

# COVENANT OF GOD: A NEW LAW OF NATURE



- Promise, doctrine, contract, will, testament, all fail to express the true nature of a covenant
- A covenant embodies the Spirit of God
- A covenant never fails and WILL be carried out!

# ABRAHAM: THE FIRST “PATRIARCH”

➤ Noach was NOT a  
“patriarch”

➤ 3 Patriarchs

Abraham >

Isaac >

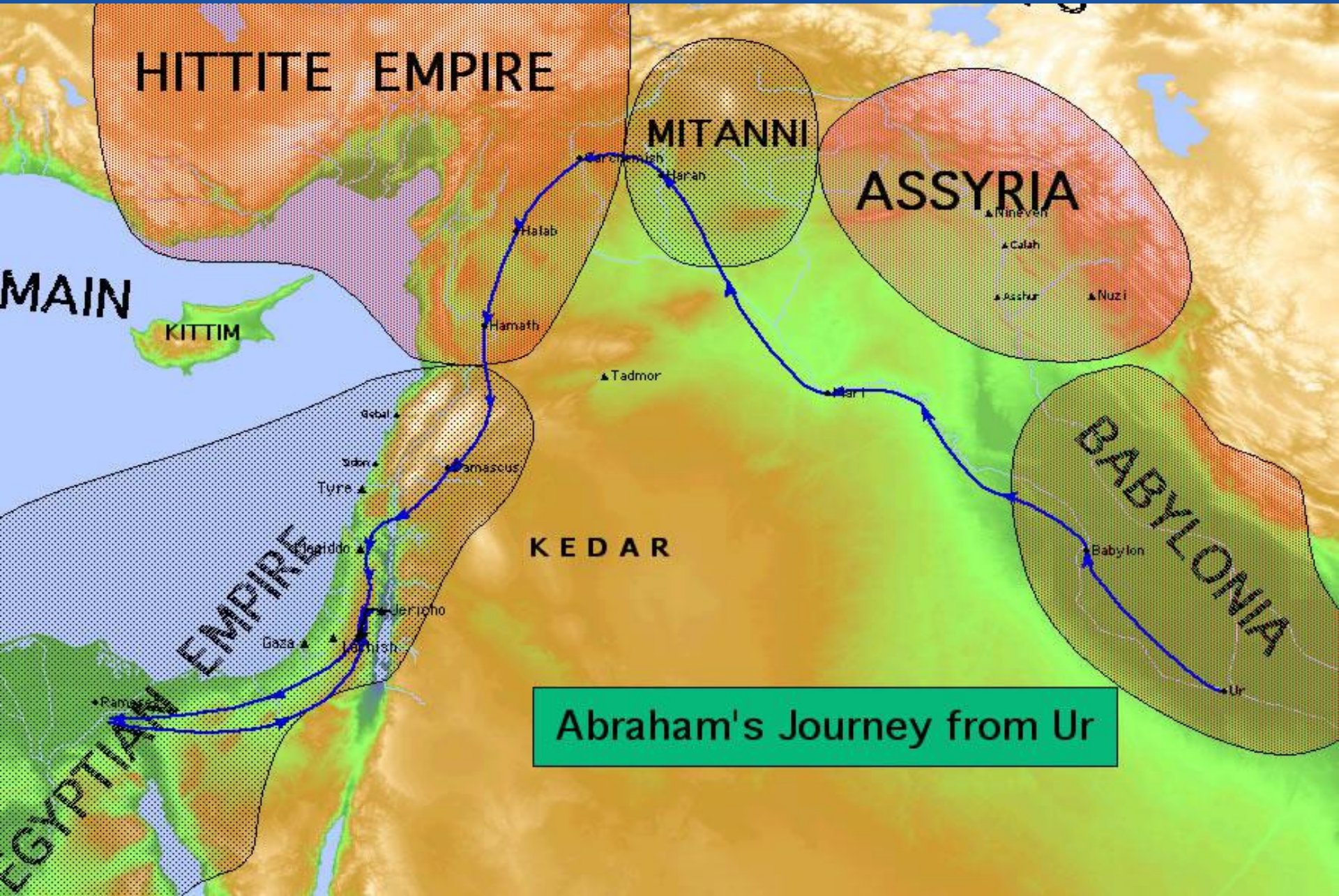
Jacob

➤ Father, son, and  
grandson





# FROM UR, TO HARAN, TO CANAAN



Abraham's Journey from Ur



# DIVISION AND SEPARATION WAS THE KEY

- Abraham was just as pagan as everybody else
- Not given any special merit as was Noach
- Abraham had to separate himself from his pagan background
- ***DIVIDING, ELECTING, SEPARATING***
- Man hates letting go of things
- The familiar present always more attractive than the uncertain future
- Could separation be from family, dear friends, or even your church? YES! Abraham's story verifies this

# THE CONCEPT OF SEPARATION IS CENTRAL TO CHRIST'S TEACHING

- **NAS Luke 14:26** *"If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.*
- **NAS Matthew 10:34** *"Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 "For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; 36 and a man's enemies will be the members of his household.*



**SEPARATION  
MUST OCCUR  
IN ONE FORM  
OR ANOTHER  
TO SERVE  
YEHOVEH**



- **NAS Matthew 19:29 *"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, shall receive many times as much, and shall inherit eternal life.***
- Bible uses words like SET-APART, SANCTIFIED, DISTINCITION to indicate separation
- HOLY = set-apart, sanctified, distinct, separated



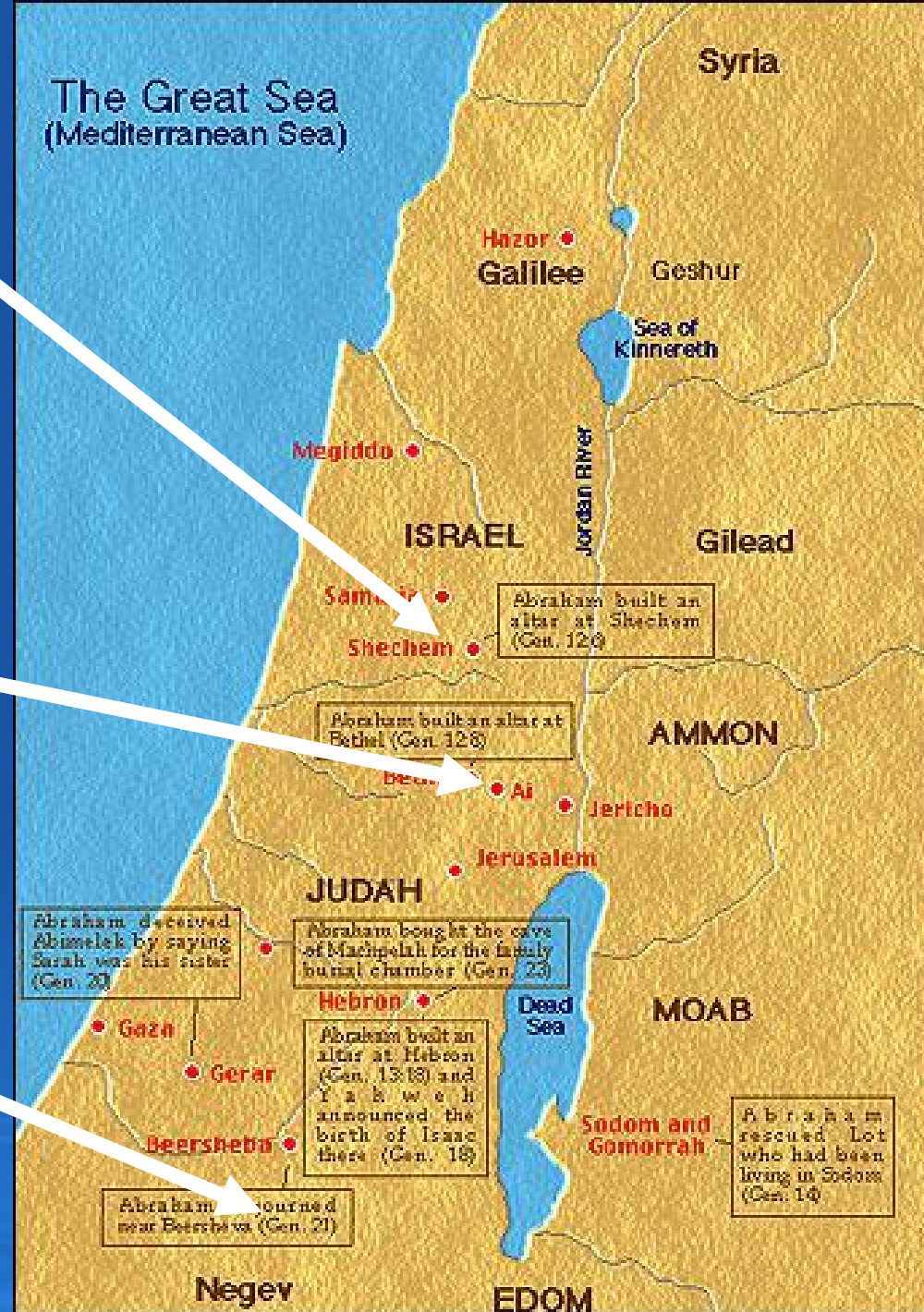
# ABRAHAM IN CANAAN

- BY MEANS OF SEPARATION ABRAHAM RATIFIED THE COVENANT
- THIS IS A PERMANENT COVENANT
- 1975 – 2000 BC
- 350 YEARS SINCE FLOOD
- SARAI (SARAH), LOT (NEPHEW) GO WITH ABRAHAM
- CANAANITES CONSISTED OF MANY TRIBES FROM THE LINE OF HAM AND HIS SON, CANAAN
- 1<sup>ST</sup> STOP WAS SHECHEM (TODAY CALLED NABLUS)



# SHECHEM

- Today called Nablus, in disputed West Bank
- Then moves 25 miles to Bethel and Ai
- Builds another altar
- Moved again to the “Negev”
- Negev = south





# ABRAHAM GOES TO EGYPT



- Goes to Egypt to seek relief from a famine
- It was typical for tribes in that area of Middle East to go to Egypt for food
- People traveled readily, over well-marked routes
- Sarai, Avram's wife, taken by Pharaoh for his harem
- Sarai WAS Avram's half-sister



# ABRAHAM PREPARES A DECEPTION

- Sarai was 75 years old
- Abraham prospers in Egypt
- Is given the Bride's Price for Sarai (a customary gift)
- When Pharaoh discovers that Sarai is Avram's wife, he returns her
- Pharaoh orders Avram out of Egypt
- A relationship is created between the Hebrews and Egypt





# GENESIS 13: ABRAHAM LEAVES EGYPT

- Vs. 2 “.....now Abraham was VERY rich....”
- It was the Bride’s Price gifts that enriched Avram
- This is a “type” and “pattern” of Moses and the Exodus





# ABRAHAM SEPARATES FROM LOT



- Avram gives Lot the choice of which land
- Lot takes the Jordan Valley, and the area of Sodom and Gomorrah
- Lot **KNEW** the wickedness he chose



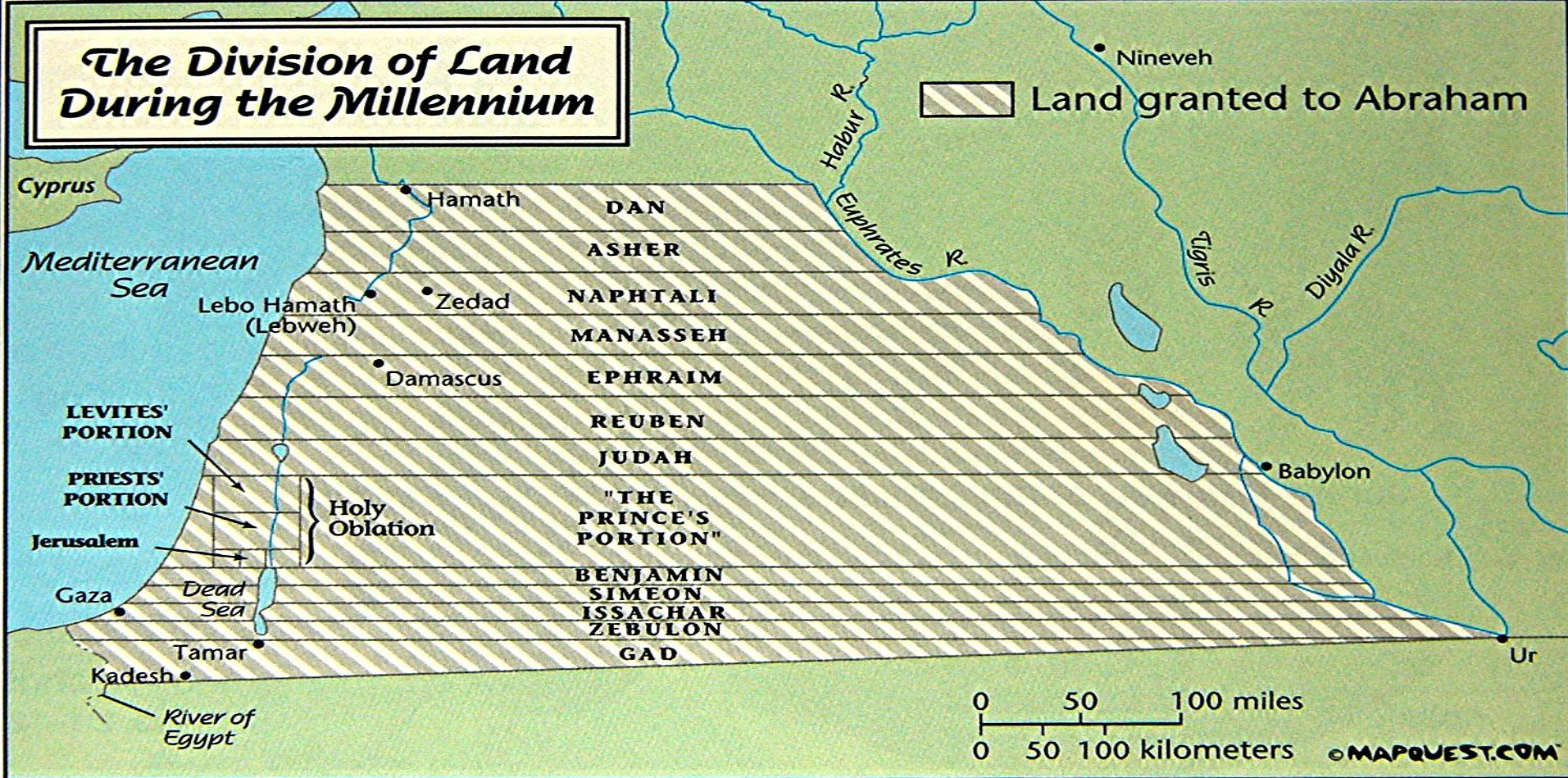
# GOD APPEARS TO AVRAM AND ADDS DETAILS TO COVENANT



- **NAS Genesis 13:15** *for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever.*
- Ad 'olam = forever, never-ending, perpetual
- **A NEW LAW OF THE UNIVERSE IS NOW CREATED!**
- **NOT conditional**
- **No amount of sin or rebellion would cause Yehoveh to cancel His promise to Avram**



# The Division of Land During the Millennium



## ➤ EZEKIEL 36 AND 37

- The place Abraham stood when God gave him "the land" was in what today is the West Bank
- That land is Israel's, not the Palestinians'
- Where do YOU stand?