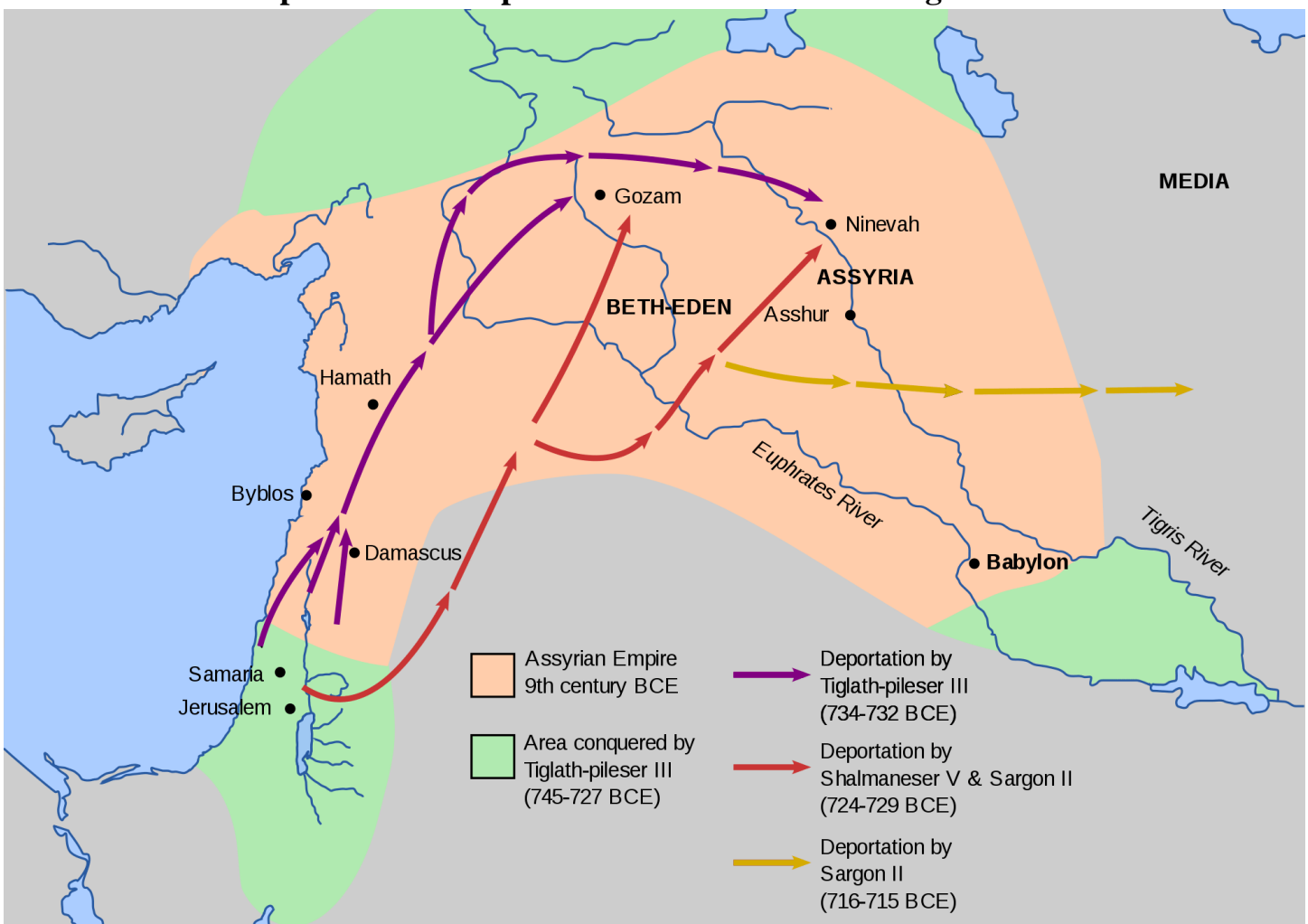


Neo-Assyrian Empire

The Neo-Assyrian Empire (912-612 BC) was, according to many historians, the first true empire in the world. The Assyrians had expanded their territory from the city of Ashur over the centuries, and their fortunes rose and fell with successive rulers and circumstances in the Near East. Beginning with the reign of Adad Nirari II (912-891 BC), the empire made great territorial expansions that resulted in its eventual control of a region which spanned the whole of Mesopotamia, part of Anatolia, the Levant, and Egypt.

The Deportation of Captives from the Northern Kingdom of Israel





The drawings above are sketched from surviving Assyrian carvings showing the way they treated their captives.

The Neo-Assyrian Empire at its height

