

Genesis 12

Genesis 12.1-9

V1 – **Instructions of God?** Leave relatives in Haran, and go to the land I will show you

V2 – **What was the promise?** To become the father of a great nation and to become a great blessing to the world

V3 – Also, God would bless those who blessed Abraham and would curse those who cursed him

V4 – **Did Abraham obey?** Yes, perfectly

-**Age of Abraham?** 75

V5 – **Who went to Canaan?** Abram, Sarai, Lot, and all the people they had “acquired” in Haran

V6 – Canaanites were living in the land (these were descendants of Ham)

V7 – **Words of God?** This land would be given to Abraham

-**Does this justify Israel today?** No, Arabs come from Abraham also

-**Abraham did what?** Built an altar in thanksgiving

V8 – Went to Bethel (Bethel and Ai).

V9 – Kept going south.

-**Note:** The presence of the Canaanites in the land must have made the promise of God seem rather empty

-But Abraham had faith and kept thanking God

Genesis 12.10-16

V10 – **What happened in Canaan?** Famine

-**Where did Abraham go for food?** Egypt

V11 – **Describe morals of people living in Egypt?** Bad

-**What would they say about Sarai?** Beautiful

V12 – **What would they do to get Sarai?** Kill Abraham

V13 – **Abraham’s plan?** Get Sarai to say that she was his sister

-*Genesis 20.12* – This was a half-truth, since she was his half-sister

V14 – Abraham was right about the wickedness of the Egyptians

V15 – Pharaoh took her into his house

V 16 – **How was Abraham treated?** Well, but he had done a selfish act

Genesis 12.17-20

V 17 – **What did God do?** Sent plagues on Pharaoh's house because of Sarai

V 18 – **Reaction of Pharaoh?** Mad at Abraham

V 19-20 – **Note:** Much adultery today in U.S. – imagine plagues in every house where a man was living with another's wife

-**Lesson?** Half-truths are dangerous

-We all know about half-truths today:

-Parent to child: "Have you brushed your teeth?" "Yes" (3 weeks ago!)

-Box of food: "No Cholesterol" (but loaded with saturated fat)

-This shows that Abraham was human (made mistakes, and he made mistakes again in *Genesis 20*)

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