

Genesis 11 New American Standard Bible

²⁶ Terah lived seventy years, and fathered Abram,

²⁹ Abram took a wife for himself the name of Abram's wife was Sarai,

³⁰ Sarai was unable to conceive; she did not have a child.

³¹ Now Terah took his son Abram, and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they departed together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they went as far as Haran and settled there.

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Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; ² And I will make you into a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And *you shall* be a blessing; ³ And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

⁴ So Abram went *away* as the Lord had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the people which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; so they came to the land of Canaan.

⁶ Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanites *were* in the land at that time. ⁷ And the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him.

⁸ Then he proceeded from there to the mountain 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 Then Abram journeyed on, continuing toward the Negev.

¹⁰ Now there was a famine in the land; so Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a time, because the famine was severe in the land.

¹¹ It came about, when he was approaching Egypt, that he said to his wife Sarai, "See now, I know that you are a beautiful woman; ¹² and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. ¹³ Please say that you are my sister so

that it may go well for me because of you, and that I may live on account of you.”

¹⁴ Now it came about, when Abram entered Egypt, that the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. ¹⁵ Pharaoh’s officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh’s house. ¹⁶ Therefore he treated Abram well for her sake; and he gave him sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants and female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

¹⁷ But the Lord struck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife. ¹⁸ Then Pharaoh called Abram and said, “What is this *that* 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 myself as a wife? Now then, here is your wife, take her and go!” ²⁰ And Pharaoh commanded *his* men concerning him; and they escorted him away, with his wife and all that belonged to him.

1. God said to Abraham ‘go to another place to do and to be something different. I will make you a great nation.’
2. It is God who chooses to use Abraham as a seed. How would you respond to such an invite?
3. How did the human race get blessed through Abraham?
4. Abraham is 75 years old when he gets his calling. It is one thing going out as a young man, but would you go if you were 75?
5. Abraham and Sarah up sticks with the whole of the clan and went out to a place they did not know. No wonder he is called the Father of faith.
6. The land of Canaan was their destination. God said to Abraham ‘I will give your descendants this land’.
7. This promise came at a time when Abraham and Sarah had no children.
8. When Abraham reached the destination he built an altar to the Lord. Why?
9. It is recorded – God appeared to Abraham. How did God appear?
10. Abraham found a place to set up camp in the land he did not belong to, among a people he did not know. Could you have done this.

11. Abraham called on the name of the Lord. But how did Abraham know the Lord's name?
12. God did this at a time when there was a famine in the land, so Abraham and his family went to Egypt.
13. This was the start of a historical relationship with Egypt and God's people.
14. Abraham is known as a man of faith, but this man of faith is full of fear.
15. Abraham is used to taking matters into his own hands and leans on his own understanding.
16. In his desire to protect himself and Sarah, he comes up with a deceptive plan to lie to Pharaoh.
17. This deception becomes part of the DNA in Abraham's family line for many future generations.
18. It is said that Sarah is so beautiful, but how can she be so beautiful at 75?
19. Abraham is feeling very vulnerable yet he does not turn to God. Why?
20. It turns out that Abraham was right regarding his fears as the scenario played out, in that Pharaoh took Sarah to be a wife.
21. So the anointing of a prophetic ministry was upon Abraham who could see into the future.
22. Would Pharaoh have taken Sarah into his house if he had known she was still married to Abraham?
23. Would Abraham have received all of the blessings of the livestock if Pharaoh knew that Sarah was his wife?
24. In the judgement over Pharaoh for his inappropriate behaviour God sends plagues to the house of Pharaoh. These plagues turned up long before Moses ended up in the River Nile.
25. The Lord sends plagues to deal with unrighteousness.
26. Pharaoh questions Abraham and his deception, somehow God must have told Pharaoh, part of his repentance was to expel Abraham and Sarah from the land.