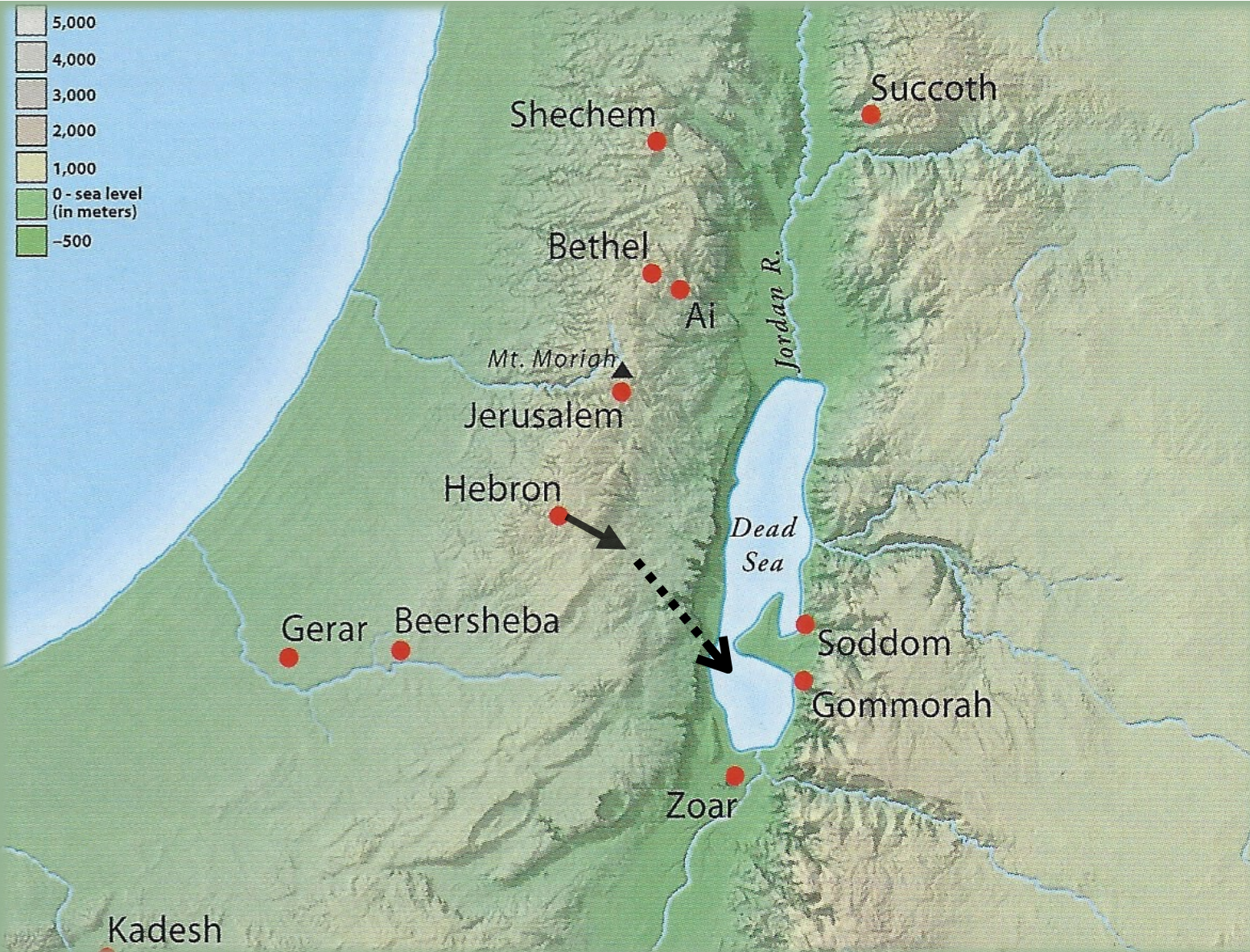


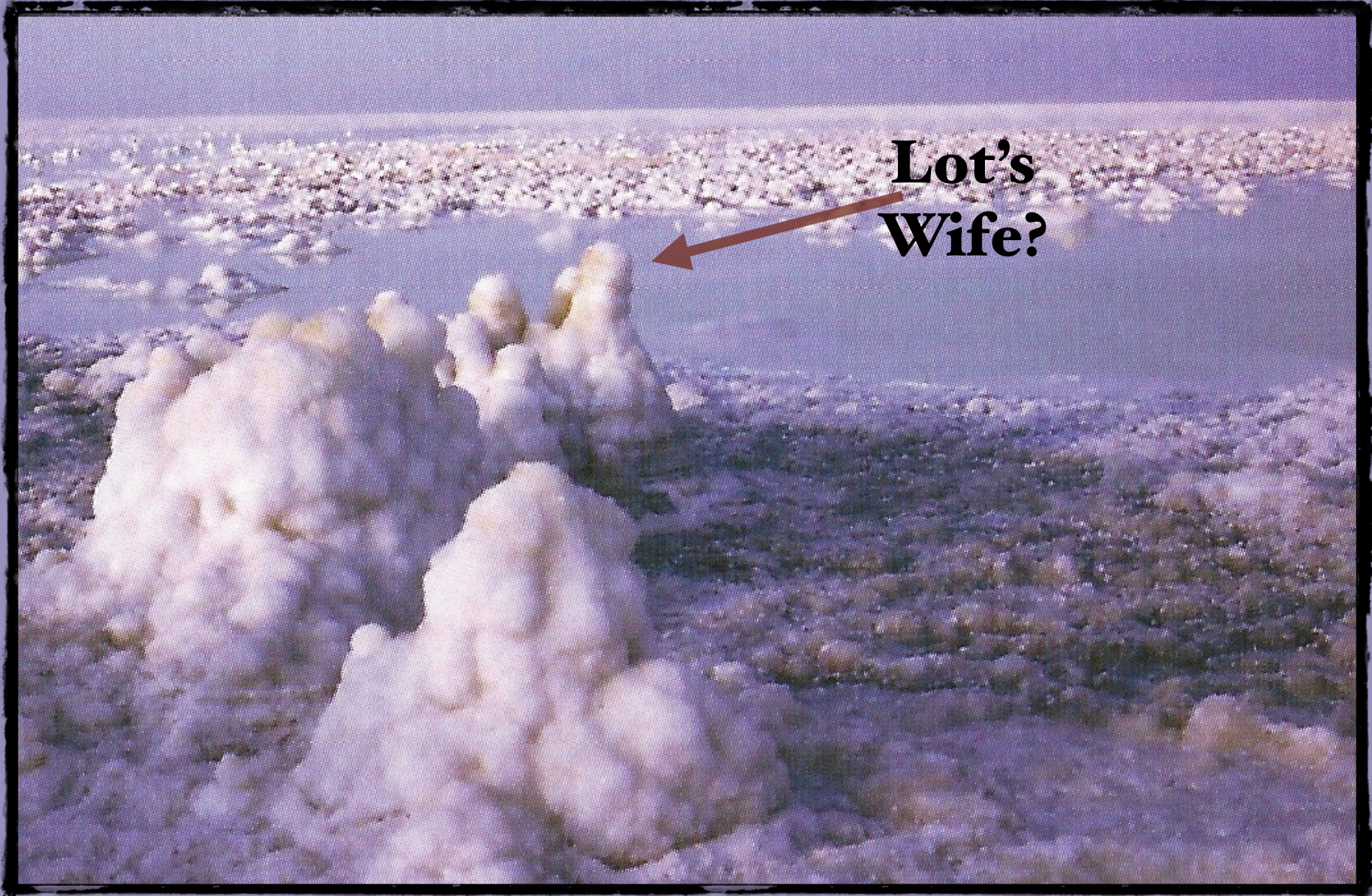
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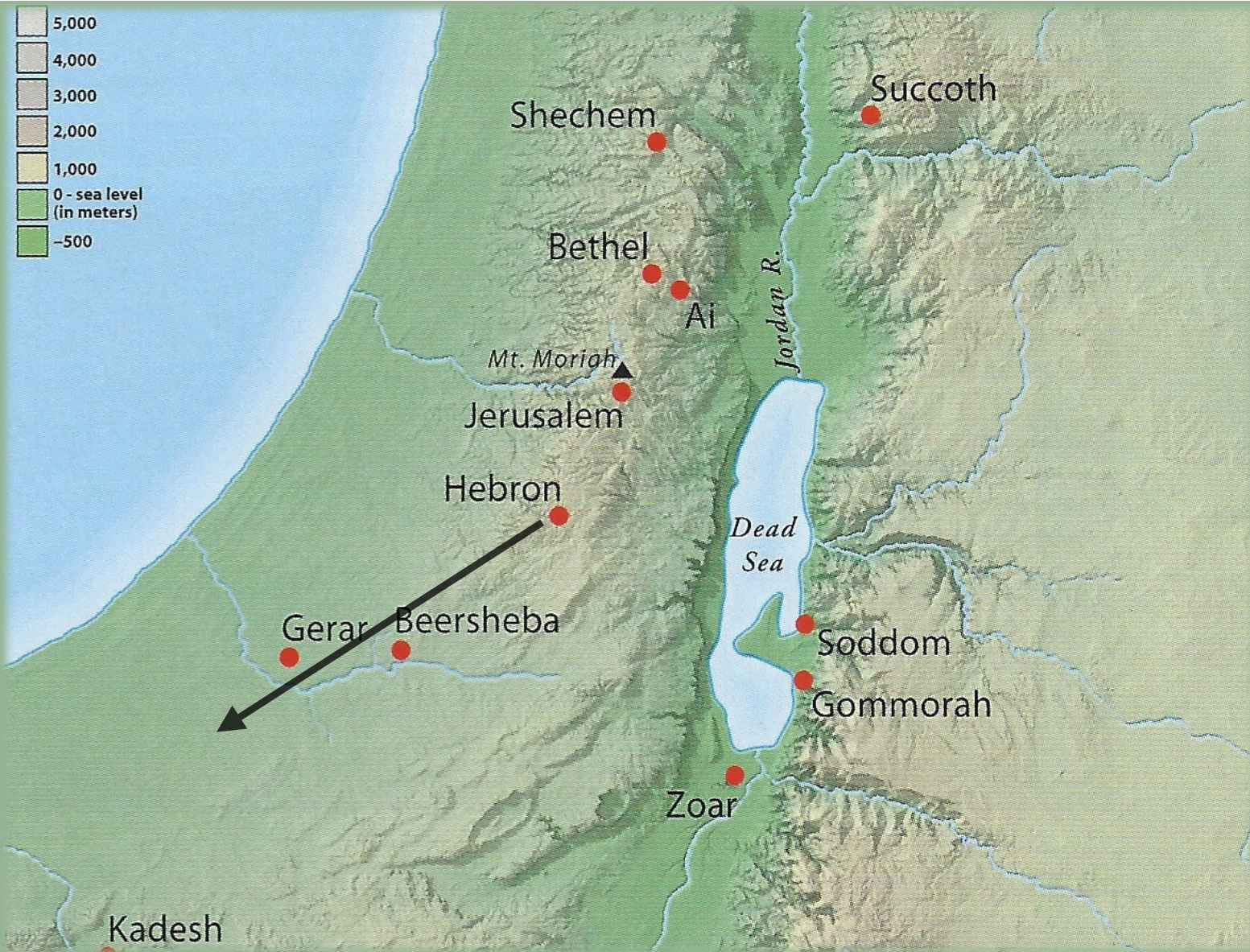
The Birth Of Isaac







**Lot's
Wife?**



A view of Earth from space, showing the blue and white horizon of the planet against the blackness of space. The Moon is visible in the upper left quadrant, appearing as a dark, oval shape. A bright star or light source is visible in the lower left corner, creating a lens flare effect.

Abraham's Deception

Protecting The Promise?
Jeopardizing The Heir?

Fear-Based Decisions



Abimelech's Honor

20:3-7 The Lord Confronts Abimelech

20:8 Abimelech Warns His Servants

20:9-13 Abimelech Confronts Abraham

Abraham's Plans ... ?

Waiting for the Offspring (12:10–20:18)

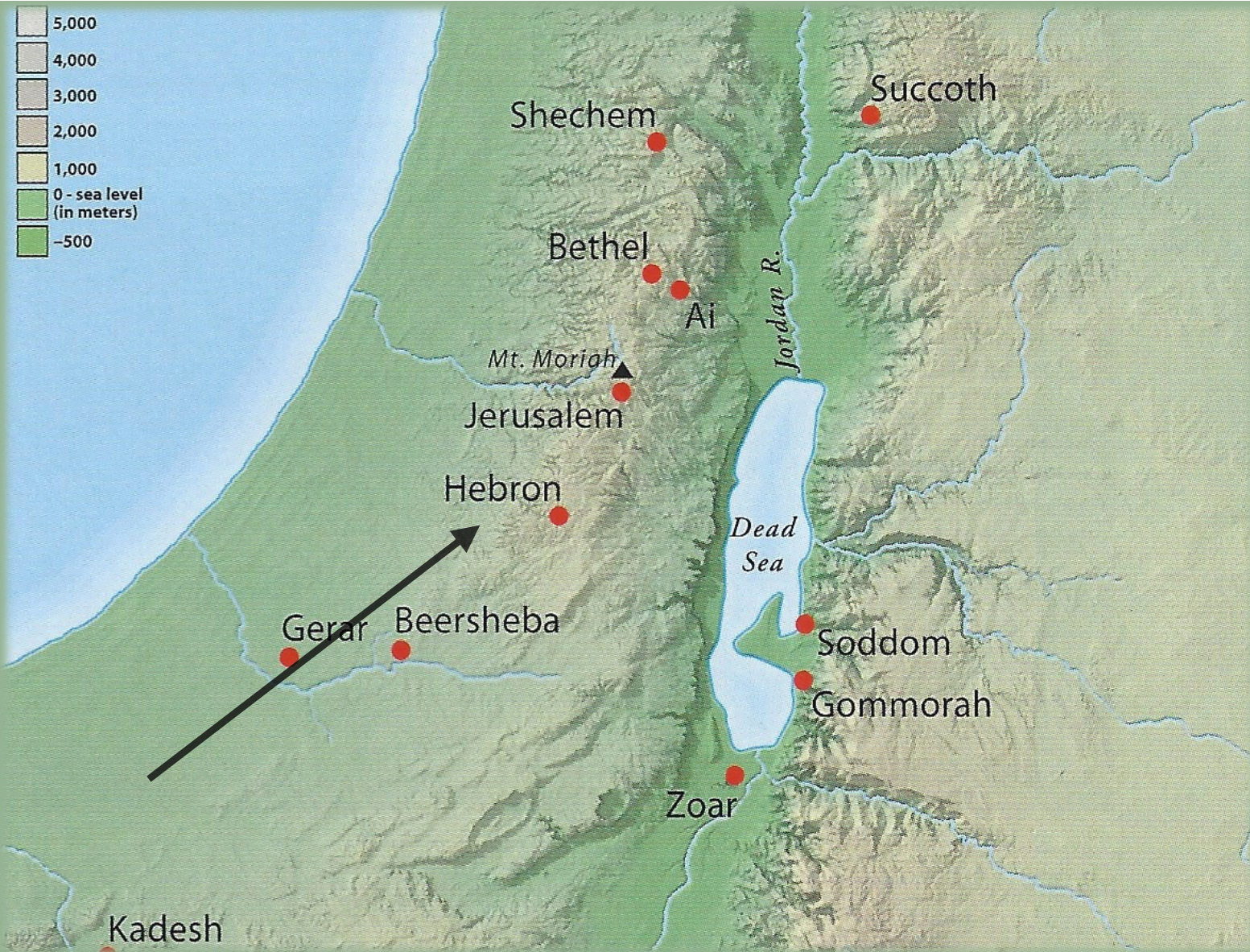
1. *Abram and Sarai go to Egypt and lie about their relationship and God saves them (12:10–20)* **Failure: Heir is at risk**
2. *Abram saves Lot (13–14)*
3. *The cutting of the covenant (15)*
4. *The conception and birth of Ishmael to Hagar (16)* **Failure**
5. *The sign of the covenant (17)* **Heir is Unqualified**
6. *Abraham intercedes for Lot (18–19)*
7. *Abraham and Sarah lie about their relationship and God intercedes for them (20)* **Failure: Heir is at risk**

Versus God's Plan ...



God's Lesson For Abraham

Gen. 20:17-18 Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife and his slave girls so they could have children again for the LORD had closed up every womb in Abimelech's household **because of Abraham's wife Sarah.**

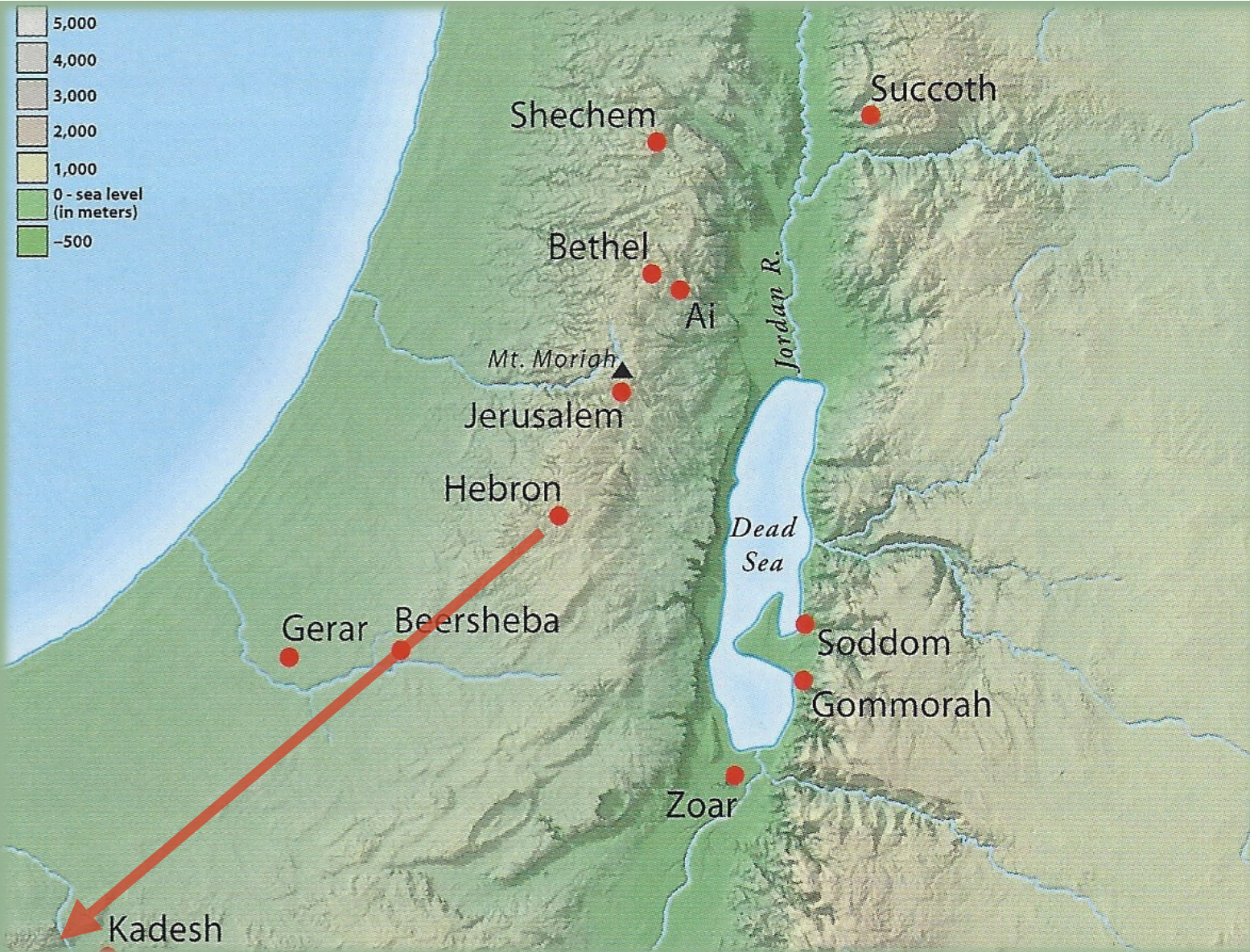




God's Promise To Abraham

Gen. 21:6-7 Sarah said, “God has brought me **laughter (SaHach)**, and everyone who hears about this **will laugh (Yits-Hach)** with me.”

And she added, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.” *(Is anything Impossible for the LORD?)*





God's Promise To Ishmael

Gen. 21:17-18 God heard (**Ishma Elohim**) the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there.

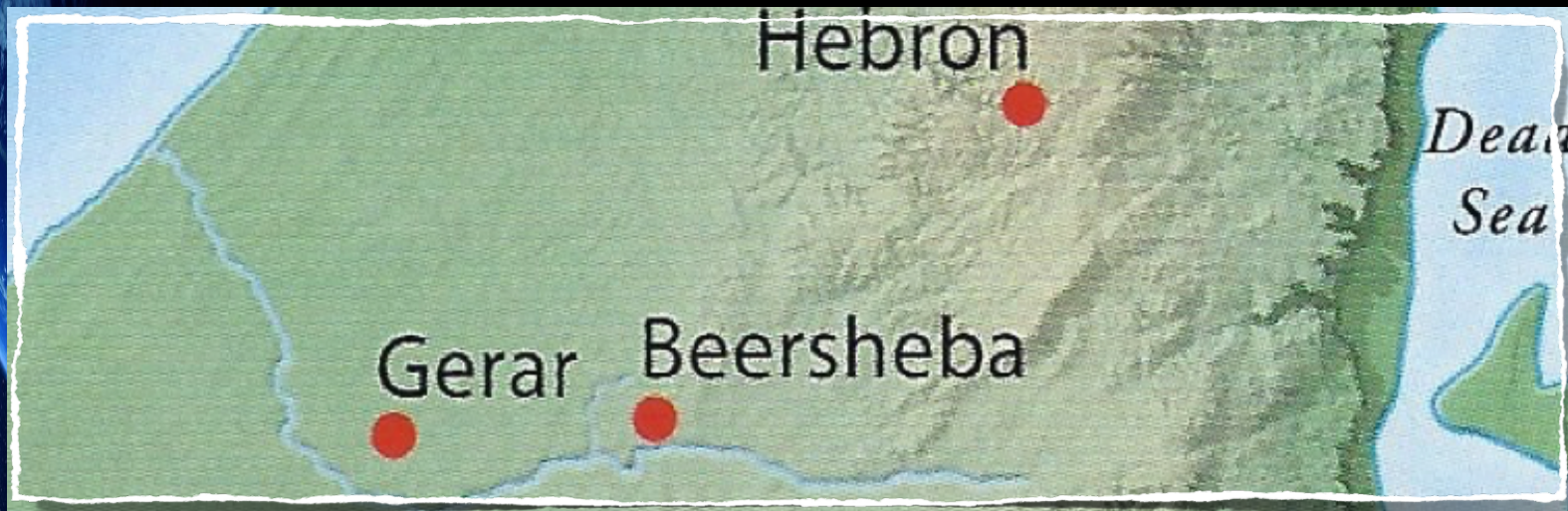
Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.”



Abraham's Oath To Abimelech

Gen. 21:30-31 *Abraham* said, “Accept these seven (sheba) lambs from my hand as a witness that I dug this well (be'er).”

So that place was called **Be'ersheba**, because the two men swore an oath (sheba) there.



Some Conclusions

1. Abraham Tries To Handle Life With Deception
(A Flaw That Continues In His Sons: Isaac And Jacob)
2. We See Abimelech's Faith In God In His Life
Contrast: We Do Not See Lot's Faith In God In His Life
3. God Hears Ishmael And Blesses Him
4. Sarah Sees God Do The Impossible - And Laughs
5. Abraham Sees That All Men Are Blessed Through Him



Genesis 22-23

The “Death” Of Isaac
The Death Of Sarah