

“Coram Deo”

Living Before the face of God



Psalm 139:1-12

- 1 You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.
- 2 You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
- 4 Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

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- 7 Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- 9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- 10 even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
- 11 If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me,
and the light become night around me,”
- 12 even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

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Uta Hagen -



Was a German-American actress
and theatre practitioner.

Born in Germany in 1919. (Deceased: 2004)

Made her Broadway debut in 1938.

Had a long, distinguished career on the stage,
and for decades she had been one of the most
important acting teachers in America.

Uta Hagen -

Introduced the concept of the
“fourth wall”



In performance theater, the “fourth wall” is an imaginary
wall located in between the audience and the stage.

Encouraged actors to behave realistically in imaginary
circumstances

Actors were instructed to envision specific items on their
fourth wall (eg. a sunset, farmland, urban sprawl, rolling
ocean waves... whatever is required by the scene), keeping
their eyes pointed toward this foreground.

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**“By giving attention to the unseen dimension,
one’s mind, emotions, and countenance are lifted
above the mundane theater environment in
apprehension of a new world.” ***

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“Coram Deo”

Latin phrase translated...

“Before the face of God”

or

“In the presence of God”

When Abram was ninety-nine years old,
the Lord appeared to him and said,

**“I am God Almighty;
walk before me
faithfully and be blameless.”**

Then I will make my covenant between me and you
and will greatly increase your numbers.”

GENESIS 17:1-2

walk before me

I.e. - the way we live our lives

Genesis 5:22 “Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years.”

Genesis 6:8-9 “But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord... (He) was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.”

1 Kings 9:4 - As for you, if you walk before me faithfully with integrity of heart and uprightness, as David your father did...

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GENESIS 17:1-2

“Abraham...

the father of all them that believe!”

Romans 4:11



Stephen...

“The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia!”

Acts 7:2-3

“Go forth from thy country, and from your relatives, and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you...”

Acts 7:3

Genesis 11:24-32; 12:1-5

Genesis 1-11

- Creation
- Sin
- Plan of Salvation
- Cain/Abel
- Idolatry, depravity
- Flood
- Babel



Approx. 2000 years

Genesis 12-50

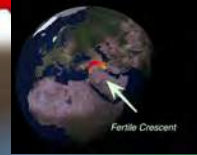
- 39 chapters!



Approx. 400 years!

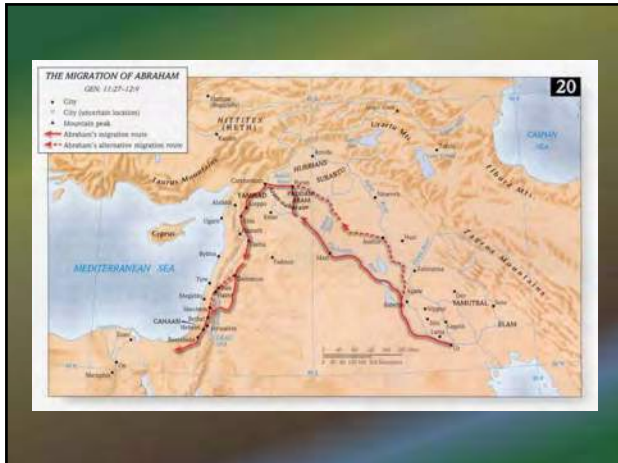


The Fertile Crescent



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Joshua 24:2

“From ancient times your fathers lived beyond the river... and they served other gods!”

Hebrews 11:8

By faith, Abraham when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out not knowing where he was going.

Hebrews 11:8

By faith,

NOW FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR, THE EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN. FOR BY IT THE ELDERS OBTAINED A GOOD REPORT. THROUGH FAITH WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE WORLDS WERE FRAMED BY THE WORD OF GOD, SO THAT THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN WERE NOT MADE OF THINGS WHICH DO APPEAR.
HEBREWS 11:1-3

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 ANYONE WHO WANTS TO COME TO HIM
 AND THAT
 HE REWARDS THOSE WHO SINCERELY SEEK HIM

*what we hope for, going to happen
 we cannot yet see
 faith
 must believe that there is a God
 he rewards those who sincerely seek him*

Hebrews 11:1-6

**BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE
 WILL LIVE BY FAITH.**
 And I take no pleasure in the
 one who shrinks back.

Hebrews 10:38 NIV

**THE RIGHTEOUS
 WILL LIVE BY FAITH**

HABAKKUK 2:1-4

**The just
 shall
 live by
 faith**

Habakkuk 2:4
 Romans 1:17
 Galatians 3:11
 Hebrew 10:38

“So Abraham went forth...”

In Obedience!

In Trust!

In “FAITH!”

He did it!

“... Land which I will show you...”

uncertainty...yes, but...

Not Going Alone!

Faith never knows the “land” to which it is being led...

It simply trusts the One leading!

Galatians 3:7

“Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham.”

“All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them.”
Hebrews 11:13

Abraham
FOUNDATIONS

awaiting the city
having real foundations,
whose designer and
builder is God.

**Hebrews
11:10**

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