

CHAPTER 12  
ABRAM'S CALL



Now the LORD had said unto A'bram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

<sup>2</sup>And I will make of thee a great nation, <sup>e</sup>and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; <sup>f</sup>and thou shalt be a blessing:

<sup>3</sup>And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: <sup>h</sup>and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

ABRAM ENTERS CANAAN

<sup>4</sup>So A'bram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and A'bram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Har'an.

<sup>5</sup>And A'bram took Sar'a-i his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and <sup>i</sup>the souls that they had gotten <sup>j</sup>in Har'an; and they went forth to go into the land of Ca'naan; and into the land of Ca'naan they came.

<sup>6</sup>¶ And A'bram <sup>k</sup>passed through the land unto the place of Si'chem, <sup>l</sup>unto the plain of Mo'reh. <sup>m</sup>And the Ca'naan-ite was then in the land.

<sup>7</sup>And the LORD appeared unto A'bram, and said, <sup>n</sup>Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an <sup>o</sup>altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

<sup>8</sup>And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, *having* Beth-el on the west, and Ha'i on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and <sup>q</sup>called upon the name of the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>And A'bram journeyed, 'going on still toward the south.

ABRAM'S DECEPTION

<sup>10</sup>¶ And there was <sup>a</sup>a famine in the land: and A'bram went down into E'gypt to sojourn there; for the famine was <sup>u</sup>grievous in the land.

<sup>11</sup>And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into E'gypt, that he said unto Sar'a-i his wife, Behold now, I know that thou *art* <sup>v</sup>a fair woman to look upon:

<sup>12</sup>Therefore it shall come to pass, when the E-gyp'tians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they <sup>w</sup>will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

<sup>13</sup><sup>x</sup>Say, I pray thee, thou *art* my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.

<sup>14</sup>¶ And it came to pass, that, when A'bram was come into E'gypt, the E-gyp'tians <sup>y</sup>beheld the woman that she was very fair.

<sup>15</sup>The princes also of Phar'aoh saw her, and commended her before Phar'aoh: and the woman was <sup>z</sup>taken into Phar'aoh's house.

<sup>16</sup>And he <sup>a</sup>entreated A'bram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels.

GOD SENDS PLAGUES

<sup>17</sup>And the LORD <sup>b</sup>plagued Phar'aoh and his house with great plagues because of Sar'a-i A'bram's wife.

<sup>18</sup>And Phar'aoh called A'bram, and said, 'What is this *that* thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife?

<sup>19</sup>Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to

<sup>12:1</sup> <sup>c</sup>ch. 15:7; Neh. 9:7; Isa. 41:2; Acts 7:3; Heb. 11:8 <sup>12:2</sup> <sup>d</sup>ch. 17:6; 18:18; Deut. 26:5; 1 Kings 3:8 <sup>e</sup>ch. 24:35 <sup>f</sup>ch. 28:4; Gal. 3:14 <sup>12:3</sup> <sup>g</sup>ch. 27:29; Exod. 23:22; Num. 24:9 <sup>h</sup>ch. 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; Ps. 72:17; Acts 3:25; Gal. 3:8 <sup>12:5</sup> <sup>i</sup>ch. 14:14 <sup>j</sup>ch. 11:31 <sup>12:6</sup> <sup>k</sup>Heb. 11:9 <sup>l</sup>Deut. 11:30; Judg. 7:1 <sup>m</sup>ch. 10:18-19; 13:7 <sup>12:7</sup> <sup>n</sup>ch. 17:1 <sup>o</sup>ch. 13:15; 17:8; Ps. 105:9,11 <sup>p</sup>ch. 13:4 <sup>12:8</sup> <sup>q</sup>ch. 13:4 <sup>12:9</sup> <sup>r</sup>ch. 13:3 <sup>12:10</sup> <sup>s</sup>ch. 26:1 <sup>t</sup>Ps. 105:13 <sup>u</sup>ch. 43:1 <sup>12:11</sup> <sup>v</sup>ver. 14; ch. 26:7 <sup>12:12</sup> <sup>w</sup>ch. 20:11; 26:7 <sup>12:13</sup> <sup>x</sup>ch. 20:5,13; See ch. 26:7 <sup>12:14</sup> <sup>y</sup>ch. 39:7; Matt. 5:28 <sup>12:15</sup> <sup>z</sup>ch. 20:2 <sup>12:16</sup> <sup>a</sup>ch. 20:14 <sup>12:17</sup> <sup>b</sup>ch. 20:18; 1 Chron. 16:21; Ps. 105:14; Heb. 13:4 <sup>12:18</sup> <sup>c</sup>ch. 20:9; 26:10