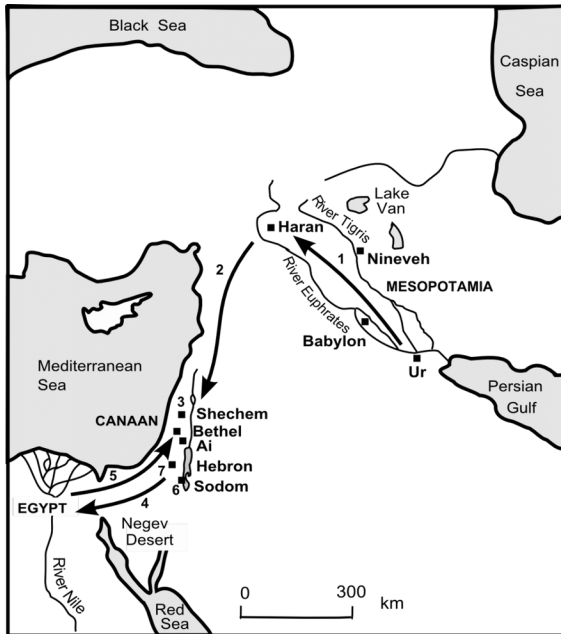


God's Call; Abram's Response

Gn 12¹ Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. ²I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan.



* What were God's commands to Abram?

1) "_____ of your country, from your family, and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you." (12.1)

Jm 1¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. ¹⁸Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth

Mt 16²⁵ "[W]hoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."

Mk 10²⁹ So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, ³⁰who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers

and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life."

Mt 19²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

Phil 3⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

2) "And be a _____" (12.2) (literal translation)

Mt 5¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden."

2Cor 2¹⁴ Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

* What were God's promises to Abram?

1) "I will make you a _____ nation; I will bless you and make your name _____" (12.2)

Hb 12² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jn 5⁴⁴ "How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?"

Rm 2⁵ God ... ⁶... will render ... ⁷eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath

2) "I will _____ those who bless you, and will [must] curse [remove from blessing] him who curses you [treats you lightly]; And in you all the families of the earth shall be _____" (12.3)

cf. Col 1¹⁰ [W]alk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God

Gal 3⁸ God ... preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."

Mt 28¹⁹ "[M]ake disciples of all the nations"

*** What was Abram's response? (12.4-5)**

Gn 12⁴ So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken ... And Abram was seventy-five years old

cf. Gn 11³⁰ But Sarai was barren; she had no child.

Hb 11⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ...

*** What is the relationship between faith and obedience?**

Rm 1⁵ [W]e have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations. [ESV]

Hb 3¹⁸ [T]o whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? ¹⁹ So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. ... 4⁶ ... [They] did not enter because of disobedience

Eph 2⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

cf. Eph 4¹ [W]alk worthy of [your] calling [in Christ] ...
5² [W]alk in love ... ⁸ ... Walk as children of light ...
¹⁵ [W]alk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise ...

*** What are dead works?**

Hb 6¹ [L]eaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection [maturity], not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God

Gal 5⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

*** What is dead faith?**

Jm 2¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! ²⁰ But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

Rm 2⁵ God ... ⁶ ... will render ... ⁷ eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath

1Pet 1³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead