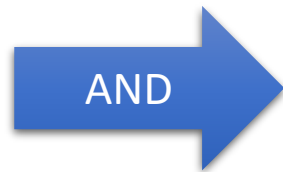


**“The just shall live by faith”**

# What is faith?

Now faith is the *being sure* of things hoped for,  
*being convinced* of things not seen.  
(Hebrews 11:1)



Faith secures/guarantees  
what is hoped for  
and is presently unseen

**Faith at the dawn of history**

**Abel...**

**Enoch...**

**Noah...**

If you call yourself a Christian,  
then live like a Christian!

**By faith.**

And real faith  
impacts **every part**  
of your life.

*So how must a Christian live?*



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it is **impossible** to please Him,  
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## BY FAITH...

- ✓ Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out...  
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- ✓ He dwelt in the land of promise ... in tents  
(Hebrews 11:9)
- ✓ Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac...  
(Hebrews 11:17)

# SARAH

**BY FAITH...**

Sarah herself received power to conceive...

(Hebrews 11:11)

Therefore ... were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude...

(Hebrews 11:12)



# ISAAC

## BY FAITH...

Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

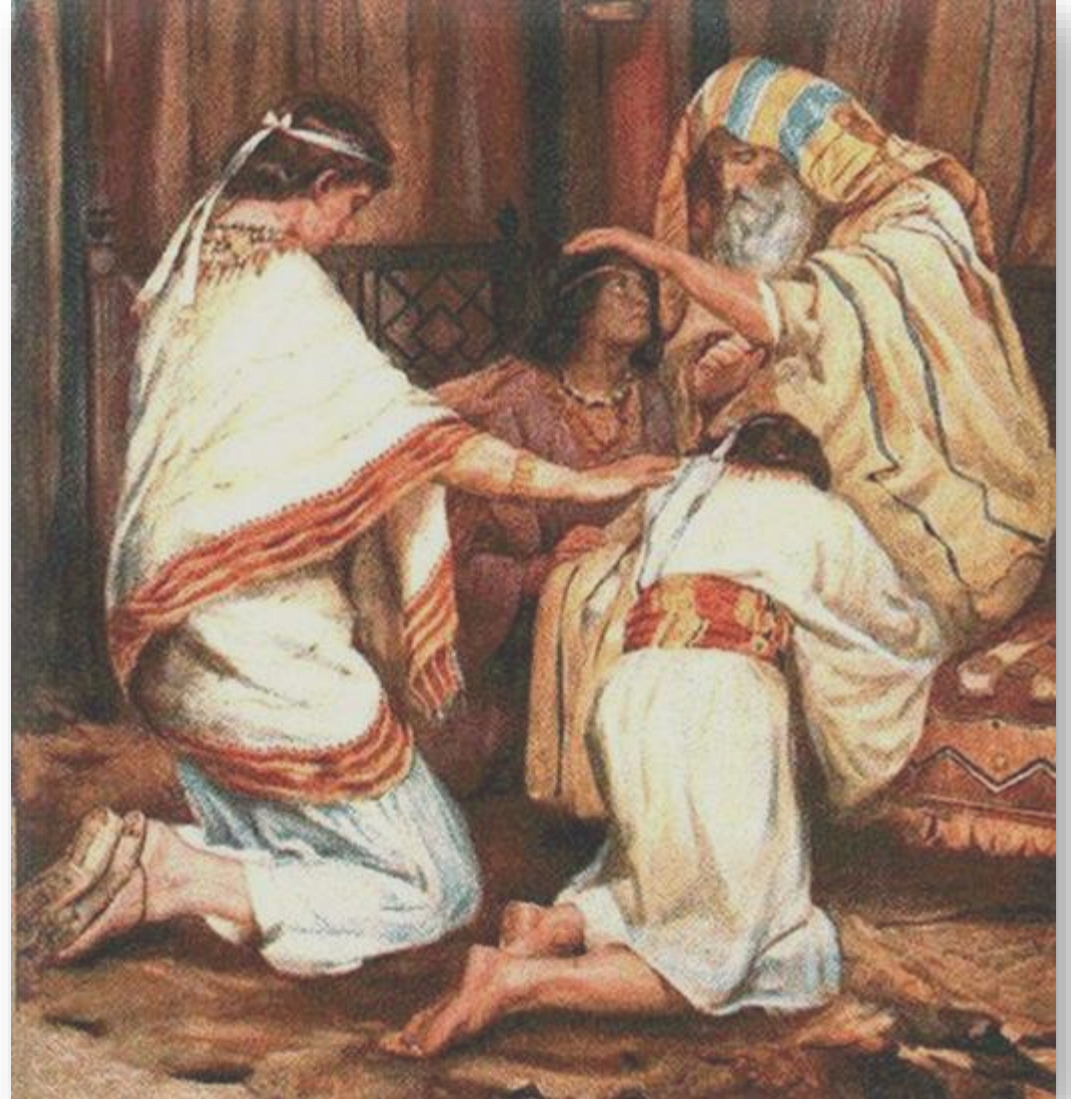
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# JACOB

## BY FAITH...

Jacob, when he was dying,  
blessed each of the sons of Joseph  
(Hebrews 11:21)

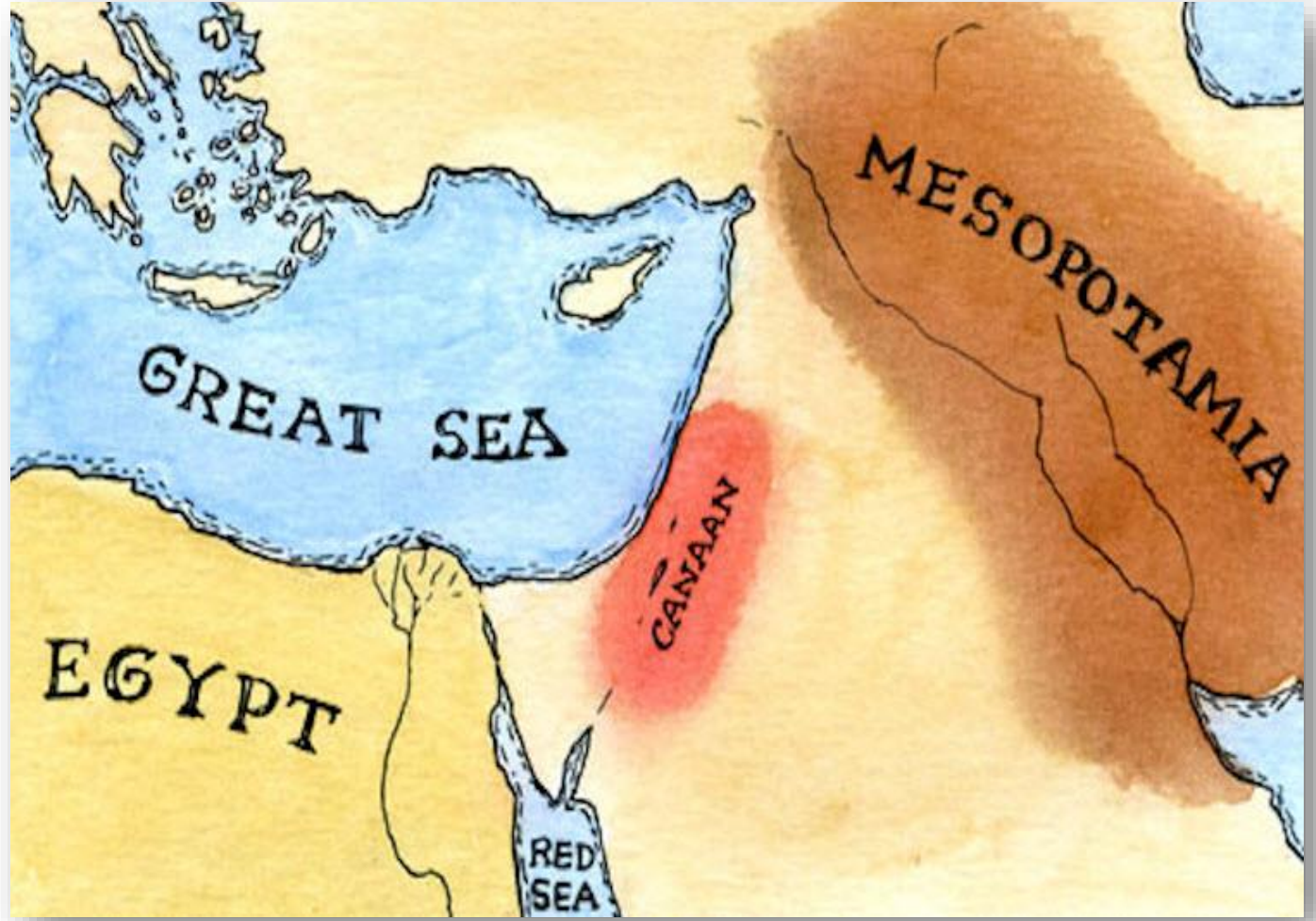


# JOSEPH

## BY FAITH...

Joseph, when he was dying ...  
gave instructions  
concerning his bones.

(Hebrews 11:22)



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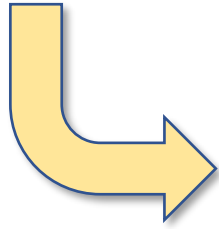
These all died **in faith**, not having received **the promises**,

**BUT**

- They **saw** them afar off,
- They **embraced** them,
- They **confessed** that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

(See Hebrews 11:13)

**They confessed that they were  
strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**



Those who say such things declare plainly  
that they seek a homeland.

And truly if they had called to mind that land  
from which they had come out,  
they would have had **opportunity to return**.

But now they desire a better, that is, a **heavenly** land.

**Therefore**

**God is not ashamed** to be called **their God**,  
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✓ Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out...  
(Hebrews 11:8)

*If you were of the world, the world would love its own.*

*Yet because **you are not of the world**,  
but **I chose you out of the world**,  
therefore the world hates you.*

(John 15:19)



***They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.***

(John 17:16)

# ABRAHAM

✓ Abraham dwelt in the land of promise ... in tents  
(Hebrews 11:9)

Beloved, I beg you as **sojourners** and **pilgrims**,  
abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul...  
(1 Peter 2:11)


Imitate those who through **faith** and **patience**  
inherit **the promises**.

(Hebrews 6:12)

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*Any one of you  
who does not forsake  
all that he has  
cannot be **my disciple**.*  
(Luke 14:33)



**Keep your heart**  
with all diligence,  
for from it flow  
the springs of life.  
(Proverbs 4:23)

# SARAH

- ✓ Sarah herself received power to conceive...  
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Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,  
and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.  
All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

(Matthew 24:7-8)



**You therefore**  
must endure hardship...  
(2 Timothy 2:3)

# Looking in the mirror...



## What do you live for?

- Rest and recreation?
- Ambition and success?
- Trophies and treasure?





**God is faithful,**  
**by whom you were called**  
**into the fellowship of His Son,**  
**Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(1 Corinthians 1:9)