

God's Call and Covenant with Abraham

Genesis Chapters 12-15



- 1.) God hates sin and must judge sinners
- 2.) Sinners are only declared righteous by faith
- 3.) By faith we, like Noah, are to be different than the sinful world around us by...
 - a.) Striving to obey God's will and living to his glory
 - b.) Telling others of God's coming judgment and gift of salvation in Jesus



SHINE
AMONG THEM
LIKE STARS
IN THE SKY

- Philippians 2:15

FUN!

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GAMES!



Oct. 25th

11am-1pm

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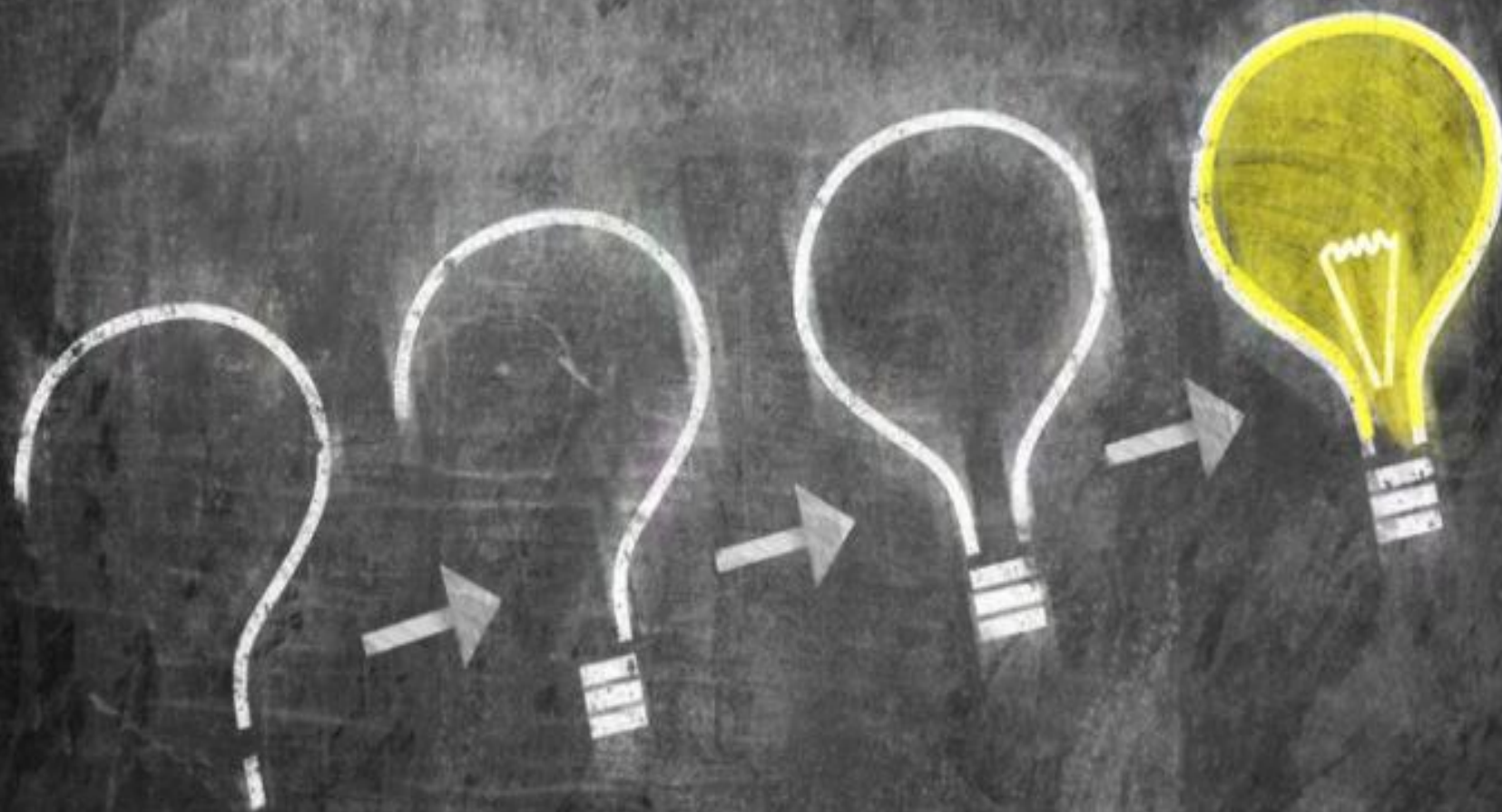
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PRAYER



**Anything
amazing?**



Your questions...

Getting Started





WHEN?

- Many generations after the Flood

- In the meantime God had confused the earth's languages at the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11) and forced them to spread out over the earth



WHO?



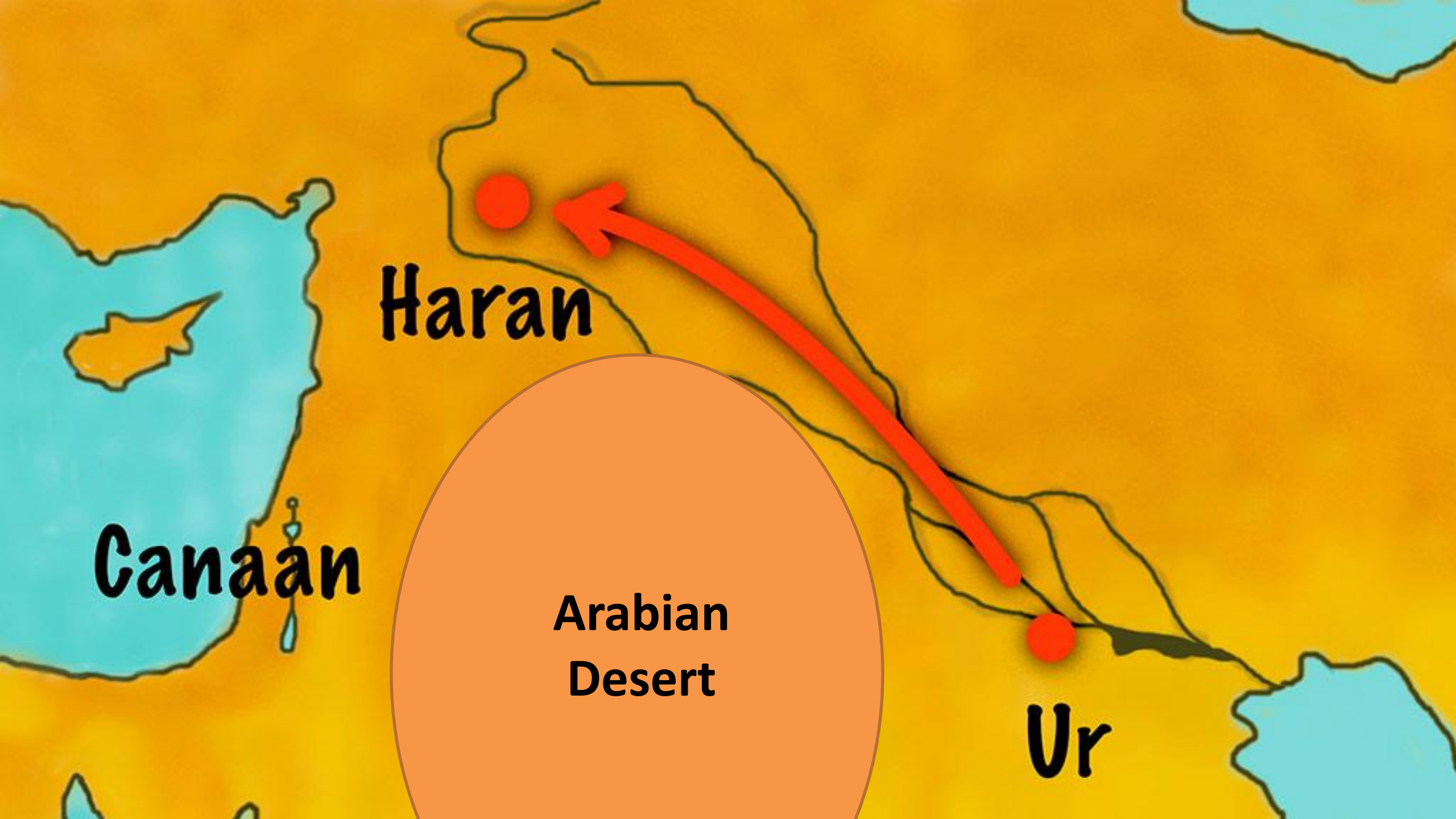
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- Abram was married to Sarai/Sarah, who was barren (11:30)
- Abram also had a nephew named, Lot



OWHERE





Haran

Canaan

**Arabian
Desert**

Ur

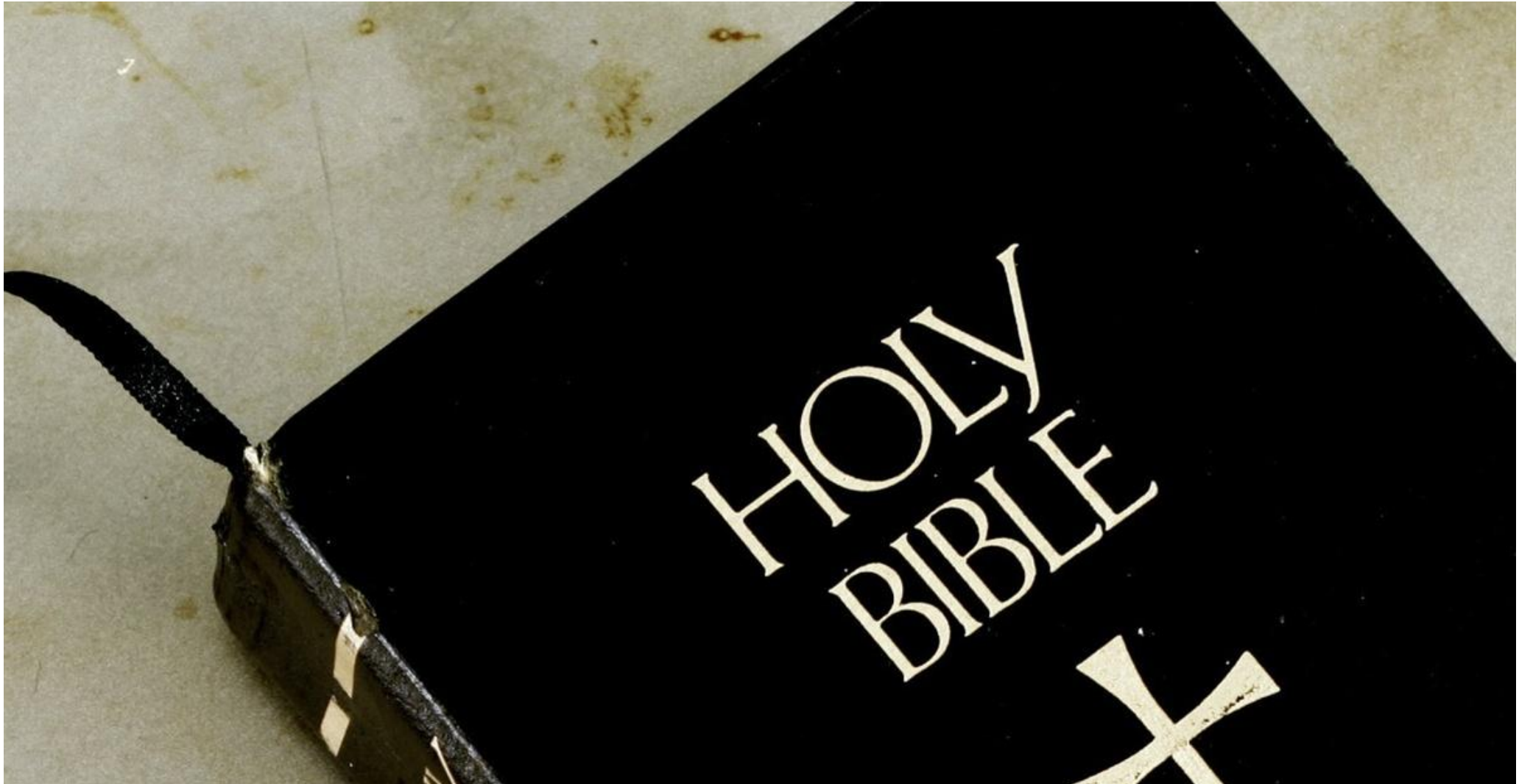


Bethel

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The Story



Read: Genesis 12:1-3

- 1.) Put verse 1 into your own words.
- The LORD told Abram to leave everything he knew and go... without telling him where

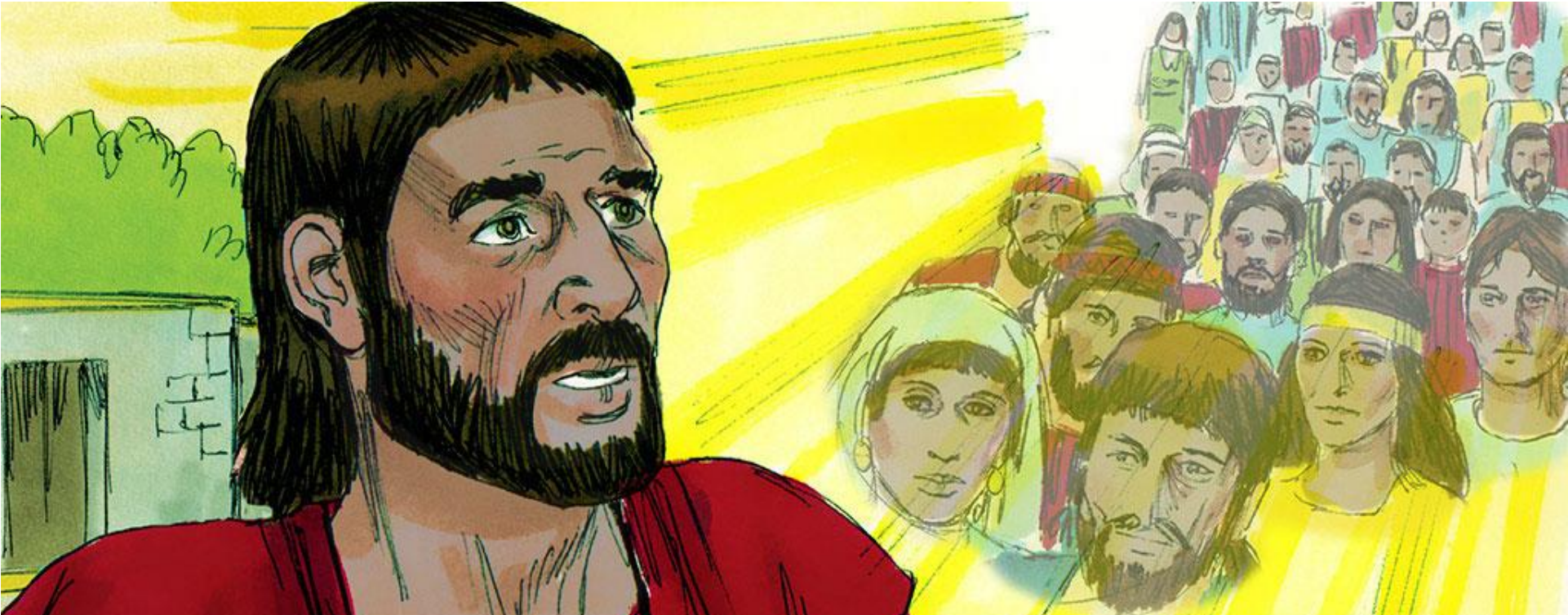


- Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.



2.) What encouragement does the LORD give Abram to go forward in faith? (v. 2-3)

a.) He would make his descendants a great nation



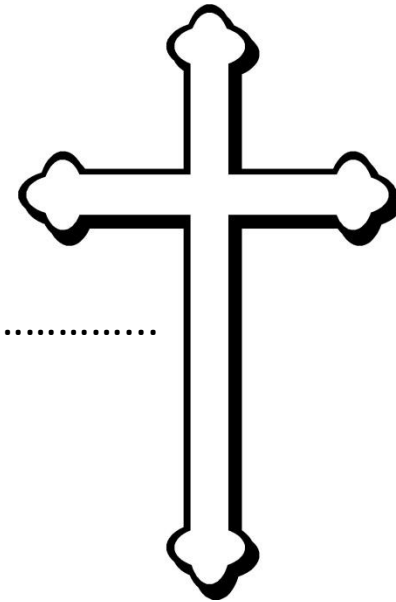
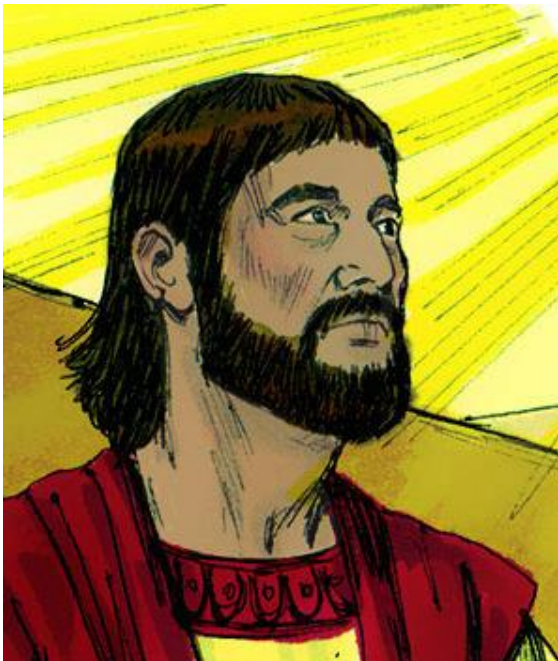
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b.) Would bless him and curse all who opposed him



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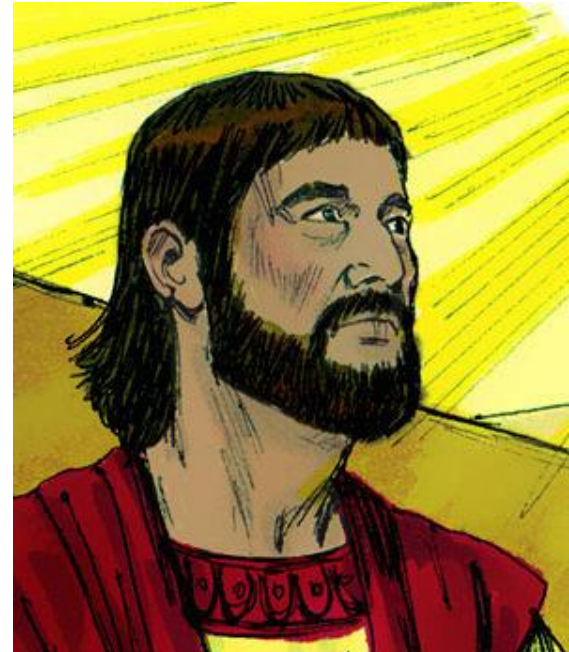
c.) ALL people would be blessed through him = the Savior would come from his family.



Read: Genesis 12:4-9

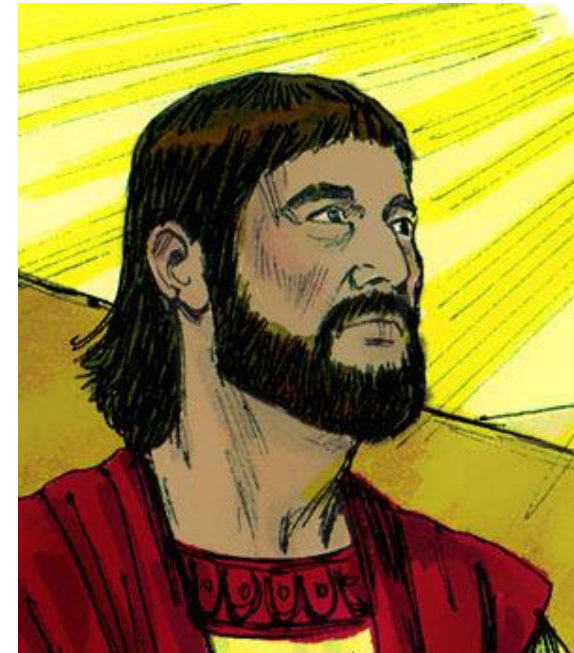
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a.) He immediately obeyed God's command.



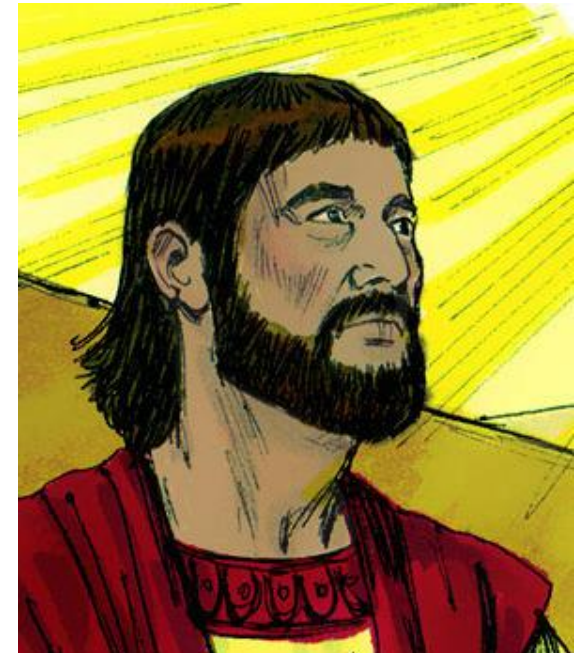
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b.) His age?

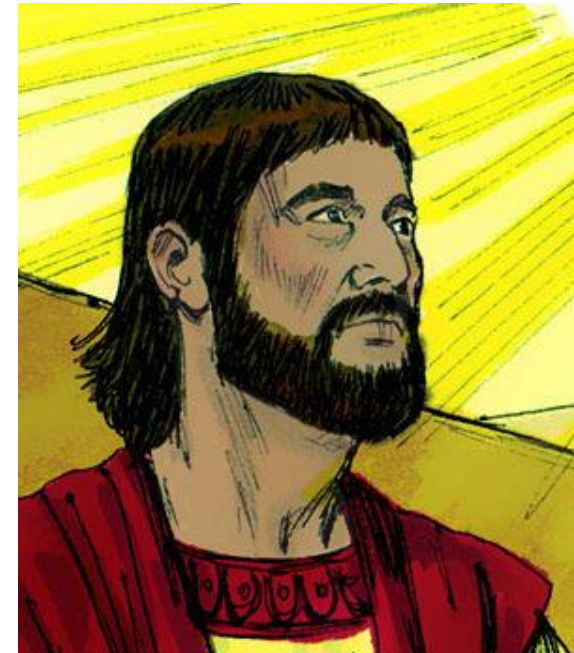


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b.) 75 years old



- 1.) What details do we find out about Abram?
- c.) His financial situation?

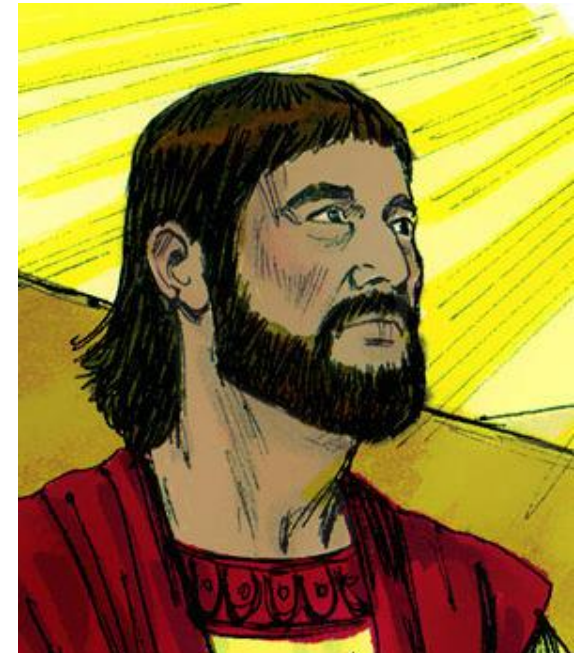


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c.) He was wealthy.

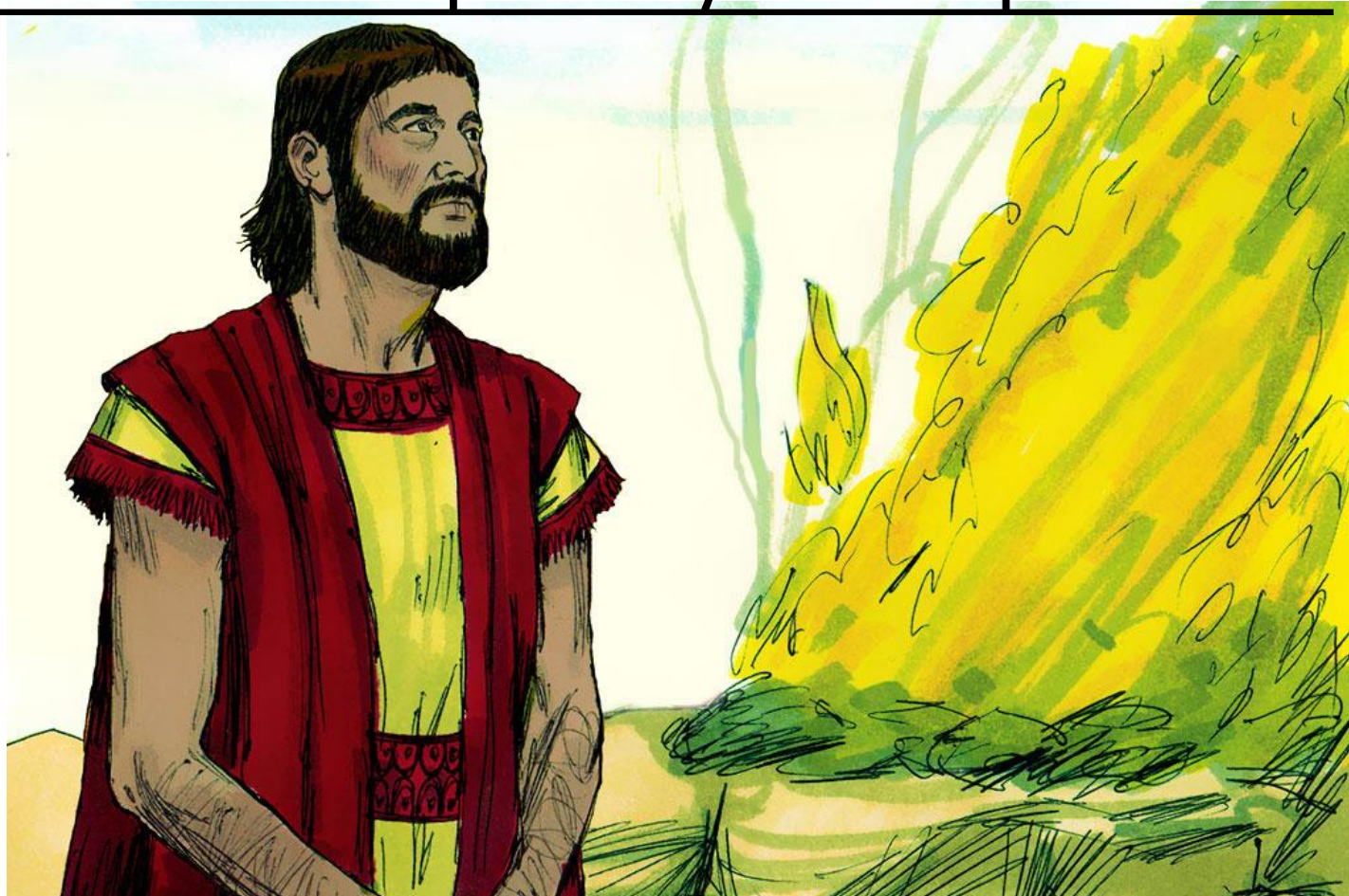


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- d.) How did he show his faith wherever he went?



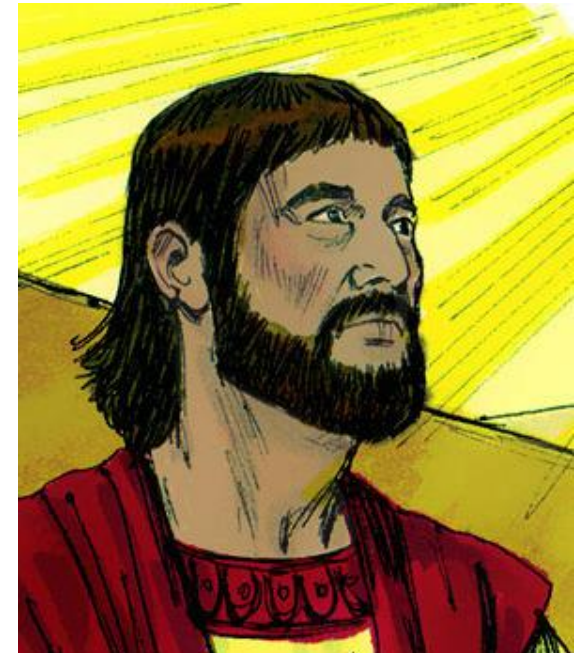
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d.) He built altars and publicly worshiped God.



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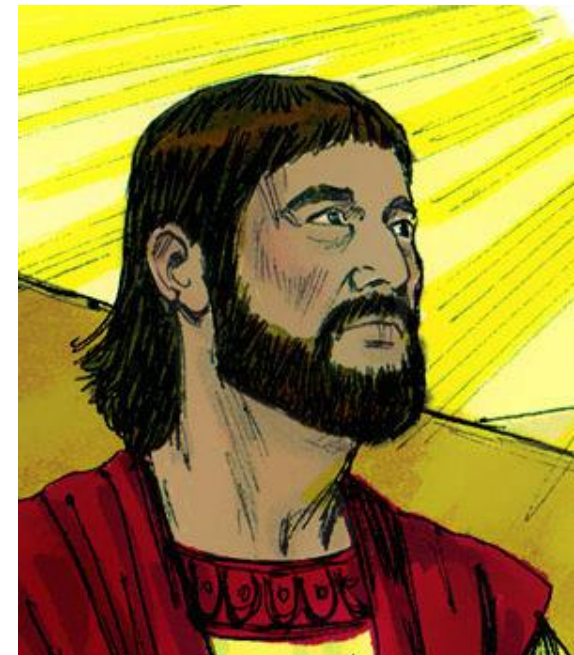
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- His descendants would take possession of this land...but the land was already full of people and Abram didn't have a single child yet!



Genesis 12:20-30











1.) What do you think of Abram's plan? Who was he relying on?

- He was relying on himself and willing to stretch the truth, which showed a lack of trust in the Lord

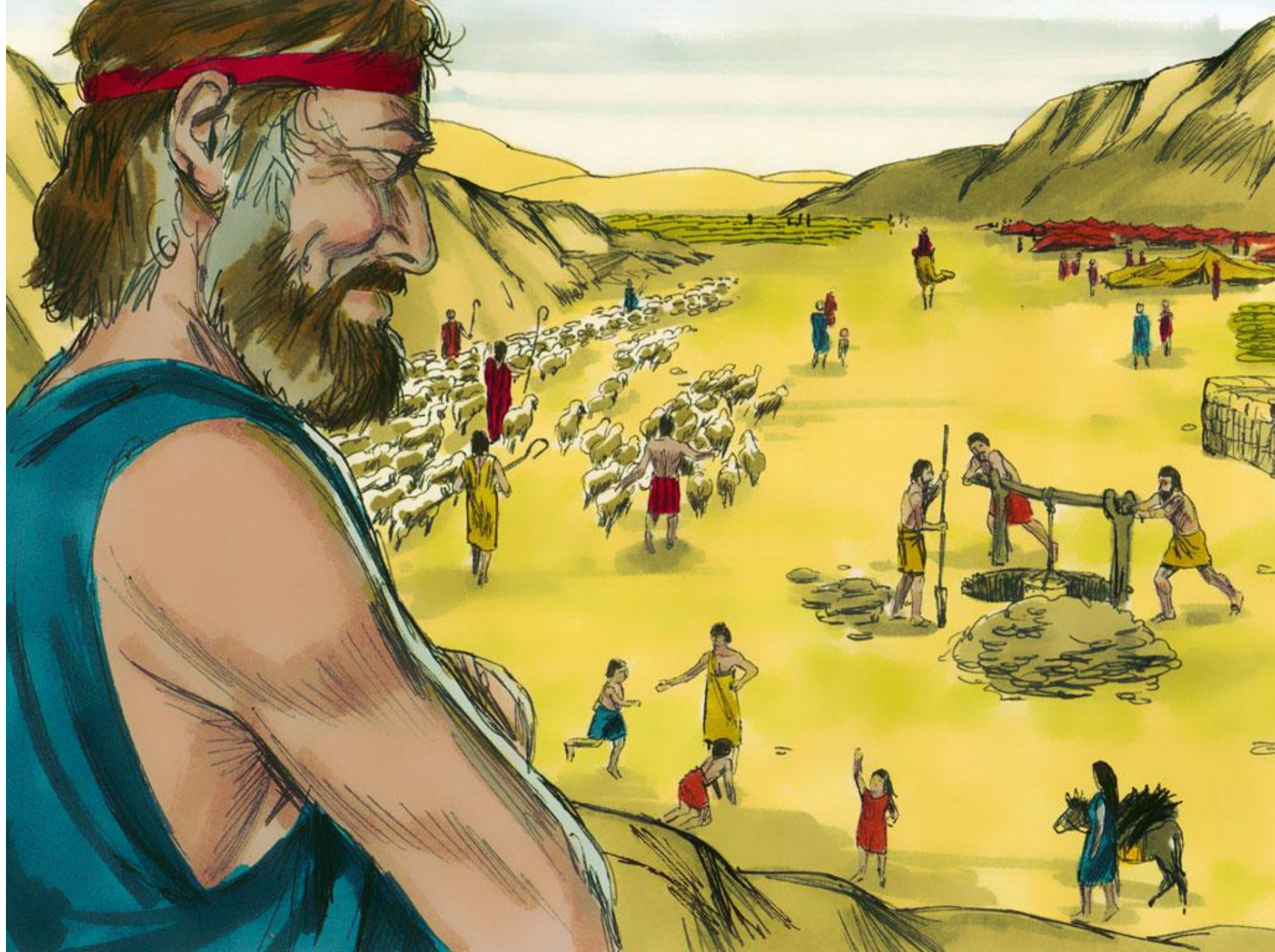
2.) How did God remain faithful to the promises he had given Abram?

- He blessed him more
- He kept Sarai pure
- He used Pharaoh to rebuke Abram for his sin

Genesis 13

1.) Summarize this chapter:

- God blesses Abram and Lot so much that the land couldn't support them if they stayed together.



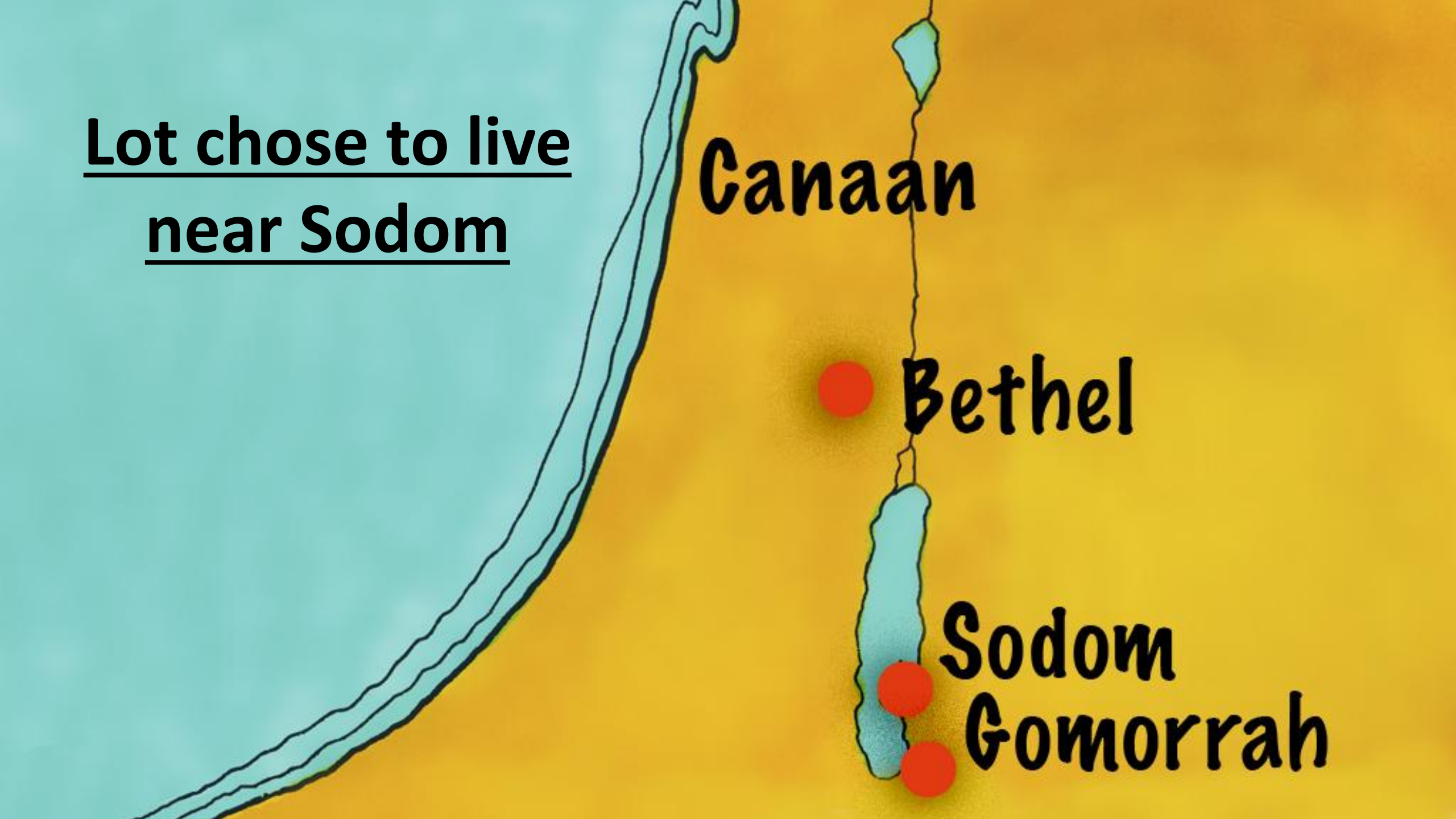
Lot chose to live
near Sodom

Canaan

Bethel

Sodom

Gomorrah



God again
promised the
land to Abram's
descendants



Genesis 14 Overview

- Five Canaanite kings rebel and are defeated by 4 kings from the north



This map depicts the Tigris and Euphrates river systems and the surrounding land. The land is color-coded: green for the West Alliance, yellow for the East Alliance, and brown for mountainous regions. The Persian Gulf is visible on the left. A scale bar at the bottom indicates 700 miles.

West Alliance

Sodom
Gomorrah
Admah
Zeboiim
Bela

East Alliance

Shinar
Ellasar
Elam
Goiim

700 miles



Genesis 14 Overview

- Lot, who was now living IN Sodom was captured
- Abram and 318 trained fighting men attack at night and defeat enemy kings and rescue captives
- Melchizedek, the priest-king of Salem (that's Jerusalem) blesses Abram
- Abram gives everything back to the defeated kings

READ: Genesis 15:1-6

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- **He believed God and BY FAITH, not good works, God declared him righteous in his sight**

- **Romans 4:23-24** The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

Genesis 15:7-21

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b.) Persons involved would cut animals in half and walk in between to bind themselves to their agreement; then they would eat a fellowship meal.



c.) God assumed the form of a torch and a smoking firepot and passed between the pieces. What key element is missing? Abram didn't walk through with him.



d.) What does this mean?

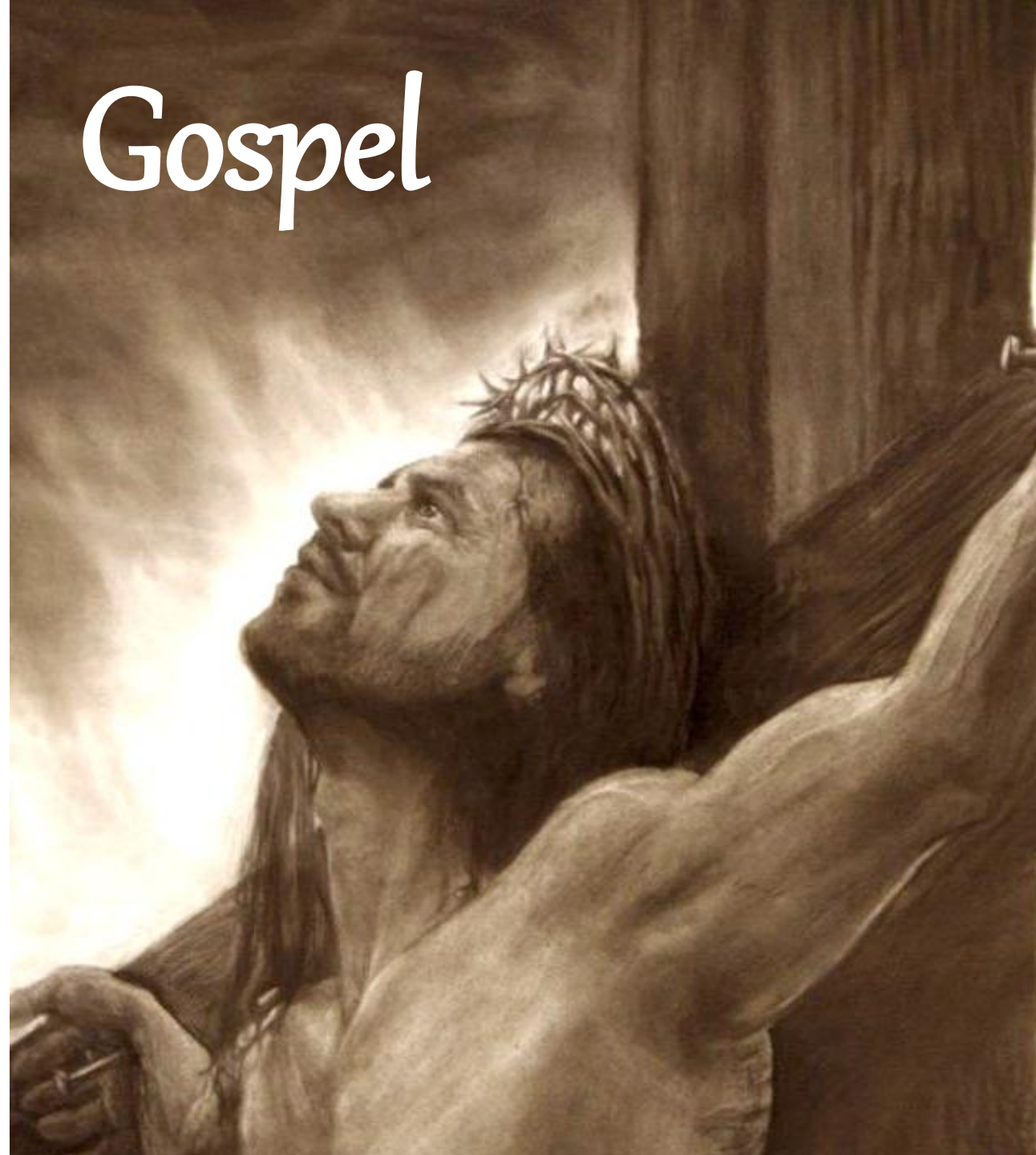
- This promise was unconditional. God only bound himself to this agreement.



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Gospel



LAW

- God's commands, threats, punishments...
 - God commanded Abram to go
 - God promises to curse those who curse Abram
 - Abram is rebuked for his deception and lack of trust

Gospel

- God's mercy, forgiveness, goodness, and promises...
 - God chose Abram to be an ancestor of the Savior
 - God promised to bless him, make him into a great nation, give his descendants the land of Canaan
 - Sinners are justified by faith

Connecting to HIStory



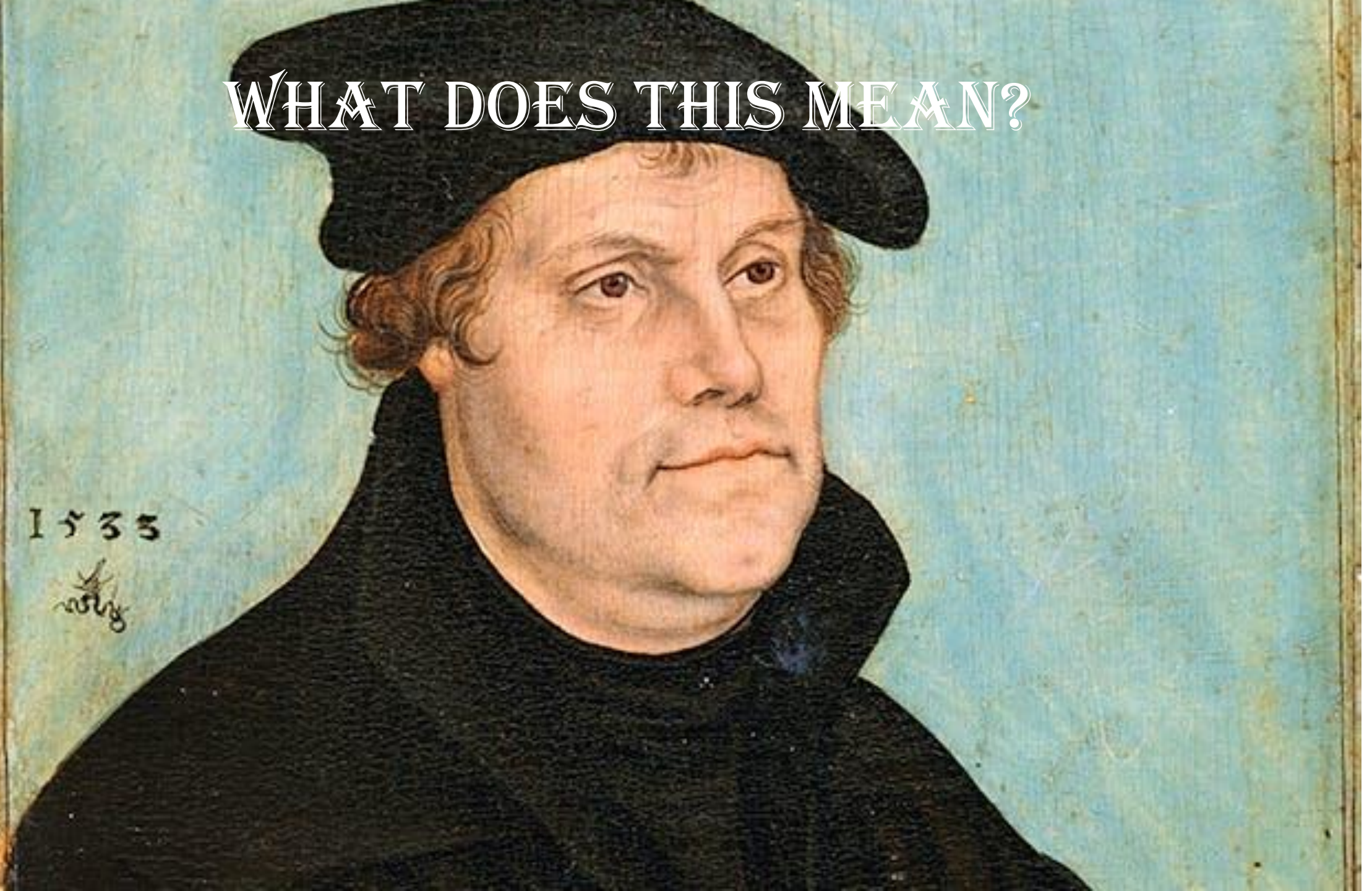


- 1.) After the Flood we see the same unbelief and idolatry happening all over again, so IN MERCY God CHOSE Abram and his descendants to fulfill his promise of sending the Savior into the world.
- 2.) Jesus' birth would be even more miraculous than that of Isaac. He would be born sinless of a virgin.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

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- 1.) God saves sinners by faith
- 2.) God has called us out of the world to be his own and love him more than anyone or anything else
- 3.) Obeying God's commands demands sacrifice and faith
- 4.) We have a God who makes and keeps his promises to sinners!

Assignment for Next Time...

Read:

- Genesis 18-19:29; 21:1-7 (The Lord Visits Abraham and the Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah)
- Complete Reading Reflection Guide

Memory Work:

- The Sixth Commandment
- Psalm 91:11
- Psalm 50:15



TEST PREVIEW