

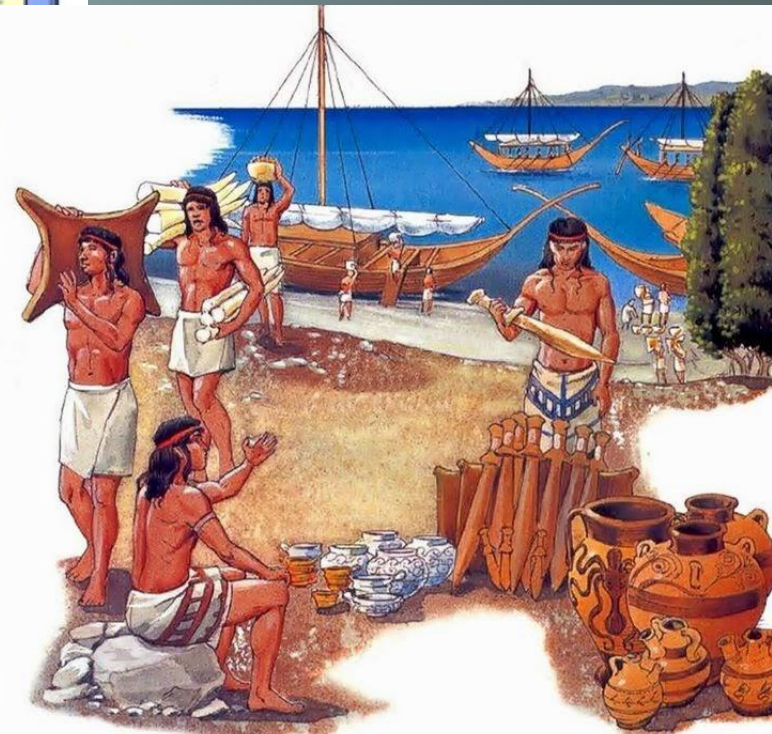
The Late Bronze Age

Minoans, Hittites
And Myceneans

Minoan Trade, 1570 BCE



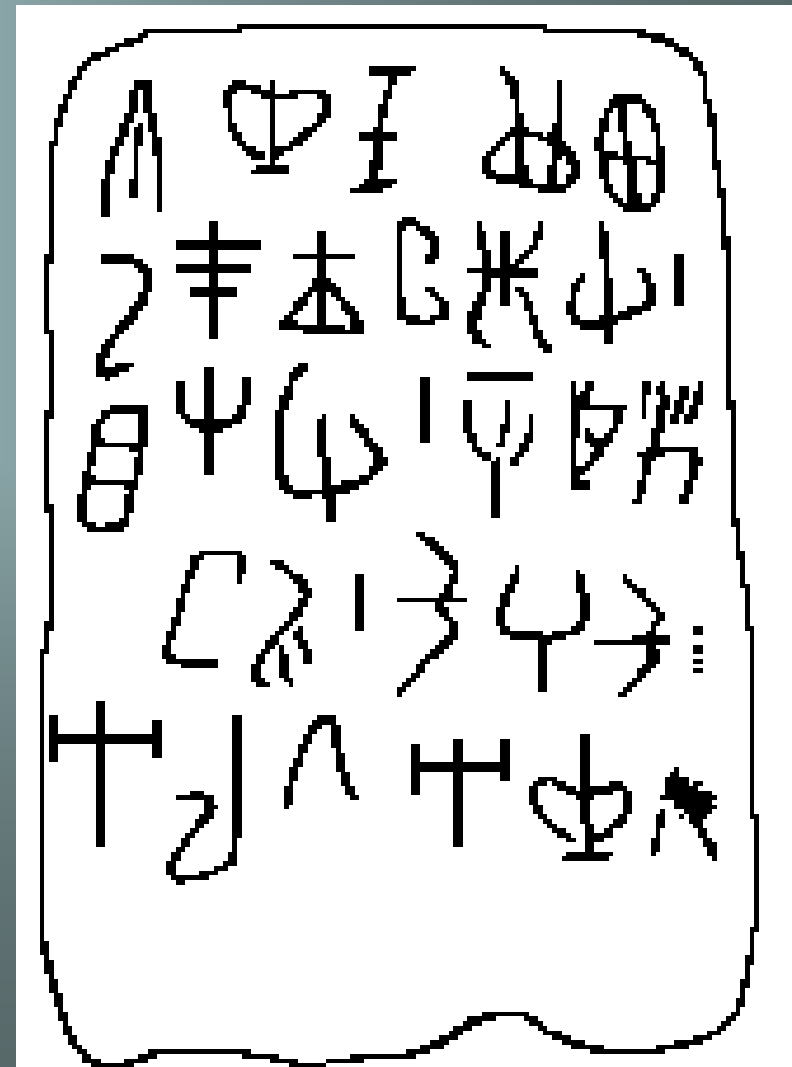
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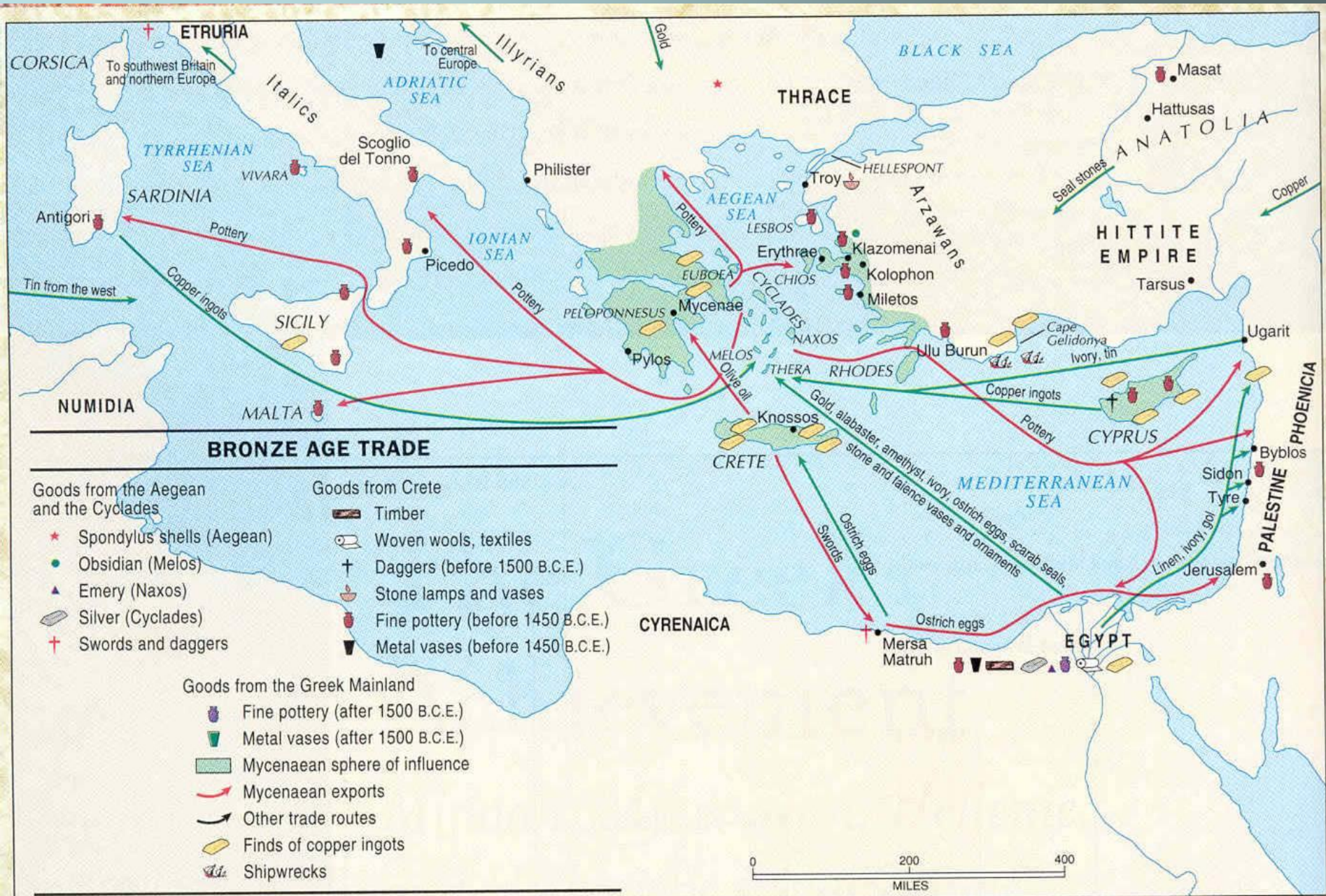
Linear A

Not yet deciphered

No bilingual







Both the Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations established wide-ranging networks throughout the Mediterranean. Evidence of trading contacts from as far away as Kush (south of Egypt) and Afghanistan has been found in Aegean Bronze Age archaeological sites.



CRETE Knossos

Minoans--Knossos

Not walled
=no wars?

No pyramids

No large
temples





Minoans were sea
Merchants

These depict Crete

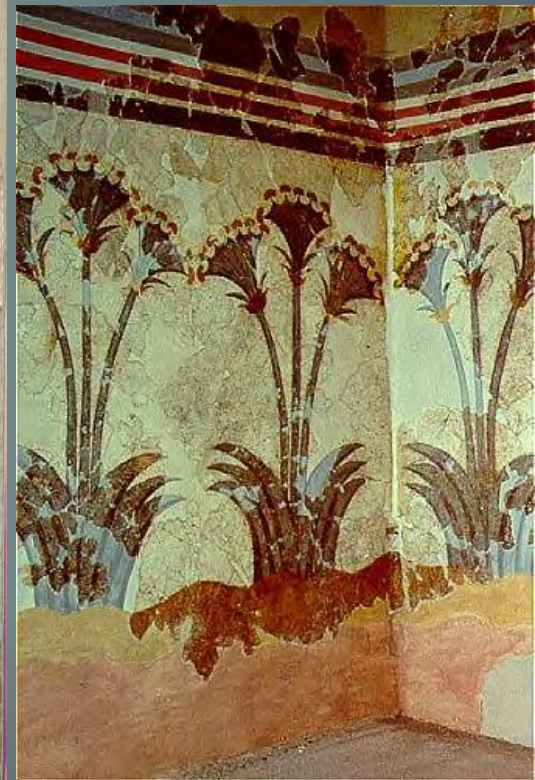


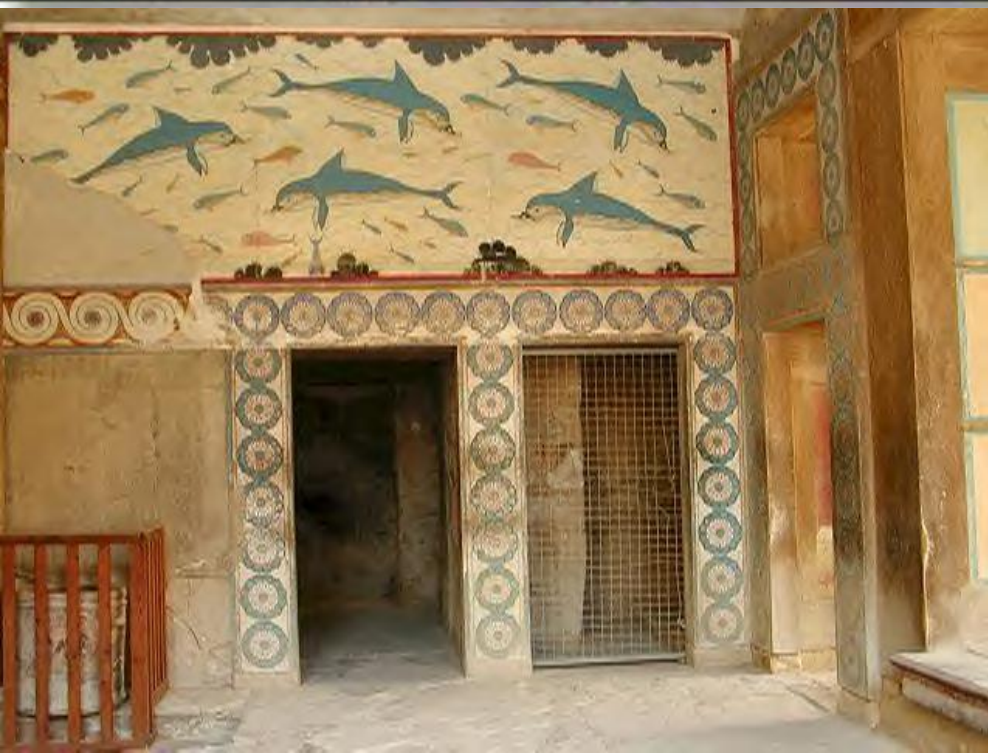


Thera, a Minoan colony









Knossos- Palace area?



Minoans—Bull Ceremony



Left, early- c. 2000 BC

Below, Late Minoan II-IIIa, c. 1400 BC



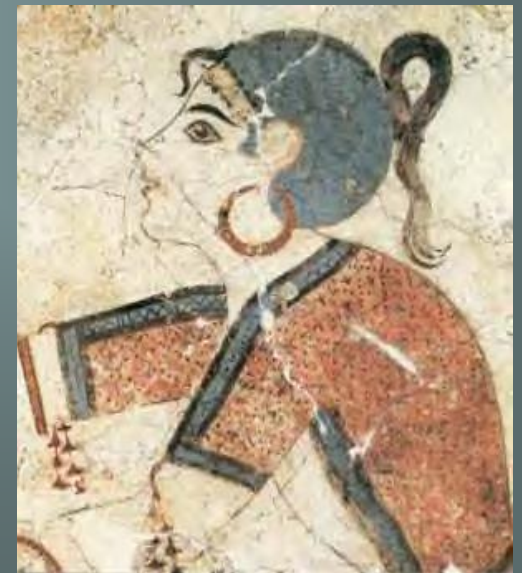
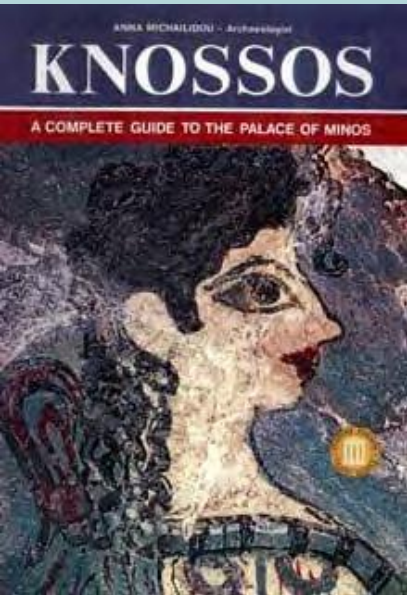




Hittite Bull Leaping



Minoans—Women in Society





4-16 *Snake Goddess*, from the palace at Knossos, c. 1600 B.C.
Faience, approx. 13½" high. Archeological Museum, Herakleion.



Note what the Goddess under the tree is holding



Thera Explosion





Later coin from Crete
Showing the
LABYRINTH



The Minotaur

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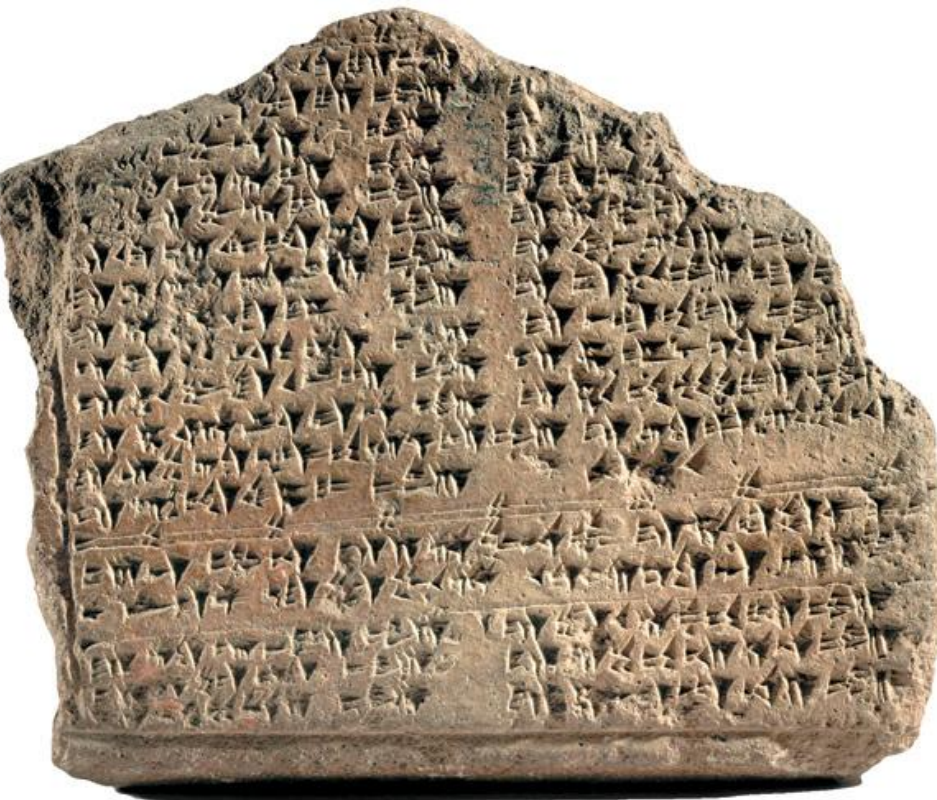
Hittites



Language
 Militarism
 Religion
 Government
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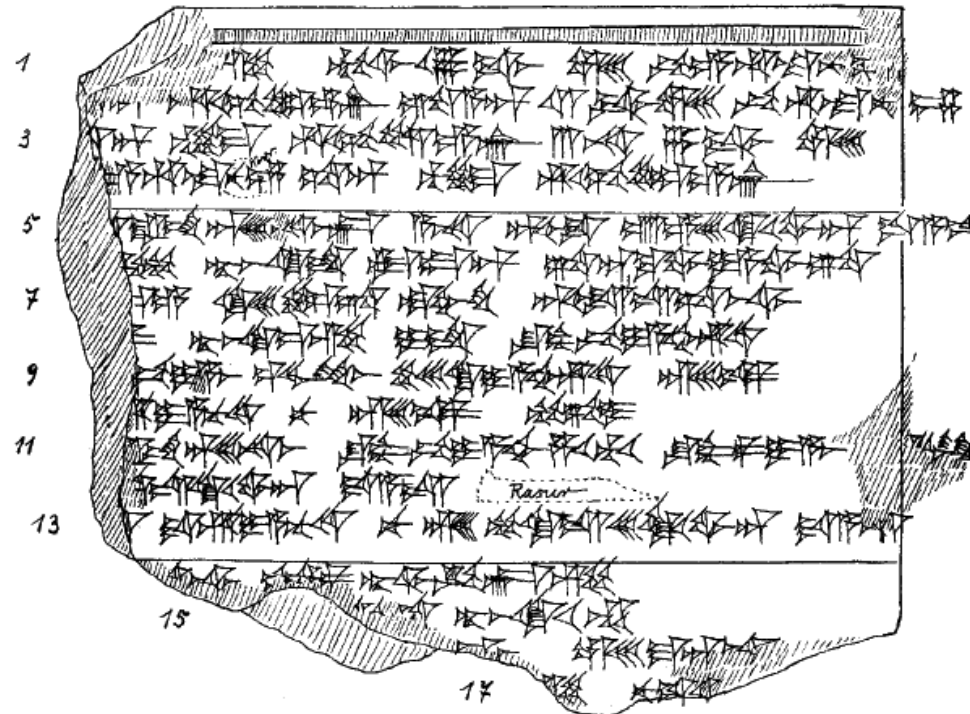


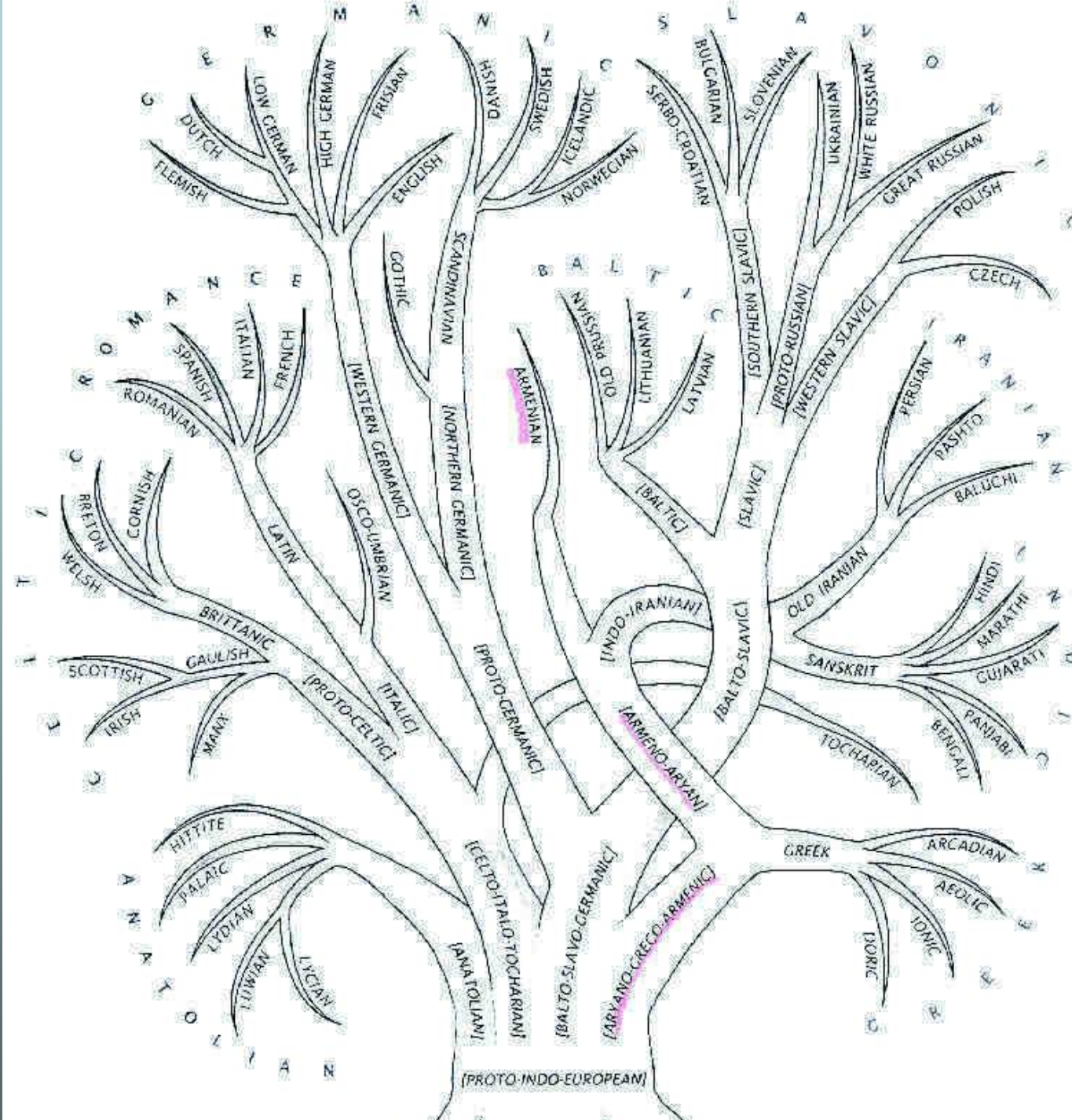
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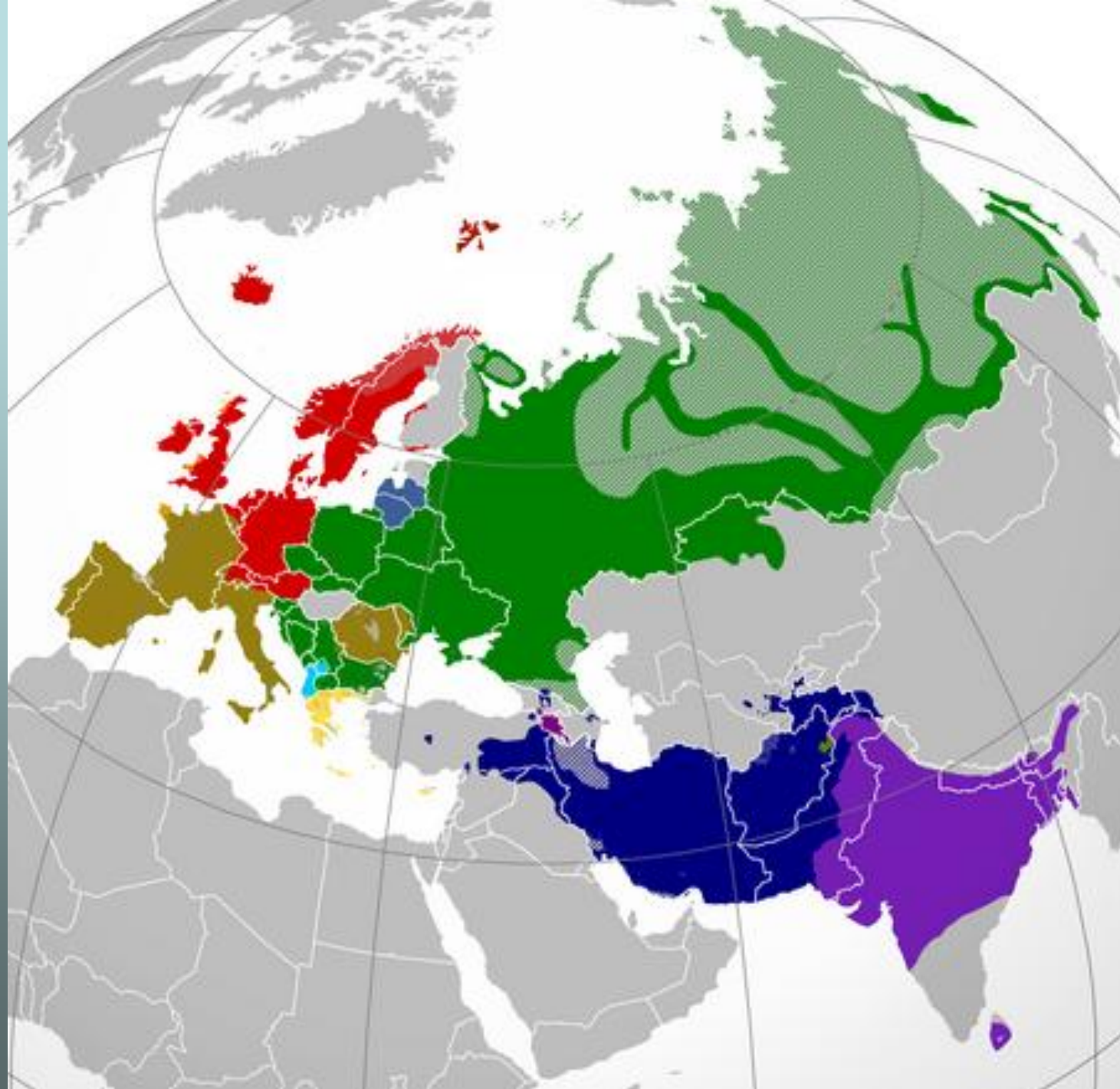


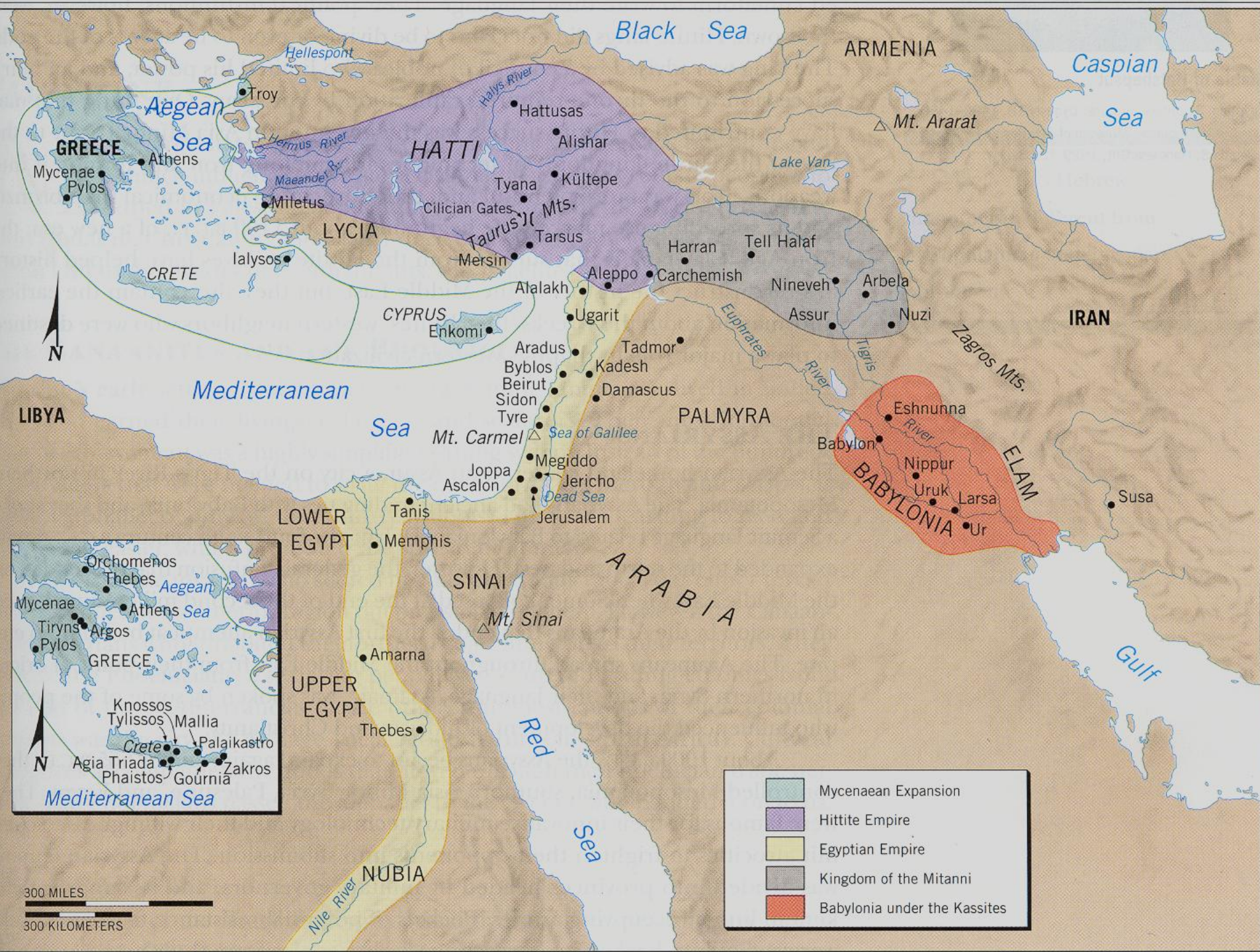
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Hattushas Lion Gate

Militarism





Compare with Knossos

Hittites

Nineveh

Mari

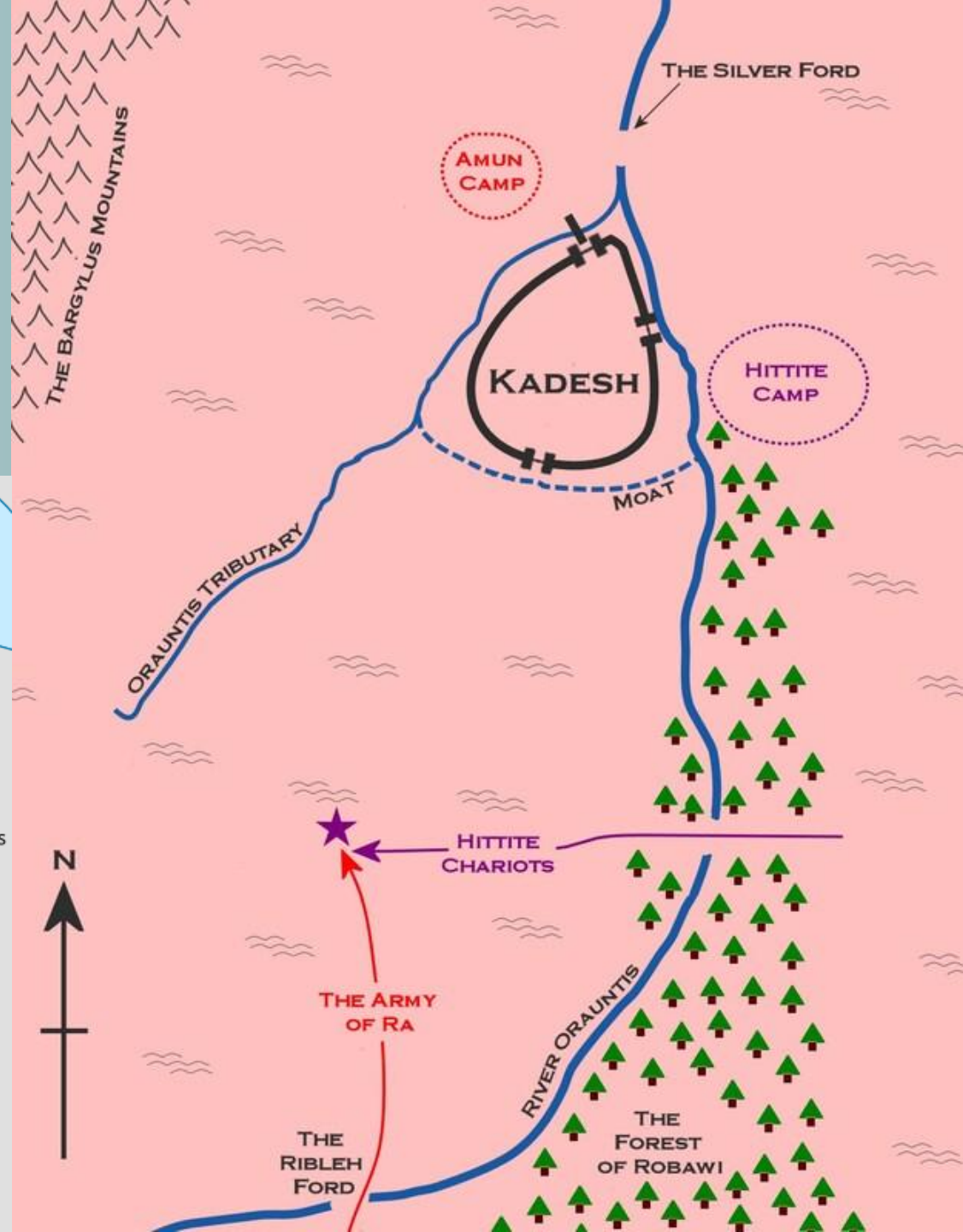
Babylon

- Hittites conquer Babylon after attacking in 1585 BC allowed the Kassites to take over
- Kassite dynasty in Babylon (1500-1200 B.C.)
- During the period of Judges

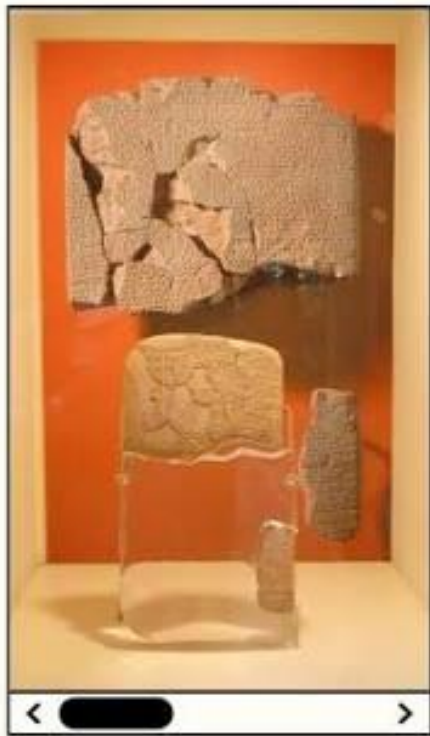


Battle of Kadesh c. 1274 BCE

Dawn







DID YOU KNOW?

The earliest known surviving peace treaty was drawn up in 1271BC and signed by the Egyptian pharaoh, Ramses II (Ramses the Great), and Hattusilis III, King of the Hittites.



THE HITTITE QUEEN
BEHIND THE FIRST
PEACE TREATY

Hittite religion

- Hittite religion is complicated by adoption of conquered kingdoms religion, so Hatti is known as
- “The Country of a 1,000 gods.”
- This makes analysis difficult, but the major god is a Storm god”
- Hittite for ‘god’ is “shiush” meaning light





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None are universal

But specific to that people, they are the people's "lord" who protects them.

Since the gods are not universal, there is a storm-god of the Hittites, Zeus for the Greeks, Jupiter for the Romans, as well as Tarhunt for the Luwians, Teshup for the Hurrians, etc.

Reward for worship is in THIS life.

Afterlife for us

The netherworld is below ground without sunlight.

“One does not recognize the other. Sisters by the same mother do not recognize each other. A mother does not recognize her own child... From a fine table they do not eat. From a fine cup They do not drink. They eat bits of mud, they drink muddy water.”

ie., gloomy view, not the Egyptian or Mystery religion view.

Pankush

Council of 'lords'

Hittite Laws

1 [If] anyone kills [a man] or a woman in a [quarr]eL he shall [bring him] for burial and shall give 4 persons, male or female respectively.

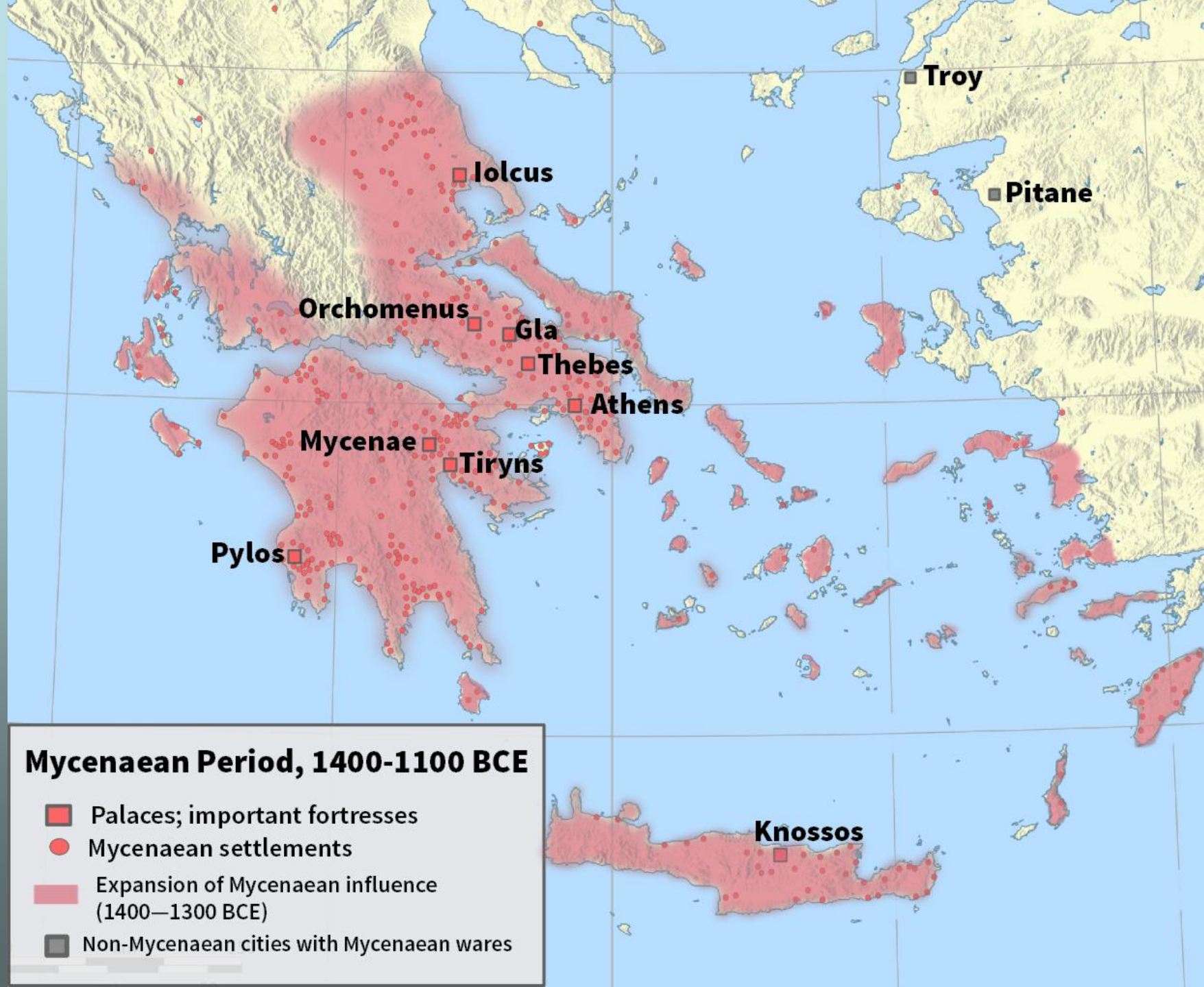
He shall look [to his house for it]"..,

3.[If} anyone strikes a free {man] or woman so that he dies,
but it is an accident,

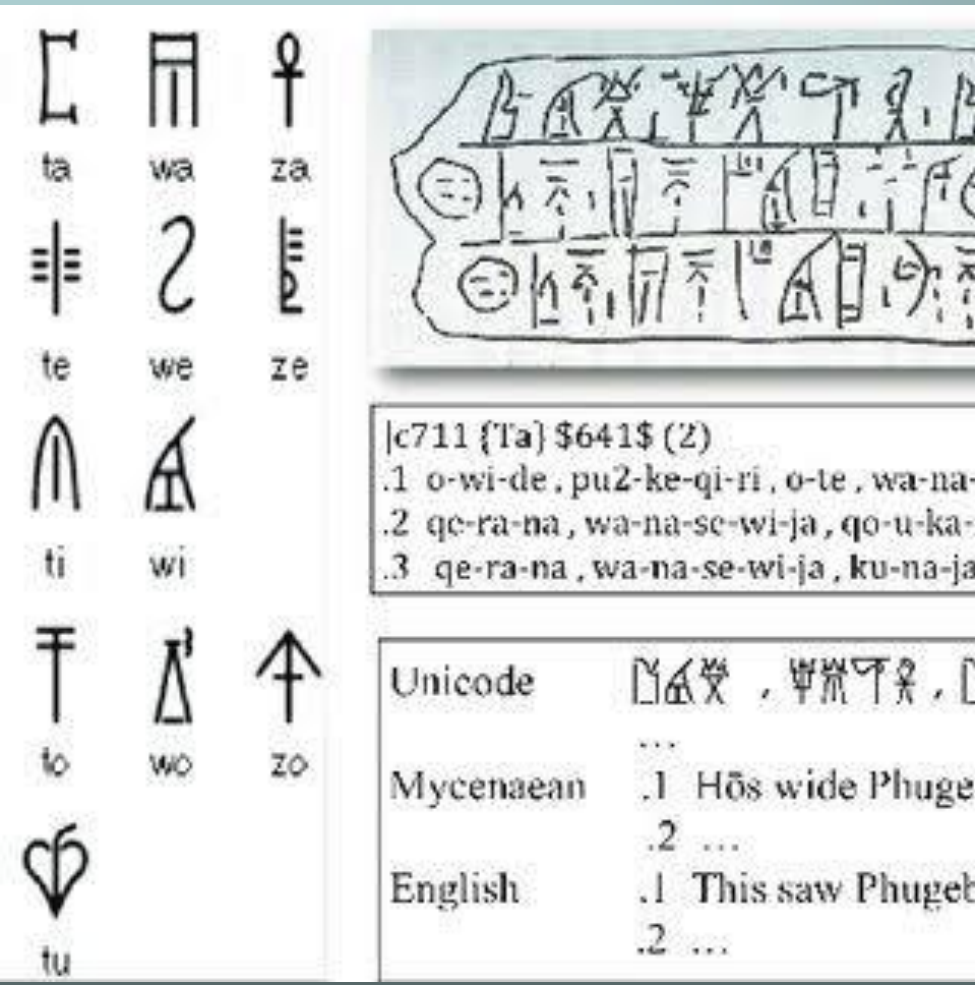
he shall bring him for burial and shall give 2 persons.

He shall look to his house for it.

Laws of restitution



Mycenean Greek











Mycenae-----Hattushas







Mycenaean Death Mask, NOT Agamemnon, c. 1550 BC



Troy Reconstructed



Troy (Director's Cut) - Trailer





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