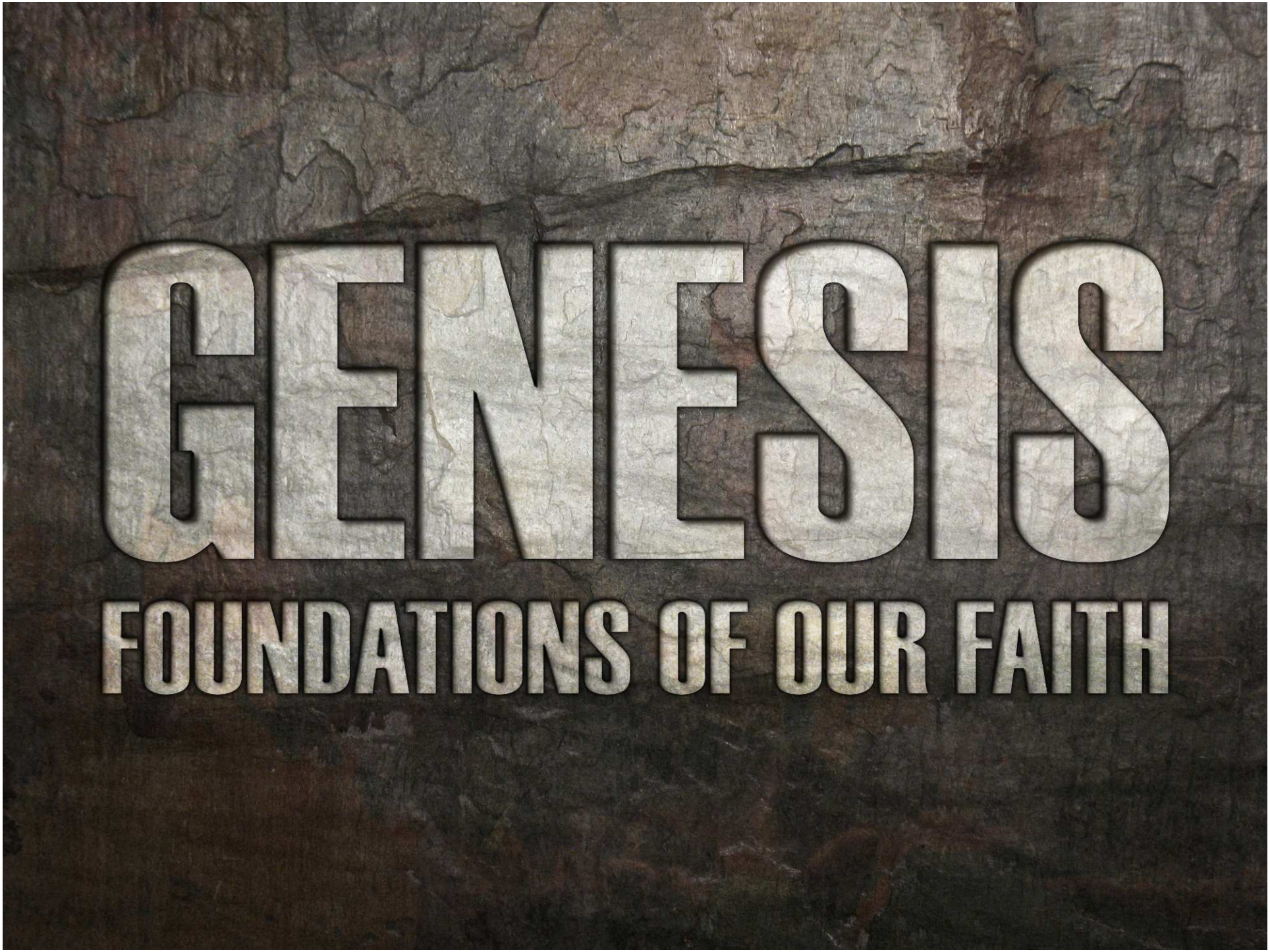
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Genesis

A. Four Key Events:
   1. Creation (ch. 1-2)
   2. the Fall (ch. 3-5)
   3. the flood (ch. 6-9)
   4. the dispersion (ch. 10-11)

B. Four Key People:
   1. Abraham (ch. 12-25)
   2. Isaac (ch. 21-35)
   3. Jacob (ch. 25-50)
   4. Joseph (ch. 37-50)

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These are the generations of…

1. The heavens and the earth (2:4-4:26)
2. Adam (5:1-6:8)
3. Noah (6:9-9:29)
4. The sons of Noah (10:1-11:9)
5. Shem (11:10-26)
6. Terah (11:27-25:11)
7. Ishmael (25:12-18)
8. Isaac (25:19-35:29)
9. Esau (36:1-8)
10. Esau, father of the Edomites (36:9-37:1)
11. Jacob (37:2-50:26)

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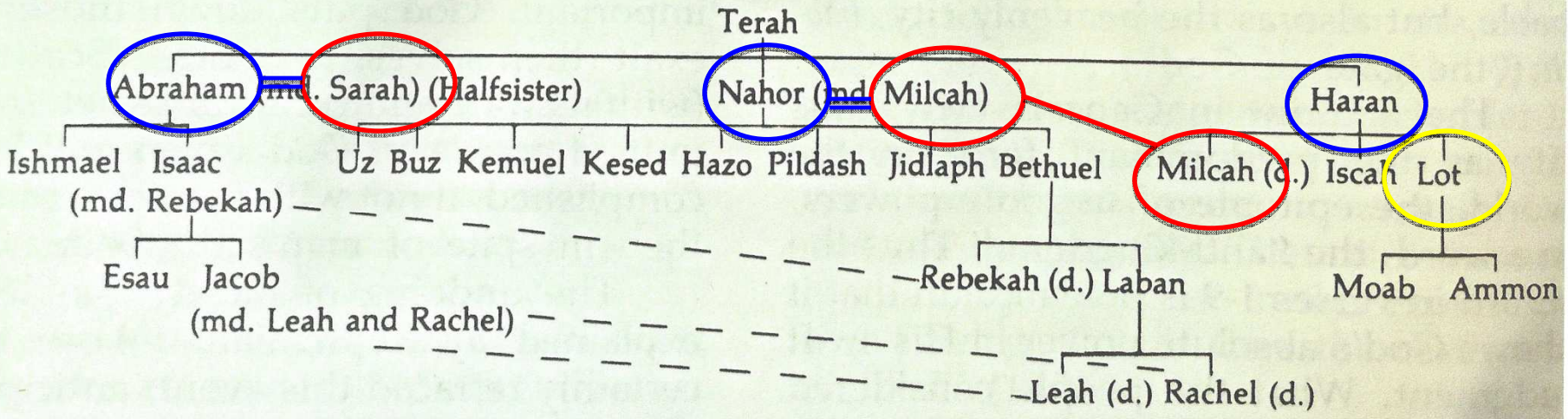
Terah's Family



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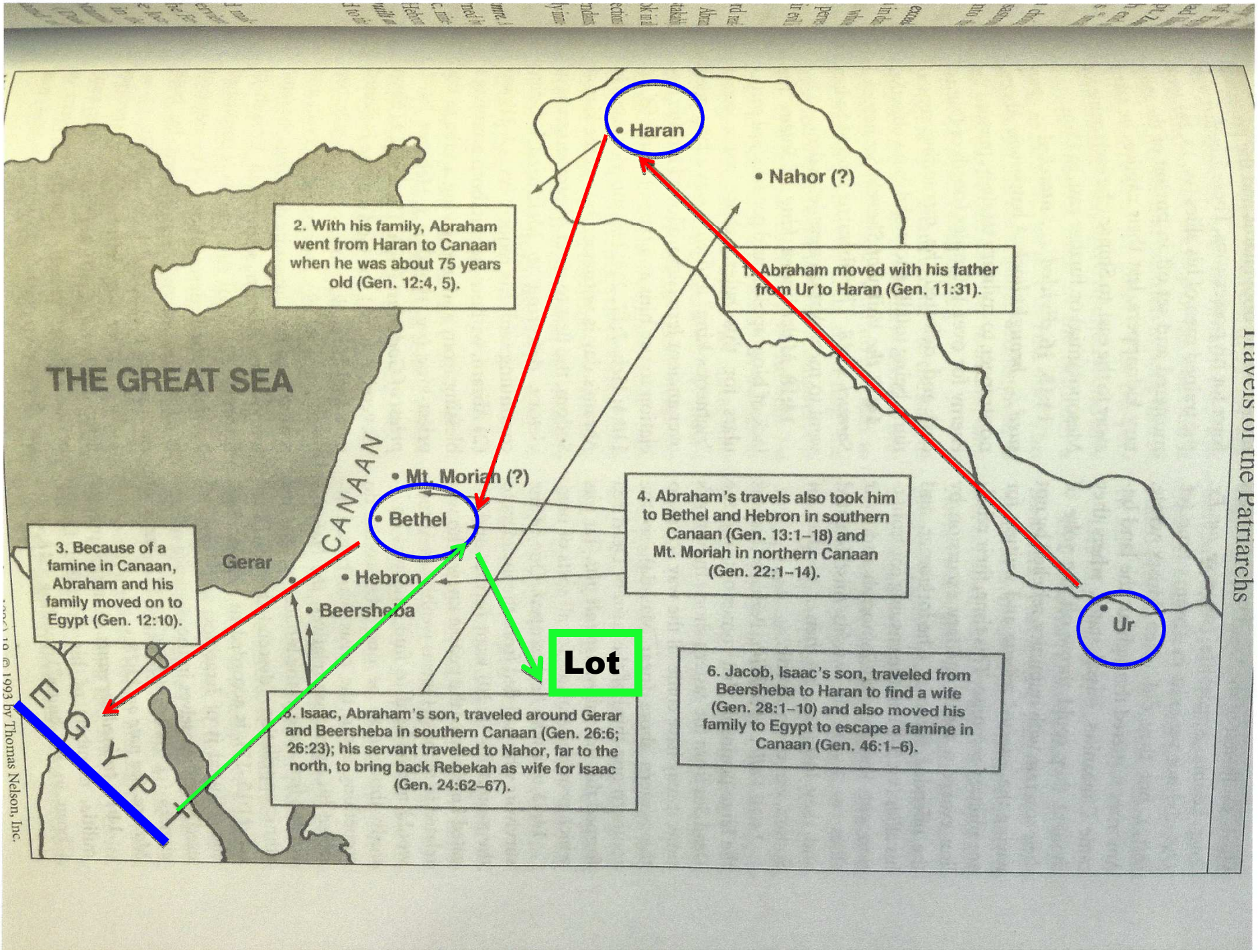

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Acts 3:17-19: **"And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also. But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;**

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Jeremiah 15:19: **Therefore, thus says the LORD, "If you return, then I will restore you-- Before Me you will stand; And if you extract the precious from the worthless, You will become My spokesman. They for their part may turn to you, But as for you, you must not turn to them.**

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- **Strife between the herdsmen (5-7)**

Genesis 13:5-7: **Now Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. And the land could not sustain them while dwelling together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to remain together. And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. Now the Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling then in the land.**

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James 4:1: What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

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Proverbs 15:18: **A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, But the slow to anger pacifies contention.**

Proverbs 17:14: **The beginning of strife is like letting out water, So abandon the quarrel before it breaks out.**

Proverbs 26:20: **For lack of wood the fire goes out, And where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down.**

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- **Abram's gracious response to conflict (8-9)**

Genesis 13:8-9: **So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, nor between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers. "Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me; if to the left, then I will go to the right; or if to the right, then I will go to the left."**

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Romans 12:18: **If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.**

Philippians 2:3: **Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;**

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Psalm 34:14: **Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.**

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Hebrews 12:14-15: **Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;**

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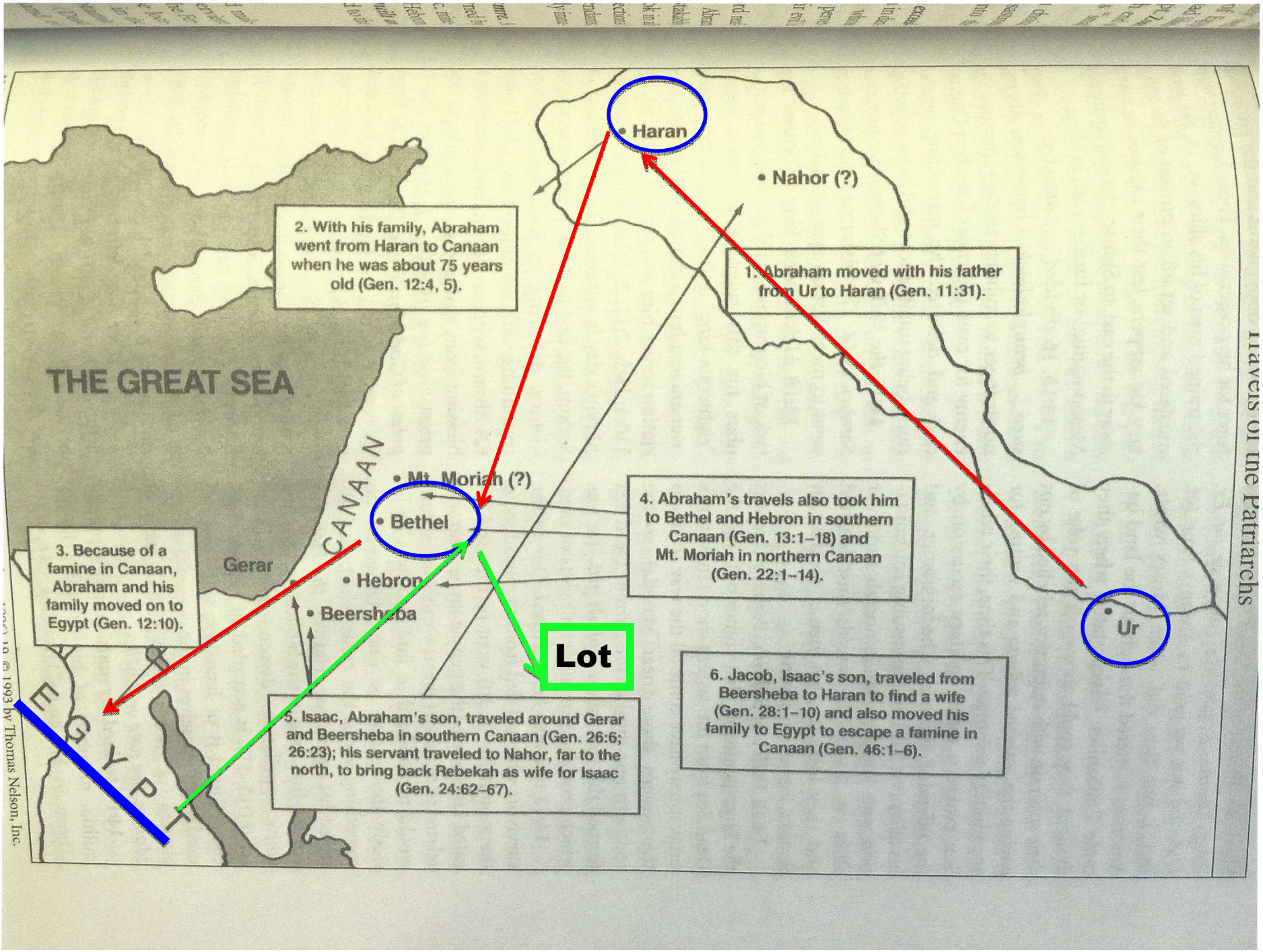
- **Lot chooses for himself Sodom (10-13)**

Genesis 13:10-13: **Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere-- this was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah-- like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go to Zoar. So Lot chose for himself all the valley of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastward. Thus they separated from each other. Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the valley, and moved his tents as far as Sodom. Now the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and sinners against the LORD.**



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Genesis 13

Lot's spiral into a sinful lifestyle:

-There was strife among brethren

-He saw what the world had to offer

-He made a choice to move toward that which was pleasing to the eye

-He "pitched his tent" close to evil

-He lived among the sinful lifestyle of those around him

-He sat in the gate, a place of political power (Gen. 19:1)

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1 John 2:15-16: Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

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1 Corinthians 15:33: **Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."**

Proverbs 16:25: **There is a way *which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.***

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- **God reiterates His promise to Abram (14-18)**

Genesis 13:14 – 18: The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever. I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered. Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you." Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD.

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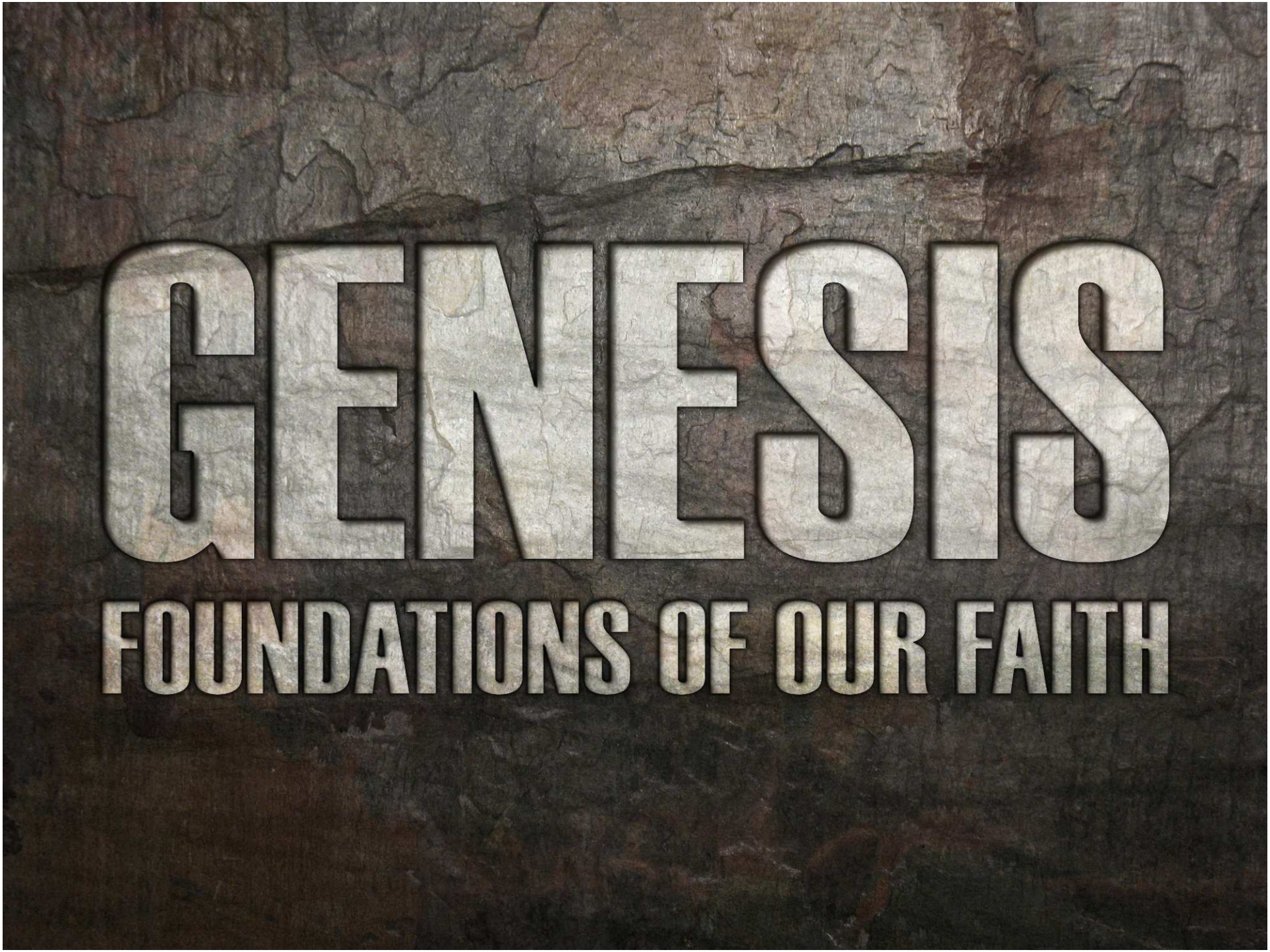
- When Abram recognized his sin, he repented and retuned to the place God wanted him to be.
- Abram's faith functioned in a conflict. He was a "Peacemaker."
- Lot, walking by sight, chose on the basis of what appealed to him. His choice was self-seeking and self-gratifying, worldly; and lead to disaster.
- Abram was unselfish, trusting God. He had learned that it was not by his own plan that he would come into possession, or by jealously guarding what was his. He acted righteously and generously.
- One who believes that God will provide for him is not greedy, anxious, or covetous.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