

The Call of Abraham

God calls Abram to leave his homeland and go to a land He will show him, promising to make him a great nation.

Genesis 12:1-9

CHARACTERS: Abraham (Abram), Sarah (Sarah), God

THEMES: Faith, Obedience, Promise, Blessing

IN UR OF the Chaldeans, in a world of idol worshippers, God spoke to a man named Abram. 'Leave your country, your people, and your father's household,' the Lord commanded, 'and go to the land I will show you.'

God made promises that seemed impossible: 'I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you. I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you, and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'

Abram was seventy-five years old, childless, and being asked to leave everything familiar for an unknown destination. Yet Scripture records simply: 'So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.'

He took his wife Sarah, his nephew Lot, all their possessions, and the people they had acquired in Haran. They set out for the land of Canaan, and when they arrived, the Lord appeared to Abram again. 'To your offspring I will give this land.'

Abram built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him. Then he moved on, pitching his tent between Bethel and Ai, where he built another altar and called on the name of the Lord.

This was the beginning of everything—the call that would lead to the nation of Israel, the promised Messiah, and blessing for all nations. It started with one man willing to trust God and go.

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