

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT



- A visible form of covenant is made for Abraham's sake
- When a covenant is made by God, time and space are forever changed!
- Clean animals are cut-up and divided
- B'rit = cut up or divide

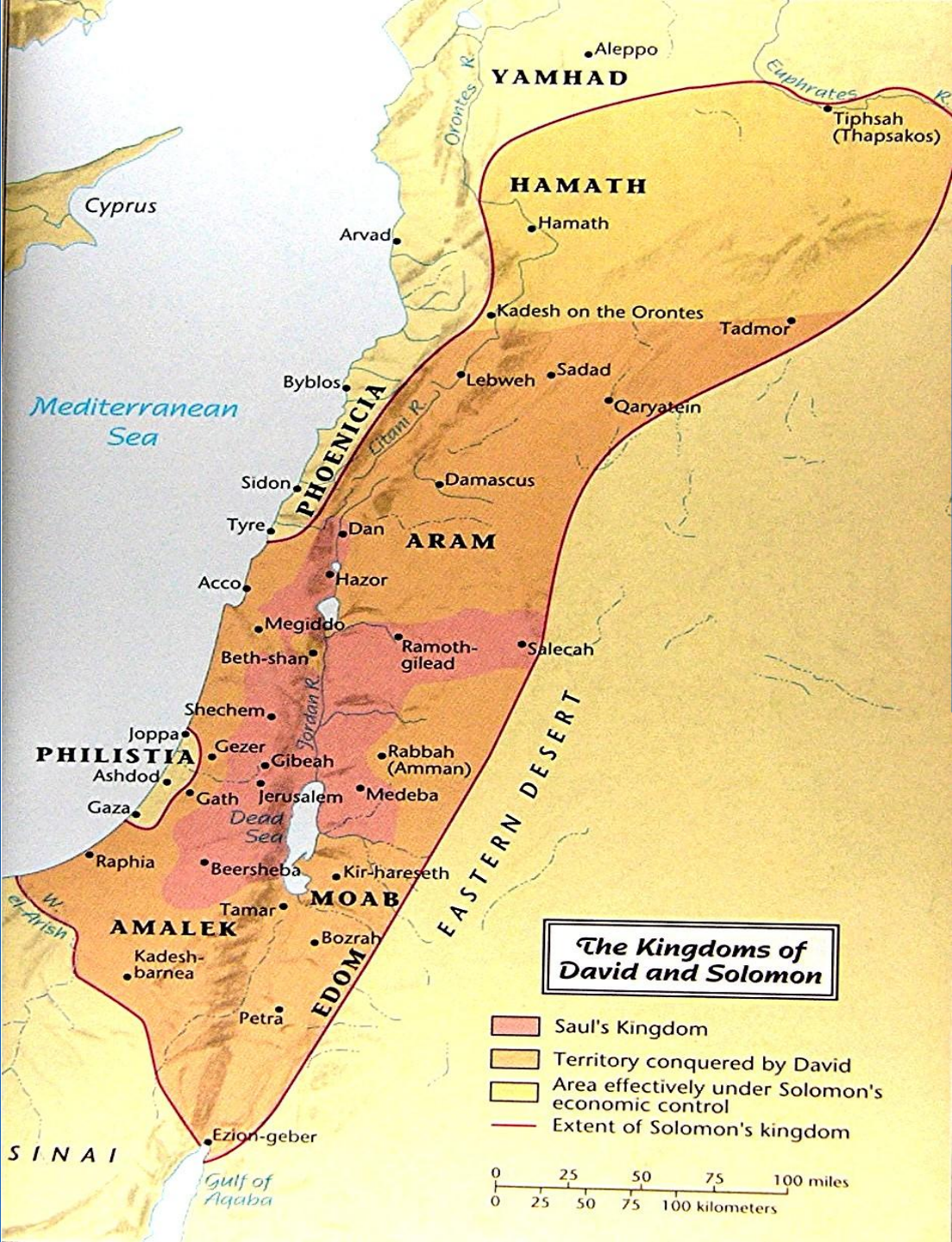
NO CONCEPT OF DYING AND “GOING TO HEAVEN”

- Death ended at the grave
- Sheol
- No clear doctrine of an afterlife in the O.T.
- “going to your fathers in peace”, probably just a nice way of saying “dead”
- Living out a full life-span was the hope



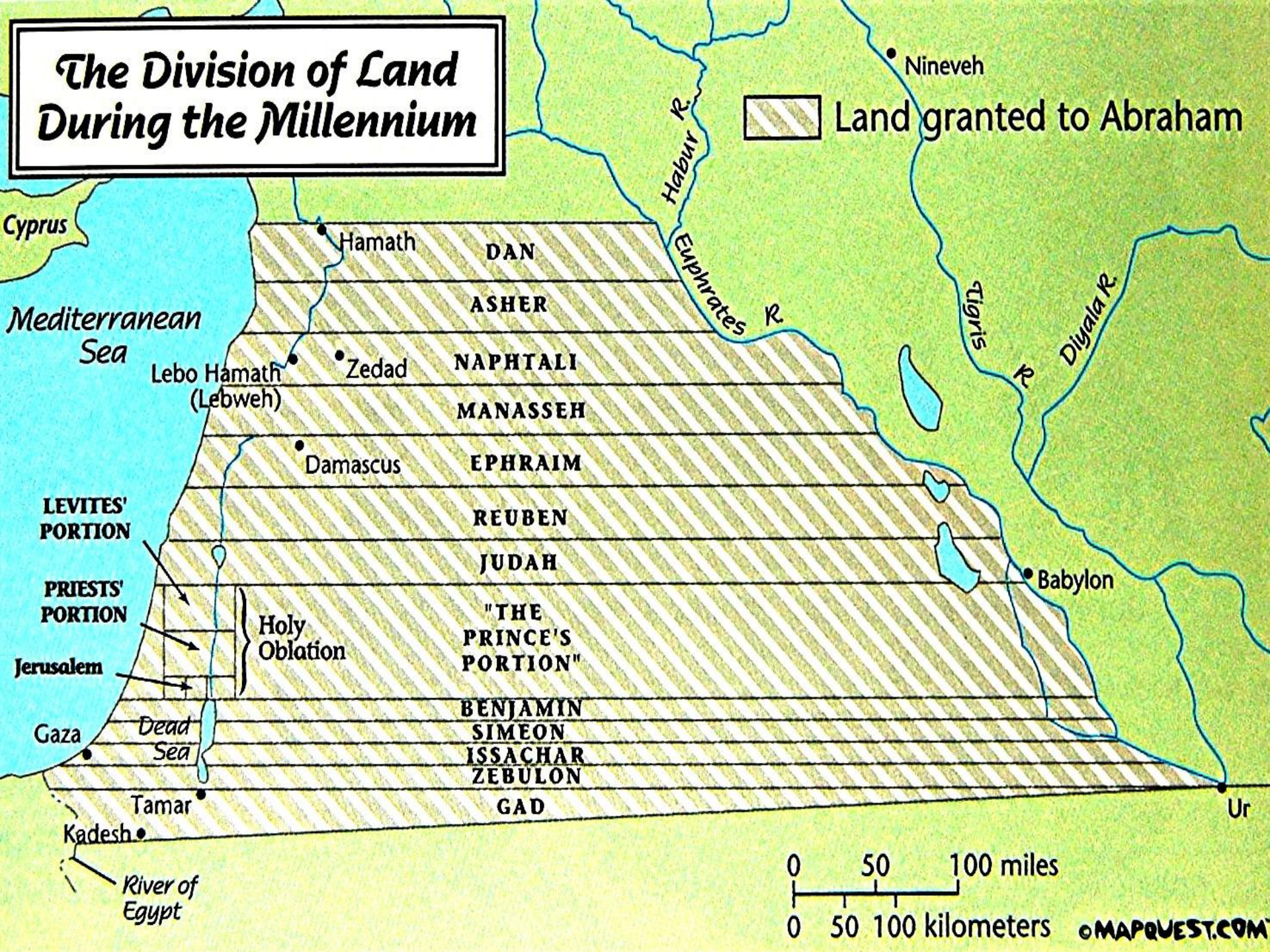


- V17 Covenant makers pass through the animal pieces
- ONLY God passes through!
- This was a UNI-lateral promise
UNCONDITIONAL!
- God recites the terms of the covenant
- The boundaries of the land are given to Abraham



▶ Israel reached its peak size during the reigns of David and Solomon (1000 BC to 925 BC)

The Division of Land During the Millennium





WHAT IS A “GENERATION”?



- Generation = *dor*
- It can mean:
 - 1) span of life between birth of children and parent
 - 2) a complete life-span
 - 3) all people living during the time of an event
 - 4) how long a “life-span” is varies a great deal

GENERATION CAN MEAN DIFFERENT THINGS AT DIFFERENT TIMES IN THE BIBLE!



- HOW LONG WAS ISRAEL IN EGYPT?
- Genesis 15 says 4 generations
- Other places say 400 years
- Exodus 12:40 says 430 years
- Rabbinical tradition: 400 years begins with birth of Isaac.....
430 year period begins with covenant with Abraham
- Using Rabbinical tradition numbers = 210 years in Egypt
- Samaritan Pentateuch says 430 years, and that includes some time in Canaan
- Obvious disagreements in the Bible as to exact time Israel spent in Egypt

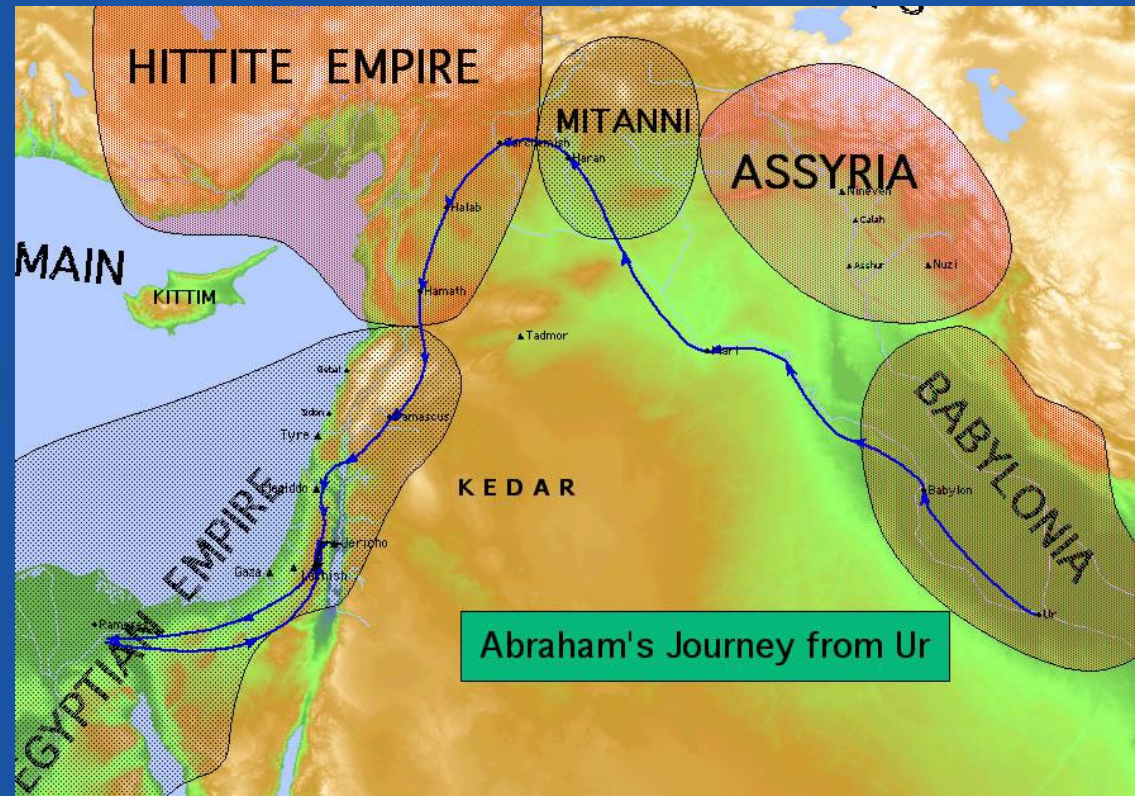
INIQUITY OF THE AMORITES

- Means some time at which Amorites' wickedness has crossed over some line in God's eyes
- A time He pre-knows
- THEN Israel will be given the land of Canaan
- At some point "Canaanite" and "Amorite" were general terms referring to the people of the Land of Canaan



GENESIS 16

- 10 years has passed since leaving Haran
- Journeyed to Egypt
- Pharaoh took Sarai
- Avram kicked out of Egypt for lying about Sarai being his sister
- Lot moved to Sodom, taken by kings from Mesopotamia
- Avram meets Melchizedek



SARAI GIVES HAGAR TO ABRAHAM



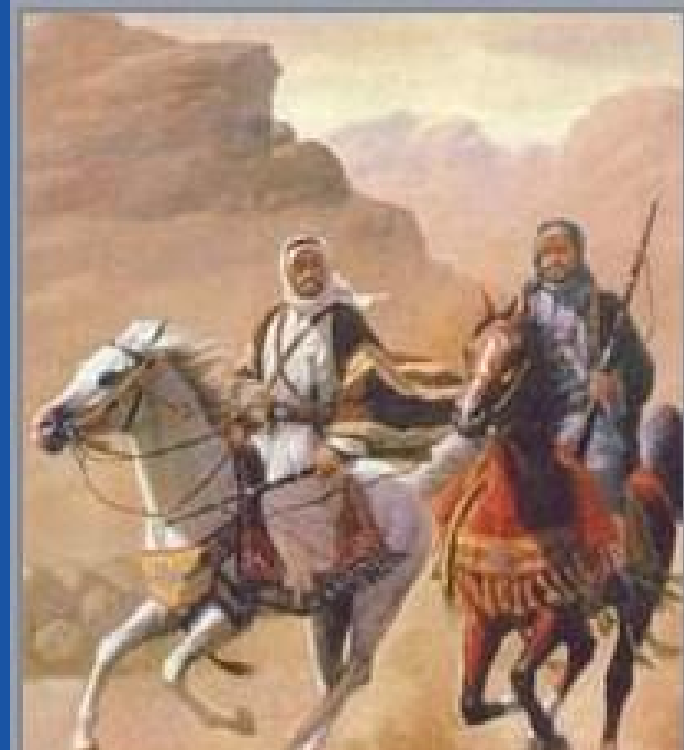
- Hagar, Egyptian servant girl
- Hagar to be surrogate mother for Sarai
- By tradition, child would belong to Sarai and Avram
- Avram did NOT marry Hagar
- Hagar REMAINED a servant to Sarai
- Laws of Ur-Nammu
- Handmaiden belonged SOLELY to the wife, she was Sarai's personal property

HAGAR IS CAST OUT



- Sarai did NOT go to Avram to seek permission to cast out Hagar
- Angel of the Lord told Hagar to return and submit to Sarai
- Hagar would have a son “Ishmael”
- Ishmael means **God pays attention**

ISHMAEL'S DESTINY: WILD DONKEY OF A MAN, FIGHTING AGAINST HIS KINSMEN



- Ishmael father of the Arabs
- Abraham IS the father of both the Arabs and the Israelites
- Arabs and Israelites, line of Shem
- Most people identified on News as “Arabs” are NOT....they are Egyptians, Persians (Iran), and others from the line of Ham



ANGEL OF THE LORD

- **Malach** = angel
- Actually just means “messenger”
- ANY kind of messenger, typically a human
- **Angelos**, Greek = messenger
- **Malach Yehoveh** means Angel of Yehoveh or Angel of the Lord
- Many times Bible says “angel”, it is probably a human
- Angel of the Lord may actually be the only time the “messenger” is a spirit-being

