

# SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

AN OVERVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

JN. 5:39



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## Genesis 22:1-24

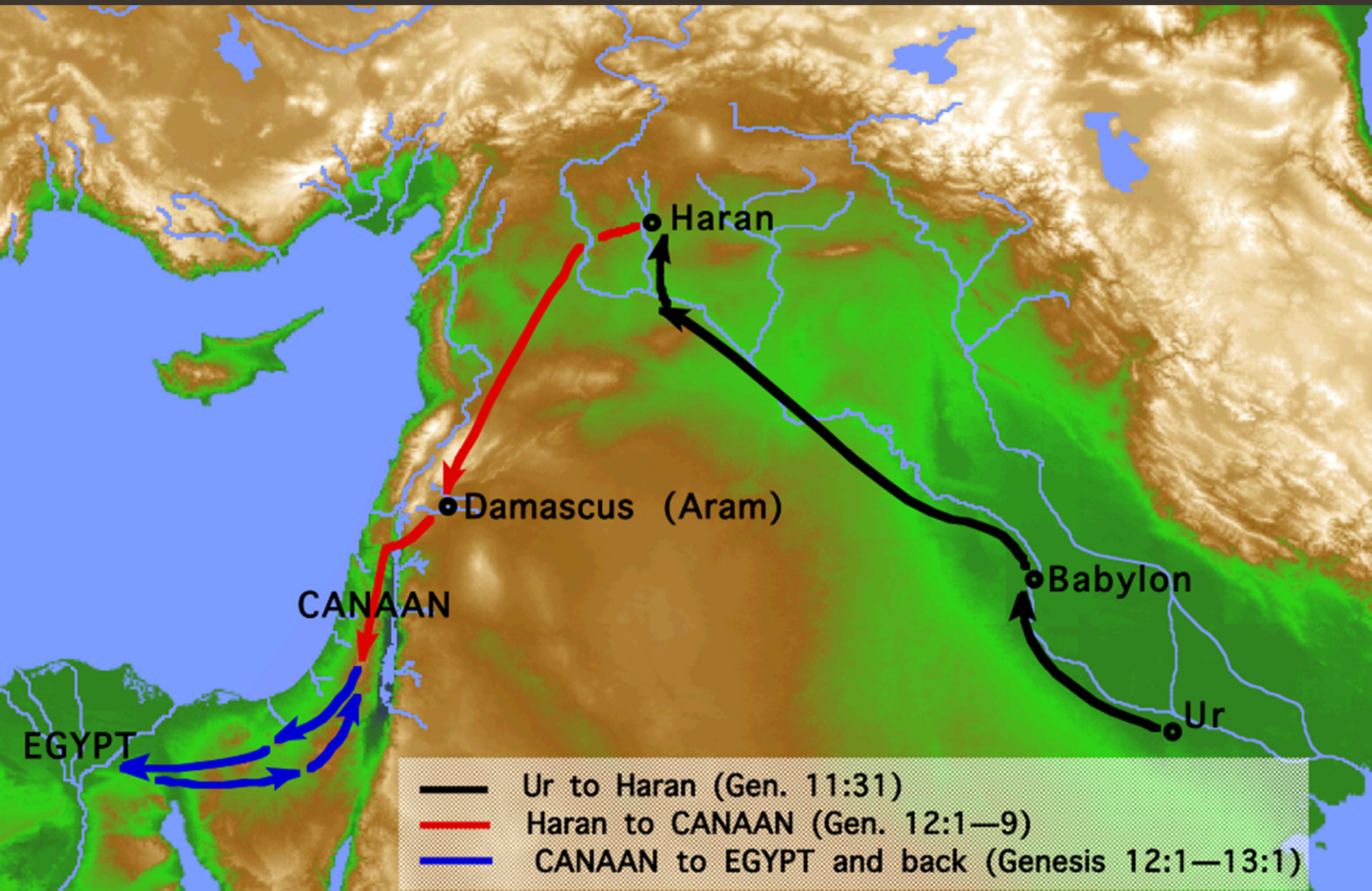
We began in Genesis with the beginnings of the human race.

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- ❖ Tonight, we will observe “*the Proof of Faith.*” About 25 years earlier in his life, Abraham was promised by God that his future ancestry would be as many as the stars in heaven.
- ❖ Affections determine decisions and decisions determine destinations – “...faith worketh by love.”
- ❖ If a person has never been tested on the point loved most, he has never been tested at all.

Deut. 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.



## 11. The Proof of Faith, 22:1-24

❖ The account of Abraham's offering of Isaac is wonderful picture of Jn. 3:16:

Jn. 3:16 For God so loved the world, that **he gave his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

### a. The Test of Faith, 22:1-13

Gen. 22:1 And it came to pass after these things, that **God did tempt Abraham**, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, *here I am*.

2 And he said, **Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest,** and get thee into **the land of Moriah;** and offer him **there** for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day **Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.**

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and **I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.**

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid *it* upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, **Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb** for a burnt offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, **God will provide himself a lamb** for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to **the place which God had told him of**; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.



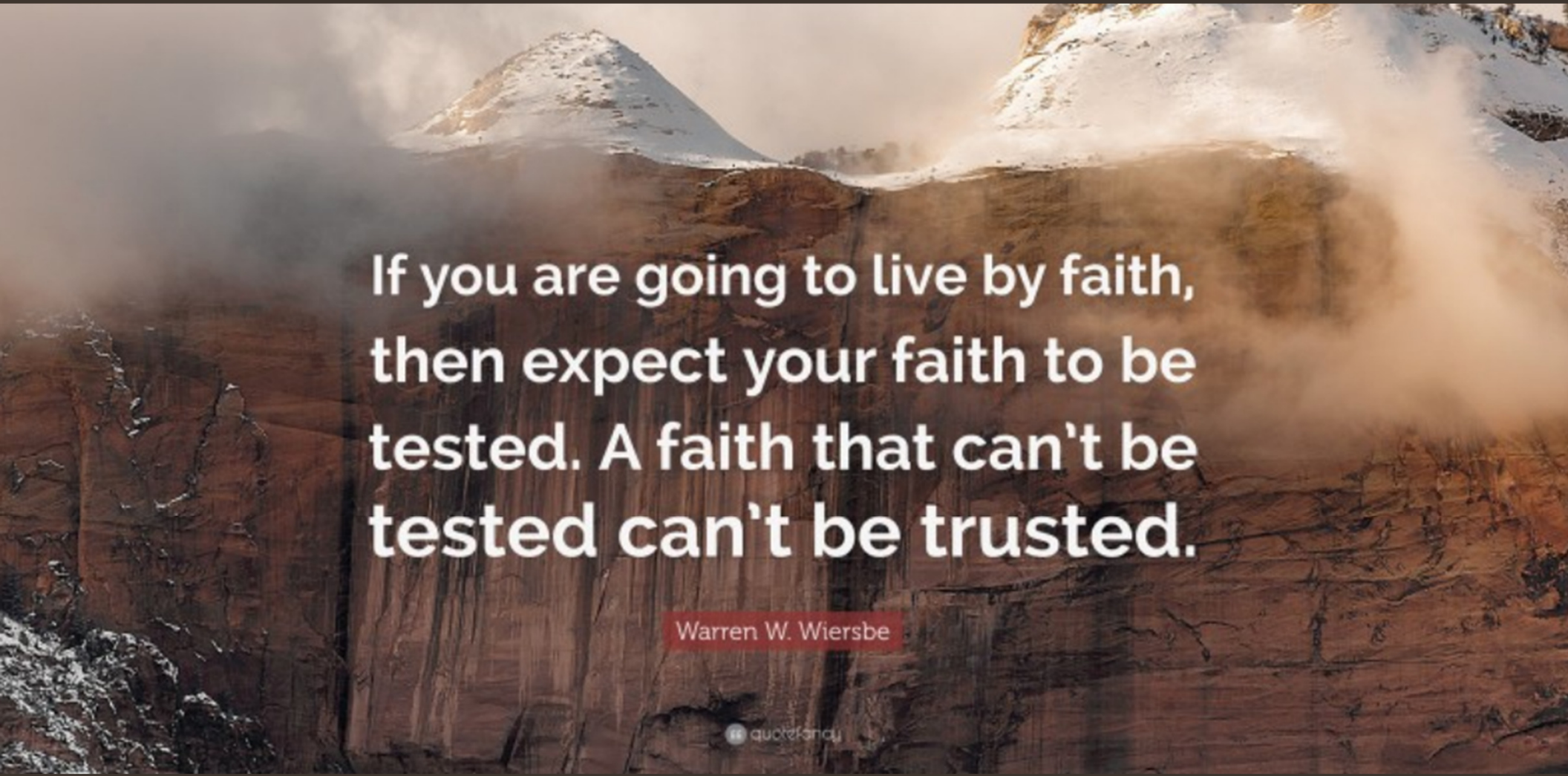
10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here *am* I.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, **thine only son from me.**

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and **offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.**

❖ The chapter begins with a test of faith for Abraham.



**If you are going to live by faith,  
then expect your faith to be  
tested. A faith that can't be  
tested can't be trusted.**

Warren W. Wiersbe

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❖ The word “tempt” is clarified in Heb. 11:17:

Heb. 11:17 **By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,**

❖ Abraham was directed to go to “the land of Moriah” (not Mt. Moriah). Why?

Gen. 20:2 And he said, **Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest,** and get thee into **the land of Moriah;** and offer him **there** for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

# Abraham offers Isaac



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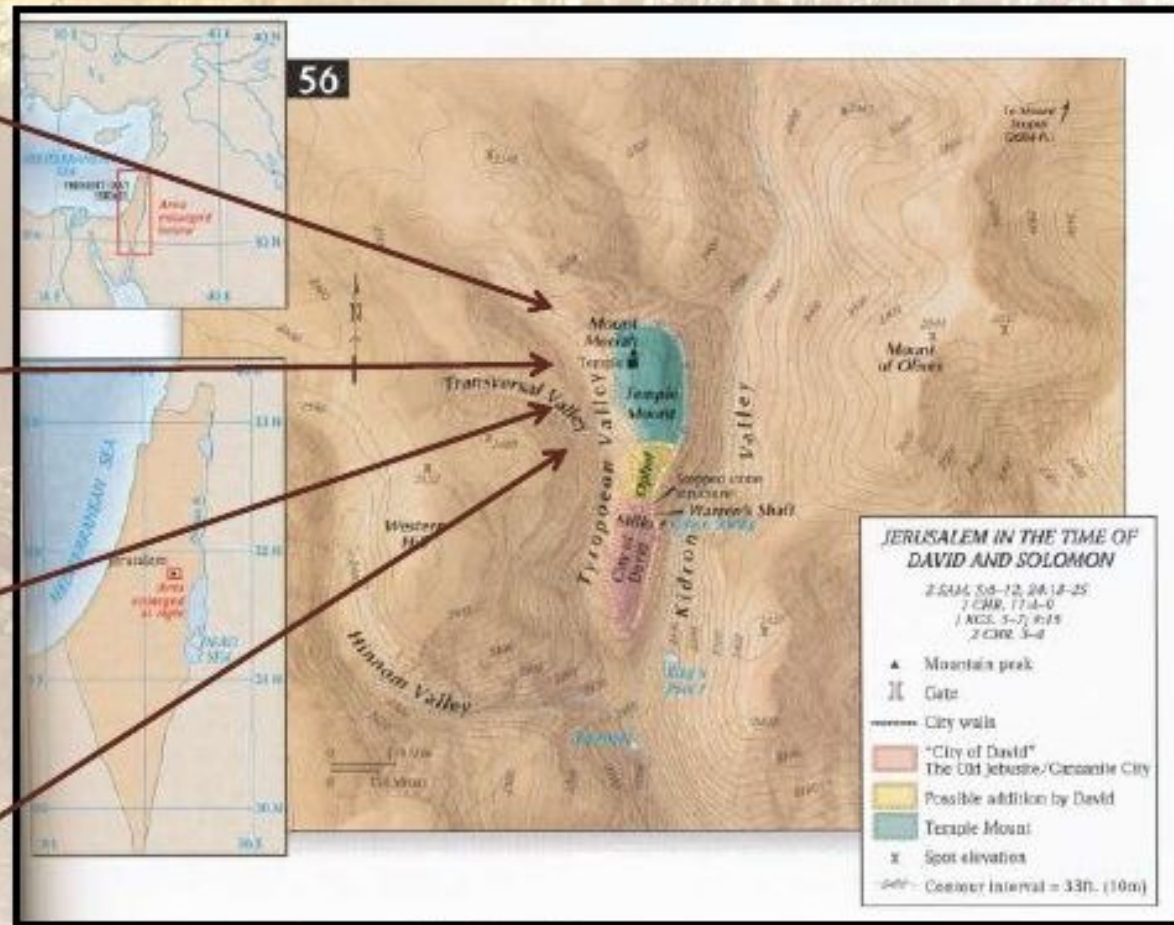
# Location of Mount Moriah

The place where Melchizedek offered sacrifice to God?

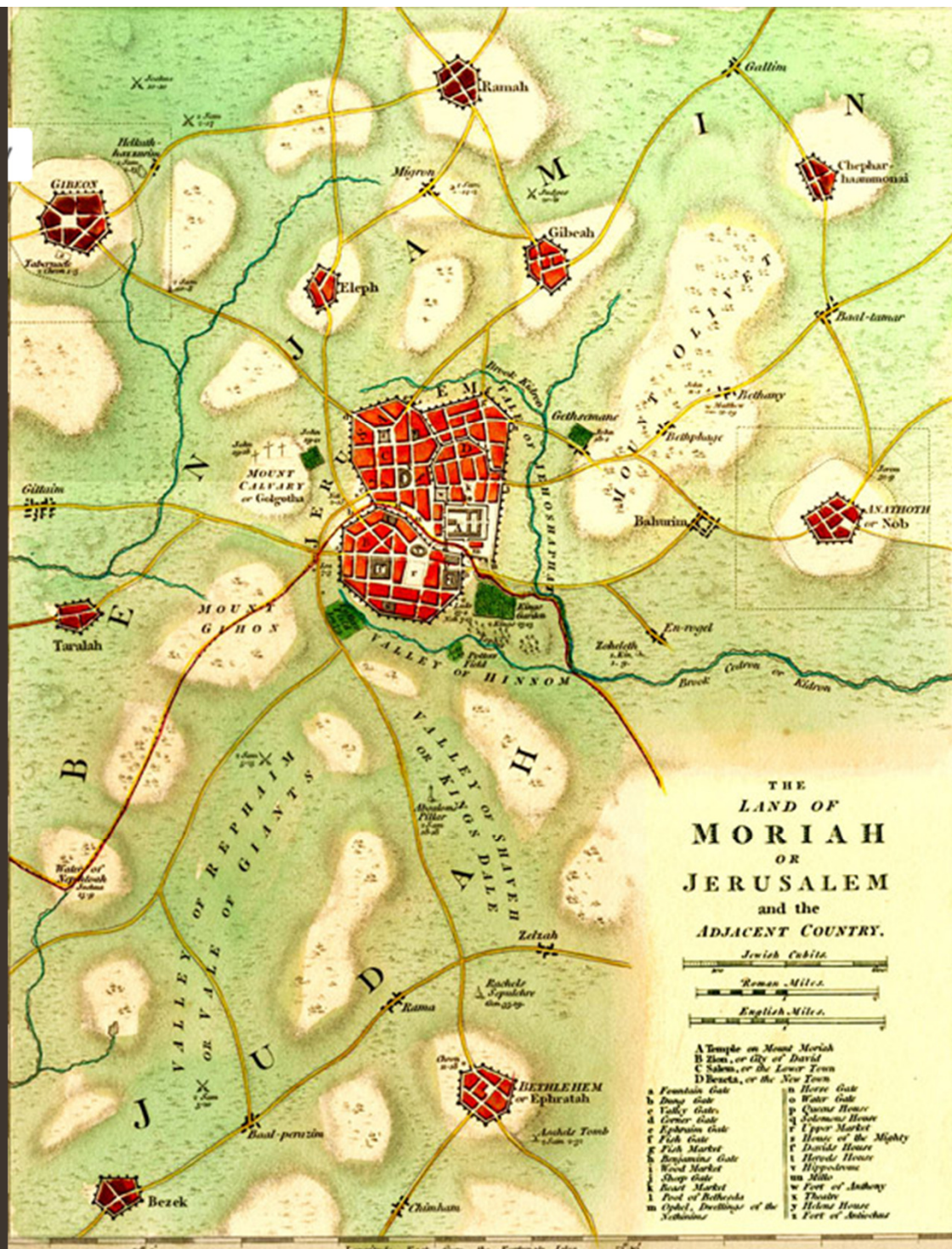
The place where Abraham offered Isaac

The site of the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite

The place where Solomon built the Temple



Isaac - His Sacrifice



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Moriah was three-days distant from Beersheba. The distance from Beersheba to Jerusalem is about 50 miles which could have required three days travel to reach. As such, it has been proposed that the location of Moriah is the rocky outcropping just north of Jerusalem, adjacent to, or directly on, the hill where the temple was built that housed the ark of the covenant.

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Moriah = "chosen by Jehovah"

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2 Chron. 3:1 Then Solomon began to build **the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah**, where *the LORD* appeared unto David his father, **in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.**

❖ On the third day, Abraham saw “the place” to make the offering.

Gen. 22:4 Then on the third day **Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.**

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and **I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.**



❖ Abraham's faith was tested by sacrificing what he loved, but with the promise from God that he expected to return to the servants with Isaac –  
“...and **I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.**”

Heb. 11:17 By faith Abraham, **when he was tried**, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*,  
18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

19 **Accounting that God was able to raise *him* up, even from the dead**; from whence also he received him in a figure.

❖ Job had faith in a resurrection, too.

Job 19:25 For **I know that my redeemer liveth**, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth:  
26 And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*,  
**yet in my flesh shall I see God:**

❖ Abraham believed the promises of God regarding Isaac.

Gen. 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 And **I will make of thee a great nation**, and **I will** bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And **I will** bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Gen. 15:5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, **So shall thy seed be.**

Gen. 17:19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and **thou shalt call his name Isaac:** and **I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. ...**

21 But **my covenant will I establish with Isaac,** which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

Gen. 21:12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for **in Isaac shall thy seed be called.**

Rom. 9:7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, **In Isaac shall thy seed be called.**

8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God: but **the children of the promise are counted for the seed.**

9 For **this is the word of promise**, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son.

Rom 4:13 For **the promise**, that he should be the heir of the world, *was* not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, **but through the righteousness of faith.**

14 For if they which are of the law *be* heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:

16 Therefore ***it is of faith, that it might be by grace***; to the end **the promise might be sure to all the seed**; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also **which is of the faith of Abraham**; who is the father of us all, ...

20 **He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief**; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

21 And being fully persuaded that, **what he had promised, he was able also to perform.**

Gal. 3:14 That **the blessing of Abraham** might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that **we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.** ...

16 Now **to Abraham and his seed were the promises made.** He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, **And to thy seed, which is Christ.** ...

22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that **the promise by faith of Jesus Christ** might be given to them that believe. ...

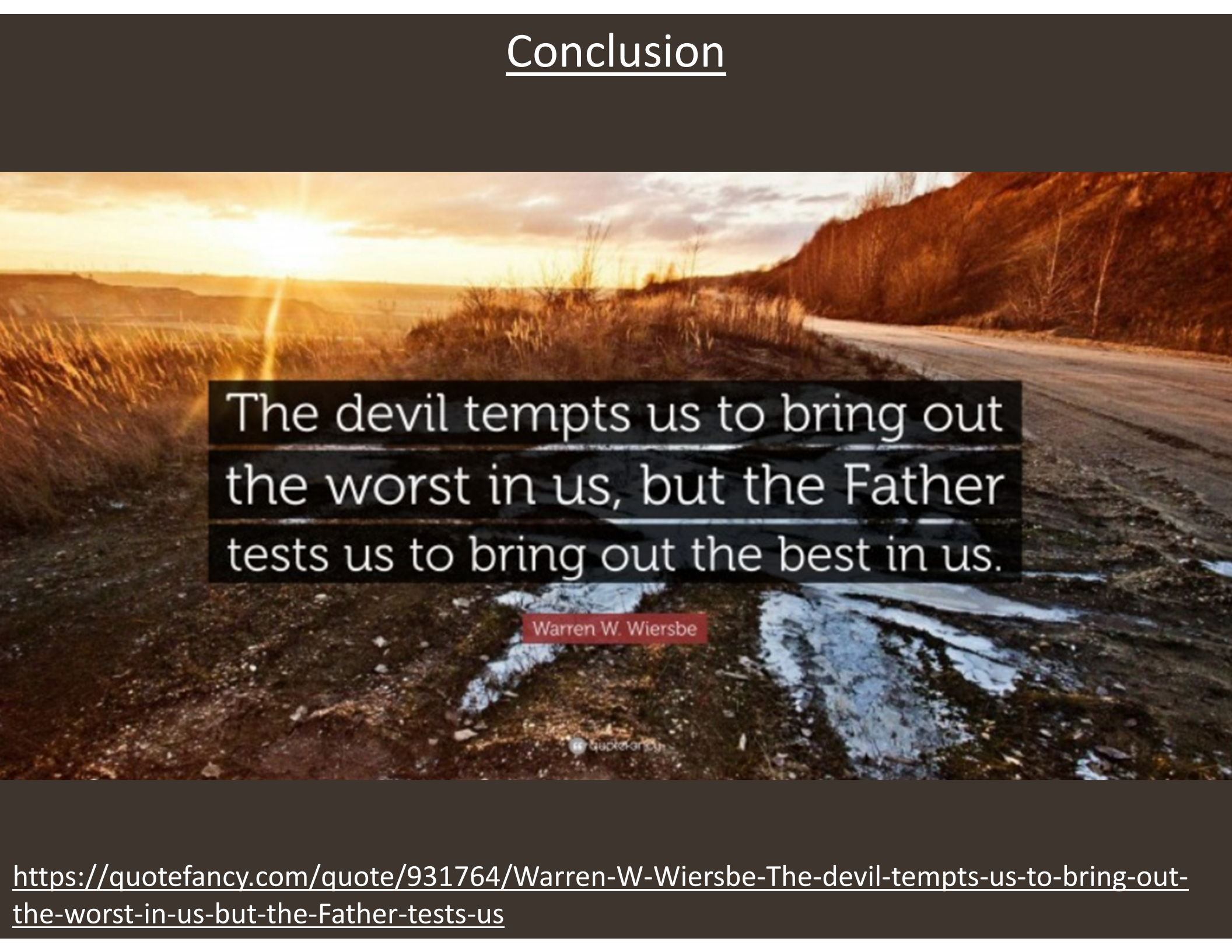
29 And **if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

Gal. 4:28 Now **we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.**

Heb. 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (**for he *is* faithful that promised;**)



# Conclusion



The devil tempts us to bring out  
the worst in us, but the Father  
tests us to bring out the best in us.

Warren W. Wiersbe

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Deut. 8:2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, **to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart**, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; **that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.**