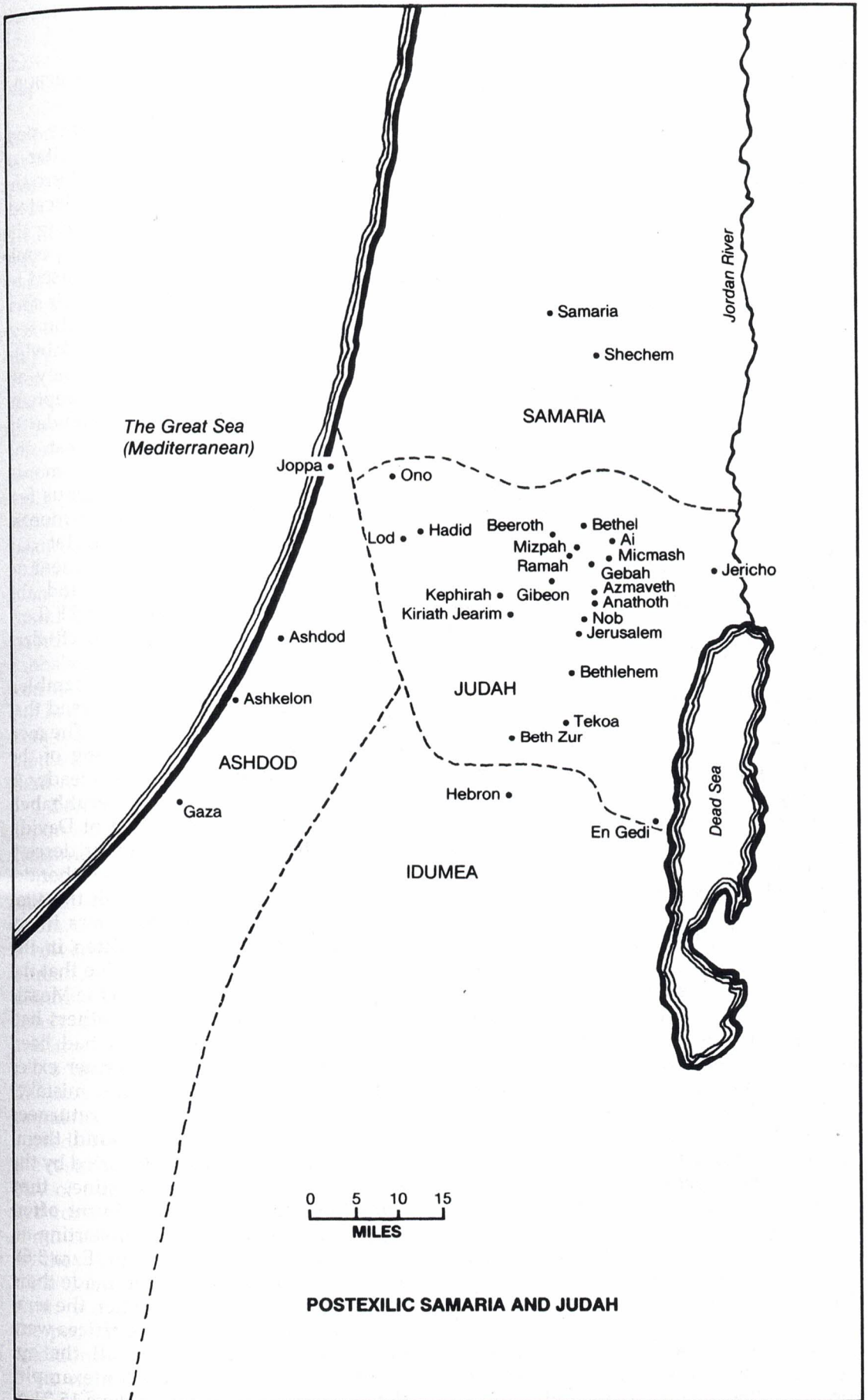


ho returned to Jeru-
years later, 444 B.C.
lecai here Esther's
who lived in Susa
ne Jews' first return.
ords 12 names rath-
2:2). (Three names
gs. In verse 2 Sera-
lehun are probably
Azariah, Raamiah,
ively, in Neh. 7:7.)
ot in Ezra's list, may
ut by an early scrib-
ing of the original
likely that 12 men
y been listed as sym-
2-tribe nation (cf. 12
for the 12 tribes of

l people by their 18
totaling 15,604 (2:3-
sting of inhabitants
21 towns and vil-
the map "Postexilic
the priests
e listed (vv. 36-39),
ites which included
ers (vv. 40-42). The
43-54) and **descen-**

IS GIVEN (2:64-67)

added together the
42, 58, and 60 which
ne to 29,829 (includ-
t men listed in v. 2).
in verses 64-65—the



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