

Abrahamic Covenant: Abram in Haran (Gen 12:1-4)

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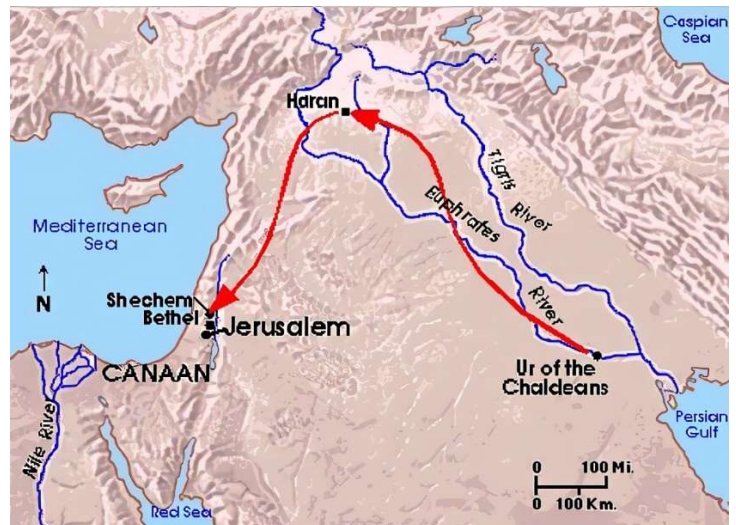
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2. God instructs Abram to do something, and if he obeys, God makes several promises. What did God tell Abram to do? Underline what you observe. What does God promise? Place a number in the verses for each blessing that God promises – how many do you see?

Now the Lord had said to Abram:

"Get out of your country,
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To a land that I will show you.
I will make you a great nation;
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So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. (Gen 12:1-4, NKJV)



3. Did Abram see God during this time? How far did Abram travel to reach Canaan?

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Teacher Notes

Teacher note: This exercise encourages the student to mark up the text to aid in the skill of observation, and to show that it is perfectly fine to write notes in one's personal Bible. A map is included in the lesson to help familiarize the student with the geography of the region, and in this case, gain a sense of Abram's obedience to God.

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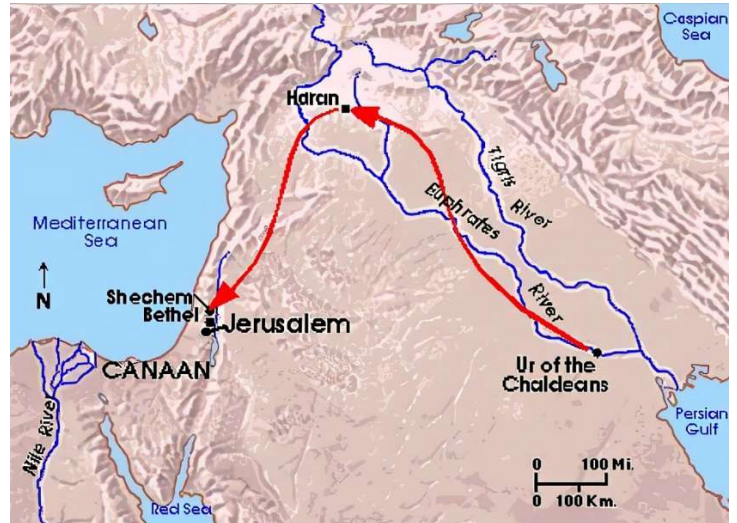
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What did God tell Abram to do?

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Ask the student: What does this mean – Get of your country? From your family and from your father's house? Did God tell Abram his destination??

What blessings did God promise?

1. I will make you a great nation;
2. I will bless you
3. And make your name great;
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5. I will bless those who bless you,
6. And I will curse him who curses you;
7. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Don't be surprised if the student does not identify all seven blessings, and it is okay if he misses a few. Help the student observe all seven blessing. Of all the blessings the student should understand, it is blessing #7 as it is a reference to Jesus Christ.

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Help the student understand the significance of Abram's faith. While just listening to the voice of God, he obeys and leaves Haran to go to somewhere unknown. Abram goes to Shechem where he builds his first altar to God; from Haran to Shechem is approximately 400 – 500 miles.