The early life of Abraham.

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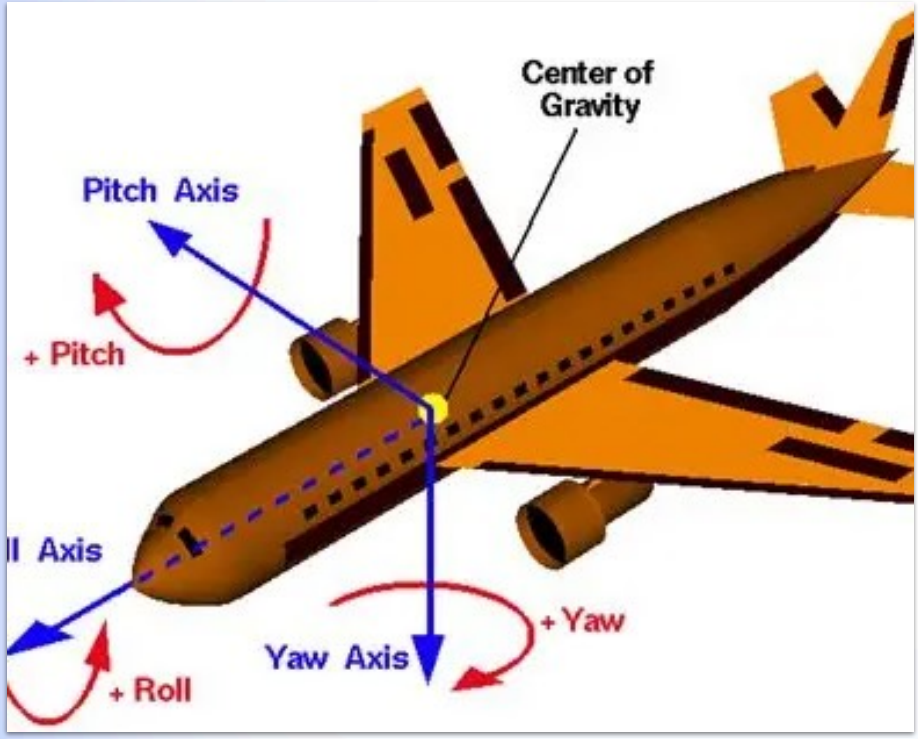
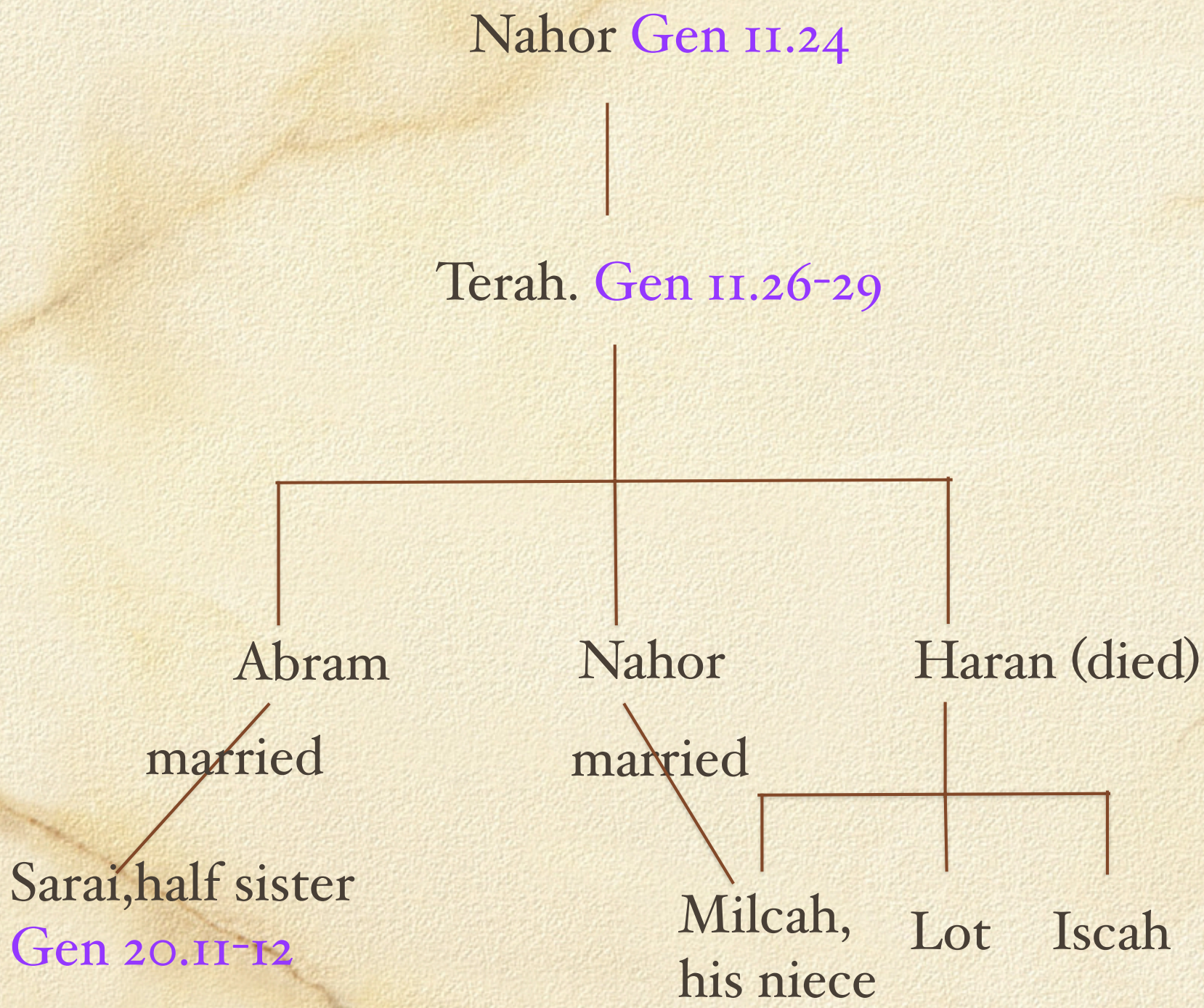
Flying… and moving on with God … is complex & fluid



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FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS. Genesis 11.27 - 12.3

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A. UNDERSTANDING WHAT HAPPENED.
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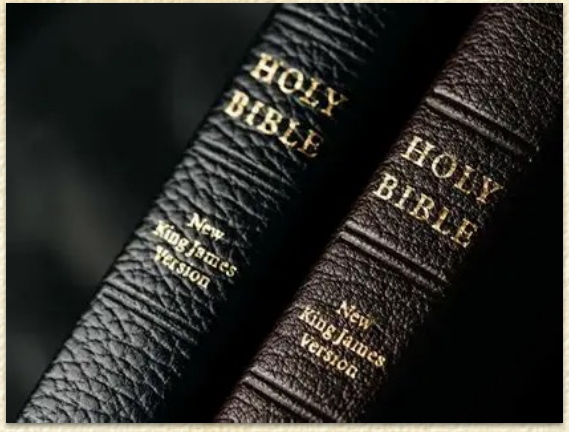
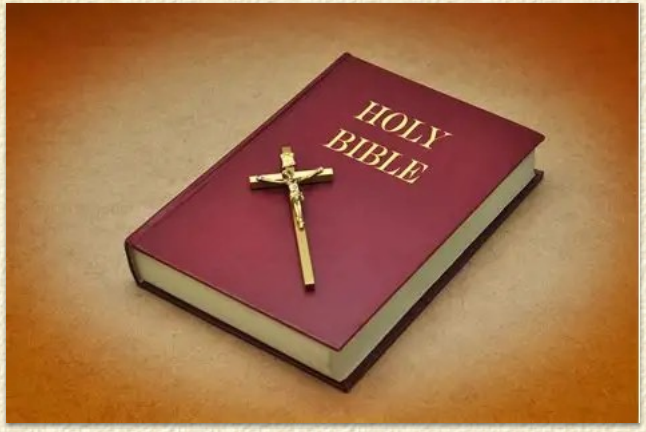
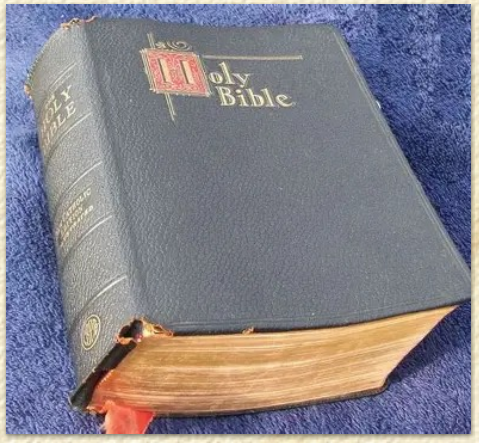
1. When did the Lord speak to Abram? Gen 12.1a

a. Different Translations.







i. "The Lord said"..... (in Haran)

ii. "The Lord had said" ... (in Ur of the Chaldeans)

b. Which is true? Acts 7.1-4

2. What did the Lord say to him? Acts 7.3; Gen 12. 1-3

a. Called him **from** something. Genesis 12.1b

i. From security. 12.1b

ii. From idolatry. Joshua 24.1-3; 24.14

b. Called him **to** something. Genesis 12. 1c-3

1. To a place I will show you.Gen 12.1b; Heb 11.8

ii. To a privilege. Gen 12.2a,2c,3

Nationally - Israel..or.. Spiritually - Christ

iii. To a principle. Gen 12.2b,2d

"Blessed to be a blessing!!"

1. How did Abram respond? cf Gen 12.1 and 11.31

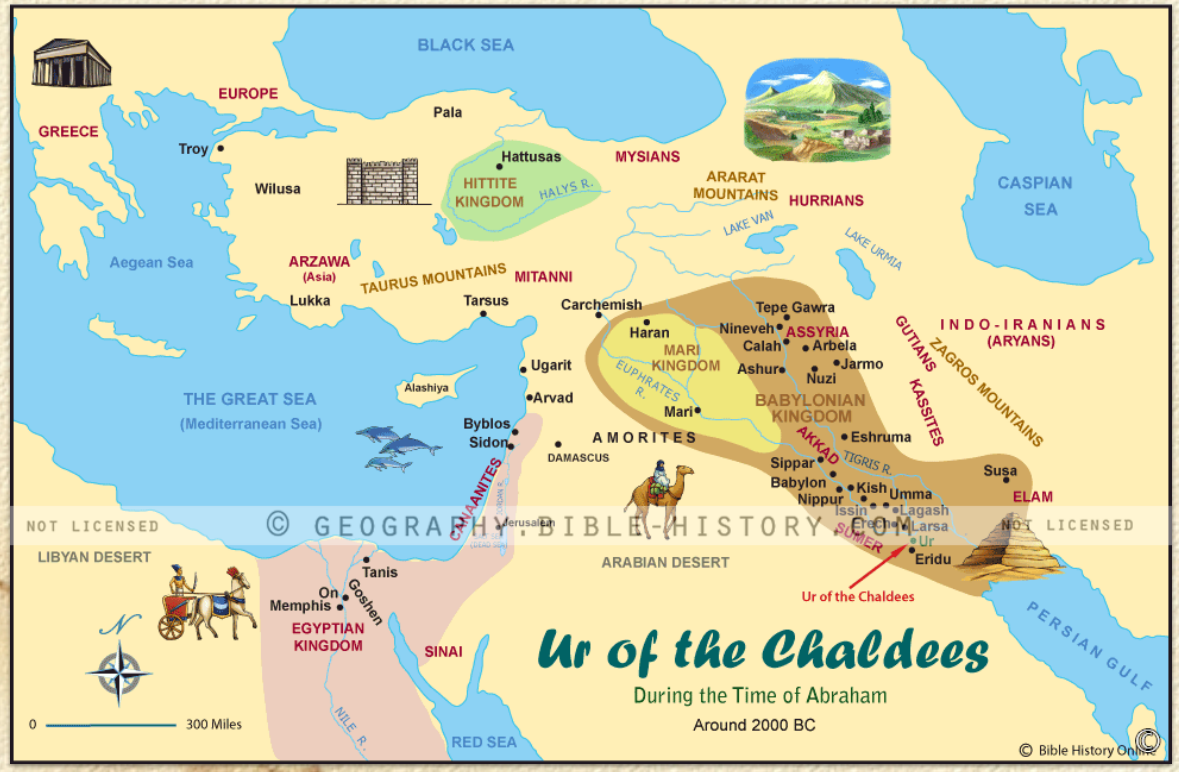
Leave country ..... ✓ or X

Leave relatives ..... ✓ or X

Leave father's household ..... ✓ or X

To a land I will show you ..... ✓ or X

a. Where is Haran?





Ur of the Chaldees
During the Time of Abraham
Around 2000 BC
BLACK SEA
EUROPE
GREECE
Pala
Troy
Wilusa
Hattusas
HITTITE KINGDOM
HALYS R.
MYSIANS
ARARAT MOUNTAINS
HURRIANS
CASPIAN SEA
LAKE VAN
LAKE URMIA
Aegean Sea
ARZAWA (Asia)
TAURUS MOUNTAINS
MITANNI
Lukka
Tarsus
Carchemish
Haran
Tepe Gawra
Mineveh
ASSYRIA
Calah
Arbela
Ashur
Jarmo
Nuzi
GUTIANS
ZAGROS MOUNTAINS
INDO-IRANIANS (ARYANS)
KASSITES
Ugarit
Alashiya
Arvad
EUPHRATES
Mari
BABYLONIAN KINGDOM
THE GREAT SEA (Mediterranean Sea)
Byblos
Sidon
AMORITES
DAMASCUS
Eshruma
TIGRIS R.
Sippar
Babylon
Nippur
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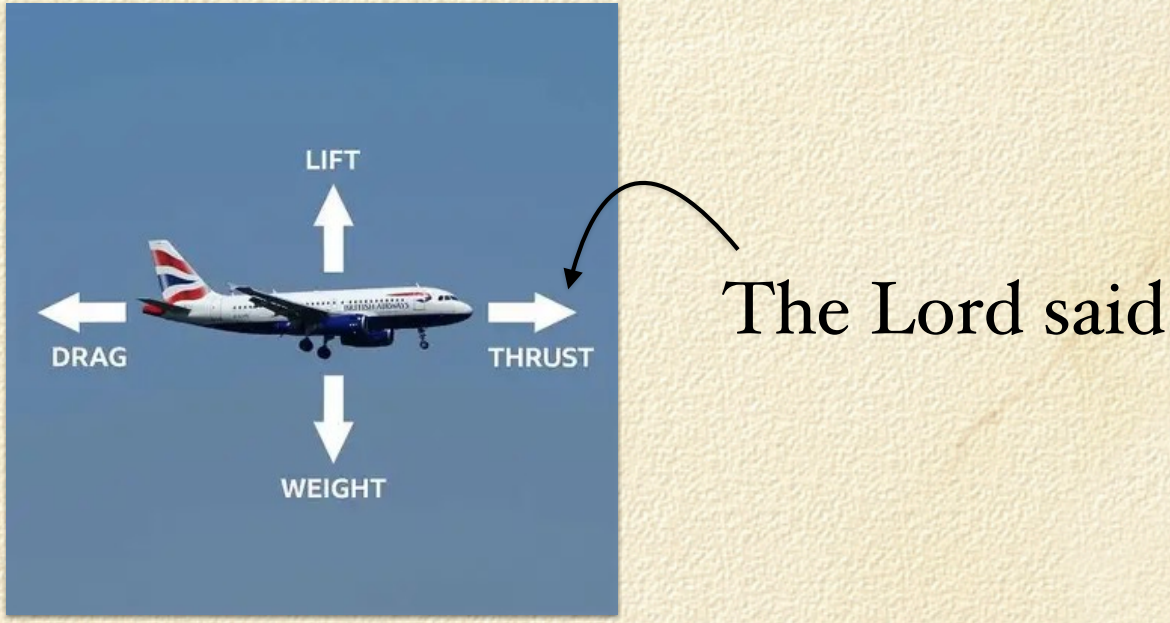

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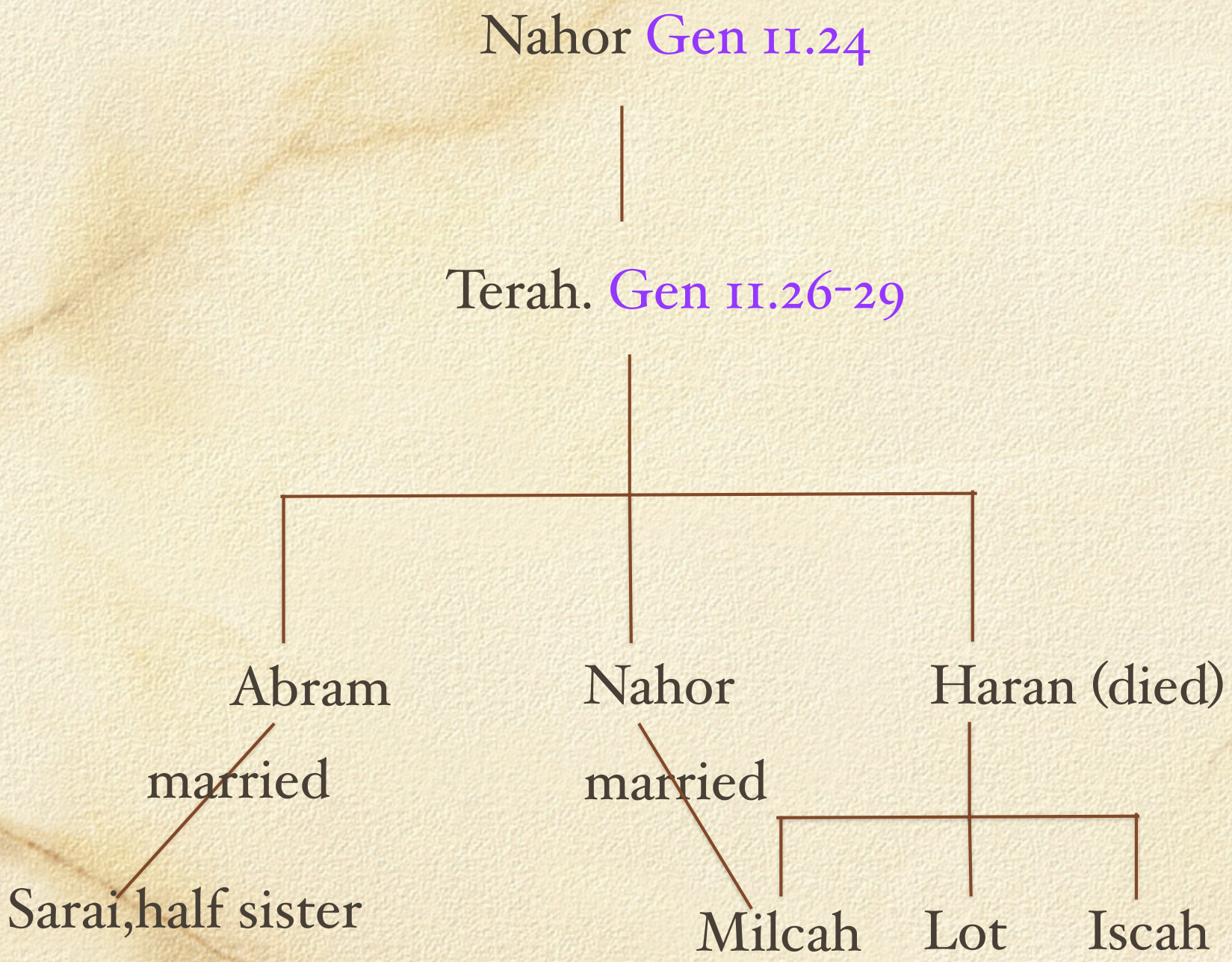
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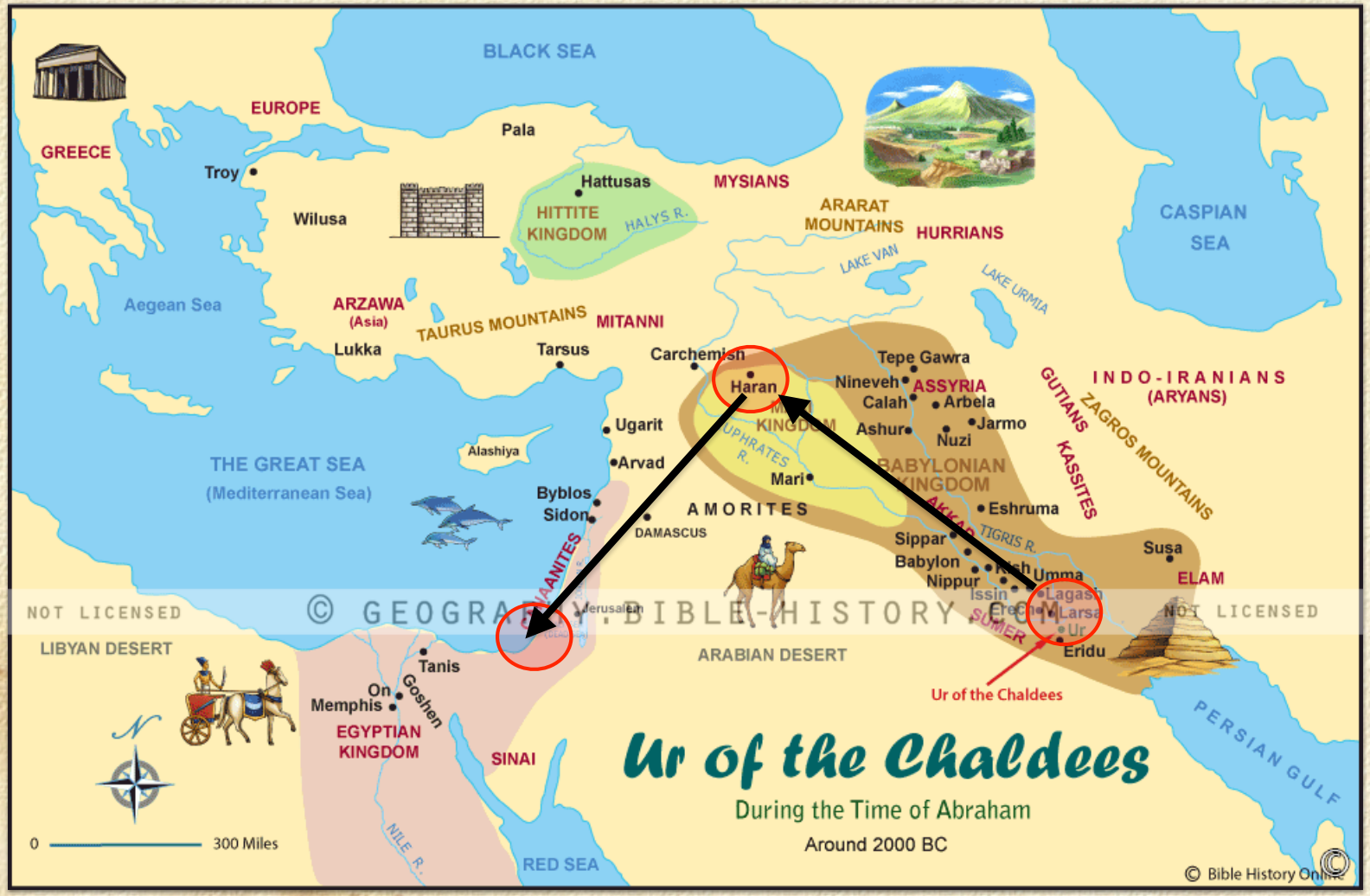
2. Un-nerving consequences. 11.31b



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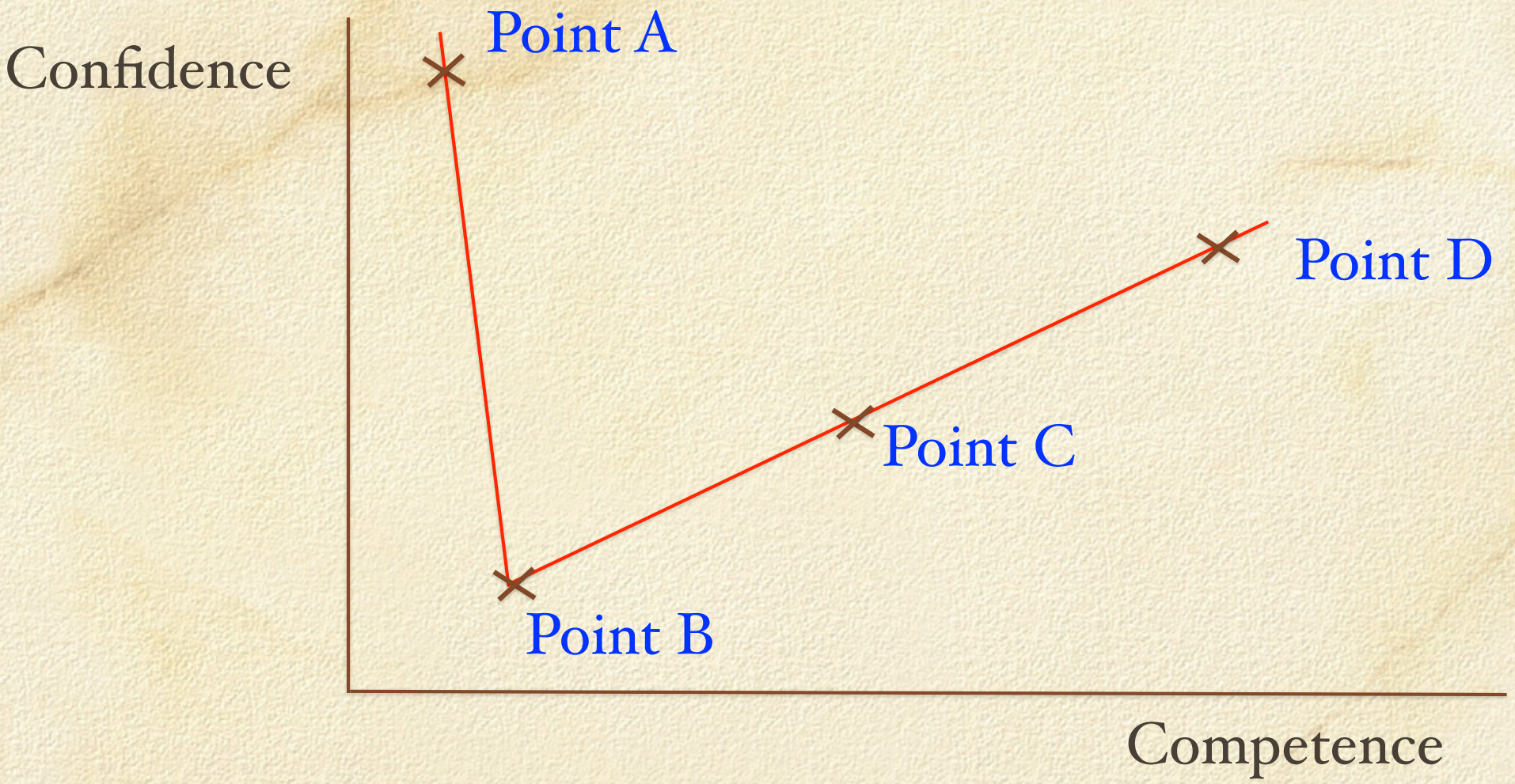
3. Understandable confusion. Hebrews 11.8, Gen 12.1

Heb 11.8 *" By faith, Abraham .... went, even though he did not know where he was going."*
Genesis 12.1 *"... go to the land I will show you."*

The Learning Curve



Point A. Unconscious Incompetence:Don't know I don't know

Point B. Conscious Incompetence: Do know I don't know

Point C. Conscious Competence: Do know I know

Point D. Unconscious Competence:Don't know how much I know

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4. Undeniable contrariness.

Remember the parable of the sower / soils which Jesus told. Mark 4.1-8

1. The wrong idea of the picture.



Path



Rocks



Thorns

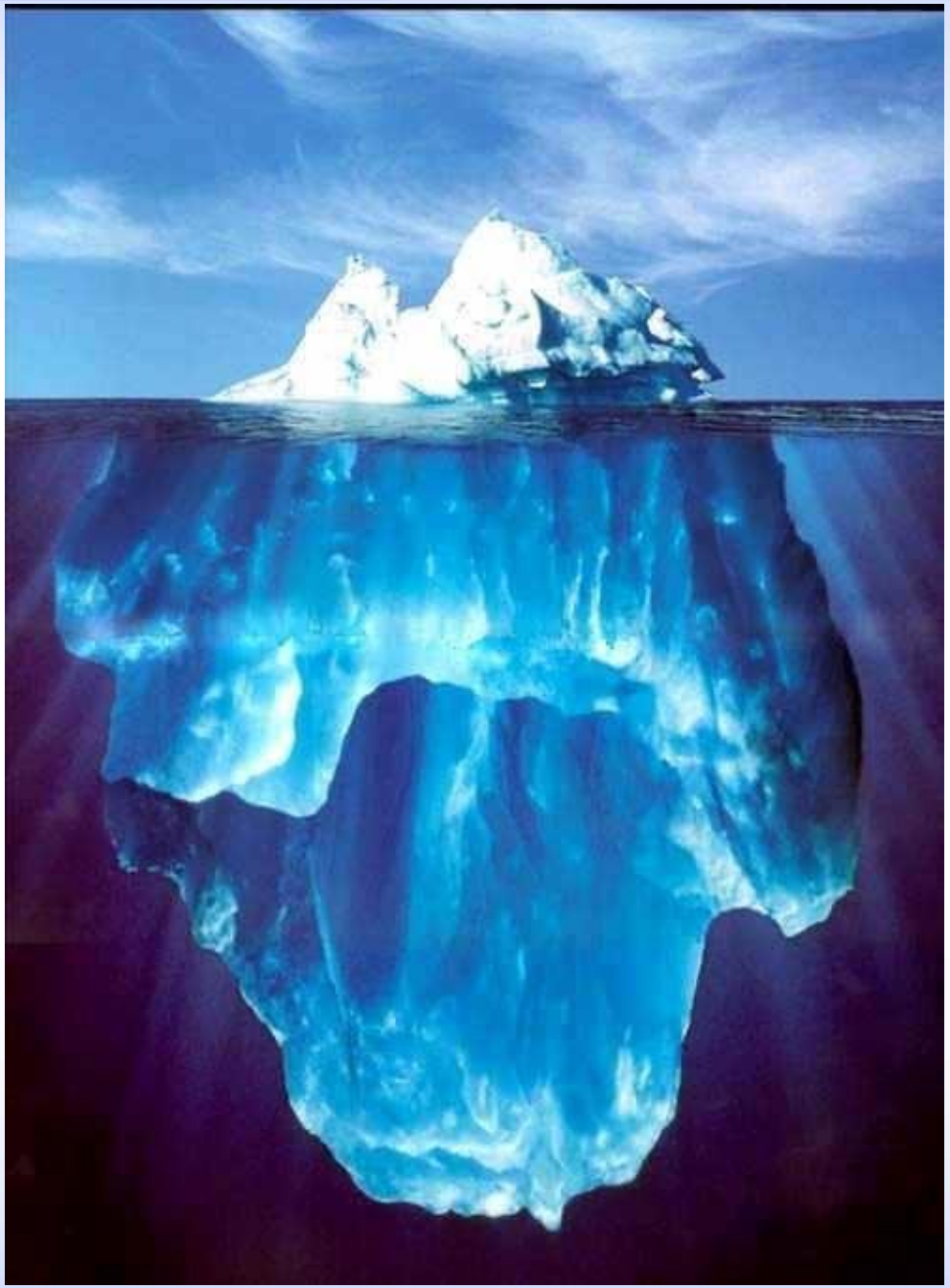


Good soil

3. The correct idea of the picture.



There is far more going on here than meets the eye
beneath the surface.



Assignment:

1. In your own words, explain the four stages of the learning curve.

2. Explain, from an everyday area of life, how you have experienced this learning curve, with particular explanation of the point(s) you passed through.

3.Explain, from a spiritual area of life, how you have experienced this learning curve, with particular explanation of the point(s) you have passed through.

Your answer should not take more than two sides of A4