



Introduction

Jacob has to leave home.



Questions

1. Esau knew his parents did not approve of his Canaanite wives, so what did he do?
2. What was significant about the actions of the angels on the stairway?
3. What was Jacob's vow?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 5** Isaac sends Jacob away to marry one of Laban's daughters after giving him the full blessing that Abraham received (see theme)
- **v 6 to 9** After seeing Jacob sent to find a wife among relatives, Esau tries to please his parents by taking another wife from Ishmael's family
- **v 10 to 17** On the first night of Jacob's journey (see map) God repeats the blessing to him in a dream and promises to be with him
- **v 18 to 22** Jacob calls the place Bethel and vows to put his trust in God and give a tenth to God

Timeline to 2000 BC (see below)



Theme / Information

God's promises to Abraham

God makes several promises to Abram (or Abraham as he is later known).

First of all, God promises that he will bless Abram and that anyone from any nation can be blessed through Abram:

Genesis 12 verses 1 to 3

God then shows Abram the land that he will give him and his offspring

Genesis 13 verses 14 to 17

God then shows Abram how numerous his offspring will be:

Genesis 15 verse 5

God makes a covenant with Abram to give him and his offspring a specific area of land:

Genesis 15 verses 18 to 20

God later repeats the promises he has made to Abram and emphasises these promises will never be broken:

Genesis 17 verses 3 to 8

Abraham shows he trusts God enough to be prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac. Then

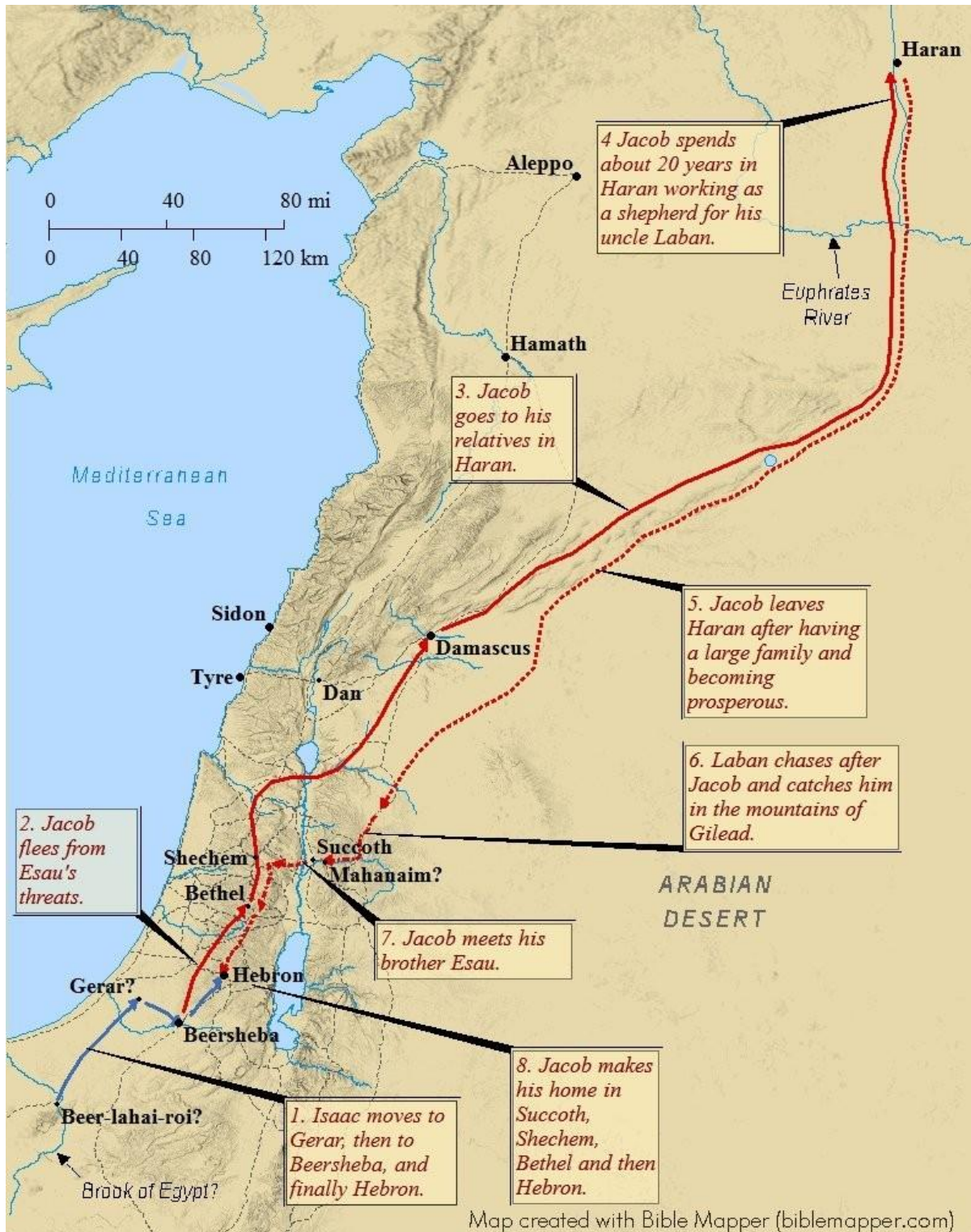
God again repeats the promises and reminds Abraham that all nations can be blessed through his offspring:

Genesis 22 verses 15 to 18



Isaac's and Jacob's travels

Map showing Isaac's journey to Beersheba and Jacob's journey to Haran. Jacob returns to Canaan about 20 years later (Genesis 27 to 35).



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 9, Q 2: v 12, Q 3: v 20 to 22



Bible timeline

