



God's Faithful Plan

Genesis 11:10 - 12:9

How to use this Scripture Engagement



Pray to Begin

Before you start each lesson, ask the Lord to use it to grow you in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



Read the Bible passage

Invite God to open your eyes and deepen your understanding of His Word as you read the passage.



Study the Scripture Engagement Guide

Go through the Scripture Engagement study provided to reflect on the meaning, context, and personal application of the passage you've read.



Reflect on the Scripture Engagement Questions

After every teaching, consider the Scripture Engagement questions listed for personal reflection and application and for your small group discussions.



Listen to Dr. J. Vernon McGee's Teaching

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Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the record of Your faithfulness through generations from Shem to Abraham and for reminding us that Your promises never fail. Teach us to trust You when the path ahead is uncertain. Guard our hearts from self-reliance, and fill us with faith to follow where You lead, even when we do not see the full picture. May our lives, like Abraham's, become altars of worship that bear witness to Your covenant grace.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



Descendants from Shem to Abram



Genesis 11:10-32

"There are a lot of men and women in our day who are standing up on the inside of them, standing against God. They have built their own little Tower of Babel."

-Dr. J. Vernon McGee

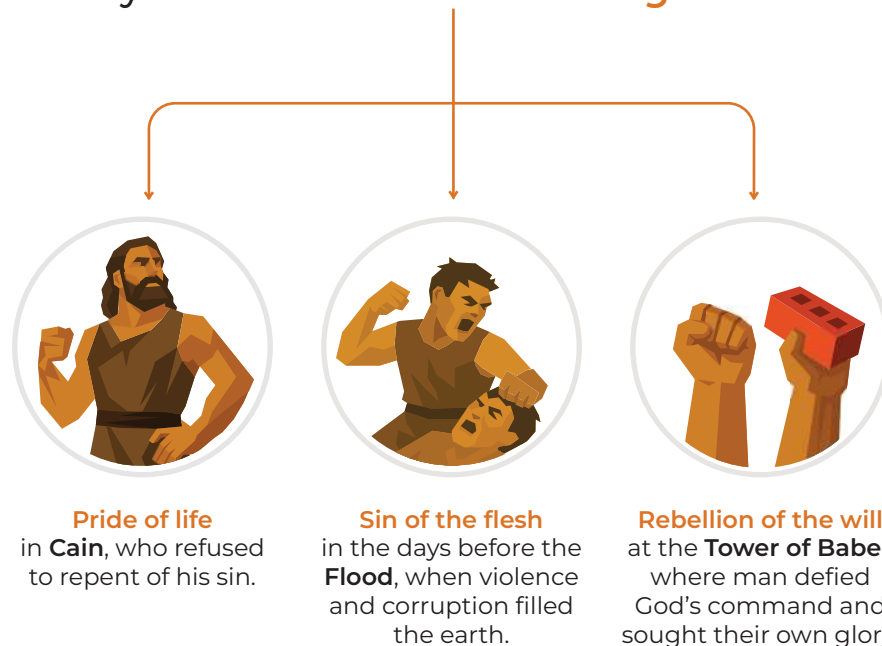
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After the **Flood**, Scripture traces the **line of Shem**, the son of Noah, through whom **God's promise** would continue. What may appear to be a mere list of fathers and sons, generation after generation, was actually **God faithfully carrying forward His plan of redemption**.

This family line leads us to Terah, a man with three sons: Abram (later Abraham), Nahor, and Haran. Abram married Sarai (later Sarah), who was unable to bear children, leading to the miraculous birth of Isaac.

God often begins His greatest works where human strength runs out.

By this point in history, mankind had already shown **three recurring sins**:



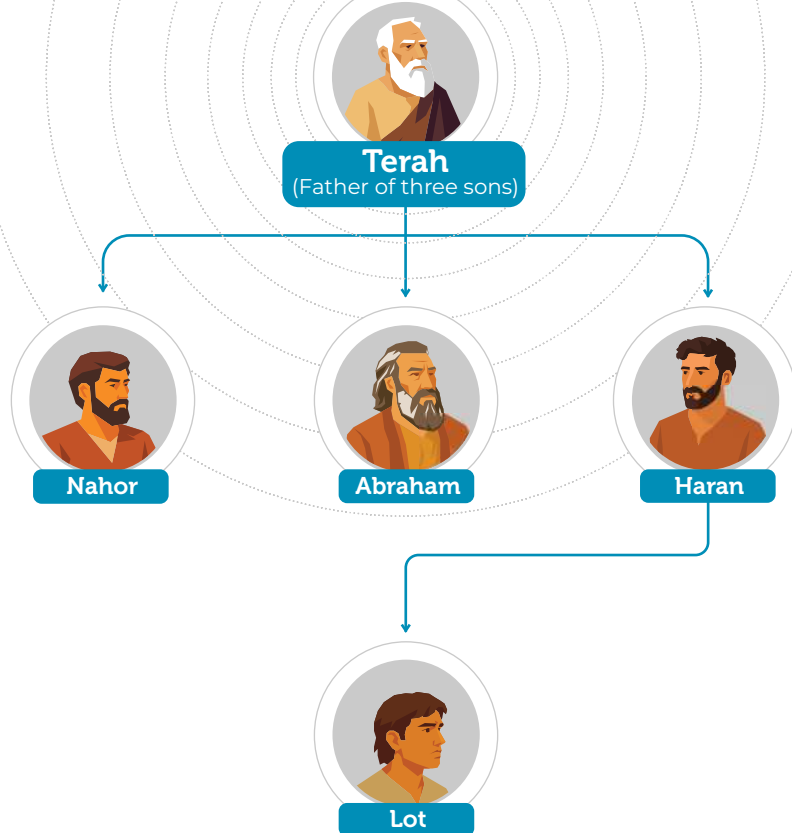
Though nations scattered and hearts grew hard, God narrowed His focus to one man and one family through whom He would bless all peoples.

Terah's Journey and Delay

Terah left the thriving city of Ur of the Chaldeans and **journeyed toward Canaan**, taking along Abram, Sarai, and his grandson, Lot.

But instead of reaching their destination, they stopped in Haran, a place whose very name **means, "delay"**. There they settled for years, and Terah eventually died.

Even so, this pause did not cancel God's promise. The stage was now set for the Lord to speak to Abram, a turning point in Genesis and in the story of salvation itself.



A Major Turning Point in Genesis

This reveals **God's plan to bring hope and blessing to every nation** through **Abraham's line**, leading ultimately to the **Messiah**.



The Creation



The Fall



The Flood



The Tower

Genesis 1-11

About 2000 Years

A **universal history** including Creation, the Fall, the Flood, and the Tower of Babel.



Genesis 12-50

About 350 Years

A **covenant story** focusing on Abraham's family of faith.

God's rescue plan unfolds through His promises to Abraham and his descendants.



Reflection

Question 1

Where do you see patterns of pride, the pull of the flesh, or stubborn will at work in your own life?



Application

Question 2

Terah stopped in Haran, delaying the journey toward Canaan.

Are there any “delays” in your spiritual walk, where you’ve settled for less than full obedience to God’s call?

Write one practical step you can take to leave your “Haran” behind and follow God’s direction.

Draw your Application



God's Promises to Abram



Genesis 12:1-9



The first three verses give us the threefold promise of God to Abraham (Abram), and actually this is the hub of the Bible. The rest of Scripture is an unfolding of this threefold promise.

"Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."
(Romans 4:3)

Instead of dealing with **the whole human race**, God calls **Abram**, later known as Abraham, to become **father of a great nation**, set apart for His purposes.

Abram was commanded to **leave his homeland, relatives**, and his **father's household** to journey to a land he had never seen.

Yet alongside this call came **God's threefold promise**, the heart of the covenant that would shape the rest of Scripture:

God's Threefold Promise



A Land: God would show Abram a land and give it to his descendants.



A Nation: God would make Abram's descendants into a great nation and make his name great.



A Blessing: Through Abram, "all the families of the earth shall be blessed." This blessing would ultimately be fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer who came from Abraham's line.

Abram's greatness was **not found in his status or wealth**, but **in his faith**. He trusted God enough to obey, even when he didn't know where he was going. Leaving behind **the comfort and sophistication of Ur**, he entered the rugged land of Canaan, **believing that obedience to God's word was better than any earthly security**.

Upon arriving in the land, **Abram's first acts revealed his heart**. He **pitched his tent** signifying a pilgrim's life of dependence and he **built altars to the Lord** wherever he settled, leaving behind a quiet testimony of worship.

His obedience led to deeper fellowship with God, as the Lord appeared to him again and confirmed His promises.

Abram's journey shows that God's promises invite us to **step out in faith**, **obey His word**, and **live as pilgrims whose hope is anchored in Him**.



Reflect & Apply

Question 1

Abram left the security of his homeland to follow God's call.

What comforts or securities in your life might God be asking you to release in order to trust Him fully?

Question 2

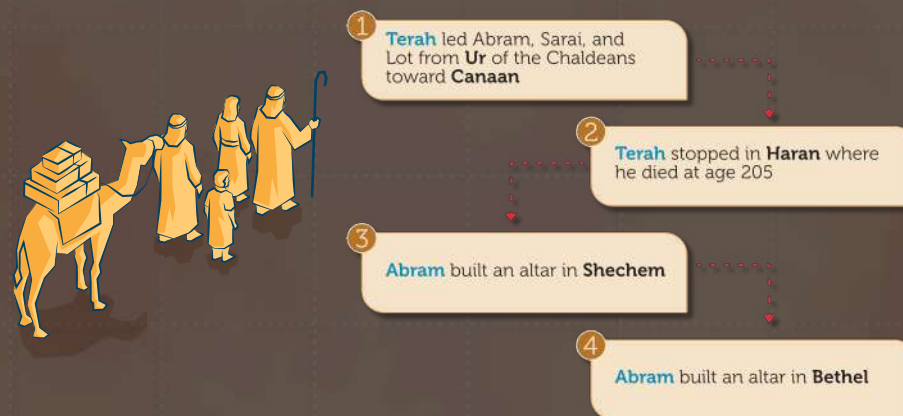
Abram built altars wherever he went, leaving behind a quiet testimony of worship.

What does it look like for you to build a "spiritual altar" in your daily life that points others to God's presence, or reminds you of your time in close communion with God?

Question 3

Write one action you will take to show trust in God's promise, even if the path ahead feels uncertain.

Visual Summary



Your Takeaway

Integrating **'God's Intelligence'** in my life.

McGee's Quote



“ My friend, what kind of testimony do you have? To have a testimony, you don't need to leave tracts in front of your house and you don't have to have a “Jesus Saves” bumper sticker on your car (then drive like a maniac down the freeway, as some folk do). That is no testimony at all. ”



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