

GENESIS

Chapters 12-20

The call of Abram

Are the patriarchal narratives contained in chapter's 12-50 folk tales, legends or genuine family history? (Note 12:1-50:26)

(Read 11:27-32) Who is Abram, Sarai and Lot and where is Ur of the Chaldeans? (Note 11:28, map p. 34)

(Read 12:1-3) What is the Abrahamic Covenant? (Topical Essay p. 35)

(Read 12:4-7) Where is the Promised Land? Why did Abram build an altar there? (Note 12:7)

Abram and Sarai in Egypt

(Read 12:10-13:1) Does Abram pre-enact the Exodus story? (Note 12:10-13:1)

Abram and Lot Separate

(Read 13:2-13) Did Lot leave the Promised Land? (Note 13:2-18)

What does the word “kinsmen” mean? (Note 13:8)

Lot’s Captivity and Rescue

How is Lot captured and rescued? (Note 14:1-12) (Read 14:14-16)

Melchizedek Blesses Abram

(Read 14:17-20) Who is Melchizedek and what is a tithe? (Note 14:18 and 14:20)

God's Covenant with Abram

(Read 15:1-6) What is meant by the phrase “reckoned it to him as righteousness”? (Note 15:6)

(Read 15:7-11) What is the symbolism of cutting the animals in two? (Note 15:10)

(Read 15:17-21) Who occupies the Promised Land? (Note 15:18)

The Birth of Ishmael

(Read 16:1-6) What is the meaning of these scripture verses? (Note 16:1-6), (Note 16:2), (Note 16:3) and (Note 16:6)

How old was Abram when Ishmael was born? (Note 16:16)

The Sign of the Covenant

What is the sign of the second covenant established between God and Abram? (Note 17:1-21)

(Read 17:1-4) What ancient peoples descended from Abraham? (Note 17:4)

(Read 17:5) What is the significance of a change of a name in biblical times? (Note 17:5)

(Read 17:6) What is meant by the phrase “and kings shall come forth from you”? (Note 17:6)

(Read 17:9-14) What is the theological and historic meaning of circumcision? How does Baptism relate to circumcision? (Note 17:11)

(Read 17:15-17) What does the name Isaac mean? (Note 17:17)

(Read 17:18-21) Who is Abraham's rightful heir, Isaac or Ishmael? (Note 17:21)

A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah

(Read 18:1-8) Who are the three men that visited Abraham? (Note 18:2)

(Read 18:9-15) What is the subtle meaning of Sarah laughing? (Note 18:12)

Abraham Intercedes for Sodom

How does Abraham intercede for Sodom? (Note 18:22-33)

The Immorality of Sodom

Why were several cities of the Dead Sea valley destroyed? (Note 19:1-23)

(Read 19:1) What gestures does Lot display while greeting the visitors? (Note 19:1)

(Read 19:2-5) What does the mob desire from the visitors? (Note 19:5)

(Read 19:6-8) How does Lot propose to solve the problem of the mob? (Note 19:8)

Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed

(Read 19:24-28) How does God punish the cities of the valley and Lot's wife? (Note 19:24-29) and (Note 19:26)

The Shameful Origin of the Moabites and Ammonites

(Read 19:30-38) What is the origin of Israel's eastern neighbors? (Note 19:30-38)

How is the incest poetic justice? (Note 19:31)