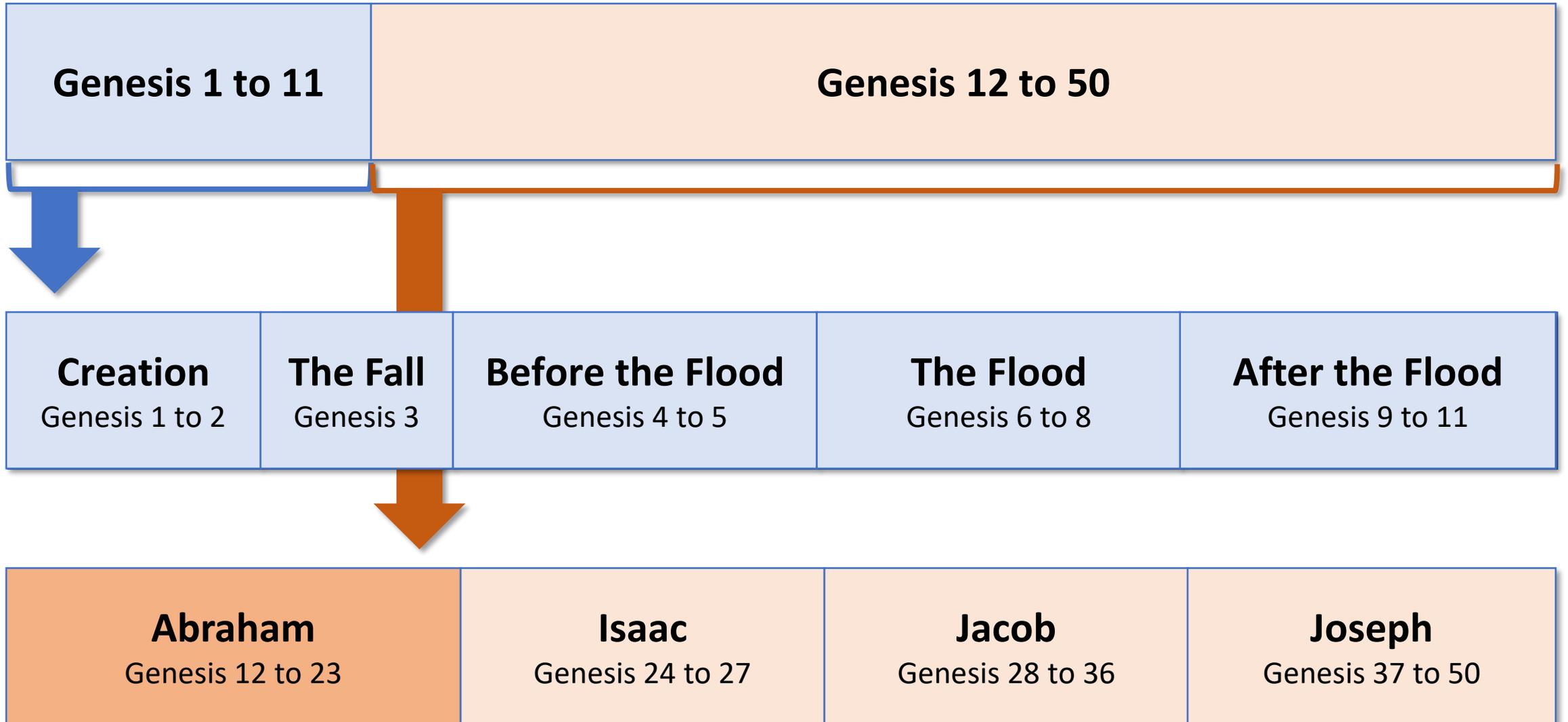


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7. Abraham's call

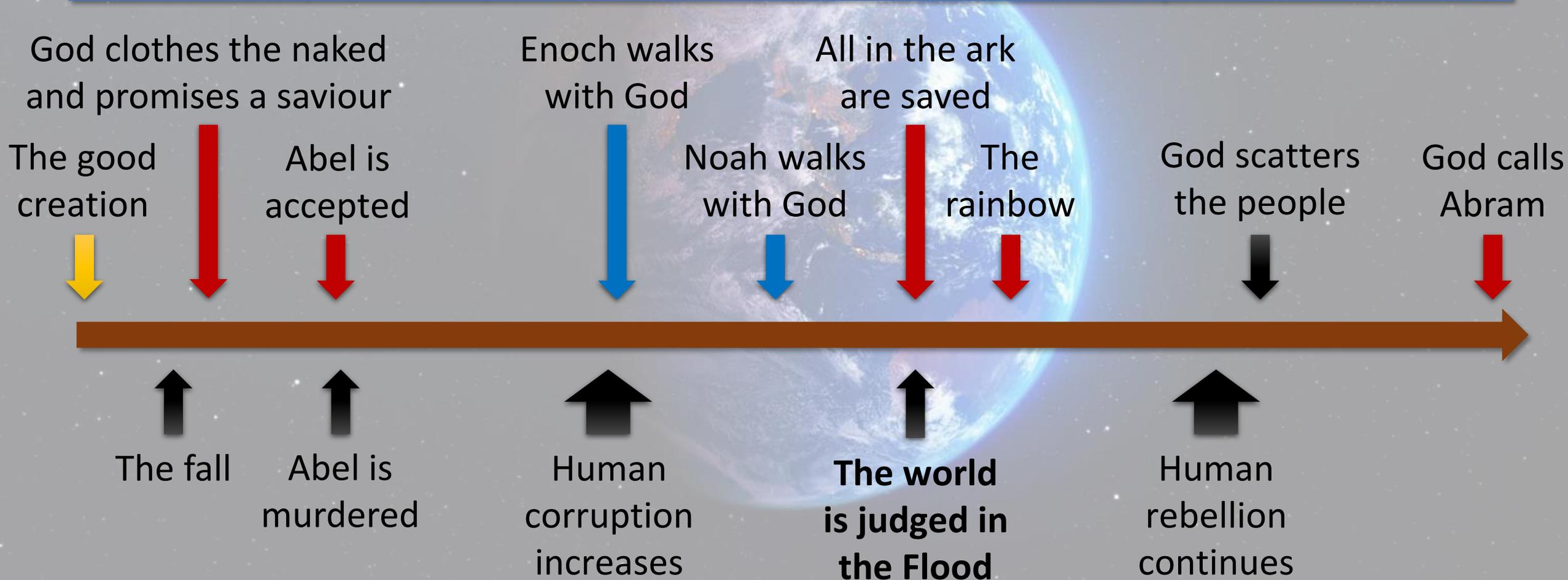
An outline of the Book of Genesis *



* Approximate chapter divisions only

The first 2000 years...

| Creation | The Fall | Before the Flood | The Flood | After the Flood |
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| Genesis 1 to 2 | Genesis 3 | Genesis 4 to 5 | Genesis 6 to 8 | Genesis 9 to 11 |



(Not to scale)

Terah and Abram

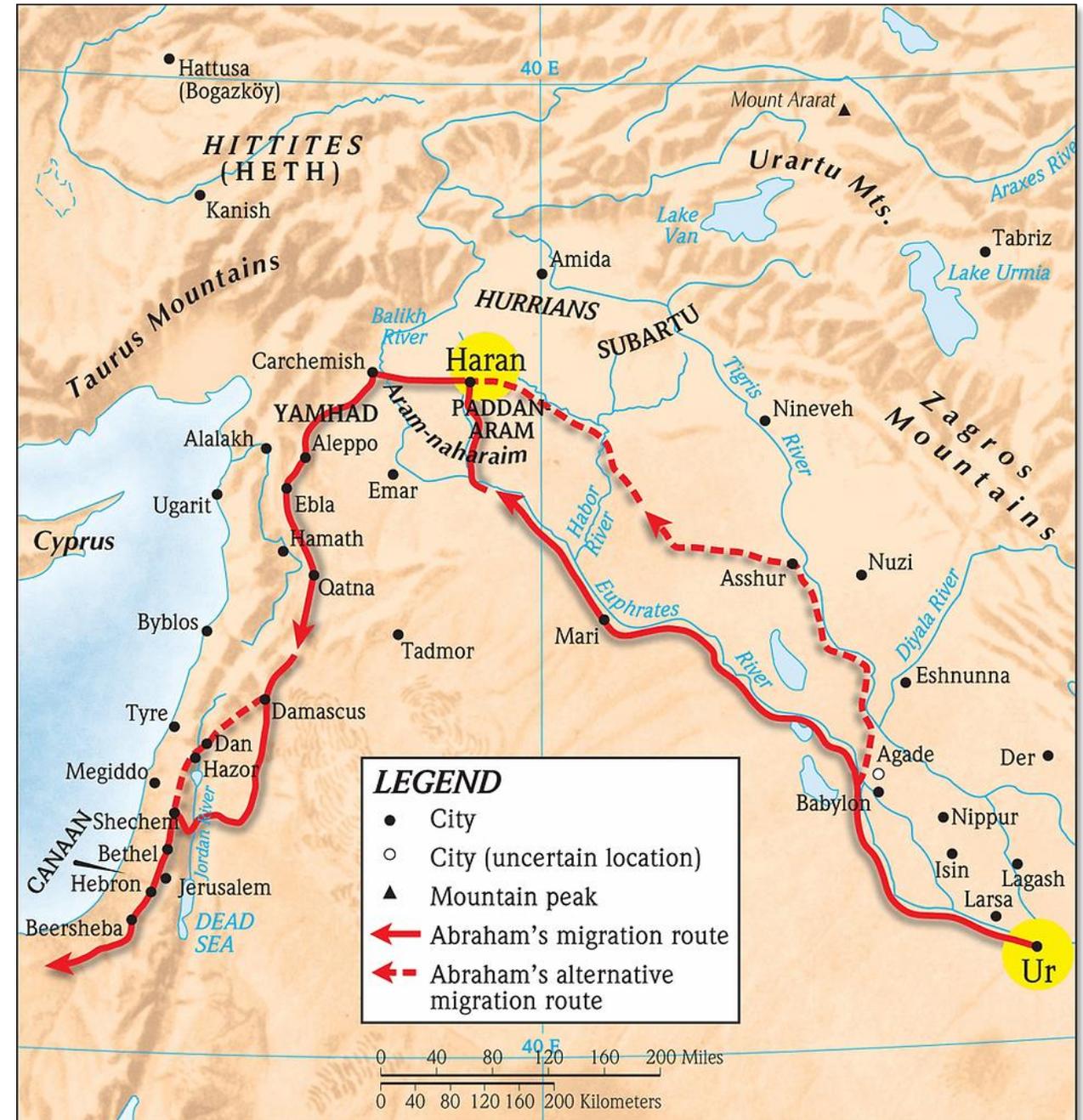
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Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot....

Terah took Abram his son and Lot... and they went forth together from **Ur of the Chaldeans** to go into the land of **Canaan**, but when they came to **Haran**, they settled there.

The days of Terah were 205 years, and **Terah died in Haran**.

(Genesis 11:27-32)



Abram's call

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Now the LORD said to Abram,

← Acts 7:2

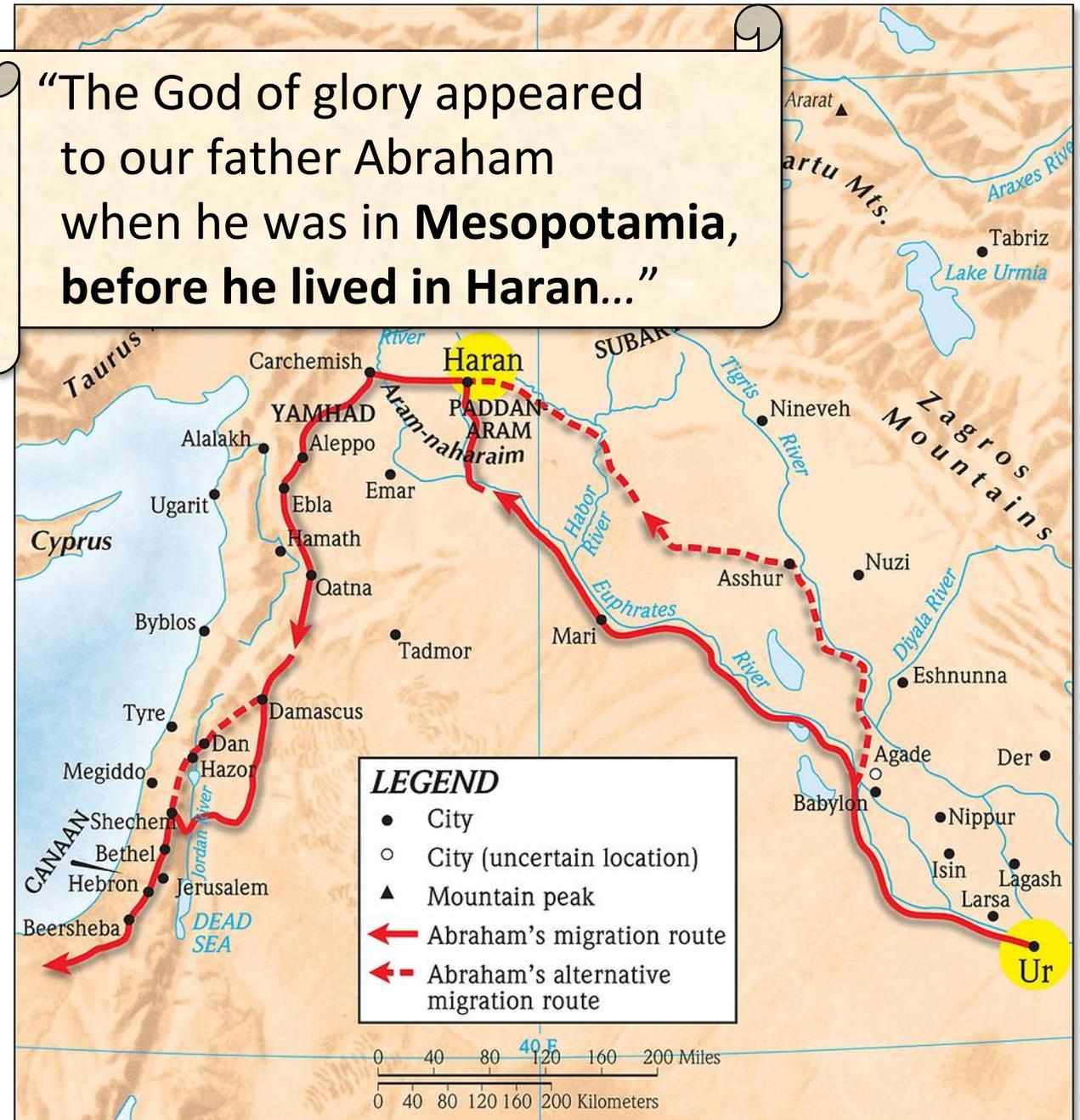
“Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

“And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

“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.”

(Genesis 12:1-3)

“The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran...”



Abram's call

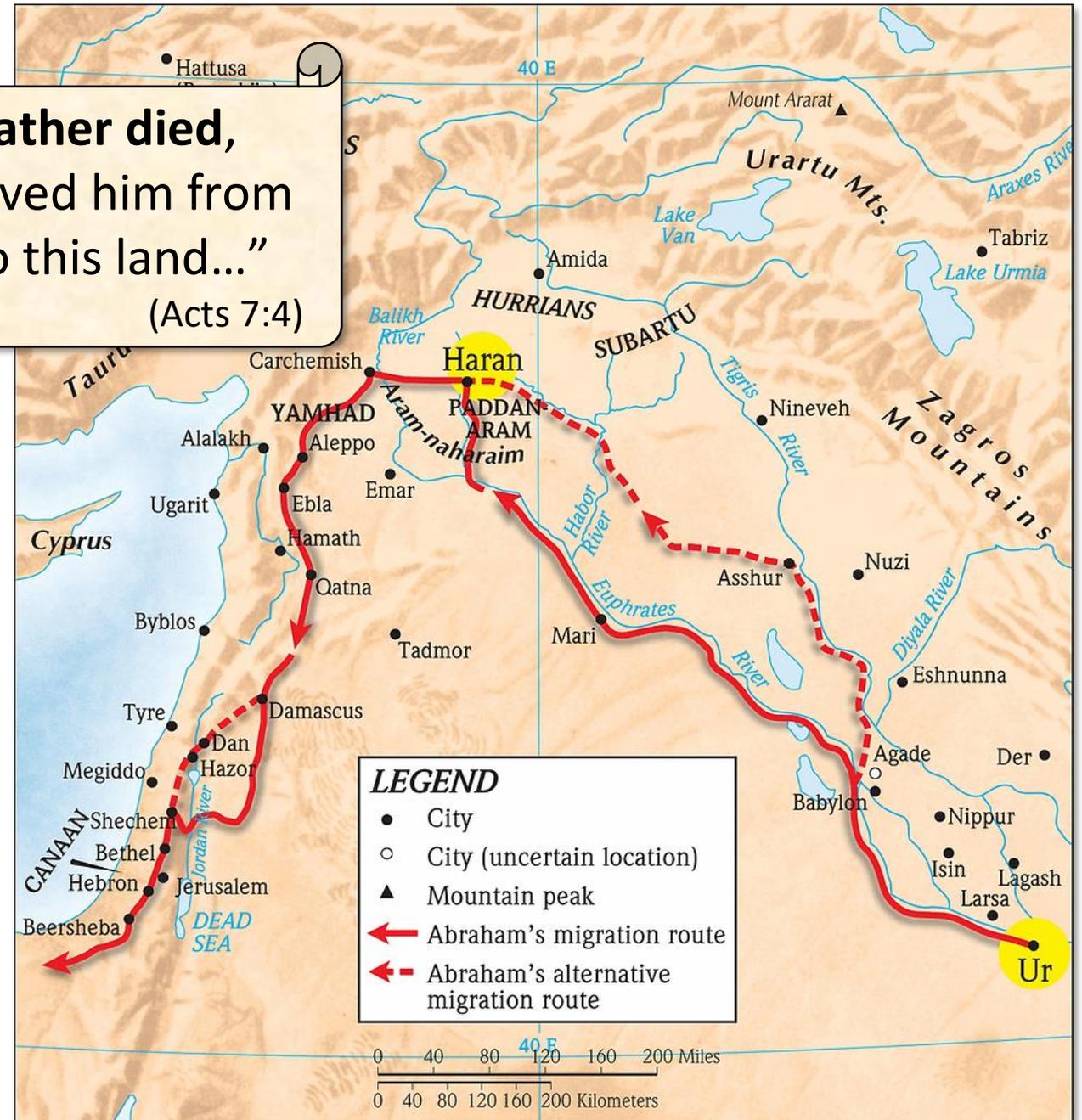
So Abram went,
as the LORD had told him,
and Lot went with him.

Abram was 75 years old
when he departed from Haran.

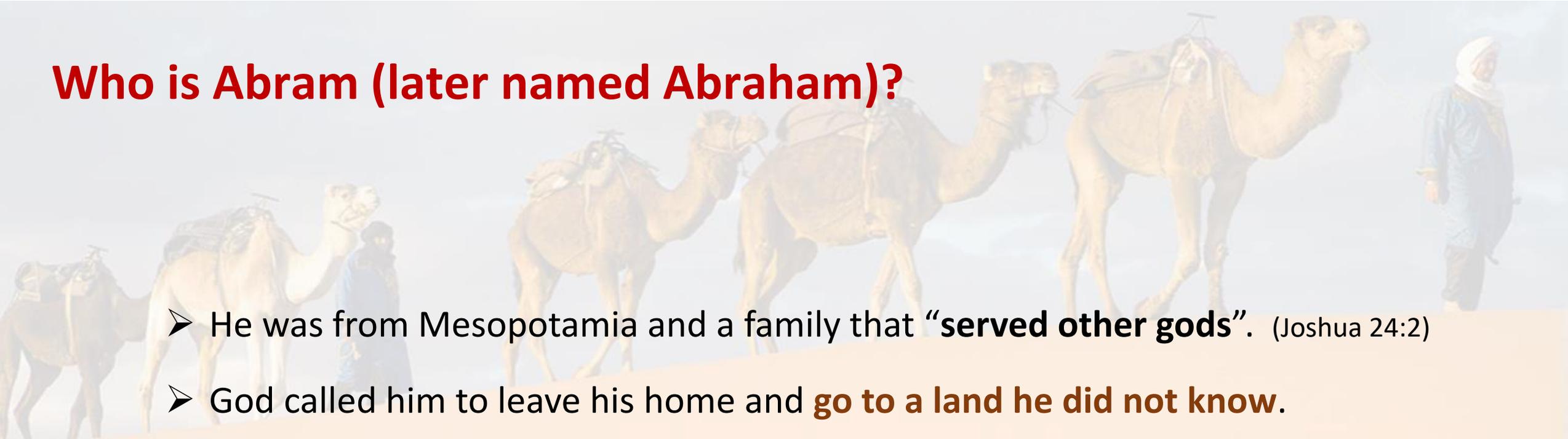
And Abram took Sarai his wife,
and Lot his brother's son,
and all their possessions...
and they set out
to go to the land of Canaan.

(Genesis 12:4-5)

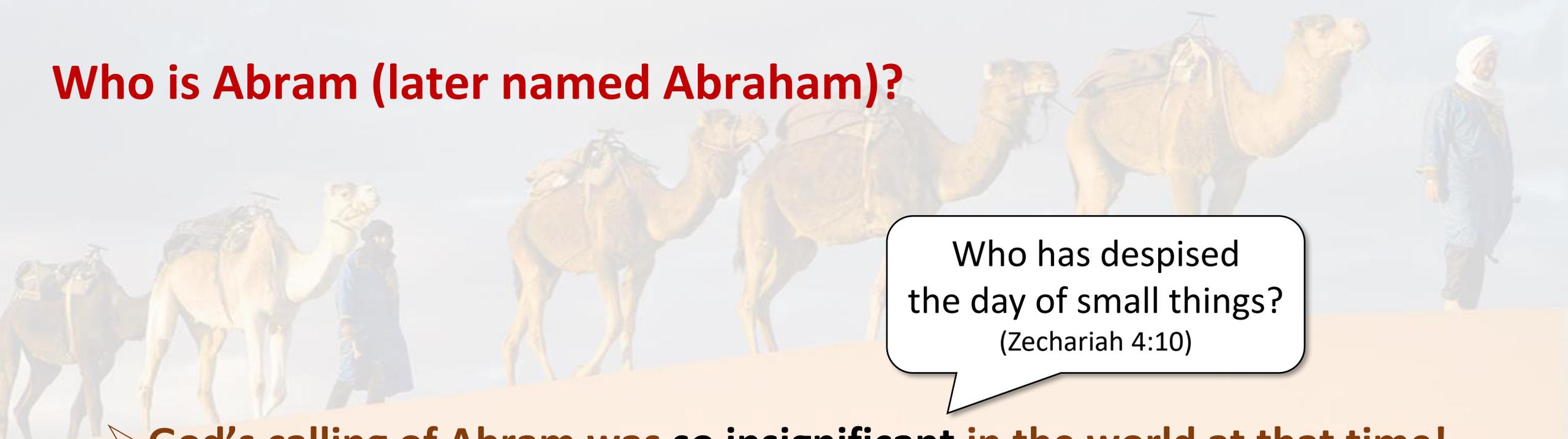
“...after his father died,
God removed him from
Haran into this land...”
(Acts 7:4)



Who is Abram (later named Abraham)?

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- A faded background image of a caravan of camels and people in a desert landscape. The camels are carrying loads, and a person in a blue robe and white head covering is visible on the right.
- He was from Mesopotamia and a family that “**served other gods**”. (Joshua 24:2)
 - God called him to leave his home and **go to a land he did not know**.
 - God made **great and far-reaching promises** to him.
 - Abraham saw only the very beginning of their fulfilment.
 - Abraham was called “**the friend of God**”. (2 Chronicles 20:7, Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23)
 - The nation of Israel began with Abraham’s “resurrection” son, **Isaac**.
 - Abraham’s faith demonstrates the way of salvation through **the Lord Jesus**.

Who is Abram (later named Abraham)?



Who has despised
the day of small things?
(Zechariah 4:10)

- **God's calling of Abram was so insignificant in the world at that time!**
- **God's calling of Abram is so significant for the salvation of the world!**



Who is Abram (later named Abraham)?



Abraham was
a real person,
a part of our history

Abraham was
the beginning of
the nation of Israel

In Abraham's life
we see his faith
and God's grace

Abraham shows us what it is to walk with God – justified and being sanctified

Abram's call and God's promise

Abram had to get up and leave everything

Go from your country, your kindred, and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

✓ **I will make of you a great nation**

Israel

✓ I will bless you

✓ I will make your name great

✓ You will be a blessing

For countless generations

✓ I will bless those who bless you

✓ I will curse him who dishonors you

✓ **In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**

Through many trials

God is committed to all He calls

The justification of the Gentiles through **faith**

(See Galatians 3:8)

Through Jesus, the son of Abraham

Abram's call and God's promise



Get out

Go from your country, your kindred, and your father's house
to the land that I will show you.

- ✓ Here is **the condition** that Abram had to meet.
- ✓ Here is **the faith** that Abram needed.
- ✓ Here is **the obedience** that was asked of Abram.

Abram's call and God's promise

Get out



The church = *ek* + *klēsia*

Go from your country, your kindred, and your father's house
to the land that I will show you.

- ✓ Here is **the condition** that **we** have to meet.
- ✓ Here is **the faith** that **we** need.
- ✓ Here is **the obedience** that is asked of **us**.

Abram's call and God's promise

Get out



The church = *ek* + *klēsia*

Go from your country, your kindred, and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

Let it go
to be free

- ✓ Here is **the condition** that **we** have to meet.
- ✓ Here is **the faith** that **we** need.
- ✓ Here is **the obedience** that is asked of **us**.

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

Be doers of the word,
and **not hearers only...**
(James 1:22)

I know whom
I have **believed...**
(2 Timothy 1:12)

Abram's call and God's promise

Go from your country, your kindred, and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

✓ **I will make of you a great nation**

You are ... a holy nation, a people for His own possession... (1 Peter 2:9)



- ✓ Christ loved the church and **gave Himself up** for her. (Ephesians 5:25)
- ✓ You are **the light** of the world. (Matthew 5:14)
- ✓ We are **His workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus, for **good works**.
(Ephesians 2:10)

Abram's call and God's promise

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✓ I will make of you a great nation

✓ **I will bless you**

✓ **Prosperity** *Godliness with contentment is great gain...* (1 Timothy 6:6)

✓ **Fruitfulness** *By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit...* (John 15:8)

✓ **Victory** *We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.* (Romans 8:37)

Abram's call and God's promise

Go from your country, your kindred, and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

- ✓ I will make of you a great nation
- ✓ I will bless you
- ✓ **I will make your name great**

His master said to him,
“**Well done, good and faithful servant.**
You have been faithful over a little;
I will set you over much.
Enter into the joy of your master.”
(Matthew 25:23)

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- ✓ **You will be a blessing**

Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father
who is in heaven.
(Matthew 5:16)

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- ✓ You will be a blessing
- ✓ **I will bless those who bless you**
- ✓ **I will curse him who dishonors you**

Truly, I say to you,
as you did it to one of
the least of these **My brothers**,
you did it to Me.
(Matthew 25:40)

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Go therefore and
make disciples of all nations,
baptising them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe
all that I have commanded you.
(Matthew 28:19-20)

Abram in the land

Abram passed through the land to the place at **Shechem**, to the oak of Moreh.

At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

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.

(Genesis 12:6-7)



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.

(Genesis 12:8)

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Has your journey
also begun?

Abram's journey has begun.

He has come out of his homeland and into Canaan.

He has God's promises and faith.

He will be tested – there are many challenges ahead.

God is faithful and Abraham will overcome.

He came to be called “**the friend of God**”.

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“Go from your country...
to the land that I will show you...”

So Abram went,
as the LORD had told him...

“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

