
ROOTS
A Study in Genesis



LESSON 9 GENESIS 11:27- 12:20

1. How has last week's study of the forming of nations and the Tower of Babel from **Genesis 9:18-11:26** impacted you, and what truth or verse did you find meaningful?
2. Pray for insight on how God may be calling you to a new place in your faith journey, just as He did with Abram. Then read **Genesis 11:27-12:20**.
3. In **Genesis 11:27-30**, who are Abram's brothers, nephew and wife? What is disclosed about his wife's physical condition?
4. In **Genesis 11:31** and **Acts 7:2-4**, what was the starting point of Abram's faith story? What in **V31** was his intended destination, and where did he settle instead?
5. Share the specifics of God's call and command to Abram in **Genesis 12:1**. Why would this be surprising, especially given his family background? (See **Joshua 24:2-3**.)
6. **Genesis 12:2-3** discloses God's promises to Abram through His "I will" statements. What are the seven promises, and what strikes you about this repeated phrase?
7. In **V4-6**, at what land sites did Abram arrive, who and what did he take with him, and what do you find most interesting from these verses?

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8. In V7, the Lord appeared to Abram when he arrived in Canaan. What did God promise and why would this have been so hard to believe? (See **Genesis 11:30** and **Acts 7:4-5**.)
9. Abram journeyed on toward Bethel in **V8** and Negev in **V9**. What did Abram do in **V7** and **8**, and why do you think he did it?
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10. In **V10-12** what forced Abram to travel to Egypt, and what was his concern when he got there?
11. In **V13**, who did Abram want Sarai to tell the Egyptians she was, and were they lying? (See **Genesis 20:11-12**.) Do you think this was the right way to handle this? Why or why not?
12. From **V14-15** we see that Abram's prediction was correct. Why would his strategy have been risky given Abram's call and promise?
13. How did God continue to bless Abram and Sarai and keep His promises to them in **V16-20** despite the detours they took on their journey?

14. As He did with Abram, God can call us out of faithless family **roots** or false religions to fulfill His promises and grow our faith in Him as the One True God.

a) Is there a call in your life where you need God's help to **uproot** you from something known in order to be planted in something new? Explain.

b) Abram's **ROOTS** of faith are displayed in this passage. How does **Hebrews 11:8** shed more light on this life-changing move, and how does this convict or inspire you as you face a big move or change in any realm of your life?

“**GOSPEL GLIMPSES**”: Throughout the Book of Genesis, we will see previews of Jesus, and a foreshadowing of the Gospel (The Salvation Story).

1. We learned in **Genesis 12:3** that all people on earth would be blessed through Abram. How does **Galatians 3:14** say this amazing promise was fulfilled, and what does it mean to you personally?

2. In **Genesis 12:7**, God promised a nation to Abram. In **Matthew 1:1** who is the greatest descendant of Abram (later named Abraham) who would be the Savior?

3. What catches your eye in these verses about how God blesses believers through His promise to Abram?

- **Acts 3:25-26**

- **Galatians 3:7-9**

4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Hebrews 11:8** or **Gal.3:9**.

b) Pray for knowledge and understanding of God's call just for you. Ask Him to build and grow your faith on your journey as you follow Him.

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