

Genesis: God and the Originals

SCARCITY AND PROMISED ABUNDANCE

Abraham in Egypt (12:9-20)

1. Reads Genesis 12:9-20 at your table. What initial questions arise in your mind concerning:
 - a) Abram's faithfulness?
 - b) Sarai's acquiescence?
 - c) Pharaoh's innocence?
 - d) God's punishment?
 - e) Abram's reward?

Vv. 9-16

2. Why does Abram move to Egypt? Does he have to move?
3. What do we find out about Sarai? What plan does Abram concoct concerning Sarai? What makes us feel uneasy about Abram's decisions here?

In Egyptian, "Pharaoh" originally meant "_____."

4. What does Abram receive in exchange for Sarai from Pharaoh?

Vv. 17-20

5. What does God do to Pharaoh and his household because of Sarai? Is this fair?

"Diseases" is the same word used to describe the "_____" of the firstborn from the passover. However, most of the time this word is used it is to describe _____ such as _____.

BONUS: What are the similarities between this story and the exodus story?

BONUS: How does this story taint your impression of Abram's faithfulness? God's faithfulness?

Separation and Promised Abundance (13)

Vv. 1-7

6. What does Abram do when he gets back to the promised land in v. 4?

7. Abram and his nephew Lot decide to go their separate ways. What are the positive and negative reasons given for this?

Vv. 8-13

8. This is an odd section for many possible reasons. Read through it and ask these questions:
 - a) Why does Abraham (the patriarch) offer Lot “first dibs” on the land?
 - b) Why doesn’t Lot (the younger one) defer to Abraham?
 - c) This land was promised to Abraham, so why is he so nonchalant?
 - d) What’s one description of the land that reminds us of Genesis 1?

9. How does Lot choose poorly according to v. 13?

BONUS: Sodom’s description in v. 13 is eerily similar to what previous destructive episode in Genesis?

Vv. 14-18

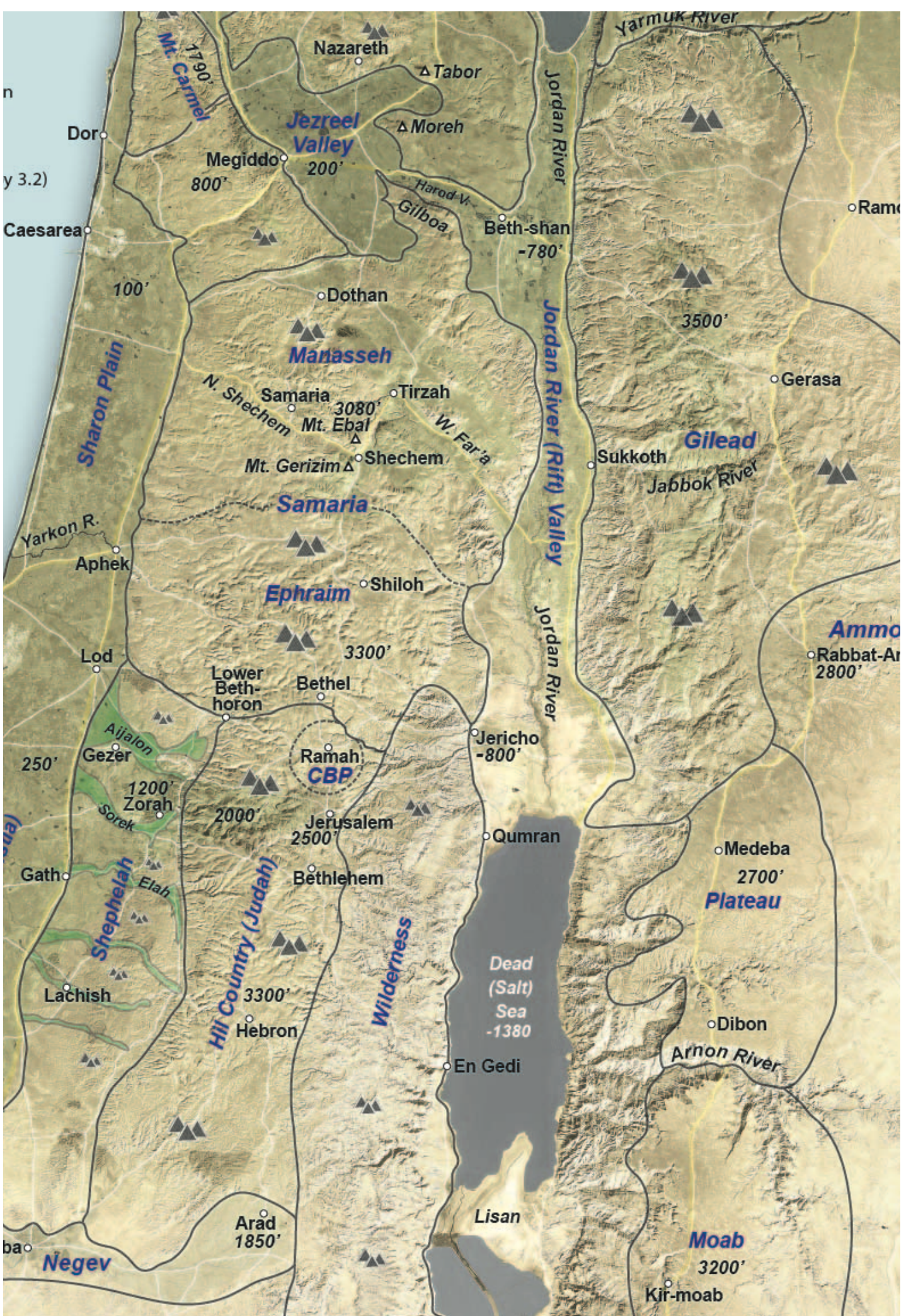
10. There are two promises and two commands of God in this section. What are they?
 - a) Command 1 -
 - b) Promise 1 -
 - c) Promise 2 -
 - d) Command 2 -

11. What new/different promises are added to the promises from God in the previous chapter?

“_____” (dry dirt) is the same material God worked with in Genesis 2 to create Adam.

Concluding Question:

Who is the ultimate “offspring” (seed) of verse 15 (see Galatians 3:16)?



LEGEND

- Journeys of Abraham (and Isaac)
- Conquest by Mesopotamian kings
- Places and peoples conquered by Mesopotamian kings

