

Questions Week 7

Genesis 11:27-31; Joshua 24:2-3; Genesis 12:1-20

The Patriarch Era

The Patriarchal Era begins with God’s choice of one man, Abraham. It highlights God’s setting apart one man and his descendants to be His special people, in a covenant with Him, unlike the rest of the world. This era also brings out what it means for sinful man to be in a relationship with God, as Abraham and each of his descendants, in turn, must step out in faith and watch God accomplish His promises through them. The theme of sacrifice continues with the covenant in Genesis 15 and the sacrifice of Isaac in Genesis 22 – the picture of the blood of the innocent poured out for the guilty takes on a special significance with God’s provision of a ram in the place of Isaac. Without faith Abraham would not have experienced God’s provision.

Memory Verse: Psalm 89:1 – “I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.”

Prayer Focus: Ask God to reveal to you His plan for this week. Pray that you will be faithful to what He has called you to do.

Read this week’s Scripture.

1. What is Abram’s religious practice when God chooses him?

2. What does it cost Abram to follow God?

3. How is Sarai described?

4. How then will God’s promise to Abram affect Sarai?

5. What are God’s instructions to Abram?

6. How much direction does God give him?

7. What does this tell you about God?

8. What does this call on Abram's life require of Sarai?

9. What does this tell you about what it may cost a woman to obey God and follow her husband?

10. Why is this so difficult for 21st century women?

11. How old is Abraham at this time?

12. See 1 Peter 3:1-6: Describe Sarah's relationship with God.

13. Each time God sends Abram to a new place what does Abram do?

14. How does Abram know how to respond to God? Genesis 11:10-11; Genesis 11:26

15. What does Abram do when famine strikes the land?

16. What does this tell you about his faith in the promises of God?

17. What are Abram's instructions to Sarai?

18. Why does Abram ask Sarai to lie?

19. What promise had God already given to Abram?

20. What does this tell you about His faith?

21. What does Abram's lie tell you about human nature?

22. What does Abram assume about the men in Egypt?

23. How does God protect Sarai?

24. What does this tell you about God?
