

## **Genesis 12:1-2 (HCS)**

**The LORD said to Abram: Go out from your land, your relatives, and your father's house to the land that I will show you. [2] I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.**

**Genesis 12:3 (HCS)**

**I will bless those who bless you, I will  
curse those who treat you with  
contempt, and all the peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.**

**Genesis 14:18-19 (HCS)**

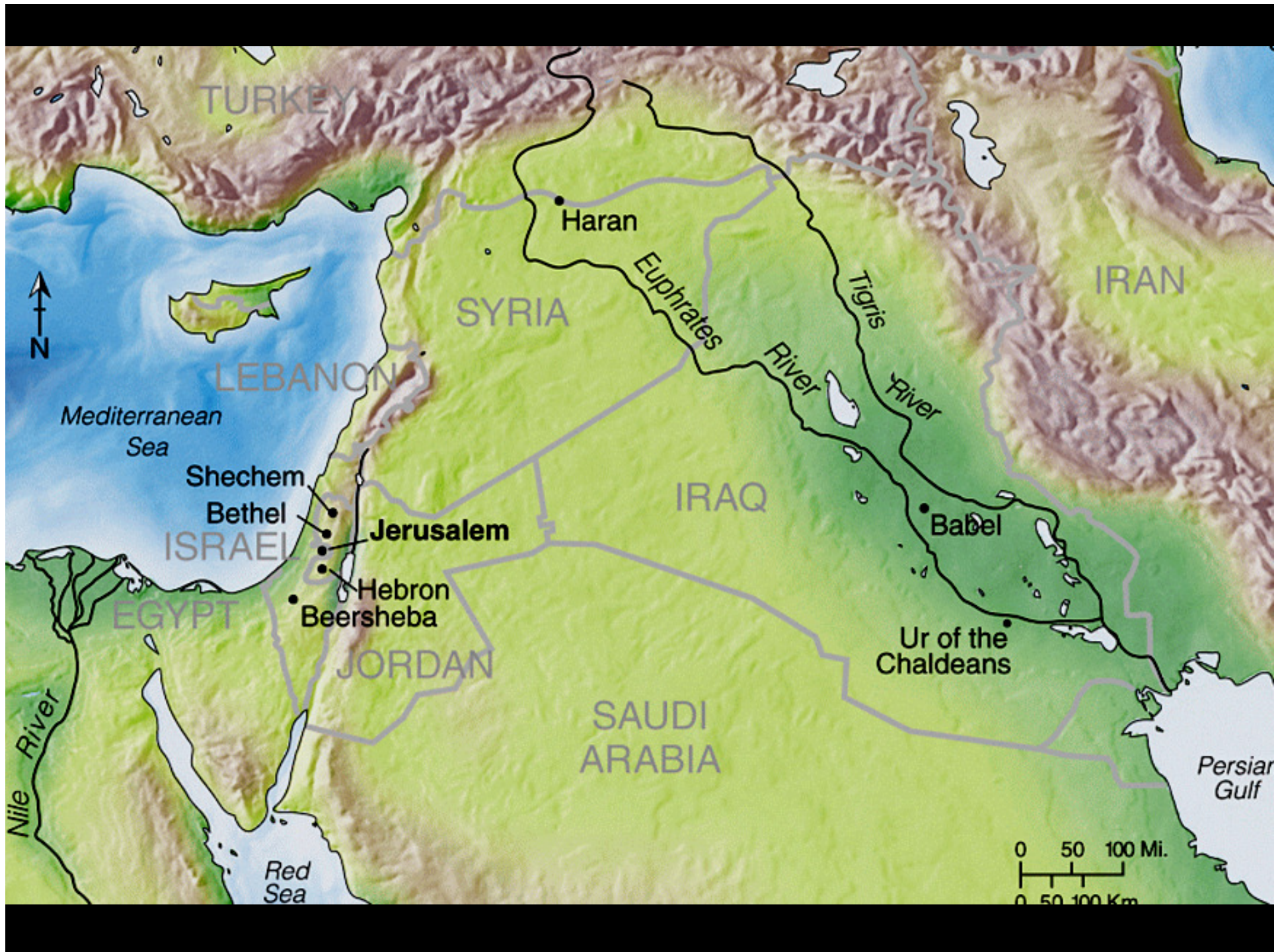
**Then Melchizedek, king of Salem,  
brought out bread and wine; he was a  
priest to God Most High. He blessed him  
and said: Abram is blessed by God Most  
High, Creator of heaven and earth,...**

## **Genesis 14:20 (HCS)**

**...and I give praise to God Most High who has handed over your enemies to you. And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.**

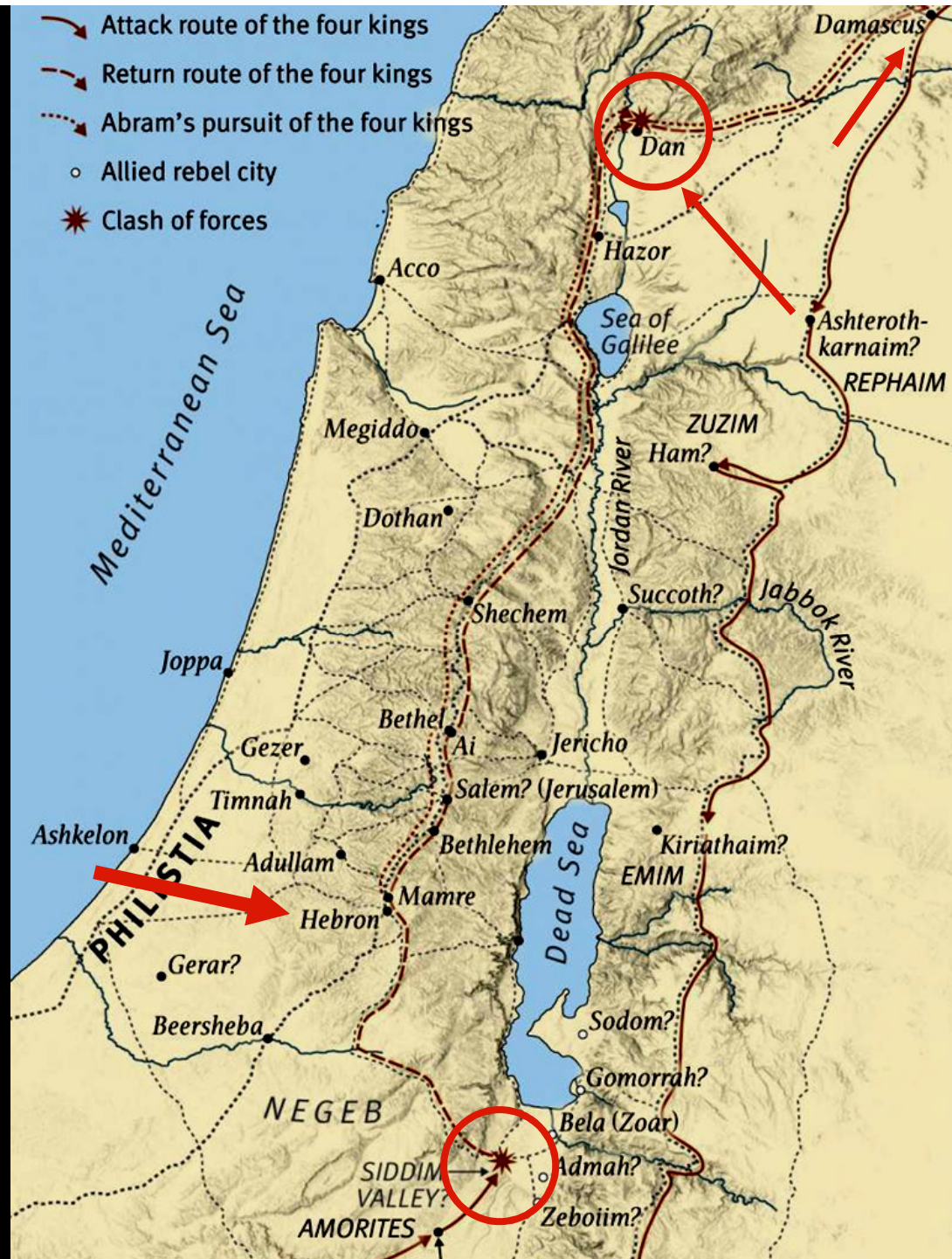
# **RELYING ON GOD'S PROMISES**

**Genesis 14:1-24**









# Abram's Character:

- he was **PREPARED**
- he showed **COURAGE** as he trusted God
- he was the **LEADER**

Psalm 62:5-6 (NLT)

Let all that I am **WAIT QUIETLY**  
before **God**,

for my **HOPE** is in **HIM**.

[6] **HE ALONE** is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress where

**I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN.**

[7] My victory and honor come from  
**God** alone. **He** is my refuge, a rock  
**where no enemy can reach me.**

Psalm 62:8 (NLT)

O my people, **TRUST in HIM**  
at all times.

**Pour out your heart to HIM,**  
for **God is our REFUGE.**



# **Fulfillment of God's Promises**

- I will **BLESS** you
- I will **BLESS** those who bless you
- I will make your **NAME GREAT**

This absolute refusal was Abram's  
**Declaration of DEPENDENCE  
upon God**

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## 2 Corinthians 4:5-7 (JBP)

**For it is Christ Jesus the Lord whom we preach,** not ourselves; we are your servants for his sake. God, who first ordered 'light to shine in darkness', has flooded our hearts with his light. [6] We now can enlighten men only because we can give them knowledge of the glory of God, as we see it in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:7 (JBP)

**This priceless TREASURE we hold,**

so to speak, **in a common**

**earthenware jar -**

**to show** that the splendid power of it

**belongs to God** and **NOT to us.**

If we try to polish, decorate, promote,  
and embellish the **"jars of clay"**  
we could detract from the real  
**impressiveness of the TREASURE**  
within.

# QUESTIONS

1. What happens when we Trust God as our ROCK, our FORTRESS, our REFUGE?
2. Should GIVING back to God be a normal response when God Blesses?
3. What is the most important thing about the Jars of Clay (us)?