

Abraham – a hero of faith

Hebrews 11:8-12

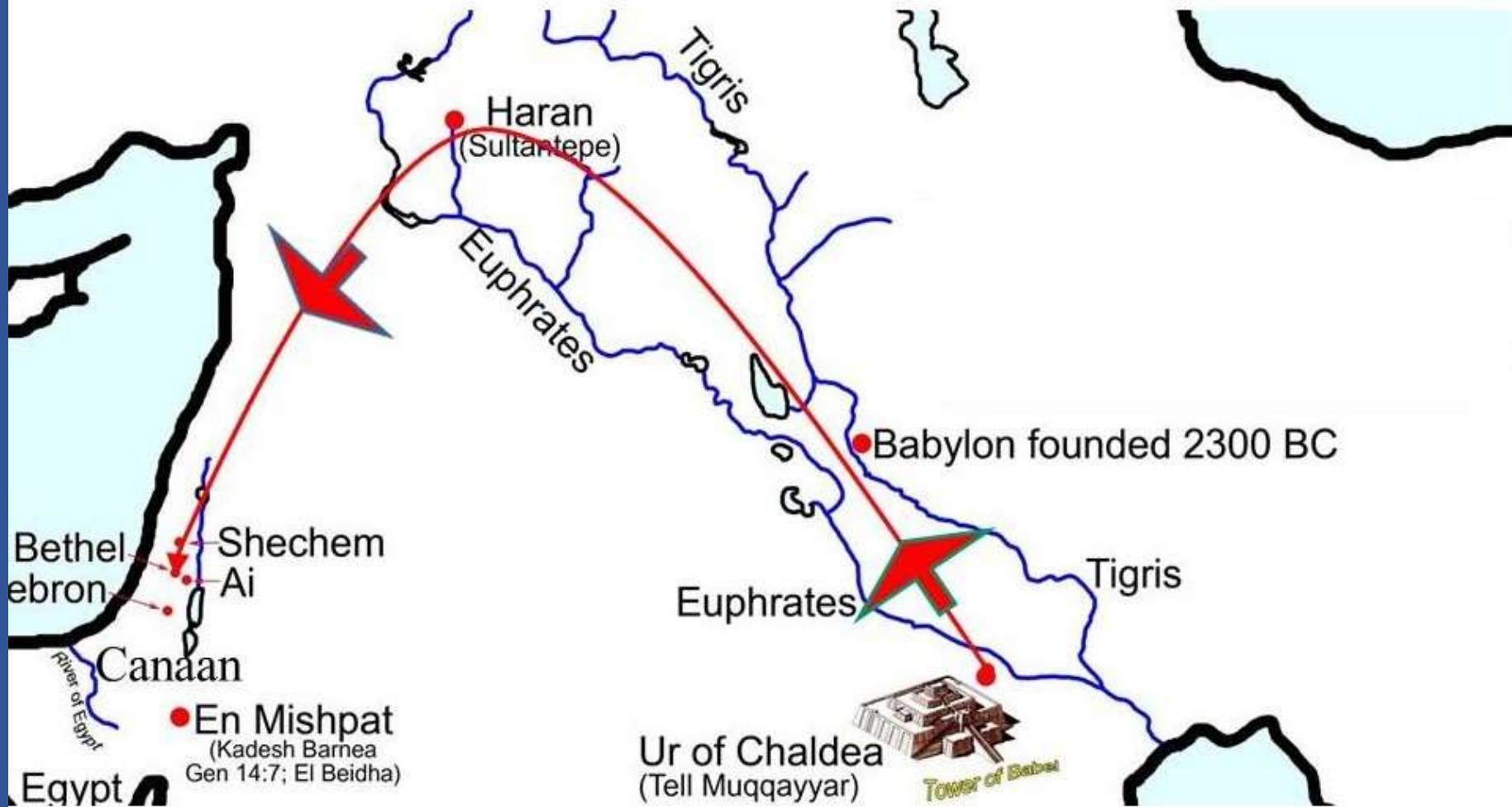
- He heard and obeyed the call from God
- He trusted the promise of the Lord,
- He lived in hope,
by faith in the one true God

City of Ur c2020 BCE



Abraham

from Ur -> Haran -> Canaan: The Promised Land



God speaks – call and promise

‘Go from to the land I will show you.

**2 ‘I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;**

**I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.**

**3 I will bless those who bless you,
And whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth will be
blessed through you.’**



**Israel
Under
British
Rule
1923
-
1948**

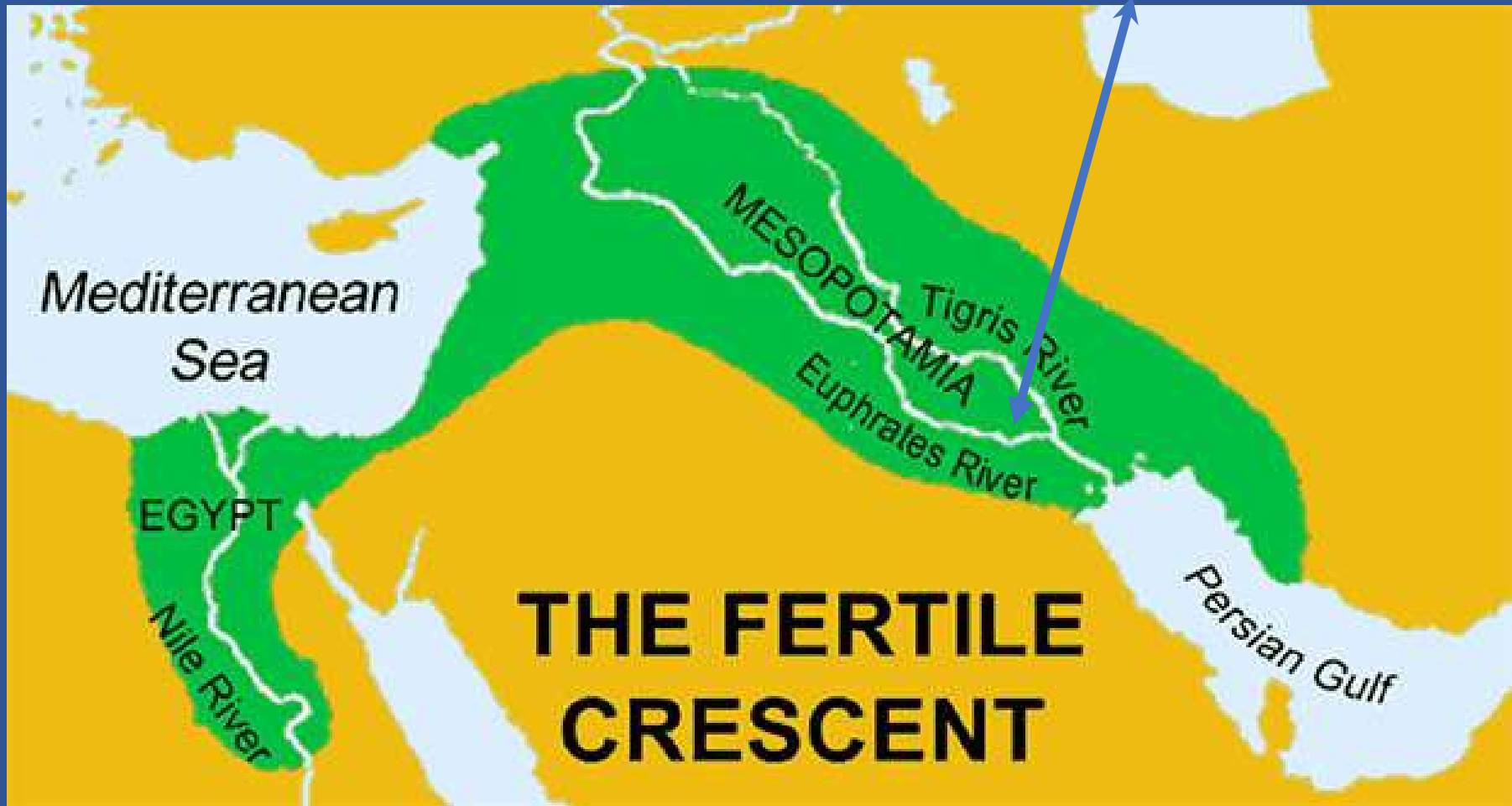
God's promise fulfilled

and all peoples on earth will be
blessed through you.

JESUS



Ur





God's timing – our perspective

A thousand years is a day to Him

A day is as a thousand years.



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God speaks to Abraham

Genesis 12 -

- Called from home to new land
- Promise of nationhood & blessing
- Land of Canaan for his children

Genesis 13 -

- Promised the land
for his offspring for ever

Abraham's response

Genesis 12 -

- Went from Haran to Canaan
- Built an altar to the Lord
- Called on the Name of the Lord

Genesis 13 -

- Lived by trust in God - grace
- Built an altar to the Lord

Our heritage – faith of Abraham

- To take God at his word
- To patiently await the promise
- To give thanks to Him

So let us rejoice in our calling
as we trust God with our lives
and bless our neighbours!