



THE BIBLE LAB

YES, NO & MAYBE

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1. If you miss your opportunities while you're young, you can miss out on your divine calling.
2. The best spiritual leaders in history have come from God-fearing homes.
3. God has a specific purpose for my life, and He has made my calling absolutely clear to me.
4. Abram learned about God when he lived with Noah's son, Shem.
5. God always requires a sacrifice on our part before we are blessed.

DIG DEEP

° What consistent types of people does God call to champion His will?

READ: Genesis 11:31-12:9 (NIV)

31 Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Harran, they settled there. 32 Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Harran.

1 The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. 5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. 6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

8 From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. 9 Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

∞ When God calls you, does He typically call you to do something you're passionate about, or to step out of your comfort zone?

» Why would God want Abram to Leave his native country, his relatives, and his father's family? Abram is retirement age. What does it say about God that he would require him to move at such an inconvenient stage of life?

» Jewish Tradition: What was Abram being called away from?

« 10th generation removed from Noah, and a direct descendant from Shem.

° According to Gen 11:32, Terah died in Haran at 205 years, and Abram was 75 years old when his father died (implied by Gen 12:4; confirmed by Stephen in Acts 7:4). Meaning Terah was 130 y/o when Abram was born.

° Shem knew Methuselah for many years, who in turn knew Adam for many hundreds of years, which means that Abram learned about God third-hand from Adam.

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GOD
LEADS

DIG DEEP...CONTINUED

° Terah, Abraham's father, was the chief officer or minister of the first king mentioned in the Torah, the mighty King Nimrod of Babylon. Terah was an idol worshiper, like his king, and their chief god was the Sun.

° When he was younger, while still at Noah's/Shem's house, Abram heard about the world-shattering event of the Tower of Babel.

‡ What was Abram being called toward?

« Your country, your people, your household.

- God made this move a condition of Abram's blessings. **Does God always require a sacrifice on our part before we are blessed?**

∞ First Stop...the Tree of Moreh

» This is a famous spot for pagan oracles and fortune tellers. **What does it say about God's character that he would use this spot to speak in person to Abram?**

∞ Abram's journey does not seem as clearly directed as the Israelites of the Exodus. There is no pillar of cloud or fire. It almost seems as if Abram is wandering. **God does appear to him a couple of times, but what type of impression do you get of God's direction here?**

∞ **Genesis 12:1-3**

God's interaction with Abram can be divided in three aspects that also characterize God's interaction with mankind. The word of God spoken here begins with a command, continues with a promise, and ends with a blessing. Abram's story demonstrates that to receive the promise and to benefit from the blessings, he first had to obey.

How does Nahor's story differ from that of Abram?

NOTES

TALK WITH GOD THIS WEEK ABOUT...

1. How much do I believe that God has a specific call for my life?
2. In what areas of my life am I resisting God's call to walk away from?
3. What do I see more clearly about the character of God this week?



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