

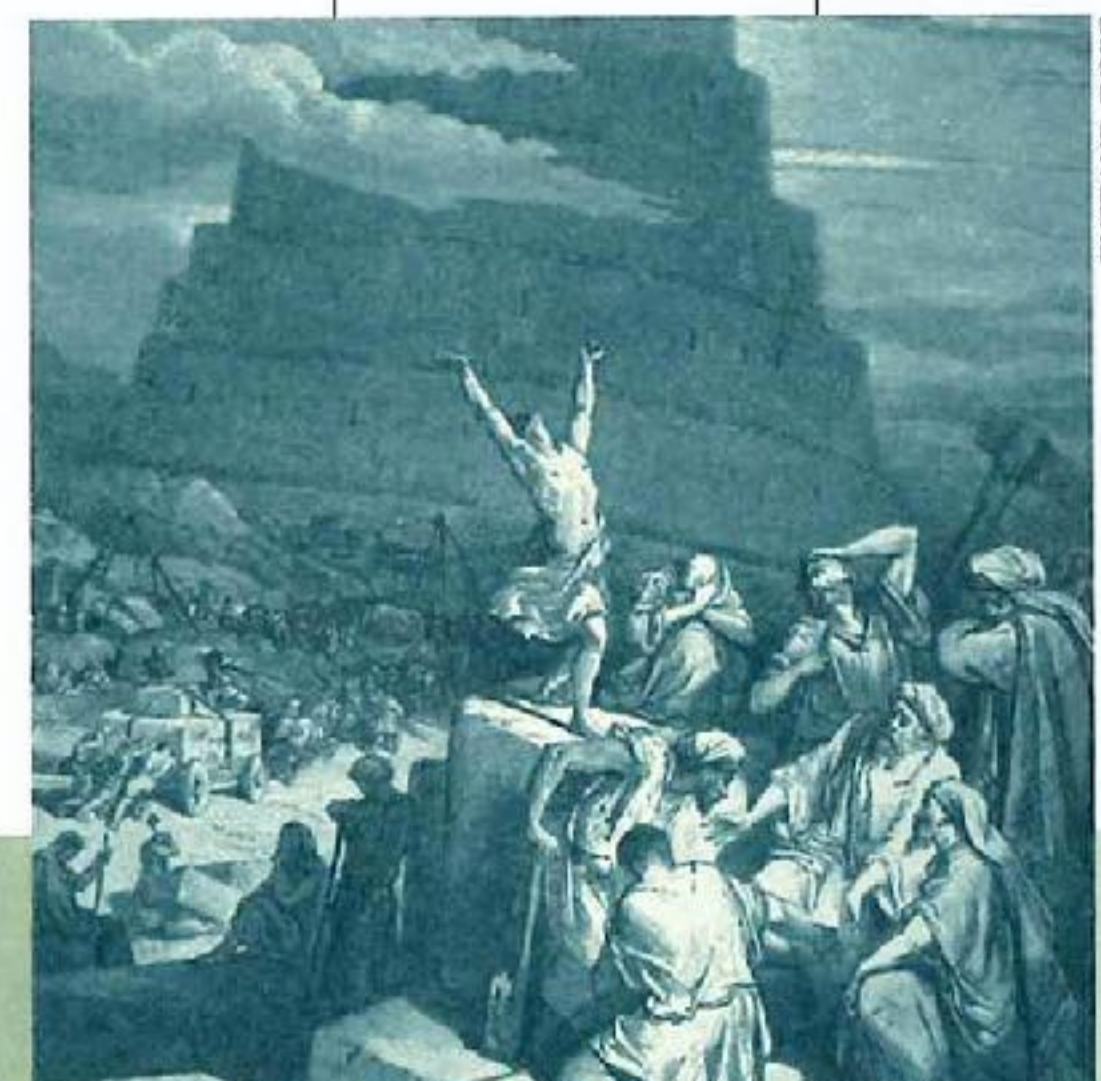
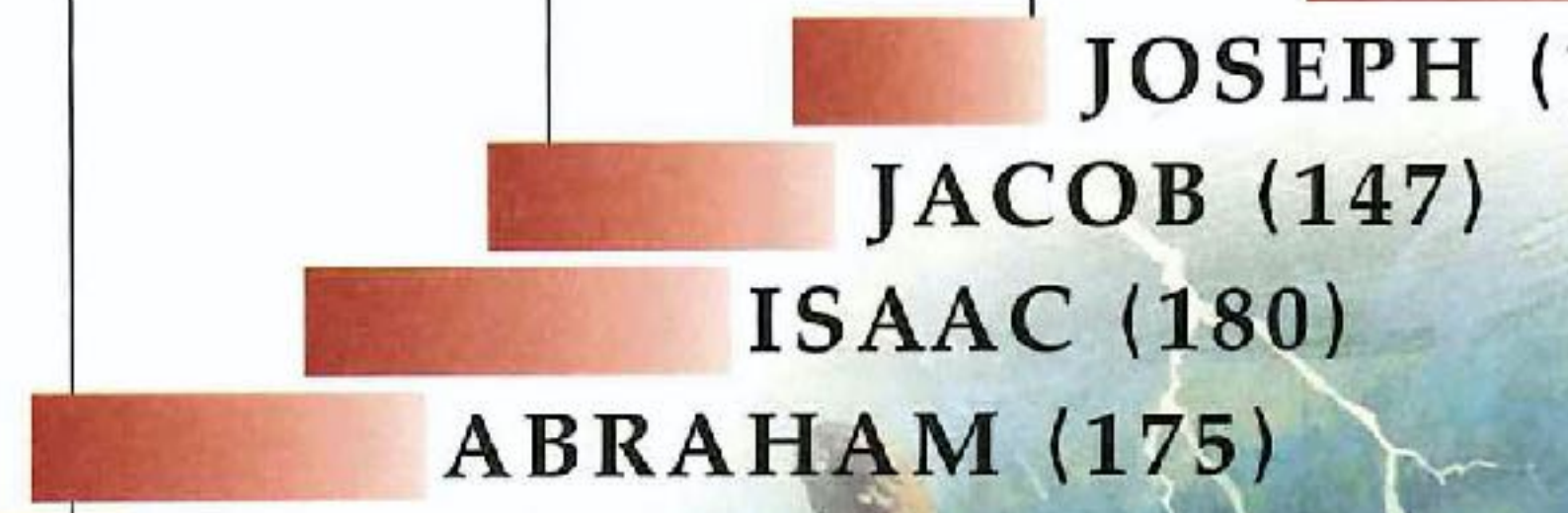
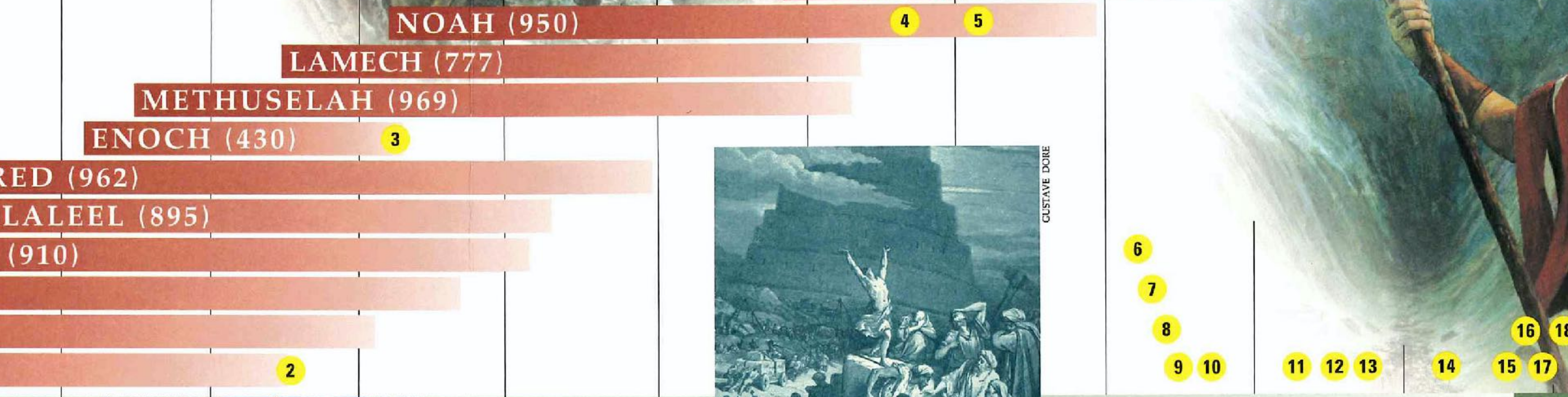
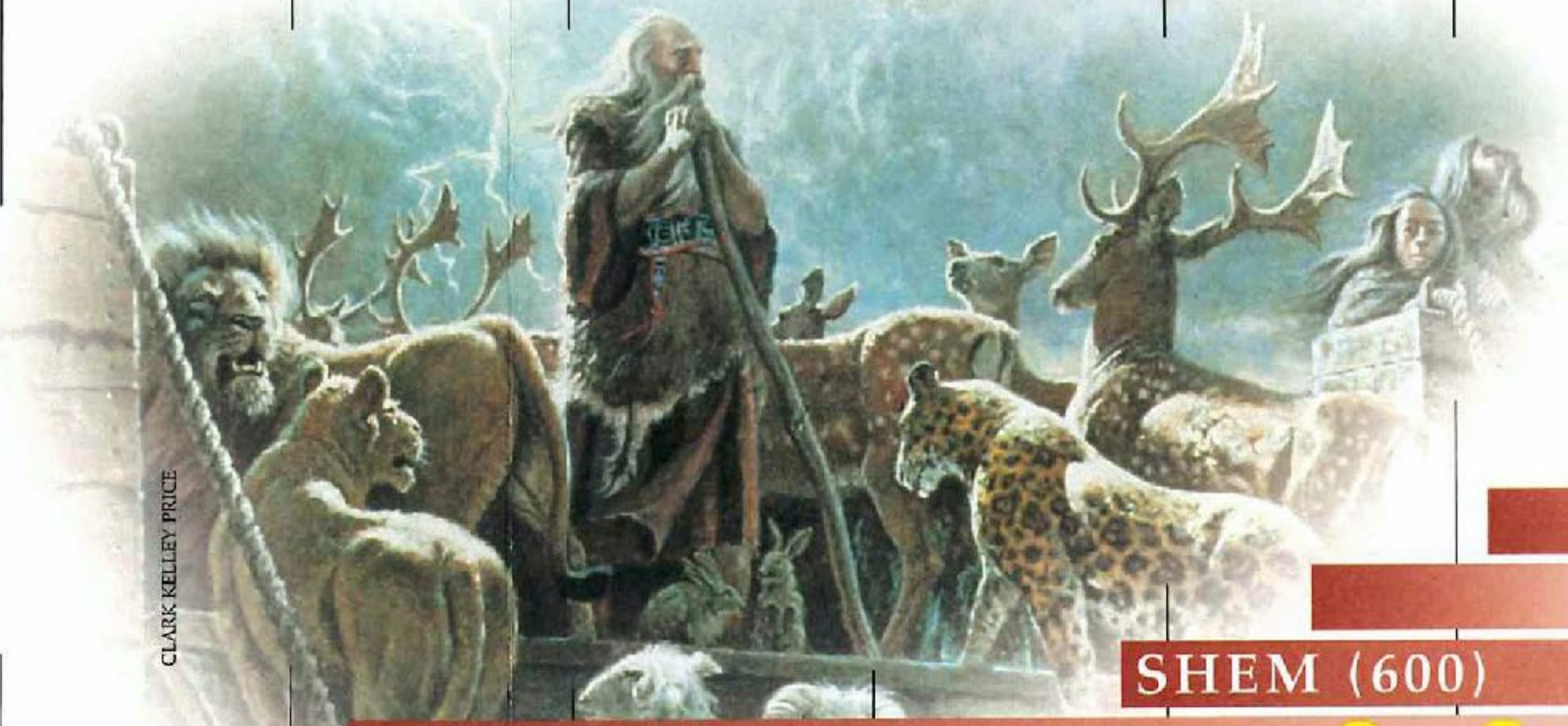
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COME FOLLOW ME: OLD TESTAMENT



THE BOOK OF ABRAHAM

TRANSLATED FROM THE PAPYRUS, BY JOSEPH SMITH

A Translation of some ancient Records that have fallen into our hands from the catacombs of Egypt. The writings of Abraham while he was in Egypt, called the Book of Abraham, written by his own hand, upon papyrus.

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Arabian Desert

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Lower (Persia)

Neal A. Maxwell

“Desire denotes a real longing or craving. ...

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Elder Neal A. Maxwell discussed these three virtuous young women, along with three exceptionally faithful young men—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego (see Daniel 3:12–30)—as “marvelous models on enduring uncertainty and on trusting God”:

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“Matching those three young men are three young women whose names we do not have. They are mentioned in the book of Abraham, remarkable young women about whom I am anxious to know more. They were actually sacrificed upon the altar because ‘they would not bow down to worship [an idol] of wood or stone’ (Abraham 1:11). Some day the faithful will get to meet them”

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Genesis 11

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Elder Bruce R. McConkie

“...Abraham, who received theocratic power from Melchizedek, went down into Egypt. There he found a descendant of Ham, reigning as Pharaoh, whose government was patterned after the patriarchal governments of old, but which was devoid of priesthood and revelation, and hence, as far as worship is concerned—a worship prescribed, mandated, and commanded by pharaoh—had turned to idolatry.’ (Abraham 1:20–27.)”

(Elder Bruce R. McConkie, “A New Witness for the Articles of Faith” [1985], 660).

Abraham is entrusted as a record keeper

royal blood.

Now this king of Egypt was a descendant from the ^aloins of ^bHam, as a partaker of the blood of the Canaanites by birth.

From this descent sprang all the Egyptians, and thus the blood of the Canaanites was preserved and continued.

The land of ^aEgypt being first discovered by a woman, who was the daughter of Ham, and the daughter of the Chaldeans, which in the Chaldean language signifies that it is forbidden;

When this woman discovered that it was under water, who first settled her sons in it; and from Ham, sprang that race

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AND GENESIS 12

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Abraham journeys through the promised land of Canaan

11 And I will ^abless them that bless thee, and ^bcurse them that curse thee; and in thee (that is, in thy Priesthood) and in thy ^cseed (that is, thy Priesthood), for I give unto thee a promise that this ^aright shall continue in thee, and in thy seed after thee (that is to say, the literal seed, or the seed of the body) shall all the families of the earth be blessed, even with the blessings of the Gospel, which are the blessings of salvation, even of life eternal.

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16 Therefore, ^aeternity was our covering and our ^brock and our salvation, as we journeyed from Haran by the way of ^cJershon, to come to the land of Canaan.

17 Now I, Abraham, built an ^aaltar in the land of Jershon, and made an offering unto the Lord, and prayed that the ^bfamine might be turned away from my father's house, that they might not perish.

18 And then we passed from Jershon through the land unto the place of Sechem; it was situated in the plains of Moreh, and we had already come into the borders of the land of the ^aCanaanites, and I offered ^bsacrifice there in the plains of Moreh, and called on the Lord devoutly, because we had already come into the land of this idolatrous nation.

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2 1a Abr. 1:29.
b Gen. 11:28.
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b Gen. 11:27;
22:23 (20–24).
c Gen. 20:12 (12, 16).

b TG Delegation of Responsibility.
c Gen. 12:3;
Abr. 1:19.
d Gen. 13:15; 17:8; 48:4;
Ex. 33:1;
1 Ne. 10:3;
Abr. 3:19.

Isa. 9:3; 26:15;
Acts 13:26; Abr. 3:14.
b Gen. 12:2 (1–3); 49:26;
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David A. Bednar

“Truly, great responsibility rests upon the seed of Abraham in these latter days. ...

“... We are here upon the earth at this time to magnify the priesthood and to preach the gospel. That is who we are, and that is why we are here”

(David A. Bednar, “Becoming a Missionary,” GC Oct 2005, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2005, 47).

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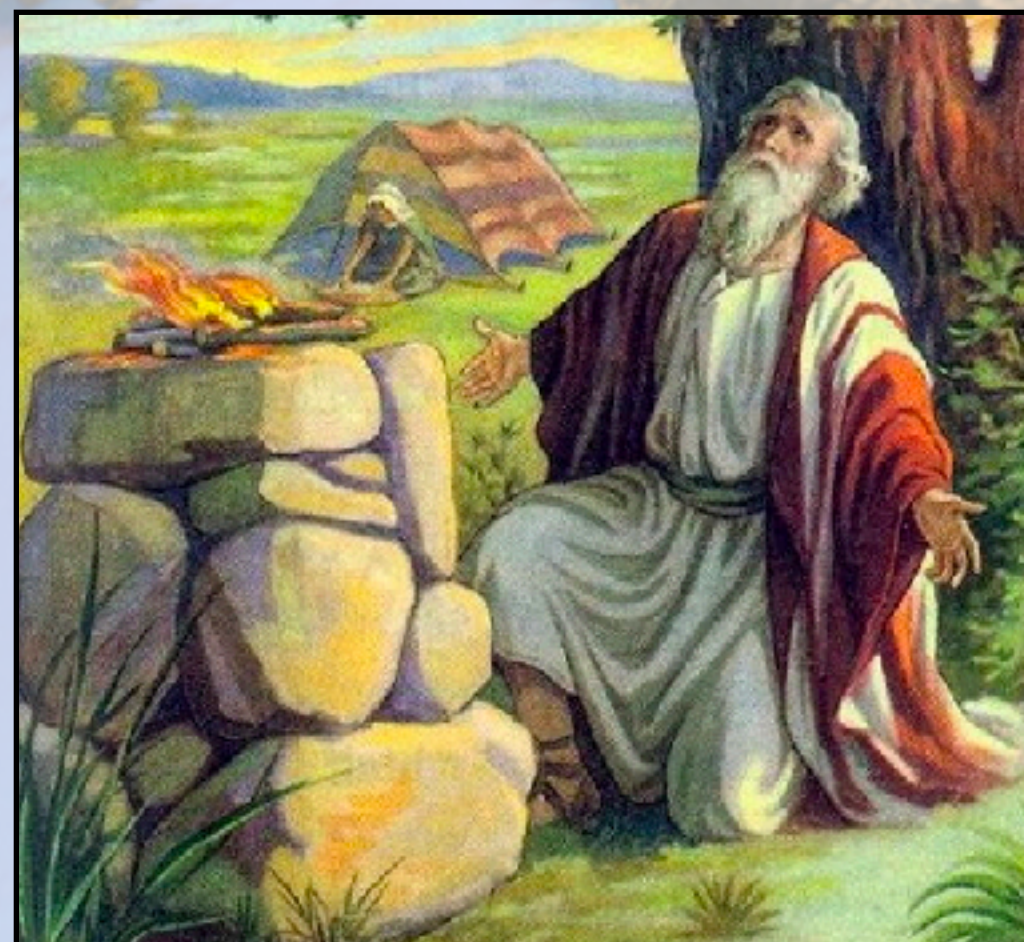
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● Ur

Genesis 12:5

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.

Abraham 2:15 clarifies what is meant by the "souls they had gotten"

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The Lord warns Abraham about the Egyptians

ABRAHAM 2:23–3:9

23 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see her, they will say—She is his wife; and they will kill you, but they will save her alive; therefore see that ye do on this wise:

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^c IE There is a possibility that Abram traveled southward on the ancient route by way of Damascus to the site of ancient Jerash

^b Abr. 1:29; 2:1.
 18^a Gen. 12:6.
^b TG Sacrifice.
 19^a D&C 107:54 (53–54).
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Abram returns from Egypt—He and Lot part—The Lord will make Abram’s seed as the dust of the earth in number—Abram settles in Hebron.

AND Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

2 And Abram *was* very *“rich* in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

3 And he went on his journeys from the south even to *“Beth*-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and *“Hai*;

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11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and *“Lot* dwelled in the

cities of the plain, and pitched *his* tent toward Sodom.

13 But the men of *“Sodom were* *“wicked* and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and *“westward*:

15 For all the *“land* which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

16 And I will make thy *“seed* as the *“dust* of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbered.

17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

18 Then Abram removed *his* tent, and came and dwelt *“in* the plain of Mamre, which *is* in *“Hebron*, and built there an *“altar* unto the LORD.

CHAPTER 14

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6 And the land was not able to
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Gen. 2:25 (22–25).

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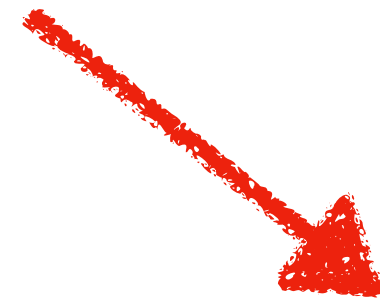
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I Have a Question

What is the most effective way for a parent to instill in his children a desire for church activity?

Is it possible that Shem and Melchizedek are the same person?

Alma E. Gygi



This question is frequently asked and is an interesting one. Let us examine first what we know about Shem. Although the Bible names Shem as the eldest son of Noah ([Gen. 5:32](#)), modern-day revelation places Japheth as the eldest ([Moses 8:12](#)). Both reports, however, are harmonious in naming Shem as the progenitor of Israel and in the fact that the priesthood descended through Shem to all the great patriarchs after Noah ([1 Chr. 1:9-10](#)). In this patriarchal order of

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10 And he took unto him all these, and ^adivided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

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9 And Abram said, Lord God, how wilt thou give me this land for an everlasting inheritance?

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11 And if thou shalt die, yet thou shalt possess it, for the day cometh, that the Son of Man shall live; but how can he live if he be not dead? he must first be quickened.

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of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these *were* confederate with Abram.

14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, ^ahe armed his trained *servants*, ^bborn in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued *them* unto Dan.

15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which *is* on the ^aleft hand of Damascus.

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10 And he took unto him all these, and ^adivided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

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13 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

14 Wherefore the ^awell was called ^bBeer-lahai-roi; behold, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered.

15 ¶ And Hagar ^abare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, ^bIshmael.

16 And Abram *was* fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

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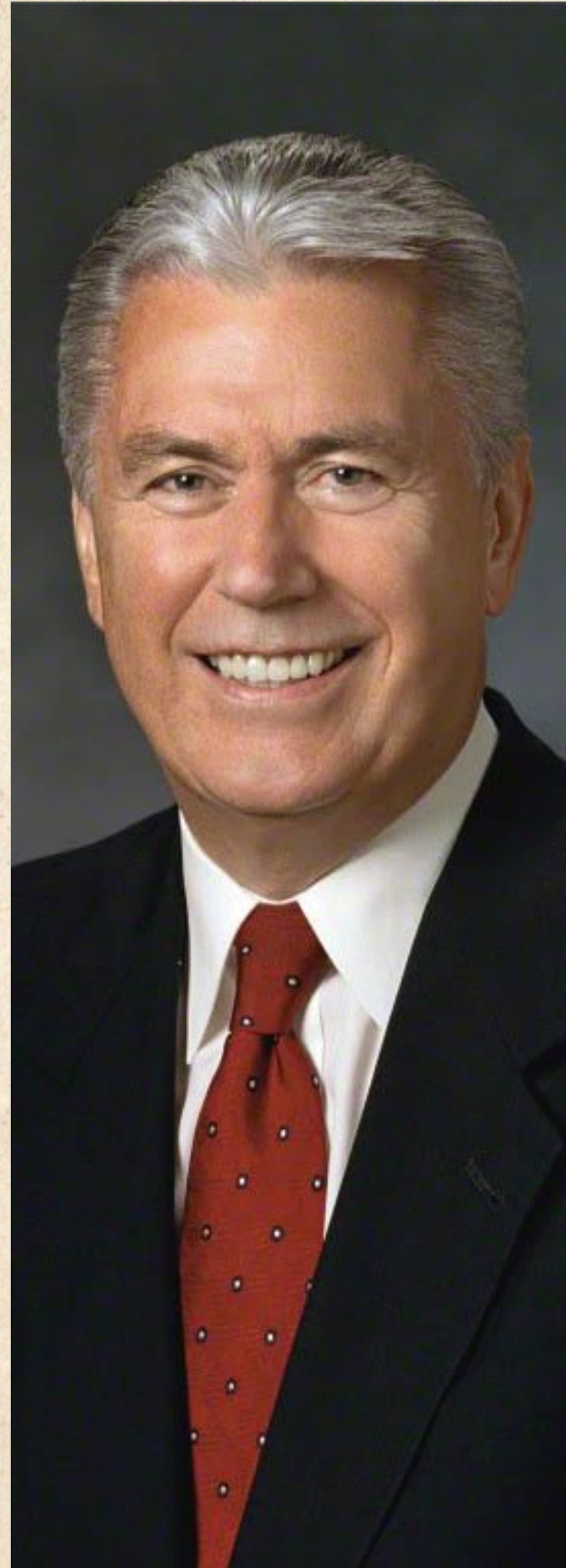
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COME FOLLOW ME: OLD TESTAMENT



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f Gen. 48:4; Abr. 2:6.

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