Old Testament 101-3: The Patriarchs **January 21, 2015**

Location: Genesis 12-50 **Reading Suggestion**: Genesis 12,25,27,37,41

Overview: Patriarchs (meaning "fathers") are those men in the Old Testament with whom God spoke directly, and they interacted with God directly. Abraham was the first, although Job was probably about the same time. Abraham's son Isaac and grandson Jacob are the ancestors of the Israelites.

Foreshadow focus: The tribes of Israel foreshadow the people that would be called by Christ (Romans 9:6, Revelation 7:4). Isaac is a foreshadow of Christ and those in Christ (Romans 9:8, Galatians 4:28). Esau foreshadows those who fall away from Christ (Hebrews 12:16)

Things you need to know:

1. Abraham is the Father of all who believe in God and live by Faith
    a. Father of Faith - Romans 4:16, Galatians 3:7
    b. Abraham set the standard of Faith
        (1) Believing in things not seen - Hebrews 11:1,8-16
        (2) Demonstrating Faith and works - James 2:21

2. Job teaches us about suffering and integrity

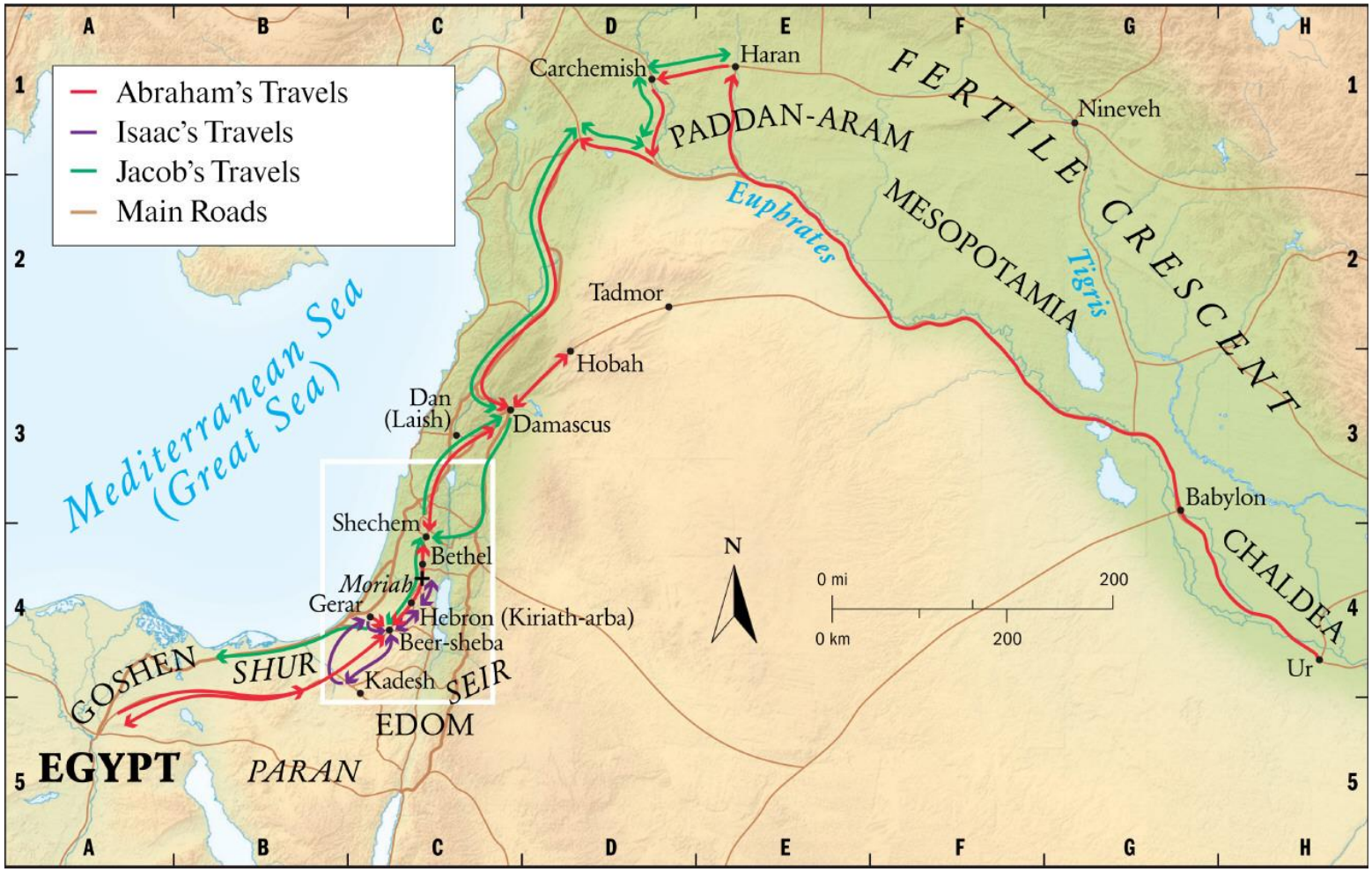
3. Jacob represents those who desperately want God's blessing
    a. His sons are the twelve tribes of Israel

4. Joseph reveals how God works in our lives
    a. Preparing a place for the nation of Israel to grow
    b. He also teaches us about forgiveness

Worth Remembering: The Sons of Israel

People you need to know:

Abraham	Job	Isaac	Jacob	Esau	Joseph


Abraham's Travels
Isaac's Travels
Jacob's Travels
Main Roads
Mediterranean Sea
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Haran
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FERTILE CRESCENT
Nineveh
Euphrates
MESOPOTAMIA
Tigris
Tadmor
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