



# *THE OLD TESTAMENT*

## THE BEGINNING



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# LESSON 1

## THE CREATION

Gen. 1; 2:1-3

**INTRODUCTION.** The Bible is the revelation of God's eternal plan. Genesis is the book of beginnings—the beginning of the universe, the beginning of measured time, the beginning of man, the beginning of the home, the beginning of sin, and the beginning of hope for the salvation of mankind.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said..." (Gen. 1:1-3).

In these three verses, the three eternal beings are present and each has a role in the creation of the world.

- God the Father: "In the beginning *God*" – God purposed and planned
- God the Spirit: "And the *Spirit of God*" – the Spirit hovered over the waters
- God the Son (the Word): "And God *said*" – Jesus Christ, the Word of God, created all things (John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16)

These separate beings are one in purpose, one in work, and one in righteousness (John 10:30, 37-38; I Cor. 2:10; Eph. 4:4-6).

### A. SEVEN DAYS OF CREATION

Day 1 - Gen. 1:3-5

Day 2 - Gen. 1:6-8

Day 3 - Gen. 1:9-13

Day 4 - Gen. 1:14-19

Day 5 - Gen. 1:20-23

Day 6 - Gen. 1:24-31

Day 7 - Gen. 2:1-3

Place a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 before each word or statement to indicate the correct day of creation.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ waters under the firmament divided from waters above the firmament
2. \_\_\_\_\_ light called Day
3. \_\_\_\_\_ grass
4. \_\_\_\_\_ man
5. \_\_\_\_\_ moving creatures in the waters
6. \_\_\_\_\_ greater light to rule the day
7. \_\_\_\_\_ light
8. \_\_\_\_\_ dry land
9. \_\_\_\_\_ fruit trees
10. \_\_\_\_\_ God ended his work
11. \_\_\_\_\_ creeping things
12. \_\_\_\_\_ this day blessed and sanctified
13. \_\_\_\_\_ firmament called Heaven
14. \_\_\_\_\_ darkness called Night
15. \_\_\_\_\_ stars
16. \_\_\_\_\_ whales
17. \_\_\_\_\_ lights in the firmament
18. \_\_\_\_\_ herb
19. \_\_\_\_\_ God rested
20. \_\_\_\_\_ beasts
21. \_\_\_\_\_ fowl
22. \_\_\_\_\_ God divided the light from darkness

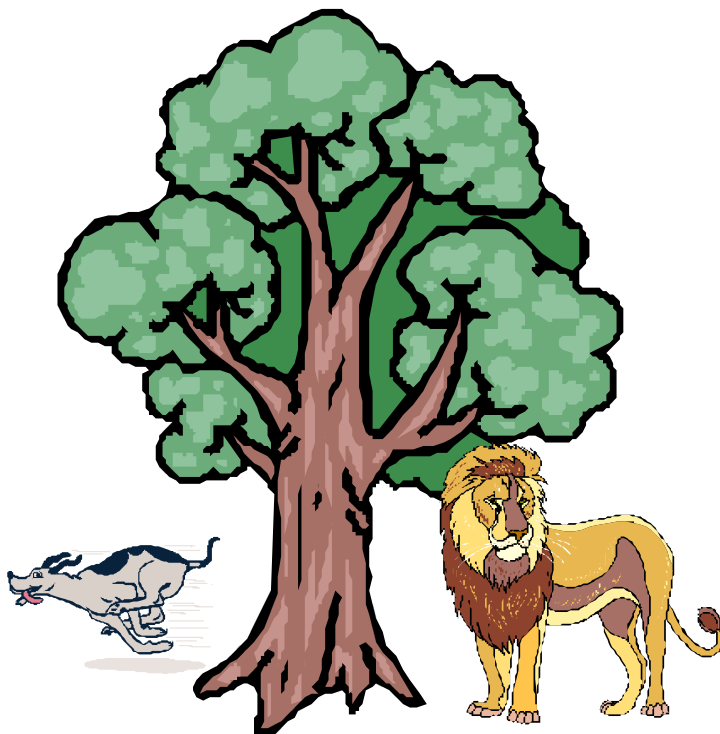
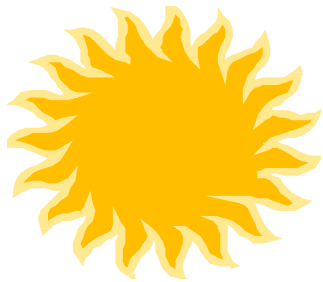
- 23. \_\_\_\_\_ dry land called Earth
- 24. \_\_\_\_\_ firmament
- 25. \_\_\_\_\_ lesser light to rule the night
- 26. \_\_\_\_\_ cattle
- 27. \_\_\_\_\_ female
- 28. \_\_\_\_\_ waters under heaven gathered together unto one place
- 29. \_\_\_\_\_ male

**B. THE BEGINNING**

- 1. In the beginning God created the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Gen. 1:1)
- 2. In the beginning the earth was: (Gen. 1:2)  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ was upon the face of the deep  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ moved upon (hovered over) the face of the waters
- 3. Each day of creation had an \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ which indicates the creation of the world took place in just six days and not thousands or millions of years as some believe. (Gen. 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31)
- 4. Can pears grow on apple trees, or can dogs give birth to kittens? Why not? (Gen. 1:11-12, 21, 24-25)
- 5. God said, "Let \_\_\_\_\_ make man in \_\_\_\_\_ image, after \_\_\_\_\_ likeness..." (Gen. 1:26)

*Note.* In this verse the plural is used—*us, our*. Again the three beings of the Godhead are present in the creation of man: God the Father, the Word of God, and the Spirit of God.

6. To whom did God give dominion (rule) over the fish, fowl, and beasts of the earth? (Gen. 1:26)
7. What were God's instructions to the man and woman He created? (Gen. 1:28)
8. What food did God provide for the man and the woman? (Gen. 1:29)



## LESSON 2

# ADAM AND EVE - THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Gen. 2:4-25; 3

**INTRODUCTION.** According to Genesis, God created man and woman. They did not evolve from some lesser animals through millions of years.

"And God said, Let *us* make man in *our* image, after *our* likeness..." (Gen. 1:26). God is Spirit (John 4:24); therefore, it is the spirit of man, not the body, which bears the image of God.

God formed man from the dust of the ground, breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul (Gen. 2:7). He then made woman from one of the man's ribs (Gen. 2:21-22). God instructed the man and woman to be fruitful and multiply, replenishing the earth (Gen. 1:28)

**A. THE GARDEN OF EDEN** (Gen. 2:4-25). God placed the man in a beautiful garden called Eden. Where this garden was is uncertain, but the garden was watered by a river which parted and became four rivers. God gave the man the responsibility to tend and keep the garden. There were two special trees in the midst of the garden, the *tree of life* and the *tree of the knowledge of good and evil*. God told the man he could eat of every tree in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In the day he ate of that tree, he would die.

God brought every beast of the field and every fowl of the air to Adam to name. When there was not found a help meet for Adam, God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam. God took one of Adam's ribs and made the woman, then brought her to the man. Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man."

1. Describe the relationship between a man and his wife. (Gen. 2:24)
  
2. Describe the man and woman as they were in the garden. (Gen. 2:25)

**B. SIN AND PUNISHMENT (Gen. 3)**

1. The serpent was more \_\_\_\_\_ than any other beast. (Gen. 3:1)
2. What two commands did God give concerning the tree in the midst of the garden? (Gen. 3:2-3)
  - a. ye shall not \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ye shall not \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the penalty for disobedience? (Gen. 3:3)
  
4. The serpent told the woman she would not die, but if she ate: (Gen. 3:4-5)
  - a. her eyes would be \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. she would be as God knowing \_\_\_\_\_
5. The woman saw that the tree was: (Gen. 3:6)
  - a. good for \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. pleasant (a delight) to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. desired to make one \_\_\_\_\_
6. The woman ate the fruit of the tree, and gave to her husband who also ate; then their eyes were opened, and: (Gen. 3:7)
  - a. they knew they were \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. they sewed fig leaves together to make themselves \_\_\_\_\_
7. When they heard the voice of God walking in the garden, what did they do? (Gen. 3:8)
  
8. What excuse did the man give for hiding from God? (Gen. 3:9-10)



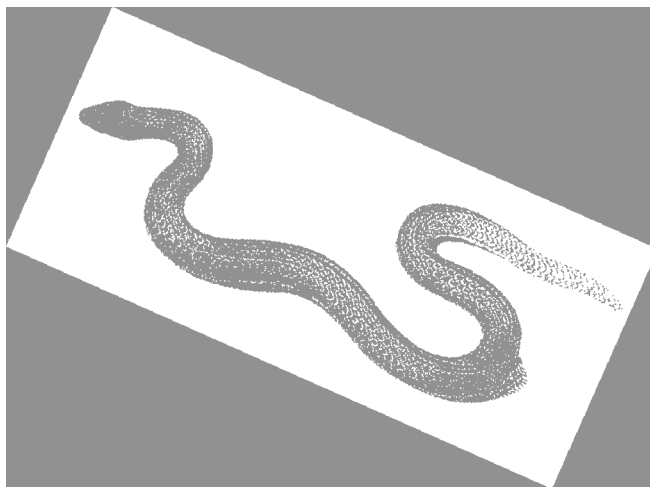
9. When God asked if he had eaten of the forbidden fruit, whom did the man blame? (Gen. 3:11-12)
  
10. When God asked the woman what she had done, whom did she blame? (Gen. 3:13)
  
11. Match the punishment with the one who sinned.
  - a. serpent (Gen. 3:14)    \_\_\_in sorrow (pain) she would bring forth children
  - b. woman (Gen. 3:16)    \_\_\_go upon his belly
  - c. man (Gen. 3:17-19)    \_\_\_the ground would bring forth thorns, thistle  
                                  \_\_\_cursed above all animals  
                                  \_\_\_unto dust he would return  
                                  \_\_\_her husband would rule over her  
                                  \_\_\_eat dust all his days  
                                  \_\_\_in the sweat of his face would he eat
  
12. The man called his wife \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 3:20)
  
13. What did God make for Adam and Eve? (Gen. 3:21)
  
14. Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sinned, God sent them out of the garden of Eden to keep them from the tree of life. What did He place at the entrance to guard the way to the tree of life? (Gen. 3:22-24)

**C. THE SEED OF WOMAN** (Gen. 3:15). The first prophecy in the Bible referring to Jesus Christ and hope for salvation from sin was spoken in the garden of Eden. God told the serpent, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:15).

1. Who is the serpent? (Rev. 12:9)

2. Who is the seed of woman? (Gal. 4:4)

The picture in Gen. 3:15 is that of one who stamps on the head of the serpent, but in doing this his heel is bruised by the serpent. The head of the serpent represents his power or authority. The power of Satan was death because of sin. Jesus Christ (the seed of woman) broke (bruised) the power (head) of Satan (the serpent). In doing this, the heel of Christ was bruised—He died physically on the cross. But death could not hold him, for He rose from the grave and triumphed over death and Satan. "...through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb. 2:14).



## LESSON 3

# CAIN AND ABEL

Gen. 4:1-15

**INTRODUCTION.** God had told the man and woman to be "fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth..." (Gen. 1:28). Eventually after leaving the garden of Eden two sons were born to Adam and Eve.

### A. CAIN AND ABEL

1. Adam and Eve had two sons \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Gen. 4:1-2)
2. Abel was a keeper of \_\_\_\_\_, but Cain was a tiller of the  
\_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 4:2)
3. Cain brought an offering unto the Lord of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Gen. 4:3)
4. Abel's offering was the firstlings of his \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Gen. 4:4)
5. The Lord had \_\_\_\_\_ unto Abel and his offering.  
(Gen. 4:4)
6. Unto Cain and his offering, the Lord had not \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Gen. 4:5)
7. Cain was very \_\_\_\_\_ and his countenance fell.  
(Gen. 4:5)
8. The Lord asked Cain why he was angry—if he did well, he would be accepted,  
but if he did not do well, \_\_\_\_\_ would be at the door.  
(Gen. 4:7)
9. When Cain and Abel were in the field one day, Cain rose up against Abel and  
\_\_\_\_\_ him. (Gen. 4:8)

10. When the Lord asked Cain where his brother was, Cain replied he did not know, "Am I my \_\_\_\_\_." (Gen. 4:9)
11. The Lord told Cain the voice of his brother's \_\_\_\_\_ crieth unto him from the ground. (Gen. 4:10)
12. Cain's punishment was: (Gen. 4:12)
  - a. when he tilled the ground, it would not \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. he would be a \_\_\_\_\_
13. Cain said his punishment was \_\_\_\_\_ than he could bear. (Gen. 4:13)
14. Cain said he would be a fugitive and wanderer, and who ever found him would \_\_\_\_\_ him. (Gen. 4:14)
15. The Lord set (appointed) a \_\_\_\_\_ on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him. (Gen. 4:15)

**B. THE OFFERINGS.** Why was the Lord displeased with Cain's offering? The New Testament gives us a clue.

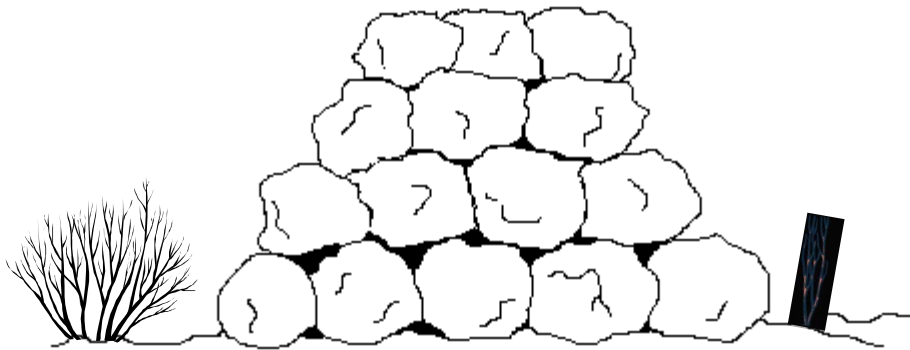
1. By \_\_\_\_\_ Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. (Heb. 11:4)
2. So then faith cometh by \_\_\_\_\_, and hearing by the word of God. (Rom. 10:17)

*Note.* Since Abel offered his sacrifice by faith, and faith comes by hearing the word of God, we must conclude that the word of God had told Adam's family what kind of sacrifice was acceptable to him.

**C. THE FAMILY OF ADAM**

1. What other son was born to Adam and Eve? (Gen. 5:3)

2. What other children did Adam have? (Gen. 5:4)
  
3. How old was Adam when he died? (Gen. 5:5)
  
4. One of Adam's descendants was Enoch. What is unusual about Enoch? (Gen. 5:24)
  
5. Enoch's son was Methuselah who lived longer than any other character recorded in the Bible. How old was Methuselah when he died? (Gen. 5:27)



## LESSON 4

# NOAH - THE FLOOD (PART I)

Gen. 6; 7

**INTRODUCTION.** The descendants of Adam multiplied, and after many years passed, the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great. The thoughts and every imagination of their hearts were evil. Violence and corruption filled the whole earth. God was grieved in his heart that He had made man. He determined to destroy both man and beast whom He had created from the face of the earth by a great flood after 120 years. However, one righteous man, Noah, found favor in the eyes of the Lord (Gen. 6:1-13).

The Lord instructed Noah to build an ark, a giant boat, in which he and his family would escape the great flood. He gave Noah detailed instructions for the construction of the ark, and Noah did according to all that God commanded him (Gen. 6:14-22).

### A. THE ARK

1. Name the three sons of Noah. (Gen. 6:10)
  
2. Describe the ark that God instructed Noah to build:
  - a. the kind of wood (Gen. 6:14) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. divided into (Gen. 6:14) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. waterproofed with (Gen. 6:14) \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. length (Gen. 6:15) \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. breadth (Gen. 6:15) \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. height (Gen. 6:15) \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. number of windows and doors (Gen. 6:16) \_\_\_\_\_
  - h. number of stories (Gen. 6:16) \_\_\_\_\_

**B. THE FLOOD**

1. The Lord told Noah to come into the ark with all his house, for He had seen that Noah was \_\_\_\_\_ . (Gen. 7:1)
2. The number of animals Noah was to take into the ark in order to keep seed alive: (Gen. 7:2-3)
  - a. of clean beasts, male and female \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. of unclean beasts, male and female \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. of birds, male and female \_\_\_\_\_
3. After seven days, the Lord would cause it to rain for \_\_\_\_\_ . (Gen. 7:4)
4. Noah did all the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ him. (Gen. 7:5)
5. Noah was \_\_\_\_\_ years old when the flood was upon the earth. (Gen. 7:6)
6. Noah went into the ark with \_\_\_\_\_ . (Gen. 7:7)
7. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life on the seventeenth day of the second month, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the deep were broken up and the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven were opened. (Gen. 7:11)
8. After all went into the ark as God commanded, \_\_\_\_\_ shut him in. (Gen. 7:16)
9. As the waters increased, the ark was lifted up; the waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward and the \_\_\_\_\_ were covered. (Gen. 7:18-20)
10. Every living thing upon the face of the ground was destroyed and the waters prevailed upon the earth for \_\_\_\_\_ days. (Gen. 7:23-24)

## LESSON 5

# NOAH - THE FLOOD (PART II)

Gen. 8; 9:1-17

**INTRODUCTION.** Noah built an ark according to God's instructions. When it was completed after one hundred twenty years, Noah and his family entered the ark along with the animals, and God shut them in.

After seven days it began to rain. From the beginning, "the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth...but there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground" (Gen. 2:6-7). This may have been the first time the inhabitants of the earth had seen rain. For forty days and forty nights the rain continued, while the fountains of the deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. This was more than an ordinary rainstorm, this was a catastrophic event.

The waters increased upon the earth, lifting the ark. Eventually the waters rose fifteen cubits upward of the mountains, covering all the high mountains under the whole heaven. For one hundred fifty days the waters prevailed upon the earth. All flesh that moved on the earth died—birds, cattle, beasts, creeping things, and man. Only Noah was left and those with him in the ark.

After one hundred fifty days, the waters decreased. God remembered Noah and all that were in the ark, and four things occurred to cause the waters to recede. A wind passed over the earth, the fountains of the deep were stopped, the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained (Gen. 8:1-3).

**A. NOAH'S LOG.** If Noah were the captain of a ship in modern times, he would keep a log book or record of each day's activities. Below is a log according to Genesis of the days Noah and his family spent in the ark during the flood.



## NOAH'S LOG

7 days before the rain starts (Gen. 7:4, 7-10, 13-16)	Noah, his family, and animals enter the ark. God shuts them in.
600th yr. 2nd mo. 17th day (Gen. 7:11)	The fountains of the deep are broken up and windows of heaven are opened.
40 days and 40 nights (Gen. 7:12, 17-20)	Rain falls, waters rise 15 cubits above mountains.
150 days (Gen. 7:24; 8:1-3)	Waters prevail upon the earth, then begin to recede.
600th yr. 7th mo. 17th day (Gen. 8:4)	Ark rests upon _____.
600th yr. 10th mo. 1st day (Gen. 8:5)	The tops of _____ are seen.
After 40 days (Gen. 8:6-9)	Noah opens the window and sends forth a _____ which goes to and fro until the waters dry up. He also sends forth a _____ which returns to the ark.
After 7 days (Gen. 8:10-11)	Noah sends the dove out again which comes back in the evening with an _____.
After 7 more days (Gen. 8:12)	Noah sends the dove out which does not _____.
601st yr. 1st mo. 1st day (Gen. 8:13)	The waters dry up. Noah removes the _____.
601st yr. 2nd mo. 27th day (Gen. 8:14-16)	The earth is dried and God says, _____.

**B. A NEW BEGINNING**

1. Noah built an altar to the Lord and offered burnt offerings of every clean \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 8:20).
2. The Lord said He would never again curse the ground for man's sake nor destroy every living thing. While the earth remains, the following will not cease: (Gen. 8:21-22)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
3. What were God's instructions to Noah and his sons? (Gen. 9:1)
4. In addition to the green herbs which God had permitted Adam and Eve to eat (Gen. 1:29), He now permitted Noah and his family to eat animals with one exception. What were they not allowed to eat? (Gen. 9:3-4)
5. What was the punishment for shedding man's blood? Why? (Gen. 9:6)
6. God then established a covenant with Noah and his seed (descendants) after him, and with every living creature:
  - a. What two things will not happen again? (Gen. 9:11)
  - b. What was the token (sign) of God's covenant (promise)? (Gen. 9:12-17)

## LESSON 6

# THE TOWER OF BABEL

Gen. 11:1-9

**INTRODUCTION.** When Noah and his family left the ark, God told them to be "fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth" (Gen. 9:1). Through the years the descendants of Noah's three sons multiplied, and again the earth was populated.

The people eventually migrated to a plain in the land of Shinar, probably Babylon. There they determined to build a city and a tower that would reach to heaven, making for themselves a name and a place to dwell with one another. Thus the people attempted to honor themselves by building something big and great, and to seek security by mingling together in one community. They were filled with pride and no longer trusted in God.

As God's plan was for the people to replenish the earth, He confounded (confused) their language in order to create disorder. Since the people could no longer communicate with each other, they scattered to the ends of the earth.

### A. THE CITY AND TOWER

1. The whole earth had one: (Gen. 11:1)
  - a. king
  - b. language
  - c. city
  
2. As the descendants of Noah journeyed from the east, they found a plain in which to dwell in the land of: (Gen. 11:2)
  - a. Canaan
  - b. Egypt
  - c. Shinar

3. The people planned to reach heaven by building: (Gen. 11:4)
  - a. a city
  - b. a tower
  - c. an altar
  
4. The Lord scattered the people over the face of the earth by: (Gen. 11:7-8)
  - a. destroying their building
  - b. causing a great earthquake
  - c. confounding (confusing) their language
  
5. The name of the place was therefore called: (Gen. 11:9)
  - a. Nineveh
  - b. Babel
  - c. Ur

*Note.* The name Babel comes from an Akkadian word that means "gateway to God." A similar Hebrew word, balal, means confuse.

## **B. THE SCATTERING**

1. What building materials did the people use for their city and tower? (Gen. 11:3)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Why did the people want to build the tower? (Gen. 11:4)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What were God's instructions to Noah and his sons when they left the ark? (Gen. 9:1)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Were these people obeying these instructions?

## LESSON 7

# THE CALL OF ABRAM

Gen. 11:31-32; 12:1-9

**INTRODUCTION.** Before God created the heavens and earth, He purposed to send his Son into the world to save mankind from their sins. In order to accomplish his purpose, God chose Abram (later called Abraham) to be the father of a nation through whom his Son would come.

God first called Abram when he resided in Ur of the Chaldees (Gen. 15:7; Neh. 9:7; Acts 7:2-3). Ur was an ancient and important city located on the Euphrates River in southern Mesopotamia . Abram first migrated northwestward in Mesopotamia to Haran, also a flourishing city in the nineteenth and eighteenth centuries B. C. (Gen. 11:31). At Haran God again called Abram, instructing him to go to a land that He would show him (Gen. 12:1). God then made three promises to Abram: the *nation* promise, the *land* promise, and the *spiritual* promise (Gen. 12:2-3, 7).

### A. ABRAM'S FAMILY

1. Terah had three sons: Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran was the father of whom? (Gen. 11:27)
2. Where did Haran die? (Gen. 11:28)
3. Who was Abram's wife? Did they have any children? (Gen. 11:29-30)
4. Terah, Abram, Lot, and Sarai left \_\_\_\_\_ and came to Haran where Terah died. (Gen. 11:31-32)

**B. GOD'S THREE PROMISES TO ABRAM**

1. God later told Abram to leave his father's house and go to what land? (Gen. 12:1)
  
2. The first promise to Abram was the *nation* promise. God told Abram He would make of him a great \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 12:2)
  
3. The second promise was the *spiritual* promise. God told Abram that in him all families of the earth would be \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 12:3)
  
4. How old was Abram when he left Haran? (Gen. 12:4)
  
5. Whom and what did Abram take with him? (Gen. 12:5)
  
6. To what land did they go? (Gen. 12:5)
  
7. Who lived in the land at that time? (Gen. 12:6)
  
8. God's third promise to Abram was the *land* promise. God promised to give the land (Canaan) to whom? (Gen. 12:7)
  
9. What did Abram build unto the Lord? (Gen. 12:7)
  
10. Because Abram believed God and obeyed him, he is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Jas. 2:23)

## THE THREE PROMISES TO ABRAHAM

### ***The Nation Promise***

*I will make of thee a great nation* (Gen. 12:2)—the *nation* promise was fulfilled in the book of Exodus. The descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob numbered a great multitude when Moses led them out of Egypt, the land of their bondage.

### ***The Land Promise***

*Unto thy seed will I give this land* (Gen. 12:7)—the *land* promise was fulfilled in the book of Joshua. Under the leadership of Joshua, the descendants of Abraham conquered and occupied the land of Canaan.

### ***The Spiritual Promise***

*In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed* (Gen. 12:3)—the *spiritual* promise was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. All spiritual blessings are from God the Father in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, a descendant of Abraham (Matt. 1:1; Eph. 1:3).

## LESSON 8

# ABRAM AND LOT SEPARATE

Gen. 13

**INTRODUCTION.** Lot was the son of Haran, Abram's brother; therefore, Lot was Abram's nephew. Lot's father died in Ur, and thus Lot migrated to Canaan with Abram.

Abram and Lot prospered greatly in cattle, silver, and gold. Eventually they were unable to dwell together because their flocks and herds had become so numerous they both needed more land for pasture.

Abram generously told Lot to choose the area where he wanted to settle. Lot decided to travel to the east where the land was fertile and well-watered by the Jordan River. This area provided better pastureland for his flocks and herds than the rocky hill country of Canaan where he and Abram were located.

### A. THE SEPARATION

1. Abram was very rich in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Gen. 13:2)
2. He journeyed from the south to Bethel where his tent had been at the beginning, unto the place of the \_\_\_\_\_ which he had made there at first. (Gen. 13:3-4)
3. Lot, who went with Abram, had \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Gen. 13:5)
4. The land was not able to bear them, for their possessions were so great that they could not \_\_\_\_\_ together. (Gen. 13:6)
5. There was \_\_\_\_\_ between the herdsmen of the two men.  
(Gen. 13:7)



6. Abram told Lot they must not quarrel, for they were \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Gen. 13:8)
7. Abram said the whole land is before thee. If you take the \_\_\_\_\_  
hand, I will go to the right; if you take the \_\_\_\_\_ hand, I will  
go to the left. (Gen. 13:9)
8. Lot lifted his eyes and saw the plain of Jordan, that it was \_\_\_\_\_,  
and Lot chose this land and journeyed east. (Gen. 13:10-11)
9. Abram dwelt in the land of \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 13:12)
10. Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and moved his tent to \_\_\_\_\_,  
where the men of that city were wicked and sinners. (Gen. 13:12-13)

**B. GOD REPEATS THE NATION AND LAND PROMISES TO ABRAM**

1. The Lord told Abram to lift his eyes and look in which direction? (Gen. 13:14)
2. How much land did the Lord promise to give to Abram and his seed? (Gen. 13:15)
3. The Lord told Abram his seed (descendants) would be as numerous as what? (Gen. 13:16)
4. The Lord told Abram to do what? (Gen. 13:17)
5. Abram moved his tent and built an altar to the Lord in what place? (Gen. 13:18)

## THE THREE PROMISES TO ABRAHAM

So far God has told Abram:

### ***The Nation Promise***

*I will make of thee a great nation (Gen. 12:2)*  
*I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth (Gen. 13:16)*

### ***The Land Promise***

*Unto thy seed will I give this land (Gen. 12:7)*  
*All the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed (Gen. 13:15)*

### ***The Spiritual Promise***

*In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed (Gen. 12:3)*

## LESSON 9

# ABRAM IS PROMISED A SON

Gen. 15

**INTRODUCTION.** God promised Abram He would make of him a great nation and give to that nation (Abram's seed) the land of Canaan. These promises are called the *nation-land* promise. In addition God told Abram that in him all families of the earth should be blessed. This promise is called the *spiritual* promise. Since it is impossible for God to lie (Heb. 6:18), these promises were unconditional or absolute; that is, the descendants of Abram would receive from God all that God had promised.

Although Abram believed God and obeyed, leaving his home in Ur and traveling to an unknown country, he was old and had no children. How could these promises come to pass? After some time the word of the Lord appeared to Abram in a vision, assuring him he would have an heir. God also told Abram his seed would dwell in a land not theirs for four hundred years, but in the fourth generation they would come out of that land and enter into the land of Canaan. God then told Abram the boundaries of his land inheritance.

### A. THE PROMISED HEIR

1. The Lord told Abram not to fear, for He was his \_\_\_\_\_ and exceedingly great reward. (Gen. 15:1)
2. When Abram reminded the Lord that he had no seed (children), the Lord assured Abram that his heir: (Gen. 15:3-4)
  - a. would be one of his servants
  - b. would be his nephew Lot
  - c. would come forth from his own body (bowels)
3. The Lord told Abram his seed would be numbered as the: (Gen. 15:5)
  - a. fish in the sea
  - b. stars in heaven
  - c. pebbles in a brook

4. Abram believed in the Lord, and the Lord counted it to Abram for \_\_\_\_\_ . (Gen. 15:6)
5. When the Lord told Abram He had brought him out of Ur of Chaldees to give him this land to inherit it, what did Abram ask the Lord? (Gen. 15:7-8)
6. The Lord told Abram to take a heifer (young cow), female goat, and ram (each three years old), a turtledove, and a pigeon for an offering. Abram divided the animals, but not the birds, and when the sun was going down, he fell into a deep sleep with a horror of great darkness (Gen. 15:9-12). The Lord then told Abram some events that would occur and affect his seed (descendants):
- a. thy seed shall be \_\_\_\_\_ in a land that is not theirs; (Gen. 15:13)
  - b. thy seed shall serve them and they shall afflict them \_\_\_\_\_ years; (Gen. 15:13)
  - c. God would judge that nation whom they served, and they should come out of that nation with great \_\_\_\_\_; (Gen. 15:14)
  - d. Abram would go to his fathers in \_\_\_\_\_ and be buried in a good old age; (Gen. 15:15)
  - e. in the fourth generation Abram's seed will come again to the land of Canaan, for the iniquity of the \_\_\_\_\_ was not yet full. (Gen. 15:16)
7. When the sun went down and it was dark, what passed between the pieces of Abram's offering which indicated God accepted Abram and his offering? (Gen. 15:17)

**B. THE LAND BOUNDARIES.** In that same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and told him that the boundaries of the *land* promise extended from the river of \_\_\_\_\_ unto the great river, the River \_\_\_\_\_ . (Gen. 15:18)

## THE THREE PROMISES TO ABRAHAM

So far God has told Abram:

### ***The Nation Promise***

*I will make of thee a great nation (Gen. 12:2)*

*I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth (Gen. 13:16)*

*Look now toward heaven...the stars...to number them...So shall thy seed be  
(Gen. 15:5)*

### ***The Land Promise***

*Unto thy seed will I give this land (Gen. 12:7)*

*All the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed (Gen.  
13:15)*

*Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto...the River  
Euphrates (Gen. 15:18)*

### ***The Spiritual Promise***

*In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed (Gen. 12:3)*

## LESSON 10

### ABRAHAM VISITED BY THREE ANGELS

Gen. 18

**INTRODUCTION.** God appeared to Abram when he was ninety-nine years old and changed his name to Abraham which means "father of many" or "father of multitudes." God also changed Sarai's name to Sarah which means "princess" (Gen. 17:1-2, 5, 15). Later three men visited Abraham (Gen. 18).

#### A. THE THREE ANGELS.

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| 1. _____ Abraham sat in the (vs. 1)  | a. the Lord          |
| 2. _____ He lifted up his eyes and saw (vs. 2)   | b. butter and milk   |
| 3. _____ Abraham provided water for the men to (vs. 4)                                       | c. tent door         |
| 4. _____ He told the men to rest (vs. 4)   | d. under the tree    |
| 5. _____ Abraham told Sarah to make (vs. 6)  | e. Sodom             |
| 6. _____ He told a servant to dress a (vs. 7)  | f. son               |
| 7. _____ Abraham also gave the men (vs. 8)   | g. grievous          |
| 8. _____ The men said that Sarah would have a (vs. 10)                                       | h. tender, good calf |
| 9. _____ Abraham and Sarah were (vs. 11)   | i. three men         |
| 10. _____ When Sarah heard what the men said, she (vs. 12)                                   | j. old               |
| 11. _____ The Lord asked, Is anything too hard for (vs. 13-14)                               | k. wash their feet   |
| 12. _____ The men rose up and looked toward (vs. 16)   | l. laughed           |
| 13. _____ The Lord said the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great because their sin is (vs. 20) | m. cakes             |

**B. THE CITIES OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH.** Two of Abraham's visitors went to Sodom while the third, called the Lord, remained with Abraham. The Lord told Abraham that He would destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of their wickedness. Abraham then bargained with the Lord in an attempt to save the city of Sodom because his nephew Lot lived there.

1. Abraham first asked if the city would be destroyed if there were \_\_\_\_\_ righteous. (Gen. 18:24)
2. Abraham then called himself dust and ashes and asked if the city would be destroyed if there were \_\_\_\_\_ righteous. (Gen. 18:27-28)
3. Abraham next asked that the city be spared if there were \_\_\_\_\_ righteous found there. (Gen. 18:29)
4. Abraham then asked the Lord not be be angry, but what if \_\_\_\_\_ righteous were found there. (Gen. 18:30)
5. Abraham persisted and this time reduced the number to \_\_\_\_\_ righteous. (Gen. 18:31)
6. Again Abraham asked the Lord not be angry, and he would speak just once— would the city be spared for \_\_\_\_\_ righteous? (Gen. 18:32)
7. How did the Lord answer Abraham each time? (Gen. 18:26, 28-32)
8. Who were the two men who went to Sodom? (Gen. 19:1)
9. Who is the third man? (Gen. 18:1, 13, 17, 20, 22, 26, 33)
10. We are told not to forget to entertain \_\_\_\_\_, for some have entertained \_\_\_\_\_ unawares. (Heb. 13:2)

## THE THREE PROMISES TO ABRAHAM

**THE COVENANT.** When Abraham was ninety-nine years old, God once again assured him he would be the father of many nations, and his seed would possess the land of Canaan. To Sarah God promised a son who should be called Isaac, and the covenant would be established with Isaac and his descendants.

As a sign of the covenant between God and Abraham, God required that Abraham and all the male members of his household be circumcised. All the future male descendants of Abraham were to be circumcised when they were eight days old (Gen. 17:1-22).

### ***The Nation Promise***

*I will make of thee a great nation (Gen. 12:2)*

*I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth (Gen. 13:16)*

*Look now toward heaven...the stars...to number them...So shall thy seed be (Gen. 15:5)*

*I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee (Gen. 17:6)*

### ***The Land Promise***

*Unto thy seed will I give this land (Gen. 12:7)*

*All the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed (Gen. 13:15)*

*Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto...the River Euphrates (Gen. 15:18)*

*I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee...all the land of Canaan (Gen. 17:8)*

### ***The Spiritual Promise***

*In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed (Gen. 12:3)*



## LESSON 11

# SODOM AND GOMORRAH

Gen. 19:1-30

**INTRODUCTION.** Two of Abraham's visitors (angels) journeyed to Sodom to warn Lot that the Lord intended to destroy the city. Lot, who was sitting in the gate of the city, met the strangers and invited them to his home for the night. At that time the gate of a city was the place of judgment (court), and Lot may have been there as a judge hearing disputes.

At first the strangers said they would spend the night in the street, but Lot urged them to come to his house, for the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were inhabited by immoral men. Later in the evening the unrighteous men of the city surrounded Lot's house and demanded that Lot send the strangers out to them, but Lot refused. When the wicked Sodomites attempted to break down the door to Lot's house, the angels struck them with blindness.

The angels then told Lot the Lord was going to destroy the wicked city and for him and his family to flee. The next morning, as Lot, his wife, and two daughters lingered, the angels brought them out of the city and told them to escape for their lives, not to look back, but to flee to the mountains. *Note:* there were not ten righteous people in the city of Sodom.

### A. THE ANGELS' WARNING

1. At even there came to Sodom: (Gen. 19:1)
  - a. two angels
  - b. three angels
  - c. two wise men
  
2. They found Lot in Sodom sitting: (Gen. 19:1)
  - a. in his tent
  - b. in the gate
  - c. under a tree

3. Lot invited the strangers to his house to: (Gen. 19:2-3)
  - a. tarry all night
  - b. wash their feet
  - c. eat unleavened bread
4. The men of Sodom who surrounded Lot's house, asking him to bring out the men to them, were: (Gen. 19:4)
  - a. old
  - b. young
  - c. from every quarter
5. Lot went out, shut the door after him, and told the men of Sodom to: (Gen. 19:6-7)
  - a. go home
  - b. do not so wickedly
  - c. repent
6. The men of Sodom pressed upon Lot and nearly: (Gen. 19:9)
  - a. killed him
  - b. started a riot
  - c. broke the door of his house
7. The two men pulled Lot into the house and: (Gen. 19:10-11)
  - a. shut the door
  - b. smote the men of Sodom with blindness
  - c. smote all the firstborn of Sodom
8. When the morning came, the angels told Lot to leave the city, taking: (Gen. 19:15)
  - a. his wife
  - b. his two daughters
  - c. all his possessions
9. The Lord was: (Gen. 19:16)
  - a. angry with Lot
  - b. merciful toward Lot
  - c. punishing Lot

10. The men brought Lot, his wife, and his daughters out of the city and told them, lest they be consumed, to: (Gen. 19:17)
- a. escape for their lives
  - b. look not behind them
  - c. escape to the mountain

## B. THE ESCAPE

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| 1. _____ Lot asked that he be allowed to escape to a (vs. 18-20)   | a. Lot             |
| 2. _____ The name of the city was (vs. 22)   | b. brimstone, fire |
| 3. _____ When Lot entered Zoar, the (vs. 23)   | c. mountain, cave  |
| 4. _____ The Lord rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah (vs. 24)  | d. little city     |
| 5. _____ The Lord overthrew those cities and all the (vs. 25)  | e. pillar of salt  |
| 6. _____ Lot's wife looked back and became a (vs. 26)  | f. Zoar            |
| 7. _____ Abraham got up early in the morning and looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah and beheld (vs. 27-28) | g. smoke           |
| 8. _____ When God destroyed the cities of the plain, He remembered Abraham and saved (vs. 29)            | h. inhabitants     |
| 9. _____ Lot and his daughters left Zoar and dwelt in a (vs. 30)   | i. sun was risen   |

## C. LOT'S CHARACTER AND THE LESSON FOR US

1. Lot was a \_\_\_\_\_ man. (II Pet. 2:7-8)
2. What problem did he have living in the wicked city of Sodom?

## LESSON 12

# HAGAR AND ISHMAEL - THE BIRTH OF ISAAC

Gen. 16:1-3, 15-16; 21:1-21

**INTRODUCTION.** Sarah had an Egyptian maid (slave) whose name was Hagar. After Abraham and Sarah had lived in the land of Canaan for ten years and still had no children, Sarah gave her maid to Abraham to be his wife. Since Hagar was the property of Sarah, any children Hagar might have would also belong to Sarah and thus be considered as Sarah's child. Sarah hoped in this way to fulfill God's promise to have a son. Eventually Hagar bore Abraham a son and called him Ishmael.

Some years passed, and then Sarah conceived as God had promised. She bore Abraham a son, and they called his name Isaac as God had instructed them (Gen. 17:19). Abraham was one hundred years old and Sarah was ninety years old at the birth of Isaac (Gen. 17:17, 21:5). Sometime later when Isaac was still a small child, Abraham gave a feast, and Sarah observed Ishmael mocking. Sarah demanded that Abraham cast Hagar and Ishmael out of their household. Although Abraham was grieved, God told him to do as Sarah had asked, for the promises to Abraham would be fulfilled through the descendants of Isaac, not Ishmael. Nevertheless, God said He would also make a nation of Ishmael because he too was Abraham's seed.

Abraham gave Hagar and Ishmael some food and water and sent them away. They wandered south into the wilderness area, and when the water ran out, Hagar put Ishmael under a shrub and wept, expecting her son to die. But the angel of the Lord spoke to Hagar, showing her a well and assuring her that the descendants of her son would become a great nation.

Ishmael was about sixteen years old when he and his mother were forced out of Abraham's household. When Ishmael was grown, he married an Egyptian woman and had twelve sons and also a daughter who became the wife of Esau (Gen. 21:21; 25:16; 28:9). The descendants of Ishmael were desert dwellers, and modern day Arabs claim to be the descendants of Abraham through his son Ishmael.

**A. THE BIRTH OF ISHMAEL**

1. Sarai had no children, and she had a handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 16:1)
2. Sarai took Hagar, her maid, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 16:3)
3. Hagar bare Abram a son and called his name \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 16:15)
4. Abram was \_\_\_\_\_ years old when Ishmael was born. (Gen. 16:16)

**B. HAGAR AND ISHMAEL CAST OUT**

1. When Abraham was old, the Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and Sarah had a: (Gen. 21:1-2)
  - a. son
  - b. daughter
  - c. twins
2. Abraham called the name of his son born to Sarah: (Gen. 21:3)
  - a. Ishmael
  - b. Isaac
  - c. Isaiah
3. Abraham circumcised his son Isaac as commanded by God when the child was: (Gen. 21:4)
  - a. eight days old
  - b. eight months
  - c. eight years

4. When Isaac was born, Abraham was: (Gen. 21:5)
  - a. 75 years old
  - b. 86 years old
  - c. 100 years old
  
5. The child grew, and the same day Isaac was weaned Abraham made a: (Gen. 21:8)
  - a. sacrifice to God
  - b. great feast
  - c. long journey
  
6. Sarah saw the son of Hagar whom she had borne unto Abraham: (Gen. 21:9)
  - a. fighting
  - b. playing
  - c. mocking
  
7. Sarah told Abraham to cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman was not to be an heir with Isaac. This thing to Abraham was: (Gen. 21:10-11)
  - a. pleasing
  - b. very grievous
  - c. no problem
  
8. God told Abraham to hearken to Sarah's voice, for his seed (the promised seed) should be through Isaac, but Ishmael would also become: (Gen. 21:12-13)
  - a. a desert wanderer
  - b. an old man
  - c. a nation
  
9. Abraham rose up early in the morning and sent Hagar and Ishmael away with: (Gen. 21:14)
  - a. bread
  - b. a bottle of water
  - c. tickets to Disneyland

10. Hagar departed, wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba, and when the water was gone she put the child: (Gen. 21:14-15)
  - a. under a shrub
  - b. in a cave
  - c. by a brook
  
11. She sat down a good way off so she would not see the child die, then: (Gen. 21:16)
  - a. prayed to God
  - b. went to sleep
  - c. wept
  
12. God heard the voice of the lad, and the angel of God called to Hagar and said: (Gen. 21:17-18)
  - a. fear not
  - b. God has heard the voice of the lad
  - c. arise, lift up the lad, and hold him by the hand
  - d. I will make him a great nation
  
13. God opened Hagar's eyes and she saw: (Gen. 21:19)
  - a. some wild animals
  - b. a caravan of travelers
  - c. a well
  
14. Hagar filled the bottle with water and: (Gen. 21:19)
  - a. washed her hands
  - b. washed Ishmael's hands
  - c. gave the lad a drink
  
15. God was with Ishmael, and he grew and: (Gen. 21:20-21)
  - a. dwelt in the wilderness
  - b. became an archer
  - c. took a wife from the land of Egypt

## LESSON 13

# ABRAHAM OFFERS ISAAC

Gen. 22:1-19

**INTRODUCTION.** When Isaac was a young man, God told Abraham to take his son, his only son Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. There he was to offer Isaac as a burnt offering upon the mountain. Moriah is a mountain in Jerusalem where Solomon many years later built the temple (II Chron. 3:1).

This command seems to be incredibly strange, but God was proving Abraham's faith. God had promised Abraham that his descendants would be a great nation, and this nation would come through his son Isaac. Yet now God commanded the death of this son and heir of the promise before the promise could be fulfilled!

What was Abraham's response to this puzzling, heartbreaking ordeal God required of him? Abraham obeyed. Why? "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac...Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead..." (Heb. 11:17, 19).

### A. THE COMMAND

1. God told Abraham to take his son, his only son Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah for what purpose? (Gen. 22:2)
2. Abraham, Isaac, and two servants journeyed to the place God had commanded, taking what with them? (Gen. 22:3)
3. After three days what did Abraham tell his servants? (Gen. 22:4-5)



4. What did Abraham carry? What did Isaac carry? (Gen. 22:6)

5. What question did Isaac ask? (Gen. 22:7)

6. What was Abraham's answer? (Gen. 22:8)

*Note.* At this point Abraham knew nothing about the ram he would find later in the thicket. His faith in God was so great, he trusted that somehow and in some way God would fulfill his promises.

7. When they came to the place for the offering, Abraham: (Gen. 22:9)

- a. built an \_\_\_\_\_
- b. laid the \_\_\_\_\_ in order
- c. bound \_\_\_\_\_
- d. laid him on the altar upon the \_\_\_\_\_

8. When Abraham took his knife to slay his son, who called to him from heaven? (Gen. 22:10-11)

9. What did the angel tell Abraham? (Gen. 22:12)

10. What did Abraham find in the thicket? (Gen. 22:13)

**B. ABRAHAM'S FAITH**

1. Why is Abraham called righteous? (Rom. 4:3)
2. Because Abraham believed God and was therefore righteous, he was called the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Jas. 2:23)
3. By offering his son Isaac, Abraham demonstrated his faith in God, for he trusted that God is able to raise up, even from the \_\_\_\_\_. (Heb. 11:19)
4. God repeated his promises to Abraham after he offered his son Isaac. What was the reason given for these blessings to Abraham? (Gen. 22:18)

*Abraham believed God...  
and he was called the Friend of God.  
Jas. 2:23*

## THE THREE PROMISES TO ABRAHAM

**THE PROMISES REPEATED.** After Abraham offered Isaac, the Lord repeated his promises to Abraham, swearing by himself and saying, "...because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son" (Gen. 22:16).

### **The Nation Promise**

*I will make of thee a great nation (Gen. 12:2)*

*I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth (Gen. 13:16)*

*Look now toward heaven...the stars...to number them...So shall thy seed be (Gen. 15:5)*

*I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee (Gen. 17:6)*

*I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore (Gen. 22:17)*

### **The Land Promise**

*Unto thy seed will I give this land (Gen. 12:7)*

*All the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed (Gen. 13:15)*

*Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto...the River Euphrates (Gen. 15:18)*

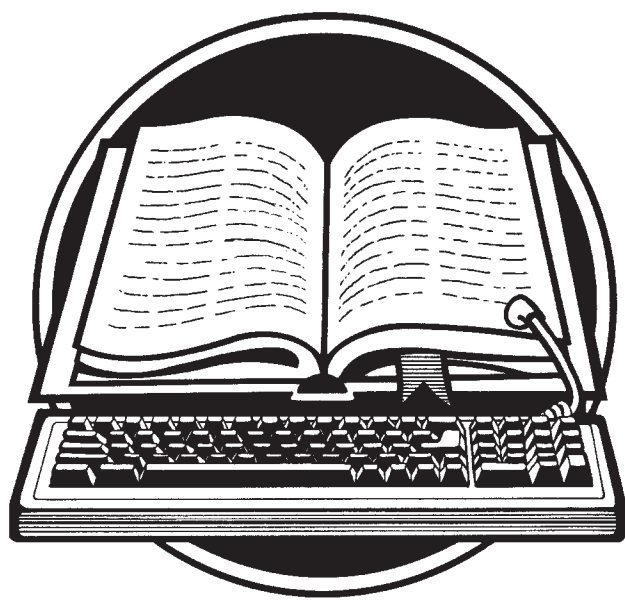
*I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee...all the land of Canaan (Gen. 17:8)*

*...thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies (Gen. 22:17)*

### **The Spiritual Promise**

*In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed (Gen. 12:3)*

*In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed (Gen. 22:18)*



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