

JOURNEYS OF FAITH

The God of

Abraham

Isaac

Jacob

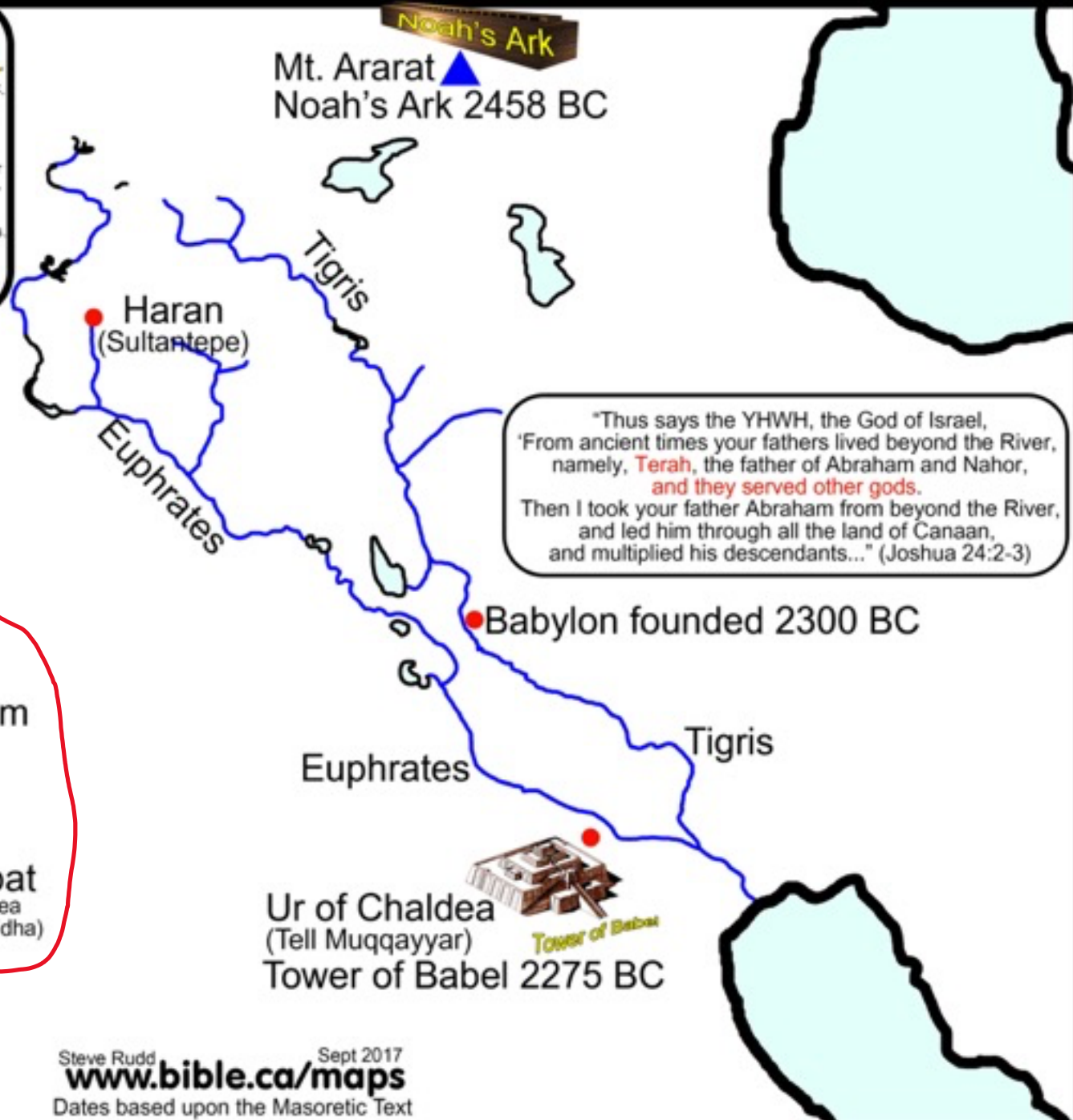
Lying in Egypt - Back to Bethel!

Gen 12:10-13:4

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.



"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)

"Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading."

Oswald Chambers

12:10 Now there was a famine in the land; so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.

11 It came about when he came near to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "See now, I know that you are a beautiful woman;

12 and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live.

13 Please say that you are my sister so that it may go well with me because of you, and that I may live on account of you.”

14 It came about when Abram came into Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful.

15 Pharaoh's officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

16 Therefore he treated Abram well for her sake; and gave him sheep and oxen and donkeys and male and female servants and female donkeys and camels.

Abram Tested 10-16

- Called to trust – events within calling
- Wrong to go to Egypt? Mary & Joseph
- Famine – Elimelech & Naomi – Ruth
- “I got this...” beginning of a bad plan!
- False blessing – sin’s benefits – too high!

"Obedience to the call of Christ nearly always costs everything to two people - the one who is called, and the one who loves that one."

Oswald Chambers

17 But the LORD struck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

18 Then Pharaoh called Abram and said,
“What is this you have done to me?
Why did you not tell me that she was
your wife?”

19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife, take her and go."

20 Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him; and they escorted him away, with his wife and all that belonged to him.

God is Faithful 17-20

- Numbers 32:23 “you may be sure that your sin will find you out”
- Ananias & Sapphira – Acts 5
- Achan with Jericho & Ai (yes the same!)
- God protected – even when undeserved!

"Love is not just a sentiment. Love is a great controlling passion and it always expresses itself in terms of obedience."

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

13:1 So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, he and his wife and all that belonged to him, and Lot with him.

2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock,
in silver and in gold.

3 He went on his journeys from the Negev
as far as Bethel, to the place where his
tent had been at the beginning,
between Bethel and Ai,

4 to the place of the altar which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

Abram Restored 13:1-4

- Back to Land of Promise – famine?
- God blessed in spite of behavior
- “I think I am blessed to be alive”
- Back to Bethel – place of the altar & promise
- Bethel is a reply NOT always a place

"Wicked men obey from fear;
good men, from love."

Augustine

“He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?”

Micah 6:8 ESV

What does God really want?

- Trust God in the following
- Obey God in the circumstance
- Trust God for the outcome
- Obey God in spite of fears
- TRUST AND OBEY!

"Lord, whatever you want,
wherever you want it,
and whenever you want it,
that's what I want."

Richard Baxter

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