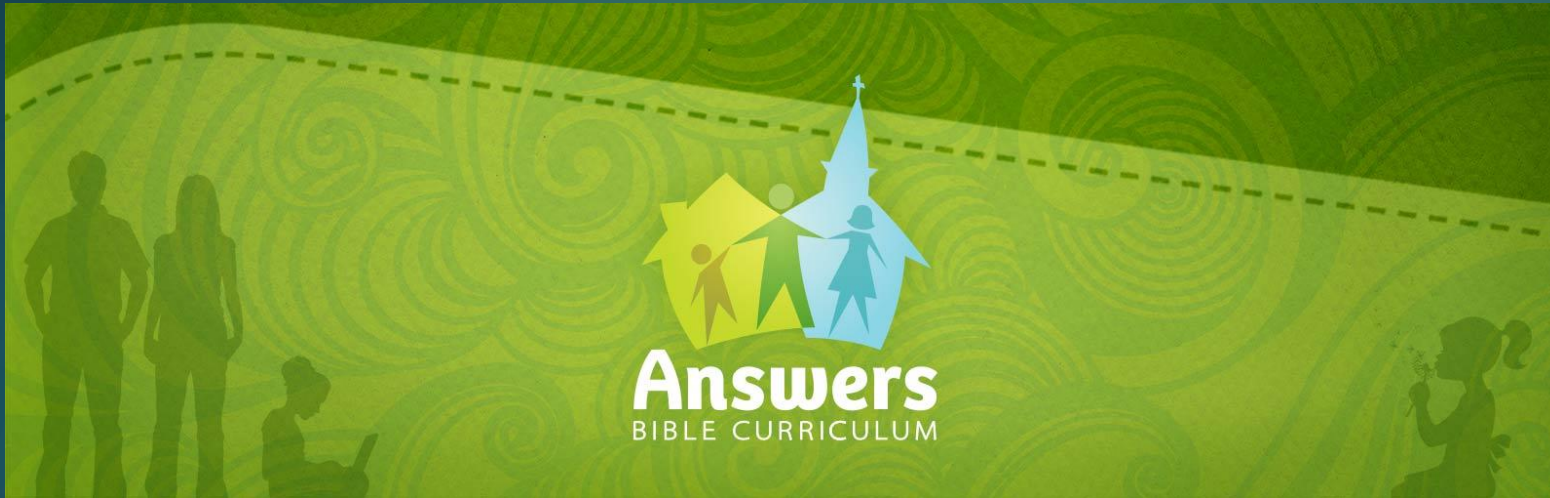


PATRIARCHS OF THE PROMISE

Lesson 1: God Calls Abram



Hebrews 11:1 & 6 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
The conviction of things not seen. . . .

And without faith it is impossible to please him,
for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists
And that he rewards those who seek him.

Lessons Preview

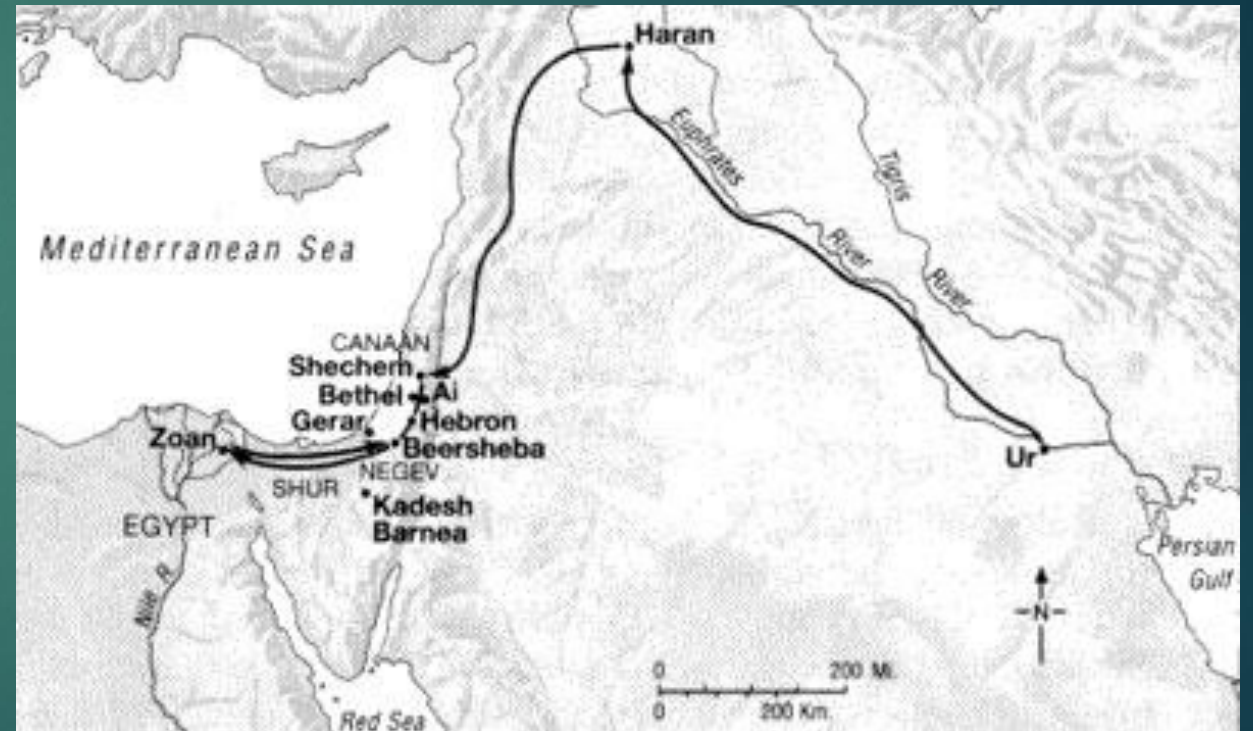
1. God Calls Abram
2. Abram and Lot
3. Sodom and Gomorrah
4. God's Covenant with Abram
5. Isaac: Child of Promise
6. Abraham's Test
7. A Bride for Isaac
8. Esau Sells His Birthright
9. Jacob Steals the Blessing
10. Jacob's Family Grows
11. Jacob Returns to Canaan
12. Joseph Becomes a Slave
13. God Blesses Joseph
14. Joseph Rises to Power
15. Joseph Forgives His Brothers
16. Israel's Blessing

Lesson Outline

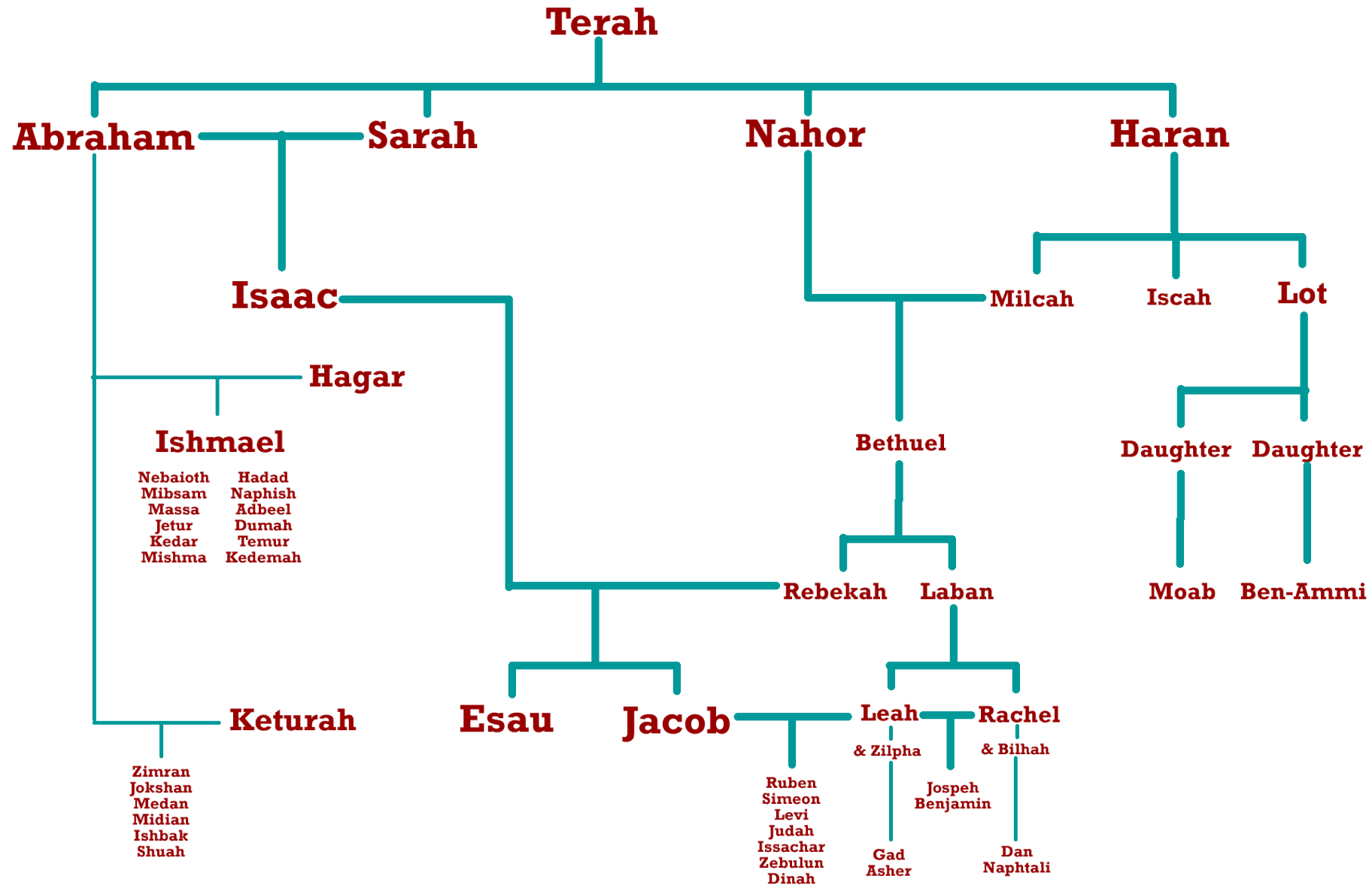
- ▶ How did Abram respond to God's call?
- ▶ Why did God call Abram?
- ▶ Toward what did Abram ultimately look?
- ▶ How can Abram's response and thinking instruct us?

Observation: Genesis 11:27-12:9

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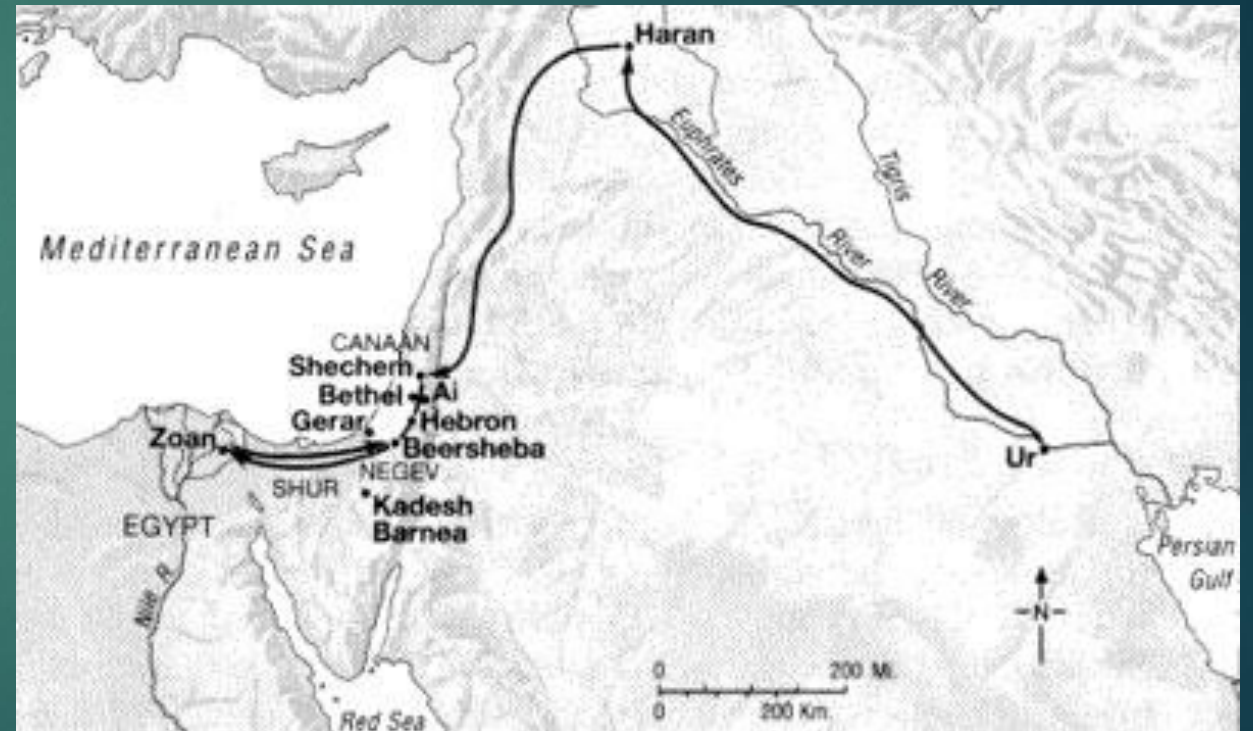


Genealogy of Terah



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Interpretation

- ▶ Why did Terah leave Ur with Abram for Canaan?
- ▶ Why do Terah and Abram settle in Haran?
- ▶ Why does Abram keep moving around, even after arriving in Canaan?
- ▶ Was Abram a pagan idolater when God first called him?
- ▶ Why does God choose Abram?
- ▶ What is the significance of Gen 12:3b?
- ▶ Why did Abram obey God's call?

Observation: Hebrews 11:8-16



- ▶ Land promise highlighted
- ▶ Nation promise highlighted
- ▶ Welcomed promises from a distance, confessed selves to be exiles on earth
- ▶ Abraham ultimately was looking to God's heavenly country

Interpretation

- ▶ What hope was at the heart of Abraham's faith?
- ▶ Do we have heaven-looking faith like Abraham did?

Application

- ▶ We know that God has promised to reward those who place their faith in Him. When can we expect to receive those rewards?
- ▶ Have you ever heard the expression “You are so heavenly minded that you are no earthly good”? Is this a biblically grounded idea in light of what we have been studying today?
- ▶ How does the world react to the idea of storing up treasures in heaven rather than seeking to build fortunes and seek pleasures here on earth?