

Genesis 12-13 – Lesson 23

Abram and the Land

1. 12:4-9

- a. Abram was called by God at 75 (Sarai at 65), and he moved out to start over!
- b. “*souls that they had gotten*” - Abram witnessed to others in Haran of the LORD – 12:5
- c. “*LORD appeared*” - Theophany ~ a show of God - Jn 1:18, 6:46. Jesus is the LORD!
- d. God showed himself in the land he promised to Abram at Shechem – Col 1:15
- e. “*unto thy seed*” – The first time Abraham’s seed is mentioned – 12:7
- f. The location of the mountain east of Bethel (house of God), west of Hai (ruins).
- g. Abram makes altars in these places to worship God, and to mark these places.

2. 12:10-20

- a. 10:13 –Sarai was Abram’s sister, he did this for fear of the heathen– Gen 20:10-12
- b. This going down to Egypt is a pattern repeated in the Bible – 3x in Gen 12, 20, 26
 - i. There are events and stories in the Bible, and they are not random
- c. 12:15 – Abram’s plan was foiled by Pharaoh’s princes who took his wife.
- d. 12:16 – Abraham received riches in Egypt, but lived in tents in the promised land.
- e. God intervened to save Abram and Sarai for his purpose – Pharaoh let them go.

3. 13:1-13

- a. 13:1-2 -Abram was blessed as promised, and blessed those that blessed him.
- b. 13:5-9 – Abram offered to split the land with Lot, but it was not his land to give.
- c. 13:10-13 –Lot chose by what he saw, and went away from Bethel toward Sodom.
- d. Sodom’s sin was in their pride, riches, idleness, fornication – Eze 16:49

4. 13:14-18

- a. God gives Abram everything he sees in every direction.
- b. To Abram and his seed: giving him the promise of resurrection and eternal life
- c. The promise of the land: 1) all the land, 2) forever, 3) his seed multiplied
 - i. All three parts of this promise are denied by the post-mil & ammillennials
 - ii. The promise is physical/literal – Heb 13:14, Luke 12:31, Matt 6:10, 12:28
 - iii. No more war, earthly government, long life, ground curse removed.
 - iv. It will be forever –Jer 7:7, 31:35-36, 33:20-21, Amos 9:15, Psa 105:8-11
 - v. The seed is not spiritual/singular but multiplied – Isa 66:22, Rom 11:25-30
 - vi. The singular seed of Gal 3:16 refers to Christ being Abe’s seed – Gal 3:29
 - vii. The singular promise was by faith, the inheritance is not the land – Gal 3:7-8
- d. “*Arise, walk through the land*” – This was the way of claiming your land.
 - i. Every where they tred – Deu 11:24; Moses sees all the land - Deu 34:1-4
- e. His altar is on a mountain making offerings to God - like Noah – Gen 8:20

Jesus is the LORD!

Capitalized LORD in the OT of the KJB represents the Hebrew name of God: Jehovah, the I AM. Comparing passages from the OT to those referring to Jesus in the NT, we can see that Jesus is the LORD.

1. John the Baptist prepares the way for the LORD (Jesus) - Isa 40:3, cf. John 1:23, Mark 1:2-5
2. "whoever calls upon the name of the LORD" - Joel 2:32 cf. Acts 2:21 and Acts 4:12
3. The First and the Last, Alpha and Omega - Isa 44:6 cf. Rev 1:8, Rev 22:13
4. The only Saviour - Isa 43:11 cf. Titus 2:11-13
5. The LORD is pierced - Zech 12:10, John 19:37
6. The LORD is the IAM - Isa 43:10, Exo 3:13-15 cf. John 8:24, 8:58, John 13:19
7. The Mighty God - Jer 32:18, Isa 9:6
8. The LORD our righteousness - Jer 23:5-7
9. The only God - Isa 45:22, John 20:28
10. The Lord of Lords - Deu 10:17 cf. Rev 17:14

The doctrine of the three-in-one God is as follows: Jesus is not the Father; the Father is not the Spirit, the Spirit is not the Father. They are separate persons, but God is one. Jesus is God. The Father is God. The Spirit is God. There are three persons in one God.

"I and my Father are one." - John 10:30