**Genesis Chapters 12 – 15**

**Overview**

* Chapter 12 The Call of Abraham
* Chapter 13 The Separation from Lot
* Chapter 14 The Battle of the Nine Kings
* Chapter 15 The Abrahamic Covenant

**Abraham**

* Abraham is mentioned 74 times in the New Testament.
* He is venerated and recognizing in Islam, Judaism and Christianity
* He is called “Father of the Faithful (Romans 4:11)
* He is called Friend of God (James 2:25)
* God makes an “Everlasting Covenant” with him.
* Abraham was a moon worshiper in Ur of the Chaldees

**Chapter 12**

VS 1-3

1. I will make of you a great nation.
2. I will bless you.
3. I will make your name great.
4. I will make you a blessing.
5. I will bless those who bless you.
6. I will curse those who curse you.
7. I will bless all the families of the earth through you.

VS 4 – 9

* Abram (75 years old), Sari, Lot and all their belongings travel to Haran.
* Abram did NOT obey the Lord. He went part way and waited until his father died.
* All the land they pass through is promised to Abram’s seed.
* Abram’s first altar is built, and he calls upon the name of the LORD.

VS 12 -20

* Famine drives them to Egypt.
* Sari is presented as Abram’s sister to Pharoah.
* Sari is taken into Pharoah’s house.
* God plagues Pharaoh.
* The truth is revealed about Sari being Abram’s wife.
* Abram is blessed by Pharoah.

**Chapter 13**

VS 1-18

* Lot and Abram had great possessions and needed to separate to avoid quarreling.
* Abram gave Lot his choice.
* Lot chose the plain of Jordan – well watered and home of Sodom and Gomorrah.
* Abram went to Canaan.
* Sodom is identified with wickedness and sinfulness.
* God again shows Abram his inheritance of the land.
* Tells Abram his offspring will be numerous.
* Tells Abram to walk through the land for it will be given to him.
* He pitches his tent in Mamre in Hebron.



Lot’s Reality

* Saw the land.
* Chose the land.
* Dwelt in the plain
* Pitched his tent toward Sodom.
* Dwelt in Sodom.
* Seated at the gate of Sodom.

**Abraham vs. Lot**

* Abraham walked by faith Lot walked by sight.
* Abraham was generous Lot was greedy and worldly.
* Abraham looks for God’s city Lot’s city was destroyed by God.
* Abraham, heir to world Lot ended up living in cave.
* Abraham possessions endured Lot’s processes were all destroyed.

**Chapter 14**

Four Kings Five Kings

* Amraphel Bera – King of Sodom
* Arioch Birsha – King of Gomorrah
* Chedorlaomer Shinab
* Toda; Shemeber
  + - * + Zebolim

**Summary**

* Chedorlaomer’s and his other Kings win and conquered Sodom and Gomorrah.
* They take Lot captive with his family and belongings.
* One escapes from the battle and tells Abram.
* Abram musters is armed and trained men (318 total).
* Abram defeats Chedorlaomer’s coalition and rescues Lot and his family.
* Melchizedek King of Salem is introduced.
* Bread and wine are offered.
* A tithe was given (tithe initiated before the law of Moses).
* Abram is blessed by this King/Priest of the highest God.

**Melchizedek**

* Name means King of Righteousness
* He was the king of Salem (Jerusalem.
* He was a priest of the Highest God.
* He received tithes from Abram.
* No record of his birth or death (Heb 7:3)
* He was not a celestial being – Hebrews 7:4 states he was a man.
* He was a type of Christ – Heb 7:11
  + Eternity
  + Priest
  + King
* The king of Sodom wanted to give spoil to Abram.
* Abram took nothing but allowed the men to receive their portion.

**Chapter 15**

VS 1-6

* Abraham’s dilemma – no heir
* God’s promise and reminder – your descendants will be as the star/sand.
* Abraham’s response – He believed God and he was accounted righteous.
  + Romans 4:20-21 -
  + Hebrews 11:12
  + Romans 4:3
  + Galatians 3:6
  + James 2:23

This is an Unconditional Covenant

* Declared eternal and unconditional – made sure by God Himself
* Re-confirmed by an oath (Genesis 22:15-18)
* Confirmed to Isaac and Jacob.
* Declared immutable (Hebrews 6:13-18)

VS 7 – 12

* Animals: heifer, Goat, Ram (all 3 yrs. old), turtledove, pigeon.
* Cut in two and divide into halves.
* Abram fights off the birds trying to eat the carcasses.
* Deep sleep falls on Abram.

VS 12 – 17

* Prophetic declaration of Egyptian bondage for 400 years, then God’s judgment and deliverance.
* God’s promise that the 4th generation will return to the land.
* A burning lamp passes between the pieces of the sacrificed animals – Figure Eight – Infinity.
* Abram is asleep – God alone confirms the covenant.

**Seven Major Covenants**

1. Adamic Covenant – Genesis 3
2. Covenant with Noah – Genesis 6-11
3. Covenant with Abraham – Genesis 12 and 15
4. Covenant with Moses – the Torah
5. Covenant with David – 2 Samuel 7:13 - 17
6. Covenant with Jesus (New Covenant)
7. Preexistent Covent – before the foundation of the world – Ephesians 1:4