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The First Temple, exile and return

Painted landscape



Follow Solomon's Temple, Babylon's destruction of Jerusalem, Cyrus's decree and the rebuilding of the Temple under Persian rule.

The painted landscape is schematic. See the geographic reference on the following pages.

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Illustrated map | From Solomon to the Second Temple



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The Met: Eastern Mediterranean chronology

Ezra 6: Completion of the Second Temple

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2. Babylon destroys the First Temple (587/586 BCE)

2 Kings 25:8-12

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3. Babylon (Mid-6th century BCE)

2 Kings 25:27-30

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4. Cyrus authorizes the return (c. 538 BCE)

Ezra 1:1-11

Cyrus authorizes people to return to Jerusalem and rebuild. He releases the Temple vessels, which Sheshbazzar takes to Jerusalem.

5. The exiles return (Late 6th century BCE)

Ezra 2:1-2

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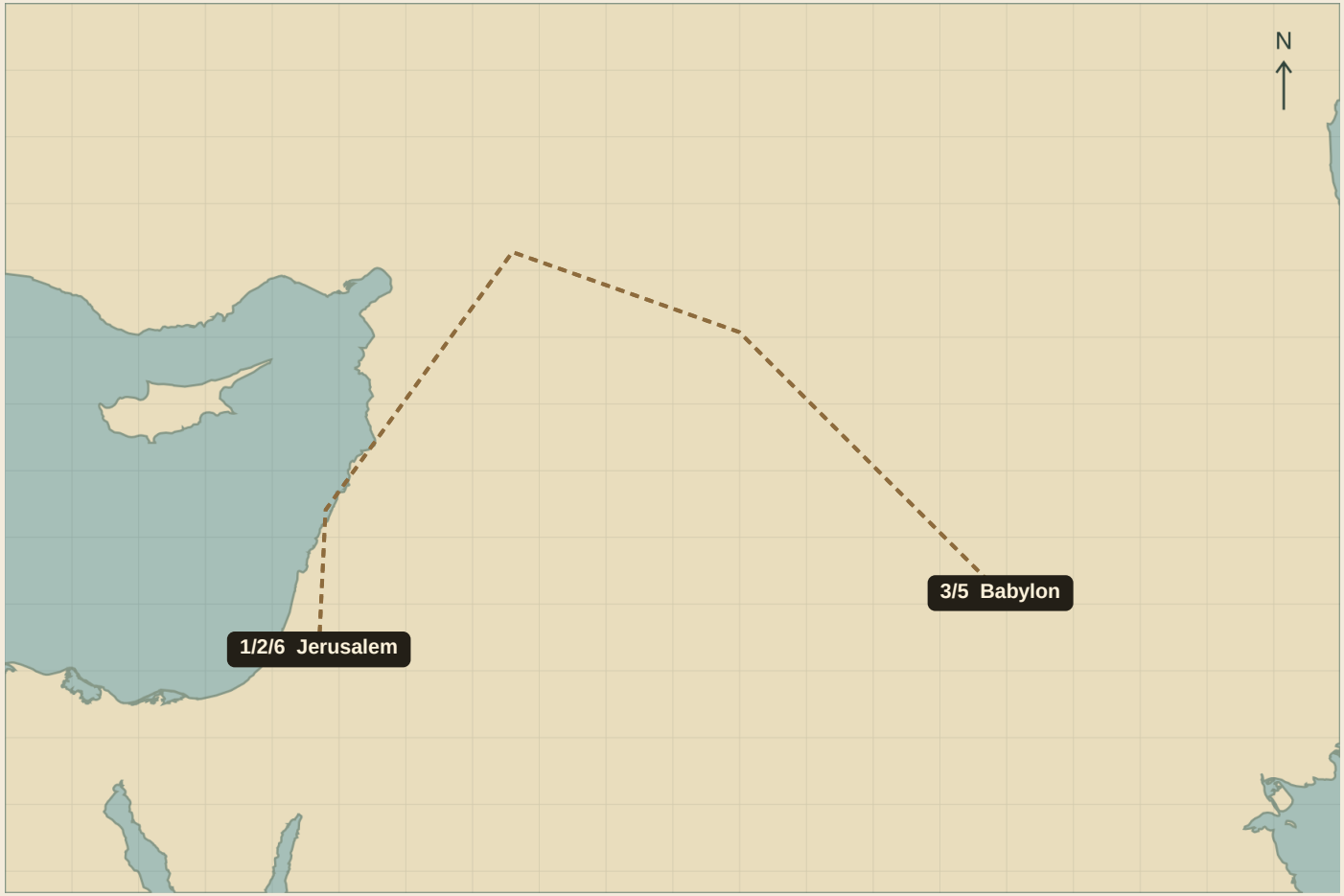
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