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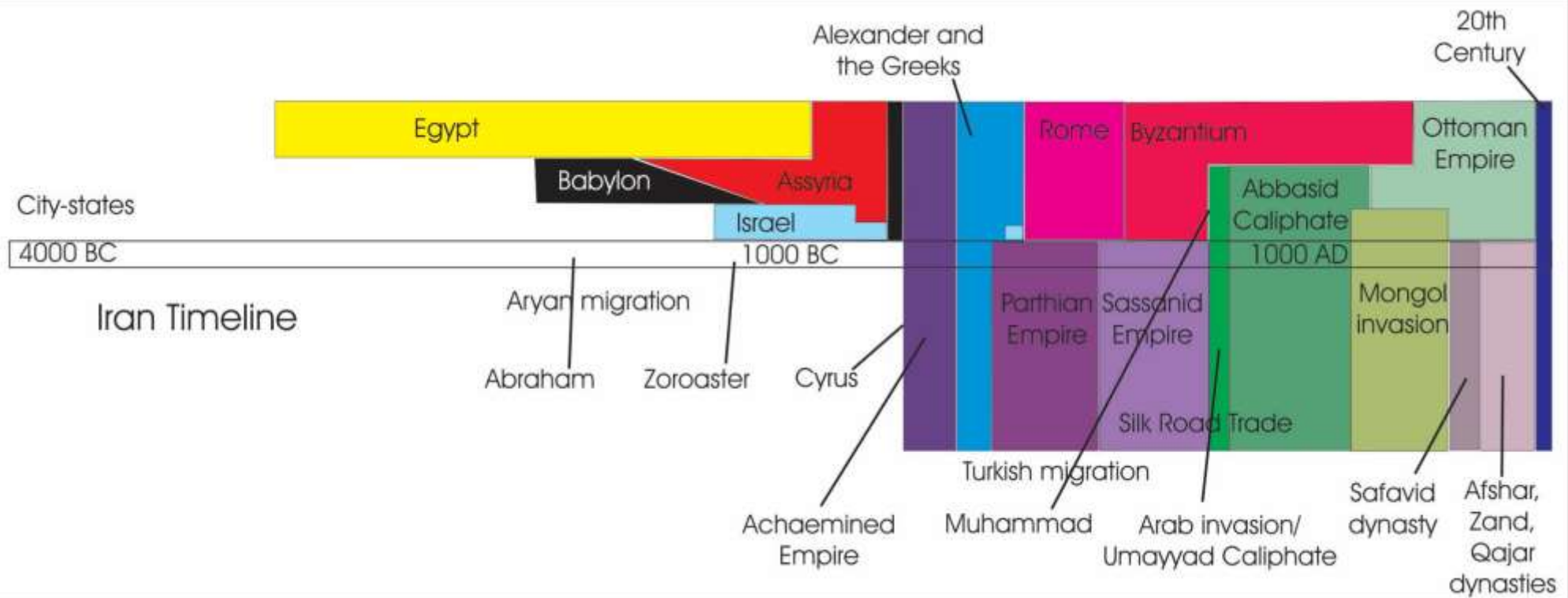


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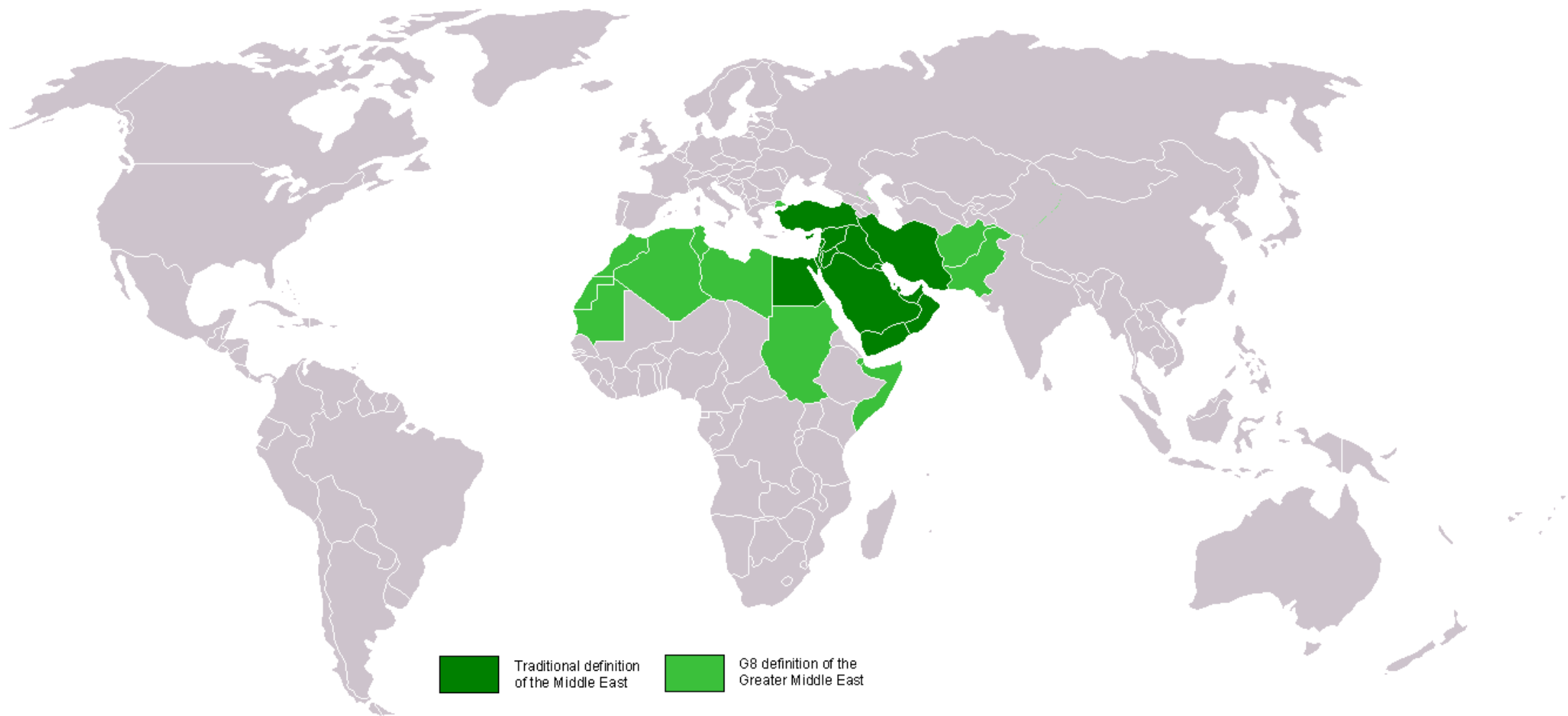
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Geopolitics



Greater Middle East

Area:
Iran = 630,000 sq miles
US = 3,800,000 sq miles
US is 6 times larger

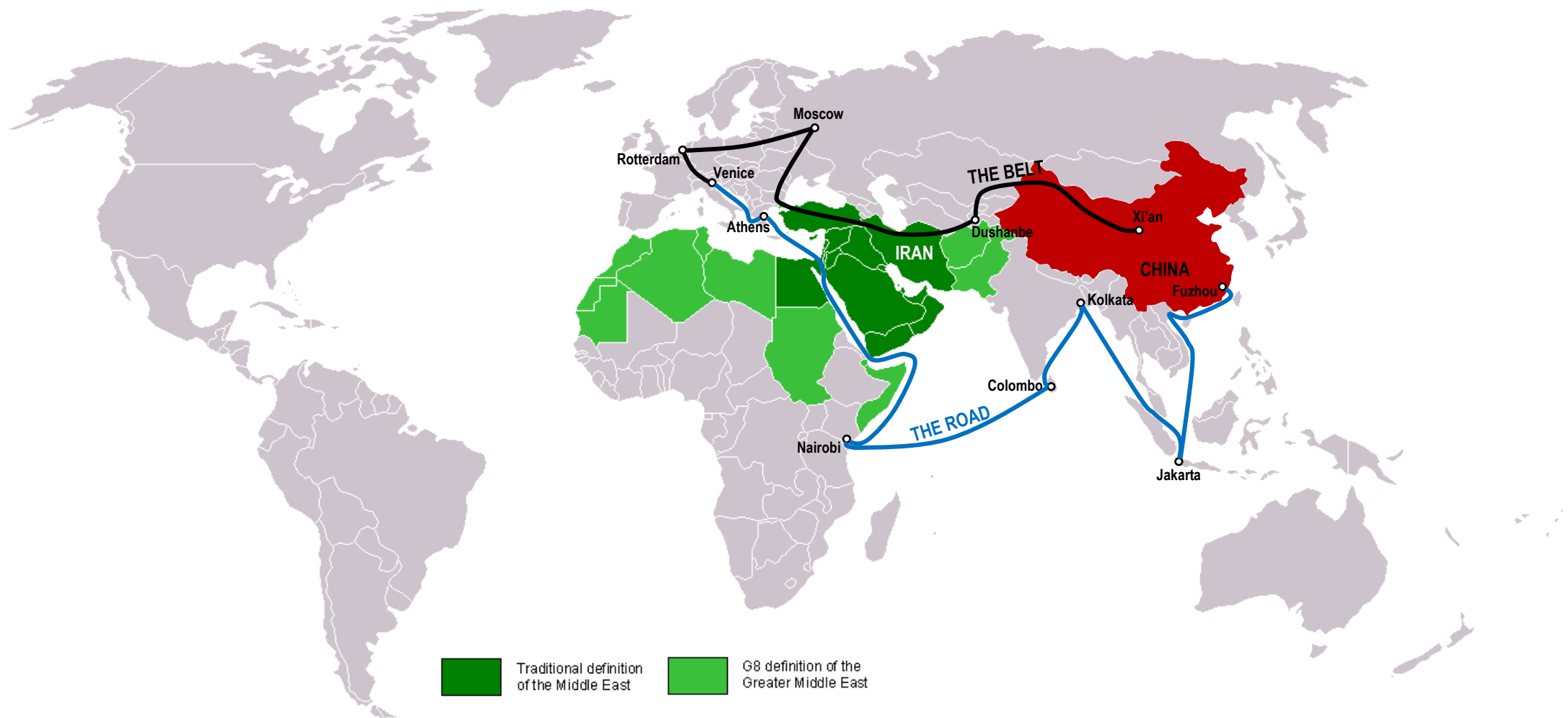


Population:
Iran = 84,000,000
US = 319,000,000
US is 4 times larger

Area:
Iran = 630,000 sq miles
Texas = 270,000 sq miles
Iran is 2.3 times larger



Population:
Iran = 84,000,000
Texas = 29,000,000
Iran is 3 times larger



China's Belt and Road

Exports to:

- China 48%
- India 12%
- S. Korea 8%
- Turkey 6%
- UAE 5%



Imports from:

- China 28%
- UAE 20%
- India 11%
- Turkey 7%
- Brazil 6%
- Germany 5%







Political Neighborhood







Topography: Mountains



Zagros Mountains





Alborz Mountains



Topography: Water







Topography: Water





Topography: Water





Topography: Basins

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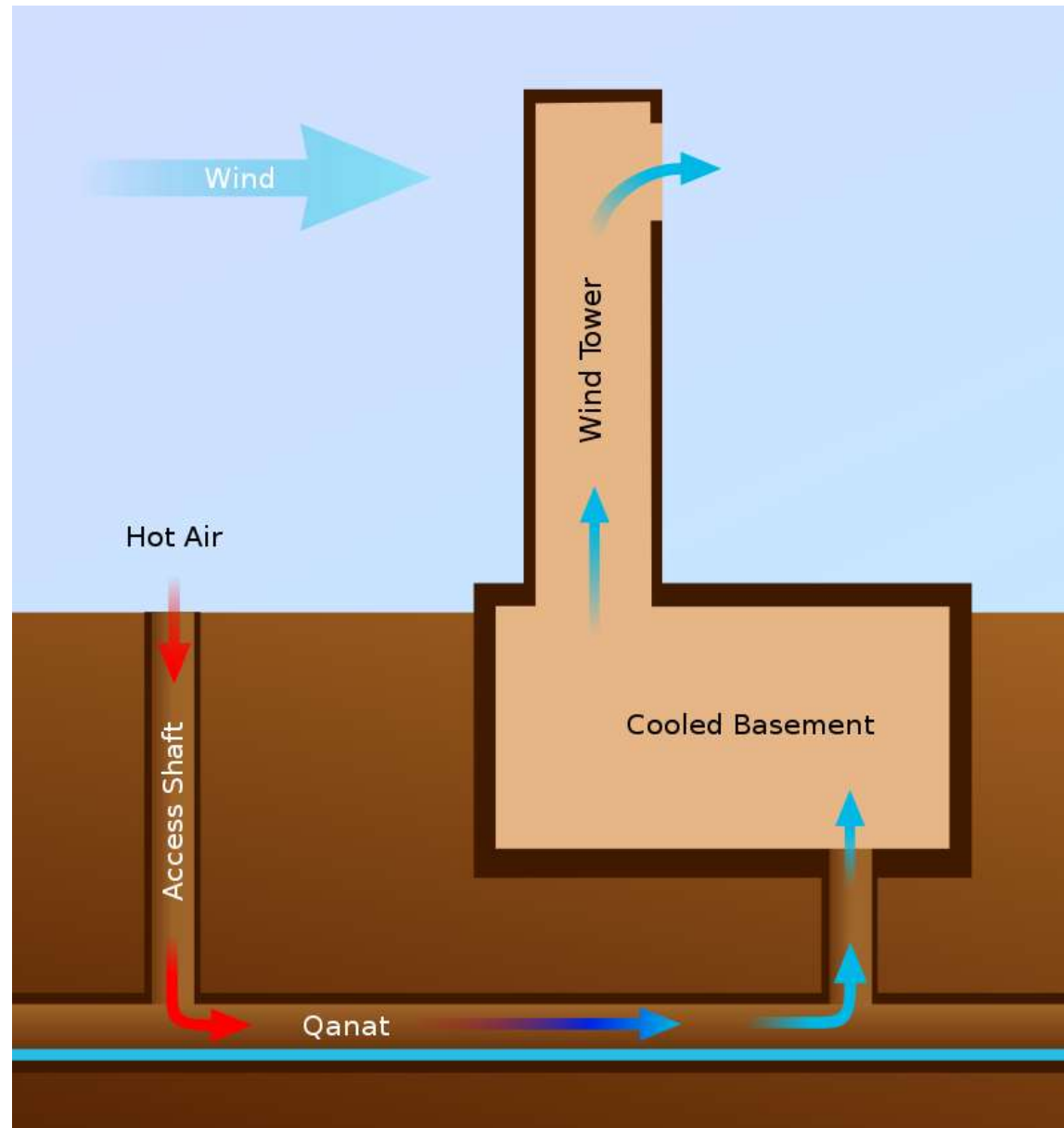




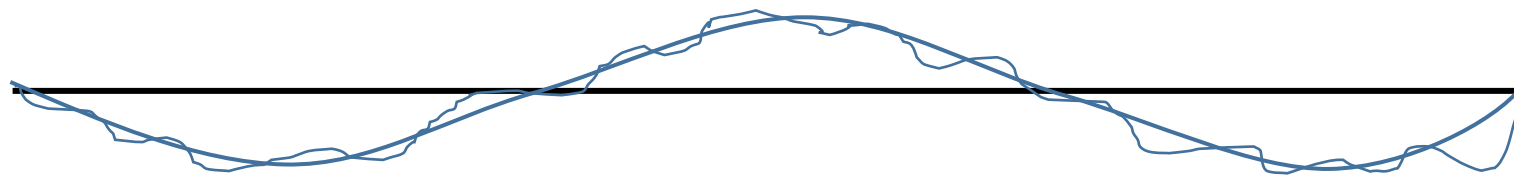
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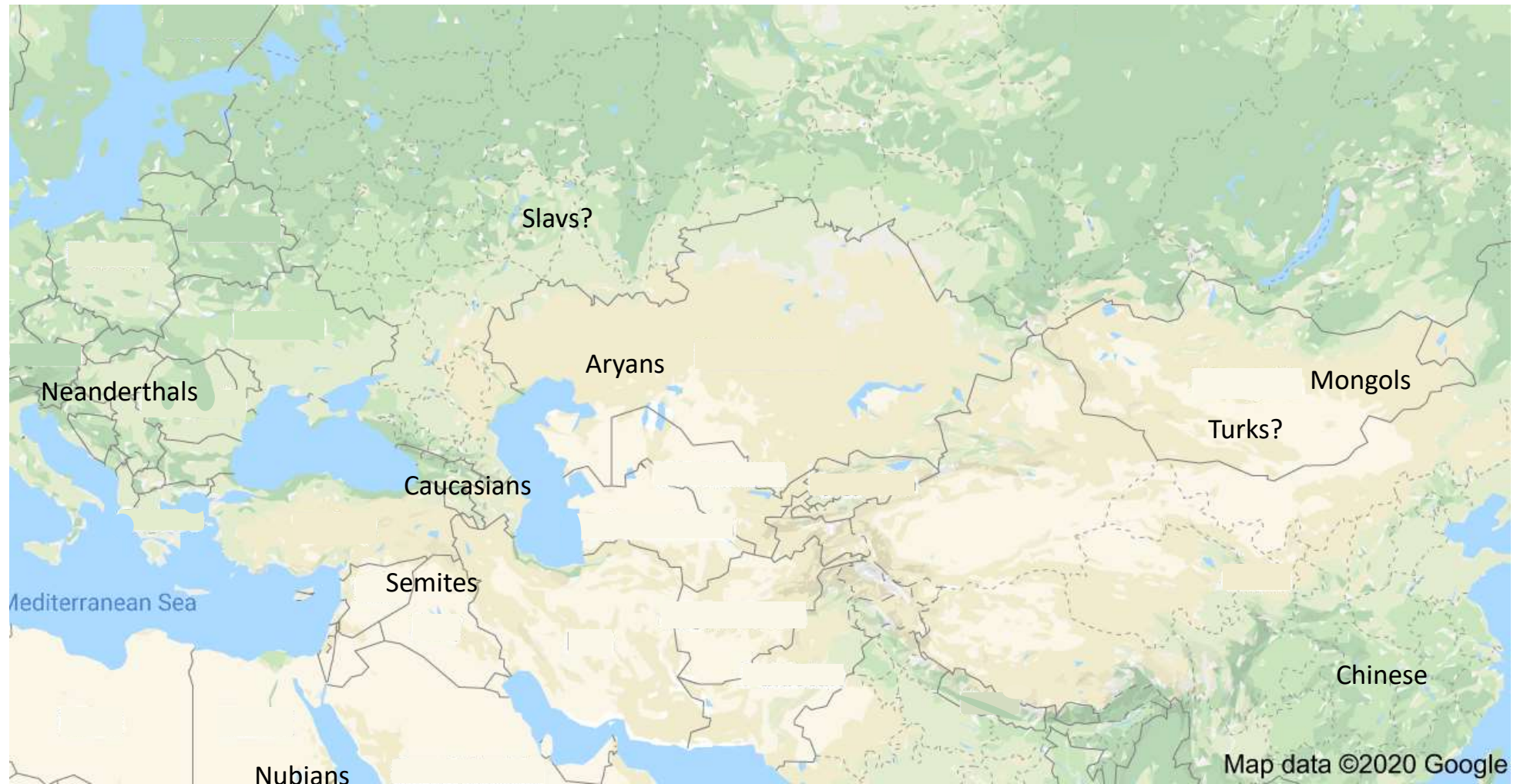






Early Settlers





the Ice Epoch (30,000 BC - 13,000 BC)



Expansion after the Ice Epoch (13,000 BC)





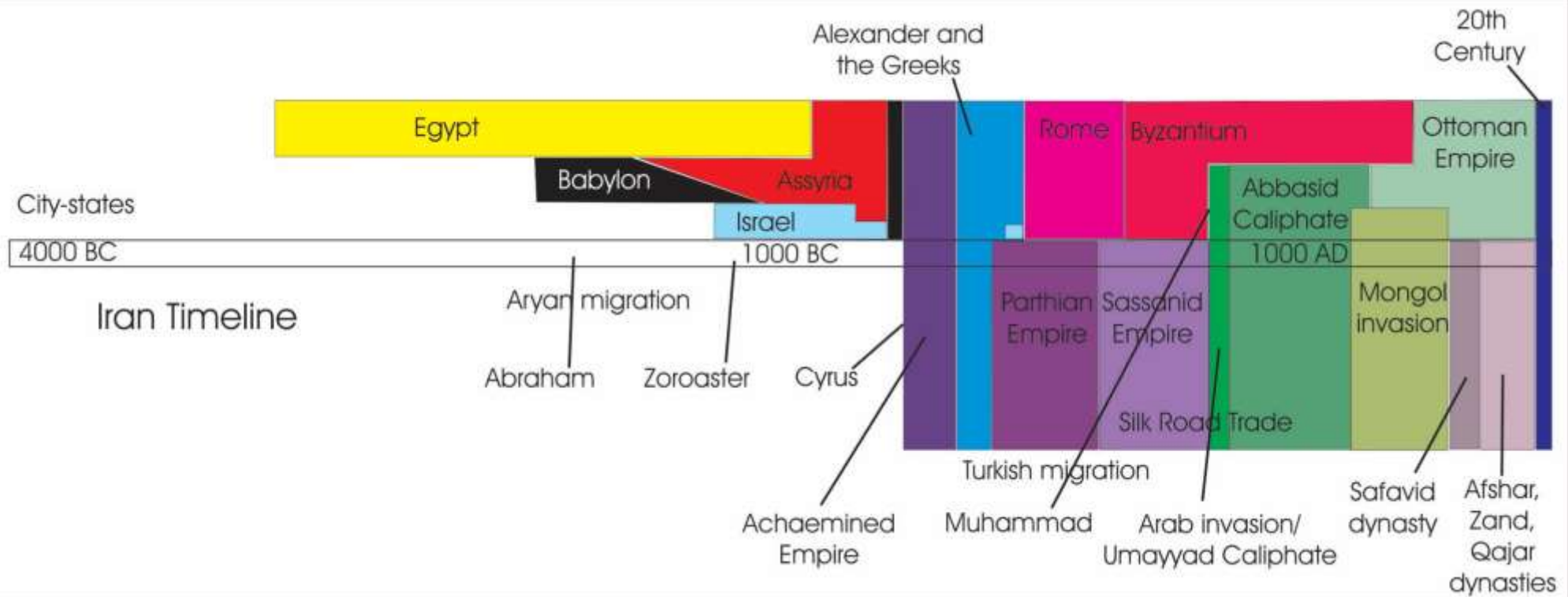
Pre-historic migration (12,000 – 1,000 BC)



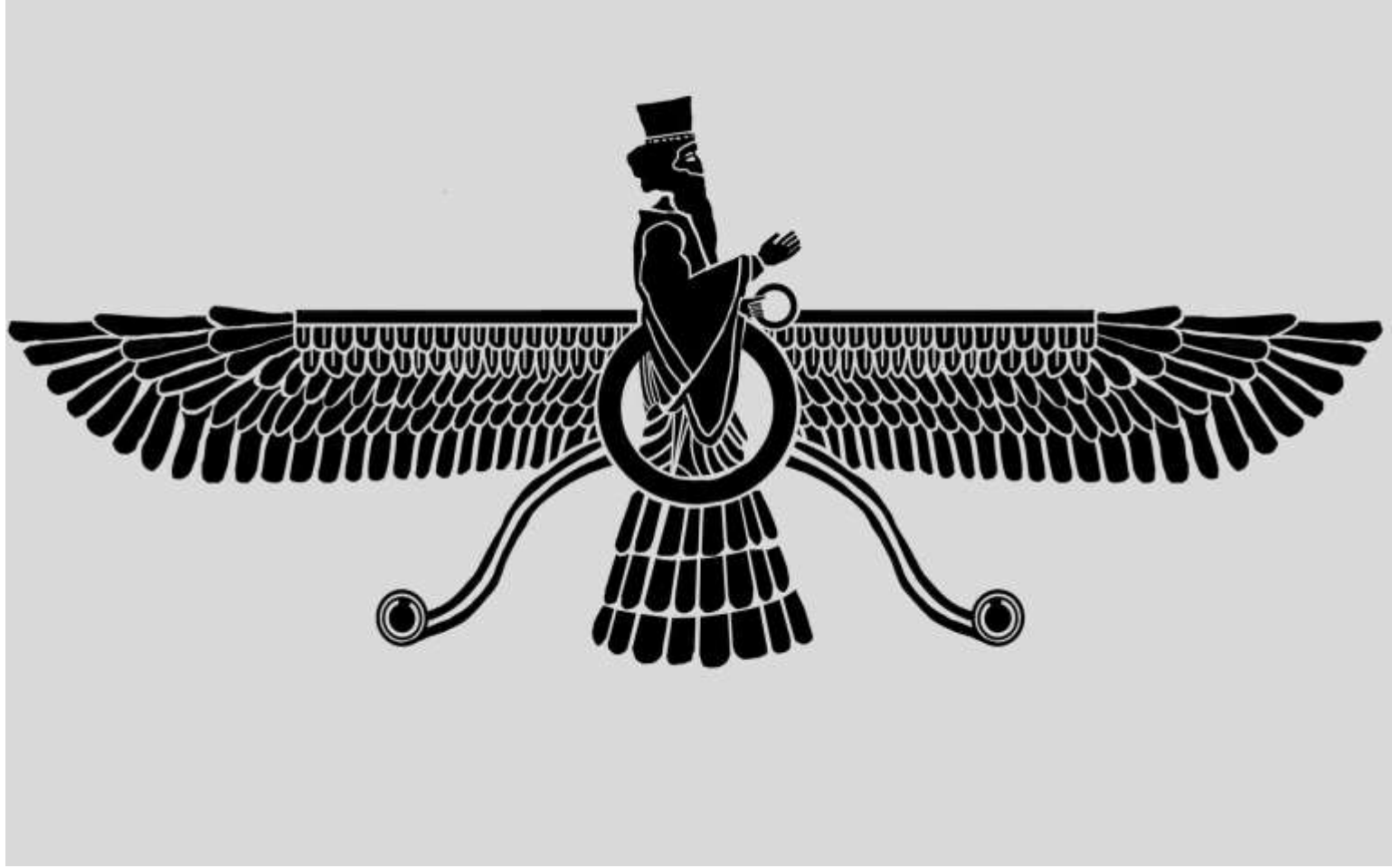
Turkish migration (1,000 BC – 1,000 AD)



Zoroastrian religion











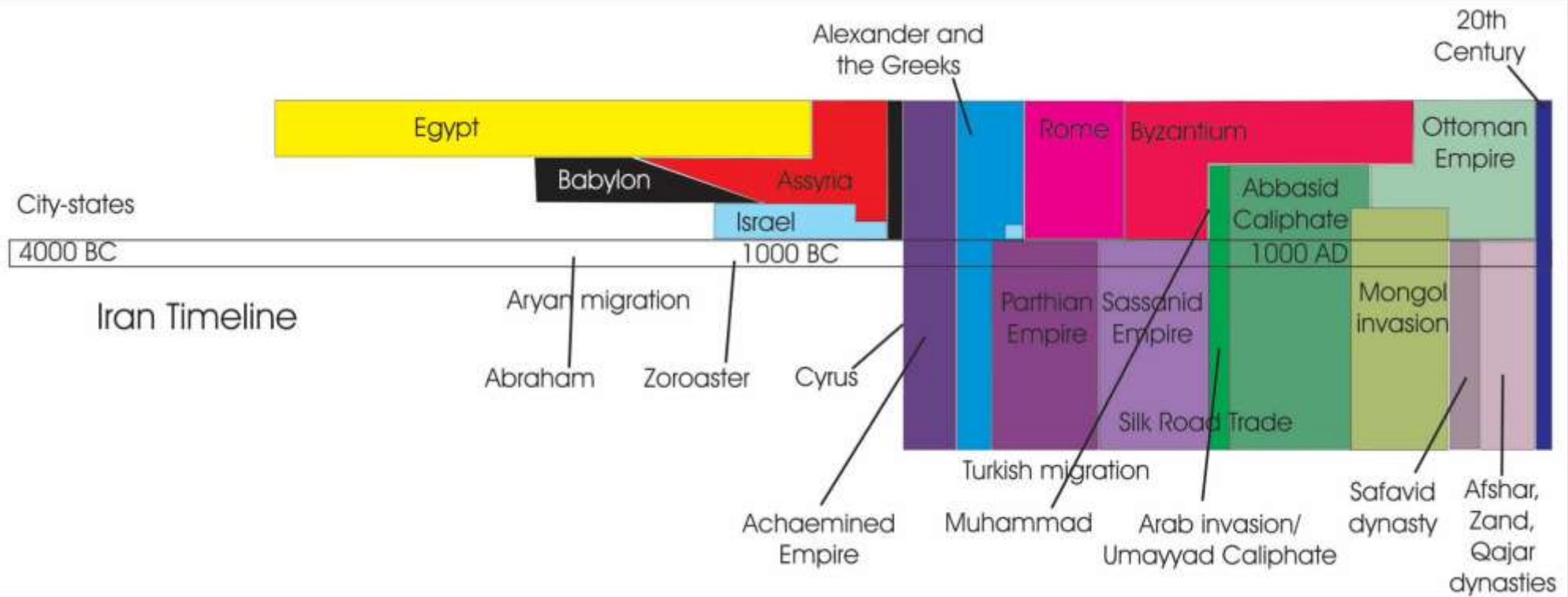








Cyrus the Great





Babylonian Empire

Germans





Achaemenid Empire













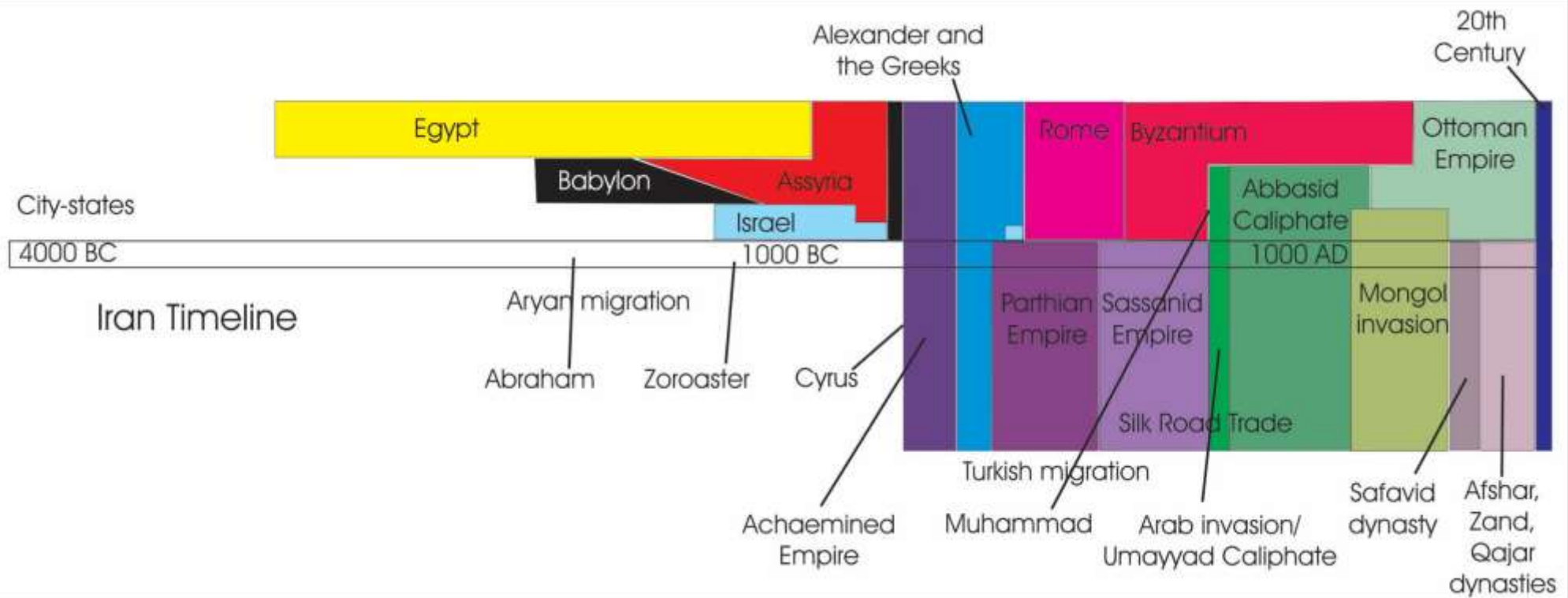








Alexander the Great

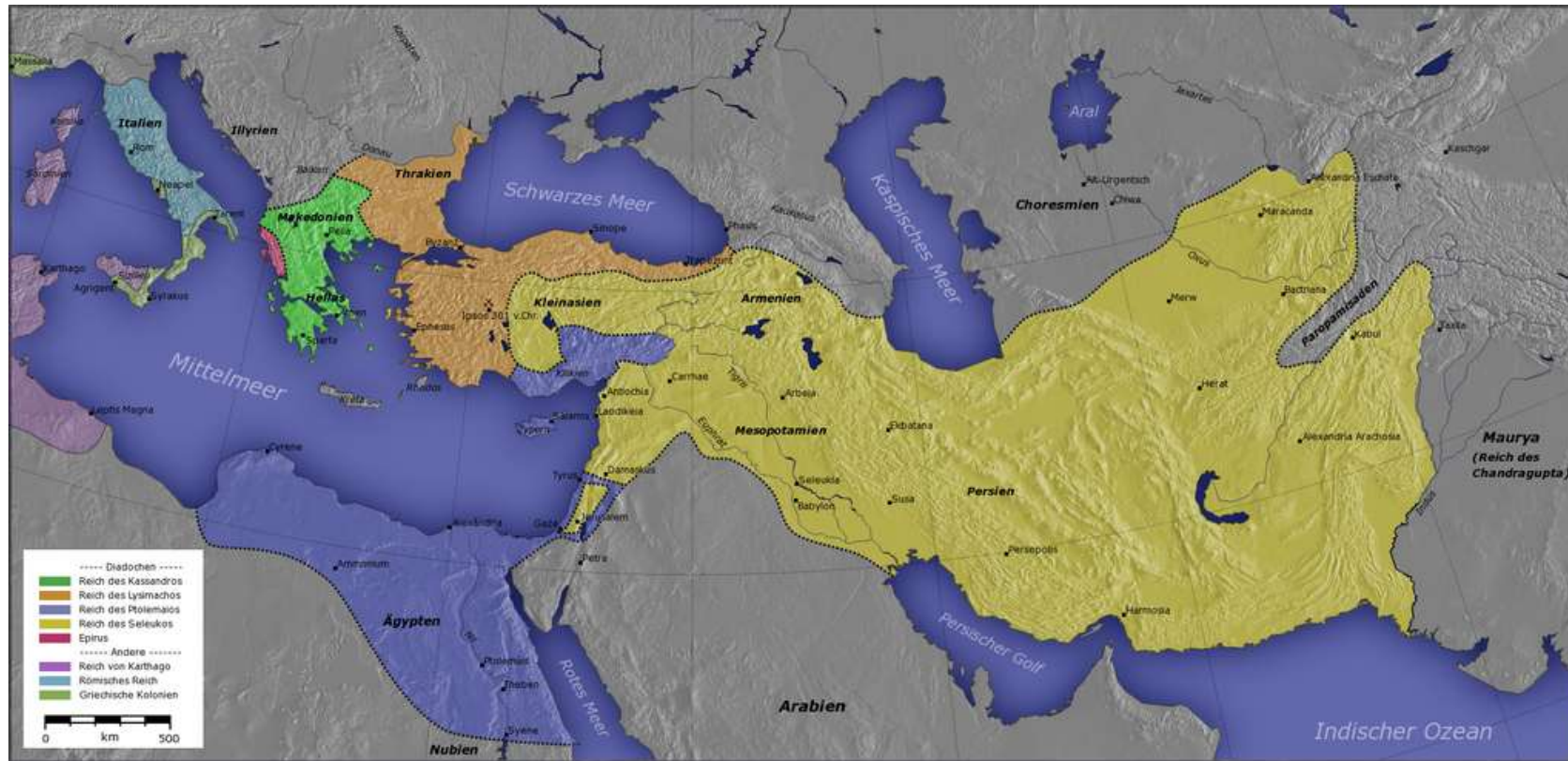








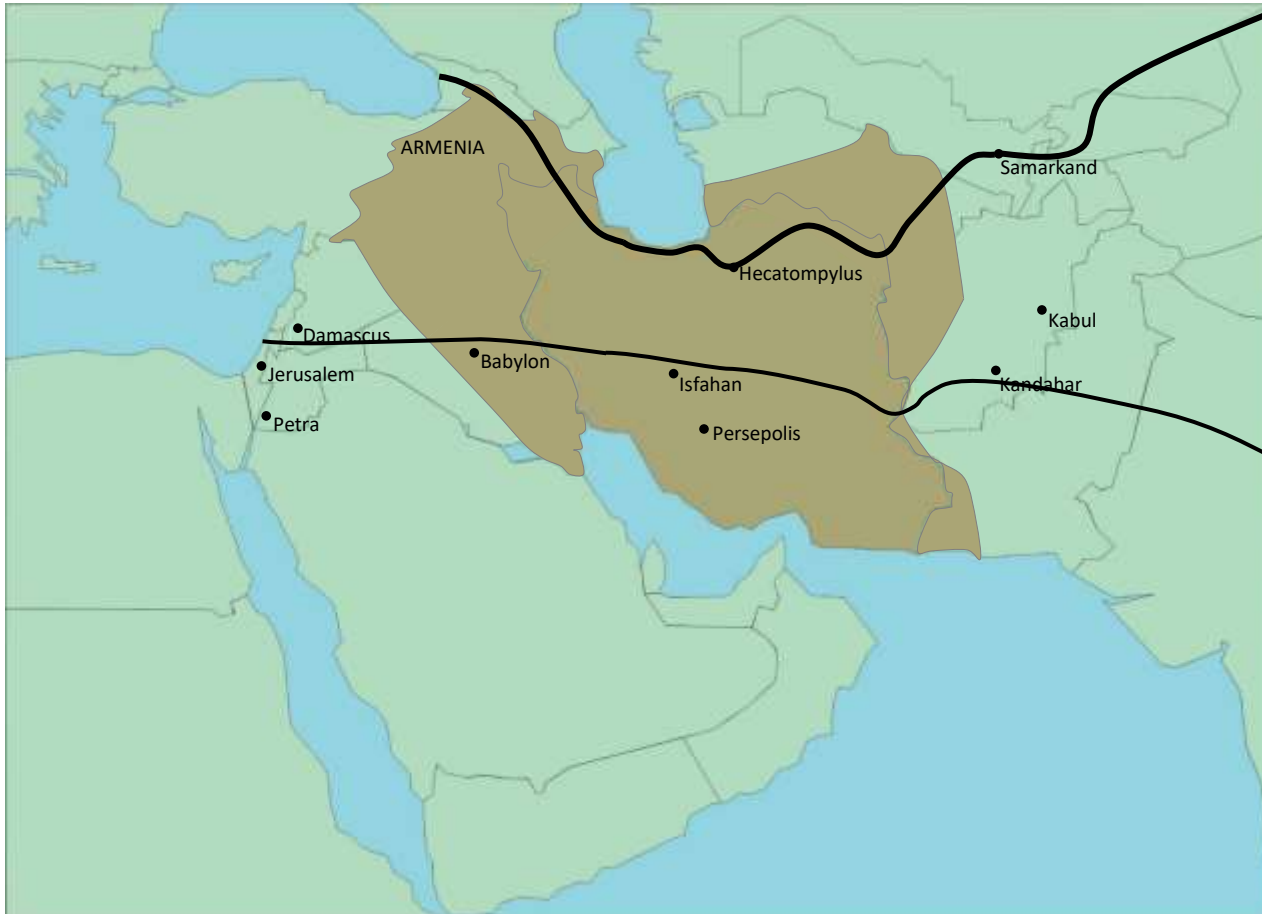
With an effort he turned at once on land himself



Parthian and Sassanid Empires



Parthian Empire (247 BC – 224 AD)



The Silk Road through Parthia





Sassanid Empire (224 AD)





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