



# Following the example of Abraham

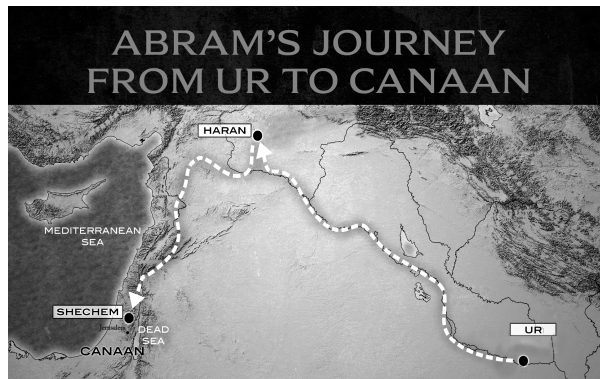
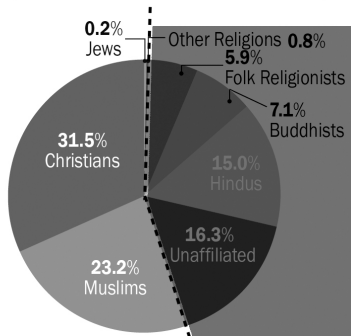
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Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

Genesis 12:1-8 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup> "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." <sup>4</sup> So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. <sup>5</sup> He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. <sup>6</sup> Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and 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.

"Abraham's enduring legacy is ethical monotheism, the belief that there is one God over mankind, and that His primary concern is people act ethically." -Rabbi J. Telushkin, *Jewish Literacy* pg.30

## ABRAHAM'S RELIGIONS



## Background:

Judaism, Christianity and Islam all have Abraham as their founder. Abraham's travels take him from the city of Ur to modern day Israel, he traveled through what we now call the Fertile Crescent, a region in the Middle East which curves, like a quarter-moon, from the Persian Gulf, through modern-day southern Iraq, up through Syria, down in to Lebanon, Jordan, Israel and the Northern Nile area of Egypt (see map on front). Other than Moses, Abraham is cited more time in the New Testament than any other Old Testament individual (72 times). In Genesis 17 God changes Abram and Sarai's name to the ones we commonly now use: Abraham and Sarah.

## Blessing:

1. The gift ("a great nation") is only made possible because of God's \_\_\_\_\_. On his own, Abraham had no legitimate way to obtain it because Sarah couldn't conceive. - Genesis 11:30
2. Abraham will \_\_\_\_\_ what people failed to obtain by building the Tower of Babel (*a lasting heritage and fame*). -Genesis 11:4.
3. The proof of Abraham's faith was his willingness to trust/obey. - Hebrews 11:8-19

## Believe:

1. Everyone is \_\_\_\_\_ to live under Abraham's blessing.
2. Like Abraham, we all need to \_\_\_\_\_ to God's invitation.

*Example:* Parents can be a blessing. Together they \_\_\_\_\_ into the world. They \_\_\_\_\_ children as they mature. They set an \_\_\_\_\_ for their children to follow.

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