

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Call of Abraham (Genesis 12)

The Kingdom of God

*God's people in God's place under
God's rule and blessing*

1. The Kingdom Modeled (Gen. 1-2)
 - Adam and Eve in Eden ruling for God under His rule and blessing
 - An "earthly" (land) kingdom

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2. The Kingdom Lost (Gen. 3-11)
 - "Dark Ages" – the progression of sin and alienation from God
 - no manifestation of God's kingdom
 - glimmers of hope

The Kingdom Promised

Call of Abraham:
The turning point of the Bible!

The Kingdom Promised

Primeval History

- global events
- 2,000+ years
- 11 chapters

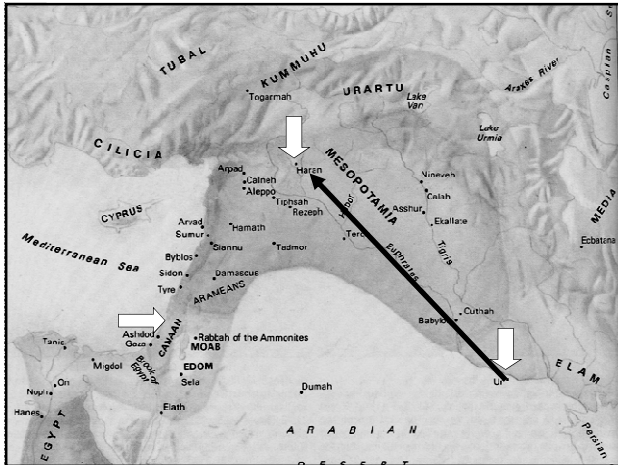
Patriarchal History

- land of Canaan
- 200 years
- 39 chapters

Call of Abraham

Context (11:27-32)

- *Abram is from Ur of the Chaldeans*
 - Part of the scattering of the nations; from a land and people of idolatry
 - The call is to separate from his land, his people and his household



Call of Abraham

Content of the Promise

1. People/Nation

- Abraham's descendents will become a great nation
- God is starting new with Abraham

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2. Land

- God will give the land of Canaan as an eternal inheritance
- First promise of a restored land

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3. Blessing

A. Personal blessing of Abraham

- prosperity, protection, longevity, fame

B. Abraham commanded to "be a blessing"

- make God's name known

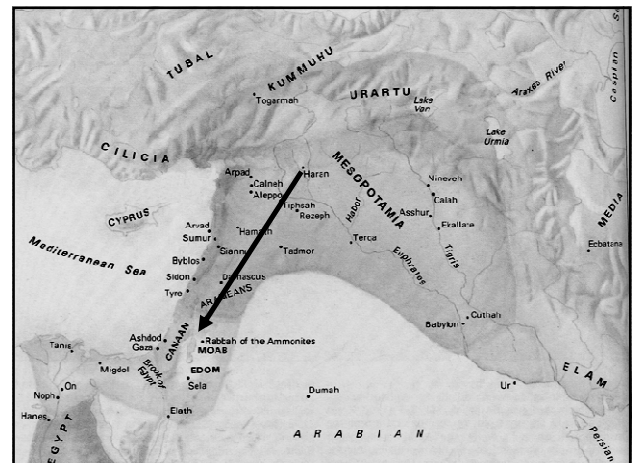
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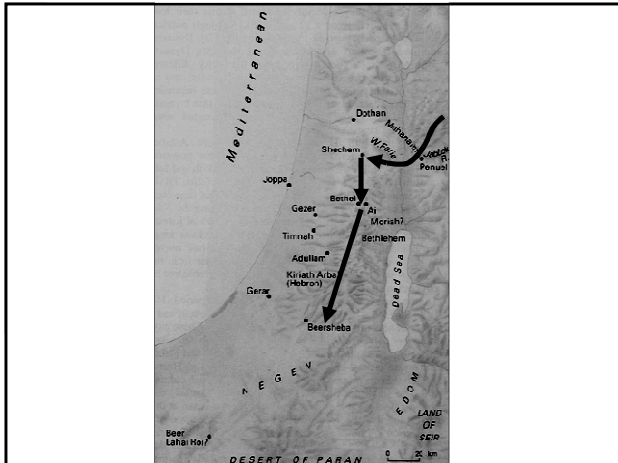
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3. Blessing

C. Blessing to "all the families of the earth"

- Abraham and his seed is the vehicle of God's blessing/salvation to the nations
- The first "Great Commission"





Call of Abraham

Nature of Abram's Faith

1. An unbelievable command
 - a call to break every cultural tie
 - a call to become a "non-person"
 - a call to go out not knowing where he was going

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Nature of Abram's Faith

2. A remarkable faith

- he believed God beyond his experience, knowledge, culture, or ability to see
- he trusted only in God's word

Lesson: Hebrews 11:8-10