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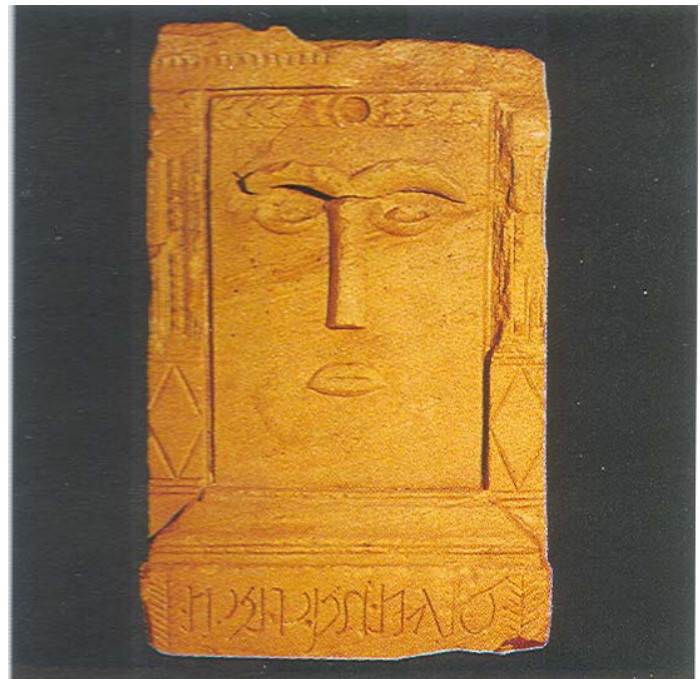
A new player on the world stage

- Religious context – monotheism and polytheism
- Emergence of state structures
- Interconnections with the outside world
- Tribal politics and the notion of *assabiya* or “group solidarity”

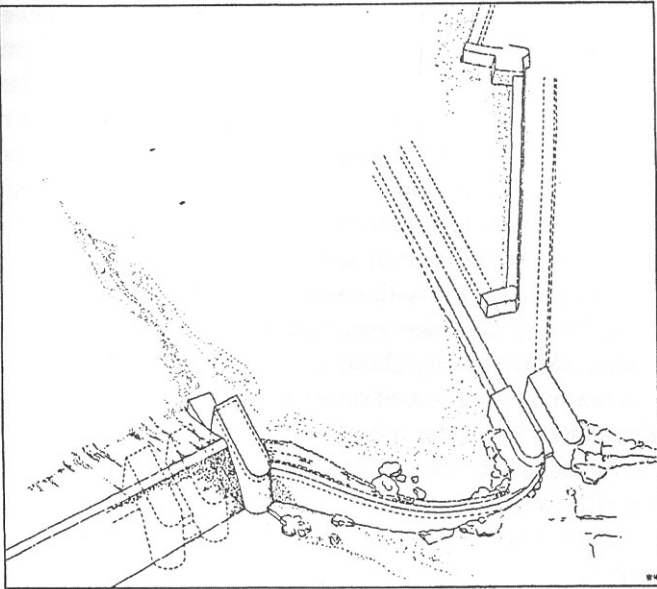


Religion in Arabia

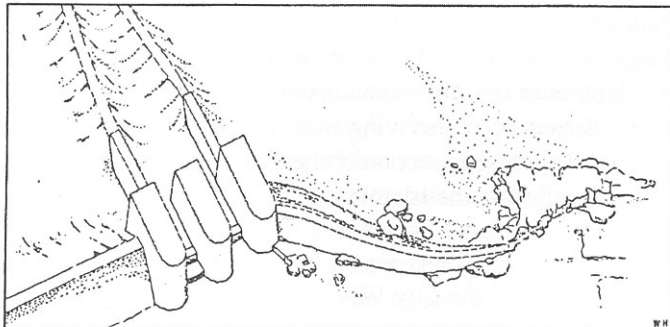
- Jews
- Christians
- Polytheists



Ma'rib Dam/South Arabia



Waterworks at Ma'rib
(reconstructed by W. Herberg)

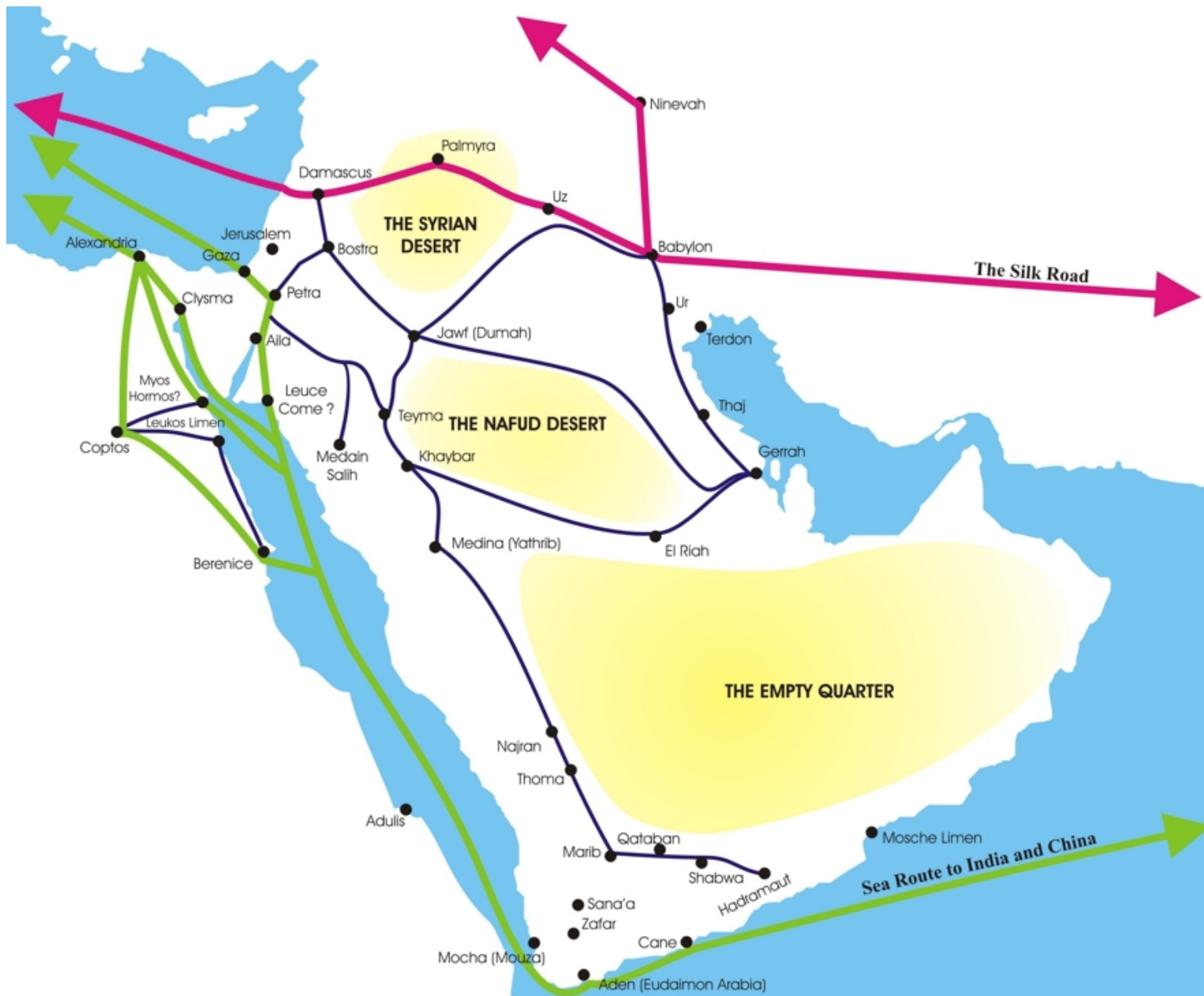


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Imperial Players

- Assyrians/Babylonians
- Selucids/Ptolemies
- Romans
- Parthians
- Byzantines
- Sasanians
- Ethiopians



The Incense trade



