

The Journey

Series 02: Corruption

Week 15: Abraham and Lot

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Review (Where We Have Been)

How did the descendants of Shem, Ham and Japheth know about God?

- *Creation itself reveals there is a Creator*
- *Stories of the flood passed down taught them that God punishes sin*
- *Rainbow as God's sign reminded them He always keeps His promises*
- *Truth passed down about proper worship of God*

What instruction did God give to Noah that He had also given to Adam?

To be fruitful and multiply and to fill the earth.

What part of God's instruction did their descendants disobey?

To fill the earth. Instead, they congregated in one place.

Why did they begin to build the city and the tower of Babel?

Lack of trust that God wouldn't flood the earth; They wanted to exalt themselves

What did the Lord do to stop the people from building the city and the tower?

He confused the language causing people to spread out across the earth

BIG Idea

God does not want us to just drift through life.

He tells us to look to the Bible for His direction, because God is the only One who knows the future and can lead us.

The *consequences* of choosing to reject God's word will *affect us* now and forever.

It *may also affect our loved ones' attitude toward God and the Bible.*

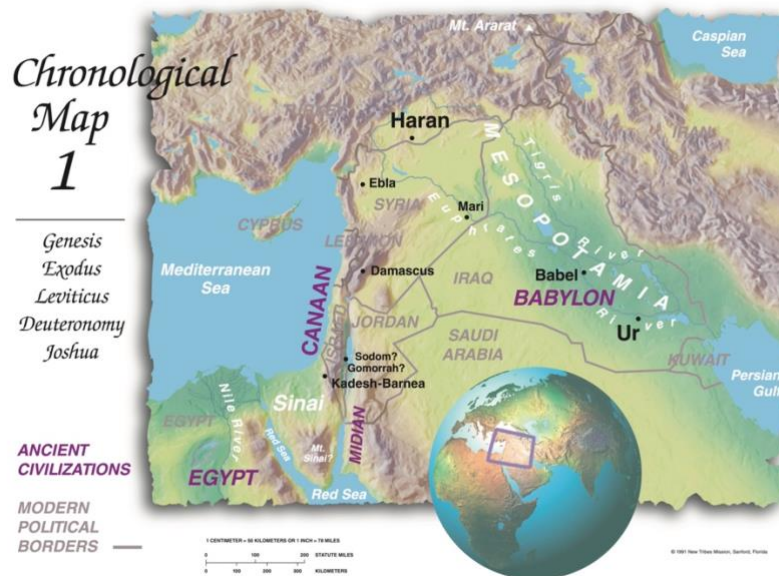
Therefore, it's wise to listen to His sound instruction and believe what He says.

Today, we're going to learn about a man, **Abram (Abraham)**, who paid attention to **God's words**, even though his circumstances could have influenced him to make wrong choices.

Information (What We Need to Know)

Who is Abram?

- Descendent of Noah's son, Shem, and son of Terah
Genesis 11:27 (ESV) Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot.
- Husband of Sarai (she was barren)
Genesis 11:29 (ESV) And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai... **30** Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.
- Family Lived in Ur; Traveling to Canaan; Settled in Haran
Genesis 11:31 (ESV) Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there.
 - ✓ Ur was near to the place where, years earlier, the rebellious descendants of Shem, Ham and Japheth constructed the Tower of Babel (ruins of Ur are in present-day Iraq)
 - ✓ Terah, along with Abram and Sarai, left Ur and moved to **Haran**
 - ✓ They intended to go to **Canaan**, but settled in Haran



How would God use Abram in His plan?

- God made himself known to Abram (spoken word, not written word – no Bible)
Genesis 12:1 (ESV) Now the Lord said to Abram...
 - ✓ Abram's family were most likely pagan
Joshua 24:2 (NLT) "...Long ago your ancestors, including Terah, the father of Abraham...lived beyond the Euphrates River, and they worshiped other gods."
 - ✓ Therefore, God did not choose Abram out based on his merit

- **God wanted to Abram to completely realign his life**
Genesis 12:1 (ESV) Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.”
 “God’s plan for Abram could not be achieved while he continued to live among his idolatrous countrymen. Abram had to leave his homeland and go to the country to which God promised to guide him.” – Firm Foundations
- **God was keeping His promise to send a Deliverer**
Genesis 3:15 (ESV) I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”
Promises Made to Abram... (these are directly tied to Genesis 3:15)
Genesis 12:1 (ESV) The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. **2** I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. **3** I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

 - ✓ **Promise of Land** (go to the land that I will show you)
This land would position them as a group of witnesses on the crossroads of the ancient world, and as an example of what God can do in the life of a nation
 - ✓ **Promise of Nation** (I will make you into a great nation)
This nation would tell the world about the coming Deliverer
 - ✓ **Promise of Leader** (All families on earth will be blessed through you - Christ)
Galatians 3:8 (NLT) ...the Scriptures looked forward to this time when **God would make the Gentiles right in his sight because of their faith.** God proclaimed this **good news** to Abraham long ago when he said, “All nations will be blessed through you.”
 “This most important promise to Abram is, “*And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*” All nations would be blessed through the Deliverer who would be Abram’s descendant.” – Firm Foundations

Application (What We Need to Do)

What was Abram’s response to God’s promises? He believed God’s words

Genesis 12:4 (ESV) So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. **5** And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan.