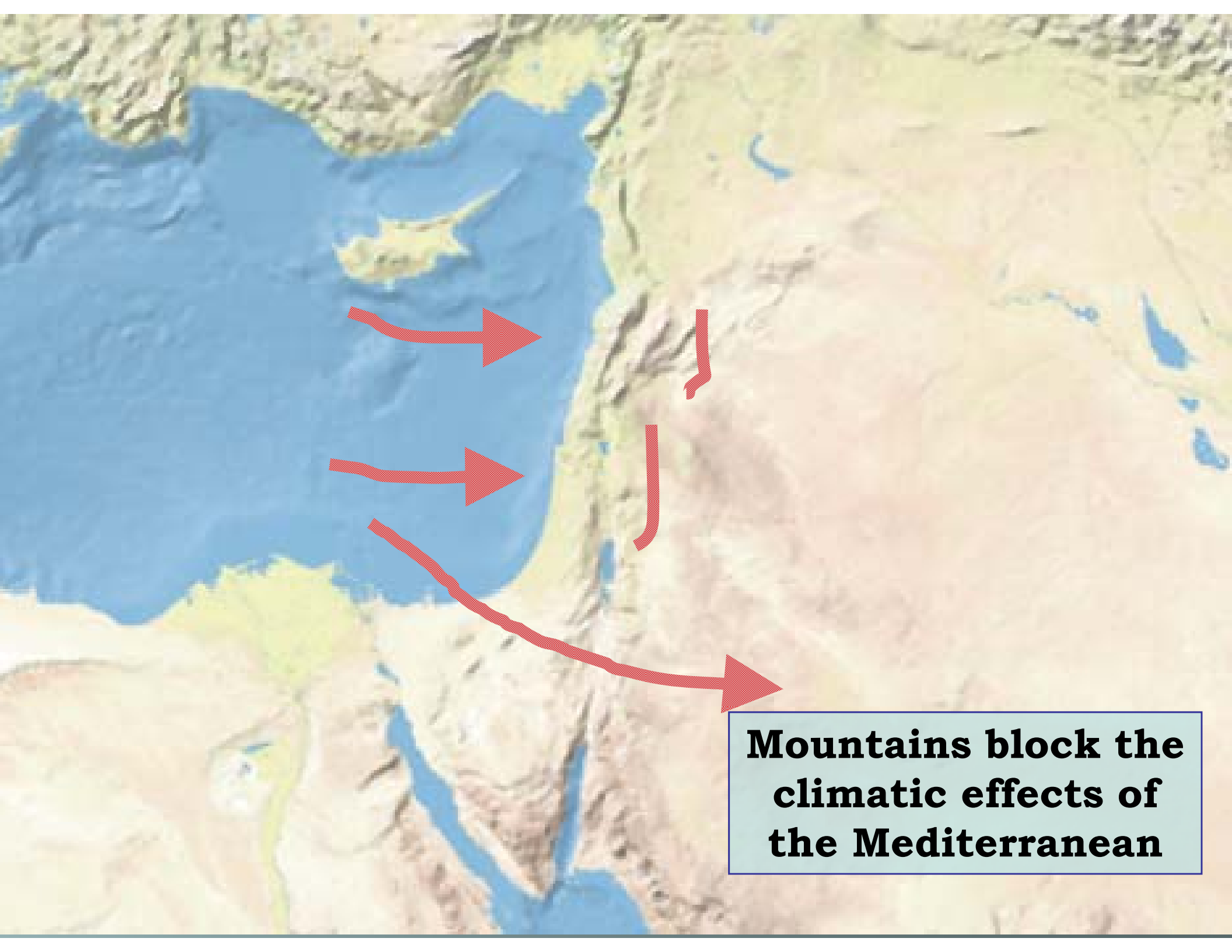




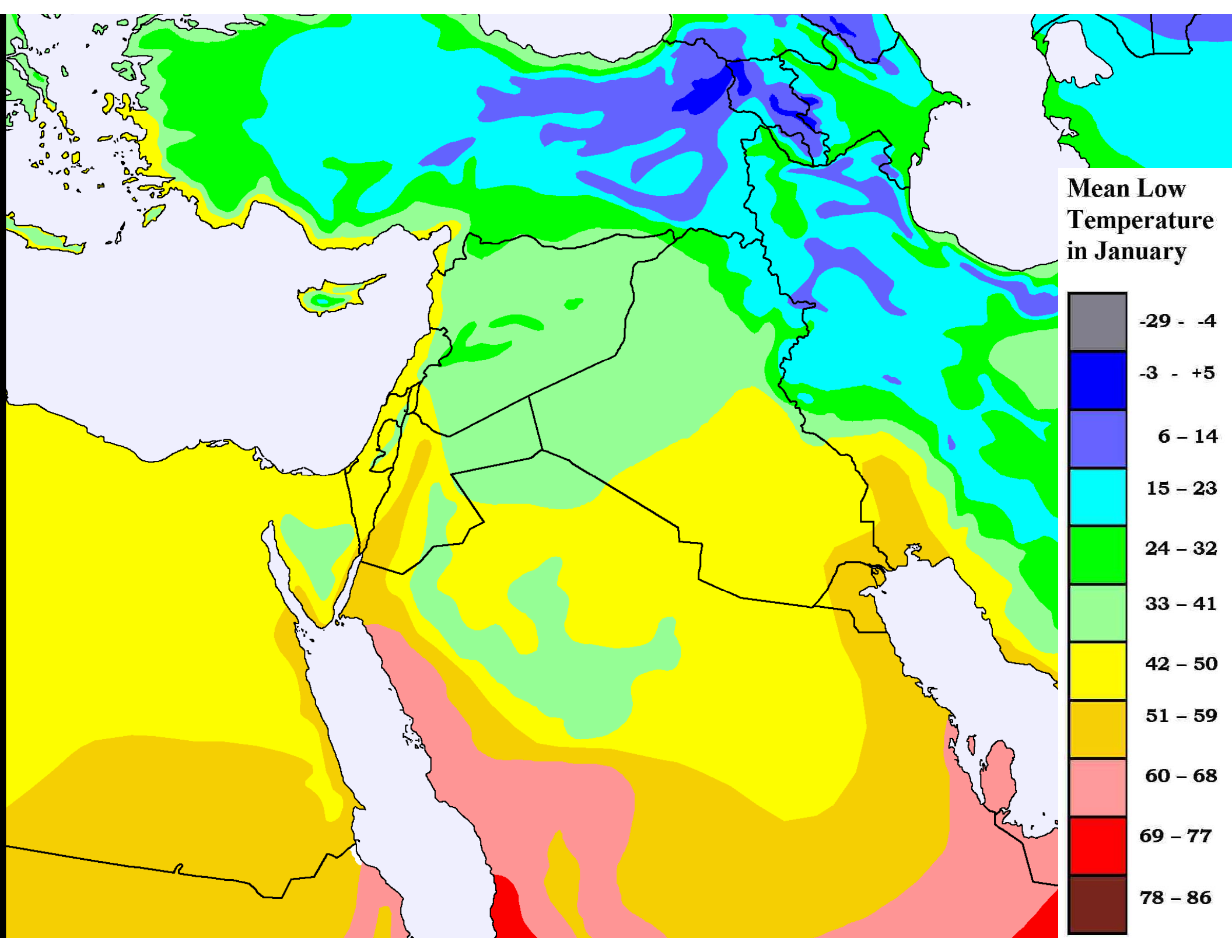


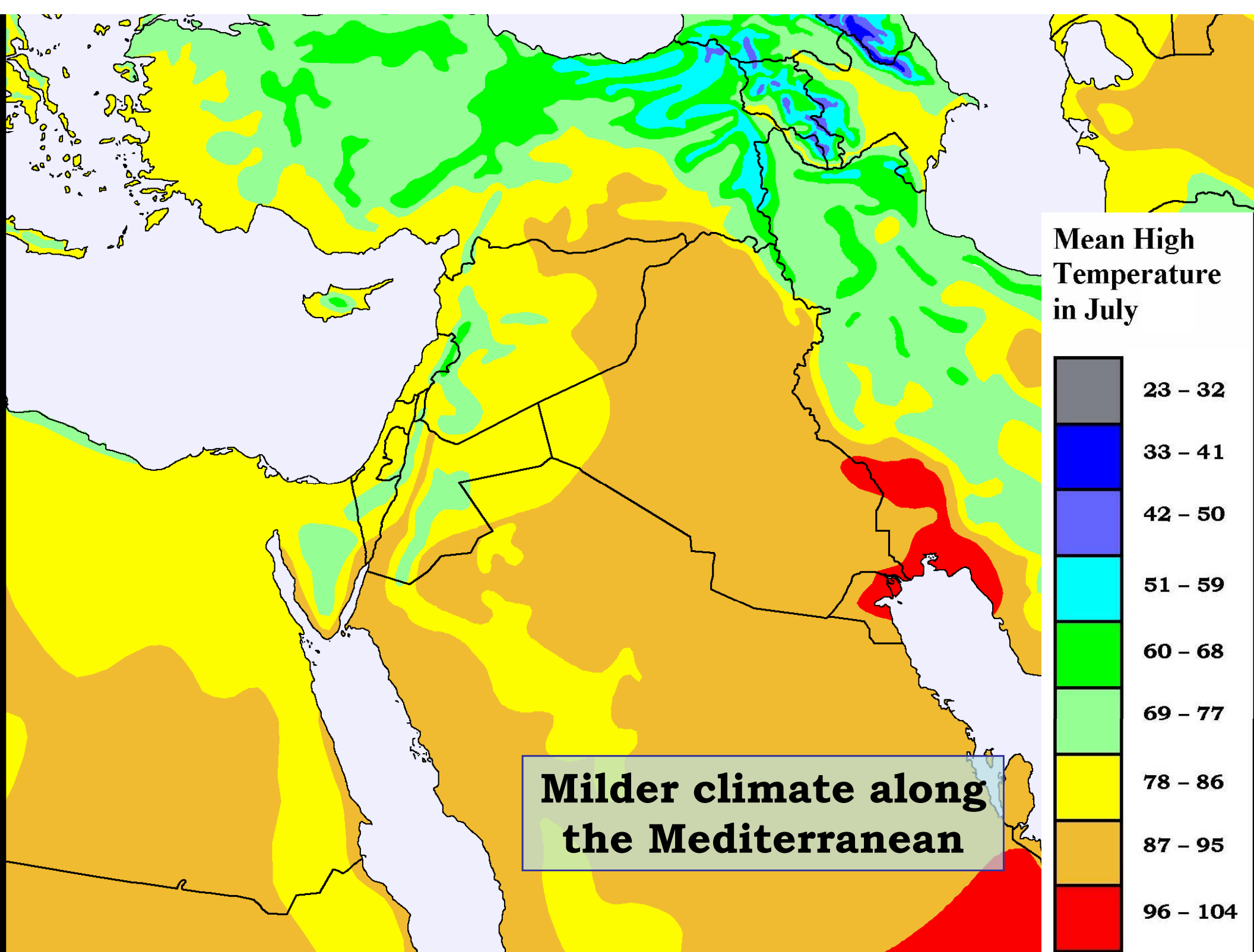
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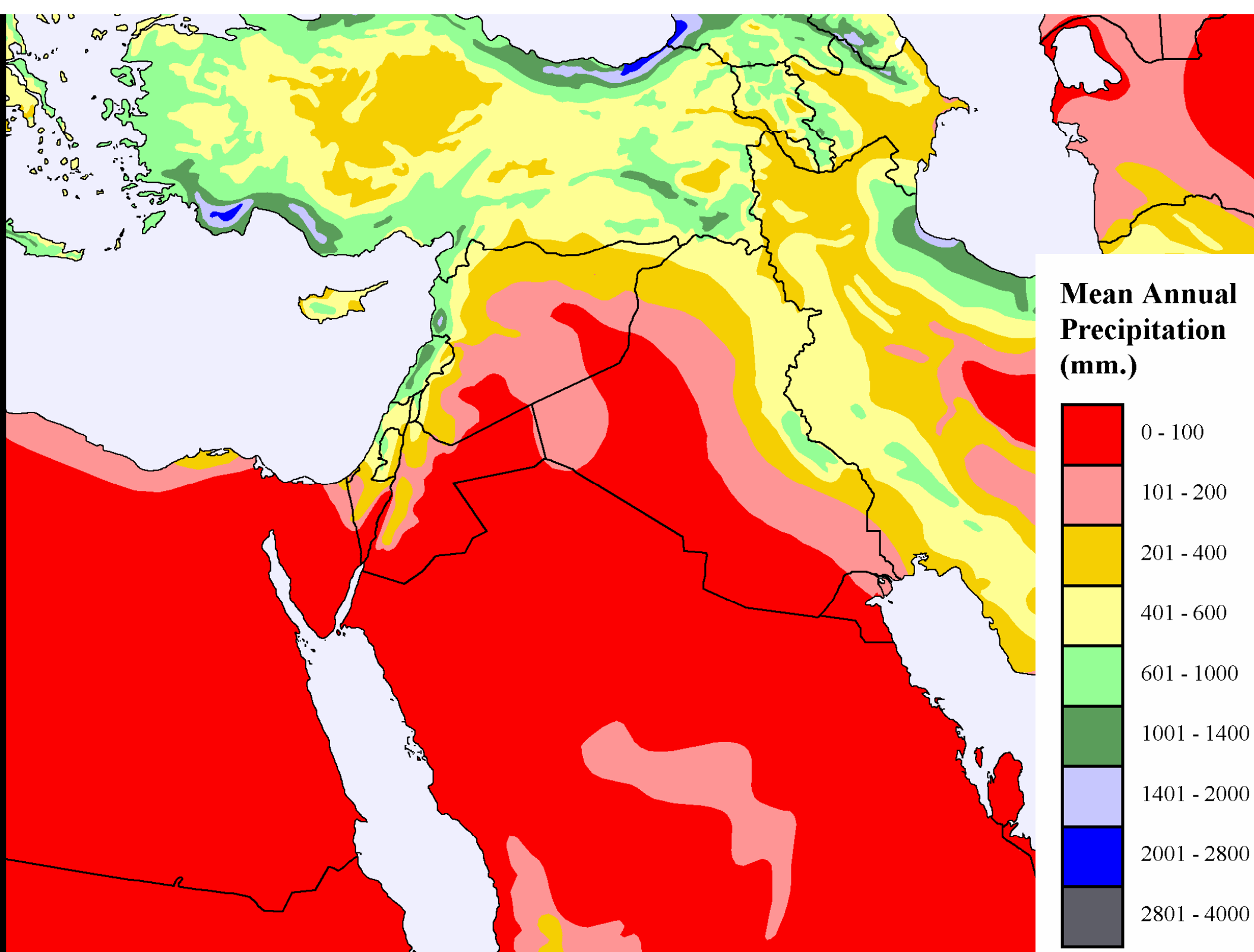
- Mostly plains
- Mountain ranges on the Levant parallel to the Mediterranean
- Mostly desert lands in Egypt
- Major rivers:
 - (Euphrates)
 - Orontes – Syria
 - Nile – Egypt
- Sinai Peninsula

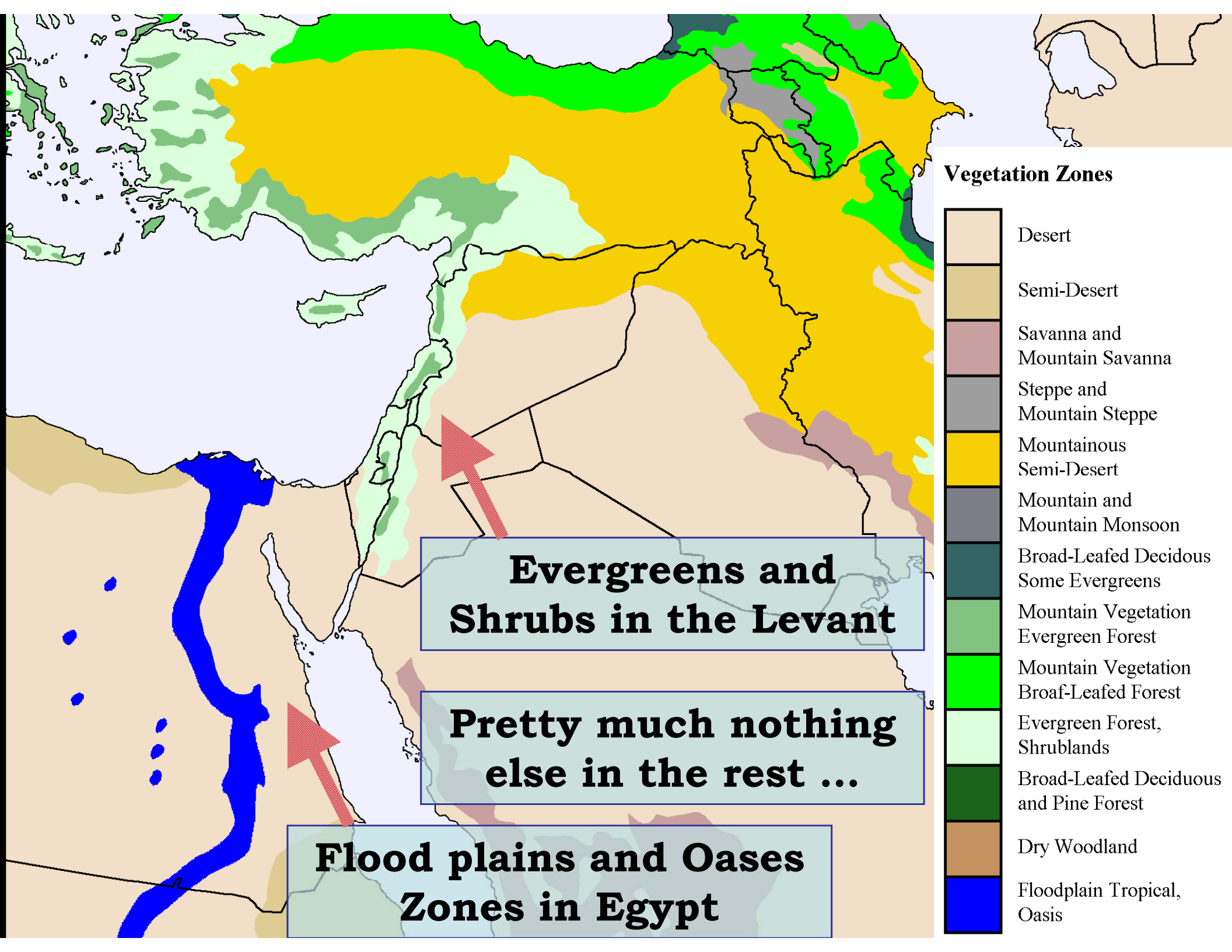


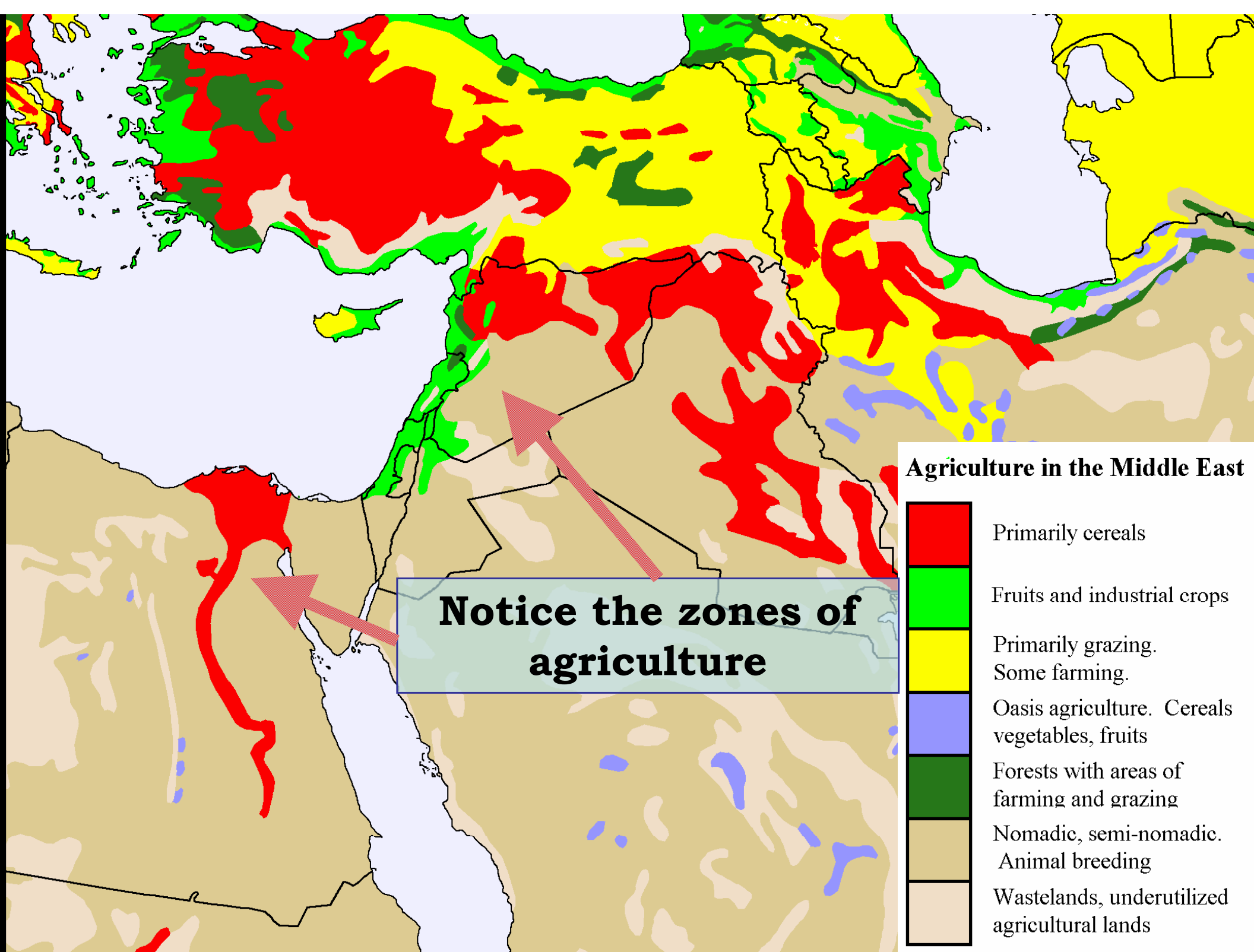
**Mountains block the
climatic effects of
the Mediterranean**











Agriculture in the Middle East

- Primarily cereals
- Fruits and industrial crops
- Primarily grazing. Some farming.
- Oasis agriculture. Cereals vegetables, fruits
- Forests with areas of farming and grazing
- Nomadic, semi-nomadic. Animal breeding
- Wastelands, underutilized agricultural lands

Notice the zones of agriculture

