

Genesis 2020 Chapter Twelve and Thirteen

Chapter 12:1 *And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. 2 The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered.*

⇒ We have a relatively low-keyed announcement of this man Abram, but we should be keen to see what God is planning after the dramatic set up; don’t get lulled into simplicity and boredom.

If we were paying attention, we were clued in on two very important issues that should be tracked as they will be vital to God’s plot.

In chapter 11:

1. 11:30 Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.

2. 11:31 Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there.



The first point of this illustration is Abram, whose name means ‘Father,’ has no children. That’s an oxymoron and tempts mockery. In a sort of parallel, the children of the “Father” above have rebelled en-masse and the predicaments are similar.

...we should watch this ‘father’ typology going forward, but be careful of its limits (all men sin).

The second point of this illustration is that Sarai (my princess) is barren. She may be beautiful but she is of little use to someone whose name is ‘father.’ Notice how the Spirit ensures we know this case “upfront.” The typology (thread) of barrenness will play throughout the rest of Scripture. Many Jewish women will be barren, and God always comes to their aid. Sarai is a portrait of Israel. She will bear the promised son and herself be buried, but only for a time. Just before Jesus is conceived (in a barren womb...one without human seed), Mary’s cousin Elizabeth is barren as well, for Israel is again “without hope.” And, yet again God replenishes the wilderness.

The third point of this illustration is that this family is leaving Ur. They are separating from Nimrod and his hordes. This also will play out soon in Abram’s life, and through the scripture and history.

Genesis 11:31 says that Terah took his family and left Ur to go to Canaan and stopped in Haran.

- We do not know why Terah left Ur. Points made in the Book of Jasher may be true.

- We do not know when God told Abram to leave his father’s house. However, Stephen helps us.

Acts 7:2 *And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia (between the rivers), before he lived in Haran, 3 and said to him, ‘Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.’ 4 Then he went out from the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living.*

...**Hebrews 11:8** states this simply as “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.”

— **Notice:** Terah used his patriarchs tradition and named the place Haran, most likely after his son, Abram’s brother died.

- It may very well be that Abram was in some sort of trouble and Terah took him and left. This is similar to Joseph and Mary’s case with baby Jesus.

— So both must have happened because Scripture says both happened: God told Abram to leave before he ever left with is father Terah, but Terah did indeed pull up stakes and leave.

“Go...and I will bless...” It is not a condition. It is a command with promise. It is expectant. It is filled with promise; Land, people (children), favor, great honor, and protection. **v.3** “I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse.” **Required: A VITAL UNDERSTANDING OF THIS VERSE**
Into the darkness, God again speaks light. He is giving birth and recreating, not unlike **Genesis 1-2**, the covering of Adam’s sin with slain flesh, the birth of Seth, and Noah, and Shem. And here is a vital step to fulfilling the promise of the “Seed” that will undo all of the rebellion and death.

...it is important to note that while this unconditional covenant (see covenants explained in **Chapter 9** notes, pages 63-64) will be expounded upon, the foundation of it is found here. It contains both near and far prophecies, most of which will not be fulfilled until after the time of Jacob’s trouble, and the resurrection of all Holy Ones. Abram himself did not, and has not seen the fulfillment of most of these promises.

Abraham did not yet receive what was promised:

- By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents.

- He was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

- By faith Abraham, when tested, offered up Isaac.

- And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect; Hebrews 11.

Genesis 12:4 *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. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, 6Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.*

...Canaan will continue to be singled out.

⇒ Abram “passed through the land” ...in other words, he didn’t stop till he came to a certain place.

It will be my contention that God is taking Abram back toward Eden. The lands of the garden are inhabited by the enemies of the Lord; thus the saying “At that time the Canaanites were in the land.”

⇒ Shechem becomes the first border port...the first landmark...the first ‘steak in the ground.’

⇒ Abram, Jacob, and Joshua built altar’s there.

⇒ **Genesis 33:20**, speaking of Jacob at Shechem;

“There he erected an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel (meaning “the God of Israel is God”).

⇒ **Dt 11:30** Moses calls the Israelites to use Shechem as a territorial guidepost for their travels.

⇒ Twice, a renewal of the covenant occurred at Shechem, when Joshua gathered the Israelites to challenge them to follow the Lord (Joshua 8 and 24). In other words, Joshua entered the land there, and he left it at that location as well when he died.

⇒ **Judges 7**, Gideon assembles his troops near Moreh.

⇒ Shechem was the place appointed, after Solomon's death, for the meeting of the people of Israel

1 Kings 12:1; 2 Chronicles 10

⇒ Shechem seems to indicate a place of promise, and meetings there commemorated that promise and called people to adhere to God's ways.

⇒ Joshua visits Shechem twice; at the beginning of his travels in Canaan, and then toward the end.

⇒ The town is located between Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim in central Israel, just southeast of Samaria. Jacob's well is there, and thus Jesus begins the gentile church in Samaria as He speaks with the woman as the well in **John chapter 4**.

We should look at Shechem as a border post, "Entering God's Land"



Deut 27:1 Now Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, "Keep the whole commandment that I command you today.

2 And on the day you cross over the Jordan to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall set up large stones and plaster

them with plaster. 3 And you shall write on them all the words of this law, when you cross over to enter the land that the Lord your God is giving you... 4 when you have crossed over the Jordan, you shall set up these stones, concerning which I command you today, on Mount Ebal.

⇒ **Another sign-post: Joshua Fights at Ai, and Detours North: Commemorates at Shechem. I truly wonder if Jesus will do some of these same things. I think He will; they still mean something.**

Genesis 12:7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west



and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. 9 And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb (means South). **What's in a name?**

Bethel means "House of Bread" ← **Father between** → **Ai means: "Heap of Ruins"**

Blessings... v.12:3 ← **Father between** → **Cursings... v.12:3**

Reminder of Gerazim and Ebal; blessings/cursings

The narrative of **Genesis 1-11** was one of failure of mankind, and God’s promise of redemptive hope, in general, to all His creation. **Genesis 12** reveals the primary building blocks for understanding God’s redemptive plan, but it comes with a need to understand God’s word, His righteousness, and our need to accept that plan, no matter our views of how He carries it out, or with whom He uses to carry it out. **...just a reminder from here on out, “if it looks weird, it is important.” Dr. Michael Heiser**

Before we go on, let’s look at an interesting Parallel:

*Genesis 8:15 Then God said to Noah
16 “Go out from the ark...”*

*you and your wife, and your sons and your
sons' wives with you.*

*17 Bring out with you every living thing that is
with you of all flesh—birds and animals and
every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—
that they may swarm on the earth, and be
fruitful and multiply on the earth.”*

*18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife
and his sons' wives with him. 19 Every beast,
every creeping thing, and every bird,
everything that moves on the earth, went out by
families from the ark.*

*20 Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and
took some of every clean animal and some of
every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on
the altar. 21 And when the Lord smelled the
pleasing aroma, the Lord said in his heart, “I
will never again curse the ground.*

Genesis 12:10 *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.”*

Friends of God:

1. Abraham 2 Chron 20:7/Is 41:8/Jam 2:23

2. Daniel Daniel 10:11

3. The Disciples John 15:15

4. The Church Romans 5:11

*Genesis 12:1 Now the Lord said to Abram
“Go from your country...”*

*[from] 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. 5 And
Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his
brother’s son, and all their possessions that
they had gathered, and the people that they had
acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the
land of Canaan. When they came to the land of
Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to
the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At
that time the Canaanites were in the land.*

*7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and
said, “To your offspring I will give this land.”
So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had
appeared to him. 9 And Abram journeyed on,
still going toward the Negeb. 10 Now there was
a famine in the land.*

The Upshot:

- ⇒ **Genesis 18:17** *The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?"*
- ⇒ **Daniel 10:11** *"Understand the words I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you."*
- ⇒ **Amos 3:7** *Surely the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants the prophets.*
- ⇒ **John 15:15** *I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*

Abram's Altars in Genesis:

- 12:6** ...at Shechem...he built there an altar.
- 12:8** ...Bethel on the west and Ai he built an altar. **13:3** ...from the Negeb back to Bethel.
- 13:17** At Hebron, and there he built an altar.
- 22:9** At Moriah: Abraham built the altar there.
- 26:24** Issac, at Beersheba, built an altar there.
- 33:20** Jacob, at Shechem, built an altar there.
- 35:5** Jacob, at Bethel, built an altar there.

⇒ Missler: "Abram is a type of Israel as a nation acting out what will happen 400 years later."
...I would say Abram is a type of the Father.

⇒ Lot is a type of unbelieving Israel? When they took Lot... they took the "father's" kin

Genesis 12:14 *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. 16 And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.*

Who was taken into Pharaoh's House?

Sarai/Israel; Joseph/Jesus; Moses/Jesus; Israel; Jesus: all both coveted and hated...received and sent away. Sarai a type of Israel, has a son Isaac, a type of the crucified Christ; Jacob the favored Son/Christ.

Galatians 4:22 *For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. 23 But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. 24 Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.*

27 *For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband."*

»»» **Nations both covet Israel and hate her...**

They want to plunder her goods and destroy her people. But Yahweh says in Zech 2:8 "he who touches you touches the apple of his eye." Abimelech found that out...others will as well.

Gen 12:17 *But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. ...Genesis 20:3* *One night, however, God came to Abimelech in a dream and told him, "You are as good as dead because of the woman you have taken.*

...**1 Chron 16:20** They wandered from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another. 21 He let no man oppress them; He rebuked kings on their behalf: 22 'Do not touch My anointed ones! Do no harm to My prophets!' ...Also **Psalm 105:14**

...**12:3** "him who dishonors you I will curse."

.....**17:16** And I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will descend from her."

...**17:19** "Your wife Sarah will indeed bear you a son."

...**17:21** But I will establish My covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah

...**21:1** Now the LORD attended to Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what He had promised. 2 So Sarah conceived a son...

...**24:36** My master's wife Sarah has borne him a son

...**Hebrews 11:11** By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive.

...**Romans 9:8** ...it is the children of the promise who are regarded as offspring.

...and previous in **9:4** They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.

Genesis 12:18 So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? 19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go." 20 And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

...**Exodus 10:24** Then Pharaoh called Moses and said, "Go, serve the LORD; your little ones also may go with you.

...**Exodus 12:31** Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, "Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as you have said. 32 Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!"

Genesis 13:1 So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb. 2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. 3 And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, 4 to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the Lord. 5 And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, 6 so that the land could not support both of them dwelling together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, 7a and there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock.

13:7b At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were dwelling in the land.

⇒ **The Canaanites** (cursed son of Ham) is a name prescribed to a particular tribe descended from Ham. However, the term is also used to describe all of the tribes who dwelt in the Land of Canaan.

Biblehub: The fourth son of Ham, (Genesis 10:6; 1 Chronicles 1:8) the progenitor of the Phoenicians [ZIDON, OR SIDON], and of the various nations who before the Israelite conquest people the seacoast of Palestine, and generally the while of the country westward of the Jordan. (Genesis 10:13; 1 Chronicles 1:13) (B.C. 2347.) The name "Canaan" is sometimes employed for the country itself. It was known as the "land of Canaan" as God had appointed it, before He gave it to Israel and dispossessed the land from Canaan;

Acts 13:19 When he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land for an inheritance, for about four hundred fifty years.

Genesis 10:15 Canaan fathered Sidon his firstborn and Heth, 16 and the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites, 17 the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites, 18 the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. Afterward the clans of the Canaanites dispersed. 19 And the territory of the Canaanites extended from Sidon in the direction of Gerar as far as Gaza, and in the direction of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

⇒ **Numbers 13:25** *At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. 26 And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. 27 And they told him, "We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. 28 However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan."* Numbers 14:39 *When Moses told these words to all the people of Israel, the people mourned greatly. 40 And they rose early in the morning and went up to the heights of the hill country, saying, "Here we are. We will go up to the place that the Lord has promised, for we have sinned." 41 But Moses said, "Why now are you transgressing the command of the Lord, when that will not succeed? 42 Do not go up, for the Lord is not among you, lest you be struck down before your enemies. 43 For there the Amalekites and the Canaanites are facing you, and you shall fall by the sword. Because you have turned back from following the Lord, the Lord will not be with you." 44 But they presumed to go up to the heights of the hill country, although neither the ark of the covenant of the Lord nor Moses departed out of the camp. 45 Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down and defeated them pursuing them, even to Hormah (near Beersheba).*

During the Book of Judges, Israel had much problem with the Canaanites. Israel's disobedience to God precluded driving out of this enemy.

13:8 *Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen. 9 Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left."*

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar: (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) 11 So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other.

BIG LESSONS HERE!

- Separate from strife.
- Trust the Lord.
- Don't trust your eyes.
- Don't choose for "yourself."
- Pray about your decisions/count the cost.
- Check the Neighborhood before moving in.

Genesis 13:12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. 13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the Lord.

14 The Lord said to Abram, after _____

Lot had separated from him, _____

“Lift up your eyes and look _____

from the place where you _____

are, northward and southward _____

and eastward and westward, _____

15 for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. 16 I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. 17 Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.” 18 So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the Lord.

Thus ends Chapters 12-13

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