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Micah

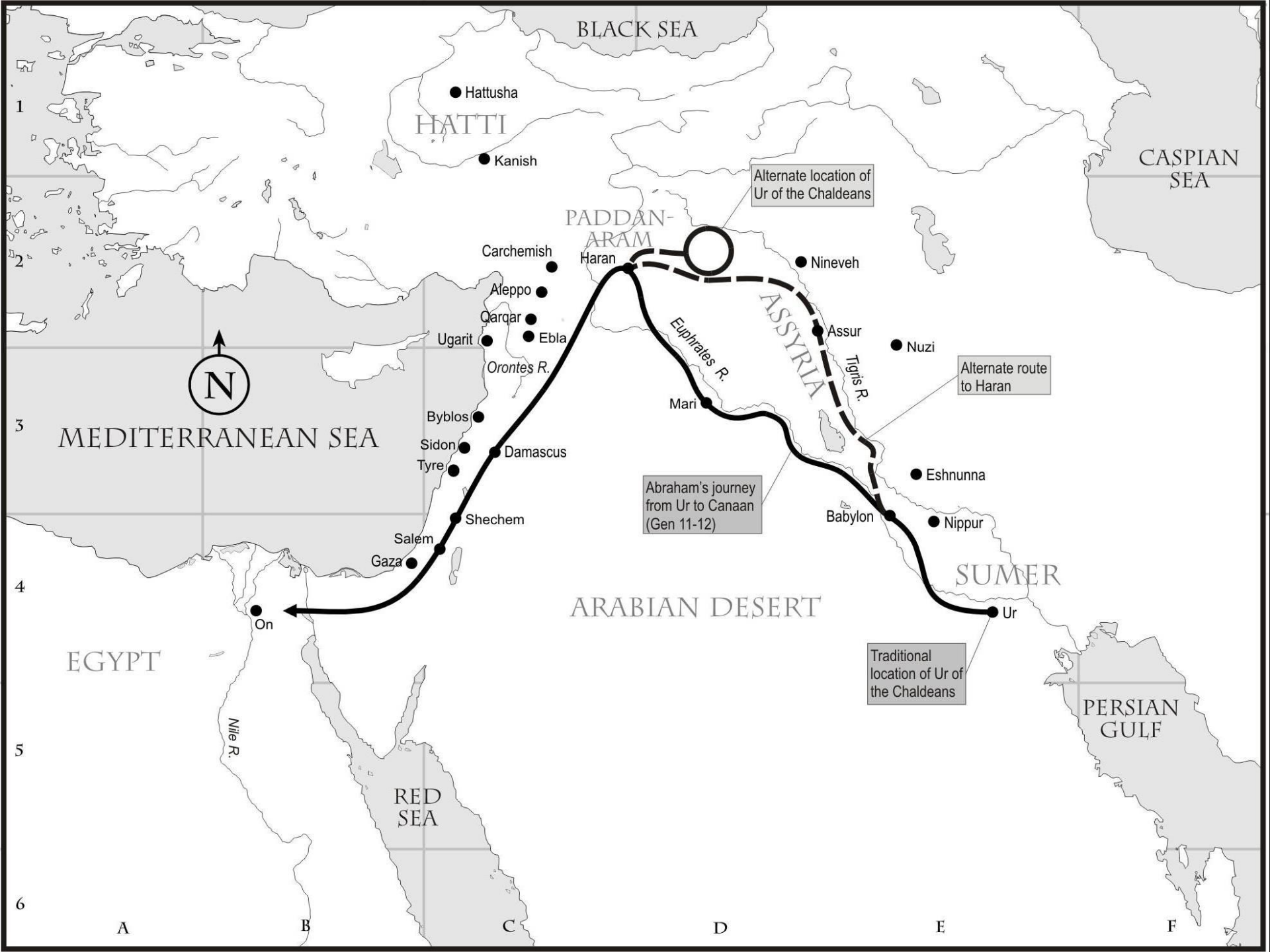
Martin Luther complained about the prophets writing:

“They [the prophets] have a queer way of talking, like people who, instead of proceeding in an orderly manner, ramble off from one thing to the next, so that you cannot make head or tail of them or see what they are getting at.”

Abram Leaves Ur (Genesis 11 and 12)

THE PATRIARCHS





God calls Abram

¹ The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household 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.”

(Genesis 12:1-3)

God's promise to Abraham

⁷ He also said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it."

(Genesis 15:1-5)

God's covenant with Abraham (Genesis 15)

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Jacob, Joseph, and Egyptian slavery (Genesis 37 - 50)

JACOB AND ESAU

JACOB GETS ISAAC'S BLESSING

1750^{BC}

JACOB'S CHILDREN

LEAH AND RACHEL'S SONS

1700^{BC}

JOSEPH RULES IN EGYPT

JOSEPH AND PHAROAH

JOSEPH'S BROTHERS IN EGYPT

1650^{BC}

THE DEATH OF JACOB

THE DEATH OF JOSEPH

1600^{BC}

400 years of Egyptian slavery begins

²⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.”

(Genesis 50:24)

ISRAEL IN EGYPT

THE ISRAELITES
ARE OPPRESSED



1550^{BC}

THE BIRTH
OF MOSES



1500^{BC}

THE DEATH
OF PHARAOH

MOSES' CALLING

1450^{BC}

1400^{BC}

God tells Moses to rescue his people

God says, “⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

(Exodus 3:9-10)

Slavery ends as promised

⁴⁰ Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt was 430 years. ⁴¹ At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the LORD's divisions left Egypt.

(Exodus 12:40-41)

A nation for God

God says, *“you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”*

(Exodus 19:6)

None of that group goes in

²⁶ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron: ²⁷
“How long will this wicked community
grumble against me? I have heard the
complaints of these grumbling Israelites. ²⁸
So tell them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the
LORD, I will do to you the very thing I heard
you say: ²⁹ In this wilderness your bodies will
fall—every one of you twenty years old or
more who was counted in the census and
who has grumbled against me.”

(Numbers 14:26-29).

Mosaic Covenant: Blessings for obedience. Curses for disobedience

“¹ If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. ² All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:”

“¹⁵ However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you:”

(Deuteronomy 28:1, 15)

Promise of discipline for breaking the covenant

¹⁹ If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. ²⁰ Like the nations the LORD destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the LORD your God.

(Deuteronomy 8:19-20)

The people want a king

The elders of Israel went to Samuel and said, *“You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.”*

(1 Samuel 8:5)

THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

THE UNITED KINGDOM

THE REIGN OF SAUL

THE REIGN OF DAVID

THE REIGN OF SOLOMON

1050 BC

1000 BC

950 BC



Davidic Covenant

God said to David:

¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

... ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

(2 Samuel 7:12-13, 16)

The Davidic Messiah is born

¹ This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

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¹⁷ Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

(Matthew 1:1, 17)

God's glory fills the Temple in Jerusalem

¹⁰ When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the LORD. ¹¹ And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled his temple.

(1 Kings 8:10-11)

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

JEROBOAM I

NADAB

OMRI

ZIMRI

AHAZIAH

JEHU

JEHOAHAZ

JEHOASH

JEROBOAM II

ZECHARIAH

HOSHEA

THE KINGS OF ISRAEL

THE
PROPHET
ELIJAH

THE
PROPHET
ELISHA

JOEL IS
WRITTEN

THE
PROPHET
JONAH

ISAIAH
THE PROPHET

REHOBOAM

JEHOSHAPHAT
DEFEATS MOAB

AHAZIAH

AMAZIAH

JOTHAM

AHAZ

THE KINGS OF JUDAH

950 BC

900 BC

850 BC

800 BC

750 BC

