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<sup>10</sup> Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe.

<sup>11</sup> As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are.

<sup>12</sup> When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live.

<sup>13</sup> Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you."

<sup>14</sup> When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that she was a very beautiful woman.

<sup>15</sup> And when Pharaoh's officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace.

<sup>16</sup> He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, menservants and maidservants, and camels.

<sup>17</sup> But the LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai.

<sup>18</sup> So Pharaoh summoned Abram. "What have you done to me?" he said. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife?"

<sup>19</sup> Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!"

<sup>20</sup> Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had.

**Genesis 13:1-4 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him.

<sup>2</sup> Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.

<sup>3</sup> From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier

<sup>4</sup> and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD.

### **Hebrews 11:8-19 (NIV)**

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

<sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

<sup>11</sup> By faith Abraham, even though he was past age--and Sarah herself was barren--was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise.

<sup>12</sup> And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.

<sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.

<sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.

<sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country--a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son,

<sup>18</sup> even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

<sup>19</sup> Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.

### **Joshua 24:2 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your forefathers, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the River and worshiped other gods.

**Acts 7:2-8 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran.

<sup>3</sup> 'Leave your country and your people,' God said, 'and go to the land I will show you.'

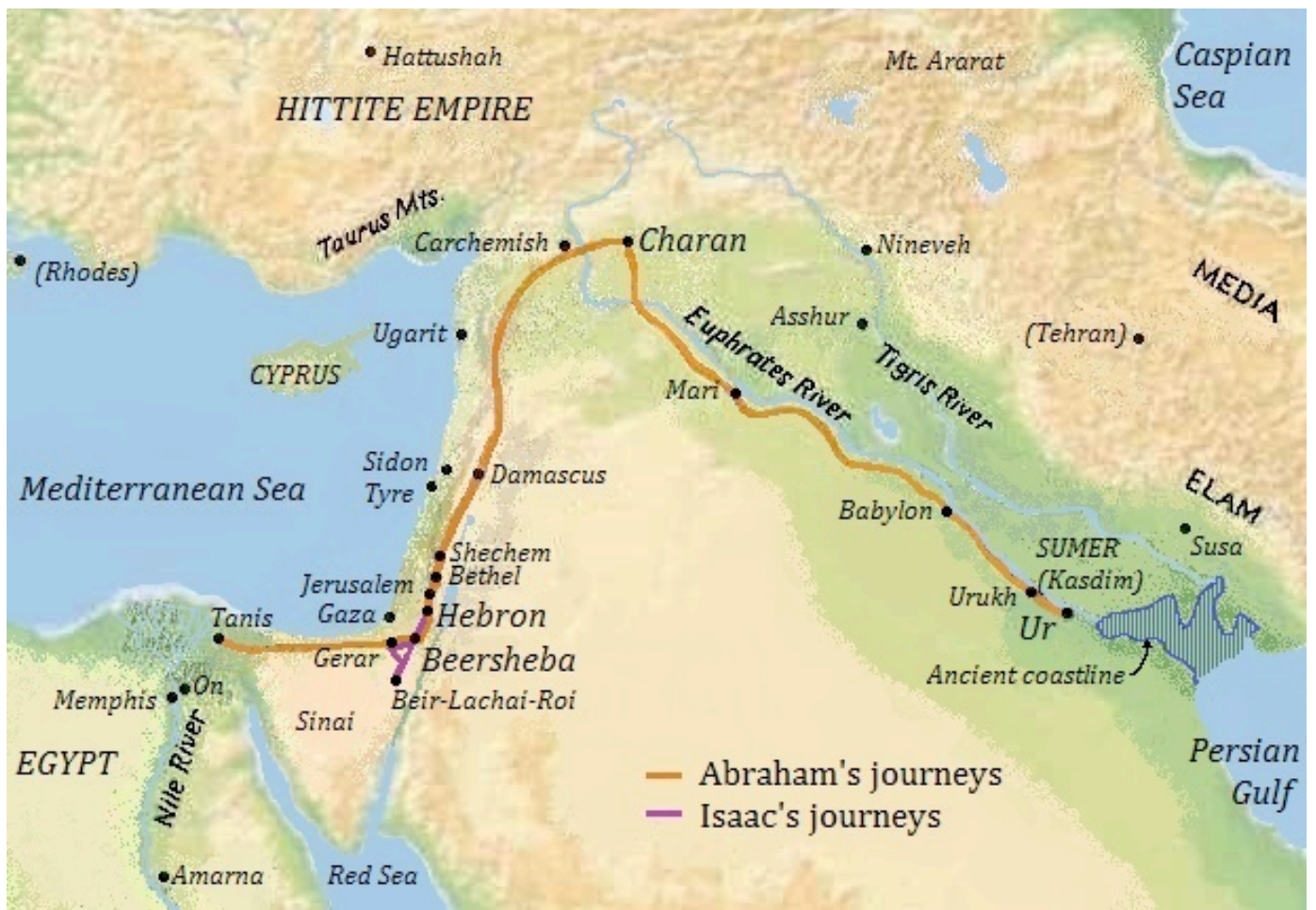
<sup>4</sup> "So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living.

<sup>5</sup> He gave him no inheritance here, not even a foot of ground. But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child.

<sup>6</sup> God spoke to him in this way: 'Your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.

<sup>7</sup> But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves,' God said, 'and afterward they will come out of that country and worship me in this place.'

<sup>8</sup> Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. And Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.



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# Abraham's journey of faith

