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Study Guide

- Incense (frankincense; myrrh)
- Tayma (northwest Arabia); King Nabonidus (reigned 556-539 BCE)
- Dedan (northwest Arabia); Lihyanite kingdom, 4 th-2nd dynasty BCE
- Al-Ula/Mada'in Saleh (northwest Arabia); Nabataen rule, 1st century BCE-106 CE
- Thaj (northeast Arabia); Hellenism; ca. 4th century BCE-3rd century CE
- Qaryat al-Faw (southern Arabia); 1st century BCE- 2nd century CE
- Timna (Yemen) Qataban kingdom
- Marib (Yemen) Sabaean kingdom

**Suggested Reading:**

*Roads of Arabia. Archeology and History of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.* Paris, 2010.

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*Queen of Sheba. Treasures from Ancient Yemen.* Ed. St John Simpson. London, 2002.

*Caravan Kingdoms: Yemen and the Ancient Incense Trade.* Ed. Ann C. Gunter. Washington, DC, 2005.

Robert G. Hoyland. *Arabia and the Arabs. From the Bronze Age to the Coming of Islam.* London, 2001.