

Patriarchs Study and Discussion Questions

Lesson One: Abram's Call and Arrival in Canaan – Genesis 12-14

Unless otherwise noted, all questions refer to the underlined Scripture references listed at the beginning of each of the 5 sections within the lesson (often given as readings). This is true for ALL GOD of the WORD Bible study lessons.

Read Genesis 12:1-9.

- 1) From Genesis 12:1-3 and 7, list the commands and the promises that God gave to Abram.

- 2) Read Genesis 11:27-32 together with Acts 7:2-4. What information is given about the circumstances surrounding Abram's progress from his birthplace to the land to which God was calling him?

- 3) Genesis 12:7 says that Abram built an altar in a place where God appeared and made him a promise. When was the last time you marked a significant encounter with God in some way? What kind of a marker did you make? (Journaling, giving a public testimony, or making a significant life change are among the many types of markers.)

Read Genesis 12:10-20.

- 4) Genesis 12:10-20 tells of Abram's descent into Egypt. List ways God protected and provided for Abram in Egypt, despite Abram's deception.

- 5) Genesis 12:20 says that Pharaoh sent Abram out of Egypt. Can you think of other consequences that are not explicitly stated in the text but probably would have resulted from Abram's deception?

- 6) What do you learn about God's nature or ways from this account?

Read Genesis 14.

13) List all the kings Abram encountered in chapter 14.

14) From Psalm 110:4, Hebrews 5:5-6, and Hebrews 7, whose priesthood is in the order of Melchizedek?

15) Read Genesis 18:20-21 and 19:4, 5, and 24 for commentary on Sodom and inference about the probable moral character of the king of Sodom. Abram declined to keep the plunder offered to him by the king of Sodom, even though it rightfully belonged to him as the victor.

a) What motivated Abram's generosity toward Melchizedek, King of Salem (14:20b) and Abram's *apparent* generosity toward the king of Sodom (14:22-24)?

b) Is there an opportunity before you at the moment to make a statement about your faith by choosing to give up something that is rightfully yours?