

God's Solemn Promise to Abram

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Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis References

Reference	Event	Reference	Event
12:1-3	Call of Abram	27:28,29	Jacob blessed
13:14-17	Abram, Lot Separate	28:3,4,12-15	Jacob's dream
15:1-18	Solemn oath	35:9-12	Jacob renamed
17:1-14,18-21	Circumcision	46:1-4	Jacob goes to Egypt
18:10-19	Sarah told she will have a son	48:15-22	Jacob blesses Joseph
22:16-18	Sacrifice of Isaac	49	12 tribes blessed
26:1-5, 23,24	Promise to Isaac		

Abram's Vision

Genesis 15:1-6

*"Fear not, Abram, I am your shield;
your reward shall be very great."*

- *"Fear not"*
 - Isaiah 41:8-10
- *"I am your shield"*
 - 2 Samuel 22:31 David's Song of Deliverance
- Reward
 - Hebrews 11:6

Abram's Vision cont...

Genesis 15:1-6

*“Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” **And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.***

- Abram is promised both *physical descendants* (the Jewish race) and *spiritual descendants* (who have faith in Christ, Gal 3:29).
- Romans 4 : *Justification by Faith*
 - Faith precedes circumcision and The Law

The Solemn Ceremony

Genesis 15:7-21

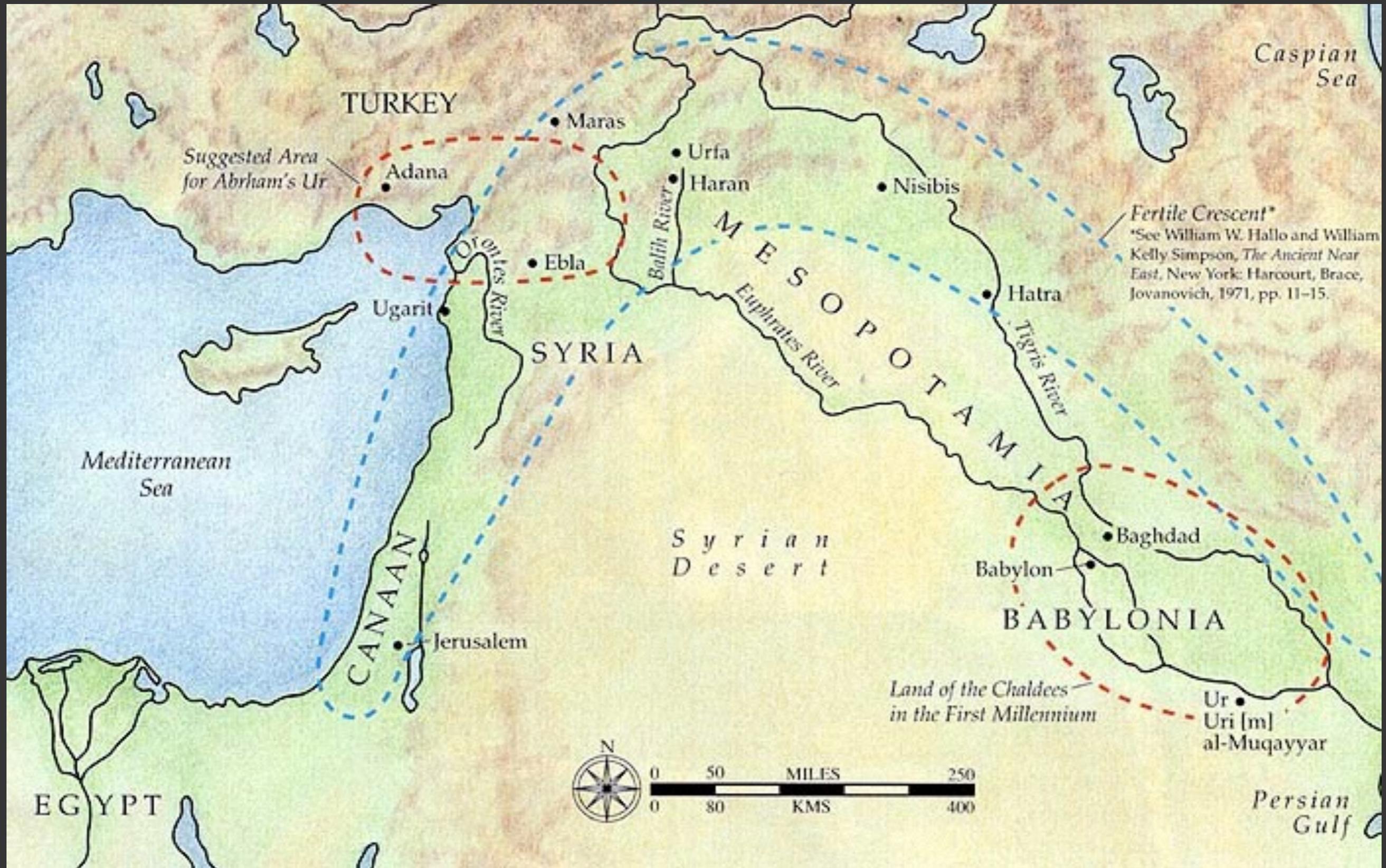
- This form of ratifying a covenant was probably familiar to Abram.
- Penalty of perjury was that of the slain animals (Jeremiah 34:18-20).
- The certainty of God's Promise (Hebrews 6:13-18)
- This is an immutable, unconditional promise.

The Promised Land

Genesis 15:18,19

“To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,…”

- The Lord specifies the boundaries of the Land promised to Abram.
 - Abraham had already walked the upper boundaries of this land.
- Most Biblical history specifies the Jordan River as the eastern border (e.g., Joshua 1:11).
 - Perhaps the Euphrates is the northern border?
- The river in Egypt not the Nile? Red Sea? Exodus 23:31 Wadi of Egypt?
- Solomon’s kingdom 1 Kings 4:21.
- Ezekiel’s Millennial Boundaries Ezekiel 47:13-22.



The Palestinian Covenant

Deuteronomy 30:1-10

- Context : Joshua about to succeed Moses
- Relates the the occupation of the land promised in the Abrahamic Covenant.
- The Mosaic Covenant (the Law) is conditional (“blessings and curses” based on obedience), but does not annul the Promise to the Land (but perhaps changed its timing); see Galatians 3:17

The Palestinian Covenant

Deuteronomy 30:1-10

- The nation will be removed for unfaithfulness (30:1-3).
- There will be a future repentance (30:1-3).
- Israel will be restored to the land (30:5).
- Israel will be converted as a nation (30:4-8; Romans 11:26,27).
- Then the nation will receive her full blessing (30:9).
- 170 references in Scripture to the land swore to Abraham's offspring — 55 times God confirms with an oath, 12 of those times He stated that the covenant is everlasting.

<http://www.differentspirit.org/resources/land.php>

Resurrection is Implied

- Abraham died without receiving a fulfillment (Hebrews 11:13).
- Sadducees question Jesus: Luke 20:27-40.
- Paul's defense before Agrippa: Acts 26:6-8, 22,3