

# Old Testament Faith in Action

## Abram

### A. Background (Intro) After the flood

Populate the earth Gen 9:1-3,7("traditional biblical date"-2350 BC)

The Covenant - 9:8-17 - meat as food

cf: Creation acct. Gen 1:28-30 - plants for food

#### 1. Descendants Genesis 10

a. Noah - son of Lamech

b. Sons of Noah 9:18, cf 5:32 age 500

c. Noah's death 9:28 age 950

d. The nations spread over the earth - 10:32

( 10:4;10:20;10:31)

– Japhethites, Hamites, Semites –

e. Sons of Shem 10:21-26

-region occupied - (Moab -10:30) -

#### 2. Tower of Babel - Genesis 11 (2300-2100)

a. Location - plain of Shinar -btw Tigris and Euphrates (Iraq)

b. one language, a name for themselves,

c. scattered over whole earth (own language) vs 5-8

#### 3. From Shem to Abram 11:10-11:26 -

a. At age 100 - 2 years after the flood (2150?)

b. All the sons of Eber cf:Lk 3:34-36

b. Age 500 - dies

#### 4.. Terah's Family Line Gen 11:27-32

a. The Move - Ur to Haran

b. Terah dies - age 205

### B. God Promises a Nation to Abram

#### 1. The call of Abram - 12:1-12:9

a. From Haran at age 75 - 12:6

b. To a new land - given to his offspring

– A great nation

– A blessing to all people

c. Two Altars -

– Morah at Shechem vs. 6

– East of Bethel vs 8

2. Abram's faith tested – 12:10-17
  - a. Famine - journey to Egypt - vs. 10  
(A famine could cause the loss of a shepherd's wealth, Egypt had plenty of food)
  - b. Deceives Pharaoh -  
( Sarai is his sister- Fears for his own life)
  - c. Pharaoh's household - sickness
  - d. Abram kicked out

3. Abram and Lot separate - chap 13
  - a. At Bethel - vs. 1-4
  - b. Lot chooses - vs.5-13
    - Plain of Jordan
    - Tents at Sodom
  - c. Abram - the land of Canaan 14-18
    - Given to Abram and his offspring
    - Settles at Hebron - builds an altar to the LORD

4. Abram rescues Lot Chapter 14
  - a. Sodom and Gomorrah defeated - vs. 1-12
    - Lot taken captive- Word comes to Abram
  - b. Abram pursues vs. 13-17
  - c. Melchizedek's blessing - vs.18-20

5. King of Sodom rejected - vs.21-24 -
  - a. Abram keeps nothing not belonging to him.
  - b. his Allies keep their share vs.24

6. God's covenant with Abram - chapter 15
  - a. Promise of an heir
  - b. Descendants enslaved 400 years
    - sin of the Amorites (cf: 10:13-15)
  - c. Covenant Guaranteed by a sign

7. Abram compromises. chap 16
  - a. In Canaan 10 years
  - a. Sarai's plan
  - b. Hagar flees
  - c. God blesses Hagar
  - d. Ishmael named (Abram age 86)

## Beginning Next Week - Chapter 17

The Lord repeats His Covenant.

-Name's changed -Isaac's birth predicted - Covenant of Circumcision