

Primeval history & the patriarchal period – Genesis – The Nations



2248 BC

Background ⁽³⁾

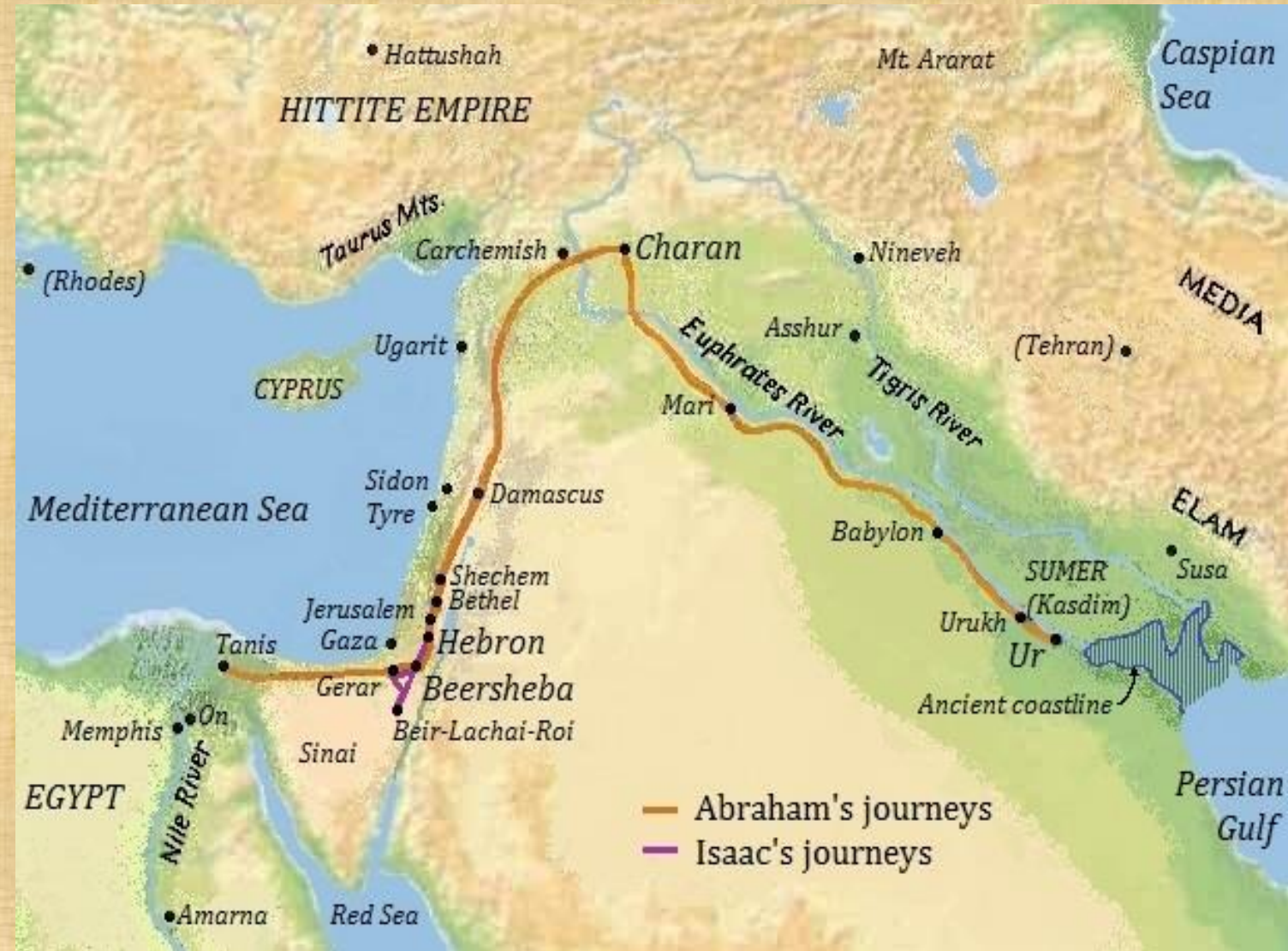
Abrahamic Covenant

The calling of Abram

Abram was an Amorite (of Shem) & Idolator (Josh 24:2).

Physical circumstances represents Spiritual reality.

- Childless – Lifeless, Dead.
- Idolater – In Sin.
- Hopeless – Ur's gods had failed.
- Legacy – No future.



God promises Abraham...

1. A Promised Son (life)

- a. Isaac – foreshadows Messiah (lineage ‘seed of the woman’ narrows).
- b. Father of many physical descendants.
- c. Father of many nations.

2. A Promised Legacy

- a. Abraham’s Name would be great
- b. Abraham’s descendants (through Isaac/Jacob) are...
 - i. God’s Elect people (God ‘adopted’ the physical nation).
 - ii. Instrumental in God’s redemptive history.
 - iii. Nationally protected for posterity (‘Bless you...bless them’).

3. A Promised Land

- a. Israel's permanent 'Homeland'.
- b. The key location of redemptive history

4. A Promised Resurrection 'in Righteousness' (17:8, subdivision of 'All').

Abram, becomes...

- Abraham (new **Identity**)
- Father of many nations (new **nature** = life giving)
- Blessing unto all people's (new **purpose** – realised through his 'Seed')
- Resurrected in righteousness (new **destiny**).