

The Promise That Changed The World

Genesis 11:27-12:9

Introduction

A. The Account of Shem, 11:10-26

Structural pattern:

When father had lived number of years,
he became the father of son.
And after he became the father of son,
father lived number years
and had other sons and daughters.

B. The Account of Terah, 11:27-32

1. To go to Canaan
2. Joshua 24:2-3, 14-15

C. Abram's call to faith (trust, dependence), 12:1

You are to leave (first imperative)

1. Your country (land)
2. Your people (kindred, relatives)
3. Your father's household
4. Hebrews 11:8

D. The Lord's promise of blessing, 12:2a

I will (The Lord's purpose in calling Abram is expressed in these promises. It is put into an immutable covenant in Gen. 15, confirmed in Gen. 17, and sworn to in Gen. 22)

1. Make you (Abram) into a great nation
2. Bless you
3. Make your name great

E. Abram's call to be blessing, 12:2b-3 (God's ultimate purpose in calling Abram) *You will be a blessing* (second imperative)

1. Those who do good to Abram
will participate in the Lord's blessings to Abram.
2. Those who _____ Abram
[*qalal*, meaning treat lightly or with contempt is translated as "curse" (NIV, NASB), "dishonor" (ESV), "treat with contempt" (HCSB), "treat lightly" (NET)]
the Lord will curse.
[*arar*, meaning remove from blessing].

F. Abram's Obedience. 12:4-6

G. The Lord's Promise of Blessing (continued), 12:7a

1. Descendants (people, kindred, relatives)
2. Land (country)

H. Abram's Obedience and Faith: Worship, 12:7b-9

Conclusion