

## Lesson 5: Abraham

1. 2091 BC- Year 0 **The Call**- Read Genesis 12:1-7- The Messiah is prophesied, and the land becomes Promised Land.
2. 1- Famine comes, so **Abraham in** (goes to) **Egypt**. Lies to Pharaoh, disease comes, he leaves richer.
3. 6- **Abraham and Lot** separate because the land can't support them. Lot goes towards Sodom (mentions in 13:13 that the men of Sodom were evil).
  - o 7- The Battle of 4 kings against 5. The 4 kings win and ransack Sodom and carry off Lot.
  - o 7- Abraham and 318 men do what the 5 kings couldn't and beat the 4 kings.
  - o 7- Melchizedek: King and Priest of Salem
    - Brought bread and wine
    - Blessed Abraham
    - Abraham gave him a tenth
    - Hebrews 6:13-7:28
4. 10- **God's Covenant with Abraham**
  - o Read thru chapter 15 and cover the following:
  - o Abraham says in verse 2 & 3 that God isn't going to keep His promise
  - o God promises children; Abraham believes
  - o God promises land; Abraham says, "Prove it."
  - o 5 animals: cow, goat, sheep, pigeon, dove
  - o This is a custom that the Bedouin culture still does today: Blood covenant- two parties, one great the other lesser (marriage example)
  - o God's part- offspring and land (maybe just land in this one), Abraham's part- perfection.
  - o God should have gone through, then Abraham. But God goes thru, then God again, on Abraham's behalf.
  - o Was Abraham perfect? No. Who had to therefore, have his blood be shed? God. Jesus' march to Calvary begins. Actually, it began before the foundation of the world. (Rev 13:8)
  - o What are the five animals for OT sacrifice? The sacrifice wasn't just a picture of forgiveness, but also God keeping His promise. That He would pay his part of this blood covenant.
5. 10- **Sarah and Hagar** (example of impatience, doubt, and man's wisdom vs. God's wisdom)
  - o Descendants of Ishmael Gen 25:16 (According to Muslims, Ishmael was the father of many Arab people groups and the forefather of Mohammed.)
  - o Galatians 4:21-31
6. 23- **Circumcision** (1 Cor 7:19 if asked)
  - o God changed Abram's "high father" name to "Abraham," "father of a multitude" (Genesis 17:5) and his wife's name from "Sarai," "my princess," to "Sarah," "mother of nations" (Genesis 17:15)
  - o Type and shadow (Col 2:11)
  - o 8 day vitamin k spikes higher than any day in your life
7. 23- **3 strangers** (Sarah, Sodom, and Lot), 2 Peter 2:7-9, Jude 1:7,
  - o Sarah laughs at the Lord saying she will have a son in one year
  - o Abraham intercedes for Sodom (50-10)
  - o 2 angels go to Sodom, stay at Lot's house, men attack, blindness, flight (Heb 13:2)
  - o Lot's wife looks back Luke 17:32. Daughters think no other men available.
8. 24/26- **Isaac born, Ishmael sent away**, Gal 4:28
9. 36- **Sacrifice of Isaac** (type of Christ)
  - o Hebrews 11:19 reveals Abraham's thoughts
  - o Picture of Christ. We all should die, but God provides a substitute ram, Christ.
  - o Close with Hebrews 11:8-16