



## 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
3. Promise of \_\_\_\_\_—fulfilled in Christ (Gal 3:16; Jn 10:16)



### **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			
<u>Place</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<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 difficult \_\_\_\_\_  
It's hard for us to see the end of the story, but we must \_\_\_\_\_ God  
God's desire for \_\_\_\_\_ of all people

