



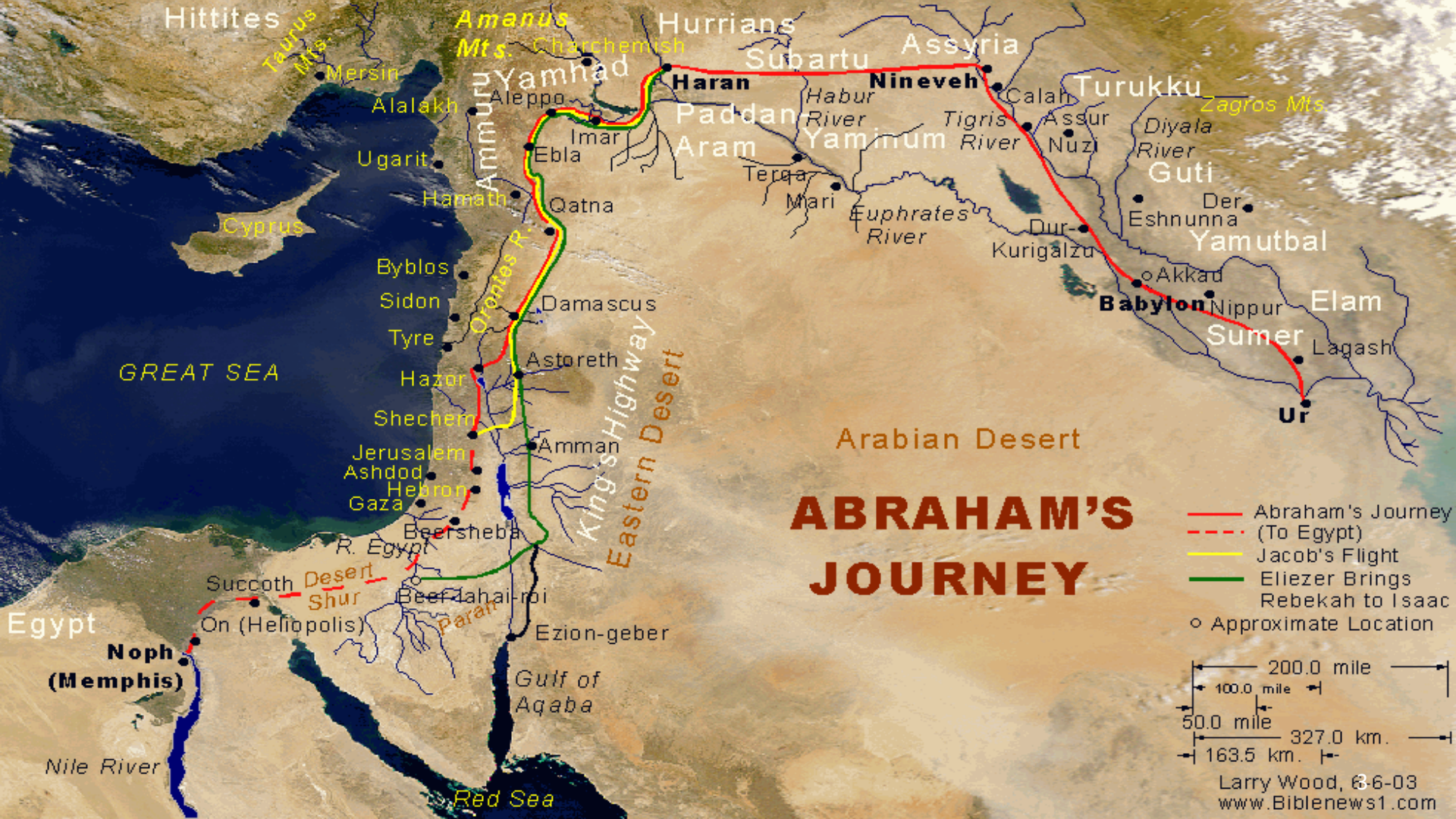
THE BOOK OF
GENESIS

THE FIRST PATRIARCH: ABRAM

A new beginning—a new nation and new leader!

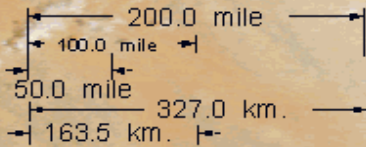
Except for the Creation account in **chapters 1** and **2**, the **first eleven chapters of Genesis** record one failure of man after another; yet graciously, God starts over through Abram!

- 1. The Call** God called Abram
- 2. The Covenant** God's promise to Abram
- 3. The Compromise** Abram's half-hearted response
- 4. The Commitment** Abram fully obeying God



ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY

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



1. THE CALL OF GOD ON ABRAM v. 1

- **When God called** - Before Abram knew God.
Eph. 2:8-9; 2 Thess. 2:13-14; John 15:15
- **How God called** - We are told in **Acts 7:2**.
- **Why God called** - There are at least three reasons why God called Abraham and Sarah:
 - 1.** God was concerned about their salvation.
 - 2.** They were to be a blessing to the whole world.
 - 3.** As an example of what it means to walk by faith.

2. THE COVENANT

GENESIS 12:1-3

True faith is based on the Word of God. **Rom. 10:17**

God spoke to Abraham and told him what He would do *for* him and *through* him if he would trust and obey.

1. I will show you a new land.
2. I will make you a new man.
3. I will bless you in new ways.
4. I will bless those that bless you.

3. THE COMPROMISE

GENESIS 11:27-32; 12:4

First steps of faith are not always giant steps, which explains why Abraham did not fully obey God.

- The life of faith is total separation *from what is evil* and total devotion *to what is holy*. **2 Cor. 6:14-7:1**
- When you walk by faith, you lean on God alone:

HIS WORD . . . HIS CHARACTER

HIS WILL . . . HIS POWER

4. THE COMMITMENT

GENESIS 12:5-9

It has been said that all mankind can be divided into three spiritual classes:

- The *Intenders*, like Terah
- The *Endeavorers*, like Lot
- The *Performers*, like Abram and Sarai...

Who committed their lives and futures to God, obeyed what He commanded, and received all that God planned for them.

THE ROLE OF FAITH

- 1.** Faith brings us out. **Genesis 12:4-5**
- 2.** Faith brings us in. **Genesis 12:7-8**
- 3.** Faith brings us through. **Genesis 12:9**

Comfortable or complacent Christianity is often the opposite of a life of faith; “*pilgrims and strangers*” face new challenges and circumstances, growing in fresh insight, and understanding about ourselves and our Lord.

Respond to the call and walk by faith!