

CHAPTER 2

**THE GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO
ABRAHAM**

**Mission in the
Old Testament**



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Read Genesis 12:1-9. Abram agreed to move his family, servants and animals across a desert on a camel train to a foreign land of which he knew nothing and a land to which he had no rights.

1. Imagine you were Abram moving to Canaan. What problems did he face in moving? How would you have felt?

2. What was Abraham's motivation for making the journey? (You could also look at Galatians 3:6-9 and Hebrews 11:8-9.)

Look again at Genesis 12:1-3

- 3a. Write down the three parts of the promise to Abraham. You will see that in each part, there is an opening promise followed by a consequent promise.

- b. The word 'blessing' has a different meaning in each part of the promise. What are the three intentions of God?

The last part of Genesis 12:3 predicts that 'all the families (ie. people of every language) of the earth will be blessed'.

- c. In what ways has God in the times before Jesus, and will God in our time, make this happen?

Look at Genesis 11:1-9

- 4a. What did the Babel tower builders want to achieve?

Genesis 12:1 starts with the word 'now'. This indicates that there had been a long period of time since the tower of Babel event in chapter 11, and that this was the first time God had spoken since the Babel event.

- b. Why did God promise blessing to all the world through Abraham when he had earlier blocked the building of the Babel city and tower?

5. Abraham was obedient to God's instructions. The children of Israel were only sometimes obedient yet God did not break his covenant with them. In what ways are we being called to be obedient to God? What are the consequences if we are not obedient?