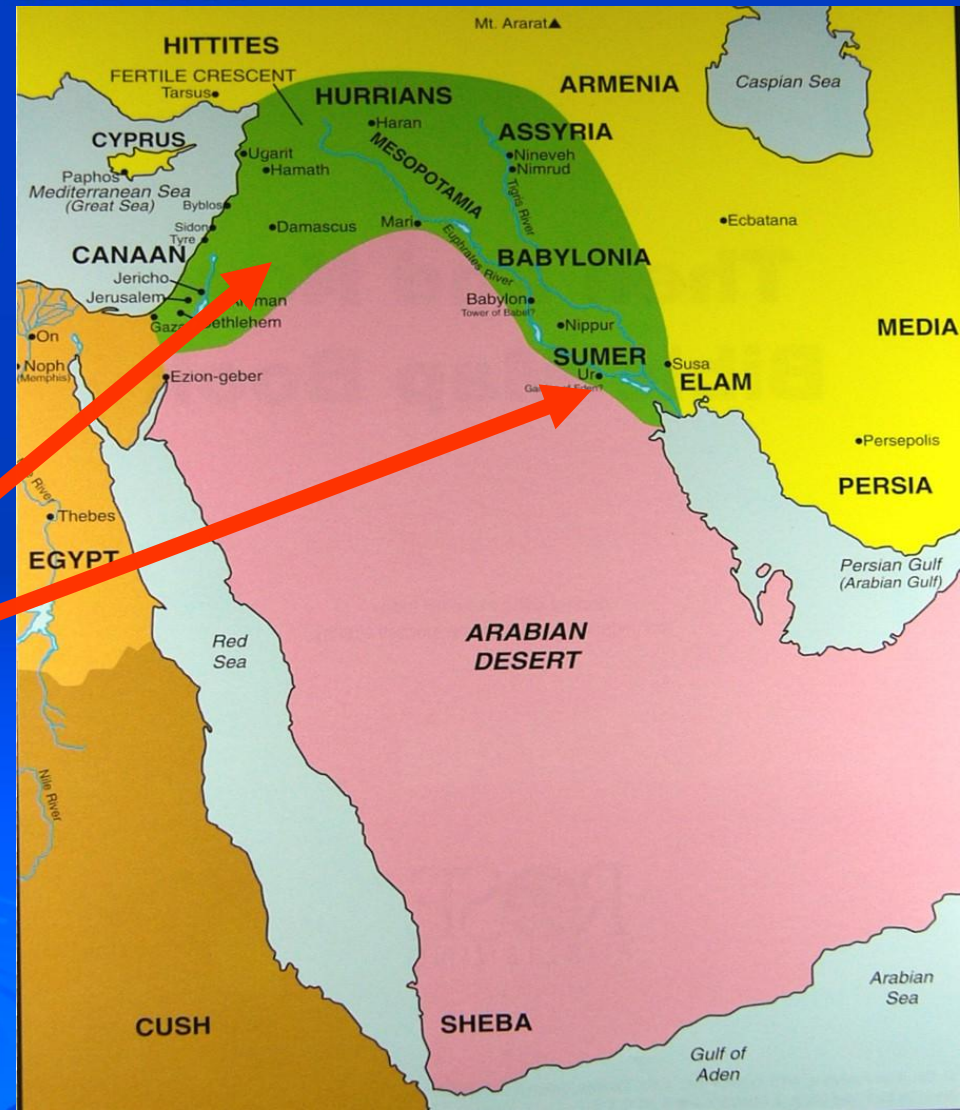
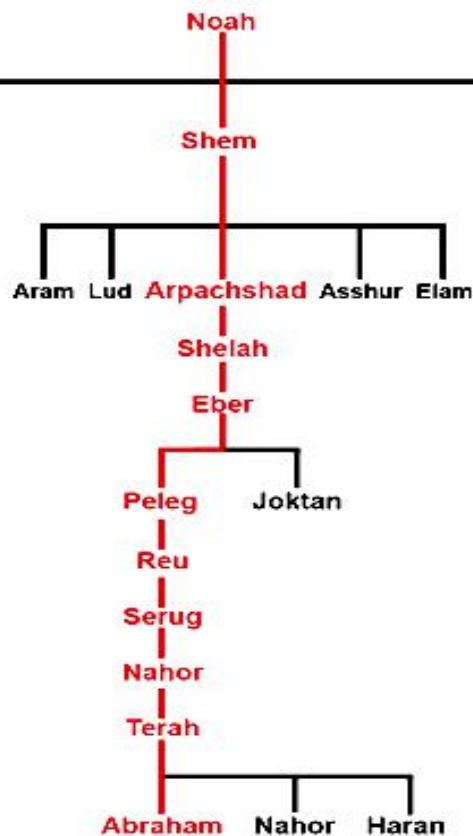


# OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY: THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL BEGINS WITH ABRAHAM

- **AVRAHAM = ABRAHAM**
- **ABRAHAM NEITHER AN  
“ISRAELITE” NOR A  
“JEW”**
- **AMORITES**
- **FERTILE CRESCENT**
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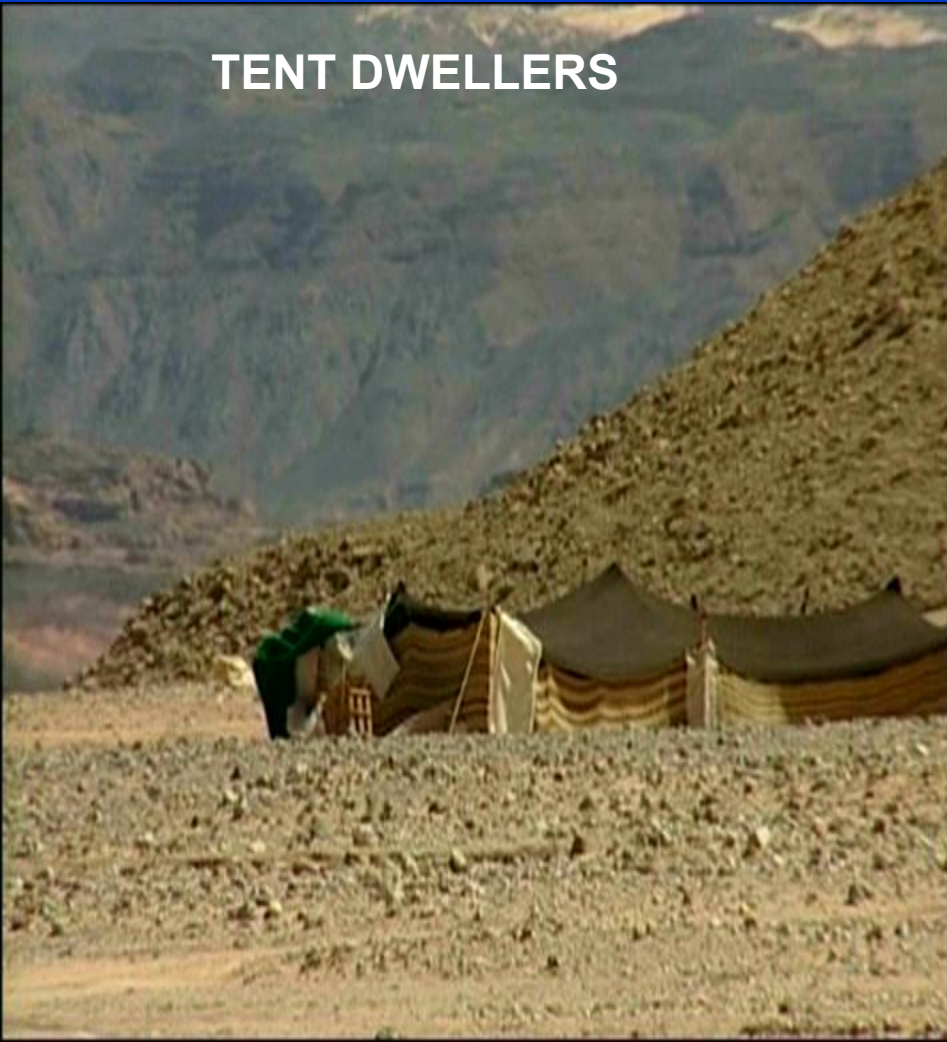
# ABRAHAM'S FAMILY



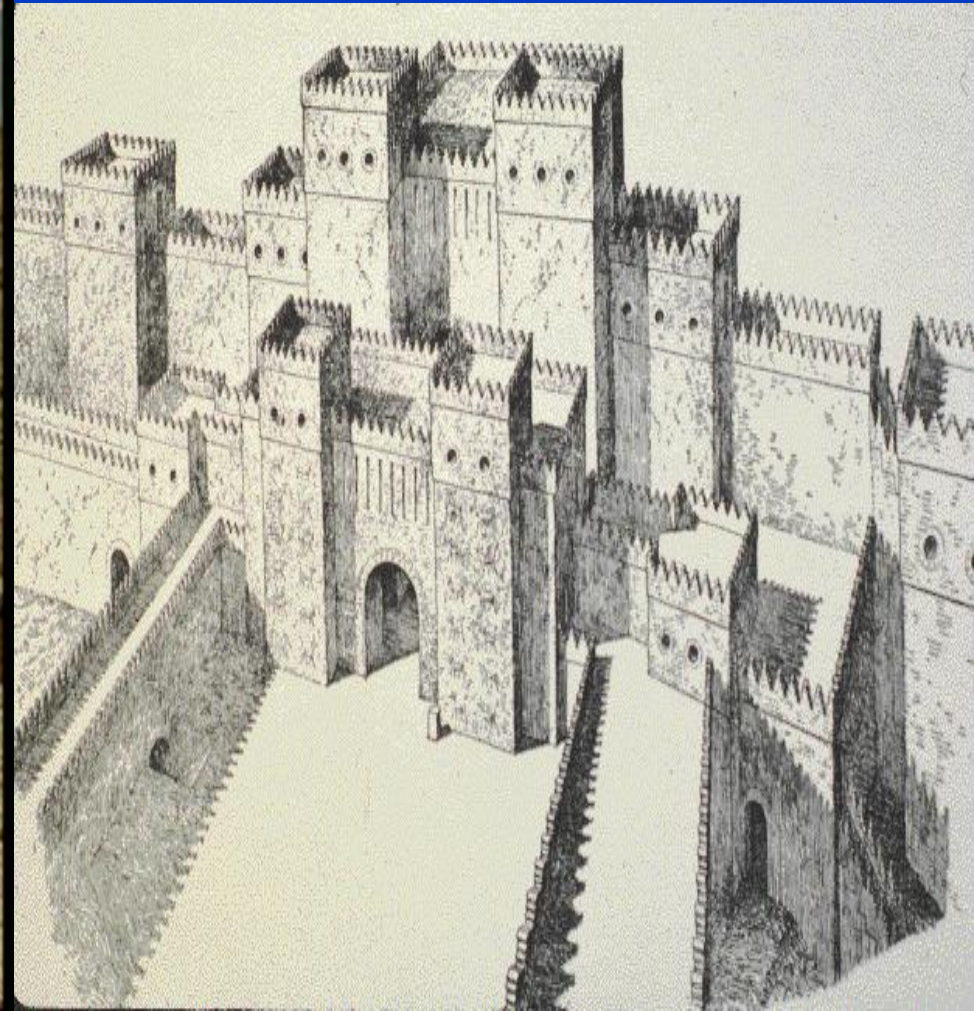
- FATHER IS *TERACH* = **TERAH**
- DESCENDANT OF *SHEM* (SON OF NOAH)
- NOAH STILL ALIVE
- CITY-STATE = SMALL NATION WITH ITS OWN KING

# VARIOUS CULTURES LIVED SIDE-BY-SIDE

TENT DWELLERS



CITY DWELLERS



# TOWER OF BABEL

- ABRAHAM BORN 300 YEARS LATER
- ONE LANGUAGE SCRAMBLED INTO MANY
- NIMROD BUILT 1<sup>ST</sup> WALLED CITY
- THE LINE OF HAM

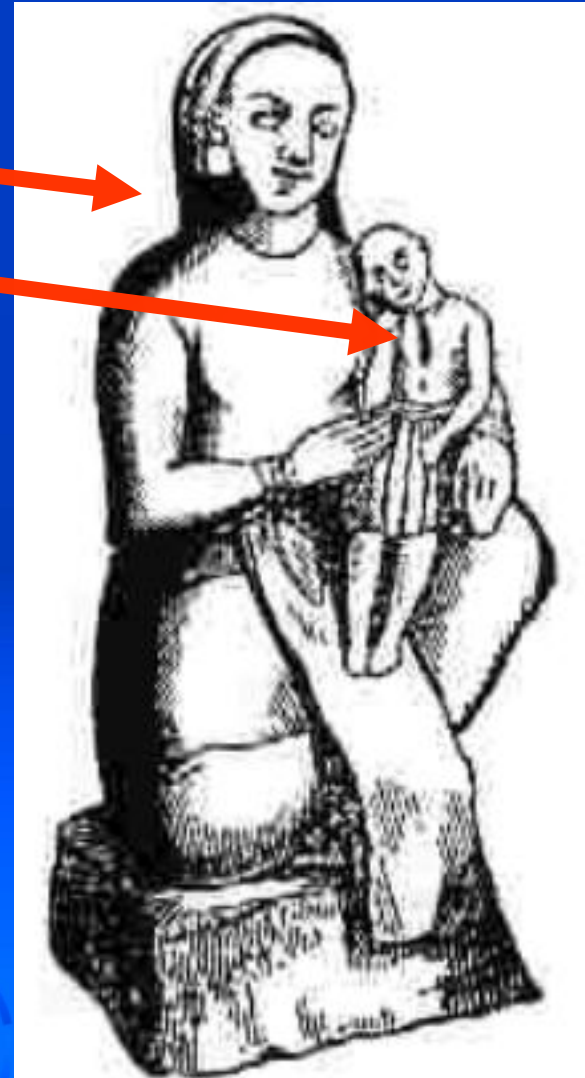


Nimrod of Ancient Babylon

"Nimrod became a "mighty tyrant in the face of Jehovah."

# NIMROD'S FAMILY

- SON OF CUSH
- MARRIED SEMIRAMIS
- SON WAS TAMMUZ
- SEMIRAMIS BECAME KNOWN AS “QUEEN OF HEAVEN”
- TAMMUZ REINCARNATION OF NIMROD
- ISIS, INDRANI, CYBELLE, ASHTEROOTH



# NIMROD = BA'AL



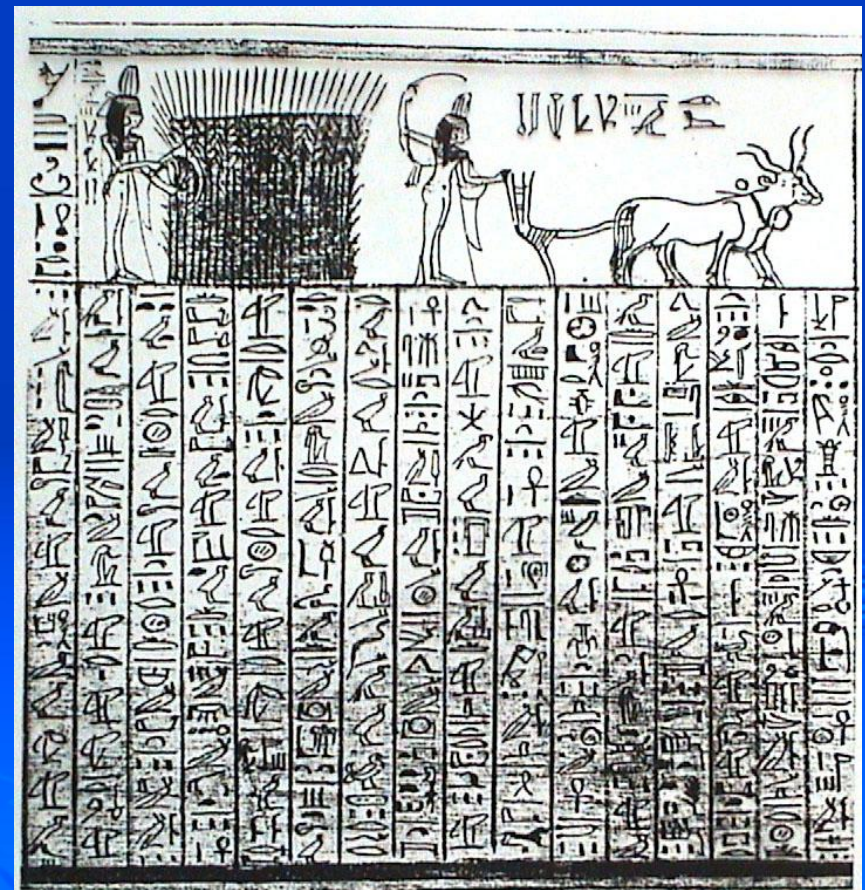
- ALSO CALLED NINUS
- BUILT THE CITY OF NINEVAH
- TAMMUZ IS ALSO NIMROD (HIS REINCARNATION)

# COMMUNICATION WAS WELL DEVELOPED

CUNEIFORM / MESOPOTAMIA



HIEROGLYPHS / EGYPT



# PYRAMIDS AND ABRAHAM

- EGYPT ALREADY FULL OF PYRAMIDS
- PYRAMID BUILDING ERA WAS OVER
- TRADE ROUTES CONNECTED NEAR AND FAR EAST
- STONEHENGE WAS BEING BUILT





# ABRAHAM ORIGINALLY WAS LIKELY A PAGAN



- FATHER (Terach) SOLD IDOLS
- PEOPLE ACCEPTED MANY GODS
- GODS PUT INTO A HEIRARCHY

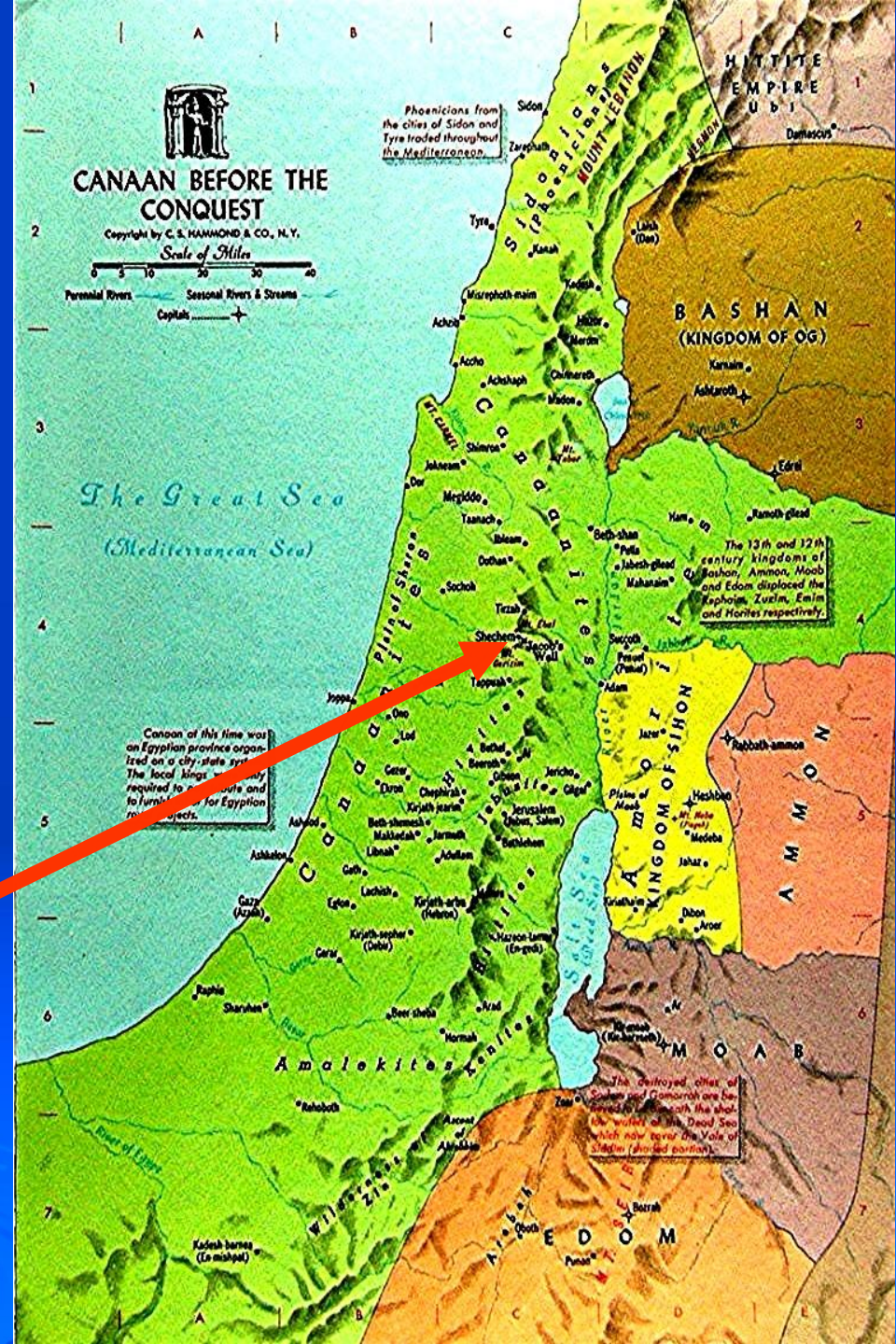


# ABRAHAM IN CANAAN

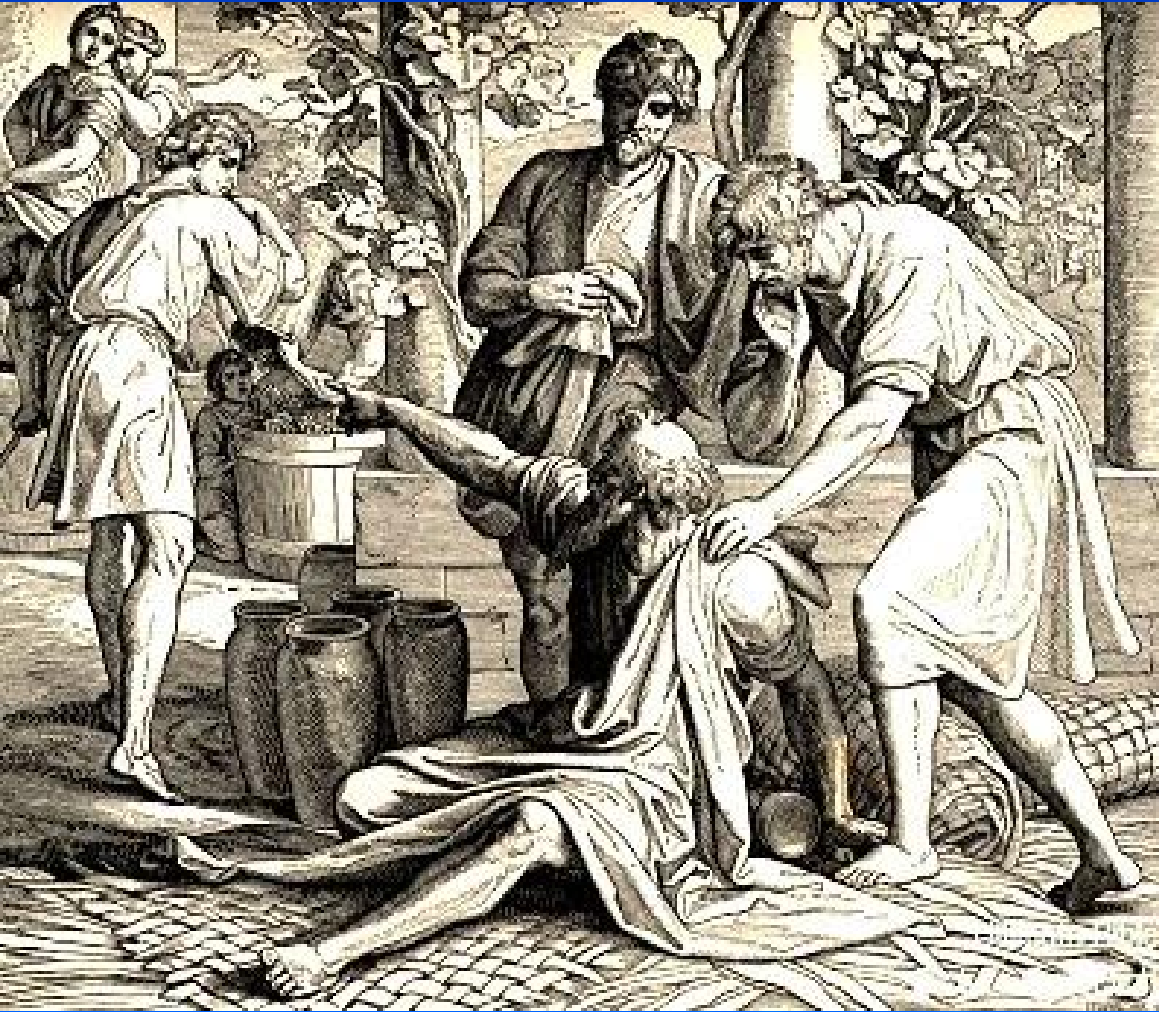
➤ SARAI (SARAH), LOT (NEPHEW) GO WITH ABRAHAM

➤ CANAANITES CONSISTED OF MANY TRIBES

➤ 1<sup>ST</sup> STOP WAS SHECHEM (TODAY CALLED NABLUS)



# ORIGIN OF CANAAN



- **NOACH = NOAH**
- **NOACH CURSES HAM'S SON CANAAN**
- **CANAANITE TRIBES INCLUDED: JEBUSITES, GIRGASHITES, HIVITES, MORE**



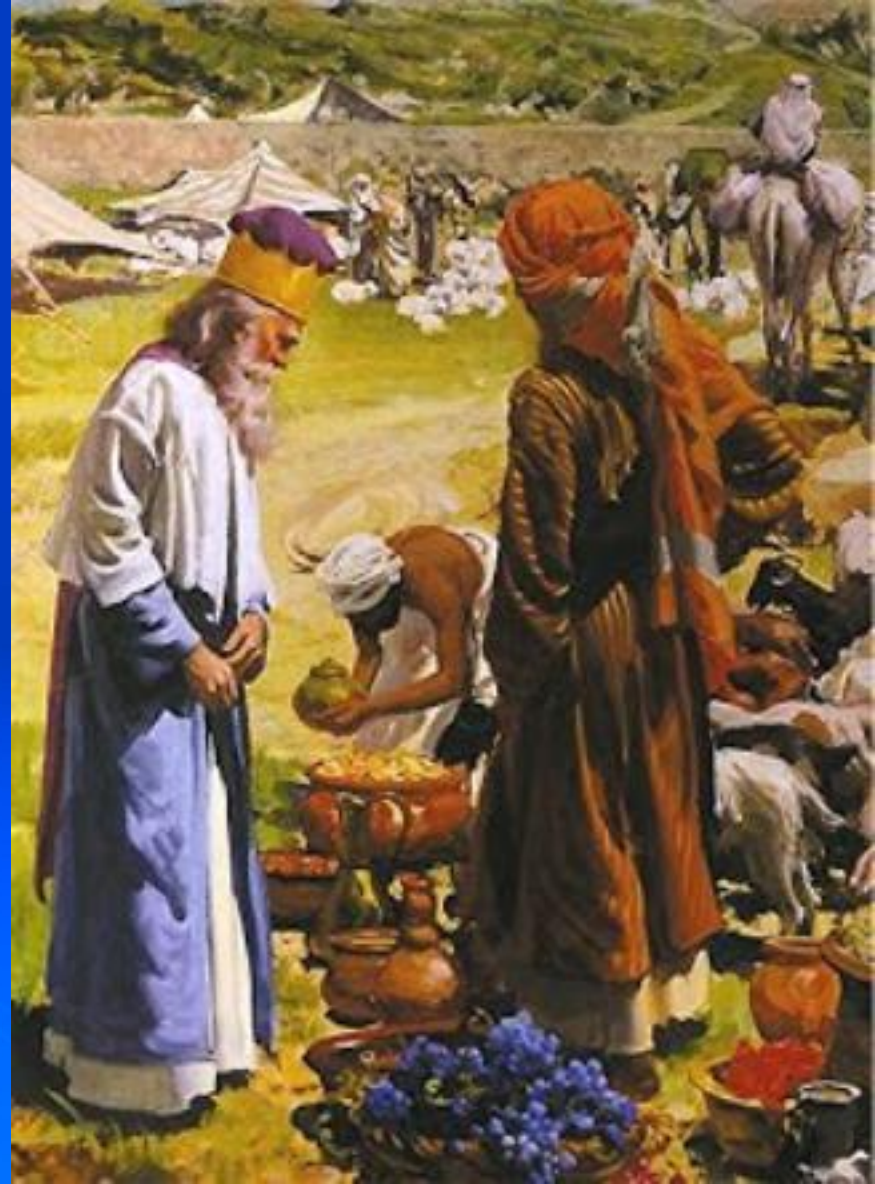
# THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

- First stop was Shechem
- Gen. 12:7 THIS is the land God is giving to Abraham
- A famine forces Abraham to journey further south to Egypt
- Noah dies at 900 years old

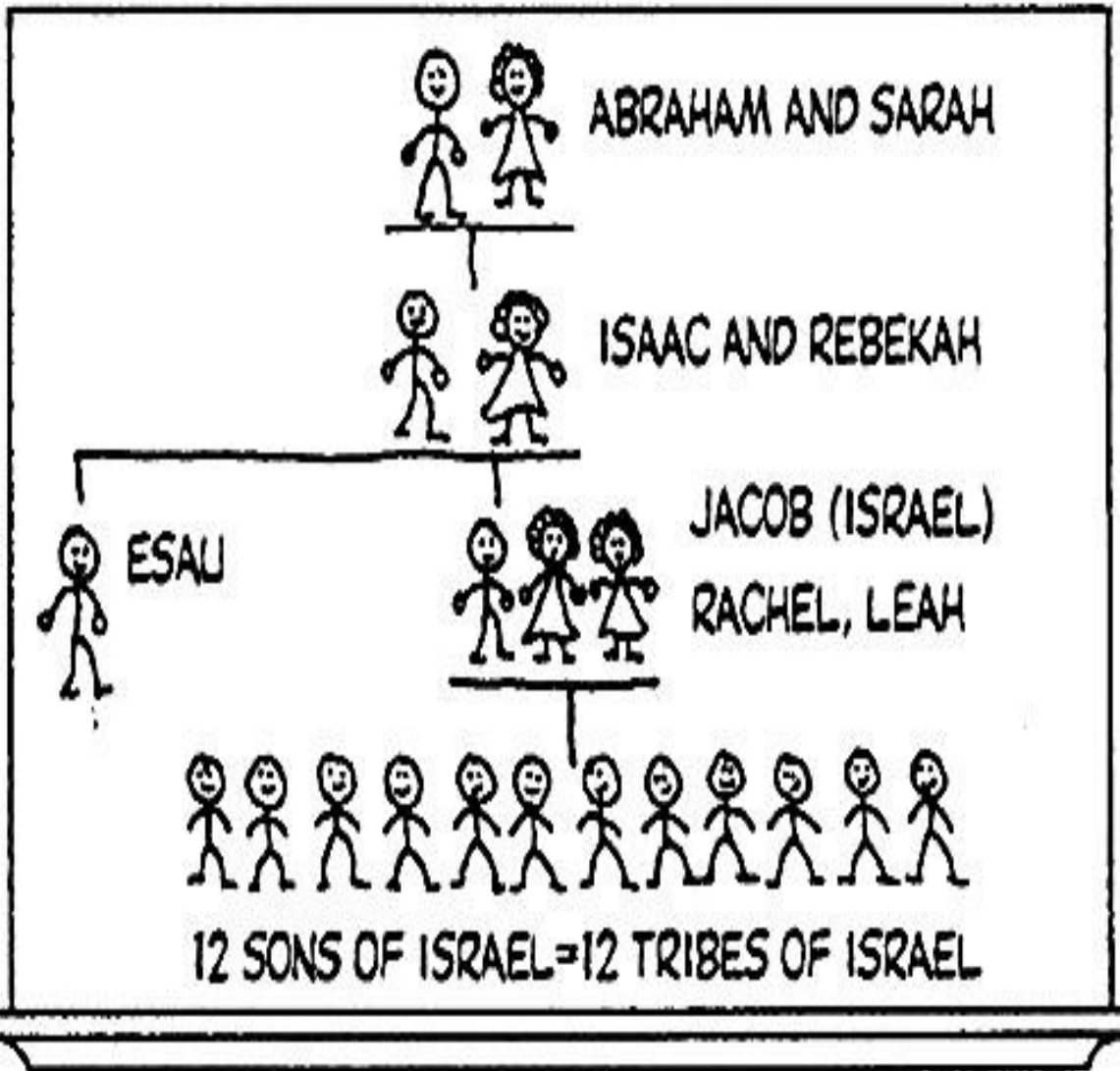


# ABRAHAM AND LOT

- Abraham and his nephew prospered, too much competition for grazing land
- Lot moved to Sodom and the bank of the Dead Sea
- Some kings from the east and north attacked 5 Canaanite kings, sacked Sodom, captured Lot
- Abraham defeats them, and returns to honor Melchizedek King of Shalem
- Melchizedek may have been Shem



# HEBREWS



- Is “Hebrew” a religious, racial, or cultural term?
- Sumerian is Hapiru, which in Semitic sounds like Ipuru
- Abraham still a nomad and moves to Be’er Sheva

# SARAH AND HAGAR



- Sarah too old to bear children, gives her servant Hagar to Abraham
- She was likely Pharaoh's daughter
- Hagar becomes pregnant, Sarai becomes jealous
- God formalizes His covenant with Abraham
- The rites of male circumcision are established
- This covenant was a promise from God; Abraham had no obligations

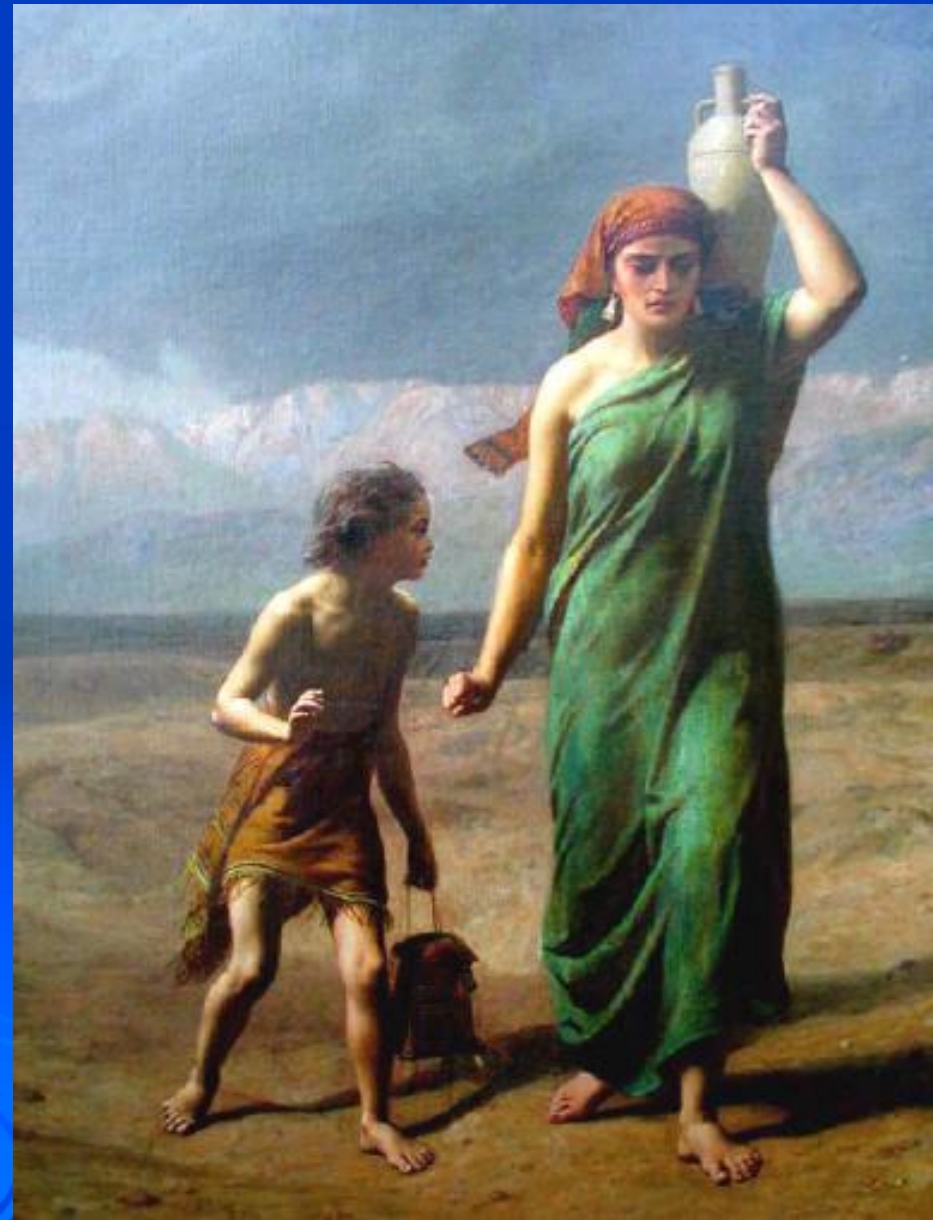


ABRAHAMIC  
COVENANT



# HAGAR AND ISHMAEL

- Ishmael was 13 when mother and son were banished
- God promised Hagar that Ishmael would produce 12 princes
- Ishmael is the father of the “Arab” races
- Ishmael is falsely called the father of Islam



# WHICH IS THE LINE OF PROMISE: ISAAC OR ISHMAEL?



- GEN. 17:15-22
- Abraham loved Ishmael, planned his future around Ishmael
- God said “NO!!” ....it MUST be Isaac, son born by Sarai
- GEN. 15:6 “ Abraham trusted Yahweh ..... credited to him as righteousness.....”

# ISAAC ON THE ALTAR OF SACRIFICE



- Isaac was 30 years old!
- Mt. Moriah.....later will become the Temple Mount in Jerusalem
- Ram, a male sheep was substituted
- Sarai dies, buried in Hebron

# ABRAHAM'S SERVANT GOES TO NAHOR TO FIND ISAAC A WIFE



# THE TWO HOUSES OF ISRAEL

## HOW THE 12 TRIBES MAKE UP THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL

