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Journey University Seminar:

The Lives of the Israelite Fathers ***(Abraham, Isaac, Jacob & Joseph)***

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Journey Purpose Statement

The Journey exists to give the people of Metro New York City
the best opportunity to become fully
developing followers of Jesus by

Inviting them to an intimate relationship with God,

Connecting them in healthy relationships with other Christians,

Guiding them toward an authentic commitment to God,

Involving them in life-changing ministry and mission in our city and
the world that they may

Honor God completely.

At The Journey we fulfill the Purpose Statement through 2 types of meetings:

- Large Group (Sunday Service)
- Small Group (Growth Group)

*"(They met) day after day, in the **Temple courts** and from **house to house**."*
– Acts 5:42

*The purpose of Journey University is to enhance the experience and growth opportunities provided by the Sunday Service and Growth Groups.

WARNING: This is a Dangerous Class!

This is a very dangerous class. More information about the God does not necessarily lead to a closer relationship with God. Knowledge alone can lead to arrogance and immaturity. The word Jesus used for such people is “hypocrite.”

“Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies.” – 1 Corinthians 8:1

- More Information + No Application = _____
- More Information + More Application = _____

THE LIVES OF THE ISRAELITE FATHERS

GOALS FOR THIS SEMINAR:

We want you to walk away from this session with...

- An understanding of how integral the Israelite Fathers are to Christian faith
- An understanding of the historical timeline between Abraham and Moses
- An understanding of the beginning of the Jewish people and Israel
- Lessons from the Israelite Fathers that you can apply to your own life.
- A desire to further read, study and learn from the Israelite Fathers

5 QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE ISRAELITE FATHERS:

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Bible Timeline

<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>WHERE</u>
Pre-history	Garden of Eden/Noah/Tower of Babel	<i>Genesis 1-12</i>
1800-1700 BC	Abraham	<i>Genesis 12-24</i>
1700-1600 BC	Isaac/Jacob/Joseph	<i>Genesis 25-50</i>
1600-1280 BC	Egyptian Captivity	<i>Exodus 1-2</i>
1280 BC	The Exodus	<i>Exodus 3-15</i>
1280-1240 BC	Wilderness/Laws	<i>Exodus/Deuteronomy/Leviticus</i>
1240-1200 BC	Israelite Conquest	<i>Joshua</i>
1200-1020 BC	Period of the Judges	<i>Judges</i>
1020-1000 BC	Samuel and Saul/1 st King	<i>1 Samuel</i>
1000-922 BC	United Kingdom	
1000-961 BC	David is King	<i>1 & 2 Samuel</i>
961-922 BC	Solomon is King	<i>1 Kings 1-11</i>
922-587 BC	Divided Kingdom	<i>1 & 2 Kings/1 & 2 Chronicles</i>
587-537 BC	Babylonian Exile	<i>2 Kings 25/2 Chron 36/Ezek/Daniel</i>
520-515 BC	Rebuilding the Temple	<i>Haggai/Zechariah</i>
445 BC	Rebuilding Jerusalem's Temple/Walls	<i>Ezra/Nehemiah</i>
336-323 BC	Empire of Alexander the Great	
167 BC	Maccabean Revolt	
63 BC	Roman Empire	
37-4 BC	Herod the Great	
6 BC-27 AD	Jesus	<i>New Testament</i>
40-60 AD	Paul's Letters/Ministry	
65-70 AD	Gospel of Mark	
70 AD	Fall of Jerusalem and Final Destruction of the Temple	
80's AD	Gospel's of Matthew/Luke	
90's AD	Gospel of John	
325 AD	Council of Nicea	<i>Settled the Arian Controversy</i>
397 AD	Third Council of Carthage	<i>27 NT books accepted</i>
1517 AD	Martin Luther Posts 95 Theses	<i>Beginning of Reformation</i>
1611 AD	King James Bible Published	<i>1st Bible in English</i>
2002 AD	The Journey Church Begins	

The Israelite Fathers from a Christian Perspective

- **Read their story with** _____.

- God made it all (Genesis 1).
- We lost it all (Genesis 3).
- Jesus _____ (New Testament).
- We _____ (Today).

*God over history (not pulled by history as we are)

- **Read their story with an eye focused on the** _____.

“For before John (the Baptist) came, all the teachings of the Scriptures looked forward to this present time.” – Matthew 11:13

*The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah.

(“The Corner Stone” in Psalm 118:22, “The Suffering Servant” in Isaiah 53, the “Akedah” in Genesis 22, etc.)

- **Read the New Testament with an eye focused on the** _____.

*The story of our salvation begins not in Matthew, but in Genesis (*Genesis 6-11 includes the flood and the Tower of Babel; Abraham is introduced in Genesis 11*).

Abraham (Abram)

(Genesis 11:27 – Genesis 25:11)

- **The Name**

- Abram means “Exalted Father”
- Abraham means _____ *(Genesis 17:5)*
- Sarah means _____ *(Genesis 17:15-16)*

- **The Promise**

- The Call & Promise *(Genesis 12:1-4; 75 years old)*
- The Covenant with Abram *(Genesis 15:1-20)*
- The Covenant with Abraham & Descendants (circumcise) *(Genesis 17:1-27; 99 years old)*
- Reaffirming the Promise *(Genesis 18:1-15)*
- The Promise Fulfilled *(Genesis 21:1-7; 100 years old)*

- **Abraham’s Disobedience**

- Twice Lying About Sarah *(Genesis 12:10-20 in Egypt; Genesis 20:1-18 with Abimelech; Genesis 26:1-11 with Isaac)*
- Hagar and Ishmael (Ishmael means “God Hears”) (Islam) *(Genesis 16:1-16)*
- Disobedience stems from a _____.
- Disobedience always leads to _____.

- **Abraham's Obedience**

- Responding to God's Calling (*Genesis 12:1-4*)
- Allowing Lot to Choose (*Genesis 13:1-18*)
- Circumcising the Entire Family (*Genesis 17:23-27*)
- Sacrificing Isaac (*Genesis 22:1-19*)
- Obedience always leads to _____.

- **Abraham's Friendship with God**

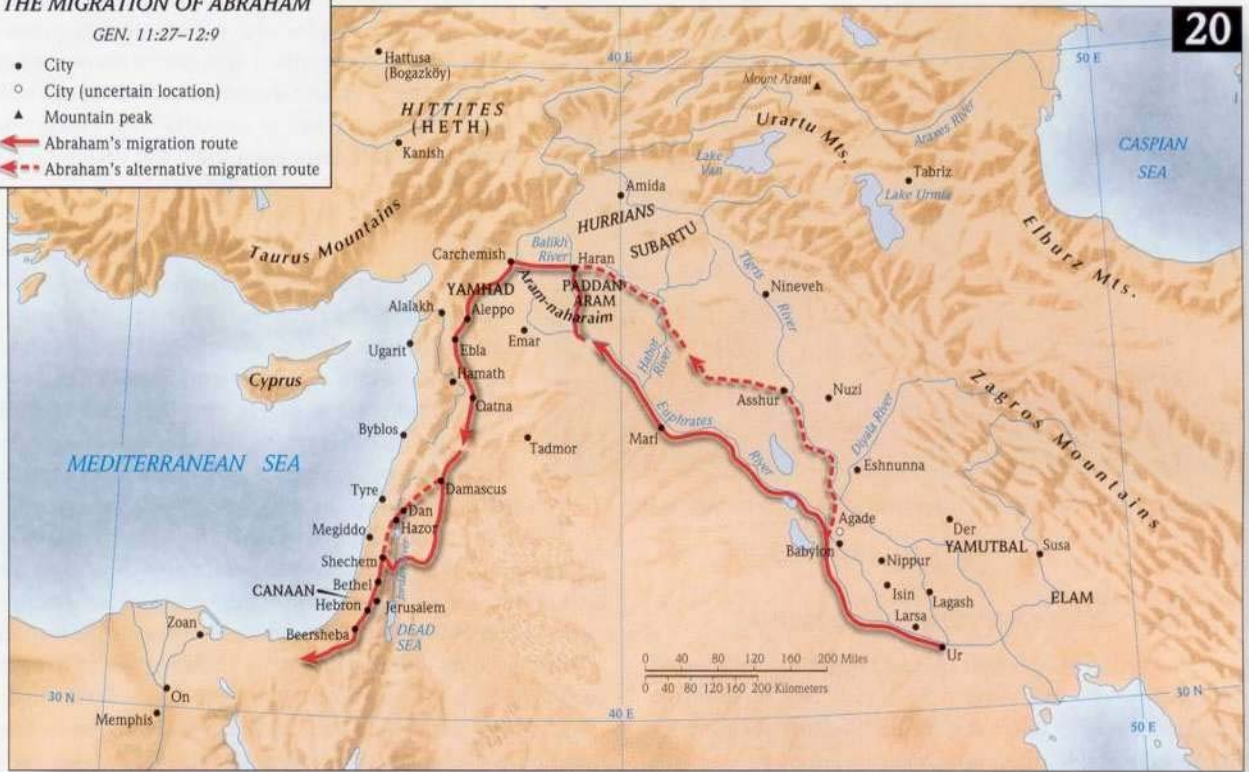
- God's Conversations with Abraham (*Genesis 12, 15, 17 & 18*)
- Abraham's Intercession for Sodom (*Genesis 18:16-33*)

“Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was declared right with God because of what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see, he was trusting God so much that he was willing to do whatever God told him to do. His faith was made complete by what he did by his actions. And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: ‘Abraham believed God, so God declared him to be righteous.’ He was even called ‘the friend of God.’ So you see, we are made right with God by what we do, not by faith alone.”

– James 2:21-24 (also see Isaiah 41:8)

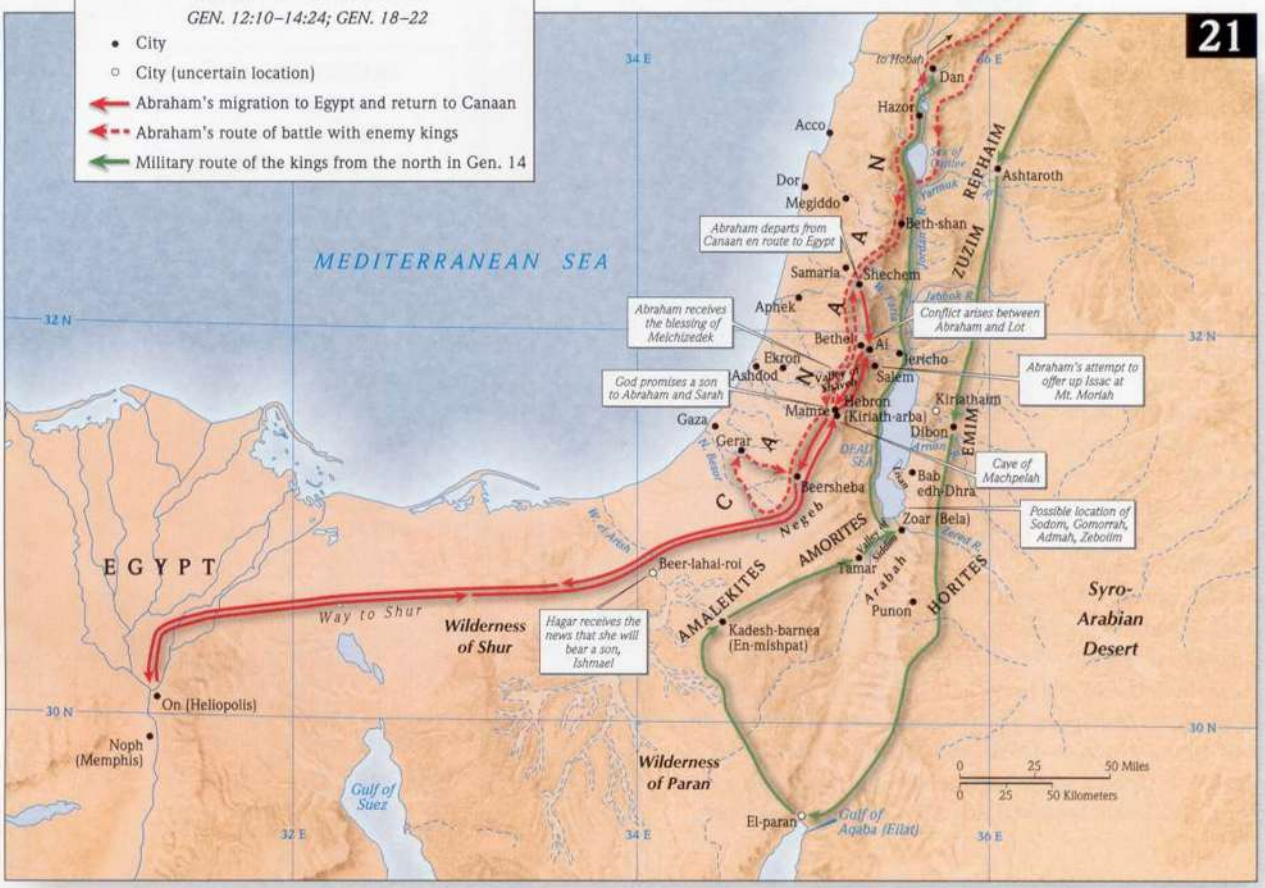
THE MIGRATION OF ABRAHAM
 GEN. 11:27-12:9

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- ▲ Mountain peak
- ← Abraham's migration route
- ←- Abraham's alternative migration route



ABRAHAM IN CANAAN
 GEN. 12:10-14:24; GEN. 18-22

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- ← Abraham's migration to Egypt and return to Canaan
- ←- Abraham's route of battle with enemy kings
- Military route of the kings from the north in Gen. 14



Isaac

(Genesis 21:1 – 35:29)

- **The Name**

- Isaac means _____ (Genesis 17:19)
- Abraham and Sarah Laughed in Disbelief (Genesis 17:17; 18:10-15)
- Sarah Laughs for Joy (Genesis 21:6-7)

- **The Akedah (“Binding of Isaac”)** (Genesis 22:1-19)

- Abraham’s Faith (see James 2:21-24)
- Isaac’s Sacrifice
- The Ending of Human Sacrifice
- The Foreshadowing of God’s Redemptive Plan

- **God Provides for Isaac**

- Rebekah – A Wife Pleasing to God & Abraham (Genesis 24:1-67)
- 2 Sons (Twins): Esau and Jacob (Genesis 25:19-24)
- A Plan for the Future Different than Isaac Imagined (Genesis 27:1-40)

“You can make many plans, but the LORD’s purpose will prevail.”
– Proverbs 19:21

Jacob (Israel)

(Genesis 25:19 – Genesis 49:33)

- **The Name**

- Esau sounds like the Hebrew word for “hair.” (Edom) *(Genesis 25:25)*
- Jacob means _____ *(Genesis 25:26)*
- Israel means _____ *(Genesis 32:28)*

- **God Blesses Those Who Struggle/Who Are Aggressive**

- Wrestling His Older Brother to be Born First *(Genesis 25:26)*
- Taking Esau’s Birthright *(Genesis 25:27-34)*
- Stealing Esau’s Blessing of the First Born *(Genesis 27:1-40)*
- Jacob Struggles with Laban (Leah & Rachel) *(Genesis 29-31)*
- Jacob Struggles with God & Becomes Israel *(Genesis 32:22-32)*
- Jacob’s 12 Sons Become the 12 Tribes of Israel

- **The Pain of Playing Family Favorites**

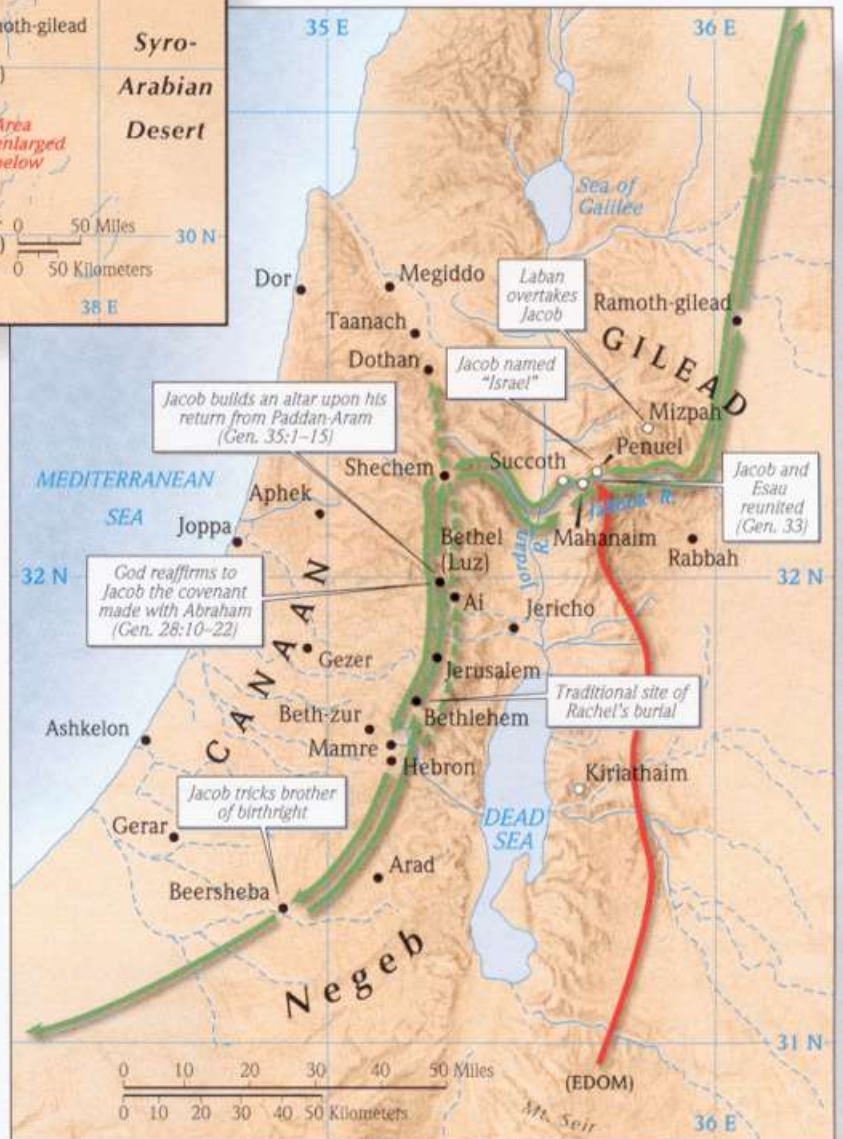
- Abraham: Isaac vs. Ishmael *(Genesis 21:8-20)*
- Isaac: Esau vs. Jacob *(Genesis 25:28)*
- Jacob: Leah vs. Rachel *(Genesis 29:30-31)*
- Jacob: Joseph vs. Brothers *(Genesis 37:3-4)*

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TRAVELS OF JACOB
GEN. 28-33; 35

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- Jacob's journey
- Jacob's sons seek pasturage
- Esau's journey



Joseph

(Genesis 37:1 – 50:26)

- **The Name**

- Joseph means _____ . (Genesis 30:24)
- Joseph was Jacob's 11th son – but the first born to Rachel.

- **The Betrayal**

- Joseph as Jacob's Favorite (Genesis 37:3-4)
- Joseph as Tattle Tale & Arrogant (Genesis 37:2; 37:5-11)
- Jealousy of the Brothers (Genesis 37:11; 37:18-19)
- Sold into Slavery/Life Spared by Reuben (Genesis 37:20-36)

- **Joseph's Integrity**

- Great House Manager for Potiphar (Genesis 39:1-6)
- Runs from Sin (Potiphar's wife) (Genesis 39:6-18)
- Rises to Power in Prison (Genesis 39:19-23)
- Joseph's Dream Interpretations Come True (Genesis 40:1-41:36)
- Joseph Made Ruler of Egypt (Genesis 41:37-57)

- **Trusting in God's Plan**

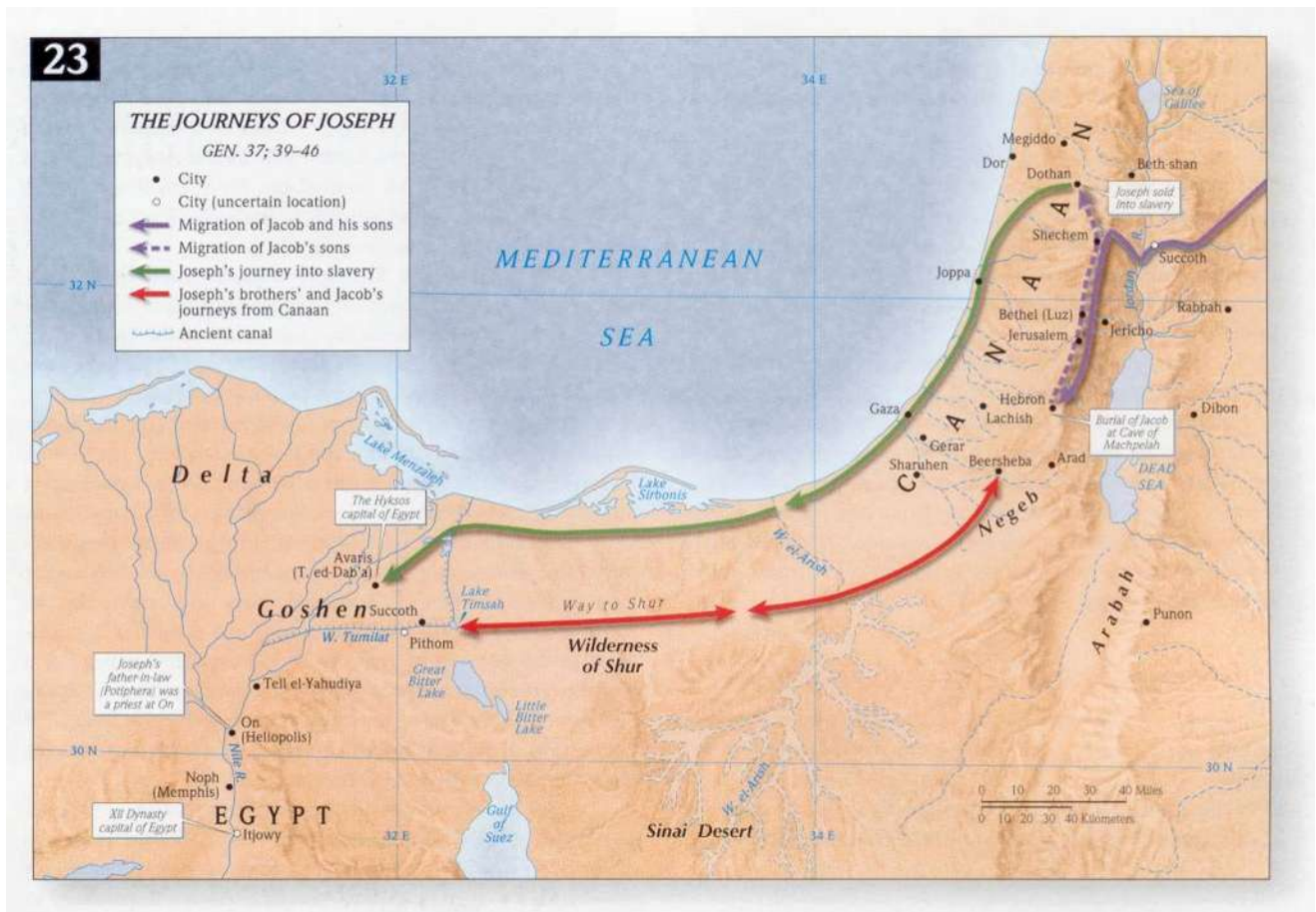
- God's Purpose in Difficult Circumstances (even if God didn't cause it)

"As far as I am concerned, God turned into good what you meant for evil. He brought me to the high position I have today so I could save the lives of many people." – Genesis 50:20

- Responding with Godly Integrity Before Receiving God's Blessing
- Forgiveness over Revenge

"No, don't be afraid. Indeed. I myself will take care of you and your families." – Genesis 50:21

- Joseph's Return to Promised Land (*Genesis 49:29-50:13*) (*Exodus 13:19*)



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