

# The Promise of Blessings

Ge 11:27 – 12:9







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<sup>27</sup> This is the account of Terah's family line. Terah became the father of **Abram, Nahor and Haran**. And **Haran** became **the father of Lot**. <sup>28</sup> While his father Terah was still alive, **Haran died** in Ur of the Chaldeans, in the land of his birth.

<sup>29</sup> Abram and Nahor both married. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milkah; she was the daughter of Haran, the father of both Milkah and Iskah. <sup>30</sup> Now Sarai was childless because she was not able to conceive.

<sup>31</sup> **Terah took** his son **Abram**, his grandson **Lot** son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law **Sarai**, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans **to go to Canaan**. But when they came to Harran, they **settled** there.

<sup>32</sup> Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Harran.

■ Ge 12:1-9

<sup>1</sup> The Lord had said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup> 'I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;

and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.'



## ■ Ge 12:1-9

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was **seventy-five years old** when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup> He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, **all the possessions** they had accumulated **and the people** they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

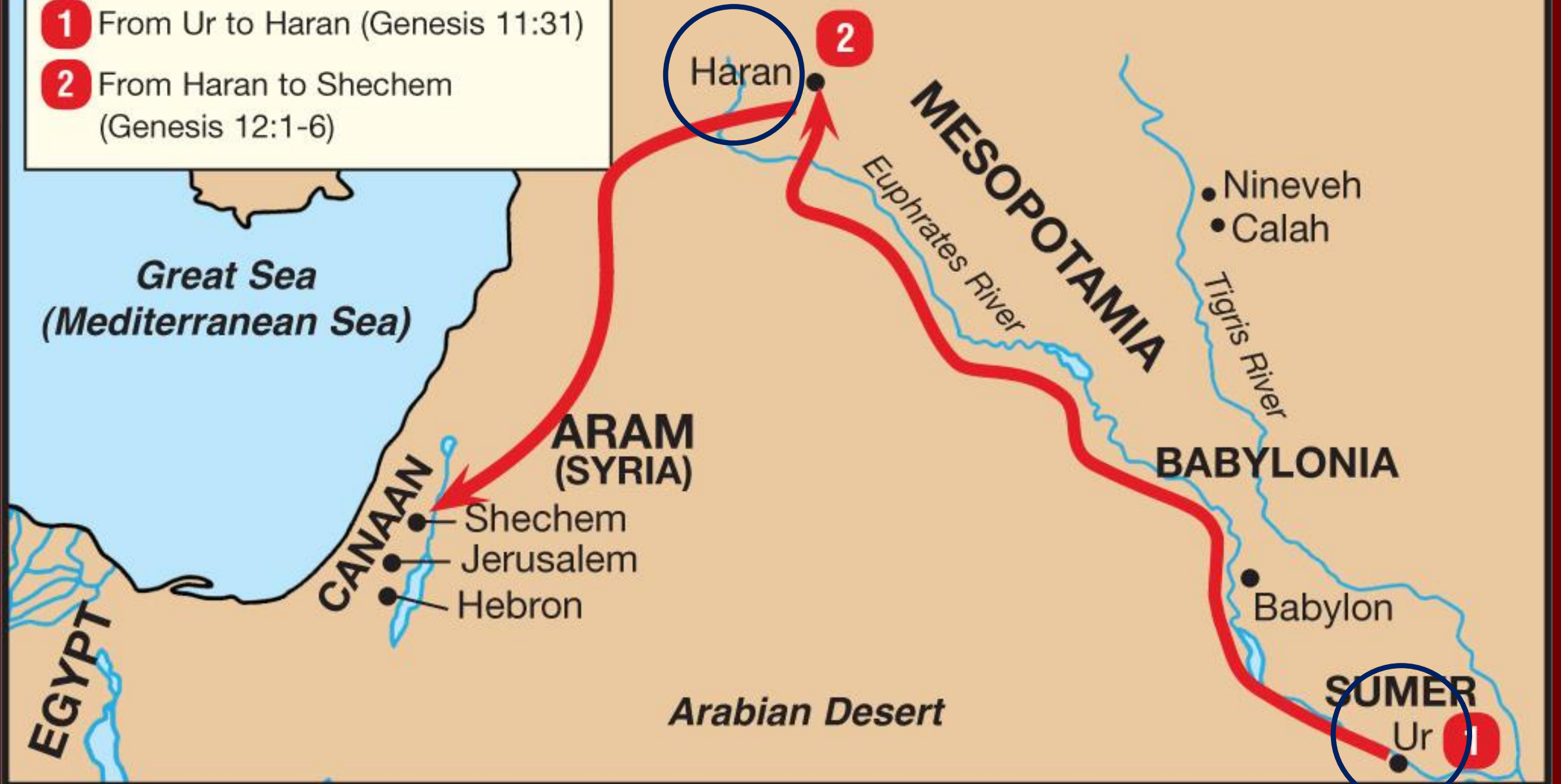
<sup>6</sup> Abram travelled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> The Lord appeared to Abram and said, 'To your **offspring (seed)** I will give this land.' So **he built an altar** there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup> From there he went on towards the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There **he built an altar** to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Then Abram set out and continued towards the Negev.



## Abram's Journey from Ur to Canaan

- 1 From Ur to Haran (Genesis 11:31)
- 2 From Haran to Shechem (Genesis 12:1-6)



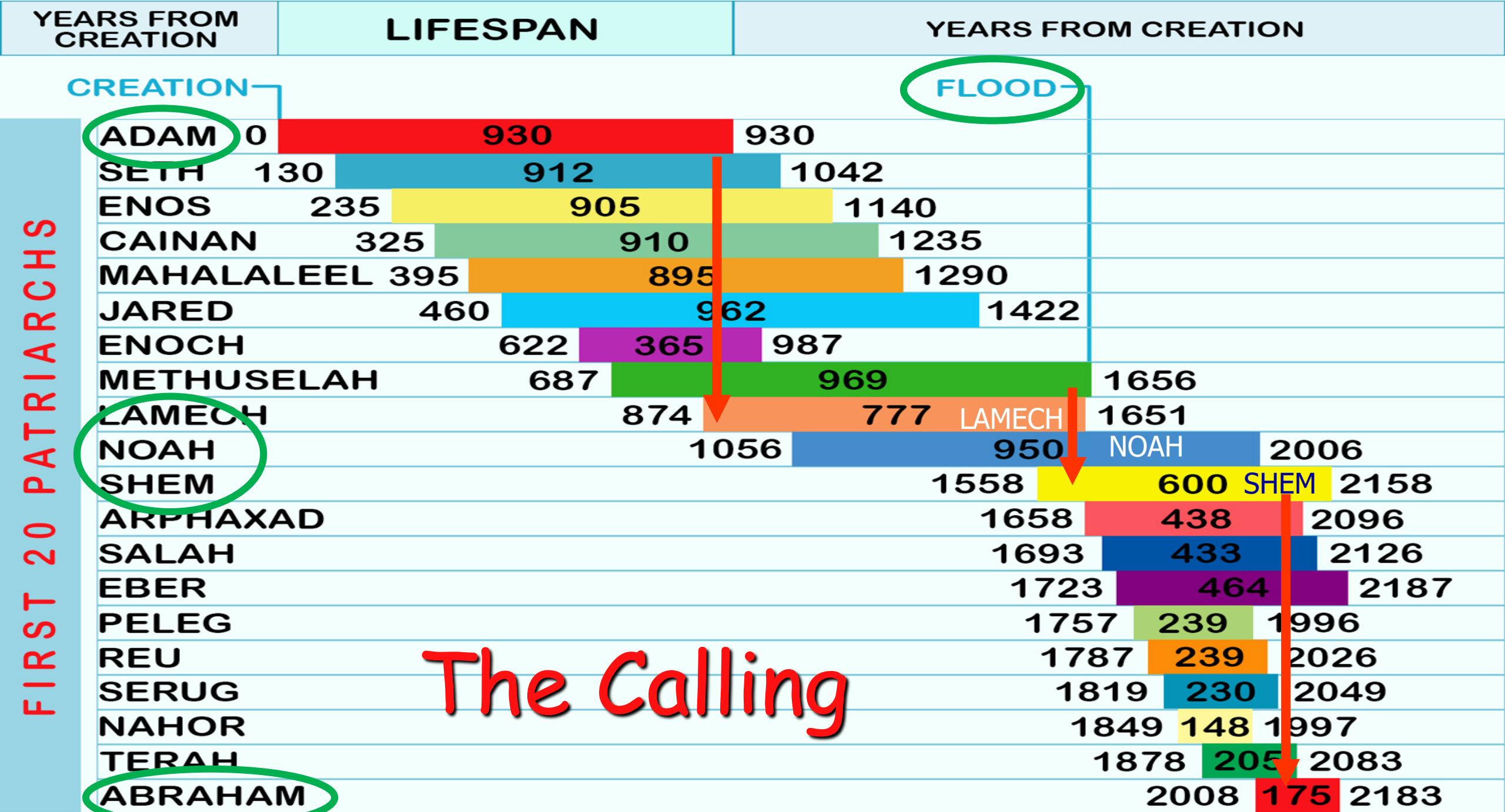
- Ur, Harran – sacred cities of moon god, major deity, known as Sīn / 'sin/ or Suen (Akkadian)



Impression of the cylinder seal Ḫašḫamer (governor),... 2100 BC.

Sin/Nanna himself is indicated in the form of a crescent.





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The Calling

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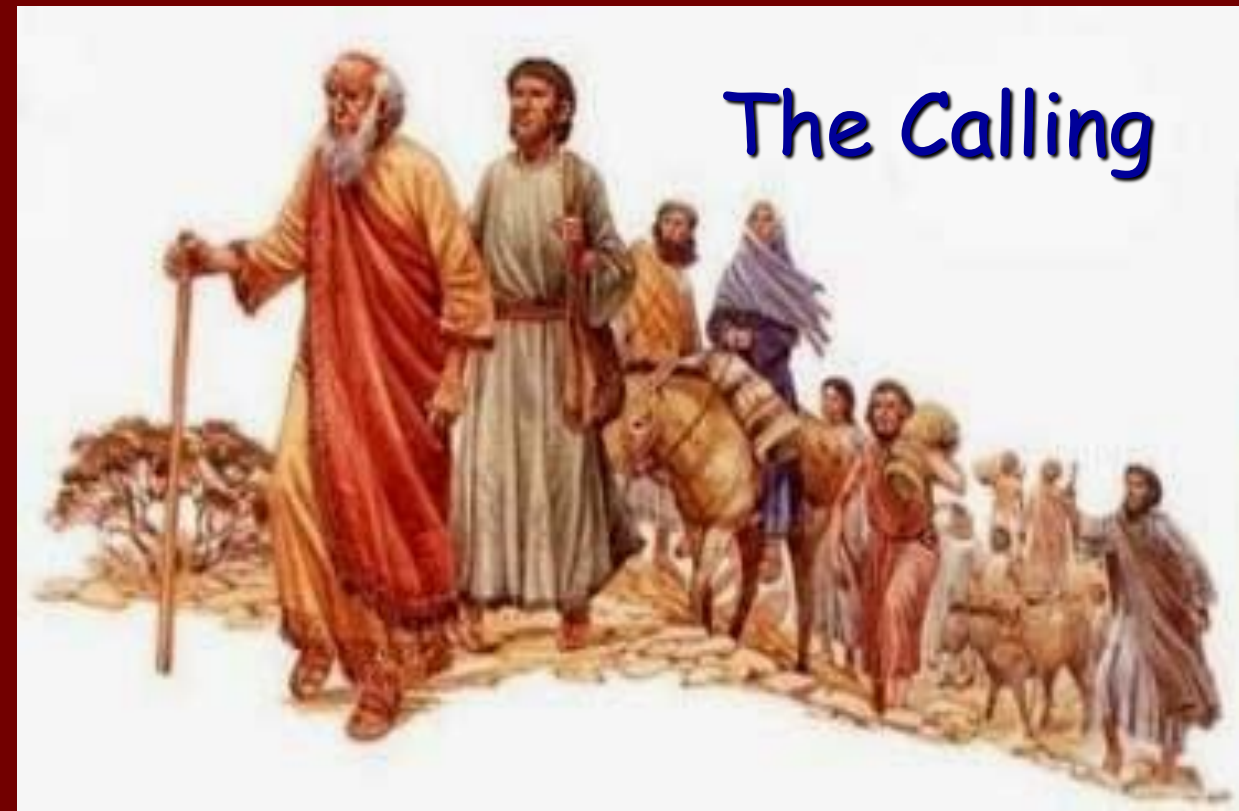
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■ How is it that it was, “ Terah took his son Abram ... .. to go to Canaan..” ?

1. Terah was moved by Abraham's change of belief, so he follows the call.

2. Terah left with Abraham, being the head of family, he was mentioned as the leader who moved.

3. God's sovereign power over Terah to initiate the move.





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# The Leaving

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**“The LORD said to  
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household and go to  
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**(Genesis 12:1)**






"Leave and go to the land  
that I will show you!"





# The Leaving

**God Waited, and God was Accommodating.**



Gen 12:4-5, "... Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran..."



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**Gal 3:16**, “The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say ‘and to seeds’, meaning many people, but ‘and to your seed’, meaning one person, who is **Christ**.”





Gal 3:7-9, "Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: 'All nations will be blessed through you.' So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith."

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# The Promise of Blessings

**Heb 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.”

The Calling, The Leaving, The Blessing

**God called, God took, God led, God gave,  
God waited, God was accommodating,  
God will !**



'You are the Lord God, who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and named him Abraham.' - Nehemiah 9:7

FOR HE **CHOSE US** IN HIM  
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- EPHESIANS 1:4



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It was possible because  
JESUS answered the Call :

**Philippians 2: 6-8**

“ who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped; but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!”



# The Promise of Blessings

A dramatic sunset or sunrise scene with a large cross silhouette and a person with arms raised. The sky is filled with golden light and clouds, and the cross is a prominent silhouette on the right side. A person is visible in the center, standing with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy.

**Gal 3:14**, “He (Christ) redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by **faith** we might receive the promise of the Spirit.”









Leaving your country,  
people, and family of  
origin.. and Go..

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