



**GREAT
FAITH**

THE GREAT FAITH OF the Hebrew Believers



THE GREAT FAITH OF ENOCH

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THE GREAT FAITH OF NOAH

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THE GREAT FAITH OF ABRAHAM & SARAH

Hebrews 11:8-12

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Hebrews 11:8-10 NKJV

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Romans 4:11 NKJV

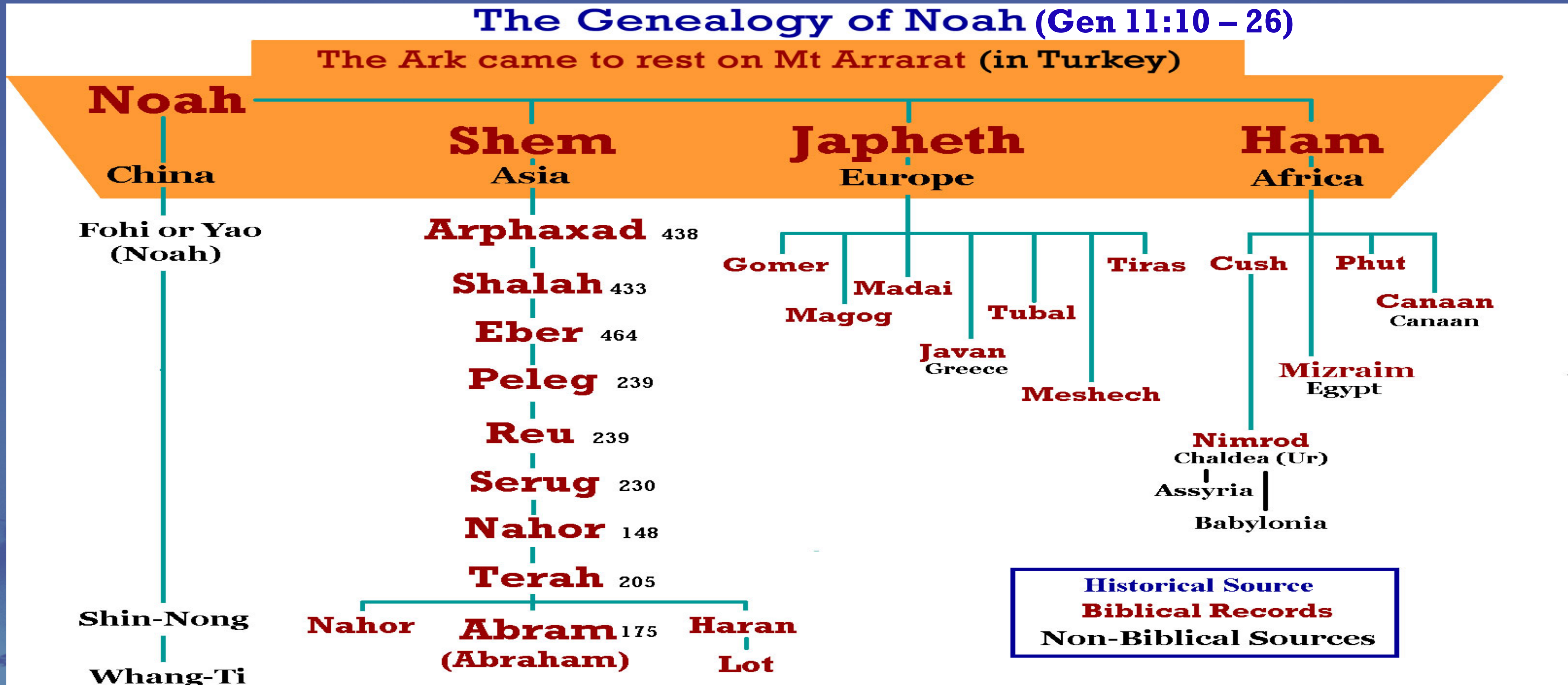
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5 Fun Facts About ABRAHAM & SARAH



#1 – Abraham is the *10th descendent* of Noah



#2 – Sarah is also Abraham's **sister**

Genesis 20:12 NKJV

12 But indeed she is truly my **sister**. She is the **daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother**; and she became my wife.

**the account of Abraham and Abimelech, King of Gerar*



#3 – Abraham lived with his father in *Ur* before setting out to *Haran*

Genesis 11:31 NKJV

*31 And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out with them from **Ur of the Chaldeans** to go to the land of Canaan; and they came to **Haran** and dwelt there.*



#4 – God called Abraham *out of Haran* to Canaan when he was *75 years old*

Genesis 12:1 & 4b NKJV

*I Now the Lord had said to Abram: “**Get out of your country**, from your family and from your father’s house, **to a land that I will show you.**”*

4b *And Abram was **seventy-five years old** when he departed from Haran.*



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that he will be a *father***

Covenant #1 @ 75 years old

Genesis 12:2 NKJV

*2 I will make you a **great nation**; I will bless you
And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.*



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Covenant #2 @ c.85 years old

Genesis 15:4-5 NKJV

4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying,

“This one shall not be your heir, but **one who will come from your own body** shall be your heir.”

5 Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the **stars** if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall **your descendants be.**”



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Covenant #3 @ 99 years old

Genesis 17:4-7 NKJV

4 “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a **father of many nations**. **5** No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a **father of many nations**. **6** I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make **nations** of you, and kings shall come from you. **7** And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your **descendants** after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your **descendants** after you.



**Abraham and Sarah were blessed with a son
– Isaac – at the ages of **100** and **90**
respectively**

Genesis 21:5 NKJV

*5 Now Abraham was **one hundred years old** when
his son Isaac was born to him.*



**How did Abraham and Sarah
maintained Great Faith when
the promises of God seems
impossible ?**



3 D'nA



#1 DEPART 'n ABIDE

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**Euphrates
River**

**Tigris
River**

Caspian Sea

Mediterranean Sea

IRAN

• **Baghdad**

IRAQ

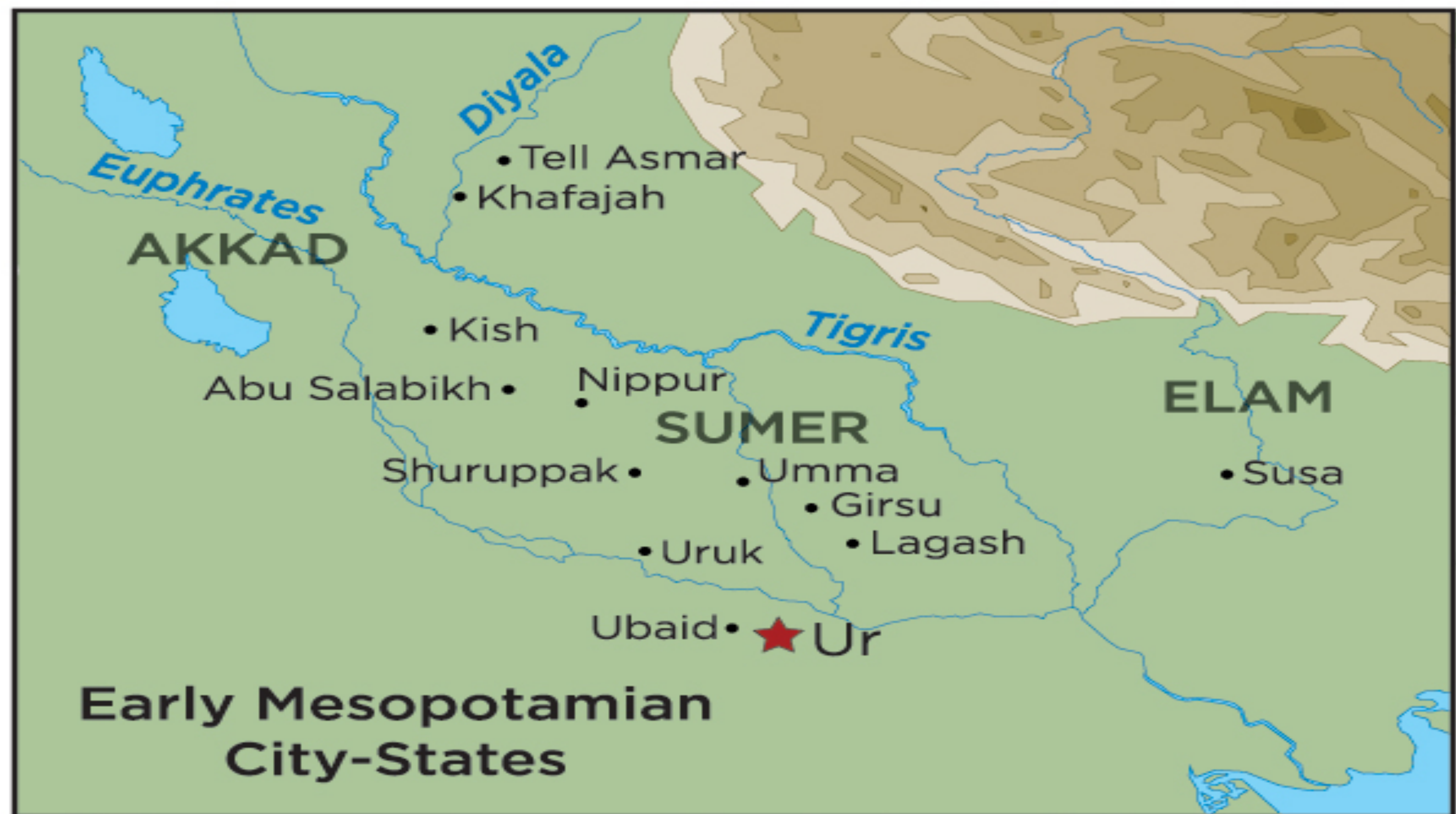
Dead Sea

Ur •

**Nile
River**

**Red
Sea**

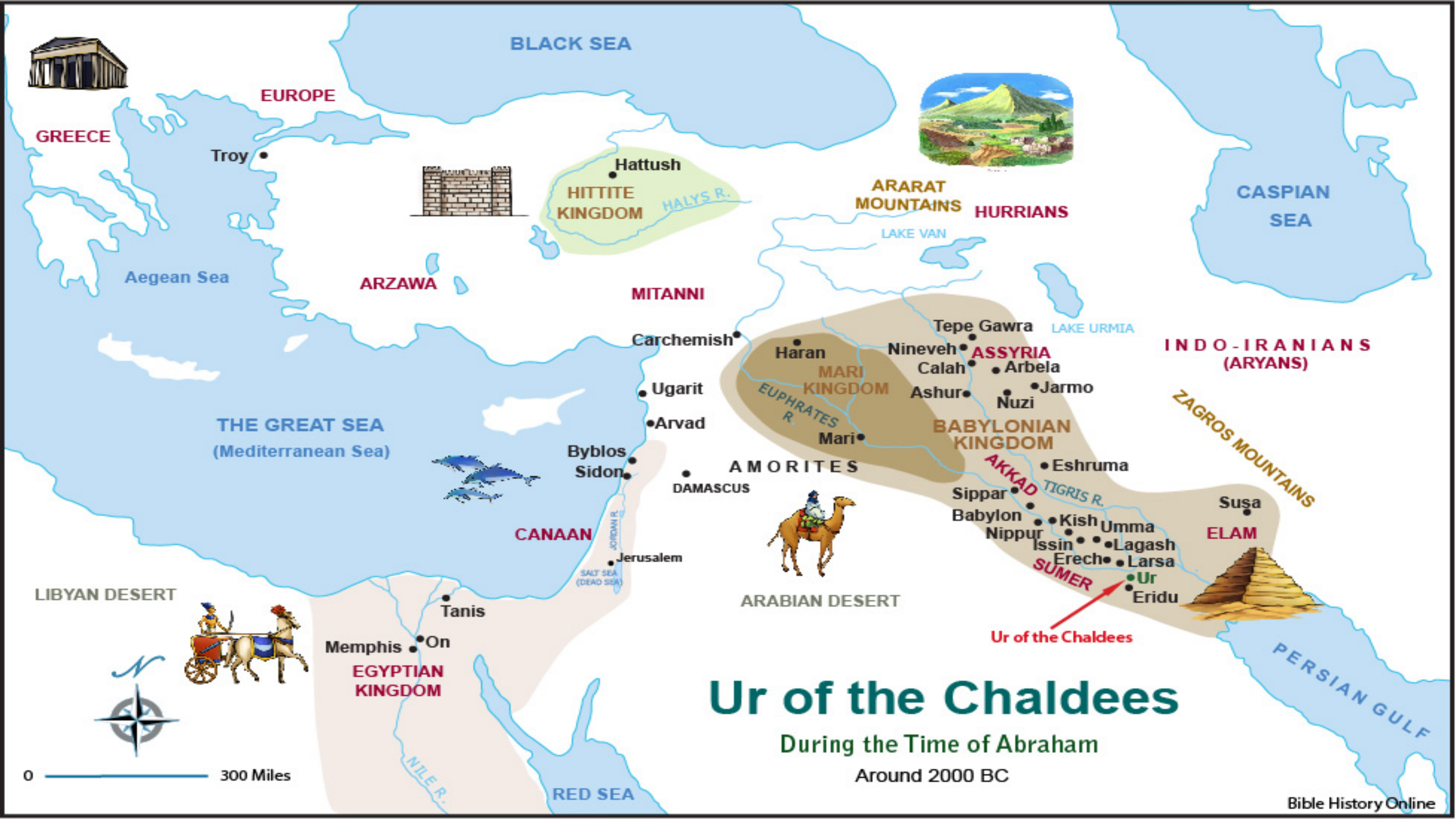
**Persian
Gulf**











GREECE

EUROPE

Troy



Hittite Kingdom
Hattush

HALYS R.



ARARAT MOUNTAINS
HURRIANS

CASPIAN SEA

Aegean Sea

ARZAWA

MITANNI

LAKE VAN

THE GREAT SEA
(Mediterranean Sea)



Byblos
Sidon

Carchemish

Ugarit

Arvad

AMORITES

DAMASCUS

CANAAN

Jerusalem



ARABIAN DESERT

Assyria
Nineveh
Calah
Ashur

BABYLONIAN KINGDOM
Babylon

AKKAD

SUMER
Umma
Lagash
Larsa
Ur
Eridu

INDO-IRANIANS
(ARYANS)

ZAGROS MOUNTAINS

Susa

ELAM



Ur of the Chaldees

PERSIAN GULF

LIBYAN DESERT



Tanis

Egyptian Kingdom
Memphis
On

NILE R.

RED SEA

Ur of the Chaldees

During the Time of Abraham

Around 2000 BC

0 300 Miles





Hittites

Amanus Mt.s.

URFA

Assyria

Taurus Mts.

Subartu

Nineveh

Mersis

Yamhad

Haran

Habur River

Tigris River

Alalakh

Aleppo

Paddan Aram

Yamminum

Ugarit

Ebla

Imar

Terra

Mari

Euphrates River

CYPRUS

Hamath

Qatna

Byblos

Sidon

Damascus

GREAT SEA

Tyre

Astoreth

Hazor

Shechem

Amman

Jerusalem

Ashdod

Hebron

Gaza

Beersheba

R. Egypt

Ezion-geber

Egypt

Succoth

Desert Shur

Beerlahai-roi

Noph (Memphis)

On (Heliopolis)

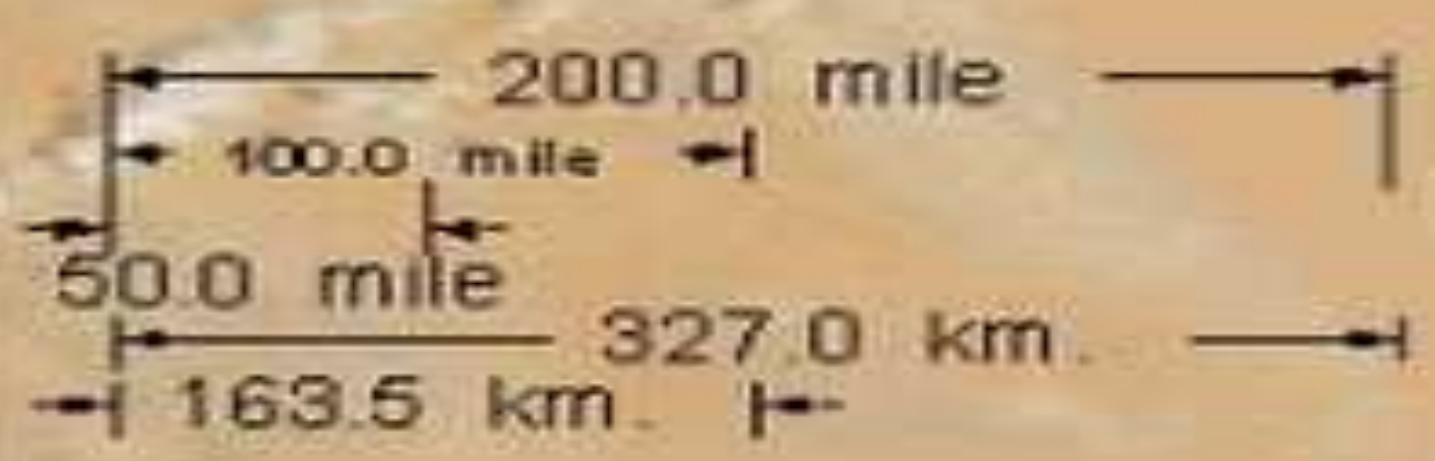
Paran

Gulf of Aqaba

Nile River

ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY

- Abraham's Journey
- - - (To Egypt)
- Jacob's Flight
- Eliezer Brings Rebekah to Isaac
- o Approximate Location





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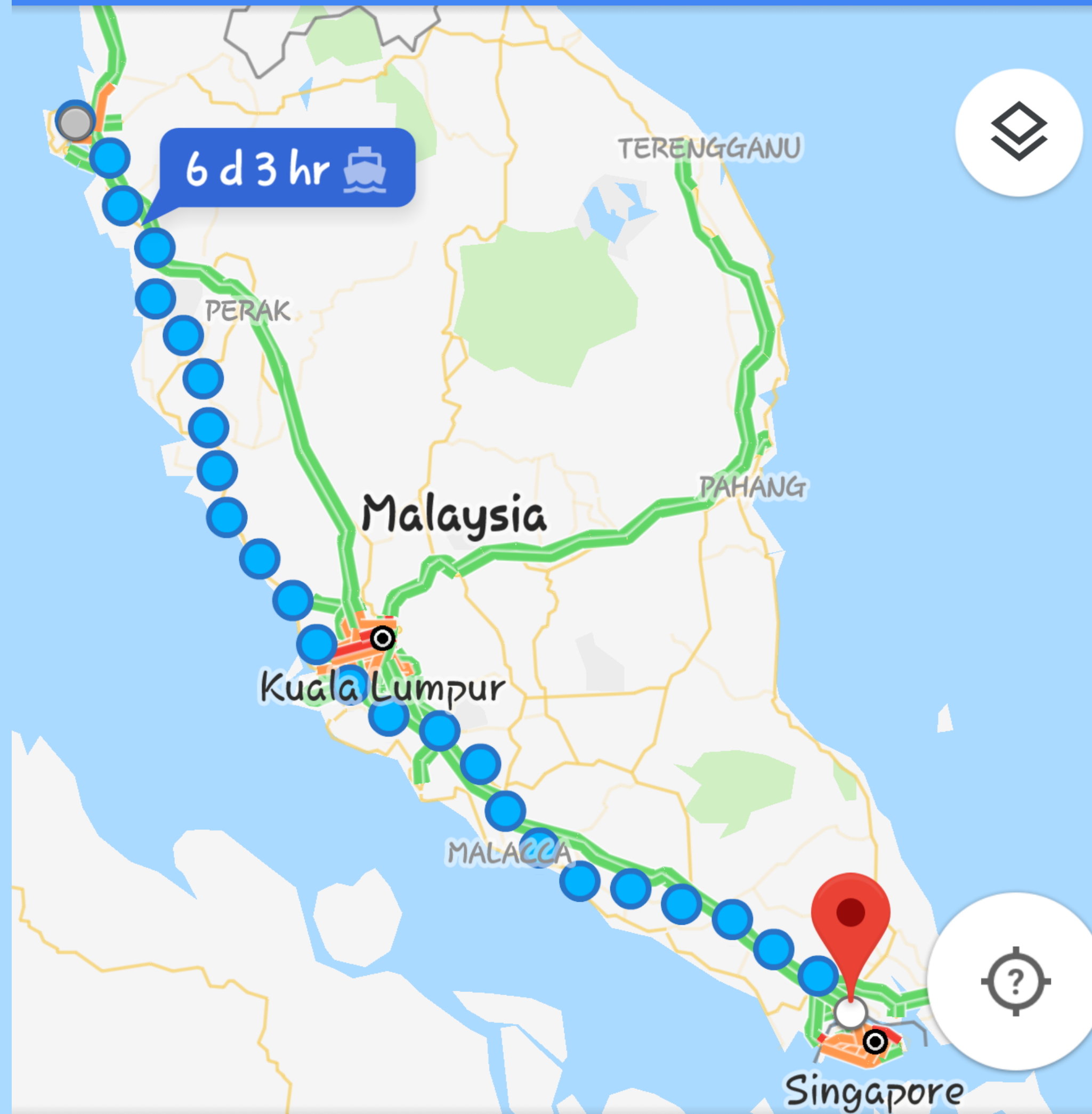
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Hebrews 11:10 NIV

10 For he was **looking forward** to the city with foundations, whose **architect and builder is God**.



The first D'nA to having Great Faith is to:-

DEPART

From your comfort zone

ABIDE

in the “Promised Land” that God has called you to be in



#2 DENY 'n ACCEPT

Genesis 16:1-2



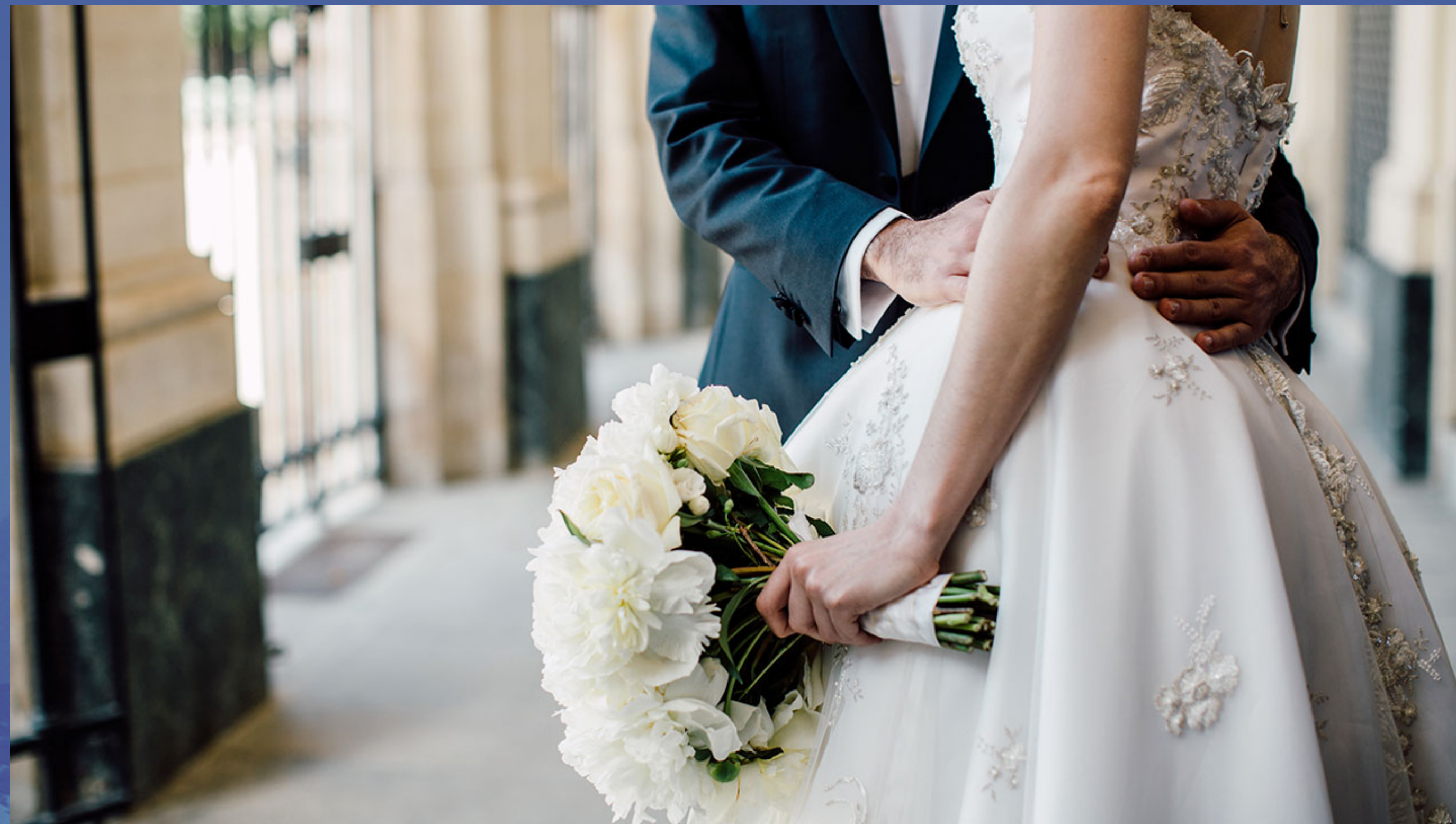
Genesis 16:1-2 NKJV

*I Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had **borne him no children**. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar. ² So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the LORD has **restrained me from bearing children**. Please, **go in to my maid**; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai.*



Genesis 2:24 NKJV

24 Therefore **a** man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his **wife** (not wives), and they shall **become one flesh**.




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Genesis 2

22 Then the
man He made
brought her to

*A little bit of Monica in my life,
A little bit of Erica by my side.
A little bit of Rita's what I need,
A little bit of Tina's what I see.
A little bit of Sandra in the sun,
A little bit of Mary all night long.
A little bit of Jessica here I am,
A little bit of you makes me your man!*



1 Kings 11:3 NKJV

3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and **his wives turned away his heart.**




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The second **D'nA** to having Great Faith is to:-

DENY

the ways of the world – urge to take control and follow the ways of the world

ACCEPT

God's promises – waiting upon the Lord, praying and seeking for His direction



#3 DEAD 'n ALIVE

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Genesis 16:16 NKJV

*16 Abram was **eighty-six years old** when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.*

Abraham was still able to father a child through Hagar at 86 years old so technically he is not “dead”...



Genesis 18:11 NKJV

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Genesis 21:6 NKJV

*6 And Sarah said, “God has made me **laugh**, and all who hear will laugh with me.”*



Sarah laughed twice:-

First time was in **doubt (without faith)**

Second time was in **joy** when God's promised was fulfilled **(in faith)**

Q: So what caused Sarah to change from having **doubts** to having **faith** in God?



*Sarah knew that the only way for her to **fulfil** her **hope** to give Abraham an heir lies with her **faith in God***

Hebrews 11:1 NKJV

*I Now **faith** is the substance of things **hoped** for, the evidence of things not seen.*



The third **D'nA** to having Great Faith is to:-

DEAD

to doubts – having doubts will leave us in impossible situations

ALIVE

in God – being alive in God means to believe in God



Believing in God means to have **hope** in God...
and having hope in God means to have **FAITH** in God!



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*Sarah was the one who possessed the greater **faith** because she had to overcome herself, ie.*

a) barren; and

b) doubts.





**How do you maintain *Great Faith*
when the promises of God
seems impossible ?**



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