

Divine Covenant

Genesis Chapter 12

Gen 12:1 Where is Abram's God vs 1-3

- 2000 years since the creations
- God's Ability to Make Man Great (contrast Ch. 11)

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you;

Gen 12:2 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;

Gen 12:3 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."

- Abram's God is in a Covenant
- *Abram's Part*
 1. *Go From Country*
 2. *Go From Family*
 3. *To Land Unknown*
- *God's Part*
 1. He'll show the Land
 2. Make Him a Great Nation
 3. He will Bless him
 4. Make Name Great
 5. Make Him a Blessing
 6. Bless Allies
 7. Curse Enemies
 8. All Families will be Blessed through Abraham

Gen 12:4 Where's Abram's Land vs 4-9

So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Gen 12:5 Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan.

Gen 12:6 Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite {was} then in the land.

Gen 12:7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.

Gen 12:8 Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.

Gen 12:9 Abram journeyed on, continuing toward the Negev.

- *Moving Across the Fertile Crescent*
- *Moving from Moon Gods to Sun Gods*
- *Hebrew means to "Cross Over" These are they that Crossed Over*
- *Schechem = Shoulder Moreh = Instruction Abram rested on the shoulder of instruction*
- *The Lord Spoke there*
- *Abraham Built an Alter Went to Bethel Pitched a Tent*
Between Bethel & Ai "House of God" and an "Heap of Ruins" That is where we live
- *Altars & Tents Dedication before God and a sense of temporary residence*
- *Proverbs 10:7-9 "two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die; Remove for from me vanity and lies; Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me; Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say Who is the Lord? Or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain."*

Gen 12:10 **Where's Abram's Trust** vs 10-20

Now there was a famine in the land; so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.

Gen 12:11 It came about when he came near to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "See now, I know that you are a beautiful woman;

Gen 12:12 and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live.

Gen 12:13 "Please say that you are my sister so that it may go well with me because of you, and that I may live on account of you."

Gen 12:14 It came about when Abram came into Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful.

Gen 12:15 Pharaoh's officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

Gen 12:16 Therefore he treated Abram well for her sake; and gave him sheep and oxen and donkeys and male and female servants and female donkeys and camels.

Gen 12:17 But the LORD struck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

Gen 12:18 Then Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?"

Gen 12:19 "Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife, take her and go."

Gen 12:20 Pharaoh commanded {his} men concerning him; and they escorted him away, with his wife and all that belonged to him.

- *Abram is in the will of God right where He called him to be*
- *Famine hits (Of God, Of Devil, Of Nature)*
 - It is a mistaken idea to think "if you are doing God's will in God's chosen place that No difficulty will come your way.*
 - It is not a mistake to believe that God will be with you in the difficulty and see you thru that difficulty Romans 8:28*
 - 1 Peter 1:6+7 "In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, {being} more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ"*
- *Abram not prepared for challenge of not walking with Lord makes mistakes*
 1. *He Leaves - w/o God's Leading*
 2. *He Fears - the Egyptians Kill hit to take wife (Moral fiber against adultery)*
 3. *He Lies - ½ truth is a whole lie Ananias and Siphira Acts 5*
 4. *He Profited - Abram gained livestock, servants*
 - a) *Takes from those he was to be a testimony to*
 - b) *Make him stuck in the lie*
 - c) *It'll take an act of God to set him free from this*
- *The Lord will Straighten it out - with or without you - "But the Lord" vs17*

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