

Course: Old Testament History

Genesis (12-50)

From Abram to Joseph

Text: ‘All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:’ (2 Timothy 3:16)

Introduction

Part Two (Genesis 12-50)

Focuses on one family.

Abraham and Sarah

Isaac and Rebecca

Jacob and his family

Joseph

Main events

God calls Abram and leads him to Canaan.

God makes a covenant with Abram

The birth of Ishmael

The promise and birth of Isaac

Abraham offers up Isaac

Isaac and Rebecca

Jacob and Esau

Jacob in Haran

Jacob's family in Canaan.

Joseph in Egypt.

Lesson Outline

1. Archaeological excavations
 - a) Ebla
 - b) Ugarit
2. Abram in Canaan
 - a) Chronology of journey to Canaan
 - b) Abram's first visit to Egypt (12th dynasty)
3. God makes a covenant with Abram
 - a) The Blood Covenant
 - b) The Importance of the Covenant
 - c) The Promise
4. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah
 - a) Abram at Mamre
 - b) The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah
 - c) Descendants of Lot.

5. Moriah and Machpelah

- a) Abraham offers up Isaac
- b) Abraham buys the cave of Machpelah for a burial ground.

6. Finding a bride for Isaac.

- a) Eliezar goes to the City of Nahor (Haran)
- b) Isaac and Rebecca

7. Jacob and Esau

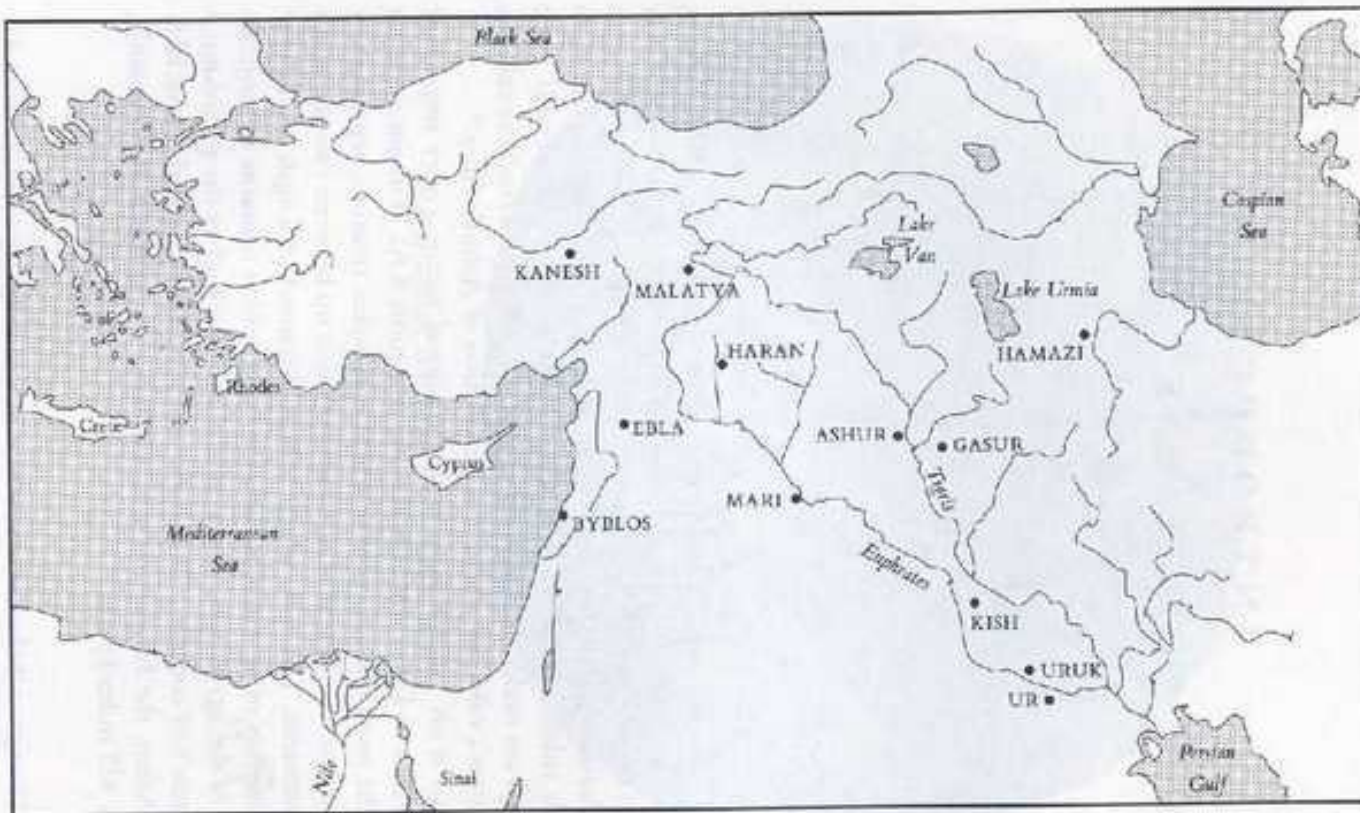
- a) Lentils
- b) Jacob in Haran
- c) Jacob's family in Canaan.

8. Joseph in Egypt.

- a) Joseph sold by his brothers
- b) Joseph's rise to power in Egypt.

1. Archaeological excavations

- a) Ebla (Tell Mardikh) located in N.Syria, and
- b) Ras Shamra the ancient Canaanite city of Ugarit



The Fertile Crescent

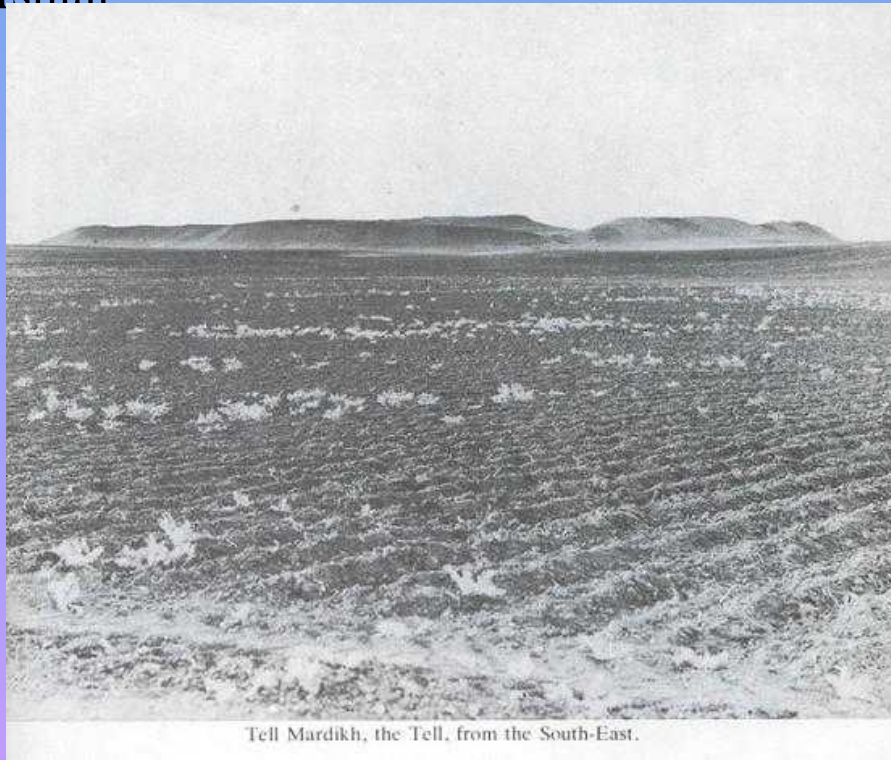
a) Ebla (Tell Mardikh) located in N.Syria.

55km SW of Aleppo

c. 2500 - 2000 BC

Italian archaeologists excavated Tell Mardikh in 1964

1968 Discovered statue of Ibit-Lim, King of Ebla, dedicated to the goddess Ishtar



Tell Mardikh, the Tell, from the South-East.

Excavations at Ebla



1968-1978 Discovered over 15,000 cuneiform tablets.

80% Sumerian (world's oldest language)

20% Unknown Semitic language (Eblaite)

One tablet contained a dictionary of 3000 Eblaite words giving Sumerian equivalent.

Creation (Ebla tablet)

'There was a time when there was no heaven, and Lugal ('the great one') formed it out of nothing; there was no earth, and Lugal made it; there was no light, and he made it'

b) Ancient Canaanite city of Ugarit - Ras Shamra

Ancient city in N W Syria on the Mediterranean. Discovered 1928.

Important Mediterranean port – inland trade route to Mesopotamia.



The Shøyen Collection

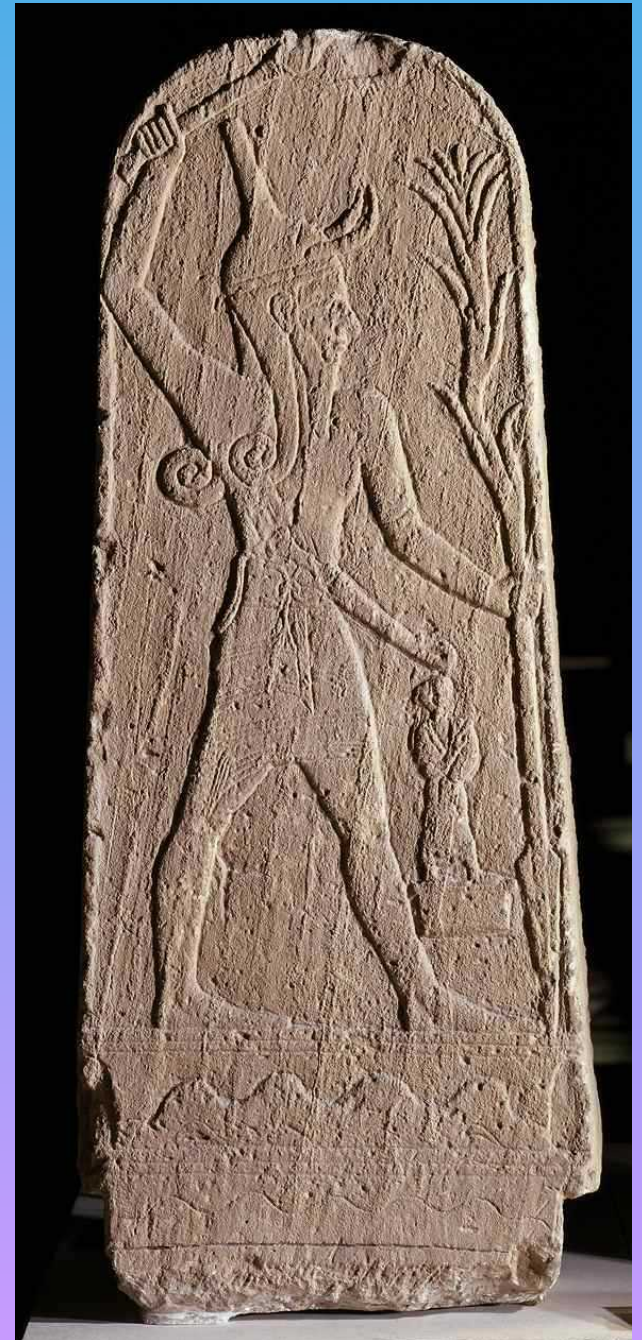
Ugarit

Discovered a royal Palace containing 90 rooms and two temples.

The temples were dedicated to

6. Baal (lord of the earth), and
7. Dagon (god of grain and fertility).

Ugarit Baal



Phoenician gods

Dagon



Baal



Baal was the
son of Dagon.

Ugarit and Egypt

The earliest evidence of contact between Ugarit and Egypt comes from a carnelian bead from the time of the Pharaoh Senusret I (1971 BC – 1926 BC).

Senusret was Pharaoh during the Middle Kingdom.

This was around the time Abram went to Egypt and Sarai was taken into the house of Pharaoh.

Senusret was also married to his sister.

Senusret I (1971 BC – 1926 BC)

Second pharaoh of twelfth dynasty.

He was married to his sister Neferu.

