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## CITIES STARVING – TOO LITTLE FOR TOO MANY

**520 BCE , Cyrene** - Greece city states are growing at such an alarming rate that there is not enough food for the populace.

"The hills and rocks...nothing grows here but olives!" laments Attica farmer, Yorgos.

Indeed, many Greeks can only dream of bread made from wheat, making due instead with barley loaf. "Barley breakfast, barley lunch, barley dinner. I long for something else!" complained Chara, an Athenian housewife as she paused at the public fountain to chat. "But at least I have enough to eat..."

In many parts of Greece, cities are not able to produce enough food for their people. Some are being forced to leave. Others have had enough and are leaving Greece by choice, trying to make a better life elsewhere.

"For me, it's about adventure - and the chance, gods willing, to bring my family wealth," said one young man from Megera. "I'm a third son. There is nothing for me in Greece. Not even dinner."

These brave Greeks are trying to make a home all around the Mediterranean. Will they succeed? Will they make Greece stronger? Will they return or will they bring riches to Greece?

## HIPPIAS – WHEN GOOD RULERS GO BAD

**510 BCE , Athens** - When Hippias became ruler ten years ago, he seemed like a just ruler. But, recently things have not been going so well.



In 514, two assassins attempted to kill Hippias, mortally wounding his brother instead. Ever since, he has become more and more harsh.

"Off the record, I think he's mad! We have no rights, no freedom, nothing!" whispered a nervous blacksmith who asked to remain anonymous.

Others agree, albeit secretly, fearful of Hippias iron rule. There are rumors that the rulers of Sparta have been contacted and urged to help the Athenian people overthrow Hippias.

"I think there is another way to rule...a way for the people to make decisions for themselves" said Clisthenes, a wealthy Athenian. "We cannot take this much longer."

