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Akkadians lived in the northern part of Mesopotamia (Gen. 10:10)

Ammonites lived east of the Dead Sea (Judg. 11:5)

Amorites lived in the central part of Mesopotamia (1 Sam. 7:14)

Arabians lived in the northern part of the Arabian peninsula (2 Chron. 17:11; 21:16; Gal. 1:17)

Assyrians lived in the northern part of Mesopotamia (2 Kings 18:9)

Babylonians lived in the southern part of Mesopotamia (2 Kings 25:1)

Canaanites lived in Palestine and southern Syria (Gen. 12:6)

Chaldeans lived in southern Mesopotamia (Dan. 3:8)

Cilicians, called the Kue people in the Old Testament, lived near Tarsus, Paul's native city (1 Kings 10:28-29)

Cretans lived on the island of Crete near Greece (Acts 2:11; Titus 1:12)

Cypriots lived on the island of Cyprus (Acts 13:4)

Edomites lived south of the Dead Sea (Num. 20:14)

Egyptians lived in Egypt (Gen. 12:10)

Elamites lived east of Babylon (Acts 2:9)

Ethiopians lived south of Egypt (Acts 8:27)

Greeks lived on the Greek island and peninsulas (John 12:20)

Hittites lived in central Asia Minor (Gen 15:20)

Hurrians, also known as the Horites and the Hivites, lived in northern Asia Minor (Exod. 34:11; Josh. 9:1)

Lydians, also called Ludim, lived in western Asia Minor (Jer. 46:9)

Medes lived in northwest Persia (Dan. 5:28-31)

Midianites lived in the central part of the Sinai Peninsula (Exod. 3:1)

Moabites lived northeast of the Dead Sea (Ruth 1:1)

Persians lived east of Mesopotamia (Neh. 1:1)

Philistines lived on the southern coast of Palestine (Judg. 13:1)

Phoenicians lived on the northern coasts of Palestine (Acts 11:19)

Sumerians lived in the southern part of Babylon (Gen. 11:1)

Syrians lived east of the Sea of Galilee (2 Kings 5:1)