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For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. 5 Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, 6 so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:4–6

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For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; **for you are all one in Christ Jesus.** 29 **And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.**

Galatians 3:27–29

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Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. 7 Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. 8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU."

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and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them,

Romans 4:11

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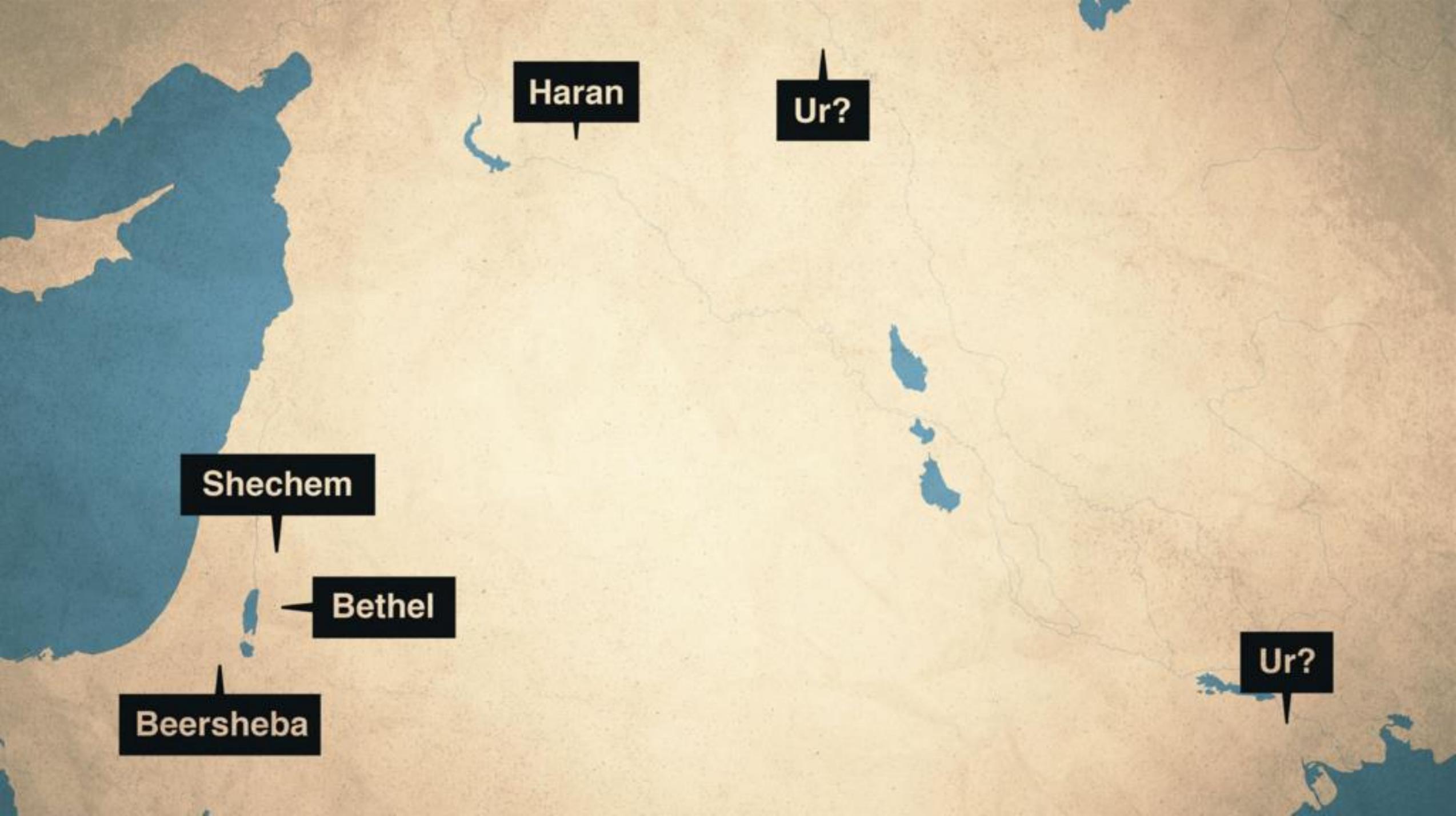
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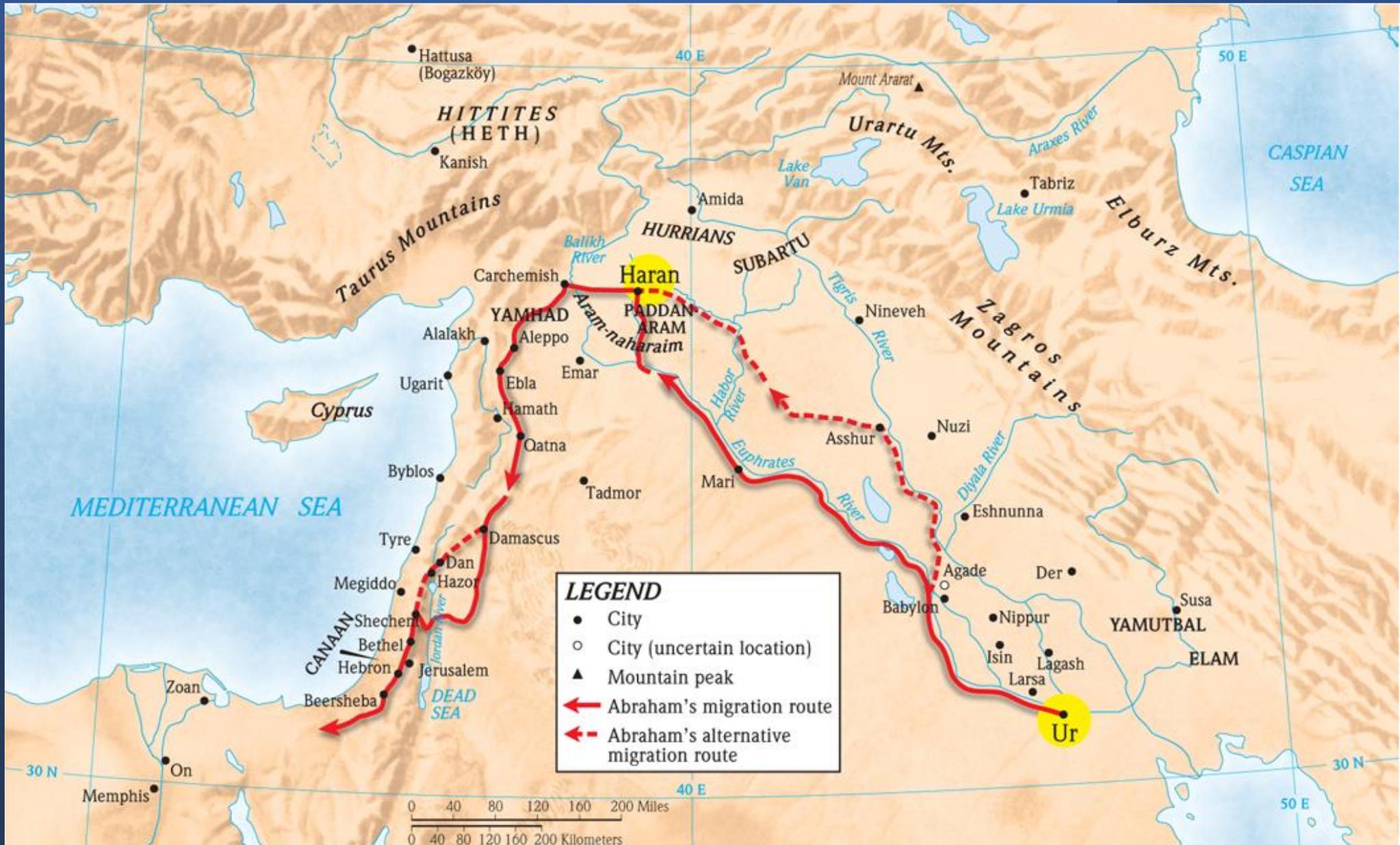
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The Migration of Abraham

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Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking down the people, and said, “Behold, it is I who have sinned, and it is I who have done wrong; but these sheep, what have they done? **Please let Your hand be against me and against my father’s house.**”

2 Samuel 24:17

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“Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth; **and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt,** and serve the LORD. Joshua 24:14

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Kenneth Matthews

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And he said, “Hear me, brethren and fathers! The God of glory **appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,** 3 and said to him, ‘LEAVE YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR RELATIVES, AND COME INTO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU.’ 4 “Then he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. From there, after his father died, God had him move to this country in which you are now living.

Acts 7:2–4

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And He said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it.”

Genesis 15:7

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By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Hebrews 11:8

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Lessons About Faith

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“Yet it is not to be supposed, that God takes a cruel pleasure in the trouble of his servants; but he thus tries all their affections, that he may not leave any lurking-places undiscovered in their hearts. We see many persons zealous for a short time, who afterwards become frozen; whence is this, but because they build without a foundation? Therefore God determined, thoroughly to rouse all the senses of Abram, that he might undertake nothing rashly or inconsiderately; lest, repenting soon afterwards, he should veer with the wind, and return. Wherefore, if we desire to follow God with constancy, it behooves us carefully to meditate on all the inconveniences, all the difficulties, all the dangers which await us; that not only a hasty zeal may produce fading flowers, but that from a deep and well-fixed root of piety, we may bring forth fruit in our whole life.” John Calvin

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“Either our faith will separate us from the world, or the world will separate us from our faith and our God.”

Alexander Maclaren

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Then Abraham said to him, **“Beware that you do not take my son back there! 7** “The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father’s house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me and who swore to me, saying, **‘To your descendants I will give this land,’** He will send His angel before you, and you will take a wife for my son from there.

Genesis 24:6–7

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“For why does not God immediately point out the land, except for the purpose of keeping his servant in suspense, that he may the better try the truth of his attachment to the word of God? as if he would say, ‘I command thee to go forth with closed eyes, and forbid thee to inquire whither I am about to lead thee, until, having renounced thy country, thou shalt have given thyself wholly to me.’ And this is the true proof of obedience, when we are not wise in our own eyes, but commit ourselves entirely unto the Lord. Whensoever, therefore, he requires anything of us, we must not be so solicitous about success, as to allow fear and anxiety to retard our course. For it is better, with closed eyes, to follow God as our guide, than, by relying on our own prudence, to wander through those circuitous paths which it devises for us.”

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“Faith is not an instinct. It certainly is not a feeling – feelings don’t help much when you’re in the lions’ den or hanging on a wooden Cross. Faith is not inferred from the happy way things work. It is an act of will, a choice, based on the unbreakable Word of a God who cannot lie, and who showed us what love and obedience and sacrifice mean, in the person of Jesus Christ.”

Elisabeth Elliot

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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.**

Galatians 3:16

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'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.'**

Revelation 2:17

The Life of Abraham

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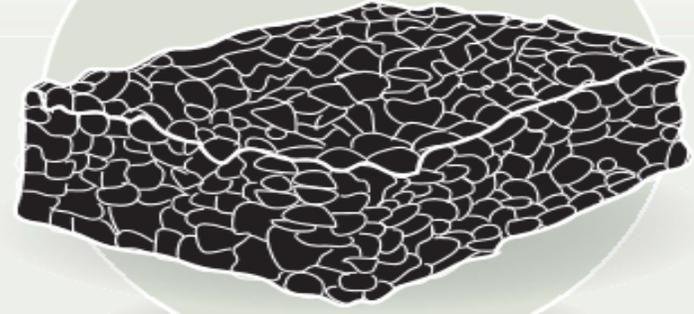
Terah becomes the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran in Ur.



Haran becomes the father of Lot.



God appears to Abram and promises to give the land of Canaan to his offspring.



Haran dies.

God calls Abram to move to Canaan. Abram is 75 years old.

Abram moves to the oak of Moreh at Shechem.



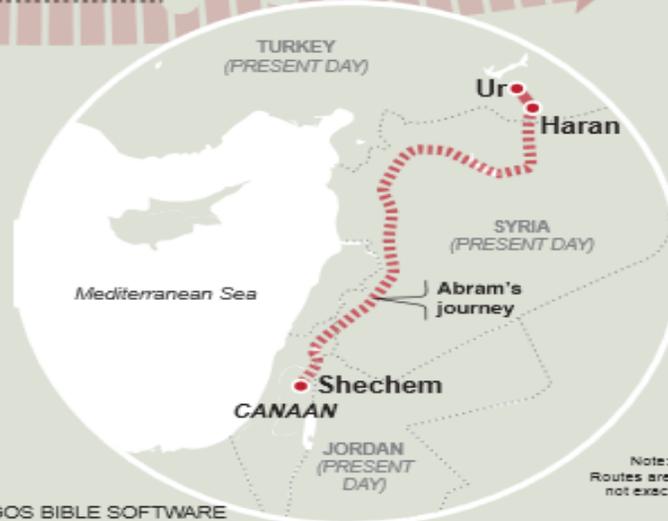
Abram builds an altar.

Abram pitches his tent between Bethel and Ai, and builds an altar.

Abram and Nahor take wives, Sarai and Milcah.

Terah moves to Haran.

Terah dies in Haran.



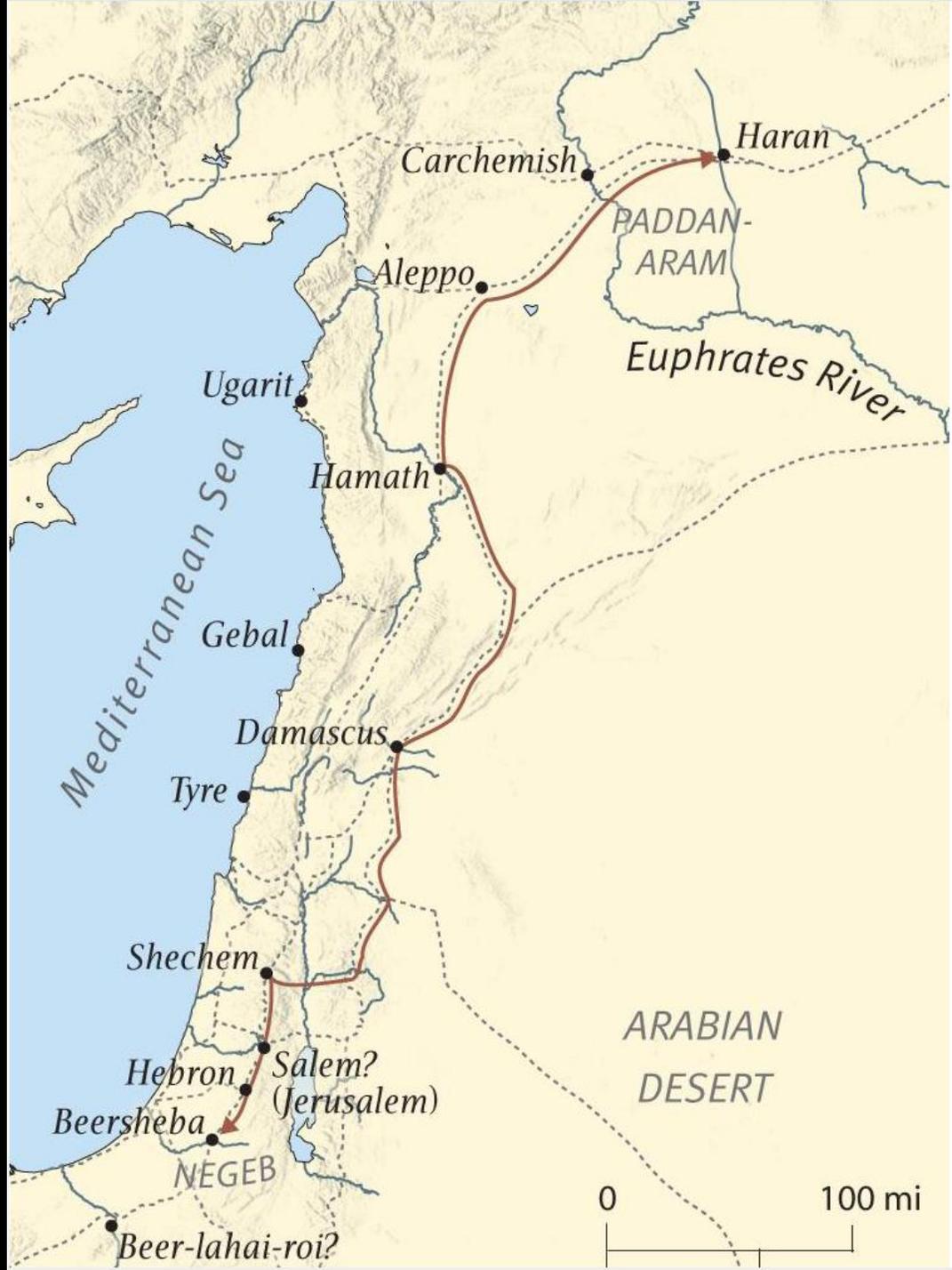
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The tradition of Abraham's migration.



Abram Emigrates to Canaan

-  Abram and his family's route from Haran to Shechem
-  Abram and his family's route from Shechem to the hill country east of Bethel and west of Ai
-  Abram and his family's route from the hill country to the Negeb
-  Territory of Canaan



Bethel





The hill of Moreh.







God's Land Grant to Abram

-  Abram and Sarai's route from the altar near Ai and Bethel to Mamre
-  Approximate area of the land grant visible to Abram as he traveled from Ai and Bethel to Mamre
-  Approximate area of the land grant inhabited by Abraham's descendants following the conquest of Canaan
-  Approximate area of Moses and Joshua's vision for the land grant

