

# JOURNEYS OF FAITH

The God of

Abraham

Isaac

Jacob



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# A Journey of Faith

Genesis 12:1-9



“Unbelief is what seems true  
based on facts  
but false based  
on divine promises.”



11:27 Now these are the records of the generations of Terah.

11:29 The name of Abram's wife was Sarai;

11:30 Sarai was barren; she had no child.



# God's Promise Adam 11:27-32

- God's mandate to enjoy fellowship – Gen 1,2
- God's judgment of sin – Gen 3
- God's promise of redemption – Gen 3:15
- Flood – saved a remnant – Gen 6-9
- Tower – disperse to obey – Gen 10,11
- Abram – remove to bless Gen 12



“God is not a deceiver, that He should offer to support us and then then, when we lean upon Him, should slip away from us.”

Augustine



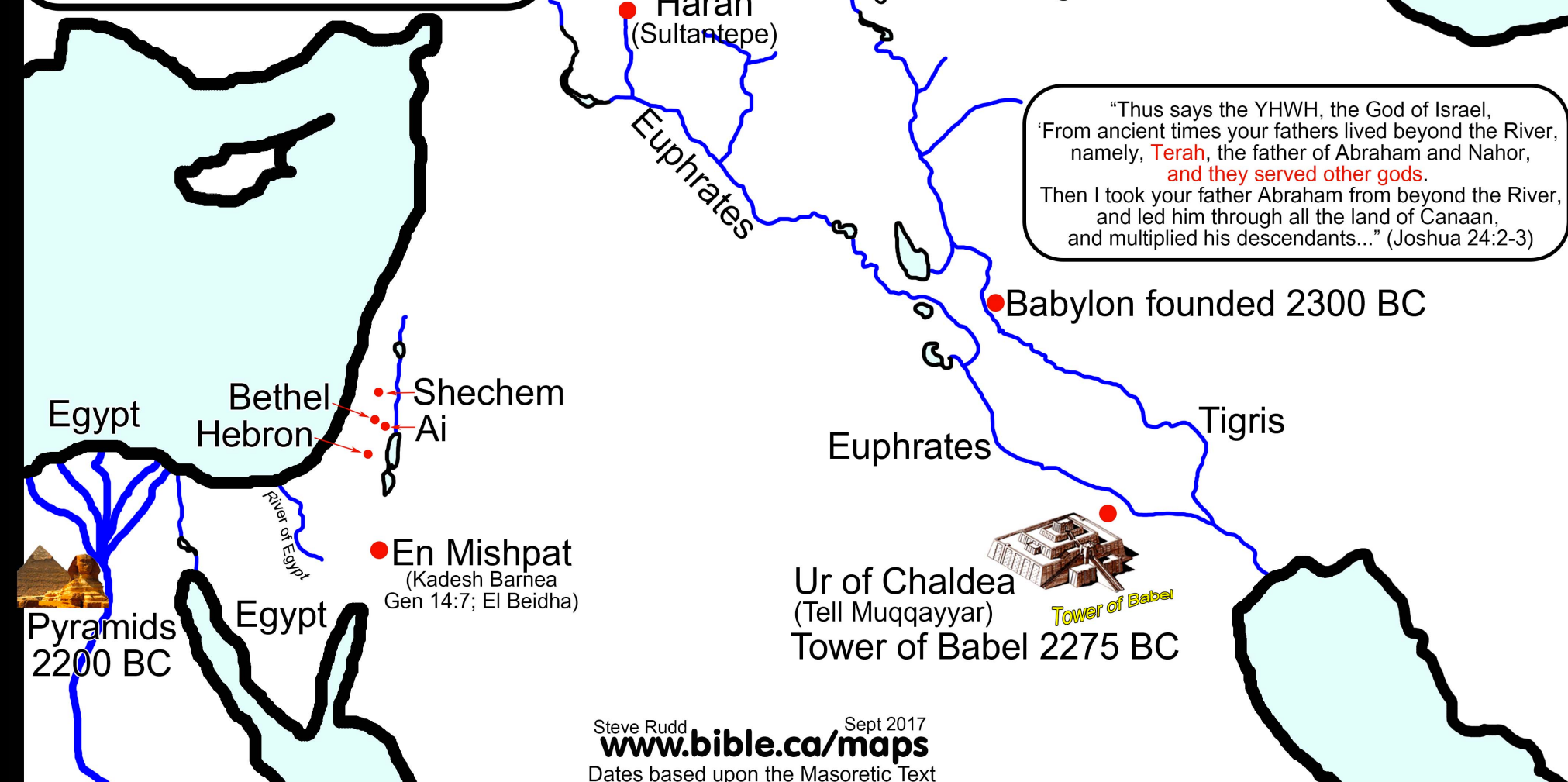
# Abraham's Migration

2296-2065 BC Genesis 11-13

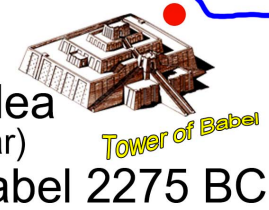
1. Terah is born in 2296 BC who speaks Hebrew and worships idols.
2. Egypt is founded and the construction of the Pyramids begins in 2200 BC.
3. Terah lives in Ur of Chaldea, where the tower of Babel is located.
4. Abram (2166 BC), Nahar & Haran are all born to Terah in Ur of Chaldea.
5. Haran, (Abram's 5 yr younger brother & Lot's father), dies in Ur.
6. God orders Terah to move to Canaan.
7. Terah, intends to move to Canaan, but while en-route, founds Haran, after his dead son Haran, 1000 km NW and he dies there in 2091 BC (205 yrs).
8. God makes 3 promises (nation, land, seed) to Abram at age 75 years old in Haran and tells him to move to Canaan.
9. Abram migrates to Shechem & builds an altar after God repeats promises.
10. Abram pitches his tent between Bethel and Ai and builds an altar.
11. Abram moves to Egypt because of drought and sees the Pyramids.
12. Abram returns to altar near Ai, Lot moves east & God repeats promises.
13. Abram settles in Hebron, by the oaks of a man named Mamre.



Mt. Ararat  
Noah's Ark 2458 BC



"Thus says the YHWH, the God of Israel, 'From ancient times your fathers lived beyond the River, namely, **Terah**, the father of Abraham and Nahor, and they served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him through all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants..." (Joshua 24:2-3)





1 Now the LORD said to Abram,  
Go forth from your country,  
And from your relatives  
And from your father's house,  
To the land which I will show you;



2 And I will make you a great nation,  
And I will bless you,  
And make your name great;  
And so you shall be a blessing;



3 And I will bless those who bless you,  
And the one who curses you I will curse.  
And in you all the families of the earth  
will be blessed.”



# God's Promise to Abram 12:1-4

- Calling of God “Go forth!”
- Separation for God “from...from...from”
- Promises of God “I will make...”
- Provision of God “I will bless those who...”
- Protection of God “I will curse those who...”
- Preservation of God “...all the families of the Earth...”



# Abraham's Journey

From Ur to Haran to Egypt





“Anything under God’s control is  
never out of control.”

Charles R. Swindoll



4 So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.



5 Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan.



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6 Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite was then in the land.



7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.



8 Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.



9 Abram journeyed on, continuing  
toward the Negev.



# God's Promise to World 12:5-9

- God's calling of Abram
- Abram's obedience to God – ALL IN!
  - “wife” – “all their possessions” – Canaan = Canaanites!
- Abram claimed God's promise – “built an altar” vs 7
- On to Bethel = House of God
- “built an altar” vs 8
- Abram went to the fullest – ‘Dan to Beersheba’ = N>S



“Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.”

Augustine of Hippo



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“It is not great faith, but true faith, that saves; and the salvation lies not in the faith, but in the Christ in whom faith trusts... It is not the measure of faith, but the sincerity of faith, which is the point to be considered.”

Charles Haddon Spurgeon



# Journey of Faith

- God summons us to receive His blessing!
- God summons us to obedience!
  - “If you love Me you will keep My commands”
- God summons us to be a blessing!
- Who will you bless this week?



“What you are is God’s gift to you,  
what you become is your gift to God.”

Hans Urs von Balthasar



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