

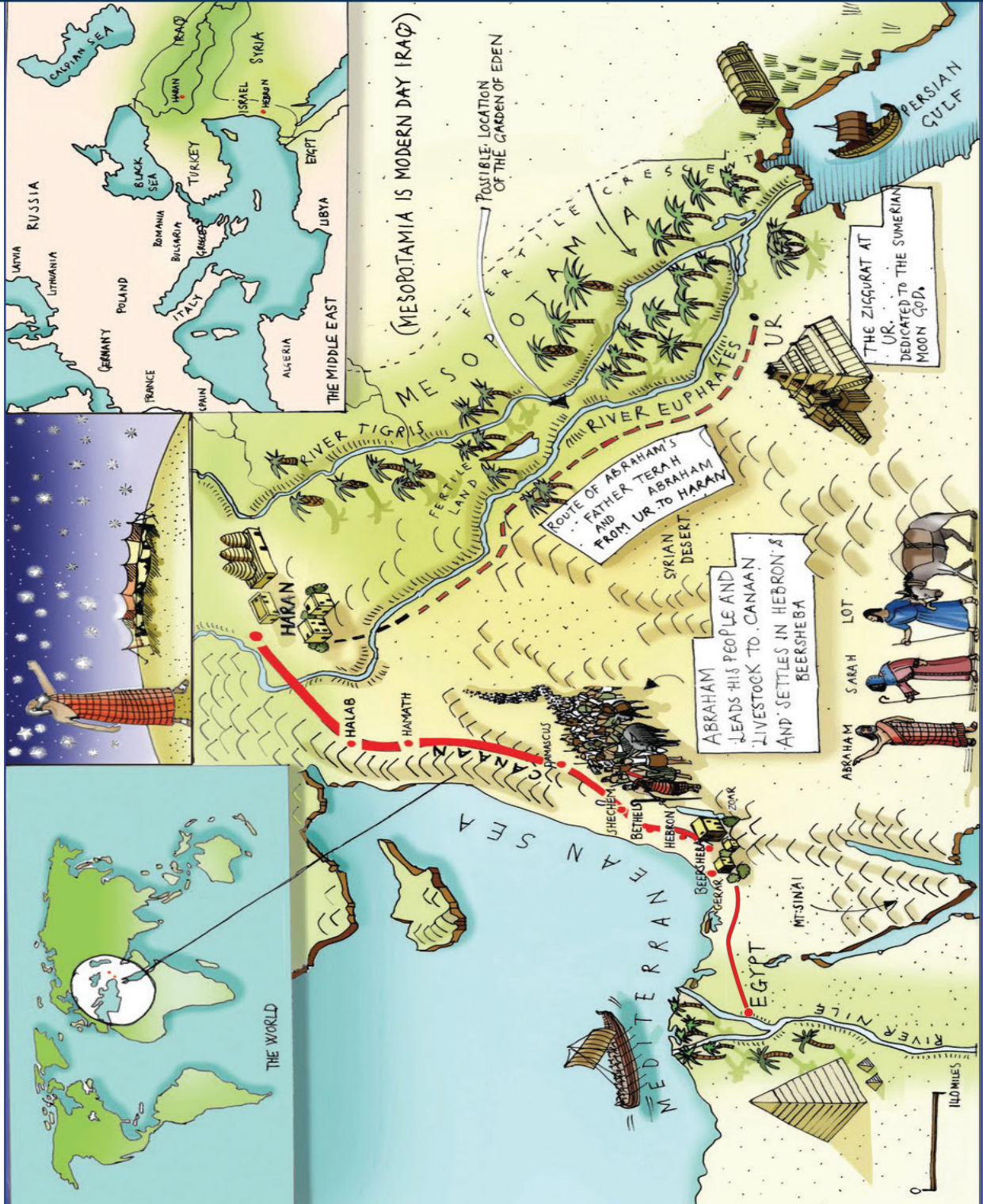
ABRAHAM – *Father*

Chronology of the Life of Abraham — Genesis 12 - 25

| PLACE | CHAPTER | EVENTS |
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| Ur | Joshua 24:1-2 | Ur was a land of idolatry |
| Haran | 11:27-32 | Called out of his home land Ur |
| | 12:1-5 | After father's death, called from Haran |
| Shechem | 12:6-7 | Promised land of Shechem—built altar |
| Bethel/Ai | 12:8-9 | Built altar to the Lord |
| Egypt | 12:4-20 | Driven by famine into Egypt—denies Sarah |
| Bethel/Ai | 13:1-4 | Returns to altar |
| | 13:5-13 | Strives with Lot—Separation |
| | 13:14-17 | Covenant of the Land |
| | 13:18 | At Hebron |
| | 14:1-16 | Invasion of Northern Confederacy—Lot rescued at Hobah |
| Hebron | 14:18-20 | Meets Melchizedech at Salem |
| | 14:21-24 | Refuses favors from King of Sodom |
| | 15:1-21 | Promise of son of his body-typical confirmation—details of history of seed—Promise |
| | 16:1-6 | Strategem of Sarah—Birth of Ishmael—Flight of Hagar |
| | 16:7-16 | Rescue of Hagar by angel |
| | 17:1-8 | Change of name—reiteration of promise |
| | 17:9-14 | Covenant of circumcision |
| | 17:15-22 | Promise of Isaac to Abraham |
| | 17:23 | Abraham's house circumcised—Ishmael is 13 years old |
| | 18:1-8 | Visit of angels to Hebron |
| Gerar | 18:9-15 | Promise of Isaac again--Sarah laughs |
| | 18:16-33 | Message of Doom for Sodom—Abraham's Intercession |
| | 19 | Destruction of Sodom |
| | 20:1-18 | Again denies Sarah to Abimelech |
| | 21:1-8 | Birth of Isaac |
| | 21:9-21 | Casting out bondwoman and her son |
| | 21:22-32 | Strife with Abimelech over wells |
| Beersheba | 21:33-34 | Dwells at Beersheba—"Land of the Philistines many days" |
| | 22:1-19 | Offering of Isaac |
| | 22:20-24 | News of family in Padan-Aram |
| | 23:1-2 | Death of Sarah in Hebron |
| | 23:3-20 | Purchase of Machpelah |
| Machpelah | 24 | A wife of Isaac |
| | 25:1-6 | Abraham marries Keturah |
| | 25:7-10 | Death of Abraham |

ABRAHAM – Father

Travels of Father Abraham — Genesis 12 - 22



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**CALL OF
ABRAM**Thesis statement
of the Bible

- ♦ Land
- ♦ Offspring
- ♦ Blessing

13-14

**ABRAM
AND LOT**Two encounters
with kings: one
with Pharaoh
and one with
Melchizedek

15-17

COVENANTAbram believed
the covenant and
it was counted as
righteousnessName changed
to Abraham

18-19

**LOT IN
SODOM**World without
God, not even
ten righteous
people to be
found

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**FAULTS OF
ABRAHAM**Same old
mistake, telling
half-truths to get
out of troubleGod intervenes...
again!

21-22

**SON OF
PROMISE**Isaac and Ishmael

Abraham's faith
tested...and
passed**Week 2: The Patriarchs — Father Abraham (Genesis 12-22)**

In spite of the disobedience of humankind, God wanted to show His grace. So He chose a people to be His witness to all the nations and through whom the promised Messiah would come. God called Abram* to leave his hometown of Ur (in modern Iraq) to go to a land where God would make him a mighty nation that would be a blessing to the world (12). At 75 years old, Abram obeyed and followed God. This begins the history of God's chosen people, Israel.

Once he arrived at Canaan, a famine drove them to Egypt, where Pharaoh nearly took Sarai* to be a part of his harem. Graciously, God got them out of that problem and a similar one years later (13; 20). Returning to Israel Abram and his nephew Lot had to separate (13). Then Lot was kidnapped. And Abram formed a rescue party and reclaimed his nephew (14).

God even ratified the promise of an heir into a covenant (15). But Abram and Sarai were old and barren. She encouraged Abram to pursue one of the customs of the day—sleep with her handmaid. Conflict ensued. But an angel promised Hagar that her son would have numerous descendants. Ishmael was born when Abraham was 86 (16). But God's plan happened 13 years later when He renewed the promise. At this point God instituted the ritual of circumcision as a sign of the covenant (17*). Meanwhile, God obliterated Sodom and Gomorrah for absolute wickedness (18-19).

Back on Abraham's plantation, Sarah became pregnant as God had promised. She gave birth—at age 90—to Isaac. The birth of Isaac was such a joy for Sarah, but it was the last straw in the tension between Hagar and her. The handmaid and her teenager, Ishmael, were sent packing but God again protected them. The descendants of Isaac became the Jews. The descendants of Ishmael became the Arabs. Both groups trace their history all the way back to Abraham (21).

Then God gave a perplexing command and tested Abraham's faith by instructing him to sacrifice the long-awaited son of promise, whom he loved, Isaac. At the last moment, God stopped Abraham from killing Isaac and provided a ram in his place (22). Chapter 22 is the first time the words *lamb*, *worship*, *obey*, and *love* occur. Mind-boggling command, for sure. But also a brilliant type of Christ our substitute.

**The names Abram (exalted father) and Sarai are used to refer to the first patriarch Abraham (father of many) and Sarah (princess) from the time of their departure from Ur until the covenant of circumcision. God changed their names to Abraham and Sarah (17:5, 15).*

Week Two Reading Plan

- 11:26-12:20 Chosen to be a Blessing
- 13:1-18 Abraham Separates from Lot
- 15:1-18 God's Covenant with Abram
- 16:1-16 Birth of Ishmael
- 18:1-15; 21:1-7 Promise of Isaac Given
- 18:16-19:38 Lot in Sodom
- 21:8-20; 22:1-18 Abraham's Test of Faith