

Genesis: God and the Originals

ABRAHAM AND THE PROMISE

Tears and His Move (11:27-32)

Vv. 27-30

1. What do we know about Terah and his family?
2. What do we know about the city “Ur” in the land of the Chaldeans?

The names _____ (princess) and _____ (queen) are related to ancient worship of the moon-god Sin.

3. What’s the problem with Sarai?

BONUS: What does the polytheism and Sarai’s barrenness say about whom God calls?

Vv. 31-32

4. Where does Terah intend to take his family? Where does he end up? Why and why?

The Command and Promise to Abram (12:1-3)

5. What is the command of God in v. 1 and what directions does God include?
6. There are 7 promises in the blessing of God in vv. 2-3. List them and what they mean:
 - i.
 - ii.
 - iii.
 - iv.
 - v.
 - vi.
 - vii.
7. How would you define what is means to “bless” and to “be blessed” and to “be a blessing”?

BONUS: How would you summarize God’s calling on Abram’s life?

Abram's Response and Journey (12:4-8)

Vv. 4-5

8. How did Abram respond to God's command? How does the Apostle Paul describe this response (see Romans 4:13)?

9. Who all went with Abram?



Vv. 6-8

10. What's the first site Abram stops at? Who's there? And who appears to him?

"Moreh" means _____,
so the "tree of Moreh" means something like the "_____."

11. What is the promise God made to Abram there, the eighth promise?

12. Where does Abram end up settling down and what does he do there?

Bethel means "house of God" and Ai means "_____."

Concluding Question(s):

What does the apostle Paul say about Abraham and his faith's impact on all people (read Galatians 3:7-18)?

Considering the issues throughout history and especially today in the land of Israel, why do you think God wanted that land for God's people and not something else?

Quote of the day: "What is clear is that God's 'choosing' or 'election' of Abraham is not designed ultimately to exclude other peoples but to include them. Belonging to the non-elect does not imply belonging to the anti-elect." - John Goldingay