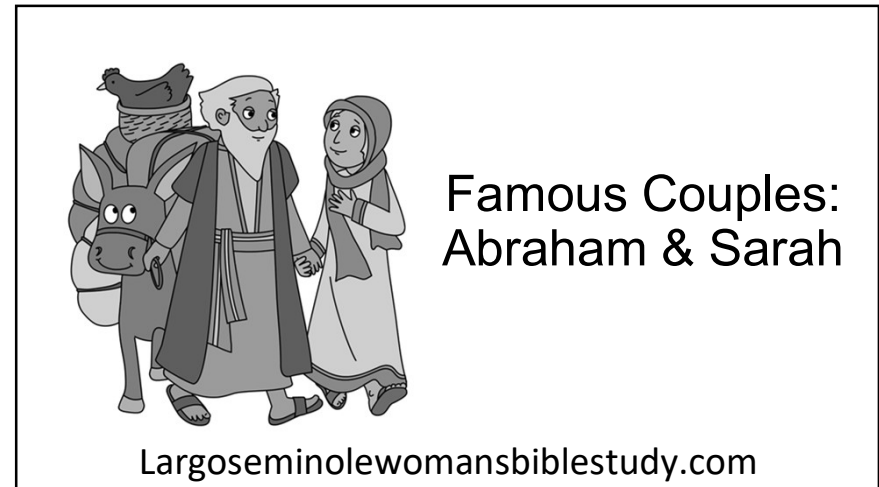


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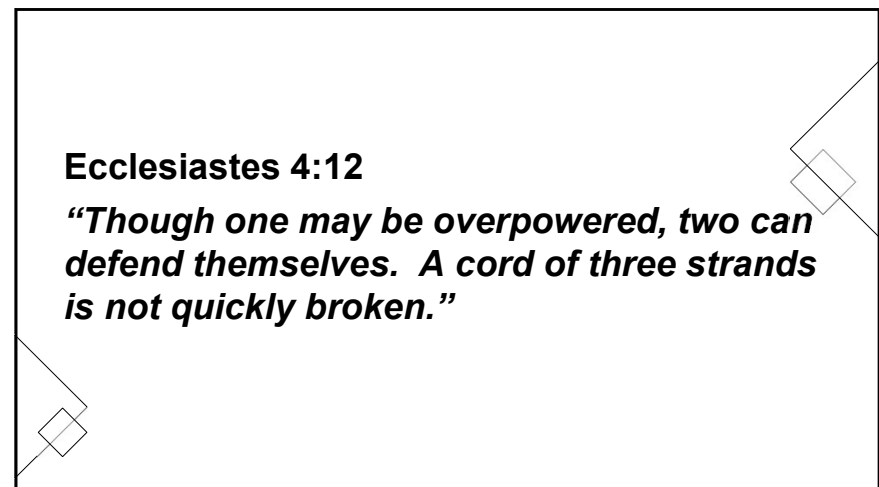


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Stage 2	Disillusionment & Distraction	Reality that it takes hard work: balancing of work, church, finances and children.
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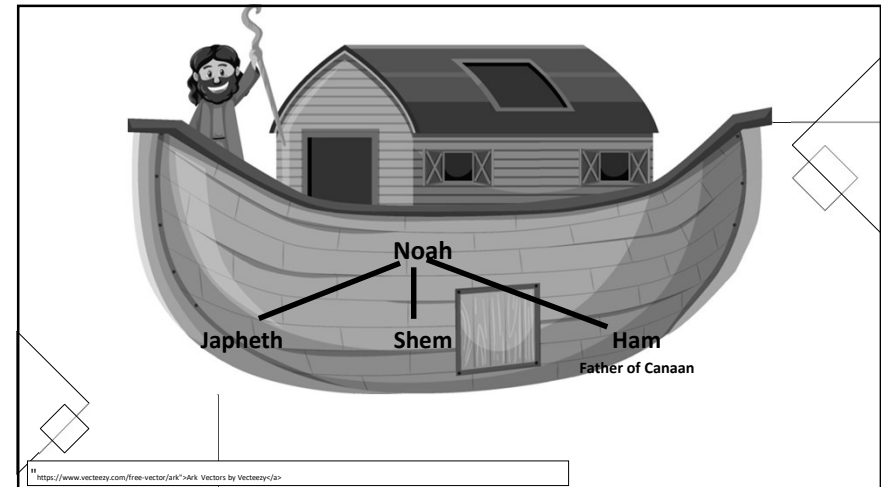


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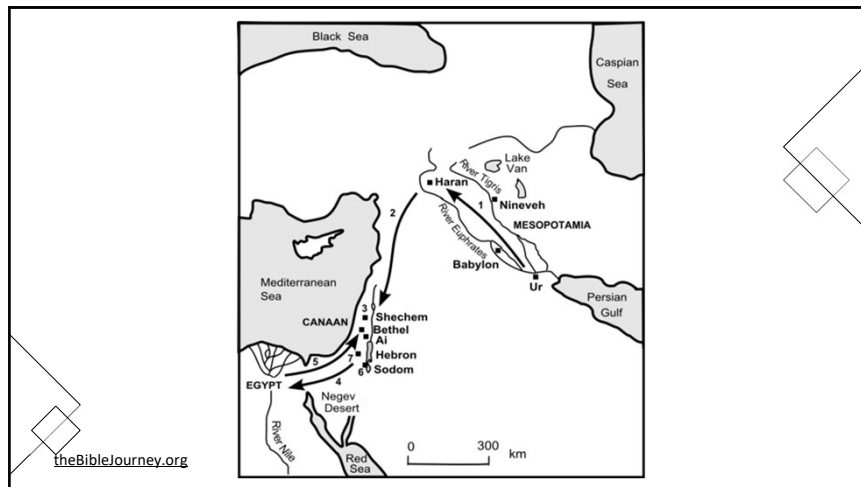
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**Stage 1:****Known facts:**

**Terah was both Abraham and Sarah's father**  
**Ur of the Chaldeans**  
**Sarah was beautiful**  
**Sarah was barren**

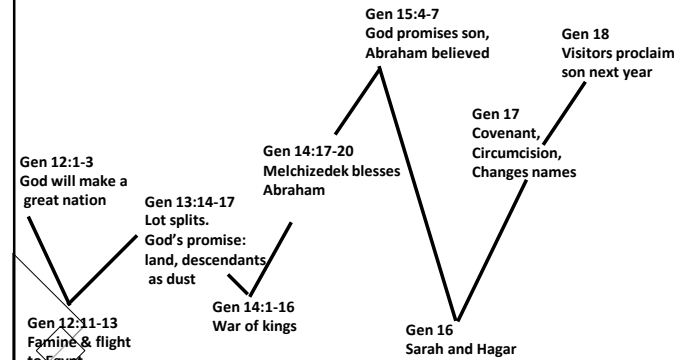
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## Stage 2:

### *Disillusionment and Distraction*

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## Spiritual Walk of Abraham and Sarah



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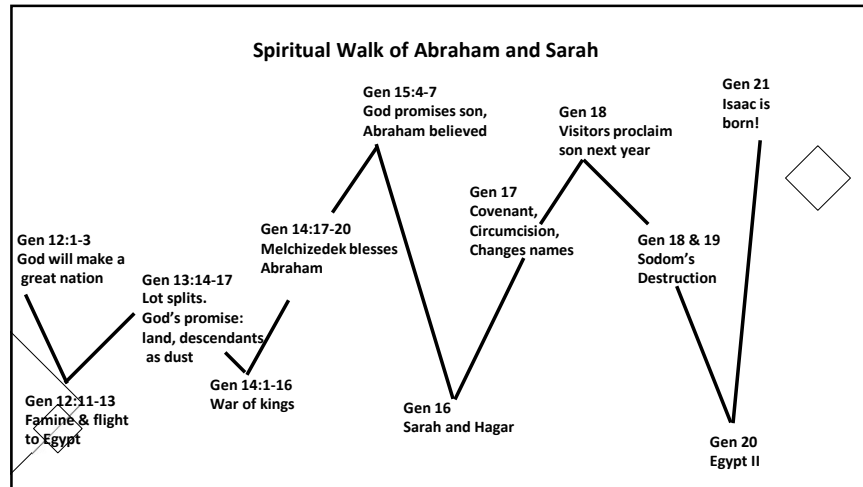
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- pala~surpassing, extraordinary
- 71 times ~ wonderful, wondrous, miracles, wonders
- Isaiah 9:6 Wonderful Counselor

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*Is anything too WONDERFUL for the Lord?*

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## Why We Fear Other People:

*When People are Big and God is Small: Overcoming Peer Pressure, Codependency, and the Fear of Man* by Edward T. Welch.

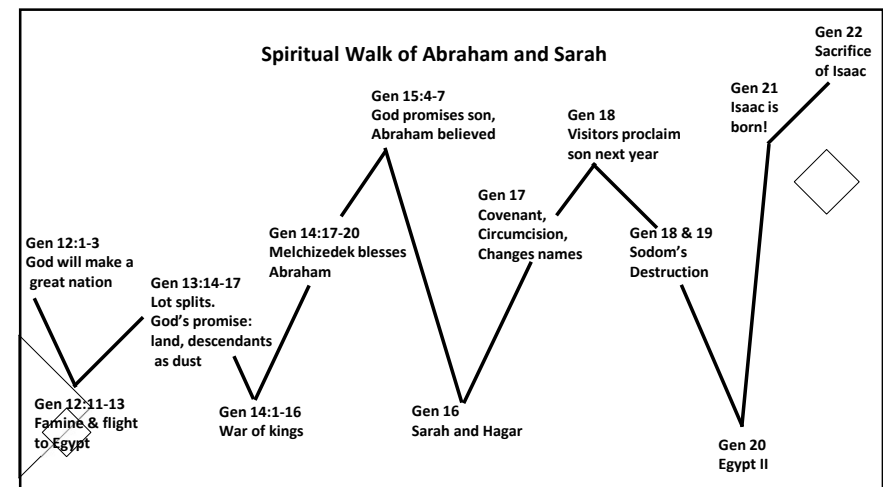
- We fear people because they can expose or humiliate us.
- We fear people because they can reject, ridicule, or despise us.
- We fear people because they can attack, oppress, or threaten us.

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## Proverbs 29:25

***"The fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe."***

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## Hall of Faith: Not the WHAT, but the WHO

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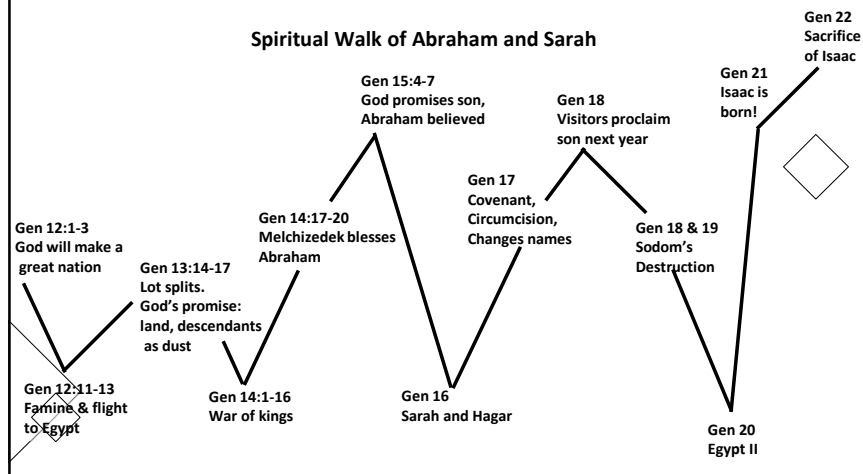
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**Romans 4:18-22**

***“In hope against hope he believed, in order that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah’s womb;***

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**Romans 4:18-22**

***“yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in the faith giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was also able to perform. Therefore, also it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”***

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