

# "By Faith Noah Preached and Built and Abraham Obeyed"

Hebrews 11:7-10

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# HALL OF FAITH



# Heb 11:7

7 By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

#### 2 Peter 2:4-5

- 4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;
- 5 and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

#### Jude 6

6 And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

#### Gen 6:1-6

- 1 Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,
- 2 that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.
- 3 Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."
- 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.
- 5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- 6 The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.





## NOAH

- 1. Noah demonstrated that sometimes in life all you have is the Word of God to cling to.
- 2. In spite of an evil and wicked society, Noah was consumed with accomplishing great things for God and not spending time trying to reform society.
- 3. Noah understood the coming judgment and the destruction of this present world so he concentrated on that which will last.
- 4. Noah preached for 120 years no one saved. Noah was a man of perseverance. Perseverance takes faith.

"Hard jobs are always easier to deal with than hard people."

- John MacArthur

"He who does not believe God will punish sin, will not believe that he will pardon it through atoning blood." -Charles Spurgeon

5. Noah is an example of how to live a life of faith – one tree at a time – but it starts with the first tree.

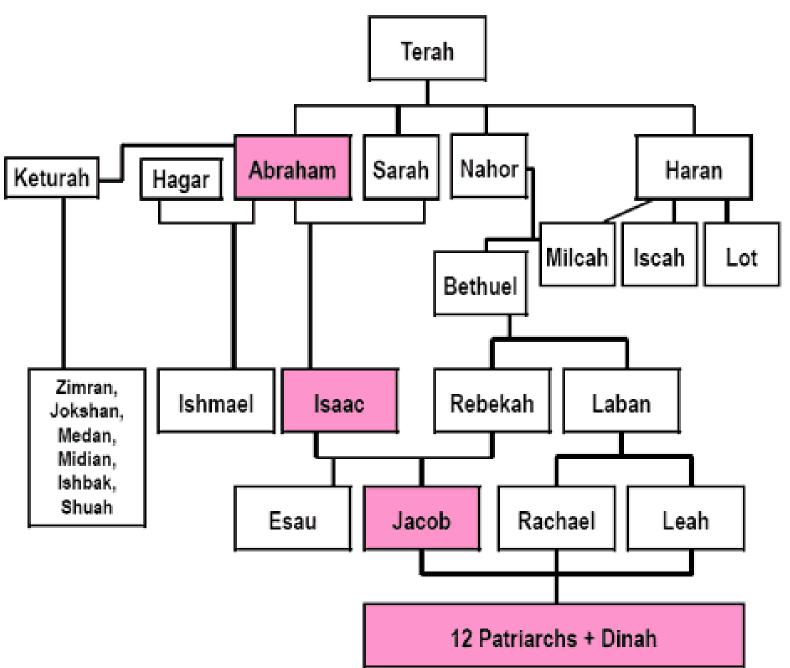
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# Heb 11:8-10

- 8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.
- 9 By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise;
- 10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

## Abraham's Family Tree



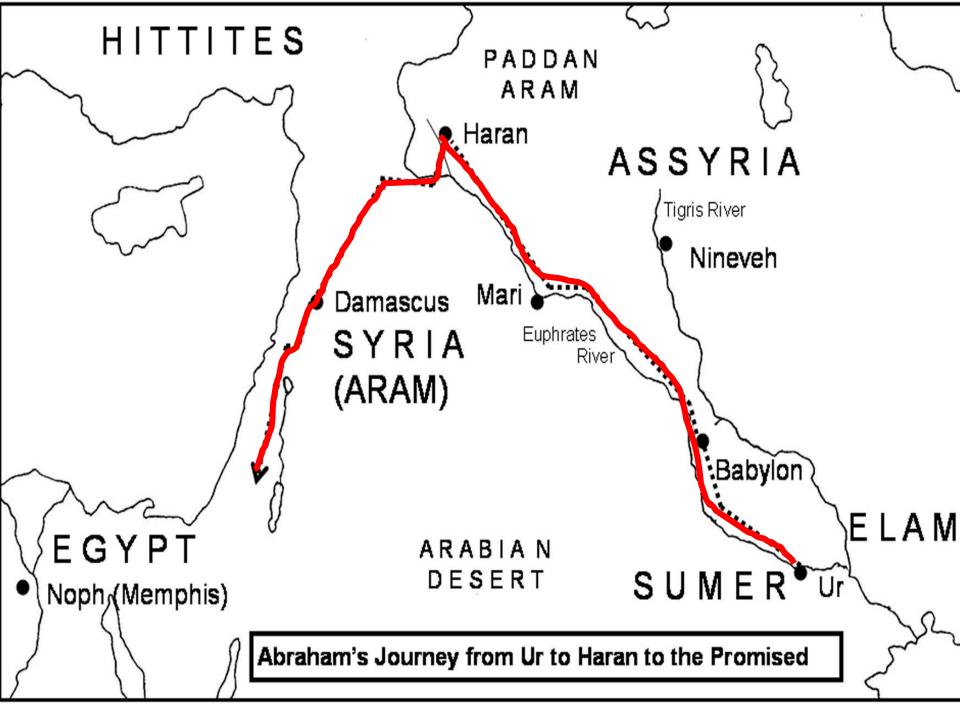
#### Gen 11:31-32

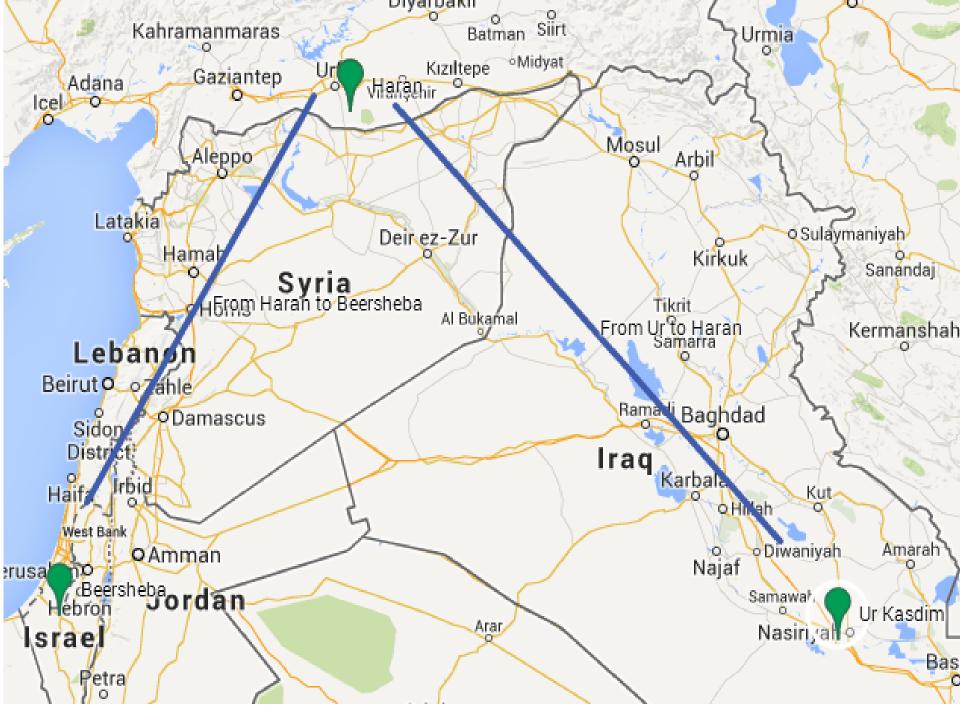
- 31 Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans in order to enter the land of Canaan; and they went as far as Haran, and settled there.
- 32 The days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.

#### Gen 12:1-10

- 1 Now the Lord said to Abram,
- "Go forth from your country,
- And from your relatives
- And from your father's house,
- To the land which I will show you;
- 2 And I will make you a great nation,
- And I will bless you,
- And make your name great;
- And so you shall be a blessing;
- 3 And I will bless those who bless you,
- And the one who curses you I will curse.
- And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

- 4 So Abram went forth as the Lord had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.
- 5 Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan.
- 6 Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite was then in the land.
- 7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him.8 Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of
  - Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east of the on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord.
- 9 Abram journeyed on, continuing toward the Negev.
- 10 Now there was a famine in the land; so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.







# Josh 24:2

2 Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'From ancient times your fathers lived beyond the River, namely, Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, and they served other gods.

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- By trusting God that his seed would see the promised land.

## **ABRAHAM**

- 1. Faith means trusting God's word enough to risk living by it.
- 2. God does not call us into a life of comfort and ease but to a life of obedience.
- 3. Faith obeys God's call, lives as an alien in this world, and overcomes insurmountable problems by God's power.
- 4. Faith requires obeying God's Word when it's inconvenient and difficult.
- 5. Faith means seeking God's will rather than your will in every decision.