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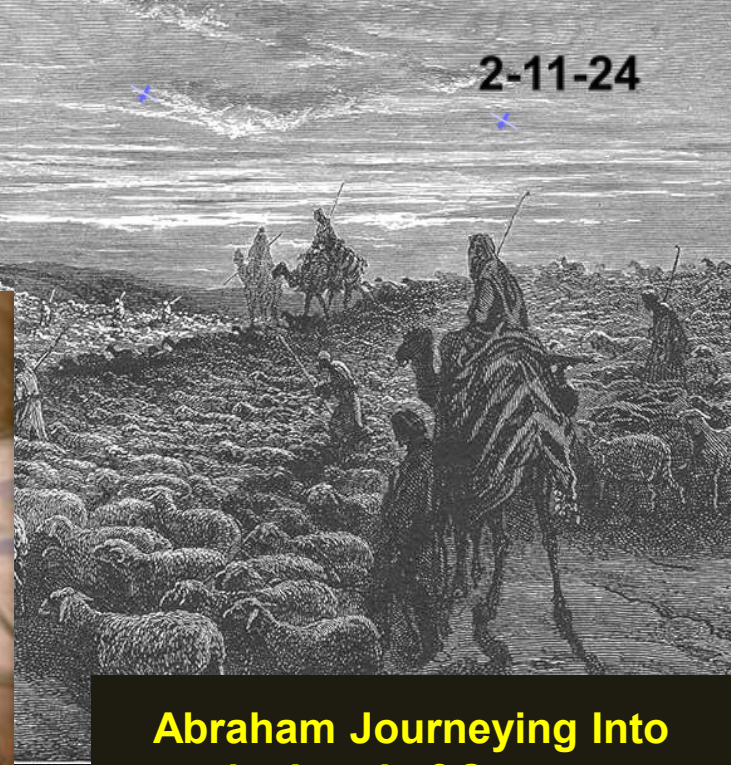
- 1 Created in *His Image*
- 2 Creation of Adam & Eve
- ✧ 3 FALL in the Garden
- 6-7 Noah & Great Flood
- 8 Ark LANDS
- 9-10 Rainbow Covenant
- 11 Tower of Babel & Terah to Harran
- 12-14 Abram Rescues Lot**
- 15-16 Impatience
- 17-18 Established
- 19 Purged

# GENESIS

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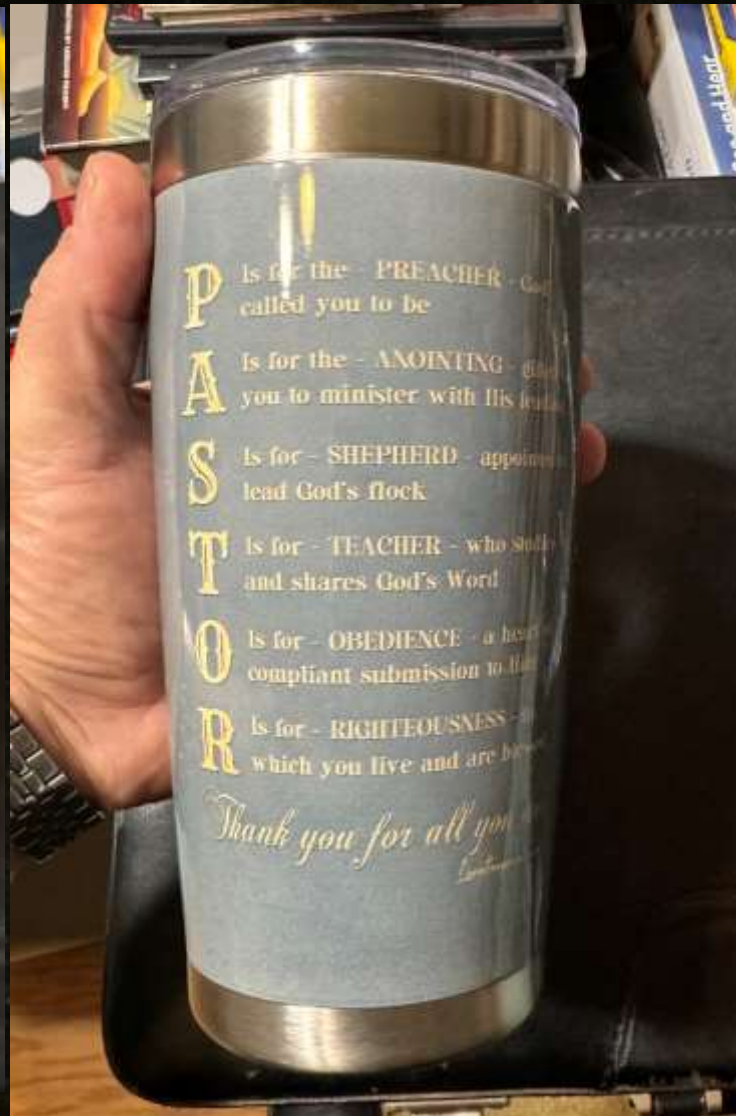
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**What is the  
measure of a man**





**What is the measure  
of a man?**

**No one's perfect,  
however ...**

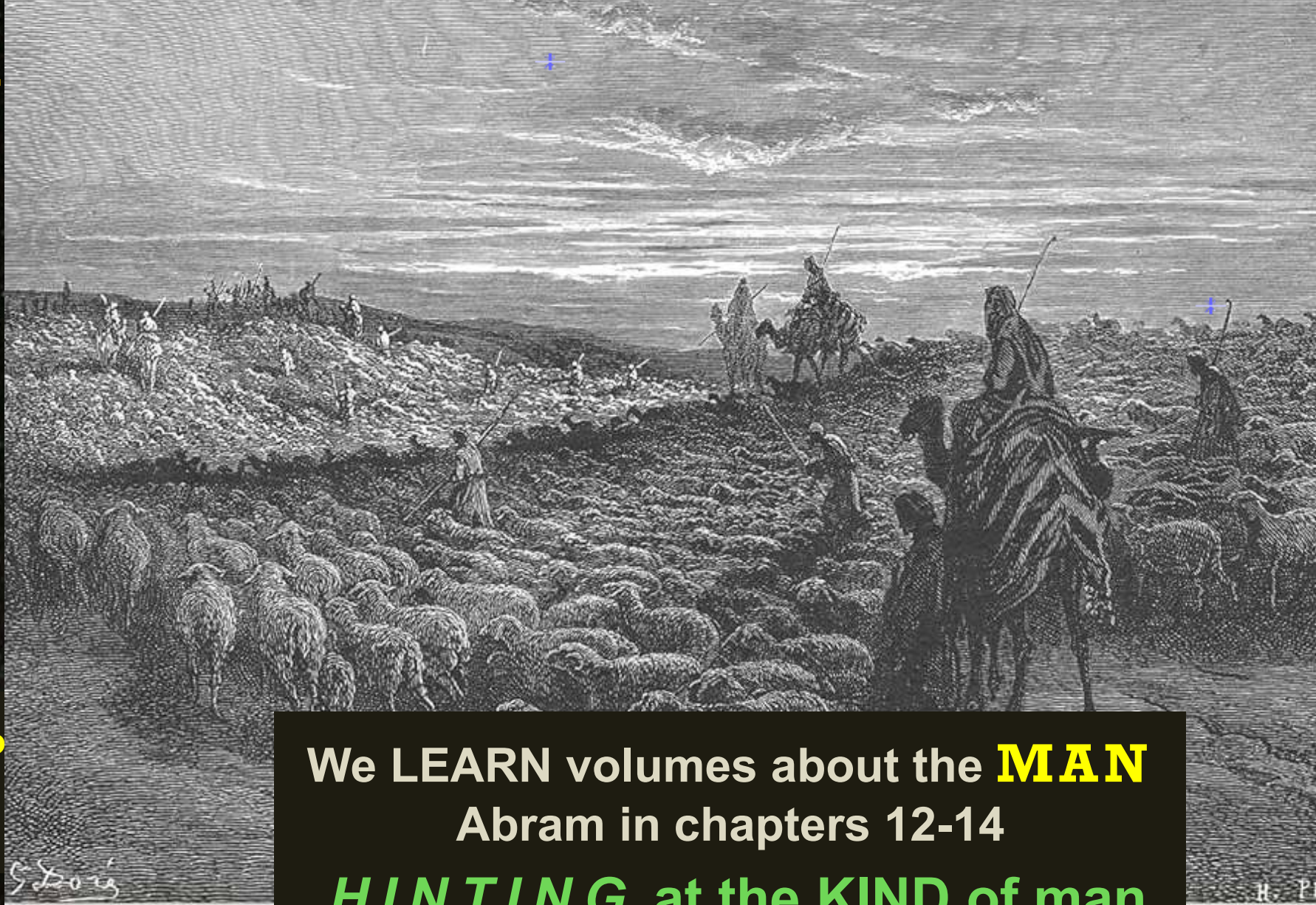
**Yet, look what  
Abram did**

**Ordered this months ago  
from our class ...**



**Where is HOME**  
**Genesis 11 is**  
**Abram's 1st**  
**75 Silent Yrs**  
**Gen 12, Abram**  
**at 75 starts to**  
**new HOME**

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We LEARN volumes about the **MAN**  
Abram in chapters 12-14

**HINTING** at the **KIND** of man  
he was the previous 75 years



# THE MIGRATION OF ABRAHAM

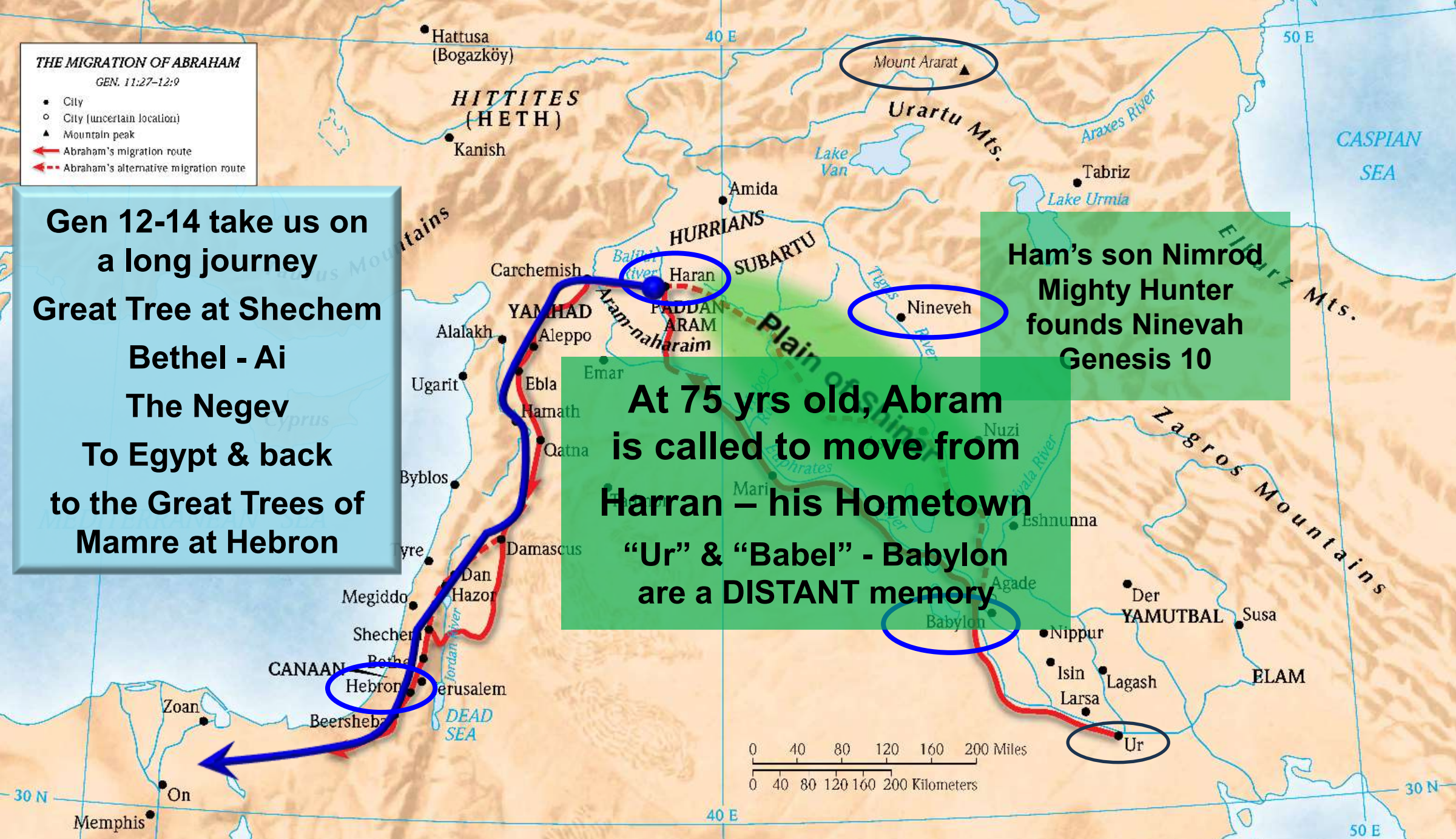
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- City
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- ▲ Mountain peak
- Abraham's migration route
- - - Abraham's alternative migration route

Gen 12-14 take us on  
a long journey  
Great Tree at Shechem  
Bethel - Ai  
The Negev  
To Egypt & back  
to the Great Trees of  
Mamre at Hebron

Ham's son Nimrod  
Mighty Hunter  
founds Nineveh  
Genesis 10

At 75 yrs old, Abram  
is called to move from  
Harran – his Hometown  
“Ur” & “Babel” - Babylon  
are a DISTANT memory





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## GENESIS TIME LINE

2200-2000 BC

2166 BC

Abram/Abraham born

2156 BC

Sarai/Sarah born

2091 BC

Abram moved to Canaan

2081 BC (?)

God's covenant with Ab

2066 BC

Isaac born

2029 BC

Sarah died

2006 BC

Jacob and Esau born

2000-1800 BC

1991 BC

Abraham died

1915 BC

Joseph born

Abram passes thru  
Carchemish

Over 1,400 years  
before the

Battle of Carchemish  
605 B.C.

Babylon beats Egypt

586 B.C. Babylon SACKS  
Jerusalem - BURNS  
TEMPLE - exiles all the best



Gen 12:1 The Lord had said to Abram,  
“Go from your country, your people and  
your father’s household to the  
**land I will show you.**

Abram’s journey begins ... after his  
**FIRST** *recorded* encounter with God ...

THIS & other small elements tell us *safe to say he had other encounters*  
Abram’s father Terah passed a Sethite legacy of **God-fearing** *w/out any Bible*  
Lord came to Abram ... cause Abram **BELIEVED** ...

I suspect ... *even believe* ... that the “oath” he swore in chapter 15  
Was an “oath” he swore **BEFORE** chapter 12 ...  
an “oath” he swore sometime earlier during his 1st 75 **Silent Years**

Abram left Harran a **mature** 75-year-old very **HONORABLE** man of **FAITH**  
**Left Harran ALREADY a well-measured Man**

*Memories*  
Light the corners  
of my mind  
Misty watercolor  
*memories* +  
Of the way we were





# Genesis

Gen 12:1 The Lord had said to Abram,  
“Go from your country, your people and  
your father’s household to the  
**land I will show you.**

2 “I will make you into a GREAT NATION,  
and I will bless you;  
I will make YOUR NAME GREAT,  
and you will be a BLESSING.

3 I will bless those who bless you, &  
whoever curses you I will curse; &  
all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.”

Kind of a Pre-Covenant 1 ... looking to Gen 17, Covenant of Circumcision  
Preparing Abram for when God changes Abram to become Abraham

+ Scattered pictures  
of the smiles  
we left behind  
Smiles we gave to  
*one another*  
+  
*for the way we were*

Make no mistake



This is **NO EASY** journey

If you lived in the SAME  
place for 75 years

No Marco Polo ~ No Adventurer

This journey took **FAITH**



# Genesis

**Gen 12:4** So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was **75 years old** when he set out from Harran.

**5** He took his wife Sarai, nephew Lot, all the possessions ... & the people they had acquired in Harran, they set out for the land of Canaan ... arrived there.

**6** Abram traveled through the land as far as **GREAT TREE OF MOREH** at Shechem. ... the Canaanites were in the land.

Often “OAK” or “Terebinth” a solitary tree  
Several species of OAK ...  
Terebinth used to make turpentine





# Genesis

Gen 12:7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said,  
“To your offspring I will give this land.”  
So he built an altar there to the Lord,  
who had appeared to him.

Aahhhh Pre-Covenant 2 ... preparing Abram to Abraham in Gen 17 ...  
Promise of Land & Long Lineage ...

8 From there he went on toward the  
hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent,  
with Bethel on the west & Ai on the east.

Abram built an altar to the Lord &  
**CALLED** on the name of the Lord.

9 Then Abram set out &  
continued toward the Negev.



**Abram PRAYED**



# Genesis



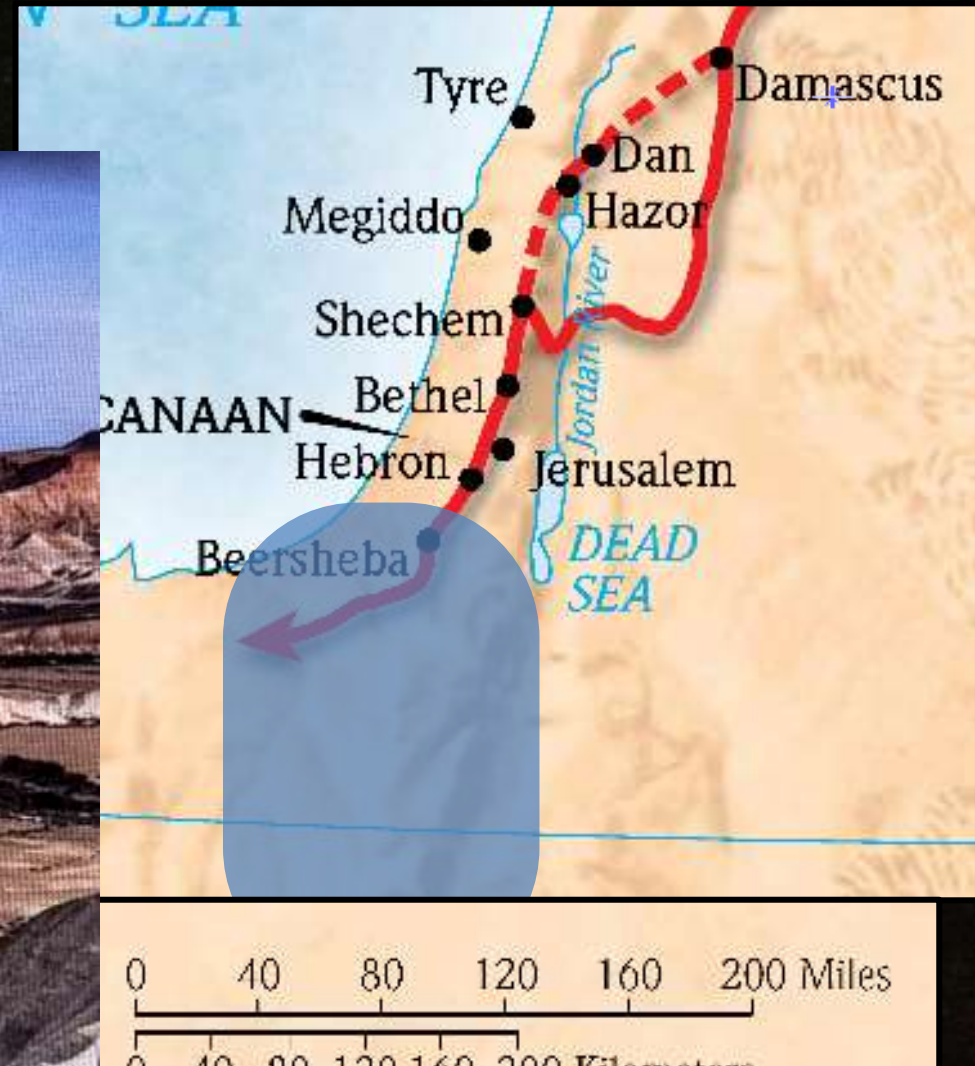
Gen 12:9 **Then Abram set out & continued toward the Negev.**

Negev is the desert area South of Hebron to gulf of Elat

West to the edge of the Sinai Peninsula

Always been a very desolate desert place

The Negev





# Genesis

Gen 12:9 9 Then Abram set out & continued toward the Negev

desolate desert place





# Genesis

Abram thru “Negev” = “the South”  
desert to Egypt

The Negev





# Genesis

The Negev

Gen 12:10 Now there was a famine in the land,  
Abram went down to Egypt ... a while ....

11 As he was about to enter Egypt,  
he said to his wife Sarai,  
“I know what a beautiful woman you are.

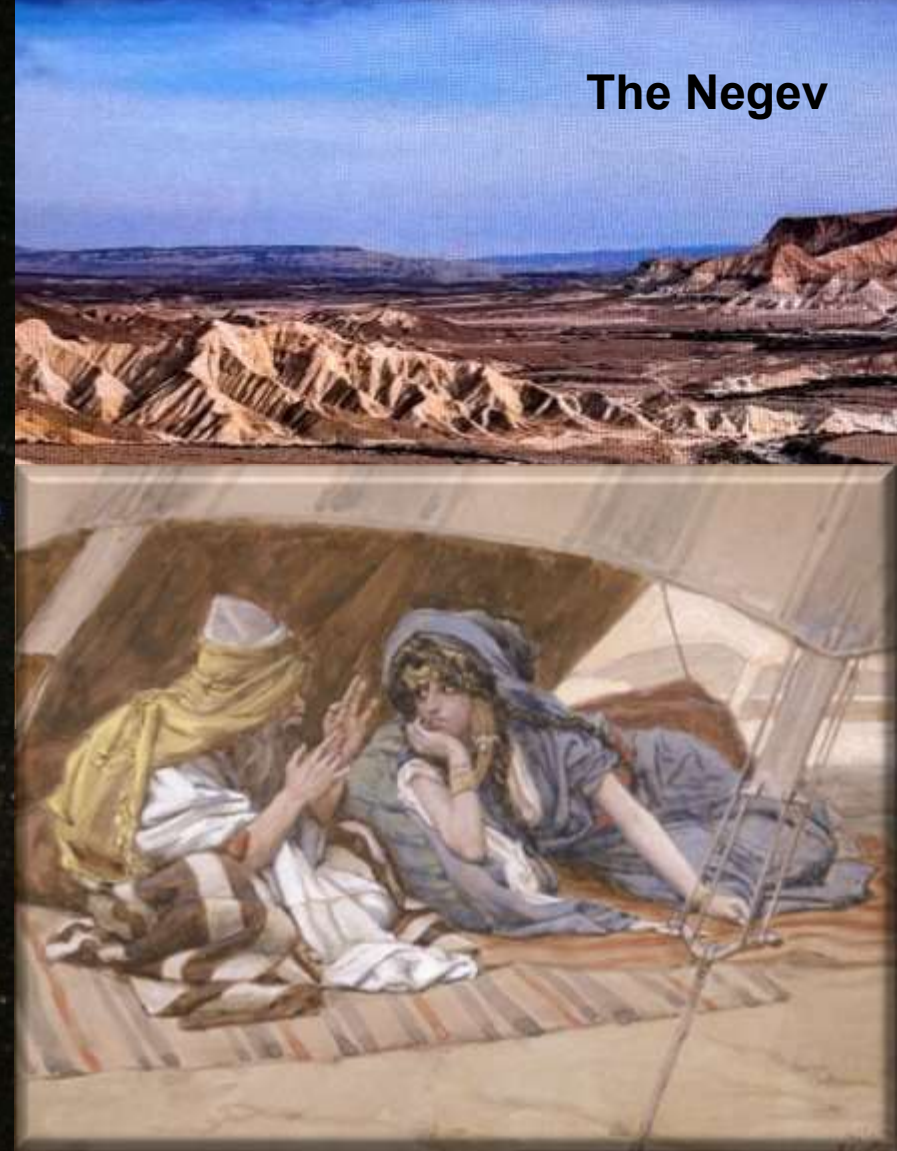
12 When the Egyptians see you, they will say,  
‘This is his wife.’ ... **KILL** me but let you **LIVE**.

13 Say you are my sister, so that  
I will be treated well for your sake and  
my **LIFE** will be spared because of **YOU**.”

Abram is 80ish & Sarai is 75ish ...

holdin’ their ages quite well ... *soon* ...

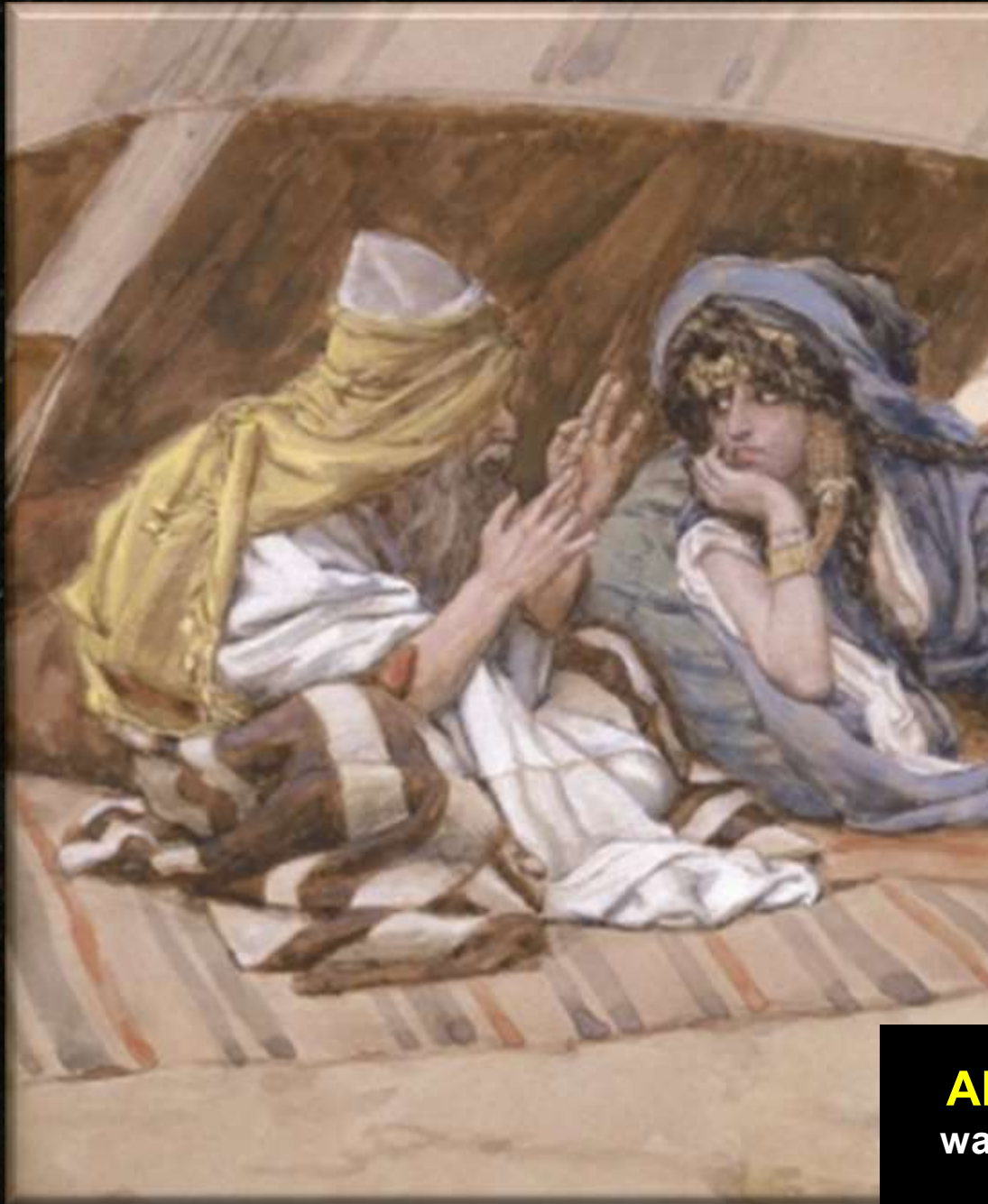
Abram leads a small army to wallop 4 **KINGS** ...  
*gonna* rescue his nephew Lot & **OTHERS**



**Abraham's Counsel to Sarai**  
watercolor by James Tissot, c. 1900  
Jewish Museum, New York



Abram to Sarai  
What words?  
What feelings?  
What courage?  
What devotion?  
Realities of  
Hungry Beggars  
Realities of  
Evil Men  
Realities of FEAR  
Hope for MERCY  
Hope to **LIVE**



Can it be that it was  
all so simple then?  
Or has time  
re-written every line?  
If we had the chance  
to do it all again  
Tell me, would we?  
*could we?*

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# Genesis

Gen 12:14 When Abram came to Egypt,  
Egyptians saw Sarai was a  
very beautiful 75-yr-old woman.

15 When Pharaoh's officials saw her ...  
Sarai to his palace.

16 He treated Abram well for *her sake*, and  
sheep & cattle ... donkeys ... servants, & camels.

We are talking about 2100 B.C.

Great Pyramid of Khufu,  
2nd king of 4th dynasty

finished about 2560 B.C. ...  
450 years before Abraham

Abraham saw them  
glistening in the SUN





About 450 years old when Abraham walked among them  
Still glistening white in the sun ... seen from miles away ...

# —LOST— TREASURES OF EGYPT



NATIONAL  
GEOGRAPHIC

BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH



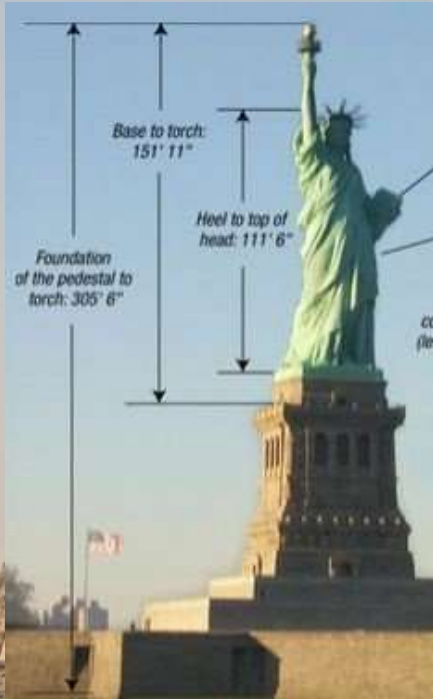
# Genesis



**Great Pyramid of Khufu 455 feet tall ... tallest in world for 4,000 years**

**Statue of Liberty w its base is only  
305 feet**

**a full 150 feet SHORTER**





# Genesis

Gen 12:17 But the Lord inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh & his household because of Abram's wife Sarai.

18 Pharaoh ... "What have you done?" he said.... "your wife?

19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' .. take her to be MY wife?

Now then, here is your wife. Take her & go!"

20 Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, they sent him on his way, with his wife & everything he had.

Hard to decipher ...

Except that *perhaps* Abram misread Pharaoh's honor

Yet **SOMEONE** had related **HOW** the **DISEASES** came from **ABRAM's GOD**





# Genesis

Gen 13:1 So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife & everything ... & Lot went with him.

2 Abram had become very wealthy in livestock & in silver & gold.

3-4 From the Negev he went ... to the place between Bethel & Ai where his tent had been earlier ... first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the Lord.

Abram  
PRAYED

We are seeing a lot of LOT ... Abram's nephew ... Close family ties ... very close ...







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Abram  
**PRAYED**



# Genesis

Gen 13:5-7 Lot's herdsmen quarrel w Abram's herdsmen ... over grazing

8 So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling...  
for we are close relatives.

9 Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company.  
If you go to the left, I'll go to the right;  
if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."

LOT has had a lot to do with Abram's FAMILY ...

Lot has become like a SON to Abram ...  
*that's a major part of this story!*

# FAMILY

A lot centers around LOT ...

How much Abram cares for him ... LENGTHS Abram goes to SAVE

Some see a lot of this as Abram like Christ saving LOT



# Genesis

Gen 13:10 Lot looked around & saw plain of the Jordan  
toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the Lord,  
like the land of Egypt.

(before the Lord destroyed Sodom & Gomorrah.)

11 Lot chose ... Jordan & set out east....

12 Abram lived in the land of Canaan,  
while Lot lived among the cities of the plain &  
pitched his tents near Sodom.

13 People of Sodom were wicked ... against the Lord.

What does Lot fear? ... when you have Abram on your side

Lot chose as best he could ... we can assume when choosing

For YEARS they grazed all over ... they knew the land & people



# Genesis

Gen 13:14 The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him ...

“Look around from where you are,  
to the north and south, to the east and west.

Here is Pre-Covenant 3 ... Land & Long Lineage ...

15 All the land that you see I will give to you  
and your offspring a forever.

16 I will make your offspring like the DUST of the earth,  
so that if anyone could count the DUST,  
then your offspring could be counted.

17 Go, walk through the length & breadth of the LAND,  
for I am giving it to you.”

18 So Abram went to live near the  
great trees of Mamre at Hebron,  
where he pitched his tents.

There he built an altar to the Lord.

DUST  
here

Stars  
Gen 15

Pre-Covenant 3  
God Preparing  
Abram to Abraham



# Genesis

Gen 14.1-3

At the time when Amraphel was king of Shinar,

Arioch king of Ellasar

Kedorlaomer king of Elam

Tidal king of Goyim



Bera king of Sodom

Birsha king of Gomorrah

Shinab king of Admah

Shemeber king of Zeboyim

? king of Bela, i.e., of Zoar

Look at  
these as  
"Kings of  
Towns"

... kings together ... Valley of Siddim (Dead Sea Valley).

4-7 After 12 yrs of Kedorlaomer in 13th year ... they rebelled.

Kedorlaomer ... defeats Rephaites ... Zuzites ... Emites ... Horites ...  
Amalekites ... Amorites....

8-10 5 Kings drew battle lines in the Valley of Siddim ... *FLED*.

11 Four kings seized the goods of Sodom & Gomorrah....

12 They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot & his possessions  
since he was living in Sodom.



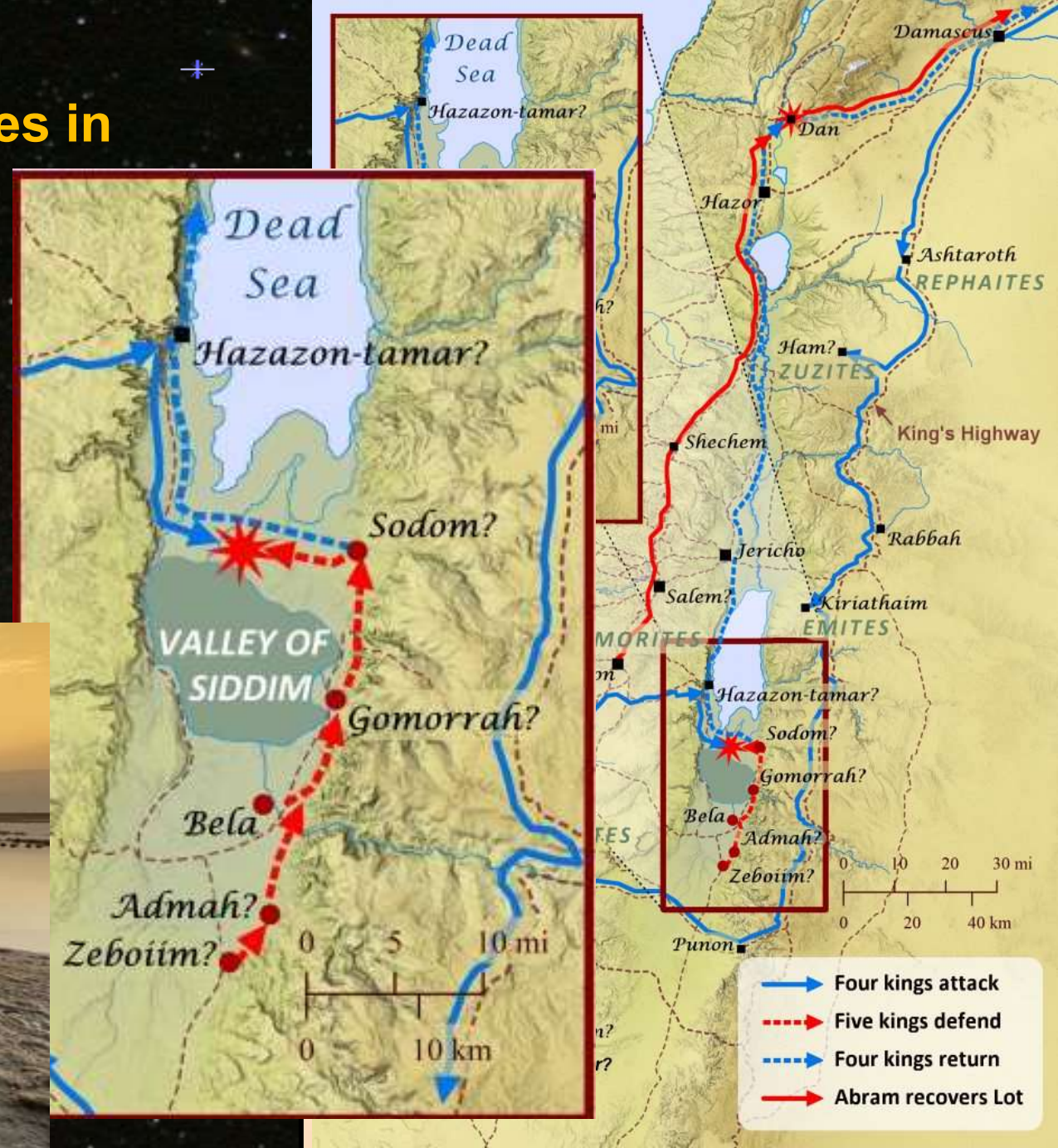
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Valley below the Dead Sea

Sodom & Gomorrah are hinted to be prosperous cities & looted





# Genesis

Gen 14:13 A man escaped came & reported to Abram the Hebrew.

Now Abram was living near the Great Trees of Mamre the Amorite  
a brother of Eshkol & Aner, all allied with Abram. @HEBRON

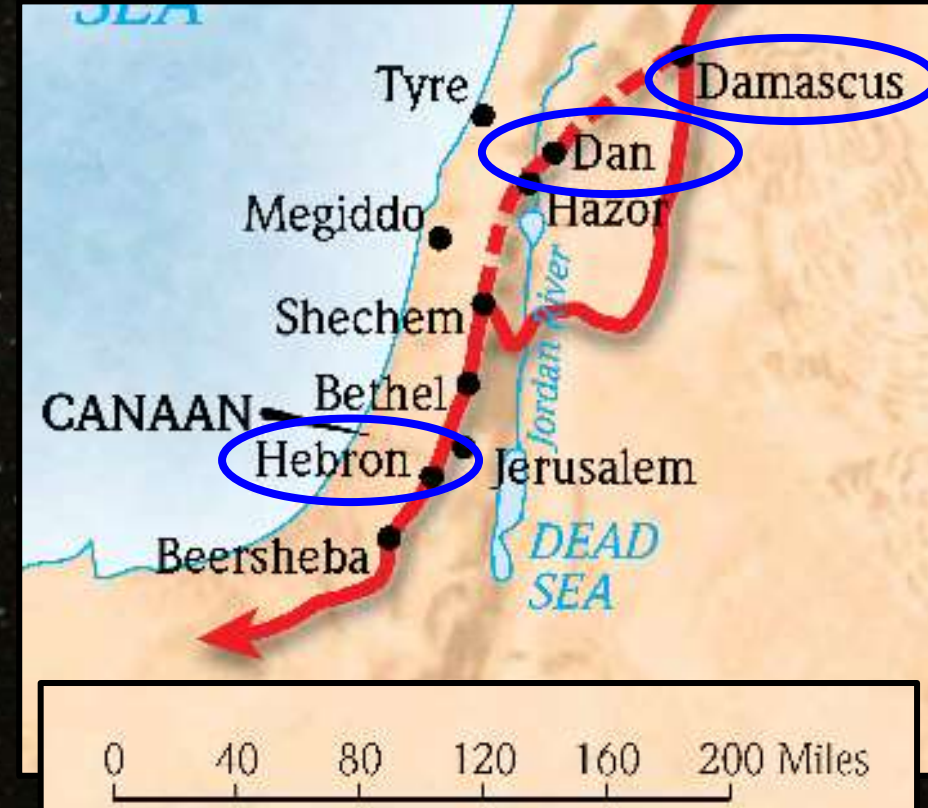
14 When Abram heard ... he called out the 318 trained men  
born in his household & went in pursuit as far as Dan.

15 During the night Abram divided his men  
to attack them ... routed ...  
pursuing them as far as Hobah,  
north of Damascus.

16 He recovered ALL & brought back Lot ...  
& women & others.

As battles go ... I suspect just a few 1,000s

SEE how easily Abram *believed* the MIGHTIER  
Egyptian Pharaoh might KILL him for Sarai





Gen 14:16 He recovered ALL & brought back Lot ... & women & others.

17 After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer & KINGS ...

king of Sodom came out to meet Abram in the Valley of Shaveh  
the King's Valley.

UP from Sodom to Valley of Shaveh, King's Valley ... AFTER BATTLE +

Near Salem ... AFTER the BATTLE

Salem would become Jerusalem

King's Valley likely Kidron Valley



Memories - may be beautiful & yet

What's too painful to remember

We simply choose to *forget*

So it's the laughter

We will remember

Whenever we remember

The way we were



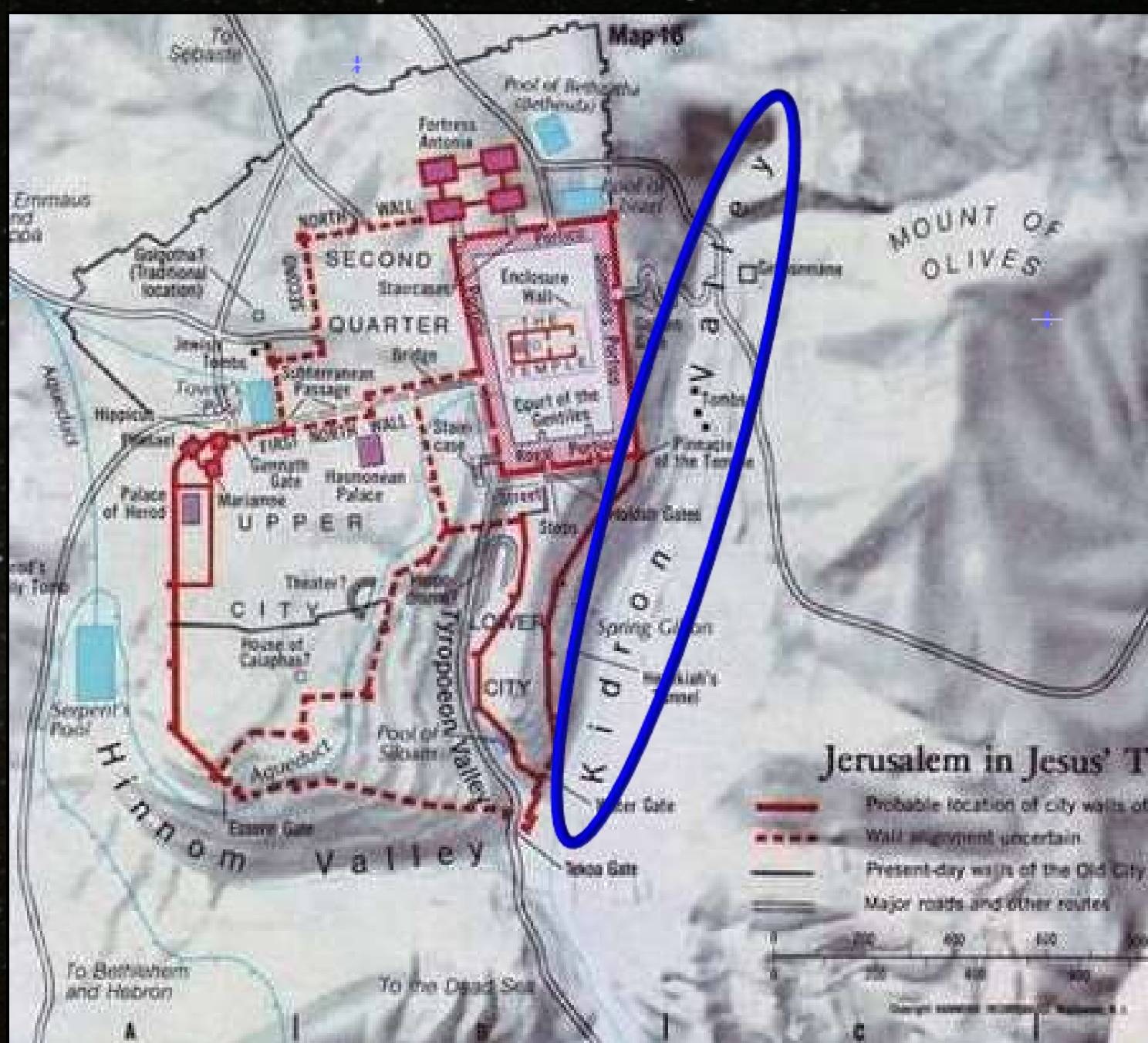


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came out to meet  
Abram in the  
Valley of Shaveh ...  
the King's Valley.

Near Salem ... that would  
become Jerusalem  
in the Kidron Valley

Lot of history will  
surround this fair city





# Genesis

Gen 14:18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine.

He was priest of the God Most High,

19 he blessed Abram, saying,  
“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

20 And praise be to God Most High,  
who delivered your enemies  
into your hand.”

Then Abram gave him a  
**TENTH** of everything.

First reference to giving ...

of EVERYTHING = “he TOOK?”

“he HAD?” ~ “he OWNED in Hebron?”

See another part of Abram’s character





# Genesis

Gen 14:21 King of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the people & keep the goods for yourself.”

Goods **STOLEN** from Sodom – King was giving to Abram

22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom,  
“With raised hand I have sworn an **OATH** to the Lord,  
God Most High, Creator of heaven & earth.

**WHEN?**

When did Abram swear that **OATH**?

10 years ago before he left Harran at 75

50 years ago at the feet of Father Terah

We can assume this was Abram's **LIFE**

**How He Lived in HONOR**

See what Abram does next ...





Gen 14:23 I will accept **NOTHING** belonging to you,  
not even a thread ... lace of a sandal ...  
so that you will *never* be able to say,  
**‘I made Abram rich.’**

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my men have eaten and the  
**SHARE** of that belongs to the men  
who went with me  
—to Aner, Eshkol and Mamre.  
Let them have *their* **SHARE.**”

What was the 10th to Melchizedek?—**SPOILS?**

Abram gave **BACK** to King of Sodom *what was his*  
**Shared** spoils to Mamre, friends, others

**Abram took only Lot & what was his**





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by Grady Poulard

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And his contentment with what he has.

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Goodness, that describes *Abram ... Abraham*

and hopefully most of us too

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