



# GENESIS 11:27-12:9

## Bible Study

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# VISION

The vision of the Mt. Zion First African Baptist Church of Charlottesville, Virginia *will reach and reproduce within its surrounding community, a people inspired and equipped with a passion for the truth of God's Word and His compassion for others who will be enablers of change.*



**THEME**

***MOVING FORWARD***

***AS A***

***GROWING CHURCH***



# *ABRAHAM: The Father of the Jews*

*Lesson 1*

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*27 Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. 28 And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees. 29 And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of*



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*Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the  
father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.  
30 But Sarai was barren; she had no child.  
31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the  
son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his  
daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and  
they went forth with them from Ur of the*



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*to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there. <sup>32</sup> And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.*

**12** *Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto*



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*that I will shew thee: <sup>2</sup> And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: <sup>3</sup> And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. <sup>4</sup> So Abram departed, as the LORD had*



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*spoken unto him; and Lot went with him:  
and Abram was seventy and five years old  
when he departed out of Haran. <sup>5</sup> And  
Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his  
brother's son, and all their substance that  
they had gathered, and the souls that they  
had gotten in Haran; and they went forth*



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*to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. <sup>6</sup> And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. <sup>7</sup> And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and*



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*there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him. <sup>8</sup> And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.*



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*wife was Sarai; Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of his brother Haran. Haran had two daughters, Milcah and Iscah. <sup>30</sup> Sarai was barren; she had no children. <sup>31</sup> Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot (Haran's son), and Sarai his daughter*



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*(his son Abram's wife) and set out with them from Ur of the Chaldees for the land of Canaan. But when they got as far as Haran, they settled down there. <sup>32</sup> Terah lived 205 years. He died in Haran.*



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## *Abram and Sarai*

*12 GOD told Abram: “Leave your country, your family, and your father’s home for a land that I will show you. 2-3 I’ll make you a great nation and bless you. I’ll make you famous; you’ll be a blessing. I’ll bless those who*



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*“bless you; those who curse you I’ll curse. All the families of the Earth will be blessed through you.”* <sup>4-6</sup> So Abram left just as GOD said, and Lot left with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot with



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*him, along with all the possessions and people they had gotten in Haran, and set out for the land of Canaan and arrived safe and sound. Abram passed through the country as far as Shechem and the Oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites occupied the land.  
7 GOD appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your children.*



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*Abram built an altar at the place God had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> He moved on from there to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent between Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. He built an altar there and prayed to GOD. <sup>9</sup> Abram kept moving, steadily making his way south, to the Negev.*



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I. ***SUMMONS FROM GOD***  
(Genesis 11:27–12:9)

*A. The Receiver of the Summons*

*B. The Review of the Summons*

*C. The Response to the Summons*



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*WHY ABRAHAM?*

Why focus on one man? We will see the Gospel message in more detail form. The nation through whom the Redeemer of mankind will come is beginning in Abraham. This is disclosed in the covenant which God established with



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Abraham—a covenant that is very prominent in the Biblical record of Abraham's life. The chief promise in the covenant is the promise of seed for Abraham. He is to be the father of the Jews. But the greatest fulfillment of the promise is in The Seed, Jesus Christ



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Abraham saw this, not as clearly as we are able to see it, Jesus said to the Jews, *“Your father, Abraham, rejoiced to see my day; and he saw it, and was glad”* (John 8:56). The study of Abraham’s life will not only be an instructive and rewarding experience in seeing



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Gospel truths, but it will also be a very helpful experience in learning how to walk the life of faith in God's Word; for the Gospel not only involves the saving of the soul, but it also involves a new walk of faith. Abraham's successes and failures in this life of faith will teach invaluable lessons to the diligent student of the Word of God.



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## *The Summons From God*

After an important genealogy to establish Abraham's ancestry, Scripture begins the story of Abraham with a special call from heaven. This is the pivotal moment in Abraham's life – **Why?** which dramatically changed his life. But this Divine summons is not only extremely important



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Abraham; it is also extremely important for all mankind; for it is a great landmark of the nation of Israel, of world history, and of the Gospel.

It is the beginning of the nation of Israel, *“When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of men, he fixed the*



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*peoples according to the number of the sons of God,” (Deuteronomy 32:8).*

Regarding the Gospel, the most significant thing about this summons given to Abraham is that it has to do with God’s plan of redemption for mankind. The redemption for mankind was the primary purpose for the summons.



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*A. The Receiver of the Summons*

How do you learn people? Concerning his early days, Scripture tells us about his relatives, his region, and his religion.

**1. His Relatives**

To learn about the relatives of Abraham who significantly affected his life, we will note his ancestors, his father, his brothers, his nephew and his wife.



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*His ancestor.* After the flood, the world was populated by the descendants of Noah's three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Abraham came from the line of Shem. Genesis 11 gives us an invaluable genealogy that traces the line of Shem down to Abraham. From this genealogy,



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we can discern that Abraham was born about 300 to 400 years after the flood and about 2000 years before the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. In the history of mankind, Abraham came on the scene about halfway between Adam and Christ. Shem, along with Japheth, was of better



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character than Ham, the third son of Noah, who provoked the terrible curse by Noah (Genesis 9:24, 25). When Noah pronounced the curse on the descendants of Ham, he pronounced blessings upon Shem and Japheth because of their better character (Genesis 9:26, 27). Shem's blessing was the superior blessing of the



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blessing was the superior blessing of the two, and the involvement of the Gospel in the summons given to Abraham underscores that fact.

***His father.*** Abraham's father was named Terah (11:27). Terah was an idolater (Joshua 24:2) and led his family to be the same.



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***His brothers.** Abraham had two brothers: Nahor and Haran (11:27). Both played a significant part in Abraham's life.*

The significant part Haran played in Abraham's life had to do with Haran's son Lot. Haran died prematurely in Ur before the brothers' father Terah died (11:28) and before the summons was given to Abraham.



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The significant part which Nahor played in Abraham's life had to do with brides. Nahor's granddaughter Rebekah became the bride of Abraham's son Isaac (Genesis 24), which event we will study in detail in a later chapter of this book.

***His nephew.***

Abraham's nephew was Lot.



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***His wife.***

*Abraham's wife was Sarah (11:29). She was a blood relative of Abraham, for she was a half sister to Abraham. She was the daughter of Abraham's father but not the daughter of Abraham's mother (Genesis 20:12). Sarah will play a very important part in the story of Abraham.*



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**2. *His Region.*** Abraham's native land was "*Ur of the Chaldees*" (11:28). This place was located where the Euphrates River emptied into the Persian Gulf. Ur was an important seaport for trade from India and Africa via the Persian Gulf. The region in Abraham's day was also fit for the raising of flocks, and so it is not

