

Genesis 12-13 - Promises to Abraham

CHAPTER 12.

¹ God calleth Abram, and blesseth him. ⁴ He departeth with Lot from Haran. ⁶ He journeyeth through Canaan. ²⁰ He is driven by a famine into Egypt.

NOW the ^oLORD 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:

² And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

³ ^hAnd I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: ⁱand in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

⁴ So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

⁷ And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, ^hUnto thy seed will I give this land; and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

Abram's first call at Ur: Acts 7:2-5.

Abram's family were originally idolaters: **Josh 24:2**

Abram left Ur not knowing where he was going: **Heb 11:8**

Abram and family left Ur and journeyed to Haran: **Gen 11:31**

God's call to Abram is our call: **Rom 8:28**

Abram's Second call at Haran: Gen 12:1.

Abram is then further enlightened by the gospel: **Gal 3:8; Gen 12:3.**

Abram responds to God's invitation and crosses the Euphrates. He becomes known as "Abram the Hebrew" (crosser over): **Gen 14:3**

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Genesis 12:1-4 God's Promises:

National: Make him a great nation:

Deut 28:12-13. Jewish nation to also become eternally great: **Joel 3:20.**

Personal: Blessed by sins forgiven and eternal life: **Acts 3:25-26.** Make his name great: **Matt 8:11; Isa 51:1-3**

Family: Bless those who bless him: Forgiveness of sins and eternal life to Abraham's seed: **Gal 3:8-9,14,29.**

International: Bless all nations through Abraham. Christ's righteous rule: **Isa 2:2-4; Psa 72:1-4,17-19.**

Knowledge of God: **Hab 2:14.**

No more hunger: **Psa 72:12-13.**

Final fulfilment at end of 1000 years: **Rev 21:1-7.**

God promises the Land of Canaan to Abram's Seed, Jesus Christ:

One Seed: Christ, **Gal 3:16.**

Seed as Many: If we are baptised into Christ then we are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise:

Gal 3:29; Gen 15:5.

v15-16 Land of Canaan promised to Abram's Seed for ever:

Abraham to be resurrected and with his seed be given eternal life.

The Promises confirmed Unconditionally: Gen 22:16-18

Because Abraham did not withhold his only son Isaac, God swore by Himself that the promises made to him would come true.

The Life of Abraham:

Ur: **Acts 7:2-3; Heb 11:8.** Called out not knowing where he was going.

Haran: **Gen 12:2-3.** North of the River Euphrates.

Shechem: **Gen 12:6.** After crossing the Euphrates.

Between Bethel and Hai: **Gen 12:8.** Calls upon the name of Yahweh. Egypt: **Gen 12:10** Low point in Abraham's life.

Between Bethel and Hai: **Gen 13:3-4** Abraham calls upon Yahweh.

Mamre: **Gen 14:3; Gen 18:1** Angels appear to Abraham and Sarah.

Gerar: **Gen 20:1** With Abimalech king of Gerer.

Beer-Sheba: **Gen 21:31-34** Covenant with Abimalech.

Moriah: **Gen 22:1-2** Commanded to offer Isaac.

Beer-Sheba: **Gen 22:16-19** Promises made unconditionally.

Hebron: **Gen 28:1-4** Promises also made to Isaac.

References to Abraham in the New Testament:

Matt 1:1,2,17; 3:9; 8:11; 22:32; Mark 12:26

Luke 1:55,78; 3:8,34;13:16,28;16:23,24,25,29,30;19:9;20:37

John 8:39,40; 8:52,53,56,57,58

Acts 3:13,25; 7:2,8,16,17,32;13:26

Romans 4:1,2,3,9,12,13,16;9:7;11:1

2 Cor 11:22; Gal 3:6,7,8,9,14,16,18;4:22

Heb 2:16;6:13;7:1,2,4,5,6,9,11:8,17

James 2:21,23

1 Peter 3:6

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ... And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." **Galatians 3:26-29**

CHAPTER 13.

¹⁴ ¶ And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art ^anorthward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

¹⁵ For all the land which thou seest, ^cto thee will I give it, and ^dto thy seed for ever.

¹⁶ And ^eI will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, ^fthen shall thy seed also be numbered.

¹⁷ Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

¹⁸ Then Abram removed ^{his}tent, and came and dwelt in the ²plain of Mamre, ^cwhich ^{is} in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

v17 Promise of the land:

The land is described in **Gen 15:18** as being between the Nile and the Euphrates. The land of Canaan: **Gen 17:8.**

Seven Promises to Abraham:

Gen 12:1-3 Points to the ultimate fulfilment of God's purpose.

Gen 12:7 The Land promised first to Abram's seed - Christ.

Gen 13:14-17 The Land promised to Abram once the three conditions of the first are met.

Gen 15:13-21 The captivity and salvation of Abram's people and the cutting of a covenant – Abram's seed are guaranteed possession of the Land from the Euphrates to Nile.

Gen 17:4-8 Yahweh's fatherhood is given to Abraham and he is promised a Divine family.

Gen 17:15-16; 18:10,14 The promised seed - Isaac, to be born within 12 months.

Gen 22:16-18 Promises made unconditional to Abraham (see **Heb 6:13-18**). Proceeded by covenant with Gentiles where 7 ewe lambs were offered (**Gen 21:22-32**). Concludes in **Gen 22:18** "in thy seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed"

Key New Testament Verses:

Acts 7:5 Abraham did not receive the land as an inheritance.

Rom 15:8 Christ came to confirm the promises to the fathers.

Gal 3:8-9 The Gospel was preached to Abraham. Faithful believers will be blessed with faithful Abraham.

Gal 3:14-16 Jesus Christ is the Seed through whom we obtain salvation. We become part of God's family.

Gal 3:26-29 Importance of Baptism into Christ. Heirs of the promise are those who are given an inheritance by God.

Heb 11:8-13 Abraham died in faith not having received the promises. He therefore needs to be resurrected in the future.

Heb 11:39-40 Abraham died without receiving the promises. When he receives them in the future, we are a part of them!