

THE BEGINNING: GENESIS 1-11



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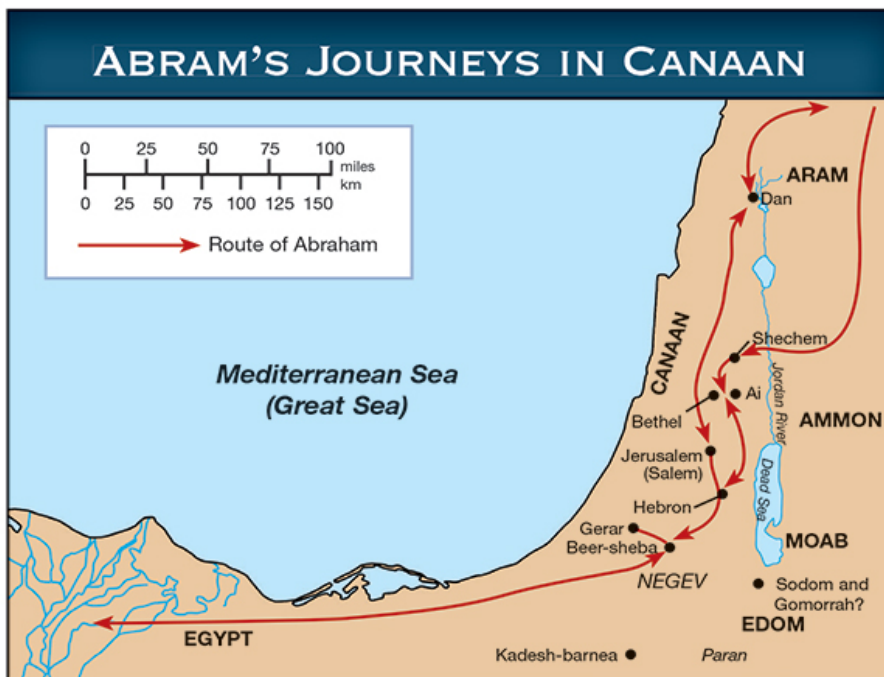
- ◆ Promises
- * Events
- ▲ Moves
- Births
- Deaths

Name Jesus' ancestor

c.=Circa (about) approximate date

The dates given follow a chronology which puts Abraham's birth at 2166 BC.

ABRAHAM AND ISAAC: GENESIS 12-25



* God creates the world and everything in it.



Adam (lived 930 years)

Cain and Abel are born to Adam and Eve.

Seth (lived 912 years)

Enos (Enosh) (lived 905 years)

Cainan (Kenan) (lived 910 years)

Mahaleleel (Mahalalel) (lived 895 years)

Jared (lived 962 years)

The Days of Creation

- Day 1 God makes light
- Day 2 God makes the sky
- Day 3 God makes the seas, dry land, and plants
- Day 4 God makes the sun, moon, and stars
- Day 5 God makes the fish and the birds
- Day 6 God makes the animals and human beings
- Day 7 God rests



* After creating Adam, the first man, God places him in the Garden of Eden between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. Adam names all the animals.

* God forms Eve, Adam's wife, from one of Adam's ribs.

* Adam and Eve are cast out of Eden for sinning against God.

* Cain murders Abel out of jealousy and is cast away by God to the land of Nod.

Cain — Enoch

The Beginning

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Terah (lived 205 years)

Abram (2166-1991)

God's First Promise to Abram

God promises to make Abram into a great nation and that he will bless him and make his name great. God tells Abram to leave, so Abram leaves Haran for Canaan taking with him his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all of his possessions and servants (c. 2091 BC).

* Abram's father, Terah, plans to move his family from Ur to Canaan. Settles in Haran (midway).



◆ **God's Second Promise to Abram** Once in Canaan, God promises the land to Abram's offspring. Abram builds an altar to the LORD in Shechem and again near Bethel.

▲ A famine causes Abram to move to Egypt where he lies to Pharaoh saying that his wife, Sarai, is his sister.

▲ Abram leaves Egypt and builds another altar near Bethel.

▲ ◆ **God's Third Promise to Abram** Abram and his nephew Lot separate. Lot journeys east into the plain of Jordan and settles in Sodom. Abram moves to Hebron and builds another altar to the LORD. God promises the land of Canaan to Abram's offspring.

* Nine kings go to war. The victors capture Lot. Abram pursues them and rescues Lot north of Damascus. After rescuing Lot, Abram is blessed by Melchizedek, King of Salem and priest of God Most High.

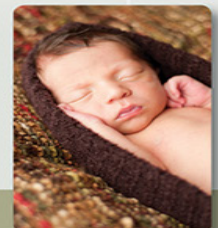
◆ **God's Fourth Promise to Abram**

God makes a covenant with Abram promising him a multitude of descendants, as numerous as the stars. They will dwell in the land of Canaan after being slaves for 400 years in a foreign land (c. 2081 BC).

* Sarai, Abram's wife, cannot bear children, so she gives her Egyptian slave girl, Hagar, to Abram as his wife in order for Abram to have an heir. Hagar becomes pregnant.

* Hagar runs away when Sarai deals harshly with her. While in the wilderness, an angel appears to Hagar and tells her to return to Sarai. The angel promises her that her child will have many descendants.

■ Abram and Hagar's son, Ishmael, is born (c. 2080 BC).



2100 BC

2080 BC

Chapters 12

13 14

15 16

Noah (lived 950 years)

ears)

Enoch (lived 365 years) Taken to heaven by God

Methuselah (lived 969 years)

Lamech (lived 777 years)

Cain's Offspring: The City Builders (Genesis 4)

Irad — Mehujael — Methusael — Lamech

- Jabal: ancestor to those who live in tents and have livestock
- Jubal: ancestor to those who play the lyre and pipe
- Tubal-cain: ancestor to those who work with bronze and iron
- Naamah: Tubal-cain's sister; Jabal and Jubal's half-sister



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Isaac (2066-1886)

◆ God's Fifth Promise to Abram

God reaffirms the covenant he made with Abram, changes Abram's name to Abraham, and Sarai's name to Sarah. God gives Abraham the sign of circumcision which is the mark of God's everlasting covenant (c. 2067 BC).

* Sarah requests that Abraham send Hagar and Ishmael away so that Isaac will not have to share his inheritance with Ishmael.

◆ God's Sixth Promise to Abraham

Three visitors remind Abraham that Sarah would bear him a son and he is to name him Isaac. Sarah laughs at this because she is so old. God promises them that all nations would be blessed through them and kings will be among their descendants (c. 2067 BC). Isaac born (c. 2066 BC)

* God tells Abraham to send Hagar and Ishmael away. God provides for them and promises to make Ishmael into a great nation.

* God tells Abraham he will destroy the city of Sodom. Abraham asks God to spare Sodom. God agrees if Abraham can find ten righteous people (c. 2067 BC).

* Ishmael grows up in the wilderness of Paran, marries an Egyptian woman, and becomes an expert archer.

* God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah but rescues Lot and his family. Lot's wife turns into a pillar of salt because she looks back at the city. They escape to the hills and Lot's daughters sin (c. 2067 BC).



Salt pillar at the edge of the Dead Sea

* Abraham and Abimelech, the king of Gerar, swear an oath of peace beside a well called Beer-sheba.

▲ Abraham travels to Gerar where he tells King Abimelech that his wife Sarah is his sister.

2060 BC

2040 BC

17-21

* The Flood

* Construction of the Ark begins



■ Shem, Ham, and Japheth are born to Noah

Shem (lived 600 years)

Arphaxad (lived 438 years)

Salah (Shelah) (lived 433 years)

Eber (lived 464 years)

Peleg (lived 239 years)

Reu (lived 239 years)

Serug (lived 230 years)

Nahor (lived 148 years)

* Tower of Babel is built. God confuses the languages of the people so they cannot communicate with each other. As a result, the people scatter to different lands.

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* God tests Abraham by commanding him to sacrifice his son Isaac. As Abraham prepares to obey, God stops him and provides a ram as a replacement for Isaac.

◆ **God's Seventh Promise to Abraham**
God again promises Abraham that he will bless him and bless all nations through him. God tells Abraham that his offspring will be as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand on the seashore.

▲ Abraham moves to Beer-sheba.

● Sarah dies at Hebron in the land of Canaan at age 127. She is put to rest in the cave of Machpelah (c. 2029 BC).

* Abraham sends his servant to Haran in order to find Isaac a wife. The servant finds Rebekah and brings her back to Isaac. Rebekah and Isaac are married.

* Abraham marries again. His wife, Keturah, bears him six more sons.



2020 BC

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Noah's Three Sons and Their Descendants

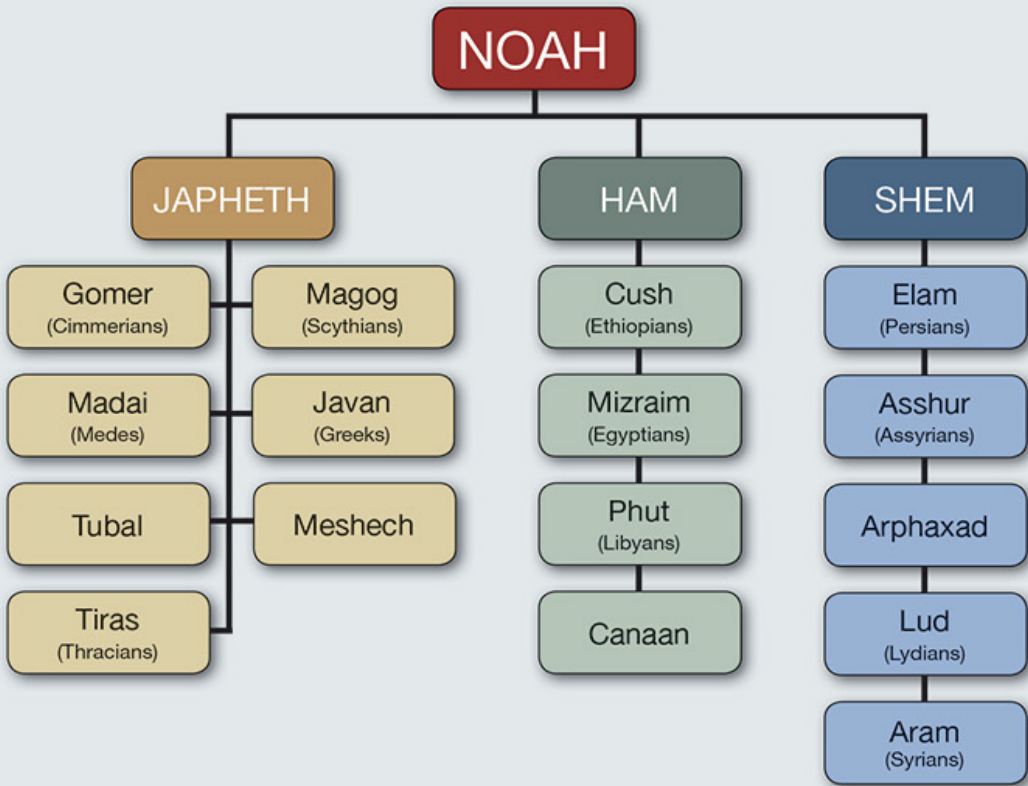
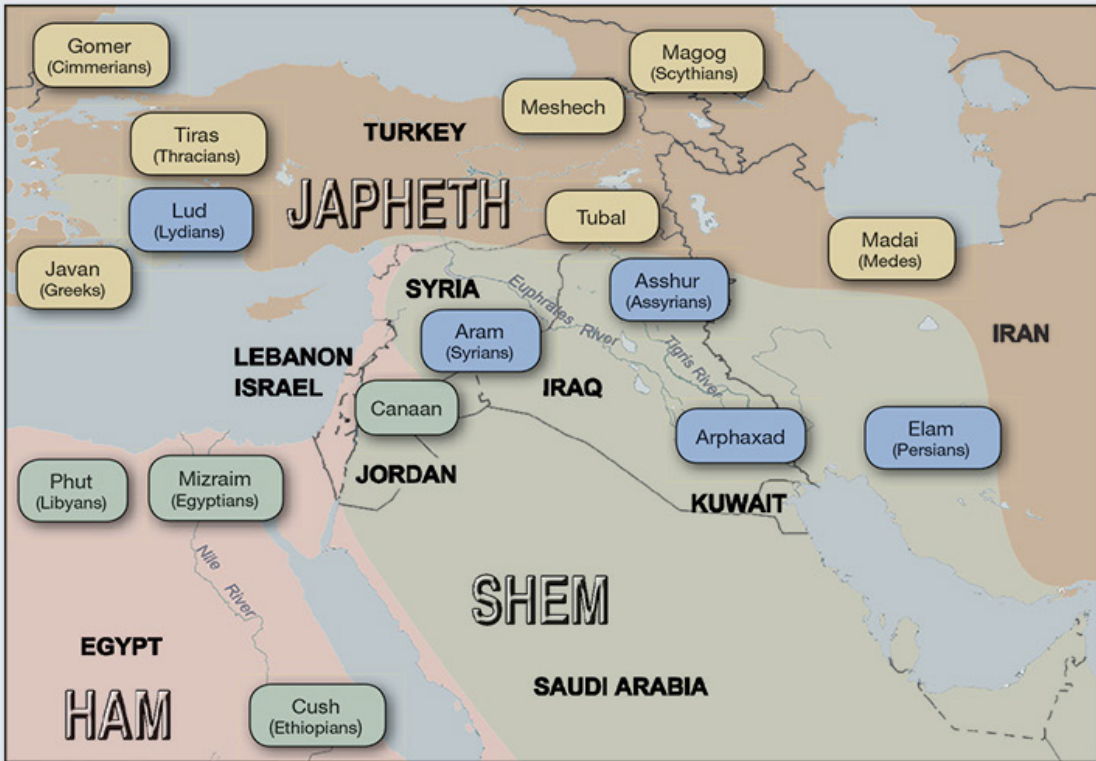


Table of Nations



Abraham

Isaac

Jacob (Israel) (2005-1859)

Rebekah gives birth to twins, Jacob and Esau. God tells Rebekah that two nations will come from her womb, one will be stronger, and the elder will serve the younger (c. 2005 bc).



Abraham dies when he is 175 years old. Isaac and Ishmael bury him in the cave of Machpelah in Hebron with his wife Sarah. Abraham leaves everything he owns to his son Isaac (c. 1991 bc).



Esau sells his birthright (the firstborn's right to the family inheritance) to Jacob for some stew.



Isaac travels to Gerar to escape a famine. Isaac tells King Abimelech and his people that his wife, Rebekah, is his sister. His trickery is discovered.

At the age of 40, Esau marries two Hittite women (c. 1965 bc).

God's First Promise to Isaac

God tells Isaac not to go to Egypt but to stay in Canaan. God promises Isaac that he will bless him and his descendants with all the land of Canaan. God also tells Isaac that he will make his offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven.

Isaac moves to Beer-sheba.

Isaac and King Abimelech swear an oath of peace in Beer-sheba.

God's Second Promise to Isaac While staying in Beer-sheba, God reaffirms the promise he made to Abraham. Isaac builds an altar to the Lord.



2000 BC

1980 BC

1960 BC

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Isaac

Jacob (Israel)

Judah

Sev

Jacob returns to Canaan (c. 1908 bc).

Laban confronts Jacob in Gilead and they make a covenant with each other.

Jacob sends gifts to Esau.

Jacob wrestles with an angel at Penuel and is renamed "Israel."

Jacob and Esau meet upon Jacob's return.

Jacob settles near Shechem.

Jacob's daughter, Dinah, is raped in Shechem and her brothers avenge her.

Jacob moves to Bethel.

God's Second Promise to Jacob

Jacob builds an altar in Bethel. God appears to Jacob, reaffirms the promise made to Abraham, and again informs Jacob that his name is now Israel.

Rachel dies near Bethlehem while giving birth to Benjamin.

Benjamin, Rachel's second son (Jacob's 12th son) is born.

Jacob (Israel) moves to Hebron.



Jacob's favoritism of Joseph, Joseph's coat, and Joseph's dreams cause his brothers to hate him and they plot to kill him (c.1897 bc).

Joseph is sold by his brothers to Ishmaelite traders on their way to Egypt for 20 pieces of silver. Joseph is sold to Potiphar, Pharaoh's official and captain of the guard. Jacob (Israel) thinks Joseph is dead (c. 1896 bc).



Joseph is put in charge of Potiphar's household.

Joseph is imprisoned because of Potiphar's wife's false accusations.

Judah fathers Perez and Zerah, the children of his daughter-in-law Tamar.

Joseph interprets the dreams of the cupbearer and the baker while in prison (c. 1886 bc).

Isaac dies when he is 180 years old and is buried in Hebron by Esau and Jacob.



1900 BC

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● Ishmael dies at age 137 (c. 1943 BC).



* Jacob deceives his father, Isaac, into thinking he is Esau and receives the blessing instead of Esau (c. 1929 BC).

▲ Jacob flees to Haran in order to escape Esau's anger (c. 1929 BC).

◆ **God's First Promise to Jacob:**
On the way to Haran, at Bethel, Jacob has a dream of angels ascending and descending. God reaffirms the promises he made to Abraham and Isaac.

* Jacob meets Rachel at Paddan-Aram (Haran) and offers her father Laban seven years of service for her hand in marriage (c. 1928 BC).

* Laban tricks Jacob and gives him his daughter Leah instead of Rachel, so Jacob agrees to work another seven years for Rachel's hand (c. 1921 BC).

- Reuben (c.1920 BC)
- Simeon (c.1919 BC)
- Levi (c.1918 BC)

■ Judah (c. 1917 BC)

- Dan (c.1917 BC)
- Naphtali (c.1916 BC)
- Gad (c.1916 BC)

- Asher (c.1915 BC)
- Issachar (c.1915 BC)

■ Zebulun (c.1914 BC)

■ Joseph (c.1914 BC)

■ Dinah

* Jacob bargains for Laban's livestock and increases wealth.



1940 BC

1920 BC

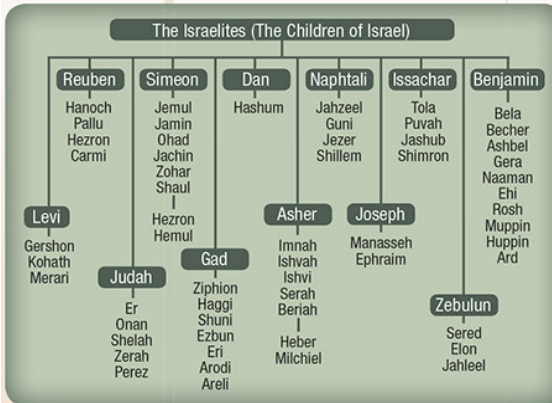
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en Years of Plenty (c. 1884-1877)

Seven Years of Famine (c. 1877-1870)

ets Pharaoh's dreams and Pharaoh official in Egypt (c.1884 BC).



* Joseph's brothers go to Egypt to buy food during the famine (c. 1876 BC).

* Joseph tests his brothers the first time (c. 1876 BC).

* Joseph plans a banquet for his brothers (c. 1875 BC).

* Joseph tests his brothers a second time and then reveals his identity to them (c. 1875 BC).

▲ Jacob's family, now referred to as "Israelites" or "the children of Israel," move to Egypt to live with Joseph and escape the famine. Pharaoh allows them to raise sheep in the land of Goshen (Rameses) and he also puts them in charge of his own livestock (c. 1875 BC).

◆ **God's Third Promise to Jacob**
On the way to Egypt, God appears to Jacob in a vision and promises Jacob that he will make him into a great nation and bring his descendants back to Canaan (the promised land) from Egypt.

* Jacob, Joseph's father, meets Pharaoh (c. 1875 BC).

* Jacob (Israel) settles in Goshen. The Israelites gain possessions, are fruitful, and multiply.



● Jacob (Israel) blesses Joseph's sons (Manasseh and Ephraim) and gives them status as tribes of Israel instead of their father. Jacob says his last words to the rest of his sons, and dies at the age of 147. He is buried with Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac in the cave of the field at Machpelah, near Mamre (c. 1859 BC).

* After Jacob's death, Joseph tells his brothers that what they intended for evil, God meant for good in order to preserve His people.

Joseph dies when he is 110 years old. His final request is that his bones be carried to Canaan when God delivers them from Egypt.

During the Exodus, Moses takes the bones of Joseph with him. They are buried in Shechem in the Promised Land of Canaan.

1880 BC

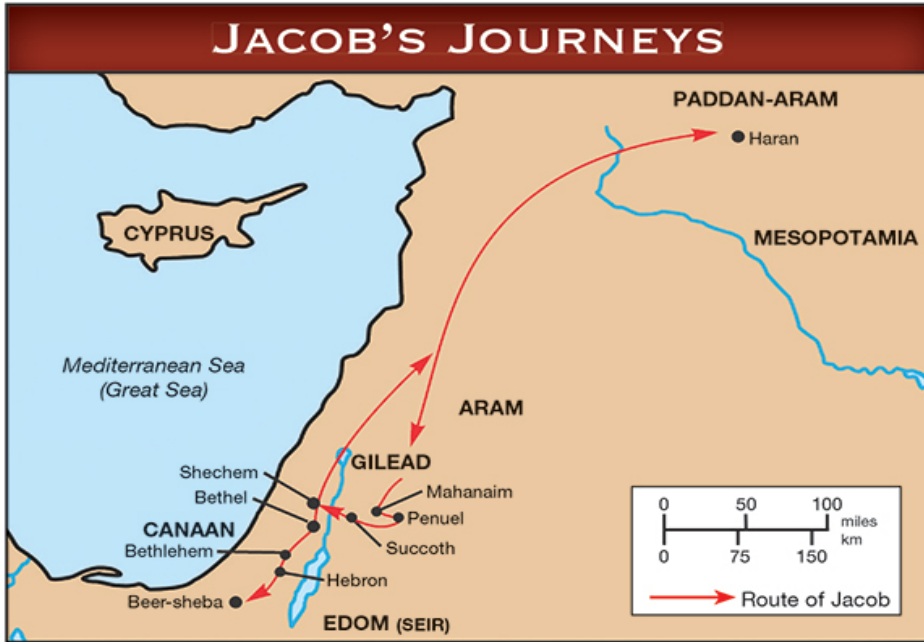
1860 BC

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JACOB: GENESIS 25-30



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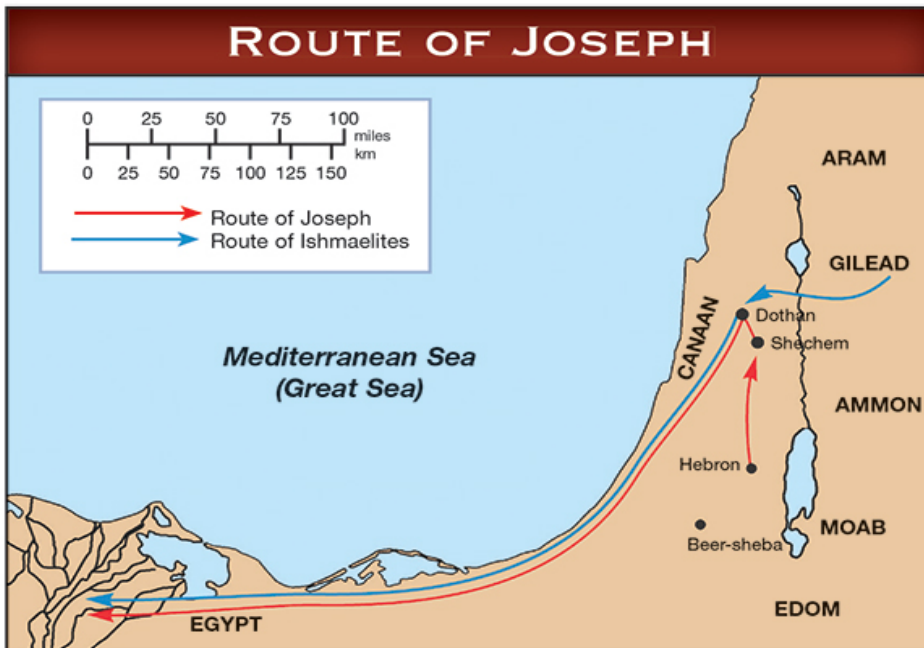
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