

GENESIS –Lesson 28

Learn: God is not a man that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?
Numbers 23:19

Read: Genesis 12:1-20

1. What was God's command to Abram (later God changed his name to Abraham)? v 1
2. What additional information about Abraham's call do we get in Acts 7:2- 4
3. What four things did the LORD promise Abram that He would do when Abram obeyed? v 2
4. How would all the families of the earth be blessed? Acts 3:25, 26; Galatians 3:6-9
5. What did the LORD say that He would always do depending on how people and nations treated Abram and the nation that his descendants became? v 3
6. Did the LORD list any conditions that Abram or his descendants had to meet in order for the promises of vv 2,3 to be kept by God? Explain.
7. What is the guarantee to Abram, to his descendants and to us that God will keep these and every other promise He has made? Hebrews 6:17, 18; Titus 1:2; Numbers 23:19

8. What proof do we have that God is able (has the power) to keep the promises that He has made to the descendants of Abraham and to us? I Corinthians 15:3-6; Matthew 1:22; 27:35

9. How old was Abram when he left for the land of Canaan? v 4

10. Who went with Abram? vv 4, 5

11. It was a long journey to Canaan, approximately four hundred miles to the southwest of Haran. What does Hebrews 11:8-9 tell us?

12. Genesis 12:5 says that they took the “substance” (that is their goods, herds, and flocks). What else had they gotten while in Haran?

Abram knew where he was going in general, but not where he would settle in particular. Trade routes from Haran down into Damascus and the Canaanite countries were already established at this time.

13. Where was the first place that Abram stopped in the land of Canaan? v 6

This place was also called Shechem, and was located near the center of the land.

14. What was special about this place in the life of Abram? v 7

What promise did God give to Abram there?

15. What does John 1:18 tell us that helps us to understand who it was that appeared to Abram?

16. Did Abram ever see the fulfillment of the promise given him at Sichem (Shechem)?
Acts 7:2-5 Explain your answer.

17. How did Abram respond to God's appearance to him and to His promise? v 7b

Note: As we study just this one verse, Genesis 12:7, we realize how much information for our learning and edification God put in just this one verse, concerning the Jewish people, the Land of Israel, who the land is owned by and much more. A reminder that every word in God's Word is important.

18. Abram didn't stay at Sichem (Shechem). Where did he move to next and what did he do when he arrived there? v 8

20. How was Abraham able to confidently go to a strange land, not even knowing exactly where to go? Hebrews 11:8-10

Such experiences are not unique to Abram, but are common to all those who seek to follow God's will. The promise often seems long delayed, and the believer must simply continue following day by day, trusting God and knowing that his timing is always right. In the meantime, as we wait on the Lord there are daily opportunities for service and witness wherever we are, and in whatever circumstances. There is still a testing time,

when God must teach us patience and submission; and such training is often long and slow.

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