

# **Bible Reading**

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# INTERNATIONALS AND EXPATS IN THE BIBLE

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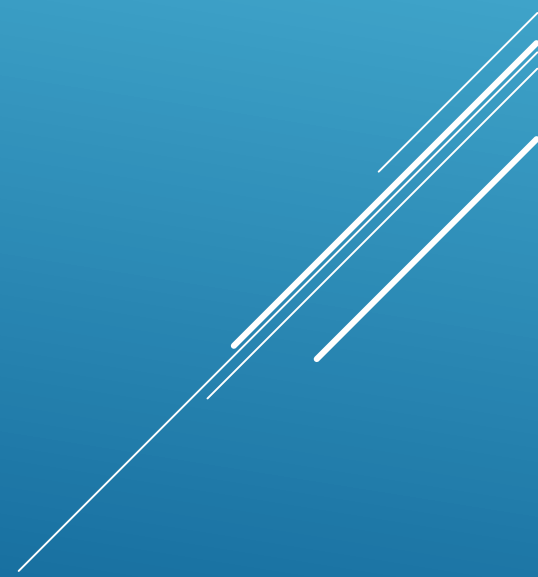
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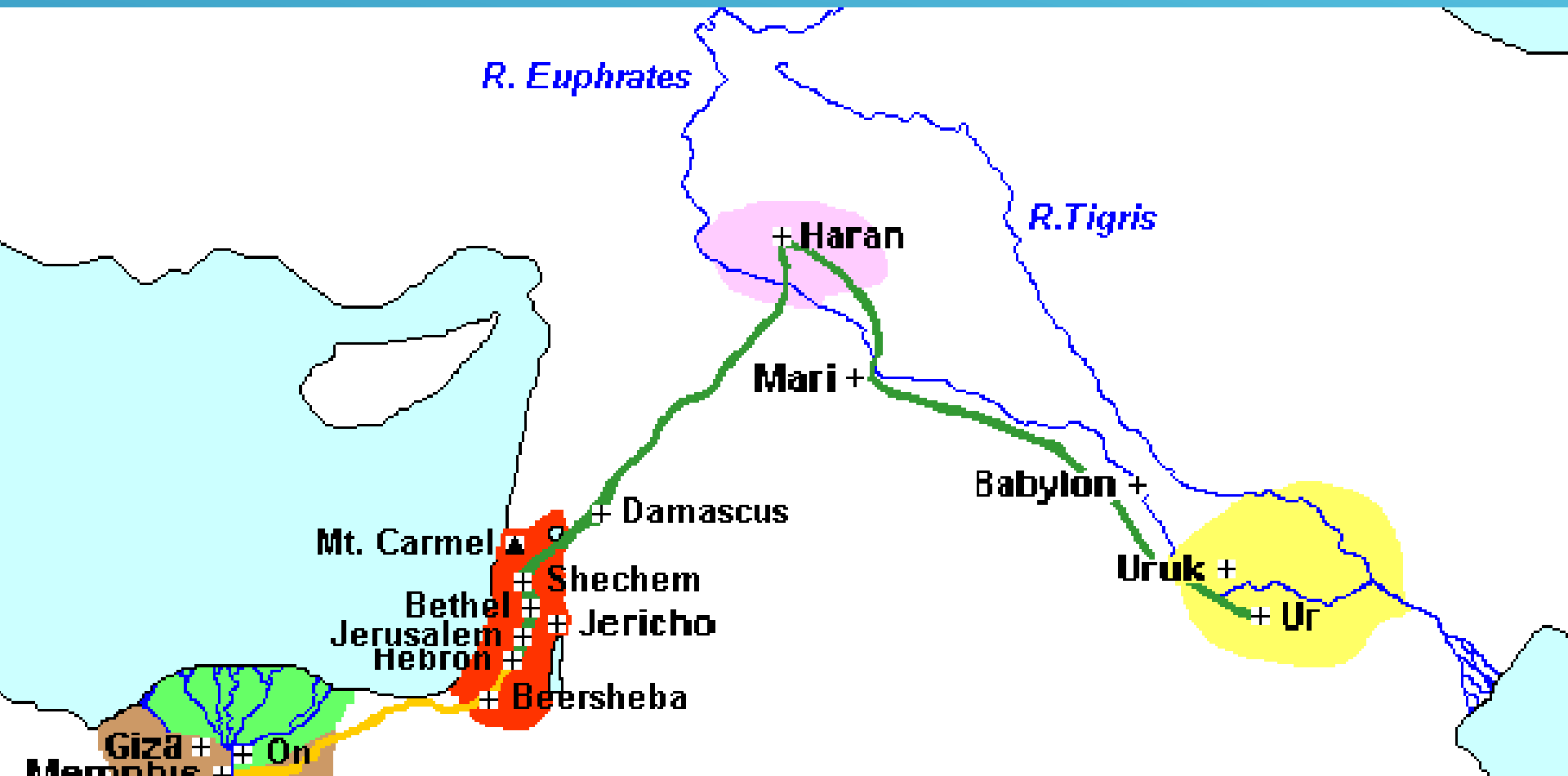
**NATIVE OF  
PONTUS, FROM  
ITALY TO CORINTH**

**Corinth. Athens**


- ▶ Later on Aquila and Priscilla move to Ephese with Paul, and move to Rome where they have a house church (Paul greets them in the letter to the Romans, written AD 57)




- ▶ Abraham: from Ur, via Haran (Aram) to Canaan, as an economic refugee to Egypt (famine)





- ▶ Ishmael was expelled to Arabia
  - ▶ Isaac: stayed in Canaan, but his wife Rebecca came from Aram
  - ▶ Jacob was a refugee, fleeing from his brother, and married wives from Aram
  - ▶ Jacob returned to Canaan, and was renamed Israel
  - ▶ Jacob's children left for Egypt; Joseph was sold off as a slave, he and his family left as economic refugees (famine)
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- ▶ The descendants of Jacob (Israel) returned, led by Moses, as political refugees, persecuted by the Egyptians.
- ▶ They settled in Canaan, next to a number of tribes and nations.
- ▶ The story of Ruth is an account of cross-border travel and settling
- ▶ David fled for Sauls' persecution to different tribes, even the Philistines
- ▶ The whole of the people of Israel and later Judah were forcibly relocated by Assyrians and Babylonians, a part was relocated

- ▶ Joseph and Mary came originally from Bethlehem (Judah) but lived in Nazareth (Galilee), a different kingdom in the Roman Empire
  - ▶ They had to return to their ancestral town for a census, and became refugees to Egypt afterwards
  - ▶ Probably they would be counted as legitimate refugees by the IND, as there was persecution by the authorities...
  - ▶ And they returned to Nazareth when things were safer...
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▶ **God is not a god of a region, but of the whole earth**

▶ **People moving around is part of Gods' plan...**

▶ **How did God lead you?**

▶ **Marrakech, Morocco**

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