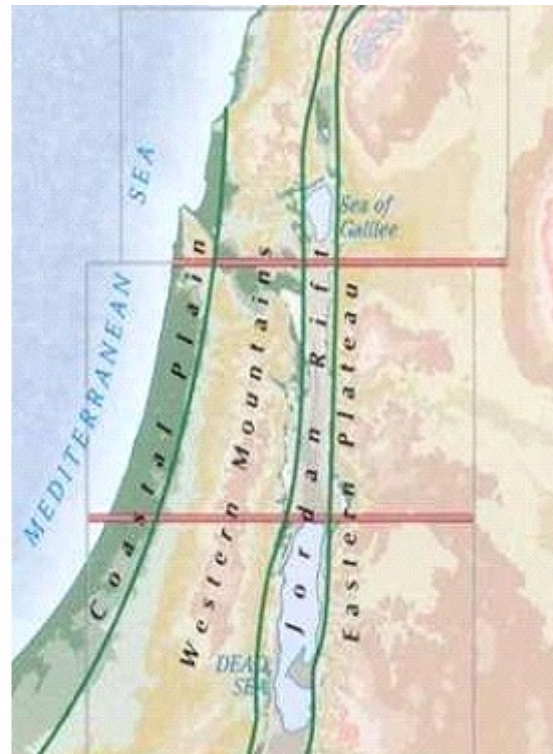
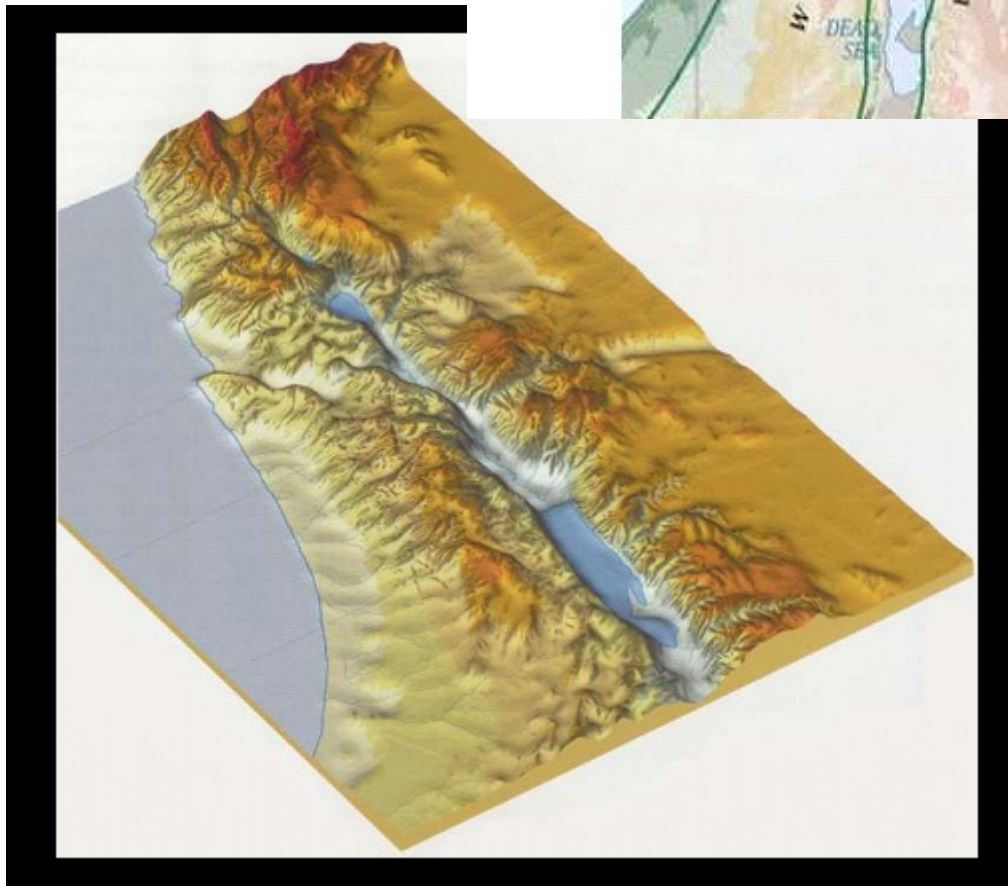


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Longitudinal Zones

- 1) Coastal Plain
- 2) Western Mountains
(or Central Highlands)
- 3) Jordan Rift (or Jordan Valley)
- 4) Eastern Plateau
(or Eastern Highlands)

Topographical Map of the Land of Israel



The geographical nature (great diversity of regions) **and position of this land** (wedged between the Mediterranean Sea to the west and the Arabian Desert on the east, on the primary north-south land route between the major powers of Egypt [to the south] and Mesopotamia [to the north]) **did not encourage its independence nor development as a natural center of political power.**

The Ancient Near Eastern World



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