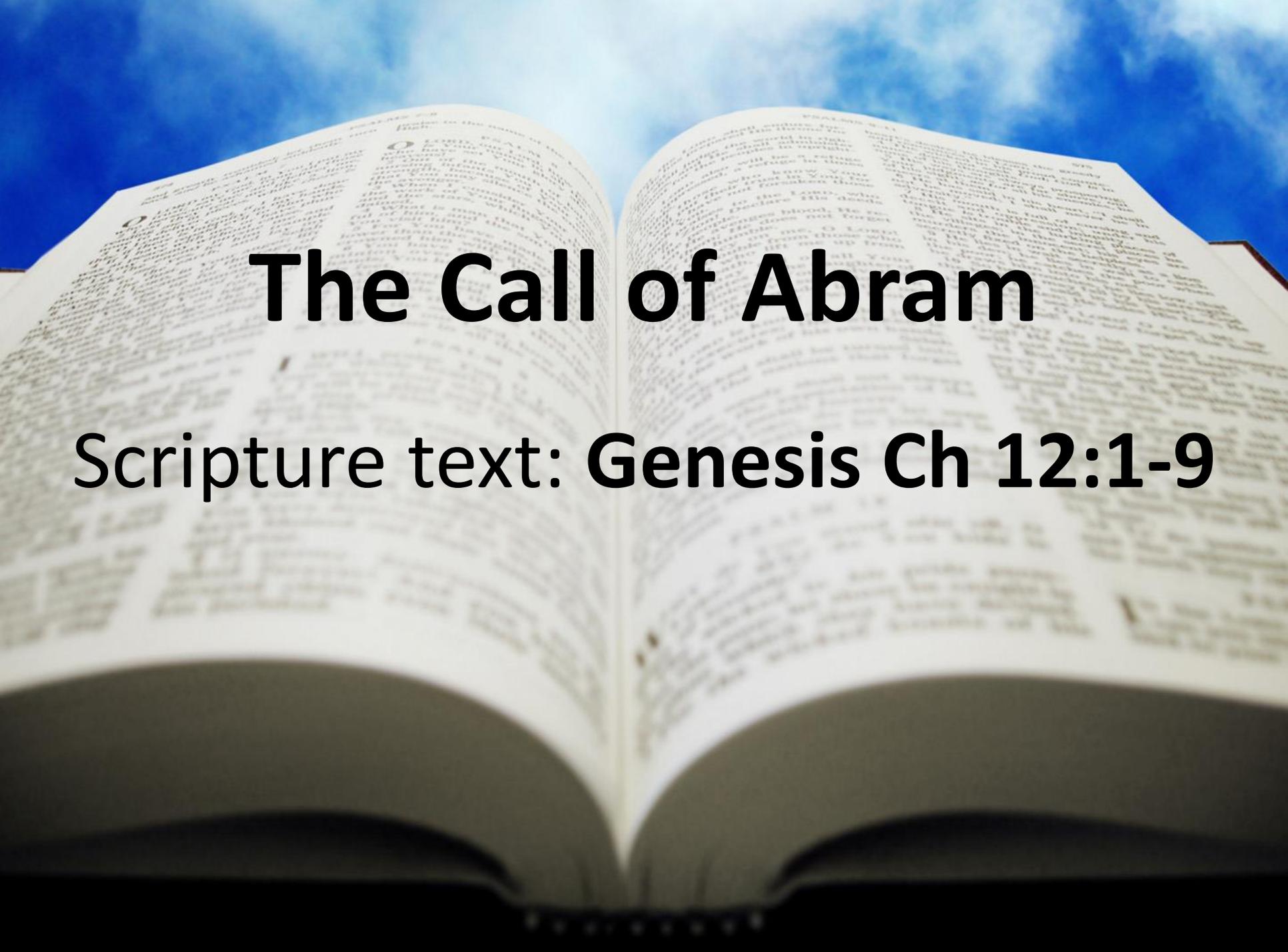


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We're glad you're here!



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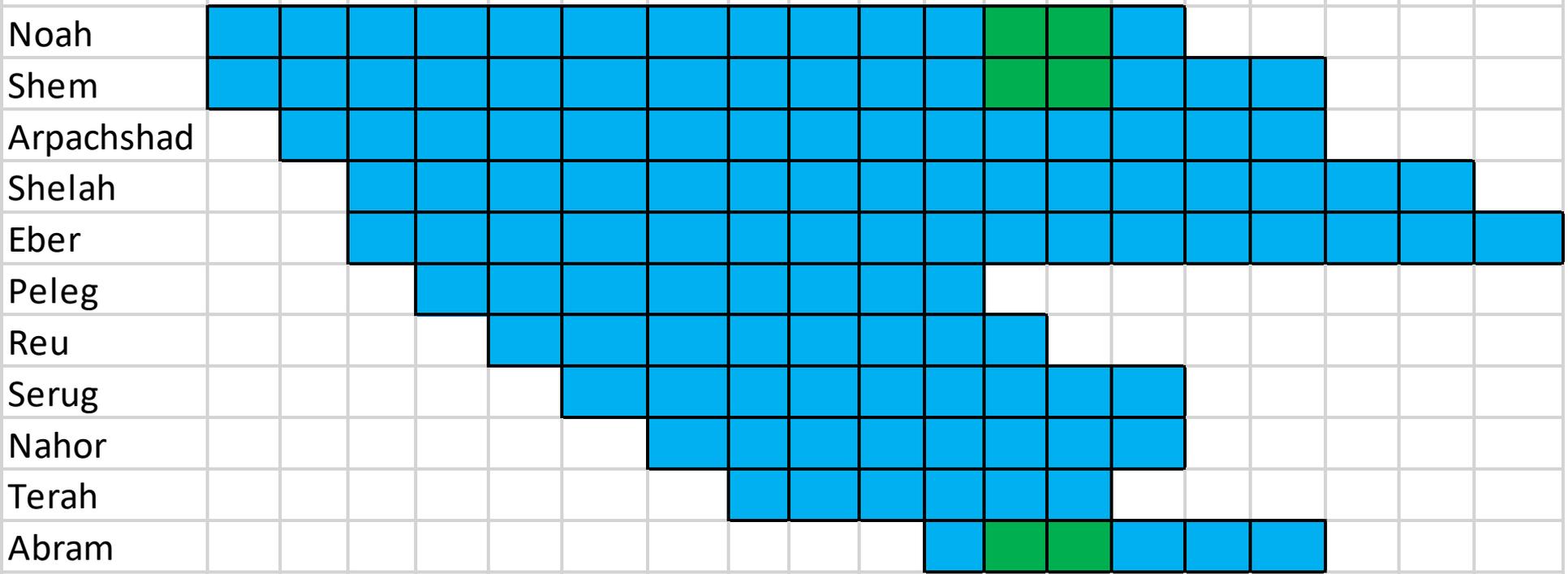
The Call of Abram

Scripture text: **Genesis Ch 12:1-9**

Genesis 12:1-4 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. **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. I will 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." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was **seventy-five years old** when he departed from Haran.

After the flood

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The only way to understand Chapter 12 of Genesis is to know that Abram had a relationship with Almighty God, the God taught to him, from Noah and Shem.

John 10:3-5 To him the gatekeeper opens. **The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.** When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, **for they know his voice.** A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

Luke 14:26-27 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my **disciple**. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

This is surrender, total and complete surrender to Almighty God! For He is the giver of life and all that we have. Did Abram have the surrendered mindset?

2 Corinthians 6:15-18 What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "**I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them,** says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Is this not a trust issue?

How far are willing to go with someone, without knowing the destination?

Can you imagine what might have ran through Abram mind?

Revelation 18:2-4 And he called out with a mighty voice, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast. For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living." **Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues;**

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What a promise from Almighty God!

Exodus 1:7 But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

Exodus 32:9-10 And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, **in order that I may make a great nation of you.**"

2 Samuel 7:8-10 Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. **And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly,**

Exodus 23:20-22 "Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. Pay careful attention to him and obey his voice; do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, for my name is in him. "But if you carefully obey his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

What a precious promise from Almighty God!

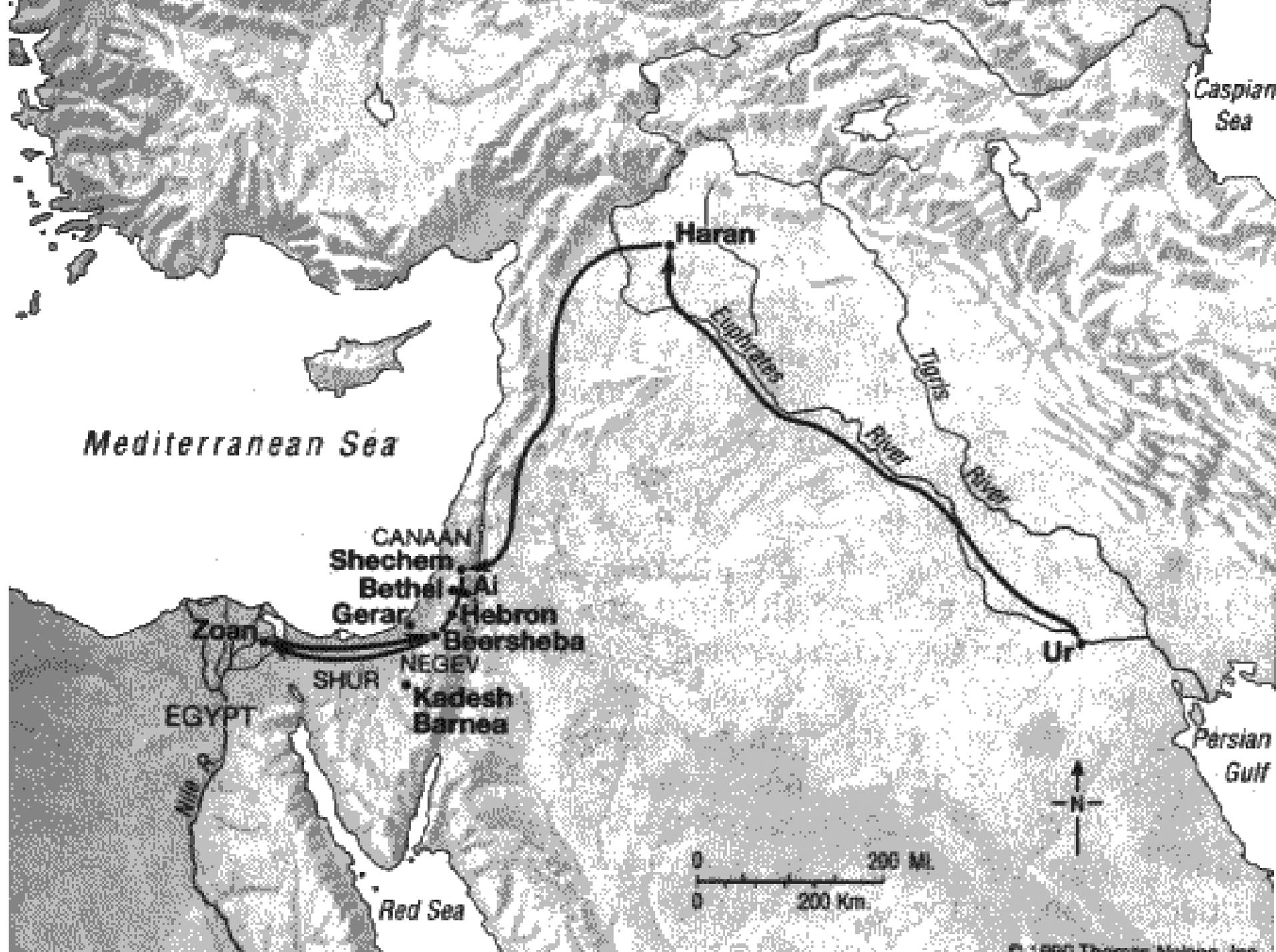
Act 3:23-26 And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be **destroyed from the people.**' And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, '**And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.**' God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, **to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness."**

Galatians 3:5-9 Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith--just as Abraham "**believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness**"? Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "**In you shall all the nations be blessed.**" So then, **those who are of faith are blessed** along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Galatians 3:13-16 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law **by becoming a curse for us**--for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"--so that **in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles**, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. **Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring.** It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," **who is Christ.**

Revelation 7:9-10 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Genesis 12:4-6 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. **Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.** And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and **all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan.** When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.



Caspian Sea

Mediterranean Sea

Haran

Euphrates River

Tigris River

Ur

Persian Gulf

CANAAN
Shechem
Bethel
Ai
Hebron
Gerar
Beer Sheba
NEGEV
Kadash
Barnea

Zoan
EGYPT

SHUR

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Red Sea

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Now a question must be asked ...

Was Abram a faithful witness for God?

Why or why not, and how could you tell?

How many of you picked up all that you had in order to go to a place that God would show you?

How would you answer the question as to why?

Can you imagine doing that in that day and age, only having to use camels instead of trucks to move everything?

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SHECHEM (Place) Town in the center of western Palestine, near the watershed that separates the waters that flow to the Jordan from those that descend to the Mediterranean. The site is **40 miles (64.4 kilometers) north of Jerusalem at the eastern entrance to the pass between Mt Ebal and Mt Gerizim.** The ancient town stood on the lower southeastern slope or shoulder of Mt Ebal, **hence the meaning of the name (Shechem = shoulder).**

to the oak of Moreh

The oak = TEREBINTH* Large deciduous tree, also called the turpentine tree (*Tyndale Bible dictionary.*)

Deutonomy 11:29-30 And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal. Are they not beyond the Jordan, west of the road, toward the going down of the sun, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah, opposite Gilgal, **beside the oak of Moreh?**

MOREH (Heb. mōreh, ‘teacher’, ‘diviner’). 1. The name of a place near Shechem mentioned in Gn. 12:6, where ‘ēlôn mōreh may be translated ‘the teacher’s oak’ (or ‘terebinth’). Dt. 11:30 makes reference to the ‘oak of Moreh’ in the district of Gilgal (i.e. the Shechemite Gilgal). **It is recorded that Abraham pitched his camp there on arriving in Canaan from Harran, and it was there that God revealed himself to Abraham, promising to give the land of Canaan to his descendants (*Mamre).** This tree may also be the one mentioned in Gn. 35:4 where Jacob hid foreign gods, and a reference to the place also occurs in the story of Abimelech (Jdg. 9:37).

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Genesis 12:7-9 Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country 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. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Genesis 17:1-6 When Abram was ninety-nine years old **the LORD appeared to Abram** and said to him, **"I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly."** Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, **"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.** I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and **kings shall come from you.**

Genesis 18:1-3 And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, **three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant.**

Exodus 33:1-3 The LORD said to Moses, "Depart; go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, **to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your offspring I will give it.'** I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people."

Psalm 105:8-15 He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, **the covenant that he made with Abraham**, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, "**To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance.**" When they were few in number, of little account, and sojourners in it, wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people, he allowed no one to oppress them; he rebuked kings on their account, saying, "Touch not my anointed ones, do my prophets no harm!"

Hebrews 11:13-16 These all died in faith, **not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.** For people who speak thus make it clear that **they are seeking a homeland.** If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, **they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.** Therefore **God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.**