

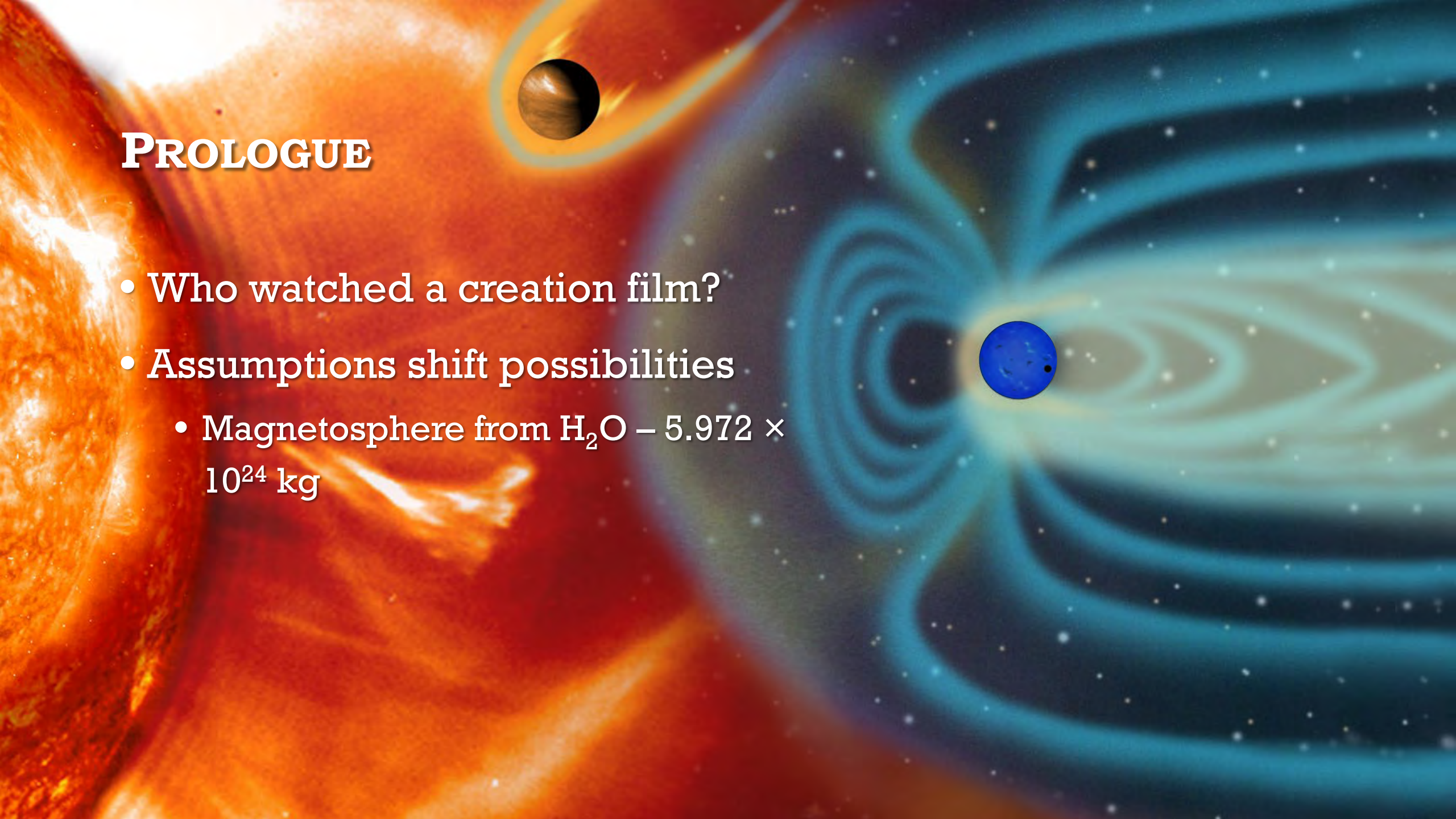
OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY I

Session Two

THE PATRIARCHS (GEN. 12-50)

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**PART I – GEN. 12:1-3:
THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT**

The Promised Seed



“one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake...”

THE BLESSING

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.

² And I will make of you a great nation,

and I will bless you

and make your name great,

so that you will be a blessing.

³ I shall bless those who bless you,

and him who dishonors you I will curse,

and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”



**PART II – GEN. 12-50: GOD IN
ACTION THROUGH THE COVENANTS**

The Promise Grows

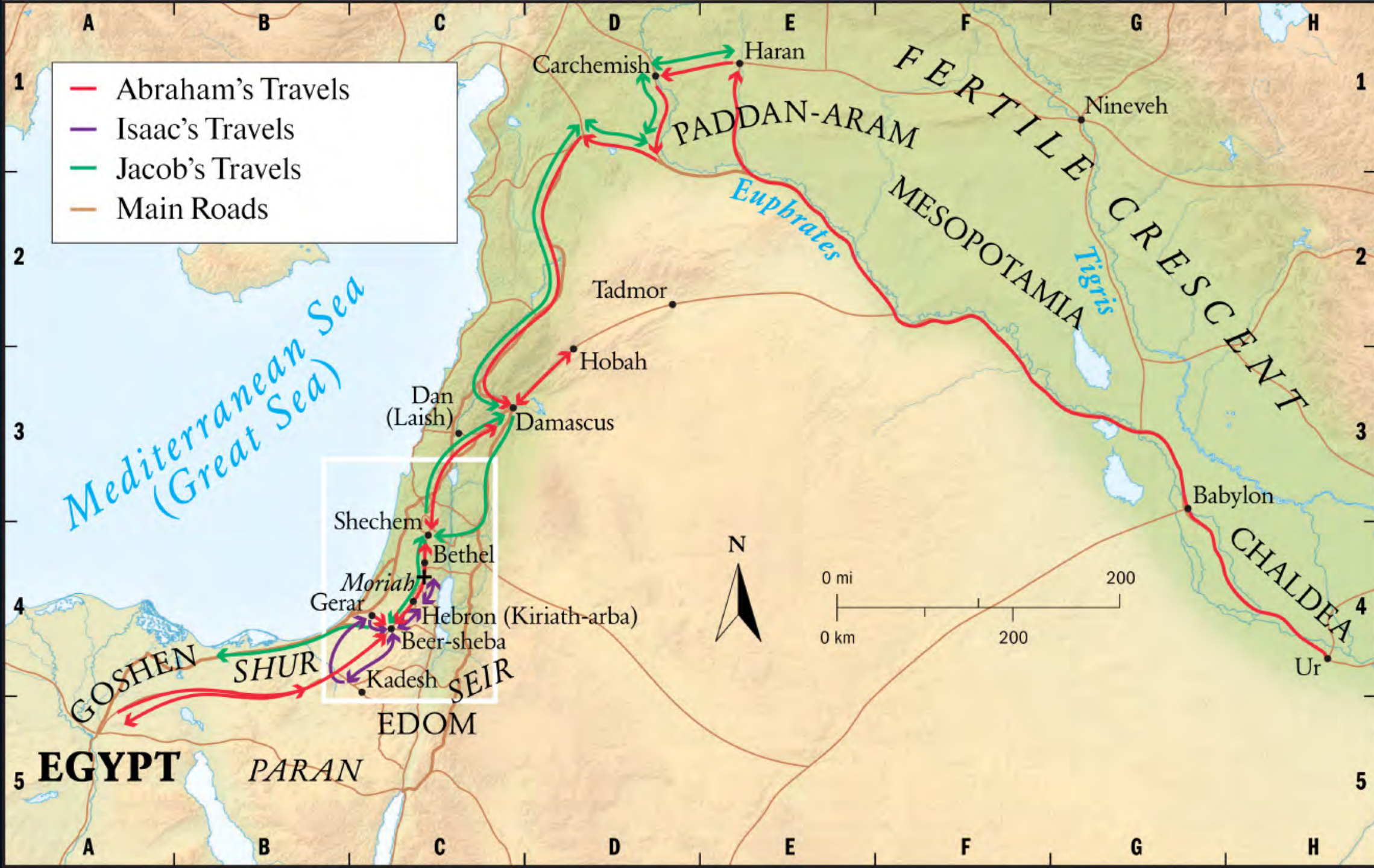
“...they desire a better country... a heavenly one.”

PURPOSES AND PEOPLE

- How does their faith play out with regard to God's promises?
- How do the chosen people relate to the rest of the nations?
How do they remain separate?
- How does this tiny family survive to become a great nation?
- How does God legitimize/prove his blessing/relationship with this people?

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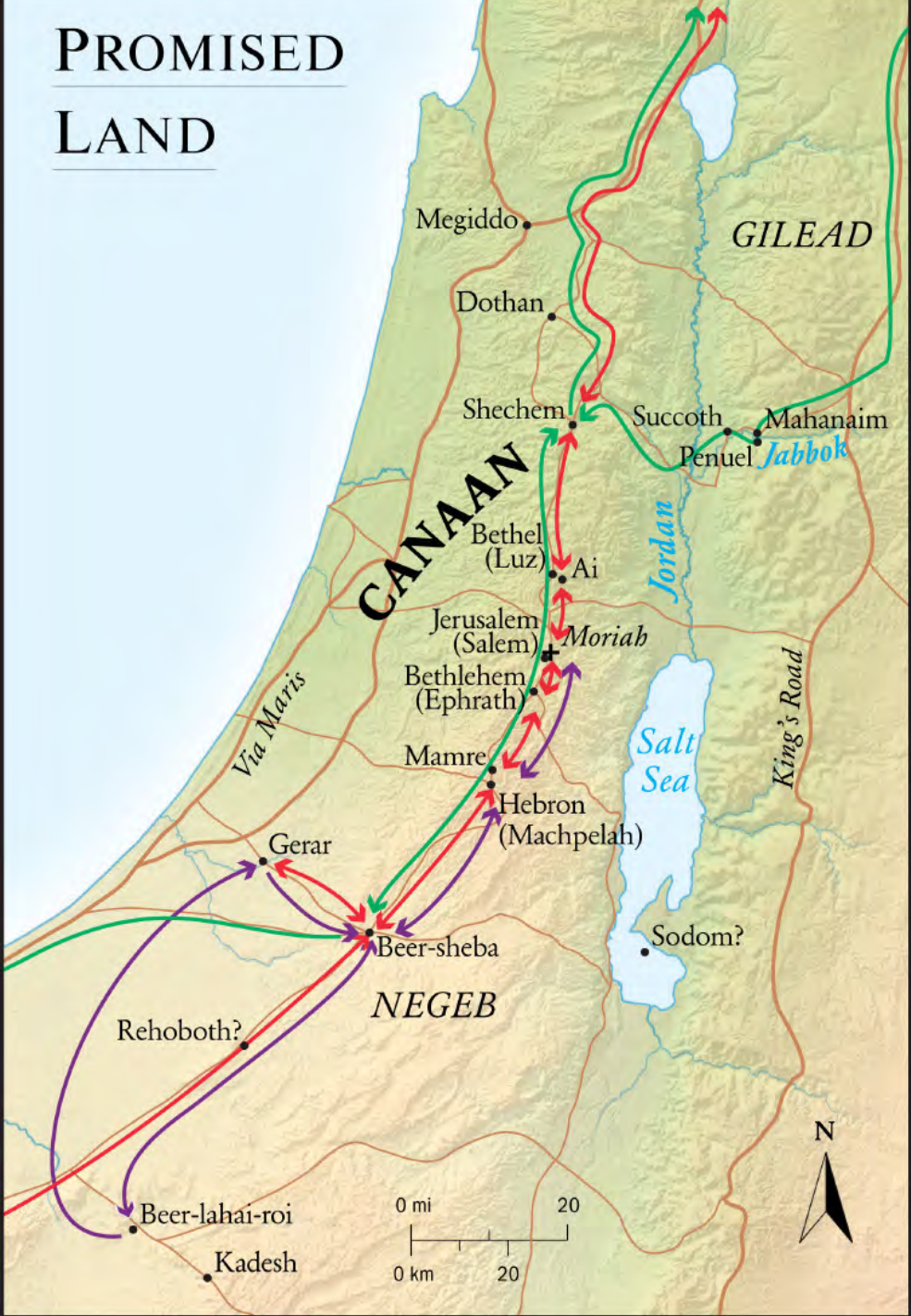


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✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	Revelation of the covenant
✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	Quest for a lineage
F / E	F		F	E	E		E	E	F	Conflict between faith & expedience

Adapted from Leland Ryken, *How to Read the Bible as Literature*, Ch. 2

PROMISED LAND



Isaac:

24 and Rebekah	25 and God's chosen heir	26 and Abimelech
Hebron	Hebron	Gerar

Jacob:

27 steals the blessing	28 at Beth-El	29-30 marries & prospers	31 returns	32-33 reconciles with Esau / wrestles with God	34 and the Shechemites	35 is renamed	36 and the line of Esau
Gerar – Beersheba	Beth-El	Paddan-aram	Gilead	Mahanaim	Shechem	Beth-El	

Joseph:

37 dreams and is sold	38 is superseded by Judah	39-50 saves his family through faithfulness & forgiveness
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**PART III –
CHARACTER ANALYSIS**

God and the Patriarchs

“Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God...”

CHARACTER ANALYSIS

- How does this story present:
 - The patriarchs?
 - The faith of the patriarchs?
 - God?
- When did Abraham and his seed experience blessing?



PART VI
APPLICATION

See Yourself

“...apart from us they should not be made perfect.”

RESOURCES/ACTIONS

- Phil Vischer's *What's in the Bible?*
- Ryrie (or other) Study Bible – read OT book introductions for next week

