

A NEW NATION
(Genesis 12:1 - 13:4)

- I. The CALL (Gen. 12:1-3)
 - A. The CHALLENGE: to leave his HOMELAND and extended FAMILY
 - B. The PROMISE
 - 1. Would become a GREAT NATION
 - 2. Would become a GREAT NAME
 - 3. Would become a GREAT BLESSING
- II. The MOVE (Gen. 12:4-9)
 - A. The TRAVELERS to Canaan (12:4-5; cf. Heb. 11:8)
 - 1. ABRAM at age 75, and SARAI at age 65
 - 2. LOT, Abram's nephew
 - 3. LIVESTOCK, GOODS, and SERVANTS
 - B. The Lord APPEARED to Abram at SHECHEM (12:6-7)
 - 1. The Lord PROMISED Abram "this LAND"
 - 2. Abram built an ALTAR there
 - C. Abram traveled another 35 MILES to BETHEL (12:8-9)
 - 1. Built another ALTAR there
 - 2. FIRST record of Abram CALLING on GOD

III. The TEST (Gen. 12:10-20)

A. Abram's MOVE to EGYPT (12:10)

1. God had promised to BLESS Abram in CANAAN
2. God had sent a FAMINE to CANAAN
3. Abram TOOK MATTERS into his OWN HANDS

B. Abram's LIE of expediency (12:11-16)

1. FEAR for his LIFE showed a lack of FAITH
2. RISK of his WIFE showed a lack of LOVE
3. COMPROMISE for personal GAIN damaged his TESTIMONY

C. God's FAITHFULNESS (12:17-20)

1. His PROTECTION in Pharaoh's household
2. His PROVISION for the RETURN to Canaan

D. The COST of Abram's FAITHLESSNESS

1. STRAINED their MARRIAGE
2. HURT the EGYPTIANS
3. DELAYED God's BLESSING

IV. The RESTORATION (Gen. 13:1-4)

A. Left Egypt RICH but WRONG (13:1-2)

B. Returned to BETHEL (13:3)

C. Again CALLED on the LORD (13:4)