

Slide 1



How are you doing? Who's still on target?

Handouts – AFTER CLASS

- ▣ 7 Habits of Highly Effective Bible Study
- ▣ Research Questions: The flood in the New Testament. What lessons should we learn?
- ▣ Matthew's Note-Taking Guide

Methuselah's Age

Methuselah was 187 when son Lamech was born	187
Lamech was 182 when Noah was born (Thus, Methuselah is now 369)	+ 182
Noah was 600 when the flood began	+ 600
The flood happened when Methuselah was 969	969
Methuselah died at 969	969

<http://www.apologeticspress.org/articles/2841> See Genesis 5:21-28, 7:6

What did we read?

- “Only ten generations have lived since Adam was first created in God’s own image, and they have all sinned...With each generation has come rejection of God’s sovereignty and love.”
- God gives a deadline: 120 years. He’s grieved.
- Noah built an arky arky, per instructions. (6:22)
 - Was he saved by works or grace? ;-)
- God makes a promise: Never again will I ...,AND Never again will I...
- Change in the order of nature. New food.
- New Covenant #1

After this section, get a scribe to write down the questions

What did we read?

- ▣ Noah gets a little too happy after his cruise.
- ▣ The Babel Incident: the beginning of confusion.
- ▣ Genealogy: The First Signposts
- ▣ NB: Job probably happened around now.
- ▣ Abram's call & obedience. Lessons in Faith.
- ▣ Lot's priorities: Sodom & Gomorrah.
- ▣ The beginning of the troubled middle east.
- ▣ Covenant Confirmed: Circumcision
- ▣ Isaac (HA!) prophesied
- ▣ Isaac nearly sacrificed

Covenants

■ Types:

■ Great Power to Inferior Power

- The Bully to Nerd Covenant: Give Me Your Milk Money...and nobody gets hurt bad.
- The Mob to Lowly Business Owner: I want protection money.
- Strong Country to Weak Neighboring Country: If you like your country, do what we say. Thanks ☺
-  BIG Brother to Little Brother: I'll protect you from the mean Bully, just stick close.

■ Equals

- Negotiation.
- I doubt you need help – but this isn't God's kind!

Covenant Parts

1. Preparation (covenants are strong!)
2. Witness
3. Exchange (reminders, active physical manifestation of covenantal promise)
4. Affirmation of Covenant (sacrifice, vow, etc)
5. Continual Reminders of Covenant

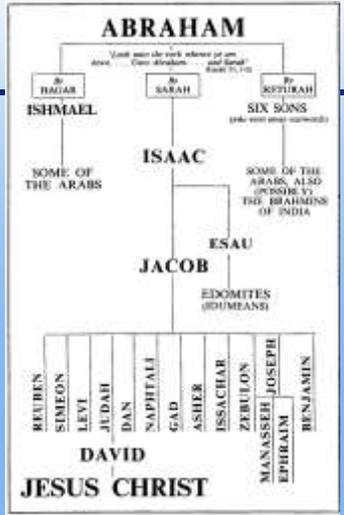
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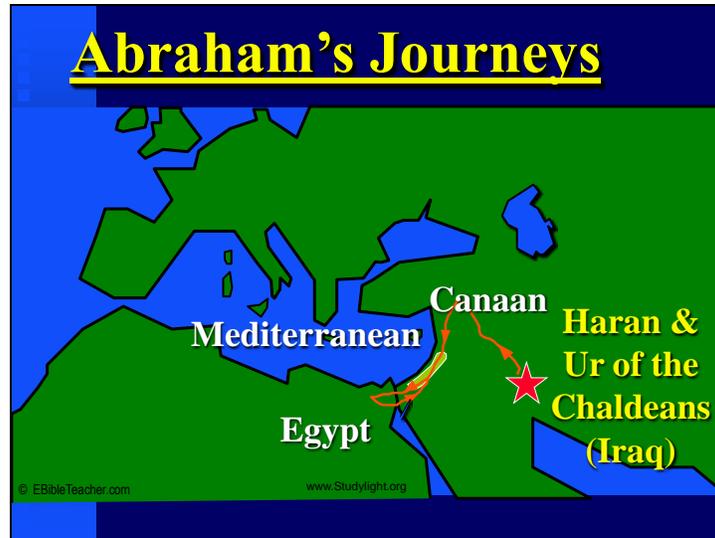
- ▣ Eden (Gen 1-2)
- ▣ Noah
- ▣ Abraham (repeated)
- ▣ Lot (Deut 2:9, et al)
- ▣ Jacob (Gen 28) (repetition of Abrahamic)
- ▣ Mosaic → Israel's Covenant
- ▣ David's (2 Samuel 7)
- ▣ The New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31ff, Hebrews 9:16)
- ▣ Your marriage covenant. Your "conversion covenant."

Abraham

closer than you think!

<http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/abrhlne.html>





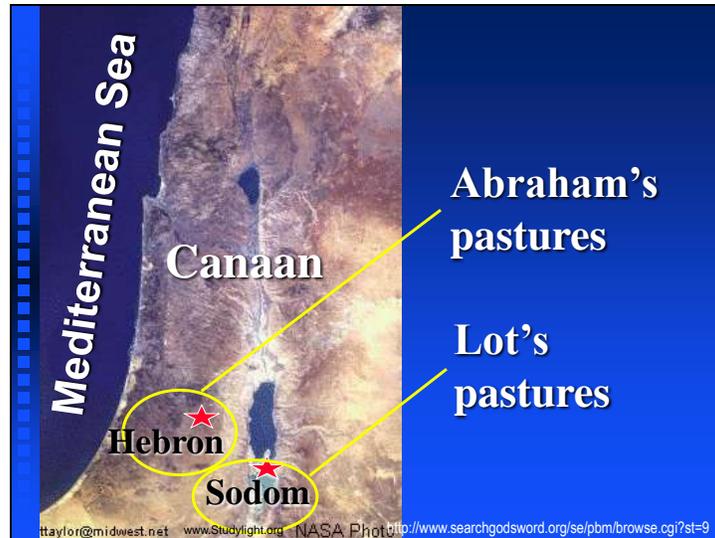
ABRAHAM

DISCUSSION QUESTION: What do we know about Abraham? Abraham was originally called Abram but God renamed him Abraham in Genesis 17:5 to signify him being the father of many nations. Abraham's descendants included both the Jewish nation by his son Issac and the Arabic people by his son Ismael.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Why was Abraham leaving his home considered such a great act of faith? Abraham was praised for his great faith in God. Most significant of his praise was for the fact that he left his home at the direction of God even though he did not know where God was sending him (Hebrews 11:8). This showed his faith in doing whatever God wanted. Travel at this time was very dangerous. There was not a lot known about the different lands and you would never know whose land you would be traveling through. There was no real government or laws to protect you. The law of the land was the law of the mighty.

God had promised that Abraham would have descendants that would develop into a great nation (Genesis 12:1-3). As Abraham grew older and his wife Sarah did not have a child, Sarah offered her servant Hagar to be the wife of Abraham so that he could have a child. Later, God blessed Sarah with a child by Abraham even though she was well past normal childbearing age (Genesis 17:15-17). Finally, as an ultimate test of Abraham's faith, God commanded Abraham to offer up his son Issac as a sacrifice. When Abraham obediently began to do this, God stopped him from doing so (Genesis 22:1-18). Like all men, Abraham's life was not without fault. When Abraham was in Egypt, he was afraid that men would want to kill him and take his wife so he declared that she was his sister (Genesis 20).

God predicted that through Abraham all the people of the world would be blessed (Genesis 22:18). This prophecy came true as a result of Jesus being the direct descendent of Abraham for because of Jesus, the whole world is blessed with the opportunity of salvation.



ABRAHAM & LOT

Lot was the nephew of Abraham (Genesis 12:5). The flocks of Abraham and Lot became so numerous that the land could no longer support their great herds. Abraham allowed Lot to choose an area in the land of Canaan in which to live and Abraham took what was left (Genesis 13:5+). In Genesis 13:14, God promised that Abraham's descendants would later have this land. This area is now the land of Israel. Lot finally came to live in the city of Sodom. This city became incredibly wicked and God promised to destroy it along with its sister city of Gomorrah with fire and brimstone (sulfur) raining from heaven (Genesis 19:24). Only Lot and his family were saved with the exception of his wife who "looked back" and was turned into a "pillar of salt". We do not know the specific location of Sodom and Gomorrah. Many believe that it was at the southern tip of the Dead Sea. Even today, there are great salt plains around this sea and animals or plants that are left in this area become encrusted with a thick layer of salt deposit.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: What lessons from the story of Abraham should we learn to apply to our lives today? Perhaps the greatest lesson we should learn from the story of Abraham is that we should learn to trust God. A detailed review of Abraham's life reveals that Abraham sometimes made mistakes. Even though he was a man of faith, out of fear of Pharaoh he lied about his sister (Genesis 12:10-20). We learn from this story that even good people sometimes fail in their faith.

