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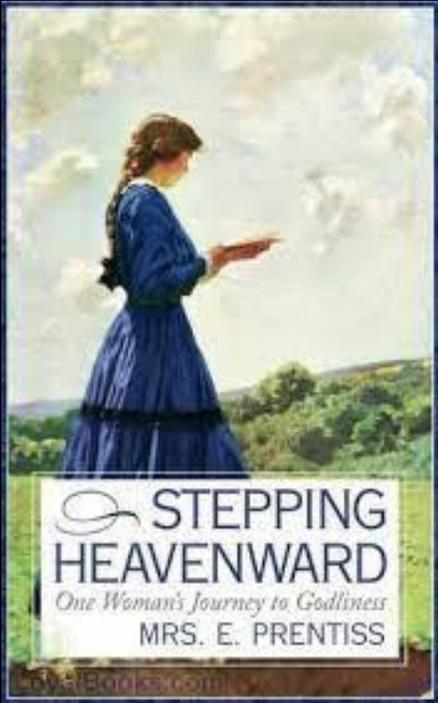
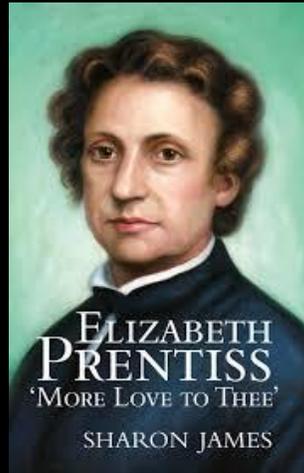
Genesis 12:1-9

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Reaching in height to heaven,
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The longer I live the more
conscious I am of human frailty,
and of the constant,
overwhelming need we all have
of God's grace.

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“There is no wilderness so dreary but that His love can illuminate it, no desolation so desolate but that He can sweeten it. I know what I am saying. It is no delusion. I believe the highest, purest happiness is known only to those who have learned Christ in sickrooms, in poverty, in racking suspense and anxiety, amid hardships, and at the open grave.”

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July 7, 1856, “I do trust God’s blessed, blessed Spirit is dealing faithfully with my soul—searching and sifting it, revealing it somewhat to itself and preparing for the indwelling of Christ. This I do heartily desire. Oh God! search me and know me, and show me my own guilty, poor and meagre soul, that I may turn from it, humbled and ashamed and penitent, to my blessed Saviour. How very thankful I feel for this seclusion and leisure; this quiet room where I can seek my God and pray and praise, unseen by any human eye—and which sometimes seems like the very gate of heaven.”

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July 27, 1856 "Today I gave way to pride and irritation, and my agony on account of it outweighs weeks of merely earthly felicity. The idea of a Christian as he should be, and the reality of most Christians—particularly myself—why, it almost makes me shudder; my only comfort is, in heaven, I can not sin! In heaven I shall see Christ and see Him as He is, and praise and honour Him as I never do and never shall do here. And yet I know that my dear little ones need me, poor and imperfect mother as I am; and I pray every hour to be made willing to wait for their sakes. For at the longest it will not be long. Oh, I do believe it is the sin I dread and not the suffering of life—but I know not; I may be deluded. My love to my Master seems to me very shallow and contemptible. I am astonished that I love anything else. Oh that He would this moment come down into this room and tell me I never, never shall grieve Him again!" Elizabeth Prentiss

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“To love Christ more – this is the deepest need, the constant cry of my soul. Down in the bowling ally, and out in the woods, and on my bed, and out driving, when I am happy and busy, and when I am sad and idle, the whisper keeps going up for more love, more love, more love!”

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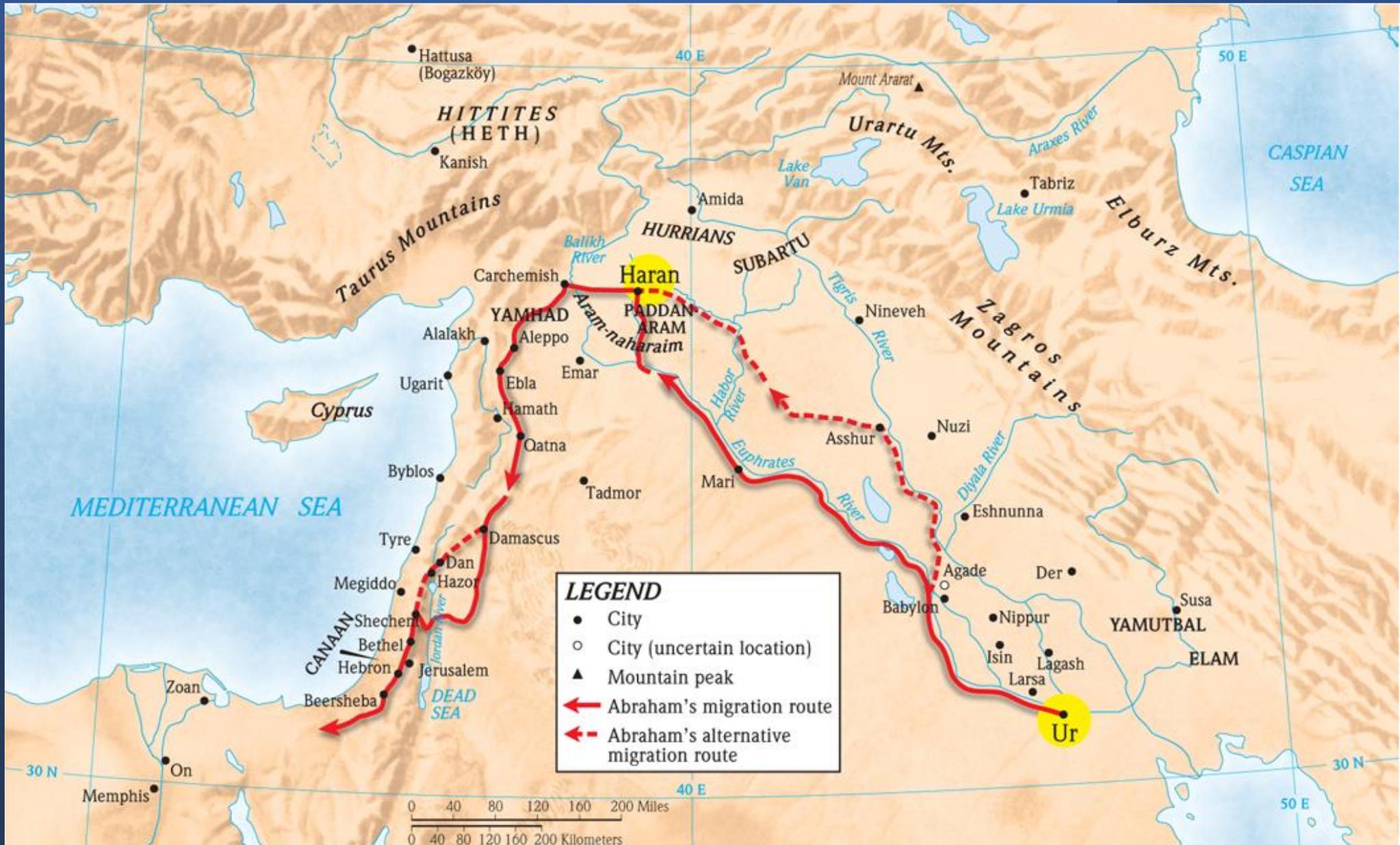
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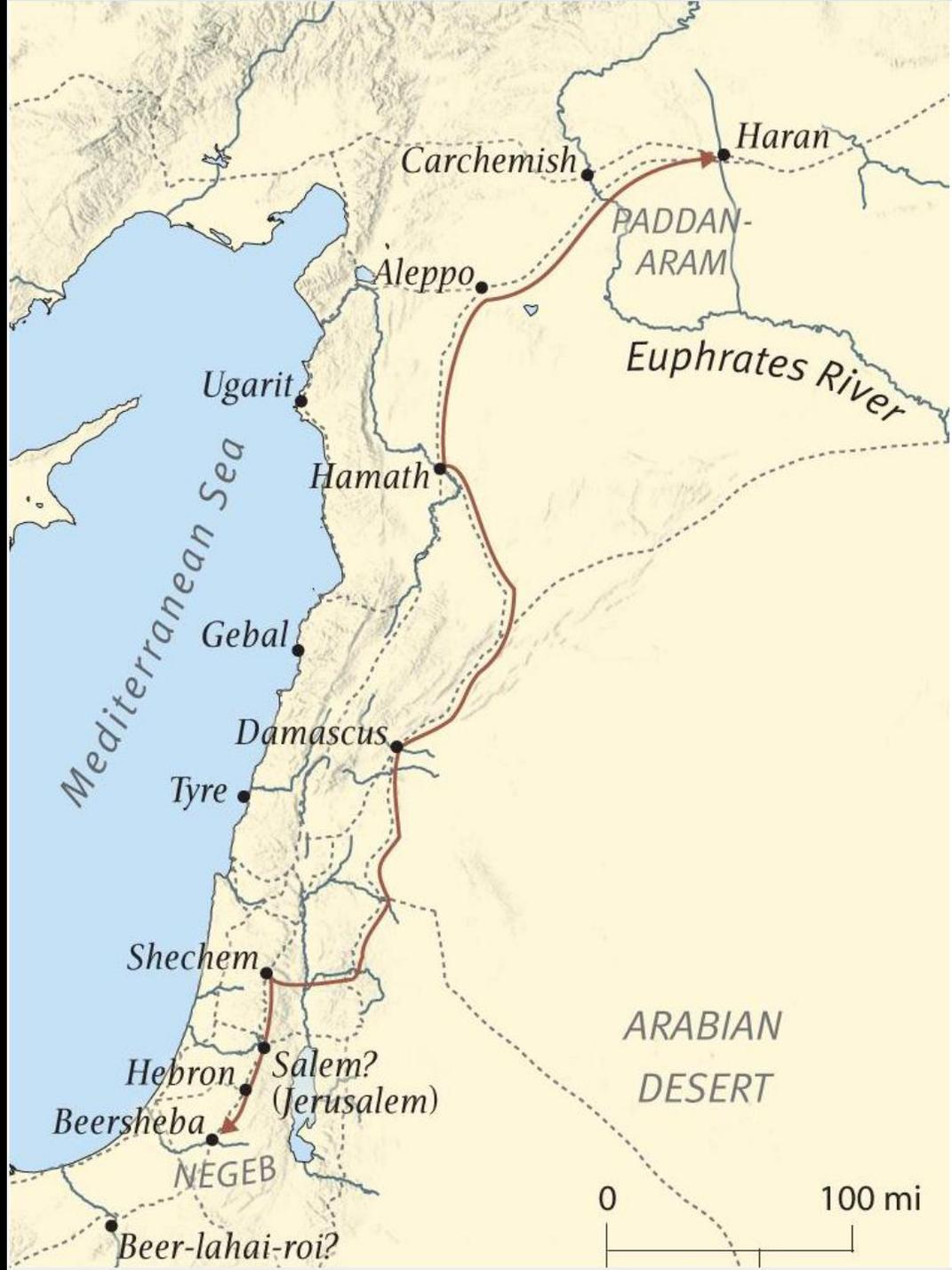
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The tradition of Abraham's migration.



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

Leviticus 25:23

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By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; 10 **for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.**

Hebrews 11:9–10

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“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?**

Deuteronomy 11:29–30

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Faith is the way in which I can look away from myself – both from my sin and my progress in sanctification – and look to Christ as my only hope.
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Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

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Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. Galatians 3:7

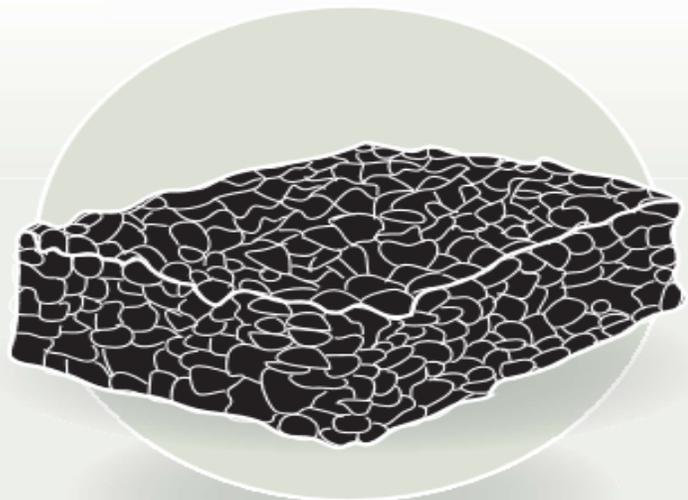
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“I wonder how many believers today realize that faith is not merely believing that Christ died for our sins. Faith is also being confident that His way is better than sin. His will is more wise. His help is more sure. His promises more precious. And His reward more satisfying. Faith begins with a backward look at the cross, but it lives with a forward look at the promises.”

John Piper

The Life of Abraham

Circa 2000 BC



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



Haran becomes the father of Lot.



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

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



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.



Haran dies.

Abram and Nahor take wives, Sarai and Milcah.

Terah moves to Haran.



Terah dies in Haran.



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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

