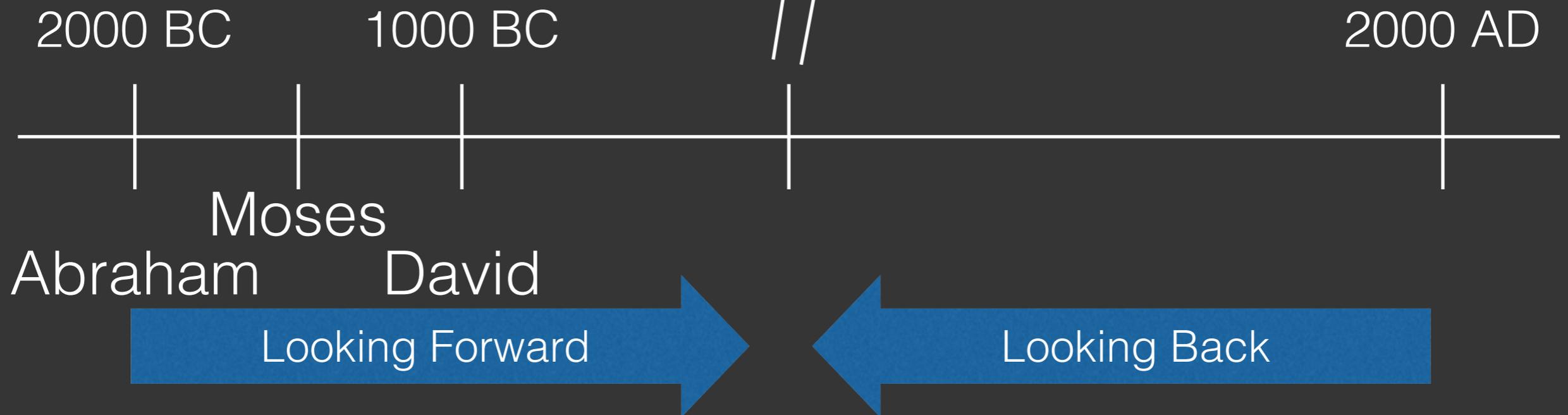


The Call of Abram

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2000 Years from The Cross



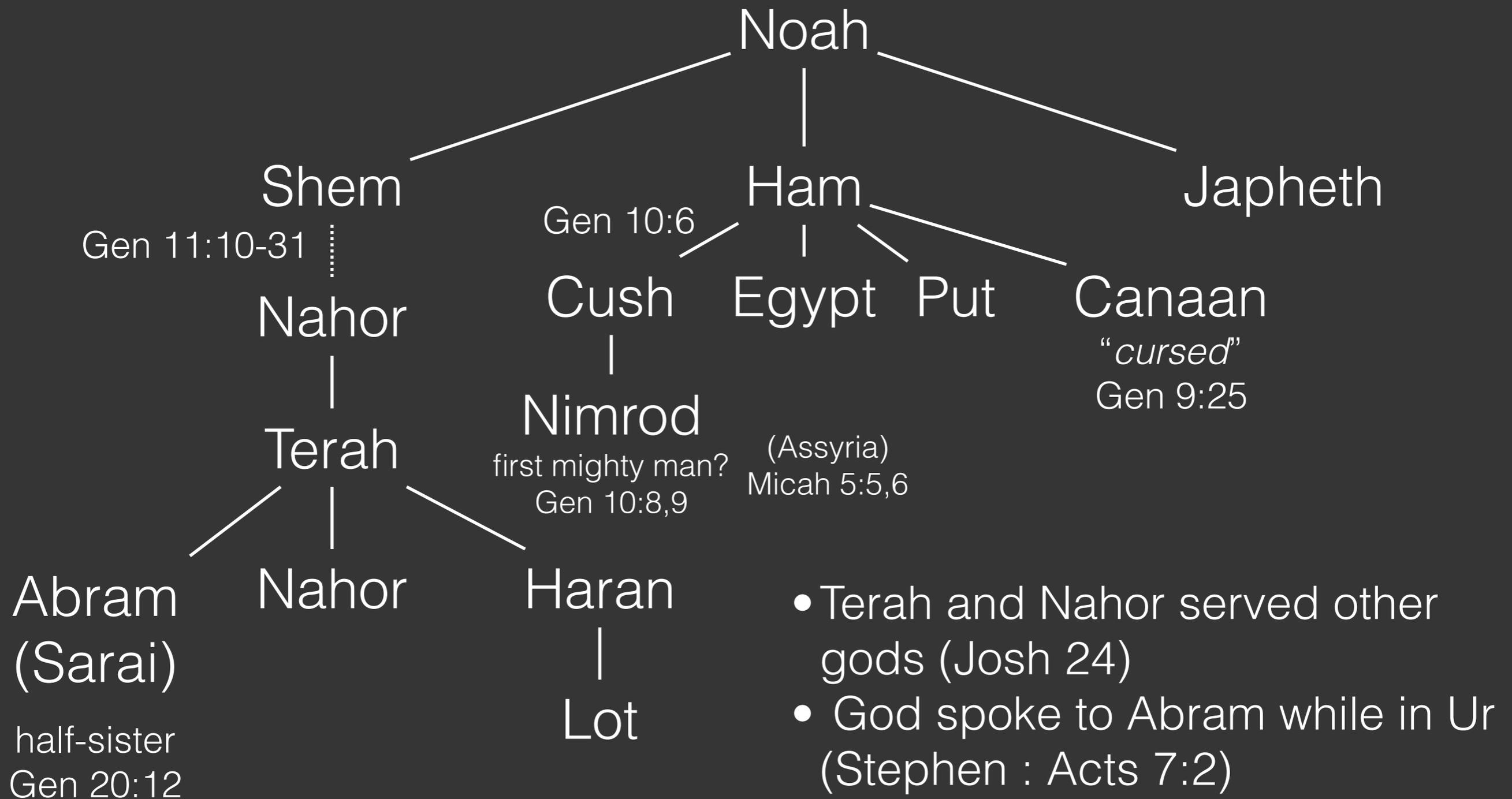
- Our faith rests on an event that occurred 2000 years ago.
 - *“Where is the promise if His coming?”* 2 Peter 3:4
- Abraham’s faith was ultimately in an event that was 2000 years into the future! *“...it shall be provided.”* Gen 22:8
- *“many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see”* Matthew 13:16
- Examples that are to teach us. 1 Corinthians 10:11, Romans 15:4

Covenants

Covenant	Mediator	Scripture
The Promise	Abraham	Genesis 12, 15, ...
Old Covenant The Law	Moses	Exodus 19-24
The King	David	2 Samuel 7
New Covenant	Jesus	Jeremiah 31:31-34

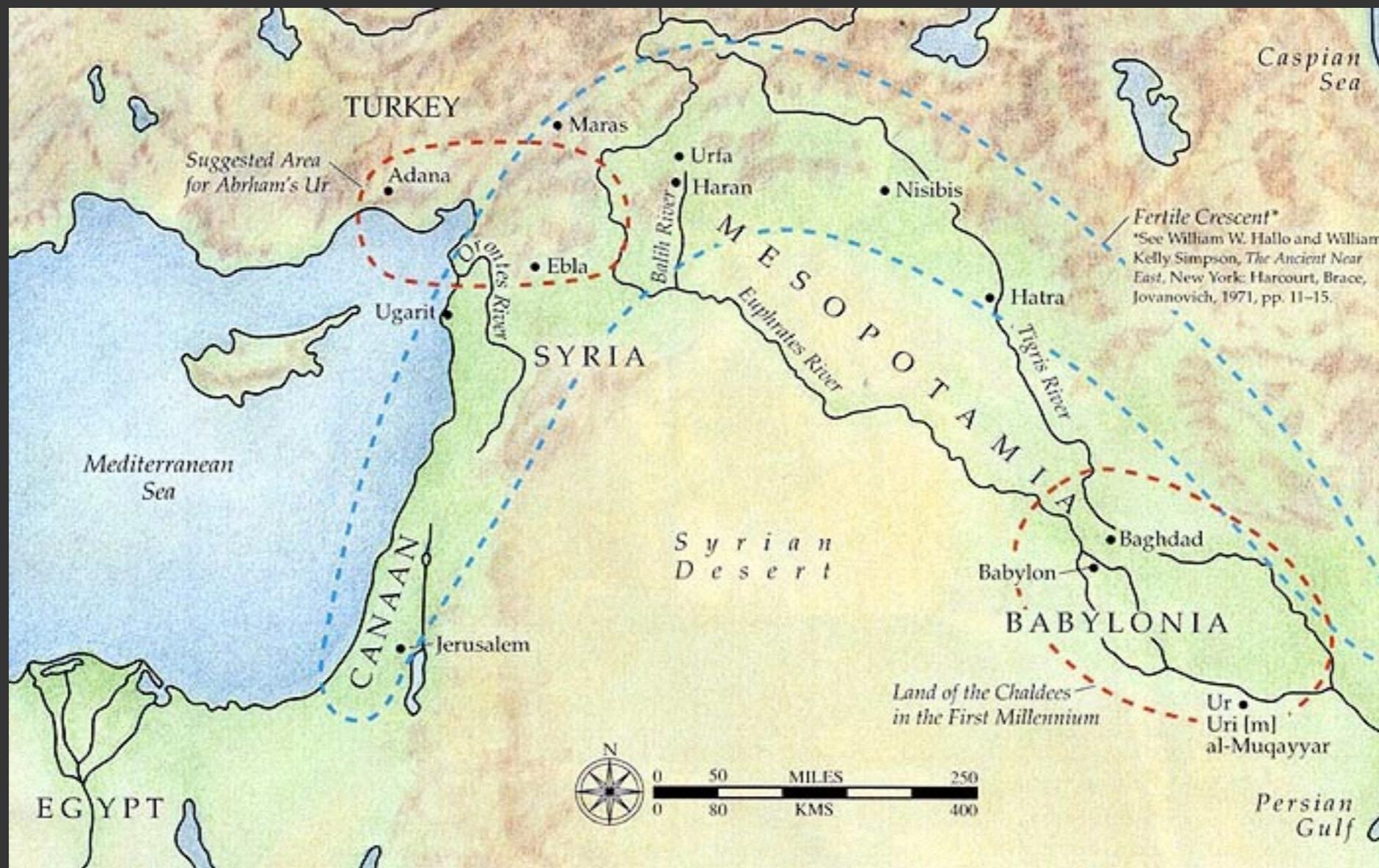
Noah's Descendants

Genesis 9:18-32; 10;
I Chronicles 1:1-26

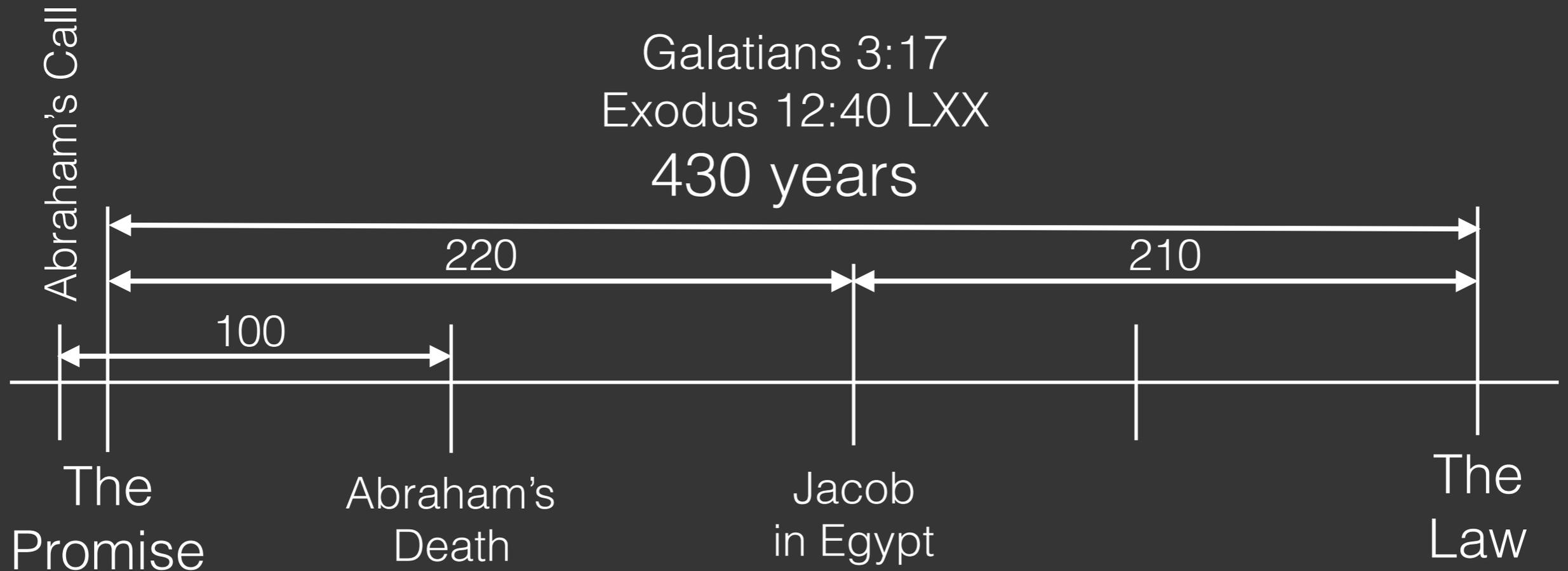


Abraham's Journey

Genesis 11:27 - 12:7



Timeline



- Abraham 70 at call? 75 when he left Haran (Gen 12:4)

- Abraham 100 at birth of Isaac (Gen 21:5) 100 - 70 = 30

- Isaac 60 when Jacob & Esau born (Gen 25:26) 60 220 years

- Jacob 130 years old when in Egypt (Gen 47:8,9) 130

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Genesis 12:1-9

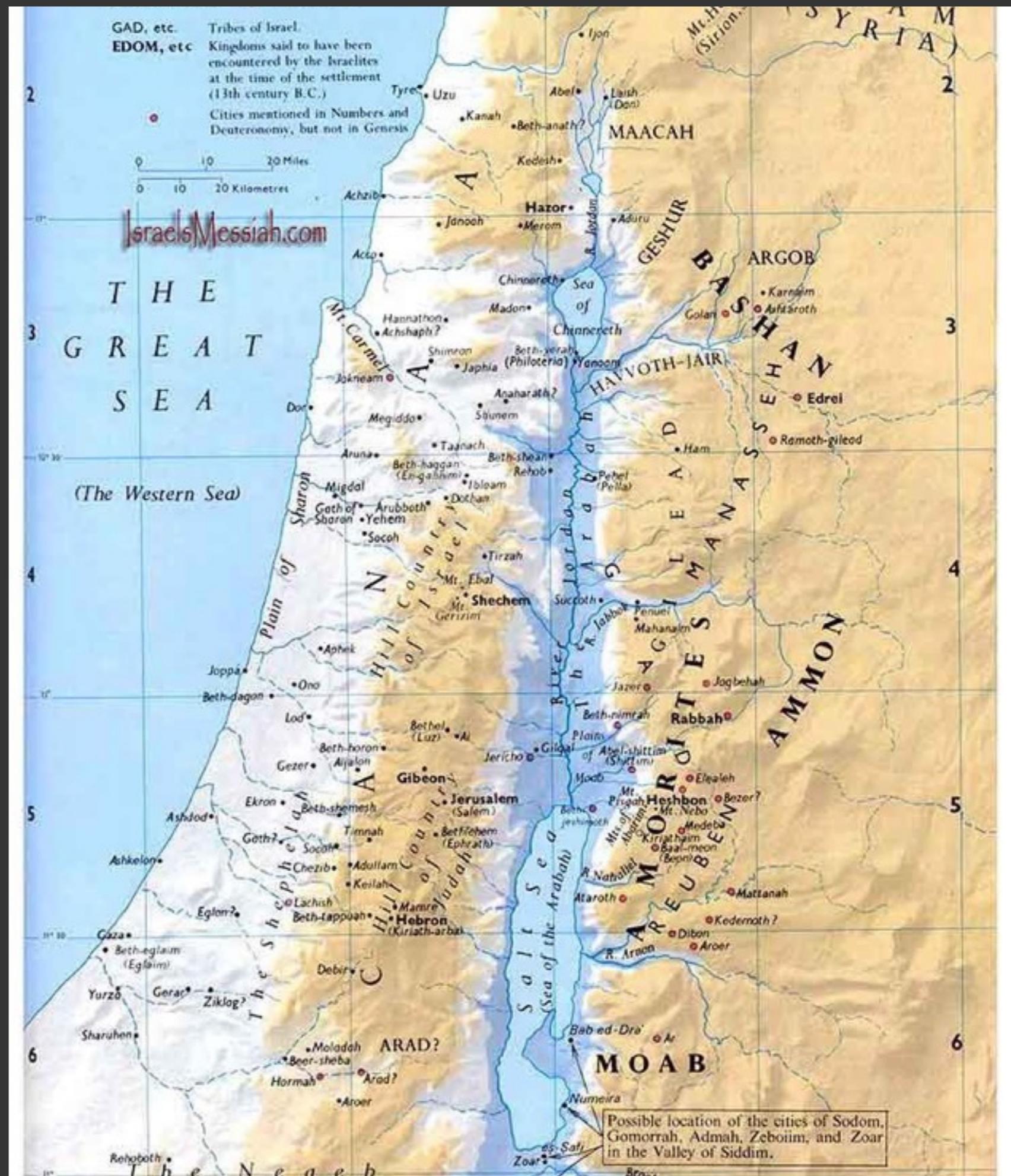
- Stephen's Speech Acts 7:1-8
- Abraham is asked leave country, kindred, and father's house and go a land to will be shown to him later.
- The Promise
 1. A Land
 2. People — "A Great Nation"
 3. Blessing
- None of these would be fulfilled in Abraham's lifetime — in fact the land will not be occupied for another 400 years (Gen 15:13; Acts 7:6)
 - Still unfulfilled to this day — Abram was promised the land from the Euphrates to the Nile (Gen 15:18).
- So Abram went...

Problems?

- Will need to travel 1000 miles to Haran and another 400+ miles to Haran on foot.
- Will never see the rest of his family from Ur again (Dad will die in Haran).
- Does not know where he is going (Hebrews 11:8).
- Abram is old (even though he'll live for another 100+ years).
- Will leave civilization to live as a nomad in tents (Hebrews 11:9).
- Childless... Sarai is barren (Hebrews 11:11).
- Will live in a land of untrusting neighbors and enemies on all sides.
- He will die before promises are fulfilled (Hebrews 11:13) — Land will not be occupied for another 400 years!

Abraham Enters Canaan Genesis 12:4-9

- Abram goes to Shechem, to the Oak of Moreh.
- The Lord appears to Abram, and he builds an altar.
 - *“To your offspring I will give this land.”*
- Moves to Bethel, builds an altar and *“calls upon the name of the Lord.”*
- *He returns to Bethel and Shechem in Genesis 13 where God reconfirms His covenant.*



Abram Goes to Egypt

Genesis 12:10-20

- Famine drives Abram to Egypt.
 - Reoccurring theme
 - Western border of promised territory (Gen 15:18)
- Abram fears the Egyptians and tells them that Sarai is his sister (half-truth).
- God inflicts Pharaoh with plagues.
- Abraham leaves wealthy in livestock and servants.

Abraham and Lot Separate

Genesis 13

- Abraham and Lot are wealthy with livestock and they separate.
 - Lot chooses the Jordan Valley where Sodom is.
 - Sodom is primed for judgement (Gen 13:13)
 - Judgment for other Canaanites will wait another 400 years (Gen 15:16)
- God reconfirms covenant with Abraham
 - *“Offspring as dust of the earth”*