

Story #5 - Abraham

Genesis 1-11, the foundation of the Bible, sets the stage for the entire narrative. It's crucial to recognize the repetitive cycles that permeate this grand story.

- God creates everything perfectly to glorify Himself.
- Rebellion breaks out in what God has created. God's creation is damaged.
- God judges the rebels. They are exiled from God's presence.
- God enters the chaos and confusion caused by the rebels to restore His creation.

Identifying these cycles within the biblical narrative is essential to understanding and applying the Bible's teaching in this age. Genesis 12 begins a new cycle in God's eternal plan for history.

Abraham left his home near the Persian Gulf to enter the land promised by God as an eternal inheritance to his designated descendants. As the father of the Jewish people, God made an unconditional covenant with Abraham. Teach others the story of Abraham well, and those you disciple will understand what is happening in these difficult days.

Read Genesis 12-28.

Main Talking Points

1. Terah, a pagan idol maker, moved his family (Abram, Sarai, Lot) from Ur to Haran, where he died.
2. Quote Genesis 12:1-3: Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, and so you shall be a blessing, and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you, all the families of the earth will be blessed.
3. Abram, Sarai, and Lot moved to Canaan, the land God promised his descendants I through Sarai.
4. Quote Genesis 15:6: "Then Abraham believed the Lord, and He (God) reckoned it to him as righteousness."
5. Past childbearing years, Sarai gave Hagar to Abram to produce an heir to receive God's promised blessings. Ishmael was not the son God promised Abram and Sarai.
6. Abram and Sarai were given new names: Abraham (father of many) and Sarah (princess).
7. The pre-incarnate Christ visited Abraham on His way to Sodom. He told Abraham that Sarah would conceive and give Abraham a son within a year.
8. Overhearing the conversation, Sarah laughed at the thought but denied laughing when confronted by the Lord.

