

HANDOUT FOR JUNE 27, 2021

Bible Baptist Church, Mt. Orab

Adult Sunday School - 9:45 am

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15

Subject: **Genesis – The Seed Plot**
Lesson Date: **June 20, 2021**
Teacher: Rev. Ted R. House

I. Review – Introduction to the Call of Abram

- Genesis chapters 1-11 cover 2000 years of human history. Adam & Eve sinned and was sent out of the garden. Man became wicked so God sent a flood. Noah's ark pictures our security in Christ. God began again with Noah and his three sons and told them to overspread the world. Under the rebellion of Nimrod, they all gathered at Babel to build a tower. Once again, God separated or divided them into nations, but this time by confusing their language. The emphasis is on the Hebrews as we are following the seed from Adam to Abraham. This division takes place during the time of Eber's sons, Peleg from which the Hebrews come, and his brother Joktan, who is the father of the Arabs. Genesis 12 begins a new division or a new beginning. It has now been between 250-270 years since God has spoken to mankind and He chooses one man, Abram, to start again, which is the third beginning. Through Abraham, God will make a nation, the Hebrews, and bless the whole world. Our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, the promised seed, came through Abraham. Like us, Abram begins as a baby, stumbles and falls/fails, and the full blessing that is promised is delayed. God blesses you when you separate from the world and obey.
 - Genesis 10:21-25

II. Abram's Call from the Moon gods to the God of Glory

- Moses did not give us all the background about the call of Abram, but it is recorded for us in Stephen's message in the book of Acts. Stephen clarifies that Abram was in Mesopotamia, not Haran when God first called him at about 70 years old. Joshua tells us they served other gods there. Abram did nothing to deserve grace, but God chose him. He was to leave his country and his father's house. Abram was in a godless but prosperous city. God chose one man from the line of Shem to bless the world. Abraham is a picture of our separation and service; our walk of faith in the Christian life. God separates so he can unify.
 - Genesis 9:24-27, Genesis 12:1-10, Joshua 24:1-3 & Acts 7:1-4

III. The Pause and the Faith

- Abram's life was good when God called him to leave his country and kindred. As a baby Christian, Abram was not completely obedient, but Abram did finally go. Abram goes to his father, Terah, a moon worshipper. Terah takes Abram, Lot, and their wives and they stayed in Haran for five years until Terah died and Abram was 75 years old. God did not tell Abram about the Canaanites or the famine that he was going to face. The LORD appeared a second time to Abram and promised Abram at Moreh that the land would be given to his seed when Abram as yet had no children. Abram built an altar there. By faith, Abram moves on and pitches his tent between Bethel and Hai, builds the second altar, and "called upon the name of the LORD". Abram somehow knows the place he is called to go is more than land. He is looking for a heavenly city. The word Terah means "delay" and the word Haran means "parched". Haran is on the border of the desert, northwest of Nineveh.
 - Genesis 11:31-32, Genesis 12:1-10 & Hebrews 11:8-10