

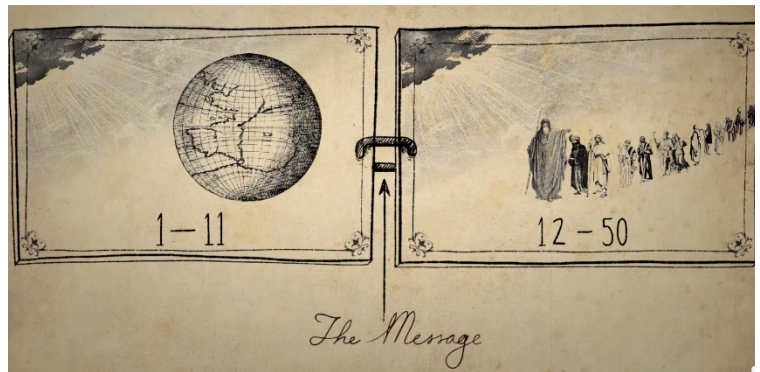
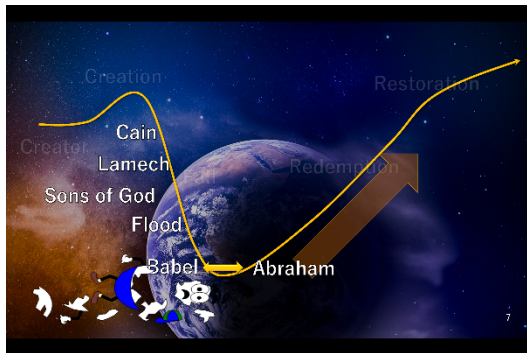


SERIES: BEGINNINGS

Chapter 4 - "A New Hope"

I. Introduction & Review

II. Remember the structure of Genesis:

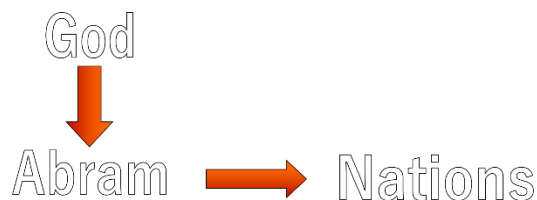


III. KEY PASSAGE: Genesis 12:1-3

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. 2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all nations on earth will be blessed through you."



IV. KEY CONCEPT #1 – Understanding what Genesis 12:3 means.



V. KEY CONCEPT #2 – The promises of Genesis 12:1-3 are unconditional.



Life Group Questions:

- 1) Remember to open your life group with a time to “preach” to each other (a.k.a. proclaim how God has been at work in/through you this past week).
- 2) What aspect of tonight’s lesson was new, challenging, confusing, or convicting to you?
- 3) The main theme of tonight’s lesson is faithfulness.
 - Does our culture place a high value on faithfulness (in jobs, commitments, marriages, friendships, etc.)? Why or why not?
 - What would living faithfully look like in each of the key spheres of your life? What are the largest obstacles that you are currently facing to living faithfully for Jesus in these areas?
 - How can God’s covenant faithfulness both comfort us and compel us to be more faithful ourselves?
- 4) Review Genesis 12:10–20.
 - Many people treat this passage as a simple moral lesson about lying or fear. Why is it problematic to quickly moralize every Bible story? What is the benefit of reading the Bible theologically?
 - Have you ever experienced a time when God remained faithful even though you had been faithless or fearful? (Read: 2 Timothy 2:13)
- 5) Read I Peter 2:9.
 - What does it mean that we (the church) are a chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation, and chosen people?
 - What is the purpose of a priest? Do you view yourself as having a “priestly role?” Why or why not?
 - How can you seek to declare and display God’s excellencies this week?
- 6) Close by sharing prayer requests / praying as a group.