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### Abraham in Canaan and Egypt

- I. Abram Arrives in Canaan (Genesis 12:4-9)
- A. God commanded and Abram obeyed.
  - B. He had earlier departed from Ur and now he departed from Haran.
  - C. Abram, who was 75 at the time, travelled with his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and the servants and property they had acquired.
  - D. When they came into the land of Canaan, the Lord revealed to Abram that this was the destination he had been seeking and the land would be given to his offspring.
    - 1. Remember the background of Canaan and the story of Ham's sin.
    - 2. Note that "the Canaanite was then in the land."
  - E. Abram's first stop was in Shechem – where the Lord appeared to him and Abram built an altar to Jehovah.
  - F. From Shechem he travelled to a mountain on the east of Bethel, pitched his tent, and built another altar to the Lord where he worshipped.
  - G. From thence, Abram continued journeying south.
- II. The First Sojourn in Egypt (Genesis 12:10-20)
- A. When a famine arose in the land, Abram travelled into Egypt.
    - 1. It is important to note that God did not instruct him to do this.
    - 2. God had brought Abram to the land of Canaan, not the land of Egypt.
    - 3. However, Abram was only intending to sojourn there, not move permanently.
  - B. Abram had conspired with Sarai to claim that she was his sister rather than his wife in order to protect himself from those who might desire her (cf. 20:13).
    - 1. In fact, Sarai was his half-sister (20:12).
    - 2. But, a half truth is a whole lie!
  - C. When the Egyptians saw the beauty of Sarai, they told Pharaoh who took her into his harem.
    - 1. Fear is a lack of faith.
    - 2. Fear is often self-fulfilling.
    - 3. Fear can become all-consuming.
  - D. Desiring to marry her, Pharaoh gave great gifts of livestock to Abram.
  - E. But, God plagued Pharaoh and his household because of this sin.
  - F. Pharaoh questioned Abram and condemned his lie.
  - G. He then sent Abram out of Egypt with all of his possessions.