

Event 1: Abraham's Journeys

The green arrows show the mapping for event one. They illustrate the route that Abraham took when God called him out of Ur to go to the land of Canaan. On the map, we see Abraham following the Euphrates river up and across and then down the coast to Canaan. His route is along the Fertile Crescent or the Cradle of Civilization of the Ancient Near East. Abraham travelled on already established trade routes, and passed by cities where he could replenish his supplies if needed. Since there is a desert in between, it is not feasible to go directly across from Ur to Canaan, even though the distance would be much shorter. This route up along the Euphrates River and down, is also the route that the Assyrians and Babylonians took when they invaded Israel and Judah. Similarly, Jews took this route when they returned to Israel from their exile in Babylon, as described in the Book of Ezra and Nehemiah.