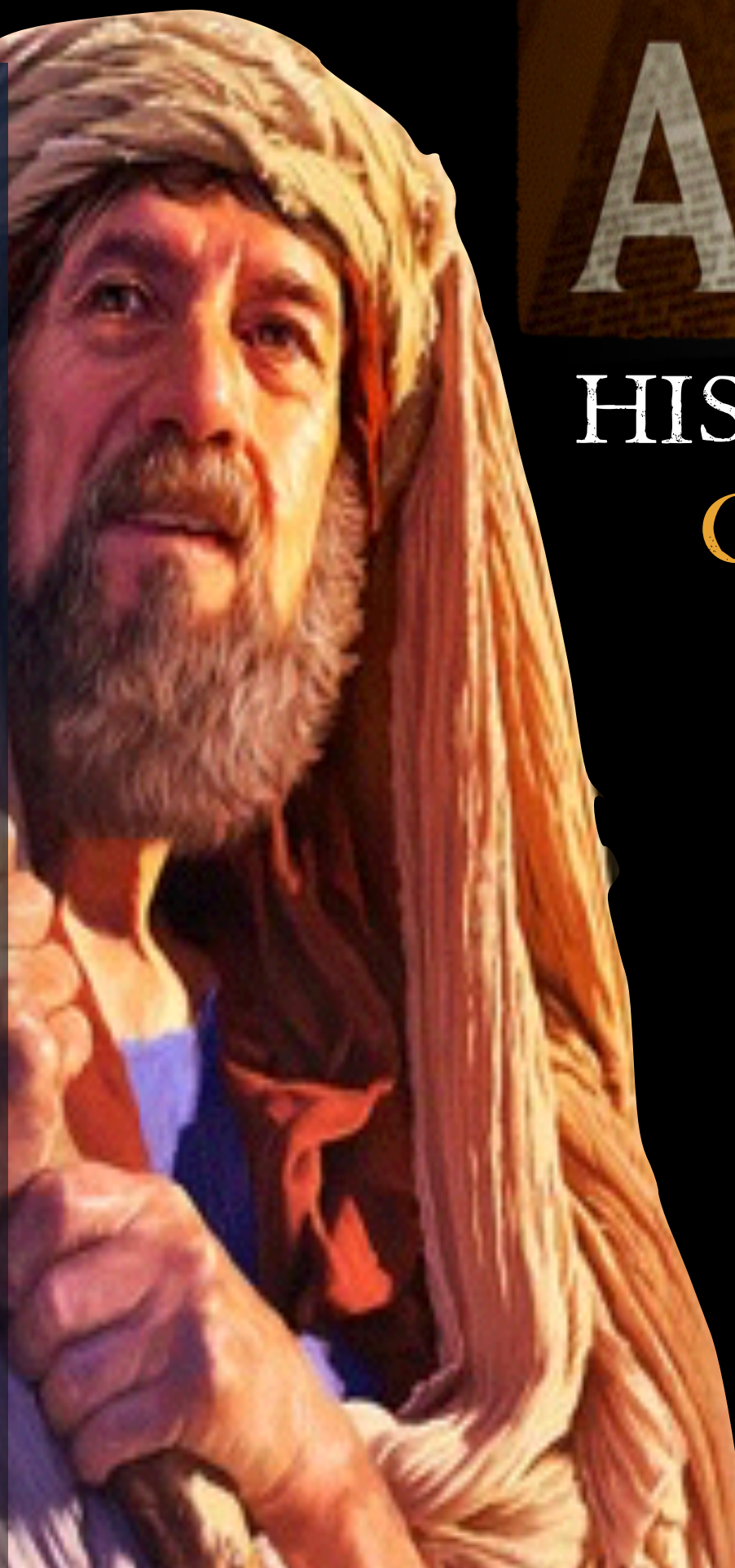


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HIS JOURNEY OF FAITH

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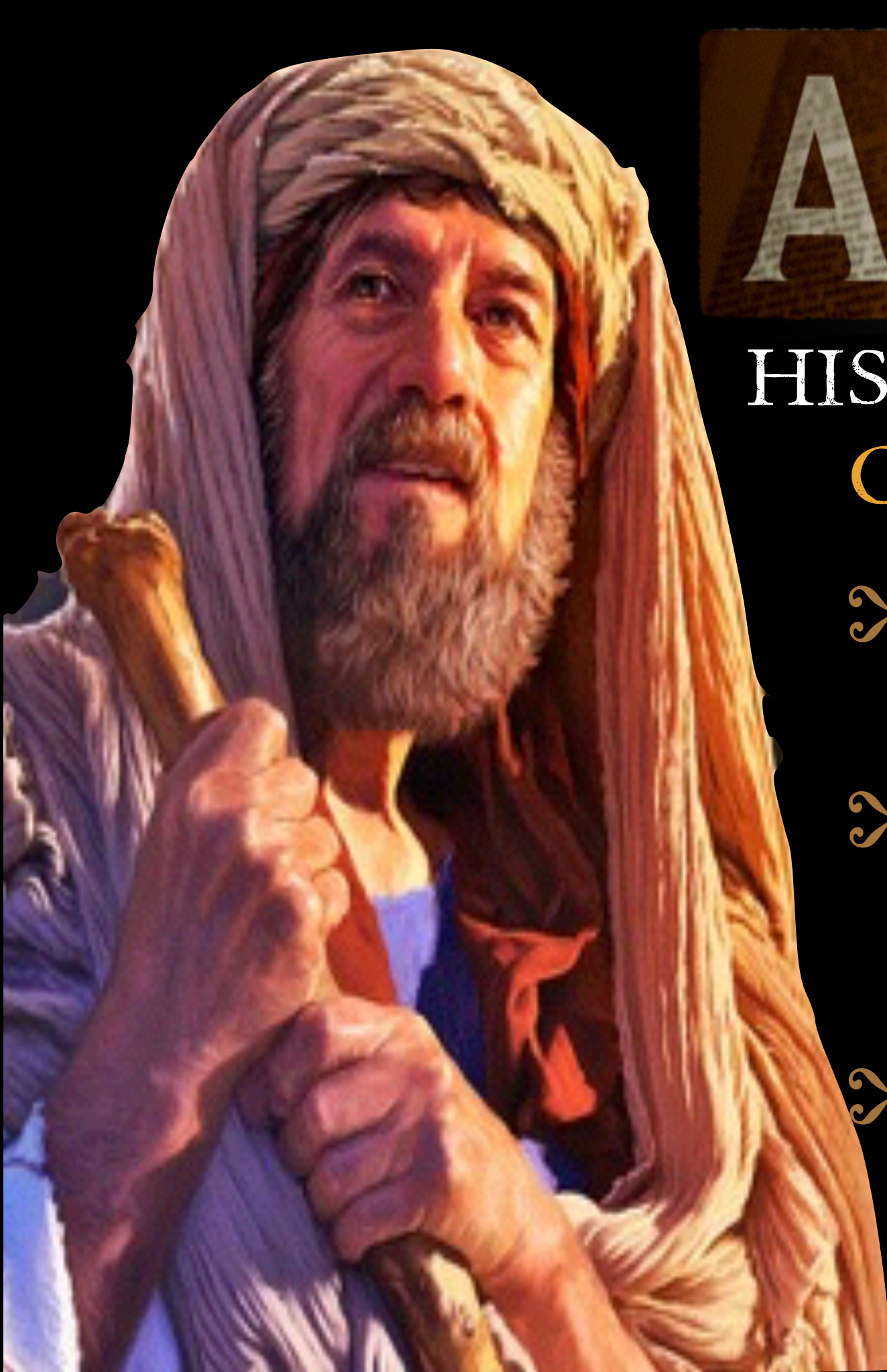


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HIS JOURNEY OF FAITH GENESIS 11:27-25:11

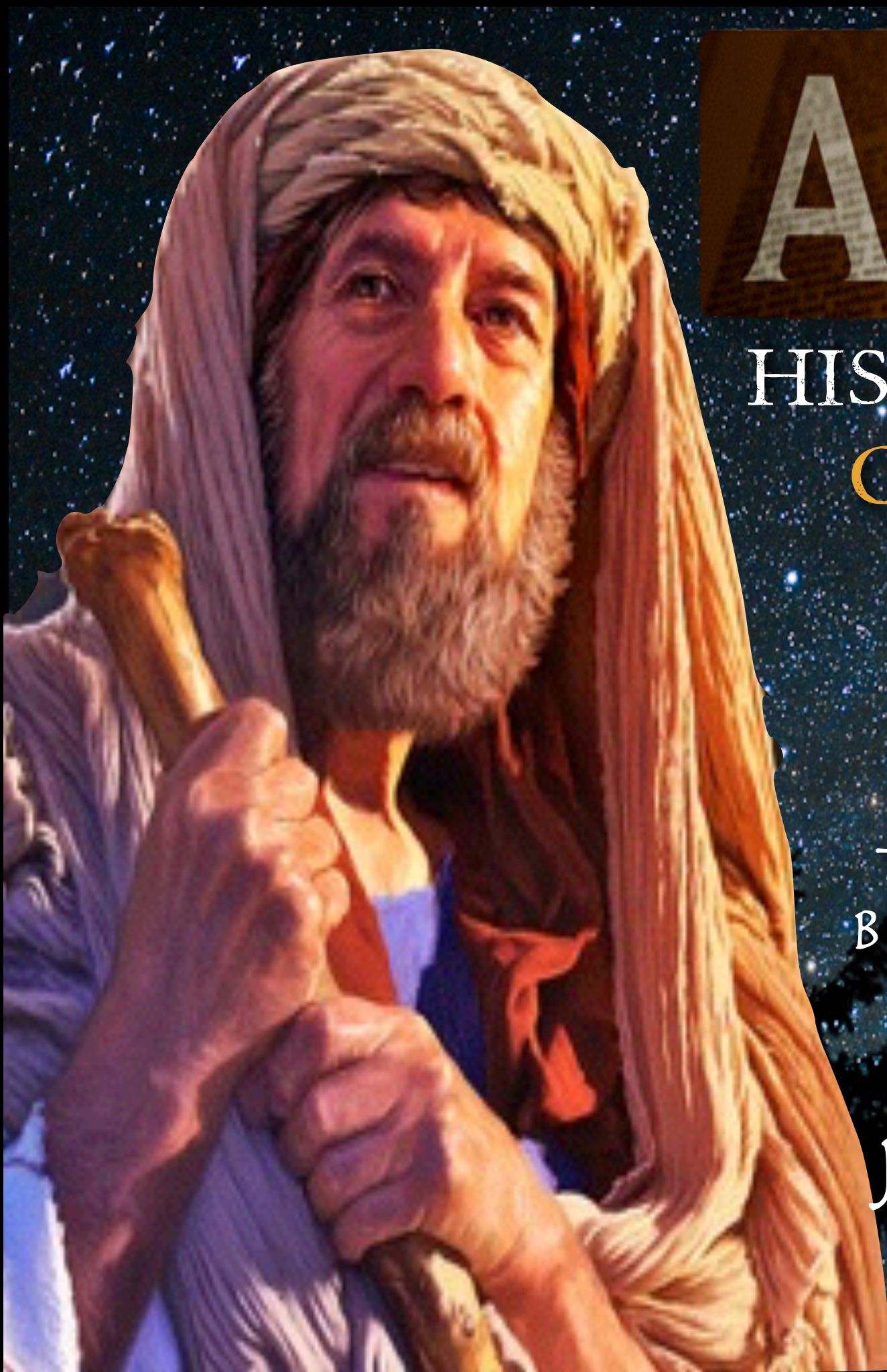
- LIVED 4,000 YEARS AGO
- DESCENDENT OF SHEM, *[10th generation from Shem]*
GEN. 11:10-26; 1 CHRON 1:17-27; LUKE 3:34-36
- PAGAN - HIS FATHER TERAH WAS AN IDOLATER, WORSHIPPED OTHER GODS (JOSH 24:2).



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HIS JOURNEY OF FAITH GENESIS 11:27-25:11

- A FRIEND OF GOD - JAMES 2:23; 2 CHRON 20:7; IS 41:8
- FATHER OF THE FAITHFUL - GEN 17:5; JOHN 8:37-41; ROM 4:12,16; GAL 3:27-29
- GREAT EXAMPLE OF FAITH - HEB 11:8,17-19; ROM 4:1-4,9-22; JAMES 2:21-24



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HIS JOURNEY OF FAITH
GENESIS 11:27-25:11

HE WAS THE FATHER OF THE
FAITHFUL, CALLED A FRIEND
OF GOD, & GIVEN AS A GREAT
EXAMPLE OF FAITH **NOT** DUE
TO HIS INITIAL OBEDIENCE - OR
BECAUSE HE WAS WITHOUT SIN -

BUT BECAUSE OF HIS
JOURNEY OF FAITH -
GEN 22

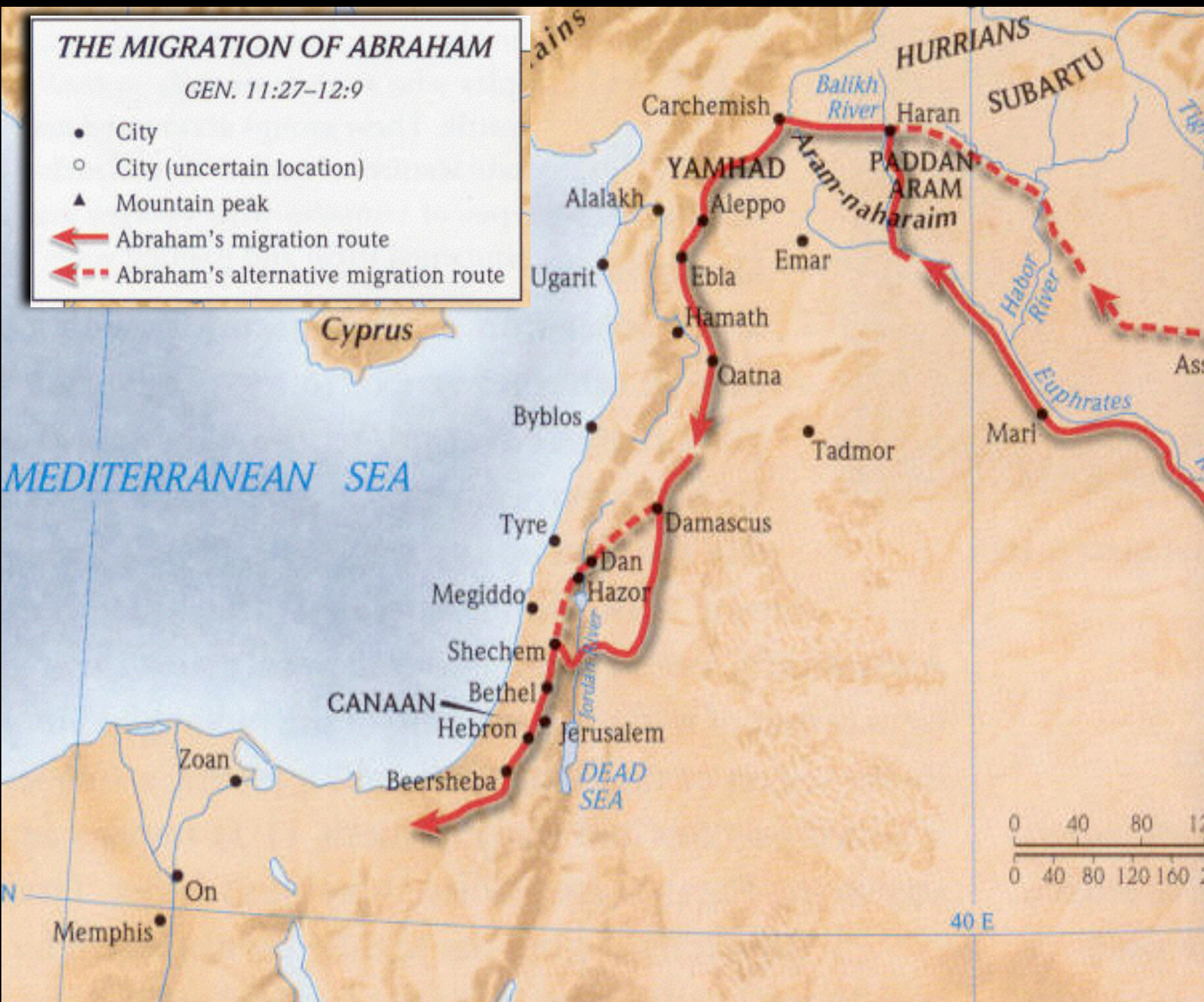
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HIS JOURNEY OF FAITH - THE BEGINNING

THE MIGRATION OF ABRAHAM

GEN. 11:27-12:9

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



GENESIS 12:1-4 (NKJV)

¹ Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. ..."⁴ So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

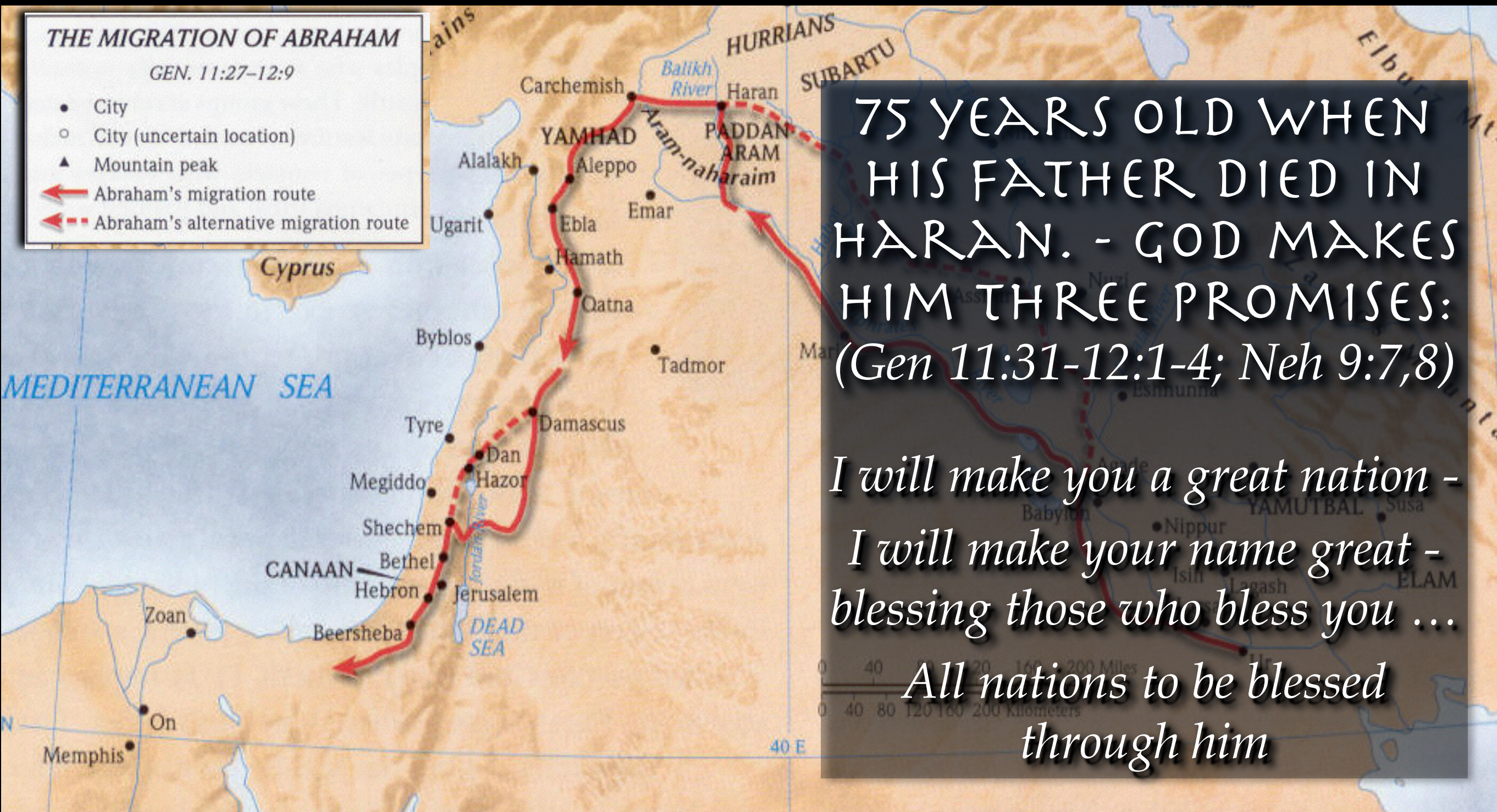
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75 YEARS OLD WHEN
HIS FATHER DIED IN
HARAN. - GOD MAKES
HIM THREE PROMISES:
(Gen 11:31-12:1-4; Neh 9:7,8)

*I will make you a great nation -
I will make your name great -
blessing those who bless you ...*

*All nations to be blessed
through him*

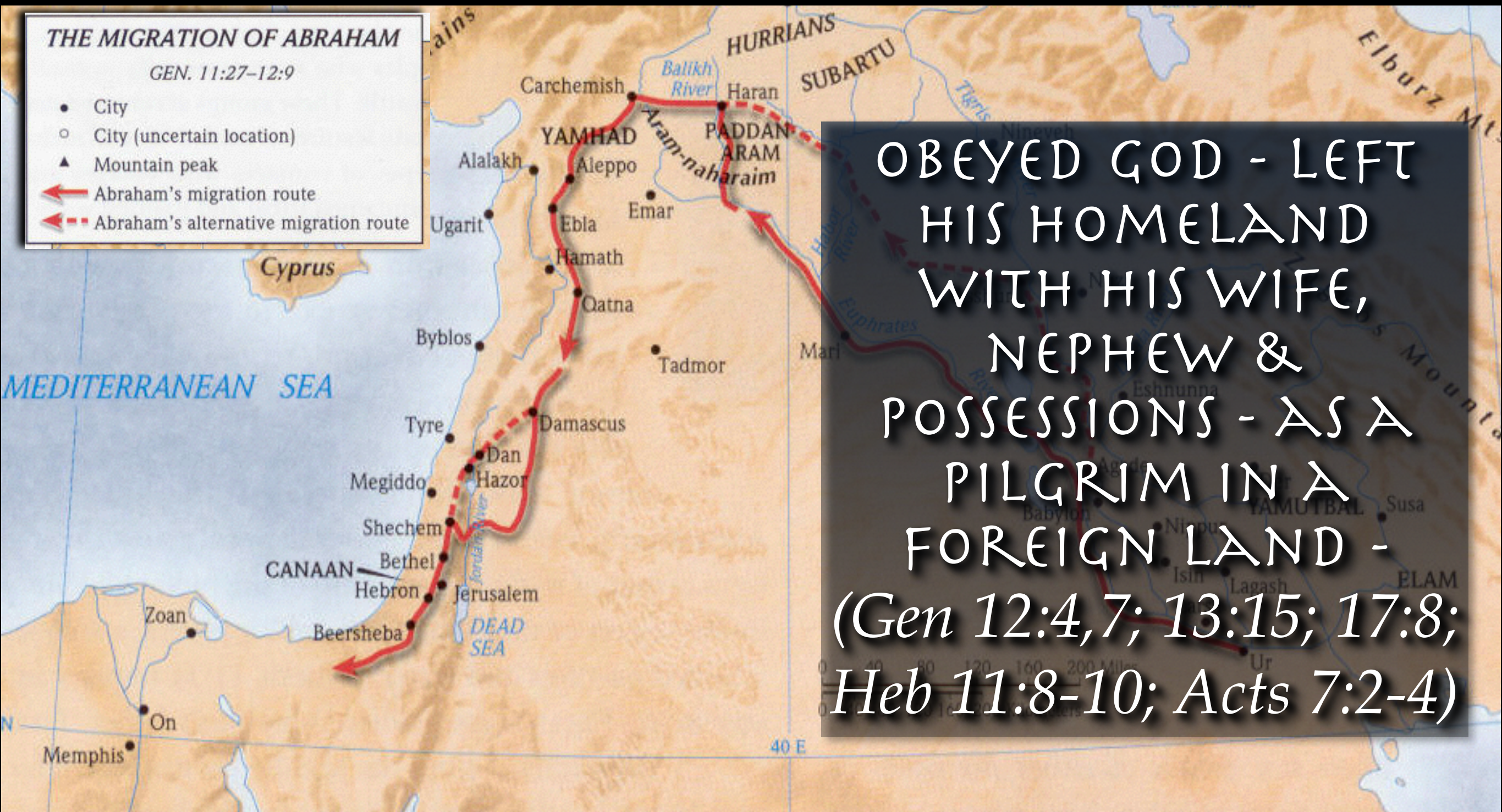
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OBEYED GOD - LEFT
HIS HOMELAND
WITH HIS WIFE,
NEPHEW &
POSSESSIONS - AS A
PILGRIM IN A
FOREIGN LAND -
(Gen 12:4,7; 13:15; 17:8;
Heb 11:8-10; Acts 7:2-4)



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THE BEGINNING GENESIS 11:27-12:9

- HE LIVED IN THE LAND FOR 100 YEARS OWNING ONLY THE CAVE OF MACHPELAH WHICH HE PURCHASED TO BURY SARAH - (GEN 23)
- "WITH ISAAC AND JACOB," AS "FELLOW HEIRS." HEB 6:12, 15, 17 - YET LIVED IN TENTS
- BY FAITH, LOOKED BEYOND THE TEMPORAL & TRANSIENT! - HEB 11:10



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THE BEGINNING GENESIS 11:27-12:9

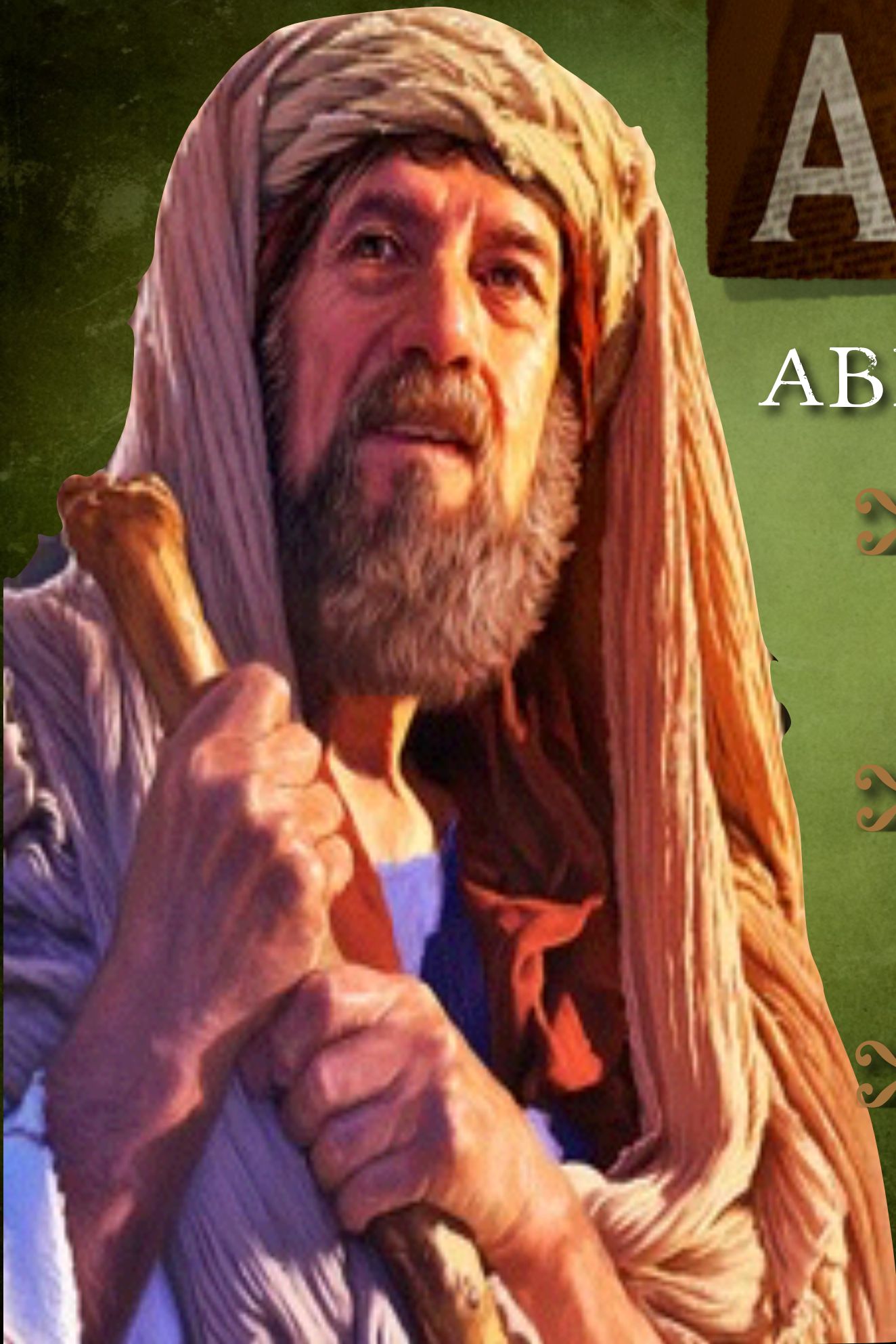
➤ WE ARE CALLED TO OBEY
THE GOSPEL - 1 THES 2:13

* Obey what you know - Mat
28:19,20; Acts 2:38-42, etc

* Not knowing all that awaits -
Acts 9:15; 26:14-18

* Might be divided from family,
Mt. 10:34-39

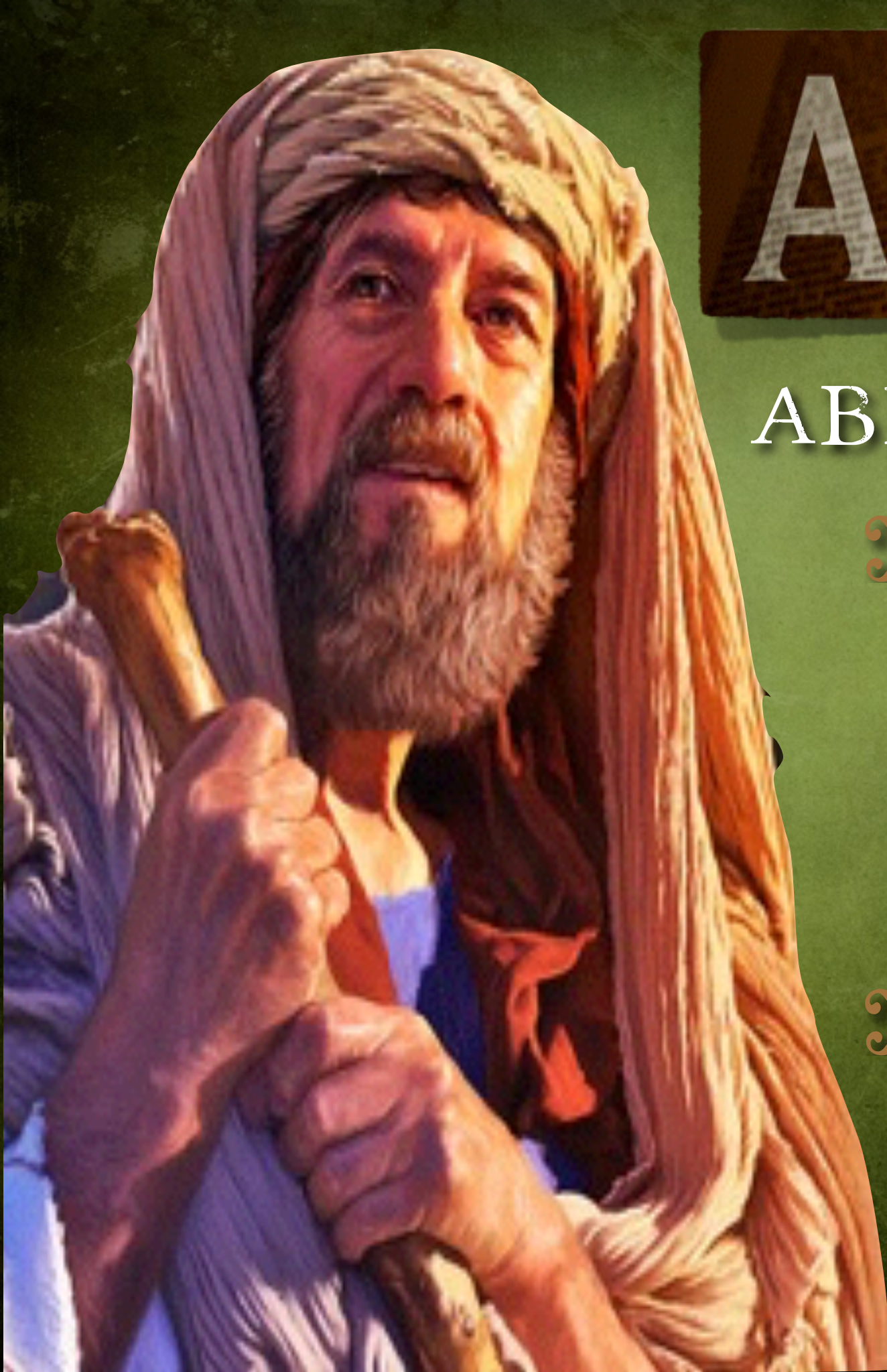
* This world is not our home,
1 Pt. 1:3-7; 2:11, 12



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ABRAHAM'S FAILURES

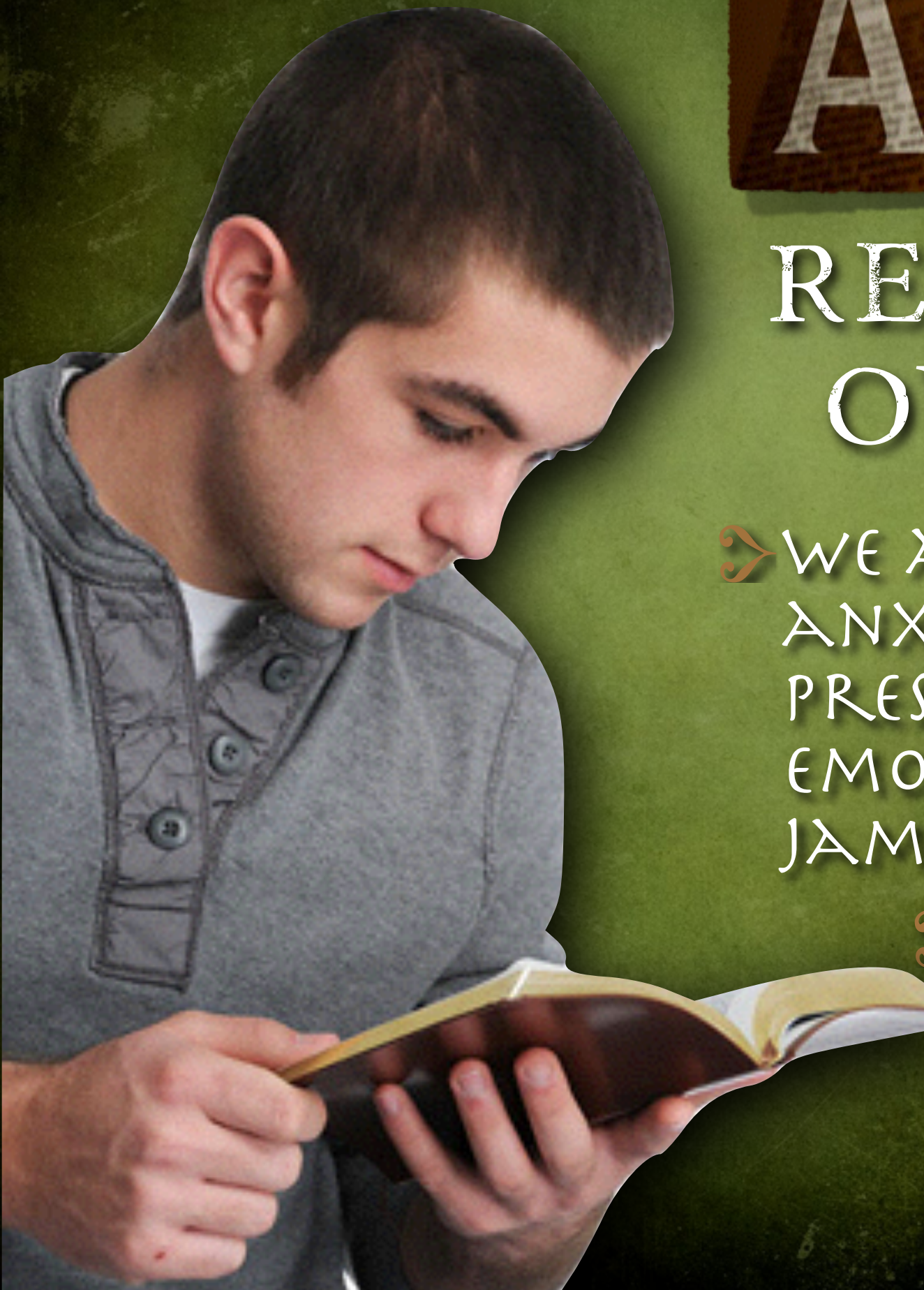
- HE WAS AFRAID & SINNED - (GEN. 12:12-19; 20:2-12).
- HE WAS ANXIOUS & IMPATIENT - (GEN. 15:1-6).
- HE LISTENED TO HIS WIFE & COMPROMISED - (GEN. 16:2; 17:18).



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ABRAHAM'S FAILURES

- HE WAS LED BY EMOTION & DOUBTED [*He laughed - wanted his heir to be Ishmael*] - (GN. 17:17,18; CF. 21:11).
- HE WAS PLAGUED BY THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS PAST MISTAKES (GN. 16:5,6; CF. 21:9-13).

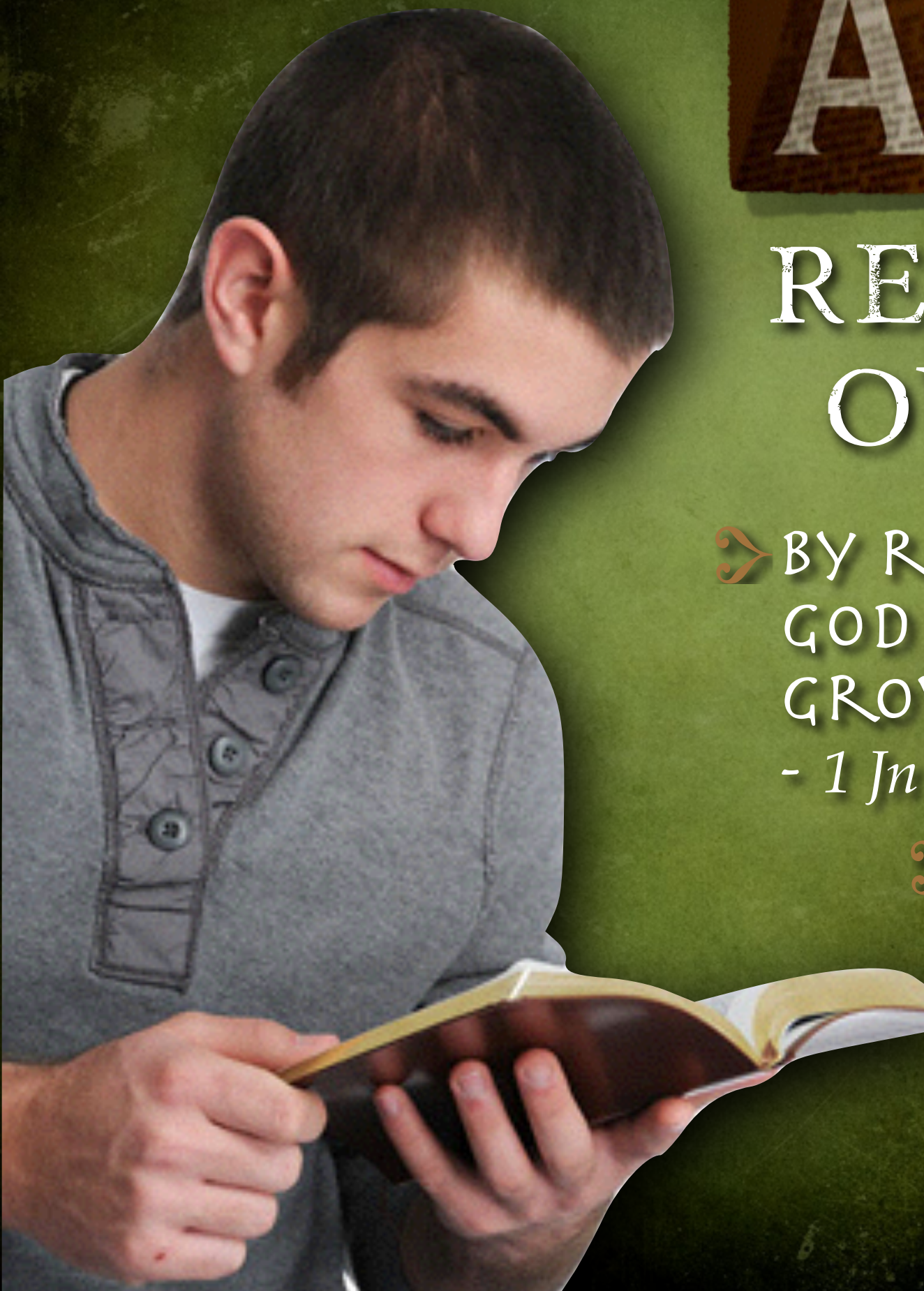


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RESPONDING TO OUR FAILURES

➤ WE ALL BATTLE FEAR,
ANXIOUSNESS, IMPATIENCE,
PRESSURE TO COMPROMISE,
EMOTIONS, & CONSEQUENCES -
JAMES 1:13-15; ROM 3:23

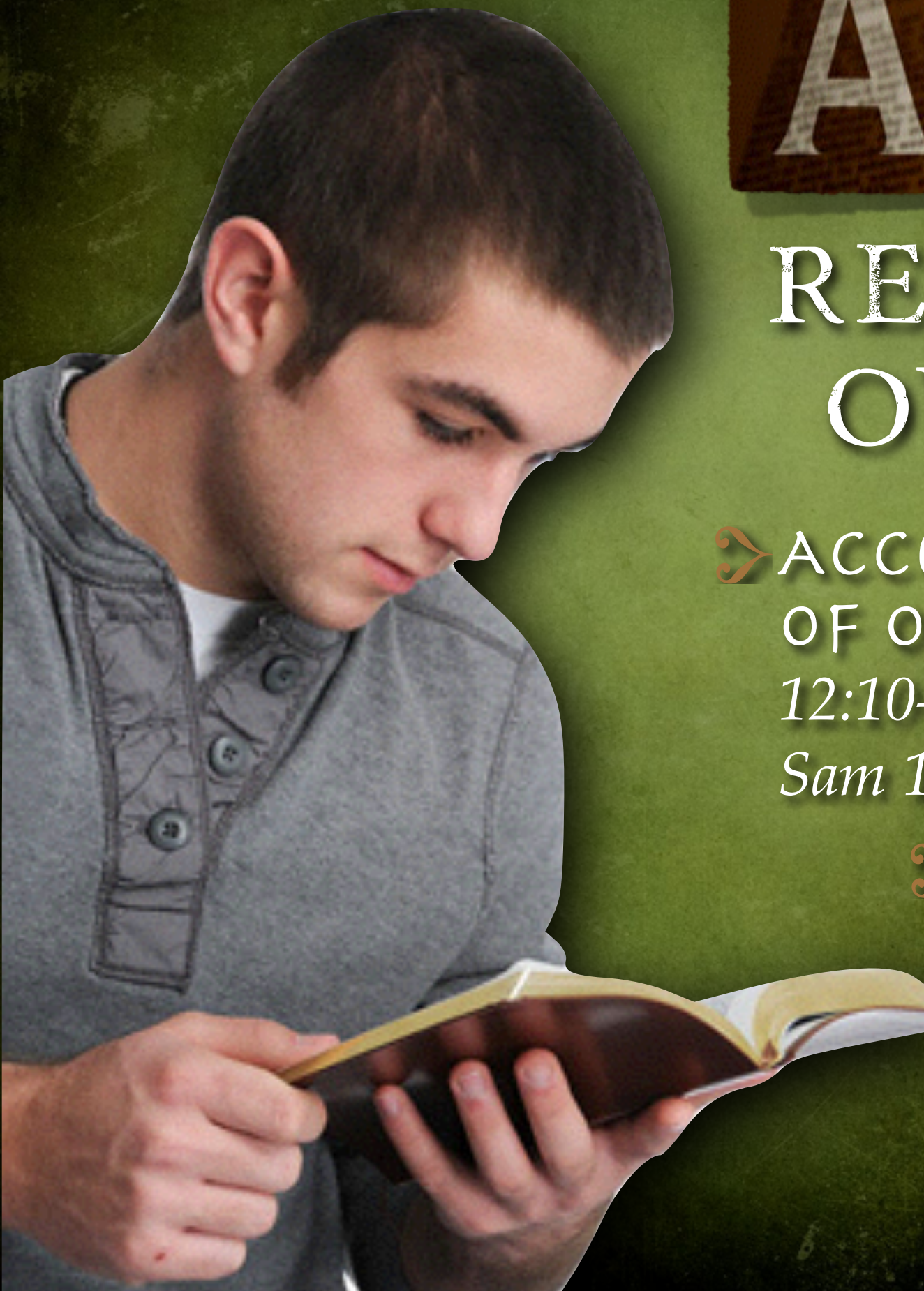
➤ LET US NOT ALLOW OUR
STRUGGLES OF FAITH TO
DEFINE US - [Solomon - 1 Ki 11;
Saul - 1 Ki 15; Judas - Mat 27:5;
Demas 2 Tim 4:10; etc]



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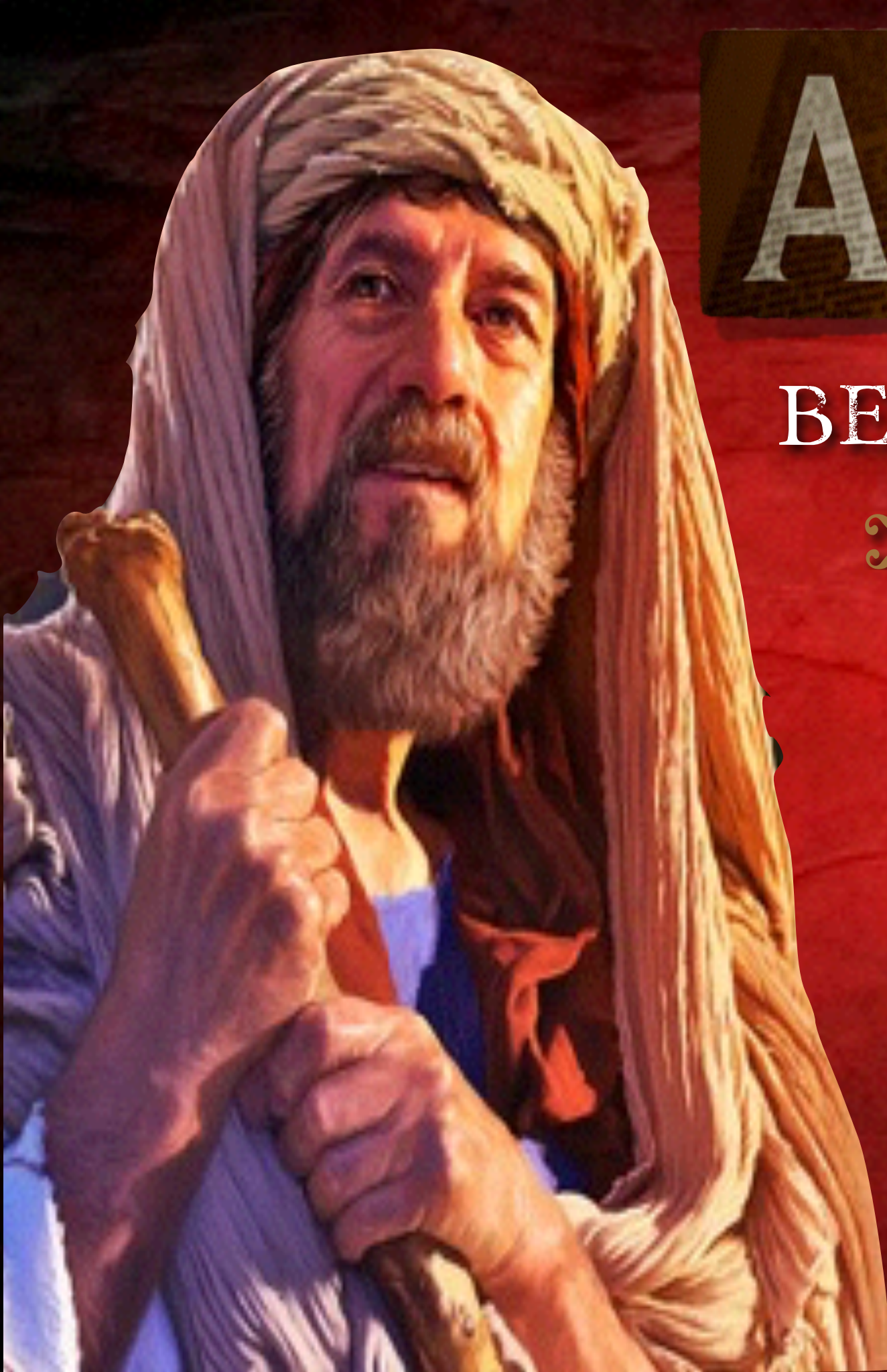
- BY REPENTANCE & TRUSTING GOD THERE IS FORGIVENESS, GROWTH, STRENGTH & VICTORY
- 1 Jn 1:9; 2 Pet 1:5-10; Eph 6:10-18;
- STRENGTHENING OUR FAITH IS A PROCESS - AS WE OVERCOME OUR STRUGGLES WE ARE MADE STRONGER -
Rom 5:1-4; Heb 4:12-14; Jam 1:1-26



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RESPONDING TO OUR FAILURES

- ACCEPTING THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR FAILURES - [*David* - 2 Sam 12:10-12, 15-19; 13:28,29; 2 Sam 15; 2 Sam 18:14]
- WE WILL EITHER ALLOW OUR PAST FAILURES TO CONTINUE TO DEFEAT US OR ALLOW THEM TO STRENGTHEN US, REPENTING & OVERCOMING THEM



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BELIEVED & OBEYED

➤ THE TEST OF CIRCUMCISION
- GEN 17:1-27

- * The promise - “walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.” - Gen 17:2
- * The sign of the covenant - Every male child among you shall be circumcised; ... it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.” - Gen 17:9-14



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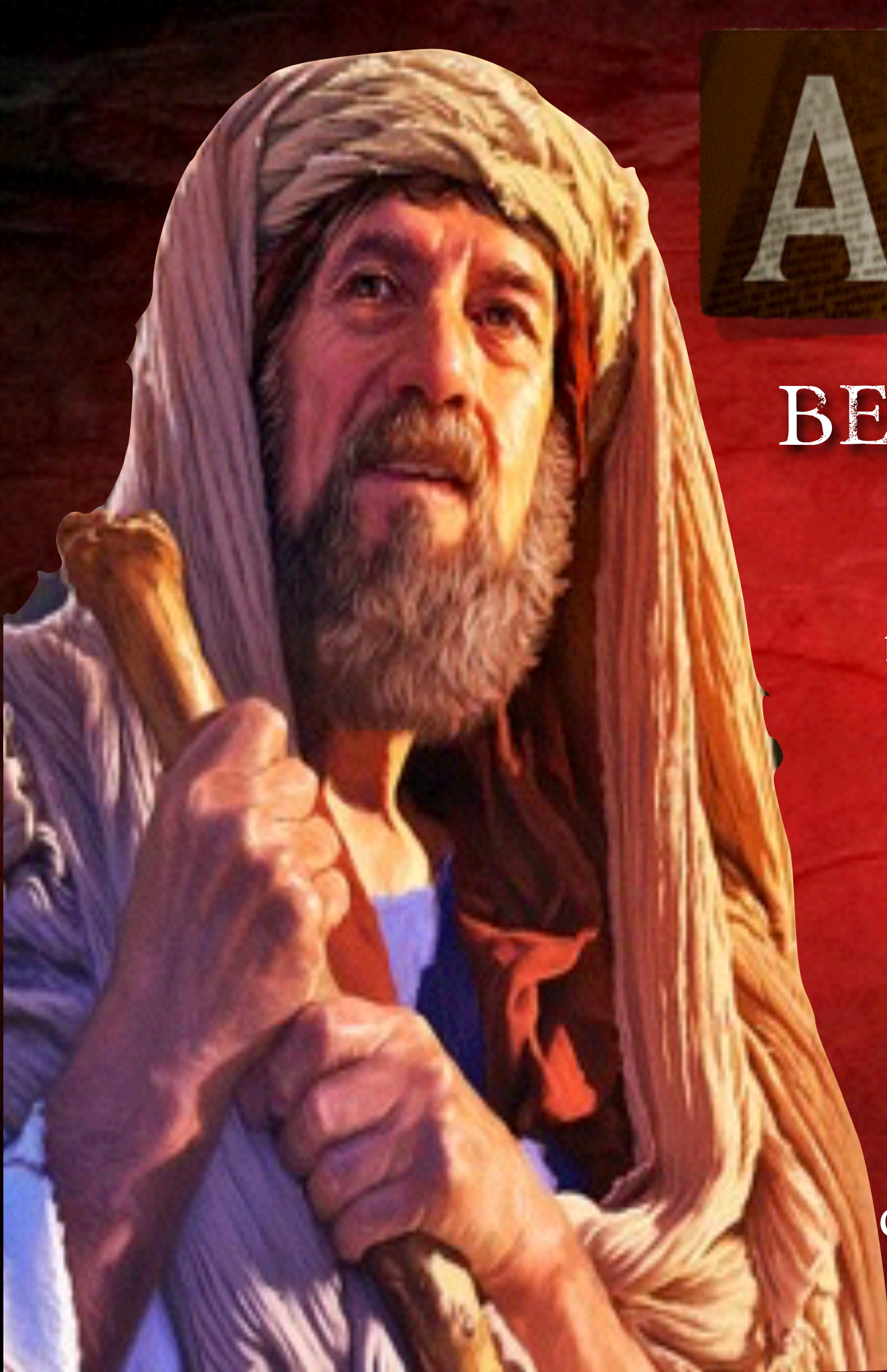
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➤ THE TEST OF CIRCUMCISION
- GEN 17:1-27

* Initial doubt & proposed
alternative - Gen 17:15-18

* The covenant would be with
Him & the son Sarah would
bare a year later - his name was
to be Isaac - Gen 17:19-22

* Abraham trusts & obeys - Gen
17:23-27



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BELIEVED & OBEYED

ROMANS 4:19-22 (NKJV)

¹⁹ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform....



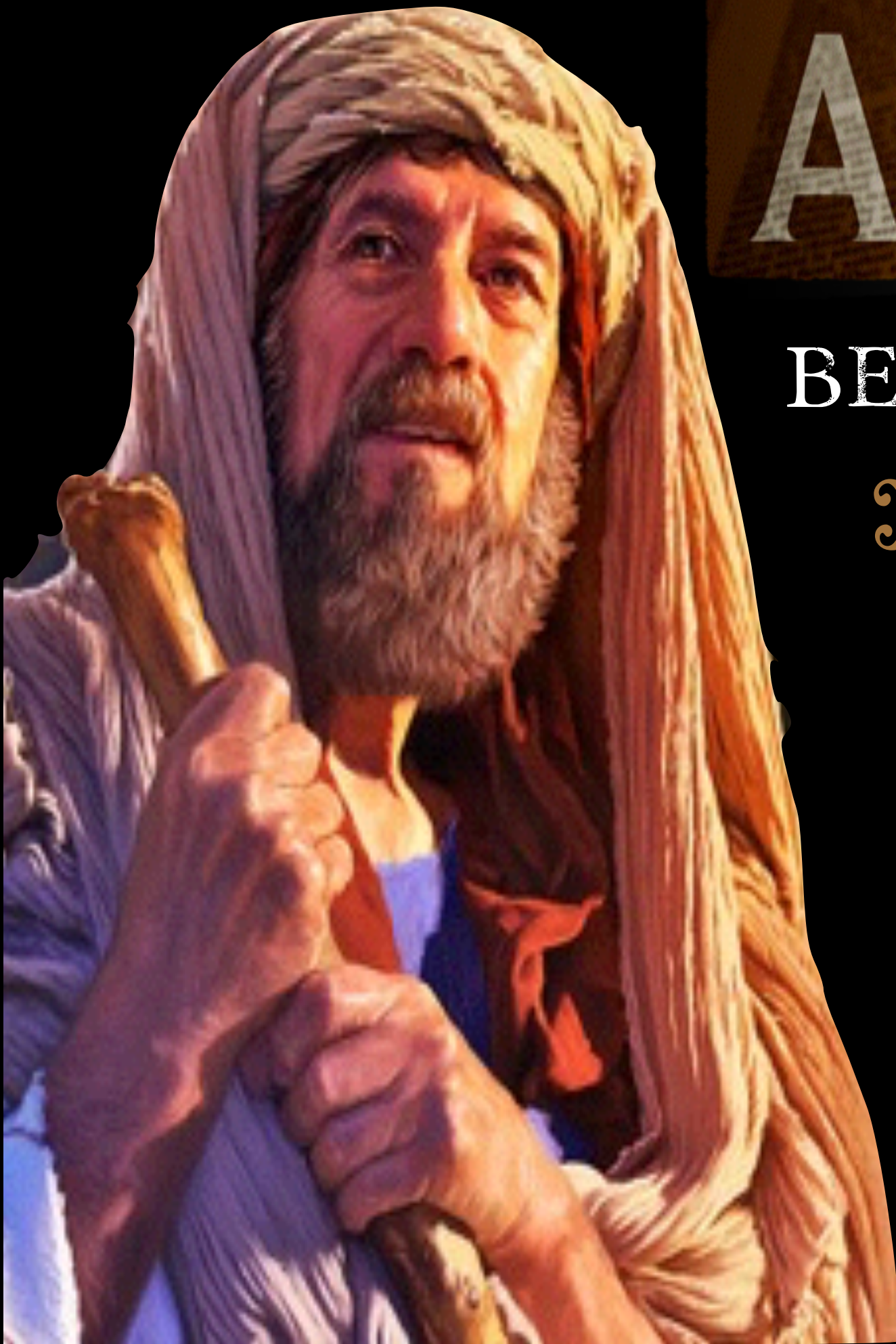
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➤ THE TEST OF CIRCUMCISION
- GEN 17:1-27

* Isaac was born when he was 100 years old & Sarah 90 - Gen 21:5. 25 years after the promise was given in Haran - Gen 12:4

* Abraham lived 15 years after the birth of his grandson's Jacob & Esau, dying at the age of 175 - Gen 25:6,7,26



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BELIEVED & OBEYED

➤ THE TEST OF LOT -
GEN 14:1-27; 18:16-33

- * Lot taken in a raid, but Abraham rescues him - (Gen. 14:11-16)
- * Blessed by Melchizedek, and paid tithes to him - (Gen. 14:18-20)
- * Abraham intercedes for Lot & Sodom - God remembers Abraham sparing Lot - (Gen 18:16-33; 19:29; 2 Pet 2:7)

A man with a beard, wearing a brown robe and a striped shawl, stands on a pile of dry sticks and branches. He holds a knife aloft in his right hand, looking up at a starry night sky. A young boy lies on the pile of wood, his head resting on his hands.

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BELIEVED & OBEYED

➤ THE GREATEST TEST OF
ABRAHAM'S FAITH -
(GEN. 22:1-18).

- * Commanded to give his promised son as a sacrifice - (Gen 22:1,2)
- * Obeyed - arose early - made trip to Moriah, (2 Ch. 3:1) ascended the mount - knew he would return w/ lad - (Gen 22:3-5)
- * Offered Isaac - (Gen 22:9-10; Heb 11:17)



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BELIEVED & OBEYED

➤ THE GREATEST TEST OF
ABRAHAM'S FAITH -
(GEN. 22:1-18).

* Abraham demonstrated his
complete confidence in
God keeping His promises
– (Rom 4:20-21; Gen.
18:14; Mat. 19:26; Luke
1:37; 2 Tim 1:12; Heb.
11:13)



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BELIEVED & OBEYED

HEBREWS 11:17-19 (NKJV)

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," ¹⁹ concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

A composite image featuring a man with a beard, wearing a brown robe and a striped shawl, standing on a pile of dry sticks and branches. He is holding a knife aloft in his right hand, looking upwards. A young boy, presumably Isaac, is lying on the pile of wood, looking up at the man. The background is a dark, starry night sky.

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BELIEVED & OBEYED

JAMES 2:21-24 (NKJV)

²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? ²² Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

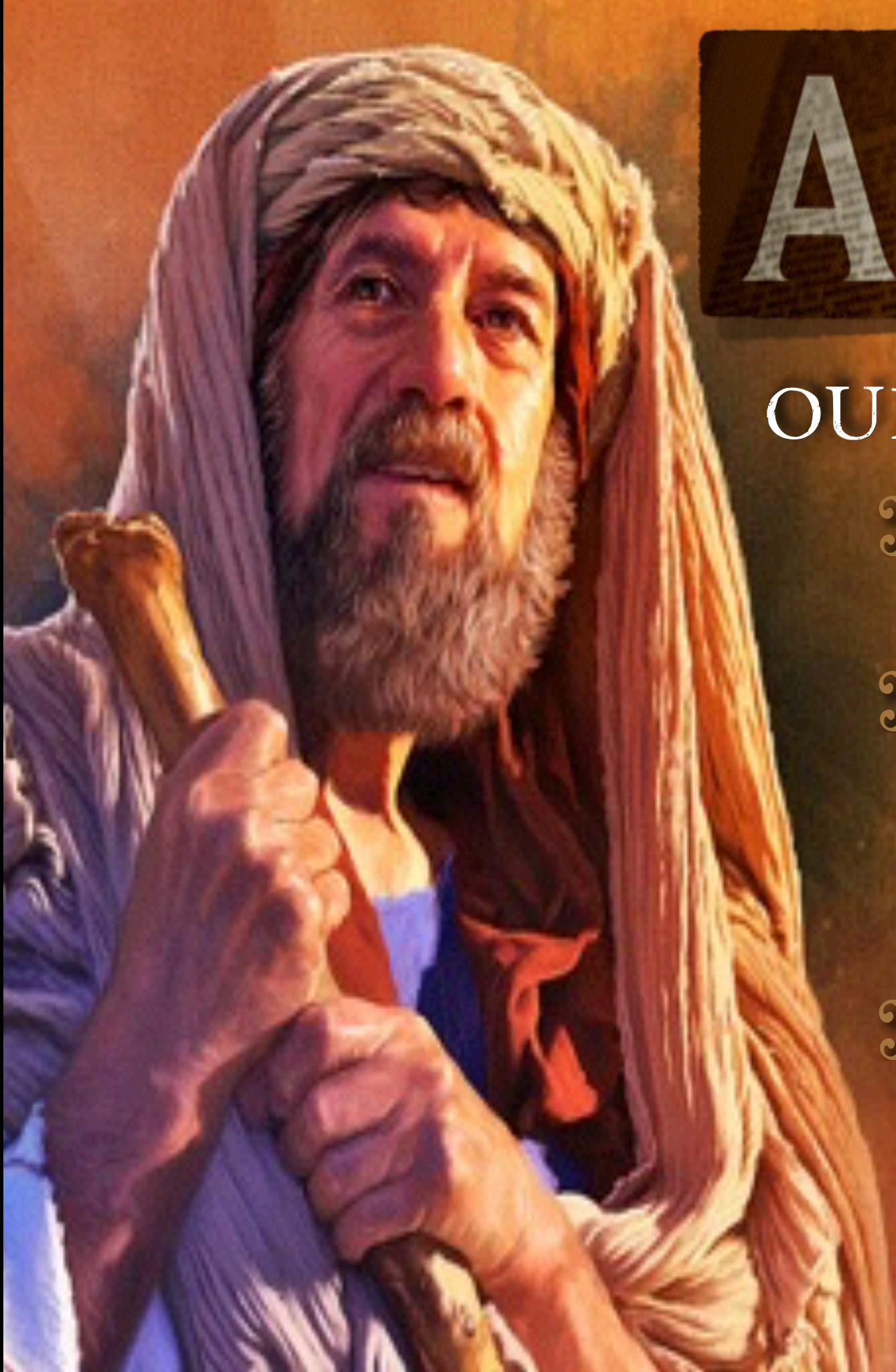


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BELIEVED & OBEYED

JAMES 2:21-24 (NKJV)

²³ And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.



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OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

- ARE WE STRONG OR WEAK IN THE FAITH?
- DO WE TRUST GOD REGARDLESS OF HOW THINGS APPEAR FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE?
- DO WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD BY TRUSTING HIM AND OBEYING HIM IN EVERYTHING



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GENESIS 12:4
HEBREWS 11:8

GENESIS 15:6
ROMANS 4:1-4,12

GENESIS 22:3,12,16,18
JAMES 2:21-25

GENESIS 13:4
HEBREWS 11:9

GENESIS 17:1-27
ROMANS 4:13-21

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OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

THE PRINCIPLE ...

**God
Speaks**



**Man
Believes**



**Man
Obeys**



**God
Saves**

- ◆ Noah – Gen. 6:8,13-17; 22; 7:5; Heb 11:7
- ◆ Abraham – Gen 12:4; 15:6; 17:10,23; 22:3,16-18
- ◆ Israel – Exo. 12:13; 14:30; Deut 30:15-19; Jos 6; 1 Cor 10:1-13
- ◆ Us – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:12,37; Rom 6:3-6; 10:9-13; Gal. 3:26,27; Col. 2:11-13; 1 Pet 3:21; 1 Jn 1:9



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ROMANS 4:13-22 (NKJV)

¹³ For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, ¹⁵ because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression.

ROMANS 4:13-22 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all ¹⁷ (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

ROMANS 4:13-22 (NKJV)

¹⁸ who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

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