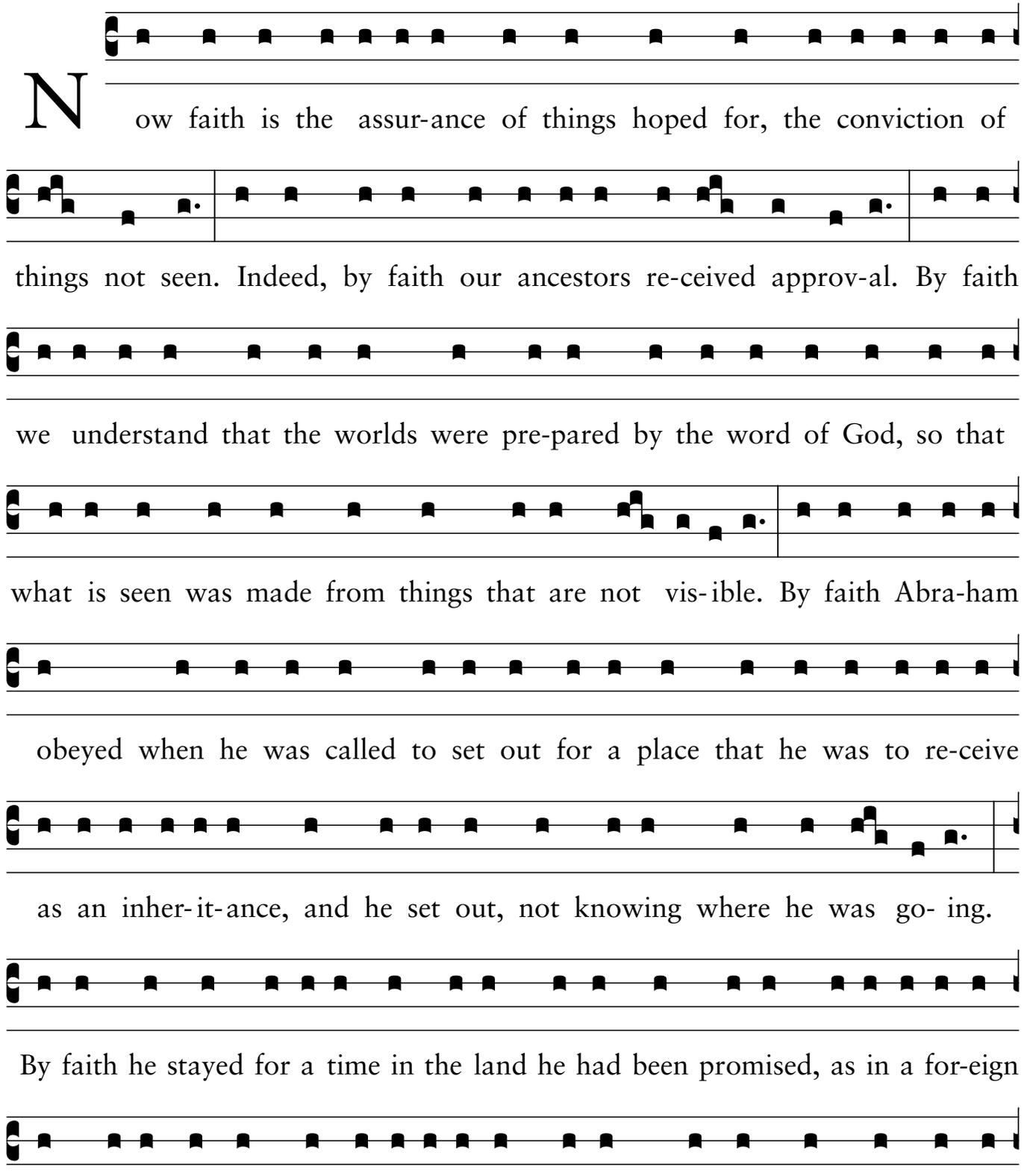
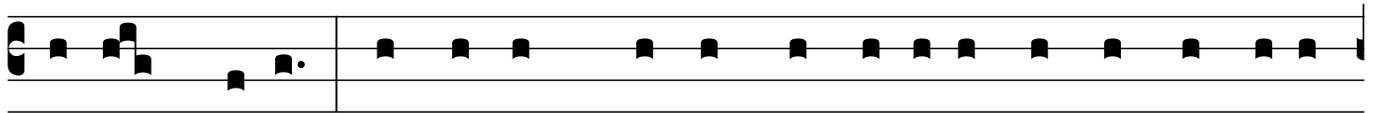


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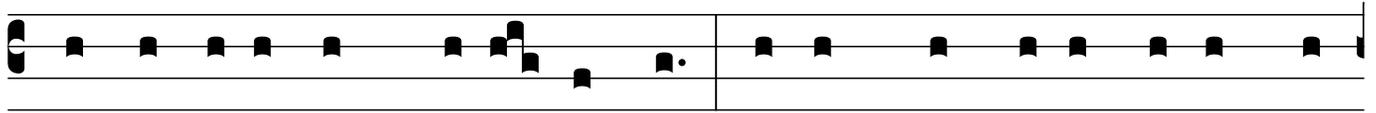
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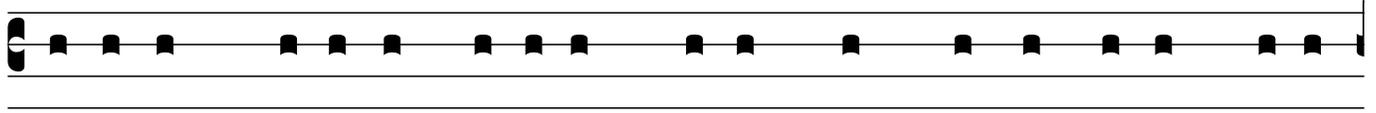
**N**ow faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of



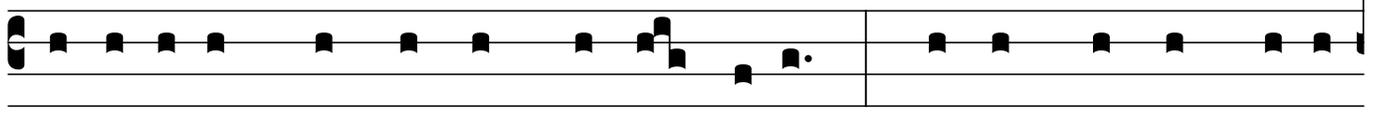
the same promise. For he looked forward to the cit-y that has foundations,



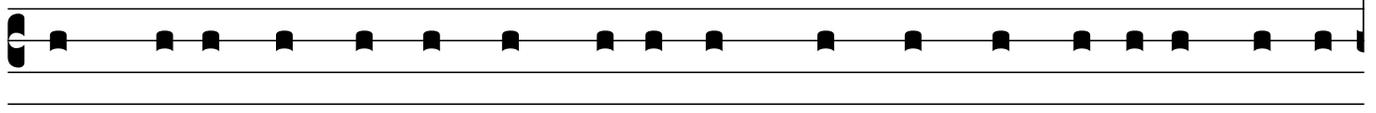
whose archi-tect and builder is God. By faith, with Sa-rah's involvement,



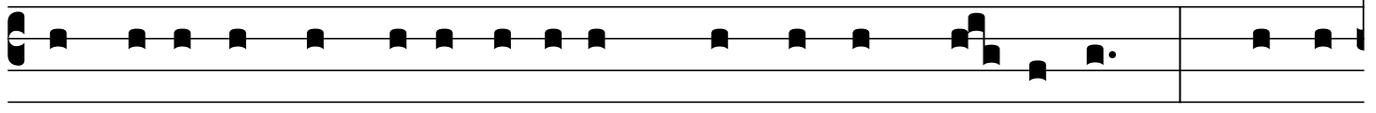
he re-ceived power of procre-ation, e-ven though he was too old, because



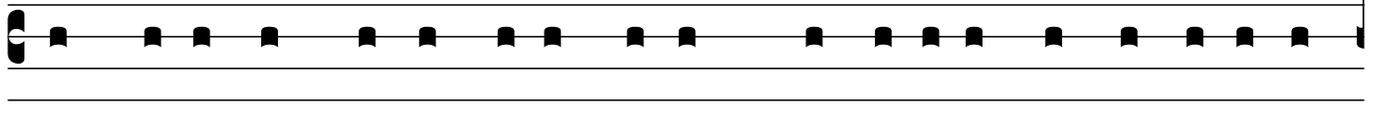
he consid-ered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person,



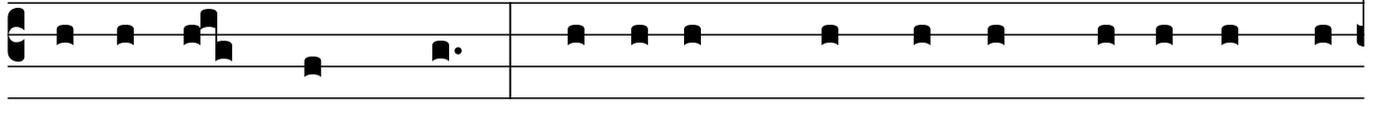
and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as man-y as the stars



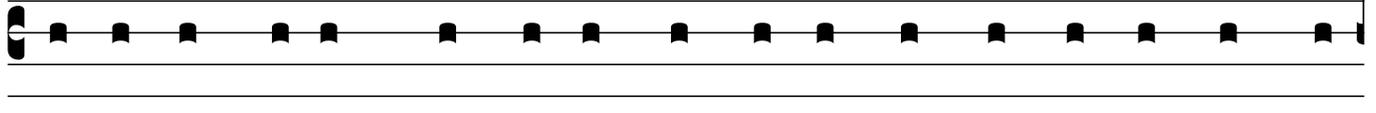
of heaven and as the innumer-able grains of sand by the seashore." All of



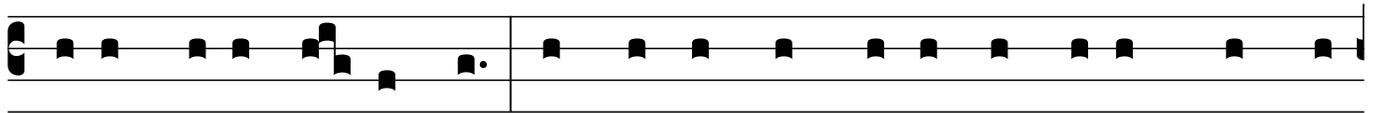
these died in faith without hav-ing re-ceived the promis-es, but from a dis-tance



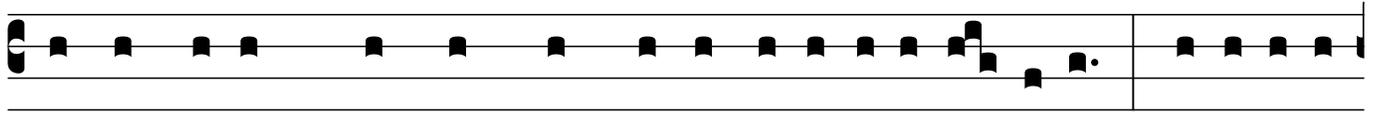
they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and for-



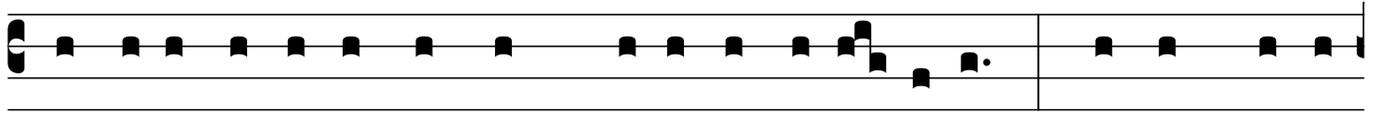
eigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that



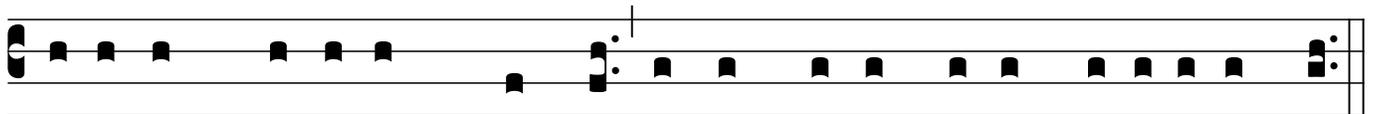
they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they



had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is,



they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is



not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.