

Genesis 12 Abraham

This is our final class in this study. We leave much of the Genesis story behind. There are two valuable lessons that must be touched upon:

- (a) the role of Abraham: the father of the nation
- (b) Joseph: a family comes to Egypt and leaves as a delivered nation

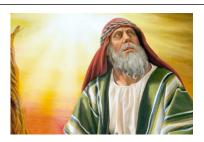
This early period of the Bible is referred to as the: Patriarchal Dispensation (Period)

- What does "Patriarch" mean?
- How would you define this period?
- How is it different than the Mosaic dispensation?
- What dispensation are we in and how would you define that?

God made three promises to Abraham

Gen 12:1-3; 15:5-7; 22:15-18

- 1. Promise of a ______ fulfilled in Josh 21:43-45
- 2. Promise of a great _____ —fulfilled in Ex 12:37-40



The Central Figures in Genesis

- 1. Adam (8x) ch 1-3 Beginning
- 2. Noah (35x)- ch 6-9 New Beginning
- 3. Abraham (168x) ch 12-25 Father of the nation
- 4. Joseph (145x) ch 37-50 Journey to Egypt

Abraham: the father of faith

- 1. God calling Abram (Gen 12:1-3)
 - The Bible doesn't specifically tell us why Abram?
 - His father was polytheistic (Josh 24:2-3)
- 2. There are three challenges to Abram's faith
 (a) at age 75 to leave established home
 - (Heb 11:8-10) Obeyed
 - (b) at age 100 he became father to Isaac (Heb 11:11-12)
 - (c) around age 115 he offered Isaac as a sacrifice (Heb 11:17-19; Jas 2:21-24; Rom 4:1-5)
 - 3. Abraham becomes known as the 'father of the nation' (Lk 16:24; Jn 8:39)- we become heirs to the promise though faith in Christ (Gal 3:26-29)
 - 4. Abraham is known as God's friend: Jas 2:23

Joseph: a nation leaves Egypt

- 1. A series of circumstances, most not favorable, led Joseph to Egypt (Acts 7:9-10)
 - while in Egypt, a series of circumstances, many not favorable allowed Joseph to rise to power

Joseph's Life				
Place	<u>Age</u>	Duration	<u>Passage</u>	
Potiphar's house	17-19	2 years	39:1-19	
Prison	19-30	11 years	39:20-40:23, 46	
Years of plenty	30-37	7 years	41:1-52	
Years of Famine	38-44	7 years	41:53-47:26	
Goshen	44-110	65 years	47:27-50:26	

- (a) The Lord was with Joseph (Gen 39:2, 21, 23)
 - because of a severe famine Joseph brings his family to Egypt and cares for them (47:1-6)
 - Joseph knew that God put him in the position to save his family (45:3-11)
- (b) Joseph was to be buried in the land promised to Abraham (50:24)
 - for four hundred years, the bones of Joseph was carried in the wilderness
 - Ex 13:19; Josh 24:32
- (c) A nation of 600,000 men left Egypt, led by Moses to the promise land (Ex 12:37)

Life's Lessons:

God's	hand	
God	His promises (2 Pet 3:9)	
Faith in God often puts us in difficul	t	
It's hard for us to see the end of the story, but we must		
God's desire for	of all people	

