

Little Hands, Big Hearts

Devotionals for the Family

Week 4: The Faith of Abraham



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This week we will kick off a multi-week study about Abraham and Sarah.

Getting Started

Encourage everyone to get their minds focused and prepared for studying the Bible. Consider singing a song or two. Simple songs like “Jesus Loves Me”, “Jesus Loves the Little Children” or perhaps the books of the New Testament or Old Testament. Make sure to include a prayer as you prepare to study about Abraham.

Devotional Thought

Let’s start with a simple quiz:

Abraham and Sarah were the names given to them by God. What were their names before the change? (Abram & Sarai)

When the Bible picks up with the story of their lives, where are they living? (Ur of the Chaldeans - find it on the map)

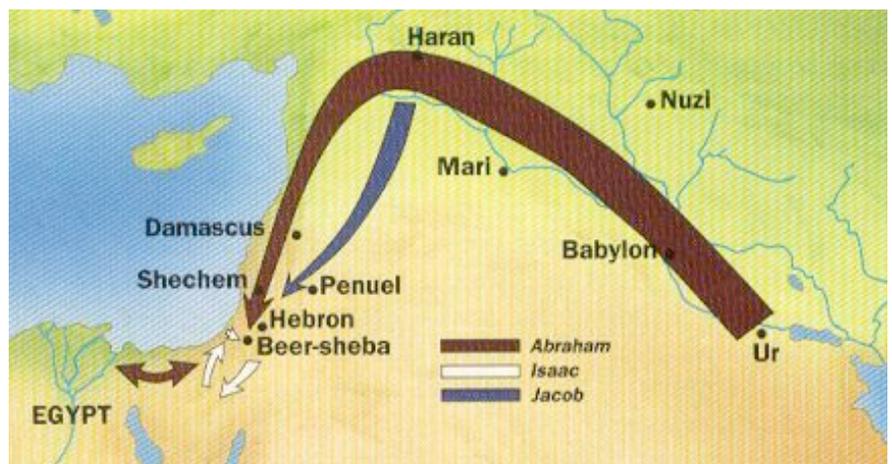
Approximately how old was Abraham when Isaac was born? (100 years old)

How old was Abraham when he died? (175 years old)

What three promises were made to Abraham by God? (I will make you a great nation, descendants will be given promised land, through you all the earth shall be blessed - Genesis 12:1-7)

Genesis 12:1-4 - “Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.” (ESV)

As you can see from the map, the journey from Ur to Haran was a long one. They continued on to Shechem after that. This was a large caravan of people, animals and provisions.



Map courtesy of Lynn Torrance

Imagine for a few moments what it would be like to leave everything you have ever known and head to an unknown land. Abram truly must have had faith in God to leave everything he knew.

Genesis 12:10-15 - "Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. ¹¹ When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, ¹² and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. ¹³ Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake." ¹⁴ When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. ¹⁵ And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house."

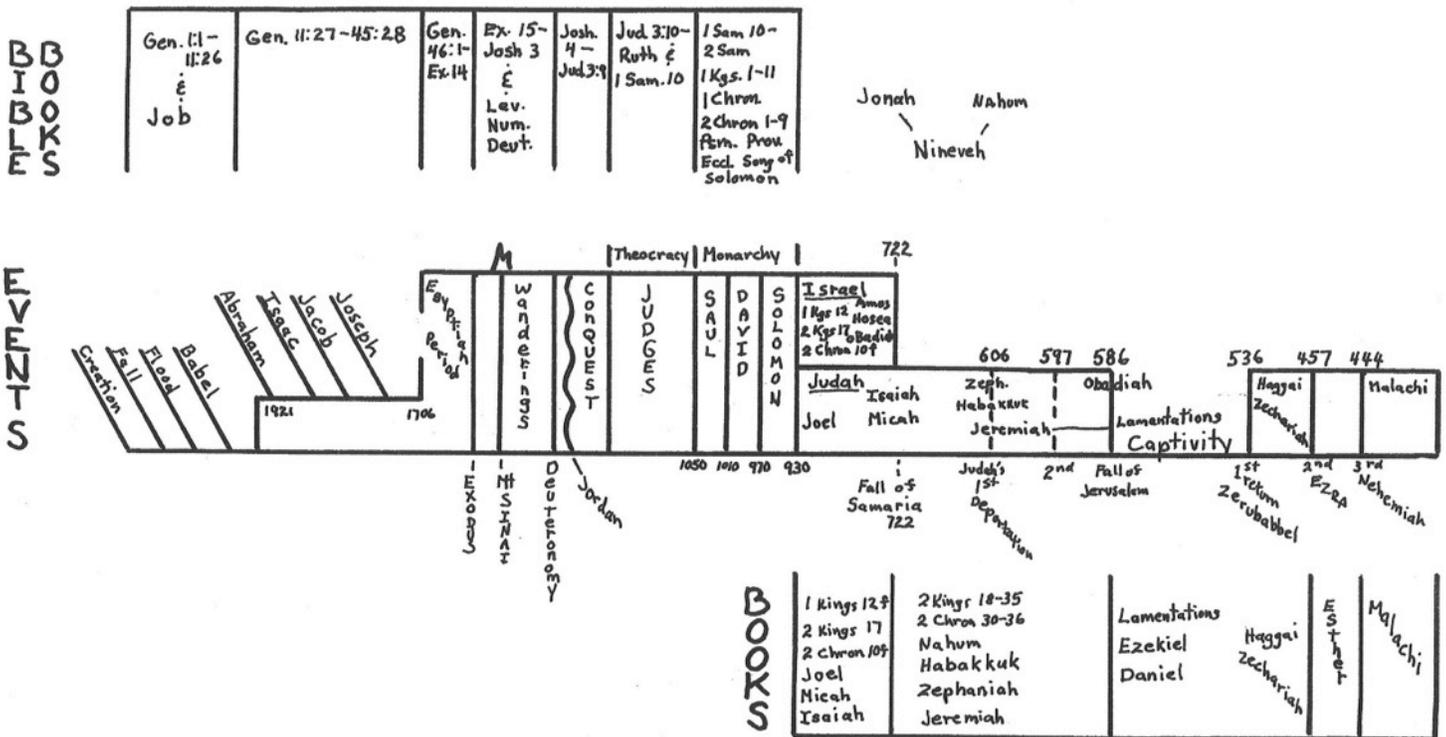
As the text continues, we find that Abram was treated well by Pharaoh who gave Abram many animals and servants in exchange for Sarai, the woman he thought was his sister. There were consequences for this lie and Pharaoh and his household were afflicted with plagues. Abram and Sarai were sent away once Pharaoh learned what happened.

When we lie there are consequences too.

Question: What is the harm in telling a 'little white lie'?

Possible Answers: Any lie, no matter big or small is wrong. Little lies often lead to big lies or a tangled web of lies. Little lies harden our heart towards God. We can start with little sins that can easily lead to a lifestyle of sin and distrust in God.

In closing today, take a look at this sketch of the Old Testament. Notice where Abram and Sarai fit in. This is a helpful resource for teaching the big picture of the history of the Bible. Close with a prayer.



Sketch Of O.T. History