



# The Unified Scriptures

*The Story of the Bible*

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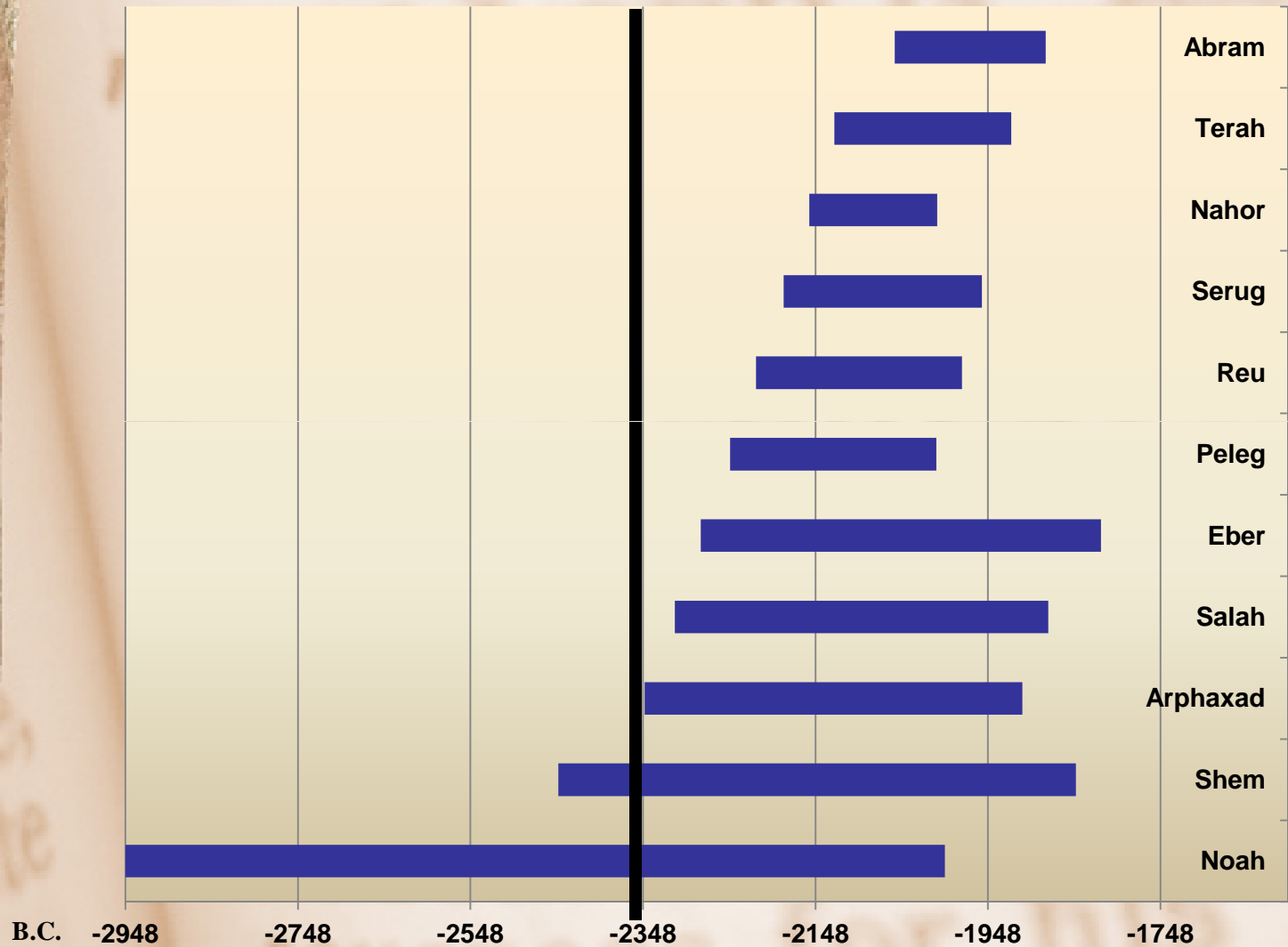
*Lesson 4: First Fathers (Part II)*

# Course Objectives

- To grow in our knowledge and understanding of the facts, themes, and principles of scripture. (2 Tim 3:15)
- To gain confidence in the inspiration of the Bible and its power to change our lives. (Heb. 4:12)
- To increase our faith and hope in God and His wisdom. (1 Peter 1:21)
- To equip ourselves with the ability to tell the story of the Bible to others. (Mark 16:15)



# Genealogy of Abram (Gen 11)



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# The Promises to Abram

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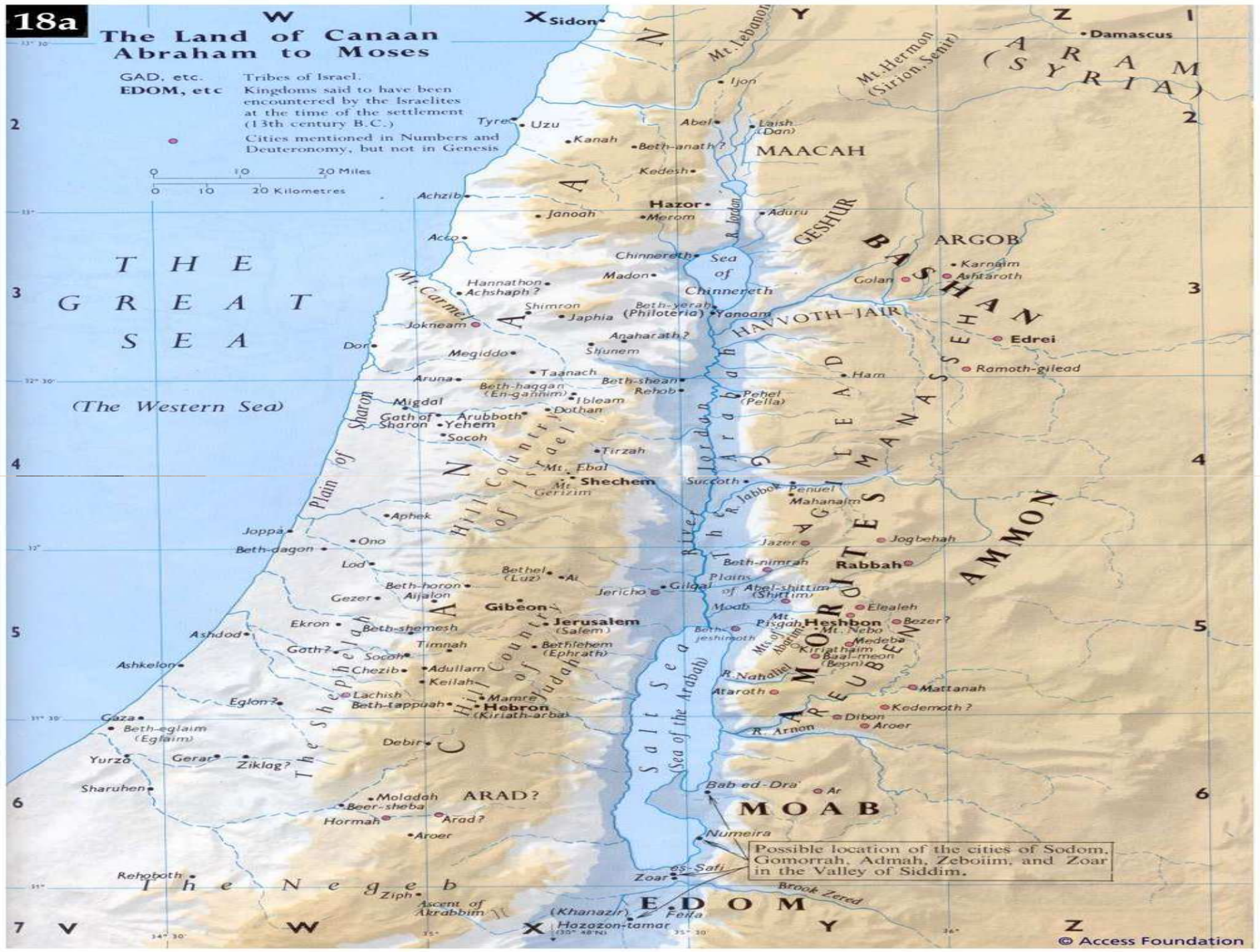
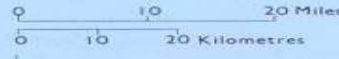
- “Get out...to a land that I will show you” (Gen 12:1)
- “To your descendants I will give this land” (Canaan, 12:7)
- “North, South, East, West...I give to you and your descendants forever” (13:15)
- Confirmed by a covenant in a vision (15:7-18)
  - Descendants will be servants in strange land (15:13)
  - Will come out with great possessions (15:14)
  - Fourth generation will return (15:16)

# The Land of Canaan Abraham to Moses

GAD, etc.  
EDOM, etc

Tribes of Israel.  
Kingdoms said to have been  
encountered by the Israelites  
at the time of the settlement  
(13th century B.C.)

Cities mentioned in Numbers and  
Deuteronomy, but not in Genesis



Possible location of the cities of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboiim, and Zoar in the Valley of Siddim.



# The Promises to Abram

- NATION:
  - “I will make you a great nation” (12:2)
  - Descendants (12:7)
    - “as the dust of the earth (13:16)
    - “count the stars...so shall your descendants be” (15:5)
    - “Father of many nations” (17:4)
  - “From your own body” (15:4)
  - Covenant with Isaac (17:19)



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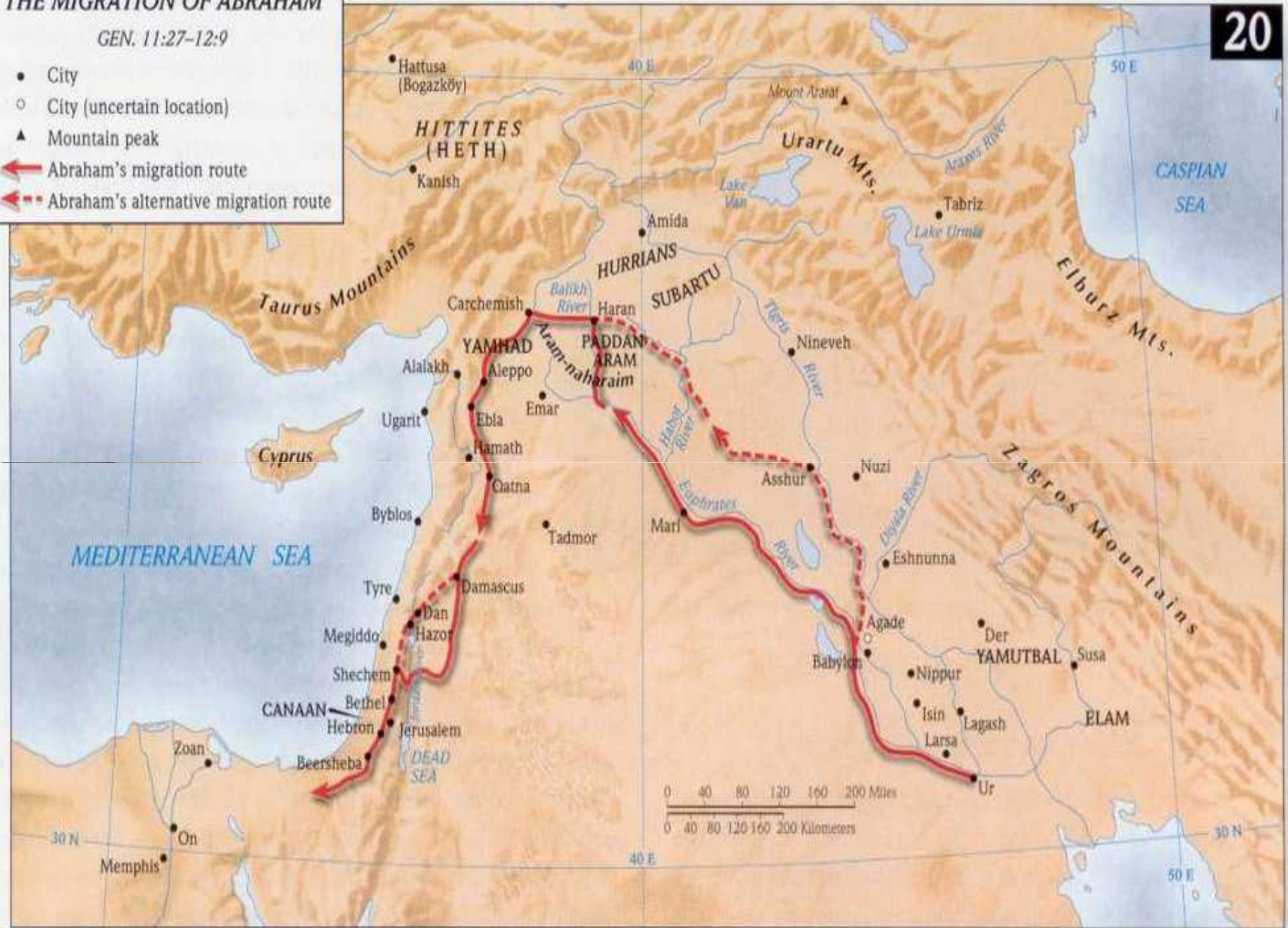
- SEED:
  - “In you all the families of the earth will be blessed” (12:3)
  - In him all the nations of the earth will be blessed (18:18)
  - “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed”
    - Abraham (22:18)
    - Isaac (26:4)
    - Jacob (28:14)

*So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him (12:4)*

# THE MIGRATION OF ABRAHAM

GEN. 11:27-12:9

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Abraham's migration route
- Abraham's alternative migration route

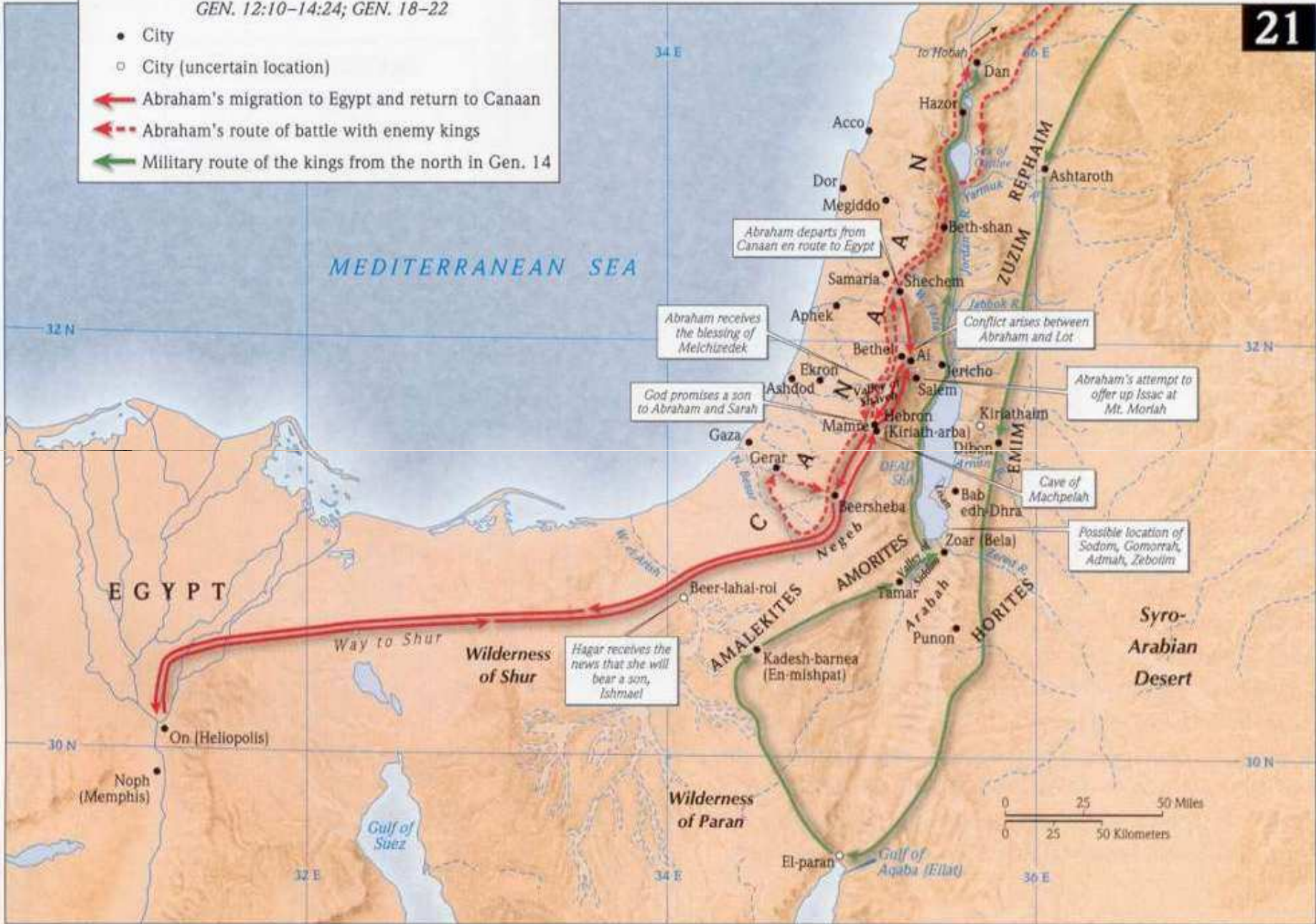




# ABRAHAM IN CANAAN

GEN. 12:10-14:24; GEN. 18-22

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- ← Abraham's migration to Egypt and return to Canaan
- ←- - Abraham's route of battle with enemy kings
- ← Military route of the kings from the north in Gen. 14



MEDITERRANEAN SEA

EGYPT

Syro-Arabian Desert

0 25 50 Miles  
0 25 50 Kilometers

Abraham departs from Canaan en route to Egypt

Abraham receives the blessing of Melchizedek

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# Abram's Faith

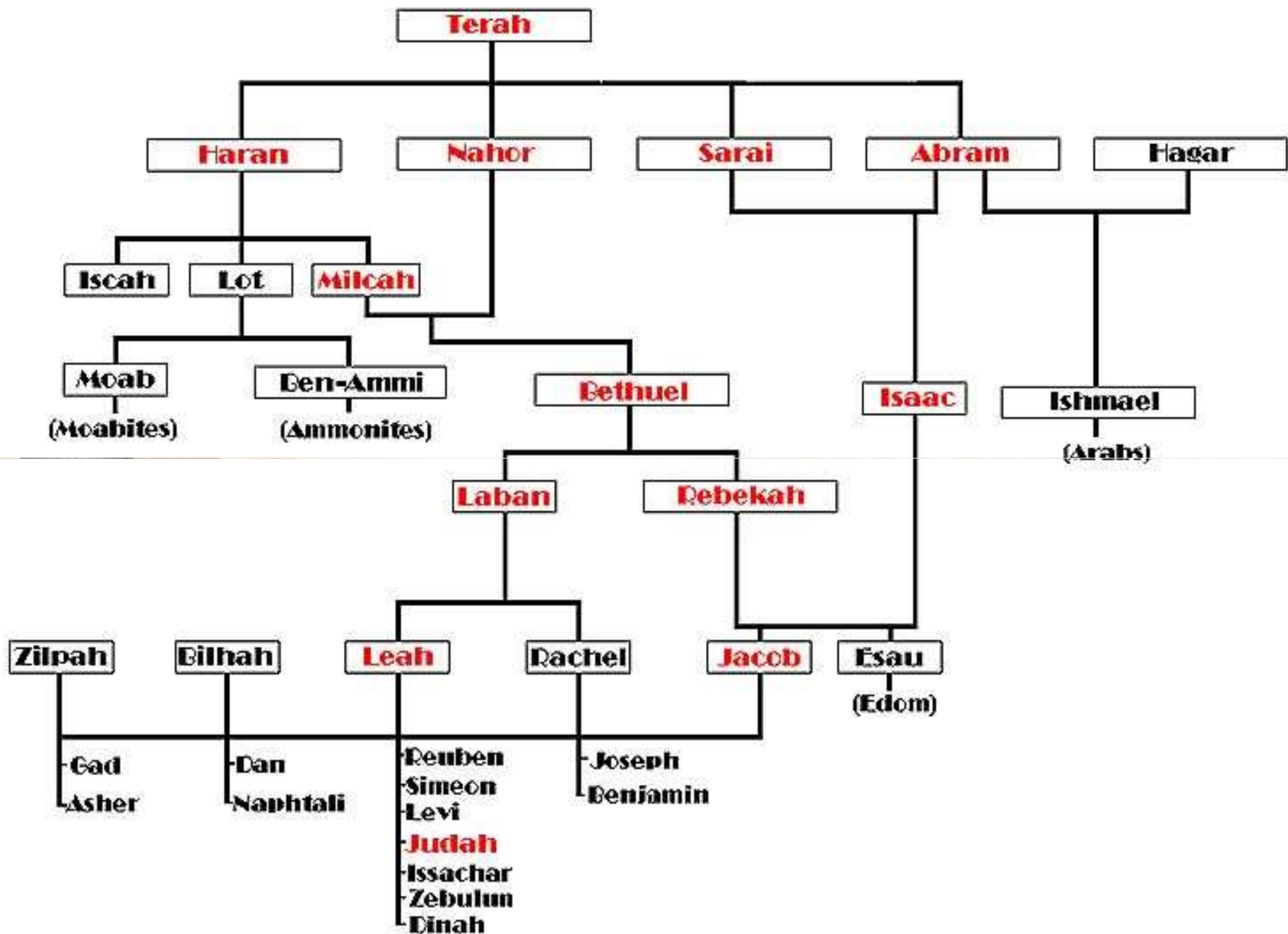
## Strong to this point:

- “Get out” (12:1)
- Severe famine (12:10)
- Battle of the kings (14)
- “From your own body” (15:4, cf. Rom 4:16-22)
- A few missteps

## God wants more:

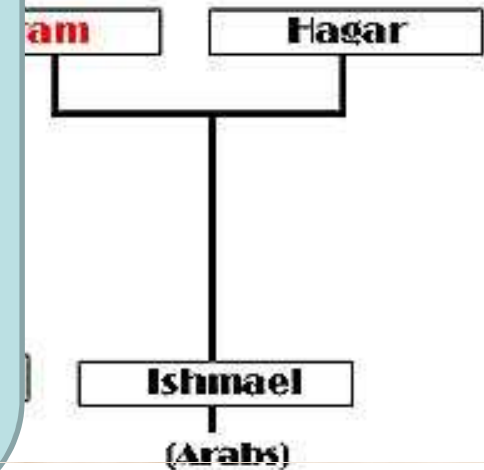
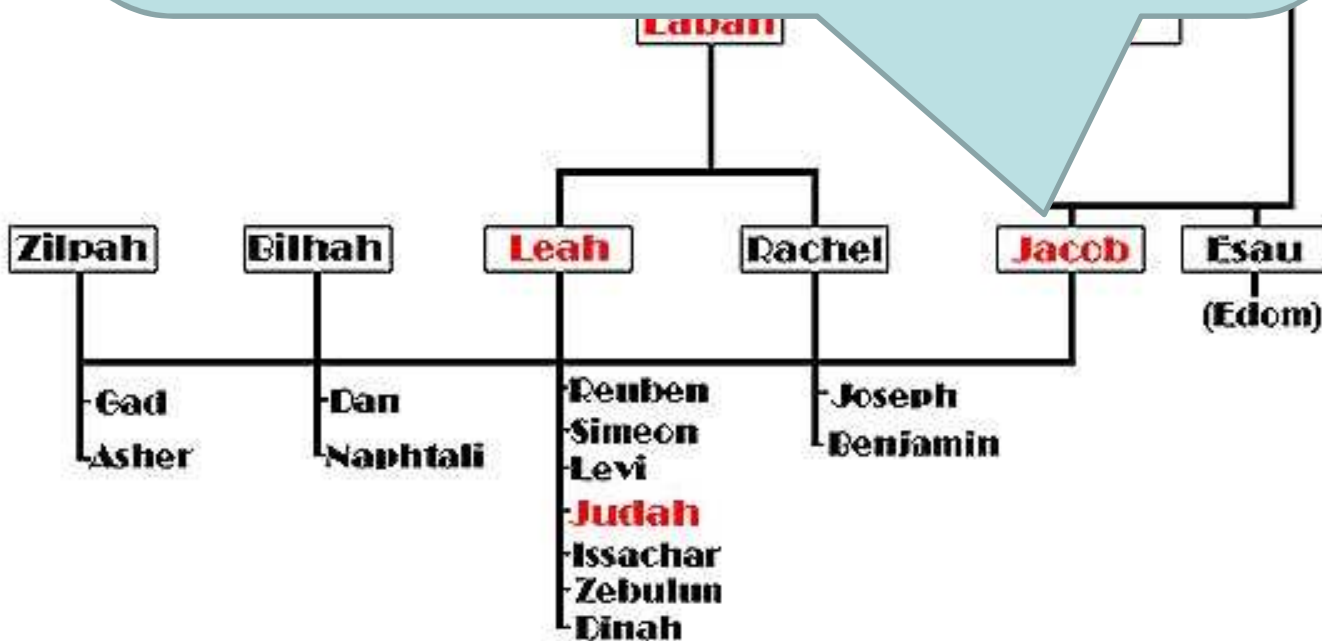
- “God Almighty” (*El Shaddai*)
- Abraham: Father of many nations (17:5)
- Circumcision (17:9-14)
- Not Ishmael, but Isaac (17:19)
- Offer Isaac as burnt offering (22)





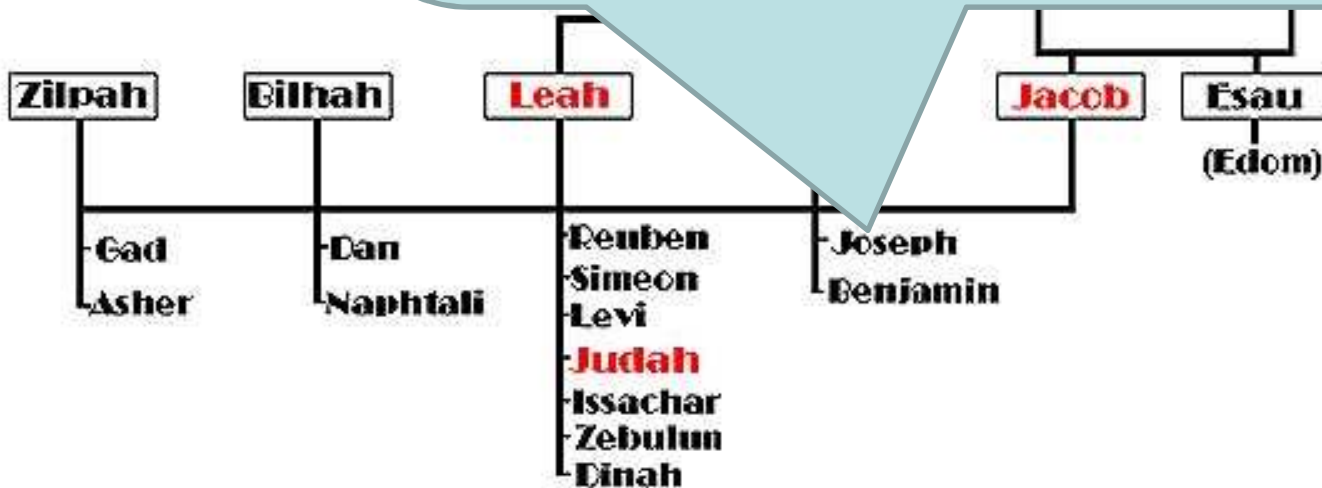
## Jacob

- Name means “deceitful” or “supplanter”
  - tricked Esau out of birthright (25:29-34)
  - tricked Isaac into giving Esau’s blessing (27)
- Key events changed Jacob’s life:
  - dream at Bethel - “Jacob’s Ladder” (28:10-22)
  - deceived by Laban (29:15 ff)
  - wrestling with angel (32:22-32)
  - reunited with Esau (33)



## Joseph

- First son of Rachel (30:24)
- Loved by Jacob, hated by his brothers (37:3-4)
- Sold to Ishmaelites for 20 shekels of silver (37:28)
- Taken to Egypt, bought by Potipher, made overseer of house (39:4)
- Framed by Potipher's wife, thrown in prison (39:14ff)
- Interpreted dreams of prisoners and Pharaoh, made governor of Egypt (41)
- Joseph's brothers come to buy grain, end up moving to Egypt (46:26-27)
- Shows mercy to brothers after Jacob's death, reiterates God's promise to Abraham (50:15-26)





# Key Principles from Genesis

- The wisdom, knowledge, and power of God (cf. Rom 4:17, 11:33)
- The folly of disobedience (cf. 1 Sam 2:10, Prov. 28:26)
- The nature of saving faith (Rom 4:20-22, Heb 11:17-19, Jas 2:21-23)

# Next Week

*Lesson 5:*

*Moses*

*Exodus - Deuteronomy*