

At Bethany our desire is: to T*each* the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, to preach R*epentance* toward sin, to encourage U*nderstanding* in God's Word, to T*rain* our members how to share their faith, and to lovingly H*elp* our community and beyond to know the T*RUTH* that make's one free. *John 8:32*



# A Series on-Having A Faith That Obeys God's Word!

Intro. "Three Beliefs Foundational To Faith In God."

*Hebrews 11:6*

1. God does exist.
2. God is a giver of good things
3. God cares for those who care for Him.

"Faith enables the believing soul to treat the future as present and the invisible as seen." *Dr. Oswald Sanders*

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*Hebrews. 11:1* Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2. For by it the elders obtained a good report.

3. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

4. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

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5. By faith Enoch was translated-(transferred, transported, change sides) that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6. But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that (1) He is, and *that* (2) He is a rewarder (3) of them that diligently seek Him.

7. By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith

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*Hebrews 11:8* By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

*9* By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

*10* For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

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*Hebrews 11:11* Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

*12* Therefore sprang-(offspring) there even of one-(man), and him-(Abraham) as good as dead, *so many* as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

*Heb 11:13* These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

*14* For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

*15* And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

*Hebrews 11:16* But now they desire a better country, that is, an Heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city.

*17* By faith Abraham, when he was tried-(to test, prove), offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

*18* Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

*19* Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure-(like as if he had died).

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3. Abraham has learned with blessings come testings.

*Genesis 22:1* And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt-(to test, prove) Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, *here I am*.

*22:2* And He said, Take now thy son, thine only *son* Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Mediterranean Sea

Lebanon Mtns

Syria

• Damascus

# Sodom and Gomorrah

Bashan

Arabian Desert

Ammon

Dothan •  
Shechem •

• Zoar

Ammorites

Mount Moriah  
Saalem •

• Gerar  
• Esek  
• Sitnah  
Hebron •

• Gomorrah  
• Sodom

Moab

Edom

Rehoboth •  
Beersheba •

Beer Lahairoi •

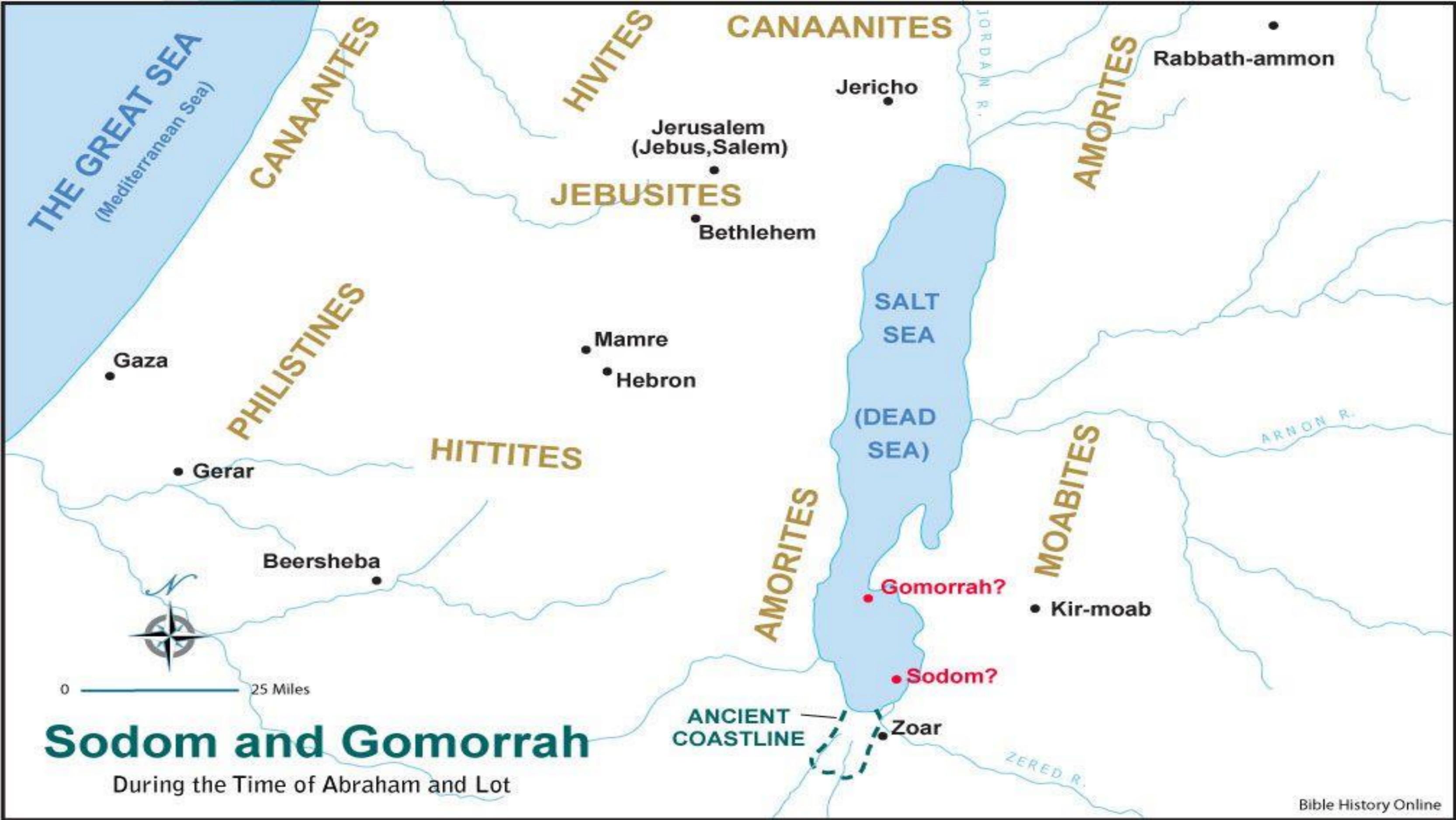


# Abraham offers Isaac



Genesis 21:32-22:3

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**THE GREAT SEA**  
(Mediterranean Sea)

**CANAANITES**

**HIVITES**

**CANAANITES**

**AMORITES**

Rabbath-ammon

Jericho

Jerusalem  
(Jebus, Salem)

**JEBUSITES**

Bethlehem

Gaza

**PHILISTINES**

Mamre

Hebron

**SALT  
SEA**

**(DEAD  
SEA)**

ARNON R.

Gerar

**HITTITES**

Beersheba

**AMORITES**

**MOABITES**

• Kir-moab

• Gomorrah?

• Sodom?

• Zoar

ANCIENT  
COASTLINE

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# Sodom and Gomorrah

During the Time of Abraham and Lot

**Western  
Ridge**

**Central  
Valley**

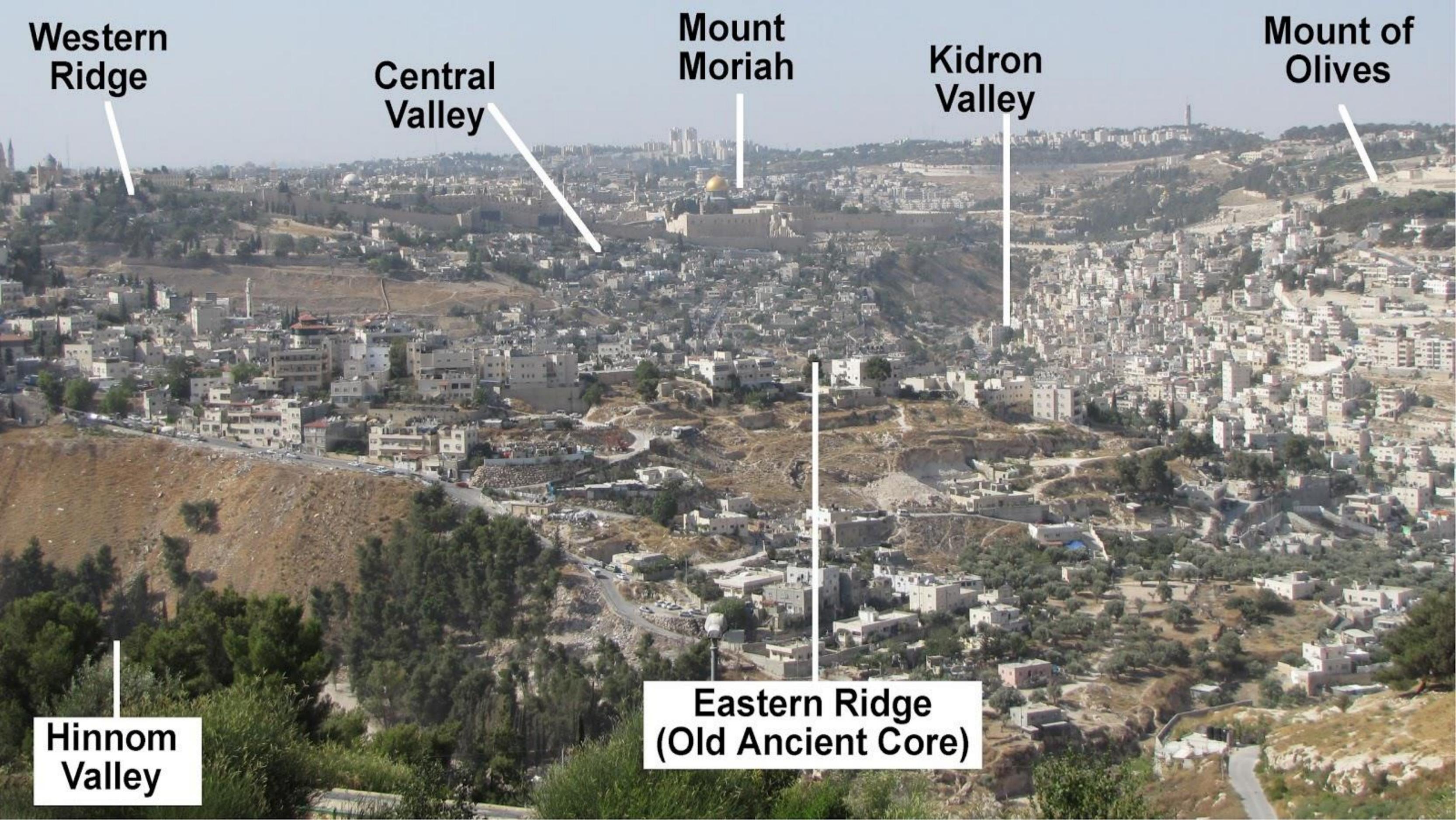
**Mount  
Moriah**

**Kidron  
Valley**

**Mount of  
Olives**

**Hinnom  
Valley**

**Eastern Ridge  
(Old Ancient Core)**



1. Abraham has learned to believe in God's Word and do it.

*Genesis 22:3* And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his (donkey), and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave-(chopped) the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

2. Abraham has learned to look for the Heavenly City.

*Genesis 22:5* And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the (donkey); and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid *it* upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

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*Genesis 22:7* And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.



1. Abraham has learned to believe in God's Word and do it.

*Genesis 22:9* And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

*10* And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

*11* And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of Heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here *am* I.



1. Abraham has learned to believe in God's Word and do it.

*Genesis 22:12* And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son* from Me.

*13* And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead-(place) of his son.

3. Abraham has learned with blessings come testings.

Abraham's Faith made this one a blessed 1.

Genesis 22:14 And Abraham called the name of that place  
Jehovahjireh-(Jehovah will see to it, The LORD Provides): as  
it is said *to* this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be  
seen.

15 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of  
Heaven the second time,

16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for  
because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy  
son, thine only son:

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*Genesis 22:17* That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the Heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

*18* And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

*19* So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

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1. It usually requires a painful experience!

Abraham's painful experience  
to learn to live in the fear of God

*Genesis 21:5* And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

6 And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, *so that* all that hear will laugh with me.

7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born *him* a son in his old age.

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*Genesis 21:8* And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the *same* day that Isaac was weaned.

*9* And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking-(tease, laugh).

*10* Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, *even* with Isaac.

# The Back Pew – Jeff Larson

**THIS IS ALL  
YOUR FAULT!**



So Sarah gives maidservant Hagar to Abraham to bear his child. Hagar becomes pregnant and Abraham finds himself stranded on the **THIN ICE** of marriage. **Ge 16:5**

Abraham's painful experience  
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*Genesis 21:11* And the thing was very grievous in  
Abraham's sight because of his son.

*12* And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy  
sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in  
all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice;  
for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

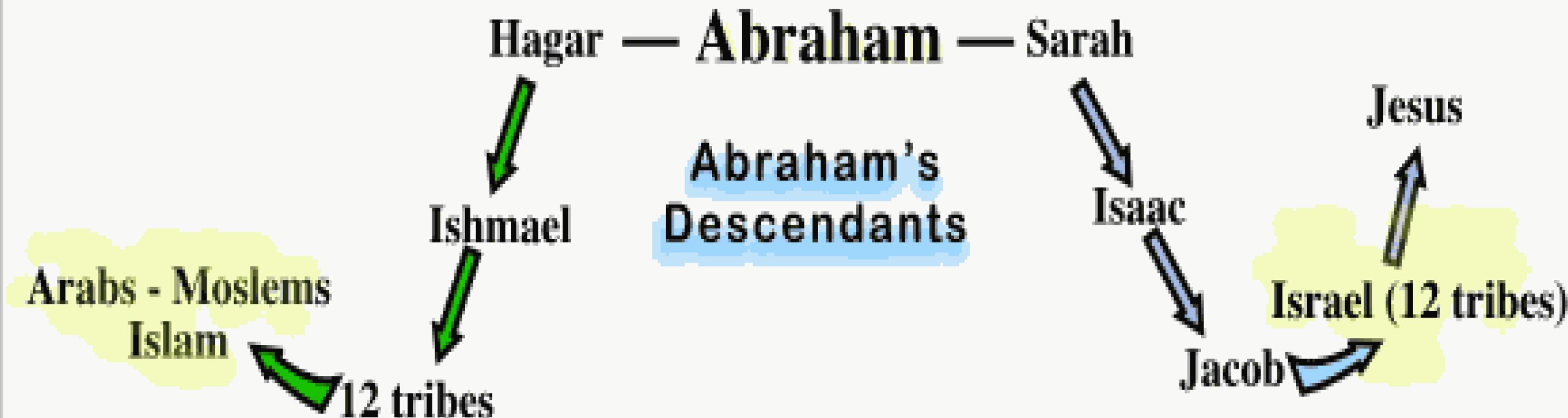
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*Genesis 21:13* And also of the son of the bondwoman will I  
make a nation, because he is thy seed.

*14* And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took  
bread, and a bottle of water, and gave *it* unto Hagar, putting  
*it* on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she  
departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.



# The Origin of the Middle East Crisis



Ishmael had 12 sons like Jacob. Genesis 25:12-18 says they settled from the east of Egypt (Shur) all the way up to Assyria where the Arab nations are still today. Genesis 37:25-28 identifies the Midianites with the Ishmaelites. Genesis 28:9 links them up with the Edomites through Esau's marriage.

Jacob, Abraham's grandson through the promised son of Isaac, also had 12 tribes and gained the new name of their father: Israel. Israel is, of course, the same nation embroiled in the Middle East conflict today. The animosities of the Arabs against the Jews continues to this day.

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*1 Peter 1:7* That the trial-(testing) of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried-(tested) with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *Him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

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*1 Peter 1:17* And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear:

*2 Corinthians 7:1* Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.