

“Go, be blessed, bless!”

Genesis 12:1-3

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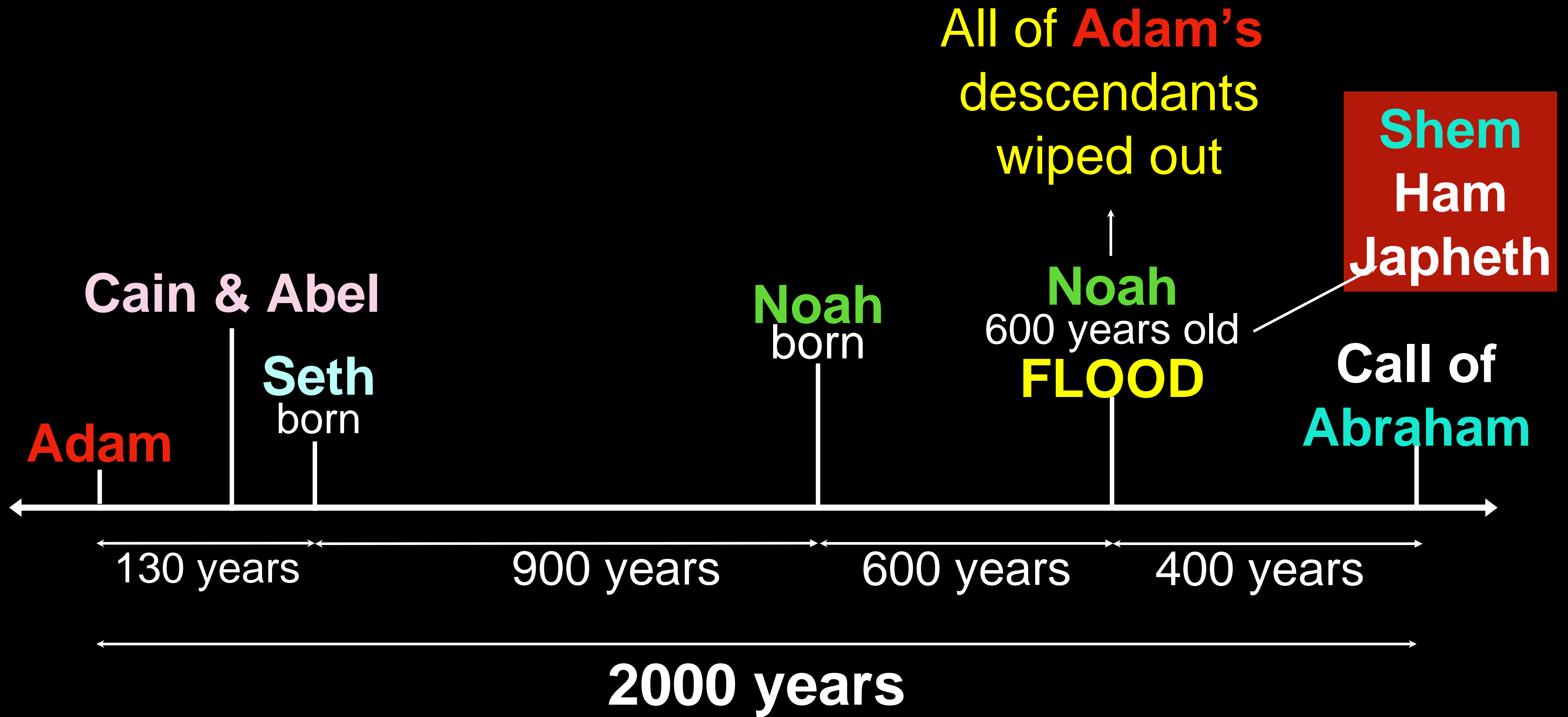


Living Out God's Word
in the Real World

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- A detailed landscape painting of a tropical valley. In the background, a large volcano with a plume of smoke rises against a hazy sky. A river flows through the center of the valley, surrounded by lush greenery and various trees. The foreground shows a rocky path leading towards the river. The overall scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.
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Genesis 12:1-3



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**Egypt, Babylon,
Assyria, Canaan,
Philistines**



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A detailed illustration of a tropical landscape. In the foreground, a waterfall cascades over dark, jagged rocks. The middle ground is filled with dense, vibrant green foliage, including palm trees and various tropical plants. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a soft, hazy sky. The overall scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent dark grey rectangular area on the left side of the image.

Gen 12:2-3

**“And you shall be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth
shall be blessed.”**



Gen 12:2-4

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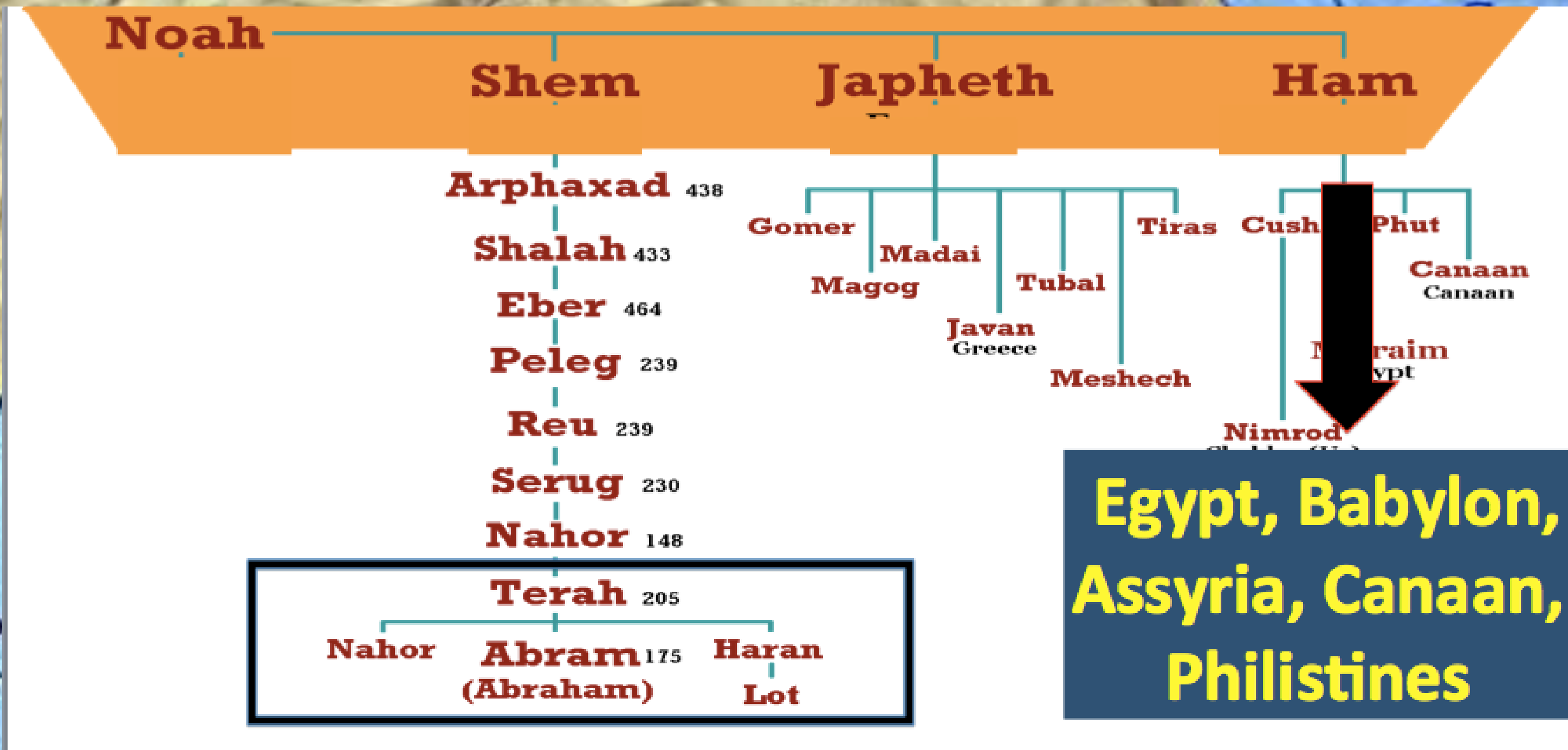
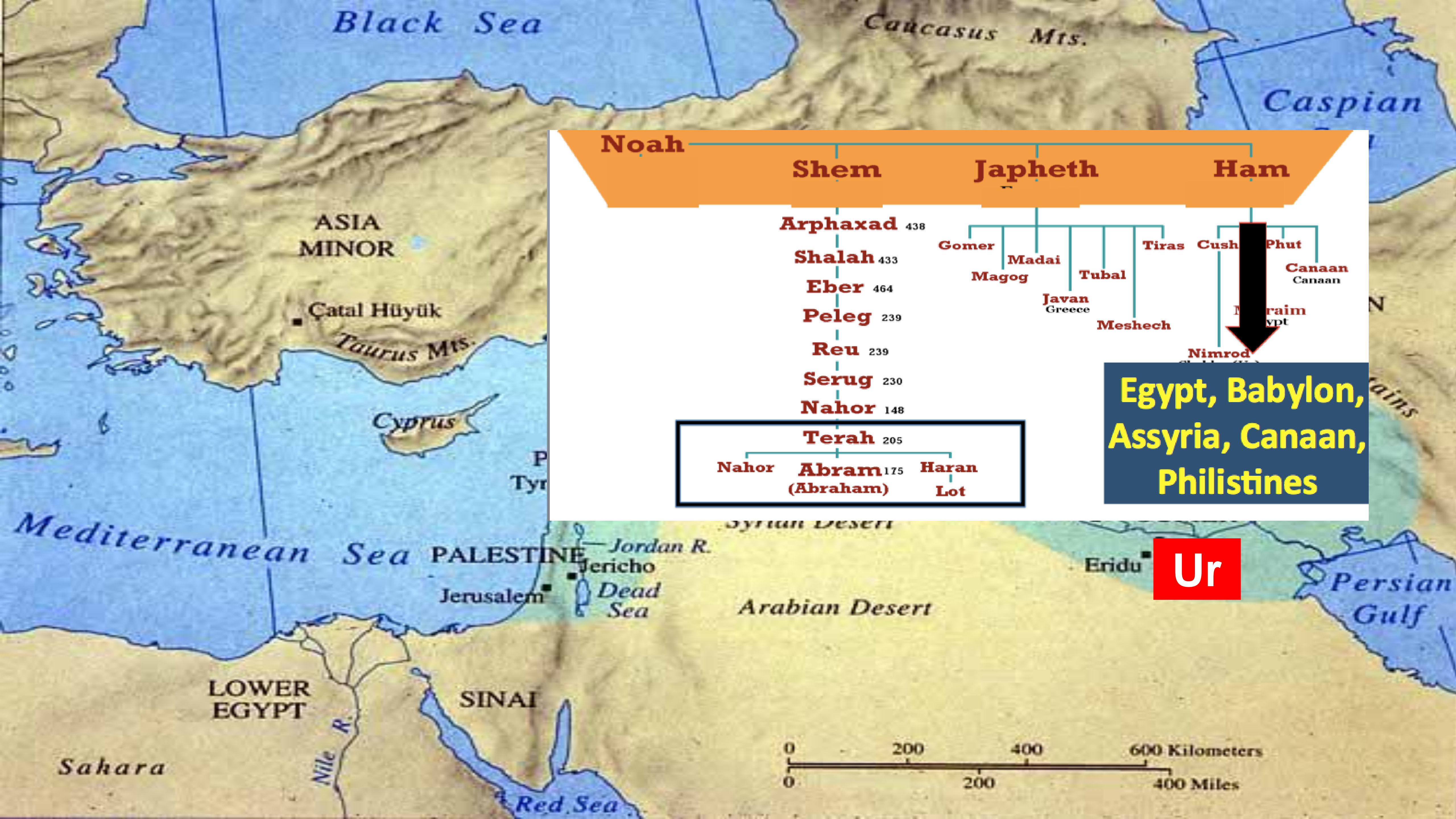
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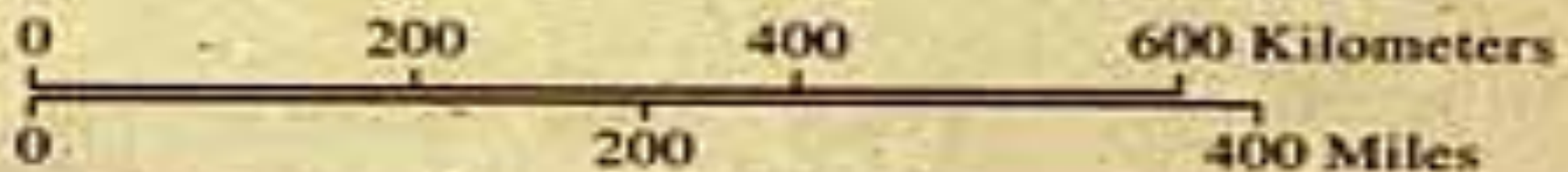
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Egypt, Babylon, Assyria, Canaan, Philistines

Ur





Gen 12:3
“in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Ur



- “Go from your country” v1
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Gen 12:1-2

To a land that I will show (give!) you.

I will make you a great nation;

I will bless you

And make your name great;



Haran

Ur



Gen 11:27-30

This is the genealogy of **Terah**:

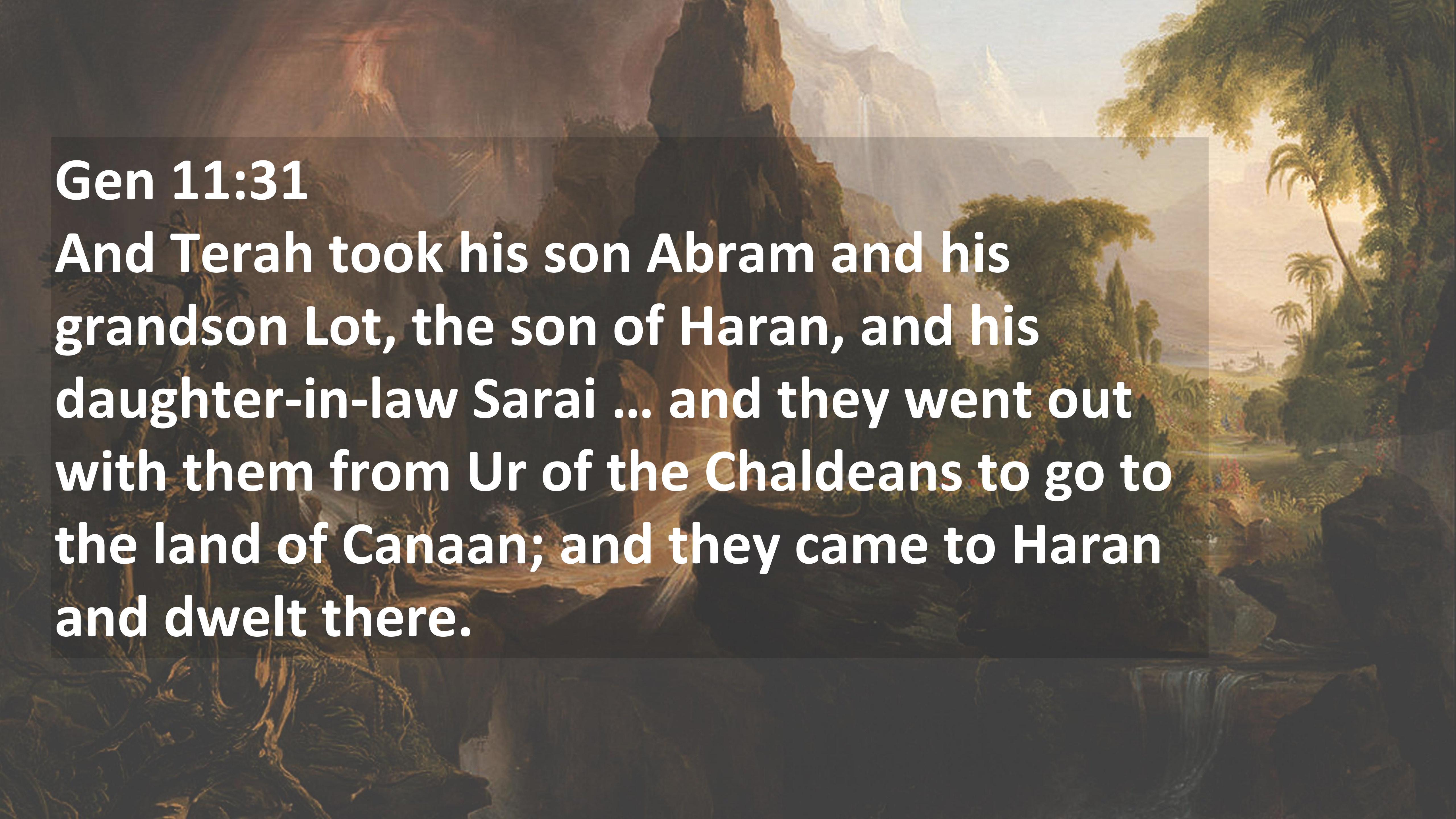
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Haran begot Lot.

And Haran died before his father Terah ...

Then Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of Abram's wife was **Sarai** ...

But Sarai was barren; she had no child.

A dramatic landscape painting. On the left, a volcano with smoke rising from its peak. In the center, a waterfall cascades down a rocky cliff. On the right, a lush tropical valley with palm trees and a winding path. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

Gen 11:31

And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai ... 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.



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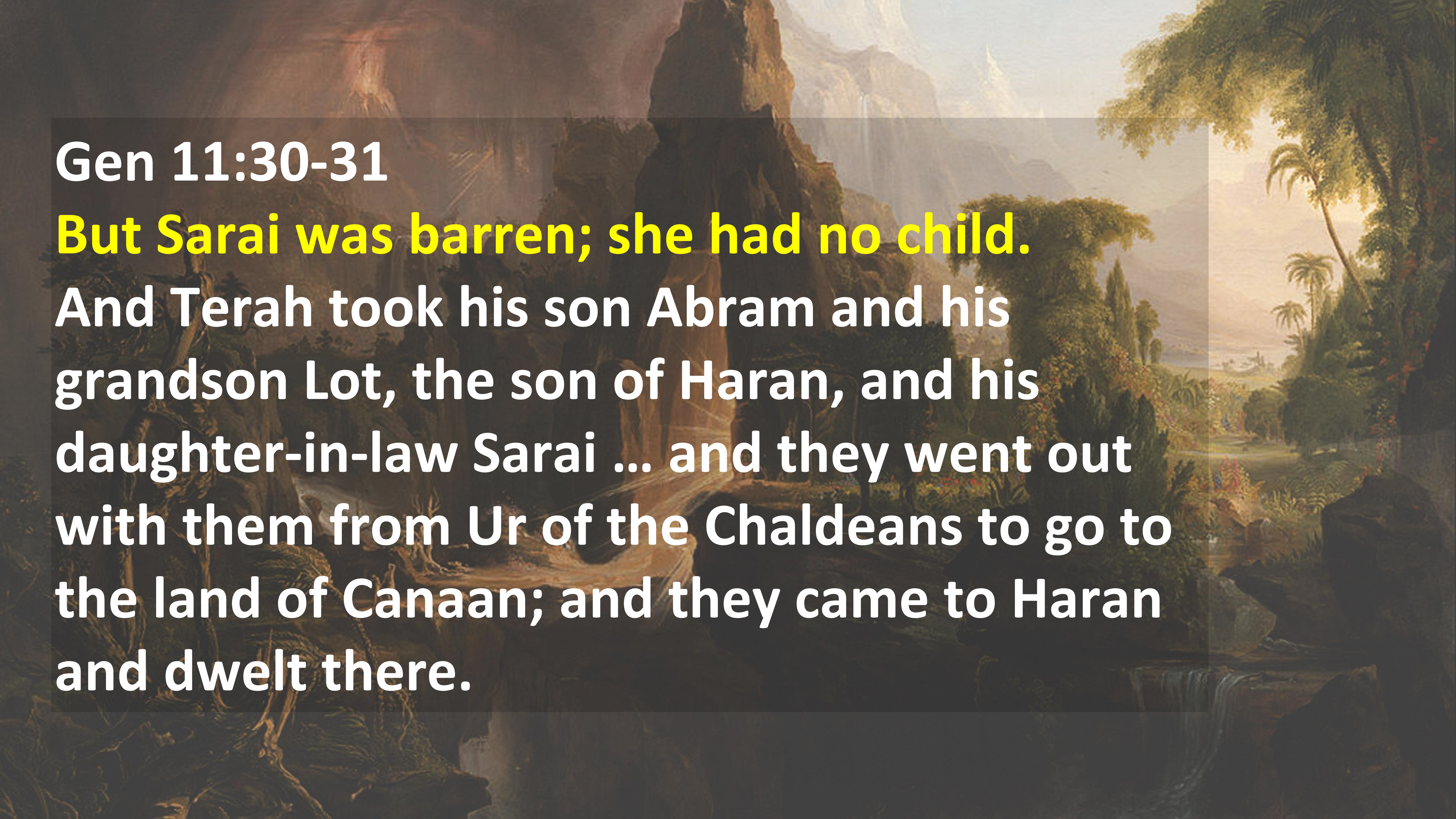
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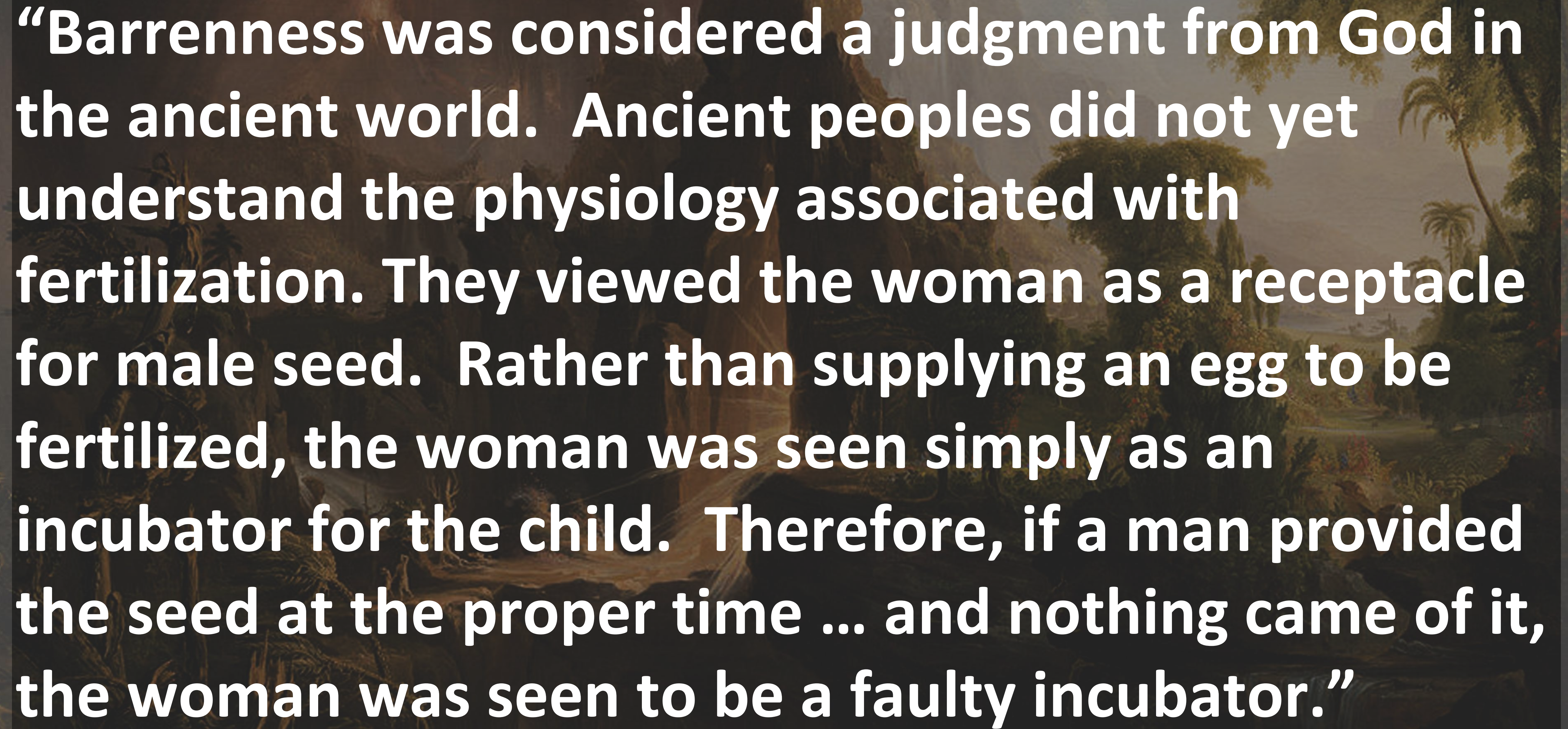
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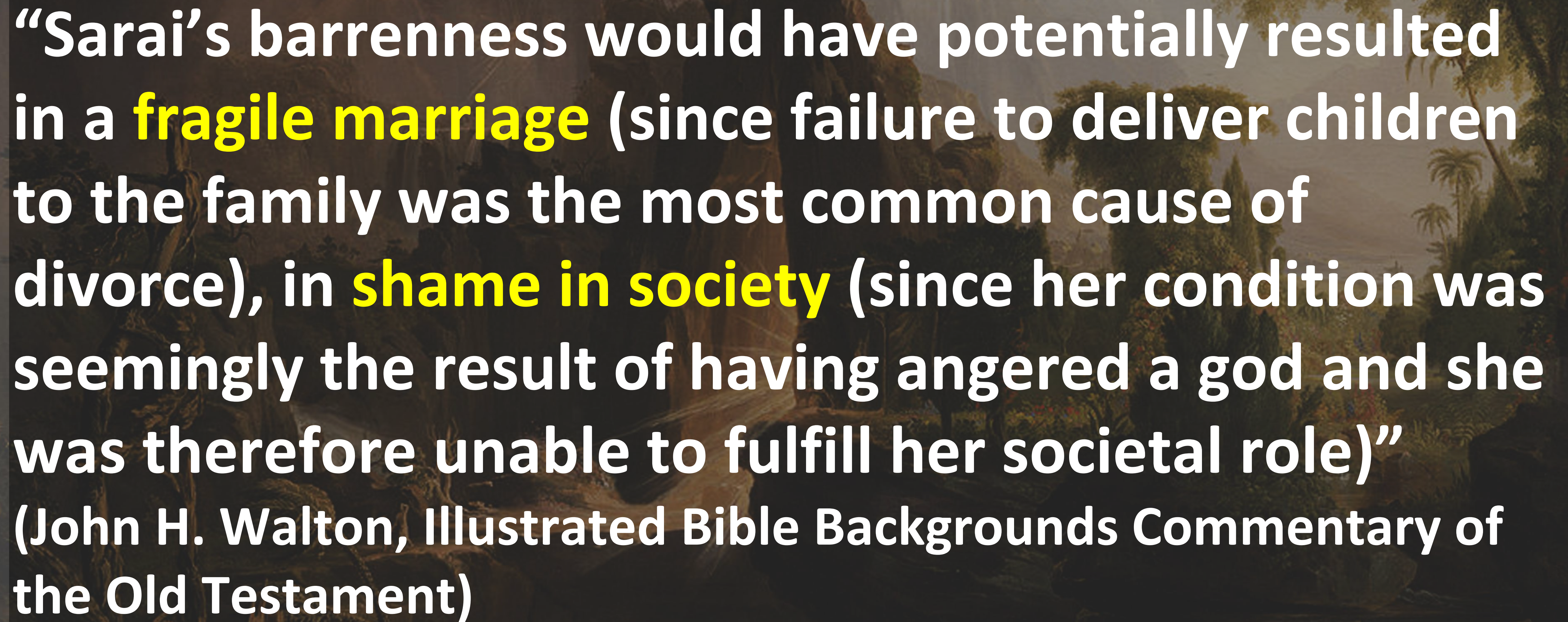
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“Barrenness was considered a judgment from God in the ancient world. Ancient peoples did not yet understand the physiology associated with fertilization. They viewed the woman as a receptacle for male seed. Rather than supplying an egg to be fertilized, the woman was seen simply as an incubator for the child. Therefore, if a man provided the seed at the proper time ... and nothing came of it, the woman was seen to be a faulty incubator.”



“Sarai’s barrenness would have potentially resulted in a **fragile marriage** (since failure to deliver children to the family was the most common cause of divorce), in **shame in society** (since her condition was seemingly the result of having angered a god and she was therefore unable to fulfill her societal role)”
(John H. Walton, Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary of the Old Testament)



Gen 12:1-2

Now the Lord had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country (i.e. Haran),

From your family (i.e. kindred/close relatives)

And from your father’s house,

To a land that I will show you.

I will make you a great nation;

I will bless you

And make your name great;

Gen 12:4-5

So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, **and Lot went with him.** And Abram was seventy-five years old when he **departed from Haran.**

Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go **to the land of Canaan.**

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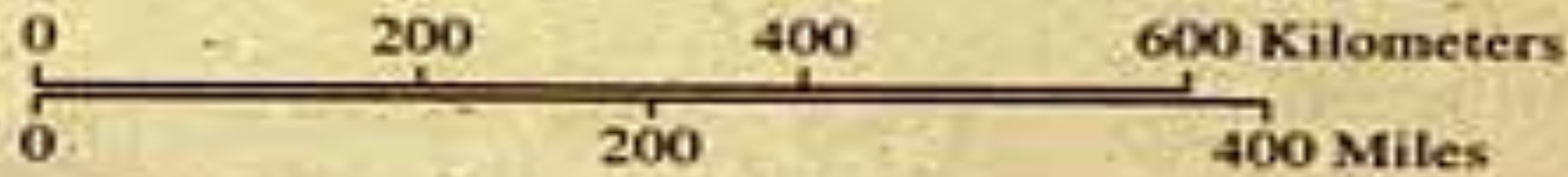
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"How to read"

**Sunday 24 Dec
1.30-3.00pm**

- 1. Genesis, evolution & science –**
Any problem?
- 2. The Significance of Genealogies –**
Why all the numbers?
- 3. Adam, Noah, Abraham, Israel & Jesus –**
What's the link?

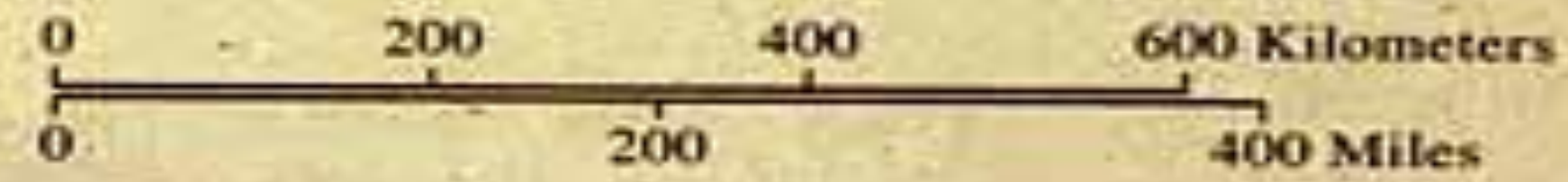


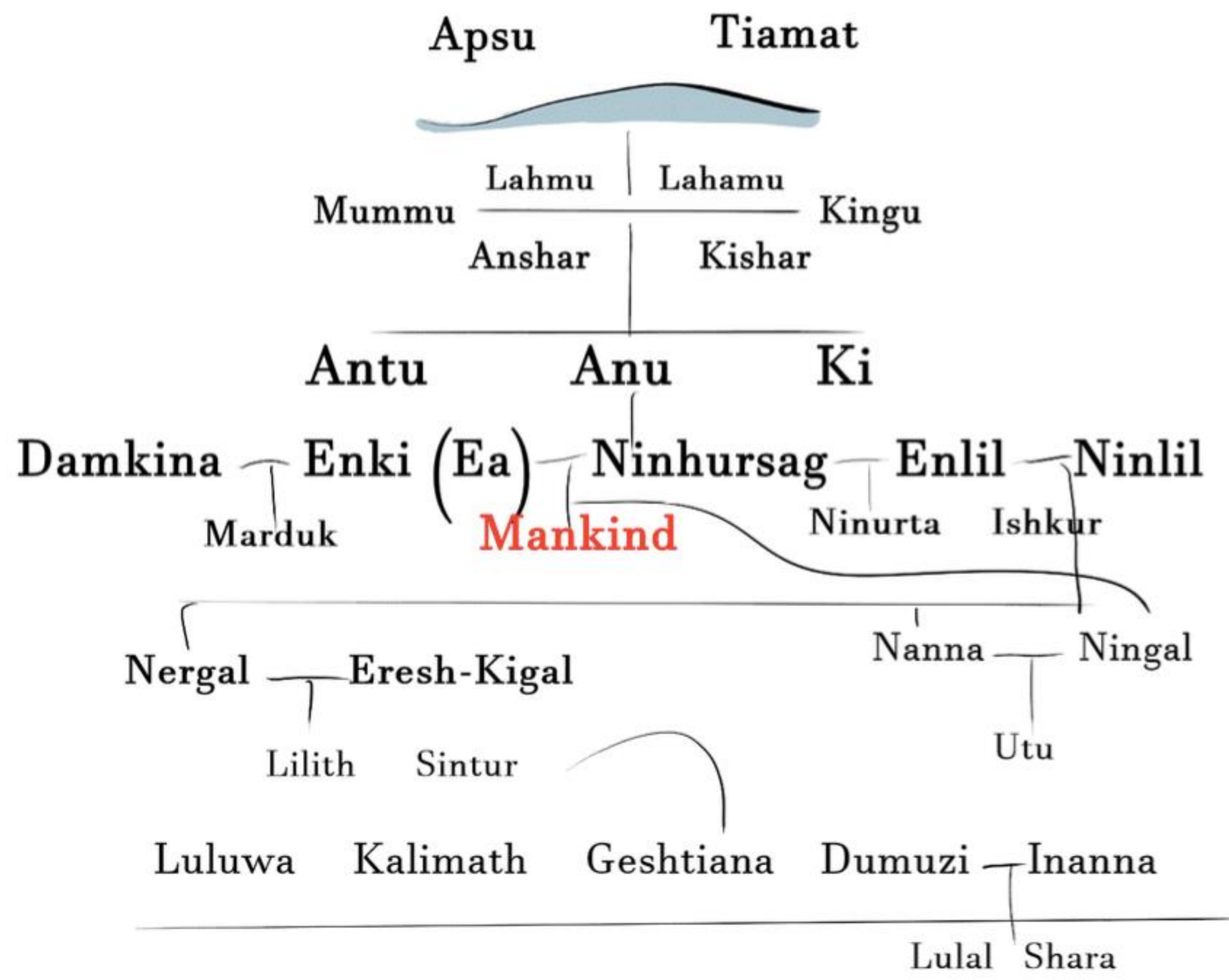
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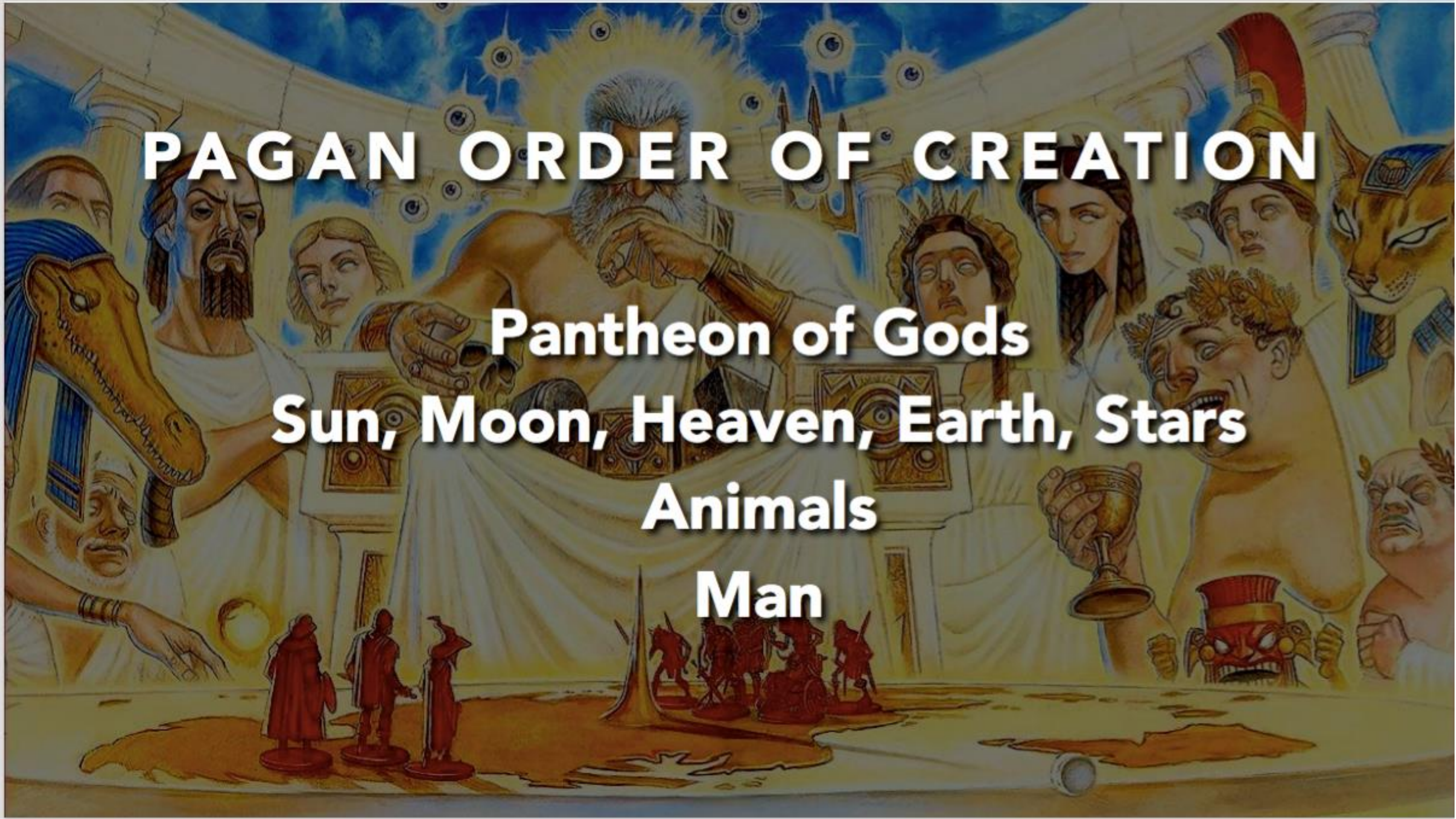
Canaan

Babylon

Ur







PAGAN ORDER OF CREATION

Pantheon of Gods

Sun, Moon, Heaven, Earth, Stars

Animals

Man



Haran

Babylon

Ur

Gen 31:19-20
Now **Laban** had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel had stolen the **household idols that were her father's**. And Jacob stole away, unknown to Laban the Syrian, in that he did not tell him that he intended to flee.

Gen 12:1

“Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father’s house”

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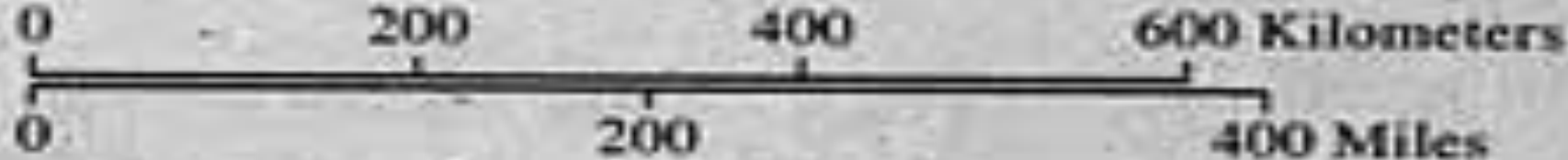
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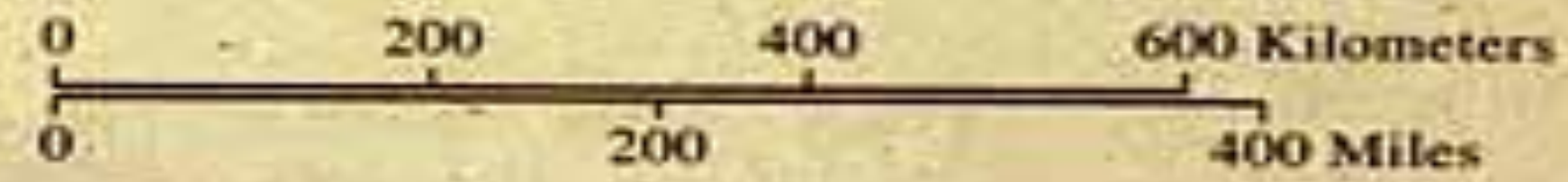
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Canaan

Ur



12:1.a. לך "to you."

"This particular usage of the preposition ... conveys the impression that the subject (i.e. Abram) establishes his own identity ... finding his own place by determinedly dissociating himself from his familiar surrounding. Notions of isolation, loneliness, parting, seclusion or withdrawal are often recognizable ... Used with the verb "to go," it suggests that the person mentioned is going alone and breaking away from the group." (Word Biblical Commentary)



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