

13 Tests to Glory
Abraham's Growth to Maturity
Lesson 1: Tests 1–5

Genesis 12–22

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Heb. 11:8, “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.”

Test #1

**The test to go to a new land and to leave the family behind.
Gen. 12:1–9 (Land Promise; Faith-Rest Drill)**

**The Promise
Gen. 12:1–4**

**God promised a land, an innumerable progeny, and
worldwide blessing through his descendants.**

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The Test

Gen. 12:1, “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.’ ” [NKJV]

The Promise

Gen. 12:2, “I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing!

Gen. 12:3, “I will bless those who bless you, and I will judge harshly him who treats you with disrespect; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” [RD]

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

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Genesis 12:1–13

“land”

“seed”

“blessing”

ISRAEL LAND COVENANT

Deuteronomy 30

“land”

DAVIDIC COVENANT

2 Samuel 7

“seed”

NEW COVENANT

Jeremiah 31

“blessing”

Genesis 12:5, “And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.”

Test #2

The test to trust God by staying in the land during the famine.

Gen. 12:10–20 (Land; Faith-Rest Drill; Grace Orientation)

Gen. 12:7, “Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your descendants I will give this land.’ And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.” [NKJV]

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Acts 7:5, “And God gave him no inheritance in it, not even enough to set his foot on. But even when Abraham had no child, He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him.”

Gen. 12:8, “And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

Gen. 12:9, “So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.” [NKJV]

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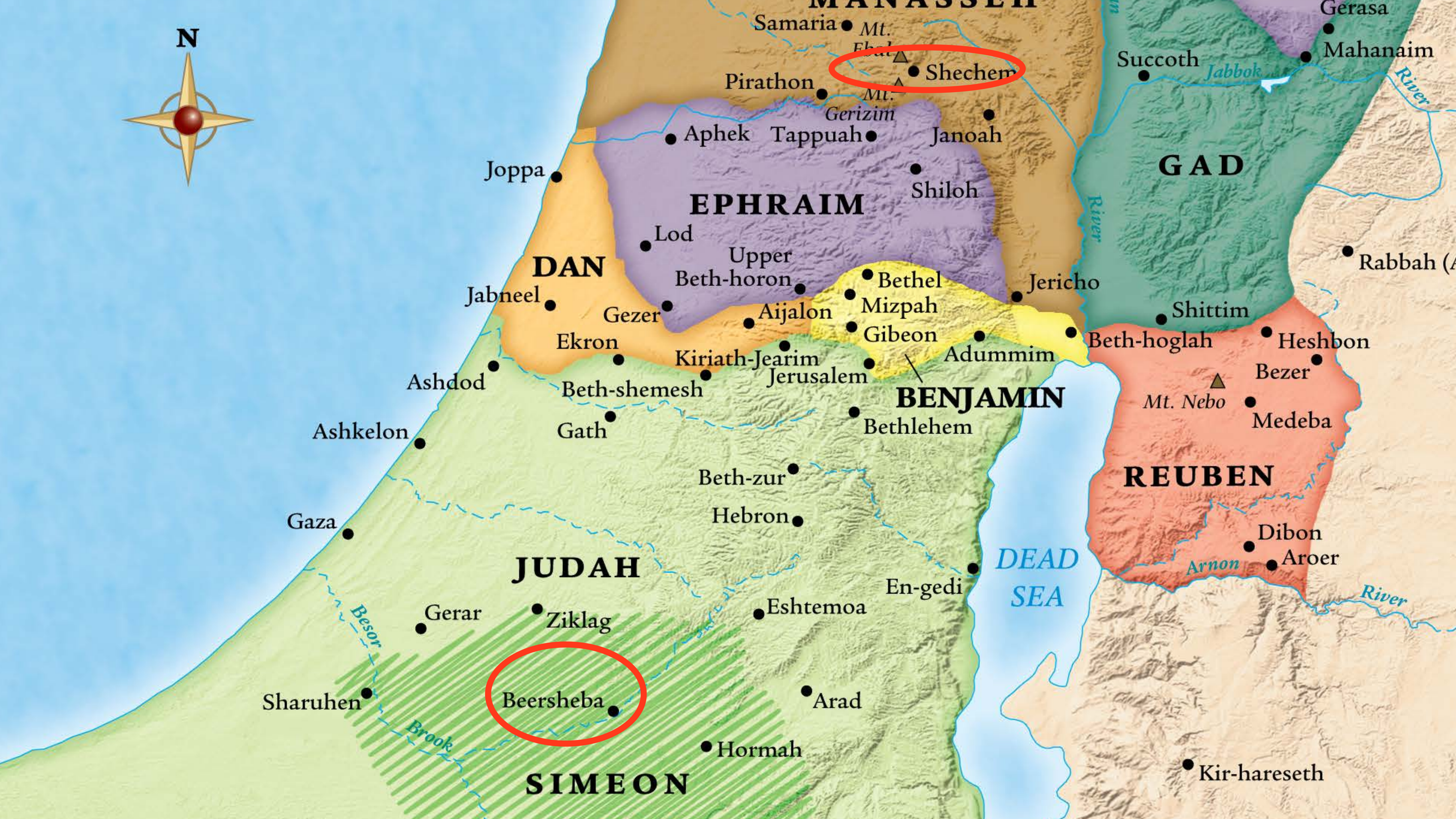
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Test #2

Gen. 12:10, “Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land.” [NKJV]

Gen. 12:11, “And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, ‘Indeed I know that you are a woman of beautiful countenance.

Gen. 12:12, “ ‘Therefore it will happen, when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, “This is his wife”; and they will kill me, but they will let you live.

Gen. 12:13, “ ‘Please say you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you.’ ” [NKJV]

Gen. 12:15, “The princes of Pharaoh also saw her and commended her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken to Pharaoh’s house.

Gen. 12:16, “He treated Abram well for her sake. He had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

Gen. 12:17, “But the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife.

Gen. 12:18, “And Pharaoh called Abram and said, ‘What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?’

Gen. 12:19, “ ‘Why did you say, “She is my sister”? I might have taken her as my wife. Now therefore, here is your wife; take her and go your way.’ ” [NKJV]

Gen. 16:1, “Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar.” [NKJV]

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James 2:21, “Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? [NKJV]

James 2:22, “Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made complete [mature]?” [RD]

Test #3

A People test resolved through the use of the Faith-Rest Drill along with Grace Orientation.

Gen. 13:1, “Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South.

Gen. 13:2, “Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.

Gen. 13:3, “And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai,

Gen. 13:4, “to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the Lord.” [NKJV]

Gen. 13:5, “Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents.

Gen. 13:6, “Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together.

Gen. 13:7, “And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram’s livestock and the herdsmen of Lot’s livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land.”
[NKJV]

Gen. 13:8, “So Abram said to Lot, ‘Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren.

Gen. 13:9, “ ‘Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left.’

Gen. 13:10, “And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar.”

[NKJV]

Gen. 13:11, “Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other.” [NKJV]

Gen. 13:13, “But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord.” [NKJV]

THE PROMISE Made Again

Gen. 13:14, “And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: ‘Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward;

Gen. 13:15, “ ‘for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.

**Gen. 13:16, “And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered.”
[NKJV]**

Test #4

The Command:

“You shall be a blessing”

Gen. 14:1–17

Gen. 12:2, “I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.”
[NKJV]

The Test in relation to the promise just made.

Gen. 14:2, “that they made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar).

Gen. 14:3, “All these joined together in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea).

Gen. 14:4, “Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

Gen. 14:5, “In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him came and attacked the Rephaim in Ashteroth Karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim,” [NKJV]

Gen. 14:14, “Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

Gen. 14:15, “He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus.

Gen. 14:16, “So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.” [NKJV]

Test #5

The test to express his gratitude to God.

Gen. 14:18–24 (Grace Orientation)

Gen. 14:18, “Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.

Gen. 14:19, “And he blessed him and said: ‘Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

Gen. 14:20, “ ‘And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.’ And he gave him a tithe of all.” [NKJV]

1 Cor. 10:13, “No testing has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tested beyond what you are able, but with the test will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.” [RD]