

## GENESIS CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup> And the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth out of your land, and out from your family, and out of the house of your father, into the land which I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you and magnify your name, and you shall be blessed. <sup>3</sup> And I will bless those that bless you, and curse those that curse you, and in you shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed."

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot departed with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot the son of his brother, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and every soul which they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go into the land of Canaan. <sup>6</sup> And Abram traveled the land lengthwise as far as Shechem, to the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites then inhabited the land.

<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I will give this land to your seed." And Abram built an altar there to the Lord who appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> And he departed from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and there he pitched his tent in Bethel near the sea, and Ai toward the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord, and called on the name of the Lord. <sup>9</sup> And Abram departed and went and encamped in the wilderness.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, because the famine prevailed in the land. <sup>11</sup> And it came to pass when Abram approached Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a beautiful woman. <sup>12</sup> It shall come to pass then, that when the Egyptians shall see you, that they shall say, 'This is his wife,' and they shall kill me, but they shall keep you alive. <sup>13</sup> Say, therefore, 'I am his sister,' that it may be well with me on account of you, and my soul shall live because of you."

<sup>14</sup> And it came to pass when Abram entered into Egypt—the Egyptians having seen his wife that she was very beautiful— <sup>15</sup> that the princes of Pharaoh saw her, and praised her to Pharaoh, and brought her into Pharaoh's house. <sup>16</sup> And they treated Abram well on her account, and he had sheep, calves, donkeys, male and female servants, mules, and camels.

<sup>17</sup> And God afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great and severe afflictions, because of Sarai, Abram's wife. <sup>18</sup> And Pharaoh, having called Abram, said, "What is this you have done to me, that you did not tell me that she was your wife? <sup>19</sup> Why then did you say, She is my sister? And I took her for a wife to myself; and now, behold, your wife is before you, take her and go away immediately."

<sup>20</sup> And Pharaoh commanded *his* men concerning Abram, to join in sending him forward, and his wife, and all that he had.