

**IS ABRAHAM YOUR SPIRITUAL FATHER?****Genesis 11:26-13:18 (Review)**

11:26, 31 Abraham was **born** in the **kingdom** of **Babylon** [in **about** 2,000 B.C.] 12:1 Creator God said to Abraham, “**Leave** your **country**. **Go** to **another land** that I will **show** you.”

2 God **also** said, “I will **make** you into a **great nation** of **people**. 3 **Through** you, I will **bless** all the **peoples** in the **world**.”

4 **So** Abraham left his country – he **obeyed** God. ... *But Abraham did not **know where** he **should** go – **because** God had not **told** Abraham **yet** (Hebrews 11:8). So Abraham went to the **town** of Haran – and he **lived** in Haran (Acts 7:4A). **Then** God **moved** Abraham to **Canaan** (Acts 7:4B). ...*

4 Abraham was 75 years old 5 when he went to Canaan.

6 The **Canaanite** people **groups** were living in Canaan. Abraham **traveled** through Canaan – 8 and Abraham lived in a **tent**. 13:14 God said to Abraham, “Look **north** – look **south** – look **east** – look **west**. 15 I will **give** all this land to you and to your **descendants forever**. 17 I am giving Canaan to you, so go – **walk** through the land from north to south and from east to west. 18 So Abraham moved his tent. And Abraham **built** an **altar** to Creator God.

**Why did Abraham leave his country?****Hebrews 11:8-10**

Abraham **followed** **Option #2**.

Option #2 = **Believe** God & Live Forever

8 [In Babylon] Abraham had **faith** – he believed Creator God. God said: Go. So Abraham obeyed God and went – but he didn’t know where he was going! But he came to Canaan – and Canaan **became** Abraham’s **inheritance**!

9 Then, Abraham had (**more**) faith. He lived in Canaan – but he lived in tents **like** a **foreigner** – so Abraham had no **permanent home**. Why? 10 Because Abraham was **expecting** to **receive** a **real city** with **foundations** – the **eternal** city made by God on the **New Earth**.

## CONTENT QUESTIONS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **What** did God tell Abraham to do? (Genesis 12:1)
  - Did Abraham know where he was going? (Genesis 12:4 & Hebrews 11:8)

Could Abraham see the future?

How would you feel about obeying God, if you could not see the future?

- God's 1st promise:  
What great promise did God make to Abraham? (12:2)

Abraham became the father of what nation? [Israel]

But Abraham is not the father of Israel only.

- God's 2nd promise:  
What great promise did God make for the whole world? (verse 3)

- And through whom would God bless all the peoples in the world? (verse 3)

How do you think God will bless all peoples through Abraham?

In A.D. 1 – about 2000 years after Abraham...

***God loved the world very, very much – so God gave his only Son, Jesus Christ.***

John 3:16

But who was Jesus?

***Jesus Christ was the descendant...of Abraham.***

Luke 3:23, 34

So God blessed all the peoples in the world through Abraham's descendant Jesus.

***God loved the world very, very much – so God gave his only Son, Jesus Christ. So everyone who believes in Jesus will not be destroyed – but they will have eternal life.***

John 3:16

This is Option #2 –  
Believe in God & Live Forever!

So Abraham is the father of Israel.

But Abraham is also the father of all people who believe in Jesus.

**11 Abraham is the father of all Gentiles [non-Jews] who believe in Creator God. 12 And Abraham is the father of all Jews [Israelites] who believe in Creator God. 16 Abraham is the father of us all – he is the father of all who believe. 17 Because God said to Abraham, “I have made you the father of many nations.” In God’s eyes, Abraham is our father – Abraham believed Creator God, so he is our father.**

Romans 4:11-12, 16-17

Who are Abraham’s children?

What must we do to become Abraham’s children?

So how long has Creator God been thinking about your people?

- How old was Abraham when he left Babylon? (Genesis 12:4)

Sarah was 10 years younger than Abraham.

[Genesis 17:17 & 21:5]

- God’s 3rd promise:

What did Creator God promise Abraham? (Genesis 13:14-15)

- So how did Abraham show that he believed God’s promise? (verse 17)
- And what did Abraham live in? (Genesis 12:8 & 13:18)
- Why did Abraham leave Babylon? (Hebrews 11:8)  
Did he know where he was going? (verse 8)
- Why did Abraham travel back and forth in Canaan? Why did he live in a tent? (verses 9-10)  
What was Abraham looking forward to?

**Many people only think about things on this earth. But our citizenship is in heaven.**

Philippians 3:18-20

**Here on earth we do not have a permanent city. But we strongly look forward to the city that will come from God.**

Hebrews 13:14

What will happen at the end of the world?

**I saw a New Heaven and a New Earth. I saw the Holy City coming down out of heaven from God. A loud voice said, “Now God’s home is with people – God will live with them. They will be God’s people – and God will be their God. God will wipe every tear from his people’s eyes. There will be no more death or sadness or crying or pain – because all the old things are gone.” Then God said, “I am making everything new.”**

Revelation 21:1-5

Who will be with God forever?

**9** *There were many, many, many people – so no one could count them. The people were from every country, group, and language. The people were standing in front of God’s throne – and they were standing in front of Jesus Christ.* **10** *And the people shouted very loudly: “Salvation belongs to our God and to Jesus Christ.”*

Revelation 7:9-10

What was more important to Abraham:

His home on this earth?

Or a permanent home with God forever?

look	(わざと) 見る、～に見える
deep / deeper / deepest	深い
Abraham	アブラハム (イスラエルの父・信仰の父) (元の名前はアブラム)
spiritual	霊的な
born	生まれる
kingdom	王国
Babylon	バビロン
about	について、約
B.C.	紀元前
Creator God	創造者、創造主、天地創造の神様
leave - left - left	離れる、去る、出かける、出ていく、出る、 残す、残る
country	国
go - went - gone	行く、去る、いない、過ぎ去った、いなくな った
another	別の、他の、もう一人、もう一つ
land	地、土地、陸地
show - showed - shown	表す、示す、見せる
also	も、それに
make - made - made	造る、作る、させる
great / greater / greatest	偉大・より偉大・最も偉大、素晴らしい・よ り素晴らしい・最も素晴らしい
nation	民族、国
people (1 person / 2 people)	人々
through	を通して
bless	祝福する
all	すべて
peoples	氏族、民族
world	世、世界
so	だから、それで、それに従って、そのために は、そんなに
obey	従う
but	しかし
know - knew - known	知る

where	どこ
should	すべき、起こるべき
because	～のため、～のせい、なぜなら
tell - told - told	命じる、教える、伝える、戒める、話をする、見分ける、区別がつく
yet	まだ、それなのに
town	町
live	生きる、住む
then	そして、その場合、その時、そしたら
move	動く、動かす、感動する、移動する、引っ越す
Canaan	カナン（地方）、（現代イスラエル辺り）
Canaanite	カナン人
group – (people) group	氏族、民族
travel	旅する
tent	天幕
north	北
south	南
east	東
west	西
give - gave - given	上げる、下さる、与える、差し上げる
descendant	子孫
forever	永久に、永遠に
walk	歩く、歩む
build - built - built	建てる、築く
altar	祭壇
why	なぜ、どうして
follow	従う、後をついていく
option	選択、オプション
believe	信じる
faith	信仰（信仰＝信じること・神様を信じること）
become - became - became	になる、なる

inheritance	遺産
more	もっと、～より
like	のように、に似てる、似る
foreigner	外人
permanent	永続的な、永久、恒久的
home	うち（家庭のいる所）
expect	期待する
receive	受ける、得る
real	本当の、実際の
city	市
foundation	土台
eternal	永遠の
New Earth	新しい地
_____	
what	何、何と
can - could    (couldn't = could not)	できる、してもいい    (できなかった)
see - saw - seen	見る、分かる
future	将来、未来
how	どう、どのくらい
will - would - would	(未来形) ～するでしょう
feel - felt - felt	感じる
if	もし
promise	約束する、約束
Israel	イスラエル
only	だけ、のみ、ただ、ひとりの、ただ一人の、 ただ一つの
whole	全部、すべて、全体
A.D.	紀元
year	年
after	の後、ののち
love	愛する、愛

very	非常に
much	大いに
son	息子
everyone	皆
destroy	滅ぼす、打ちこわす
eternal life	永遠の命
Gentile	異邦人（ユダヤ人でない人）
non-Jew	ユダヤ人でない人、イスラエル人でない人
Jew	ユダヤ人（イスラエル人）
Israelite	イスラエル人
in God's eyes	神様の見方による
must	しなければならない
how long	どのくらい（の長さ・の時間）
how old	何歳、おいくつ
when	その時、という時に、いつ
young / younger / youngest	若い・より若い・もっとも若い
earth	地、地球
citizenship	国籍
heaven	天国
strongly	強く
look forward to	待ち望む、楽しみにする
happen	起こる
end	果て、終える、最後、終わり
Holy City	聖なる市、聖なる都、天の市
loud / louder / loudest	大きい音・より大きい音・最も大きい音
voice	声
now	今、もう、さて、それで
wipe	拭う、拭い取る
every	あらゆる、すべての
tear	涙



death	死
sadness	悲しみ
crying	泣き
pain	苦しみ、痛み
old	古い、前の
go - went - gone	行く、去る、いない、過ぎ去った、いなくなった
everything	すべて、全部
new	新しい
count	数える、計算する、みなす
language	言葉
stand - stood - stood	立つ
front	の前
shout	叫ぶ
loudly	大声で、騒々しく、けばけばしく、音が大きく
salvation	救い、（永遠の）救い
belong	属する、のものである、所有する
important	大切、重要な、大事な、重大、優れる、えらい（人）