

Genesis 12–50

Israel's Birth & Preservation



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GENESIS STRUCTURE



II. Genesis 12-50 (four people)

A. Abraham (12:1–25:11)

B. Isaac (25:12–26:35)

C. Jacob (27–36)

D. Joseph (37–50)



Genesis 37:2-36

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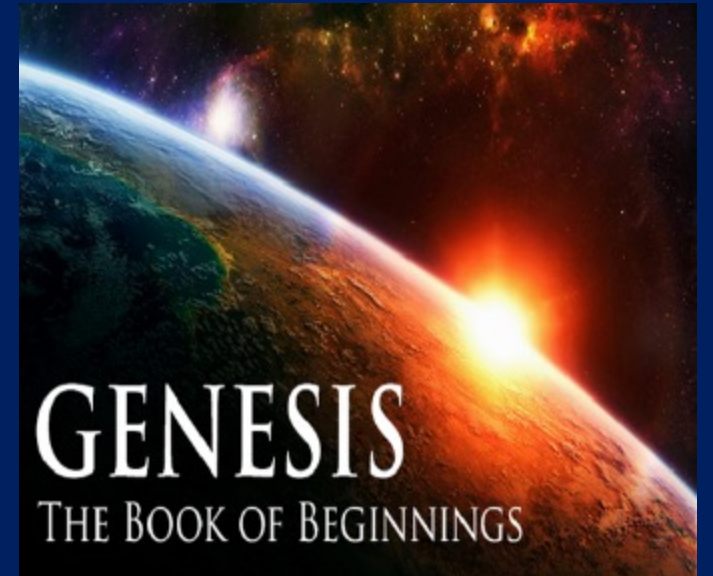


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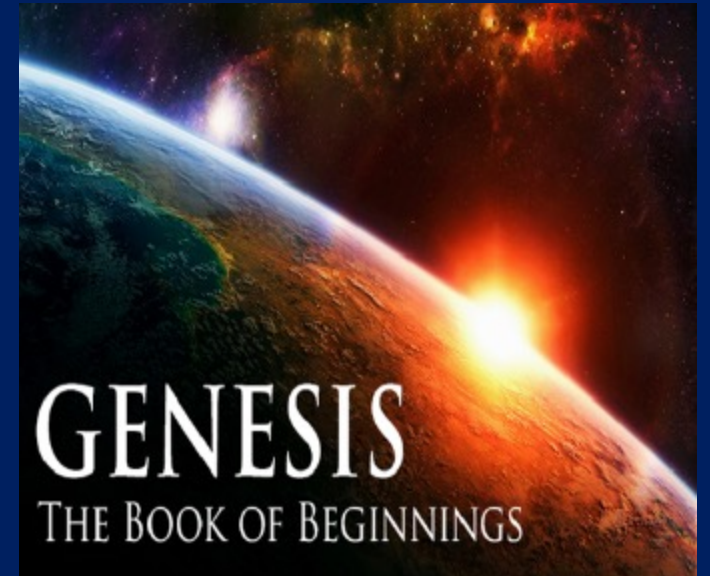
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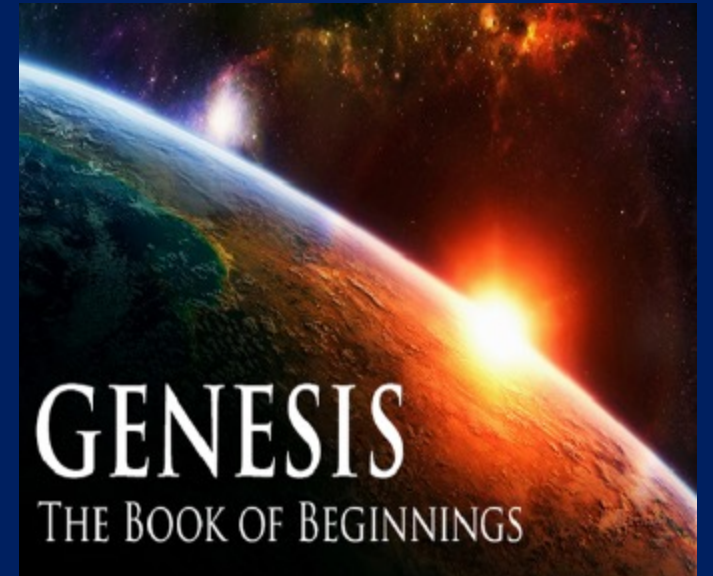
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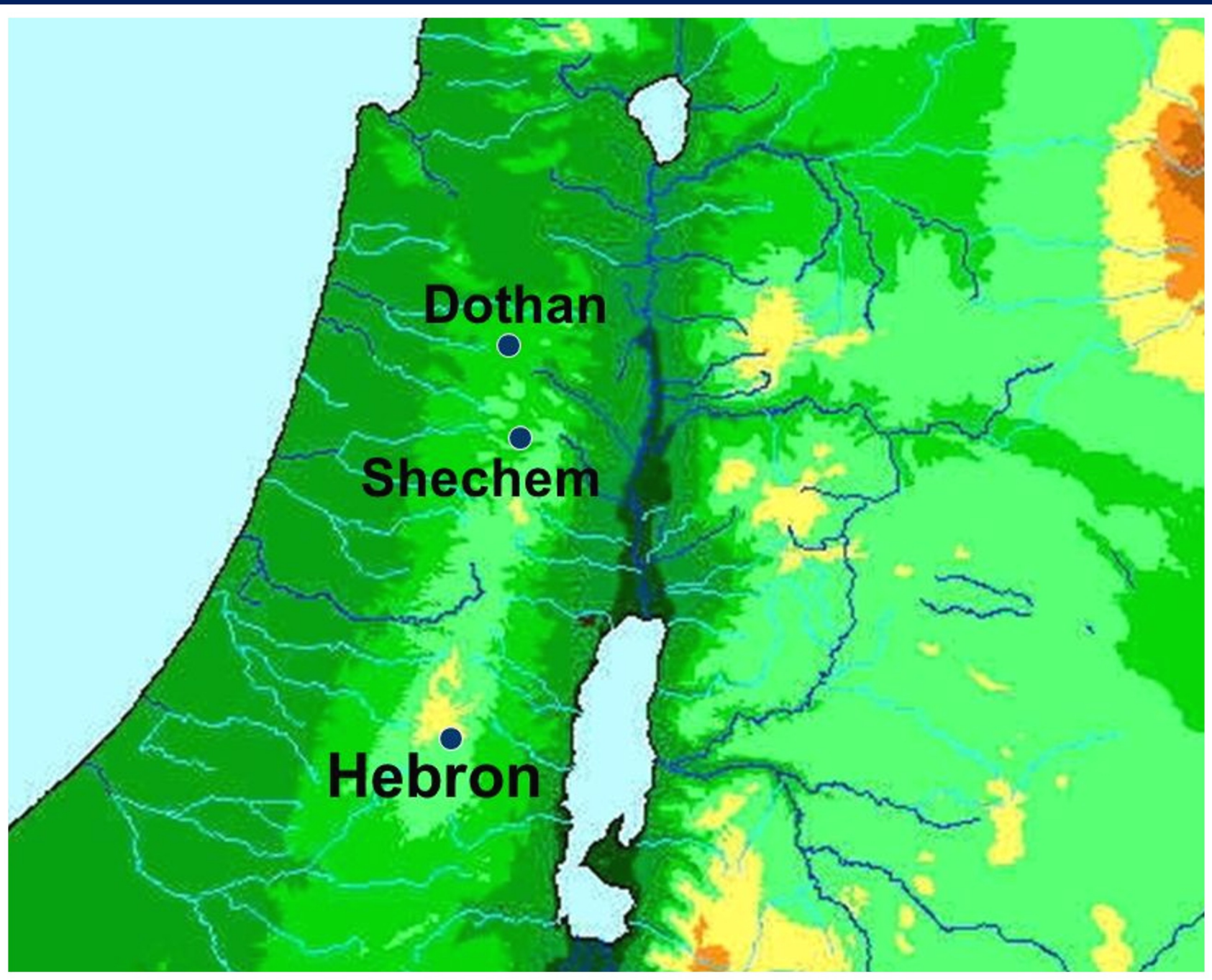


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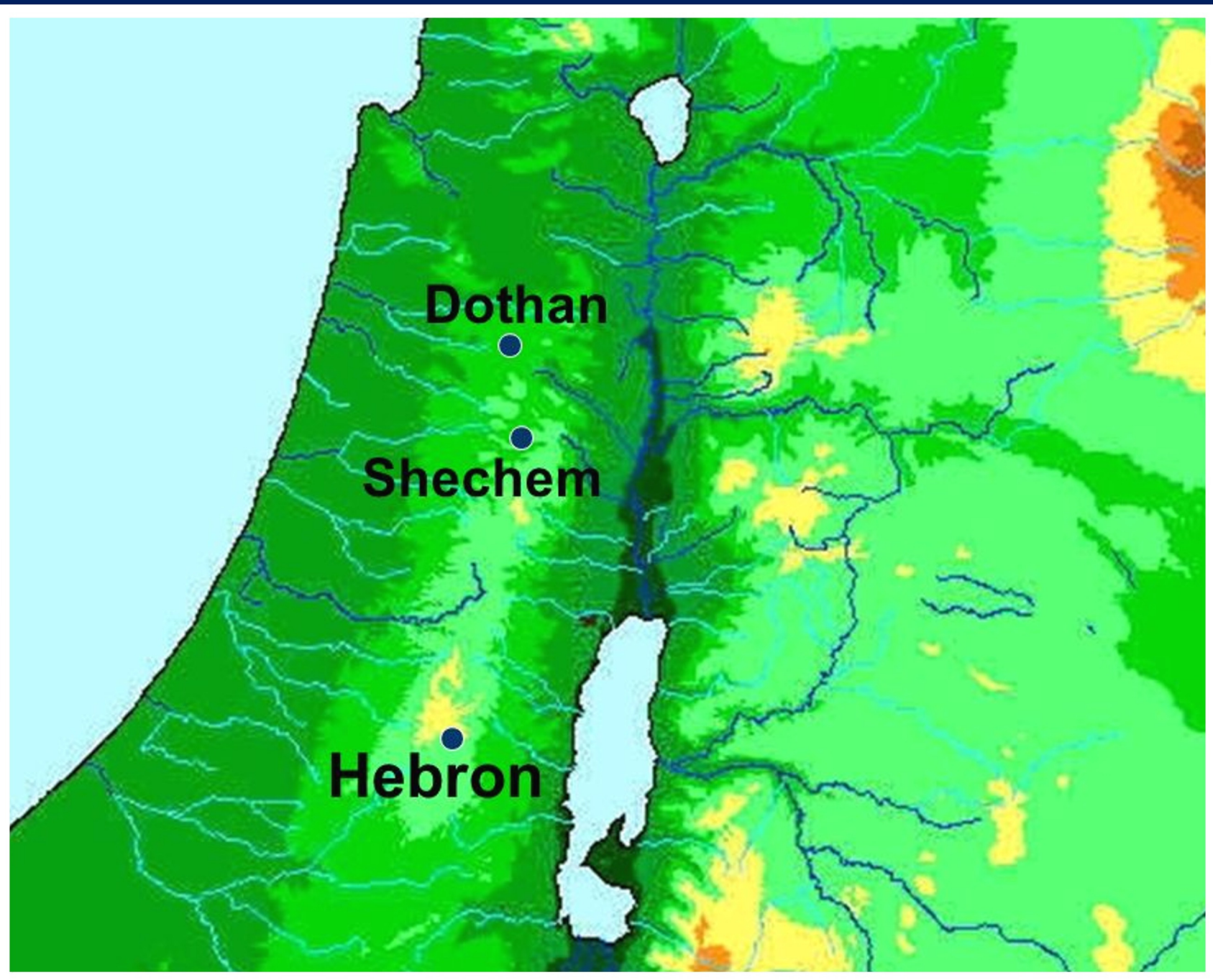


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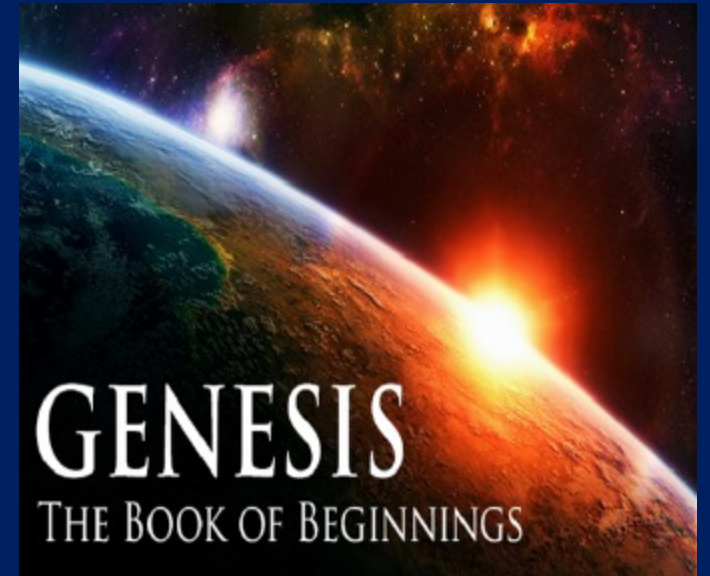




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- b) Conversation (15b-17a)



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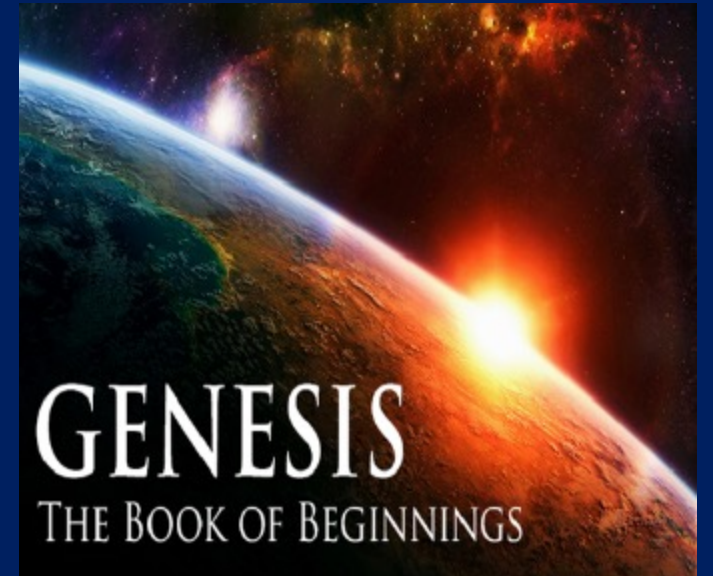


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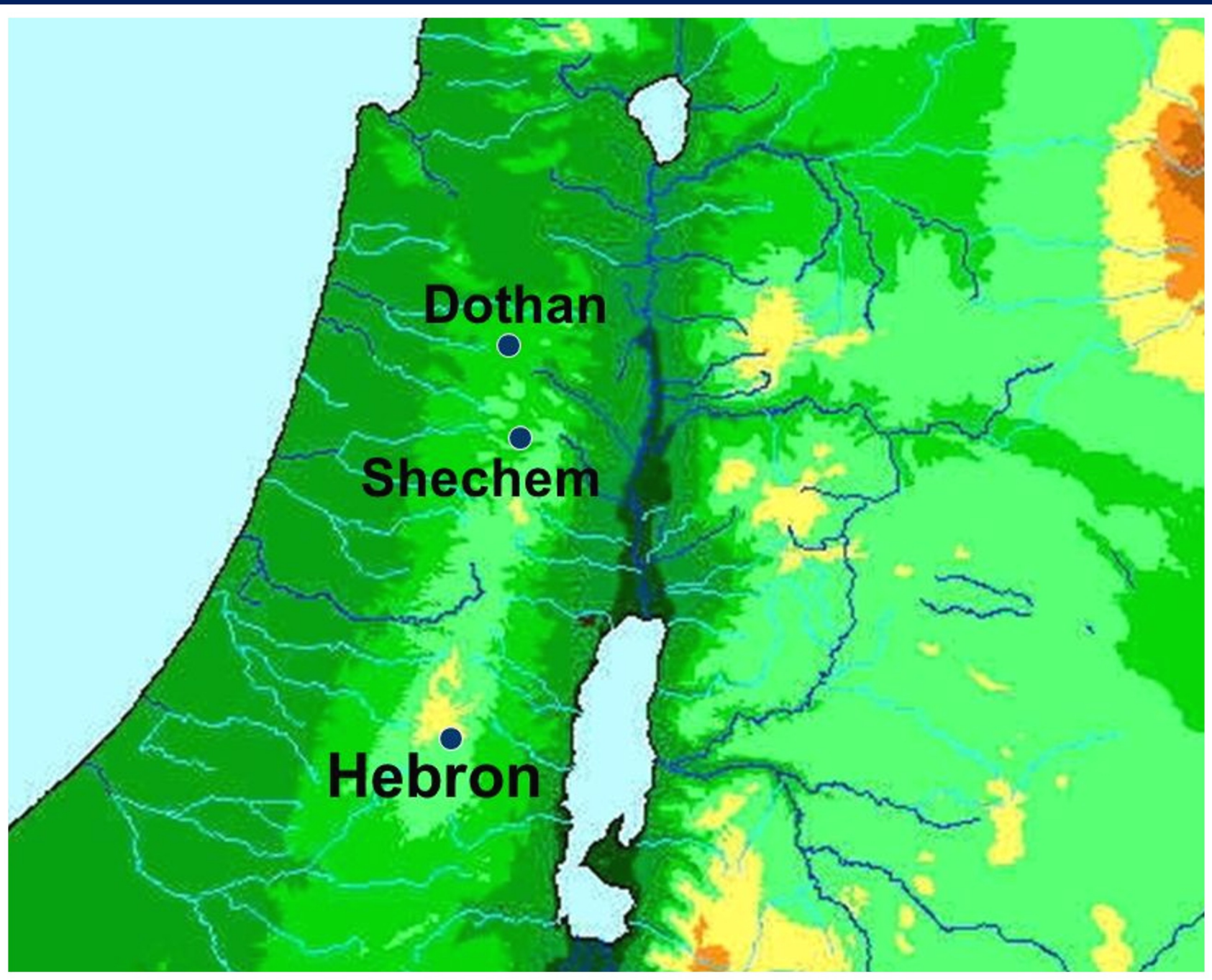
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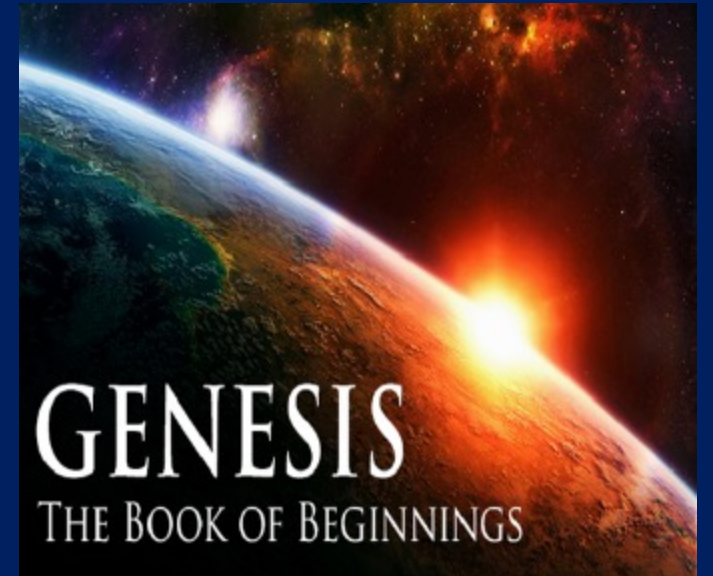




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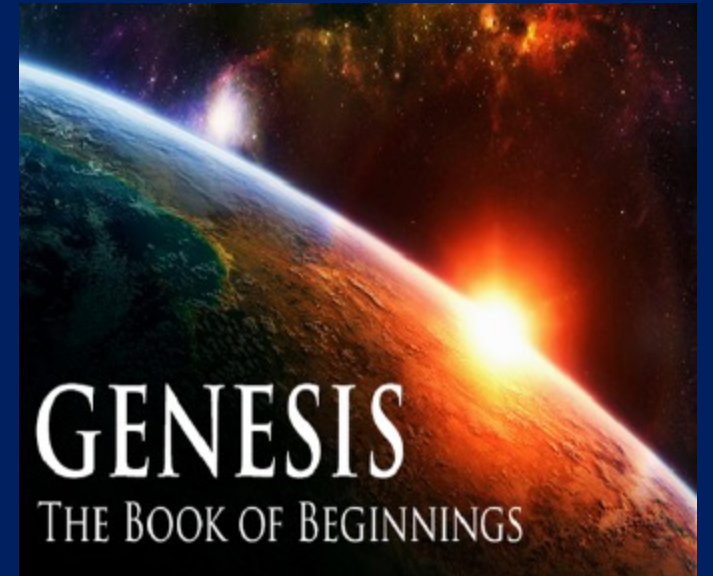


“So in verse 17b, Joseph journeys to Dothan: *And Joseph went after his brethren and found them in Dothan.* Dothan is north of Shechem, another day’s journey. The situation in Shechem may still have been somewhat tense, but for one reason or another they had chosen to go further north, and *Dothan* was the city located on the north-south trunk route. Dothan was also located on the east-west trade route between Gilead and the Coastal Plain where it connected with the *Via Maris* that in turn would go south into Egypt. All this set the stage for the selling of Joseph.”

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Joseph's Pit

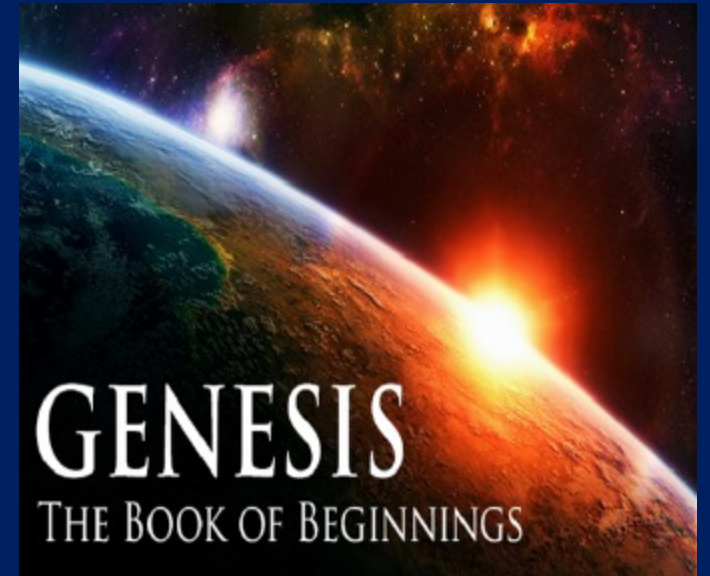
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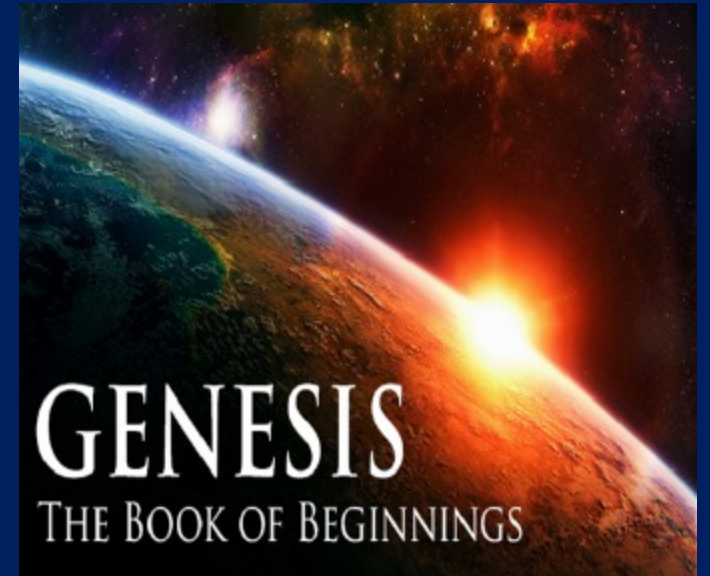
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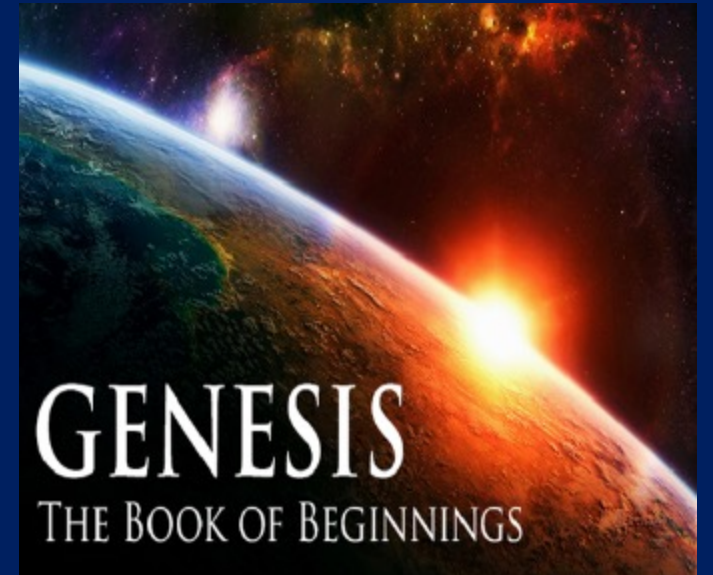


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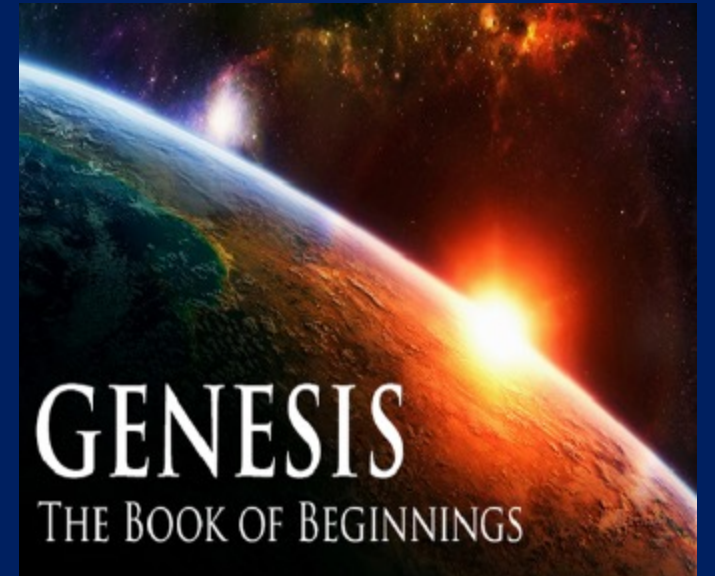


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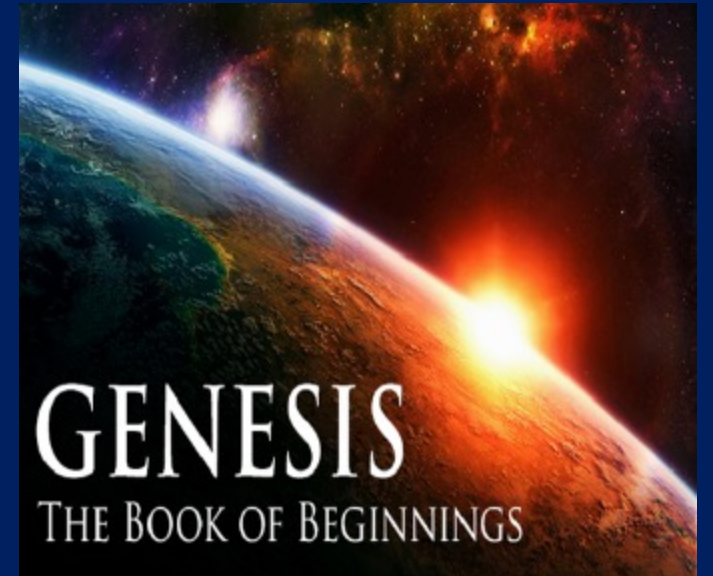


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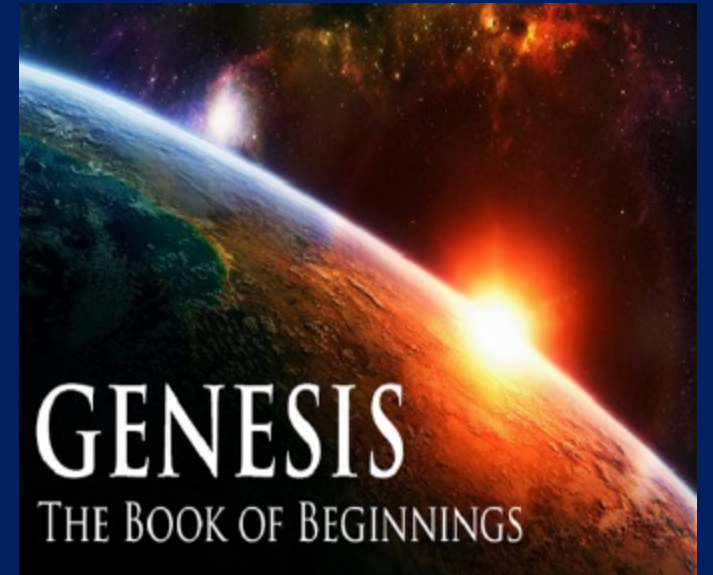
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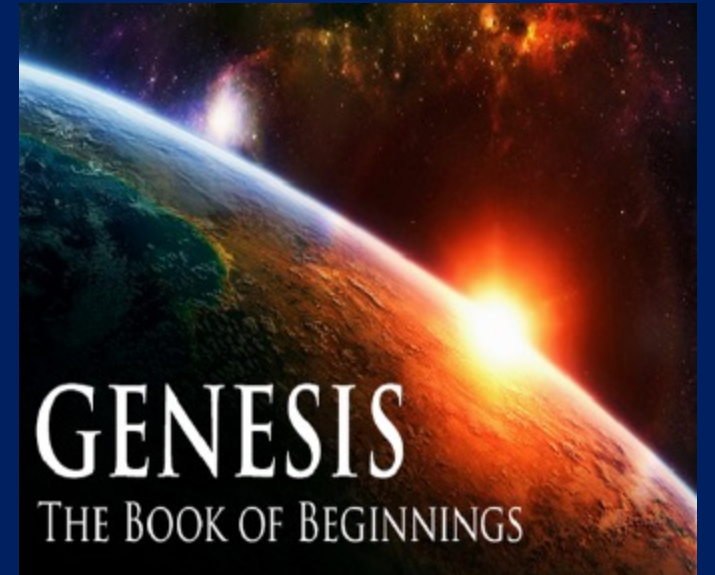


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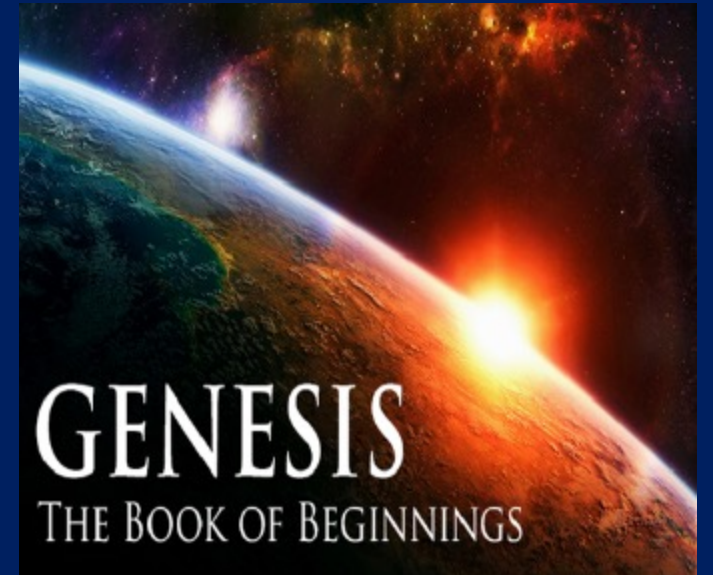
“Then came the merchant’s journey: *They brought Joseph into Egypt.* While this was not the brothers’ intent, by selling him in place of killing him, they rendered the fulfillment of the dream certain. Although they thought they were rendering the dreams null and void by what they were doing, they were actually creating a situation that would cause the fulfillment of them, proving the principle of Scripture: Even the wrath of men will end up praising God.”

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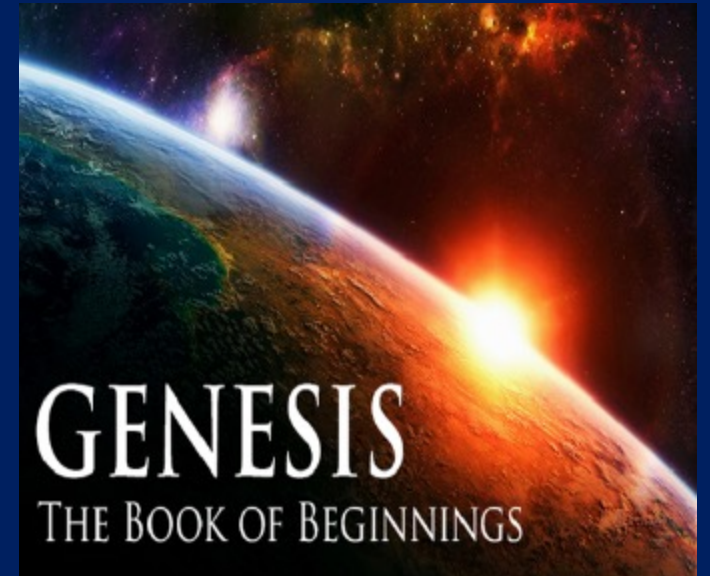
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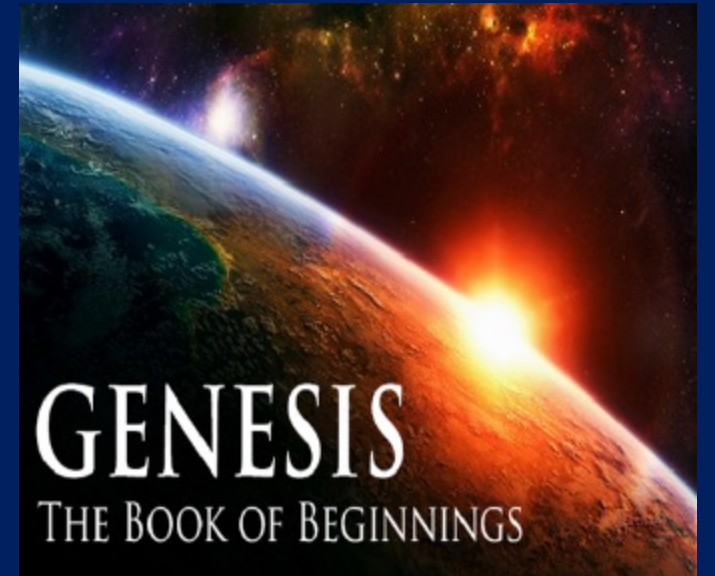


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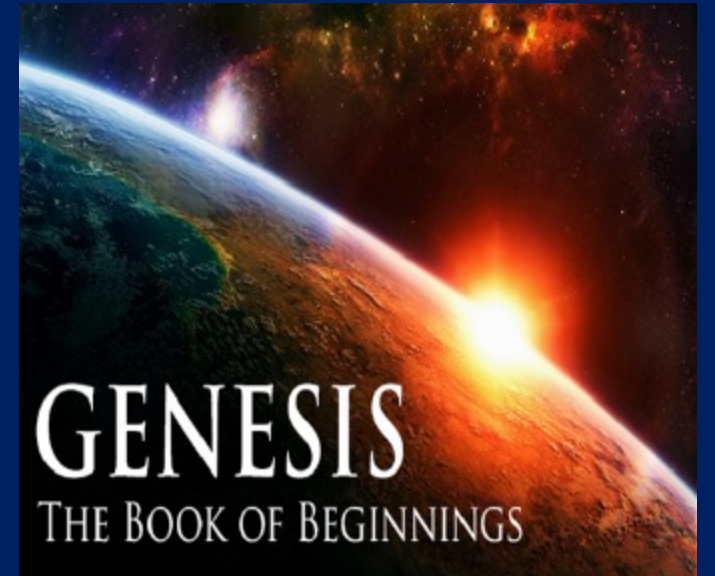


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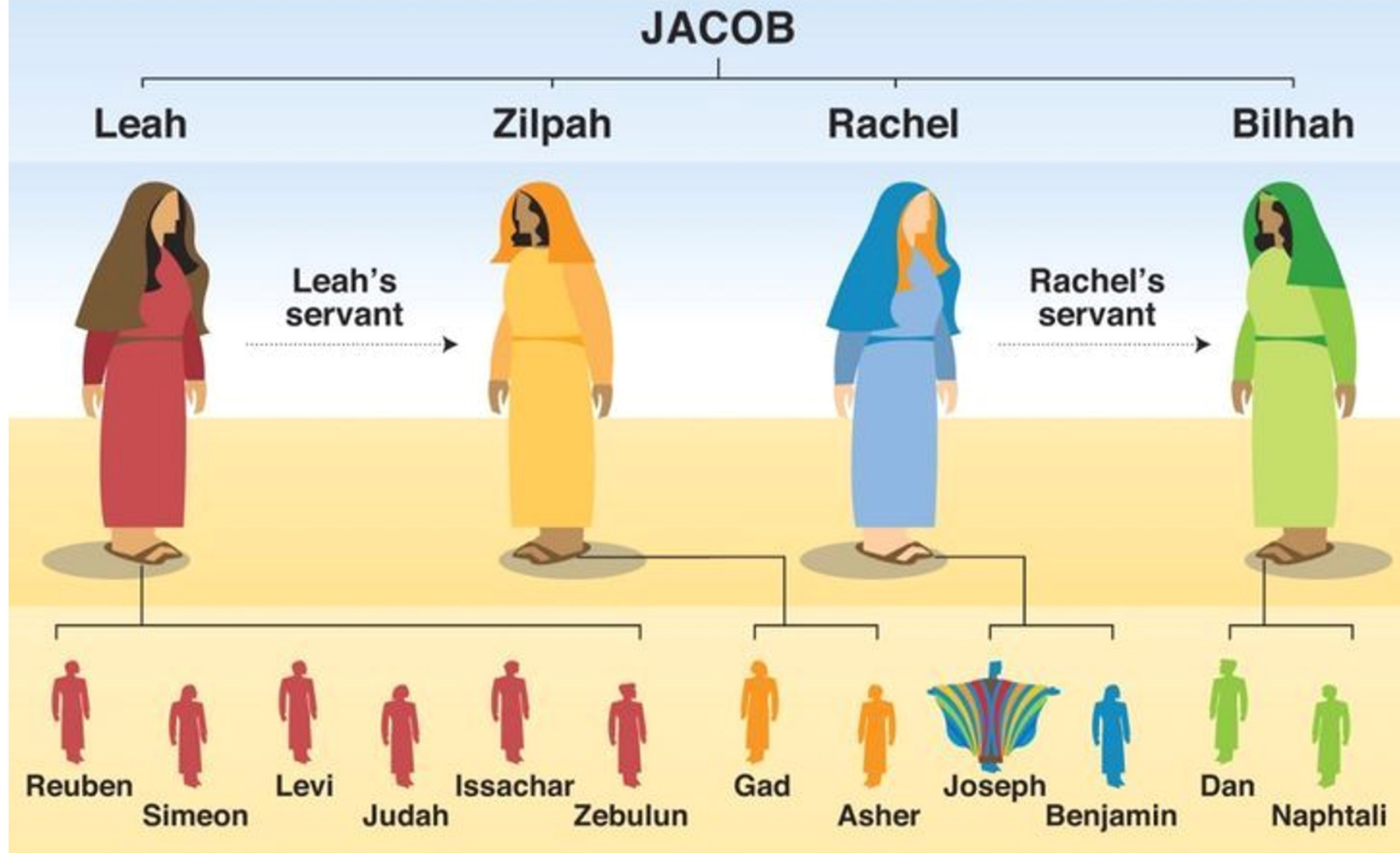
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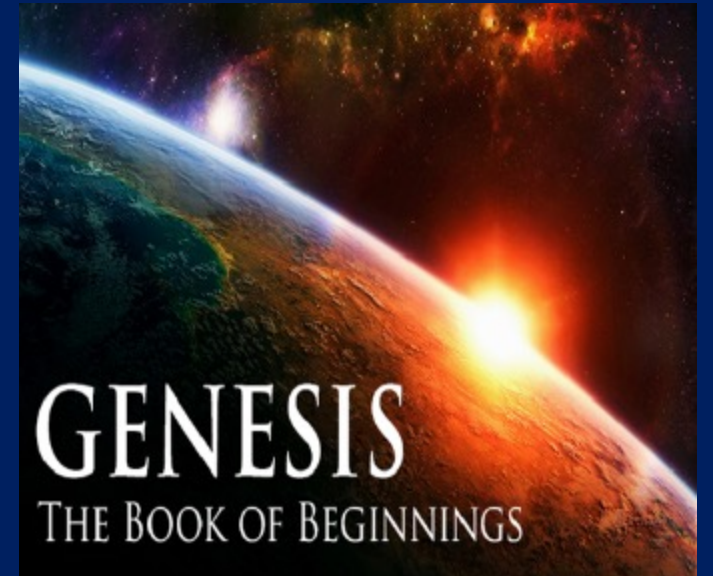


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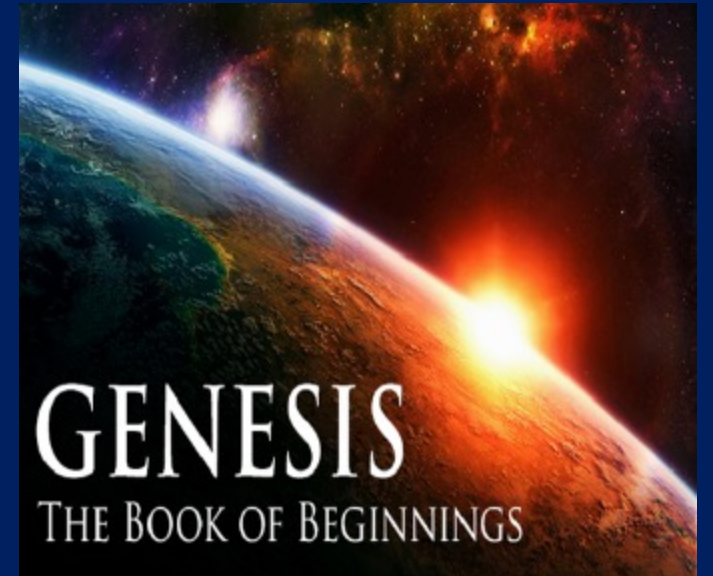
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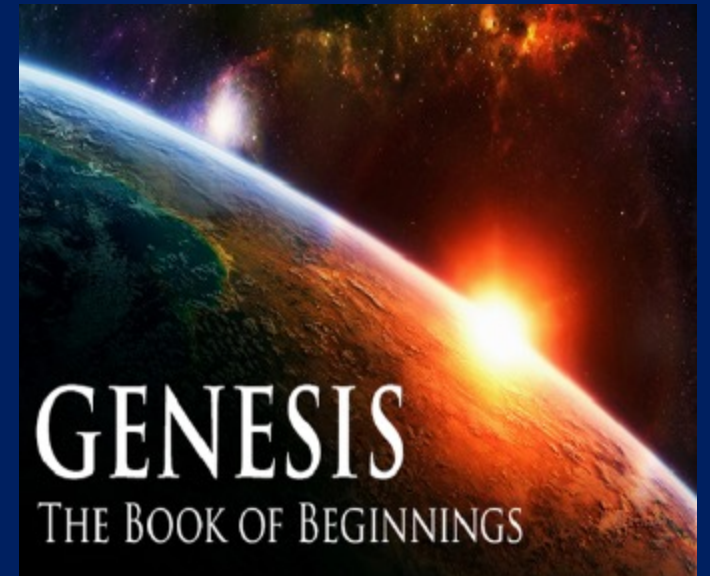
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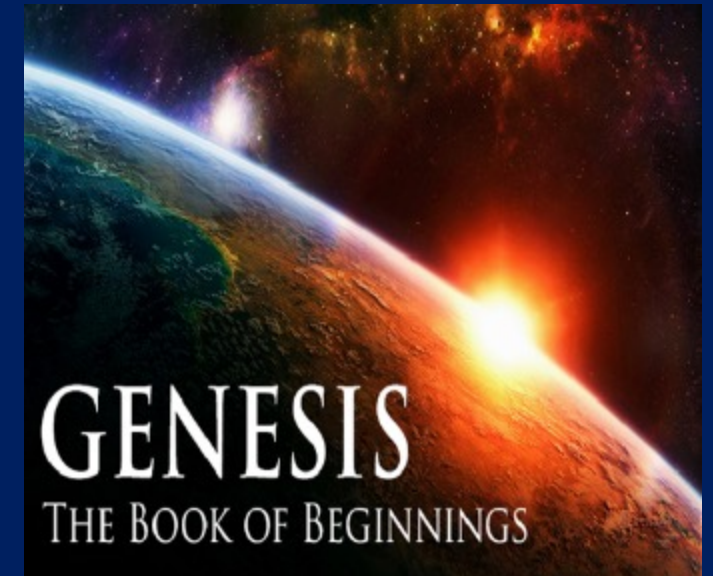
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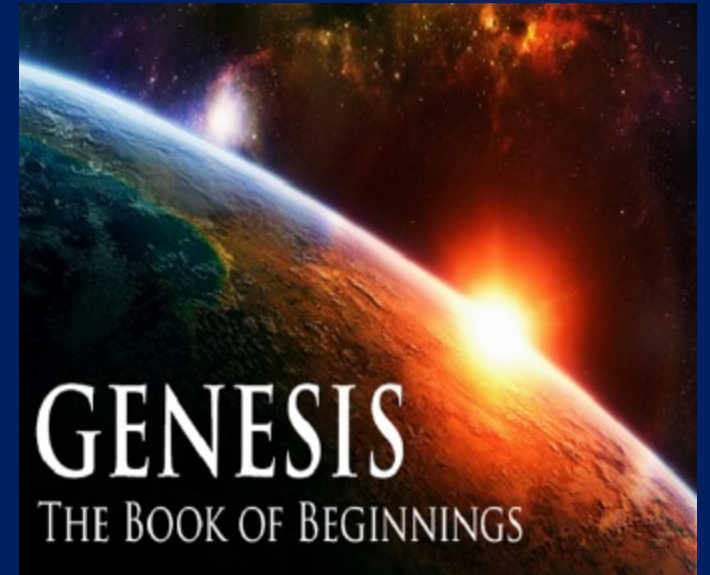
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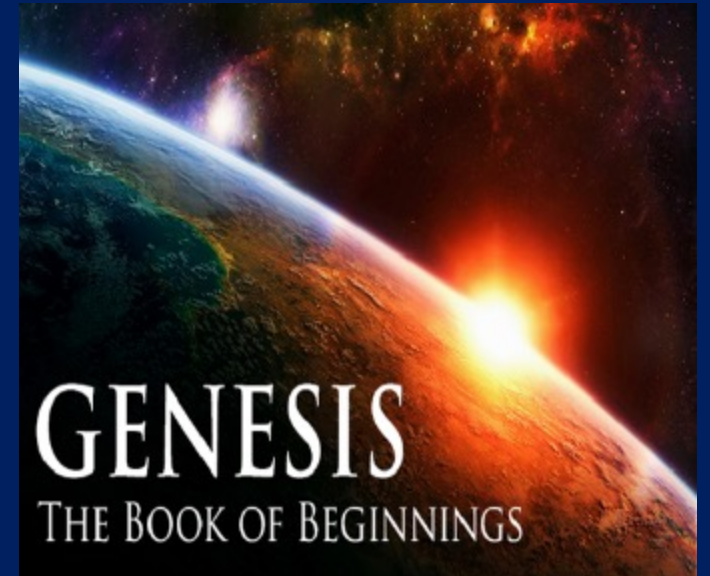
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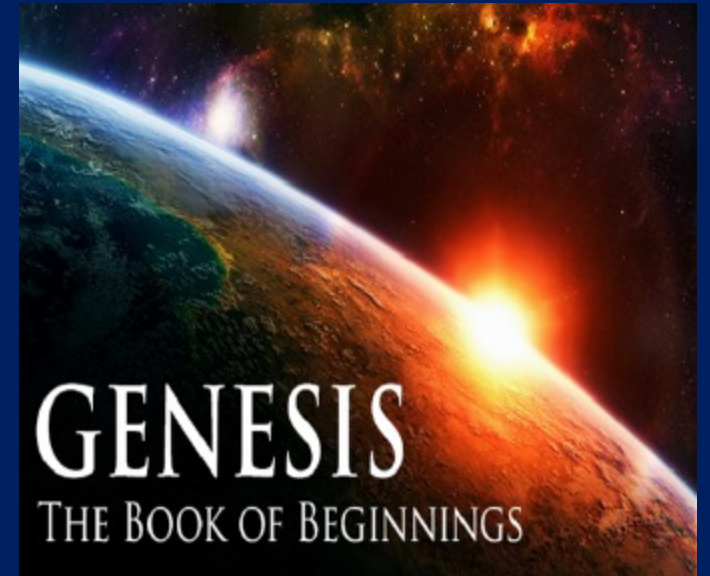
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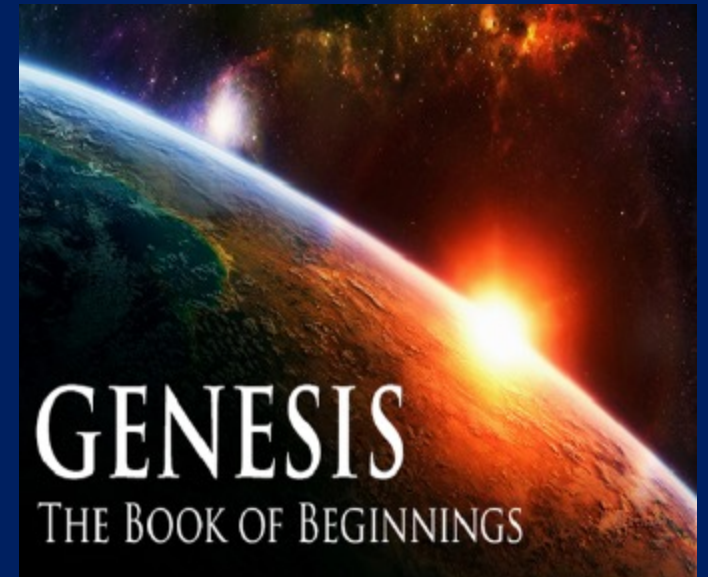
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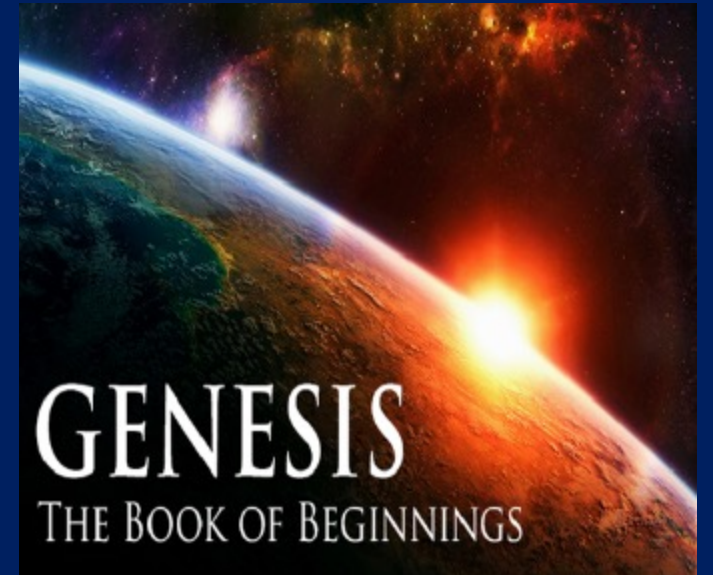
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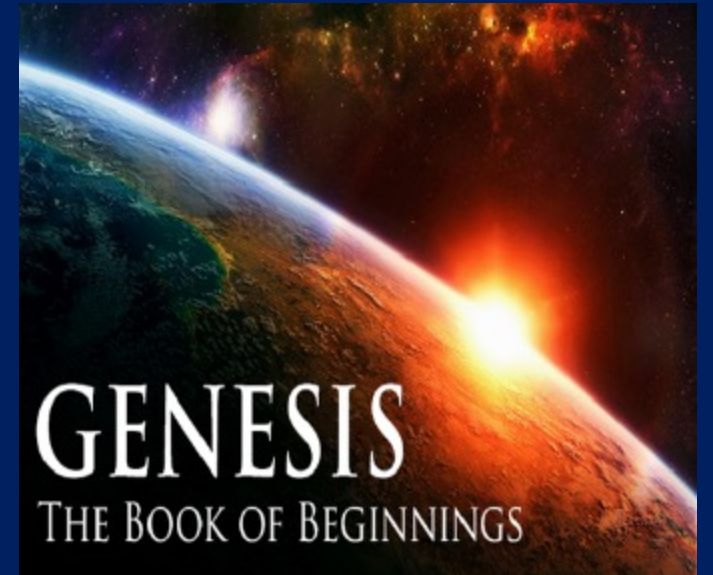
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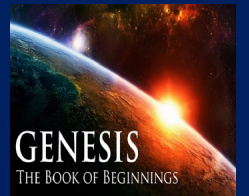
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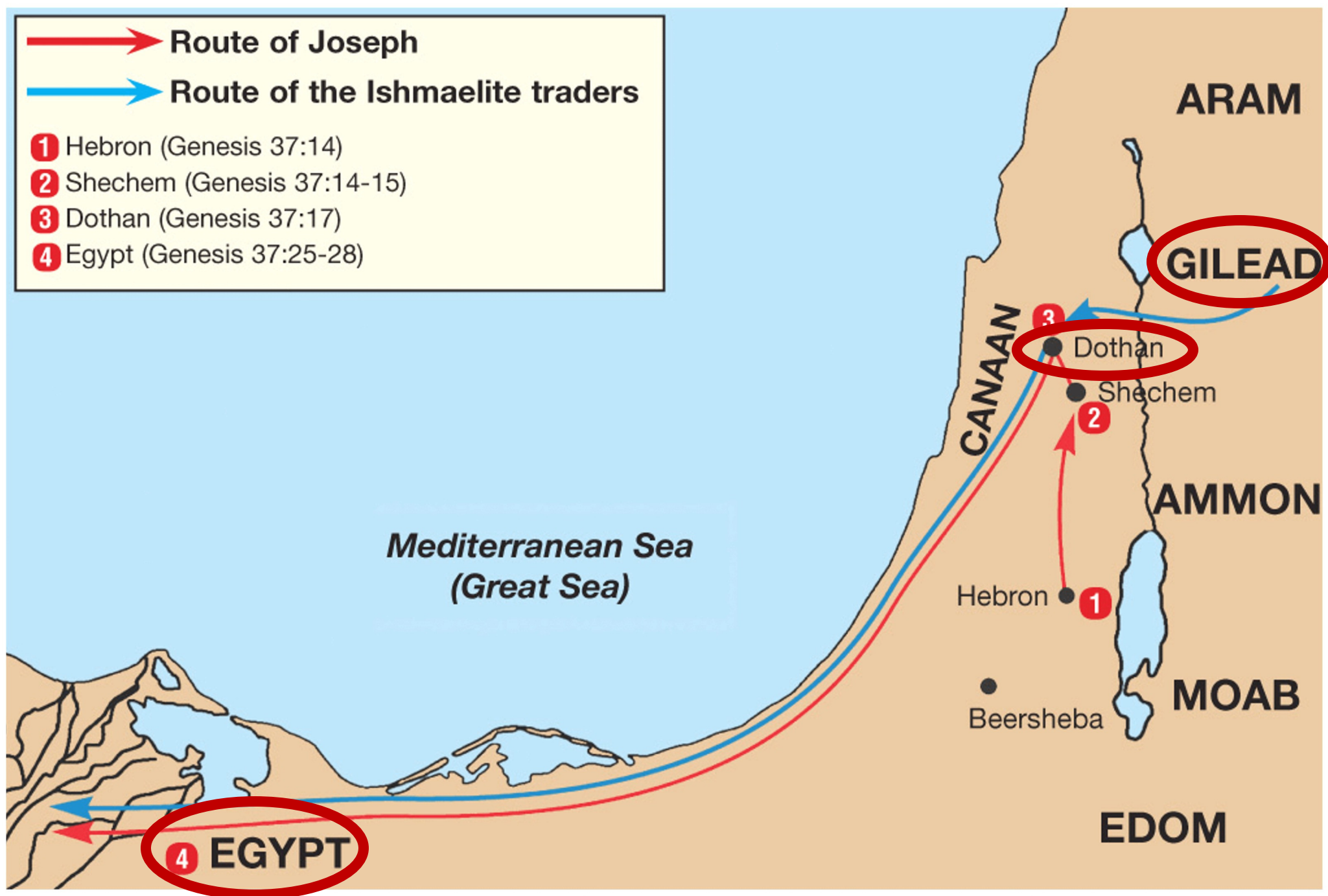
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- XIV. Ishmael's expulsion (21:8-21)
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- XVI. Abraham sacrifices Isaac (22)
- XVII. Sarah's death (23)
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- XIX. Abraham & Keturah (25:1-6)
- XX. Abraham's death (25:7-11)

 **Route of Joseph**
 **Route of the Ishmaelite traders**

- 1** Hebron (Genesis 37:14)
- 2** Shechem (Genesis 37:14-15)
- 3** Dothan (Genesis 37:17)
- 4** Egypt (Genesis 37:25-28)





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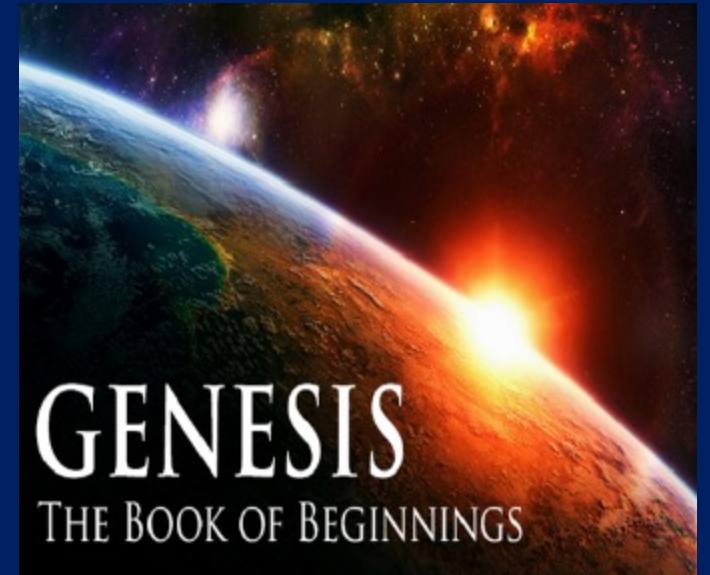


“In verse 27b came the agreement: *And his brethren hearkened unto him.* Verse 28 records the selling: *And there passed by Midianites, merchantmen.* These are called *merchantmen*; for they were North Arabian caravaneers who branched off through Gilead to the main route to Egypt, the Via Maris, from the King’s Highway.”

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Judah's Proposal

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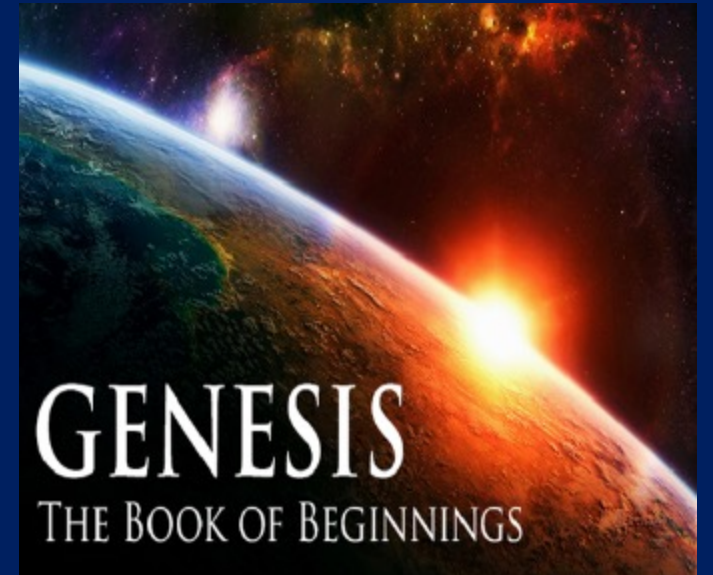


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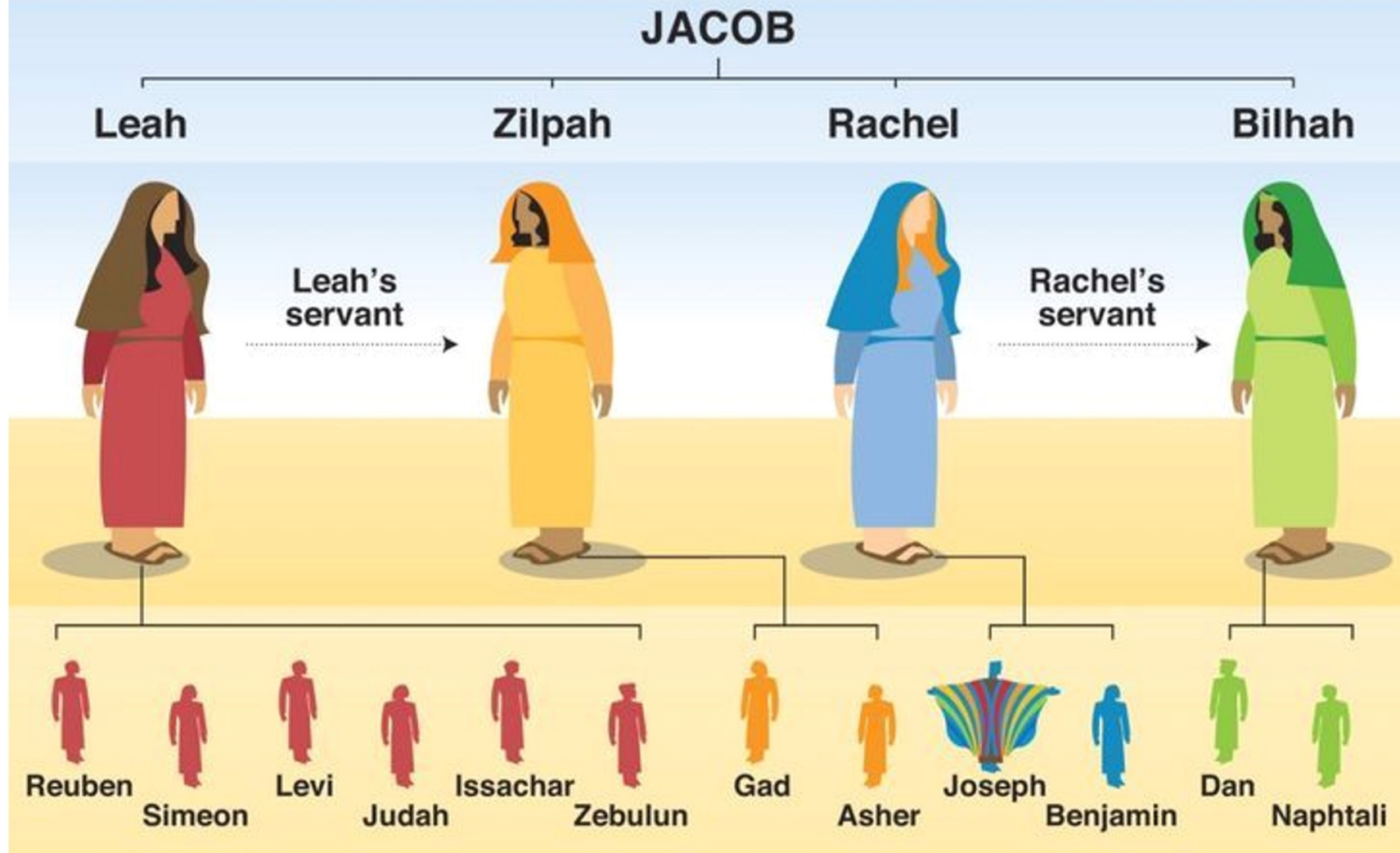
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Genesis 49:10

“The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.”

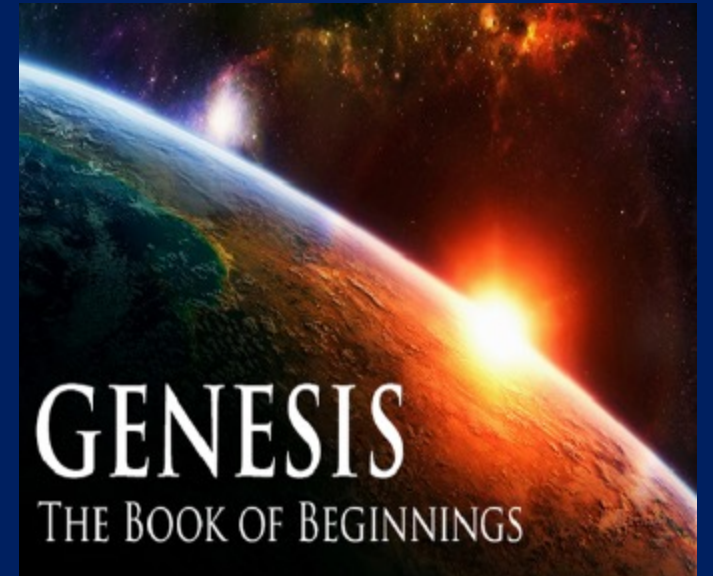


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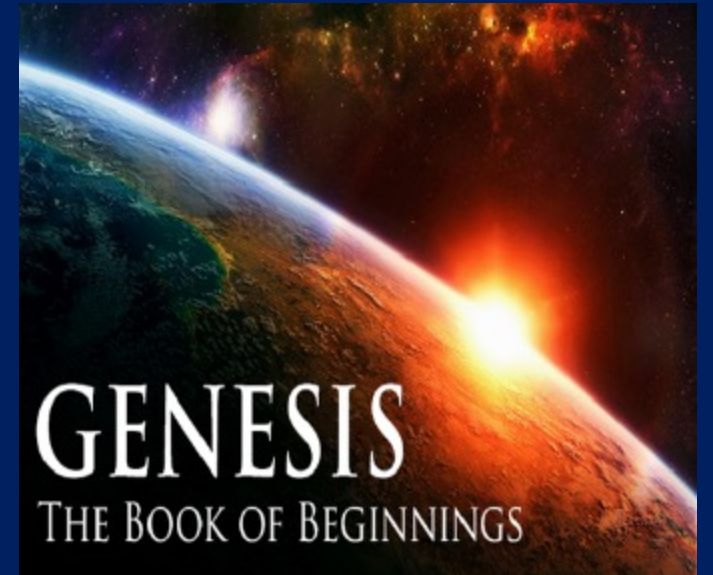
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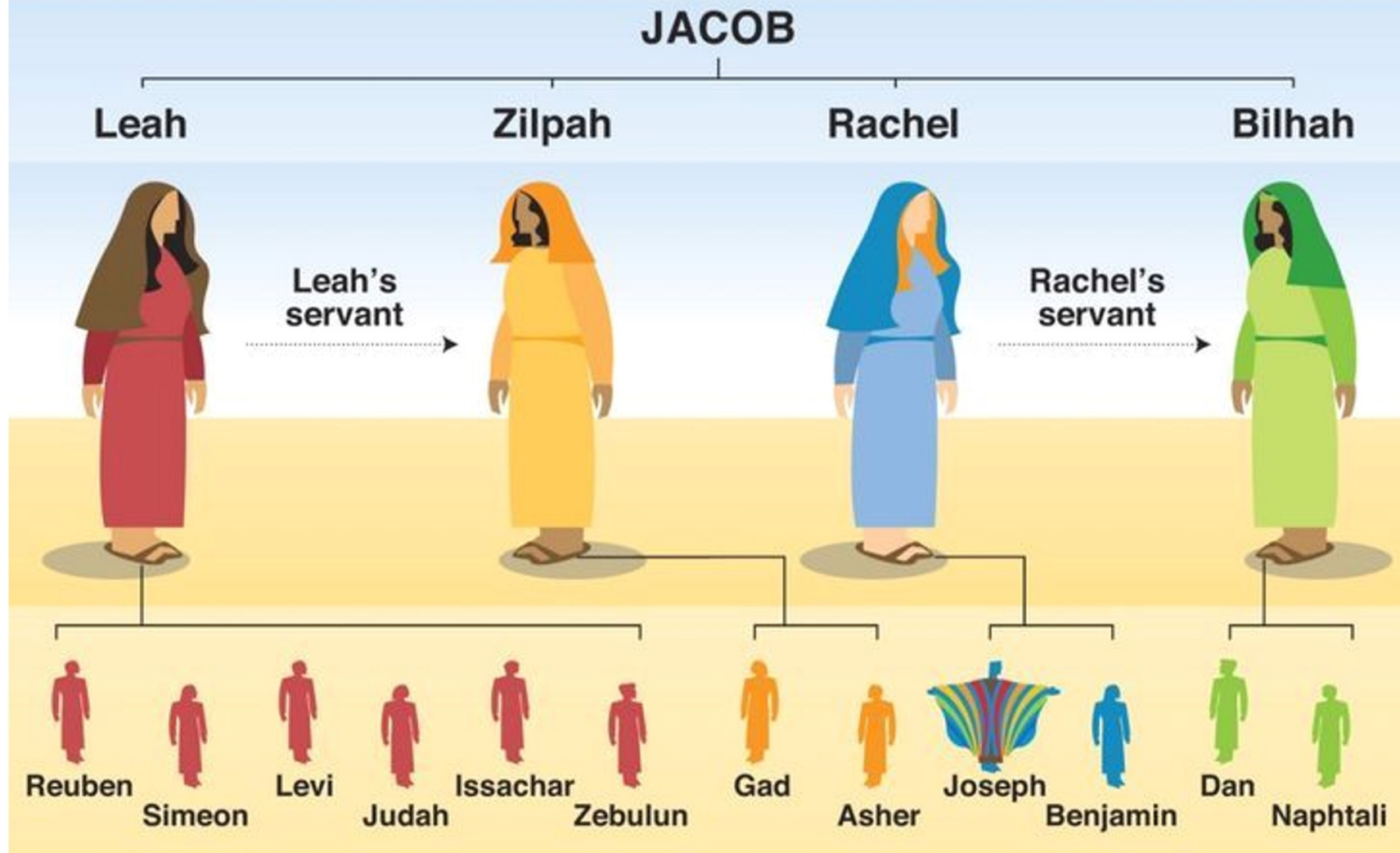
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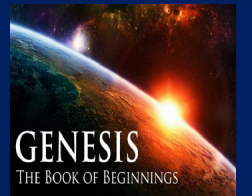
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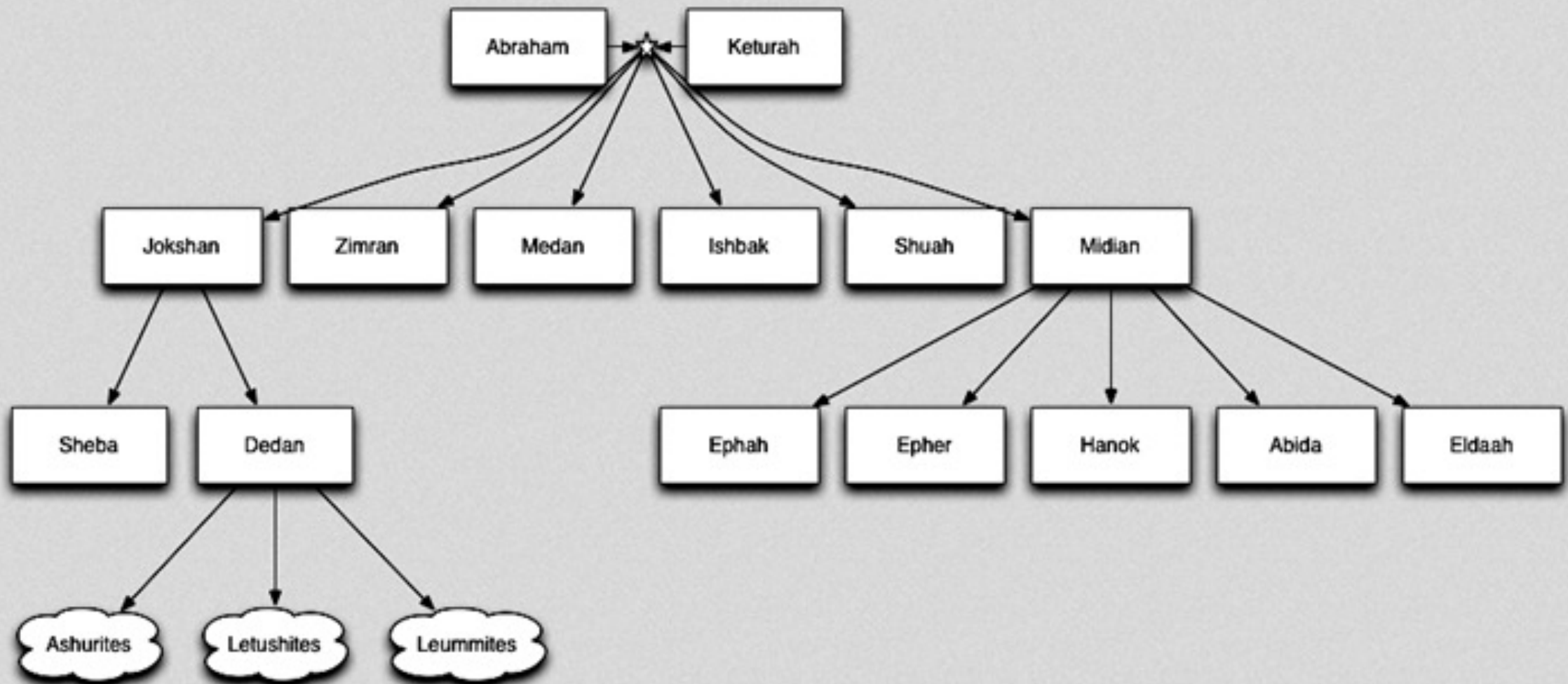


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EGYPT

Nile Delta

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GOSHEN

Etham

Wilderness of Shur

SINAI Peninsula

Kadesh bamea

Ezion-geber

Land of Midian

Arabia

Rephidim

SINAI

Red Sea

Mediterranean Sea

CANAAN

MOAB

EDOM

AMMON

Beginning Themes

■ Universe

■ Life

■ Man

■ Marriage

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■ Clothing

■ Religion

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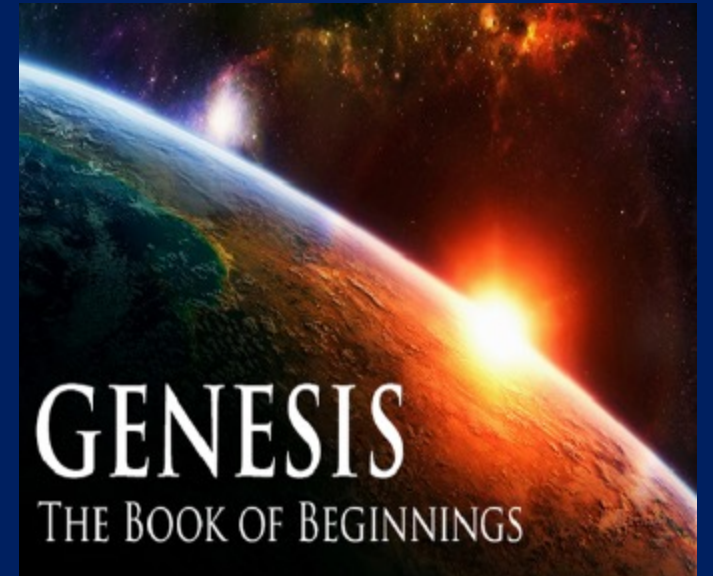
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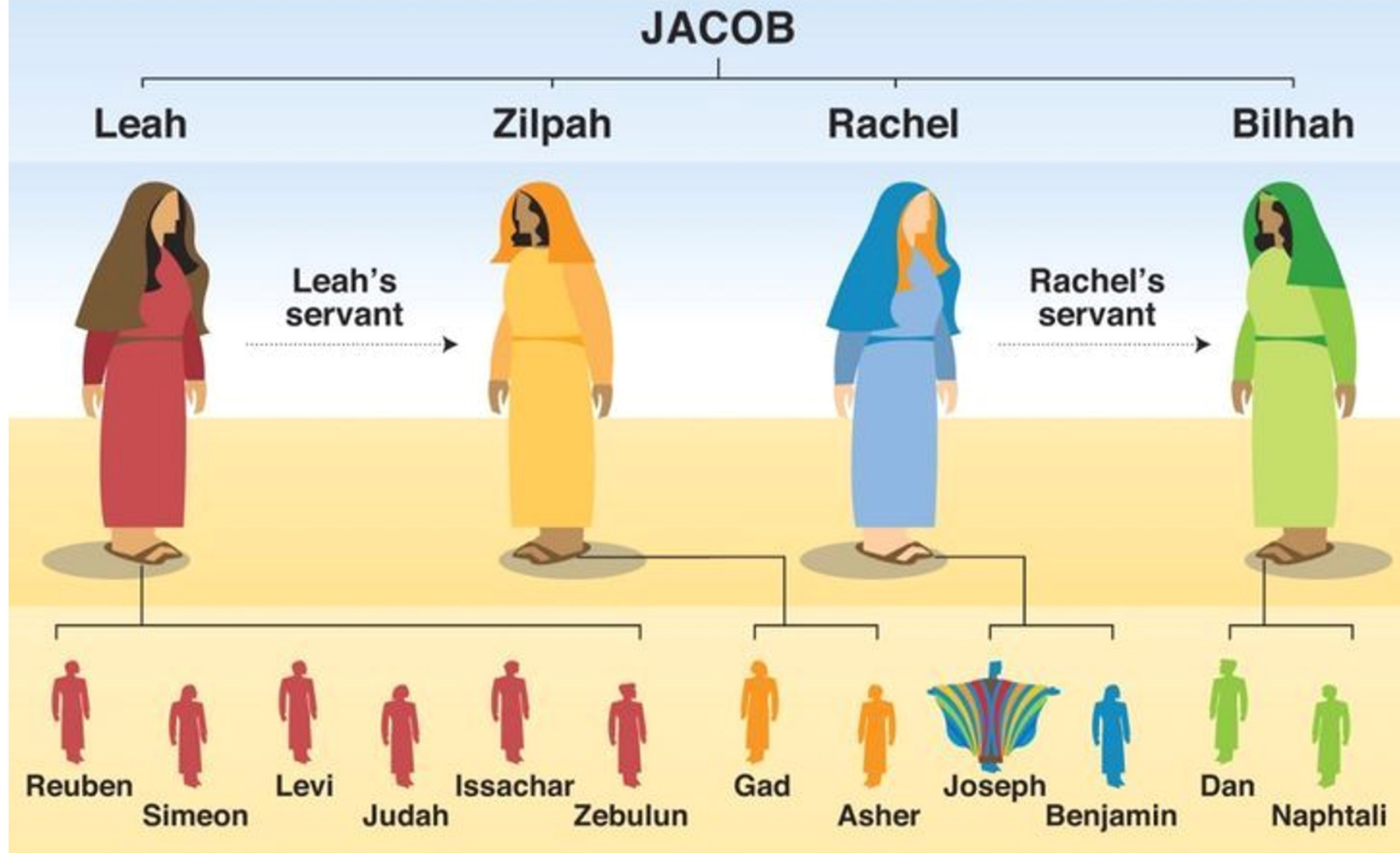


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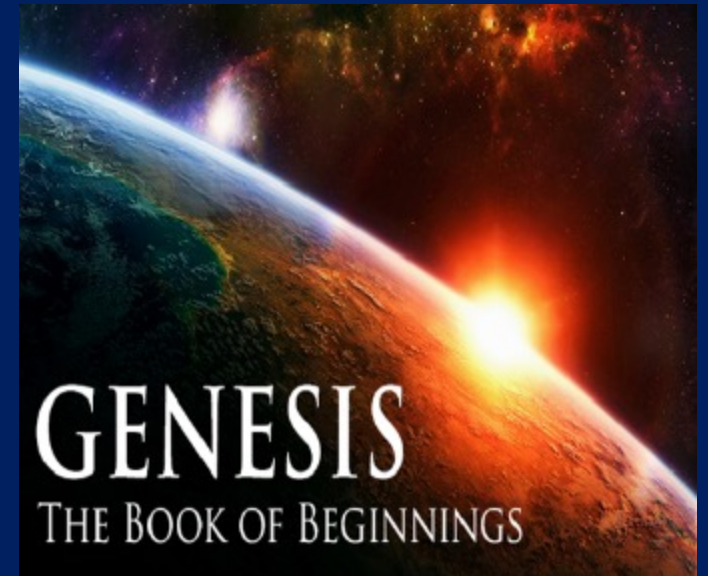
Jacob's Family



IV. Genesis 37:25-36

Joseph's Enslavement

- A. Selling of Joseph (25-28)
- B. Reuben's discovery (29-30)
- C. Brothers report to Jacob (31-32)
- D. Jacob's response (33-35)
- E. Joseph sold again (36)



C. Genesis 37:31-32
Brothers Report to Jacob

1. Cover up (31)
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“Here again, there is a form of retribution: Jacob deceived Isaac with goatskins (27:16), now Jacob was being deceived with goat’s blood. Furthermore, Jacob deceived Isaac with Esau’s clothes (27:15); now Jacob was deceived by the use of Joseph’s clothes.”



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“Now the deceiver is deceived, although the motivations differ from good to bad. This is divine retribution in four ways. First, Isaac’s blindness equals the darkness of Jacob’s wedding night, and neither could see well as a result. Second, this Jacob is deceived by being presented the older for the younger, the reversal of Isaac’s presentation of Jacob for Esau. Third, Isaac thought Jacob was Esau and Jacob thought Leah was Rachel. Fourth, Jacob pretended to be his older brother, while Leah pretended to be her younger sister.”

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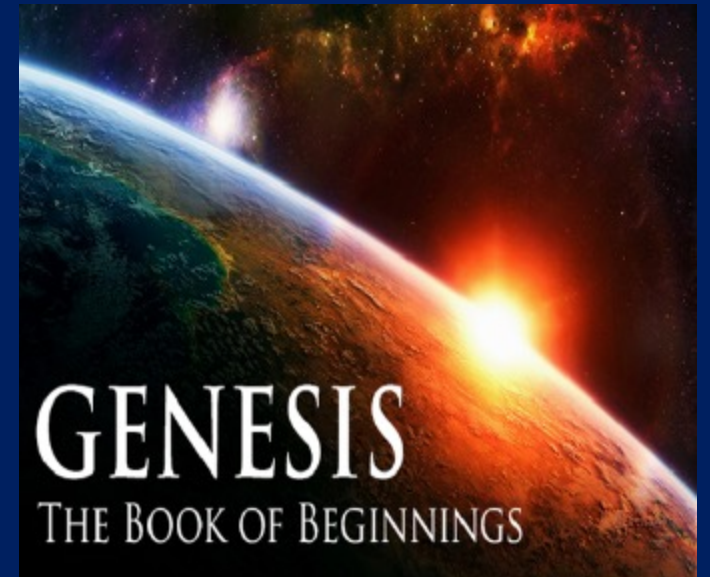
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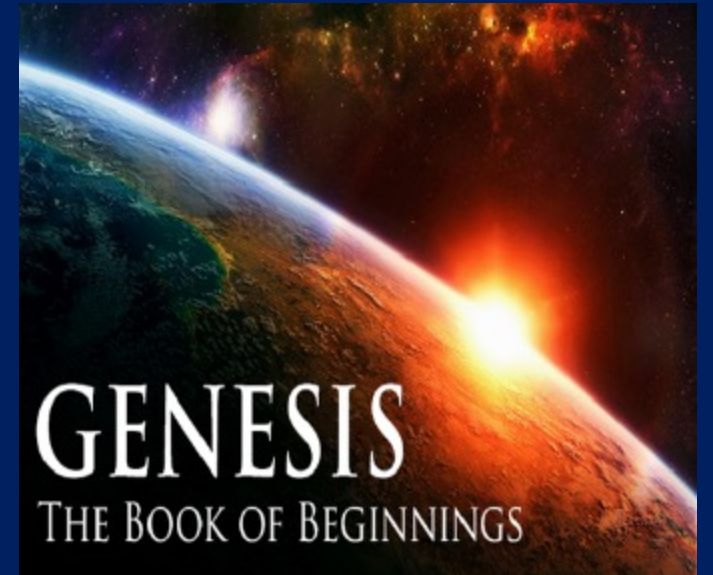
Jacob's Response

1. Conclusion (33)
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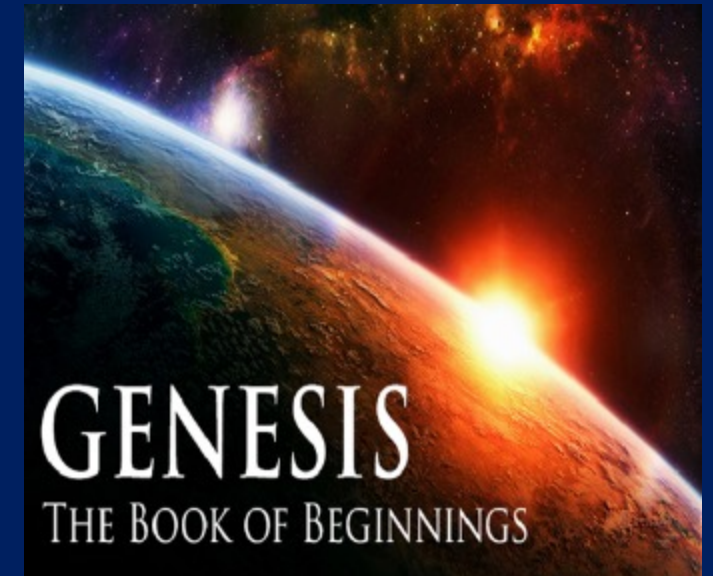


“Jacob’s refusal is stated: *He refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down to Sheol to my son in mourning. And his father wept for him. Sheol* is the center of the earth, and before the death of the Messiah, all souls descended there upon death; but the faithful and unfaithful entered into different compartments in *Sheol*.”

IV. Genesis 37:25-36

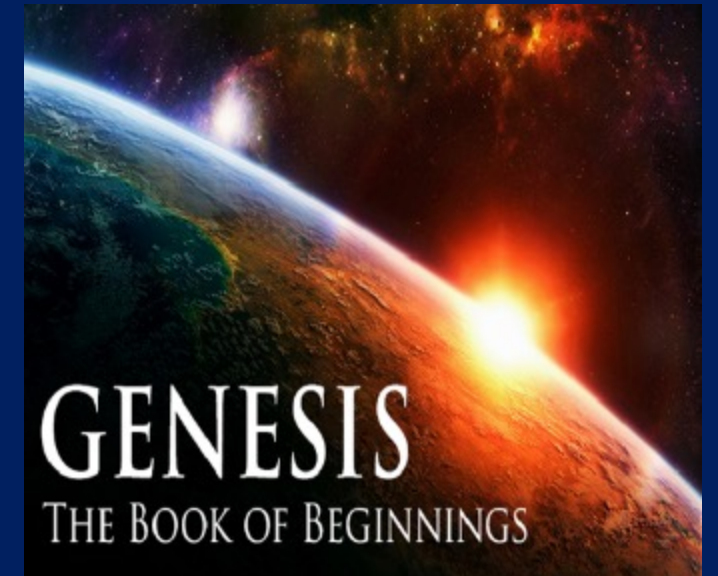
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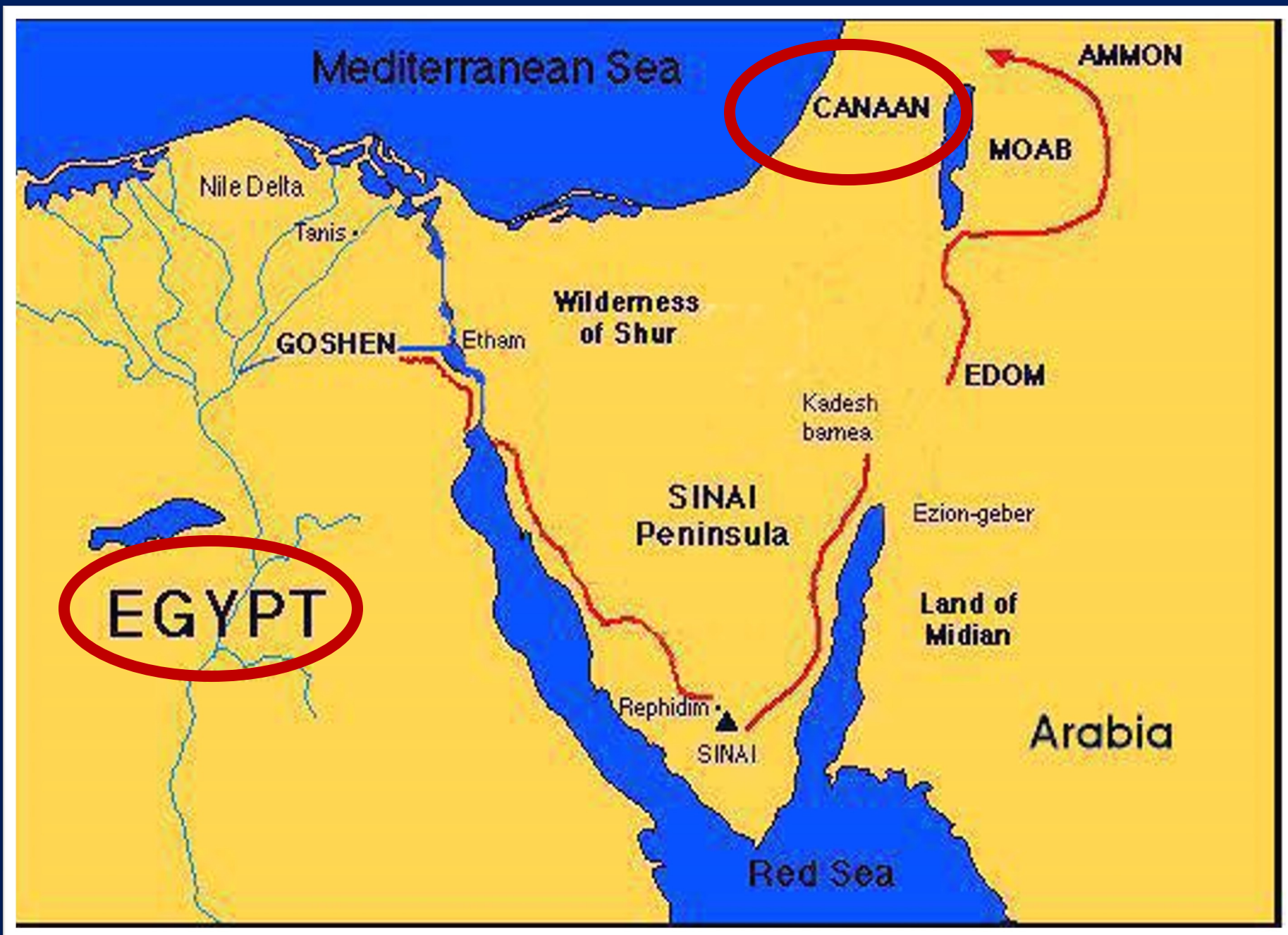
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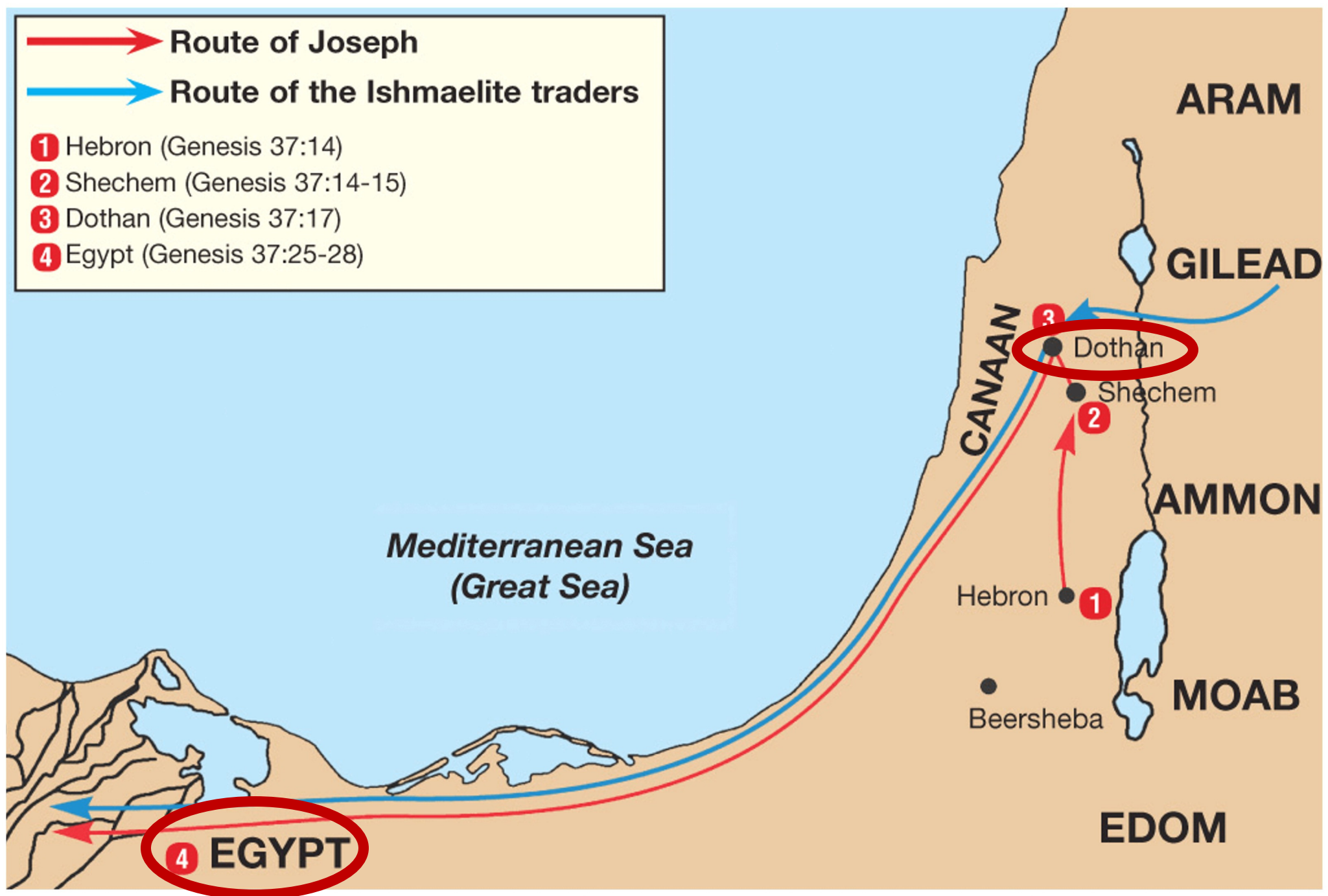
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 **Route of Joseph**
 **Route of the Ishmaelite traders**

- 1** Hebron (Genesis 37:14)
- 2** Shechem (Genesis 37:14-15)
- 3** Dothan (Genesis 37:17)
- 4** Egypt (Genesis 37:25-28)

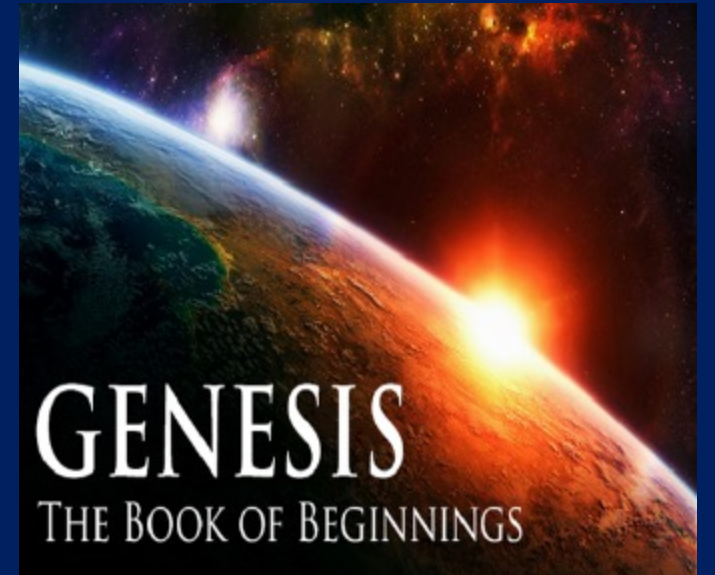


Joseph's Journey to Egypt



E. Genesis 37:36
Joseph Sold Again

1. Place: Egypt (36a)
2. Person: Potiphar (36b)



Conclusion

Genesis 37:2-36

Joseph Sold unto Egypt

- I. Joseph's coat (37:2-4)
- II. Joseph's dreams (37:5-11)
- III. Joseph's pit (37:12-24)
- IV. Joseph's enslavement (37:25-36)





²⁴ The LORD bless you, and keep you; ²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26 (NASB95)