



Introduction

God asks Abram to leave Ur. The start of the nation through whom God's plan is worked out.



Questions

1. What was Abram asked to leave?
2. What did God promise Abram?
3. What did Abram tell Sarai to tell the Egyptians about their relationship, and why?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 3** God tells Abram to leave his country and family and go to a land God will lead him to. God makes promises to him (see theme) if he does what God asks
- **v 4 to 9** Abram and Lot (his nephew) leave Haran and come to Shechem in Canaan (see first map) where he builds an altar. God promises to give Canaan to Abram's offspring. He then moves on to the area between Bethel and Ai (see second map) where he builds another altar
- **v 10 to 20:** Due to a famine, Abram goes down to Egypt (see second map) and he tells Sarai, his wife, to say that she is his sister. Sarai being very attractive is praised by the princes, and taken into Pharaoh's house. God afflicts Pharaoh's household and Sarai is returned to Abram who then leaves Egypt

Timeline 2000 BC (see below)



Theme / Information

God's promises to Abram

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:

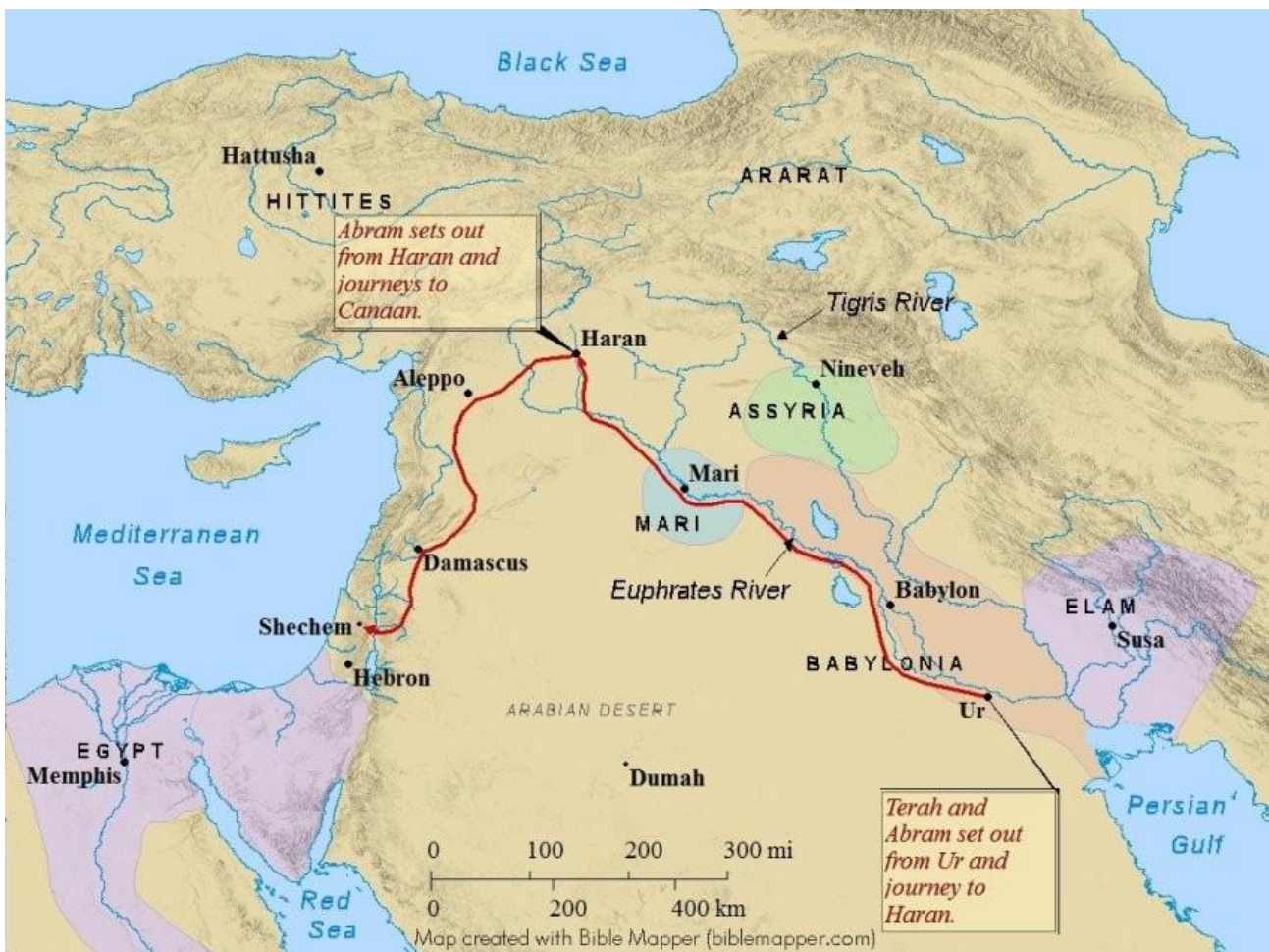
Genesis 17 verses 3 to 8

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

Abram's travels - Ur to Shechem

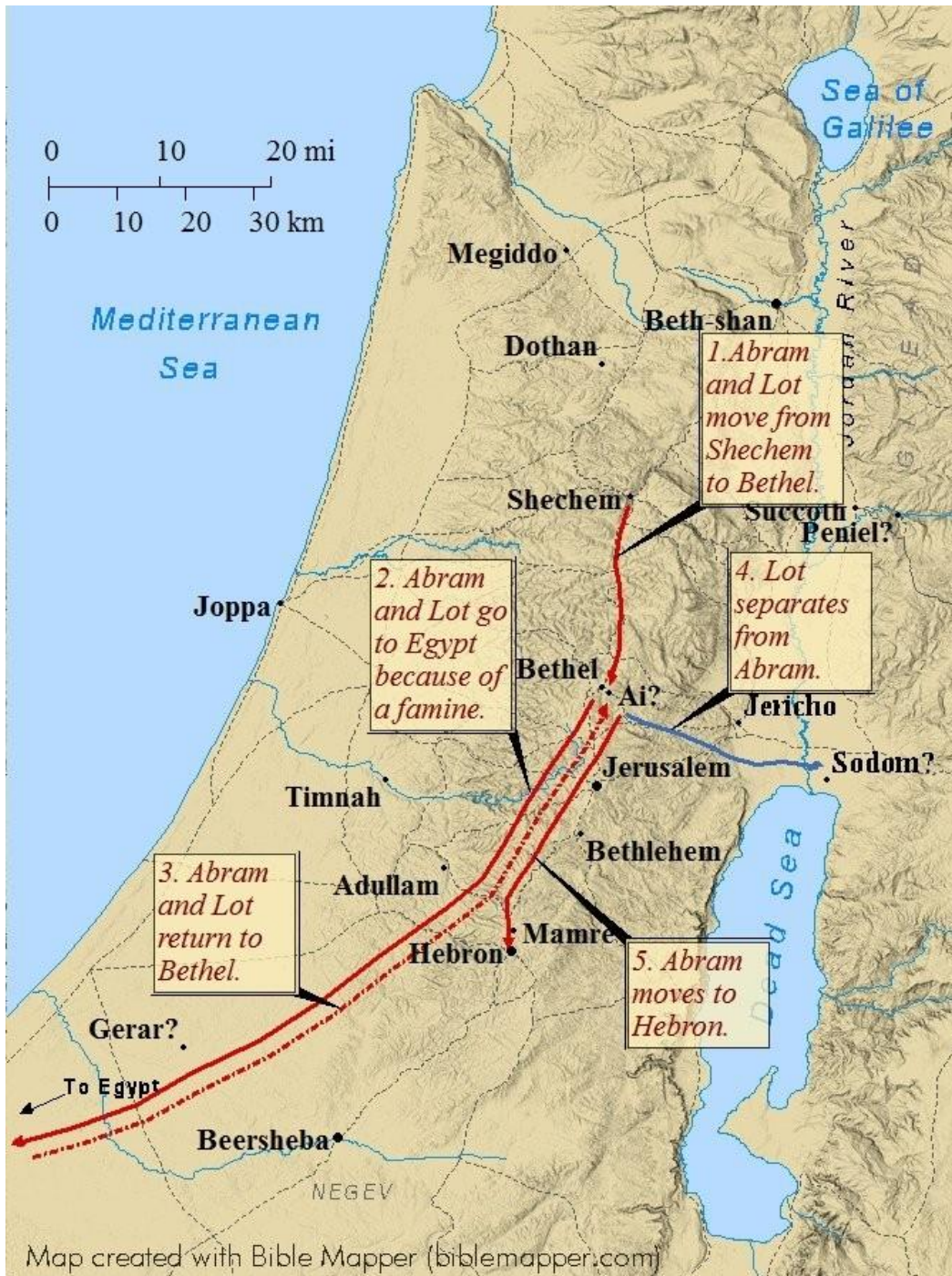
Map of Abram's journey from Ur to Shechem (Genesis 11 to 13).





Abram's travels - Shechem to Egypt and back to Canaan

Map of Abram's journey from Shechem to Egypt and back to Canaan where he spends some time in Bethel and Hebron (Genesis 12 and 13).



Questions & Answers

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 1, Q 2: v 2 and 3, Q 3: v 12 and 13



Bible timeline

