



# ABRAHAM AND SARAH: A Journey of Faith

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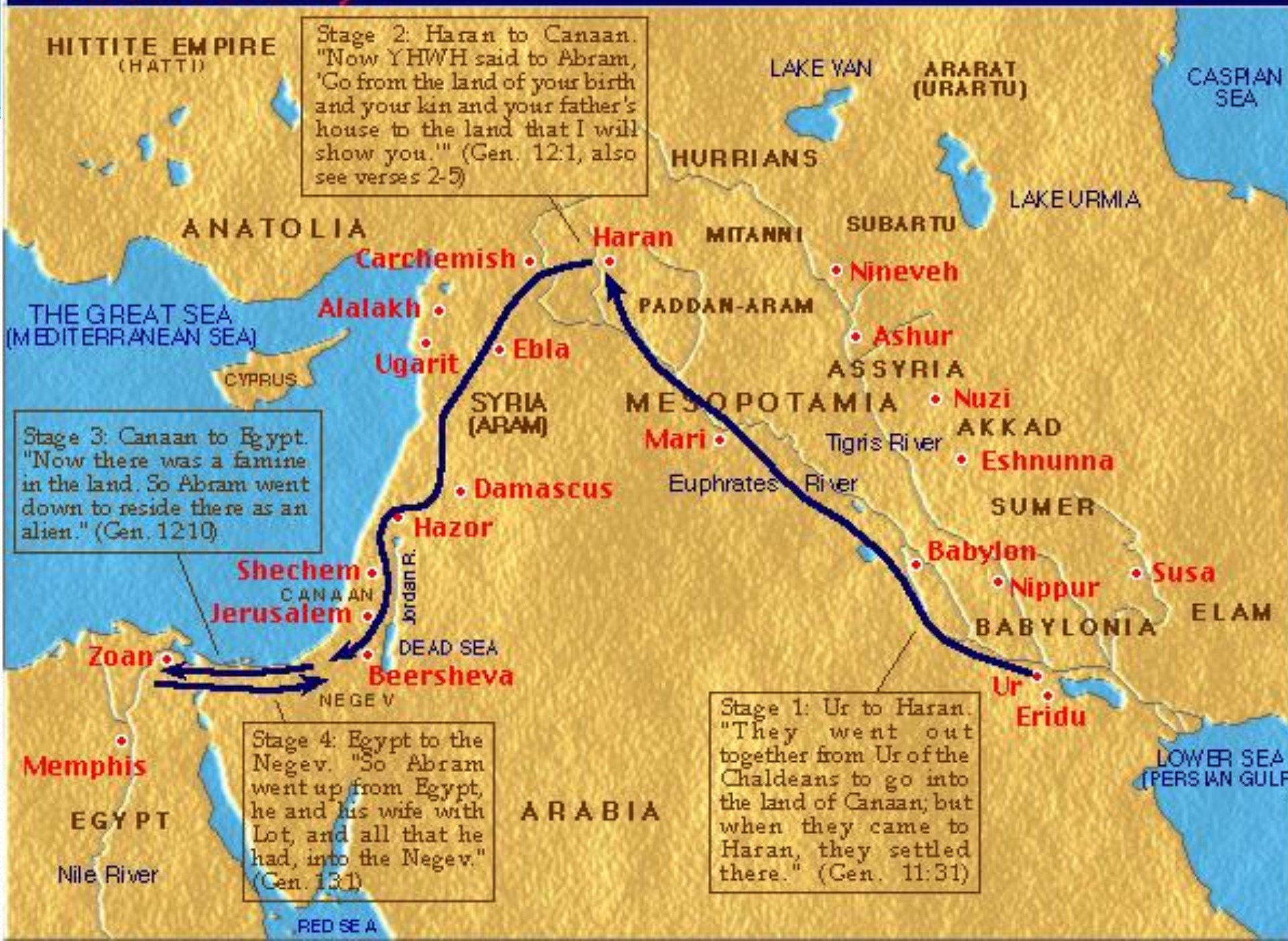
*“...I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven...” (Gen 22:17)*



# ABRAHAM AND SARAH

- **ECUMENICAL FIGURES**
  - *The Koran: El Khalil – the friend of God*
  - *Israelites: “Our Father Abraham” (Gen 12:3)*
  - *Christians: “Abraham our father in faith”*

# Abraham's Journey



# WHAT KIND OF WRITINGS?

- **Stories passed on by word of mouth**
  - **Isaiah 51:1-2**
  - **Stories eventually written down**
  - **Reshaped to bring out contemporary message**
  - **Larger family story: God's promise of land & descendants to possess it.**

# CHRISTIAN READING

- *Our family story through & in light of Jesus*
  - CCC #1080 “*the father of all believers*”
  - **The Promised Land in the light of Christ?**
    - **Hebrews 11**

# THE HISTORICAL QUESTION

- **Scholars are divided**
  - **Accounts contain much historically authentic material**
  - **Narratives have little basis in fact**
  - **Narratives are not history in the modern sense**

# FOR NEXT WEEK

- Read Genesis 11:26 – 13:2
- Text and Questions on website:  
[www.mountstreet.info](http://www.mountstreet.info) under “Faith Formation”