



FOUNDATIONS *of*
REDEEMPTIVE
HISTORY

Part 2

Genesis 12-24

BREAKDOWN OF TEXT

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GENESIS 12

Abram Journeys to Canaan

Personal study questions (Genesis 12)

1. Take some time to summarize a chapter by chapter break down of Genesis 1-11.
2. What was the main problem that needed solving in the first 11 chapters of Genesis? What was the solution? How has the enemy been trying to thwart that solution?
3. From Genesis 11:31, who were the Chaldeans? What were they known for? What is another name for them later in Scripture?
4. The land of Canaan is mentioned in Genesis 11:31. Look up all the times "Canaan" is mentioned in chapters 1-10 (hint: 7x). What is Canaan known for?
5. List out the commands, and then the promises given to Abram in God's covenant to Him. (12:1-3)
6. What does it mean that in Abram, all the families of the earth will be blessed?
7. Why was land so central to God's promise? Why does God ask Abram to leave his country and family, and go in faith?
8. Why is it that God protects Sarai even though Abram doesn't trust God to protect them in Egypt with Pharaoh?

REVIEW

GENESIS 1-11

GOAL : **Inductive Study**

Observation

Interpretation

Application

GENRE : **Narrative**
Descriptive vs. Prescriptive

What happened?

How does it apply?

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between **your seed** and **her seed**;
He shall bruise **you** on the head,
And **you** shall bruise **him** on the heel.”

Gal 3:16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.

Rev. 12:1 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; 2 and she was with child; and she *cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth. 3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. 4 And his tail *swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

Genealogies lead to Christ!

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Gen. 2:4 This is the **account of the heavens and the earth** when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.

Gen. 5:1 This is the book of the **generations of Adam**. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.

Gen. 6:9 These are the records of the **generations of Noah**. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.

Gen. 10:1 Now these are the records of the **generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth**, the sons of Noah; and sons were born to them after the flood.

Gen. 10:32 These are the families **of the sons of Noah**, according to their **genealogies**, by their nations; and out of these the nations were separated on the earth after the flood.

Gen. 11:10 These are the records of the **generations of Shem**. Shem was one hundred years old, and became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood;

TOLADOTs lead to Christ!

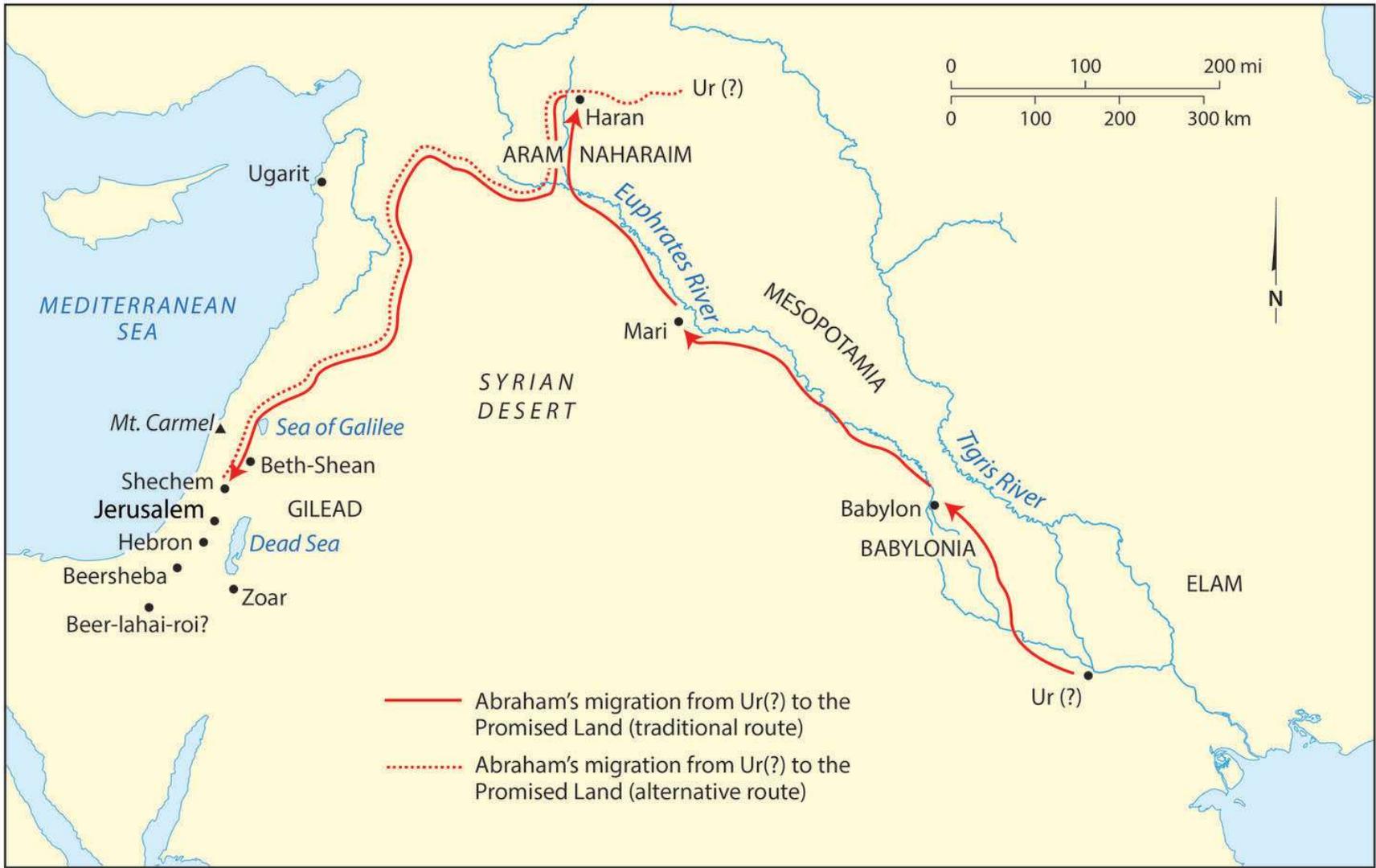
Gen. 11:27 Now these are the records of the **generations of Terah**. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran; and Haran became the father of Lot.

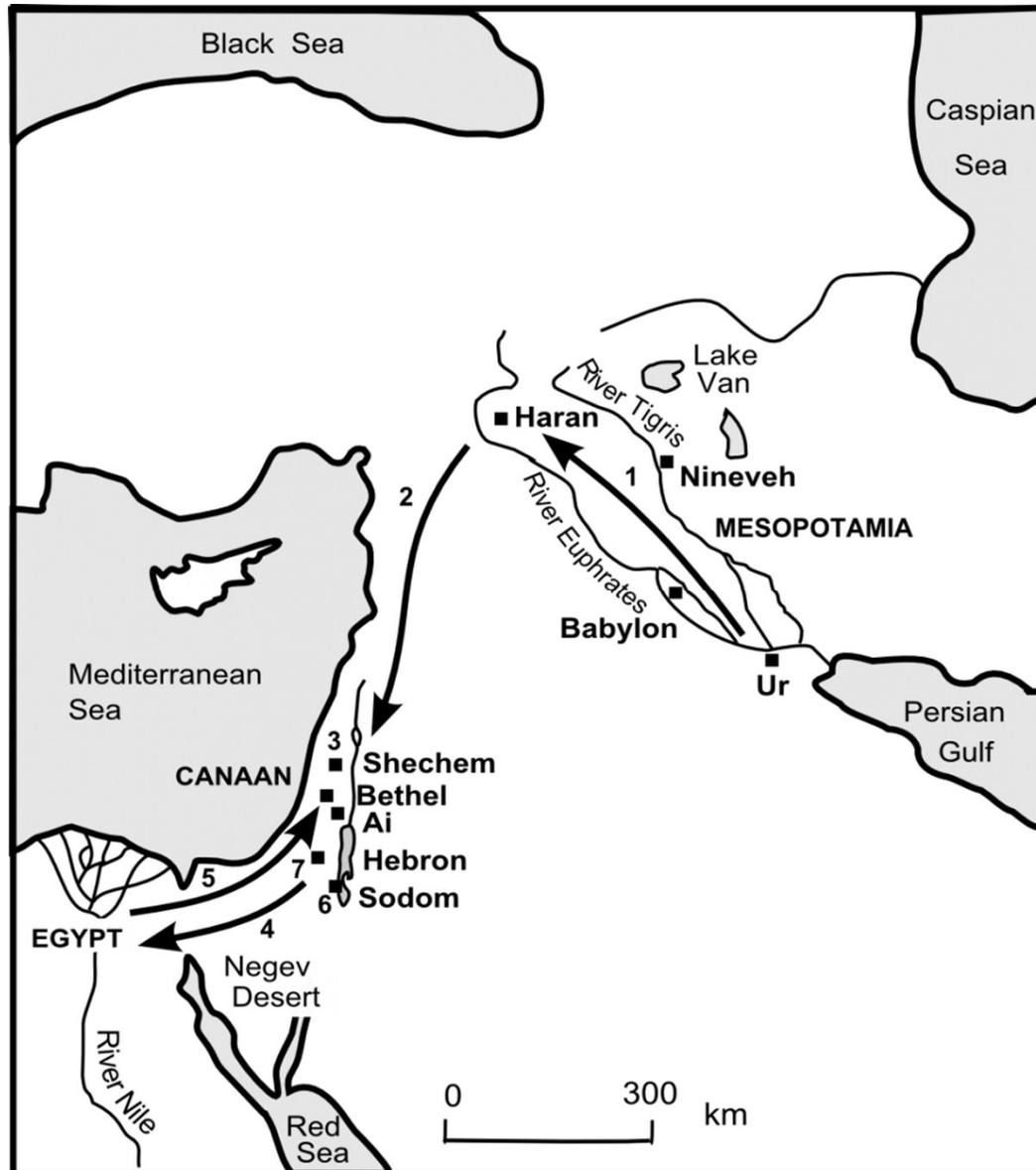
Gen. 25:12 Now these are the records of the **generations of Ishmael**, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maid, bore to Abraham

Gen. 25:19 Now these are the records of the **generations of Isaac**, Abraham's son: Abraham became the father of Isaac;

Gen. 36:1 Now these are the records of the **generations of Esau** (that is, Edom).

Gen. 37:2 These are the records of the **generations of Jacob**. Joseph, when seventeen years of age, was pasturing the flock with his brothers while he was still a youth, along with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives.





Three People Enter into the Promised Land

Abram + Sarai + Lot

Some Places to Remember

1. Shinar (Babel, Babylon)
2. Ur of the Chaldeans
3. Haran
4. Egypt
5. Euphrates (the River)
6. Canaan
 - Shechem
 - Bethel (Luz)
 - Hebron (oaks of Mamre)
 - Beersheba
 - Gerar
 - Negev

GENESIS 12

Abram Journeys to Canaan

- 1. Who was Abram?**
- 2. What's going on with the land?**
- 3. What is a covenant? (Gen 12:1-4)**
- 4. Canaan, Shechem, Bethel, Egypt (Gen 12:5-10)**
- 5. Abram, Sarai, and Pharaoh**

1. Who was Abram?

- Ur + Haran were well known major centers of worship of the moon god (Sin)
- Moon-worshippers - Chaldeans were stargazers
- Babylonians saw stars/planets as either gods themselves, or expressions of gods

*Josh. 24:1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to **Shechem**, and called for the elders of Israel and for their heads and their judges and their officers; and they presented themselves before God. 2 Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘From ancient times your fathers lived **beyond the River**, namely, Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, **and they served other gods**. 3 ‘Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him through all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac.*

Deut. 4:19 “And beware not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.

*1Kings 22:19 Micaiah said, "Therefore, hear the word of the LORD. I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all **the host of heaven** standing by Him on His right and on His left."*

*2Kings 17:16 They forsook all the commandments of the LORD their God and made for themselves molten images, even two calves, **and made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal.***

*2Kings 21:3 For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he erected altars for **Baal** and made an **Asherah**, as Ahab king of Israel had done, and **worshiped all the host of heaven** and served them [...] 5 For he **built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.***

*2Kings 23:4 Then the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second order and the doorkeepers, to bring out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for **Baal**, for **Asherah**, and for all the **host of heaven**; and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried their ashes to **Bethel**. 5 He did away with the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had appointed to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah and in the surrounding area of Jerusalem, also those who burned incense to **Baal, to the sun and to the moon and to the constellations and to all the host of heaven**.*

2. What's going on with the land?

- Possessing/dispossessing of land - God creates and owns it all, and gives freely
- Vomiting out of the land - Adam/Eve eastward exile, same with Israel (Assyria/Babylon)

*Genesis 2:8 The LORD God **planted a garden toward the east**, in Eden; and **there He placed the man** whom He had formed. 9 Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

Lev. 25:23 'The land, moreover, shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are but aliens and sojourners with Me.

Deut. 6:10 “Then it shall come about when the LORD your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build, 11 and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you eat and are satisfied, 12 then watch yourself, that you do not forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

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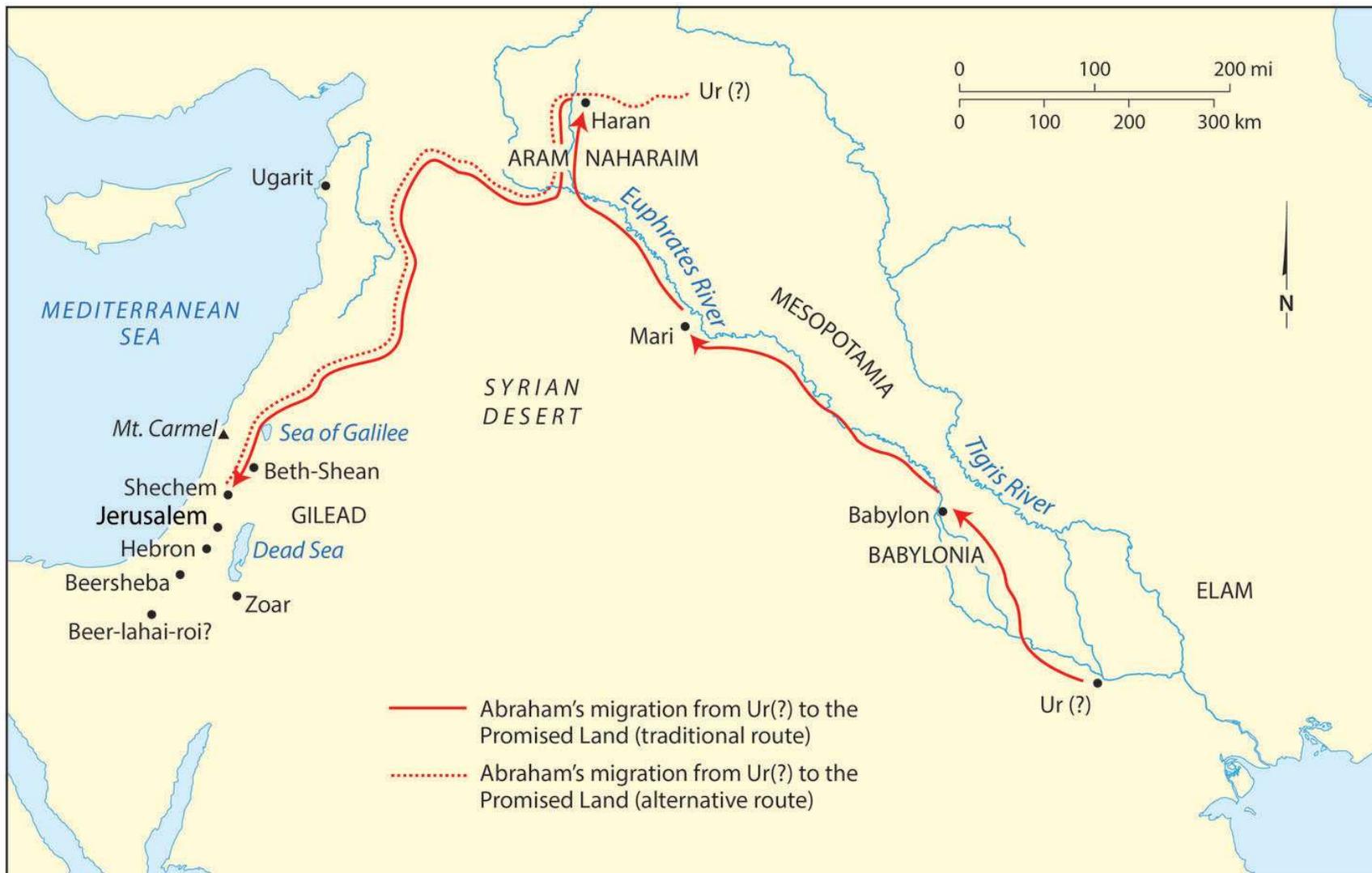
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Lev. 18:24 'Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled. 25 'For the land has become defiled, therefore I have brought its punishment upon it, so the land has spewed out its inhabitants. 26 'But as for you, you are to keep My statutes and My judgments and shall not do any of these abominations, neither the native, nor the alien who sojourns among you 27 (for the men of the land who have been before you have done all these abominations, and the land has become defiled); 28 so that the land will not spew you out, should you defile it, as it has spewed out the nation which has been before you.

*Genesis 3:24 So He drove the man out; and at **the east of the garden of Eden** He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.*

*Ezek. 10:18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim. 19 When the cherubim departed, they lifted their wings and rose up from the earth in my sight with the wheels beside them; and **they stood still at the entrance of the east gate** of the LORD'S house, and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them.*

*Ezek. 11:22 Then the cherubim lifted up their wings with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them. 23 The glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood over **the mountain which is east of the city.***



*Ezek. 43:1 Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing toward the **east**; 2 and behold, **the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the way of the east**. And His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory.*

Acts 1:9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. 11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

Acts 1:12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

3. What is a covenant? (Gen 12:1-4)

- Abrahamic Covenant unfurling: Remember Genesis 12, 15, 17
- A covenant was something made between two parties upon condition that both parties would have to agree upon and execute in order for the covenant to stand.
- Here we see an unconditional covenant. In chapter 17, we'll see the expansion/progression in the "requirements to enjoy".

3. What is a covenant? (Gen 12:1-4)

- Three parts
 - Land (will be fulfilled)
 - Nation/people (will be fulfilled)
 - Blessing (will be fulfilled)

Gen. 12:1 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.”

APPLICATION

Trust in God. He takes you out of your comfort zones. He calls you to leave all that you have behind and follow His certain promises.

(Q) What is God asking me to let go of? What am I not trusting God in?

APPLICATION

God blesses us to bless others.

(Q) How has God blessed me, and for what purpose? How can I bless others?

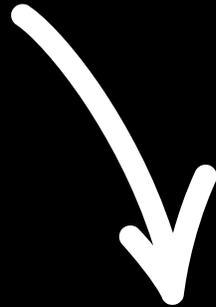
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- Shechem - where God first appears to Abram.
 - between Mt. Ebal (curses) & Mt. Gerazim (blessings)
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*Gen 12:6 Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now 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.*

Shechem

MOUNT
EBAL



MOUNT GERAZIM

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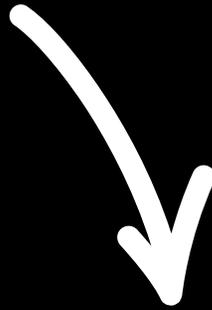
Deut. 11:26 “See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: 27 the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I am commanding you today; 28 and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I am commanding you today, by following other gods which you have not known.

29 “It shall come about, when the LORD your God brings you into the land where you are entering to possess it, that you shall place the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal. 30 “Are they not across the Jordan, west of the way toward the sunset, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah, opposite Gilgal, beside the oaks of Moreh? 31 “For you are about to cross the Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall possess it and live in it, 32 and you shall be careful to do all the statutes and the judgments which I am setting before you today.

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Altar - “calls upon the name of the Lord”

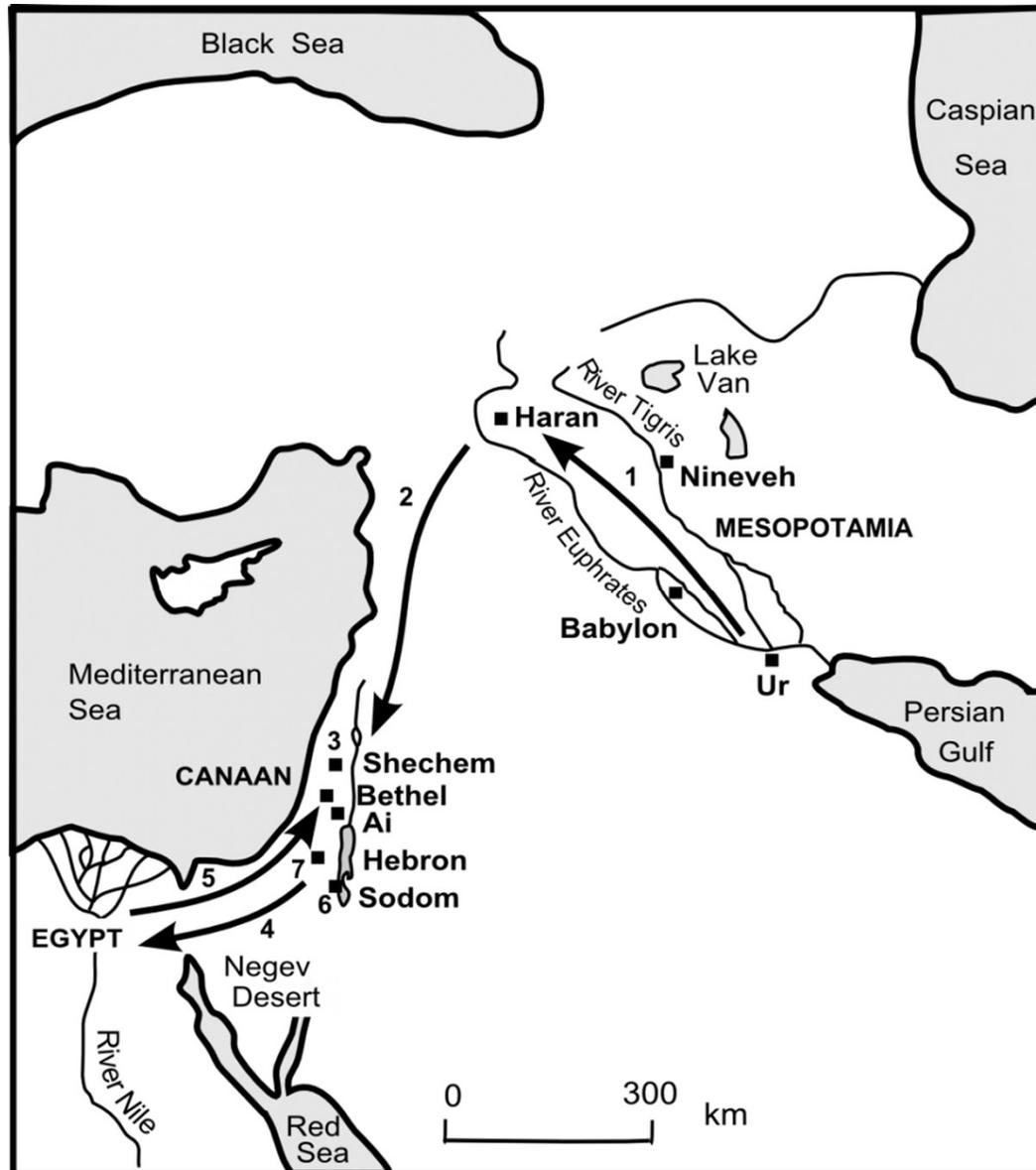


Bethel
(House of lights)

Ai
(Heap of ruins)

His unconditional covenant and our
“obedience of faith” are linked together.

Gen. 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.



APPLICATION

God brings us to places of choice.
Choose God or this world. Blessings or
curses. Obedience or disobedience.

(Q) What are we choosing today?

5. Abram, Sarai, and Pharaoh

- This is Abram's first test. He fails spectacularly.
 - But God still protects Sarai and the Messianic line.
 - God is faithful to the covenant He made.

APPLICATION

(Q) Do we trust in God's promises, or do we people fear, two-face, and deceive?

GENESIS 13-14

Abram, Lot, and the War

NEXT WEEK: Personal study questions (Genesis 13-14)

1. Why does Abram allow Lot to choose the land first? What was it about the land that caused Lot to choose it, despite the dangers?
2. How does God reaffirm His covenant to Abram in 13:14-17? In what ways are the details similar/different/extended?
3. In chapter 14, who are the kings/nations involved, and what is the outcome?
4. Who were the Rephaim, Zuzim, and Emim?
5. How did Abram grow so rich and powerful? Why does he give a tenth to Melchizedek?
6. Who was Melchizedek, King of Salem? What does “Melchizedek” mean? What does “Salem” mean? Where else is he mentioned in Scripture?

Application Questions

1. Genesis 12:1-4 : Think of how frightened and vulnerable Abram must have felt to be called out of his entire previous life into a world he didn't know. How about me? What is God asking me to let go of? What am I not trusting God in?
2. Genesis 12:5-10 : God tells Abram that He blesses Abram, and Abram will be a blessing to the world. How has God blessed me, and for what purpose? How can I bless others?
3. Genesis 12:5-10 : God brought Abram to a place of choice twice, in Shechem and the mountain next to Bethel. God brings us to places of choice. Choose God or this world. Blessings or curses. Obedience or disobedience. What have those places of choice been in your life? How have you been faring?
4. Genesis 12:11-20 : Though Abram was a man of faith, we see in the story of Pharaoh his fear, causing him to sin. Do we trust in God's promises, or do we people fear, two-face, and deceive? Discuss where we fear people over God, and how we deceive and self deceive.