

# Judges Series

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**An Undeserved Leader**

**Judges 3:7–9**

# JUDGES

**Moral Relativism  
Destroys a Nation**

**2021 Series**



# Outline of “Judges” (Chieftains, Tribal Rulers, Leaders)

**1:1–3:6**

## **Introduction**

**How Israel went from  
spiritual victory  
to being worse than  
the Canaanites**

**Incomplete obedience**

**Compromise**

**Failure**

**Cycles of discipline**

**3:7–16:31**

## **Paganization of the Leadership**

**Othniel (the best)**

**Ehud**

**Shamgar**

**Deborah**

**Gideon**

**Tola, Jair**

**Jephthah**

**Ibzan, Elon, Abdon**

**Samson**

**(the worst)**

**17:1–21:25**

## **Paganization of the Priests**

**Chap. 17–18**

**and the**

**People**

**Chap. 19–21**



**OTHNIEL**  
**The First Judge**

**Judges 3:7–11**



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wawConsec 3  
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to forget, to  
willfully neglect,  
ignore, parallel to  
“abandon”



# **Three Principles Govern Post-Modern History**

- 1. Since there are so many different opinions and views of history there must not be any historical truth. Therefore we simply impose our own meaning on the past, present, and future.**



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**2. There are so many events that the historian imputes his own values and judgment into every historical analysis so we must deconstruct those values.**



# **Three Principles Govern Post-Modern History**

**3. Facts and data are boring, uninteresting, and irrelevant.**



## **Conclusion:**

**So with the removal of truth, we can now revise history to fit our political/social agendas.**

## **Examples:**

- The Holocaust didn't happen. Holocaust denial has increased in recent years.**
- Marxism is the best we can do: no one has ever really tried it. We can succeed where others failed.**
- The birth of Critical Race Theory.**



A NEW ORIGIN STORY

*The* 1619 *Project*

*Created by* NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES

*Winner of the Pulitzer Prize*

*& THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE*



**SLAVES!**  
**LONG CREDIT SALE**  
**PLANTATION HANDS**  
FROM ALBANY VETERAN RESERVE.

**BY N. VIGOR AUCTIONEER,**  
Office:---No. 8 Banks' Arcade Passage, and corner of Conti street and Exchange Alley.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 25 1858,**  
AT 2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Will be sold in the Rotunda of the  
**ST. JAMES HOTEL,**

- No. 1. **ABSALOM**, aged 28 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed.
- No. 2. **NED**, aged 45 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed.
- No. 3. **TOM**, aged about 40 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed, except having a defect in the right knee.
- No. 4. **BILL**, aged about 23 years, Plantation hand, fully guaranteed, except having a defect in the right knee.
- No. 5. **JOHN**, aged about 20 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed, except having a defect in the right knee.
- No. 6. **ED**, aged about 18 years, plantation hand, good at work, in the Blacksmith's shop, fully guaranteed.
- No. 7. **PULLY**, Negress, aged 25 years, No. 1 plantation hand and fair Cook, Washer and Ironer, fully guaranteed.
- No. 8. **GEORGE**, Griff, aged about 23 years, good plantation hand and carver, fully guaranteed.

All of the above slaves are from the State of Alabama and sold under a full guarantee, except where noted to the contrary.

**ALSO, at the same time and place the following**  
**LIST OF ACCLIMATED SLAVES.**

No. 1. **MARY**, Griff, aged about 27 years, a good house servant, and child's work in a brick yard.

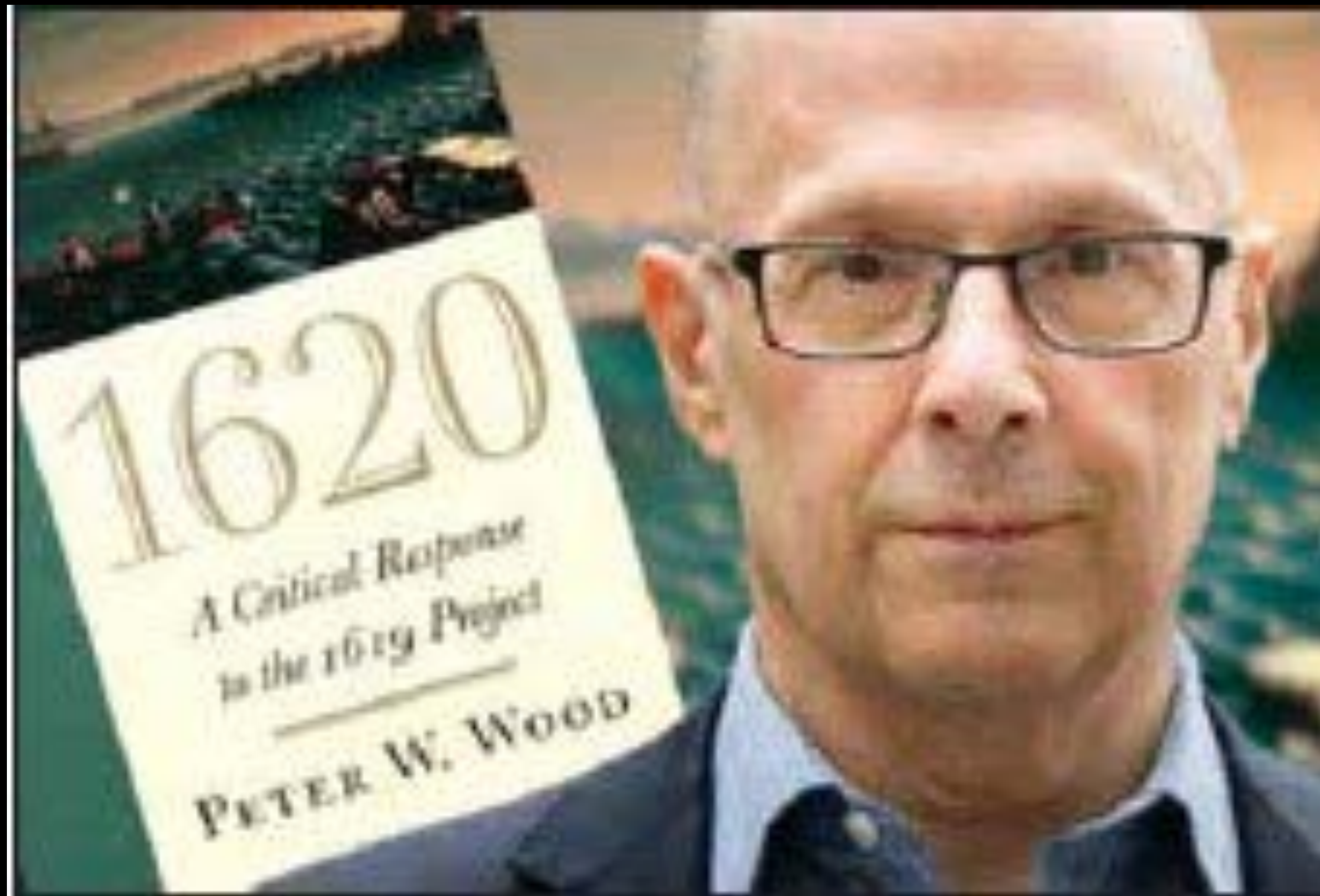
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**FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AFTER ENSLAVED AFRICANS WERE FIRST BROUGHT TO VIRGINIA, MOST AMERICANS STILL DON'T KNOW THE FULL STORY OF SLAVERY.**

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to





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A Critical Response  
to the 1619 Project

PETER W. WOOD



## **The Goal of the 1619 Project:**

**“The goal of ‘The 1619 Project,’ a major initiative from *The New York Times* that this issue of the magazine inaugurates, is to reframe American history by considering what it would mean to regard 1619 as our nation’s birth year. Doing so requires us to place the consequences of slavery and the contributions of black Americans at the very center of the story we tell ourselves about who we are as a country.” (emphasis added)**

**~Jake Silverstein, the *Times*’ editor in chief**



**“The 1619 Project is, in other words, an all-out effort to replace traditional conceptions of American history with a history refracted through the lens of black identity politics. ... the 1619 Project calls for replacing that traditional account with one that makes the black experience primary – and not just for black Americans, but for all Americans.”**

**~Peter W. Wood**



**“This is the idea that almost everything is a matter of interpretation, and few things (or nothing at all) can be resolved by discovering the facts of the matter. A thoroughgoing postmodernist insists that there are no facts, but just ‘facts,’ that is, claims that get accepted as true for a while. But any such ‘fact’ is really just someone’s assertion, and someone else could assert a different ‘fact’ that would be just as good.”**

**~Peter W. Wood**



**“Postmodernism has another facet that is also relevant to the 1619 Project: postmodernism favors the stories told by the ‘oppressed.’ It divides society into two parts, the privileged and those whom the privileged exploit.”**

**~Peter W. Wood**



**“From the vantage point of being unfairly disadvantaged, they have insight into the lies and self-serving stories told by their oppressors. These insights are necessarily fragmented because the rich and powerful control the main opportunities to build grand and comprehensive accounts of the past. The oppressed often have only unofficial and slightly hidden ways to tell their stories, such as popular songs, folktales, graffiti, and blogs.”**

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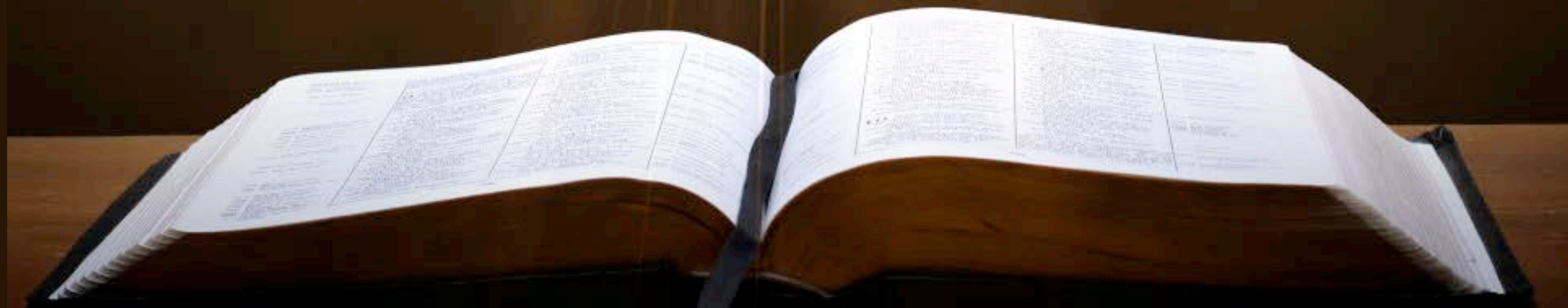


# **What the Bible Teaches About TRUTH**



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## TRUTH vs. LIES





**1. Behind all false philosophies, religions, and historical revisionism is Satan.**

**Deut. 32:17, “They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, to new gods, new arrivals that your fathers did not fear.”**

**1 Cor. 10:20, “Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.”**



## **2. Satan is the father of lies.**

**John 8:44, “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”**



## **2. Satan is the father of lies.**

**2 Cor. 11:13, “For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.**

**2 Cor. 11:14, “And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.**

**2 Cor. 11:15, “Therefore it is not surprising his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will correspond to their actions.”**



**3. Satan is the ruler of this world and god of this age.**

**John 12:31, “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”**

**John 14:30, “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.”**



**John 16:11, “of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”**

**2 Cor. 4:4, “whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”**



**4. Friendship, which is a fondness for the thinking, the opinions, and the values of the world, is enmity, hostility toward God.**

**James 4:4, “Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”**



## **5. The only solution is Romans 12:2.**

**Rom. 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”**



## **6. The Bible claims to be the truth.**

**Jesus prayed:**

**John 17:17, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”**

**Jesus taught:**

**John 8:32, “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”**



**John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’ ”**



**7. Thus denial of the existence of truth is in itself self-contradictory. But in practice it leads to believing all sorts of things that don't conform to reality at all.**



**Judg. 3:7, “So the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. They forgot the Lord their God, and enslaved themselves to the Baals and Asherahs.” (~RD paraphrase)**

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**to work, serve, to**

**serve as a slave**



# The Divine Discipline

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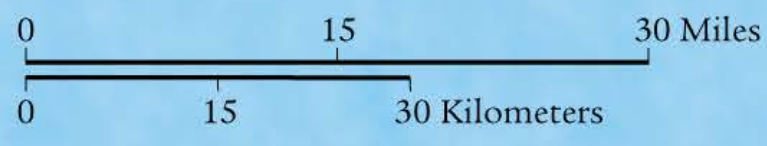
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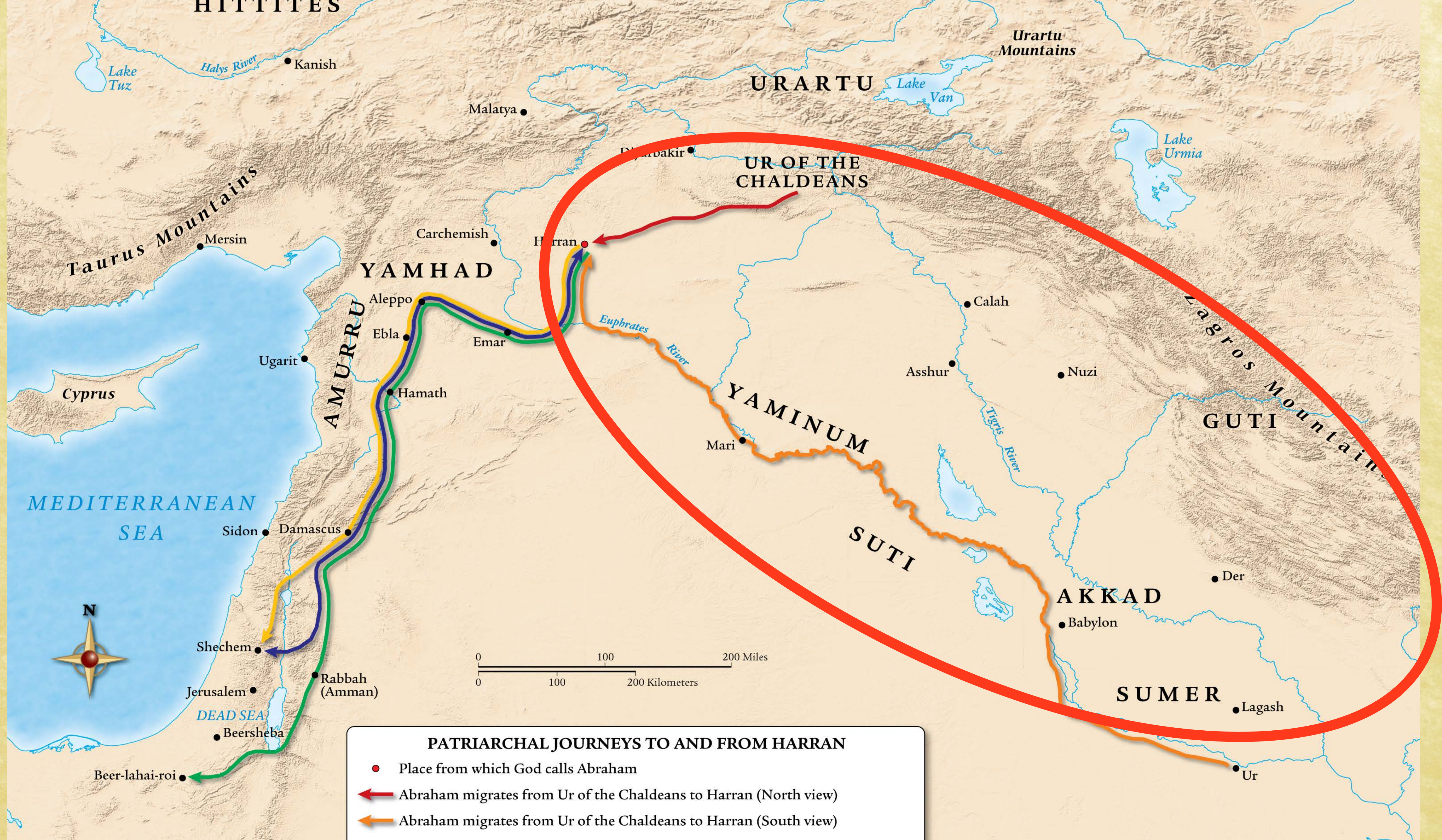
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-  Shalmaneser III campaign (841 BC)
-  Adad-nirari III campaign (797 BC)
-  Tiglath-pileser III campaign (734 BC)
-  Tiglath-pileser III campaign (733 BC)
-  Tiglath-pileser III campaign (732 BC)
-  Shalmaneser V/Sargon II campaign (725 BC)
-  Sargon II campaign (712 BC)
-  Sennacherib campaign (701 BC)







**PATRIARCHAL JOURNEYS TO AND FROM HARRAN**

- Place from which God calls Abraham
- ← Abraham migrates from Ur of the Chaldeans to Harran (North view)
- ← Abraham migrates from Ur of the Chaldeans to Harran (South view)
- ← Abraham migrates from Harran to Shechem (Gen. 12:4ff)



# **The Divine Institutions**

- 1. Personal responsibility to the Creator God of the Bible**
- 2. Heterosexual marriage: one man, one woman**
- 3. Family**
- 4. Human government**
- 5. Nations, not internationalism, globalism**
- 6. Israel**



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# The Divine Deliverer

Judg. 3:9, “When the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the children of Israel, who delivered them: Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother.

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