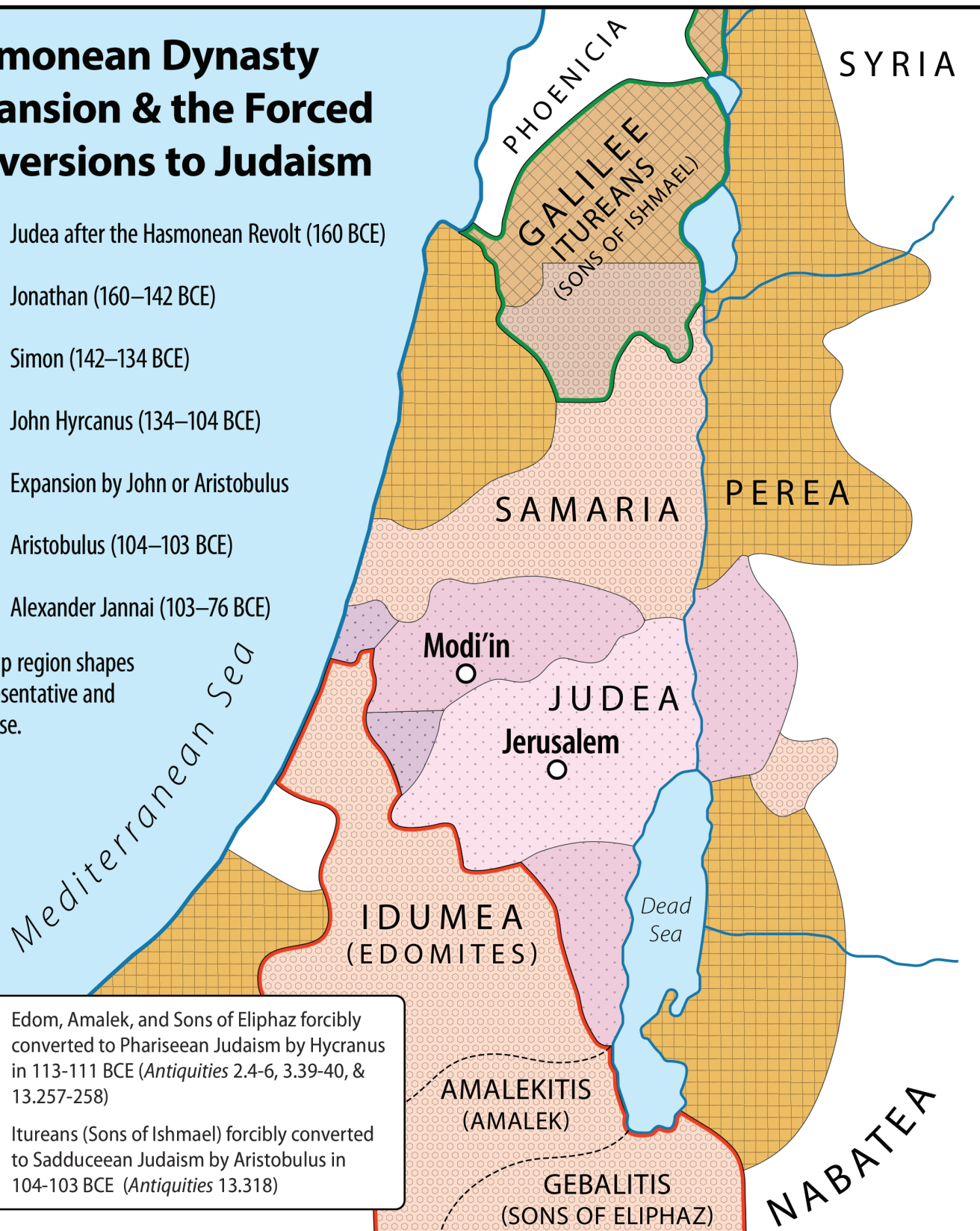


Hasmonean Dynasty Expansion & the Forced Conversions to Judaism

-  Judea after the Hasmonean Revolt (160 BCE)
-  Jonathan (160–142 BCE)
-  Simon (142–134 BCE)
-  John Hyrcanus (134–104 BCE)
-  Expansion by John or Aristobulus
-  Aristobulus (104–103 BCE)
-  Alexander Jannai (103–76 BCE)

Note: Map region shapes are representative and not precise.



-  Edom, Amalek, and Sons of Eliphaz forcibly converted to Phariseean Judaism by Hyrcanus in 113-111 BCE (*Antiquities* 2.4-6, 3.39-40, & 13.257-258)
-  Itureans (Sons of Ishmael) forcibly converted to Sadduceean Judaism by Aristobulus in 104-103 BCE (*Antiquities* 13.318)

When the Hasmoneans forcibly converted the Edomites, Amalek, and the Itureans, and any others in their territories to circumcise and adopt either Pharisee or Sadducee customs of contemporary Judaism of that time the Hasmoneans created the pseudo-Jewish ethnicity (ethnic identity) and abolished and replaced the racial identity of the biological Judahite / Israelite race. Additionally, the Hasmoneans usurped both the would-be throne of David and the office of High Priest which is not an Israelite practice. The Hasmoneans were most likely patrilineal crypto-Canaanite (E1b) imposter priests serving in the House of אֱלִיָּהּ , fulfilling Zechariah 14:21. Josephus recorded that the Hasmonean patrilineage was called into question by a prominent Pharisee named Eleazar who implied that Hyrcanus's mother was taken captive and rape and he was an illegitimate son during the persecutions of Antiochus IV Epiphanes (*Antiquities* 13.288-292).