

## **~HARAN 4 (224)** **(Ha'ran)**

- **A city of northern Mesopotamia in which Abram, Abraham; resided temporarily, here Terah his father died.**
- **After that Terah took Abram his son and Lot, the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, the wife of Abram his son, and they went with him out of Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan. In time they came to Haran and took up dwelling there. (Genesis 11:31)**
- **And the days of Terah came to be two hundred and five years. Then Terah died in Haran. (Genesis 11:32)**
- **At that Abram went just as Yehowah had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he went out from Haran. (Genesis 12:4)**
- **So Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot the son of his brother and all the goods that they had accumulated and the souls whom they had acquired in Haran, and they got on their way out to go to the land of Canaan. Finally they came to the land of Canaan. (Genesis 12:5)**
- **He said; Men, brothers and fathers, hear. The God of glory appeared to our forefather Abraham while he was in Mesopotamia, before he took up residence in Haran. (Acts of Apostles 7:2)**
- **And he said to him, Go out from your land and from your relatives and come on into the land I shall show you. (Acts of Apostles 7:3)**
- **Then he went out from the land of the Chaldeans and took up residence in Haran. And from there, after his father died, God caused him to change his residence to this land in which you now dwell. (Acts of Apostles 7:4)**
- **The name Haran also seems to have embraced the surrounding area, for Haran is listed among the nations conquered by the kings of Assyria.**

- **Look! You yourself have heard what the kings of Assyria did to all the lands by devoting them to destruction, and will you yourself be delivered? (2 Kings 19:11)**
- **Have the gods of the nations that my forefathers brought to ruin delivered them, even Gozan and Haran and Rezeph and the sons of Eden that were in Tel-assar? (2 Kings 19:12)**
- **Some time after leaving Haran, Abraham sent his oldest servant to his relatives, apparently residing at Haran or a nearby town, the city of Nahor, to find a bride for his son Isaac. (Genesis Chapter 24)**
- **Later, Jacob, Abraham's grandson, went to Haran to escape the wrath of his brother Esau and also to find a wife among the daughters of his uncle Laban.**
- **When the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah, she at once sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him; Look! Esau your brother is comforting himself in regard to you, to kill you. (Genesis 27:42)**
- **Now, then, my son, listen to my voice and get up, run away to Laban my brother at Haran. (Genesis 27:43)**
- **And you must dwell with him for some days until the rage of your brother calms down. (Genesis 27:44)**
- **Until the anger of your brother turns away from you and he has forgotten what you have done to him. And I shall certainly send and get you from there. Why should I be bereaved also of both of you in one day? (Genesis 27:45)**
- **After that Rebekah kept saying to Isaac; I have come to abhor this life of mine because of the daughters of Heth. If Jacob ever takes a wife from the daughters of Heth like these from the daughters of the land, of what good is life to me? (Genesis 27:46)**
- **Consequently Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and commanded him and said to him; You must not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. (Genesis 28:1)**
- **Get up, go to Paddanaram to the house of Bethuel the father of**

**your mother and from there take yourself a wife from the daughters of Laban the brother of your mother. (Genesis 28:2)**

- **And Jacob continued on his way out from Beersheba and kept going to Haran. (Genesis 28:10)**
- **At a well, evidently near Haran, Jacob met Rachel.**
- **So Jacob said to them; My brothers, from what place are you? To which they said; We are from Haran. (Genesis 29:4)**
- **Then he said to them; Do you know Laban the grandson of Nahor? To which they said; We know him. (Genesis 29:5)**
- **At this he said to them; Is it all right with him? In turn they said; It is all right. And here is Rachel his daughter coming with the sheep! (Genesis 29:6)**
- **And he went on to say; Why, it is yet full day. It is not the time for gathering the herds. Water the sheep, then go feed them. (Genesis 29:7)**
- **To this they said; We are not allowed to do so until all the droves are gathered and they actually roll away the stone from off the mouth of the well. Then we must water the sheep. (Genesis 29:8)**
- **While he was yet speaking with them, Rachel came with the sheep that belonged to her father, for she was a shepherdess. (Genesis 29:9)**
- **And it came about that when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, Jacob immediately approached and rolled away the stone from off the mouth of the well and watered the sheep of Laban his mother's brother. (Genesis 29:10)**
- **Then Jacob kissed Rachel and raised his voice and burst into tears. (Genesis 29:11)**
- **And Jacob began to tell Rachel that he was the brother of her father and that he was the son of Rebekah. And she went running and telling her father. (Genesis 29:12)**

- In the **Eighth Century B.C.E**, Assyrian King Sennacherib tried to intimidate Judean King Hezekiah with messages boasting about his forefathers conquest of **Haran** and other places.
- After that Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that he had pulled away from Lachish. (**2 Kings 19:8**)
- He heard it said respecting Tirhakah the king of Ethiopia. Here he has come out to fight against you. Therefore he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying; (**2 Kings 19:9**)
- This is what you men should say to Hezekiah the king of Judah; Do not let your God in whom you are trusting deceive you, saying; Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. (**2 Kings 19:10**)
- Look! You yourself have heard what the kings of Assyria did to all the lands by devoting them to destruction, and will you yourself be delivered? (**2 Kings 19:11**)
- Have the gods of the nations that my forefathers brought to ruin delivered them, even Gozan and **Haran** and Rezeph and the sons of Eden that were in Tel-assar? (**2 Kings 19:12**)
- Where is he, the king of Hamath and the king of Arpad and the king of the cities of Sepharvaim, Hena and Ivvah? (**2 Kings 19:13**)
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- Where is the king of Hamath and the king of Arpad and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena and of Ivvah? (**Isaiah 37:13**)
- Assyrian sources seem to refer to **Haran** as **Harranu**, meaning Road, perhaps because of its being on the caravan route linking it with cities such as Nineveh, Asshur, Babylon, and Tyre, as well as the land of Egypt.
- **Haran** and Canneh and Eden, the traders of Sheba, Asshur and Chilmad were your traders. (**Ezekiel 27:23**)
- The name of the ancient city is preserved in modern **Haran**, situated where two wadis join to form a stream that reaches the Balikh River in the winter, about 110 kilometers (68 miles) above where the Balikh empties into the Euphrates River.
- But some believe that the ancient site itself lies to the North of modern **Haran**. Certain scholars see evidence for patriarchal residence, as described in the Bible, in the correspondence of ancient place-names in this area to such personal names as Serug, Nahor, and Terah.
- And Serug lived on for thirty years. Then he became father to Nahor. (**Genesis 11:22**)
- And after his fathering Nahor Serug continued to live two hundred years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (**Genesis 11:23**)
- And Nahor lived on for twenty-nine years. Then he became father to Terah. (**Genesis 11:24**)
- And after his fathering Terah Nahor continued to live a hundred and nineteen years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (**Genesis 11:25**)
- And Terah lived on for seventy years, after which he became father to Abram, Nahor and **Haran**. (**Genesis 11:26**)

