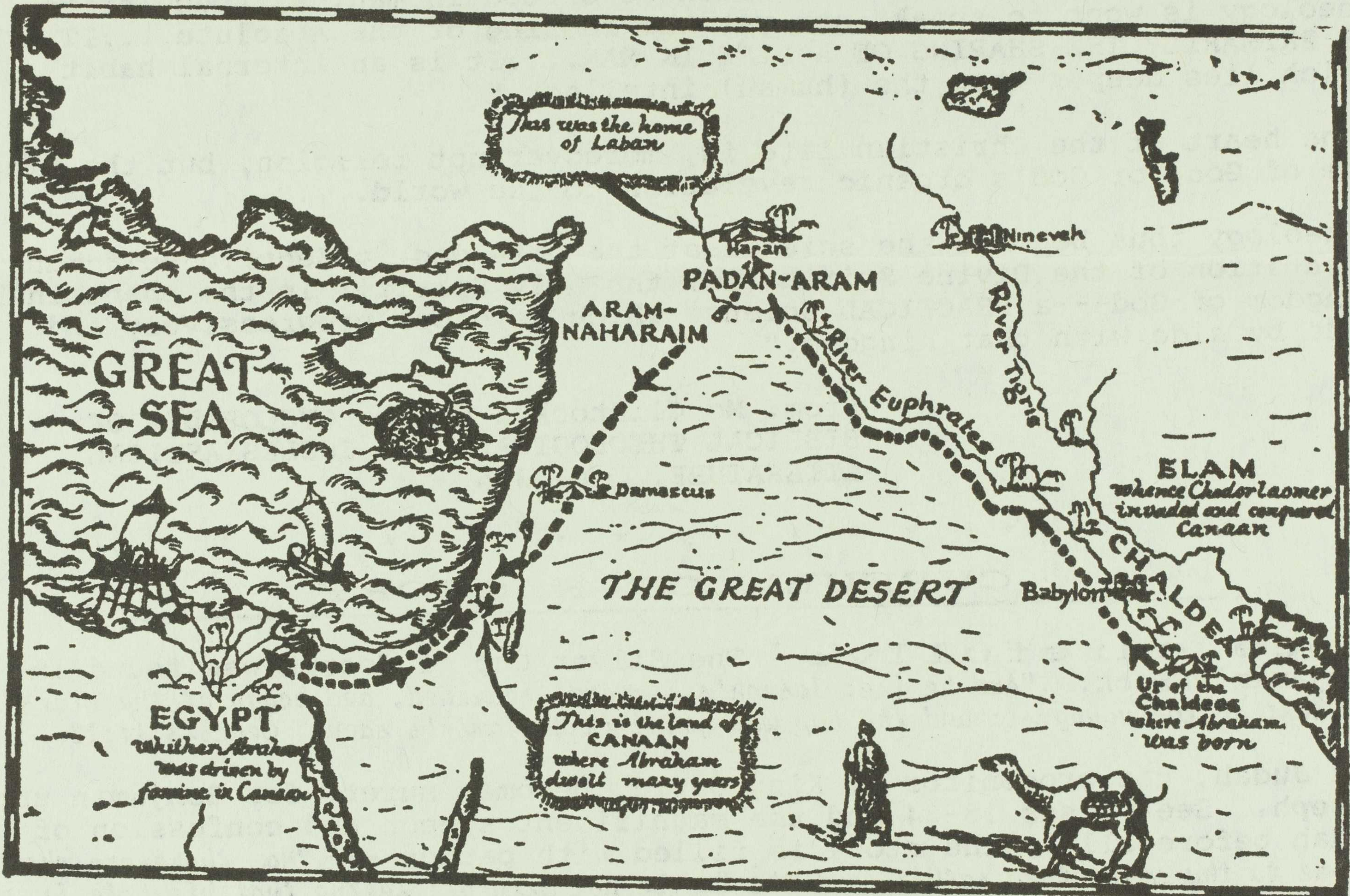


THE CALLING OF ABRAM

"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..." GENESIS 12:1



This call is remarkable in many ways...

It came to Abraham abruptly, as though a supernatural hand had knocked at the door of his tent.

A strange yet commanding impulse came upon him, creating the most implicit and instant obedience.

This was the more extraordinary, as there is not in the words of the call any specification of the name of the land whither Abraham is now summoned---

Whether it was inhabited or not: it is simply called "a land that I will shew thee".

And even as the bird crosses oceans that she never traversed before, and the honey-bee sails joyfully over unknown fields, in obedience to their instincts, so Abraham was to commit himself to the pilotage and providence of God...

My ancestors came to America in 1628; I know not why they came...But I know I am here in the Providence of the Almighty!

HOW ABOUT YOU? All these are Covenant purposes! Hallelu-Jah!