



LEFT The great arc of fertile land stretching from the Nile delta in Lower Egypt north through Palestine and then south and east to the Persian Gulf. The intrinsic fertility of the land in Palestine and its position on the narrowest strip of the fertile crescent meant that it was highly prized by both nomadic and settled agricultural peoples and made it a point of strategic importance to the local powers.

█ 'Fertile crescent'
█ Major trade routes

The Tigris-Euphrates valley extends from Persian Gulf in East through Mesopotamia in the North to the Holy Land bordering on the Mediterranean in the West, all the way down to the Nile Delta of Northern Egypt. Note, however, the peculiar situation of the Holy Land encourages inland agriculture (CAIN) and rearing of livestock (ABEL), but although there are port cities on the Great Sea of the Mediterranean, Israel will never be significant maritime nation. Most of the fishing activity of the BIBLE will take place on the inland seas of Galilee and the Dead Sea.

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