

Cultural, Historical, and Geographic Significance



**I will make your name
great**

Genesis 12



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Acts 17:11 (ESV)

Now these (Berean) Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

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Blessing for Torah Study

Blessed are you, LORD God, King of the universe who sanctifies us and commanded us to immerse ourselves in the words of Torah. Sweeten the words of your Torah in our mouths. Blessed are you Lord, giver of the Torah. **אמן!**



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Summary

Introduction / Geography

God Calls Abram

In Canaan (promised land)

In Egypt (world)



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Genesis

Pre-history

Abraham

Isaac

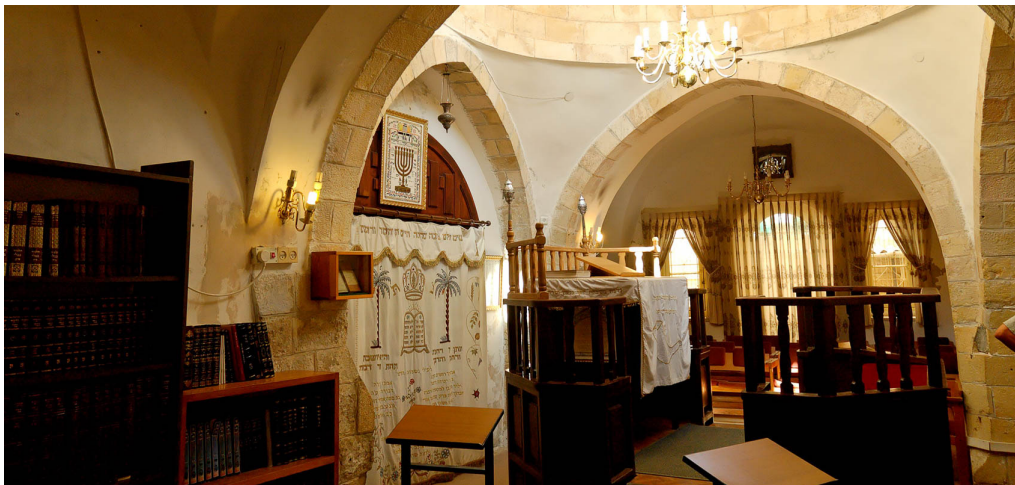
Jacob

Joseph



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They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works Abraham did.”



Abraham Avinu (Abraham Our Father) synagogue in Hebron

John 8:39



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The Ten Tests of Abraham

- The call from his homeland
- The famine in Canaan
- The abduction of Sarah in Egypt
- The war with the four kings
- The wait for a son and his marriage to Hagar
- Circumcision
- The abduction of Sarah by Abimelech
- The Exile of Hagar
- The Exile of Ishmael
- The Sacrifice of Isaac**



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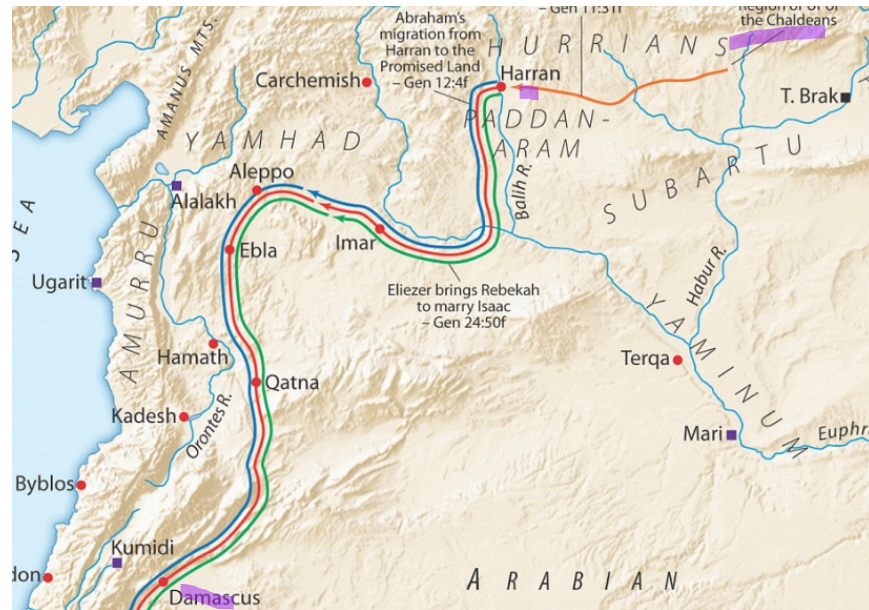
From Ur of the Chaldees to Haran



Satellite Bible Atlas, Map 2-1 Origins of the Patriarchs

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From Haran to Damascus



New Moody Bible Atlas Map 30: Migrations and wanderings of the Patriarchs



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To Shechem

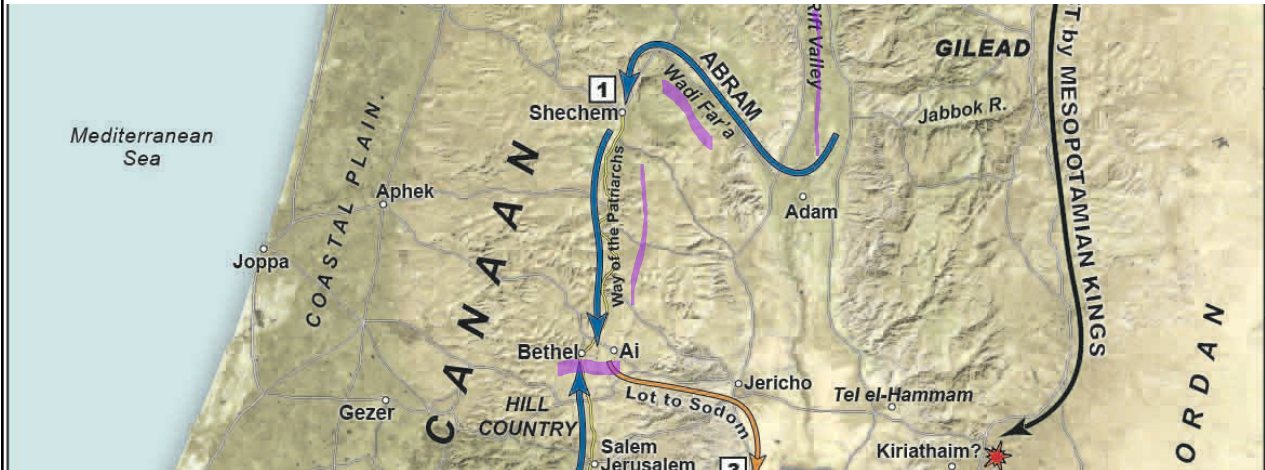


New Moody Bible Atlas Map 31: Abraham in the Holy Land



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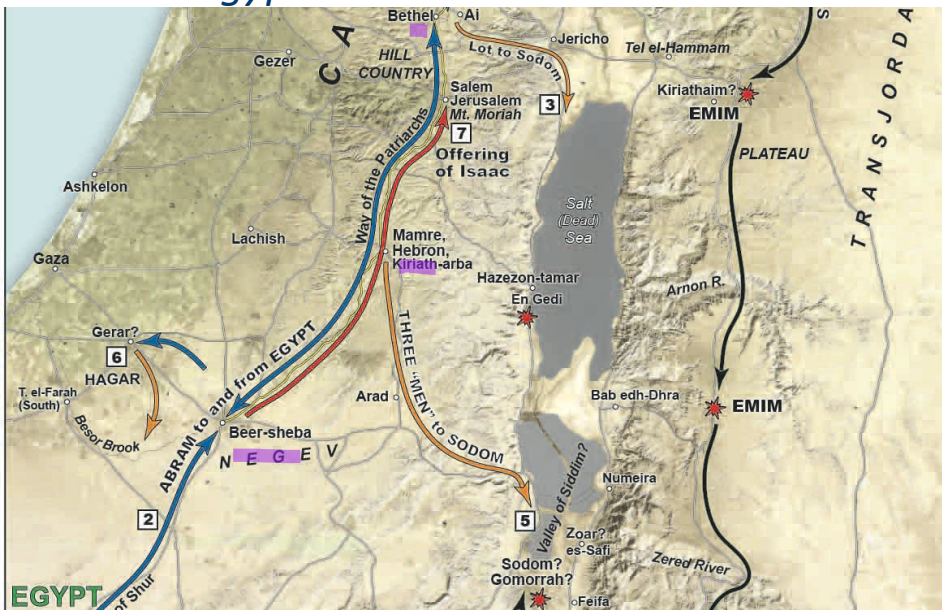
From Shechem to Bethel



Satellite Bible Atlas Map 2-2: The Patriarchs: Abraham and Isaac

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From Bethel to Egypt



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Genesis 12:1-3 God calls Abraham

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.”

References

Hebrews 11:8 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.



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7 Promises**Sons of Abraham through Messiah**

1. Make you a Great Nation

Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

2. I will bless you

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

3. Make your name great

Phil 2:9-10 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth

4. You will be a blessing

Gal 3:14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.




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5. Bless those who bless you Matthew 25:34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (those things done for the least of these are done unto Him).

6. Curse those who curse you Matthew 25:41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.' (those things not done to the least of these were not done unto Him.).


7. All families of the earth will be blessed Acts 3:25 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.'
Galatians 3:8 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." 

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Genesis 12:4

4 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.

References

Acts 7:3-4 and said to him, 'Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.'
 [4] Then he went out from the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living. 

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Genesis 12:5**References**

5 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**.



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Abram took ... the people that they had acquired in Haran



View of the Haran Plain in Sultantepe (from the northeast)

Genesis 7:5



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*Walking In His Dust***Talmidim know the law of sowing and reaping***Galatians 6:7-8*

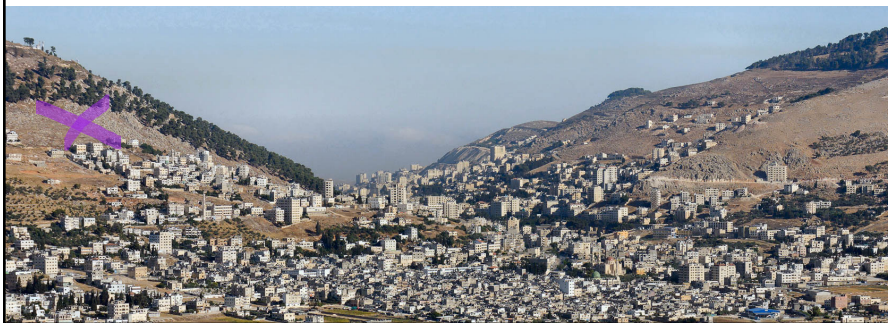
Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.



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Genesis 12:6 - In Canaan

6 (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.

***References***

John 4:20-21 Our fathers worshiped on **this mountain**, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." [21] Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father



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Genesis 12:7-9**References**

7 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.

8 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.

9 And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the **Negeb**.



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He pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east



Area of Bethel and Ai (aerial view from the east)

Genesis 12:8



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And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negev.



Well of Abraham in Beersheba

Genesis 12:9

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Genesis 12:10 – Flight to Egypt

Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.



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<i>Genesis 12:11-13 – The ruse with Sarai</i>	<i>References</i>
<p>When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, “I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.”</p>	<p>Genesis 20:12 Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father though not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife.</p>



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<i>Genesis 12:14-16</i>	<i>References</i>
<p>When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful.</p> <p>And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.</p> <p>And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.</p>	



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Genesis 12:14-16

But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great **plagues** because of Sarai, Abram's wife. So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; **take her, and go.**" And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and **they sent him away** with his wife and all that he had.

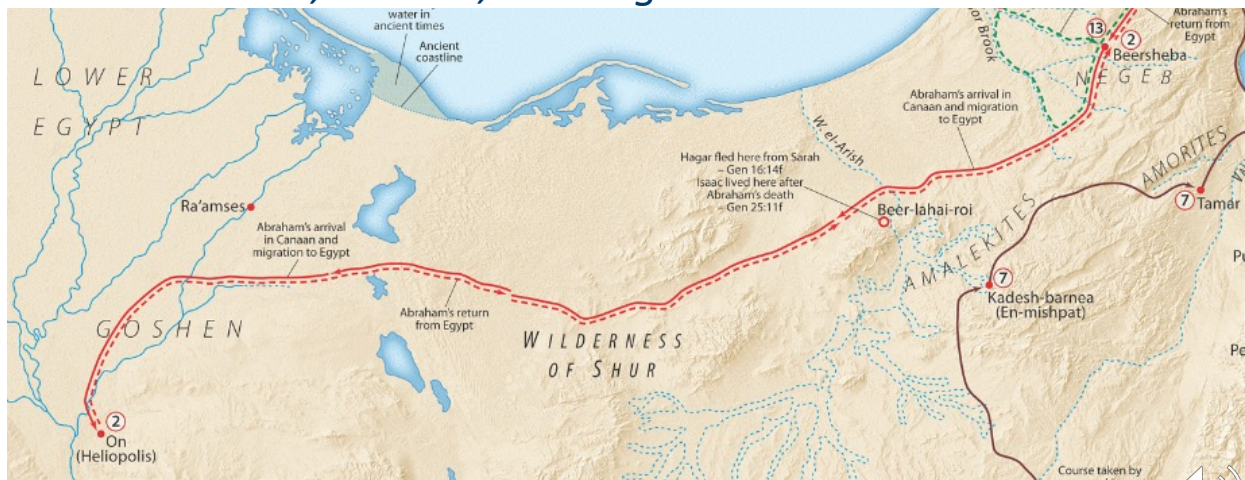
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Genesis 20:3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, "Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man's wife."



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*So Abram went up from **Egypt**, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the **Negeb**. Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.*



Abraham to/from Egypt

Genesis 13:1-2

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