

God's Covenant with Abraham

Study 9- Genesis 11, 12, 15

Please answer the questions according to the passages highlighted in each question:

1. Read **Genesis 11:1-9**. What occurs with mankind shortly after the Flood? How does God respond as a result? What do you think was the spiritual condition of mankind at this time?
2. Read **Genesis 11:10-32**. Who is Abram (later renamed 'Abraham' by God)? What kind of a city or territory was Abram's hometown; the city of Ur, or Ur of the Chaldeans? Where was this city or territory located? *Look it up if necessary.*
3. Read **Genesis 12:1-7**. In this passage, God calls Abram and makes him a few promises. List everything that God promises to Abraham in this passage? In **Genesis 12:3**, God promises Abraham; *"In you all the families (or nations) of the earth shall be blessed."* What do you think this promise actually means? How will people of the earth ultimately be blessed in or through Abraham? Suggested Reading: *Matthew 1:1-21*
4. To what country or area did God first call Abram to go (Genesis 12:1-5)? Why do you think that God called Abraham to go to this particular country? How does Abram respond to God when God told Abraham to *"Go from your country... to the land that I will show you"* (v. 4)? What, if anything, is the message to you personally in Abraham's response?
5. Read **Genesis 15:1-21**. What is a **"covenant"**? *Look it up if necessary.* In addition to what God has already promised Abraham in Genesis 12, what are the specific covenant promises that God makes with Abram in Genesis 15? Write down everything God promises to Abraham. In your opinion, how important are these promises to the Bible as a whole?
6. **Genesis 15:6** states, *"And Abraham believed the LORD, and the LORD counted it to Abraham as righteousness."* What do you think that this means? What do you think was the righteousness that Abraham was "counted" or "credited" with? What is the significance of this statement to you and me today? Suggested Reading: *John 8:54-58, Romans 4:1-12, Galatians 3:6-9, 26-29, Hebrews 11:8-16*