

The Call of Abram

Genesis 11:10 – 12:20

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God said to Abram, "Leave your country. Leave your home. Leave everything that you have known and go to a land that I will show you. I will bless you, and your descendants will become a great nation. You will become famous and be a blessing to others. I will bless anyone who blesses you and curse anyone who curses you. Everyone on earth will be blessed because of you."

Abram's wife Sarai was not able to have children. But Abram believed God. He set off with his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot. When they reached the land of Canaan, God said to Abram, "I will give this land to your family forever." Abram built an altar and worshipped the Lord.

A famine hit the land, so Abram and Sarai went to stay in Egypt for a while. Abram told Sarai, "I am afraid the Egyptians may kill me in order to take you. Tell them you're my sister. It may save my life."

Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, took Sarai into his home to become one of his wives. Because of her, Pharaoh gave Abram many valuable gifts. But God was not pleased and caused Pharaoh and everyone in Pharaoh's household to come down with terrible diseases. When Pharaoh learned the truth, he said to Abram, "Why didn't you tell me Sarai was your wife? Why did you say she was your sister? Take her and go."

Abram and Sarai went back to Canaan where Abram once again worshipped the Lord.