

Introduction

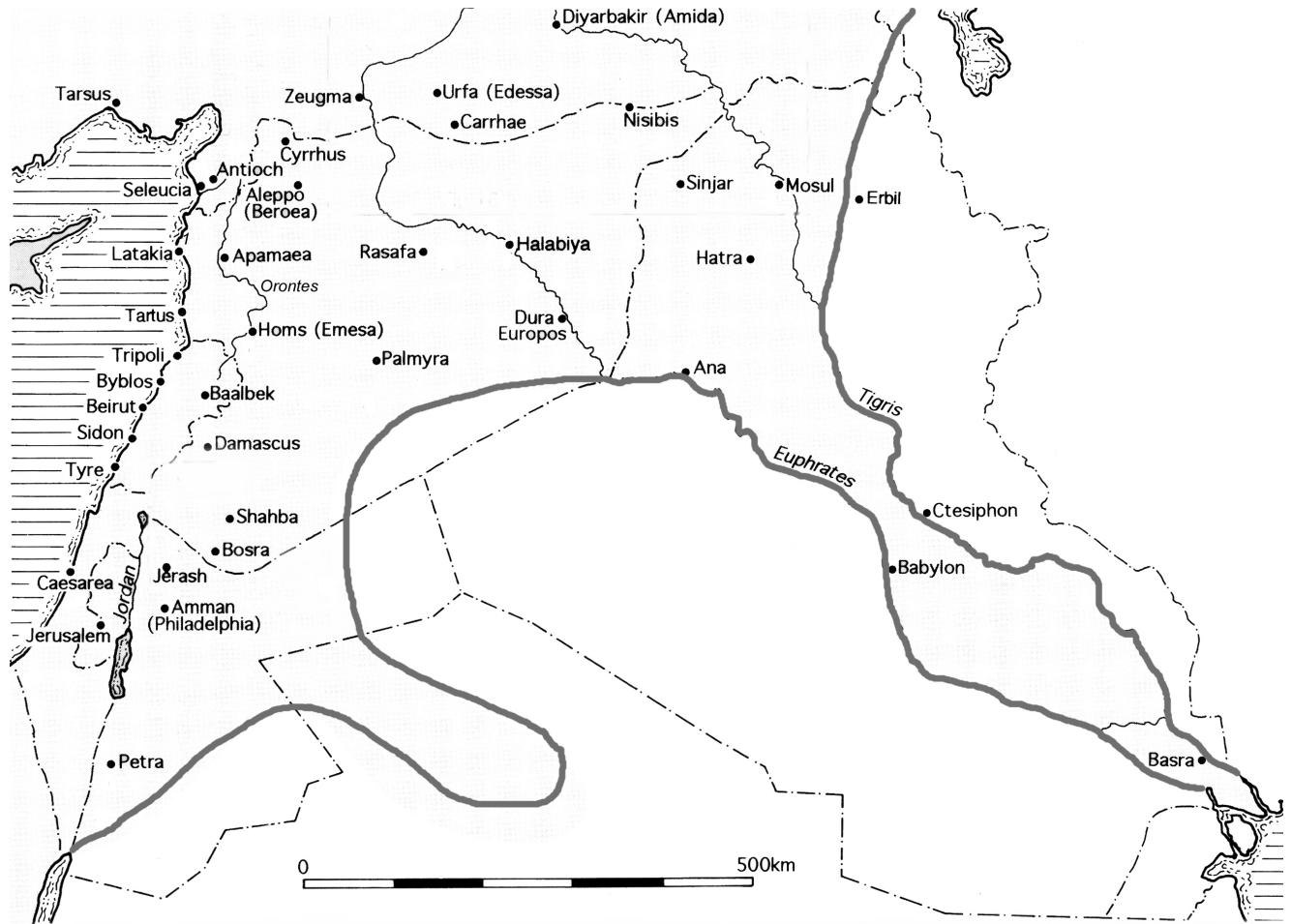


Fig. 1: General map of the Near East at greatest extent (grey line) showing major cities. (Country boundaries are modern.) [After Ball 2000, fig.1].