

# Genesis 21-24

## The Abraham Cycle

### Journey Through Genesis



# Abram Chiasm

A. Genesis 11:27-32 The Genealogy of Terah

B. Genesis 12:1-9 Promises Made — Test of Faith

C. Genesis 12:10-20 The Sister Fib, Part 1

D. Genesis 13-14 The Rescue of Lot, Part 1

E. Genesis 15-17 Walking with God by Faith in Covenant

D'. Genesis 18-19 The Rescue of Lot, Part 2

C'. Genesis 20:1-18 The Sister Fib, Part 2

B'. Genesis 21-22 Promises Kept — Test of Faith

A'. Genesis 22:20-24 The Genealogy of Nahor

# Overview

This section of Genesis begins the  
"Abraham Cycle"

**Finished  
Primeval  
History**

**Beginning  
Ancestral  
History**

Genesis 12: Abram Called  
Abram and Sarai in Egypt (1)

Genesis 13: Abram and Lot Separate  
Abram covenant renewed

Genesis 14: Abram Saves Lot/  
War of Nine Kings  
Abram Blessed by Melchizedek



# Overview Pt 2

This section of Genesis continues the  
"Abraham Cycle"

Genesis 15: Abram Covenant of Pieces

Genesis 16: Abram and Hagar/Ishmael

Genesis 17: Abraham and Covenant Circumcision

# Overview Pt 3

This section of Genesis continues the  
"Abraham Cycle"

Genesis 18: Abraham and Three Visitors at Mamre  
Abraham's Hospitality  
Abraham Intercedes for Sodom & Gom

Genesis 19: Lot's/ Sodom & Gomorrah's Hospitality  
Lot and his daughters.....

Genesis 20: Sister Fib Part 2



**Questions/  
What stood out/  
Let's read!**

# Overview Pt 4

This section of Genesis concludes the  
"Abraham Cycle"

Genesis 21: Birth of Isaac/Casting out of Ishmael  
Abraham and Abimelech Again

Genesis 22: Sacrifice of Isaac  
Genealogy Insert

Genesis 23: Death of Sarah

Genesis 24: Isaac and Rebekah



# Genesis 21: Birth of Isaac and Casting out of Ishmael

Let's read it...

Isaac = "Laughing"

Tensions between Hagar and Ishmael (another clue about polygamy not being best for healthy marriages)

Ishmael is again blessed and provided for by God and gets a wife from Egypt



There is LOTS of play on words with "lad  
"bow" "laughing" "seeing" "hearing" and  
"wives"  
Isaac = "Laughing"

Tensions between Isaac and Ishmael (another  
story about polygamy not being healthy  
marriages)  
Isaac and Ishmael read like the same  
story in many ways with VAST parallels.  
Try reading this of how much God still  
honors and cares for those outside "THIS"  
covenant family.





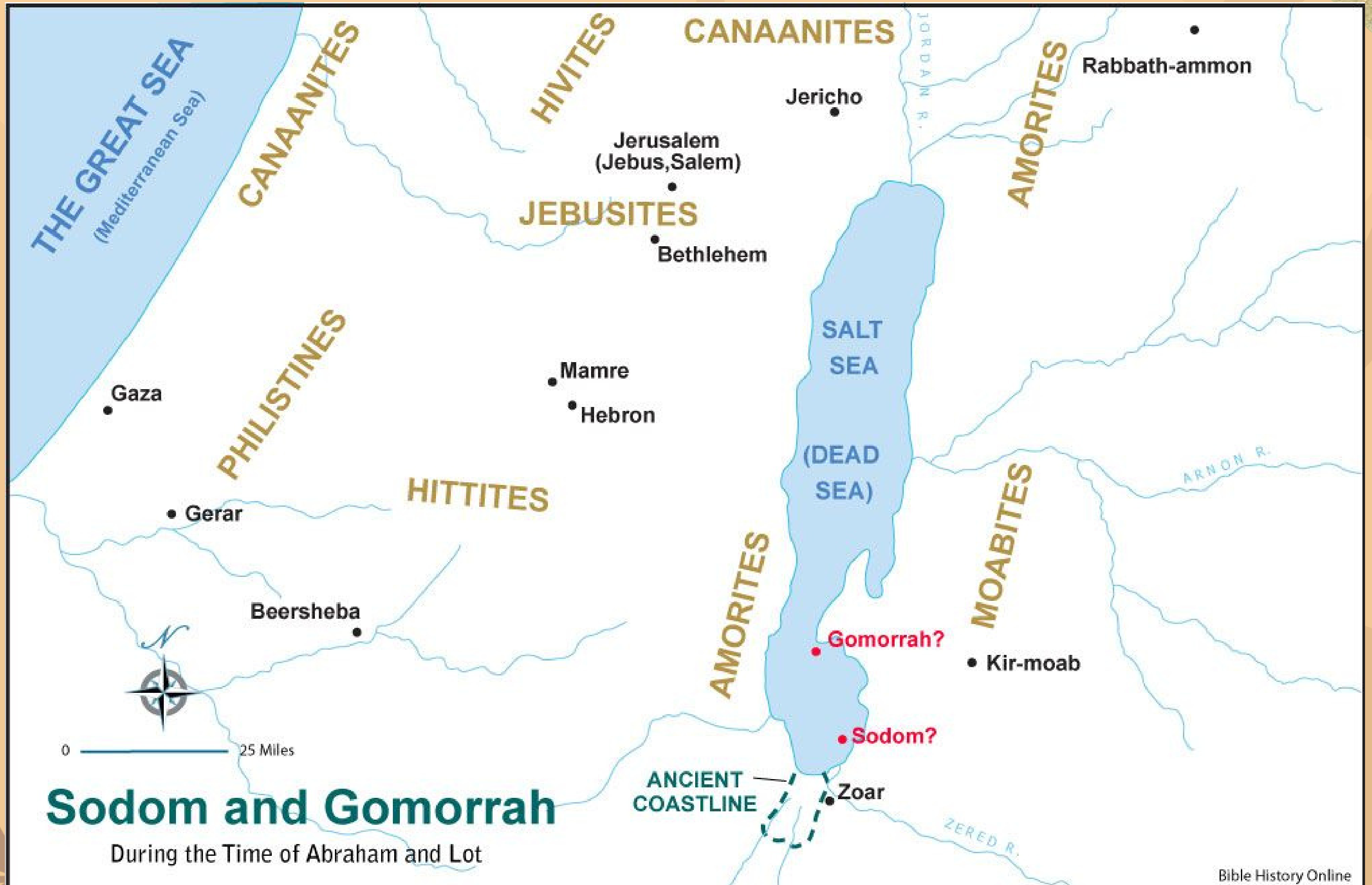


# Genesis 21: Abraham and Abimelech

Abraham and Abimelech make a covenant together.

Looks forward to the journey of Isaac to Gerar in Genesis 26. This, along with the wife episode in Gerar seems to come from the Isaac story (which was written first).

They build a well called "well of seven" or "well of oath" as is a way of establishing a claim to the land



# Sodom and Gomorrah

During the Time of Abraham and Lot



# Genesis 21: Abraham and Abimelech

COMPARATIVE  
MYTH!!!!

El Olam = "God  
Almighty"

Anachronistic  
Philistines





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# Genesis 22: Sacrifice of Issac

Let's Read it...







FROM GOD AND IS THEREFORE SUBJECT TO GOD'S WILL, NOT OURS IN ANY MANNER  
AND THEREFORE GIVING TO THE WALTERS FAMILY.



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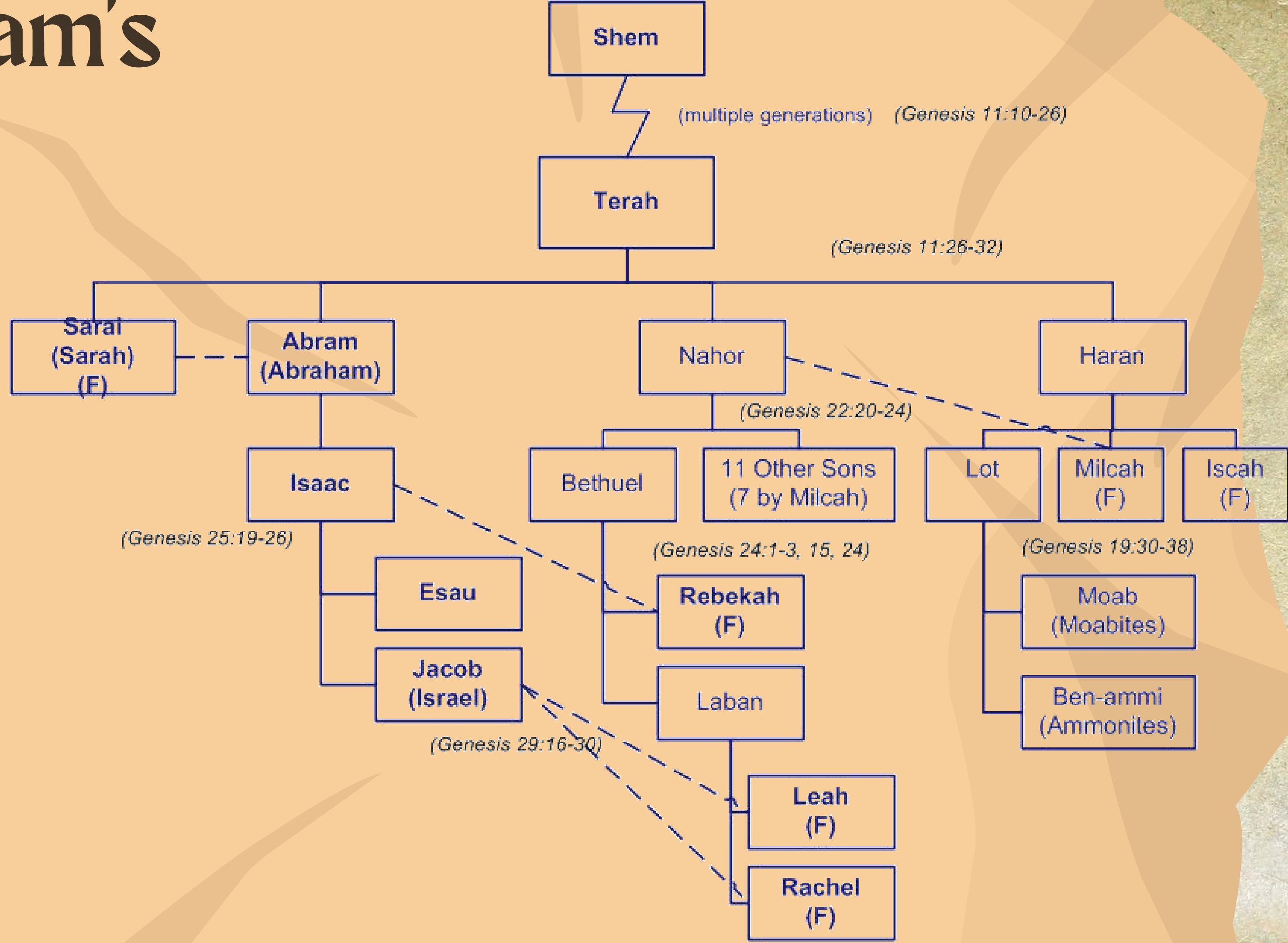
**Forshadows  
Rebekah**

Genesis 23: Death of Sarah

Genesis 24: Isaac and Rebekah



# Abraham's Family Tree





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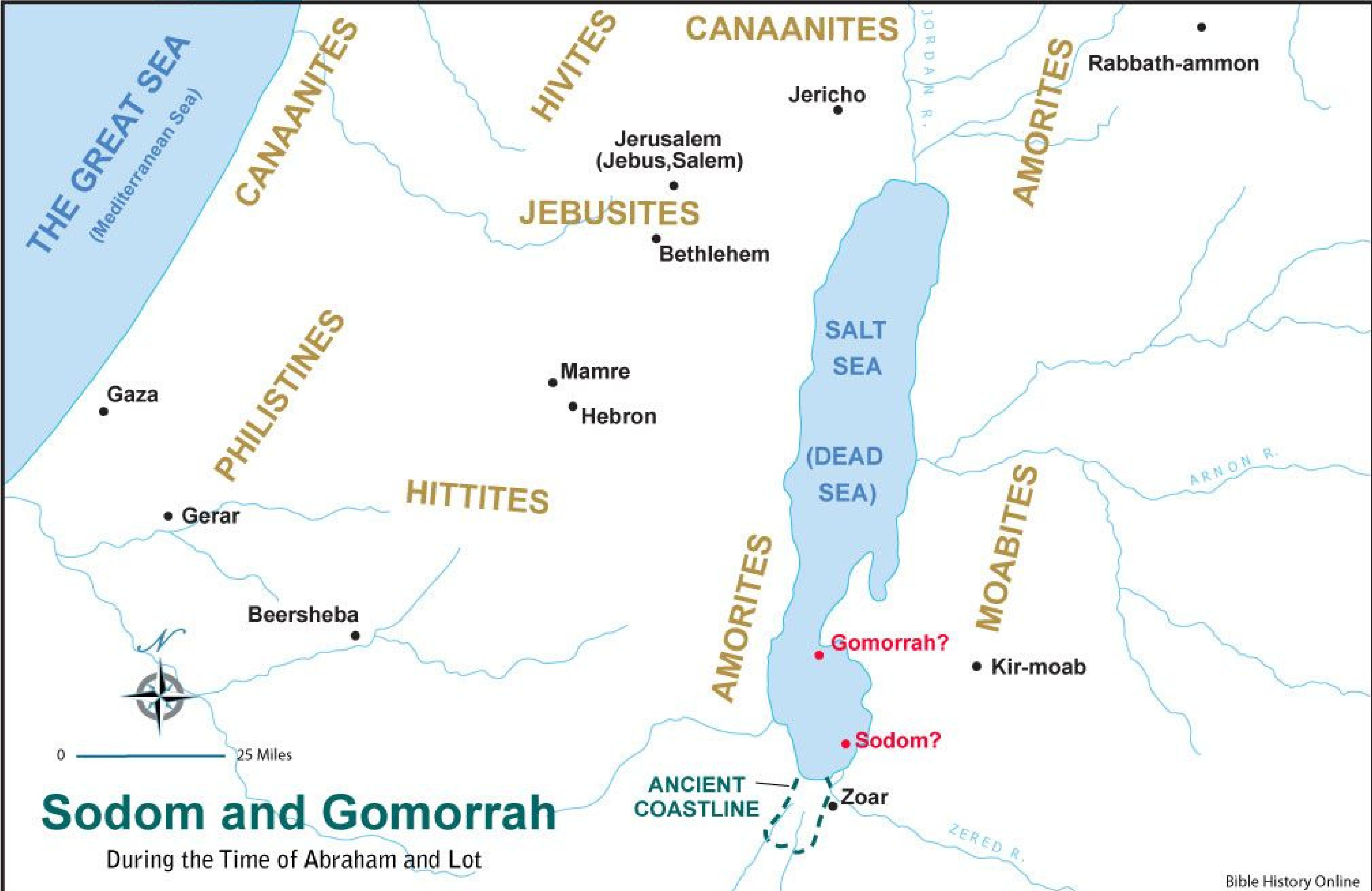
# Genesis 23: Death of Sarah

First, you'll notice it is a priest account amongst mostly non-priestly

There is a lot of "courtly" back-and-forth exchanges and legal proceedings that take place.

They go to Hebron (meaning the City of Four and possibly a "Hittite" stronghold) to purchase burial grounds





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# Genesis 23: Death of Sarah

Abraham and Ephron have some complex exchanges... it boils down to

Abraham WAY OVERPAYS. 400 sheckles = a King's Ransom. They didn't do him any favors.

The precise legal way this is dealt with means Abraham's family is forever entitled to the land.

This has to do with conquest and them "belonging"



# Genesis 23: Death of Sarah

I will also note there is some STRANGE language used. Abraham doesn't just buy "land" ('erets) he buys the "country" (sadeh) which again alludes to this being an apologetic for the "conquest"

Other strange language is the word possession instead of buying. "Shema" or LISTEN instead of hear.. There is an emphasis on weighing and counting and contractual language.



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