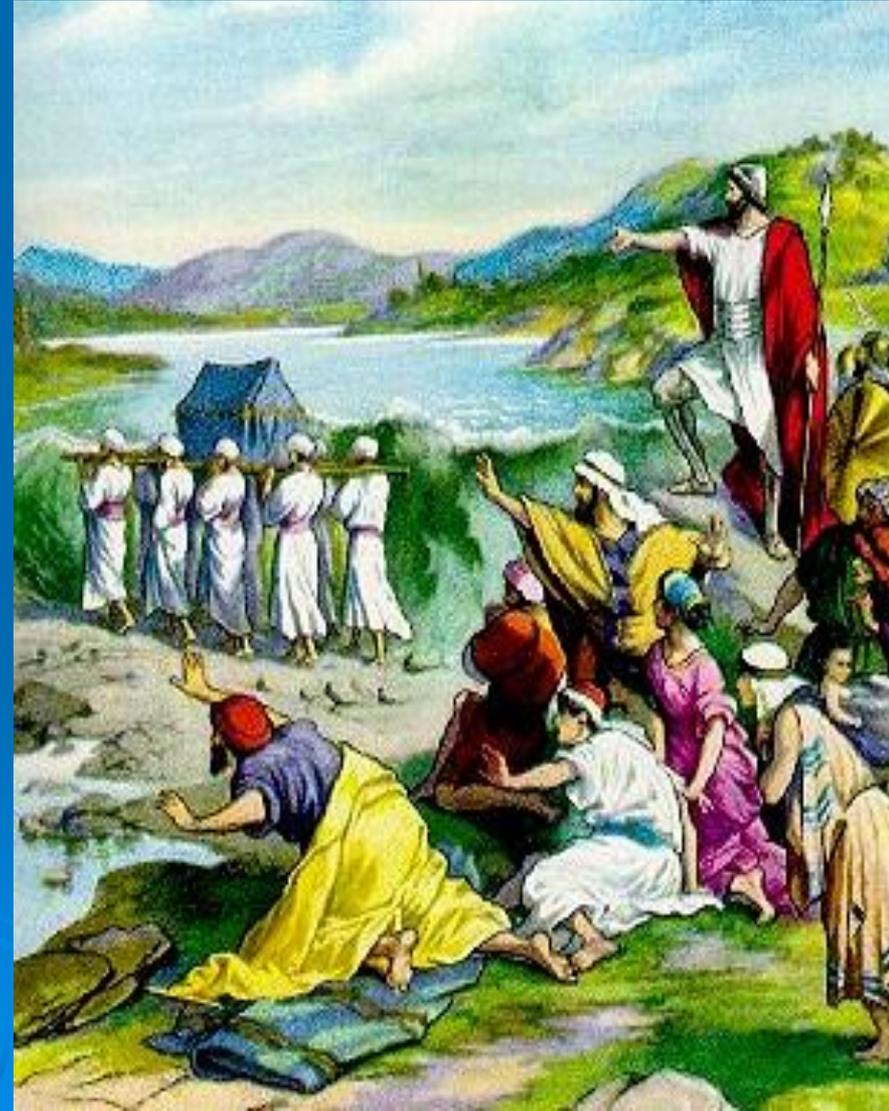


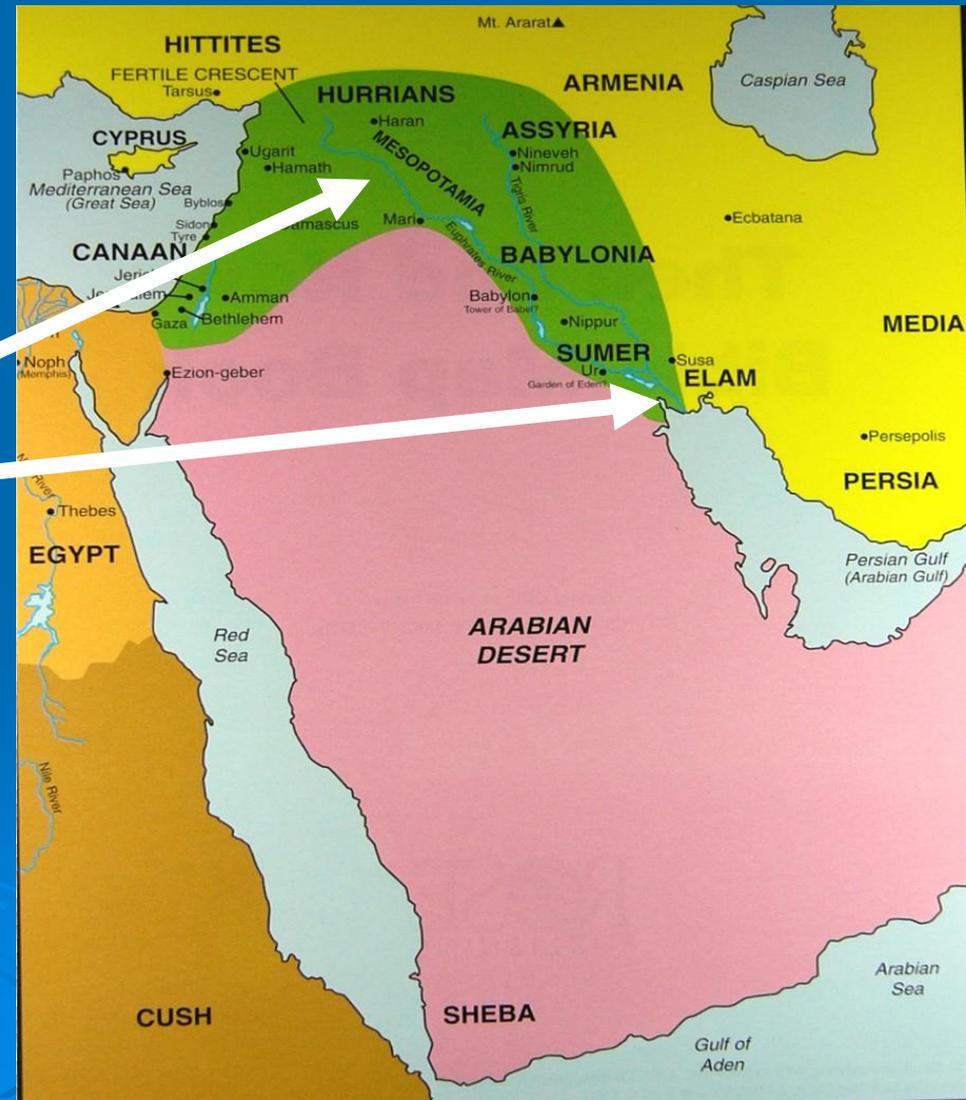
PREPARATION FOR: THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

- Joshua is a natural continuation of Deuteronomy
- Book of Joshua is the 1st of the Former Prophets
- Israel is the skeleton upon which hangs the flesh of the New Testament
- Prophecy ceased at 70 A.D., and started up again in 1948 with the rebirth of Israel



THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL BEGINS WITH ABRAHAM

- **AVRAHAM = ABRAHAM**
- Abraham neither a “Jew” nor an “Israelite”
- Born about 2000 B.C.
- **FERTILE CRESCENT**
- City of Ur
- Ur was the center of Moon-god worship



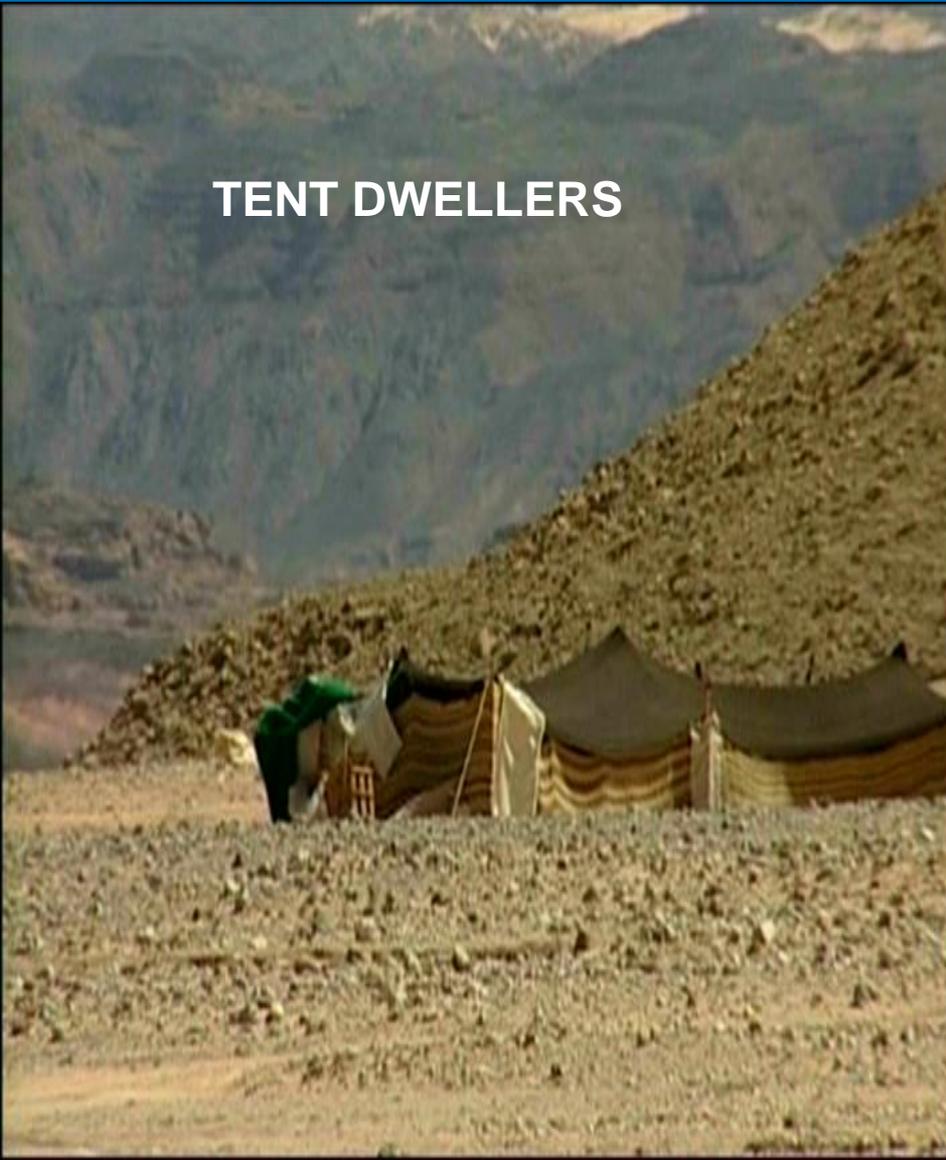
ABRAHAM



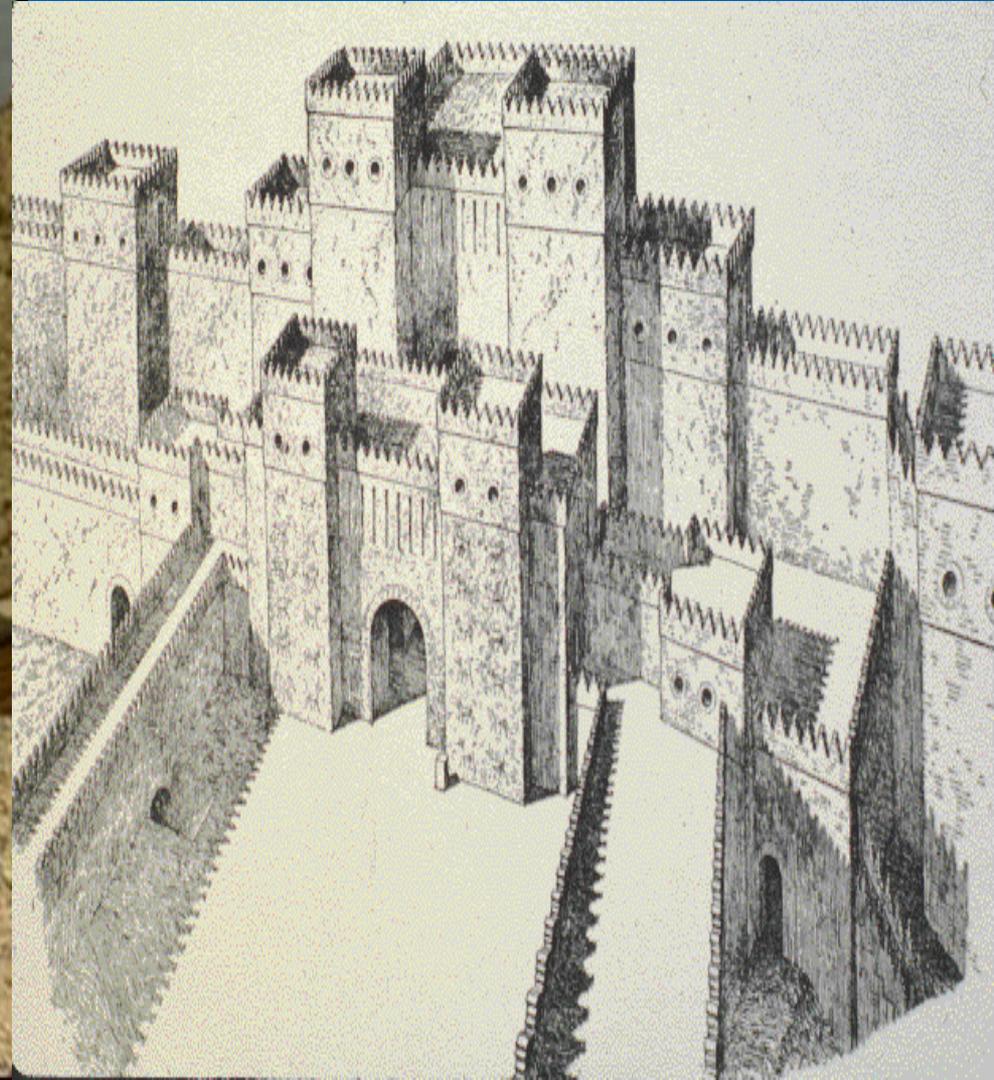
- Father is *Terah*
- Descendant of *Shem*
- Noah still living when Abraham was born
- Term “Semite” created only about 200 years ago
- Means “descendants of *Shem*”

VARIOUS CULTURES LIVED SIDE-BY-SIDE

TENT DWELLERS



CITY DWELLERS



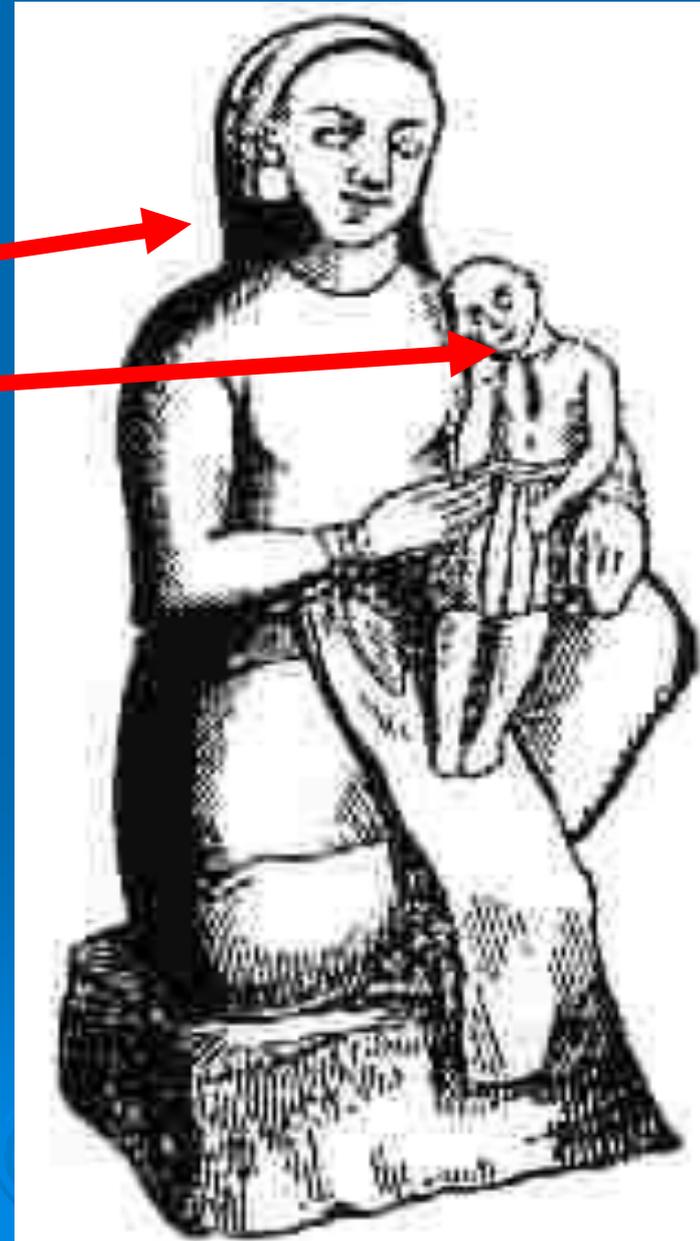
TOWER OF BABEL

- Abraham born about 200 years after the Tower of Babel
- One language scrambled into many so humans would disperse
- Nimrod built the 1st walled city after the Flood
- Nimrod was of the line of Ham
- Founder of the Mystery Babylon religions



NIMROD'S FAMILY

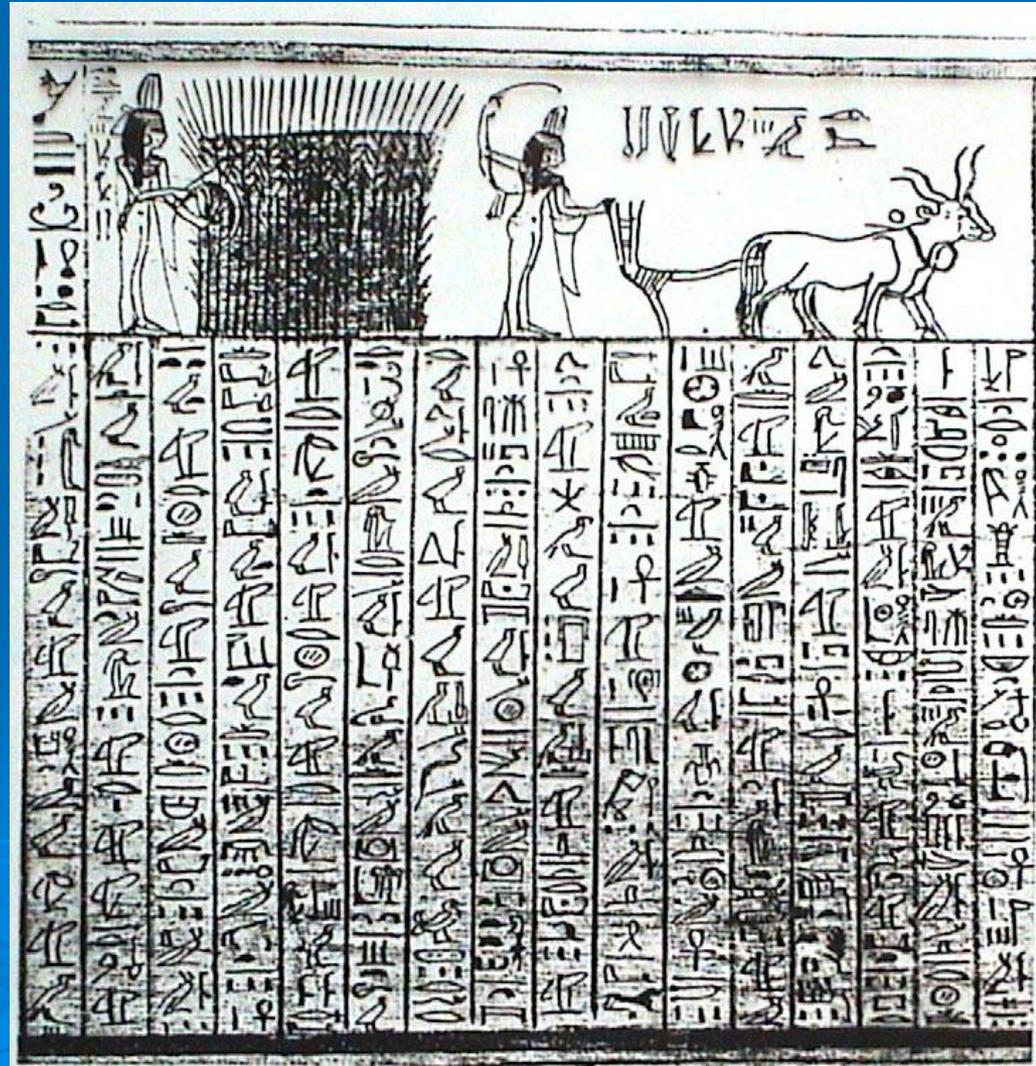
- Nimrod was the son of Cush
- He married Semiramis
- Son was Tammuz
- Semiramis became known as “the Queen of Heaven”
- Tammuz was thought to be the reincarnation of Nimrod
- Many names in various cultures for this “Queen of Heaven”: Isis, Indrani, Cybele, Ashteroth



COMMUNICATION WAS WELL DEVELOPED

CUNEIFORM / MESOPOTAMIA

HIEROGLYPHS / EGYPT



PYRAMIDS AND ABRAHAM

- Pyramid building era was over by the time Abraham was born
- Trade routes connected the Middle East to the Far East, and to Africa
- During Abraham's era Stonehenge was built



ABRAHAM ORIGINALLY WAS A PAGAN (A GENTILE)

Goddess Ashteroth



- Abraham's father sold idols for a living
- People accepted many gods
- Gods always in a hierarchy

ORIGIN OF CANAAN



- *Noach* = Noah
- Noach curses Ham's son Canaan
- Canaan eventually moved south
- Canaanite tribes included Hivites, Gergashites, Jebusites, and more

SHECHEM

- Today called Nablus, in disputed West Bank
- God showed Abraham that THIS was the land He would give to him and his descendants
- Goes to Egypt for a short time
- Noah dies at 900 years of age





CANAAN BEFORE THE CONQUEST

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Scale of Miles



Perennial Rivers Seasonal Rivers & Streams Capitals

The Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea)

Canaan at this time was an Egyptian province organized on a city-state system. The local kings were only required to pay tribute and to furnish labor for Egyptian royal projects.

Phoenicians from the cities of Sidon and Tyre traded throughout the Mediterranean.

HITTITE EMPIRE UBI

Damascus

BASHAN (KINGDOM OF OG)

The 13th and 12th century kingdoms of Bashan, Ammon, Moab and Edom displaced the Raphaim, Zuzim, Emim and Horites respectively.

KINGDOM OF SIHON

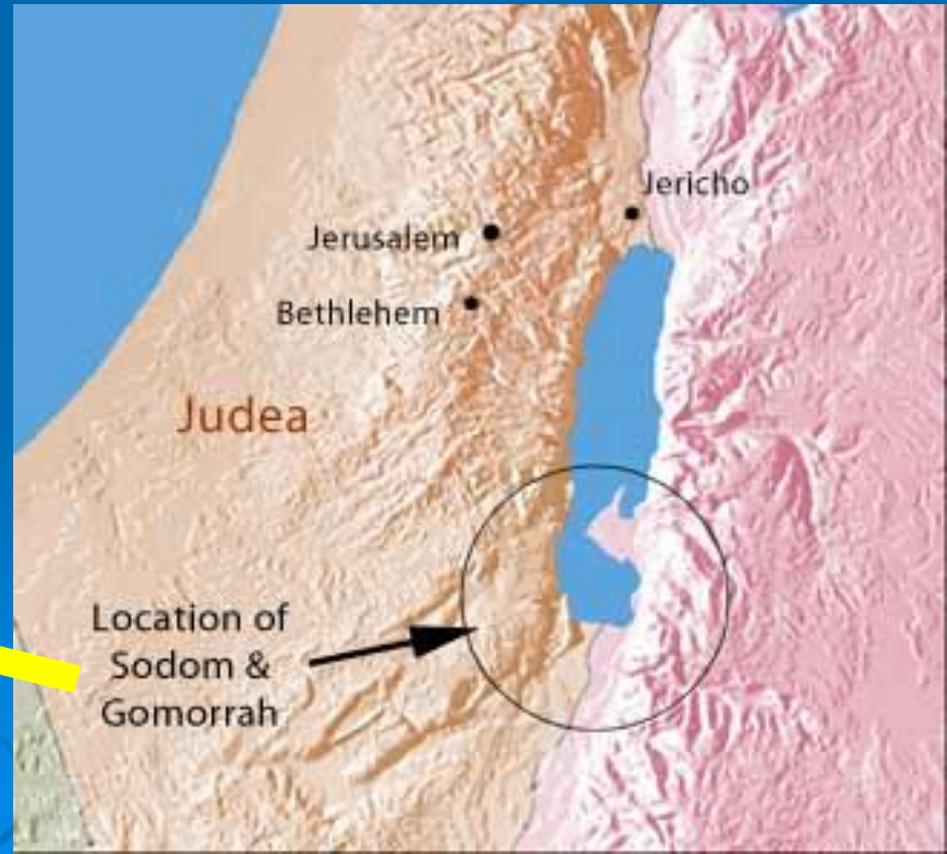
M O A B

Edom

Edom

DAMASCUS

Abraham chased Lot's captors from Sodom to Damascus



Jerusalem
Bethlehem

Jericho

Judea

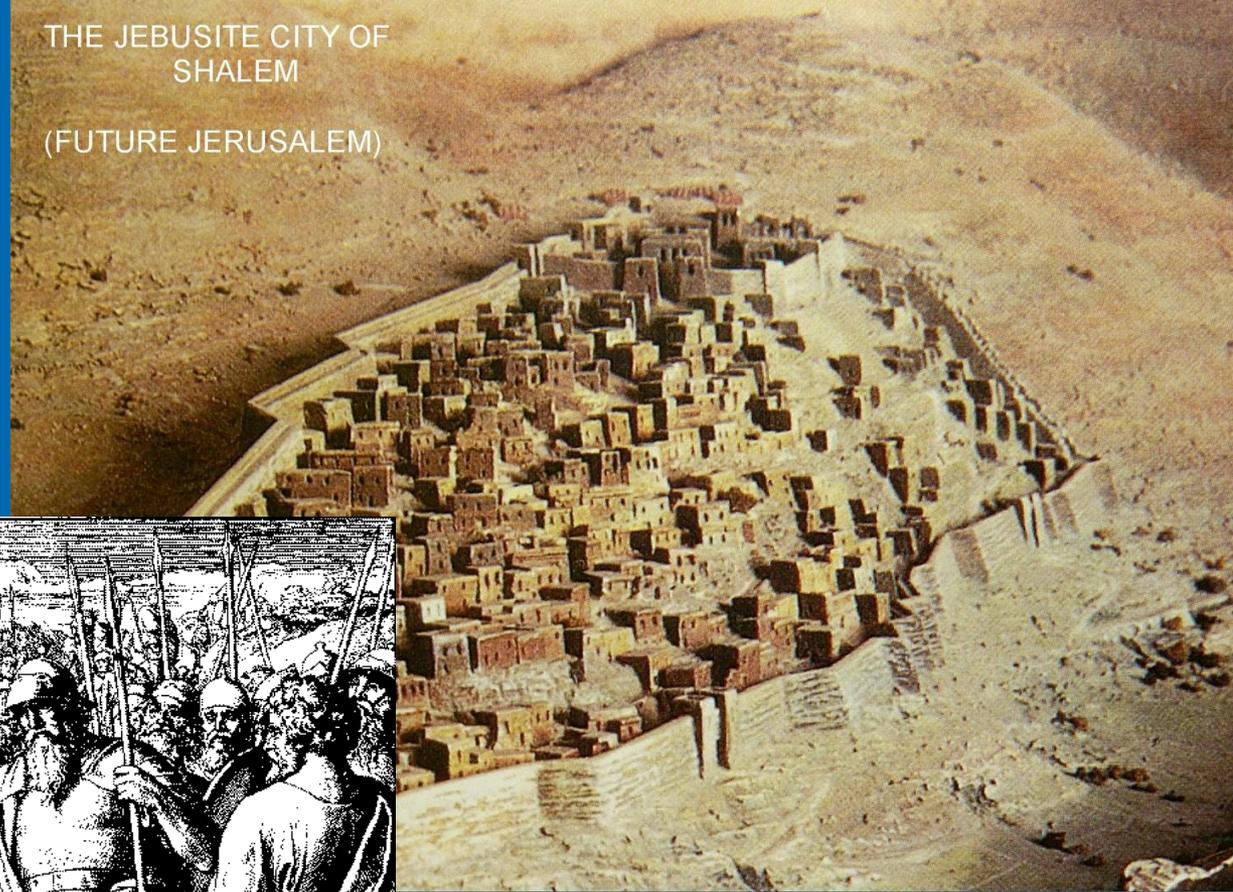
Location of Sodom & Gomorrah

Edom

Avraham meets Melchizedek

THE JEBUSITE CITY OF
SHALEM

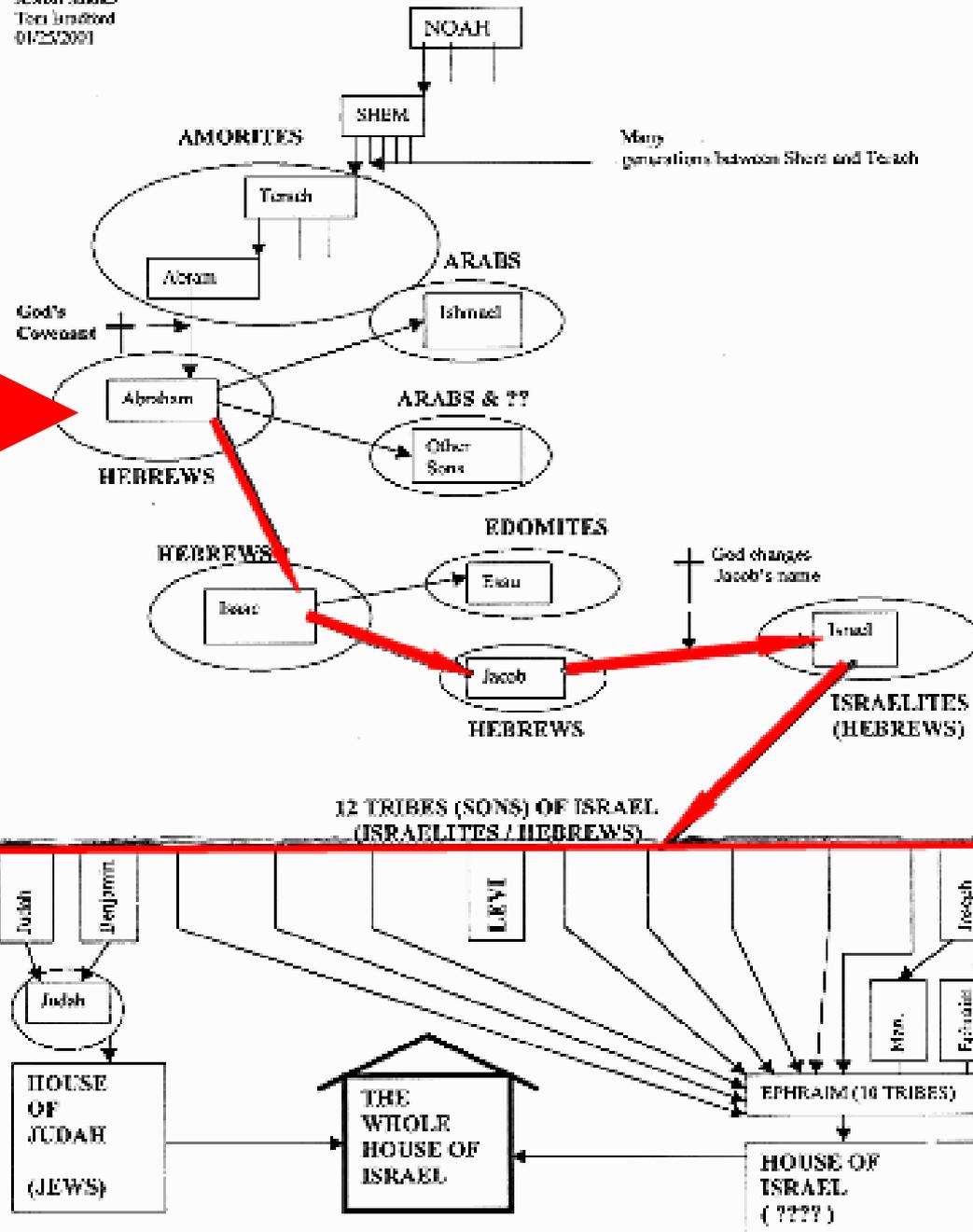
(FUTURE JERUSALEM)



Was Melchizedek
actually Shem?

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HEBREW LINE
BEGINS



*The Great Sea
(Mediterranean Sea)*

*The Hyksos, Semitic people
from Canaan, conquered Egypt
about 1700 B.C.*

*The Egyptians controlled
Canaan at this time.*

Beir-Sheva

LIBYAN
DESERT

EGYPTIAN KINGDOM
(12th dynasty 2000-1788 B.C.)

SINAI
Royal Egyptian
copper mines
PENINSULA

HAGAR



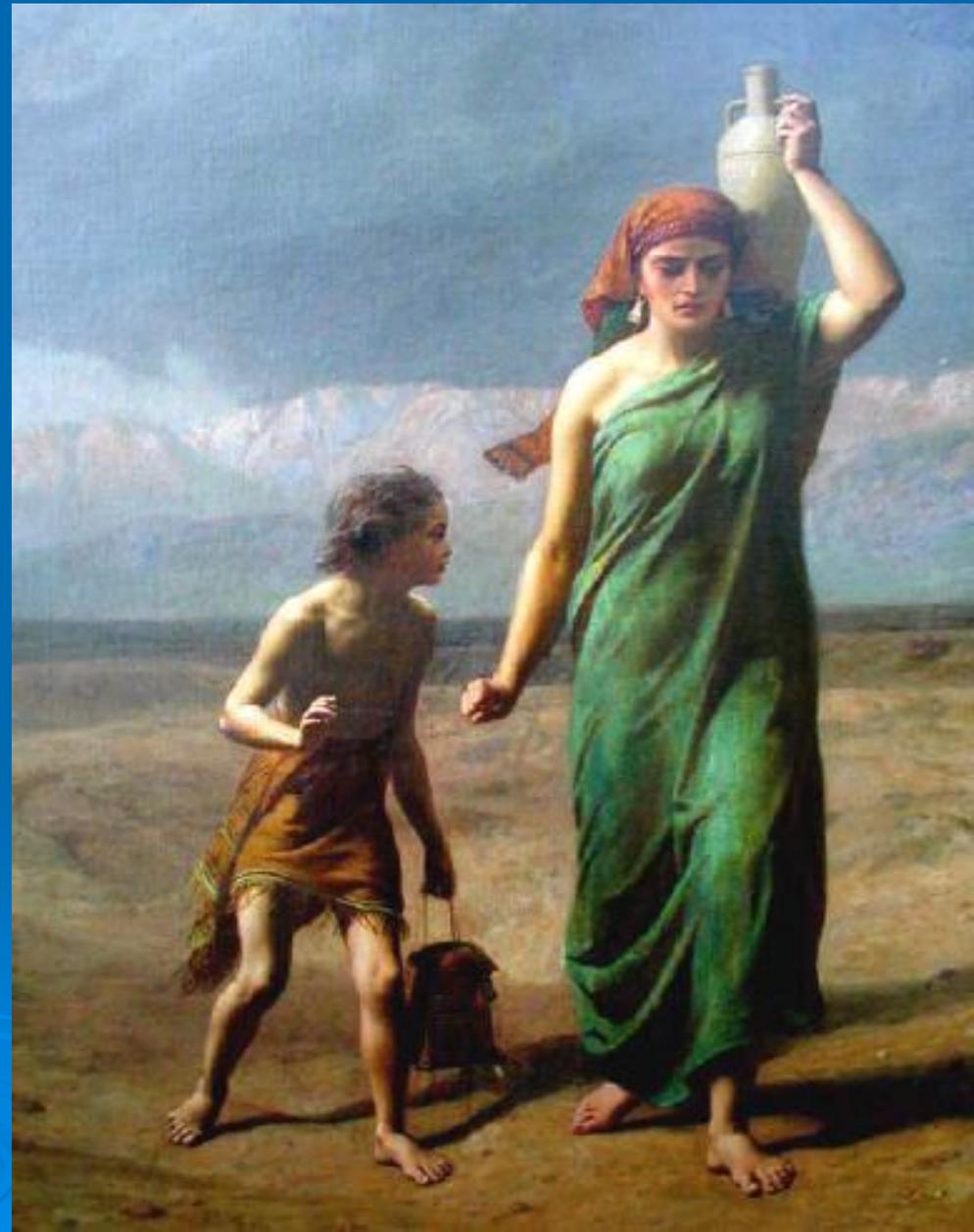
ABRAHAMIC COVENANT



- A unilateral covenant is made between God and Abraham
- All duties fell on the Lord
- This is reason this covenant is often called a “Promise” in the NT
- Rites of circumcision given as a sign of the covenant
- Sarai becomes pregnant at age 90

HAGAR AND ISHMAEL

- Ishmael was 13 when mother and son were banished
- God promised Hagar that Ishmael would produce 12 princes
- Ishmael is the father of the Arab races
- Ishmael FALSELY called the father of Islam



THE KEY ELEMENT: ISAAC OR ISHMAEL?



- GEN. 17:15-22
- Abraham loved Ishmael, planned his future around Ishmael
- God said “NO!!”it MUST be Isaac, son born by Sarai
- GEN. 15:6 “ *Abraham trusted Yehoveh credited to him as righteousness.....*”

ISAAC ON THE ALTAR OF SACRIFICE



- Isaac was 30 years old!
- Mt. Moriah....later will become the Temple Mount in Jerusalem
- Ram, *a male sheep* was substituted
- Sarai dies, buried in Hebron

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT GOES NORTH TO FIND ISAAC A WIFE



ARAM-NAHARAYIM