



STRONG FAITH

SEVEN LEVELS OF FAITH

1. Measured of Faith
2. Suppressed/No Faith
3. Little Faith
4. Great Faith
5. Strong/Mature Faith

WHAT IS FAITH?

ROMANS 10:17 So then Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

- Faith always begins with Yahweh's Initiative by giving us His Promises. A promise is a pledge to do something in the future (**JEREMIAH 29:10-11**). He promises to give us an expected end, **first**; then if we believe we respond in hope, **second**.
- **EPHESIANS 2:8-9** **For by Grace you have been saved through Faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the Gift of God,**⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- **II PETER 2:1-4** Simon Peter, a Bondservant and Apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like Precious Faith with us by the Righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: **²Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the Knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,**³ as His Divine Power has given to us all things that pertain to Life and Godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by Glory and Virtue, **⁴by which have been given to us Exceedingly Great and Precious Promises, that through these you may be partakers of the Divine Nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the World through lust.**

HEBREWS 11:1 Now Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the People of Old received their commendation/good report.

- Our response of confidence and conviction in receiving Yahweh's Promised Things comes from believing in **His Ability** and **His Integrity** to bring the Seed of His Promise to pass.
 - **GENESIS 8:22** "While the Earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease."
 - **ECCLESIASTES 3:3** To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under Heaven.
 - **GALATIANS 6:7** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a Man sows, that he will also reap.
 - **HABAKKUK 2:2-4** Then Yahweh answered me and said: "Write the Vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. ³For the Vision is yet for an appointed Time; but at the End it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. ⁴"Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; but the Just shall live by his Faith.
- **PROVERBS 13:12** Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a Tree of Life.
 - **ROMANS 8:24-25** For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.
 - **ISAIAH 40:3-5, 9-11, & 31** The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of Yahweh; make straight in the dessert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; ⁵ The Glory of Yahweh shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken" . . .

⁹O Zion, you who bring good tidings, get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, you who bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah, “**Behold your God!**”

¹⁰**Behold, Yahweh God shall come with a strong hand, and His Arm shall rule for Him; behold, His Reward is with Him, and His Work before Him.**

¹¹**He will feed His Flock like a Shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His Arm, and carry them in His Bosom, and gently lead those who are with young. . .**

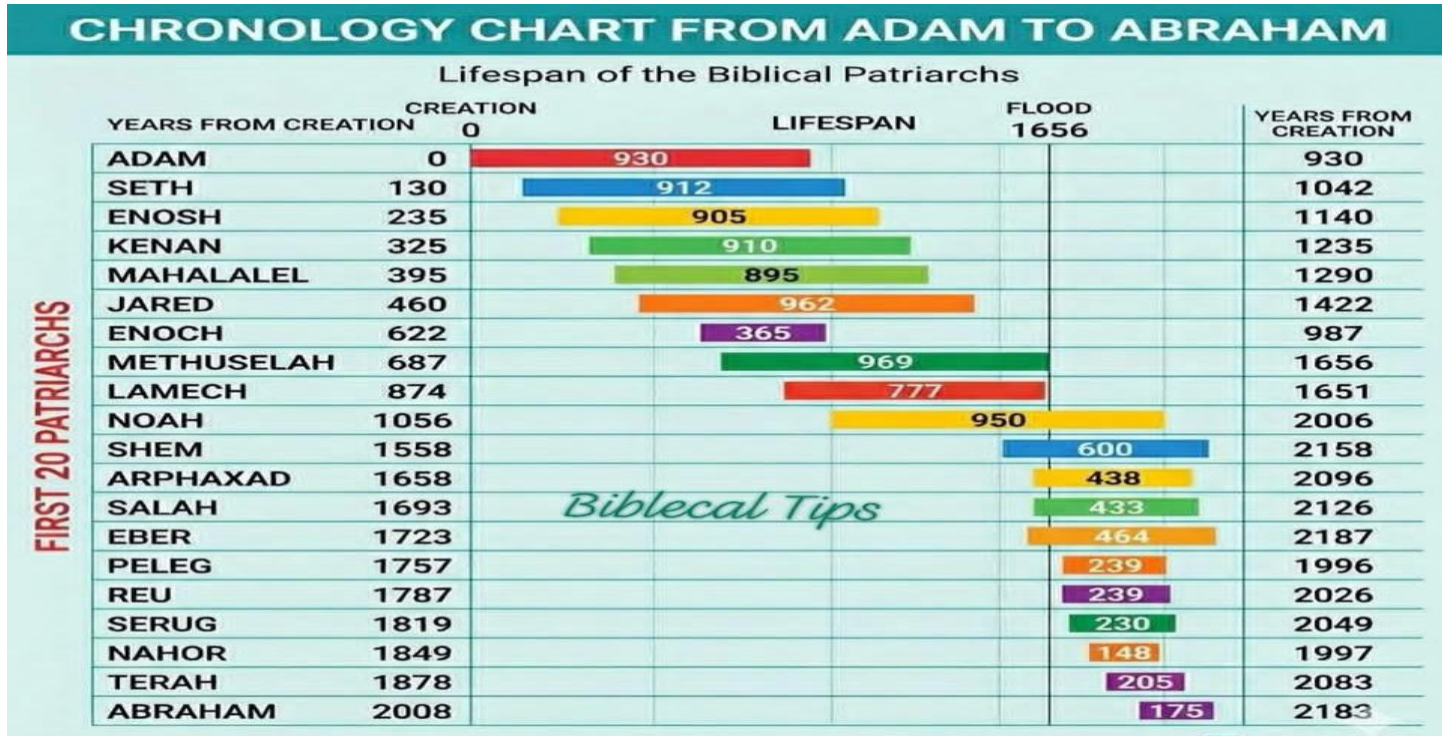
But those who wait on Yahweh shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

- **LAMENTATIONS 3:20-21** My soul still remembers and sinks within me. ²¹**This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope.**

HEBREWS 11:6 But without Faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (ESV).

- Faith is not merely believing that Yahweh exists. It also moves us into becoming fully convinced that we pursue with all our hearts Him and things He wants to give us (JEREMIAH 29:12-14).
- “A Life That God Rewards” by Bruce Wilkerson

ABRAHAM'S TIMES



HEBREWS 11:8 By Faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the Place which he would (afterwards) receive as an Inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

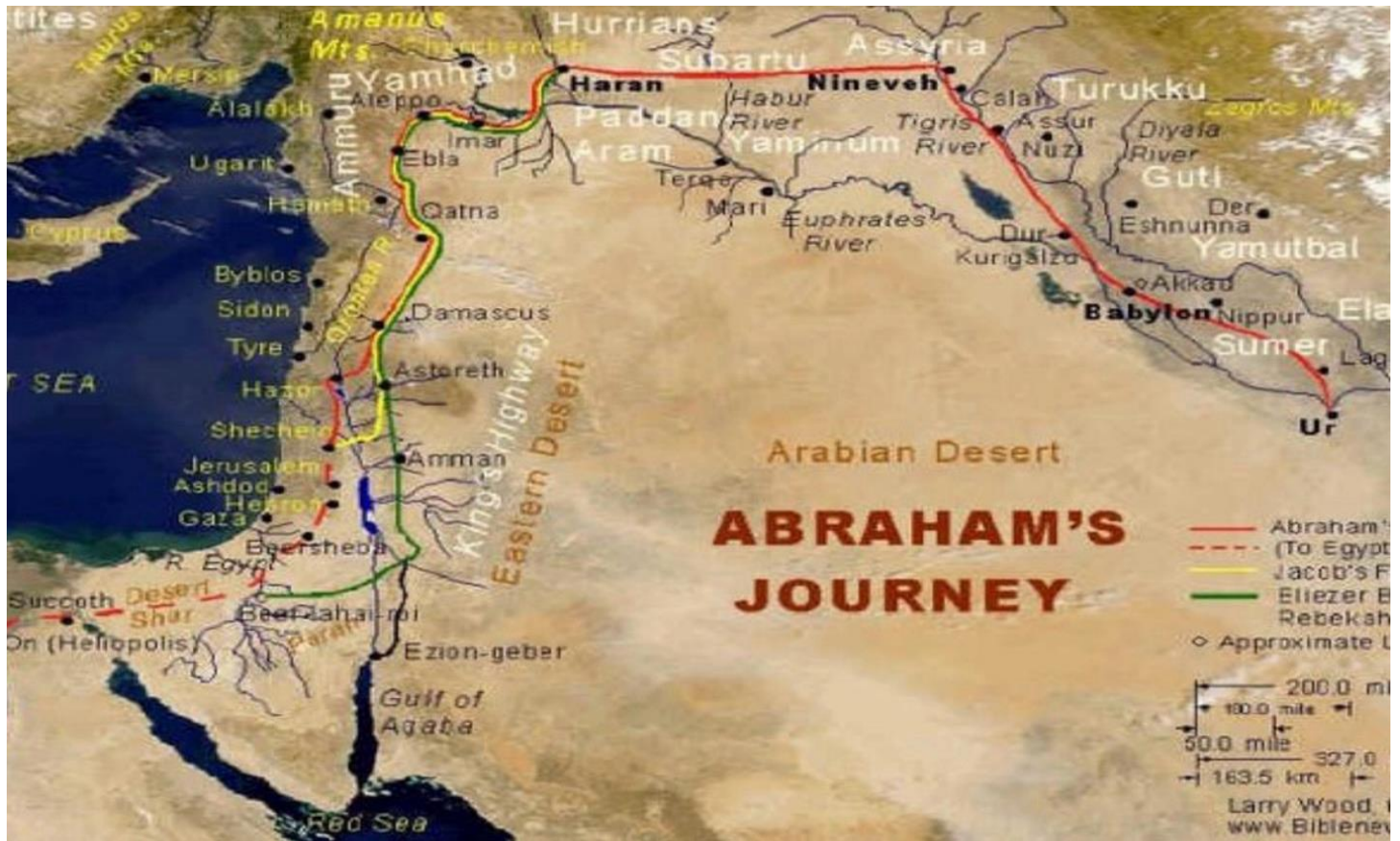
• **OBEDIENCE BY FAITH**

- Obedience comes from a compound Greek word ***hypakouo*** which means to put under (***hypo***) based on what you have heard (***akouo***).
- **GENESIS 3:17** Then to Adam He said, “Because you have **heeded** the voice of your Wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.”
 - **1TIMOTHY 2:13-14** For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴ **And Adam was not deceived, but the Woman being deceived,** fell into transgression.

- PROVERBS 3:5-6 **Trust in Yahweh with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.**
- MATTHEW 6:9-10 Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name. ¹⁰**Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.**
 - MARK 2:1-12 And again He entered Capernaum after somedays, and it was heard that He was in the house. ²Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the Word to them. ³**Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four Men.** ⁴**And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.** ⁵**When Jesus saw their Faith,** He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” ⁶And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷“Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His Spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘**Arise, take up your bed and walk**’? ¹⁰**But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on Earth to forgive sins**”—He said to the paralytic, ¹¹**“I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”** ¹²Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, **“We never saw anything like this!”**

- II THESSALONIANS 1:3-10 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, ⁴so that we ourselves boast of you among the Churches of God for your patience and Faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, ⁵which is manifest evidence of the Righteous Judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the Kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; ⁶since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, ⁷**and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from Heaven with His Mighty Angels, ⁸in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.** ⁹These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the Glory of His Power, ¹⁰when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His Saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.
- When we obey Yahweh's Word that He gave to us about our situation, we extend the Power of the Kingdom of God to our territory on Earth and we also put Him on the hook for the fulfillment of the Miraculous.

- **A FAITH JOURNEY WITH GOD AND TO MEET GOD**



- A journey is the act of traveling from one place to another.
- **AMOS 3:3** Can two **walk together**, unless they are **agreed**?
 - This verse does not suggest we need to agree on everything which requires absolute uniformity in everything. Instead, **it refers to an appointment to walk with or to meet up with a person.**
 - **GENESIS 2:7-8 & 15-17** And Yahweh God formed Man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and Man became a living being. ⁸**Yahweh God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the Man whom He had formed. . .** ¹⁵**Then Yahweh God took the Man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it.** ¹⁶And Yahwen God commanded the Man, saying, “Of every tree of the Garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷but of the Tree of the Knowledge of

Good and Evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

- **GENESIS 5:23-24** So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. ²⁴**And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.**
- **GENESIS 6:8-10** **But Noah found Grace in the Eyes of the Lord. ⁹This is the Genealogy of Noah. Noah was a Just Man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.** ¹⁰And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
- **HEBREWS 12:1-2** Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,** ²looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the Right Hand of the Throne of God.

- **A GOOD INHERITANCE**

PROVERBS 13:22 **A Good Man leaves an Inheritance to his children’s children,** but the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the Righteous.

- **THE FATHER’S GOOD PLEASURE**

LUKE 12:32 “Do not fear, little flock, for **it is your Father’s Good Pleasure to give you the Kingdom.**

- **THE GOD WHO GIVES GOOD THINGS**

JAMES 1:16-18 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷**Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of Lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.** ¹⁸**Of His Own Will He brought us forth by the Word of Truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His Creatures.**

- **THE KINGDOM OPPORTUNITY**

- Yahweh called Abraham to receive his Inheritance at an Unknown Place. By faith Abraham obeyed by pursuing the Land of Canaan and by leaving the Ur of the Chaldeans.
- **MATTHEW 3:1-2** In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²and saying, “**Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!**”
- **MATTHEW 11:11-15** “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of Women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he. ¹²**And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.** ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. ¹⁴And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear!
 - God is bringing down to Earth His Kingdom from Heaven; therefore, **take advantage of this Kingdom Opportunity by forcefully pursuing this Kingdom and leaving your sins behind!**

- **THE CALL OF ABRAM AT UR OF THE CHALDEANS**

ACTS 7:1-4 Then the High Priest said, “Are these things so?” ²And he said, “Brethren and Fathers, listen: **The God of Glory appeared to our Father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,** ³**and said to him, ‘Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a Land that I will show you.’** ⁴**Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to this Land in which you now dwell.**

- https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/3162874/jewish/Nimrod-the-Biblical-Hunter.htm
- https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/112356/jewish/The-Story-of-Abraham.htm
- https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/4529921/jewish/Who-Was-Terah.htm

- **TERAH’S DESCENDANTS**

GENESIS 11:27-32 This is the Genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot. ²⁸ And Haran died before his father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹ Then Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of Abram’s wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor’s wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah. ³⁰ But Sarai was barren; she had no child. ³¹ **And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram’s wife, and they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the Land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and dwelt there.** ³² **So the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran.**

- **THE HISTORY OF TERAH**

JOSHUA 24:1-3 Then Joshua gathered all the Tribes of Israel to Shechem and called for the Elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the People, “**Thus says Yahweh God of Israel: ‘Your Fathers, including Terah, the Father of Abraham and the Father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of the River in old times; and they served other gods.** ³ **Then I took your Father Abraham from the other side of the River, led him throughout all the Land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac.**





- **PROMISES TO ABRAM**

GENESIS 12:1-3 Now Yahweh had said to Abram: “Get/walk out of your **country/land**, from your **family/kindred**, and from your **Father’s House**, to a Land that I will show you.

² I will make you a great nation; I will **bless** you and make your name great; and you shall be a **blessing**. ³ I will **bless** those who **bless** you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you **all** the **Families** of the Earth shall be **blessed**.

- Haran was like a twin city of Ur of the Chaldeans worshipping the same patron Moon God, Nanna. This call in Genesis 12:1 means total separation from Abram's past security: **country** (geography and culture), **kindred** (extended clan and tribe), and **father's house** (immediate household and inheritance). This threefold command moves inward from the broadest social circle to the closest, demanding complete trust in God's Future Provision.
- Greatness can have two major meanings. One, largeness in number or size. Two, full maturity in purpose and calling.
- Natural darkness can be defined as the absence of light, but spiritual darkness is the absence of purpose. Once this light has been turned on, we will have the foundation for morality, purpose, and passion. However, this light can only be found in the Mind of our Creator! On the Fifth Day of Creation, Yahweh first uses the word “bless” in the Bible. He did this by giving the birds and the water creatures vision of for their abilities. Purpose is only found in the mind of the Creator. — **Dr. Myles Munroe.**
- God is not trying to take great things away from you, but He is bringing great blessings to you and through you. — **Pastor Chester L. Mitchell**
- The Family is first and most basic Human Institution, created by God at the beginning of the World through the marriage of a Man and a Woman, designed for human companionship, raising Godly Children, and showing God's love to society.
- **GENESIS 18:16-19** Then the Men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. ¹⁷ **And**

Yahweh said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,¹⁸ since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the Earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹ For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of Yahweh, to do Righteousness and Justice, that Yahweh may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.”

- In 1847, Karl Marx advocated for the abolition of the nuclear family:
<https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1848/communist-manifesto/>



HEBREWS 11:9-10 By Faith he dwelt in the Land of Promise as in a foreign Country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the Heirs with him of the same Promise; ¹⁰ for (By Faith) he waited for the City which has foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God.

- **LIVING AS A PILGRIM IN THE LAND OF PROMISE?**

Abraham never built a permanent city, nor did he become a citizen in the Land of Canaan. Instead, He lived in tents because he was looking for and waited on the Godly City. Lot, on the other hand, chose to be a citizen of the Wicked City of Sodom.

HEBREWS 11:13 These all died in Faith, not having received the Promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them, and confessed that they were Strangers and Pilgrims on the Earth.

- **SEEING BY THE IMAGINATION OF FAITH**

- GENESIS 6:5-7 **And God saw that the wickedness of Man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.** ⁶And it repented Yahweh that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. ⁷And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.
- ACTS 2:7 And it shall come to pass in the Last Days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, **your young Men shall see Visions, your old Men shall Dream Dreams.**
- II CORINTHIANS 5:7 For we walk by Faith, not by sight.
- I CORINTHIANS 2:9-10. But as it is written: “**Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of Man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.**” ¹⁰ But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.



HEBREWS 11:14-16 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a Homeland. ¹⁵ And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But now they desire a better, that is, a Heavenly Country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a City for them.

- **A PREPARED CITY FOR A PREPARED PEOPLE**

Faith began with Abraham leaving Ur and it will end with him sitting in New Jerusalem with his descendants of Jews and Gentiles from the East and West beholding Yahweh and the Lamb face to face (**MATTHEW 8:10-13 & REVELATION 22:1-5**). Faith compels us to leave countries and cities built by Men, so that we can inherit the Heavenly Country and the only City built by God Himself.

- **THE GLORIOUS COMPANY**

HEBREWS 12:18-24 For you have not come to the Mountain (Mt.Sinai) that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and the Voice of Words, so that those who heard it begged that the Word should not be spoken to them anymore. ²⁰(For they could not endure what was commanded: “And if so much as a beast touches the Mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.” ²¹And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”) ²²**But you have come to Mount Zion and to the City of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of Angels, ²³to the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn who are registered in Heaven, to God the Judge of All, to the spirits of Just Men made perfect, ²⁴to Jesus the Mediator of the New Covenant, and to the Blood of Sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.**

- **THE HOLY CITY NEW JERUSALEM**

REVELATION 21:1-21 Now I saw a New Heaven and a New Earth, for the First Heaven and the First Earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ²**Then I, John, saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from Heaven saying, “Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with Men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His People. God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away” . . .**

⁹Then one of the seven Angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, “Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, **and showed me the Great City, the Holy Jerusalem, descending out of Heaven from God, ¹¹having the Glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone,**

like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. ¹²Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve Angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the Twelve Tribes of the Children of Israel: ¹³three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

¹⁴Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the []names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ¹⁵And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. ¹⁷Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an Angel. ¹⁸The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the City was pure gold, like transparent glass.

ABRAHAM JUSTIFIED BY FAITH

ROMANS 4:1-4 What then shall we say that Abraham our Father has found according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for Righteousness.” ⁴ Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as Grace but as debt . . .

- **THE INHERITANCE GIVEN TO ABRAHAM'S SEED**

ACTS 7:5-8 And God gave him no Inheritance in it, not even enough to set his foot on. **But even when Abraham had no child, He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him.**⁶**But God spoke in this way: that his descendants would dwell in a foreign land, and that they would bring them into bondage and oppress them four hundred years.**⁷**'And the nation to whom they will be in bondage I will judge,' said God, 'and after that they shall come out and serve Me in this place.'**⁸**Then He gave him the Covenant of Circumcision; and so Abraham begot Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot the Twelve Patriarchs.**

- **GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAM**

GENESIS 15:1-21 After these things the Word of Yahweh came to Abram in a Vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your Shield, your Exceedingly Great Reward."² But Abram said, "Yahweh God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the Heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"³ Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my Heir!"

GENESIS 15:4-7 **And behold, the Word of Yahweh came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your Heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your Heir."**⁵**Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward Heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."**⁶**And he believed in Yahweh, and He accounted it to him for Righteousness.**⁷**Then He said to him, "I am Yahweh, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this Land to inherit it."**

⁸ And he said, "Yahweh God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"⁹ So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."¹⁰ Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not

cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him. ¹³Then He said to Abram: **“Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. ¹⁴And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵Now as for you, you shall go to your Fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”**

¹⁷And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. ¹⁸**On the same day Yahweh made a Covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this Land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates— ¹⁹the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ²¹the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”**

ROMANS 4:5-22 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his Faith is accounted for Righteousness, ⁶ just as David also describes the blessedness of the Man to whom God imputes Righteousness apart from works: ⁷**“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸ Blessed is the Man to whom Yahweh shall not impute sin.”**

⁹ **Does this blessedness then come upon the circumcised only, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say that Faith was accounted to Abraham for Righteousness. ¹⁰ How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised. ¹¹ And he received the sign of circumcision, a Seal of the Righteousness of the Faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the Father of all those who believe, though they**

are uncircumcised, that Righteousness might be imputed to them also,¹² and the Father of Circumcision to those who not only are of the Circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the Faith which our Father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

¹³ For the Promise that he would be the Heir of the World was not to Abraham or to his Seed through the Law, but through the Righteousness of Faith. ¹⁴ For if those who are of the Law are Heirs, Faith is made void and the Promise made of no effect, ¹⁵ because the Law brings about wrath; for where there is no Law there is no transgression.

ROMANS 4:16 Therefore it is of Faith that it might be according to Grace, so that the Promise might be sure to all the Seed, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the Faith of Abraham, who is the Father of us all ¹⁷ (as it is written, “I have made you a Father of Many Nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, Who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; ¹⁸ who, contrary to Hope, in Hope believed, so that he became the Father of Many Nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ And not being weak in Faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the Promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in Faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. ²² And therefore “it was accounted to him for Righteousness.”

- **HE DID NOT CONSIDER**

He refused to make circumstances greater than God's Promise.

- **HE DID NOT WAVER**

He had opportunities to doubt, but he simply refused unbelief.

- **HE WAS STRENGTHENED**

Faith grows, but it isn't instant.

- **HE WAS FULLY CONVINCED**

Faith reaches maturity.

