

# **HAGGAI – FIRST THINGS FIRST**

**GOD DECLARES 'I AM WITH YOU'**



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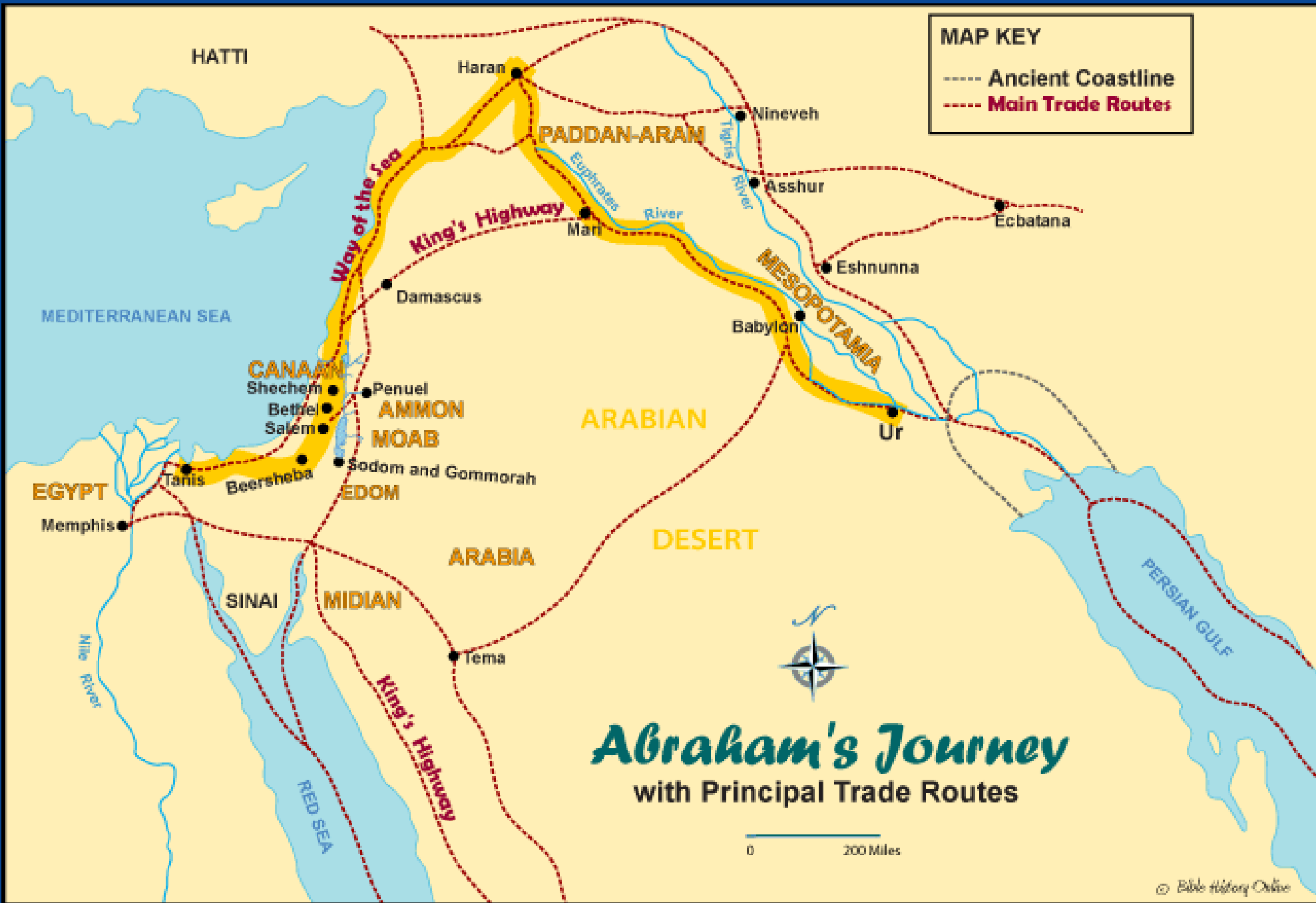
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Tigris River

Ecbatana

Eshnunna

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Babylon

MESOPOTAMIA

Ur

ARABIAN

DESERT

CANAAN

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Salem

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## Haggai – Prophet

**Zerubbabel – Governor of Judah.** Appointed by King Darius. His name means 'seed of Babylon'. His father, Shealtiel - tracing the lineage back shows that he is of the Royal line of David.

**Joshua – High Priest.** He had been taken into captivity in Babylon and now served as high priest to the returning community.

## **3 Main People**

**Haggai – Prophet**

**Joshua – Priest**

**Zerubbabel – Politician – Governor of Judah.**

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## **V1-11** People who were depressed

*Your house is finished and decorated*

*God says - My house is unfinished and in ruins*

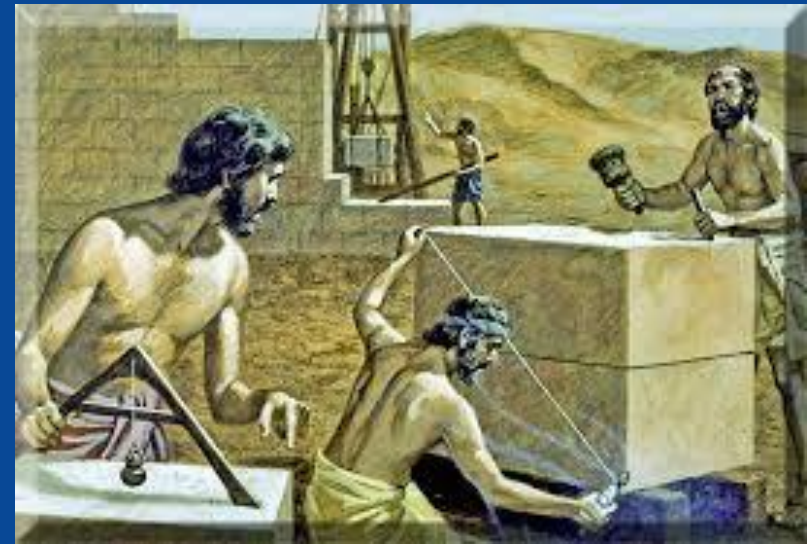
## **V12-15** People who became determined

*Feared God, were stirred up by God's Spirit*

*Obeyed God*

## **V13** People who were encouraged

*I am with you declares the Lord*





## Haggai 2 :4-5

***'But now take courage, Zerubbabel,' declares the LORD, 'take courage also, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all you people of the land take courage,' declares the LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,' declares the LORD of armies. 'As for the promise which I made you when you came out of Egypt, My Spirit remains in your midst; do not fear!' NASB***

### ***Rev 3:20***

***And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful.***