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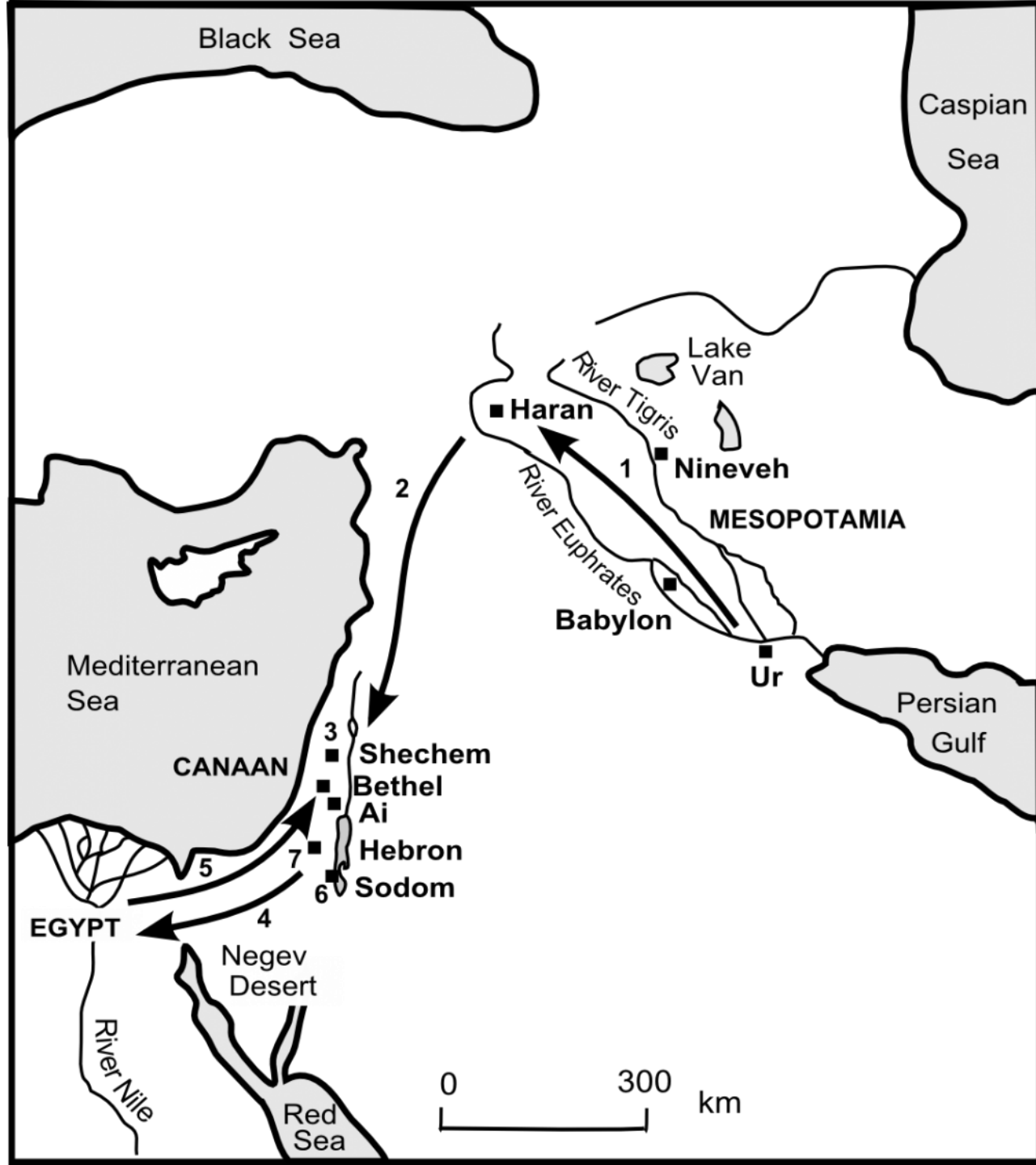
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# The calling of Abram

Genesis 12:1-9

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***By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance.***

*Hebrews 11:8*

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# Obedience is an invitation to blessing

*I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

*John 10:11*

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# Obedience is an invitation to blessing

*I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him...*

*Deuteronomy 30:19-20*

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...he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents

*Hebrews 11:8-9*

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# Like Abram we are promised an inheritance

*...he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to **an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading**, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being **guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***

*1 Peter 1:3-5*

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*For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.*

*Hebrews 11:10*

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# Our true home is out of this world

*...having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.*

*...seeking a homeland*

*...desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one*

*Hebrews 11:13-14,16*

*But our citizenship is in heaven...*

*Philippians 3:20*

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# God through Jesus is bringing us home

*In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.*

*John 14:2-3*

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